



Antelope Valley Conservancy

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Antelope Valley Conservancy's Mission

Antelope Valley Conservancy's mission is to preserve native habitats, ecosystem function and connectivity, and watershed resources. We acknowledge future generations' interests in lands that maintain community character, scenic beauty, watershed resources, and trails, and we acknowledge the right of nature to retain territory, particularly functional habitats and connectivity.



Joshua Tree Habitat
Photo Cecilia Rejas

What does the Conservancy do?

The Conservancy acquires land through purchases, donations and grants, and by facilitating compensatory mitigation, which we are authorized to do by the Department of Fish and Game. The Conservancy helps promote consensus for regional conservation planning by participating in collaborative efforts. The Conservancy funds research and serves as a conduit for community education about species habitat preservation and watershed stewardship. But our primary work is preserving and stewarding natural lands.



Burrowing Owl
Photo Ryan Young

Where does the Conservancy preserve lands?

The Conservancy serves the Antelope-Fremont Watershed and upper Santa Clara River Watershed, spanning northern Los Angeles County and southeastern Kern County. The watershed is rimmed by forested mountains in which bears and mountain lions still roam, and the watershed floor is an alkali sink that supports migrating birds on their journeys. Antelope Valley Conservancy preserves Joshua tree woodlands (the ecoregion's keystone species) along with alkali scrub, wildflower grasslands, ephemeral streams, and Rift Zone Wetlands. We target sites in Los Angeles County Significant Ecological Areas, but we have commissioned an ecosystematic watershed and habitat study to prioritize acquisition sites and assure sustainability.



Una Lake
Photo Nevel Burke

Who is the Conservancy?

Antelope Valley Conservancy is managed by a local, volunteer board of directors with relevant professional expertise. Community volunteers manage many conservancy operations, projects, and events. Incorporated in 2005 as a 501(c)(3) public charity (EIN 20-3349581), Antelope Valley Conservancy holds IRS Public Charity Status IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), so land donations qualify for tax credits. See guidestar.org for charity verification.

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