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AmeriCorps First Quarter Report

Redlands Field Office
As of November 30, 1994

1. Number of Members Enrolled at the Time of the Launch:

On September 12, 1994 four AmeriCorps were sworn in at the launch. They were Penny Peterson, Adrian Gonzalez, Tai Diep, and Barbara Castillo.

2. Number of Members Enrolled at the End of the Quarter:

As of November 30, 1994 there are **seven** AmeriCorps members stationed at the Redlands Field Office. **Three** new members began their service on September 26, 1994. They are Toan Bui, Jamie Fisher, and Kevin Nguyen.

3. Total Number of Hours of Direct Service Performed:

The **first four** AmeriCorps members (Penny, Adrian, Tai, and Barbara) have performed **440 hours** of their service time. The other **three** AmeriCorps (Toan, Jamie, and Kevin) have completed **360 hours** of their service time to the AmeriCorps program.

4. Total Number of Hours in Training:

The AmeriCorps members for the Redlands Field Office have completed **111** hours of training on various subjects (hydrology, topography survey, waste management planning,...).

5. Progress Towards Meeting Community Service Objectives:

The objectives for the AmeriCorps members in the Redlands Field Office are to reduce water pollution, conserve water, and improve irrigation. As of November, no practices have been installed but there has been great improvements in the projects set to meet our objectives. Three dairies have been surveyed which total **130 acres**, **6,867 tons** of waste will be recycled or eliminated once the practices have been implemented. An average of **\$9,000 savings** were realized to owner by having the AmeriCorps and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) do the surveying.

AmeriCorps members also surveyed Rathbone Creek in the City of Big Bear under the Clean Lakes Project. They staked approximately **6,000 feet** along the creek and **5,000 feet** were actually surveyed. Due to conflicting weather conditions (snow, ice, and wind) the survey has not been completed. The information that was gathered will still be important to the continuation of the Rathbone Creek project. Once completed, this project will reduce the risk of flooding to homeowners and businesses in the City of Big Bear.

A survey of Mrs. Eldona Arns ranch was also completed by the Americorps but practices have not been implemented as of this date. The Arns ranch is **5 acres** with **38 horses**. The applied practices will recycle **26.5 tons** of waste per year.

6. Primary Accomplishments:

The AmeriCorps members have been involved in several community service projects in the area. They have worked after hours and on weekends in many occasions. Their work has made a difference in the community. The projects include:

The Annual Grape Harvest Festival in Ontario

AmeriCorps*USA

Operating Site Quarterly Report

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Date this report was completed: JUNE 30, 1995

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Corporation for National Service Operating Site Quarterly Report

- Operating site name: EL CENTRO, CA 92243 RECD COUNTY OFFICE
- Program name: USDA-RURAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- Corporation grantee name: USDA
- Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:
☐ First Quarter (10/1—12/31)
 ☐ Second Quarter (1/1—3/31)
 ☒ Third Quarter (4/1—6/30)
 ☐ Fourth Quarter (7/1—9/30)
- On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? 09-30-94
- In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

	Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours or Required Service
Full-time	1. SANTIAGO (JIMMY) LUEVANOS	QTR HRS. 479, 513, 475
	2. MARIA PATRICIA GONZALES	463, 378, 512
Part-time	0	

- Please provide estimates of the following:
 - Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: 0
 - Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: 0

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter: (In detail, describe your central activities, project milestones, and most important "things gotten done" this quarter.)

I currently serve as an AmeriCorps National Service Member in the USDA's Rural Economic & Community Development Service (RECD) Imperial County Office located in El Centro, California, the county seat of Imperial County. This county office serves the following rural towns in Imperial County: (The information presented is based on data gathered by Laurin Associates, prepared for the IMPERIAL VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY in 1991.)

<u>Town</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Per Capita Income 1987</u>
Brawley	18,923	\$8,097
Calexico	18,633	\$4,489
Calipatria	2,690	\$5,889
Holtville	4,820	\$7,796
Imperial	4,113	\$8,643
Westmorland	1,380	\$5,788
Heber	2,566	N/A
Niland	1,183	N/A
Seeley	1,228	N/A

Population by race in Imperial County consists of:

White	29%
Black	2.1%
Am. Indian/Alute	1.4%
Asian	1.5 %
Other	0.1%
Hispanic	69%

Agriculture is by far the most significant industry in Imperial County. One in every three workers is directly employed by an agricultural firm. Because of the seasonal crops, Imperial county has periods of high unemployment. Typically, Imperial County has had the highest unemployment and poverty rate among California Counties.

As an AmeriCorps Member, my role is to spread information concerning the Section 504 Rural Housing Repair Loan and Grant program to very-low income homeowners through out Imperial County California, and to assist the eligible homeowners in the application process. This RECD office in the past had not accomplished much 504 outreach. Mainly because of the volume of 502 new construction and self help program loans, and servicing of existing 502 loans that keep the staff busy. During Fiscal Year 1994 there were no 504 Rural Housing repair loans or grants processed.

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I contacted the City of Brawley Housing Rehabilitation Program and mentioned our 504 program. Brawley is located approximately 17 miles north of El Centro. The Brawley Housing Rehabilitation Program assists very-low income homeowners with low interest construction loans (3%) to replace their current homes that are in such deteriorated condition that make the house sub-standard and a health and safety hazard for the occupants. I mentioned to the City of Brawley that I could assist the elderly homeowners with grants to pay for the costs of certain phases of the new construction. I assisted one elderly lady with a grant of \$4,900.00 to pay for the dismantling of her existing dwelling, permits, and the new air conditioning and heating system. I also contacted the City of Calipatria located approximately 35 miles northwest of El Centro, to inform their redevelopment agency about the 504 program.

OBJECTIVES

My main objectives have been:

1. To promote awareness of the 504 Program to all the residents through out Imperial County.
2. To inform other agencies about the 504 program
3. Establish a system to get the information out to the public.
4. Establish a working relationship with contractors and make them aware how the 504 program functions.
5. Finally, to aid as many very-low income homeowners that need assistance as possible.

CENTRAL ACTIVITIES

My central activities continue to revolve around outreach for the 504 program, and assisting with applications. In order to make it easier for the applicants, I go to their home and complete the application and other necessary forms. I have spread the 504 information to the residents through the use of four local newspapers, the Imperial Valley Press, Calexico Chronicle, El Sol, and The Valley Shopper. Announcements have also been aired over two radio stations (KQVO-FM, KMXK-FM). I have also given information about the program to the Catholic Church in the City of Calexico,

Catholic Church of Holtville located approximately 15 miles east of El Centro, Catholic Church in Calipatria, and to the Catholic Church of El Centro. I have also been interviewed two times on a TV station from Yuma AZ (KSWT-TV). The most recent interview was this quarter. I have also conducted meetings at the Senior Centers in the City of Calexico, and Calipatria. Because of the large Hispanic population, I found that promoting the 504 program in Spanish and English produced better results than only advertising in English.

Unique successes or "great stories": (Briefly describe unique and/or exceptional successes, program highlights, or "great stories" about AmeriCorps people projects or partnerships that occurred this quarter.)

The entire third quarter has been a success story. There have been ten 504 grants approved, and two combination loan and grants approved. All of the recipients have expressed their appreciation for the 504 program and the AmeriCorps National Service. It is a gratifying feeling when these people, especially the elderly tell me that if it were not for this program they don't know how they would have gotten their air conditioning, or windows, or roof, or plumbing repaired. One elderly lady in particular sticks out in my mind. She lives in the City of Holtville, population 4,820 approximately 15 miles east of El Centro. Her house was in need of a roof, two windows, and a front security screen door. The roof was in such bad condition that every time it rained it leaked and the ceiling inside was stained. She read about the 504 program in the Valley Shopper newspaper and called the RECD office. Fortunately I was able to assist her, and after the repairs were completed she mentioned that if it were not for the program she would not have been able to replace the roof, windows, and security screen door. This is only one homeowner of several who have expressed their appreciation for the assistance that the 504 program and AmeriCorps have given.

Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives: (Briefly describe how accomplishments this quarter relate to achieving each of your three sets of annual outcome objectives: (1) Direct Service Objectives, (2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives, and (3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives. Where available, describe evaluation data that indicate progress during the past quarter toward achieving your annual outcomes. Summarize activities related to establishing an evaluation system or conducting your local evaluation (e.g. instruments developed, data collection plans established, etc.).

(1) Direct Service Objective:

As of the end of the 3rd Quarter (June 30, 1995) the number of inquiries regarding the 504 Section Program are as follows:

	<u>FY94</u>	<u>FY95</u>
504 Inquiries:	0	250

As of the end of the 3rd Quarter, the number of applications for RECD aid has increased as follows:

	<u>FY94</u>	<u>FY95</u>
Section 504 Grants and Loans:	0	37

As of the end of the 3rd Quarter, the actual recipients of RECD aid are as follows:

	<u>FY94</u>	<u>FY95</u>	<u>TOTAL AMT.</u>
Section 504 Grants and Loans:	0	19	\$94,840.00

As of the end of the 3rd Quarter, there are 4 applications pending approval (estimated at \$40,000.00).

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter: (Report on problems resolved and unresolved, obstacles to achieving program objectives, significant sources of delay, program elements not meeting expectations, events or incidents that caused concern.)

I received an AmeriCorps sweatjacket, but never received any T-shirts. Imperial County is located in the southeast part of California in the low desert and is hot six months out of the year, needless to say I have not had any use for a sweatjacket.

Suggestions for improving next year's AmeriCorps program:

I would suggest that AmeriCorps Members involved with the RECD programs for the following year have more technical training in working with the application process. As I mentioned before, the 504 program had not seen any movement in this RECD office until AmeriCorps came in. RECD staff is so busy with 502 new construction and self help program loans, and the servicing of existing 502 loans that the 504 program was virtually new to the staff. So as I was learning the 504 program from the County Supervisor, he was also being refreshed as to the procedures of the 504.

Communication needs to be improved between AmeriCorps Member and Washington in the following year. When I first started my service in this RECD office, two months went by before I had any contact with Washington. Several AmeriCorps training sessions took place that I was not made aware of until after the fact. Communication did improve as the months moved ahead but not as well as should have.

National Identity Activities this Quarter: (Report on activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. Examples could include new uniforms, signage or publicity materials; projects with other AmeriCorps programs; training members in national skill areas (communication/conflict resolution or CPR/first aid); participation in national service projects (HIV/AIDS awareness training, environmental audits, or citizenship education); graduation or swearing-in ceremonies, use of national recruitment, use of AmeriCorps Member Handbook.)

As I mentioned earlier, I and the County Supervisor were interviewed on a local TV station. We spoke briefly about AmeriCorps and the 504 Rural Housing Repair loan and grant program. I explained about my role as an AmeriCorps Member assisting very-low income homeowners with 504 applications. I am planning on obtaining a copy of the interview and forwarding it to Washington.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, etc.)

RECD clerk as been promoted to County Loan Technician (CLT).



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NOTE:

Describe your major accomplishments this quarter. List them by each objective from your work plan. Under each objective, describe your major accomplishments for this quarter toward each objective. If there was no progress, explain how plans changed.

Objective 1:

To increase the number of Housing loan applicants in the Poe Colonia area by 30 new applications.

Accomplishments:

The Poe colonia residents were informed of our rehabilitation program through direct contact at a community meeting in their area. This meeting was held on April 6, there were 25 people present. I set up a 30 minute presentation in which I explained our program and answered any questions they had. This activity resulted in getting applicants signed up for this particular program. So far we have 14 residents that have applied.

Objective 2:

To increase community interaction between local businesses, agencies, service groups, and numerous community members.

Accomplishments:

A farmer's market was held in April in which I had 8 people from various agencies volunteer to help in the DECA booth, which belongs to the business merchants of El Centro. This resulted in bringing people from other agencies to work together to help promote more economic development in the city of El Centro. I assisted in the planning and coordination of this event which was considered a success according to our local business merchants.

Objective 3:

To increase community awareness between different agencies in the community with its community members.

Accomplishments:

A professional's conference was held in May for business owners and supervisors on how to identify drug use in the work place, what recovery programs are available, and how Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) come in to play. We had 79 people from the community participate in this conference. I assisted with the planning of the conference and worked at the event.

Objective 4:

To increase better communication skills within our agencies as well as well as with our customers.

Accomplishments:

A customer service training seminar was held in the later part of

June in which we were exposed to customer friendly skills to help us better understand our customers and to serve them in a friendlier more efficient manner. These skills can also be used to improve communication and efficiency in our own agency. Sixteen members from various county, district, and the state RECD's offices participated in this seminar.

Objective 5:

To increase community pride and to promote more community interaction.

Accomplishments:

Working in the Winterhaven area which is about 75% Native American. Trying to get the community to help restore a public park and to help beautify the community by painting over graffiti and by helping to restore buildings in the community. A safe and clean public park will help the children, families, and members of the community establish community pride in their community and in themselves.

Unplanned Activities: Please describe all accomplishments for the quarter that were not in your workplan:

I gave an Americorp presentation at the beginning of the month of June at the San Pasqual High School in Winterhaven. The 45 seniors present were really interested in hearing about Americorp.

I also helped organized a food drive at San Pasqual High School. We collected can foods and some nonperishable items to help replenish a local food bank that we use when people don't have any money for food.

I also got in touch with an organization, Catholic Charities, that donates food baskets and we were able to get 6 food baskets to put up at the Healthy Start center. We will be able to use this organization for future use.

Unique Success or Great Stories (Briefly describe a unique and/or exceptional success, program highlights, or "great stories" about your project or partnerships you formed with other people and/or organizations).

My success story would be that since I have been on board with Americorp more people come or call our agency specifically asking for my assistance. They feel comfortable with me for they know I will get the job done. If I can't help them they know I will get them help with the appropriate agency and person. I also have started a network of agencies working together, the local RECD office, city of El Centro Redevelopment Agency, Chamber of Commerce, and various agencies in the County. If I or the County can't help the customer we will refer them to appropriate agency. We are working together to form partnerships in progress.

Primary Challenges: (Report problems may have encountered in your program this quarter. These can be about obstacles to achieving your objectives, significant causes of delay, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that caused concern.

The only concern I had is that I thought my year of service would be over October 1, and now I have been informed that it is up in August 9. Other than that I had no other problems this quarter.

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Time Period: December 1 - March 31, 1995

1. Number of Members enrolled at the time of the launch.

None.

2. Number of Members enrolled at the end of the quarter (Mar. 31).

Six

3. Total number of hours of Direct Services performed.

5,358 hours

4. Total number of hours in training.

230

5. Progress towards meeting Community Service Objectives.

Team Members are still providing valuable assistance to all 3 Soil Survey Project Offices that are located on the Fort Irwin Army Base, Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, and the Edwards Air Force Base. They have assisted directly or indirectly of the mapping of approximately 80,000+ acres. In addition they are making an extra effort to educate the public at all levels on the importance of soils and the need to conserve it, and how soil surveys can be used by the general public. One specific activity involves the exposure of elementary students in grades 3 to 5 to soils. The Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District was unable to get this program off the ground for over a year and a half. The program is called the "Soil Saver Club" This program provides a hands on educational experience as well as classroom exercises for the students to appreciate soils in their local environment. This program would not have gotten off the ground had it not been for the AmeriCorps Team Members efforts. They have been working with school educational administrators at 3 school districts.

Team Members are assisting the Soil Survey Staff accelerate their mapping efforts on all 3 bases. Vegetation evaluations to provide data for the Ecological Site descriptions has been started, with anticipation of the Team Members obtaining the basic vegetative data that goes beyond what is found in our typical agricultural soil surveys.

One Team Member has developed a step by step procedure for new soil scientists to follow when completing the Form 5 soils report. Our NRCS State Soils staff were so impressed with this form that they plan in using it as a training reference for all new soil scientists.

6. Primary Accomplishments

Assistance in the mapping of approximately 80,000 acres.

Dissemination of 4,000 Soil Saver Club workbooks to the Barstow, Victor Valley, and Apple Valley School Districts. Approximately 400 workbooks, printed in Spanish were targeted to Hispanic students.

Educational outreach effort to 4 local high schools.

Participation in a teachers workshop, demonstrating how teachers can incorporate soils information and its importance to the environment into their teaching curriculum.

Development of training tool for new soil scientists.

7. Projected outcomes for next quarter.

Expansion of the Soil Saver Club program to outlying rural schools within San Bernardino County that typically are not provided with this kind of educational training opportunities for its students.

Continued work on the vegetation studies for the Ecological Site descriptions and soil mapping efforts.

Participation in educational workshops and/or displays emphasizing the importance of soils and its relation to the local environment. Planned displays. Earth Day exhibits at the Marine Corps base in Barstow, and at the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps base. Participation in a workshop in Tehachapi, that will be targeted to females, that will show them other professional work opportunities available to them.

8. Primary challenges.

The computer challenges of not having enough computer terminals has been corrected. Additional terminals were provided at each of the worksites. Graphical Information System (GIS) activities will be limited due to lack of equipment and amount of time needed to provide adequate training. We still plan on moving on with our GIS activities once equipment and training become available.

9. Primary training and technical assistance needs.

Training needs are being met as needed. UNIX training is planned for next quarter so as to prepare Members for possible GIS activities.

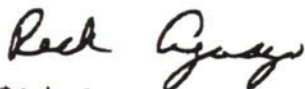
10. Media coverage.

A display exhibiting the contributions of women was on display at the County Branch Library in Barstow, CA for the entire month of March. This display not only included famous women, but also included pictures and a brief biography of the female AmeriCorps Members of the Apple Valley Field Office cluster team.

11. Other creative documentation.

None.

Should you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to call me.



Rick Aguayo
District Conservationist
Apple Valley Field Office

cc: John Beyer, AC, Fresno Area Office

SECOND QUARTER AMERICORPS REPORT
FY-95
Petaluma Cluster
(Petaluma, Santa Rosa & Ukiah)

1. Number of members enrolled at the time of launch: 6
2. Number of members enrolled at the end of quarter: 6
3. Total number of hours of direct service performed: 4742
4. Total number of hours in training: 676

5. Progress toward meeting community service objectives:

Petaluma:

- * Water quality fact sheets developed.
- * Trained dairymen in the use of ammonia test kits.
- * Implementation of the development of conservation plans for 3 dairies and 1 vineyard.
- * Successfully met with surrounding landowners interested in water monitoring efforts along Stemple Creek for future conservation improvements.
- * Successfully met with a number of water agencies. (RWQCB, SWRCB, DFG) as to proper monitoring procedures, conditions, and regulations.
- * Obtained further training in conservation planning from NRCS via computer software (FOCS) and field work.
- * Wrote two newspaper articles in an outreach effort crediting elementary school in restoration work.
- * Outreach to coordinate landowners in upper Stemple Creek watershed to pursue a blanket permit to remove sediment from creek and promote riparian planting and fencing.
- * Grant proposal written to aid in funding for fencing and plant project along in Stemple Creek at a dairy.

Santa Rosa:

- * Trained seven dairy operators how to use a water quality ammonia test kit. Provided each with an ammonia test kit courtesy of the Gold Ridge RCD. Scheduled training for two additional operators who want assistance. Eight dairy operators have been trained to date.
- * Completed erosion inventory for cattle ranch. Erosion report and recommendations provided to landowner.
- * Received assistance from the Gold Ridge RCD to purchase rain gear, pH meter, salinity meter, temperature meter, and ten ammonia test kits. All equipment has been purchased and is being utilized to help dairy operators assess storm water runoff for water quality.
- * Received training to interpret aerial photographs for erosion estimates and salmonid habitat restoration (Coastal Forest Lands).
- * Received request from Sotoyome-Santa Rosa RCD to assist with coordinating sub-watershed groups in the Russian River watershed [319(h) grant implementation]. To date, have drafted and submitted initial work plan outlining AmeriCorps assistance.

* EWP work - Outreach and information dissemination for landowners in Big Sulphur Creek while assisting NRCS staff gather data and coordinate duties with other local, state, and federal agencies.

* Conducted a Soil Conservation Workshop for 8th grade girls at a Sonoma County wide "Expanding Your Horizons" conference.

* Completed initial draft of hillside vineyard erosion control brochure in conjunction with the United Winegrowers for Sonoma County.

* Wrote a proposal to employ fisherpeople for the Sotoyome-Santa Rosa RCD.

* Drafted "Soil Conservation Education" booklet for junior high school instruction.

* Received a request from the Alameda County RCD for training in the purchase and use of water quality monitoring equipment, especially related to land use practices involving animal waste. Training is scheduled for March 1995.

* Attended HIV/AIDS Awareness training.

* Attended Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference.

* Attended American Fisheries Society Russian River Symposium.

Ukiah:

* Round Valley (Covelo Area): The two client partnership described in the 1st quarterly report remains in place. These are the Round Valley Tribal Council and the citizen group involved in establishing the Round Valley Resource Center.

* Ukiah Valley Creek Restoration: One client partnership has been formed. Urban streams have been selected in the valley for riparian restoration on a prioritized basis by a citizen's committee formed by AmeriCorps member, Bill Randolph. The committee, the Ukiah Valley Stream Coalition meets regularly at AmeriCorps/NRCS office and is actively involved with Adopt-A-Watershed, and other local agencies.

* Met with 5 community groups amounting to 12 separate meetings. Networked with State and local agencies to facilitate communication between the various stakeholders in the Anderson Valley. On three occasions, toured a representative of the Mendocino Water Agency to various sites along the Navarro River to familiarize them with the Navarro Watershed. Met with landowners to discuss their individual concerns and have given them tours of other project areas to show them the positive results of land stewardship. Assisting a local elementary school organize their Earth Day celebration, enlisting local groups and agencies to participate.

*** Objectives and Accomplishments - Round Valley Tribal Council**

Option 9 Crew: In addition to on-site work in riparian restoration AmeriCorps now is providing "in-kind" support for its services such as database review, mapping and NRCS engineering time. The Tribal Council's stream restoration objectives are being met through on-going work on creeks and expanded efforts on reaches of upper Azbill, Hull and Tank Creeks. The unusually heavy rains experienced in the region in January, have had relatively little impact on creek restoration efforts.

* Ukiah Valley Resource Center is meeting its nonprofit corporate status and has submitted a USFS grant proposal (\$90,000) to set up its offices and start GIS and economic development data gathering. AmeriCorps remains supportive in providing maps

and/or economic development data. The group's focus is directed to formation of the Center; the original Town Creek restoration/vegetation objective has been shifted to Adopt-A-Watershed volunteers.

* Ukiah Valley Stream Coalition: The progress of this group has accelerated since the 1st quarterly report. The Coalition, which had recently formed at the end of the 1st quarter, has developed short and long term priorities in urban stream management and restoration. Three creeks in the City of Ukiah have been prioritized for work, slated for development of landowner assisted assessment and planting plan by mid-April 1995. Issues related to group liability insurance coverage are being resolved via 4-H membership by all adults and children involved with in-stream work activities. The issue of liability protection has been a major obstacle that is resolvable and is a major accomplishment.

6. Primary Accomplishments:

Petaluma:

- * Completion of 3 stage Upper Reach Stemple Creek Restoration Project in conjunction with elementary schools.
- * Implementation of planting plan which includes over 700 plants consisting of 15 species.
- * Sandbagging efforts on levee along San Pablo Bay for farmer during flooding emergency.
- * Obtained funding from Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board in the amount of \$5,000 to fence off riparian corridors on two dairies.
- * Presentations given to elementary school and high school on four different occasions concerning the importance of riparian habitat and native planting.
- * Funding obtained for further water monitoring efforts from the Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board in the sum of \$280.14.
- * Met with Deputy Secretary, Richard Rominger of the Department of Agriculture in regard to California floods and sandbagging efforts on nearby levee.

Santa Rosa:

- * Met 80% of goal to assist 10 dairy operators in water quality assessment.
- * Produced initial draft for hillside vineyard erosion control brochure.
- * Assisted NRCS with EWP work by conducting site investigations, provided emergency response plans and flood insurance options to landowners, completed Damage Survey Reports, surveyed sites and collected photographic documentation.
- * Drafted work plan of AmeriCorps assistance in Russian River watershed and submitted to Sotoyome-Santa Rosa RCD.
- * Drafted "Soil Conservation Education" booklet for junior high school instruction.

Ukiah:

The main challenges were the polarization of the community and the mistrust of government agencies. The accomplishments of the second quarter have been the breaking down of these barriers. There is still a high degree of skepticism in some areas of the community, but there have been major strides toward easing many

of the fears and concerns of valley residents. One of the major groups assessing the condition of the Navarro Watershed has noted an increase in the communication between their office and local residents. We estimate a 25% increase in communication based on AmeriCorps members efforts in the valley.

7. Project outcomes for next quarter:

Petaluma:

- * Water monitoring efforts completed.
- * Conservation Plans completed.
- * Implement a summertime maintenance program with local elementary schools for Upper Stemple Creek Planting Plan.

Santa Rosa:

- * Train two dairy operators in water quality assessment.
- * Submit final rough draft of hillside vineyard erosion control brochure to United Winegrowers for Sonoma County.
- * Receive training from CDFG (fish habitat inventory and channel typing).
- * Receive tree identification training in order to assist with urban tree inventory (ReLeaf, Pacific Gas and Electric, and local high school students).
- * Conduct informal water quality assessment and monitoring workshop with local dairy operator and Alameda County RCD. Training will focus on animal waste and land use practices.
- * Begin stream inventories in two watersheds.
- * Conduct trail repair and erosion control work at Hood Mountain Park; coordinate participation to include AmeriCorps members (from NRCS in Ukiah, Petaluma, and Santa Rosa as well as AmeriCorps members from CDFG in Healdsburg), staff from the Sonoma County Regional Parks system, and the local chapter of the Sierra Club.
- * Finalize work plan of AmeriCorps assistance in Russian River watershed. Begin implementing plan to coordinate sub-watershed basin groups for the Sotoyome-Santa Rosa RCD.

Ukiah:

- * Complete a State Fish and Game Grant with Option 9 staff.
- * Provide ongoing assistance in stream restoration for North Fork, Eel River tributaries.
- * Establish a resource center in Round Valley.
- * Host meeting to assist city and county in coordinating creek evaluation and restoration.
- * Serve on the Navarro River Basin steering committee.
- * Review WC-4 projects in Anderson Valley.
- * Assist and participate in Hopland Elementary School "Earth Day" celebration.
- * Provide natural resource education to local elementary schools.
- * Start conservation plan on North Fork of Navarro River.

8. Primary challenges:

Petaluma:

- * Overcoming skepticism on behalf of landowners toward participating with government agencies.

Santa Rosa:

- * AmeriCorps efforts to outline work plans for 4 watershed groups and to conduct and/or begin inventory work in 3 watersheds were delayed due to record level rainfall and flooding in Sonoma

County. Instead, the AmeriCorps members focused on outreach and information dissemination for landowners in Big Sulphur Creek while assisting NRCS staff gather data and coordinate duties with other local, state, and federal agencies.

Ukiah:

- * The largest challenge continues to be the mistrust of Government agencies and employees.

9. Primary training and technical assistance needs:

Petaluma:

- * None

Santa Rosa:

- * Fish Habitat Inventory training.
- * Stream Channel Typing training.

Ukiah:

- * More "hands-on" stream assessment and evaluation.
- * More field structural design and placement of structures and landscaping.
- * Conflict Resolution.
- * Ecosystem Management and Planning Assistance.

10. Media Coverage:

Petaluma:

- * One feature news article, one news article.

Santa Rosa:

- * Wrote newspaper articles for the Sonoma-Marín Farm News (see attached photocopies).
- * Radio news coverage: Three part series about AmeriCorps program and AmeriCorps assistance with EWP work aired on Santa Rosa station KSRO on February 28, March 1, and March 2.
- * Sent press release to local newspapers, radio stations, and television stations on January 18. NRCS state information officer assisted with press release (see attached photocopy).
- * FEMA television news release: Taped television segment describing AmeriCorps participation with EWP work. Segment available to cable stations nation wide. Taped January 27 (NRCS state office has a copy of this video tape).
- * Wrote a letter to the editor of local paper about the AmeriCorps program. Published February 25 (see attached photocopy).

Ukiah:

- * Newspaper release to the Ukiah Daily Journal.
- * Public Radio broadcast - KZYX, Anderson Valley (script and tape of broadcast included).

11. Other creative documentation:

Petaluma:

- * Photo documentation taken at time of flood occurrence.
- * Landscape Plan of Stemple Creek Planting Plan identifying project area, master planting plan, plant scheduling, planting details and cross sections.

Santa Rosa:

- * None.

Ukiah:

- * Photographs of "before and after" conditions in Round Valley to visually measure work progress on tribal watershed lands. Photos

of the creek after recent heavy rains also gives participating residents a clear picture of a potential meander course to adopt in their planning.

* Photographs and video of AmeriCorps tours, training, and projects, as well as flood events and storm damage from the January and March 1995 storms.



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Subject: PGM - Second Quarter AmeriCorps Report

Date: APR 7 1995

To: Lloyd E. Wright, Director, Community
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File Code: 440

Enclosed please find California's second quarter AmeriCorps report. The report is divided into five sections according to project sites, i.e., Apple Valley, Auburn, Lancaster, Petaluma and Redlands.

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Report-Apple Valley FO

Date: April 3, 1995

File Code: 440

To: Tim Cattron
Information Systems Director
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Time Period: December 1 - March 31, 1995

1. Number of Members enrolled at the time of the launch.

None.

2. Number of Members enrolled at the end of the quarter (Mar. 31).

Six

3. Total number of hours of Direct Services performed.

5,358 hours

4. Total number of hours in training.

230

5. Progress towards meeting Community Service Objectives.

Team Members are still providing valuable assistance to all 3 Soil Survey Project Offices that are located on the Fort Irwin Army Base, Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, and the Edwards Air Force Base. They have assisted directly or indirectly of the mapping of approximately 80,000+ acres. In addition they are making an extra effort to educate the public at all levels on the importance of soils and the need to conserve it, and how soil surveys can be used by the general public. One specific activity involves the exposure of elementary students in grades 3 to 5 to soils. The Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District was unable to get this program off the ground for over a year and a half. The program is called the "Soil Saver Club". This program provides a hands on educational experience as well as classroom exercises for the students to appreciate soils in their local environment. This program would not have gotten off the ground had it not been for the AmeriCorps Team Members efforts. They have been working with school educational administrators at 3 school districts.

Team Members are assisting the Soil Survey Staff accelerate their mapping efforts on all 3 bases. Vegetation evaluations to provide data for the Ecological Site descriptions has been started, with anticipation of the Team Members obtaining the basic vegetative data that goes beyond what is found in our typical agricultural soil surveys.

One Team Member has developed a step by step procedure for new soil scientists to follow when completing the Form 5 soils report. Our NRCS State Soils staff were so impressed with this form that they plan in using it as a training reference for all new soil scientists.

