

“WILDLIFE CROSSINGS RESTORE ECOSYSTEMS THAT HAVE BEEN FRACTURED AND DISRUPTED. THEY RECONNECT LANDS AND SPECIES THAT ARE ACHING TO BE WHOLE. I BELIEVE THESE CROSSINGS GO BEYOND MERE CONSERVATION, TOWARD A KIND OF ENVIRONMENTAL REJUVENATION THAT IS LONG OVERDUE.”

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# Wallis Annenberg *Wildlife Crossing*

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**  
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**“INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HAVE USED THE ANIMALS  
AS TEACHERS FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.”**

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*The **Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing**  
is located on the homelands of the Chumash.  
We celebrate, honor and respect the history  
and people of this land. We extend our gratitude  
for the wisdom and understanding they have  
given us in creating this wildlife crossing.*

**“NATURE DOESN'T WORK  
WITHOUT CONNECTION.”**

**MARY ELLEN HANNIBAL**

Author, *The Spine of the Continent*







## ABOUT THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING

*The **Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing** is a project for the next century, providing a lasting benefit to wildlife for generations to come. More than two decades of study by the **National Park Service** in the Los Angeles area has shown roads and development are not only proving deadly for animals trying to cross, but have also created islands of habitat that can genetically isolate all wildlife—from bobcats to birds to lizards. The species most immediately at risk, the mountain lion, could vanish from the area within our lifetime.*

*Of all the area roads, multiple research and planning efforts have identified the 101 Freeway as the most significant barrier to the ecological health of the region—this*



*crossing will re-connect an entire ecosystem that has long been fragmented by this almost impenetrable obstacle for wildlife. By building a wildlife crossing over the ten lanes of freeway and an access road — in the last 1,600 feet in the area that possesses protected land north and south of the 101 — this project will re-establish ecological connectivity for a multitude of native plant and animal species in the Santa Monica Mountains ecosystem.*

*The preservation of this key wildlife linkage also spans over thirty years of protecting vital habitat by groups like the **Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy**. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been dedicated to acquiring and preserving thousands of acres of open space in the Santa Monica Mountains over almost half a century, and the wildlife crossing provides a critical last step in this historic effort. The project also supports both the state of California and the Federal government's 30 by 30 conservation initiatives.*

*This visionary structure will preserve biodiversity across the region by re-connecting an integral wildlife corridor, and most immediately critical, help save a threatened local population of mountain lions from extinction. When complete, the crossing will be the largest in the world, the first of its kind in California, and it will serve as a global model for urban wildlife conservation.*



**“CALIFORNIA’S DIVERSE ARRAY OF NATIVE SPECIES AND ECOSYSTEMS HAVE EARNED THE STATE RECOGNITION AS A GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT. IN THE FACE OF EXTREME CLIMATE IMPACTS, IT’S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR RICH NATURAL HERITAGE. THIS PROJECT WILL RESTORE VITAL HABITAT AND ENABLE MOUNTAIN LIONS AND OTHER WILDLIFE TO ROAM SAFELY. BACKED BY SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC AND PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT, THE WILDLIFE CROSSING IS AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS THAT WILL HELP US PROTECT OUR COMMON HOME FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.”**

California Governor  
**GAVIN NEWSOM**





**“THIS PROJECT IS TRULY INCREDIBLE. AS THE LARGEST WILDLIFE CROSSING OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD, IT WILL PROVIDE LIFESAVING HABITAT CONNECTIVITY TO A BROAD ARRAY OF ANIMALS FOR DECADES TO COME. IT ALSO SHOWS US WHAT IS POSSIBLE WHEN UNIQUE PARTNERS COME TOGETHER TO THINK CREATIVELY, AND THEN ACT BOLDLY AND DECISIVELY. I THINK WE WILL LOOK BACK DECADES FROM NOW AND REALIZE THAT THIS PROJECT GALVANIZED A NEW ERA OF CONSERVING AND RECONNECTING NATURE.”**

**WADE CROWFOOT**

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*The **Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing** is a public-private partnership of monumental scope that has leveraged the expertise and leadership of dozens of organizations and institutions from across the state, country, and the world. The work of the **Liberty Wildlife Corridor Partnership** serves as an international model for collaborative solutions for wildlife in the transportation sector.*

*The core project partner team includes **Caltrans**, the **National Park Service**, the **Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy/Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority**, **Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains**, and the **National Wildlife Federation**. The project partners also added a world-renowned design team led by a landscape architectural practice, **Living Habitats LLC**, that collaborates with **Caltrans** and coordinates with a broad team of wildlife crossing experts in the planning and design of the wildlife crossing.*

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**“LOS ANGELES IS KNOWN AS A SPRAWLING METROPOLIS, BUT IT’S THE ABUNDANCE OF NATURAL BEAUTY THAT MAKES OUR CITY SO SPECIAL AND HOME TO SUCH DIVERSE LIFE. P-22 IS A NATIONAL TREASURE, AND THIS CROSSING IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF OUR WORK TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR SENSITIVE WILDLIFE AND THE THOUSANDS OF SPECIES THAT CALL OUR REGION HOME.”**

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**“THE GROUNDBREAKING MARKS A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE TOWARDS THIS IMPORTANT WILDLIFE CROSSING THAT SETS A PATH TOWARDS SAVING OUR THREATENED LOCAL MOUNTAIN LIONS AND SUPPORTING THE DIVERSITY OF WILDLIFE IN THE REGION.”**

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**“THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING IS GOOD FOR CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND! IT IS CRITICAL TO CALIFORNIA’S LEADERSHIP ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS BECAUSE IT WILL HELP PROTECT THIS PRECIOUS BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT – ONE OF ONLY 36 IN THE WORLD! – AND RECONNECT A LONG-FRAGMENTED ECOSYSTEM, ALLOWING WILDLIFE AND PLANT SPECIES TO FLOURISH.”**

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**“A DECADE AGO, JEFF SIKICH TOOK ME OUT TRACKING P-22 AND TOLD ME ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THIS REMARKABLE CAT AND ALL OF HIS SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS COUGAR KIN – THAT THEY WOULD LIKELY GO EXTINCT WITHIN OUR LIFETIME. ‘EXTINCTION!? NOT ON MY WATCH,’ I THOUGHT. AND ON THAT DAY IN 2012, I JOINED JEFF AND THE OTHER PARTNERS TO HELP GET THIS WILDLIFE CROSSING BUILT.**

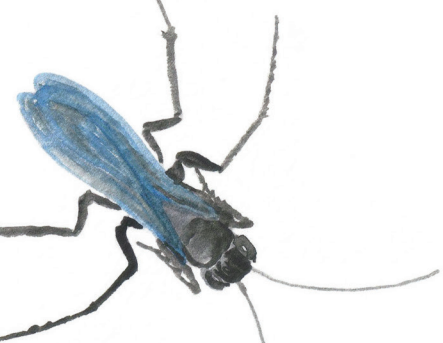
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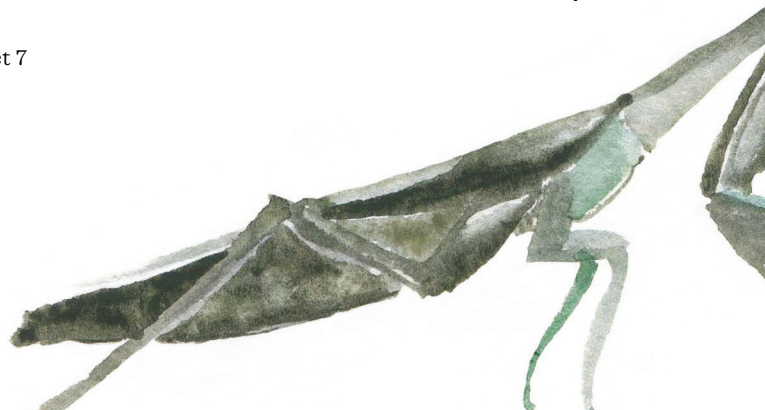




