

COASTAL GREENBELT AUTHORITY

13042 Old Myford Road
Irvine, CA 92602

January 10, 2024

Regarding: Budget for Update of the General Development and Resource Management Plans for Laguna Coast Wilderness Park

To: Orange County Fifth District Supervisor Foley, OC Community Resources Director Dylan Wright, Director OC Parks Passow and the Cities of Laguna Beach and Laguna Woods:

The Coastal Greenbelt Authority (CGA) is the cooperative management authority for Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park. The CGA members represent the park's landowners – County of Orange, Cities of Laguna Beach and Laguna Woods, as well as local environmental organizations, and Laguna Canyon Homeowners (CANDO) who were part of the negotiations for the purchase of the Laguna Laurel Development land for parkland. The guiding documents for the CGA oversight are the General Development (GDP) and Resource Management (RMP) Plans for Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (LCWP) and the Resource Management Plan for Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park (AWCWP).

The LCWP GDP and RMP were approved in 1998. The Coastal Greenbelt Authority started reviewing the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park GDP and RMP in May 2022 and have continued to have this as an Agenda item for subsequent meetings. We acknowledge that there have been many changes – such as addition of land, new trails, deletion or change of trail use, the completion of the Nix Nature Center, educational programs, historical information, land ownership, trail and resource maps. Rather than conduct a complete revision of the 25-year-old document the CGA members are proposing an Addendum to the existing GDP and RMP documents to reflect these changes. The CGA will continue during 2024 to review areas within the documents which require updating, and tour new trails and parkland. We have started a Comment List that will aid in the preparation of the Addendum. This Comment List would then become the basis for the Addendum.

This letter is a request for a Budget to prepare the Addendum. We understand that the requested Budget could be for 2025. We also believe that our Comment List will simplify the preparation of the Addendum.

Thank you in advance for approving our request. The Coastal Greenbelt Authority will continue to do all we can to help with the necessary updating of these important park documents.

Mary Fegraus

Mary Fegraus, Chair Coastal Greenbelt Authority

cc: Coastal Greenbelt Authority Members

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Regarding: City of Laguna Beach enrollment of their open space lands in the NCCP/HCP program

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The Coastal Greenbelt Authority has received information that the City of Laguna Beach is doing an analysis of the benefits, implications, and legal impacts of enrolling the city's open space lands in the Nature Reserve of Orange County program. The Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) for the Central and Coastal Subregion of Orange County, California provides long-term protection for wildlife and their critical habitats, and regulatory assurances and economic benefits for participating landowners. The enrollment would also include the City of Laguna Beach open space land that is managed by OC Parks as part of the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.

If the City of Laguna Beach decides to proceed with enrollment in the program, the Coastal Greenbelt Authority would support this decision.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Mary Fegraus

Mary Fegraus, Chair Coastal Greenbelt Authority

cc: Coastal Greenbelt Authority Members

Laguna Beach
Top of the World
Damage to Open Space
January 2024

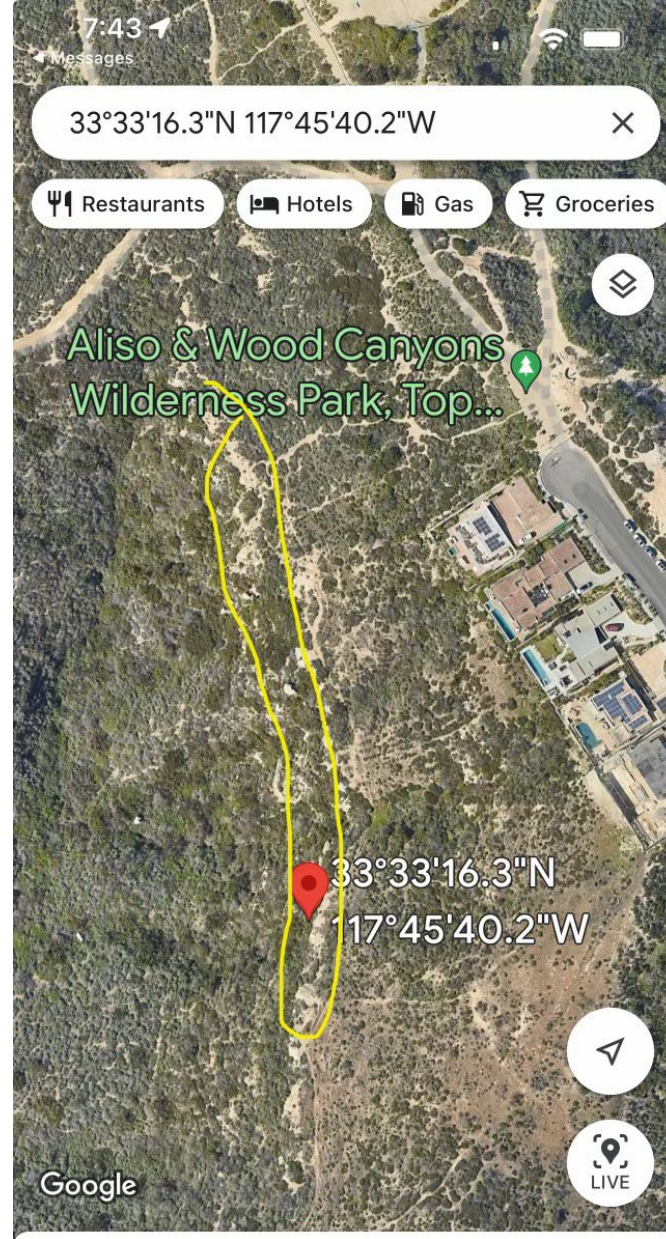
Erosion at Carolyn
Wood Knoll Dec 2023
Photo by Karen
Schwager
Property owned by
Laguna Beach County
Water District
Email sent to General
Manager Keith Van
Der Maaten