6. Primary Accomplishments

Assistance in the mapping of approximately 80,000 acres.

Dissemination of 4,000 Soil Saver Club workbooks to the Barstow, Victor Valley, and Apple Valley School Districts. Approximately 400 workbooks, printed in Spanish were targeted to Hispanic students.

Educational outreach effort to 4 local high schools.

Participation in a teachers workshop, demonstrating how teachers can incorporate soils information and its importance to the environment into their teaching curriculum.

Development of training tool for new soil scientists.

7. Projected outcomes for next quarter.

Expansion of the Soil Saver Club program to outlying rural schools within San Bernardino County that typically are not provided with this kind of educational training opportunities for its students.

Continued work on the vegetation studies for the Ecological Site descriptions and soil mapping efforts.

Participation in educational workshops and/or displays emphasizing the importance of soils and its relation to the local environment. Planned displays, Earth Day exhibits at the Marine Corps base in Barstow, and at the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps base. Participation in a workshop in Tehachapi, that will be targeted to females, that will show them other professional work opportunities available to them.

8. Primary challenges.

The computer challenges of not having enough computer terminals has been corrected. Additional terminals were provided at each of the worksites. Graphical Information System (GIS) activities will be limited due to lack of equipment and amount of time needed to provide adequate training. We still plan on moving on with our GIS activities once equipment and training become available.

9. Primary training and technical assistance needs.

Training needs are being met as needed. UNIX training is planned for next quarter so as to prepare Members for possible GIS activities.

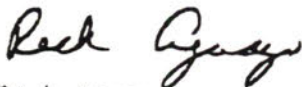
10. Media coverage.

A display exhibiting the contributions of women was on display at the County Branch Library in Barstow, CA for the entire month of March. This display not only included famous women, but also included pictures and a brief biography of the female AmeriCorps Members of the Apple Valley Field Office cluster team.

11. Other creative documentation.

None.

Should you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to call me.



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Subj: Second Quarter AmeriCorps Report.

This is the second quarter AmeriCorps report for the High Sierra RC&D Area cluster. The time period is December 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995.

1. Number of Members Enrolled at the Time of the Launch:

Five participants reported on October 17, 1994, and the sixth reported on November 21, 1994

2. Number of Members Enrolled at the End of the Quarter (March 31, 1995)

Six members

3. Total Number of Hours of Direct Service Performed

1st Quarter	1392 hours
2nd Quarter	4020 hours

Total	5412 hours
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4. Total Number of Hours in Training for 2nd Quarter

Group training	240 hours
Individual training	480 hours

All members have received HIV/AIDs sensitivity training. Four member have been authorized to attend a Fuels Ecology workshop.

5. Progress Towards Meeting Community Service Objectives:

The participants continue to receive training on ecosystem planning on a watershed basis. Three demonstration projects have been developed and implemented. The sites were planned by the AmeriCorps with assistance from the NRCS, California Department of Forestry, local air resources boards, Cooperative Extension Service and local community groups. The participants have also prepared and conducted wildfire and fuel reduction training lessons for the area's schools. Workshops for the identified target watersheds are scheduled for April.

The High Sierra RC&D AmeriCorps cluster provided assistance to landowners during the January floods in California. Placer County received major damage due to the storms. AmeriCorps assisted the NRCS and CFSA in conducting damage survey reports and follow-up assistance to landowners in planning repairs to damaged farm lands and rural homes.

6. Primary Accomplishments

Three demonstration projects on fuel reduction were planned and implemented. These included involvement of the local groups and a number of agencies.

School training courses were prepared and given in a number of classes throughout the area.

Resource maps have been prepared on two of four selected watersheds. A third map is still in progress.

Community information workshops have been scheduled for April. The information and agendas have been developed.

A rural development grant was submitted to the US Forest Service for one of the watersheds. The grant request is for an ecosystem plan to include forest health and fuel reduction.

Networking on the project includes; US Forest Service, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Consolidated Farm Services Agency, Resource Conservation Districts, County Board of Supervisors, local fire districts, homeowner associations and road groups, school districts, and environmental groups.

7. Projected Outcome for Next Quarter

Complete community workshops.

Contact landowners and take sign-ups for planning fuel reduction projects. This will include discussions of various incentive programs to implement plans.

The AmeriCorps members will be participating in the Earth Day activities at Sierra College on April 21, and at the City of Roseville April 22.

Continue with public awareness campaign.

8. Primary Challenges

The January and March flooding in our area delayed some progress in this past quarter. Much of the local direction was focused on repairing damaged property and returning to normal conditions. AmeriCorps members were involved in providing assistance to flood victims.

9. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs

We have used a variety of local sources.

We would like to take advantage of training opportunities outside of our local area which would expose our AmeriCorps members to state wide efforts on natural fuels management activities.

The AmeriCorps members have been very resourceful in identifying additional training courses.

10. Media Coverage

Enclosed.

Fuel load project to begin in Traverse Creek Watershed

A team of Americorp members have been assigned to the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, formerly the Soil Conservation Service. Their mission: to reduce fuel loads in potentially critical forest lands.

The local team covers the area encompassing El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, and Amador counties. The program is part of President Clinton's pilot Americorp legislation, with projects of community service and a motto of "getting things done." The program has been called the Domestic Peace Corps.

The team members, headquartered in Placerville, are working on the Traverse Creek Watershed located in the Georgetown area. The participants will identify landowners and then set-up community meetings and workshops. They will assist in formulating individual plans according to the various desires and needs of land use from limited timber harvest to wildlife habitat. They will also help develop incentive programs and assistance funding.

District Conservationist Jim Kimmel has two Americorp members to assist work through his office: Aleta Apgar, a conservation educator, certified teacher and former viticulturist, and Jesse Haramati, a civil engineering candidate in a joint University of California Santa Cruz-Berkeley Program. They work cooperatively with El Dorado County's Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District and Soil Conserva-

tion Service.

As a team they unite their efforts with Cliff Heitz, Auburn's District Conservationist, and his representatives: Geologist Carol Rutenberg and James Newman, a wildlife management Humboldt State University graduate. Two other team members, Christi Lyn-Maison, an agronomist, and Althea Brusin, an agriculture science graduate from Cal Poly, work under the tutelage of Grass Valley's District Conservationist, Ron Zinke. The project coordinator is Bob Roan of High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Area.

The anticipated success of this project will minimize the impact of inevitable wildfires. Successful implementation of this program will generate more Americorp volunteers and inclusion of more watersheds in the fuel load reduction program.

The aim of this rural land development project is to demonstrate a model of community interaction, cooperation between federal and state and local agencies and private landowners. The reduction of fuel loads and fuel ladders to reduce possibility of catastrophic wildfires is one of the most critical environmental issues currently being addressed in the foothills.

CAL OWL

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growth forests."

Environmental interests have cited studies that support the opposite position — that the owl requires a habitat of old growth forest to remain viable as a species.

Another Georgia-Pacific representative refuted the environmentalist contention of what constitutes an acceptable habitat for spotted owls. Georgia-Pacific has 125,000 acres of forest where it has managed the land and owls, said timber operations manager Ron Monk. "Most of the trees are second-growth timber and we have plenty of owls. If you compare Forest Service lands (which have not been managed for owls) to ours (which have been managed), we have at least the same density of owls to the Forest Service."

Monk said none of Cal Owl DEIS' alternatives is acceptable because they don't come near to removing what grows each year in National Forest Service lands, and thereby would increase the fuel loads contributing to forest fires. This happens to be "the one issue environmentalists and loggers can agree on," said Aleta Apgar, an Americorps educational coordinator with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Although she doesn't prefer any of the report's alternatives, she said "the condition of forests is not what it could be because of increased fuel load and fire suppression" efforts.

The public comment period on the document ends May 11.

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A-2 Mountain Democrat — Wednesday, March 15, 1995

Open houses inform public about Cal Owl report

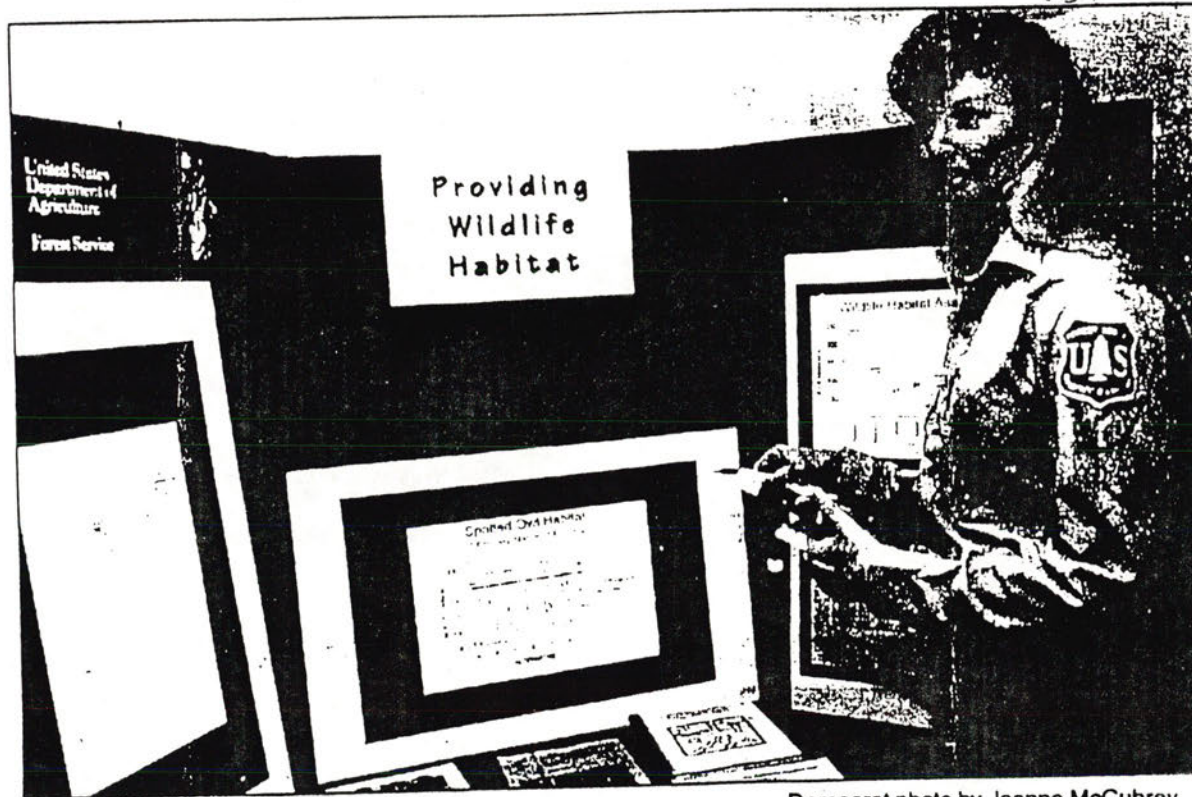
By DIAN MERRILL
Staff writer

The U.S. Forest Service held open houses at Placerville Town Hall Friday and Saturday, presenting information to the public on its much-anticipated California spotted owl report.

Known as the California Spotted Owl Draft Environmental Impact Statement, or Cal Owl DEIS, the report was released last month in response to federal laws mandating the protection of endangered species. In order to protect the viability and habitats of the owl, the proposed alternatives generally reduce the historical level of timber harvests allowed within national forests.

About 22 people turned out for the open house by 5 p.m. Friday, most of whom were affiliated with the logging industry.

"For me, DEIS is a blueprint for disaster," said Larry Lloyd, a timber industry advocate and president of Sierra Citizen Alliance for Resource and Environment. "It doesn't cut enough growth to mitigate the fuel load ... but even the little amount (DEIS suggests) taking out is too much for environmental-



Democrat photo by Joanne McCubrey

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST Karen Hayden talks about wildlife habitats at the open house at the Town Hall Friday.

Retired Georgia-Pacific logger and forester Warren Carleton lamented the decreased timber allotments prescribed by the report. "I

think it's crippling the industry by cutting back on normal offerings of timber" sales, he said. He also characterized the environmental safeguards for California spotted

owls as unnecessary, since "people who study the owl say it thrives as well in young growth as old

Date: April 1, 1995

Second Quarter AmeriCorps Report

Lancaster Field Office

Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes, April Jurgen
December 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995

1. Number of members enrolled at the time of launch.

6 of 6

2. Numbers of members enrolled at the end of Quarter.

6 of 6

3. Total number of hours of direct service performed.

456 hours

4. Total number of hours in training.

184 hours

(One could add an additional 208 hours for support of
direct service/training from NRCS staff as in, EWP investigation,
engineering survey, field surveys, etc.)

5. Progress toward meeting community service objectives.

Objective #1 is to provide technical assistance to residents of the 1993 Kinneloa fire area in Los Angeles County. The AmeriCorps staff has met with the following agencies:

Eaton Canyon Recovery Alliance
Communities homeowner associations
L.A. County Board of Supervisors
Office of Emergency Services

County Fire Department
Altadena Flames
Altadena Town Council
L.A. County Public Works

The above have requested that AmeriCorps staff help put the mitigation plan in place by informing residents on how they can protect themselves and their properties along the rural/urban interface of the fire area. The AmeriCorps staff has implemented the plan which included one on one visits with fire area residents, distribution of mitigation recommendations and emergency preparedness information, and sandbagging effort at high risk flood areas.

Objective #2 is to prepare a mitigation plan requested by Orange County, City of Laguna and OES for the Laguna fire area of 1993. The AmeriCorps staff has met with the following agencies/groups:

Office of Emergency Services
Laguna Beach Municipal Services
Laguna Fire Relief Coalition

Orange County Public Works
Laguna Beach Fire Department
Laguna Public Works Operations

The mitigation plan has been developed, reviewed and accepted by the above groups. The AmeriCorps staff has assisted a local community with sandbagging effort. The two mitigation plans above will be used to provide limited protection from mud and debris flows for some 5000 residents in the Kinneloa fire area and over 1000 residents in the Laguna Fire area. These two fires burned an area of 22,382 acres and destroyed 492 structures (mainly family homes).

Objective #3 is to assist residents of Antelope Acres with technical needs in establishing vegetation/trees for windbreaks on and around windblown area. The AmeriCorps staff has met with the following agencies/groups :

Antelope Acres Town Council
Waste Management of Lancaster

Antelope Acres Community Center
Antelope Valley R.C.D.

The mitigation plan has been developed, reviewed and accepted by the above groups. The AmeriCorps and NRCS staff has implemented the plan at the Antelope Acres Community Center as a demonstration site. Information on vegetation/trees, site preparation, irrigation, and cost estimates were available for residents to take home at the windbreak tree planting demonstration. The AmeriCorps staff will continue to work with Antelope Acres residents to develop a plan for their property. The plan will include site preparation, windbreak design, irrigation layout, and cost estimate. This will be ongoing through July of 1995.

Objective #4 is to start an outreach program featuring AmeriCorps making presentations to groups with hearing impairments. The main topics would be explaining what AmeriCorps is all about, and what AmeriCorps members do in dealing with the protection and preservation of our natural resources. April Jurgen will be the lead person in this project. April is currently making contacts with hearing impaired groups in this area or around Los Angeles County. Other AmeriCorps staff will assist April in this project which will be ongoing through July.

Other Community Activities

- * Reseeded poppies and wildflowers at the California Poppy Reserve.
- * Gave presentations on AmeriCorps activities at Quartz Hill High School.
- * Involved with the Horticultural Day event at Antelope Valley College.
- * Involved with the Landscaping for the High Desert Workshop.
- * Will assist the Allied Art Center in refurbishing their historic building in downtown Lancaster.

6. Primary accomplishments.

- * Mitigation plan put in place for fire areas of Kinneloa, Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre.
- * Mitigation plan completed for Laguna fire area.
- * Developed plan for the Antelope Acres community in establishing windbreaks.
- * Published a windbreak brochure and a plant brochure.
- * Met and earned the trust of key leaders in the community.
- * Have received praise from state, county, cities and residents for work accomplished.
- * Worked one on one with homeowners in Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre.
- * Working one on one with homeowners in Antelope Acres to put together a plan with windbreak design, irrigation layout, and cost estimate for individual homeowners (will be ongoing).

7. Projected outcomes for next quarter.

- * Complete one on one work with homeowners in Antelope Acres to put together a plan with windbreak design, irrigation layout, and cost estimate for individual homeowners.
- * Complete 90% of contacts with hearing impaired groups for the outreach program featuring AmeriCorps.

8. Primary challenges.

I suggest that for FY 96 we start now and plan our objectives and advertise for candidates needed to accomplish the objective. We need a pool of individuals to draw from in a timely fashion. Keep candidate informed of the status of their application for employment.

Few staff members are trained in watershed/ecosystem conservation planning. A lot of time from the NRCS staff is being used for technical support/plan writing.

Have one member still requesting Child Care Benefits.

9. Primary training and technical assistance needed.

- Formulation of conservation plans and writing narratives for plan.
- Knowledge of engineering principals as they related to mud flows, erosion, windbreaks, etc.
- Hands on training on irrigation systems, landscaping, desert vegetation/plants, etc.

Step 10 can better be presented at the end of third quarter.

11. Other creative documentations.

See following attachments:

1. Photo-Log of AmeriCorps Field Activities
2. Letters from OES, ECRA, Wildflower Preservation Foundation, E.F. Baumer & Company, Helen A. Benard, and Nereida Henderson
3. News Releases
4. ECRA Newsletters and Antelope Acres Newsletters
5. News articles from Valley Press, Daily News, and NRCS Current Developments.

Sincerely,

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District Conservationist
Lancaster Field Office

cc: Bill Gradle
Area Conservationist
Salinas Area Office

Date: April 1, 1995

Second Quarter AmeriCorps Report

Somis Field Office

Nasreen Alam, David Macias, Shannon Perkins
December 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995

In the second quarter AmeriCorps staff received training in the following areas.

Tech-guide training	(Area Staff)	4 hrs.
Computer training	(Area Staff)	6 hrs.
Land Survey training	(Office Staff)	20 hrs.
Plants training	(Forest Dept.)	4 hrs.
HIV training		8 hrs.
CPR and First Aid training		8 hrs.
Newsletter training	(State office)	3 hrs.
Training by field office staff		130 hrs.
In field (OJT)		100 hrs.
In office (OJT)		30 hrs.

In this quarter AmeriCorps staff spent their time helping the community in different ways.

- a) Worked with office staff in collecting data for the follow-up fire storm investigation in Malibu area.
- b) Worked on critical area treatment in many places for EWP. This included soil preparation, seeding, mulching, gully stabilization, etc.
- c) Collected addresses of Malibu residents who had been affected by fire and needed sandbags for temporary protection. This information was added in the whole report for the mailing list.
- d) Helped the Malibu community by sandbagging.
- e) A major rock concrete channel, funded by FEMA, was built in Malibu after the June 1994 flood. This flood had damaged many homes and businesses. The AmeriCorps job was to take photographs and to report progress of the construction.
- f) AmeriCorps staff also helped the Lancaster office by planting poppy seeds in the California Poppy Reserve and by planting windbreaks in Antelope Acres and doing a land survey in Pasadena.
- g) Spent some of their time in the office making new EWP files and filing them.
- h) Gathered different types of information necessary to start work in the field trails. Activities in the field trails will be started in April.
- i) Recent floods in Ventura county have affected many farms and properties. After the flood, AmeriCorps staff went out with the office staff. Farms were visited and information was gathered from damaged areas. AmeriCorps assisted the office staff in many field investigations and evaluations for ECP such as measuring damaged areas, taking photographs of damaged areas, calculating sediments, etc.

OUTCOMES FOR NEXT QUARTERS

a) Begin demonstration/field trial site work. AmeriCorps staff will be engaged in landscape building,

installing irrigation systems, preparing soil, planting trees and maintaining the areas.

b) Publish information of finding/results of field trial in the quarterly newsletter.

In the next quarter the AmeriCorps staff hopes to receive more hands on training on irrigation systems, landscaping, and fire resistant plants.



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AMERICORPS ACTIVITIES

1. List of Organizations the AmeriCorps Members Have Worked With

2. Photo-Log of Americorps Field Activities

- Clean up and sandbagging effort in high risk flooding areas in Altadena / Pasadena and Laguna Beach.
- Neighborhood safety walk to inform residents on emergency preparedness in Altadena / Pasadena Fire Area.
- EWP investigation to inspect sediment control structures in watersheds and debris basins, and to inspect flood and erosion damaged areas.
- Planted poppy seeds and other wildflowers at the California Poppy Reserve per the request from the Wildflower Preservation Foundation and the AVRCD.
- Made presentations at different high schools to inform students on the protection and preservation of our natural resources working with the NRCS and AVRCD.
- AmeriCorps member, April Jurgen, will be the lead person in the outreach program featuring AmeriCorps which involve presentations to groups with hearing impairments.

3. Recommendation Report for the Altadena / Kinneloa Fire Area

- Put together by AmeriCorps (Phillip Sam and April Jurgen) and NRCS staff.

4. Recommendation Report for the Laguna Beach Burn Area

- Put together by NRCS staff and AmeriCorps staff (Sandy Haynes, Phillip Sam, April Jurgen).

5. Letters of Appreciation From the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Eaton Canyon Recovery Alliance

6. AmeriCorps Articles from the ECRA Update Newsletter

- Written by AmeriCorps staff Phillip Sam and Sandy Haynes.

7. AmeriCorps Articles from the Antelope Acres Newsletter

- Put together by AmeriCorps staff (Sandy Haynes, April Jurgen, Phillip Sam).
- Work with the Antelope Acres Town Council and the Community Center to establish tree windbreaks for the Antelope Acres Community.

8. Other AmeriCorps News Articles

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To: Tim Cattron - State Office - Davis

This is a list of different organizations that we of AMERICORPS (Phillip Sam, April Jurgen, and Sandy Haynes) have worked with since October, 1994.

91107 ZIP CODE AREAS FOLLOW - Pasadena, Ca.

1. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICE-Virginia Kimball
2. EATON CANYON RECOVERY ALLIANCE - Ursula Hyman
3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE - Dick Baumer
4. LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - Mike Bohlander
5. PASADENA GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
6. MULTI-AGENCY DEBRIS FLOW SAFETY COMMITTEE
7. PASADENA GLEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION - Frank Griffith
8. SIERRA MADRE VILLA ASSOCIATION
9. PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT - Eric Mills

91101 ZIP CODE AREAS FOLLOW - Altadena, Ca.

1. MT. WILSON TOLL ROAD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
2. ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL
3. ALTADENA FLAMES (Lynda Powell)
4. WOODGLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

91011 ZIP FLINTRIDGE, CA.

1. U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Terry Ellis

91105 ZIP PASADENA, CA.

1. HALF/CITY PRODUCTIONS - Deb Halberstadt

90242 ZIP DOWNEY, CA.

1. LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION - Betty Hennessy Phd

92651 ZIP LAGUNA BEACH, CA.

1. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - David Sabaroff
2. LAGUNA FIRE RELIEF COALITION
3. LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL SERVICES - Terry Brandt
4. LAGUNA PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS - Bill Reiter
5. LAGUNA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chris Kent
6. ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - Dale Dillon

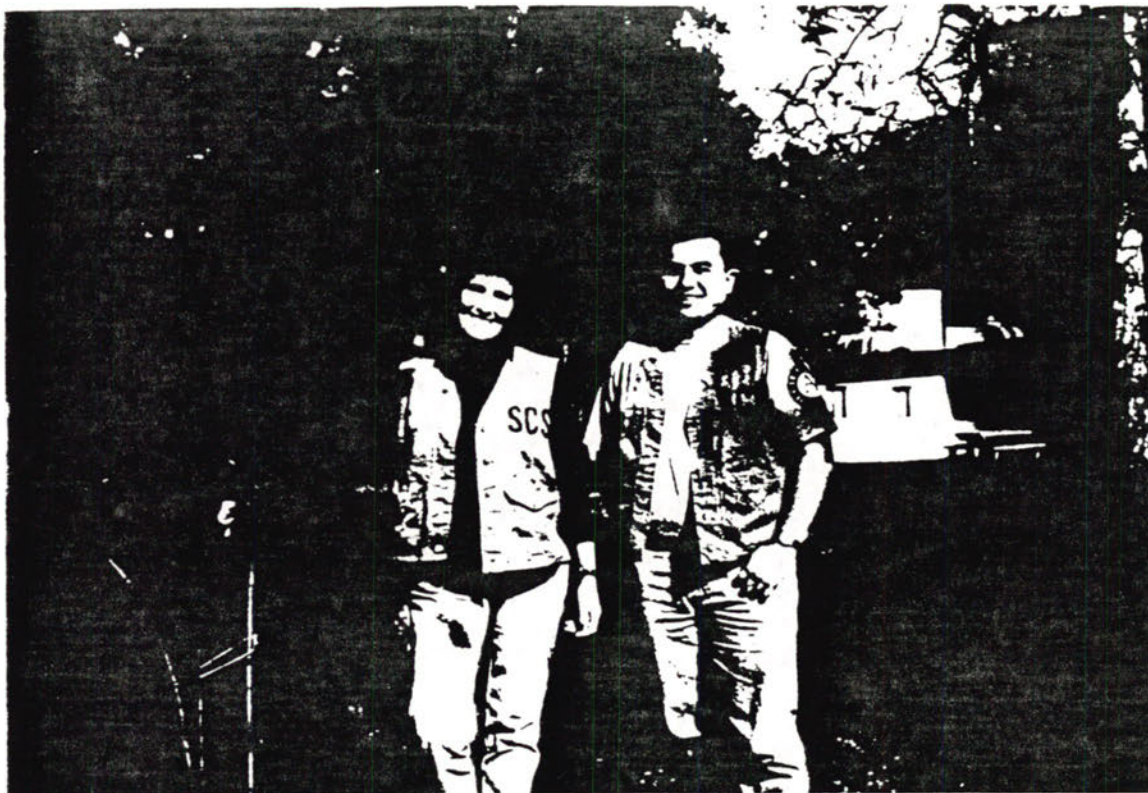
93536 ZIP ANTELOPE VALLEY, CA.

1. ANTELOPE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2. ANELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE - Neil Weisenberger
3. ANTELOPE ACRES COMMUNITY CENTER - Bob Miracle
4. ANTELOPE ACRES TOWN COUNCIL - Judith Fuentes
5. Wildflower Preservation Foundation - Ann Gregg
6. Allied Art Center, Lancaster

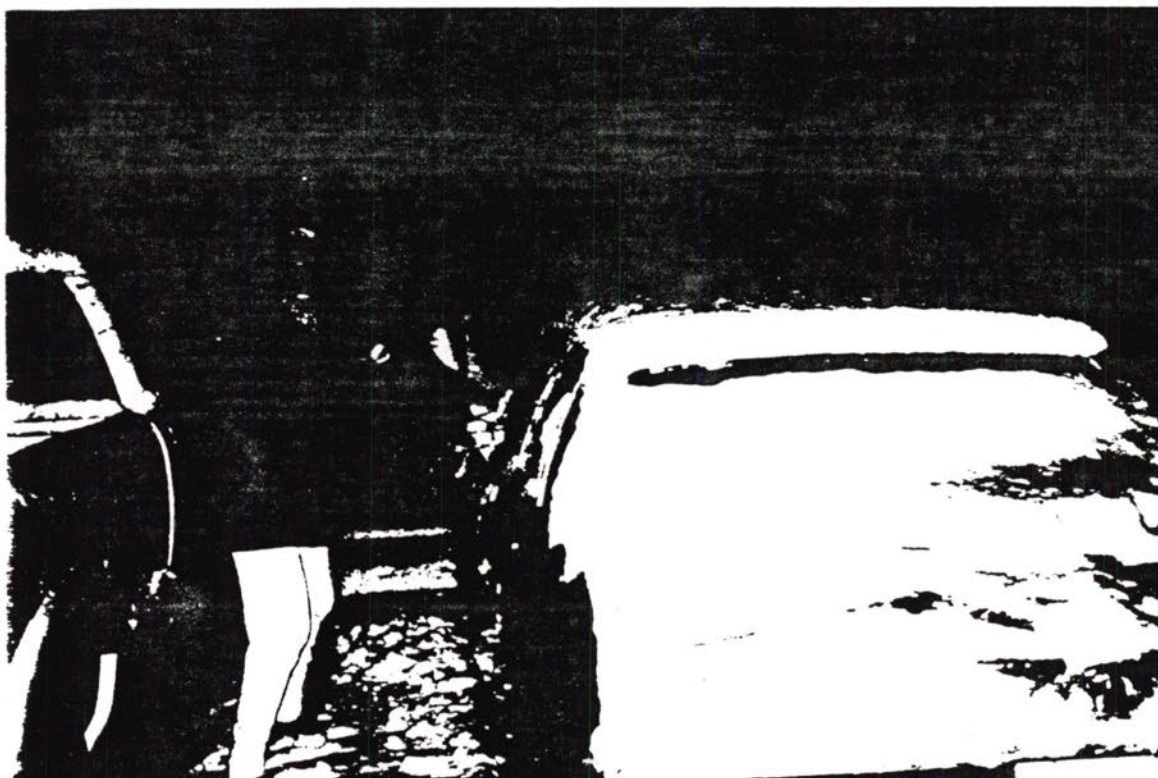
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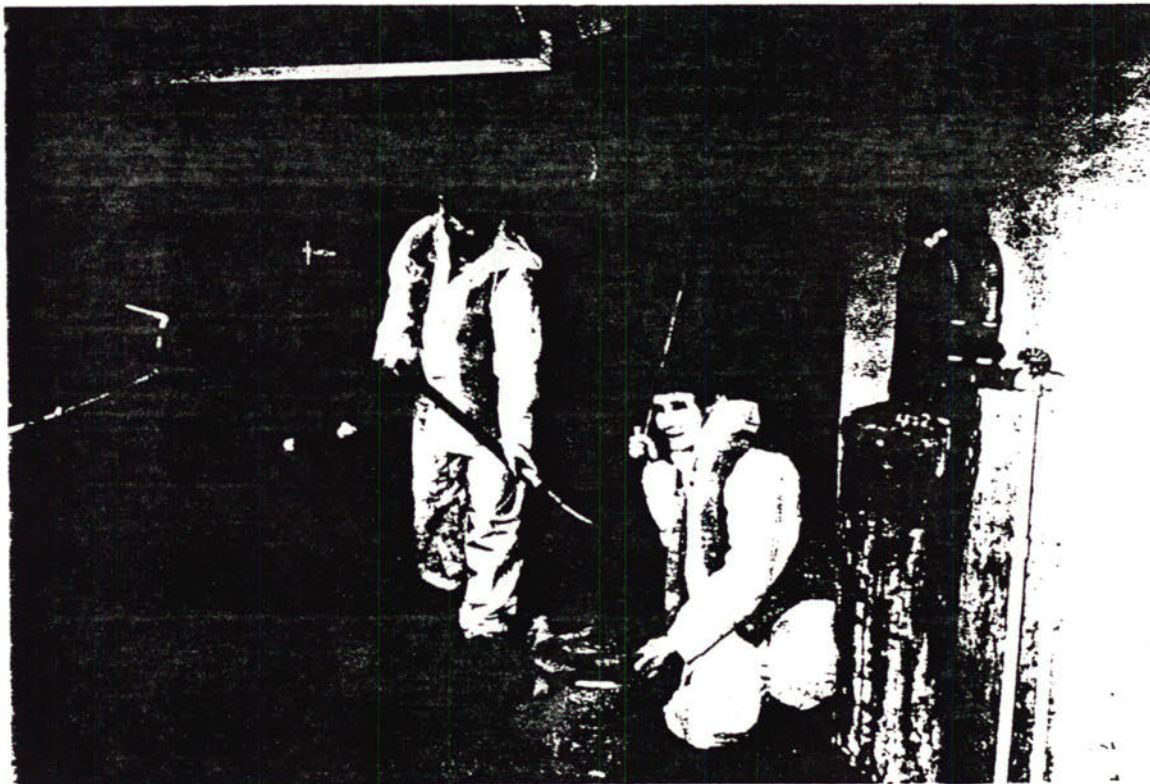
Introducing AmeriCorps members, Sandy Haynes and Phillip Sam, from the NRCS Lancaster Field Office.



