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Habitat Restoration for the Endangered San Diego Thornmint (*Acanthominta ilicifolia*) at Wright's Field in Alpine, California.

Wright's Field in Alpine California is one of San Diego County's most precious open space preserves, with one of the largest remaining native grassland areas in Southern California. In early 1994, there was a plan to develop the property for a golf course and a sewage treatment plant. Despite numerous efforts by conservation groups to stop the project, the development project was slated to go before the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for approval. While on site surveying for vernal pool resources at the request of the Back County Land Trust (BCLT), I discovered San Diego thornmint on Wright's Field. This discovery would halt the project and eventually facilitate the purchase of Wright's Field by BCLT as their first preserve. Since then, thornmint at Wright's Field has continued to decline in population size from approximately 500 plants in 1994 to as few as 20 plants in 2012. In 2013, AECOM teamed with BCLT to win a significant grant award from the SANDAG Environmental Mitigation Program. The 3 year grant will fund the management and monitoring necessary to restore the thornmint population at Wright's Field, as well as conduct habitat restoration on the native grassland that supports the thornmint. The thornmint restoration project, now entering its second year, includes seed collection, seed bulking, and weed control, which will not only enhance the thornmint population, but also benefit the numerous other habitats and associated sensitive species that occur on Wright's Field.