



Dedication of Garapito Trail in Cherry Canyon, 1999



When Jerome C. Daniel and his wife Darlene moved to Los Angeles from Chicago in 1963, Jerry developed a love for the Santa Monica Mountains, the Mulholland Corridor, and the wild open spaces surrounding the city. Since that time, Jerry has played a key role in the major conservation efforts of the region—and has helped preserve these beautiful places for generations to come.

After the City of Los Angeles designated Mulholland a Scenic Parkway in the early 1970's, Jerry served for many years on the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Citizens' Advisory Committee, eventually becoming its Chair, and helped develop the City's Mulholland Specific Plan Ordinance to assure maximum preservation and enhancement of the parkway's picturesque and historic features and natural resources. Today, the scenic overlooks along the winding road make the spectacular mountain, ocean, and city views, and recreational opportunities available to all people.

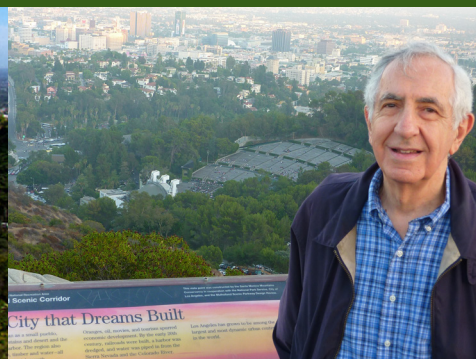
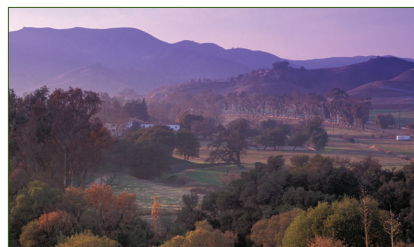
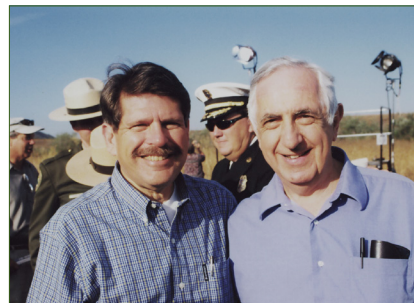


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Jerry was appointed to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee in 1983 by Mayor Tom Bradley. He served eight years, almost all as Chairman. In 1991 he was appointed to the Conservancy by Los Angeles County Supervisor Ed Edelman, and has served continuously for 19 years—including two terms as Chairman. He currently serves as the designee of Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

During his tenure with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Jerry has participated in the acquisition and dedication to the public of more than 50,000 acres of open space and parkland including Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space (formerly Ahmanson Ranch), Ramirez Canyon Park, Vista Hermosa Natural Park, Santa Clarita Woodlands Park, and King Gillette Ranch.

Photos from top to bottom:

With Mayor Tom Bradley and others

With Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky

Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita Woodlands Park

King Gillette Ranch

Vista Hermosa Natural Park

Ramirez Canyon Park





Dedication of Top of Topanga Overlook, 2000

In addition to his work with the Conservancy, Jerry has also served on the Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the Valley Leadership Institute. For 26 years, Jerry was a member of the Board of Directors of the nonprofit TreePeople. A Board Member of the Roscomare Valley Association from 1972-2005, Jerry was also Chair of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, and became the Federation's first "Chairman Emeritus."

Jerry and Darlene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11, 2011 and have two sons and three grandchildren.



Joseph T. Edmiston welcoming Jerry to the Conservancy, 1991

THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY is a State agency established by the California Legislature in 1980. Through direct action, alliances, partnerships, and joint powers authorities, the Conservancy's mission is to strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance treasured pieces of Southern California to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public.

THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (MRCA)

is a local government public entity dedicated to the preservation and management of open space, urban parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat. The MRCA manages almost 60,000 acres of public land and parks that it owns and that are owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy or other agencies. The MRCA provides natural resources and scientific expertise, critical regional planning services, park construction, operations, fire prevention and ranger services, as well as education and leadership programs for thousands of youth each year. It is one of the lead agencies revitalizing the Los Angeles River and its tributaries.



JEROME C. DANIEL OVERLOOK ABOVE THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL



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