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Striking a Balance:
*Conservation and
Development in
Orange County*

NOVEMBER 17 - APRIL 2017
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EXHIBIT GALLERY

Welcome to the UCI Libraries' 2016 Fall Exhibit

Striking a Balance: Conservation and Development in Orange County

Orange County is the smallest county in southern California, yet it is the richest in public lands – we are home to over 55,000 acres of open space. Mountain slopes, rolling hills, coastal valleys, seaside terraces, and pristine beaches characterize the county. Yet it is no coincidence that Orange County sets aside so much land for public access.

The natural and open spaces in Orange County such as Crystal Cove State Park, Irvine Ranch Open Space Preserve, the Laguna Greenbelt, and various regional parks make up a tapestry of land moved from private ownership, preserved by citizen groups, mandated by state and federal laws, and set aside as natural spaces for the protection of wildlife and the increased quality of life of its residents. Open spaces in Orange County are as much a part of our regional identity as are the partnerships that formed to protect them.

Striking a Balance chronicles the story of how residents, private land owners, and state and local government have compromised, collaborated, and committed to the preservation and conservation of some of the most treasured greenbelts, parks, preserves, and beaches in the state – each one celebrated for its immense beauty and precious ecosystems.

Exhibit curators John Sisson (Biological Sciences Librarian) and Krystal Tribbett (Oral History & Documentation Projects Coordinator) have used photographs, archival documents, and items from UCI Libraries' Special Collections and Archives to highlight Orange County's natural communities and document the challenge of balancing growth and development with wildlife and wilderness. The narrative includes the push and pull between unlikely partners such as Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., Friends of Newport Bay, Crystal Cove Alliance, The Irvine Company and the State of California.

We are honored to feature speakers at the exhibit opening (November 17, 2016), who will share their expertise and discuss the strategic balance between conservation and development in the region:



Travis E. Huxman, Ph.D.
Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Director, Center for Environmental Biology; Director, UCI Sustainability Initiative



Milan Mitrovich, Ph.D.
Science Coordinator for the Natural Communities Coalition



Michael O'Connell
Executive Director, Irvine Ranch Conservancy

This exhibit--*Striking a Balance*--is a story of milestones and victories that set apart Orange County as a leader in the protection of our natural communities.

Lorelei Tanji
University Librarian



California Coastal Gnatcatcher.

The UCI Libraries preserves and makes accessible the world's largest collection on the history of the Orange County region, including records in all formats representing the mission period to the present.

We seek your support to document the lives and impact of the communities in our region as part of our ongoing effort to reflect the rich heritage of Orange County.



Red Rocks of Black Star Canyon in the Irvine Ranch Open Space.

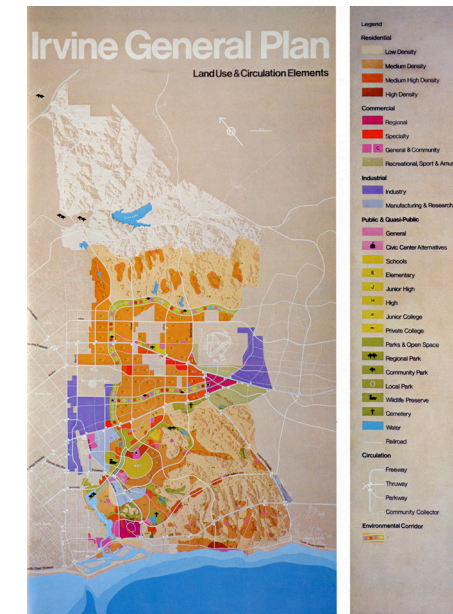
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City of Irvine general plan for land use. June, 1971.

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