



Area of Services to the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority

Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a joint powers authority of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Park District, and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. Created in 1985, its mission is to create and maintain parkland and preserve open space within the Santa Monica Mountains, the mountains surrounding the San Fernando, La Crescenta, Simi and Conejo Valleys, and the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. In addition to operating all Conservancy parks, it provides acquisition and legal services, planning and natural resources expertise, operations and ranger services, construction and special event services, and education and interpretation programs.



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Ranger Services



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Since 1996, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Rangers have provided 120 hours per week of ranger services to the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority. They are on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The ranger services that the MRCA provides for the 3,770+ acres (see map) are divided into four main groups: Interpretation, Resource Management, Public Safety, and Maintenance.

Interpretation

A wide range of **outreach programs** are offered to the local community including: Junior Ranger programs for children ages 8 to 15, presentations to various groups, nature hikes, special community events and environmental programs.

Resource Management

The rangers **identify, protect, and maintain** the various natural resources on the property. Some of these include:

- Invasive non-native plant removal
- Revegetation projects and native plant restoration
- Illegal activity prevention
- Vandalism prevention measures
- Various wildland/urban interface situations

The rangers have **monitored and assisted** on various studies including:

- Avifauna Study (birds of a given region)
- Movement of Medium-to-Large Sized Carnivores Study
- Herpetofauna Study (reptiles and amphibians of a given region)
- Wildlife Underpass Study (recreational impact on wildlife movement)

Public Safety

The rangers are sworn **California Peace Officers** and patrol the properties. They have the authority to issue citations and make arrests.

All the rangers are trained **wildland firefighters**. Their trucks are set up as Type 6 Fire Patrols. They carry personal protective gear and apparatus along with 200 gallons of water and 5 gallons of foam. The rangers can extinguish small fires on their own and are a vital part of the incident command system on larger fires.

Rangers are also **trained** in the following:

- Emergency Medical Service Providers
- Search and Rescue
- Swift Water Rescue
- Flood Rescue First Responders

The rangers have **25 Mounted Assisted Unit volunteers** (on horseback) and are currently implementing a **bicycle unit**. They are trained in first aid and C.P.R. They provide additional patrol for the rangers in the back country and assist in medical aids, interpretation, and search and rescue efforts.

Maintenance

The rangers perform many duties to **care and maintain** the property including:

- Identify and correct safety hazards
- Remove graffiti
- Repair vandalism
- Remove litter and dumping
- Irrigate trees and plants
- Trim and remove trees
- Weed abatement
- Repair fences and gates
- Install and repair signs
- Build and maintain trails
- Receive bids and monitor projects

The rangers use **court referral workers** to assist with various maintenance duties. They receive approximately 100 to 200 hours a month from these juveniles working off their community service.

The rangers **work closely** with all surrounding agencies, routinely and during emergencies.



Tree Planting



Firefighting



Education and



Weed Abatement



Education and Interpretation



Fence Repair



Search & Rescue



Education and Interpretation



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