



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 7, 2015

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Report From The Trust For Public Land On The Potential Acquisition Of Vacant Land (APNs 047-010-064 and 047-061-026) Along Lower Arroyo Burro (Former Veronica Meadows Development Site)

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive a presentation from the Trust For Public Land on the potential acquisition of vacant land along lower Arroyo Burro.

### DISCUSSION:

The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a non-profit land conservation organization, has been working to acquire a large area of vacant land in the lower Arroyo Burro watershed. The subject property was the site of the proposed "Veronica Meadows" development project. TPL is planning to purchase the parcel and turn it over to the City for creek restoration and open space park purposes. TPL has offered to provide an update to the City Council on the status of the acquisition.

**PREPARED BY:** Cameron Benson, Creek Restoration/Clean Water Manager

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nancy Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office



## ARROYO BURRO CREEK ACQUISITION PROJECT

SB City Council Meeting  
April 7, 2015

Alex Size, Project Manager

THE TRUST *for* PUBLIC LAND

LAND FOR PEOPLE

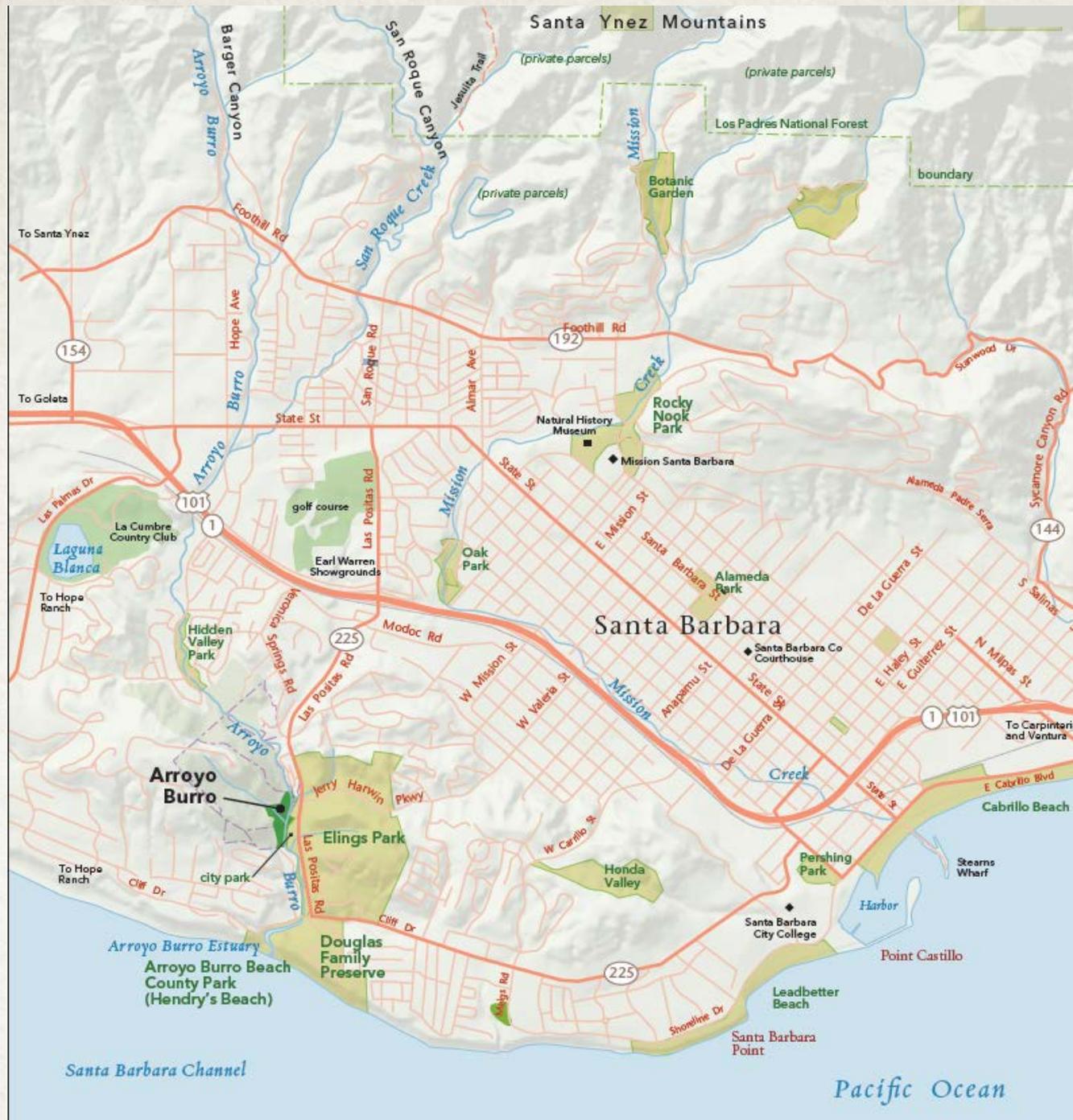
# THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S MISSION

- TPL conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.
- Since 1972, TPL has protected over 3.3 Million acres nationwide with a fair market value of over \$7.6 Billion, and added \$63 Billion to local communities through voter-led tax measures that support acquisition and restoration of public lands.

