

2 Political Districts

It is important to understand how the various political districts and special interests may have a potential to affect or be affected by actions recommended or undertaken within the RCW. As such, the following sections identify the various federal, state, county, and local political offices and districts that overlay the study area. This information will be used during later phases of this project to help determine appropriate contacts for gaining political support, augmenting funding, and maintaining community involvement and interest.

2.1 Federal Offices

The current U.S. Senators for California are Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. Senator Feinstein was elected in 2000 and will be up for re-election in 2006. Senator Boxer was just re-elected in 2004 to serve another term. The RCW contains portions of three U.S. House of Representative districts (Figure 2-1 and Table 2-1), and includes the 50th District, Randy 'Duke' Cunningham; the 52nd District, Duncan Hunter; and the 53rd District, Susan Davis. All three Representatives were re-elected in 2004 for another two-year term.

Table 2-1: Federal Offices and Districts

Senatorial Term					Senator
2001-2007					Dianne Feinstein
2005-2011					Barbara Boxer
Congressional Districts and Terms	Total Acres	Acres in watershed	Percent in watershed	Percent of watershed	Congressional Representative
50th District (2004-2006)	194,844	13,769	7%	59%	Randy Cunningham
52nd District (2004-2006)	1,362,696	6,812	0%	29%	Duncan Hunter
53rd District (2004-2006)	73,459	2,847	4%	12%	Susan Davis

2.2 State Offices

The RCW contains portions of two California Senatorial districts (Figure 2-2 and Table 2-2) and three Assembly districts (Figure 2-3 and Table 2-3). The two Senatorial districts include: 36th District, Dennis Hollingsworth and 39th District, Christine Kehoe. Senator Hollingsworth's district covers the eastern portion (~23%) of the RCW and includes a portion of Scripps Miramar Ranch and about half of the MCAS Miramar lands within the RCW. Senator Hollingsworth was elected to office in 2002 and will be up for re-election in 2006. Senator Kehoe's district covers the western portion (~77%) of the RCW and includes the portions of Mira Mesa, Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, University, La Jolla and Pacific

Beach that are within the RCW, as well as about half of the MCAS Miramar lands within the RCW. Senator Kehoe was elected to office in 2004 and will be up for re-election in 2008.

The three Assembly districts include: the 75th District, George Plescia; the 76th District, Lori Saldana; and the 77th District, Jay La Suer. Assemblyman Plescia's district covers portions of Mira Mesa, University, and La Jolla that represents about 18 percent of the RCW. Assemblywoman Saldana's district covers portions of Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Pacific Beach and Mission Bay Park that represents about 18 percent of the RCW. Assemblyman La Suer's district covers portions of Scripps Miramar Ranch, Mira Mesa, MCAS Miramar, and University that represents about 63 percent of the RCW. Assemblyman Plescia and La Suer were re-elected in 2004 for another two-year term while Assemblywoman Saldana was elected for the first time in 2004.

Table 2-2: California Senatorial Districts

Senatorial Districts and Term	Total Acres	Acres in watershed	Percent in watershed	Percent of watershed	Senator
36th District (2002-2006)	1,750,596	5,331	0%	23%	Dennis Hollingsworth
39th District (2004-2008)	117,350	18,096	15%	77%	Christine Kehoe

Table 2-3: California Assembly Districts

Assembly Districts and Terms	Total Acres	Acres in watershed	Percent in watershed	Percent of watershed	Assembly Representative
75th District (2004-2006)	183,567	4,237	2%	18%	George A. Plescia
76th District (2004-2006)	52,684	4,325	8%	18%	Lori Saldana
77th District (2004-2006)	1,375,047	14,866	1%	63%	Jay La Suer

