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## **The San Diego River Park Foundation Completes Open Space Conservation Acquisition of Lillian Hill 80-Acre Property**



*Photos from the top of Lillian Hill taken by: Mysteri Lemay*

**San Diego, CA** (January 5, 2023) - On December 30th, The San Diego River Park Foundation announced that it has successfully completed an 80-acre property acquisition along Boulder Creek Road near the 3 Sisters Waterfall, surrounded by the Cleveland National Forest. The project is named "*Lillian Hill*" for the well-known natural feature that borders the property. With amazing panoramic views and significant wildlife values, this project was a top priority for the organization at the end of 2022. In just a few weeks, the organization was able to raise over \$475,000 in support, with more than 230 individuals, businesses, and organizations making the open-space conservation acquisition possible.

A documented wildlife corridor, the purchase of this property will ensure that the creek that runs thru will remain wild, forever available for the wildlife that depends upon it as well as protecting the health of the water that flows in it before it reaches Boulder Creek and the San Diego River. Badgers, bobcats, foxes, and even golden eagles have been documented to call Lillian Hill home. On the market, the property was listed for sale for the development of five new homes.

Now that the property has been acquired, The San Diego River Park Foundation will take on a major cleanup of the property and begin to restore its natural beauty. Volunteers are needed to help with this effort. After carefully documenting the property, the organization plans to identify what can be used for recreational trails while still protecting natural and cultural resources. The

hope is to open a trail to the top of Lillian Hill so all can enjoy the stunning views. In addition, the organization will start an effort to raise \$50,000 to replenish its open space acquisition fund for future conservation opportunities.

To learn more about getting involved in the clean-up effort, visit and sign up for e-news:

[https://sandiegoriver.org/current\\_projects\\_lillianhill.html](https://sandiegoriver.org/current_projects_lillianhill.html)

### **About The San Diego River Park Foundation**

The San Diego River Park Foundation's mission is to engage people to work toward a better future for the historic San Diego River and create a 52-mile river parkway from the mountains to the ocean. The San Diego River Park Foundation is a non-profit community-based organization founded in 2001 that believes the San Diego River has incredible potential as a cultural, ecological, and recreational treasure for our region.

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