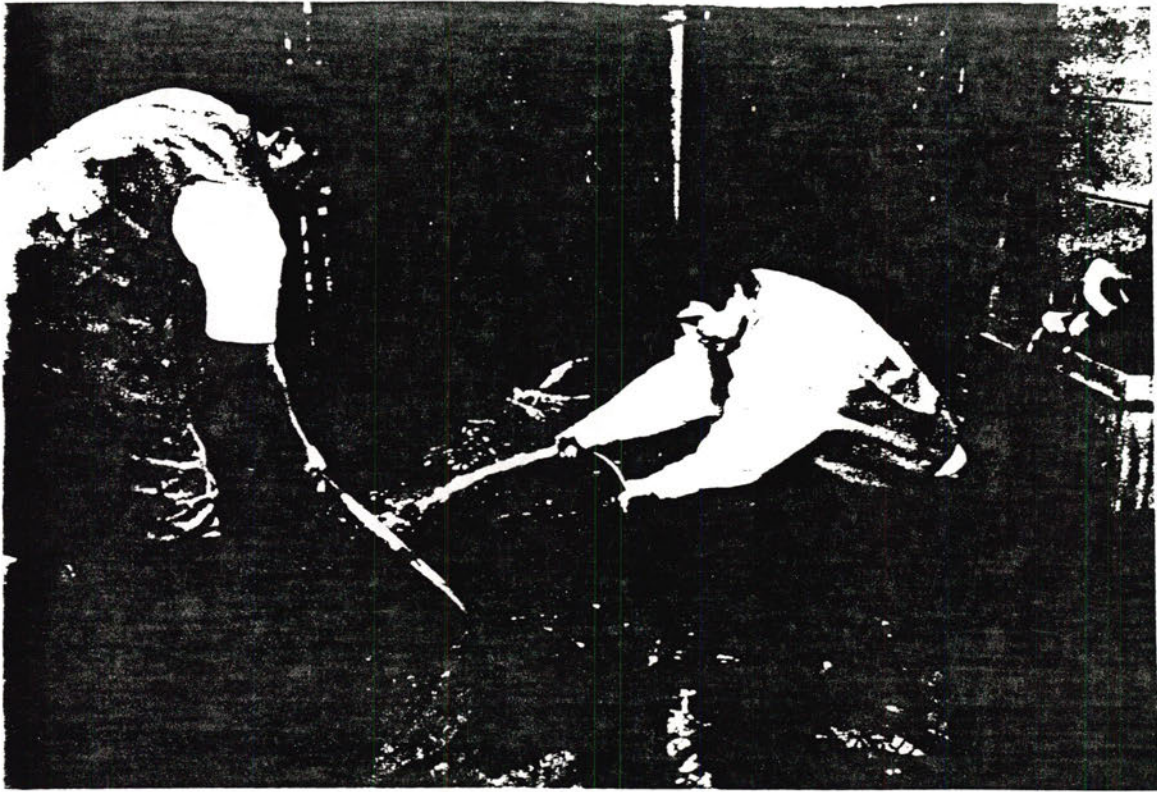
Introducing AmeriCorps member, April Jurgens, from the NRCS Lancaster Field Office.



Sandy Haynes and Phillip Sam assisting Altadena residents with sandbagging at Rubio Debris Basin in Altadena. 1/10/95



Phillip Sam and Sandy Haynes doing emergency sandbagging to prevent mud and water from getting in a house on Kinneloa Canyon Rd. in Pasadena. 1/10/95



Phillip Sam and Sandy Haynes cleaning up mud damage at a business along Laguna Canyon Rd. in Laguna Beach. 1/21/95



Sandy Haynes and Phillip Sam assisting local residents with sandbagging in the Sun Valley community in Laguna Beach. 1/21/95



Phillip Sam inspecting a debris flow channel in the back a resident's home on Alzada Dr. in Altadena with members from the L.A. County Fire Department. 1/14/95



Phillip Sam informing Altadena resident on the potential danger of mud and debris flow and passing out L.A. County Engineering Advice and other important information. L.A. County Fire Department was also observing the neighborhood for any mud slide problems. 1/14/95



Sandy Haynes inspecting a storm drain in the backyard of a resident on High Street in Laguna Beach. 1/19/95



Sandy Haynes talking to a long time resident on the erosion cause by the storm at the El Morro Trailer Park in Laguna Beach. 1/18/95



AmeriCorps and NRCS staff inspecting flood damage along the boardwalk at downtown Laguna Beach along with members from OES and Laguna Fire Department. 11/18/95



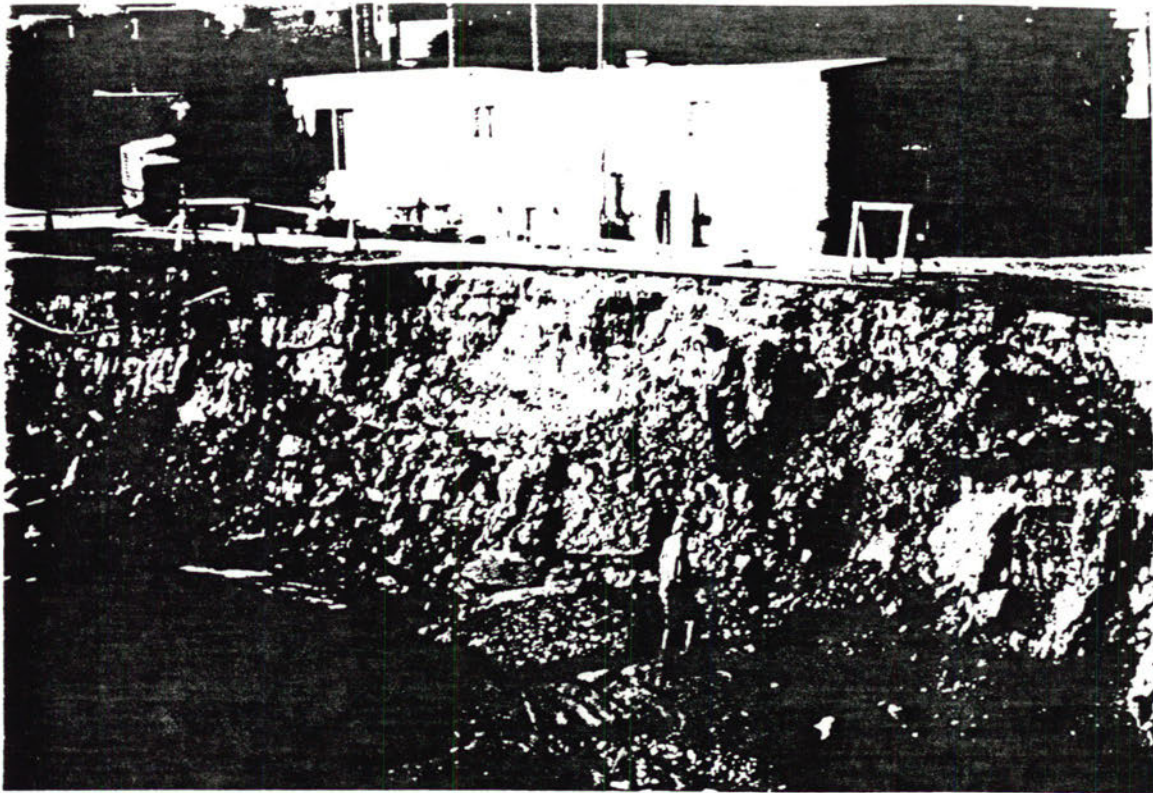
Phillip Sam looking at the powerful destruction caused by the flood water in downtown Laguna Beach. 11/18/95



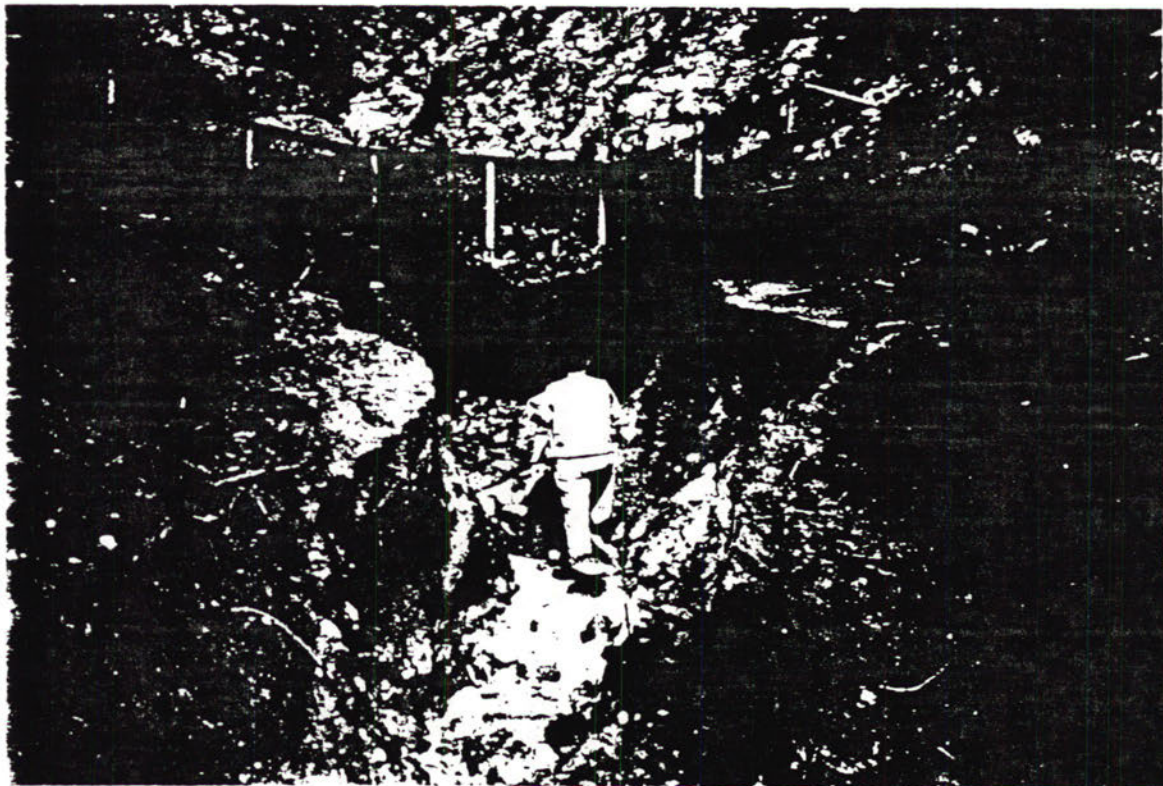
AmeriCorps and NRCS staff, and members from FEMA, OES, and Laguna Beach Fire Department, inspecting flood damage areas in Laguna Beach. 1/21/95



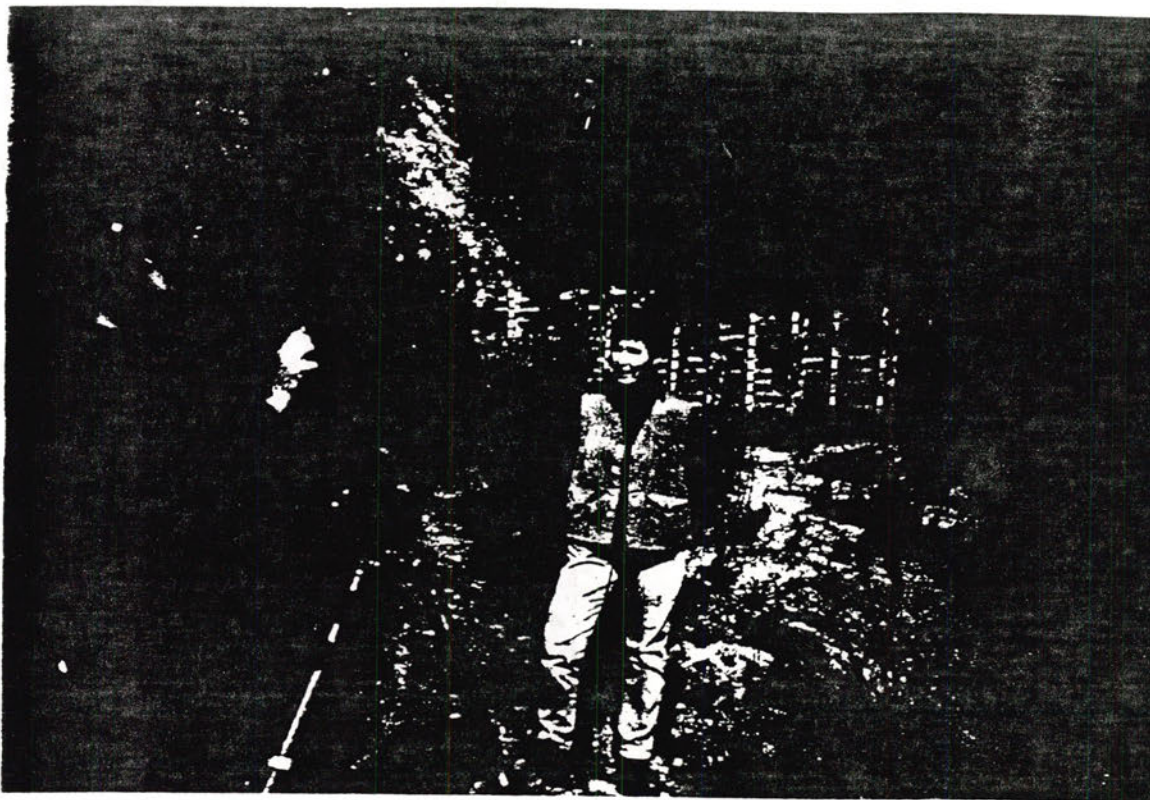
Sandy Haynes inspecting a house which is endangered of sliding down into the creek in Laguna Beach. 1/21/95



AmeriCorps and NRCS staff doing EWP investigation at the El Morro Trailer Park in Laguna Beach. 1/18/95



AmeriCorps and NRCS staff doing EWP investigation in Laguna Beach. 1/18/95



Sandy Haynes being interviewed by USDA video and photographers from Washington D.C. about AmeriCorps. 1/17/95



Phillip Sam being interviewed by USDA video and photographers from Washington D.C. about AmeriCorps. 1/17/95



Phillip Sam and Sandy Haynes showing Deputy Secretary Rominger on AmeriCorps activities in Altadena, Pasadena, and Laguna Beach at the U.S. Forest Ranger Station in San Bernardino. 1/27/95



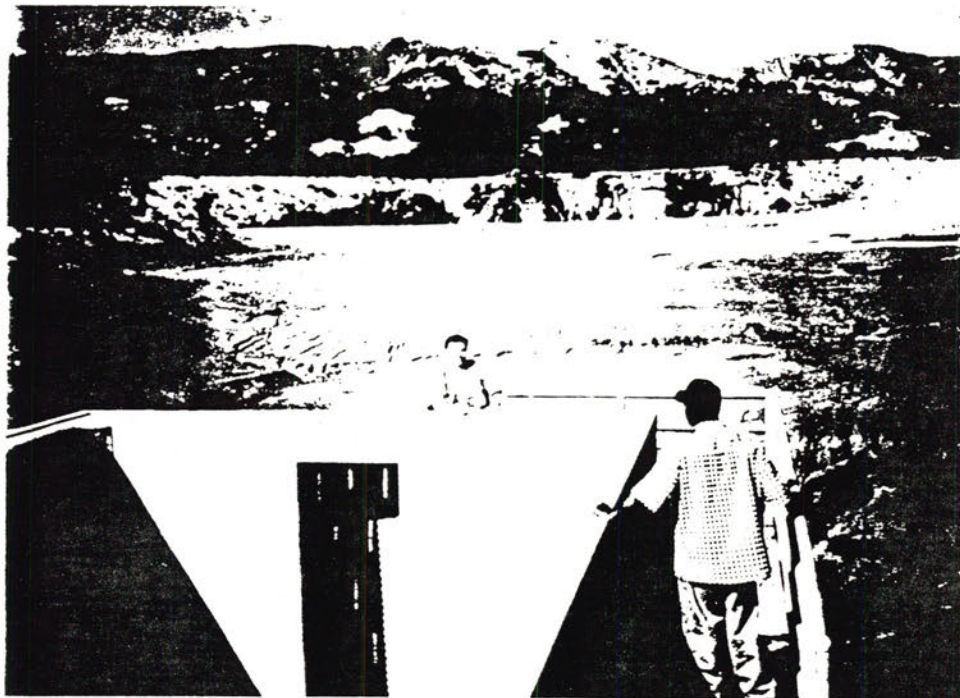
Deputy Secretary Rominger congratulating Phillip Sam and Sandy Haynes in their work done as AmeriCorps members. 1/27/95



Bob Dean and Jim Earson meeting with Deputy Secretary Rominger at the U.S. Forest Ranger Station in San Bernardino to talk about AmeriCorps.



Phillip Sam and Sandy Haynes meeting with other AmeriCorps members from the U.S. Forest Service in San Bernardino.



AmeriCorps members, from the Lancaster Field Office and Somis Field Office, inspecting the level of mud and debris at Fagan Debris Basin in Camarillo. 1/31/95



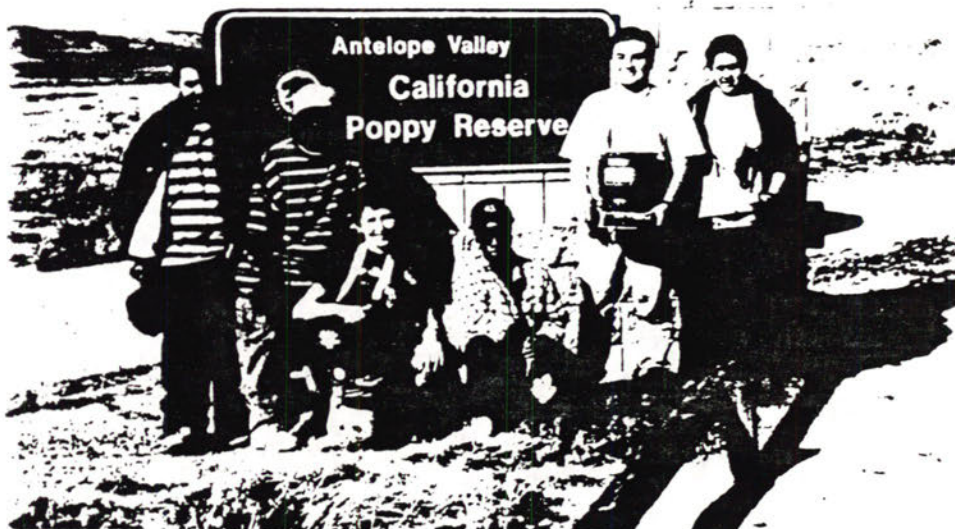
AmeriCorps members, from the Lancaster Field Office and Somis Field Office, inspecting a new type of debris retaining structure in Malibu. 1/31/95



Priscilla Guerrero and April Jurgen doing a neighborhood safety walk in Altadena and Pasadena Fire Areas passing important emergency preparedness information. 2.3.94



Sandy Haynes, Shannon Perkins, and David Macias working on the critical treatment area to prevent erosion from the slope in Camarillo. 1.31.95



AmeriCorps members, from the Lancaster Field Office, Somis Field Office, and Apple Valley Field Office, assist in reseeded poppies and wildflowers at the California Poppy Reserve, in cooperation with the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District and the Wildflower Preservation Foundation.



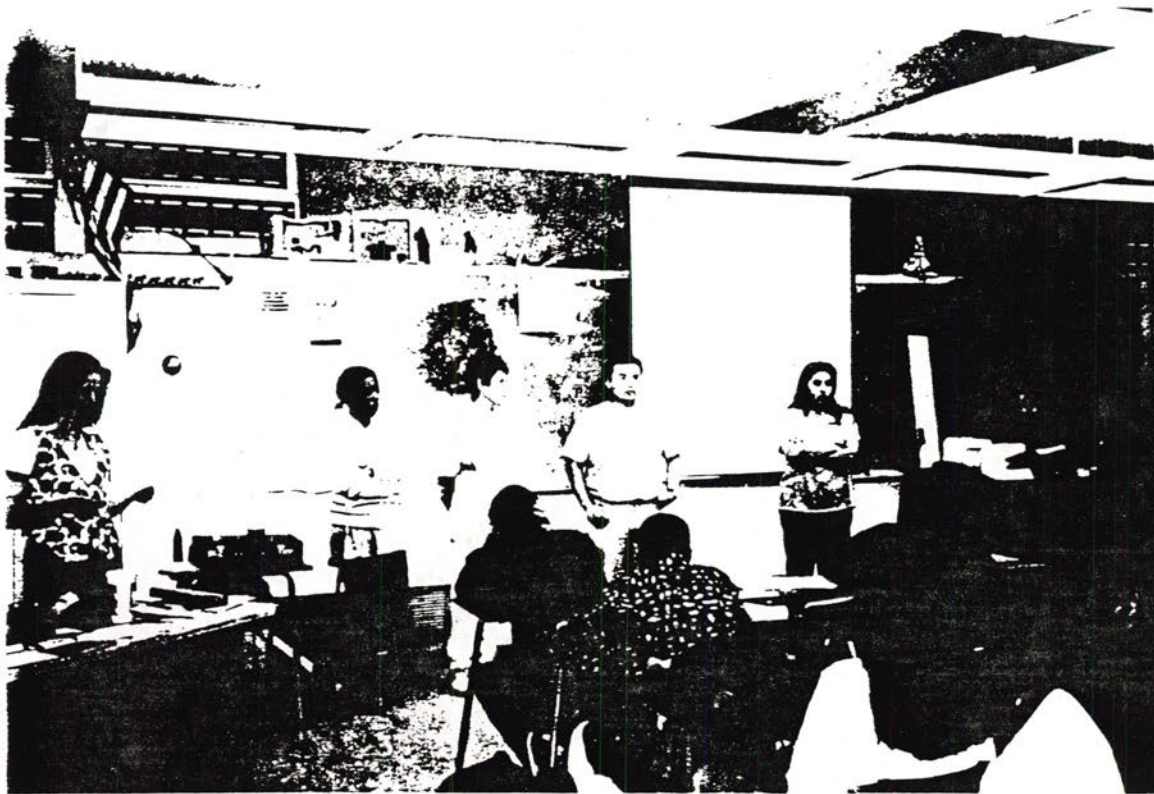
Dorothy Bolt from the Wildflower Preservation Foundation and Richard Camteil from the Antelope Valley RCD, preparing the seed mixture for AmeriCorps members.



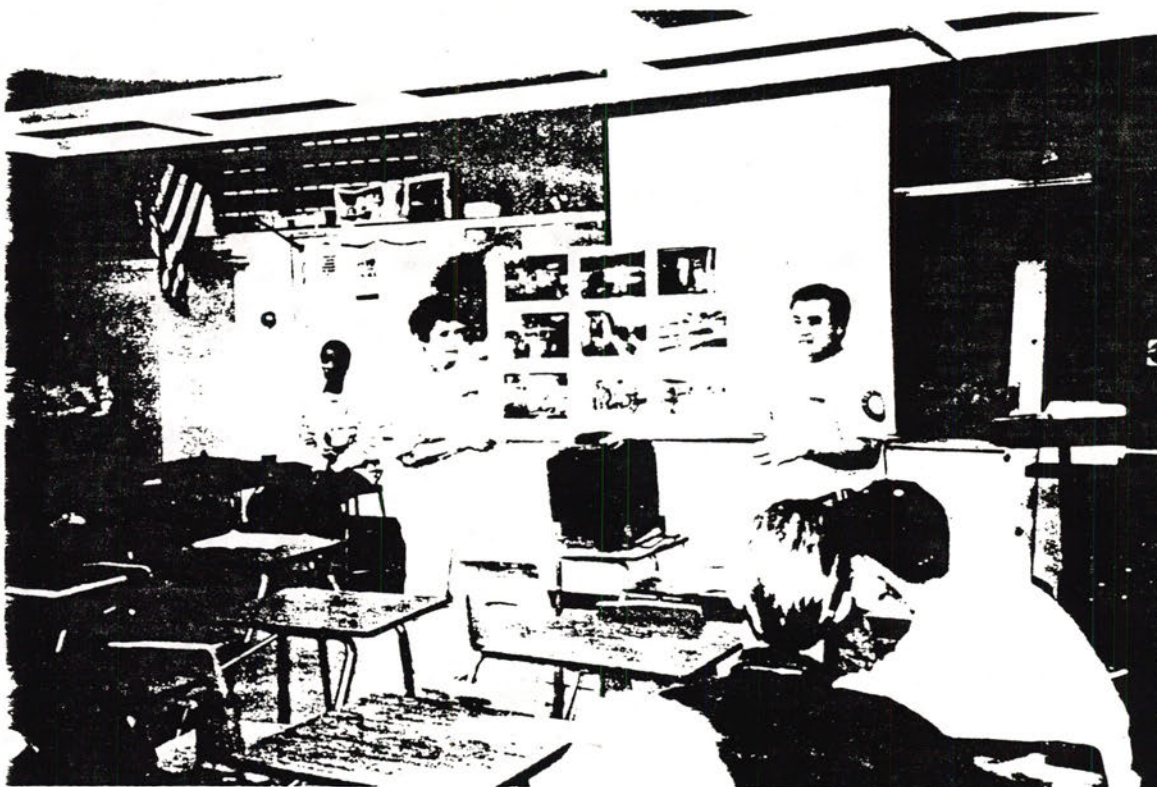
AmeriCorps members, from the Lancaster Field Office, Somis Field Office, and Apple Valley Field Office, getting ready to reseed an eight-acres field. April Jorgen, who is hearing impaired, on the far left with sun glasses on, participated in the reseeding effort. 2 6 95



AmeriCorps members reseeding poppies and wildflowers at the California Poppy Reserve. 2 6 95



AmeriCorps members, Priscilla Guerrero, April Jurgen, Sandy Haynes, and Phillip Sam, from the NRCS Lancaster Field Office and the NRCS Edwards Airforce Base Soil Survey Office giving a presentation on AmeriCorps activities at Quartz Hill High School in Quartz Hill, C.A. 2/7/94



AmeriCorps members, Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes, Priscilla Guerrero, and April Jurgen, explaining the different projects and activities they are involved in to a group of Quartz Hill High School students. 2/7/95



AmeriCorps members, April Jurgan, Sandy Haynes, and Phillip Sam, making a presentation to members of the Antelope Acres Town Council and the Community Center on AmeriCorps activities. 2/8/95



AmeriCorps members, Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes, April Jurgan, talking to Antelope Acres residents about AmeriCorps' service and assistance to help establish tree windbreak for the Antelope Acres community. 2/8/95



Phillip Sam preparing the roots of an Arizona Cypress during the windbreak tree planting demonstration at the Antelope Acres Community Center. 3/4/95



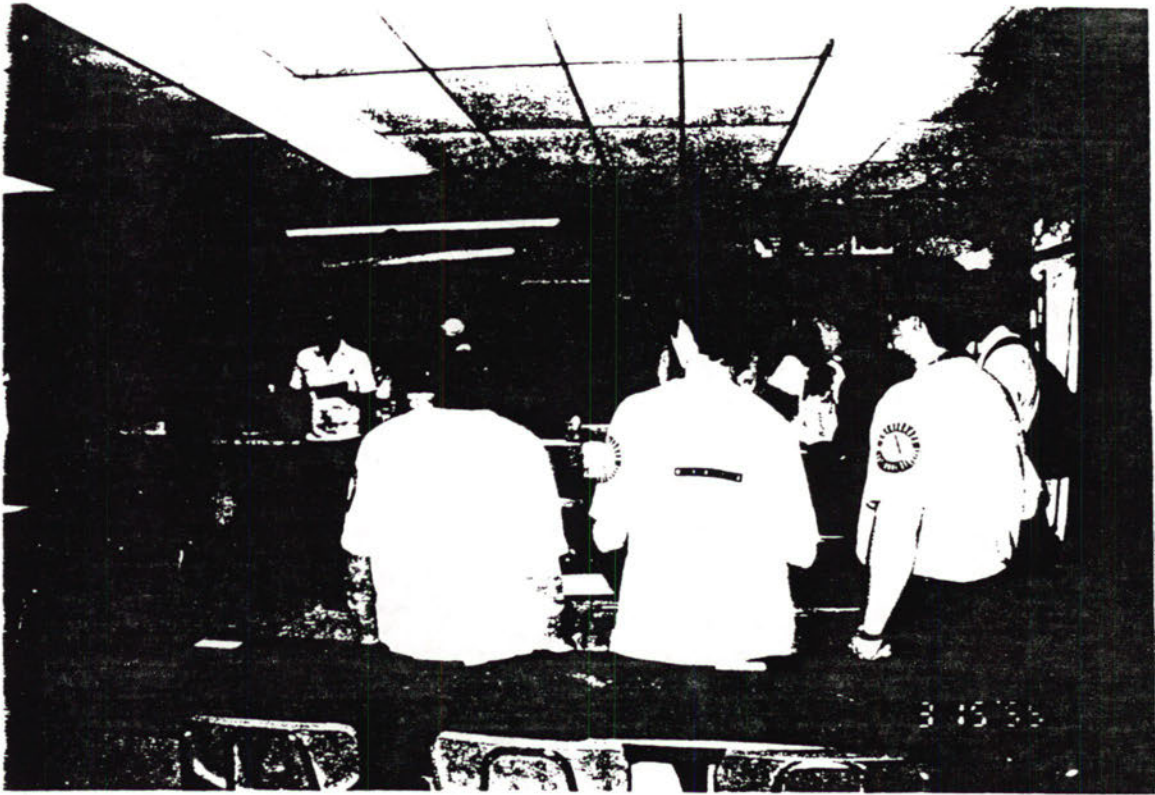
April Jorgen, Sandy Haynes, Phillip Sam, and a local resident preparing to plant one of 54 young Arizona Cypress for a double row windbreak. 7-2-05