Figure 2-1: Federal Congressional Districts

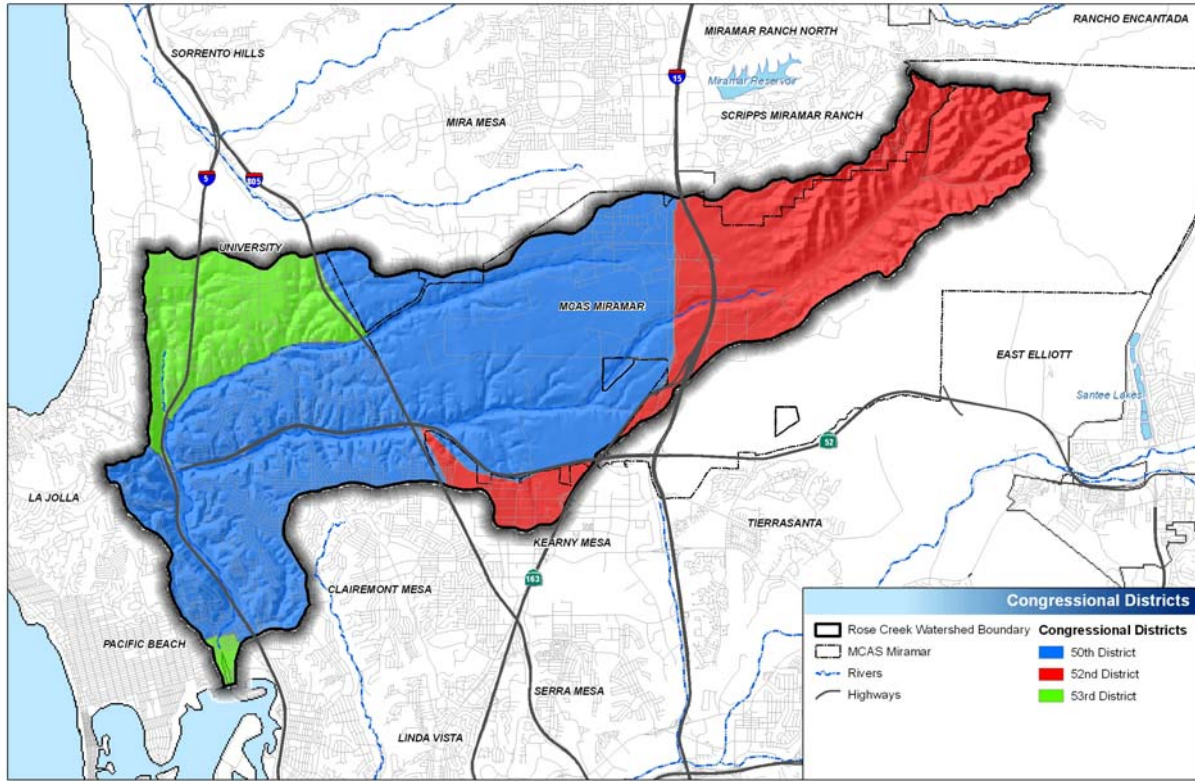


Figure 2-2: California