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BACK TO NATIVES RECEIVES GRANTS FROM BOEING AND PIMCO

Grants help fund native habitat restoration at the Back to Natives Native Plant Reserve in Dana Point.

SANTA ANA, Calif., September 7, 2016 – Back to Natives Restoration, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit public charity has received a \$4,000 grant from the Boeing Company (<u>www.boeing.com</u>) and a \$1,000 grant from the Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO) to restore habitat at the Back to Natives Native Plant Reserve in Dana Point known as Cuesta Kato.

At the end of 2015, Back to Natives received a donation of land from Kato Properties. The 2.5 acres of land along Del Obispo Drive in Dana Point are about a mile from the Pacific Ocean, less than a ½ mile from San Juan Creek, and less than 2 miles from the Dana Point State Marine Conservation Area. The land is to remain undeveloped to serve as a native habitat for birds and butterflies.

"We are honored to receive the support of corporations such as Boeing and PIMCO," said Back to Natives Executive Director Reginald Durant. "Corporate sponsorships and donations from individuals make it possible for Back to Natives to involve the community in the process of ecological restoration and conservation and get the job done!"

About Back to Natives

Back to Natives Restoration, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the restoration and conservation of Orange County and California wild lands, though education and restoration programs featuring native plants as a centralizing theme. For more information, please visit www.backtonatives.org or call 949-509-4787.

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