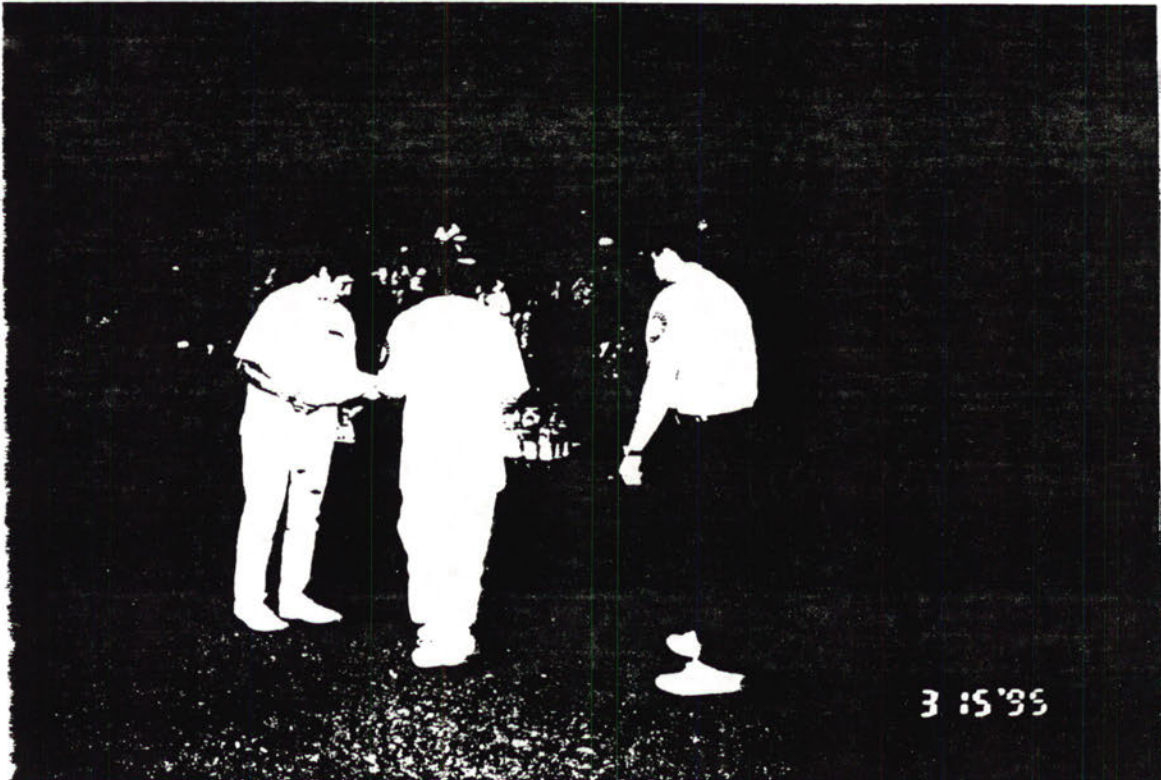
Sandy Haynes, April Jurgen, and Phillip Sam using the sand behind the K-rails along Loma Alta Drive to fill up sandbags in Pasadena. 3/8/95



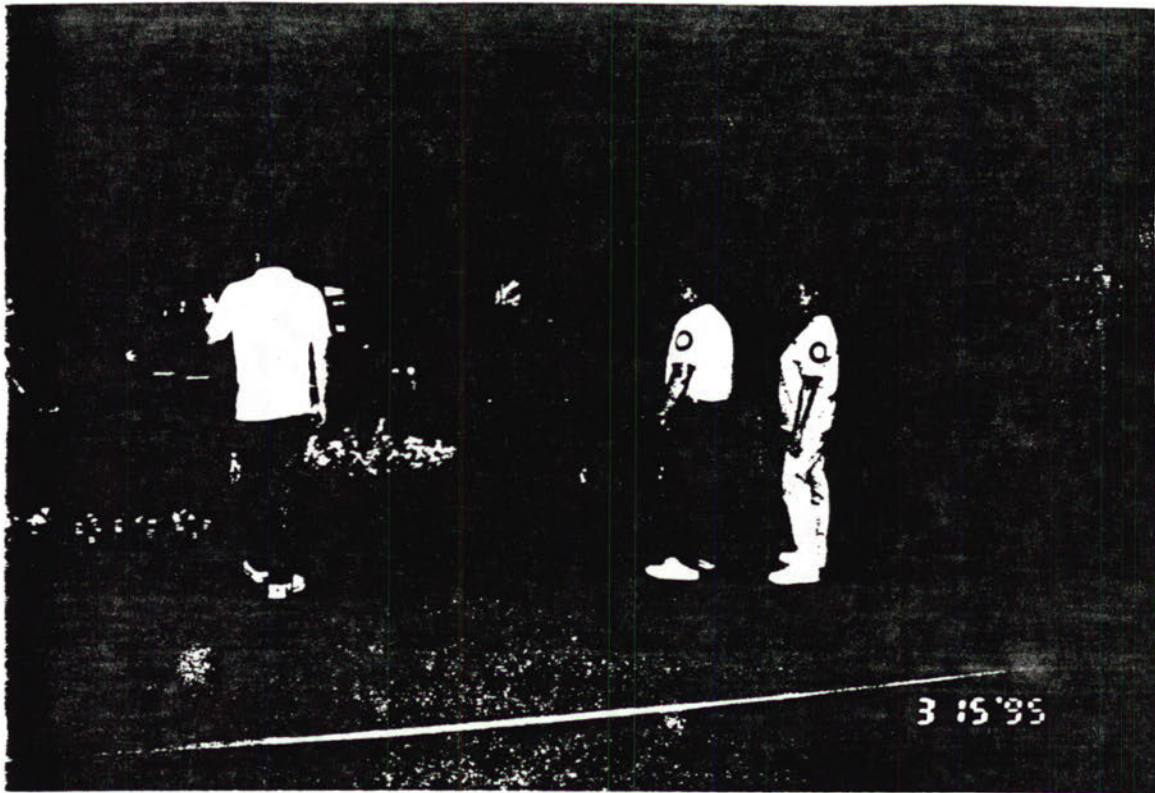
April Jurgen, Sandy Haynes, and Phillip Sam building a row of sandbags to protect a Pasadena resident from the mud and debris that flow down Loma Alta Drive. 3/8/95



AmeriCorps members getting last minute instructions from Neal Weisenberger, botany professor, on the plant identification setup for the Horticultural Day at Antelope Valley College. 3/15/95



Sandy Haynes, April Jorgen, and Phillip Sam setting up a plant I.D. station while about 250 students from different high schools in Antelope Valley are preparing to compete in the horticultural event. 3/15/95



Neal Weisenberger giving testing instructions to about 250 students from different high schools in Antelope Valley while AmeriCorps members assist in splitting up the students into smaller groups to be assigned at each plant I.D. station. 3 15 95



Voril Jergen showing the next plant for students from group #7 to identify at plant I.D. station #5. Some Phillip Sam wants eagerly to exercise his power to "break" the "secret" of the plants. 3 15 95

OES COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICE
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December 3, 1994

L. Robert Dean, District Conservationist
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation District
44811 North Date Ave. Suite G
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Bob:

I want you to know how much we appreciate the AmeriCorps' participation in our neighborhood "sandbag walk" today. Phillip Sam and Sandy Haynes were very effective in meeting people face to face to share information about protecting homes from floods and mud. Three residents, Mike Bohlander, Phillip, Sandy, and I spent a rewarding morning in Altadena. The response was usually very favorable, with people appreciating the visit and the information shared. Some interesting issues emerged:

- Many people have taken the recommended measures already, or told us that they intend to do so soon. Some indicated that they had planned to do something, but weren't sure whether they were going to replace the sandbags, build a pipe & timber barrier, or install a block wall. They were pleased to get the "specs" for a block wall and pipe & timber barrier, and pleased to learn that the county will waive building fees.
- The most common reason cited for putting off the installation of more permanent measures was cost.
- A few people intend to gamble -- or are in denial. "I just don't think it'll be that bad." "It wasn't that bad last year." "I don't want to look at another sandbag!"
- There's quite a bit of misinformation floating around: The storm drains will take care of whatever comes down. The K-rails will act as a dam and hold everything behind them. Old, rotting sandbags are as good as new ones. The county brought these sandbags in; the county should take them away.
- The neighbors generally hate the sandbags. They're ugly, messy, and smelly.

I think today's efforts were valuable, both for the residents we reached, and for us to get a sense of the issues and challenges ahead. It was great to have Phillip and Sandy with us.

Sincerely,


Virginia Kimball



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January 12, 1995

Mr. Phillip Sam
Ms. Sandy Haynes
AMERICORPS
c/o NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
44811 N. Date Ave., Ste G
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Phillip and Sandy:

Thank you for attending our Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting on Jan. 9. We appreciate that you not only made a round-trip drive that evening, but then returned the next day to fill sandbags in Kinneoloa Canyon and Altadena all day during the storm!

Per our discussion at the EP meeting, on behalf of the Alliance, we request that you continue to make neighborhood safety walks in the areas not yet covered. These can be done on weekdays or weekends, depending upon your scheduling.

We understand that you'll visit with residents who have received an Engineering Advice from the L.A. County Department of Public Works and provide handouts to them and other residents. This information would include information about permanent protection measures homeowners can take to guard their property, the location of sand and bags for emergencies, as well as tips on preparedness and how to organize a neighborhood association.

We request that you coordinate your walk schedule directly with Virginia Kimball of the OES Community Liaison Office, so that homeowner associations can be notified when you will be in the area, and join you, if possible.

We appreciate your commitment to your mission and our community and look forward to continuing to work with you during the storm season and beyond.

Sincerely,

Dick Baumer

Vice Chair

cc Virginia Kimball, OES
Mike Bohlander, LA Co. Dept. of Public Works
SGT Eric Mills, Pasadena Police Dept.



Community Liaison Office

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Southern California Firestorms



February 1, 1995.

Mr. L. Robert Dean
District Conservationist
United States Department of Agriculture
National Resources Conservation Service
Suite G
44811 North Date Ave.
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Mr. Dean:

On behalf of the entire Laguna community I wish to thank you for the report Evaluation of Watershed Conditions and Hazards and Recommendations for Additional Protective Measures for the Laguna Fire Area.

I have sent copies to all the organizations who originally requested the report (section 1.1 of the report). I will also disseminate copies to other organizations, agencies, and community groups who can benefit from the information or pass it on to those who can.

We appreciate all the effort that went into compiling this information. It will certainly assist us in our endeavors toward preparedness.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Sabaroff", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Sabaroff, Manager
Community Liaison Office
Governor's Office of Emergency Services

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February 8, 1995

Mr. L. Robert Dean
District Conservationist
USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
44811 N. Date Ave., Ste G
Lancaster, CA 93534

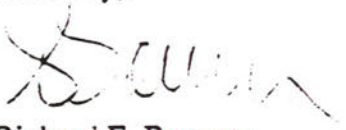
Dear Bob:

I've never been shy about telling everyone how delighted we have been by the tremendous level of service you have provided to our area since the October 1993 fire.

We're especially appreciative of the continuing great work by your Urban Team, assisted by the AMERICORPS volunteers. Their efforts have been so outstanding, we would welcome any opportunity you have to open an office on this side of the San Gabriels. We would strongly support having your Urban Team and/or AMERICORPS folks forward-based somewhere in the Los Angeles urban interface.

Please let me know how I can help you help us more efficiently.

Cordially,



Richard E. Baumer
President

3/9/95

Dear Bob,

Thank
you

Your thoughtfulness
was appreciated.
for arranging to
have American
representatives, Patti
Novak, Sandra and
April help with
the Arbor Day tree
planting at the
A.V. College.

Sincerely,
Merceda Holman

1848 E. Loma Alta Dr.
Altadena, Ca 91001
3-8-95

Natl. Resources Conservation Service
Lancaster Field Office
44211 N. Gate Ave. - Suite B
Lancaster, Ca. 93534

To Management :

I wish to express my very sincere
"Thanks" and appreciation for the
very excellent volunteer services
done for me by: Sandy Haynes,
Phillip Sam and April Jergen;
in laying sandbags in front
of my home, thereby protecting
me against future "flooding"
in this "Disaster" area!

My "Heartfelt" Thank you!
to them and to your organization!
They were so pleasant and very
helpful!

Sincerely
Helen A. Bonard

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AG SECRETARY LAUDS AMERICORPS CONTRIBUTION TO FLOOD RECOVERY

DAVIS, Jan. 26 — Acting Secretary of Agriculture Richard Rominger will visit today with AmeriCorps members helping on flood recovery efforts. Rominger is recognizing the role played by the young people in restoring the flood-ravaged landscapes of an Indian Reservation and a national forest in San Bernardino County.

Twelve AmeriCorps members with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will join counterparts with the U.S. Forest Service (FS) in meeting with Rominger.

In addition to the work in San Bernardino County, NRCS AmeriCorps members are finding useful roles throughout the state:

HUMBOLDT: One AmeriCorps member is helping local community members access available flood assistance information.

LOS ANGELES/VENTURA/ORANGE: Five AmeriCorps members have been sandbagging in Laguna Beach, Pasadena and Ventura Counties. A Lancaster team is working with the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) on a flood mitigation plan.

MARIN: Two AmeriCorps members are claybagging (no sand available) to reinforce a failing levee in Lakeville.

SAN BERNARDINO: Seven NRCS AmeriCorps members are helping tribal leaders on the Morongo Indian Reservation where floods have sent heavy mud flows into homes on the reservation. The members are surveying and documenting the damage and collecting historical information to help design solutions for keeping the mud out of homes.

— more —

The Natural Resources Conservation Service,
formerly the Soil Conservation Service,
is an agency of the
United States Department of Agriculture

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

SONOMA: Two AmeriCorps members are going door-to-door to explain a proposed flood restoration project to landowners and to ask for their participation.

STATEWIDE: One AmeriCorps member will be assisting biologists to identify threatened and endangered species present in areas where the NRCS is assisting in flood rehabilitation. This information will help the biologists design flood programs that won't harm habitat.

The AmeriCorps program is President Clinton's national service initiative to provide critical community assistance in exchange for a small stipend and a voucher to help members further their education.

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 2, 1995

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WINDBREAK TREE PLANTING DEMONSTRATION ON MARCH 4

ANTELOPE ACRES - On Saturday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m., the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and AmeriCorps will hold a windbreak tree planting demonstration at the Antelope Acres Community Center, located at the corner of 90th St. West and Ave E-8.

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's national service program and is composed of diverse groups of Americans who work on projects to benefit neighborhoods and communities. According to Bob Bean, NRCS District Conservationist in Lancaster, "AmeriCorps members are doing their part to serve the community and some such as April Jurgen, who is hearing impaired, are showing the rest of us how to overcome life's obstacles."

The Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District donated the windbreak trees from their nursery for the demonstration; the Antelope Acres Community Center paid for the irrigation supplies; and Waste Management of Lancaster donated three cubic yards of mulch. AmeriCorps members Sandy Haynes and Phillip Sam, and NRCS staff will be on hand to demonstrate the installation of the irrigation system and the proper planting of the windbreak trees.

AmeriCorps members selected Arizona Cypress to plant at the demonstration. According to Patti Novak, "Arizona Cypress is an excellent choice for a windbreak tree in our desert climate. The NRCS, formerly the Soil Conservation Service, has helped farmers plant windbreaks on their fields in the Antelope Valley for over 40 years." "With the proper irrigation and maintenance, the Arizona Cypress has proved itself to be an effective and hearty windbreak," added NRCS Civil Engineer David Lundin.

"Tree windbreaks are beneficial to reduce wind erosion of the soil, to provide habitat for wildlife, and to help clean up our air," said Sam, a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona in Agricultural Biology. Haynes added that in residential areas, windbreak will help to reduce heating and cooling cost, provide privacy, and beautify a home.

"A brochure on establishing windbreaks will be available at the tree planting demonstration for everyone to take home," said Bob Dean. Questions regarding this demonstration project and windbreaks may be directed to the NRCS Lancaster Field Office. (805) 945-2604.

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NRCS AMERICORPS MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FLOOD REPAIR EFFORTS

Twelve AmeriCorps members with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are playing key roles in helping the people and natural resources of Southern California affected by the recent floods.

In San Bernardino County AmeriCorps members are working with tribal leaders at the Morongo Indian Reservation to address that community's flood-related damage. The reservation is experiencing severe erosion which is threatening homes. AmeriCorps members and their NRCS technical experts are surveying and documenting damage with the goal of designing solutions for preventing the mud flow into the homes.

Five other AmeriCorps members are helping with sandbagging in the flood-damaged communities of Laguna Beach, Pasadena, and Ventura County. They worked with the community after the Pasadena Kinalca Fire to develop a mitigation plan that they are now leading the community to put into effect. They worked with the NRCS Urban Team to develop a flood mitigation plan to being delivered to California Office of Emergency Service on Thursday, January 26.

All twelve NRCS AmeriCorps members will meet at the Lytle Creek Ranger Station at 1:30 p.m. on Friday Jan. 27 to partake in the event with Deputy Secretary Rominger. We ask that their contributions to the USDA flood protection efforts be noted in the materials used to brief the Deputy Secretary and area media.

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10 AmeriCorps members from NRCS California
to visit with Deputy Secretary Rominger
Friday per your phone call.

CC: Bill Bradley - NRCS - Salinas
Jim Firsirotu - NRCS - Redlands
Bob Dean - NRCS - Lancaster



Eaton Canyon Recovery Alliance

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Update

DECEMBER 1994

Supporting residents and homeowners' associations in Altadena, Eaton Canyon, Kinneoloa Ranch, Kinneoloa Estates, Kinneoloa Mesa, Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena Glen, and other foothill communities damaged by the Firestorm on October 27, 1993

MEETINGS

Meetings indicated with a checkmark (✓) are held at the OES Community Liaison Office, 3746 Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, (818) 304-7890.

ECRA INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m.

HighPoint Academy

1720 Kinneoloa Cyn. Rd., Pasadena

Insurance problems? You can benefit from some valuable experience and information at the upcoming ECRA Insurance Committee meeting. The committee works closely with homeowners to resolve common and individual problems.

✓ PUT HOLIDAY STRESS TO REST!

Thursday, December 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 10, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Fire survivors are invited to learn to lessen holiday stress and color our "blues" with another hue. Two workshops will be offered by Foothill Family Service through Project REBOUND at the OES Community Liaison Office. Refreshments will be served.

BUILDERS' POINT OF VIEW

Mondays Dec. 5 & 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

1727 Kinneoloa Cyn. Rd., Pasadena

If you're rebuilding, or plan to rebuild soon, don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn hands-on building tips! These workshops are part of a continuing series that will help you learn how to build it, or to ask the right questions of your construction team.

✓ ECRA STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m.

Here's a chance to share news about the community's progress and concerns. Neighborhood associations will also report on their activities. Your participation is needed as we plan ways to make our neighborhoods safer during the rainy season.

CABLE T.V. PRESENTATION ECRA Cable Show

Monday, Dec. 12 & Saturday, Dec. 17

2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Keep up-to-date! Watch "On Alert" and catch the latest fire recovery news and disaster preparedness information. On Brown Cable, Channel 56, this ECRA-produced cable show provides news specifically geared to the local Altadena/Kinneoloa area. The show is presented twice on Monday and Saturday.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please Note: During the holiday season, the OES Community Liaison Office will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

POTENTIAL DANGER OF DEBRIS AND MUDSLIDES: "...WORSE THAN LAST YEAR"

By Phillip Sam, Natural Resources Conservation Service/AmeriCorps

The Altadena-Kinneoloa fires on October 27, 1993, destroyed many homes and properties, and burned off vegetation on 5,700 acres along the foothills. Now, the still denuded canyons and watersheds in the mountains pose a danger of mud and debris flows impacting the urbanized areas. Most of the dry vegetation on the hillsides are mustard plants which do not provide adequate soil stabilization due to their non-fibrous root system. In fact, the mustard and other new vegetation has penetrated the hydrophobic layer of the soil, breaking up the crust, and caused increased erosion in hills and canyons. Thus, the potential danger of debris and mudslides is now expected to be worse than last year.

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ONE-STOP CENTER UPDATE AND THOUGHTS -- ONE YEAR LATER

by Bruce Hooper, District Engineer

One-Stop Manager, L.A. County Public Works

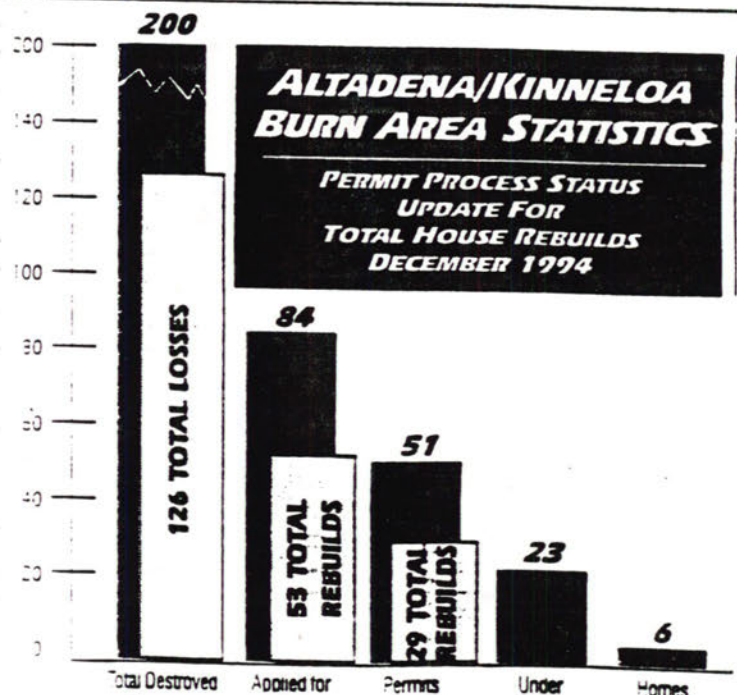
As of November 22, the Los Angeles County One-Stop Information and Permit Center in Arcadia had plan checked 84 building plans for the fire area. We have issued 51 building reconstruction permits.

The Altadena-Kinneoloa Fire affected many lives in the community. Rebuilding projects have interacted with various levels of county, state and federal government. In this entire process, there has been a wonderful spirit of cooperation.

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FIRE SURVIVORS' NOTES!

Many first class letters directed to fire survivors are being returned to the sender, because the post office will not forward mail after one year. If you notice or suspect that you are not receiving all of your mail, this might be the problem. Contact the U.S. Post Office to clarify your situation.



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RECORD #: 504

STATE OF DUTY STATION: WV

COUNTY OF DUTY STATION: Wayne

Team Type: RDT-SCS

SUPERVISOR/COORD.:

State of Duty Stat. Code: 54
County of Duty Station: Wayne
County of Duty Stat. Code: 099
State of Duty Station: WV
Ethnicity (Solo sites):

ROLE:

MEMBER NAME:

Community Serv. Obj. #1:

Community Serv. Obj. #2:

Community Serv. Obj. #3:

Community Serv. Obj. #4:

Community Serv. Obj. #5:

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EATON CANYON RECOVERY ALLIANCE

Affiliated with COMMUNITY PARTNERS

OES Community Liaison Office
3746 Foothill Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91107

Bob Dean
44811 N Date Ave #G
Lancaster, CA

ECRA UPDATE

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Potential Danger From Debris (Cont'd. from page 1)

At the request of the Eaton Canyon Recovery Alliance (ECRA) and the Office of Emergency Services (OES), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/AmeriCorps at the Lancaster field office has completed an inventory of measures and recommendations on flood protection for residents for the current rainy season.

In doing the report, "Summary of the 1993-94 Flood Prevention and Recommendations for 1994-95 Rainy Season," NRCS and AmeriCorps staff made field surveys and recommendations for residential flood protection, and debris basins and sediment control structures. Areas covered in the report and on the maps are: Chiquita Canyon, Loma Alta, Rubio Canyon, Altadena East, Kinneboa, Pasadena Glen, Hastings Ranch, and Sierra Madre.

The report lists people who received mitigation last year and/or residents who received engineering advice from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Information in the tables includes: address, engineering advice, type of structures installed last year, dimensions of structures, description, priority, and recommendation for action. In making the recommendations, NRCS and AmeriCorps staff visually checked for existing or removed sandbags at each location. If the sandbags are still present but deteriorating, we recommended that the sandbags be repaired. If the sandbags were removed, we recommended they be replaced. Each location was rated with a low, medium or high priority which reflected the potential of flooding at that location.

OES provided maps of the areas covered in the Report. Maps show the address of the residents with mitigation, and the approximate location of sandbags and various structures. The number on the maps match the map numbers indicated on each page of the residents' list.

NRCS and AmeriCorps staff recommend that residents bring the level of protection to their properties up to or to exceed the level provided for during last year's rainy season. In order to achieve the level of protection needed for the current rainy season, there must be a collective effort from communities and neighborhoods.

For a complete copy of the recommendation report or for other information, please contact the OES Community Liaison Office, 3746 Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, (818) 304-7890. For further information about the report, please contact the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/AmeriCorps at the Lancaster field office, (805) 945-2604 and ask for Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes, or

ECRA COMMITTEES



CHAIR	Ursula Hyman	213/891-7906
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	Virginia Kimbell	818/304-7890
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NOTE FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL

(Council Chairperson, Walter Martin sent this letter to Ursula Hyman, Chairperson of the ECRA):

"At our last regularly scheduled meeting, October 18, the Altadena Town Council unanimously passed the following motion:

That a letter be sent to the Eaton Canyon Recovery Alliance to convey our appreciation for the recovery work that the Alliance has done in the last year and to pledge our support of its continuing recovery work and its efforts in the area of preparedness.

Please continue to keep the Council aware of your activities in the area of recovery and preparedness, and any manner in which we may be of assistance to your effort."

DON'T HESITATE TO CALL

If you encounter any problems during any stage of your rebuilding process, please contact the OES Community Liaison Office at 3746

AmeriCorps
Second Quarter Report
Redlands Field Office
March 31, 1995

1. Number of Members Enrolled

There are **seven** AmeriCorps members enrolled as of March 31, 1995.

2. Number of Members Enrolled at the End of the Quarter

There are **seven** AmeriCorps members enrolled at the end of the quarter.

3. Total Number of Hours of Direct Service Performed

Overall the AmeriCorps members in the Redlands Field Office have performed a total of **7,348 hours of service**. Four of the AmeriCorps (Penny, Adrian, Tai, and Barbara) have performed **4,336** hours total and each have performed **1,084** hours of service. The other three AmeriCorps (Toan, Jami, and Kevin) have performed **3,012** hours total and each have performed **1,004** hours of service.

4. Total Numbers of Hours in Training

The AmeriCorps members have received approximately **25** hours of training which have included AIDS/HIV training and First Aid/CPR training. Three of the AmeriCorps (Toan, Tai, and Barbara) now have CPR certification. Other training include safety procedures.

5. Progress Towards Meeting Community Service Objectives

As of March 30, 1995, the AmeriCorps members have reached some of their set objectives through projects and programs they have assisted in. Some of those projects and programs are now on their way to reducing pollution, conserving water, and in some cases improve irrigation. Projects such as the **NPDS Stenciling Project**, a public awareness program aim to inform on the dangers of storm drain water pollution. The goal of the NPDS Stenciling Program is to keep pollutants out of storm drains. **Managing Non Point Source Pollution for Water Quality** is another program that the AmeriCorps are part of and one that will reduce pollution in our water. Non Point Source (NPS) pollution is mainly caused by improper agricultural practices. One of our AmeriCorps (Jami Fisher) has been working with the RCD staff in developing and gathering data that will be essential in the program for NPS.

Several of our AmeriCorps (Tai Diep, Kevin Nguyen, and Toan Bui) have been vigorously working with dairies in the surrounding communities. Approximately **seven dairies** (see attachment) have been surveyed with a total of **345 acres**. The plans that have been designed will save **13,939 tons** of waste once the practices have been implemented. The surveys have been very beneficial to the dairy persons since they saved **\$24,500** that would have come out of their pockets if the AmeriCorps had not been available to do the surveys.

6. Primary Accomplishments

AmeriCorps members have worked on several projects throughout the surrounding communities. The projects include:

Christmas on Euclid Street

* a Christmas theme street fair where **two** AmeriCorps participated

- * members assisted with directing parents, children and general public to different booths and entertainment stages

Christmas Trees Recycling Flyers

- * distributed flyers to approximately **20** Christmas Trees growers
- * the flyers provided site information for recycling Christmas trees

NPDS Stenciling Project

- * project established to provide information on ways to reduce storm water pollution
- * kickoff was held on January 14, 1995 with **16** cities involved
- * participants were given a T-shirt and a San Bernardino County Regional Park pass

Nature Discovery Program (Tree Time and Into The Woods)

- * approximately **2,180 students** participated in the programs
- * the programs are created to give elementary students a perspective on nature and nature's needs through plays, games, and activities.

Morongo Indian Reservation Riverbasin Study

- * study is to assist reservation with their flooding problems
- * **two** AmeriCorps members (Toan and Barbara) have completed a residential/structure survey
- * next phase will be to start interviewing residents regarding flood damage to their properties
- * Morongo Indian Reservation has requested EWP assistance to repair storm damage

Composting Workshop (Inland Empire West RCD)

- * a workshop was conducted to provide information on backyard composting/mulching
- * free mulch was available to the public
- * **six** AmeriCorps assisted in the workshop

Troth Elementary School

- * assistance was given to the Doris Sanchez School Beautification project

Ayala High School in Chino Hills

- * hillside project is still in the process

Colton High School FFA Land Judging Contest

- * **two** members assisted in the event in which land was graded
- * awards were presented to approximately **30** high school FFA land judging teams

7. Projected Outcomes For Next Quarter

A volunteer recruitment project is currently in the planning stage and we expect to have the project running within a couple of weeks. This project will enable NRCS and both RCD's to reach and recruit more volunteers and at the same time let the community know about the NRCS and the RCD's.