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**TONY TAVARES**

Director, Caltrans District 7



**“THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD IS HONORED TO BE PART OF THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN CALIFORNIA. THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING SAFE PASSAGE FOR WILDLIFE TO MOVE BETWEEN CRITICAL HABITAT AREAS NECESSARY FOR THEIR SURVIVAL, WHILE HELPING TO MAINTAIN GENETIC DIVERSITY, CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. WCB CONGRATULATES ALL INVOLVED AND WE ARE EXCITED TO WITNESS THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT IN YEARS TO COME.”**

**JOHN DONNELLY**

Executive Director, Wildlife Conservation Board

**“THIS VICTORY IS GREAT FOR NATURE. BUT IT’S ALSO PERSONAL FOR ME AS DIRECTOR. TO SEE ALL THE HARD WORK OF SO MANY FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES COME TOGETHER AND LITERALLY MAKE THIS KIND OF BIG CHANGE, MEANS SO MUCH. IT’S JUST THE TRUE CALIFORNIA SPIRIT, AND THAT IT BENEFITS MOUNTAIN LIONS AND SO MANY OTHER ANIMALS MAKES IT ALL THE MORE AWESOME.”**

**CHUCK BONHAM**

Director of the California  
Department of Fish and Wildlife





**“WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING WILDLIFE, INCLUDING BOBCATS, COYOTES, AND MOUNTAIN LIONS, IN THE PARK AND IN THE LIBERTY CANYON AREA FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS NOW, AND WE HAVE DOCUMENTED THE MAJOR BARRIER EFFECTS OF THE FREEWAY, IN TERMS OF MOVEMENT AND GENE FLOW. BUT IT IS INCREDIBLY EXCITING TO SEE THIS RESEARCH TURN INTO CONSERVATION ACTION. IT IS ALSO INSPIRING TO THINK OF THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO WILL DRIVE UNDER THIS OVERPASS EVERY DAY AND REALIZE WHAT IS POSSIBLE, EVEN ACROSS ONE OF THE BUSIEST FREEWAYS, AND IN ONE OF THE LARGEST URBAN AREAS, IN THE WORLD.”**

**DR. SETH RILEY**

Wildlife Branch Chief, National Park Service,  
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area  
Adjunct Associate Professor,  
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UCLA





**“A LION ALONE, P-22 IS LIVING OUT THE CLASSIC SCIENCE-FICTION NARRATIVE OF THE PROTAGONIST WHO WAKES UP TO DISCOVER THAT HE IS THE LAST OF HIS KIND.”**

**DANA GOODYEAR**

The New Yorker



**“DURING OUR TIME, WE HAVE ENJOYED WILD ANIMALS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND CITIES. SCIENCE HAS SHOWN US THIS CANNOT LAST UNLESS WE RE-CONNECT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS TO THE REST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THIS PROJECT HELPS ENSURE THAT WE FULFILL PERHAPS OUR GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY — TO PASS THESE LANDS, THESE ANIMALS, THIS SENSE OF WONDER TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.”**

**DAVID SZYMANSKI**

Superintendent, National Park Service,  
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area





**“AFTER DECADES OF PERSEVERANCE BY SO MANY, I AM THRILLED THAT WE ARE FINALLY BREAKING GROUND ON THIS EXEMPLARY MODEL WILDLIFE CROSSING. THIS CROSSING NOT ONLY “RESTORES” THE MOUNTAIN OVER THE 101 FREEWAY, BUT IT ALSO REESTABLISHES AN ANCIENT WILDLIFE CORRIDOR FOR DOZENS OF SPECIES INCLUDING OUR BELOVED AND BELEAGUERED MOUNTAIN LIONS. IN DOING SO, WE HONOR OUR LOCAL TRIBES AND WILDLIFE BY RECOMMITTING TO OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PERSEVERE, PROTECT, AND RESPECT OUR PLANET.”**

California State Assemblymember  
**RICHARD BLOOM**

**“THE BUILDING OF THIS OVERCROSSING WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS A PROFOUND PIVOT POINT FOR LAND CONSERVATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR YEARS TO COME.”**

**PAUL EDELMAN**

Chief of Natural Resources and Planning for the  
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

