BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held
Friday, March 6, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Community Center
4100 South La Cienega Blvd.
(323) 298-3660

Teleconference Location
Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, 13th Floor, Room 1305
Sacramento, California 95814

10:00 a.m. - CALL TO ORDER - Sara Amir, Chair

MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE ROLL CALL

Public Comment and Time Limits: If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please complete a speaking card available near the door to the meeting room. Individuals wishing to comment will be allowed up to three minutes to speak. Speaker times may be reduced depending upon the number of speakers.

1. Roll Call - Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary

2. Approval of Minutes (January) – Sara Amir, Chair

3. Public Comments - Sara Amir, Chair

4. Discussion and possible action on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Draft Guidelines for Proposition 1 Competitive Grants – David McNeill, Executive Officer

5. Update and review of the revised field survey questionnaire for the Loyola Marymount University *Value of Urban Parklands Survey* – David McNeill, Executive Officer

6. Executive Officer Report: Project Status Update, Fiscal Update, Legislative Update - BHC Staff Representatives

7. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings - *Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 10, 2015.*

8. Closed Session - Conference to Discuss Negotiations and Strategies for the Following Properties: 4221032001 and 4221024006, Agency Negotiator: Karly Katona, Negotiating Party: Mr. Zip.

   Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.8, 54956.9, the Conservancy may hold a closed session to discuss and take possible action regarding instructions on real estate negotiations, on personnel matters and/or to receive advice of counsel on pending or potential litigation. Confidential memoranda related to these issues may be considered during such closed session discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability related modification or accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call the Conservancy at (323) 290-5270 at least five days prior to the meeting. For more information about the Conservancy, you may visit our website at www.bhc.ca.gov

STATE OF CALIFORNIA – THE NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290
Los Angeles, CA 90056
Phone: (323) 290-5270
Fax: (323) 290-5276

DRAFT

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

Friday, January 16, 2015

Call to Order

A public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) was assembled at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2015, at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Center, located at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Julie Alvis, Sara Amir, Allan Boodnick, Lloyd Dixon, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Joseph Edmiston, Russ Guiney, Karly Katona, Eraina Ortega *(called away after Item II,)* Starlett Quarles, Marina Voskanian. **Staff Present:** David McNeill, Executive Officer; Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager; Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary.

II. Approval of Minutes (December) – Sara Amir, Chair

The Chair called for a motion to approve the (December) minutes. Member Boodnick made a motion to approve, Member Dupont-Walker seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – ***7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, Minutes approved.***

*Chair Amir announced a change of order in the agenda - Items 6 and 4 will change places.**

III. Public Comments – Sara Amir, Chair

Public Comment was invited, and a total of 23 comments were received.

IV. *Presentation on the Baldwin Hills Biota Update - Professor Travis Longcore, Ph.D. University of Southern California Spatial Sciences Institute

Professor Longcore gave an informative presentation on:

- Use of high resolution aerial imagery to develop comprehensive vegetation maps; use of a mobile phone application and bat detector to collect data; Confirmed Sightings Include: the Yuma Myotis and Mexican Free-tailed Bats.
- Use of GPS to update data on reptiles and amphibians - Confirmed Sightings Include: Slender Salamander, Alligator Lizard, Side-blotched Lizard, Gopher Snake, Pacific Tree Frog, Fence Lizards and three species of turtles (not native to the Baldwin Hills,) the Western Skink – never before recorded in the Baldwin Hills, has possible been existing in the in area for thousands of years; the Coachwhip Snake, and CA King Snake.
- The use of trail cameras to update status of mid-sized mammals – Confirmed Sightings Include: Skunk, Possum, Ferrell cats, Grey fox, and Coyotes.
- Citizens Science Project www.iNaturalist.org/projects/Baldwin-hills-biota/ anyone can logon, take photo, and upload it to iNaturalist. For information about the iNaturalist project, to ask questions, or to volunteer for bat surveys, please email Professor Longcore at longcore@usc.edu.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on the Project Budget and Scope for the Stocker Corridor Segment of the Park to Playa Trail (Agreement #BHC12005) - David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill explained the current proposal price is based on the current scope for the Stocker Corridor, and includes the improvements mentioned in agenda item six. For the past five months the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) has been working on permitting, planning,

and getting bids out for advertising. After two rounds of advertising they received bids with the lowest at $1.615 above what was allocated toward the project at that date. Based on the recommendation from the MRCA analysis, the original cost estimates fell short of what it would actually cost. That means a $585,184 increase of the budgeted grant amount to be added. The bid is good for 90 days. If it is not approved then the process has to begin again and the cost could go higher. *(Please see Attachment #1 – Letter dated December 17, 2014, from the MRCA, with Project Schedule and Budget.)*

Chair Amir – Announced member discussion of the possible action to increase the project budget $600,000 and timeline.

Member Guiney – Made a motion to vote on the amendment to use the design alternate bid displayed at the meeting showing the removal of the upper stairs portion of the project and to go forward with the project leaving only the lower stairs portion to meet the ramp midway up the slope.

*Members discussed and decided to conduct two votes. ***

(VOTE 1** – On the amendment on motion to not include the upper portion of stairs.)
Chair Amir so moved and asked if there was a second, Member Katona seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – **5 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention, Approved.**

Chair Amir - Called for a motion to increase the budget for the project and the timeline.

Member Edmiston – Put forward a motion to add the cost of elimination of the upper stairs to the contingency on the augmentation, and Member Katona seconded.

(VOTE 2** – To augment the budget; add any cost savings from the upper stairs elimination to the budget contingency; and extend the project timeline.) Chair Amir announced the original motion to increase the budget for the project and extend the timeline is amended to add the cost of elimination of the stairs to the contingency on the augmentation; roll call vote was taken – **6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, Approved.**

VI. *Year 2014 in Review – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeil gave a PowerPoint presentation, and pointed out the community vision of the Baldwin Hills Park Master plan adopted by the board in 2002. It envisions one third active recreation, one third passive recreation, and one third cultural. He stated there were ideas for trail infrastructure, gymnasiums, ball field areas, and habitat restoration, gardens, and the visitor facilities at the Scenic Overlook, all through community planning with the neighborhoods and area stakeholders over a period of two years.

Information covered: Baldwin Hills Park Masterplan Illustrative Concept, one park vision; inter-modal public access, acquisition of open space; Stoneview Nature Center celebrating healthy living, interpretive programs, edible gardens, green and sustainable; Park to Playa Trail gateway entrance into Houston Ridge, bike racks, seating, and parking lot; Milton Street Park 1.5 acres along Ballona Creek, access ramps, rest areas, the first Green Street; use for Science classes, storm related features, bird watching mound; Baldwin Hills Greenhouse Project and Habitat Restoration (Dorsey High School uses the parklands to teach students about habitat restoration through Science based instruction teaching soil, seed gathering, slope analysis, meteorology, propagation and collection of native plants, and the use of nurseries for restoration.) Mr. McNeill stated this program is highly competitive, and students use it on college applications, and return to the community as stewards and leaders. He also spoke on the Baldwin Hills Biota Update - Geo-spatial Portal, Linkage and Access, the Higuera Ramp and Bridge Improvements, Five Points Intersection Pedestrian improvements and Trail Access Enhancements, Stocker Corridor, the Norman Houston Park opening with Councilman Bernard Parks and Assemblyman Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, and the Bioswale, water, restrooms, shade structures, parking with solar lighting funded by Proposition 84.