The AmeriCorps will participate in the Annual Environmental Expo held at California State University San Bernardino. The Members are assisting the East Valley Resource Conservation Service (EVRCD) with designing, organizing, and managing of the booth. Both the District and the Members have designed a booth that should catch the public's eye.

Tai, Kevin, and Toan will continue working with dairies and practices installation. The dairies have been one of our main focus since we did not have the man power to do the survey before but now with the AmeriCorps we are getting the dairies completed.

8. Primary Challenges

- * coordinating schedules

9. Primay Training and Technical Assistance Needs

- * FOCS training

10. Media Coverage

See attachments

11. Other Creative Documentation/Stories

On March 10, 1995 two of the Redlands Field Office AmeriCorps attended a conference in Los Angeles sponsored by the AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger team. The groups had a chance to get to know each other, make contacts for future projects, and discuss projects they have done. This was a great experience for the AmeriCorps members.

A interesting event happened to a couple of our AmeriCorps that we just have to pass it on. We had some pretty bad rains the beginning of the month (March) and our soils were pretty saturated. Our AmeriCorps had to survey a state park as soon as possible so they decided to just do the job no matter what. They drove to the site and looked for a stable spot to park the truck. They soon discovered that the truck was too much weight for the soft mud – the truck was stuck. They tried and tried to get the truck out but it was just impossible. Our two brave AmeriCorps decided to go for some help so they hitched a ride to the nearest intersection. Eventually after many hours of digging and pushing and digging some more and pushing even more they finally got the truck out. Of course after that they had to wash the truck but the important thing is that they did not give up or maybe was the fact that Jim told them to get the truck out no matter what, that "motivated" them.

Here is a funny story, Toan and Barbara were driving around Morongo Indian Reservation surveying. The reservation is an area of many hills and dips, Barbara was driving the truck which is a manual transmission which Barbara is not an expert on. Anyways, Toan and Barbara stopped at a stop sign on **top of a hill** with a car behind them. Barbara trying to be "cool" with the situation, put the truck in gear and took her foot of the brake, the truck then preceeded to go **backwards**!! She tried to get the truck to move forward but the truck had a mind of its own. Of course the people in the car behind them just kept moving backward too but that did not help Barbara. Finally, after many tries and fails, the two AmeriCorps had to ask the people in the car behind them to pass them. After recuperating from their laugh attack, Toan help Barbara get the truck moving in the right direction.

of the creek after recent heavy rains also gives participating residents a clear picture of a potential meander course to adopt in their planning.

* Photographs and video of AmeriCorps tours, training, and projects, as well as flood events and storm damage from the January and March 1995 storms.

NEWS

Natural Resources
Conservation
Service

Contact:
Richard King
District Conservationist

(707) 575-1409

AMERICORPS WORKERS FILL COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEEDS

(Santa Rosa, CA, Thursday, Feb. 9, 1995) -- When January's floodwaters receded in Sonoma County, landowners were faced with a murky problem -- where to get help dealing with property damage. AmeriCorps workers Colin Close and Julie Maggi stepped in to assist.

"Because the emergency workload is so great in California and we have such a small staff, we would have had a difficult time responding to calls," said Richard King, District Conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. "The AmeriCorps people dramatically improved our ability to respond." Close and Maggi are working for NRCS as members of AmeriCorps, a national service program akin to a domestic Peace Corps.

As part of its resource conservation responsibilities, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to communities to prevent further damage following disasters. While the NRCS staff handled the technical issues, Close and Maggi focused on the community. They researched and provided information about disaster assistance programs available from a variety of agencies, helped identify people needing assistance, provided photo documentation of damage, did historical research on affected watersheds, and networked with other agencies involved with emergency efforts. "They even helped line up the California Highway Patrol helicopter so we could evaluate the upper watershed," said King.

"As much as anything, they have been available to assist landowners and agencies alike," King said, "They have kept the process going as quickly as possible. Without them, our response would have been much slower and there would have been a much higher level of confusion and uncertainty among landowners."

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The work following the floods is not the only community assistance that might have suffered without the AmeriCorps workers. When Maggi and Close aren't responding to emergencies, the two women provide the tools landowners need to understand and take leadership for restoring and enhancing their own watersheds.

"They are providing a service desperately needed in this area because our NRCS staff has suffered severe cutbacks," said Ruth Stadnick, Associate Director of the Sotoyome-Santa Rosa Resource Conservation District. Resource conservation districts are local public agencies responsible for conservation work in counties. The Sotoyome-Santa Rosa RCD is promoting private landowner involvement and leadership in protecting watersheds. "With \$5,000-\$10,000 a year for funding, the RCD has always relied on NRCS and now AmeriCorps to provide outreach and landowner contacts," explained Stadnick. "They met with landowners and listened to what we want to do."

Maggi and Close began their AmeriCorps work in Sonoma County in September, 1994 in response to a request from the Sotoyome-Santa Rosa RCD and NRCS. Traditionally, NRCS has provided technical assistance to the district but now the staff is half of what it was 15 years ago and the workload has increased according to King. "Utilizing the AmeriCorps program enables districts to provide more meaningful assistance to their constituents," said King.

The service the two women provide includes doing fish habitat inventory, providing maps and other information and getting landowners together. They also train dairy farmers how to use ammonia test kits, provided by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District. The test kits enable farmers to analyze the amount of ammonia in water samples and make adjustments, if needed, to their dairy management.

"They've been very professional," said Jack Dei, a dairy farmer in the Santa Rosa area. "They've offered to come back and help me monitor the water. All I have to do is call them," he said.

Others have echoed Dei's remarks. "Their follow-up has been immediate," said Doug Simmonds, Associate Director, Sotoyome-Santa Rosa RCD. "I'm trying to coordinate a watershed analysis in my area. With Colin and Julie, I feel this project is feasible," he said explaining how as a volunteer, he is often overloaded.

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"It is really satisfying responding to community requests and needs," said Close. Service comes naturally to the two enthusiastic, young women. Their projects also involve working with students at alternative high schools and teaching at workshops to inspire other women to enter careers in math and science.

"My parents started me doing community service work when I was ten years old so community service is in my blood," said Maggi, who until recently worked as a professional photographer in New York. Originally from the Sonoma County area, she became interested in the environment and switched careers. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from Sonoma State University, she volunteered for NRCS until the AmeriCorps position opened. She is saving to return to graduate school and study soil fertility. "Because I'm changing careers, this provides training and lets me test my interest to see if this is what I want to do," Maggi said. "So far, the answer is a big yes."

Close, also from the Sonoma area, returned to college after dropping out and working as a waitress. While studying to be an English teacher, she took a hydrology class as an elective and it piqued her interest in water issues. She now has a Bachelors degree in environmental studies from Sonoma State University and has done graduate research in hydrology at the University of Nevada, Reno. The AmeriCorps program is helping pay for Close, who hopes to be a college professor, to attend graduate school. However, the experience means as much or more to her as the dollars. "The more experience I gain, the more I'll be able to offer students," she said and referred to her own favorite professor who inspired her with his practical teaching applicable to life situations.

The AmeriCorps program provides people like Close and Maggi with a small living stipend and basic health insurance while they are working, assistance with college tuition, and if necessary child care allowance.

"I have a deep need to pay back a debt of gratitude to the community," said Close, who's family received public assistance while she was growing up. "I see community service as simply a way of life. It's not just giving to community; it's about community." One of her goals as an AmeriCorps member is to do such a good job that the program becomes respected and appreciated.

"As charter members, we are on trial," said Maggi, who along with Close are two of the first four AmeriCorps workers in the United States.

Written for: the Ukiah Daily Journal
By: Earl Brown,
AmeriCorps/NRCS

AMERICORPS - National Service

Americorps is President Clinton's national service initiative to achieve direct results in addressing the nation's critical education, human service, public safety and environmental needs at a community level. It is established along the lines as Vista and the Peace Corps though Americorps members work in their own communities not overseas. Twenty thousand Americorps members across the United States were sworn in by the President on September 12th of this year.

In California the USDA has sponsored 30 Americorps members. Two members are working through the Ukiah Soil Conservation Service (SCS) addressing water and soil conservation needs. Earl Brown and Bill Randolph are both long time residents of Mendocino County and bring with them a wide variety of abilities. Earl will be focusing his efforts in the Anderson Valley along the Navarro River and Bill will do the same in Covelo along the Middle Fork of the Eel River. They are working under the guidance of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and SCS to help these communities in soil and water conservation options and assistance.

Keeping in form with Mendocino County RCD and SCS's philosophy, Earl and Bill will be using a voluntary, cooperative means of aiding their respective communities. This means they will work with landowners who request their aid in developing an individual site plan for conservation practices. This will involve working within the community to help build a total watershed, stewardship, approach to the issues concerning their environment. They will also help eligible landowners access funds that are available for conservation projects.

The "HANDBOOK FOR FOREST AND RANCH ROADS"

A GUIDE FOR PLANNING, DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING,
MAINTAINING AND CLOSING WILDLAND ROADS.

Prepared By: William E. Weaver, PHD
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For: The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District

In Cooperation with: The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and
The USDA Soil Conservation Service

This is not a text book but a practical guide and field manual for anyone involved with roads in the forest or on the ranch. With over 190 pages of road building common sense and practical knowledge this book is a "must have" for road builders. Included are over 70 photographs, 40 illustrations, 40 charts, numerous formulas and building tips. Its table of contents includes but is not limited to:

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- Chapter 3- Scouting the alignment; Recognizing hazards; Marking the proposed alignment.
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- Chapter 5- Road surface drainage; Hillslope drainage (stream crossing) includes: legal requirements, culverts, fords, bridges and more.
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- Chapter 7- Reconstruction; Redesign; Slash and spoil disposal; Erosion control.
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- Chapter 9- Road closure and abandonment; Stream crossing excavations; Erosion control; Revegetation.
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405 ORCHARD AVENUE, UKIAH, CA. 95482 PH. (707) 468-9223



Dear Navarro Watershed Landowner,

AmeriCorps, the new national public service program established by congress, wants your help in directing our community assistance efforts. AmeriCorps is working in concert with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and the Ukiah office of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (formally the Soil Conservation Service) who have been helping landowners address water and soil conservation efforts through cooperative, voluntary means for many years. We are focusing our attention on the Navarro River Watershed and feel that we can be most effective in directing our technical assistance programs if we know your concern. We are especially interested in your opinion because you have a property boundary with the Navarro River or one of its major tributaries.

Enclosed you will find a questionnaire concerning the Navarro River and water use along with your pre-addressed return envelope. Your individual responses **will not** be shared with any other agencies or groups and will remain confidential. Instead, responses will be compiled as a group and help us direct our voluntary approach efforts. Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire. Your comments and opinions are important and will be greatly appreciated. Also, please feel free to add a letter with any advice and/ or counsel you may have for us. Any conservation efforts in the Navarro River watershed will only succeed to the extent that you and other landowners support those efforts.

Thank-you for your time reading and answering the questionnaire. For any questions you may have call me, Earl Brown, at 707-468-9223 between 7:30 am and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely;

Earl Brown
AmeriCorps,
Soil Conservation Service,
Mendocino County RCD

NAVARRO RIVER LANDOWNER OPINION

(check all that apply)

1. Is there a problem with the Navarro River? ☐ Hi ☐ Medium ☐ Low ☐ No Problem

☐ Amt. of Water ☐ Temperature ☐ Length of Flow ☐ Quality

☐ Sediment ☐ Other:

2. Do you have any erosion concerns on your property?

☐ Surface Runoff ☐ Gully ☐ Streambank ☐ Slides ☐ Other:

3. What is your land use?

☐ Residential ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Timber

☐ Pasture ☐ Orchard ☐ Vineyard ☐ Other:

4. What is your water source?

☐ Well ☐ Pond ☐ Stream/ River ☐ Spring ☐ Other:

5. Do you irrigate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Flood ☐ Sprinkler ☐ Drip

6. When do you irrigate?

☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☐ Fall

7. Concerning sport fish, in the last ten years, is there: ☐ More ☐ Same ☐ Less

8. Would you like to know about any of these conservation options/ funding sources?

☐ Erosion ☐ Water Quality ☐ Stream Vegetation ☐ Fencing

☐ Irrigation ☐ Fish Habitat ☐ Riparian Buffer Zone ☐ Other:

9. What conservation concerns for soil and water do you have, if any?

a. If you have concerns, what help would you like to have to solve these?

10. Would you be willing to attend a public meeting to address conservation concerns? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. OPTIONAL: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

12. Comments (use back of page if necessary).







**Ayala High School - Chino Hills
FFA Class**

Students have been working on the restoration of the eroded hillside on their school. They have taken soil samples, gathered data on plants and future sponsors, and created a budget. Their goal is to have the hillside planted by June 1995.

DAIRIES QUARTERLY REPORT

AMERICORPS WORK PROGRESS						
PROJECT (DATE COMPLETED)	CURRENT & ONGOING ASSISTANCE					
	AmeriCorps Member	Clients	Survey	Calc. & Draft	Acreage (acres)	Waste Saved for EWMP (tons)
Michael DeHoog (12/07/94)	Tai Diep	Michael DeHoog	x	x	40	1957
James Jorritsma (01/09/95)	Tai Diep	James Jorritsma	x	x	40	1957
Hans Nederend (01/13/95)	Kevin Nguyen	Hans Nederend	x	x	40	1957
Rex Nederend (02/13/95)	Tai Diep/Kevin Nguyen	IEWRCD	x	x	5	
Ed Haringa (02/22/95)	Kevin Nguyen/ Tai Diep	Mt. Baldy US Forest Service	x	x	5	
Gerben Hettinga (Ongoing)	Tai Diep	Rex Nederend	x	x	40	1957
G & H Calf (Ongoing)	Kevin Nguyen	Ed Haringa	x	x	40	1696
Mt. Baldy US Forest Service (03/15/95)	Toan Bui/Tai Diep	Gerben Hettinga	x	x	113	3915
IEWRCD (03/16/95)	Kevin Nguyen/Rick Nguyen(volunteer)	G & H Calf	x	x	22	500

- * Total area surveyed (acres) = 345
- * Total wastes saved for EWMP (tons) = 13,939
- * Total money saved for EWMP = \$24,500
- * Total number of dairies = 7
- * Currently, implementation of the plans is not known.

Date: April 1, 1995

Second Quarter AmeriCorps Report

Lancaster Field Office
Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes, April Jurgen
December 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995

1. Number of members enrolled at the time of launch.

6 of 6

2. Numbers of members enrolled at the end of Quarter.

6 of 6

3. Total number of hours of direct service performed.

456 hours

4. Total number of hours in training.

184 hours

(One could add an additional 208 hours for support of direct service/training from NRCS staff as in, EWP investigation, engineering survey, field surveys, etc.)

5. Progress toward meeting community service objectives.

Objective #1 is to provide technical assistance to residents of the 1993 Kinneloa fire area in Los Angeles County. The AmeriCorps staff has met with the following agencies:

Eaton Canyon Recovery Alliance	County Fire Department
Communities homeowner associations	Altadena Flames
L.A. County Board of Supervisors	Altadena Town Council
Office of Emergency Services	L.A. County Public Works

The above have requested that AmeriCorps staff help put the mitigation plan in place by informing residents on how they can protect themselves and their properties along the rural/urban interface of the fire area. The AmeriCorps staff has implemented the plan which included one on one visits with fire area residents, distribution of mitigation recommendations and emergency preparedness information, and sandbagging effort at high risk flood areas.

Objective #2 is to prepare a mitigation plan requested by Orange County, City of Laguna and OES for the Laguna fire area of 1993. The AmeriCorps staff has met with the following agencies/groups:

Office of Emergency Services	Orange County Public Works
Laguna Beach Municipal Services	Laguna Beach Fire Department
Laguna Fire Relief Coalition	Laguna Public Works Operations

The mitigation plan has been developed, reviewed and accepted by the above groups. The AmeriCorps staff has assisted a local community with sandbagging effort. The two mitigation plans above will be used to provide limited protection from mud and debris flows for some 5000 residents in the Kinneloa fire area and over 1000 residents in the Laguna Fire area. These two fires burned an area of 22,382 acres and destroyed 492 structures (mainly family homes).

Objective #3 is to assist residents of Antelope Acres with technical needs in establishing vegetation/trees for windbreaks on and around windblown area. The AmeriCorps staff has met with the following agencies/groups :

Antelope Acres Town Council
Waste Management of Lancaster

Antelope Acres Community Center
Antelope Valley R.C.D.

The mitigation plan has been developed, reviewed and accepted by the above groups. The AmeriCorps and NRCS staff has implemented the plan at the Antelope Acres Community Center as a demonstration site. Information on vegetation/trees, site preparation, irrigation, and cost estimates were available for residents to take home at the windbreak tree planting demonstration. The AmeriCorps staff will continue to work with Antelope Acres residents to develop a plan for their property. The plan will include site preparation, windbreak design, irrigation layout, and cost estimate. This will be ongoing through July of 1995.

Objective #4 is to start an outreach program featuring AmeriCorps making presentations to groups with hearing impairments. The main topics would be explaining what AmeriCorps is all about, and what AmeriCorps members do in dealing with the protection and preservation of our natural resources. April Jurgen will be the lead person in this project. April is currently making contacts with hearing impaired groups in this area or around Los Angeles County. Other AmeriCorps staff will assist April in this project which will be ongoing through July.

Other Community Activities

- * Reseeded poppies and wildflowers at the California Poppy Reserve.
- * Gave presentations on AmeriCorps activities at Quartz Hill High School.
- * Involved with the Horticultural Day event at Antelope Valley College.
- * Involved with the Landscaping for the High Desert Workshop.
- * Will assist the Allied Art Center in refurbishing their historic building in downtown Lancaster.

6. Primary accomplishments.

- * Mitigation plan put in place for fire areas of Kinneloa, Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre.
- * Mitigation plan completed for Laguna fire area.
- * Developed plan for the Antelope Acres community in establishing windbreaks.
- * Published a windbreak brochure and a plant brochure.
- * Met and earned the trust of key leaders in the community.
- * Have received praise from state, county, cities and residents for work accomplished.
- * Worked one on one with homeowners in Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre.
- * Working one on one with homeowners in Antelope Acres to put together a plan with windbreak design, irrigation layout, and cost estimate for individual homeowners (will be ongoing).

7. Projected outcomes for next quarter.

- * Complete one on one work with homeowners in Antelope Acres to put together a plan with windbreak design, irrigation layout, and cost estimate for individual homeowners.
- * Complete 90% of contacts with hearing impaired groups for the outreach program featuring AmeriCorps.

8. Primary challenges.

I suggest that for FY 96 we start now and plan our objectives and advertise for candidates needed to accomplish the objective. We need a pool of individuals to draw from in a timely fashion. Keep candidate informed of the status of their application for employment.

Few staff members are trained in watershed/ecosystem conservation planning. A lot of time from the NRCS staff is being used for technical support/plan writing.

Have one member still requesting Child Care Benefits.

9. Primary training and technical assistance needed.

- * Formulation of conservation plans and writing narratives for plan.
- * Knowledge of engineering principals as they related to mud flows, erosion, windbreaks, etc.
- * Hands on training on irrigation systems, landscaping, desert vegetation/plants, etc.

Step 10 can better be presented at the end of third quarter.

11. Other creative documentations.

See following attachments:

1. Photo-Log of AmeriCorps Field Activities
2. Letters from OES, ECRA, Wildflower Preservation Foundation, E.F. Baumer & Company, Helen A. Benard, and Nereida Henderson
3. News Releases
4. ECRA Newsletters and Antelope Acres Newsletters
5. News articles from Valley Press, Daily News, and NRCS Current Developments.

Sincerely,

Bob Dean
District Conservationist
Lancaster Field Office

cc: Bill Gradle
Area Conservationist
Salinas Area Office

Date: April 1, 1995

Second Quarter AmeriCorps Report

Somis Field Office

Nasreen Alam, David Macias, Shannon Perkins
December 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995

In the second quarter AmeriCorps staff received training in the following areas.

Tech-guide training	(Area Staff)	4 hrs.
Computer training	(Area Staff)	6 hrs.
Land Survey training	(Office Staff)	20 hrs.
Plants training	(Forest Dept.)	4 hrs.
HIV training		8 hrs.
CPR and First Aid training		8 hrs.
Newsletter training	(State office)	3 hrs.
Training by field office staff		130 hrs.
In field (OJT)		100 hrs.
In office (OJT)		30 hrs.

In this quarter AmeriCorps staff spent their time helping the community in different ways.

- a) Worked with office staff in collecting data for the follow-up fire storm investigation in Malibu area.
- b) Worked on critical area treatment in many places for EWP. This included soil preparation, seeding, mulching, gully stabilization, etc.
- c) Collected addresses of Malibu residents who had been affected by fire and needed sandbags for temporary protection. This information was added in the whole report for the mailing list.
- d) Helped the Malibu community by sandbagging.
- e) A major rock concrete channel, funded by FEMA, was built in Malibu after the June 1994 flood. This flood had damaged many homes and businesses. The AmeriCorps job was to take photographs and to report progress of the construction.
- f) AmeriCorps staff also helped the Lancaster office by planting poppy seeds in the California Poppy Reserve and by planting windbreaks in Antelope Acres and doing a land survey in Pasadena.
- g) Spent some of their time in the office making new EWP files and filing them.
- h) Gathered different types of information necessary to start work in the field trails. Activities in the field trails will be started in April.
- i) Recent floods in Ventura county have affected many farms and properties. After the flood, AmeriCorps staff went out with the office staff. Farms were visited and information was gathered from damaged areas. AmeriCorps assisted the office staff in many field investigations and evaluations for ECP such as measuring damaged areas, taking photographs of damaged areas, calculating sediments, etc.

OUTCOMES FOR NEXT QUARTERS

a) Begin demonstration/field trial site work. AmeriCorps staff will be engaged in landscape building,
installing irrigation systems, preparing soil, planting trees and maintaining the areas.

b) Publish information of finding/results of field trial in the quarterly newsletter.

In the next quarter the AmeriCorps staff hopes to receive more hands on training on irrigation systems, landscaping, and fire resistant plants.

AmeriCorps

Second Quarter Report

Redlands Field Office
March 31, 1995

1. Number of Members Enrolled

There are **seven** AmeriCorps members enrolled as of March 31, 1995.

2. Number of Members Enrolled at the End of the Quarter

There are **seven** AmeriCorps members enrolled at the end of the quarter.

3. Total Number of Hours of Direct Service Performed

Overall the AmeriCorps members in the Redlands Field Office have performed a total of **7,348 hours of service**. Four of the AmeriCorps (Penny, Adrian, Tai, and Barbara) have performed **4,336** hours total and each have performed **1,084** hours of service. The other three AmeriCorps (Toan, Jami, and Kevin) have performed **3,012** hours total and each have performed **1,004** hours of service.

4. Total Numbers of Hours in Training

The AmeriCorps members have received approximately **25** hours of training which have included AIDS/HIV training and First Aid/CPR training. Three of the AmeriCorps (Toan, Tai, and Barbara) now have CPR certification. Other training include safety procedures.

5. Progress Towards Meeting Community Service Objectives

As of March 30, 1995, the AmeriCorps members have reached some of their set objectives through projects and programs they have assisted in. Some of those projects and programs are now on their way to reducing pollution, conserving water, and in some cases improve irrigation. Projects such as the **NPDS Stenciling Project**, a public awareness program aim to inform on the dangers of storm drain water pollution. The goal of the NPDS Stenciling Program is to keep pollutants out of storm drains. **Managing Non Point Source Pollution for Water Quality** is another program that the AmeriCorps are part of and one that will reduce pollution in our water. Non Point Source (NPS) pollution is mainly caused by improper agricultural practices. One of our AmeriCorps (Jami Fisher) has been working with the RCD staff in developing and gathering data that will be essential in the program for NPS.

Several of our AmeriCorps (Tai Diep, Kevin Nguyen, and Toan Bui) have been vigorously working with dairies in the surrounding communities. Approximately **seven dairies** (see attachment) have been surveyed with a total of **345 acres**. The plans that have been designed will save **13,939 tons** of waste once the practices have been implemented. The surveys have been very beneficial to the dairy persons since they saved **\$24,500** that would have come out of their pockets if the AmeriCorps had not been available to do the surveys.

6. Primary Accomplishments

AmeriCorps members have worked on several projects throughout the surrounding communities. The projects include:

Christmas on Euclid Street

* a Christmas theme street fair where **two** AmeriCorps participated

- * members assisted with directing parents, children and general public to different booths and entertainment stages

Christmas Trees Recycling Flyers

- * distributed flyers to approximately **20** Christmas Trees growers
- * the flyers provided site information for recycling Christmas trees

NPDS Stenciling Project

- * project established to provide information on ways to reduce storm water pollution
- * kickoff was held on January 14, 1995 with **16** cities involved
- * participants were given a T-shirt and a San Bernardino County Regional Park pass

Nature Discovery Program (Tree Time and Into The Woods)

- * approximately **2,180 students** participated in the programs
- * the programs are created to give elementary students a perspective on nature and nature's needs through plays, games, and activities.

Morongo Indian Reservation Riverbasin Study

- * study is to assist reservation with their flooding problems
- * **two** AmeriCorps members (Toan and Barbara) have completed a residential/structure survey
- * next phase will be to start interviewing residents regarding flood damage to their properties
- * Morongo Indian Reservation has requested EWP assistance to repair storm damage

Composting Workshop (Inland Empire West RCD)

- * a workshop was conducted to provide information on backyard composting/mulching
- * free mulch was available to the public
- * **six** AmeriCorps assisted in the workshop

Troth Elementary School

- * assistance was given to the Doris Sanchez School Beautification project

Ayala High School in Chino Hills

- * hillside project is still in the process

Colton High School FFA Land Judging Contest

- * **two** members assisted in the event in which land was graded
- * awards were presented to approximately **30** high school FFA land judging teams

7. Projected Outcomes For Next Quarter

A volunteer recruitment project is currently in the planning stage and we expect to have the project running within a couple of weeks. This project will enable NRCS and both RCD's to reach and recruit more volunteers and at the same time let the community know about the NRCS and the RCD's.

The AmeriCorps will participate in the Annual Environmental Expo held at California State University San Bernardino. The Members are assisting the East Valley Resource Conservation Service (EVRCD) with designing, organizing, and managing of the booth. Both the District and the Members have designed a booth that should catch the public's eye.

Tai, Kevin, and Toan will continue working with dairies and practices installation. The dairies have been one of our main focus since we did not have the man power to do the survey before but now with the AmeriCorps we are getting the dairies completed.

8. Primary Challenges

* coordinating schedules

9. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs

* FOCS training

10. Media Coverage

See attachments

11. Other Creative Documentation/Stories

On March 10, 1995 two of the Redlands Field Office AmeriCorps attended a conference in Los Angeles sponsored by the AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger team. The groups had a chance to get to know each other, make contacts for future projects, and discuss projects they have done. This was a great experience for the AmeriCorps members.

A interesting event happened to a couple of our AmeriCorps that we just have to pass it on. We had some pretty bad rains the beginning of the month (March) and our soils were pretty saturated. Our AmeriCorps had to survey a state park as soon as possible so they decided to just do the job no matter what. They drove to the site and looked for a stable spot to park the truck. They soon discovered that the truck was too much weight for the soft mud – the truck was stuck. They tried and tried to get the truck out but it was just impossible. Our two brave AmeriCorps decided to go for some help so they hitched a ride to the nearest intersection. Eventually after many hours of digging and pushing and digging some more and pushing even more they finally got the truck out. Of course after that they had to wash the truck but the important thing is that they did not give up or maybe was the fact that Jim told them to get the truck out no matter what, that "motivated" them.

Here is a funny story, Toan and Barbara were driving around Morongo Indian Reservation surveying. The reservation is an area of many hills and dips, Barbara was driving the truck which is a manual transmission which Barbara is not an expert on. Anyways, Toan and Barbara stopped at a stop sign on **top of a hill** with a car behind them. Barbara trying to be "cool" with the situation, put the truck in gear and took her foot of the brake, the truck then preceeded to go **backwards**!! She tried to get the truck to move forward but the truck had a mind of its own. Of course the people in the car behind them just kept moving backward too but that did not help Barbara. Finally, after many tries and fails, the two AmeriCorps had to ask the people in the car behind them to pass them. After recuperating from their laugh attack, Toan help Barbara get the truck moving in the right direction.



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Subj: Second Quarter AmeriCorps Report.

This is the second quarter AmeriCorps report for the High Sierra RC&D Area cluster. The time period is December 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995.

1. Number of Members Enrolled at the Time of the Launch:

Five participants reported on October 17, 1994, and the sixth reported on November 21, 1994

2. Number of Members Enrolled at the End of the Quarter (March 31, 1995)

Six members

3. Total Number of Hours of Direct Service Performed

1st Quarter	1392 hours
2nd Quarter	4020 hours

Total	5412 hours
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4. Total Number of Hours in Training for 2nd Quarter

Group training	240 hours
Individual training	480 hours

All members have received HIV/AIDS sensitivity training. Four member have been authorized to attend a Fuels Ecology workshop.

5. Progress Towards Meeting Community Service Objectives:

The participants continue to receive training on ecosystem planning on a watershed basis. Three demonstration projects have been developed and implemented. The sites were planned by the AmeriCorps with assistance from the NRCS, California Department of Forestry, local air resources boards, Cooperative Extension Service and local community groups. The participants have also prepared and conducted wildfire and fuel reduction training lessons for the area's schools. Workshops for the identified target watersheds are scheduled for April.

The High Sierra RC&D AmeriCorps cluster provided assistance to landowners during the January floods in California. Placer County received major damage due to the storms. AmeriCorps assisted the NRCS and CFSA in conducting damage survey reports and follow-up assistance to landowners in planning repairs to damaged farm lands and rural homes.

6. Primary Accomplishments

Three demonstration projects on fuel reduction were planned and implemented. These included involvement of the local groups and a number of agencies.

School training courses were prepared and given in a number of classes throughout the area.

Resource maps have been prepared on two of four selected watersheds. A third map is still in progress.

Community information workshops have been scheduled for April. The information and agendas have been developed.

A rural development grant was submitted to the US Forest Service for one of the watersheds. The grant request is for an ecosystem plan to include forest health and fuel reduction.

Networking on the project includes; US Forest Service, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Consolidated Farm Services Agency, Resource Conservation Districts, County Board of Supervisors, local fire districts, homeowner associations and road groups, school districts, and environmental groups.

7. Projected Outcome for Next Quarter

Complete community workshops.

Contact landowners and take sign-ups for planning fuel reduction projects. This will include discussions of various incentive programs to implement plans.

The AmeriCorps members will be participating in the Earth Day activities at Sierra College on April 21, and at the City of Roseville April 22.