**“EVERY ANGELENO HAS THE RIGHT TO NATURE;  
AND NATURE HAS A RIGHT TO SURVIVE LOS ANGELES.  
THIS CROSSING AFFIRMS THESE TRUTHS.”**

California State Senator  
**HENRY STERN**

**“BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN AN ANIMAL LOVER SINCE  
THE DAY I WAS BORN, I HAVE TO SAY, SEEING OTHER  
PEOPLE ALSO CARING SO MUCH ABOUT WILDLIFE IS  
SO REFRESHING. THIS BRIDGE MEANS SO MUCH TO SO  
MANY ANIMALS, AND I AM VERY PROUD AND GRATEFUL  
TO HAVE BEEN EVEN A SMALL PART OF KEEPING P-22  
AND ALL OF OUR WILDLIFE FREE AND SAFE.”**

**JULIA BUTTERS**  
*Actor, Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*



**“OUR EXTENSIVE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES IS AN ENGINEERING MARVEL BROUGHT ON BY POST-WW2 INVESTMENTS TO MODERNIZE AND ULTIMATELY MOBILIZE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE. THIS SPIDERWEB OF ROADS WAS BUILT, HOWEVER, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF LANDSCAPE FRAGMENTATION, LOSS OF SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY. THIS IS A DAY TO CELEBRATE CALIFORNIA’S COMMITMENT TO ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION – IN ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY-HUMANIZED LANDSCAPES ON OUR PLANET – AS THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING SERVES AS A MOBILIZING FORCE FOR THE DEFENSE OF OUR NATURAL HERITAGE, NATURAL CAPITAL AND BIODIVERSITY.”**

**TONY CLEVINGER** PhD  
Senior wildlife research scientist



**“THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING EMBODIES A RESOLUTE HOPEFULNESS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COURAGE, DEDICATION, AND ACTION OF MANY. AS BOTH A TOOL FOR AND A SYMBOL OF CONNECTION IT WILL STAND AS AN ALLURING CHALLENGE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS TO PICK UP THE MANTLE OF DESIGN TO BRIDGE THE GAPS ELSEWHERE IN OUR WORLD.”**

**ROBERT ROCK**  
Principal & COO, Living Habitats LLC





**“WE AT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GREATLY APPRECIATE GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM’S GREAT INTEREST AND SUPPORT FOR THIS WILDLIFE CROSSING, THE LARGEST IN THE COUNTRY, AND WHICH IS AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF HIS INITIATIVE FOR 30% OF PROTECTED LAND IN CALIFORNIA BY 2030.”**

**JOSEPH EDMISTON** FAICP, Hon. ASLA  
Executive Director, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

**“THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY & MRCA ARE EXCITED TO ENTER THIS LAST CRITICAL PHASE IN MAKING A SAFE PASSAGE FOR WILDLIFE ACROSS THE 101 AND DELIVERING ON OUR THIRTY-PLUS YEARS OF WORK TO PRESERVE HABITAT LINKAGES.”**

