



THE NATURE  
CONSERVANCY

# Southern California Chapter

April 28, 1963

To: Senators Thomas H. Kuchel and Clair Engle  
and  
Entire California Delegation to Congress

From: Southern California Chapter, The Nature Conservancy

Regarding: PROPOSED NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY

Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter of THE NATURE CONSERVANCY heartily endorses the proposal of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that a National Wildflower Sanctuary in the Antelope Valley of Los Angeles County be established under the National Park Service; congratulates Congressman Burkhalter of the district for his intention of introducing enabling legislation; respectfully requests each and all of you to ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE MEASURE; and offers its whole-hearted assistance.

John Muir quickened the pulse of the nation with his description of California's great blankets of wildflowers and inspired the movement to preserve for the future some of our great heritage of nature. John Stephen Mc Groarty, late Poet Laureate of California, extolled the Golden State's vast fields of golden poppies among our most cherished and distinctive natural beauties. And our beloved "Grand Old Man" of California wild flowers and native plants, Theodore Payne, awakened us to our Paradise (almost) Lost with his, URGENT NEED OF WILD FLOWER PRESERVES. Copy enclosed.

The area proposed for a NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is among the few remaining great poppy fields. It is worthy of preservation under the National Park Service as a LIVING MUSEUM of primeval California. It is strategically located for maximum number of people to be able to enjoy - yet not destroy. But it is vulnerable and the hour is late.

Therefore, we urge you to give leadership and active support to this great NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY measure, and we pledge our own.

Sincerely,

*Beula Edmiston*

Secretary

ANGELES

CO.  
CO.

ST.

ST.

TO GORMAN STATE HWY. 138 NEENACH RD. AVE. D TO LANCASTER

TO GORMAN LANCASTER RD.

LANCASTER

RD.

FAIRMONT BUTTE

ANTELOPE BUTTES

LANCASTER

RD.

AVE.

I TO LANCASTER

ELIZABETH

FAIRMONT RESERVOIR

FAIRMONT RESERVOIR

ELIZABETH LAKE

RD.

LAKE HUGHES

MUNZ LAKE

LAKE

ELIZABETH LAKE

ELIZABETH LAKE

PINE

JOHNSON

RD.

LAKE

HUGHES

RD.

CANYON

RD.

CANYON

RD.

TO PALMDALE

SPUNKY

CANYON

BOUQUET CANYON DAM

RD.

RD.

SAN

BOUQUET

TO LA



SCALE: 1" = 2 MI.

HR 6407 - Burkhalter

LOCATION MAP  
NATIONAL WILDFLOWER MONUMENT  
PROPOSED BY  
WARREN M. DORN  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APRIL 16, 1963

# Southern California Chapter

JUN 21 1963

*Answer 6/20*  
*6/20*  
*6-20*

Mr. James H. Kuchel and Clair Engle  
Entire California Delegation to Congress

From: Southern California Chapter, The Nature Conservancy

## Memorandum SUBJECT: PROPOSED NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY

To: Regional Director, Western Region

From: **Acting** Director, Southern California Chapter of THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Subject: Request for comment, H.R. 6407, Proposed National Wildflower Sanctuary, California, of Los Angeles County established in the National Park Service; congratulates Congress

The Department has asked us to comment on the enclosed bill, "To provide for the establishment of a National Wildflower Sanctuary in the State of California". Before preparing our legislative report to the Department, we would like to obtain your views and comments on the proposal.

We are also enclosing a copy of a letter from Miss Beula Edmiston, Secretary of the Southern California Chapter of the Nature Conservancy on this subject. As shown on the map attached to Miss Edmiston's letter, the proposed area is located in the northwest corner of Los Angeles County. Apparently, the Nature Conservancy as well as the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are strongly supporting this bill.

distinctive natural beauties. And our beloved  
of California wild flowers and native plants, these  
wakened us to our Paradise (almost) lost with the  
NEED OF WILD FLOWERS RESERVES enclosed.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

The area proposed for a NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY in the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is among the few remaining great poppy fields. It is worthy of preservation under the National Park Service as a LIVING MUSEUM of primeval California. It is strategically located for maximum benefit to the people to be able to enjoy - yet not destroy. But it is vulnerable and the hour is late.

cc: Mr. Backman: w/c encl.  
History w/c encl.  
Park Planning w/c encl.  
D/Dayton: mee 6/19/63  
We urge you to give leadership and active support to this great NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY measure, and we pledge our own.

Sincerely,

*Beula Edmiston*

Secretary