



## **! STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF OXNARD'S LAST REMAINING WETLANDS !**

**THE HABITAT AND RESOURCES OF THE ORMOND BEACH WETLANDS ARE  
DISAPPEARING FAST!  
PLEASE JOIN OUR EFFORTS TO SAVE THE PRECIOUS LIVELIHOOD OF THIS  
SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT!**

For many centuries, the Chumash people have relied upon and preserved the natural resources of the Ormond Beach Wetlands. The Chumash harvested clams, shellfish, eggs, and plants while ensuring that the wetlands remained a sustainable natural ecosystem for everyone's enjoyment. A Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) Plant on this site will take from the wetlands all of its natural assets and give nothing back to the environment or to our community.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Wishtoyo Foundation protects and preserves the culture and history of coastal communities and fosters responsibility to our waters, marine habitats and watersheds through research, education, community action and where necessary, citizen enforcement, by utilizing traditional Chumash beliefs, practices, songs, stories and dances. We aim to create a greater awareness of our connection with, and dependence upon, the natural Environment.

### **WISHTOYO'S CURRENT PROJECTS**

- Ventura CoastKeeper projects - To research water quality standards in Ventura County and enforce the federal Clean Water Act;
- Development of a Citizen Water Monitoring program for the Calleguas Creek Watershed, identified by the EPA as one of the county's least monitored watersheds;
- Preservation of Chumash Cultural Resources at Ahmanson Ranch;
- Request for Listing of a Tribal Marine Protected Area in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, for the protection of our ocean's waters and its habitat;
- Restoration of Nicholas Canyon Creek – Removal of invasive non-native species which are choking out the ecosystem's biodiversity, and re-introduce native habitat;
- Support Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper's efforts to initiate cleanup of Halaco Engineering's toxic slag heap on Ormond Beach and prevent further polluting practices;
- California Coastal Agritoxins - A project to identify and quantify the hazardous effects of the enormous amounts of pesticides used in Ventura County on human health and the environment;
- Creation of a Chumash Demonstration Village at Nicholas Canyon County Beach, in partnership with the L.A. Dept. of Beaches & Harbors;
- Participation in the California Legacy Project, created to research and identify California lands as open space for preservation of cultural and natural resources; and
- Educational Presentations at schools and grassroots organizations, to create awareness of the culture and history of the Chumash through songs, stories, and dances.

Wishtoyo Foundation is a non-profit, 501c3 organization supported by citizen memberships and a Board of Directors.