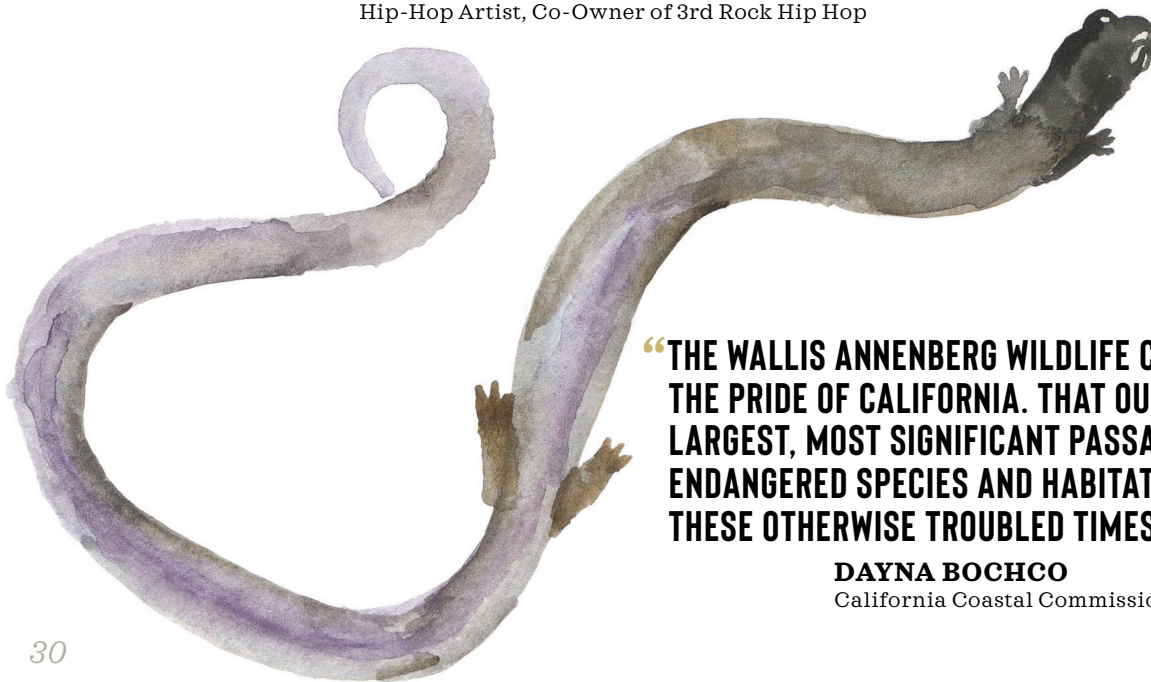
**RORIE SKEI**  
Chief Deputy Director,  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy



**“RELATABILITY OPENS THE DOOR FOR EMPATHY...AND I SEE MYSELF AND MY COMMUNITY, IN P-22. IT’S A STORY OF HOPE! THIS CROSSING REPRESENTS AN ACTION TAKEN BY ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE, COMING TOGETHER TO GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BETTER LIFE. ANDRE 3000 SAID ‘NO ONE IS FREE WHEN OTHERS ARE OPPRESSED’, THE FIGHT FOR GOOD IS ALL OF OURS BECAUSE IF YOU TAKE THE ‘Y’ OUT OF ‘YOURS’, IT BECOME ‘OURS’ RIGHT?”**

**WARREN DICKSON**

Hip-Hop Artist, Co-Owner of 3rd Rock Hip Hop



**“THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING WILL BECOME THE PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA. THAT OUR STATE IS BUILDING THE LARGEST, MOST SIGNIFICANT PASSAGEWAY FOR CRITICALLY ENDANGERED SPECIES AND HABITATS, WARMS MY HEART IN THESE OTHERWISE TROUBLED TIMES.”**

**DAYNA BOCHCO**

California Coastal Commissioner

**“AGOURA HILLS IS KNOWN AS THE ‘GATEWAY TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS,’ SO IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE THAT OUR CITY IS THE SITE OF THE FUTURE WILDLIFE CROSSING. WE ARE HONORED TO SERVE AS THAT ‘GATEWAY’ NOT JUST FOR HUMANS, BUT FOR OUR NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA THAT WILL RELY ON THIS BRIDGE TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE.”**

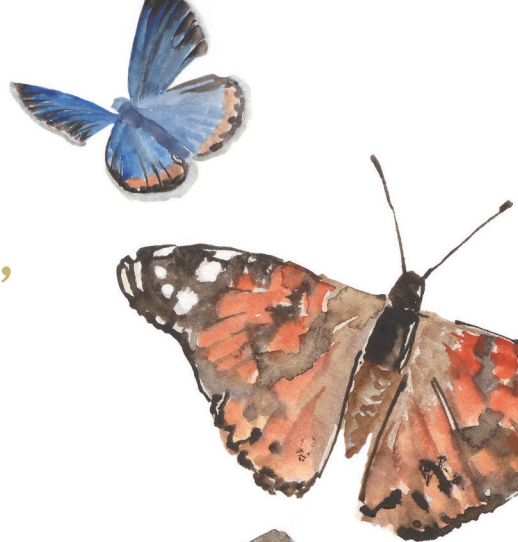
**DEBORAH KLEIN LOPEZ**

Mayor of the City of Agoura Hills

**“THIS IS MORE THAN A BRIDGE THAT WILL THANKFULLY PROTECT LOCAL SPECIES FROM EXTINCTION. IT IS ALSO A REFLECTION OF OUR VALUES. IT TELLS THE WORLD THAT WE TREASURE NATURE.”**

