Save
Banning Ranch

Newport Beach Planning Commission – November 3, 2011

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Banning Ranch
CONSERVANCY

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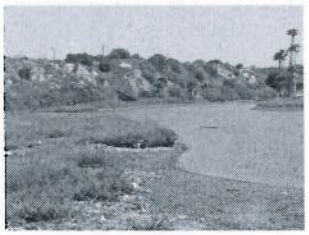

Banning Ranch is contiguous
with publicly-owned open space
planned to be the new

ORANGE COAST RIVER
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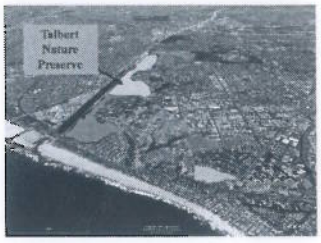

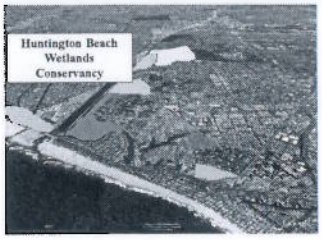

Wildlife

The USFWS has declared the entire Banning Ranch as critical habitat for the threatened California Gnatcatcher.

The USFWS has also declared critical habitat for the endangered San Diego Fairy Shrimp on the Banning Ranch mesa.

Cactus Wren

Banning Ranch contains the largest population of Cactus Wrens, a species of Special Concern, in coastal Orange County.

Banning Ranch contains a wide variety of avian, animal, reptile, amphibian and insect species, including other protected species like the least Bell's vireo & the California least tern.

Banning Ranch Conservancy

- Formed as an IRS-recognized 501(c)3 non-profit land trust California corporation in 2008
- Operated as the Banning Ranch Park and Preserve Task Force of the Sierra Club beginning in 1999
- Mission Statement:
  - *The preservation, acquisition, conservation and management of the entire Banning Ranch as permanent public open space, park and coastal nature preserve.*

Measure M

- Sales tax revenue to OCTA to fund transportation and road improvements
- $240 million available to acquire habitat to mitigate against damage from transportation projects
- Banning Ranch Conservancy applied for Measure M funds to purchase Banning Ranch, finished in top ranking, but no cooperation from landowners and little from City
- Other funding sources are available

Maximum Development

	Maximum allowed under General Plan	Banning Ranch Proposal
•Residential Units	1375	1375
•Commercial Space	75,000 sq. ft.	75,000 sq. ft.
•Hotel Rooms	75	75

No Room for Nature

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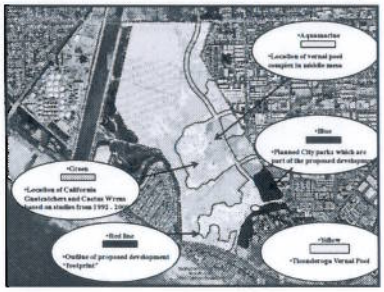

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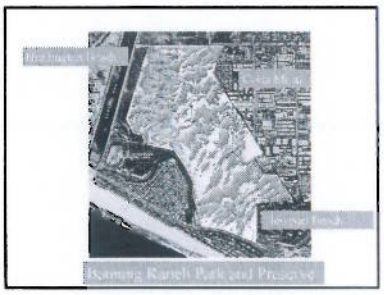
"Nature's Last Stand"