Senatorial Districts

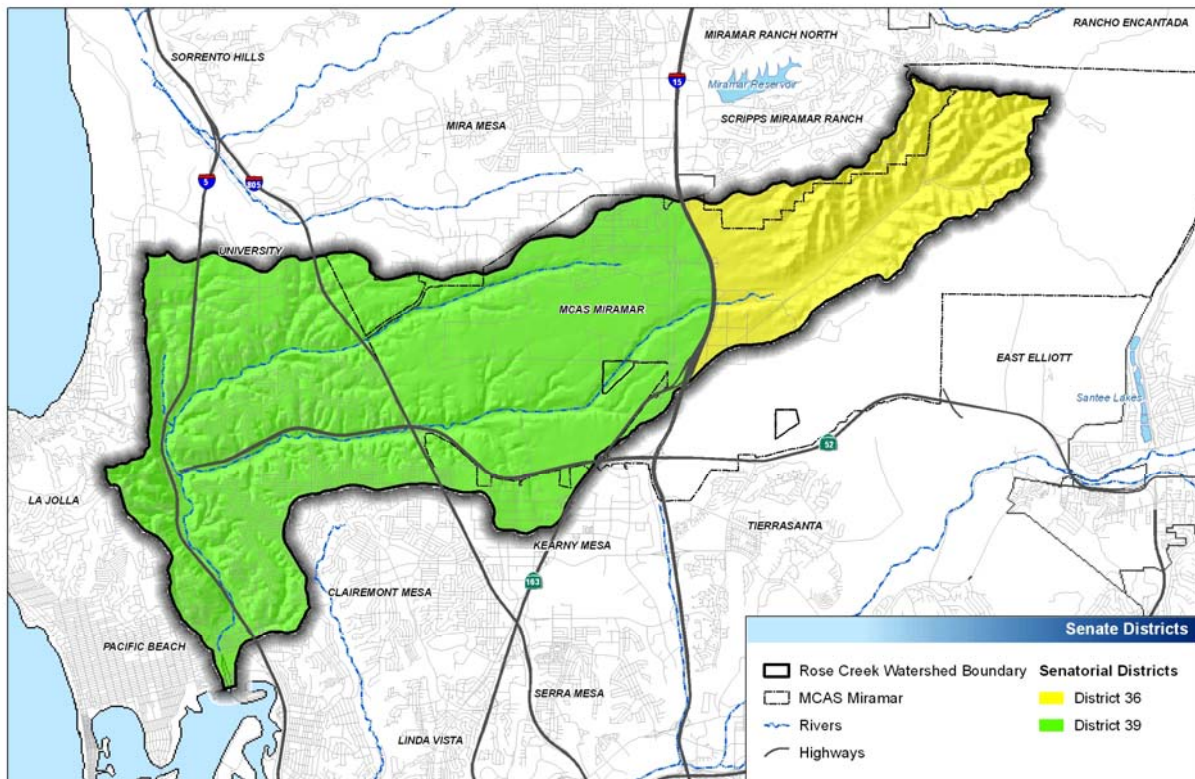
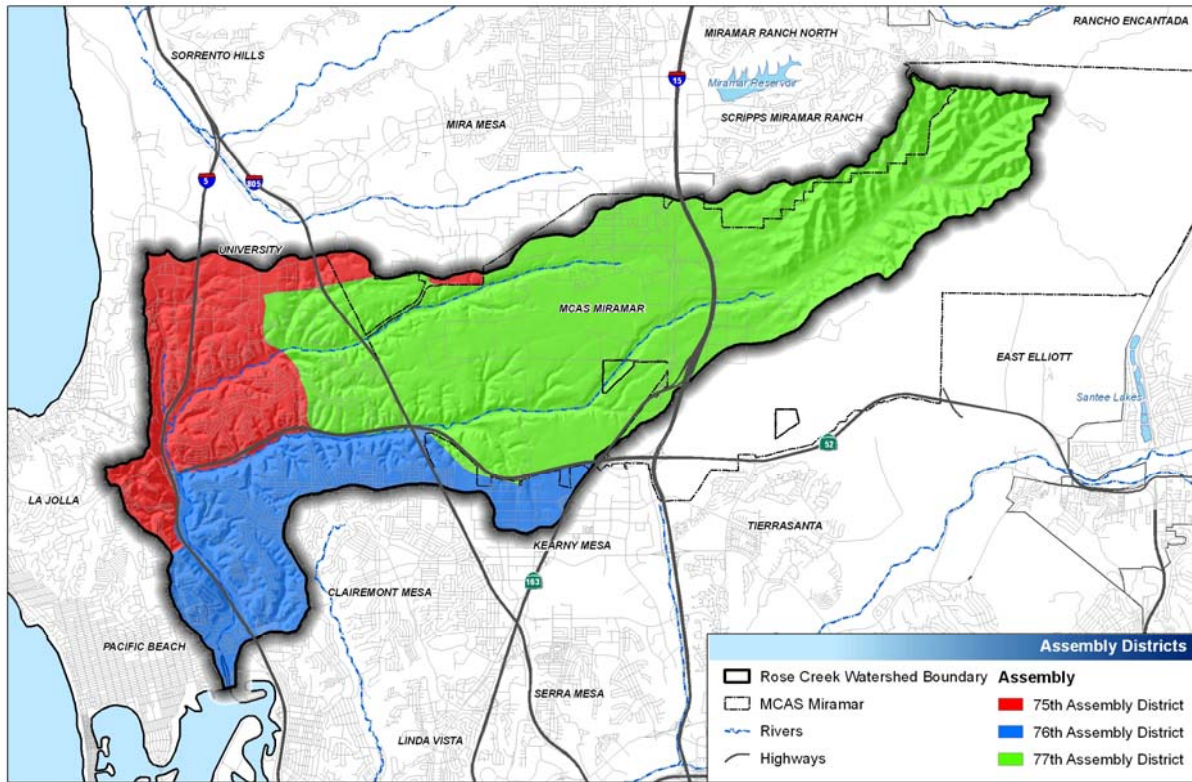