Mr. McNeill described the access from Rueben Ingold Park from the neighborhood down to the Stocker Corridor and/or from the Stocker Corridor up to Rueben Ingold Park. He stated that the proposal causing the most concern is not along the trail itself; but, the connection between Stocker Corridor and Rueben Ingold Park. He stated the envisioned connection would go up via ramp and a stairwell from the Stocker Trail up to Rueben Ingold Park. Mr. McNeill further stated that there has been concern about people walking behind the adjacent school using the culvert and shimmying down the hill to get to the parking lot and into Stocker Corridor. He stated that the design would remove the need to go behind the school at any time because people would have easier access to the park away from the back side of the school, creating a safer and more direct connection point.

VII. Executive Officer Report – Project Status Update, Fiscal Update, Legislative Update - BHC Staff Representative - David McNeill, Executive Officer and Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager

Project Status Update
Milton Street Park – Looking at completion in May of 2015.
Hetzler Road – Construction is still slated for fall.
LMU Surveys – New surveys will be conducted during this quarter

Fiscal Update

(Please see Attachment #2 - Summary by fund; Attachment #3 – Bond Cash Funds, Propositions 84 and 40;)

VIII. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Edmiston - Ana Straabe of the MRCA will be sitting in for Member Edmiston.

Mr. McNeill - LA Audubon is conducting a Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service from 9:00–12:00 on Saturday. Kenneth Hahn Park is also conducting a tree planting with 30 students from Dorsey High School.

The Board and Baldwin Hills Conservancy wish to express their gratitude to Starlett Quarles for the service and commitment she displayed during her term as Chair.

We welcome and congratulate new Chair Sara Amir.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 06, 2015.

IX. Closed Session - Conference to Discuss Negotiations and Strategies for the Following Properties: 4221032001 and 4221024006, Agency Negotiator: Karly Katona, Negotiating Party: Mr. Zip.

Closed session cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Approved:

_____
Sara Amir, Chair Date:

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290
Los Angeles, CA 90056
Phone: (323) 290-5270
Fax: (323) 290-5278
www.bhc.ca.gov

Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: March 6, 2015

Re: Item 4: Discussion and Possible Action on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, Draft Guidelines for Proposition 1 - Competitive Grants

Recommendation: Staff recommends authorization of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Draft Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines for consideration at public meetings for the purpose of receiving public comments prior to official adoption.

Background: Pursuant to California Water Code, Division 26.7, Chapter 4 - Sections 79706(a) and (b), the Baldwin Hills Conservancy is required to develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation grant guidelines for public consideration and comment. Development of the enclosed guidelines was facilitated by staff with assistance from Vice Chair Voskanian and Member Gorman. The original Guideline template was provided by State Coastal Conservancy staff. Initial comments on the draft can be provided by the Board at today's meeting and incorporated into the document.

The Governor's budget proposes a $2 million appropriation to the Conservancy for competitive grants from Proposition 1 in fiscal year 2015-16. With the Board's authorization, staff would be able to release the draft guidelines for public comment. The draft guidelines would be published on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and California Natural Resources Agency websites for a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of the Conservancy conducting public meetings soliciting input as required by the bond statute. Once a publically vetted version of the draft guidelines is finalized, it will be provided to the Natural Resources Agency for review. Subsequently, the final guidelines will be considered for adoption by the BHC Board at the May or July meeting and would allow for official grant solicitation to begin in July.

Baldwin Hills Conservancy

PROPOSITION 1 GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

DRAFT
February 2015

GRANTS FUNDED BY THE
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure
Improvement Act of 2014

TABLE OF CONTENTS

I. Introduction
A. Baldwin Hills Conservancy…… …….
B. Proposition 1…… ……

II. Program Purposes, Required Criteria and Eligibility
A. Purpose of Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines……
B. Conservancy Required Project Selection Criteria…….
C. Purposes of Proposition 1, Chapter 6……
D. Promotion and Implementation of State Plans and Policies…….
E. Eligible Grantees……...
F. Project Eligibility……..

III. Grant Application Process and Timeline
A. Grant Application…….
B. Grant Application Timeline…….
C. Application Review and Evaluation……
D. Board Meetings……
E. Grant Agreement……..

IV. Grant Evaluation and Scoring
A. Scoring…….
B. Evaluation Criteria……...

V. Additional Information
A. Available Funding……
B. Additional Project Considerations……
C. Grant Provisions……...
D. Environmental Documentation…….
E. Project Monitoring and Reporting……
F. Leveraging Funds…….

VI. Appendices
A. Proposition 1, Chapter 6 …….
B. Baldwin Hills Conservancy Project Selection Criteria...……

I. Introduction

A. Baldwin Hills Conservancy

The BHC is an independent State agency within the Natural Resources Agency of the State of California. State law established the BHC in 2000 (division 22.7 of the Public Resources Code commencing with section 32550). Its jurisdiction includes the land currently located in Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA); the Baldwin Hills Community; the surrounding property bordered to the south by Slauson Avenue and to the east by La Brea Avenue, including the spur of land extending from Stocker Street to an area between La Brea Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard; Ballona Creek and adjacent property within a quarter mile of Ballona Creek on either side; and from the Santa Monica Freeway (Interstate10) to the Marina Freeway (Interstate 90).

The BHC's mission is to:

- Acquire open space and manage public lands;
- Provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat; and
- Enhance the public's enjoyment and educational experience within the jurisdiction.

B. Proposition 1

The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 ("Prop 1") was approved by voters in November 2014. Prop 1 is codified as Division 26.7 of the Water Code. The purposes of Prop 1 include generating funding to address water quality, water supply and watershed protection and restoration. Chapter 6 of Prop 1 allocates $10 million to the Conservancy for competitive grants for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, Water Code Section 79731(a).

II. Program Purposes, Required Criteria and Eligibility

A. Purpose of Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines

These Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines ("Prop 1 Guidelines") establish the process and criteria that the Conservancy will use to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants, pursuant to Prop 1. All projects funded by the Conservancy with Prop 1 must be consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation, Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, Strategic Plan, Conservancy adopted grant project requirements (See Appendix B), the California Water Action Plan and Prop 1. These Prop 1 Guidelines identify the additional requirements applicable to Prop 1 funded projects and the project evaluation process for those projects. These Prop 1 Guidelines are adopted pursuant to Water Code Section 79706(a) and may be updated periodically.

B. Conservancy Grant Project Requirements and Selection Criteria

The Conservancy has adopted *Grant Project Requirements* setting forth the criteria the Conservancy uses for reviewing its grant applications. The Conservancy's Existing Program Guidelines contain required criteria that must be satisfied by all projects and additional criteria that are not mandatory but are taken into account for purposes of priority. The required selection criteria are:

- Promotion the Conservancy's statutory programs and purposes;
- Consistency with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan;
- Consistency with purposes of the funding source;
- Support from the public;
- Location (must benefit the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek region);
- Need (desired project or result will not occur without Conservancy contribution);
- Greater-than-local interest; and
- Demonstrated expertise in the proposed program area.

C. Purposes of Proposition 1, Chapter 6

The funding from Prop 1 allocated to the Conservancy comes from Chapter 6, "Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams, Coastal Waters and Watersheds." (See Appendix A) Chapter 6 of Prop 1 sets forth 13 specific purposes of the allocation of funds to the Conservancy ("Chapter 6 purposes"), Water Code Section 79732(a). All Prop 1 grants funded by the Conservancy must achieve at least one of these Chapter 6 purposes.

1) Protect and increase the economic benefits arising from healthy watersheds, fishery resources and instream flow.
2) Implement watershed adaptation projects in order to reduce the impacts of climate change on communities and ecosystems.
3) Restore river parkways throughout the state, including but not limited to projects pursuant to the California River Parkways Act of 2004 and urban river greenways
4) Protect and restore aquatic, wetland and migratory bird ecosystems including fish and wildlife corridors and the acquisition of water rights for instream flow.
5) Fulfill the obligations of the state of California in complying with the terms of multiparty settlement agreements related to water resources.
6) Remove barriers to fish passage.
7) Collaborate with federal agencies in the protection of fish native to California and wetlands in the central valley of California.
8) Implement fuel treatment projects to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds tributary to water storage facilities and promote watershed health.
9) Protect and restore rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, stormwater resource management, and greenhouse gas reduction.
10) Protect and restore coastal watershed including but not limited to, bays, marine estuaries, and nearshore ecosystems.
11) Reduce pollution or contamination of rivers, lakes, streams, or coastal waters, prevent and remediate mercury contamination from legacy mines, and protect or restore natural system functions that contribute to water supply, water quality, or flood management.
12) Assist in the recovery of endangered, threatened, or migratory species by improving watershed health, instream flows, fish passage, coastal or inland wetland restoration, or other means, such as natural community conservation plan and habitat conservation plan implementation.

13) Assist in water-related agricultural sustainability projects.

D. Promotion and Implementation of State Plans and Policies

Prop 1 requires that projects be consistent with the goals indentified in the California Water Action Plan which are stated as: 1) a more reliable water supplies; 2) restoration of important species and habitat; 3) a more resilient , sustainably managed water resource system (water supply, water quality, flood protection and environment). Additional state plans and policies are applied in the Conservancy's work program including California's Ecosystem Health Indicator Type III (Urban Tree Canopy) and Type I (Land Management) and the state adopted Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan.

E. Eligible Grantees

Eligible applicants for Prop 1 grant funding from the Conservancy are:

- Public agencies, including any city, county, city and county, district, joint powers authority, state agency, public college, public university, or federal agencies.
- Any private, nonprofit organization that qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Division 21 of the Public Resources Code).
- Indian Tribes that are either federally recognized or listed on the Native Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List.

F. Project Eligibility

To be eligible for Prop 1 funding, projects must be consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation, meet the Conservancy's required project selection criteria, support the Conservancy's Strategic Plan and advance at least one of the purposes of Chapter 6 of Prop 1.

Prop 1 funds must be spent consistent with the General Obligation Bond Law, Government Code Section 16727. In general, this means projects must entail the construction or acquisition of capital assets and/or activities that are incidental but directly related to construction or acquisition, such as planning, design and engineering.

Prop 1 contains additional provisions that may make some projects ineligible, these include:

- All projects funded by Prop 1 must be consistent with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Division 7 of the Water Code) and the State's five-year infrastructure plan prepared pursuant to Government Code section 13100.
- Prop 1 cannot be used to fund acquisitions of land by eminent domain. Water Code Section 79711(g).
- Prop 1 funds may only be used for projects that will provide benefits or improvements that are greater than required applicable environmental mitigation measures or compliance obligations.

III. Grant Application Process and Timeline

A. Project Solicitation

A Request for Proposals to be funded with Prop 1 will be posted on the Conservancy's website and may be updated periodically. The Conservancy may elect to solicit targeted proposals for a specific type of project for the solicitation periods.

B. Project Solicitation Periods

There will be four project solicitation periods each year: August 1-September 30, November 1-December 31, February 1-March 31, and May 1-June 30. Grant applications must be submitted during the solicitation periods.

C. Application Review and Evaluation

1. Completeness

Grant applications will be initially reviewed for completeness. Incomplete grant applications will be returned to the applicant. Grantees may choose to complete the application and resubmit.

2. Screening

Conservancy staff will screen complete grant applications to ensure that:

- the project meets the Conservancy's required grant selection criteria of the Conservancy Program Guidelines;
- the project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Plan;
- the project consists of work that is eligible for bond funds under the General Obligation Bond Law;
- the grantee is an eligible entity; and
- the project meets at least one of the Chapter 6 Purposes.

Applications that pass the screening process will remain in the Conservancy's database as eligible for future scoring and potential awards for up to two years. Applications that do not pass the screening process will not proceed to the scoring process. The Conservancy has discretion to either return the application or assist the applicant with gathering additional information, accessing capacity building resources, and re-submitting the proposal for a second screening.

3. Scoring

Complete applications that have passed the screening process will be reviewed and scored by a minimum of three professionals with relevant expertise. Reviewers may include state and federal agency staff and others with relevant expertise, including consultants and academics. All reviewers other than Conservancy staff will be required to document that they do not have a conflict of interest in reviewing any proposals.

All reviewers will score each proposal in accordance with Part IV, "Grant Evaluation and Scoring." Applications with an average score of 75 or better will qualify for grants. If there

is a significant discrepancy in the scoring by the three reviewers, additional reviewers may score the proposal. The final score will be the average of all reviews.

C. Grant Award

Conservancy staff will determine which qualified applications to recommend to the Conservancy Board for funding and the amount of funding, taking into account the project's score relative to other eligible projects, the total amount of funding available for Prop 1 projects, the urgency of the project relative to other eligible projects, the Conservancy's Strategic Plan, Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, and the application of the Conservancy's Required and Additional Project Selection Criteria.

E. Board Meetings

No grant shall be awarded unless the Conservancy Board has approved the grant at a public meeting. The Conservancy typically holds eight public meetings per calendar year. The meeting schedule will be published on the Conservancy's website. The agenda for each public meeting will be published on the Conservancy's website ten days in advance of the meeting. Conservancy staff will prepare a report for each proposed grant presented to the Conservancy Board at a public meeting. The staff report will describe the project and explain how the project is consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation, the Conservancy Program Guidelines, the Conservancy's Strategic Plan and the evaluation criteria in these Prop 1 Grant Program Guidelines.

F. Grant Agreement

Once the Conservancy has approved a grant at a public meeting, Conservancy staff will work with the grantee to prepare a grant agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the grant. The grantee must sign the grant agreement and comply with conditions in order to receive funds.

IV. Grant Evaluation and Scoring

A. Scoring

Complete grant applications that have passed the screening process will be evaluated and scored using the evaluation criteria set forth below. An application must achieve an average score of 75 or better to qualify for a grant.

B. Evaluation Scoring Criteria:

Criteria	Points
The extent to which the project achieves one or more of the purposes of Chapter 6 of Prop 1.	20 points

The extent to which the application includes a complete, reasonable and well thought out proposed scope of work, budget and schedule.	20 points
The extent to which the project promotes and implements the California Water Action Plan, other state and plans and policies, and relevant regional water plans.	8 points
The extent to which the applicant demonstrates experience successfully implementing similar projects or demonstrates appropriate and necessary partnerships to complete the project.	8 points
The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the project has community support.	8 points
Whether the project is consistent with best scientific practices, where achievable or appropriate.	8 points
The extent to which the project leverages the resources of private, federal, state or local funding sources. Projects that have at least 25% matching funds will receive 3 points. Projects with greater than 50% matching funds will receive 8 points. Bonus points for projects with greater than 100% matching funds, see below.	8 points
The extent to which the project provides multiple benefits.	5 points
The extent to which the applicant demonstrates a clear and reasonable method for measuring and reporting the effectiveness of the project.	5 points
The extent to which the project employs new or innovative technology or practices.	5 points
The extent to which the project will deliver sustainable outcomes in the long-term.	5 points

BONUS POINTS:
Projects that have >100% matching funds from private, federal, or local funding sources will receive 5 bonus points.

