

# THE MONTEBELLO HILLS IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN MONTEBELLO

- Parks add value to local real estate without increasing service costs
- Hillside homes can cost 20-30% more than they add in tax revenues
- Montebello's park space is far less than federally recommended guidelines of 10 park acres per 1,000 residents
- Montebello's children will have easy access to trails where they can explore and enjoy the natural surroundings
- Childhood obesity, asthma, and diabetes are major health problems. Kids need parks for exercise.
- Park use will allow oil revenues to continue for the benefit of Montebello.





#### DID YOU KNOW

Early life in Montebello was organized around the Rio Hondo and Montebello Hills.

The Tongva-Gabrieliño Indians foraged in the hills.

The first San Gabriel Mission site was on the Rio Hondo next to the hills.

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Adobe, the oldest structure in Montebello, stands near the river at the base of the hills.

Oil production began in the 1920's, bringing millions in revenue to the city.

## LET'S KEEP THE MONTEBELLO HILLS FOR ALL OF US

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## VISION FOR THE MONTEBELLO HILLS

## IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT THE BIRDS!

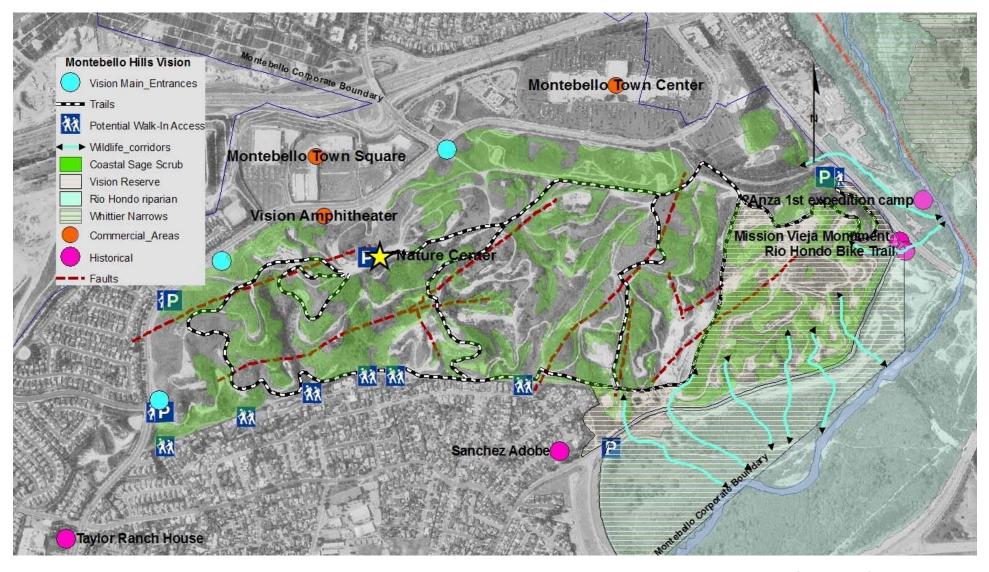




Silky flycatcher

California gnatcatcher

The Montebello Hills provide a haven for the threatened California gnatcatcher, it's true. But their value to Montebello goes far beyond the birds. Read more about the long-range vision for the hills and add your voice to those who want to see these hills add lasting value for all who live in Montebello.



### THIS PARK COULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

The Sierra Club's vision for the Montebello Hills includes features that improve the quality of life for Montebello residents and visitors. Located next to Emerald Necklace trails, the Montebello Hills allow easy access to this regional network of parks and trails, and create a destination on their own.

#### ON THE SOUTH

**Loop Trails -** Using existing oil company roads, with restored native plants, trails will allow trail users options for short or long trips

**Walk-in Access -** Walk-in trailheads allow easy access for Montebello residents

**Family Picnic Sites -** Tables for family gatherings or small groups

**Natural Areas -** Restored natural habitat to improve wildlife values

#### ON THE NORTH

**Drive-in Access -** Road access near 60 freeway **Nature Center/Outdoor Classroom -** A small nature center, including a self-guided trail describing the natural values of the hills, provides educational opportunities for school field trips

**Traditional City Park** - In suitable locations, grassy areas for recreation and gatherings **Amphitheater** - Outdoor entertainment venue for concerts or events