**LINDA PARKS**

Chair of the Santa Monica  
Mountains Conservancy  
& Ventura County Supervisor





**“THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING BRIDGES LANDSCAPES, BOUNDARIES AND DISCIPLINES: IT IS A PROJECT OF HOPE THAT CONNECTS PEOPLE TO NATURE WITH NEW, INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND INTEGRATES ENGINEERING, ECOLOGY AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. IN DOING SO, THE CROSSING CATALYZES A SYSTEM TO REWEAVE CALIFORNIA’S SIGNIFICANT, BIODIVERSE AND PROTECTED LANDSCAPES, FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE – AND SETS A NEW STANDARD FOR RECONNECTING LANDSCAPES WORLDWIDE.”**

**NINA-MARIE LISTER**

Professor & Director, Ecological Design Lab  
at Ryerson University & ARC Partner

**“CALIFORNIA’S LEADERSHIP WITH URBAN WILDLIFE CROSSINGS DEMONSTRATES THAT WE CAN HELP BOTH PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE GET WHERE THEY NEED TO GO. FROM COUGARS TO MONARCH BUTTERFLIES, WE’RE SEEING A PATTERN: WILDLIFE SPECIES NEED US TO RECONNECT ABUNDANT HABITAT TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE.”**

**COLLIN O’MARA**

President & CEO, National Wildlife Federation



**“THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING IS A CULMINATION OF MANY YEARS OF HOPES, DREAMS AND HARD WORK BY MANY OF US AT CALTRANS. WE HAVE LONG UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ECOLOGICAL CONNECTION ACROSS OUR FREEWAY AND I AM THRILLED THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS DREAM A REALITY.”**

**BARBARA P. MARQUEZ**

Deputy District Director for Sustainability and Innovation,  
Caltrans District 7

**“THIS IS A HISTORIC PROJECT. IT WOULD NOT ONLY BE THE LARGEST WILDLIFE CROSSING OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD, ONCE BUILT, BUT ALSO THE FIRST MAJOR INTERVENTION IN WILDLIFE CONNECTIVITY IN A HIGHLY URBANIZED AREA, AND OVER ONE OF THE BUSIEST FREEWAYS IN THE U.S. I AM HONORED TO BE PART OF THE TEAM WHO IS WORKING TIRELESSLY TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A REALITY. THIS PROJECT IS SET TO BECOME THE WORLDWIDE MODEL FOR URBAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EFFORTS AND HELP FUTURE SUCH ENDEAVORS.”**

**SHEIK MOINUDDIN**

Project Manager, Caltrans





**“TO BREAK GROUND FOR THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING IS TO LAUNCH AN EXCITING NEW CLASS OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BIODIVERSITY. NOT ONLY WILL IT CROSS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BUSIEST HIGHWAYS IN NORTH AMERICA, BUT IT WILL DO SO WITH CLOSE ATTENTION AND RESPECT TO THE PROTECTED LANDSCAPES ON EACH SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY THAT ENSURE ITS SUCCESS. ITS DESIGN IS THE IDEAL BLEND OF STRUCTURAL AND NATURAL DESIGN AND IT WILL SERVE NOT JUST AS A CROSSING FOR WILDLIFE BUT AS AN INSPIRATION TO THE WORLD THAT WE CAN BUILD WELL FOR NATURE AND OUR SHARED FUTURE.”**

