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September 1999

Dear Society of Environmental Journalists Conference Participants:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to UCLA for the Ninth Annual Society of Environmental Journalists Conference. We are especially delighted to host this important event because, as you know, this year marks the first time SEJ has met on the West Coast.

UCLA's location in the cosmopolitan city of Los Angeles, on the Pacific Rim, and at the gateway to Latin America, makes the campus a natural laboratory for the study of ecological problems. And the University's outstanding researchers and facilities also make UCLA the ideal site from which to launch discussions and efforts that lead to global ecological change.

To address the world's environmental problems, UCLA's Institute of the Environment has been established as a new and unique academic unit devoted to interdisciplinary research and teaching related to these issues. Composed of faculty from a broad range of disciplines all working to provide answers to the world's environmental concerns, the Institute of the Environment has the mission of coordinating and expanding these studies, bringing new knowledge to the classroom, and reaching out to the Greater Los Angeles community and beyond.

On behalf of UCLA, I extend deepest thanks to all those who have worked so diligently to make the SEJ Conference a highly successful one.

With best wishes for a fruitful and enjoyable stay on the UCLA campus,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Carnesale", with a long, sweeping underline.

Albert Carnesale
Chancellor



Thursday, September 16

Logistics:

Registration will be held outside at Sunset Village Plaza from 6:30 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. Sign up for mini-tours, small group sessions (SEJ members only), and Friday breakfast session (SEJ members only).

Tour buses will load at Sproul Hall Circle, near Sunset Village. Check your tour information carefully to see when your tour leaves!

All tours will return to UCLA at around 5:00 P.M.

Advance registration is required. Attendance size on each tour is strictly limited.

Full-day Tour

7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Lunch Provided

Bus begins loading at 6:30 A.M. at Sproul Hall Circle. Please arrive on time!

Catalina Island

Travel to Santa Catalina Island, 20 miles offshore from Los Angeles, to learn about island ecology, invasive species, ecosystem restoration, bald eagle recovery and the challenge of balancing tourism with preservation. The trip will include ferry rides to and from the mainland, a 90-minute bus tour of the island's rugged interior and lunch at the University of Southern California's Wrigley Marine Science Center.

Guides: John Krist, *Ventura County Star*; Neil Strassman, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

Speakers: Gary Davis, Channel Islands National Park; Deb Jensen, Catalina Island Conservancy; Anthony Michaels, Institute for Environmental Studies, USC; Peter Sharpe, Institute for Wildlife Studies

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Epicenter of Extinction

California's extraordinary biodiversity and growth are on a collision course. Take a trip to an Orange County battlefield, where survival of the Endangered Species Act and an imperiled songbird hang in the balance. Assess the progress of an ambitious but controversial effort to reconcile home building with needs of wildlife inhabiting a rare plant community. (Hiking clothes recommended.) *Special thanks to Deborah Schoch of the Los Angeles Times for organizing this tour.*

Guides: Pat Brennan, *Orange County Register*; Pat Murkland, *Riverside Press-Enterprise*

Moderator: Stephen Burgard, *Los Angeles Times*, Orange County Edition
Speakers: Donald Barry, U.S. Department of the Interior; James Bartel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Gerald Braden, San Bernardino County Museum; Ted Case, University of California, San Diego; Frank Davis, University of California, Santa Barbara; Robert Fisher, San Diego State University; Monica Florian, the Irvine Co.; Leona Klippstein, Spirit of the Sage Council; Steve Letterly, Transportation Corridor Agencies; Tom Mathews, Orange County Director of Planning; Rudolph Mattoni, UCLA; Joel Reynolds, Natural Resources Defense Council; Fred Roberts, independent botanist; Ernest Siva, California Indian Storytelling Association; Trish Smith, The Nature Conservancy; John Tavaglione, Riverside County Supervisor; Robert Thornton, Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott