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**RIVERS & LANDS**  
CONSERVANCY

# CARETAKERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S NATURAL, WILD AND OPEN SPACES

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# WHO WE ARE

- ▶ Formed in 1989 as a local citizens group (“Riverside Land Conservancy”)
- ▶ Non-profit “Land Trust”
- ▶ Conserved over 14,500 acres
- ▶ Currently hold and manage ~ 2,600 acres
- ▶ Accept and hold conservation lands throughout southern California
- ▶ Our staff have educational backgrounds in Forestry, Biology, Environmental Science, and even creative writing.





# WHAT IS A LAND TRUST?

A charitable organization that acquires land or conservation easements, or that stewards (cares for) land or easements, to achieve one or more **conservation purposes**



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## Conservation Purposes

- ▶ Protection of sensitive or endangered species
- ▶ Water Resources
- ▶ Scenic Value
- ▶ Historical Value



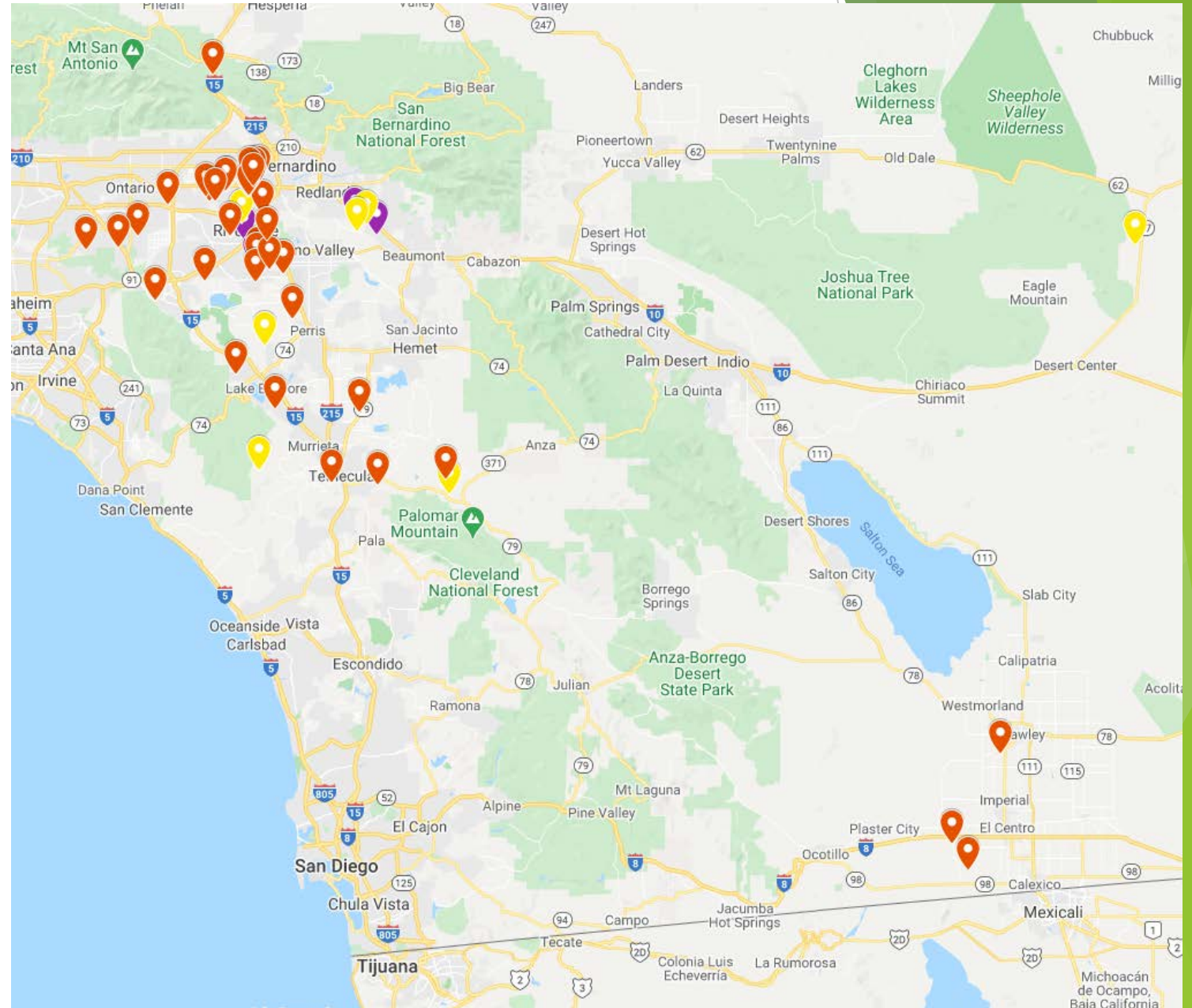


# CONSERVATION PROPERTIES

 Open Space Preserves

 Conservation Transfer Properties

 Mitigation Properties





# POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS

## 2019 Statistics:

- ▶ 31 volunteer events
- ▶ 500 volunteers
- ▶ 1,367 volunteer hours
- ▶ 261 tires removed from open space
- ▶ 12,778 pounds of trash removed
- ▶ 2,201 native plants planted





# FOR MORE INFORMATION:



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