Up to 15 bonus points will be awarded to proposed projects that primarily benefit communities with high pollution burdens and/or high population characteristic scores, based on CalEnviroScreen maps, as follows:

5 points = CalEnviroScreen score of 61% -70% (on any of the 3 maps)
10 points = CalEnviroScreen score of 71%-80% (on any of the 3 maps)
15 points = CalEnviroScreen score of 81% or higher (on any of the 3 maps)

Projects that use the California Conservation Corps or certified local conservation corps for project implementation will receive 5 bonus points. In the event the corps is approached and unavailable for the project, a written waiver from the corps may be substituted to receive the bonus points.

V. Additional Information

A. Available Funding

The Conservancy expects to grant approximately $1 -2million each year for about five years. However, the amount of funding available will depend upon the amount appropriated to the Conservancy by the State Legislature each year. The amount awarded will also depend on the quality of the proposals submitted.

B. Additional Project Considerations

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) and the California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC) need to be consulted to see if it is feasible to use their services for projects before applying to this program. The Conservancy set up the following process to follow for this consultation:

Step 1: Prior to submittal of an application or project plan to the Funder, Applicant prepares the following information for submission to both the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and CALCC (who represents the certified community conservation corps):

- Project Title
- Project Description (identifying key project activities and deliverables)
- Project Map (showing project location)
- Project Implementation estimated start and end dates

Step 2: Applicant submits the forgoing information via email concurrently to the CCC and CALCC representatives:

California Conservation Corps representative:
Name: CCC Prop 1 Coordinator Email: Prop1@ccc.ca.gov
Phone: (916) 341-3100

California Association of Local Conservation Corps representative:
Name: Crystal Muhlenkamp Email: inquiry@prop1communitycorps.org
Phone: 916-426-9170 ext. 0

Step 3: Within five (5) business days of receiving the project information, the CCC and CALCC representatives will review the submitted information, contact the applicant if necessary, and respond to the applicant with a Corps Consultation Review Document (see Appendix C) informing them:

(1) It is NOT feasible for CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project; or
(2) It is feasible for the CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project and identifying the aspects of the project that can be accomplished with Corps services.

Step 4: Applicant submits application to Funder that includes Corps Consultation Review Document.

- Agencies acquiring land may use the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000 (Division 28 of the Public Resources Code. Water Code Section 79711(h).
- Where appropriate, grantees will be required to provide signage informing the public that the project received Prop 1 funding. This requirement will be addressed in the grant agreement.

C. Grant Provisions

Following Conservancy Board approval of a grant, staff will prepare a grant agreement with detailed conditions specific to the project. The grant agreement must be signed by the grantee before funds will be disbursed. Several typical grant agreement provisions are:

- Actual awards are conditional upon funds being available from the state.
- Grantees must submit a detailed project work program and budget.
- Grant funds will only be paid in arrears on a reimbursement basis.
- Grantees may be required to reimburse the Conservancy for some or all of the disbursed grant funds if the project is not completed.
- Grantees must have liability insurance.

D. Environmental Documents

The Conservancy is required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Grant applicants should consider whether their proposed project will trigger the need for an environmental impact report or negative declaration or whether a CEQA exemption applies. How CEQA applies and the status of CEQA compliance must be addressed in the grant application. Projects must have completed the CEQA process before starting contruction.

E. Project Monitoring and Reporting

All grant applications must include a monitoring and reporting component that explains how the effectiveness of the project will be measured and reported. The monitoring and reporting component will vary depending on the nature of the project. The grant application evaluation will assess the robustness of the proposed monitoring program. In addition, Conservancy staff will work with grantees to develop appropriate monitoring and reporting templates and procedures.

F. Leveraging Funds

The Conservancy will award additional points to applicants with significant matching funds. The amount of leveraged funding will be specifically identified in every staff recommendation for potential approval by the Conservancy Board.

Appendices

Appendix A: Chapter 6 of Proposition 1

Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams, Coastal Waters, and Watersheds

79730.
The sum of one billion four hundred ninety-five million dollars ($1,495,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature from the fund, in accordance with this chapter, for competitive grants for multibenefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities.

79731.
Of the funds authorized by Section 79730, the sum of three hundred twenty-seven million five hundred thousand dollars ($327,500,000) shall be allocated for multibenefit water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and restoration projects for the watersheds of the state in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) Baldwin Hills Conservancy, ten million dollars ($10,000,000).
(b) California Tahoe Conservancy, fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000).
(c) Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, ten million dollars ($10,000,000).
(d) Ocean Protection Council, thirty million dollars ($30,000,000).
(e) San Diego River Conservancy, seventeen million dollars ($17,000,000).
(f) San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, thirty million dollars ($30,000,000).
(g) San Joaquin River Conservancy, ten million dollars ($10,000,000).
(h) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, thirty million dollars ($30,000,000).
(i) Sierra Nevada Conservancy, twenty-five million dollars ($25,000,000).
(j) State Coastal Conservancy, one hundred million five hundred thousand dollars ($100,500,000). Eligible watersheds for the funds allocated pursuant to this subdivision include, but are not limited to, those that are in the San Francisco Bay Conservancy region, the Santa Ana River watershed, the Tijuana River watershed, the Otay River watershed, Catalina Island, and the central coast region.
(k) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, fifty million dollars ($50,000,000).

79732.

(a) In protecting and restoring California rivers, lakes, streams, and watersheds, the purposes of this chapter are to:

(1) Protect and increase the economic benefits arising from healthy watersheds, fishery resources, and instream flow.
(2) Implement watershed adaptation projects in order to reduce the impacts of climate change on California's communities and ecosystems.
(3) Restore river parkways throughout the state, including, but not limited to, projects pursuant to the California River Parkways Act of 2004 (Chapter 3.8 (commencing with Section 5750) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), in the Urban Streams Restoration Program established pursuant to Section 7048, and urban river greenways.

(4) Protect and restore aquatic, wetland, and migratory bird ecosystems, including fish and wildlife corridors and the acquisition of water rights for instream flow.
(5) Fulfill the obligations of the State of California in complying with the terms of multiparty settlement agreements related to water resources.
(6) Remove barriers to fish passage.
(7) Collaborate with federal agencies in the protection of fish native to California and wetlands in the central valley of California.
(8) Implement fuel treatment projects to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds tributary to water storage facilities, and promote watershed health.
(9) Protect and restore rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, stormwater resource management, and greenhouse gas reduction.
(10) Protect and restore coastal watersheds, including, but not limited to, bays, marine estuaries, and nearshore ecosystems.
(11) Reduce pollution or contamination of rivers, lakes, streams, or coastal waters, prevent and remediate mercury contamination from legacy mines, and protect or restore natural system functions that contribute to water supply, water quality, or flood management.
(12) Assist in the recovery of endangered, threatened, or migratory species by improving watershed health, instream flows, fish passage, coastal or inland wetland restoration, or other means, such as natural community conservation plan and habitat conservation plan implementation.
(13) Assist in water-related agricultural sustainability projects.

(b) Funds provided by this chapter shall only be used for projects that will provide fisheries or ecosystem benefits or improvements that are greater than required applicable environmental mitigation measures or compliance obligations.