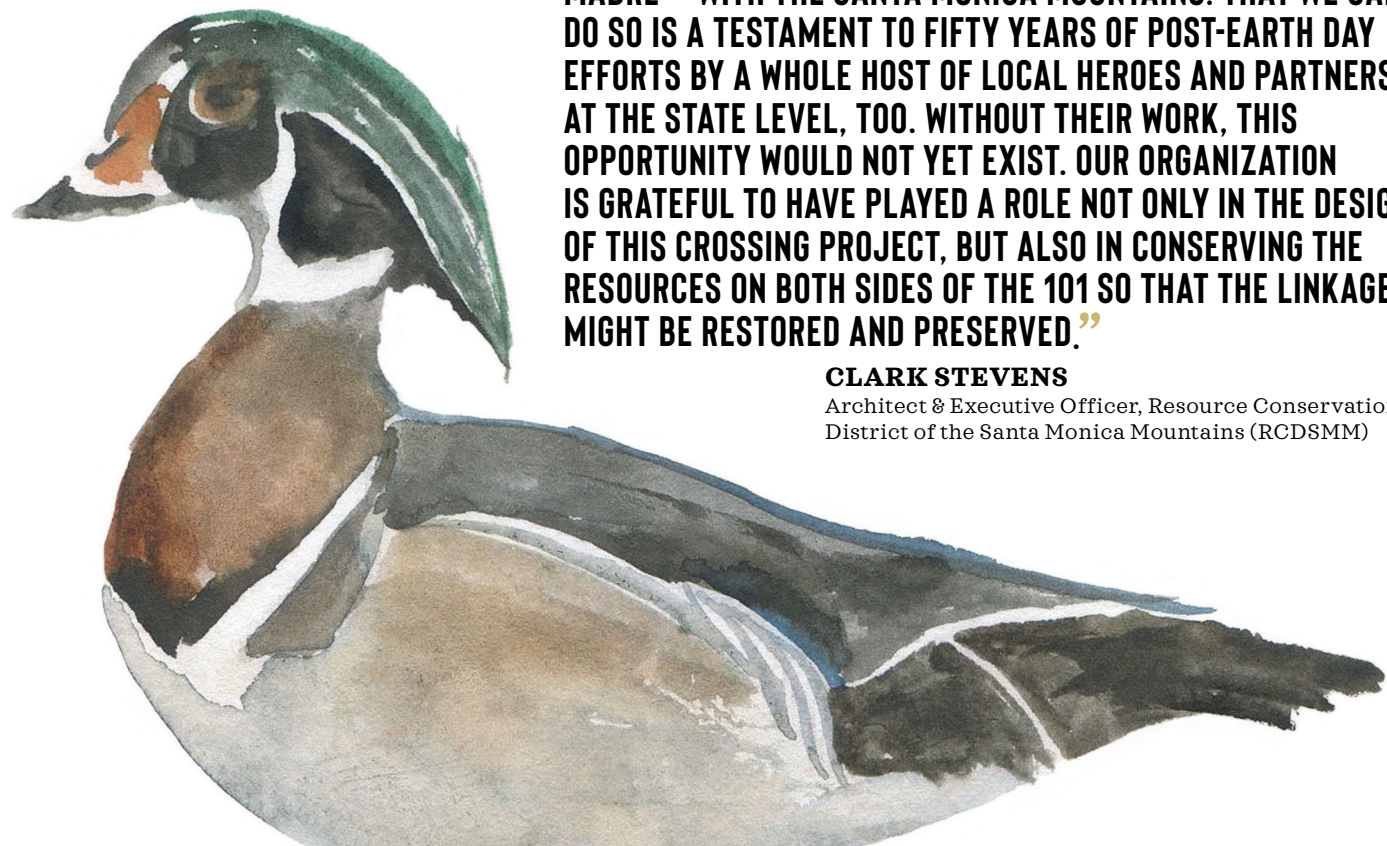
**JEREMY GUTH**

Conservation Director,  
the Woodcock Foundation & Founding Partner  
and Steering Committee Member, ARC Solutions

**“FUTURE HISTORIANS MAY LOOK BACK ON THE SECOND DECADE OR SO OF 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AS THE AGE OF WILDLIFE CROSSINGS.”**

