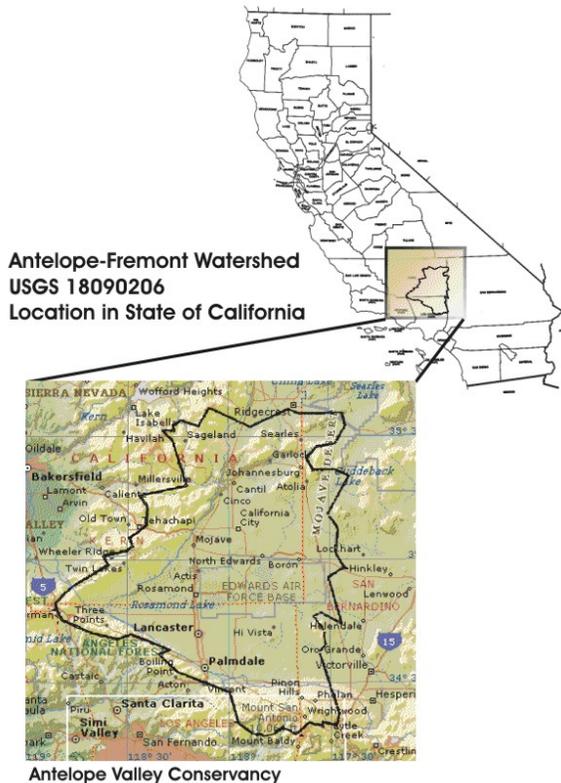


# The Antelope Valley Conservancy Mitigation Program

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Antelope Valley Conservancy offers a wide variety of CEQA and regulatory mitigation solutions for habitat and species, including acquisition and restoration. AV Conservancy offers habitat and watershed lands in a variety of acreages, and has optioned lands awaiting acquisition all across the Antelope-Fremont Valleys Watershed and upper Santa Clara River Watershed (northern Los Angeles County and southeastern Kern County). Mitigation habitat for native and migratory species includes without limitation:

- Joshua tree woodlands
- Desert scrub and alkali scrub
- Native grasslands and rare plants
- Wetlands, streambeds, and riparian uplands

## Accountability

Antelope Valley Conservancy is Authorized to hold mitigation lands and conservation easements by the California Department of Fish and Game, and approved

by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, US Army Corps of Engineers, and other lead and trustee agencies. Through professional and licensed providers, proprietary GIS tools and biological expertise, independent review by regional experts, and coordination with federal, state and local entities, AV Conservancy offers a high level of managerial accountability and scientific integrity. AV Conservancy is a member of the Land Trust Alliance and Antelope Valley Board of Trade, and operates in compliance with the LTA Land Trust Standards and Practices.

AV Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation meeting IRC 170(h) qualifications, and listed at Guidestar.org. A thorough onsite audit is conducted annually by a committee of accounting professionals.

## Application Process

Lead agencies and project proponents submit AVC's Application for Mitigation Evaluation, describing the mitigation requirements. AVC seeks not only to meet agency requirements, but to fulfill a regional plan of functional



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and sustainable ecosystem preservation. AVC replies to the Application with an Offer of Mitigation describing costs and specific lands for mitigation implementation, with contractual terms. The Applicant can accept or decline the Offer, or negotiate the terms. No costs can be quoted before an Application is received. Costs are typically estimated in the Offer, then finalized through a PAR Valuation conducted at additional cost. AVC's attorneys, regulatory consultants, biologists, and real estate personnel will make your mitigation experience clear, convenient, and something you can be proud of.

### Stewardship

Antelope Valley Conservancy's priority is the stewardship of native species, and the health of watershed and ecosystem functions. Baseline biological studies are conducted, on the basis of which a Site Management Plan is developed, delineating the proper care of all species present or expected, restoration needs, monitoring tasks, ongoing management, evaluation criteria, and more.

AVC is managed by community professionals. It has an in-house and contracted network of specialists, and to further biological integrity, AV Conservancy's acquisitions and Site Management Plans are reviewed by Advisory Committees comprised of independent, regional scientists with expertise in the relevant species.

### Community Role

Antelope Valley Conservancy fulfills the roles of a local land trust through a model proven in over 4,000 land trusts across America, self-supporting and run by community professionals. It preserves lands, participates in regional planning, sponsors ecosystem research, engages and collaborates with stakeholders and regional agencies, informs the public about conservation strategies and the role of land conservation in regional economy and citizen health, and hosts public events.



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***“Biological integrity, fiscal accountability, and community transparency”***

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