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Dear Greenbelt Supporter,

I hope that you and your family have had a healthy and successful year.

I want to thank you once again for your past support of the Laguna Greenbelt and our mission to preserve and protect our precious open spaces and the wildlife within them. Without your support, our successes over the last year would not be possible.

Much has been accomplished in 2022. I want to highlight three areas.

The Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor:

Our efforts to ensure that the animals and vegetation in our open spaces continue to thrive is dependent on completing a safe passage to the Cleveland National Forest.

Here are some highlights:

- Irvine Segment – FivePoint, as part of their Great Park Neighborhoods development, has completed grading, planting, and fencing (to keep humans out) for about 2/3 of this 2-1/2-mile segment. Wildlife experts are already reporting seeing animals using this portion of the Corridor. Ribbon cutting is on schedule for 2026 for this remarkable dedicated wildlife corridor through the heart of the third most dense County in California.

- Project 30x30 – Project 30x30 is an effort by the global community to conserve 30% of terrestrial and marine habitats by 2030. This goal has been adopted by over 100 countries, including the U.S.

The state of California rolled out a statewide effort in April,

with a Southland Region committee formed to identify priority projects. After examining over 100 projects, the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor, along with the 22,000-acre Laguna Greenbelt, was recognized as a priority 30X30 Project in the region to achieve climate resiliency and proposed for listing on the State's Wildlife Corridor Priority Map.



Members of the Greenbelt Board view a portion of the Wildlife Corridor, approximately 600 feet wide at this point.