Figure 2-3: California Assembly Districts



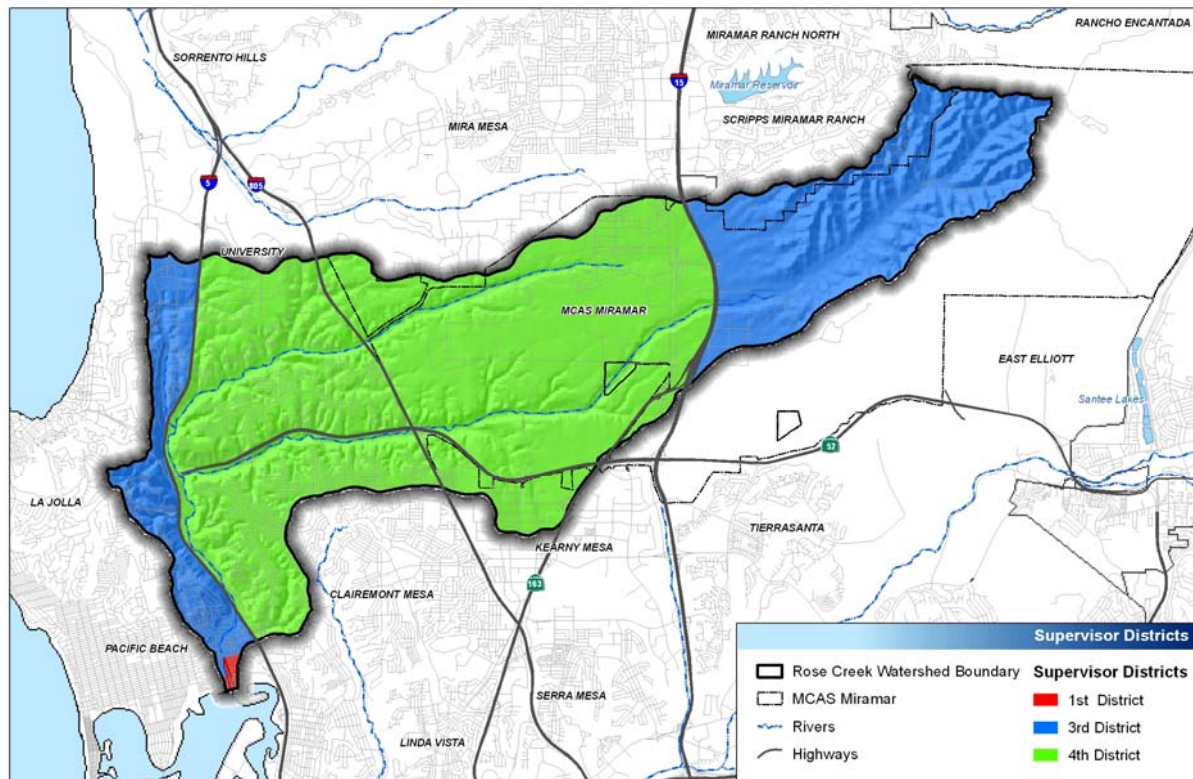
2.3 County of San Diego Supervisor Districts

The RCW contains portions of three Supervisor Districts (Figure 2-4 and Table 2-4), with the 1st District only covering 60 acres within Mission Bay Park. Supervisor Greg Cox has represented the 1st District since 1995, and was re-elected in 2004 to another term. The 3rd District covers portions of Scripps Miramar Ranch, La Jolla, Pacific Beach, University, and MCAS Miramar representing 31 percent of the RCW. Supervisor Pam Slater-Price has represented the 3rd District since 1992, and was re-elected in 2004 to another term. The 4th District covers portions of Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Clairemont Mesa, University, and MCAS Miramar representing 68 percent of the RCW. Supervisor Ron Roberts has represented the 4th District since 1995, and was re-elected to another term in 2002.

