



## Coordinated Community Outreach for Habitat Conservation

### Grass Farm Work Day

Saturday, March 13, 2010, 9am-1pm  
CA Department of Fish and Game  
at Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve



Native grasslands are one of the most rare and threatened ecosystems in California. Comprised of various native grass species as well as some shrubs and annual wildflowers, grasslands, usually occupying flatter areas have been diminished to a small percent of their former areas as human population has pressed this desirable topography into use for housing and commercial development. In an effort to maintain and restore grasslands, CDFG has created a native grass farm at Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve. The farm is a critical source of grass seed for grassland restoration projects throughout San Diego's south county and beyond. To maximize seed production, animals such as rabbits, gophers, and squirrels that normally graze on native grasses have to be (mostly!) kept out of the farm area. Our project on March 13<sup>th</sup> will include fence improvements to keep out these native grazers, as well as weeding and maintenance within the farm. Below are some links to additional information about native grasslands.

[California Native Grasslands Association](#)

[California Native Grasslands: A Historical Perspective](#)

**Special Bonus! Habitat experts will be on hand to take volunteers on a hike to observe and learn more about the habitats in Rancho Jamul.**

To RSVP for the March 13<sup>th</sup> event, please contact Cathy Chadwick, Community Outreach Coordinator by phone or email: 619-277-3605, [chadgroup@cox.net](mailto:chadgroup@cox.net)

#### Directions:

- From San Diego, take Hwy 94 east or from El Cajon, take 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Jamacha Blvd. south to Rancho San Diego.
- At Campo Road, turn south to stay/be on Hwy 94. (Landmark: There is a shopping center with a T.G.I. Fridays, a Target, and a movie theater east of the Campo road turnoff.)
- Five miles or so later, you will pass Proctor Valley Road. (Landmark: Simpson's Nursery is on the right with red barns and a decorative windmill).
- The entrance to the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve is just under 3 miles from that intersection, on the right side. The address is 14715 Campo Road (Highway 94).
- If you get to Honey Springs Road, you have gone too far.

#### Coming Up...

**Proctor Valley  
Clean-up Redo!  
We've rescheduled  
this rained-out  
event for April 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Stay tuned for  
details!**