

## SAN DIEGO CANYONLANDS AND FRIENDS OF MAPLE CANYON HONORED AND JUBILANT OVER PROPOSITION 1 FUNDING

San Diego, CA – Last week the board of the State of California Coastal Conservancy approved a disbursement of \$200,000 to fund the citizen-initiated "Maple Canyon Stream Rehabilitation and Restoration" in Bankers Hill. This grant brings the amount that San Diego Canyonlands and concerned citizens have raised to over \$355,000 to address catastrophic erosion in Maple Canyon, a municipal open space.

Once implemented, the project will create a series of close-to-level steps up the canyon, by deft positioning of grade-controls, which streamside grasses and shrubs will obscure. These plants will also stabilize the soil, putting an end to erosion that is overburdening storm-drain infrastructure and causing flooding. Sediment from the canyon, flowing through the Bankers Hill streets, is of enormous concern to the City, regulators and downgradient property owners such as Solar Turbines, which is  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile away on Pacific Highway.

The \$200,000 funding source is Prop 1. In 2014 voters passed The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act to fund stream and watershed protection and restoration. Projected flood-reduction, carbon sequestration, benthic community protection, and strong public engagement components increased the competitiveness of the Maple Canyon Rehabilitation Project for this funding source.

San Diego Canyonlands and its contractors will initiate permitting through the Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. An overarching goal of these permitting actions is to demonstrate that vital wetlands ecosystems will increase and help stabilize the canyon.

Within this well-loved but compromised local canyon, stakeholders look forward with gratitude to working with the Coastal Conservancy in creating a repeatable, more affordable means of addressing horrendous erosion and water-quality challenges in San Diego open space.

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## Maple Canyon Stream Rehabilitation & Restoration



*Existing Erosion*



*Proposed Project Stabilization*