Continue with public awareness campaign.

8. Primary Challenges

The January and March flooding in our area delayed some progress in this past quarter. Much of the local direction was focused on repairing damaged property and returning to normal conditions. AmeriCorps members were involved in providing assistance to flood victims.

9. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs

We have used a variety of local sources.

We would like to take advantage of training opportunities outside of our local area which would expose our AmeriCorps members to state wide efforts on natural fuels management activities.

The AmeriCorps members have been very resourceful in identifying additional training courses.

10. Media Coverage

Enclosed.

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March 27, 1995

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Dear Donna,

Enclosed is the second Quarterly Report. Since you like the first quarterly report, we made very few changes in the format. Please note that we have not only made progress on our stated objectives, but we were able to develop and participate in some interesting member activities. Our members attended Red Cross classes and became certified in not only in CPR and First Aid, but also completed the Instructor Candidate Training course. Meg Maguire asked if we could get together with other National Direct AmeriCorps Projects in our area to begin to share experiences and resources. I am proud to recognize the efforts of our members in putting together a very productive conference. Finally, our collaboration with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps has greatly augmented our educational and skill development classes for our members, three of our members have already passed their G.E.D. exams as a direct result of the program. Don't worry, you will be invited to the graduation ceremony and prom!

On behalf of IHC-AmeriCorps and the city of Los Angeles we thank you all for your assistance, and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,



Richard A Howard
IHC-AmeriCorps Project Manager

Sincerely,



Quy-Huong Bao
IHC-AmeriCorps Project Coordinator

**AmeriCorps/USDA Quarterly Report
Interfaith Hunger Coalition**

A) Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter vs. number who enrolled at the time of the launch:

40/40 (note not all are the original 40)

B) Total numbers of hours of direct service performed by Members and total number of hours Members were in training:

Cumulative Total Hours (Sept. 1994 - March 1995):

Corps Hours Summary:

Getting Things Done Hours:	32,634.2
Training & Development Hours:	8,631.6
Total Hours:	41,265.8

Percent of T&D of Total:	20.92%
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First Quarter Hours (Sept. - Dec.):

Getting Things Done Hours:	10,240.75
Training & Development Hours:	5,965.75
Total Hours:	16,206.5

Percent of T&D of Total:	36.81%
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This Quarter Hours (Jan. - March):

Getting Things Done Hours:	22,393.45
Training & Development Hours:	2,665.85
Total Hours:	25,059.3

Percent of T&D of Total:	10.64%
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C) Any major staff or structural changes you have made:

None.

Minor Changes: Adjust size of teams to better meet project goals in timely manner.

D) Progress towards meeting community service objectives:

See attached.

The work has progressed well and the Interfaith Hunger Coalition (IHC), the Board of Directors, and the collaborating agencies are very excited to be involved with the AmeriCorps community empowerment process. Members have been creative in their approach to meeting the objectives. Objectives are not 1/2 completed due to the comprehensive training program. One windfall effect of the work accomplished is the network being created by the collaborating agencies. Once members are well into their

projects, we will reassess the objectives and focus using AmeriCorps members input.

E) Primary accomplishments:

All aspects of the project are well on there way. Several goals have already been met: School breakfast campaign kickoff assembly with 350 students featuring superstar Stevie Wonder; The establishment of the Burlington Community Garden; The establishment of the Esperanza school garden and school orchard; Outreach to hundreds of people who are homeless; Information and help to thousands of persons confused about government programs;

Several goals will have been met by the end of next month: EITC community trainings; The School District wide hunger event (YAHG); The establishment of a new farmers market; And another school assembly on breakfast & nutrition.

Several member development activities have been pursued. Most of our members have attended a conference for skill development and technical training on their projects. Diversity barriers are regularly challenged with team building activities, events, and celebrations.

Again, an understated windfall of the program has been that AmeriCorps has been the catalyst which brings together various community organizations so each could contribute a part in addressing the human needs of the city.

F) Primary Challenges:

Staying focused on task despite of congressional attacks on AmeriCorps. Logistically and administratively keeping in close contact with members spread throughout the city. Diversity, sensitivity, and interpersonal relations.

G) Primary training and technical assistance needs:

We could use ongoing advise and resources to do sensitivity training on diversity issues, career planning & job/school placement (after the members term of service is over), and help networking with other corps.

H) Media Coverage:

Please see attached copies of articles run in local newspapers. Note: these are only the articles not included in the first quarterly report.

Press Regarding Our AmeriCorps Projects:

January 22, 1995	Los Angeles Times	School Breakfast
October 30, 1994	Los Angeles Times	Burlington Garden
February 12, 1995	Los Angeles Times	Burlington Garden
January 1995	Los Angeles Times	Burlington Garden
February 15, 1995	Los Angeles Independent	Burlington Garden
April 7, 1995	Los Angeles Times	Youth Anti-Hunger Conference

Local Press on Congressional AmeriCorps Happenings:

March 25, 1995	Los Angeles Times	Senate Budget Cuts
March 15, 1995	Los Angeles Times	Congressional Budget Cuts

Other Local AmeriCorps Projects in Local Press:

January 23, 1995

Los Angeles Times

Water Conservation

D) Other Documents

Please see attached.

- Item 1 Schedule of workshops and materials for the upcoming Youth Anti-Hunger Conference (YABC)
- Item 2 Descriptions of a couple of evenings spent in a homeless shelter.
- Item 3 Articles written by members and printed in Bread & Justice, "What is a YABC, Anyway?" & "In a Field of Dreams".
- Item 4 Copies of the Red Cross Certificates earned by IHC AmeriCorps members (CPR, First Aid, instructor training).
- Item 5 Copies of the awards presented to the three corps members who successfully completed the G.E.D. exam.
- Item 6 Layout of the new Burlington Garden.
- Item 7 Schedule of the Los Angeles National Directs AmeriCorps Network Conference, held on Friday, March 10, 1995. The conference was spearheaded by IHC AmeriCorps.
- Item 8 Thank you letter from EXPERT, Inc. (an AmeriCorps project) for the opportunity to network at the Los Angeles National Direct AmeriCorps Network Conference.
- Item 9 Copy of the promotional flyer for the upcoming Farmer's Market opening.
- Item 10 AmeriCorps-IHC brochure. Over 200 brochures were distributed at the COOL Conference in Arizona between March 22 and March 25, 1995.
- Item 11 A letter from one of the many people we have helped.
- Item 12 Materials (stickers) from the Start Your Head campaign, promoting children eating breakfast.

SECTION D
PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
LOS ANGELES ANTI-HUNGER AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

A Joint Community Project of :
Interfaith Hunger Coalition
Los Angeles Conservation Corps

Corporation for National Service
Community Service Objectives

Components of Objective Statements:

1. What work will be done? What service activities will your participants engage in?
2. What is the hoped for result of the work/activities described above?
3. How will you measure the quality of your product or impact of your service?
4. By what standard will you gauge success?
5. How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your participants perform?

I. Community Education**1. *School Garden Project:***

Goal: To establish a partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School Districts' (LAUSD) Homeless Project and work with one school which has a large population of homeless children to establish a community garden at the school.

Objective: To create one successful community garden at one school in which 30 students and their parents will be trained and participate for a school year.

1. The work to be done is to create one successful community garden at one school. The Community Education Team with the help of our entire Corps, has established a Community Orchard at Esperanza Elementary School just outside of downtown Los Angeles. Esperanza Elementary School is one of the nine schools identified by the Los Angeles School District as having a high homeless child population, it is located in a very troubled neighborhood. In addition, the Community Education team continues to work on the renovation and establishment of additional school gardens at: Hamel Center, Jefferson High School, and Marina Del Rey Middle School.

2. The result to be achieved is one new community garden established by 30 students and their parents. Successfully completed. Esperanza elementary school had at the start of the year, a weed-infested plot of land. With the expertise and guidance of our collaborating agency - "Common Ground" and a wonderful volunteer, Mr. Wilson, our corps was able to transform the land to a productive, educational, and esthetically pleasing garden. The garden not only has planting beds for the dozen classes that regularly hold class in the garden, we have also contributed to the building of a water fountain, a green house, and a forty-fruit tree community orchard.

I. Community Education**2. *Healthy Eating is Fun:***

Goal: Coordinate the relationship between the school district and local chefs who would visit the schools and provide training in healthy and enjoyable eating, bringing parents and children together in an innovative forum.

Objective: One presentation (with a follow-up, if requested) will be provided to a minimum of ten schools who will participate. With organizations such as EFNEP which emphasize nutrition education, we will coordinate presentations which will enable a greater number of schools to receive nutrition education.

1. The work to be done is to hold one presentation each for 10 schools.

Presently, a presentation/skit has been developed , a chef has made the commitment to teach, and will soon be made to the 10 projected schools. In addition, twenty-five schools have been outreached to establish Youth Anti-Hunger Clubs (YAHC).

2. The result to be achieved is to provide nutritional education to 500 children and their families.

The team is setting up a city-wide conference to outreach to 500 youth. Nutritional education will be provided through the workshops of the conference scheduled on April 6, 1995.

Local chefs have been contacted and are very excited to participate in the Healthy Eating is Fun project. During the next quarter nutritional education will be provided by the local chefs to school children.

I. Community Education**3. *Special Event Coordination:***

Goal: Special event coordination within designated schools to promote healthy eating.

Objectives:

A. To conduct at least two district-wide promotions during the year:

1. The work to be done is to hold two district -wide promotions. On Friday, January 13, 1995, 350 children assembled at the Marina Del Rey Middle School (one of the nine schools identified by the Los Angeles School District as having a high child homeless population) for a nutrition education event. Featured at the event was superstar Stevie Wonder. Mr. Wonder spoke of the importance of child nutrition and his commitment to child hunger causes. Three very entertaining and humorous videos highlighting the importance of eating breakfast, the children roared with laughter as they received the creative messages to eat before coming to class. Also speaking was our own Liz Riley, and a representative from American Express' Charge Against Hunger. Children took home book covers and stickers to remind them of the importance of eating breakfast as part of our "Start Your Head" campaign.

The Community Education team works alongside the children in the garden at Marina Del Rey Middle School every week. Our corps was instrumental in transforming the six-foot-weed-infested land into a productive garden, which also serves as an outdoor gardening classroom.

The April 6, 1995 First Annual Youth Anti-Hunger Conference (YAHF) promises to be very informative to all those who attend. (please see attached workshop schedule for a list of nutrition, hunger, & empowerment topics and speakers).

2. The result to be achieved is to expand the knowledge about healthy eating to 300 individuals at each promotion. 350 students attended the Stevie Wonder Start Your Head Assembly. At the April 1995 conference, 500 to 1500 individuals will increase their knowledge about healthy eating.

3. The measure of quality is an evaluation filled out by 50 individuals of all ages. A minimum of 10% of those attending the conference in April, or 50 individuals (whichever is greater) will fill out an evaluation form for the purpose of quality measurement.

4. The standard of success is the follow-up response from 50 individuals who attended the event. Ten-percent of conference attendees or 50 individuals with follow-up response will be documented.

5. Fifty (50) individuals will have information on programs, organizations, and ideas directly related to improving the nutritional quality of their meals. Will be documented at the conference in April.

- B. To conduct at least three campaigns at specially selected schools, with the overall goal of increasing participation in School Breakfast and School Lunch by 10% district-wide:

- 1. The work to be done is to conduct three campaigns to increase participation in School Breakfast and School Lunch.** Work in progress. 200 schools have been contacted and presentations have already been developed. One campaign is currently being developed at Burbank Elementary School in North Hollywood (scheduled for April 28). On Saturday, March 25, 1995 IHC AmeriCorps had a booth at "Parent Survival '95" This community event was attended by over a thousand of parents and children in Los Angeles. AmeriCorps members distributed information on food safety(brochures provided by USDA): School Breakfast/Lunch: Summer Food sites: food/money/shelter resources: Earned Income Tax Credit: as well as answered questions regarding government programs (food stamps, WIC, SSI, AFDC, and GR).
- 2. The result to be achieved is the increase of participation 10%(2000) district-wide.** Will be documented at the end of the program year.
- 3. The measure of quality is a survey of 25% of participants in parents groups and school personnel involved.** Will be measured at the end of the program year.
- 4. The standard of success is the comparison of participation rates before and after special campaigns.** Will be measured at the end of the program year.
- 5. Two thousand (2000) additional children will participate in the School Breakfast and School Lunch Program.** Will be measured at the end of the program year.

II. Community Outreach

1. *You're Entitled:*

Goal: To outreach to homeless, low income, working poor and people with AIDS and other disabilities to inform them of the benefits they are entitled, and help with individual, client advocacy.

Objectives:

- A. To perform community outreach three times a week to various neighborhood sites including local Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) offices, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) offices, county health facilities, housing projects, and senior centers.
- B. To provide assistance to 1,000 people in a years period.
- C. To conduct ten community trainings on the Earned Income Tax Credit leading to assisting one hundred individuals in understanding and applying for this credit on their income tax forms.

1. The work to be done is performing community outreach. The Outreach teams has several components: WIC , House of YAHWEH (Shelter & food pantry in Lawndale) , SRO Housing (skid row housing and food distribution system), and the Government Programs Information component. Each component involves servicing the community through the collaborating agency, WIC , DPSS, and legal rights offices in the San Fernando Valley and Downtown Los Angeles. Earned Income Tax Credit community trainings are presently being done (House of Yahweh, Parent Survival, SRO Housing), with several more community trainings scheduled before April 15, 1995.

2. The result to be achieved is providing outreach to 50 people a day(150 people a week). Two corps members of the WIC component are stationed at WIC offices to provide outreach and services to clients four days a week (Mondays to Thursdays). Corps members stationed at WIC have been trained in skills ranging from front desk customer service to information retrieval on new computer systems. The government programs information component works closely with the San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services, Public Counsel and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. to do client education, information and advocacy at DPSS sites, county health facilities, housing projects, and senior centers. Our corps members also help staff the 1-800-EAT -N GRO Hot line; callers are helped with information regarding food, food stamps, food pantries, Summer Food sites and shelters. Together the components outreach to an average of 200 people each day, four days a week.

3. The measure of quality is a survey of 50 people in need of outreach. The member agencies are in the process of devising a quality survey to be distributed in our third quarter.

4. The standard of success is the statement of 50 people regarding the outreach they are provided. Member agencies are in the process of working on this process.

5. All 150 people who received community outreach will have information regarding services, food programs and resources available to them. Our figure indicates approximately 600 to 800 people per week who received community outreach do have information regarding services.

III. Summer Food

2. *Let's Eat in the Heat: Summer Food Outreach:*

Goal: To concentrate on the promotion of the Summer Food Service Program, a vastly under-utilized program which has the potential of reaching 700,000 children in greater Los Angeles and the surrounding area.

Objective: The objective of the members of the outreach team specializing in Summer Food will be: to increase the number of children participating in the Summer Food program in Los Angeles by 2,000, and to produce at least one large scale event promoting the Summer Food Program.

1. The work to be done is increasing the number of children participating in the Summer Food program in greater Los Angeles and to produce at least one large scale event promoting the Summer Food Program. The Summer Food team is outreaching to the following counties in search of host sites for the summer food program: Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside. Within Los Angeles, the following areas have been targeted based on greatest need and lack of current sites: Pico Union, Inglewood, Lynwood, and Huntington Park. Overall, 250 schools, city governments, and non profit organizations have been contacted regarding summer food and school breakfast programs. Seventy five organizations expressed interest and have been detailed information packets. On April 5, approximately fifteen organizations will attend the USDA sponsor training workshop in Los Angeles. Once approved, these sponsors/sites can look forward to the I.H.C. AmeriCorps members support in hands on establishment of the site. AmeriCorps members will provide assistance in food distribution, monitoring sites, outreach efforts, and supplemental recreation/education activities. The summer food team has joined forces with the education team and will staff the summer food booth at the youth Anti-Hunger Conference on April 6, and is spearheading the Burbank Blvd. School School Breakfast/Summer Food promotion event coming up on April 28, 1995. We expect 10 new sponsors to be approved. AmeriCorps members have helped organize a training workshop for new sponsors and sites to assure their approval and participation.

2. The result is increasing the number of children participating by 2,000. The result will be documented at the end of the program.

3. The measure of quality is a survey of the Summer Food Program by participating children and their parents. Surveys will be circulated once the sites are up and running.

4. The standard of success is the increased number of participants by 2000. The result will be documented at the end of the program.

5. Two thousand (2000) additional children are participating in the Summer Food Program. The result will be documented at the end of the program.

IV. Community Access**1. Homeless Prevention Team:**

Goal: To provide services in high impact areas to decrease the number of people from becoming homeless.

Objective: The quantified objective of these members of the Community Services team will be not to assist any certain number of people, as the number of disaster victims who might be potentially homeless or who have not received assistance cannot be known, but to assist 100% of those individuals and families with whom contact is made.

1. The work to be done is providing services to post earthquake victims. Three (3) members of the outreach team are collaborating with Public Counsel to find and aid victims of the Northridge earthquake. This project is not limited to people left homeless as a result of the Northridge earthquake but people who are generally homeless for other reasons as well.

2. The result to be achieved is informed individuals. Three members spend Thursdays at our collaborating agency --Public Counsel--to find and assist individuals affected by the earthquake. Thousands of Angelenos lost their homes by the earthquake. Residents who received FIMA Section 8 vouchers (substantially supplementing rent) may lose their voucher within the next six months. AmeriCorps members are reaching out to determine the consequences and possible solutions prior to the recession of the FIMA vouchers. 150 community organizations are being contacted to uncover available resources. With the expertise of the collaborating agency, AmeriCorps members will outreach to Angelenos on a variety of earthquake issues. Landlord/tenant issues, contractor fraud, etc.

In addition, on a daily basis, four days a week, the team members answer phones, do intake at our collaborating agency -the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) - or do direct outreach into the streets, under freeway overpasses and, skid-rows to help people connect with shelter, food, clothing and rehabilitation programs.

3. The measure of quality is an evaluation of 50 people affected by the earthquake. The collaborating agency is in the process of developing an evaluation of quality of service to measure effectiveness of the team's outreach effort.

4. The standard of success is the statement of 50 people affected by the earthquake. Once the collaborating agency developed an evaluation form this goal will be easily achieved.

5. 500 people will have knowledge of resources and how to access additional services as needed. Approximately 400 people have been impacted by this team and its efforts.

V. Community Assets**1. *Community Gardening Project:***

Goal: The goal of this component will be to substantially increase the number of community gardens in inner city Los Angeles and ensure their continued success, provide information on social services to gardeners, and to develop an outlet for marketable produce.

Objective: Two community gardens will be refurbished and one community garden will be established.

1. The work to be done is to start one new community garden and refurbish two decaying community gardens. Currently, work is being done at the Burlington "MASH" (More Advocates for Safe Homes) Garden.

2. The result to be achieved is three local gardens which produce fresh vegetables for three communities. The Burlington garden is well on its way to being a productive community garden. The garden is located in an area plagued by poverty, drugs, and hunger. The community was revitalized by the erection of the community garden. neighbors cheered as the once vacant lot, which was a hub for drugs and dumping, was "taken back" by community residents. On another cleanup day-Saturday, March 25, 1995- forty five volunteers came out to turn soil make pathways and lay bricks. Neighborhood businesses contributed breakfast, drinks and lunch to all the volunteers. With the expertise of our collaborating agency (Common Ground), and the neighborhood group called "MASH"- spearheaded by our AmeriCorps member- the community put up a fence, installed irrigation, built a locked tool shed, turned & treated the soil, and it is now ready to plant. The efforts included several components of the community including: law enforcement (L.A.P.D. Rampart Division), local homeless persons, council person (Mike Hernandez), and most importantly, the local residents.

Work being done are still at the preliminary stages at the Carmalita garden. Currently team members are working to recruit more community participation into the new projects.

3. The measure of quality is a survey of the community participants in the three gardens. The community residents around the Burlington garden site are very enthusiastic about having a garden in their neighborhood. A press conference was recently held to bring more attention to the garden as well as to recruit more participants from the local neighborhood.

4. The standard of success is the statement of the community participants in the three gardens that are using and providing fresh food for themselves and others. This will be documented at the end of the program.

5. Three community gardens will provide food resources to the people in the communities. The result will be documented at the end of the program.

V. Community Assets**2. *Certified Farmers' Market Project.*****Goals:**

- * The development of additional Certified Farmers' Markets in supermarket deficient areas in Los Angeles;
- * To strengthen existing farmers' markets;
- * The development of farmers' markets as community institutions.

Objective: One additional farmers' market will be established.

1. The work to be done is starting one new farmers' market. One new farmers' market is being launched on Saturday April 1, 1995 in Van Nuys. Again, with the expertise of our collaborating agency, Southland Farmer's Market Association behind them, our IHC AmeriCorps members have spearheaded the entire project.

2. The result to be achieved is the availability of fresh, inexpensive, healthy food for community members. The result will be documented at the end of the program.

3. The measure of quality is a survey of 100 shoppers at the farmers' market. The result will be documented at the end of the program.

4. The standard of success are the statements from 100 shoppers at the farmers' market. The result will be documented at the end of the program.

5. Three hundred (300) people will benefit from the availability of fresh, healthy food on their tables. The result will be documented at the end of the program.

V. Community Assets**3. *Micro-enterprise Project.***

Goal: Based upon the success of other food-related micro-enterprises, such as Food from the Hood, Justice Bakery, and HomeBoy Industries, the goal of this project will be to spur the development of additional agricultural or food-related micro-enterprises.

Objective: One new micro-enterprise will be established.

1. The work to be done is the establishment of a micro enterprise business.

Currently, a comprehensive project is being developed called the Watts Three-fold Empowerment Project (WTEP). WTEP is comprised of three components including a community garden, a farmers' market and a health food cracker company.

2. The result to be achieved is one small business in the community. The WTEP will develop a farmers' market (which will open the winter of next year) and re-establish the Sunrise cookie and cracker company.

3. The measure of quality is an evaluation of the group responsible for the micro-enterprise. A quality evaluation will be made at the end of the program.

4. The standard of success are the statements provided by the group that has started the business. Statements from the small business groups will be provided at the end of the program.

5. The one new micro-enterprise will provide employment and income to put back into the new business. This is currently the strategy that is the core part of the micro-enterprise component.

SECTION H MEDIA COVERAGE

LOS ANGELES ANTI-HUNGER AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

A Joint Community Project of :
Interfaith Hunger Coalition
Los Angeles Conservation Corps

Corporation for National Service
Community Service Objectives

Please see attached copies of articles run in local newspapers. Note: these are only the articles not included in the first quarterly report.

Press Regarding Our AmeriCorps Projects:

January 22, 1995	Los Angeles Times	School Breakfast (Stevie Wonder)
October 30, 1994	Los Angeles Times	Burlington Garden
February 12, 1995	Los Angeles Times	Burlington Garden
January 1995	Los Angeles Times	Burlington Garden
February 15, 1995	Los Angeles Independent	Burlington Garden
April 7, 1995	Los Angeles Times	Youth Anti-Hunger Conference

Local Press on Congressional AmeriCorps Happenings:

March 25, 1995	Los Angeles Times	Senate Budget Cuts
March 15, 1995	Los Angeles Times	Congressional Budget Cuts
February 24, 1995	Los Angeles Times	GOP budget Cuts

Other Local AmeriCorps Projects in Local Press:

January 23, 1995	Los Angeles Times	Water Conservation
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Community News: Mid-City

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Community Garden Tries to Take Root

Along the stretch of Burlington Avenue between 3rd and 6th streets, young men wearing pagers loiter warily on the sidewalk, their eyes darting from side to side as they boldly approach slow-moving cars with whispered offers of narcotics.

People who live there say that gangs control the street, and their power is evident in the graffiti covering almost every building, fence and wall.

Until recently, a trash-filled vacant lot just south of tiny Maryland Avenue served as a hub for the neighborhood's illicit activities, from drug transactions and consumption to prostitution.

But little by little, a group of local residents is warring control of the lot from the street's rougher elements. And as soon as they can get a fence put in, they plan to turn the neighborhood's most blighted spot into its brightest—a community garden and playground.

"We're hoping we can create a safe place for kids, away from all the drugs and gangs," said Maria, a neighbor who preferred not to give her last name. A native of Guatemala, she raised her two children—now college graduates—in an apartment next to the future garden, which she has volunteered to help maintain.

"When my children were growing up, they didn't have to deal with all this," she said. "But it's more dangerous for kids these days. We want them to have something they can do so that even if they have to see the gangs and the drug activity, they don't have to participate."



MEL MELCON / For The Times

Nola Marie Mott, second from left, and Carrie Johnston, center, are among those involved in creating community garden and playground.

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The lot on which the garden is slowly taking shape was once the site of a home where an elderly couple lived and cared for neighborhood children, including Maria's. But the house burned down more than a decade ago, and the lot has been vacant since.

Last spring, the lot's owners, who live out of town but were tired of receiving complaints about goings-on at the site, contacted Rampart Division police about offering the property for community use, said Nola Marie Mott, a neighbor who is also a member of More Advocates for Safe Homes in Los Angeles, a Westlake-based community improvement group.

Mott's group had been involved in an unsuccessful attempt last year to acquire a lot at 6th Street and Shatto Place for a community garden. Rampart policeman David Bachman, aware of the group's failed effort, mentioned the new lot to them, she said.

Joined by several other local residents, Mott's group managed to negotiate a deal with the owners to lease the property on a yearly basis for \$1 a month, provided they

maintain it.

"We're planning to have 25 plots, a communal shade area with picnic tables, a composting area and a play area," said David Ceaser, a volunteer helping the group.

Experienced in volunteer work, Ceaser and his girlfriend Carrie Johnston have helped the garden group acquire donations of labor and materials. So far, they have made contact with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, which donated the tree and have agreed to till the land once the area is fenced in, Ceaser said.

Finding someone to donate a fence remains an obstacle to really getting the garden started, he said. Afraid that local ruffians will destroy the fruits of their labor, neighbors have been reluctant to begin planting without one.

Already, gang members have tagged an incomplete mural on the retaining wall at the rear of the property that was begun by neighborhood children the day of the tree-planting ceremony. However, the group does not plan to paint out the graffiti until a fence is in.

"Right now, we're trying not to antagonize the gangs," Mott said. "They own the street, we don't

We wouldn't want to see the tree chopped down, or the kids' mural defaced."

Although the group realizes that a fence won't guarantee peace between gangsters and gardeners, they are hopeful that once the fence is up, the mural is complete and the garden is under way, gangbangers will have a little more respect for their efforts and let their work stand.

Information: David Ceaser at (213) 722-7323; Nola Marie Mott at (213) 736-4512.

—LESLIE BERESTEIN

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Community Garden Ready for Planting

After almost four months of preparation by neighbors and volunteers, a community garden is ready for planting.

A kickoff ceremony will be held today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Burlington Avenue Community Garden on Burlington just south of Maryland Avenue. The garden sports new plumbing and lead-free topsoil as well as a donated fence with a locking gate.

Residents who wish to plant flowers and vegetables or volunteer to help others must bring their gardening tools. Some equipment will be provided, as well as seeds, compost and plants.

Children and adults from the neighborhood may also participate in the completion of a mural along the back wall of the garden. Paint and brushes will be available.

Information: David Ceaser at (213) 721-0161.

WESTLAKE

Residents Begin Work on Garden Project

Residents along one of the roughest stretches of Burlington Avenue may soon see the realization of a dream, as a community garden at Burlington and Maryland Street begins taking shape.

The vacant lot, which neighbors had been afraid to cultivate for fear of gangs, drug dealers and transients who frequent the spot, was fenced in last week, thanks to donations of fencing, cement, labor, soil and funds from the community.

"The only major thing we need

to do now is install plumbing and import more soil," said David Ceaser, a volunteer helping the group.

The lot was acquired by the neighbors last spring with the help of community activists and Rampart Division police. They agreed to maintain it while paying \$1 a month on a yearly lease.

The garden project kicked off in October with a tree planting, but neighbors were afraid to begin planting vegetables and flowers for fear their work might be destroyed.

Many times, when they would go in to clean up trash that accumulated on the property, rough-looking loiterers would harass them verbally, said Nola Mott, a neighbor and community activist who was instrumental in putting the garden project together.

Taggers almost immediately defaced a mural painted by neighbors and their children on the same day as the tree planting. The neighbors decided not to paint over the graffiti until the fence was erected.

Part of the fencing was donated by an individual in the San Fernando Valley, and the remainder from a closed-down community garden in Pico-Union.

Neighbors, volunteers and a few ex-convicts recruited by Mott from a Hollywood halfway house helped workers from the Westlake-based Ko-Am Construction Co. install the fence last week. Police cruised by occasionally to make sure the work was proceeding safely and without any disturbance from loiterers.

Now that the fence is up, the group will use donated funds—including \$500 from the Hanmi Bank in Koreatown—to install plumbing and bring in more soil. Because the soil on the property was tested and found to contain lead, the group has decided to build raised crop beds to avoid contamination, Ceaser said.

If all goes well, the community garden should be in operation by early spring, he said.

Information: David Ceaser at (213) 722-7323; Nola Marie Mott at (213) 738-4512.

—LESLIE RERESTEIN

Planting seeds for the future

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Photo by Keith Johnson



Aurora Bonilla, center, helped dig holes in preparation for plants Sunday at the Burlington Avenue Community Garden in Westlake. Local residents began planting in the garden, which contains new plumbing, topsoil and a security fence and gate, and others participated in the painting of a mural on a wall in the garden. The garden is located at Burlington and Maryland Street. For more information, call David Ceaser at (213) 721-0161.

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Talking About Hunger



IRIS SCHNEIDER / For The Times

Kelvin Drayton with the Los Angeles Poverty Department tries to use humor to get at young people's feelings about panhandling in a dramatization at the Youth Anti-Hunger Conference held Thursday. The conference was attended by 1,000 Los Angeles high school students and was designed to offer high schoolers the tools with which to fight hunger and homelessness in their communities. A series of workshops, seminars and panels were presented.

AmeriCorps Survives at Stunted Level

■ **Budget:** The program Clinton is 'most proud of' avoids elimination. But the GOP's allotment prevents any growth in national service plan.

By JOHN M. BRODER
TIMES STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON—President Clinton's national service program appears to have survived elimination at the hands of Republican budget-cutters but the volunteer program's growth has been permanently stunted by the new GOP majority in Congress.

While the recent debate over the future of AmeriCorps has been couched in fiscal terms, the real battle is ideological and political. The President, for the time being at least, has lost.

Clinton describes national service, which provides higher education grants and a small stipend in exchange for a year of volunteer service, as "the program I'm most proud of."

He has proposed spending nearly \$2 billion over three years to bring 100,000 young volunteers into AmeriCorps. It now appears that the program will receive about half

the requested funds as Congress scours the federal government for politically acceptable budget savings.

