## OPEN SPACE LAND EVALUATION CRITERIA

### *Wildlife Resource*

The site is used by threatened or endangered animal or bird species.
The site connects two core habitat areas by serving as a habitat linkage or movement corridor for wildlife.
The site is used by a wide variety of animals.
The site directly abuts and increases the size of a protected habitat area.

### *Plant Resource*

The site contains a threatened or endangered plant species.
The site largely contains a high diversity of undisturbed plant communities.
The site contains a plant community that is rare or unusual in the region.

### *Trail Resource*

The site contains a significant, irreplaceable link in an existing or planned trail.
The site contains a trailhead location with adequate parking for an existing or planned trail.
The site provides critical viewshed within a trail corridor.
The site contains easy, level trail opportunities through scenic and natural areas that are accessible to trail users of many ages and physical conditions.

### *Scenic Resource*

The site is identified as part of an area of exceptional scenic value.
The site contains a significant viewpoint or overlook of surrounding areas.

### *Archaeological or Historic Resource*

The site contains a known historic or archaeologically significant site.
The site is directly adjacent to a known historic or archaeologically significant site.
The site may have historic or archaeologically significant resources but is presently not surveyed.

### *Recreational Resource*

The site contains a suitable area for a recreational facility such as a picnic area, or interpretive center.
The site contains potential for development of parkland access or other recreational facilities.
The site supports passive recreational opportunities such as hiking, picnics, photography, biking, etc.

### *Urban Resource*

The site provides a significant contribution to an existing or proposed natural corridor or greenway.
The site contains substantial-sized or representative sample of a native plant community surrounded by dense urban development and/or disadvantaged populations.
The site is located in an extremely park-poor neighborhood.
The site has opportunities for active or passive recreation.
The site has opportunities for community gardens.

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### *Watershed Resource*

The site is located within a designated ecologically-sensitive watershed or significant ecological area.
The site is located within a predominately natural watershed with substantial vegetative cover.
The site provides a location for a substantial-sized or environmentally significant riparian or wetland restoration project.
The site contains good riparian or wetland habitat but is poorly integrated with upland habitat.
The site is used to store/treat flood water, stormwaters, or urban runoff.

### *Access*

The site is within walking distance from public transportation.
The site has features making it easily accessible to people with limited mobility or other disabilities.
The site has good potential of improving or developing substantial ADA accessibility.
The site has adequate space for on-site parking or available street parking that will not conflict with neighborhood needs or sentiment.
The site is accessible by bicycle.

### *Partnership*

Acquisition of the site would support a federal, state or regional land protection or recreation plan, such as the National Forest or LA County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)
A partner entity would undertake ownership or management responsibilities.
Strong neighborhood support exists for open space on this site.

### *Economic Opportunity*

Matching funds are available to assist in acquiring this site.
The site is available under bargain or opportunity sale conditions.
The site is subject to imminent threat of development, resulting in irreversible ecological impacts.
The owner of the site is a willing seller.