

# ENDANGERED HABITATS CONSERVANCY

PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY THROUGH HABITAT ACQUISITION & STEWARDSHIP



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Dear *TransNet* EMP Land Management Grant Program Committee,

This letter is to provide permission and support to the Earth Discovery Institute for the proposed Harbison's Dun Skipper (*Euphyes vestris harbisoni*) Habitat Enhancement Project. As a Land Conservation entity, the Endangered Habitats Conservancy is committed to habitat restoration and enhancement for rare and declining butterflies on properties we own and/or manage including Crestridge Ecological Reserve. Conservancy President, Michael Beck, and Senior Land Manager, Chris Manzuk have already met with Earth Discovery Institute Conservation Director, Christine Beck, to discuss details of the proposed project including appropriate areas for enhancement, plant species to include in the enhancement efforts, and access for San Diego sedge seed collection. Through contract with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Conservancy has managed Crestridge Ecological Reserve for the past 12 past years. The Conservancy is authorized to facilitate habitat restoration projects on the reserve.

For the past 15 years, our organization has worked closely with the Earth Discovery Institute on projects to benefit sensitive and declining habitats and species in east San Diego County, and on Crestridge Ecological Reserve, in particular. Therefore, we support implementation of the Harbison's Dun Skipper Habitat Enhancement Project, with the Earth Discovery Institute as the Project Manager. To ensure that the project is successful, Endangered Habitats Conservancy has committed to providing matching funds in the form of an in-kind salary match for our Senior Land Manager, Chris Manzuk. We have estimated that a minimum of 48 hours of Mr. Manzuk's time will be expended on project implementation including site delineation, preparation, and maintenance.

Sincerely,

Scott Grimes  
Vice President