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Winning back the CSS at Soquel Canyon.

When Land Veritas bought property in Soquel Canyon, much of the 313-acre site appeared to be recovering well from the 2008 Freeway Complex Fire that had severely burned its extensive Coastal Sage Scrub communities. There were several areas, however, where focused restoration activities

could promote the re-growth of California sagebrush and greatly benefit the CSS habitat. The site had also suffered from years of poorly managed cattle grazing and could use a boost to rebound from these impacts.
Land Veritas owner Tracey Brownfield saw a perfect opportunity to rescue the land and create a mitigation bank!

Here is the Land Veritas recipe for CSS restoration:

How to Boost CSS

Step One: Install a perimeter fence to keep out the cows.

Step Two: Evaluate denuded areas. Select eastern, southern and western aspects, and ridgelines.

Step Three: Clear the areas of weeds and, where possible, till the soil. Hand rake steep slopes.

Step Four: Rake a mixture of CSS species seed into the soil.

Step Five: Add water!

Because the winter of 2015-2016 was especially dry, germination rates were lower than expected. In March 2017, biologists implemented a targeted overseeding program to help boost native cover in certain plots. Monitoring is ongoing, and the CSS is doing great!

Just Spotted at Petersen Ranch!

7:45 pm May 20...Read about Pronghorn Antelope (*Antilocapra americana*) the newest inhabitant at Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank in Lake Hughes, and its history in the Antelope Valley.

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To enquire about mitigation credits or schedule a tour for either Soquel Canyon or Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank, please call our Bank Manager at (877) 445-8699 or e-mail bankmanager@landveritas.com.

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