



# Upper Chiquita Canyon

For more than a quarter century, the Transportation Corridor Agencies' (TCA) environmental initiatives have preserved scenic beauty and healthy ecosystems while building sustainable transportation solutions.

Adjacent to the Oso Parkway Bridge Project is a shining example of the TCA's commitment to environmental stewardship. TCA oversees the ongoing management of the Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Area, a breathtaking expanse of open space. Among TCA's responsibilities are preserving, managing and restoring this preserved habitat, including weed control and scientific testing of different habitat management techniques.

This former grazing pasture was slated for residential and golf course development before TCA intervened in 1996 to purchase and manage the land.

TCA's demonstrated commitment to the environment has been acknowledged through an array of awards presented by organizations such as the California Association of Environmental Professionals and the Federal Highway Administration, among others.

## Quick Facts

- 1,158 acres
- TCA partnered with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife to manage the site
- The restored habitat at Upper Chiquita supports important populations of the California gnatcatcher and coastal cactus wren
- Several families of deer call the site home
- TCA has preserved 17 different Orange County open spaces in perpetuity

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