Why Native Plants?

Native plants provide a natural habitat that offers better food and cover for native arthropods, birds, reptiles, and small mammals than iceplant. The replacement of iceplant with a diversity of native shrubs and wildflowers will help rare species such as the El Segundo blue butterfly. Restoration of the varied types, colors, and sizes of native shrubs and wildflowers will also add natural beauty to the landscape and provide a deep root structure to defend against erosion and slope failure. Native cactus species and other larger shrubs provide the needed structure and canopy height to deter people from cutting across the bluffs, which is a major cause of erosion.