Table 2-4: County of San Diego Supervisor Districts

Supervisor Districts	Total Acres	Acres in watershed	Percent in watershed	Percent of watershed	Supervisors
1st District	120,870	57	0%	0%	Greg Cox
3rd District	134,194	7,353	5%	31%	Pam Slater-Price
4th District	63,848	16,018	25%	68%	Ron Roberts

Figure 2-4: County of San Diego Supervisor Districts



2.4 City of San Diego Council Districts

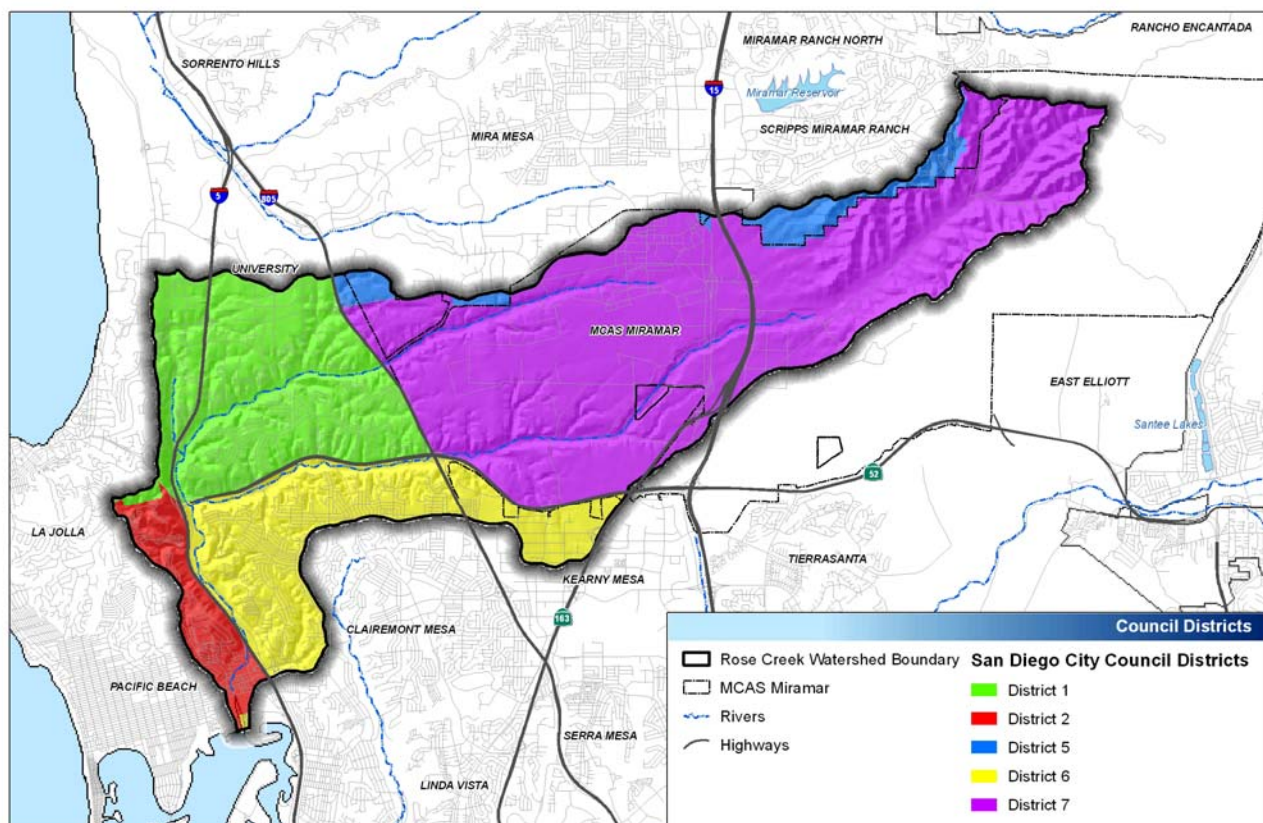
The RCW contains portions of five City of San Diego Council Districts (Figure 2-5 and Table 2-5), including: District 1, District 2, District 5, District 6, and District 7. District 1 covers portions of University and La Jolla and representing 21 percent of the RCW. Councilman Scott Peters has represented District 1 since 2000, and we re-elected in 2004 to another term. District 2 covers portions of La Jolla, Pacific Beach, and Mission Bay Park representing only 5 percent of the RCW. Councilman Michael Zucchet has represented District 2 since 2002, and will be up for re-election in 2006. District 5 covers portions of Scripps Miramar Ranch, Mira Mesa, and University that are within the RCW representing only 4 percent of the RCW. Councilman Brian Maienshein has represented District 5 since 2000, and was re-elected to another term in 2004. District 6 covers portions of Kearny

