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*"As long as the sun shines and the waters flow, this land will be here to give life to men and animals. We cannot sell the lives of men and animals; therefore we cannot sell this land. It was put here for us by the Great Spirit, and we cannot sell it because it does not belong to us."* – Blackfoot Elder

### GOALS:

- To support preservation of the archeological and cultural resources found within the Topanga Creek Watershed.

### Introduction

The Topanga Creek Watershed has a long history of human inhabitation. The original residents were members of both the Chumash and the Tongva-Gabrielino tribes. Numerous camping, burial and ceremonial sites have been documented, but the potential for finding additional sites of importance remains. Subsequently, Topanga was claimed by the Spaniards, and more recently by enterprising individualists, who comprise much of the resident population today.

The Topanga Creek Watershed Committee recognizes the efforts of the Topanga Historical Society and local archeologists to keep the importance of these archeological and cultural resources alive.

### ACTIONS:

- 1.1 Report any archeological finds as required by the National Historical Preservation Act.
- 1.2 Strictly adhere to state standards for archeological monitoring at any potential sites.
- 1.3 Evaluate the possibility of historic designation for several bridges in Topanga.
- 1.4 Protect archeological site Lan-8 from erosion, and plan bank stabilization to avoid further site disturbance.



*Recommendations which require legal and political changes for implementation: None*

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