Press Release

Newly Established Preserve to Protect Desert Habitat in San Diego County:
San Diego Habitat Conservancy now owns the southeastern most corner of San Diego County - the 11.59-acre Energia Sierra Juarez Preserve

San Diego County, CA — San Diego Habitat Conservancy (SDHC) now owns the southeastern most corner of San Diego County. SDHC's 11.59-acre Energia Sierra Juarez Preserve is located within the Jacumba mountain range along the U.S./Mexico border, directly to the west of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Jacumba Mountains Wilderness Area. The preserve serves as onsite mitigation for the Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-Tie Line project.

The majority of the preserve consists of Sonoran mixed woody scrub on undulating rocky slopes, with two dry desert drainages running in an east-to-west orientation. The preserve serves as a refuge for a variety of wildlife, including black-throated sparrows, peninsular bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and southern mule deer. SDHC's long-term management duties will include surveys to assess the condition of the habitat and provide any necessary remediation, such as removal of invasive plants and trash, to ensure the long-term viability of the sensitive resources and wildlife present onsite.

SDHC was established in 2000 and currently manages 26 open space preserves throughout the San Diego region, for a total of nearly 1,800 acres. Our focus is to preserve and manage sensitive habitat and species that are unique to our southern California environment. SDHC strives to share our knowledge and appreciation of the natural environment with the San Diego community, encouraging participation in the stewardship of our region's precious open space. The mission of SDHC is *to conserve and manage sensitive habitats and species while inspiring land stewardship through education and outreach.*

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