INVENTORY OF THE MADRONA MARSH COLLECTION, 1973-2002

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Madrona Marsh Collection,
Dates: 1973-2002
Collection Number: Consult repository.
Creator: Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center
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Abstract: Madrona Marsh Preserve is a 44-acre nature preserve in Torrance, CA. The preserve was established during the 1970s in a partnership between the Friends of Madrona Marsh and the City of Torrance. The collection includes several albums of photographs documenting the work and visitors to the Marsh. Also includes many reports, environmental impact studies, and materials including "The Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center Management Plan," and "Environmental Resources Element," (Torrance City Planning Department). Donated by the Friends of the Marsh.

Language: Collection material is in English

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Acquisition Information
Donated by the Friends of Madrona Marsh in 2011

Processing Information
Arranged and described by Christina Delgadillo. Photos were removed from albums and placed in archival sheets for preservation. Plastic binding was removed from reports and placed into eight file folders. Materials were kept in the original order when possible and are arranged in chronological order.

History
In the early 1970s, developers expressed interest in the prime real estate on which the area in Torrance, near the Madrona Marsh was located, which started a conflict for the Madrona Marsh. Resistance came from environmentalists who wanted to preserve as much of the wildlife area as possible. As a result, a group formed in 1972 and was called the Friends of the Madrona Marsh. The Friends of Madrona Marsh is a non-profit organization that was established in 1972. They are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the marsh through an assortment of activities throughout the year to bring awareness. Debate continued throughout all the 1970s regarding this piece of property. In 1980s, the city of Torrance was given a 34.4 acres deed to the marsh for wildlife preservation. Three decades later after the first argument started, in 2001, the preserve came to be with the opening of the Madrona Marsh Nature Center in 2001.

Scope and Content
The collection consisted of five photo albums and eight reports. The photo albums help capture the variety of plants, shrubs, trees, grasses and animal wildlife of the marsh. The reports included are for the preservation of the marsh and planning of the local surrounding area for residential and commercial development.

Arrangement
Arranged in two series:
Series II. Reports (1973-2002)

Subjects
Marsh
Wetlands

Corporate Names
Friends of the Madrona Marsh
City of Torrance – Park of Rehabilitation

Geographic Areas
Los Angeles, CA., Torrance, Harbor Regional Park and the Southbay

Physical Description: 3 boxes [3 linear feet]
Scope and Content Note
This series contains five albums all pertaining to the Madrona Marsh.

Box 1
Shirley Turner Photo Album #1, 1983-1994
Box 2
Shirley Turner Photo Album #2, 1995-1999
Box 3
Shirley Turner Photo Album #2 /Tracy Drake Photo Album, 1987-2003

Series 2. Reports, 1983-2003
Physical Description: 1 box [.6 linear feet]
Scope and Content Note
This series contains eight various reports and are arranged chronologically.

Box 4, Folder 1
Environmental Resources Element, 1973
Box 4, Folder 2
Draft - Environmental Impact Report, 1974
Box 4, Folder 3
Final - Environmental Impact Report #1, 1982
Box 4, Folder 4
Final - Environmental Impact Report #2, 1982
Box 4, Folder 5
Park Rehabilitation and Open Space Preservation Report, 1989
Box 4, Folder 6
Draft - Master Plan Update Volume 3, 2002
Box 4, Folder 7
Madrona Marsh Preserve’s Fabulous 40’s, 2005
Box 4, Folder 8
Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center Management Plan, 2008