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Community Impact Statement / Request for Assistance

To whom it may concern:

This letter is a request for assistance in the treatment of invasive weeds such as castor bean, fountain grass, Ca. fan palms, etc. growing within Limekiln Canyon and Aliso Canyon Park. Over the past several years we have been working with Recreation and Parks Forestry Division utilizing joint funding from our budget and Council District 12 to reduce fuel loads and improve the maintenance of parks. Total funding spent to fund overtime for RAP forestry division is more than \$50,000.

The work has been very successful and now we are at the point where we can begin to address and remove the invasive weeds before they spread further into the rest of the park. We have been in discussions with Leon Boroditsky as well as other stakeholders and we are all in agreement that we need to address this issue to help return these oak woodland native plant communities to their natural state. In the past there was Recreation and Parks staff and California Native Plant Society staff that would spot treat the invasives.

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council is therefore requesting assistance on behalf of our stakeholders and community partners within the City (CD 12 and RAP Forestry Division) that we work towards a means to remove these invasive plants to prevent their rapid spread through our canyons. Within Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction there are hundreds of acres of parkland, and we are doing our best to be good stewards of this much cherished and appreciated resources. It is through our partnerships and support of the community that we can get this work done together. Thank you for your support and attention to this important matter. We look forward to completion of this important work.

Sincerely,

David Balen,
PRNC President

Jason Hector
PRNC Treasurer