Road Building in Protective Open Space

Janine Robinson
Photos of Road
Grading Near Aliso
& Wood Canyons
Wilderness Park





33°33'16.3"N 117°45'40.2"W

- Directions
- Start
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Graffiti in Protective Open Space

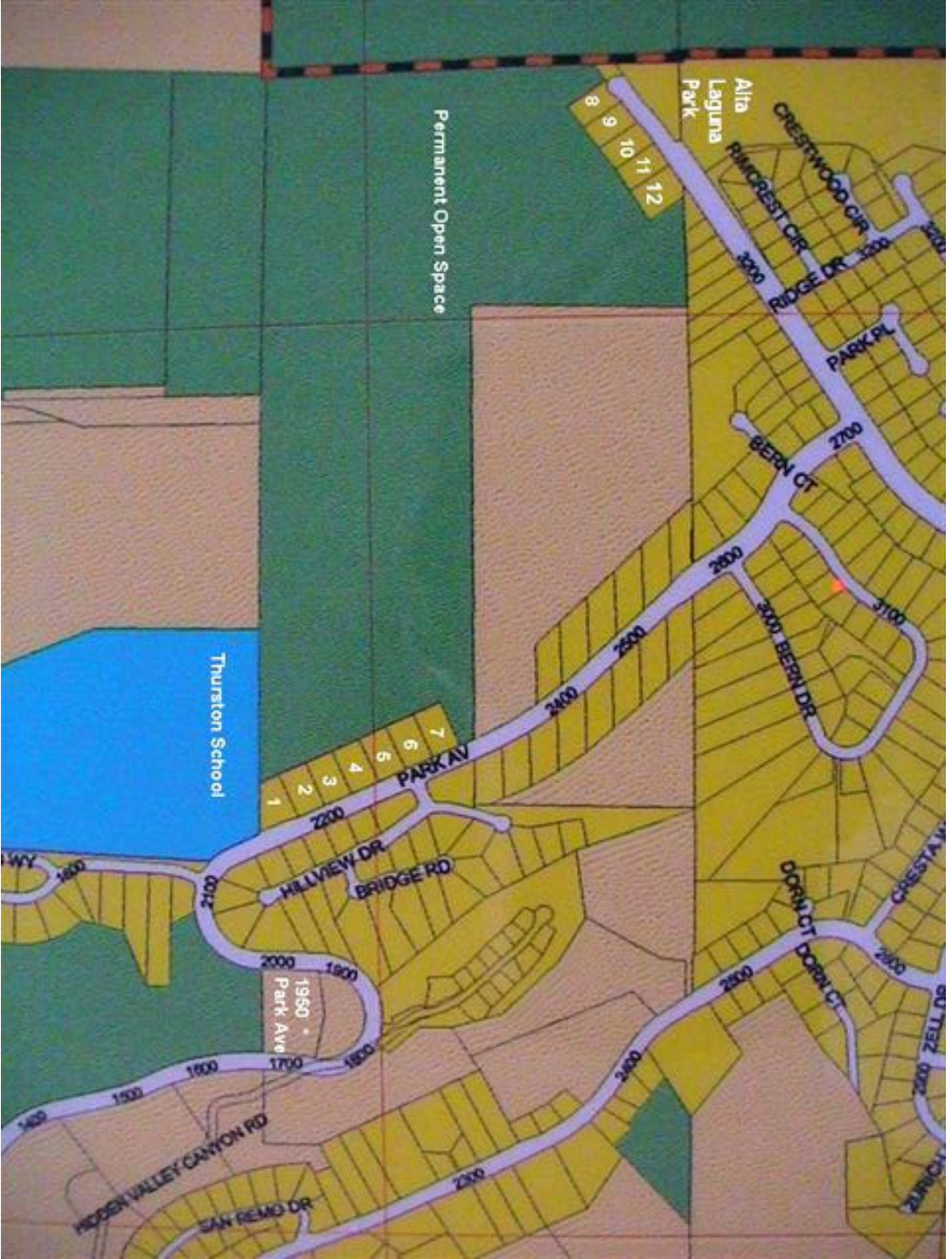






Conditions of Approval of Tract 10054 Map

Protective Open Space



RESOLUTION NO. 82.14

Tract Map 10054 March 2, 1982

“Approving Tentative Tract 10054 for the subdivision of approximately 47 acres into 12 residential lots and two commonly owned open space lots in the R-1 zone for vacant land located between Alta Laguna Blvd. and Thurston Intermediate School, generally northwesterly and southeasterly of Park Avenue below Bern Drive”

“Ownership of Lot A shall allow public access with the development rights (open space easement) for the remainder parcels dedicated to the City in perpetuity.”

“Physical barriers shall be provided for the purpose of effectively prohibiting access to Lots A, B and C by unauthorized motor vehicles.”