

## Southern California Chapter

April 28, 1963

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 wholehearted 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 Lauriate 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 WILD FLOWER 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,

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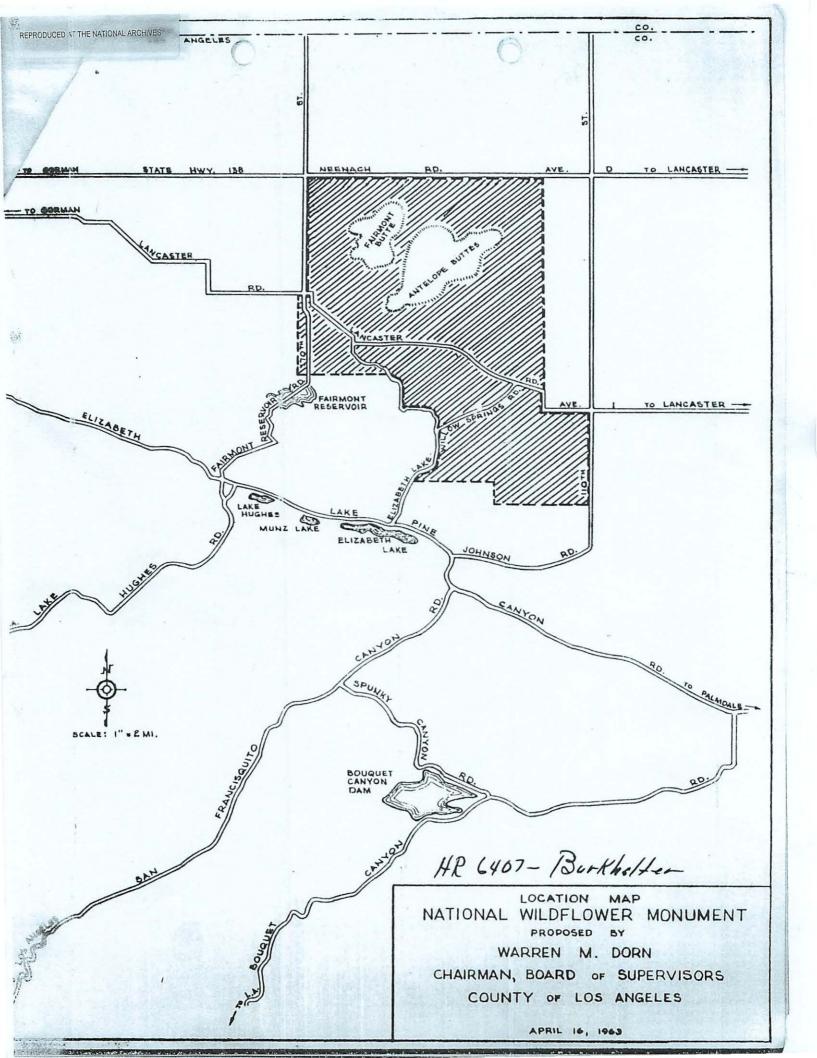
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Request for comment, F.R. 6407, Proposed National Wildflower

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Sanctuary, California, of los Angeles County De 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 lotter from Miss Scula Edmiston, Secretary of the Southern California Chapter of the Nature Conservancy on this subject. As shown on the map attached to Miss Education's letter, the proposed area is located in the northwest corner of los angeles County. Anparently, the Nature Conservancy as well as the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are strongly supporting this bill. destinctive pathral beneties, And our beloved "was a distant

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