Clinton has vowed to resist efforts to gut the national service program but it is not certain whether he will veto a \$13-billion package of budget cuts now before Congress that includes a large cut in the volunteer program.

"The AmeriCorps program is giving thousands of young Americans a chance to serve their communities, serve their country and earn money for higher education," the President told visiting college students Thursday. "I don't believe we need to trade in our future for what is a piddling amount on the deficit but will have an enormous negative symbolic and substantive impact on what we're trying to do in this country."

But Clinton's very enthusiasm for national service and the high cost of the untested idea have made the program a too-tempting target for Republican opponents.

"Because the President and his people made it so high-profile, it became an easy target for attack," said Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-Redlands), who chairs the House Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the program. He made it plain that Republican objections to AmeriCorps are at heart

political rather than fiscal. "They talked too loudly and too early. They got what they asked for."

On Friday, the Senate Appropriations committee voted to cut \$210 million from the current year budget of the Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps' parent, essentially freezing it at last year's spending level of \$375 million.

The chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees national service said Friday that the Administration should expect no growth in the program next year.

Eli Segal, chairman of AmeriCorps, said that the budget freeze will cripple national service and represent a breach of contract with the program's volunteers and would-be volunteers.

"Six months after it first opened its doors," Segal told the House panel at a hearing Friday, "national service is facing a lockout." He said that 1,000 volunteers would have to be sent home immediately because of the cuts in this year's budget and that many thousands of potential participants would have to be turned away in the coming months.

He said that corporations, private charities and local governments, which have been planning to participate in AmeriCorps as sponsors of volunteers or as sites for service programs, would have

to scale back their plans drastically or abandon them.

Segal warned that AmeriCorps-sponsored programs to tutor children, plant trees, assist police, counsel crime victims, feed the hungry and house the homeless would be halted. "These are devastating cuts," he said.

But Lewis said that national service has been growing too big too fast and should be frozen in place until it proves its worth.

"There are serious questions to be raised as to who are the beneficiaries of this program and who we should really be helping in times of economic difficulties," Lewis said. "Budgets are strained everywhere and there are trade-offs to be made everywhere."

The result: Instead of receiving \$579 million this year and \$828 million next year as Clinton has requested, national service will plateau at roughly the \$375 million spent in 1994, Lewis said.

Projected participation of 33,000 volunteers in September and 47,000 next year would have to be scaled back to the current level of 20,000.

By comparison, there currently are 6,500 volunteers serving overseas in the Peace Corps, a 15-year high for the program launched by President John F. Kennedy, which was the model for Clinton's AmeriCorps.

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House Approves \$17-Billion Package of Spending Cuts

■ **Budget:** GOP plan, passed on 227-200 vote, is assailed by Clinton as cutting 'too much people, not enough pork.' Panel proposes \$100 billion in future reductions.

By RICHARD A. SERRANO and EDWIN CHEN, TIMES STAFF WRITERS

WASHINGTON—House Republicans began in earnest their promised assault on the federal budget Thursday, approving \$17.1 billion in cuts of current domestic spending and recommending that another \$100 billion be slashed over the next five years.

The House voted 227 to 200, along party lines, to approve a budget for the fiscal year 2002. The bill, passed for this fiscal year, is set to take effect Sept. 27. The bill also calls for cutting \$100 billion in future spending, with the cuts to be made in a way that would "protect the people and not the government."

On the same day Thursday, the House Budget Committee voted to recommend a list of \$100 billion in future reductions through steps as diverse as replacing all paper dollar bills with coins, drastically reducing public funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, cutting National Institutes of Health research funding and, as a result, the Legal Services Corporation, which provides legal assistance to the poor.

And the committee also suggested saving another \$91 billion by slowing growth in certain government programs.

"You ain't seen nothing yet," said Budget Committee Chairman John R. Kasich (R-Ohio), who pledged that Republicans will come up with even more cuts in May. Together, the targeted reductions begin a long march toward the Republican goal of balancing the federal budget by the year 2002, Kasich said.

The Republican euphoria was marred Thursday, however, as GOP lawmakers tangled among themselves and with Democrats over whether the \$17.1 billion in savings from the current budget would go to reduce the deficit or

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House Budget Targets Poll Tax on Environment

By FRANK CLIFFORD
TIMES ENVIRONMENTAL WRITER

WASHINGTON—In actions that would weaken federal environmental policy, the House voted Thursday to allow massive unregulated logging in national forests while the Senate approved a measure that would bar temporarily the listing of any new endangered species.

In addition, the House voted to

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Clinton announces initiatives to reduce federal regulations. A15

reduce by about \$2 billion the combined operating budgets of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy.

Tucked inside the same appropriations bill is language that would rescind a court-ordered federal clean-air plan for the Los Angeles Basin and Ventura and Sacramento counties.

In its most far-reaching action of the day, the House voted to suspend most environmental regulations. Please see ENVIRONMENT, A15

CUTS: House Approves GOP Plan

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pay for a future tax cut.

All parties agreed that the first \$5.5 billion of savings was to pay for federal assistance that helped 40 states recover from recent natural disasters—about \$5 billion of it for last year's Northridge earthquake.

But as the floor vote neared, confusion reigned over how the other \$11.6 billion in savings would be used. The House had approved overwhelmingly an amendment Wednesday that Democrats and some Republicans might ensure that the money would help reduce the deficit.

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The initiative, known as AmeriCorps, would lose \$416 million over the next two years, all but ending a program that received \$370 million last year.

Also hit hard was the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which would lose about \$141 million over the next two years—or half of what it is receiving from the government this year.

The national endowments for the arts and for the humanities were each cut \$5 million, although Democrats defeated an amendment Thursday that would have taken another \$10 million from the \$105-million endowment.

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beast today," said Rep. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), a member of the committee.

Most of the savings would come from \$64.6 billion in reforms of the welfare system, \$10.5 billion from Medicare proposed in Clinton's budget and \$11 billion from reforms of the Civil Service retirement system.

Other cuts range from the expected to the arcane. Among the committee's recommendations are the repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires certain wage levels in all federally funded construction projects, saving \$2.64 billion over five years, and replacement of the dollar bill with a new design. "We're going to save \$100 million over 10 years," said Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.), a member of the committee.

The committee also recommended the repeal of the Federal Maritime Commission, saving \$91 million, and the Parole Commission, eliminating \$30 million in spending.

The committee suggested \$143 million in cuts for the Transportation Department, \$53 million for the Agriculture Department and \$144 million in the executive office of the President. "I cut the GOP," said Rep. Bill Clinton, who said the committee's plan would make good on Clinton's pledge to reduce his staff by 10 percent.

The committee also recommended steps toward eliminating the Department of Commerce, saving \$4.4 billion, a halt to constructing and buying federal buildings, saving \$1.3 billion, and a reduction of \$1.2 billion in mass transit operating subsidies.

In other action Thursday, the House overwhelmingly passed compromise legislation approved by a joint House-Senate conference committee that would restrict unfunded mandates, which force the states to pay for programs set up by the federal government.

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Budget-Cutters in House Shift Into High Gear

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WASHINGTON—House Republicans, caught up in a budget-cutting fervor that surpassed even their own predictions, took aim Thursday at an array of federal housing, poverty and low-income assistance programs, as well as President Clinton's cherished national service initiative.

In a series of meetings, subcommittees of the House Appropriations Committee voted to recommend about \$10 billion in cuts on top of the \$7 billion tentatively approved by other Appropriations subcommittees on Wednesday. The recommendations now go to the full committee, which can make changes before sending them to the House floor.

The \$17-billion total more than doubles the cuts that Republicans said earlier this week they would make to offset federal spending on disaster assistance last year, most notably aid that followed the Northridge earthquake.

As the round of cuts began, subcommittees and their chairmen

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seemed to be clamoring to outdo each other by making more and more reductions. Their actions prompted Democratic lawmakers to complain that Republicans were trying to kill programs that aid the poor so they would have extra money to pay for a capital gains tax cut for the rich.

The reductions, some approved in nine- and 10-hour sessions lasting well past midnight, are shaping up as a prelude to the even more difficult steps and vigorous debate that loom ahead if Congress is to balance the federal budget. Republican leaders contend that the cuts must be made if Washington is serious about capping the spiraling budget deficit.

Along with the national service and housing programs, other reductions were made Thursday in spending for veterans hospitals, medical equipment and law enforcement. Some \$30 million was cut from high technology grants, an initiative sponsored by Vice President Al Gore.

Republican leaders also turned down the Clinton Administration's request for \$672 million in funds for international peacekeeping activities and \$159 million in proposed spending for a dozen new federal office buildings and courthouses across the country.

In meeting after meeting on the House side of the Capitol, the determination of Republicans and the ire of Democrats rose to new levels.

Rep. Bob Livingston (R-La.), who as chairman of the full House Appropriations Committee sat in on many of the subcommittee sessions to make sure that cuts are deep and genuine, praised his Republican colleagues.

"People want a return to fiscal sanity," Livingston said. "They want to cut spending."

But Democratic leaders like Rep. David R. Obey of Wisconsin argued that the process is Draconian and eventually will harm only the poor.

"I've been in this town for 25 years and the worst thing that can happen is when you begin to believe your own baloney," he told his Republican counterparts. "And I'm certainly hearing a lot of baloney today."

The political division is so wide that Clinton, when word first surfaced that the cuts were coming, threatened to veto any proposal that impinges on his national service program. The program is designed to allow high school and college students to help pay for their education by working on community projects.

The Veterans Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development and independent agencies subcommittee decided to eliminate the \$210-million increase that was to have gone for the program over the next year, freezing it instead at the existing level of about \$700 million.

Chairman Jerry Lewis (R-Redlands) vowed that more cuts are to come. "This puts us on a very clear path toward the incremental phaseout of this program," he said. Outside his packed hearing room, Clinton supporters charged that the Republicans were targeting the national service initiative specifically to attack the White House.

"It's all political," said Ivan Frishberg, who had helped set up the initiative as a project director of the Public Interest Research Program. House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) is using the national service cuts "as a political bat to get at Clinton," he said.

Next to him was Jim McNeill of Boston, who helps run a federally assisted housing program for the elderly that the Republican budget-cutters are reducing and eventually hope to eliminate.

"It's gone," McNeill lamented. "It's all on its way out the door. They're killing our program."

Five other Appropriations subcommittees voted Wednesday to trim about \$7 billion from a score of health, education and other social programs.

They voted to kill a program to help the poor pay utility bills and reduced spending for job training and AIDS prevention and care. The panels also trimmed and sliced their way through various energy and water projects (\$212 million), park and cultural programs (\$327 million) and agricultural and food initiatives (\$212 million).

One panel, while voting not to touch the \$285 million budgeted for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting this year, decided to cut its

spending level \$47 million next year and \$94 million the following year.

"We're talking about being incapable of providing money for incredibly important issues and we can't tell public broadcasters they can raise the final 14% of their budget in the private sector?" Livingston asked. "Good Lord. We'll never balance the budget."

Endowments for the arts and humanities were cut by \$10 million in the subcommittees, including \$8 million in direct grants for performing artists.

Debate over the proper level of

federal support for the arts prompted actor Christopher Reeve, appearing Thursday before a subcommittee of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, to call on Congress to transform the National Endowment for the Arts into a self-supporting institution and free it from political oversight.

"The arts should not have to grovel every couple of years and beg for the federal government to renew its promises," Reeve said.

Also decrying the proposed cuts were two Clinton Administration officials—Atty. Gen. Janet Reno and Health and Human Services

Secretary Donna Shalala, who were upset over elimination of \$1 million from last year's anti-crime legislation to create a national domestic-violence hot line.

"At a cost of less than one-fourth of a penny per American, this hot line is a bargain, not a luxury," they said in a joint statement. "It is a model of how a reinvented government can help millions of battered women to prevent further abuse and to start reconstructing their lives."

"Now is not the time to break our contract with the women of America."

But Republicans vowed that they will not be deterred from an effort they say will bring down the

deficit. "We take seriously our responsibility to cut spending," Lewis said. "This is the beginning, not the end, of the process of identifying real savings."

CONVERSATION

'Whatever's at the End of This Rainbow, I Need It Now'

■ **AmeriCorps:** Three people who were among the first to take part talk about their experiences.

AmeriCorps was, during the 1992 presidential campaign, a sweeping national service plan that would offer college or vocational education grants in exchange for a year of work on health, education, public safety or environmental projects. But Congress agreed to fund only 350 projects with 20,000 job slots nationally. One such project is the Southern California Urban Water Conservation Program, a creation of the California Department of Water Resources, the Metropolitan Water District and others. It operates out of the Regional Job Training Center in Compton, distributing ultra-low-flush toilets and water-saving shower heads to residents. With AmeriCorps funding under attack in Congress, three workers who joined up last September talked with JAMES BLAIR about their national service.

Question: Why did you join AmeriCorps?

Alicia Cayce, 26, Los Angeles: My roommate worked for the Water Conservation Department in San Dimas. She told me about it. In the beginning I just wanted some kind of training. I was looking for a job and she told me this was the best opportunity.

Clay Pittman, 53, Compton: I had been in the fur industry for nearly 30 years and I got laid off—you know, animal-rights activists. I was still young enough to work,

which I want to do, and I wasn't old enough to draw Social Security, which I don't want to do. So I was looking for something that would interest me, and water very much does interest me.

Patricia Madison, 17, Compton: I was going to school and working part-time—always telling my teacher that I needed a better job, especially if I wanted to be dependent on myself because I'm a teen mother, a single parent, and I don't want to depend on welfare.

Q. What do you do in the water conservation program?

Madison: I do customer intake, fill out the forms and do inventory.

Cayce: I've done a little bit of everything, but what I'm doing right now is entering application data for the ultra-low-flush toilets on the computer. That includes customer's name, address, water agency, account number, whether they rent or own and how many toilets they have in the house and other information. I also do customer follow-up.

Pittman: After giving out new shower heads and toilets, we collect the old toilets and break them up [to be] recycled to make street-patching compound.

Q. What does the program pay?

Cayce: As a full-time AmeriCorps worker, you get a living allowance of \$5.40 an hour [plus health benefits and child care]. At the end of the year we get a \$4,725 education award.

Q. What good is AmeriCorps doing?

Pittman: The further you get into this

water situation the bigger it is. The rivers are being polluted. The oceans are being polluted. The ground we walk on is polluted. The air's being polluted. Something has to be done.

Q. What are you getting out of it?

Cayce: In the beginning I just wanted some kind of training, but as time went by I began to learn about water conservation, about recycling and to be motivated to the point that I want to go to school and do my degree in geology and hydrology. I'm very excited about the AmeriCorps program. I've been growing as a person. I'm constantly learning something—desalinization, water pumping, all the stuff about the environment I wasn't aware of before.

Madison: For me it's [job] experience, because that's really what they ask for when you go looking for a job. And I'm learning a lot of things. I'm just glad AmeriCorps offered me this job because otherwise I would have been working so hard for not as much money as I needed. I would have become dependent on welfare. I'm really glad that I'm on my own.

It's my money. I worked for it. I made it. It feels good.

Pittman: I came in wanting to put something into this program and the more I learned about it the more interested I became. [My family] is glad I found something to do because idle time is bad for me. If you can't pay your bills, it takes your manhood away. I'm in on the ground floor. We're the first class and most of the time when you're first, you win.

Q. How will you use your education



HUGH WILLIAMS / For The Times

Left to right, AmeriCorps volunteers Patricia Madison, Clay Pittman and Alicia Cayce

award? What will you do after your year of service?

Madison: I want to go to USC and get involved with criminal justice. I want to be a probation officer.

Cayce: When I'm through here, I'm planning to move to Detroit, Mich., with my husband. I'm applying to Wayne State University. Currently, I'm waiting for information about their geology department.

Pittman: I don't know where we go after this. I wouldn't mind going overseas, wherever I can be used in the water industry. Whatever's at the end of this

rainbow, I need it now because I have family and kids to raise and a home. I can spend four years investing in college. But wherever it leads me, I do believe in God and I'm sure he has a plan.

Voices Pages

The Voices pages are changing day and format. In addition to articles like this one, appearing regularly on the Commentary page, one page of Voices will appear Saturdays in the Metro section in place of editorials and letters.

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MARINA DEL REY

Group Exhorts Students to 'Start Their Heads' With Breakfast

By CAROL CHASTANG
TIMES STAFF WRITER

They've been there. Many of them have done that. So 300 students at Marina del Rey Junior High quickly got the message as they watched commercials on the perils of missing breakfast.

They laughed as a teen-age girl in one commercial, her eyes glazing over, watched her teacher's body transform into a giant bagel. In another spot, a chorus of grumbling stomachs drowned out the teacher's history lecture.

The point was clear: Skip breakfast and you'll be too busy thinking about lunch to pay attention in class.

The students were the test audience for a set of commercials aimed at promoting breakfast for those in junior high and high school. The "Start Your Head" campaign is sponsored by the Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition, a Los Angeles-based educational and advocacy organization.

The group kicked off the campaign at the school, using the videos and an appearance by superstar Stevie Wonder to educate students about the importance of breakfast. The group has taken the message throughout Los Angeles County, concentrating on schools in Inglewood and the Pico-Union area.



Singer Stevie Wonder talks to a group of middle school students about the importance of eating breakfast.

"What we're doing with the schools is emphasizing to the kids that they should eat breakfast," said Frank Tamborello, a child nutrition specialist with the coalition, founded in 1974. The organization, which has branches in major cities nationwide, has conducted extensive research on childhood hunger since 1987.

Tamborello said most students

do not understand the importance of eating breakfast. "Only 50% of the students we surveyed made a connection between what they ate and what they learned," he said.

On the other hand, student athletes clearly made the connection between nutrition and performance. Youths who didn't eat breakfast, Tamborello said, complained of headaches, grouchiness and an

inability to pay attention.

Hunger is typically associated with low-income children, Tamborello said. But the problem cuts across economic lines. The breakfast programs offered at most schools, he said, are for all students, but many students still do not eat breakfast.

At Marina del Rey, only 51% of the 676 students eligible for the

free breakfast participate in the program, said Warren Lund, the director of food services for the Los Angeles Unified School District. In addition, only 7% of those eligible for reduced price meals take advantage of the program.

"When they get to junior high school and high school age, some kids just don't want to eat," said Edna Overstreet, the school's director of food services.

Carolyn Olney, the assistant director of the Interfaith Hunger Coalition, said the commercials, which were produced by the Washington Food Policy Action Center, may soon be aired on MTV. Tamborello said this approach—using teen-agers to spread the message—is more effective than hearing nutritional information from others.

"If they're telling each other breakfast is cool, instead of hearing it from parents and teachers, that will have more impact and they'll react to the message," Tamborello said.

Meanwhile, the organization is preparing to challenge GOP efforts to make cuts in federal nutrition programs by handing over the administration of such programs to the states. If those plans succeed, Tamborello said, some states may have to drop breakfast and lunch programs, "which would roll back the gains we have made."

FRANCINE ORR / For The Times

SECTION I
OTHER CREATIVE DOCUMENTATION

LOS ANGELES ANTI-HUNGER AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

A Joint Community Project of :

Interfaith Hunger Coalition
Los Angeles Conservation Corps

Corporation for National Service
Community Service Objectives

I) Other Documents

- Item 1 Schedule of workshops and materials for the upcoming Youth Anti-Hunger Conference (YABC)
- Item 2 Descriptions of a couple of evenings spent in a homeless shelter.
- Item 3 Articles written by members and printed in Bread & Justice, "What is a YABC, Anyway?" & "In a Field of Dreams".
- Item 4 Copies of the Red Cross Certificates earned by IHC AmeriCorps members (CPR, First Aid, instructor training).
- Item 5 Copies of the awards presented to the three corps members who successfully completed the G.E.D. exam.
- Item 6 Layout of the new Burlington Garden.
- Item 7 Schedule of the Los Angeles National Directs AmeriCorps Network Conference, held on Friday, March 10, 1995. The conference was spearheaded by IHC AmeriCorps.
- Item 8 Thank you letter from EXPERT, Inc. (an AmeriCorps project) for the opportunity to network at the Los Angeles National Direct AmeriCorps Network Conference.
- Item 9 Copy of the promotional flyer for the upcoming Farmer's Market opening.
- Item 10 AmeriCorps-IHC brochure. Over 200 brochures were distributed at the COOL Conference in Arizona between March 22 and March 25, 1995.
- Item 11 A letter from one of the many people we have helped.
- Item 12 Stickers from the Start Your Head campaign, promoting children eating breakfast.

Why YOU should attend:

- Meet other High School students, just like you interested in ending hunger, from other parts of Los Angeles.
- Learn what you can do to help fight hunger.
- Meet representatives from many organizations who are helping to fight hunger and learn about volunteer opportunities for you and/or your own campus club.
- Network your Youth Anti-Hunger Club with other Y.A.H.Cs in and around Los Angeles.

Conference Schedule

- 8-9 **Registration** (Check in and explore information booths)
9:00 **Introductions and Orientation**
9:30 **Rations Play** performed by L.I.F.E.
(Love Is Feeding Everyone)
10:15 **Workshop Session I**
11:00 **Break**
11:15 **Workshop Session II**
12:00 **Lunch** (eat and check out organization booths)
12:45 **Entertainment**
1:45 **Workshop Session III**
2:30 **Keynote Speaker**
3:00 **Conclusion and Goodbye**
3:30 **Buses Leave**

Interfaith Hunger Coalition
2449 Hyperion Ave. Suite 100
Los Angeles, CA 90027



present

Y.A.H.C.

youth anti-hunger conference



Sponsored by the Southern California
Interfaith Hunger Coalition and the
Guess Foundation
for High School Aged People

April 6, 1995
Scottish Rite Temple
4357 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles

*It's time you did something about
ending hunger in our community*

Individual Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

School: _____

☐ I do not need transportation to the conference.

☐ I need information about the closest conference bus pick up point to me.

☐ I need vegetarian food for lunch.

T-Shirt Size (circle one) S M L XL

Group Registration

(Bring your whole club!)

To register your entire club or group of people, please call (213) 913-7327 and ask for anyone on the Education Team. Please be ready to provide the following information:

- Names of all people attending.
- T-Shirt Sizes of all attending.
- The number of people who need vegetarian food for lunch.

Return to: Y.A.H.C. Registration
C/O: Interfaith Hunger Coalition
2449 Hyperion Ste. 108
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Conference Workshops

Who's Hungry

Learn the facts about who's hungry in our nation and how hunger may be affecting your life.

Youth Anti-Hunger Clubs

Meet with other people involved with YAHC clubs at their schools, share ideas and network for joint events.

The Next Step: College Activism

Meet with people involved with Anti-Hunger activities on college campuses and find out how you can get involved.

What's Being Done

Meet with and learn about the work that many organizations are doing to fight hunger locally and worldwide.

And Many Other Workshops to choose from.

Speakers/Special Programs

- Entertainment
- L.I.F.E. (Love Is Feeding Everyone) will perform their play Rations
- Key Note Speaker
- Elizabeth Riley, Executive Director of the Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition

Location

Scottish Rite Temple
4357 Wilshire Blvd.
(at Plymouth boulevard
three blocks west of Crenshaw)

When

Thursday April 6, 1995
8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Who

Any High School-Aged Person

Lunch

Provided at no cost to Conference participants. Vegetarian food will be available

Conference Cost

1 item of nonperishable food which will be donated to Los Angeles area Food Banks

For More Information

Call (213) 913-7327 for additional information or any questions you may have. Ask for anyone on the Education Team

Youth Anti-Hunger Conference Workshops

Description and Locations

Everything You Need To Know About Nutrition: Gold Room - First Floor

Andy Silver, nutritionist currently working at the Los Angeles Free Clinic will overview the importance of healthy eating patterns as related to hunger issues and provide basic nutritional information.

Who's Hungry:

Dining Room Lobby - Fourth Floor

Carolyn Olney, Associate Director of the Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition will give an overview of who's hungry in our nation with special focus on the Los Angeles community.

Youth Anti-Hunger Clubs:

Lodge Room A - Fourth Floor

Tiffany Zwicker, president of the Youth Anti-Hunger Club at Harvard Westlake School will moderate a networking session in which all people involved with Youth Anti-Hunger clubs will have the opportunity to share their experiences and ideas with each other. Also people interested in starting clubs at their schools will learn how to do so from existing club members.

What's Being Done:

Dining Room Stage - Fourth Floor

Doris Bloch, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank, Bill Doulos, Director Emeritus of Union Station, and Liz Riley, executive director of the Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition, will talk about existing anti-hunger efforts in and around Los Angeles, and how you can get involved.

AmeriCorps:

Lodge Room B - Fourth Floor

Various members of local AmeriCorps projects, and agencies they are working with will talk about the AmeriCorps National Service program and provide information about how students can get involved with it.

Worldwide Hunger:

Lodge Room C - Fourth Floor

Leslie Pope of World Vision will discuss hunger around the world and its causes.

The Next Step: College Activism

Lounge Space 2 - Third Floor

Representatives from U.C.L.A., the Claremont Colleges, California State University at Los Angeles, and Santa Monica City College will discuss the anti-hunger activities on their campuses and let students know how they can be involved when they get to college.

What's It Like To Be Hungry:

Backstage - First Floor Auditorium

David Halenda of the Los Angeles Poverty Department and his staff of skid-row artisans will offer a series of role plays which will put conference participants in situations geared towards helping them to understand what it's like to face hunger.

Government Policies and Hunger:

Lounge Space 1 - Third Floor

Frank Tamborello, Food Program Advocate at the Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition will talk about how our government has dealt with the issue of hunger through it's programs and policies.

Homeless Youth:

Classroom - Second Floor

Mindi Levins, Program Manager of the Los Angeles Youth Network (LAYN) will moderate a program in which young participants of the LAYN shelter program will talk about their experiences with hunger and homelessness.

Youth Anti-Hunger Conference Schedule

as of 3/22/95

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| 8:00 - 9:20 am | Arrival, Registration, Booth Exploration
Breakfast served in 1st Floor Lobby |
| 9:20 - 9:30 | Introduction - Rick Lupert
1st Floor Auditorium |
| 9:30 - 10:05 | Keynote Speaker - Jim Scheibel/Vice President of the
Corporation For National Service
Auditorium |
| 10:05 - 10:20 | Start Your Head Presentation - Christy Porter
Auditorium |
| 10:30 - 11:15 | Workshop Session I
(Various locations, see Workshop Guide) |
| 11:20 - 12:05 pm | Workshop Session II |
| 12:05-1:00 | Lunch and Entertainment
4th Floor Dining Room |
| 1:05 - 1:45 | Conclusion and Wrap-up
Auditorium |
| 2:00 | Buses Leave |

- Organization's Information Booths will be set up throughout the Scottish Rite Temple Facility and be available for exploration through lunch.

I was informed on the phone that there would be no admittance to the shelter without a referral from another Salvation Army facility or another agency. I was told very bluntly that I could not simply show up at their facility and expect to receive shelter. I was further informed on my first call that there was no transportation available to the shelter. I was given this information by Lester. I thought that this was misinformation so I called again. This time Lester told me that I could be picked up on Gage Ave in Huntington Park between 4:00 and 4:15. It was after 5:00 before the transportation actually arrived.

A. Treatment

The attitude of staff and the driver at the pick-up was fair to good. The attitude of the office staff was only marginal, but the driver was both courteous and reassuring. Upon my arrival my possessions were taken from me and inspected before they were returned later in the intake process. I was obliged to take a breathalyzer test and told the length my stay depended on the alcohol and drug test being negative on a daily basis. I was also told that it was mandatory that I shower and that I would have to on a daily-basis have a card stamped to verify that I had showered. The shelter personnel did respond to my need for dry clothing as it had been raining quite heavily that day. I saw no evidence of any overt discrimination. I was informed that the tolerance for drug or alcohol use, after your initial intake, is zero tolerance. I further saw no evidence of any clients with any obvious mental illness. I was also given a list of rules and regulations to read and sign.

B. Quality

Although the shelter was not very aesthetically pleasing, the sleeping, bathroom, dining area, and common areas were all clean. The actual room temperature was satisfactory. The temperature of the water for showering, although cool, was not extremely uncomfortable, unless of course someone flushed a commode and then one just might be scalded.

I felt that I was being coerced into praying. Before the evening meal, I was obliged to form a double line with the rest of the population. We were then told to bow our heads while Mike, the Operations Director, led the evening meal prayer. I and the rest were then paraded through the facility to partake of the evening offering. I was served mystery meat, corn pinto beans, and some type of watered down punch. I was given a plastic spoon to eat with. Although the food was not very appetizing, it was warm and seemed nutritionally sound. Breakfast was served in the morning, some very stale donuts, cold cereal, and coffee.

C. Resources

I was given some used clothing and a hygiene kit. I was told that I would be interviewed by a social worker in the morning and taken to the county general relief office. There was also a mobile unit doing chest x-rays. Further, I also attended an in house NA meeting.

In the morning, I was told that I would not be provided with transportation back to my pick-up point. When I inquired as to how I could get there I was told to walk or if I had any money I might take a bus. I was told to hurry and get through the gate before 8:00 AM or I would have to stay until the gates were reopened late in the afternoon. I was also told that if by chance they had a pick-up that afternoon they might take me back to Huntington Park, but it was not very likely since I was their only pick-up yesterday. I was also publicly criticized for wanting to leave the shelter.

WINTER SHELTER EVALUATION

Date: 1/25/95

Shelter: [REDACTED]

Evaluator: Carol Trudeau

A. Treatment

Sensitivity and empathy toward client (transportation & site personnel)?:

I arrived at the pick-up point at 5:15 p.m. . The pick-up was due at 5:40 p.m.. I waited until 6:30 p.m. but no one ever came. The attitude of the staff at the site was marginal at best.

Responsive to individual needs of client and to the residents as a whole?:

Intake was very meager, consisted of questions of only name, age, and place of origin.

There were no social or referral services available.

Is there evidence of discrimination?:

No

How is the treatment to people who have apparently come in with mental illness or on drugs

There are no provisions made for those with mental illness. One woman, after lights were lowered, was openly masturbating. Also, throughout the course of the evening she was walking around the shelter with her buttocks exposed. There were no rules either announced nor enforced. Couples were openly engaged in sexual play and the men and women were not segregated in any way.

B. Quality

Cleanliness:

The entrance, bathroom, and shelter were all clean. However there was no toilet tissue in the bathroom.

Heat:

I was cold through out the night

Showers:

None Available, No facilities whatsoever for personal hygiene.

Blankets (enough & clean):

The blanket were fairly clean, but I was only issued one and I was cold throughout the night.