79733.
Of the funds made available by Section 79730, the sum of two hundred million dollars ($200,000,000) shall be administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board for projects that result in enhanced stream flows.

79734.
For restoration and ecosystem protection projects under this chapter, the services of the California Conservation Corps or a local conservation corps certified by the California Conservation Corps shall be used whenever feasible.

79735.
(a) Of the funds authorized by Section 79730, one hundred million dollars ($100,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for projects to protect and enhance an urban creek, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 7048, and its tributaries, pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600) of, and Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000) of, the Public Resources Code and Section 79508.
(b) (1) Of the funds authorized by Section 79730, twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) shall be made available to the secretary for a competitive program to fund multibenefit watershed and urban rivers enhancement projects in urban watersheds that

increase regional and local water self-sufficiency and that meet at least two of the following objectives:

(A) Promote groundwater recharge and water reuse.
(B) Reduce energy consumption.
(C) Use soils, plants, and natural processes to treat runoff.
(D) Create or restore native habitat.
(E) Increase regional and local resiliency and adaptability to climate change.

(2) The program under this subdivision shall be implemented by state conservancies, the Wildlife Conservation Board, the state board, or other entities whose jurisdiction includes urban watersheds, as designated by the secretary. Projects funded under the program shall be a part of a plan developed jointly by the conservancies, the Wildlife Conservation Board, the state board, or other designated entities in consultation with the secretary.

(c) At least 25 percent of the funds available pursuant to this section shall be allocated for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities.

(d) Up to 10 percent of the funds available pursuant to this section may be allocated for project planning.

79736.

Of the funds authorized by Section 79730, four hundred seventy-five million dollars ($475,000,000) shall be available to the Natural Resources Agency to support projects that fulfill the obligations of the State of California in complying with the terms of any of the following:

(a) Subsection (d) of Section 3406 of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (Title 34 of Public Law 102-575).

(b) Interstate compacts set forth in Section 66801 of the Government Code pursuant to Title 7.42 (commencing with Section 66905) of the Government Code.

(c) Intrastate or multiparty water quantification settlement agreement provisions, including ecosystem restoration projects, as set forth in Chapters 611, 612, 613, and 614 of the Statutes of 2003.

(d) The settlement agreement referenced in Section 2080.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

(e) Any intrastate or multiparty settlement agreement related to water acted upon or before December 31, 2013. Priority shall be given to projects that meet one or more of the following criteria:

(1) The project is of statewide significance.

(2) The project restores natural aquatic or riparian functions, or wetlands habitat for birds and aquatic species.

(3) The project protects or promotes the restoration of endangered or threatened species.

(4) The project enhances the reliability of water supplies on a regional or interregional basis.

(5) The project provides significant regional or statewide economic benefits.

79737.

(a) Of the funds authorized by Section 79730, two hundred eighty-five million dollars ($285,000,000) shall be available to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for watershed restoration projects statewide in accordance with this chapter.

(b) For the purposes of this section, watershed restoration includes activities to fund coastal wetland habitat, improve forest health, restore mountain meadows, modernize stream

crossings, culverts, and bridges, reconnect historical flood plains, install or improve fish screens, provide fish passages, restore river channels, restore or enhance riparian, aquatic, and terrestrial habitat, improve ecological functions, acquire from willing sellers conservation easements for riparian buffer strips, improve local watershed management, and remove sediment or trash.

(c) For any funds available pursuant to this section that are used to provide grants under the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program, a priority shall be given to coastal waters.

(d) In allocating funds for projects pursuant to this section, the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall only make funds available for water quality, river, and watershed protection and restoration projects of statewide importance outside of the Delta.

(e) Funds provided by this section shall not be expended to pay the costs of the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Delta conveyance facilities.

(f) Funds provided by this section shall only be used for projects that will provide fisheries or ecosystem benefits or improvements that are greater than required applicable environmental mitigation measures or compliance obligations, except for any water transfers for the benefit of subsection (d) of Section 3406 of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (Title 34 of Public Law 102-575).

79738.

(a) Of the funds authorized by Section 79730, eighty-seven million five hundred thousand dollars ($87,500,000) shall be available to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for water quality, ecosystem restoration, and fish protection facilities that benefit the Delta, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Projects to improve water quality or that contribute to the improvement of water quality in the Delta, including projects in Delta counties that provide multiple public benefits and improve drinking and agricultural water quality or water supplies.

(2) Habitat restoration, conservation, and enhancement projects to improve the condition of special status, at risk, endangered, or threatened species in the Delta and the Delta counties, including projects to eradicate invasive species, and projects that support the beneficial reuse of dredged material for habitat restoration and levee improvements.

(3) Scientific studies and assessments that support the Delta Science Program, as described in Section 85280, or projects under this section.

(b) In implementing this section, the department shall coordinate and consult with the Delta city or Delta county in which a grant is proposed to be expended or an interest in real property is proposed to be acquired.

(c) Acquisitions pursuant to this section shall be from willing sellers only.

(d) In implementing this section state agencies shall prioritize wildlife conservation objectives through projects on public lands or voluntary projects on private lands, to the extent feasible.

(e) Funds available pursuant to this section shall not be used to acquire land via eminent domain.

(f) Funds available pursuant to this section shall not be expended to pay the costs of the design, construction, operation, mitigation, or maintenance of Delta conveyance facilities.

Appendix B: State Coastal Conservancy Project Selection Criteria

Project Selection Criteria

As Adopted by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy on June 5, 2003

GRANT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS
(For use in the determination of the priority of Conservancy grants and projects authorized under Division 22.7 of the California Public Resources Code)
STANDARD REQUIRMENTS

a. **Promotion of the Conservancy's statutory programs and purposes**
b. **Consistency with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan**
c. **Consistency with purposes of the funding source**
d. **Support from the public**
e. **Location** (must benefit the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek region)
f. **Need** (desired project or result will not occur without Conservancy participation)
g. **Greater-than-local interest**
h. **Demonstrated expertise in the proposed program area**

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

a. **Urgency** (threat to a resource from development or natural or economic conditions; pressing need; or a fleeting opportunity)
b. **Resolution of more than one issue**
c. **Leverage** (contribution of funds or services by other entities)
d. **Conflict resolution**
e. **Innovation** (for example, environmental or economic demonstration or education)
f. **Readiness** (ability of the grantee and others to start and finish the project in a timely manner)
g. **Enhances or improves ongoing or existing Conservancy projects**
   Cooperation (extent to which the public, nonprofit groups, landowners and others will participate in the project)

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290
Los Angeles, CA 90056
Phone: (323) 290-5270
Fax: (323) 290-5278
www.bhc.ca.gov

Memorandum

To: **Governing Board**

Fr: **David McNeill, Executive Officer**

Date: **March 6, 2015**

Re: Item 5: Update and review of the revised field survey questionnaire for the Loyola Marymount University *Value of Urban Parklands Survey*

Recommendation: Staff requests a review and input regarding the revised Baldwin Hills Comprehensive User Survey (Attachment #1). The second survey is scheduled for implementation during the summer of 2015. Updates from the previous pilot survey have been documented to include the addition of 30 new questions and the elimination of nine former questions. The revised survey will better define the parkland user demographics; frequency of use; geographic proximity; and mode of arrival. The survey locations have been updated to represent zones as opposed to specific parks sites (Attachment #2). These zones will allow for better data collection relative to connectivity of nearby park entry and exit points, as well as proximity to neighborhoods and public transportation routes.

