To: Senators Thomas H. Kuchel and Clair Engle
and
Entire California Delegation to Congress

From: Southern California Chapter, The Nature Conservancy

Regarding: PROPOSED NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY

Gentlemen:

The Southern California Chapter of THE NATURE CONSERVANCY heartily endorses the proposal of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that a National Wildflower Sanctuary in the Antelope Valley of Los Angeles County be established under the National Park Service; congratulates Congressman Burkhalter of the district for his intention of introducing enabling legislation; respectfully requests each and all of you to ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE MEASURE; and offers its whole-hearted assistance.

John Muir quickened the pulse of the nation with his description of California's great blankets of wildflowers and inspired the movement to preserve for the future some of our great heritage of nature. John Stephen Mc Groarty, late Poet Laureate of California, extolled the Golden State's vast fields of golden poppies among our most cherished and distinctive natural beauties. And our beloved "Grand Old Man" of California wild flowers and native plants, Theodore Payne, awakened us to our Paradise (almost) Lost with his, URGENT NEED OF WILDFLOWER PRESERVES. Copy enclosed.

The area proposed for a NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is among the few remaining great poppy fields. It is worthy of preservation under the National Park Service as a LIVING MUSEUM of primeval California. It is strategically located for maximum number of people to be able to enjoy - yet not destroy. But it is vulnerable and the hour is late.

Therefore, we urge you to give leadership and active support to this great NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY measure, and we pledge our own.

Sincerely,

Secretary
LOCATION MAP
NATIONAL WILDFLOWER MONUMENT
PROPOSED BY
WARREN M. DORN
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APRIL 16, 1963
Southern California Chapter  
JUN 21 1963

Memorandum

TO: Regional Director, Western Region

FROM: Director, California Chapter of THE NATURE CONSERVANCY


The Department has asked us to comment on the enclosed bill, "To provide for the establishment of a National Wildflower Sanctuary in the State of California." Before preparing our legislative report to the Department, we would like to obtain your views and comments on the proposal.

We are also enclosing a copy of a letter from Miss Beula Edinston, Secretary of the Southern California Chapter of the Nature Conservancy on this subject. As shown on the map attached to Miss Edinston's letter, the proposed area is located in the northwest corner of Los Angeles County. Apparently, the Nature Conservancy as well as the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are strongly supporting this bill.

The area proposed for a NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is among the few remaining great poppy fields. It is worthy of preservation under the National Park Service as a LIVING MUSEUM of primitive California. It is strategically located for maximum people to be able to enjoy - yet not destroy, but all the same the hour is late.

We urge you to give leadership and active support to this great NATIONAL WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY measure, and we pledge our own.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Bechman et al.
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