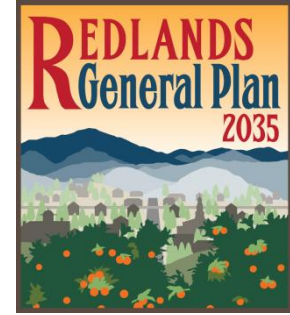


# Redlands General Plan Stakeholder Interviews



**Stakeholder: Mandy Parkes**

**Representing: Inland Empire Natural Resources Conservation District**

**Date & Time: 7/9/2015, 1 pm @City Hall**

## Questions

1. Describe your organization:
  - IENRCD is a public agency whose district is 1,300 square miles focusing on open space preservation, wildland rehabilitation, education, and outreach.
  - They are also concerned with eradicating invasive species.
  - They have worked with farmers assisting in the production of local, organic food and have been involved with creating a market for compost from trees impacted by beetle infestation (vermicompost).
  - They have helped the Grove school plant native plants on their grounds.
  - Own a small parcel in San Timeteo Canyon
  - IENRCD has a tax base that enables it to fund programs
  
2. From your perspective as a representative of the organization, how supportive has the City been for your purpose, discipline or institution?
  - City has been very supportive and is learning more about the mission of IENRCD.  
Example: Police Department contacted them before removing vegetation at Alabama and the Morey Arroyo where a homeless camp was located.

3. What has the City done right?
  - City has established a sustainability office to work on issues of concern to them.
  - City is preserving open space in San Timeteo Canyon. IENRCD tries to create concentrated areas of contiguous open space.
  
4. What needs improving? Missed Opportunities?
  - None really
  
5. What are the key issues, both opportunities and constraints, which the City will face in the next 20 years?
  - Water conservation
  - Flooding –such as the El Nino event of 1997
  - City has grown in a wonderful way that has promoted an exciting downtown, great schools, open space preservation
  
6. What should the City be doing to plan for the future?
  - Increase awareness of sustainability, educating the public in resource conservation
  - Continue to conserve open space and promote its active use
  - Focus on downtown
  - Maintain livability
  - Increase opportunities for young people to stay in community, embrace what the millennial generation is desiring – mixed-use development, recreation such as the trails
  
7. What do you think Redlands will be like in 20 years?
  - Will be fine if it continues the elements that make it attractive

8. Other Comments:

- IENRCD has funds to purchase property for open space and buy conservation easements  
Property must be an aquatic resource (can be intermittent streams)
- Partner agency NRCS also buys agricultural easements
- Sometimes work with developers in their mitigation plans. Mostly play a support role.
- Should talk to Bob Knight of the Inland Orange Conservancy
- Orange Blossom trail similar to the Pacific Electric trail