Mesa, Clairemont Mesa, and Mission Bay Park representing 17 percent of the RCW. Councilwoman Donna Frye has represented District 6 since 2001, and will be up for re-election in 2006. District 7 covers portions of University and MCAS Miramar representing 54 percent of the RCW. Councilman Jim Madaffer has represented District 7 since 2002, and was re-elected to another term in 2004.

Table 2-5: City of San Diego Council Districts

Council Districts	Total Acres	Acres in watershed	Percent in watershed	Percent of watershed	Council Representative
District 1	40,809	4,896	12%	21%	Scott Peters
District 2	21,287	1,080	5%	5%	Michael Zucchet
District 5	37,960	869	2%	4%	Brian Maienshein
District 6	23,280	3,923	17%	17%	Donna Frye
District 7	49,083	12,660	26%	54%	Jim Madaffer

Figure 2-5: City of San Diego Council Districts



2.5 Interest Groups

In addition to the formal political offices and associated districts described above, there are a variety of special interest groups active within Mission Bay or the RCW. Involving these groups and keeping them informed as the Assessment moves forward will also help build and maintain political and community support for implementing its final recommendations.

2.5.1 Government Sponsored Interest Groups

Mission Bay Clean Water Technical Advisory Committee (MBCWTAC) was formed to coordinate the science of the various projects included in the Mission Bay Water Quality Management Plan (MBWQMP) and make recommendations to the Mayor's Clean Water Task Force on adaptive management issues to the MBWQMP. The MBCWTAC meets on a quarterly basis and acts as a forum for project team leaders, technical advisors, contract managers and the public to share information with each other. Discussions also focus on project approaches, results, data management, and the conclusions of the various technical studies being conducted in and around Mission Bay.

Mayor's Clean Water Task Force (CWTF) was established by Mayor Dick Murphy in 2001 to advise the Mayor and City Council on water quality issues. The CWTF is co-chaired by the Mayor and Councilmember Scott Peters and consists of elected officials, academics, environmentalists, business interests, professionals, and other related agency representatives. The CWTF meets bi-monthly, thus providing ample opportunity for community stakeholders and government agencies to provide input.

Mission Bay Park Committee advises the San Diego Park and Recreation Board on the development, utilization, and policies regarding Mission Bay Park. The Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m., at various locations.

San Diego Park and Recreation Board was chartered by the City Council under Municipal Code Section 26.30 to serve as an advisory board on matters relating to the acquisition, development, maintenance and operation of parks, beaches and recreation properties and facilities. The Board consists of eleven members who serve without compensation. Appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, the members serve two-year terms, for a maximum of eight years. The Park and

Recreation Director serves as Secretary to the Board. The Board meets the third Thursday of the month, 2:00 P.M. in the Council Committee Room of the City Administration Building located at 202 C Street.

Marian Bear Natural Park Recreation Council is part of the city and public interface. This council makes recommendations to the City on management needs, enhancement and development of City parks and open space. In addition, the Marian Bear Natural Park Recreation Council has undertaken tasks such as conducting fundraising activities for Park enhancement, education and interpretive efforts as well as advise and assist any and all government agencies in the preparation, adoption and implementation of or the amendment to the planning of Marian Bear Memorial Park.

Rose Canyon Recreation Council advises City of San Diego Open Space Division staff, the Park and Recreation Board and its Area Committees on matters related to the preservation, management, maintenance and appropriate use of the Rose Canyon Open Space Park. Such matters include, but are not limited to, issues of park maintenance and safety, illegal encroachments, park access and trail delineation, enhancing public awareness and appreciation of park assets, restoration of degraded areas, enlisting and establishing volunteer programs to assist in maintenance and management, making recommendation on additional land acquisition for the park, and to advise the University Community Planning Group regarding land use issues affecting the park.

2.5.2 Private and Non-Profit Interest Groups

Friends of Rose Canyon is a non profit corporation whose mission is to protect, preserve and restore Rose Canyon and the Rose Canyon Watershed. Other activities Friends of Rose Canyon are involved with are the monitoring of birds and wildlife on an informal basis, publicizing information about the canyon and watershed to more than 1,100 people and monitor conditions in the canyon and report violations of safety issues as necessary. This interest group organizes and conducts nature walks that they co-sponsor with the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department. These walks are for the general public, scout groups, school groups and other groups upon request. The Friends of Rose Canyon also works on restoration projects that are co-sponsored by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department and involve scouts and the general public and well as ongoing maintenance of the riparian restoration project that was funded by a state grant. This active group also monitors a

tracking transect in Rose Canyon in which the data is compiled into a database by the San Diego Tracking Team

The Friends of Rose Creek is an advocacy group working to create a healthy eco-system for plants, animals and humans along Rose Creek from Highway 52 to Mission Bay while improving public access and recreational opportunities along critical wetland corridors. An all volunteer group consisting of local residents, business owners and environmental activists, the group organizes nature hikes, picks up trash and removes invasive species. The Friends' goal is to have the lower portion of the creek added to Marian Bear Memorial Park and Mission Bay Park so that resource management and recreational opportunities take precedence for both short and long-term planning and management. Achieving this goal will allow the communities of University and Clairemont Mesa to have non-motorized access to Mission Bay Park, create a model watershed eco-system in the heart of Pacific Beach and lower Rose Canyon. For more information contact Karin Zirk at (858) 405-7503 or visit their website at <http://www.saverosecreek.org>.

San Diego Earthworks, in addition to managing the Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment, annually organizes San Diego Earth Day, the Green Built Tour and other community-based conservation events. Volunteers are welcome at all events. Contact earthworks@earthdayweb.org.

The San Diego Tracking Team promotes the preservation of biologically diverse and sensitive land forms and wildlife habitat in San Diego County and adjacent areas by conducting wildlife monitoring and research coupled with outdoor and environmental programs. Some of their goals are to regularly monitor the presence (or absence) of certain target and rare species that reflect the health of the ecosystem and record that data consistently for all of San Diego County. They also participate in efforts to monitor and improve the effectiveness of planned conservation efforts in San Diego County such as the MSCP and MHCP. The team facilitates the San Diego community's awareness, involvement and appreciation of the environment and the importance of conserving habitat by providing various public outreach and educational opportunities. The San Diego Tracking Team has one transect in Rose Canyon where volunteers are recording the presence of various animal species. The Tracking Team would like add transects that cover the watershed, which acts as a wildlife connection from Mission Trails Park to the ocean. Additional volunteers are needed to expand the

program; training is provided. Contact Gretchen Nell at gnell@ucsd.edu or visit their website at <http://www.sdt.org/index.html>.

The Sierra Club San Diego Canyons Campaign is a volunteer organization to foster awareness, appreciation and on-going community involvement in the protection and restoration of the unique canyon and creek habitats in San Diego County. The group also conducts educational naturalist-guided tours of neighborhood canyons and creeks throughout San Diego to initiate establishment of Friends Groups to steward these natural open space areas. After the tour events, the group facilitates organizational meetings for the participants and residents surrounding the particular neighborhood canyon. At these meetings, they enroll leadership for new Friends Groups and the residents share in a variety of stewardship and other project responsibilities. The Sierra Club San Diego Canyons Campaign also helps these Friends Groups plan and implement clean-up and habitat restoration events for their canyon. A variety of educational components are introduced at the events to inform on habitat loss, endangered species, habitat restoration techniques and important contacts. Contact Eric Bowlby at savewetlands@compuserve.com or visit their website at <http://sandiego.sierraclub.org/canyons>.

The Tri-Canyon Weed Warriors is a group of community volunteers dedicated to helping maintain the native vegetation in the city's tri-canyons (Rose, Marian Bear and Tecolote). They hold weed warrior events to remove non-native exotic invasive species. To volunteer or for more information, contact the Tri-canyon Ranger office at (858) 581-9961.