Background: The Center for Urban Resilience team at Loyola Marymount University recently completed the field work portion of the pilot survey study funded by the Prop 84 grant authorized by BHC resolution #14-06. The project is part of a three-year longitudinal study focused on park usage in the Baldwin Hills territory. The research team presented their pilot survey findings at the BHC's December 2014 meeting. Pursuant to the recommendation of the Board, Staff provided feedback on the survey instrument. The LMU team has revised survey for review by the Board.

Attachment #1

LMU | LA
Loyola Marymount University

BALDWIN HILLS COMPREHENSIVE USER SURVEY: DRAFT – 2/25/15
(newly added questions in blue)

Please note:

- ***We will be changing our field methods to have the students use tablet computers to administer the survey, so the formatting will follow that of a web-based survey. This document is for review purposes.***
- ***We will be organizing the comprehensive survey by "zones" to capture a broader area. As suggested by BHC:***
  - ***Zone A: Norman O. Houston Park, Stocker Corridor, Ruben Ingold Park, Windsor Elementary***
  - ***Zone B: Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) – Don Lorenzo, Eastern Ridgeline, Janice's Green Valley***
  - ***Zone C: Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook (BHSO), Culver City Park***
  - ***Zone D: Ballona Creek – Duquesne, Overland Ave/Library/Culver Middle School***

STUDENT INTRODUCTION (SPOKEN)

Good Day. My name is _____ and I am a student at Loyola Marymount University conducting a survey on behalf of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. We are hoping to learn about the experiences of park visitors by inviting you to participate in a brief survey with me today. The survey will ask about your activities in the park, your thoughts about park facilities and features, and other similar topics, including some personal background information such as where you live and the language you speak. You will never be identified by name or picture.

SECTION 1: FREQUENCY OF USE

- How often do you visit this (Baldwin Hills – name the current location) park? (Choose one)
  first time | once every few months | once every few weeks | once a week | several times a week

- How often do you visit any Baldwin Hills park (show the map)? (Choose one)
  first time | once every few months | once every few weeks | once a week | several times a week

- Which other parks do you visit (show the map)? (Check all that apply)
  ☐*Culver City Park/Bill Botts Playing Field/Dog Park* ☐*Ladera Ball Fields* ☐*Norman O. Houston Park*
  ☐*Kenneth Hahn State Rec. Facility* ☐*BH Scenic Overlook* ☐*Ballona Creek Bike Path*

- What is your most preferred time of day to visit the park? (Choose one)
  ☐*early AM* ☐*late AM* ☐*mid-day* ☐*afternoon* ☐*evening*

- What is your least preferred time of day to visit the park? (Choose one)
  ☐*early AM* ☐*late AM* ☐*mid-day* ☐*afternoon* ☐*evening*

SECTION 2: ACCESSIBILITY

- How did you get to the park today? (Choose one)
  Walk | Bike | Car/SUV/Truck | Bus | Train | Motorcycle/Scooter | Other

- (If walked) How far did you walk? (Choose one)
  less than one half of a mile | less than 1 mile | less than 2 miles | less than 5 miles | 5 miles or more

LMU|LA
Loyola Marymount University

- (If drove) It was easy to find convenient parking.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

- Where did you park? (Choose one)
  In the park-provided parking lot| On the street in the surrounding neighborhood |
  In the parking lot of a local business, e.g. a grocery store or shopping mall | Other:_____

- How did you enter the park? (Choose one)
  Main park entrance | Smaller back or side entrances | Unofficial or people-made entrances or treks|
  Jumped fences or walls | Other:_____

- What other ways do you use to get to this or any other park? (Check all that apply)
  ☐*Walk* ☐*Bike* ☐*Car/SUV/Truck* ☐*Bus* ☐*Train* ☐*Motorcycle/Scooter* ☐*Other:_____*

- If given the choice of all transportation options, what would be your preferred way to get to the park? (Choose one)
  Walk | Bike | Car/SUV/Truck | Bus | Train | Motorcycle/Scooter | Other:_____

- Are you aware of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy?
  Yes | No

- Are you aware that the County operates a free shuttle to the park?
  Yes | No

- Would you take the shuttle?
  Yes | No

- It is easy to move around the park trails or fields.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

- There are particular areas of the park that I avoid.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

- (If Agree) Why? (Check all that apply)
  ☐ *too crowded* ☐unsafe ☐hard to get to/inaccessible ☐lack of equipment ☐lack of facilities ☐odors
  ☐other:_____

SECTION 3: ACTIVITIES

- What kinds of activities do you do in the park? (Check all that apply)
  ☐*Use walking trails, roads, stairs or ramps* ☐*Jog within the park* ☐*Have picnics/social gatherings*
  ☐*Use playing fields for active sports, e.g. football, basketball* ☐*Meditate or do yoga* ☐*Bring kids to play*
  ☐*Use fitness equipment* ☐*Use community recreation center facilities*

LMU|LA
Loyola Marymount University

☐*Use dog park* ☐*Use skate park* ☐*Mountain bike within the park* ☐*Camp within the park*
☐*Learn about native wildlife and natural habitats* ☐*Help take care of the environment in the park*
☐*Other:* _____

- The BH Parklands can be a place for me to connect with my community.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

- Do you participate in of the following types of organizations? (Check all that apply)
  ☐*religious* ☐*environmental* ☐*education* ☐*social services* ☐*recreational/sport-related* ☐*cultural*
  ☐*other:*_____

- Would you be interested in volunteering in park-related activities?
  Yes | No

- Have you heard of the Park to Playa Trail?
  Yes | No

- How many miles would you walk or bike on a recreational trail between Baldwin Hills to the Beach?
  *Number of miles:*_____

- Do you know where the Ballona Creek or the wetlands are?
  Yes | No

- How often do you visit the Santa Monica Bay? (Choose one)
  never | once every few months | once every few weeks | once a week | several times a week

SECTION 4: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND CONDITIONS

- I am aware of the factors involved in maintaining a healthy and balanced urban ecosystem.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

- I am aware of the types of plants that are native to this region.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

- I am aware of the factors that impact the water quality in the local area.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

- I know where there are open bodies of water and streams for recreation and enjoyment within the Baldwin Hills area.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

- I am aware of the role of rivers, lakes, and streams within an urban environment.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

LMU|LA
Loyola Marymount University

- The BH Parklands can be a place for me to learn about science and the environment.
  Strongly Agree | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

- I would like to better understand the region's environment from the parks to the ocean.
  Yes | No

- (If yes) Which topics are you interested in understanding better? (Check all that apply)
  ☐*water quality* ☐*water quantity* ☐*wildlife* ☐*climate issues* ☐*plants*
  ☐*human health and the environment* ☐*other*

- Which educational opportunities would you utilize if available? (Check all that apply)
  ☐*informal activities* ☐*formal programs* ☐*signage* ☐*activities connecting the environment with health and wellness* ☐*other:*_____

SECTION 5: USER DEMOGRAPHICS

- In which neighborhood do you live? (List of BH-adjacent neighborhoods plus "other")
  ☐*Baldwin Hills* ☐*Baldwin Village* ☐*Blair Hills* ☐*Culver City* ☐*The Village Green* ☐*View Park* ☐ *Windsor Hills* ☐*Other*

- (If Other) In which zip code do you live?
  Zip code:_____

- (If BH-adjacent) How long have you lived in the Baldwin Hills surrounding area?
  Years:_____ Months:_____

- Do you rent or own?
  Rent | Own

- How many people, including yourself, live in your household?
  *Number of People:*_____

