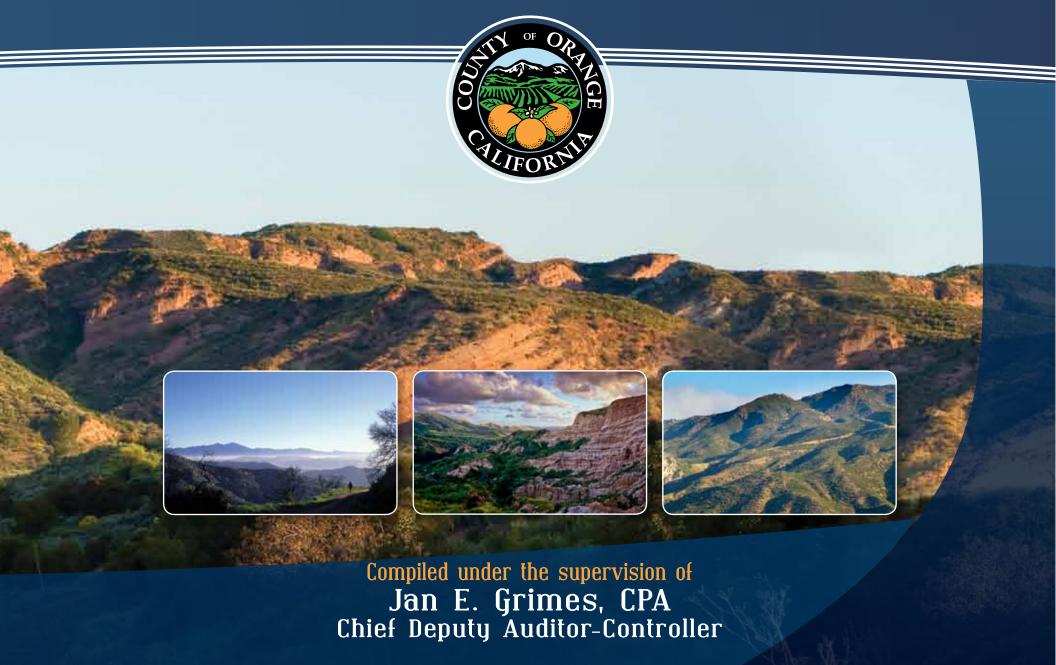
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Limestone Canyon and Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park

This year's cover depicts Limestone Canyon and Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park which encompasses approximately 4,300 acres of riparian and oak woodland canyons, rolling grassland hills and steep slopes of coastal sage scrub and chaparral. The park is highlighted by scenic rock formations, including the beautiful Red Rock Canyon. There are three intermittent streams: Borrego, Serrano and Aliso Creek meandering through the park, each hosting an abundance of wildlife. Remnants of the former cattle ranching days can be seen throughout the park.

On June 29, 2010, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to accept a gift of historic proportions – 20,000 acres of protected open space donated by the Irvine Company to the County for preservation and guided recreation. Through this donation, visitors will have increased opportunities to visit and enjoy rugged canyons and scenic vistas in places like Limestone Canyon's formation called "The Sinks," considered the "Grand Canyon of Orange County."

Location:

Limestone Canyon and Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park is located in southeast Orange County adjacent to Foothill Ranch. Whiting Ranch is open 7 a.m. to sunset, year round. Limestone Canyon is available for guided access only. For more information about Limestone Canyon and Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park, please visit www.ocparks.com/whitingranch/ or call (949) 923-2245.

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