



# Brownfields Assessment Pilots

## San Bernardino County, CA

### BACKGROUND

EPA has selected San Bernardino County for a Brownfields Assessment Pilot. San Bernardino County (population 1,621,900) is located east of Los Angeles in the high-growth area of southern California.

The target site for this Pilot is Cooley Ranch, a county-owned, former landfill that is adjacent to the Santa Ana River. The county hopes to transform the landfill into an open space area that is accessible to the public and planted with native vegetation for wildlife enhancement along the river. The population in the vicinity of the site is over 60 percent minority. Redevelopment of this site will demonstrate the successful balance of greenspace creation and community-friendly, sustainable development.

### OBJECTIVES

The objective of this Pilot is to revitalize the landfill area while restoring and preserving the scenic beauty and wildlife habitat of the adjacent Santa Ana River within the context of the county's Santa Ana River parkway master plan.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Developing plans consistent with county standard and integrated with the regional plan;
- Preparing environmental characterization, sampling and analysis, health and safety, quality assurance, community outreach, and environmental justice plans;

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



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**Date of Announcement:**  
May 2002

**Amount:** \$ 200,000

**Profile:** The Pilot targets the Cooley Ranch Landfill for assessment and reuse into an open space area that is accessible to the public and planted with native vegetation for wildlife enhancement along the Santa Ana River.

### Contacts:

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Visit the EPA Region 9 Brownfields web site at:  
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- Conducting site characterization activities;
- Conducting multi-lingual community outreach; and

- Developing a viable cleanup and reuse strategy.

*The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.*