- How old are you?
  18 – 22 | 23 – 29 | 30 – 39 | 40 – 49 | 50 – 59 | 60 – 69 | 70 – 79 | >80

- What language/s do you speak? (Check all that apply)
  ☐*English* ☐*Spanish* ☐*Tagalog* ☐*Cantonese* ☐*Korean* ☐*Armenian* ☐*Vietnamese* ☐*Persian*
  ☐*Japanese* ☐*Other:*_____

- Please indicate your racial identity. (Check all that apply)
  ☐*White* ☐*Black or African American* ☐*American Indian and Alaska Native* ☐*Asian* ☐*Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander* ☐*Other*

LMU|LA
Loyola Marymount University

- Please indicate your ethnic identity.
  ☐*Hispanic or Latino* ☐*Non-Hispanic or Latino*

- Please indicate your gender.
  ☐*Male* ☐*Female* ☐*Transgender* ☐*Other*

- What is your income level?
  < $10K | $10K - <$20K | $20K - <$50K | $50K - < $80K | $80K - < $100K | $100K - <$150K | $150K - <$200K | >$200K

- What is the highest level of education completed?
  Some high school | High school diploma or GED | Some College | College | Some Graduate or Professional School | Graduate or Professional School

- What is your career field?
  Management | Business and Finance | Computer and Math | Architecture and Engineering | Life, Physical or Social Sciences | Social Services | Law and Legal | Education, Training, and Library | Arts, Sports and Entertainment | Healthcare | Protective Services | Food and Service | Grounds and Maintenance | Personal Care and Service | Sales | Office Administration | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry | Construction and Extraction | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair | Production and Manufacturing | Transportation | Military Services | Other

- Are you a veteran?
  Yes | No

- Are you retired?
  Yes | No

- Are you a parent?
  Yes | No

- (If yes) How many children do you have?
  Number of Children:____

- Do you have any visible or non-visible disabilities?
  Yes / No

- (If yes) Do you require ADA-compliant facilities?
  Yes | No

- Do you vote?
  Yes | No

LMU|LA
Loyola Marymount University

Questions from the Pilot that LMU suggests deleting:

Party Size
Including yourself, how many people are in your group visiting the park today?

Park Selection
Which of the following influenced your decision to visit this particular park?

Accessibility
(If drove and parked) How far away did you park?

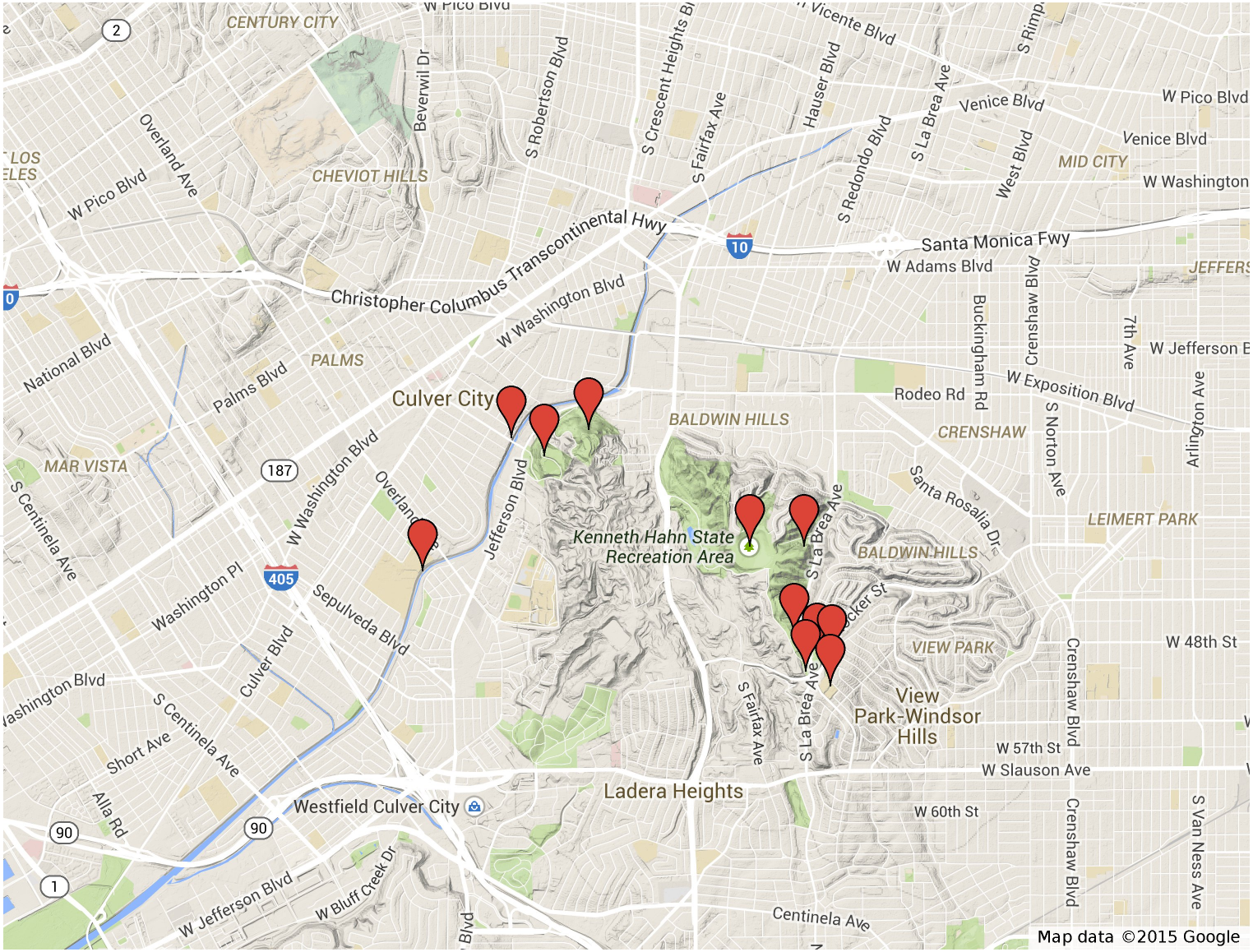
Park User Health and Wellness
I get enough physical activity.
I am satisfied with the quality of my health.
My park experience has an influence on my physical health.
My park experience has an influence on my mental health.
My park experience has an influence on my mood.
I would be interested to learn about the impact that the park has on my health.

Attachment #2

LMU | Baldwin Hills Park Study

Areas of Study

- Ballona Bike Path 1
- Ballona Bike Path 2
- Ruben Ingold Park
- Norman O. Houston Park
- Windsor Elementary
- Janice's Green Valley
- KHSRA - Eastern Ridgeline
- KHSRA - Don Lorenzo
- Stocker Corridor
- BH Scenic Overlook
- Culver City Park



BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290
Los Angeles, CA 90056
(323) 290-5270 Phone
(323) 290-5278 Fax
www.bhc.ca.gov

Memorandum

To: **Governing Board**

From: **David McNeill, Executive Officer**

Date: **March 6, 2015**

Re: **Item 6:** Executive Officer Report

Projects Status Report

Please see the updated Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) Local Assistance/Capital Outlay Projects Status Report (Attachment #1). Additionally, please see the letter regarding the Hetzler Road Pedestrian Trail Project and the rejection of construction bids for project implementation (Attachment #1A).