Food(what,hot or cold,enough)?:

Dinner was served to the clients after the staff had been openly served. The meal (Tuna Luna) and five saltine crackers was very meager in quantity . Water was served as the beverage. No breakfast was served and those who did not save their cups from the previous evening could have none of the stale coffee that came from who knows where

C. ACTIVITIES

Resources provided (clothing, personal hygiene items, other)

There were no facilities or items for necessary personal hygiene. People were trying to clean up in the bathroom, however, they were having a very difficult time of it for lack of soap, clean towels, combs, feminine napkins, etc..

Referrals Provided (medical, housing, substance abuse intervention, mental health, legal,)

No information or referrals were available.

Direct Activities Provided During Shelter Evening Hours:

There were no activities other than a television set. The general consensus among the population was that they wanted jobs and permanent housing. It was debilitating to watch 150 people stand out in the rain the following morning with nowhere to go.

WINTER SHELTER EVALUATION

Date: 1/29/95

Shelter: [REDACTED]

Evaluator: Carol Trudeau

A. Treatment

On 1/28/95 I waited in a heavy downpour with no available shelter until 7:20 p.m. The transportation never arrived. I drove to the shelter the following evening. I saw no transportation arrive with homeless clients.

Sensitivity and empathy toward client (transportation & site personnel)?:

Responsive to individual needs of client and to the residents as a whole?:

The intake staff was capable, empathetic, and used the same intake form that L.A.H.S.A. uses. When I inquired about referrals I was told we could look through a referral book after the evening meal.

Is there evidence of discrimination?:

No

How is the treatment to people who have apparently come in with mental illness or on drugs? Everyone is treated equally, although the majority of the clients seemed to be in need of counseling regarding drug and/or alcohol abuse.

Are the rules made clear, are they consistent?:

The rules are posted and clients are required to read them before entering the shelter. The rules consisted of basic human consideration i.e., no profanity, no fighting, no use of drugs/alcohol, eating in dining area only, etc.

B. Quality

Cleanliness:

The shelter was dirty. The entrance to the shelter was littered with garbage and trash and was unlit as well; it looked much like an encampment site. The cots were all stained and very dirty. They appeared to be stained with vomit, urine and human feces. I was too uncomfortable with the appearance to even sit on it. The women's bathroom door would not close completely and the fixtures were filthy. There was also drug paraphernalia lying around. There was no soap, toilet paper, etc. A pull down towel was so filthy that I could not touch it. There was a strong odor in the shelter from body odor, urine, etc. There was no ventilation of the area. There were broken cots stacked up in a corner. Throughout the floors were littered and dirty. It was very dismal and depressing.

Heat:

Showers: No facilities

Blankets (enough & clean):

Food(what,hot or cold,enough)?:

C. ACTIVITIES

Resources provided (clothing, personal hygiene items, other)

Referrals Provided (medical, housing, substance abuse intervention, mental health, legal,)

Direct Activities Provided During Shelter Evening Hours:

The conditions in the shelter were too dirty and uncomfortable for me to consider staying for the night. Were I a homeless person I would prefer the streets of Los Angeles to the conditions in the [REDACTED] Shelter.

WHAT'S A YABC, ANYWAY?

Empowerment is the key word at the upcoming Youth Anti-Hunger Conference for high school aged people. April 6, up to two thousand high school students from all over the greater Los Angeles area will converge at the Scottish Rite Temple on Wilshire Boulevard to participate in a day -long series of workshops, speakers, and other activities all geared towards empowering them to feel that they can and must do something about ending hunger in our local and world community.

This event, which is being cosponsored by the Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition and the Guess Foundation, will kick off with a performance of LIFE's (Love is Feeding Everyone) play Rations which they have been performing in junior and senior high schools throughout Los Angeles. The goal of the conference is to capture the energy and enthusiasm of high school aged people by educating them about hunger issues, and then supplying them with the opportunity to get involved with anti-hunger activities. Around fifty different organizations will be represented in our informational booth area displaying information about volunteer opportunities within their programs. Also a series of ten workshops are being offered covering such issues as world hunger and its causes, hunger fighting opportunities on the college campus, a discussion of the issues brought up in the Rations play, and how hunger is affecting the youth of our city. Each conference participant will be able to attend 3 of the ten workshops.

Also at the conference, we will be distributing the Youth Anti-Hunger Conference T-Shirts which are being generously donated and printed by the Guess Foundation. The logo displayed on the T-Shirt will be the winning logo submitted by the high school students in the various Youth

First Youth Anti-Hunger Conference, by Rick Lupert

Anti-Hunger Clubs which have been started at high schools, by IHC's AmeriCorps Education team. There is no charge for the T-shirt, lunch, or participation in the conference as a high school student or organization setting up an information booth.

The AmeriCorps Education team feels that we are tapping into such a strong and important resource in high school aged people, that we wanted to make it as easy as possible for them and organizations to attend by not charging. Our hope is that by the end of the conference, we will have lit a spark in the minds of all of the high schoolers in attendance and that we will have created a dynamic Youth Anti-Hunger Coalition which will be able to accomplish things previously unheard of by utilizing their creativity and energy.

For more information about the Youth Anti-Hunger Conference, please contact Rick Lupert on the AmeriCorps Education team at (213) 913-7326.



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

DATE:

[001]

CC:

My Name is

(b)(6)

I moved to Los Angeles

to go to school from Atlanta. The persons I was living with put me and a friend out. I had no place to go. I went to school and explained my situation to my counselor in the job placement center. He immediately got on the phone and called around to find me a place to live. Finally he reached a lady by the name of Sondra Trudeau (Ameri Corp). I thought ~~that~~ I would have to drop out of school and sleep on the street. Thanks to Sondra she gave me a place to stay food to eat, and I did not have to drop out of school. Now I am still a student of El Camino College. I am on the work study program and I am about to move on my own. My grades has not been affected at all.

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Richard, Here are a few excerpts
from Clients  Pilling Mack

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Sandra

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FROM:

Fax # 664-1725

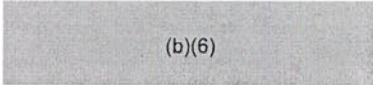
SUBJECT:

March 20 1995

DATE:

[002]

CC:

My name is  (b)(6) and I would

like to tell you a bit about how Sandra Trudeau, an Americorps employee, has helped me during the hardest time I have ever had, and hope to ever have, in my life. In order to do this well, let me first tell you a little about myself and my current situation.

About 6 mo. ago I left my husband due to spousal abuse and drug & alcohol addiction. I took with me one suitcase, and my precious 11 mo. old son. I was scared and confused and spent 45 days in a wonderful battered women's shelter. I was taught many new ways to look at and live life, but was not yet ready to go out alone, so I went into a "second step" battered women's shelter for 4 mo. Here I commenced a deeper level of healing. I started working a 12 step, and became

more focussed on what I want to with my ~~new~~ new life. My new career goals require school and experience. I left the "Second Step" battered womens shelter still in need of many things. This is where Sondra comes into the story.

I have need for child care. She took me around to see some places personally. Showed me where to look for references. Helped me resolve my problem.

I do not have a car and so I ride the buss. Sondra helped me to work things out "with somebody who had a car. Also she made calls for me that I wouldn't have had time to make while I was on the buss. This was a tremendous help.

I was having troubles with my AFDC and foodstamps. Sondra cleared that right up.

I didn't have a place to live. She put a roof over my head and got me in contact with beyond shelter. This gives me great hope.

She helped me with my educational goals by refering me to vocational

MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

DATE:

^{c.c.} rehab. Also, in understanding the field I want to go into has been able to give me a promising job lead.

She has always been there to calm me down, and reassure me it's gonna be okay. She reminds me of what we have accomplished, and guides me in what I want, or need to do next. She is a human resource center who shows me many options, and a friend whom I can ponder my choices with. She often reminds me to breathe. She makes me laugh.

I probably haven't put everything down that Sondra has helped me

with, but I think you have an idea. She has provided me with hope, shelter, direction, kindness and understanding. Any progress I make in life will surely happen because of the help I received from Donna.

Thank you

(b)(6)

in a field

By William Glenn

There is an old American quote that lingers in my mind, at times haunting me to realize that the national service that I am now engaged in, was and is something predestined not only for myself but the other 39 AmeriCorps volunteer members as well.

The quote reads: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."
(President J.F. Kennedy)

On a quest set about by the words of this former president, AmeriCorps organizations and their members disperse into various communities with various tasks. Each bringing diverse talents and cultures together to form an impressive team of volunteers who desire to change the pressing problems facing communities in despair by presenting them with alternatives other than the negative options pre-existing in their communities.

Such a group is the AmeriCorps Interfaith Hunger Coalition's Education/School Gardening team, consisting of members Herbert Hernandez, Kimberly Gaines and William Glenn. Together they form



a special team whose task encompasses working with the teachers and children of various schools to present them with the advantages of incorporating school gardening within their curriculum.

The success of this group (along with the tremendous help and support of Rachel Mabie and staff at Common Ground Garden Program) can be noted at Jefferson High School, Marina Del Rey Middle School, and Hammel Street Elementary. Each of these schools are flourishing with gardens maintained and

of dreams

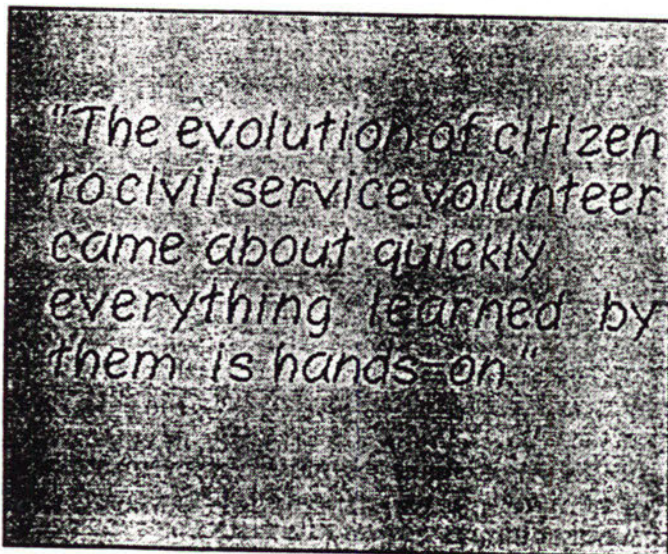
preserved by the children who attend them.

These three sites are only the "tip of the iceberg" for the three corps members whose daily schedule begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. The experience and knowledge gained by each of these team members enables them to teach parents, teachers and students about practically all areas of gardening. Since the evolution from citizen to civil service volunteer came about quickly for this team, everything learned by them is "hands-on". Deep in the trenches digging, hoeing, landscaping, planting, and teaching young kids how to grow their own nutritious food is a

practice none of the three had experienced before this time. However, to those whom they work with, this lack of prior experience is never seen or talked about. These three, when out in the fields work together like "Old Pros".

The overall impact of this group can be measured by the success of the gardens that are now existing because of this group's efforts. The sites before mentioned (Jefferson, Hammel Street, and Marina del Rey) show an increase in not only teacher/student support, but student/parent support as well.

The communities in which many of these schools reside (East L.A., Marina del Rey, and South Central L.A.) have accepted the gardening-in-school idea with "open arms" and have coordinated efforts with Common Ground and AmeriCorps to use the idea of gardening on a more community based level. No longer will these bullet and trash infested areas house the spray-paint graffiti wall gardens of ignorance, but gardens of lush vegetable fields nurtured and cared for by those who desire to plant the seeds of change within their communities.



"The evolution of citizen to civil service volunteer came about quickly everything learned by them is hands-on."



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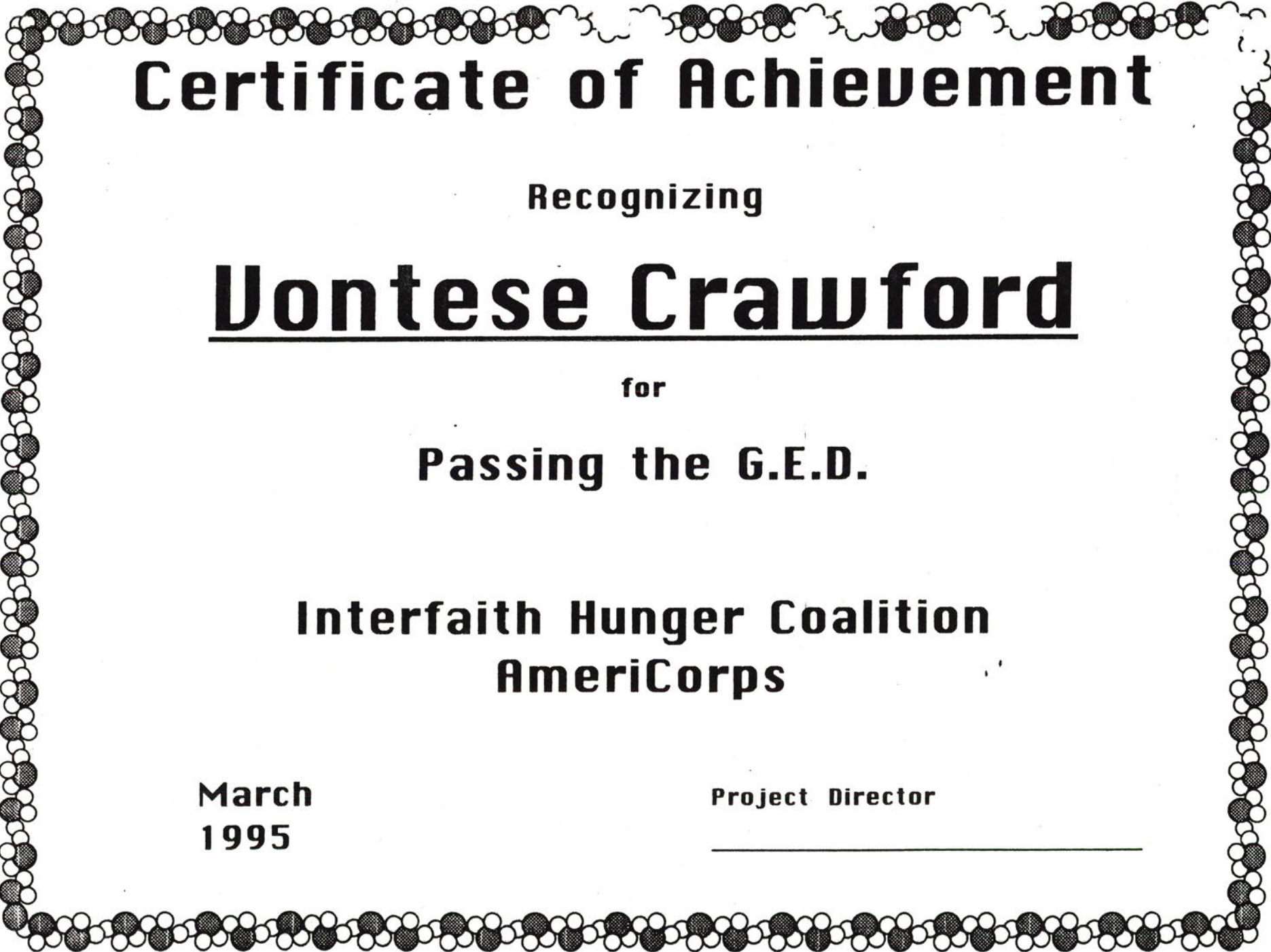
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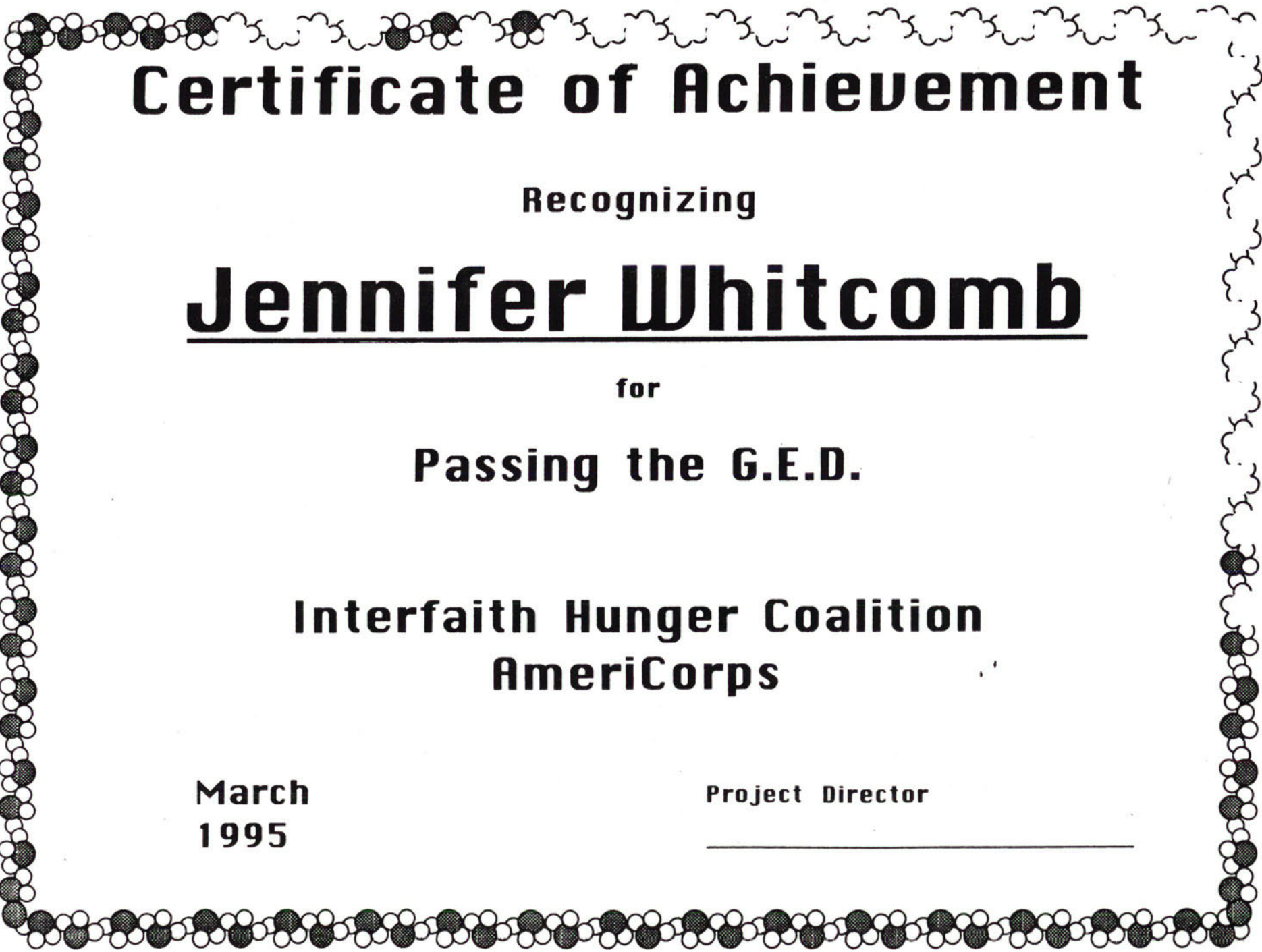
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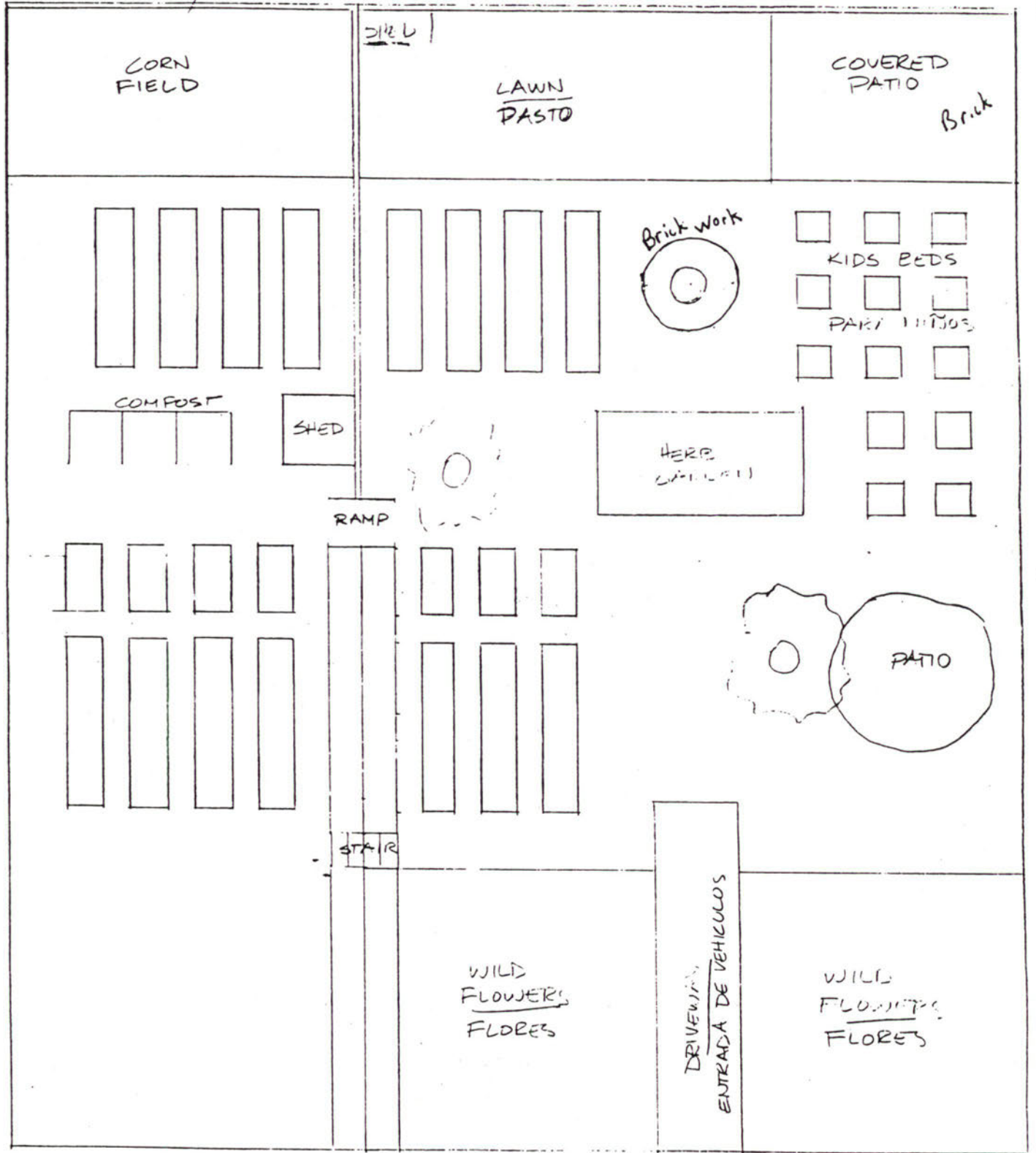
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Los Angeles National Direct Networking Conference Scottish Rite Temple

Tentative Agenda For March 10, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

- 9:00- 9:30 Registration, Coffee Donuts.
9:30- 9:45 Welcome, 7 Minute AmeriCorps Video.
9:45- 10:15 5 Minute Overview of Projects.
10:15-11:00 Ice Breaker - "AmeriCorps Scavenger Hunt".
Pass out Supplies (pencil and paper).
11:15-12:00 **Session I**
Ice Breaker.
2 Topics To Talk About.
(WHY DID YOU JOIN AMERICORPS?).
(ARE YOU ACCOMPLISHING THE PLEDGE?).
12:00-1:00 Lunch (Dining Room) *
1:15-2:00 **Session II**
Ice Breaker .
2 Topics To Talk About.
(WHAT IS YOUR PROJECT?).
(WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER AMERICORPS?).
2:15-3:00 The Power Of One (video).
Speaker (Michael Woo, Western States A.Corps Director).
Good Bye.
3:00-4:00 Informal Networking/Booths/ Evaluation.

Location: Scottish Rite Masonic Temple- 4357 Wilshire Blvd. at Lucerne, Three blocks west of Crenshaw In Los Angeles.

* **Lunch:** Please bring a check made out to L.A. Rose Cafe @ \$5.00/person attending the conference.

Phone: There are no phones at the Temple. Pager for the Interfaith Hunger Coalition Project Manager (213)470-2395.

Booths: Please have materials for your project booth. Booth set up is in the "Lounge" at 9:00 - 9:30 am.

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ExPERT - (310) 763-8164

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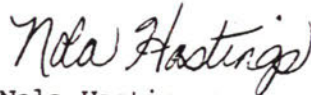
Richard Howard
Interfaith Hunger Coalition
2449 Hyperion Avenue, Suite 100
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Dear Richard:

Thank you so much for arranging transportation for our AmeriCorps members to attend Friday's conference. The members who attended have communicated very positive responses to Friday's activities. Many of the members have expressed an interest in ongoing conferences such as this.

In addition, thank you for initiating the conference and dedicating Nelson to bring the whole thing together, he did a tremendous job.

Sincerely,



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Hunger in California

- Hunger comes to almost 3,000,000 Southern Californians each month due to the lack of money to buy food! 18% of the hungry are children!
- Children are the fastest growing segment of the hungry. 70% of those seeking food assistance are families with children. An estimated 1.3 million children are hungry or at risk of hunger in California.
- Hungry children are two to three times more likely to suffer from health problems than well fed children.
- An overwhelming majority of food providers report that they do not have enough food to meet the needs of those they serve.



Interfaith Hunger Coalition Responds . . .

- The *School Breakfast* and *Summer Food Outreach* campaign targets children missing out on vital nutrition programs through the Child Nutrition Hotline, 800-Eat-N-Gro. The *Start Your Head: Eat Breakfast* state-wide campaign targets youth.
- IHC has distributed almost 2 million emergency resource guides to low income persons in Los Angeles County and throughout California.
- IHC provides know-how for groups wanting to start a food pantry with workshops, consultants, publications and guides.
- IHC, in conjunction with UCLA planners, promotes community development and food security as a follow-up to *Seeds of Change*, a study of food access issues in Los Angeles.

AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger and Empowerment Project *Getting Things Done*

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Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition

The Interfaith Hunger Coalition works for the alleviation of hunger in Southern California through education, advocacy, and empowerment. IHC offers training, technical assistance, and extensive publications on government benefit programs to the hundreds of community groups and social service organizations feeding the hungry in Southern California, and acts as the region-wide voice on the issues affecting hungry persons.

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AmeriCorps and Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition

Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition

AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger and Empowerment Project

The Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition and the U.S. Department of Agriculture play an exciting part in the first year of the President's national service program that awards a stipend and scholarships in exchange for community service.

What is the AmeriCorps Program?

- **The AmeriCorps Program** is President Clinton's national service initiative to achieve direct results in addressing the nation's critical human service, environmental, public safety, and educational needs at the community level. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their country in organized efforts, fostering citizen responsibility and building communities. Americans age 17 or older can make a substantial commitment to their country and earn education awards for college or vocational training in return.
- **The AmeriCorps motto** is "Getting Things Done". As one of only five USDA-sponsored projects nationwide focusing on anti-hunger, nutrition and empowerment, 40 AmeriCorps members are working to make a strong and direct impact in the communities they serve.

What do corps members do?

- **Teams of eight** AmeriCorps members, under the direction of a Team Leader, work with the Interfaith Hunger Coalition and organizations such as the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Common Ground, Southland Farmers's Market and the LA Homeless Services Authority on projects listed below.

- **Work to inform homeless, low income, working poor and people with AIDS** about housing, food, medical assistance, and other needed services.
- **Set up school-based garden projects** and healthy eating promotion for kids.
- **Work on homeless assistance programs,** and provide information and services to homeless people living in encampments.
- **Set up community gardens,** start up a farmer's market and work on micro-enterprise development.
- **Develop exciting promotion campaigns** for the School Breakfast program and the Summer Food Service Program.

What are the benefits for AmeriCorps members?

- **A modest monthly stipend** for the ten months of service.
- **An educational award** of \$4725 will be given to everyone who has successfully completed the service program. The educational award can be used for future college studies or technical training. This award can also be used to pay back past federal educational loans (i.e., Stafford Loans).

- **Child care** is provided for those who qualify.
- **Medical care** will be provided for those who have no basic medical coverage.
- **Other benefits include** community involvement, service opportunities and experience, and development/enhancement of leadership skills.

What's expected from an AmeriCorps member?

- **You have to be** seventeen years of age or older to apply.
- **You have to be** able to give a ten-month, full-time commitment to the program.
- **You have to have some** previous experience and demonstrated commitment to community service.



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Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Six Rivers National Forest, Public Lands/Environ.# 17
2. Program name: Six Rivers NF, AmeriCorps Program # 17
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA - Forest Service
4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

— First Quarter
(10/1-12/31)

X Second Quarter
(1/1-3/31)

— Third Quarter
(4/1-6/30)

— Fourth Quarter
(7/1-9/30)
5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? 10/18/95
6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours of required Service	
22	12,904	Full-time
3	120	Part-time

7. Please provide estimates of the following:
 - (a) Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: 0
 - (b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: 0

Primary Accomplishments this Quarter: (In detail, describe your central activities, project milestones, and most important "things gotten done" this quarter.)

Both the conservation resource crew and the interns completed direct service to respond to critical environmental needs within the boundaries of our public lands.

The total crew work hours on direct projects:

Total hours: 8,259 Appraised Value: \$89,222 Cost to Govt: \$51,619

Total intern hours:

Total hours: 3,494 Appraised Value: \$41,576 Cost to Govt: \$21,837

Environmental Education: 1000 hours, Appraised Value: \$12,090; Cost To Govt: \$6,250.

Recreation: 1000 hours, Appraised Value: \$12,090; Cost to Govt: \$6,250

Fisheries: 750 hours, Appraised Value: \$9,068; Cost to Govt: \$4,688

Wildlife: 300 hours, Appraised Value: \$3,627, Cost To Govt: \$1,875

T & E: 244 hours, Appraised Value: \$2,950, Cost to Govt: \$1,525

Soil & Water: 200 hours, Appraised Value: \$2,418, Cost to Govt: \$1,250

The AmeriCorps Members provided a total appraised value of \$130,798. The cost to government is assessed at \$73,456. The cost to the government includes transportation, supervision, and program management cost. The savings \$57,342.

The following is a list of projects which the crew completed during this quarter:

Willow Cutting

Project Hours = 416; Appraised Value: \$4,494; Cost Per Govt: \$2,600

The AmeriCorps crew completed the willow cutting collection and processed the cuttings at the McKinleyville USFS nursery. The Willow cuttings had to be trimmed to a specific length allowing planting by mechanical means. The total harvest for the willow sprigs were 14,500.

Big Rock Day Use Area Tree Planting,

Hours= 120 Appraised Value: \$1,296 Cost to Govt: \$750