



## San Diego Canyonlands Proposes Dedication of ~11,400 Acres of City-Owned Open Space

*SDCL is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, protect and restore the natural habitats in San Diego's canyons.*

### THE FACTS ABOUT DEDICATION

- This dedication proposal continues a process that started at the City's Natural Resources and Culture Committee in 2006 after a Canyonlands White Paper report. Subsequently Parks and Recreation staff produced a report indicating that ~17,000 acres were ripe for Dedication.
- In December 2007, the City ratified state legislation - sponsored by Mayor Sanders, authored by Senator Christine Kehoe, and signed by Governor Schwarzenegger - that dedicated ~6,600 acres of open space land. This legislation allowed the city to save over \$1 million dollars in unnecessary entitlement costs.
- The purpose of **dedicating** city land is to provide for reliable open-space preservation and recreational opportunities within communities. It provides a framework for future planning.
- After a public vetting process, which is initiated by citizens, City Council can approve parcels for dedication.
- Lands that are dedicated require a 2/3's approval of San Diego's voters to be converted for non-open space or non-park uses.
- Dedicated lands are preserved as natural open space or developed for active outdoor recreation.
- **Dedication does not result in any changes or additional cost in maintenance of the land.**
- The City Council retains the authority to grant easements for utility purposes across dedicated property including roads, sewer lines, drainage channels, etc.
- San Diego Canyonlands (SDCL) is proposing the dedication of approximately 11,400 more acres as a next step to preserve our city's designated open spaces and Canyonlands legacy. SDCL has produced information packages for each Community Planning Area that show the city parcels proposed for dedication. This information is facilitating the required public vetting process and is available online for public review and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).
- The Park and Recreation Department has reviewed and approved the proposal of all 10,669 acres of proposed land under their management (93% of all land proposed for dedication).
- In January 2012, Mayor Sanders and City Council sponsored and Senator Christine Kehoe authored state legislation (SB 1169) that - if signed by the Governor and ratified by City Council - could dedicate as much as 11,000 acres this year!
- As of March, 2012, 29 out of 30 Planning Groups, Town Councils and Citizen Advisory Councils have supported the dedication of land proposed for dedication in their respective jurisdictional areas.

The controlling document and criteria SDCL used for the Dedication as it conducted its review of each parcel is Council Policy 700-17, which can be found in SDCL's 06.10.11 [Report to the Park and Recreation Board \(PDF\)](#).

For background, more details, and to see a City-wide map of the currently proposed parcels, visit the Dedication area of SDCL's website ([www.sdcanyonlands.org](http://www.sdcanyonlands.org)) by [clicking here](#).

Sincerely,

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