



# Cuyamaca Rancho Foundation

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## Message from the President

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As we near the beginning of summer, I find myself reflecting on the years my kids were school age and our house was filled with excitement looking forward to adventures in the great outdoors. Both Cuyamaca and Palomar State Park are absolutely beautiful with flowing water, wild flowers, birds and herds of deer. Make sure you get out and visit these special places. They are for you to enjoy.

The Foundation is diligently working on the acquisition of two properties to expand Cuyamaca Rancho State Park (CRSP). Funding has been found to finalize a 7.67 acre parcel located at the north end of the park boundary. Though the property was bequeathed to CRSP, expenses run into the thousands of dollars to verify and prepare all the required documents to change ownership. The property provides benefits for wildlife movement, as well as cultural landscape values.

CRF has been working on acquiring another property that is located in an area along Sweetwater River that is rich in natural resources. Three parcels make up the 20.67 acres. The land is considered to be an excellent addition to the park by the Cuyamaca Rancho Foundation and the Colorado Desert District, Montane Sector. Acquisition of this property would extend the parks southern boundary and help create a buffer with the existing Wilderness Area. At the present time we are hopeful funds can be raised to complete this acquisition.

We held our annual meeting at the cabin of board member Lee Fetzer. We welcomed a new board member Jenny Belle Bowman of Descanso and elected our officers for the coming year.

Whether you're a long time friend of CRF or someone who has just discovered us, you are important to our efforts. Your contributions are important to insure adequate funding to maintain the work of our all volunteer organization. Visit our website for more information about our projects.

Sincerely,

Lynda Sterns  
President  
Cuyamaca Rancho Foundation