

**TOPANGA CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Introduction

HOW TO USE THE TOPANGA CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Topanga Creek Watershed Management Plan is organized according to categories, with all associated information incorporated under each topic. The categories were selected by the Committee during 3 years of deliberations and reflect our current understanding of the components of the Topanga Creek Watershed Goals. The intention is to update and amend this document as necessary in order to respond to the evolution of our planning process.

SECTIONS:

1. Archeological and Cultural Resources
2. Economics
3. Education and Outreach
4. Flood and Fire Hazard Protection
5. Land Use: Grading, Drainage, Erosion Control
6. Natural Environment
7. Recreation
8. Transportation
9. Water Quality
10. Looking Ahead: Monitoring, Research and Restoration Programs
11. Looking Back: Recommendations implemented by October 2001

The information is organized as follows under each topic:

- Goals
- Introduction
- **ACTIONS (bold)**
- *Recommendations that require legal or political action (italics)*
- Priority actions or research that still need funding or further investigation (underlined). Not listed in order of importance.
- References
- Supplementary information

Note: Each recommendation is numbered. If a recommendation appears under more than one category, it retains the first number it was assigned and will be in parentheses. A See Also reference will be found at the end of the recommendation to lead readers to other related sections.

HOW WILL WE KNOW IF THE PLAN IS WORKING?

The success of the Topanga Creek Watershed Management Plan will be evaluated every 5 years or more as needed by monitoring the following:

- Protecting life and property from flood, wildfire and earthquake hazards
- Improving water quality at Topanga Beach and in the upper watershed
- Eliminating upper watershed water quality “hot spots”
- Evaluating the effects of implementing recommended Best Management Practices,
- Institutionalizing Best Management Practices for Topanga with local and state agencies,
- Integrating the voluntary land use guidelines for Topanga into local planning documents, such as the Local Coastal Plan and Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan,
- Maintaining viable populations of native flora and fauna,
- Restoring the population of endangered steelhead trout

WHO SHOULD USE THIS PLAN?

The Topanga Creek Watershed Management Plan provides voluntary guidelines for living sustainably in the watershed. It is meant to provide educational resources for all stakeholders, both residents and agencies.