**LOUIS SAHAGÚN**

Los Angeles Times



**“WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO STILL HAVE THIS LAST BEST PLACE TO RECONNECT OUR ECOLOGICAL MOTHERLAND – THE SIERRA MADRE – WITH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THAT WE CAN DO SO IS A TESTAMENT TO FIFTY YEARS OF POST-EARTH DAY EFFORTS BY A WHOLE HOST OF LOCAL HEROES AND PARTNERS AT THE STATE LEVEL, TOO. WITHOUT THEIR WORK, THIS OPPORTUNITY WOULD NOT YET EXIST. OUR ORGANIZATION IS GRATEFUL TO HAVE PLAYED A ROLE NOT ONLY IN THE DESIGN OF THIS CROSSING PROJECT, BUT ALSO IN CONSERVING THE RESOURCES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE 101 SO THAT THE LINKAGE MIGHT BE RESTORED AND PRESERVED.”**

**CLARK STEVENS**

Architect & Executive Officer, Resource Conservation  
District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM)



**“SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF 36 HOTSPOTS OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ON EARTH BUT MANY COASTAL HABITATS IN THIS REGION HAVE BEEN SEVERED FROM INLAND LANDSCAPES. RESTORING CONNECTIVITY ACROSS US-101 WILL PROVIDE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA’S PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE THE ESSENTIAL HABITAT IT NEEDS FOR SURVIVAL. THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY HAS BEEN A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THIS PROJECT FOR MANY YEARS, HAVING FUNDED THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DESIGN OF THE CROSSING IN 2015, SO WE ARE THRILLED TO BREAK GROUND ON THIS PROJECT THAT WILL HAVE A HUGE POSITIVE IMPACT ON REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY AND MEANS SO MUCH TO THE PEOPLE OF THE L.A. AREA.”**

**AMY HUTZEL**

Executive Officer,  
California State Coastal Conservancy



**“THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING CAMPAIGN HAS SPARKED A CONSERVATION MOVEMENT BY MAKING THE PLIGHT OF OUR LOCAL PUMAS A GLOBAL CONVERSATION. THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT IS PROVING THAT BIG CITIES LIKE LOS ANGELES HAVE NATURE THAT IS UNIQUE AND WORTH PROTECTING. AS SOMEONE WHO GREW UP IN THIS REGION, THIS UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT IN HABITAT CONNECTIVITY WILL NOT ONLY CREATE A CRITICAL CONNECTION FOR PUMAS AND LOCAL WILDLIFE BUT THIS HIGH PROFILE CROSSING WILL CONNECT HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED COMMUNITIES TO LOCAL NATURE FOR MANY GENERATIONS TO COME. WE ARE ENABLING THE WORLD TO REDEFINE WHERE NATURE EXISTS AND WHY URBAN AREAS DESERVE MORE CONSERVATION ATTENTION.”**

**MIGUEL ORDEÑANA**

Wildlife Biologist & Community Science Manager,  
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County





**“IT TAKES A VILLAGE. LET’S USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE THE MANY ADVOCATES AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS, PAST AND PRESENT, WHO SPENT YEARS WORKING WITH LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND SIMI HILLS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE. RECONNECTING THESE LARGE ISLANDS OF HABITAT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BUSY 101 FREEWAY IS AN ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE STORY, ESPECIALLY IN THE MOST POPULATED COUNTY IN THE U.S. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, OUR SMMNRA LEADERS AND BIOLOGISTS, CALTRANS, THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, AND THE GENEROUS DONORS OF BOTH TIME AND MONEY, FOR HELPING MAKE THIS DREAM A REALITY.”**

California State Senator  
**FRAN PAVLEY** *(retired)*





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#### **OBI KAUFMANN**

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*He is the author of The California Field Atlas (2017, #1 San Francisco Chronicle Best Seller), The State of Water: Understanding California's Most Precious Natural Resource (2019), and The Forests of California: A California Field Atlas (2020), all published by Heyday. When he is not backpacking, you can find the painter-poet at home in the East Bay, posting trail paintings at his handle **@coyotethunder** on Instagram. His website is **coyoteandthunder.com**.*

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