Fiscal Update

Please see BHC Summary Expenditure Sheet by Fund (Attachment #2,) and the BHC Prop 40 & Prop 84 Bond Cash Funds (Attachment #3.) The reports correspond with the end of month (7) seven of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

Legislative Update

Baldwin Hills Sunset Date Repeal: On February 23rd, AB 466 – Ridley-Thomas was introduced to the California Legislative Assembly (Attachment #4). This bill seeks to strike the repeal language for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act, which is currently authorized to sunset in January 2018. The bill is being submitted during the same session as the repeal for the 2020 sunset of the San Diego River Conservancy. Of the 10 state conservancies, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and the San Diego River Conservancy are the only two conservancies with a sunset date remaining their enabling statutes. No committee hearings on the item have been scheduled to date.

Attachment #1

Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report
3/6/15

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	**Project Title**	**ContractID**	**Fund Source**	**Funds Allocated**	**PROJECT STATUS**
California Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC)	Environmental Monitoring and Soil Management Plan Implementation	BHC11004	Prop 40	$465,000	**DTSC will continue to monitor Soil Management Plan on upcoming construction projects.**
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Milton Street Park Construction	BHC12000	Prop 84	$2,000,000	**Contractor has made significant progress in 6-months; Staff has been workign with City to get approvals for Green Street portion; the portion might need to re-bid and completed in a 2nd phase when permist are obtained; Project completion Spring 2015.**
Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks & Recreation	Stoneview Nature Center	BHC12002	Prop 40	$5,000,000	**Design development meetings in-progress; expected Project completion Winter 2016.**
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Park to Playa Trail - Stocker Corridor Section	BHC12005	Prop 40	$1,030,000	**Construction kick-off mtg. held Feb. 5; Per January BHC Board mtg., the upper portion of the stairs have been removed from the scope; construction to start Mar. 2015; expected project completion Summer 2016.**

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	PROJECT STATUS
City of Culver City	Hetzler Road Pedestrian Path at BHSO	BHC13002	Prop 84	$791,000	**Initial bids being rejected due to a budget shortfall; all partners working on funding solutions. (See letter to residents dated 2/18/15.**
University of Southern California (USC)	Baldwin Hills Biota Update	BHC13003	Prop 84	$140,794	**Wildlife cameras and traps deployed at KHSRA and BHSO; Data collected will identify feeding rituals and migration patterns within the Parklands.**
Loyola Marymount University (LMU)	Parklands User Survey Study	BHC14000	Prop 84	$236,042	**New survey questions are being finalized; Next survey period Summer 2015.**

Attachment #1A

Culver CITY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
9770 Culver Boulevard, Culver City, California 90232

CULVER CITY excellence PUBLIC WORKS

Charles D. Herbertson
Public Works Director/City Engineer

(310) 253-5600
FAX (310) 253-5626

February 13, 2015

Dear Culver City Resident / Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Patron:

The purpose of this letter is provide an update for the Hetzler Road Pedestrian Trail Project (Project). The City of Culver City received a grant in the amount of $791,000 from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) to pay for this project. The City's role includes obtaining bids, selection of a contractor and oversight of the construction based on plans furnished by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks).

The City Council of Culver City authorized the advertising of bids for construction on November 11, 2014. The City received eight (8) bids for the project on January 8, 2015. The bids ranged from $1,164,033 to over $2,000,000. The lowest bid received far exceeded available grant funds awarded from the BHC. The additional funding required to administer the construction and allow for project contingencies based on the existing scope is approximately $644,000.

The Culver City Public Works Department met with BHC, State Parks, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), project architect and design engineer to discuss the funding shortfall. The consensus reached was that the construction contract cannot be awarded with the existing funding and that further funding opportunities need to be explored. Efforts will also be made to modify the scope of work to achieve cost savings.

On March 9, 2015, Culver City Public Works will recommend that the City Council reject all bids received. At the present time the project is on indefinite hold until sufficient funds are identified to complete the project. In the meantime, the City will cooperate with its project partners in attempting to obtain additional funds for the project and in exploring ways to cut project costs in order to bring the project budget in line with available funding.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Rudolph R. Galindo, Management Analyst at (310) 253-5618 or via email at Rudolph.Galindo@culvercity.org.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Herbertson, P.E., L.S.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

CC: City Manager

Attachment #2

Baldwin Hills
2014/15 Summary Sheet by Fund

As of 1/31/2015	PCA #	Remaining Appropration	EXP + ENC	BALANCE	Encumber by	Liquidate by
ELPF - #0140, Support						
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-001-0140	**10001**	$ 373,000.00	$ 209,829.92	$ 163,170.08	06/30/15	06/30/17
Prop 40 - #6029, Support						
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	**10005**	$ 115,000.00	$ 55,626.92	$ 59,373.08	06/30/15	06/30/17
Prop 84 - #6051, Support						
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	**10009**	$ 101,000.00	$ -	$ 101,000.00	06/30/15	06/30/17
		Total Support Balance		**$ 323,543.18**		
Prop 40 - #6029, Capital Outlay						
2005 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	**20003**	$ 8,648,000.00	$ 2,975,288.19	$ 5,672,711.81	06/30/14	06/30/16
2004 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	**20002**	$ 7,200,000.00	$ 3,794,725.06	$ 3,405,274.94	06/30/14	06/30/16
2003 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	**20001**	$ 7,200,000.00	$ 5,199,999.11	$ 2,000,000.89	06/30/13	06/30/15
2002 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	**22000**	$ 15,000,000.00	$ 14,473,955.70	$ 526,044.30	06/30/13	06/30/15
		Total Prop 40 Cap Outlay Balance		**$ 11,604,031.94**		
Prop 84 - #6051, Capital Outlay						
2008 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	**30001**	$ 3,050,000.00	$ 931,794.00	$ 2,118,206.00	06/30/14	06/30/16
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	**30003**	$ 3,120,000.00	$ 236,042.00	$ 2,883,958.00	06/30/17	06/30/19
		Total Prop 84 Cap Outlay Balance		**$ 5,002,164.00**		

Attachment #3

BOND CASH FUNDS

		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
2015 COMMERCIAL PAPER TE				
	PROP 84:	$109,536.00	0.00	$109,536.00
2010 SPRING BAB SALE		$579,277.00	579,277.00	$0.00
	PROP 40:	$829,272.44	829,272.44	$0.00
	PROP 84:			
2010 DECEMBER BAB SALE		$603,452.18	380,954.00	$222,498.18
	PROP 40:	$43,760.00	0.00	$43,760.00
	PROP 84:			
2010 DECEMBER TE SALE		$60,547.82	0.00	$60,547.82
	PROP 40:			
2010 SPRING TE SALE		$2,815,869.68	2,133,302.01	$682,567.67
	PROP 40:	$1,095,534.16		$0.00
	PROP 84:			
2009 OCTOBER TE SALE		$1,812,376.87	795,784.43	$1,016,592.44
	PROP 40:	$188,122.75	80,807.15	$107,315.60
	PROP 84:			
2009 MARCH SALE		$901,961.01	901,961.01	$0.00
	PROP 40:			
			Total Available Bond Cash	**$ 2,242,817.71**

Attachment #4

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 446

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas

February 23, 2015

An act to repeal Section 32580 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 446, as introduced, Ridley-Thomas. Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

The Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act establishes the Baldwin Hills Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency to, among other things, acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, and provide recreational, open space, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and lands for educational uses within the area. Existing law provides that the act will remain in effect until January 1, 2018.

This bill would eliminate the January 1, 2018, repeal date, thereby extending the operation of the act indefinitely.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 32580 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

~~32580. This division shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted~~

~~statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.~~