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PROGRAM

## ■ 9,252 Acres Preserved

- Douglas Family Preserve
- Ellwood Mesa
- Ocean Meadows Golf Course (North Campus Open Space)
- El Capitan Ranch
- Midland School (Conservation Easement)
- Gaviota Village
- San Marcos Foothills
- Romero Canyon (Conservation Easement)
- Rancho Monte Alegre (Conservation Easement)



# Santa Ynez Mountains

# Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara Channel

Pacific Ocean





# VERONICA WATER

*Health's Missionary*



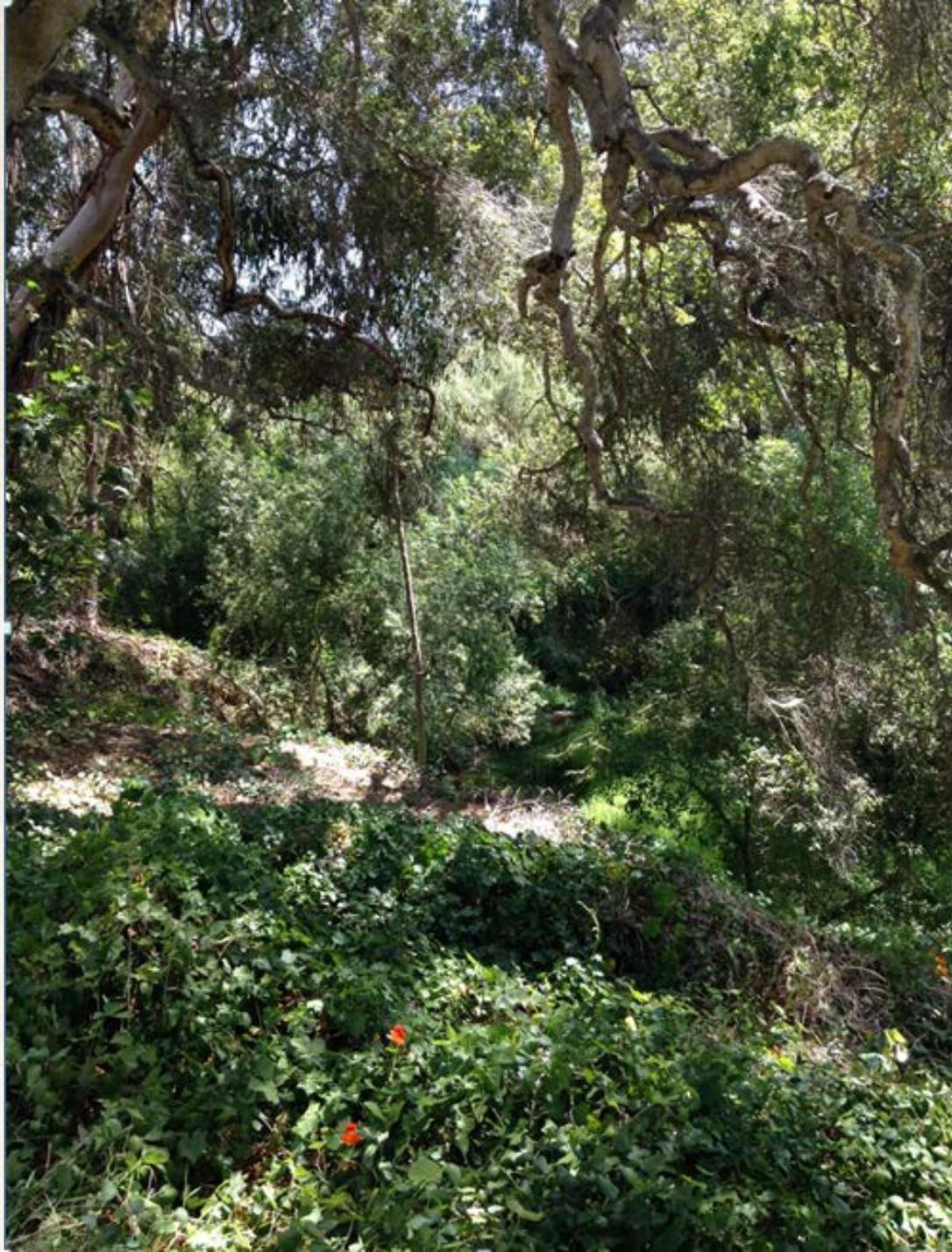
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good for the human  
race than all the  
drugs that were  
ever compounded.

# ARROYO BURRO CREEK – PROJECT DETAILS

- Acres: 14.7
- 1,400 linear feet along Arroyo Burro Creek
- Opportunity to restore riparian and upland portions of property upon acquisition
- Provides additional access and open space for the public
- Appraised Fair Market Value: \$4,000,000











# ARROYO BURRO CREEK – FUNDING SUMMARY

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT	COMMITTED
<b>CA Natural Resources Agency:</b> Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP)	\$500,000	Yes
<b>CA Coastal Conservancy</b>	\$500,000	No <u>Board to vote on June 25<sup>th</sup></u>
<b>Santa Barbara County:</b> CREF	\$300,000	No <u>Board to vote May 6th</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1.3M</b>	



**QUESTIONS?**

**COMMENTS?**

**THANK YOU**