

Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy will be held
Friday, February 26, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
Community Center
4100 South La Cienega Blvd.
Phone (323) 298-3660

MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Russ Guiney

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE CALLED PRIOR TO ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment and Time Limits: If you wish to speak on an agenda item or a non-agenda item, please fill out a speaker card identifying the subject of your comments and give it to a staff person before the public hearing. The cards are 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 on the number of speakers.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes (December)
3. Presentation on County of Los Angeles General Plan Land Use Elements – Susana Franco-Rogan, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
4. Discussion and possible action on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy 2010 Strategic Plan Update – David McNeill
5. Presentation of Special Recognition Award – Russ Guiney, Chairman
6. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill
7. Deputy Attorney General Report – Rosana Miramontes
8. Board Member Announcements or Agenda Items for Future Meetings
9. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126 subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126(e), 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.

10. Closed Session: Conference to discuss negotiations and strategies for the following properties: Parcel Numbers: 4204-014-024, 25 and 26
Negotiating Party: Elliot Dolin, Agency Negotiator: David Myerson, Parcel Numbers: 4204-010-010 Negotiating Party: Rick Bobertz, Agency Negotiator: David McNeill

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 Gloria Dangerfield at the Conservancy at (310) 558-5593 at least five s prior to the meeting. For more information about the Conservancy, you may visit our website at **www.bhc.ca.gov**

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**Minutes of the Public Meeting
of the
Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Thursday, December 17, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Robert L. Jones on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 10:40 a.m., at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Center, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

The Conservancy roll was called and the following voting members were present: Kenneth Bentley, Allan Boodnick, Lloyd Dixon, Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Allan Kingston, Robert Jones, and Ron Schafer. The following voting members were absent: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Bryan Cash, Mike Chrisman, Ruth Coleman, Bobbie Parks, and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. The following non voting members were present: Sara Amir, Barbara Romero (designee for Joe Edmiston), Patricia O'Toole, and Mary Small. The following non-voting members were absent: Joe Edmiston, Bill LaPointe, and Greg Scott.

The following staff members were present: David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Sandra Hamlat.

Representing the State Attorney General office was Rosana Miramontes.

II. Public Comments

John Martini, Manager of Governmental Affairs for Plains Exploration (PXP) spoke in regards Agenda Item VII (Ad Hoc Report on the CSD). They [PXP] have raised several concerns to the Conservancy's board and have filed a public records act request with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. Their company is increasingly bothered by some of the policy statements originated on behalf of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy made within the last month. He further stated they feel the Baldwin Hills Conservancy has gone beyond park expansion and acquiring/managing open space in the context of the CSD and has verged into commentary on regulation of the oil field. The Chair thanked Mr. Martini for his comments and asked that he submit their concerns in writing to the board,

John Engh, on behalf of the (Moynier Lease, requested that past Baldwin Hills Conservancy meeting agendas be corrected; as they give his name as being in negotiations with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for sale of the Moynier Lease, which he contends is false. He read his letter for the record that was submitted to the Executive Officer, in which it states this objection and asked that a copy of the corrections be forwarded to his e-mail. Also they do not wish to be contacted in relations to the easements, right-of-ways, or access, and Bead Oil LLC (co-owners of the Moynier Lease) is opposed to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy incorporating their land holdings in their statements, maps, or any other forms of advertising, to have the public believe that their land is part of "one big park." Bead Oil, LLC is opposed to the proposed funding of the study of the CSD by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

Clayton Hix, attorney (Hill Farrer and Burrill) who represents the Vickers Group, read a letter their office sent to the Executive Officer dated December 17, which states that the Vickers Group, consisting of owners who are not willing sellers, have no desire to sell their property to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy nor the County of Los Angeles. Their letter was submitted into the record.

Rachel Feiertag, on behalf of Baldwin Stocker, read a letter from John Spanier (Baldwin Stocker) to be submitted into record. In their letter, they state their concerns about a number of proposed actions taken by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and related agencies; BHRCA, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. They assert documents on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's website erroneously state that

Baldwin Stocker is in negotiations to sell their property. They assert the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy also lists misleading statements on their website. Baldwin Hills Stocker is not and has not been in negotiations with any of these agencies for sale of their property. Also, they strongly oppose any funding of the study of the Community Standards District review. .

Patrick McGarrigle, attorney who represents the Cone Fee Trust, stated they have submitted submissions to the Conservancy board on a number of subjects. A month ago, they submitted their opposition to the proposed motion to fund the CSD review. In a writing earlier this week, they have demanded that the board remove the one big park schematic the Conservancy's website; claiming it's misleading and misrepresents to the public to believe that private property will be converted for public use. Also, they request the board strike from their Harvard Study any reference that the Cone Fee Trust property is for sale. Cone Fee Trust property asserts is not for sale and is not and has not been in negotiations with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy board or any State agency. They request the Executive Officer and the Conservancy board respond to their demands in writing. .

III. Approval of Minutes (November)

The Chair called for the motion for approval of November's meeting minutes. Motion made by Member Boodnick and was seconded. Motion carries with Members Schafer and Bentley abstaining due to their absence in November.

IV. Park To Playa Project Update – Sandra Hamlat, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist, Barbara Romero, Director of Urban Projects (MRCA)

Prior to the PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Hamlat thanked everyone for attending this morning's celebration and mentioned that the Park To Playa Plan was something that has been discussed for awhile and the interpretive notes are part of the final trail that would connect existing parklands within the Baldwin Hills to the Ballona Creek. Norma Garcia (County Department of Parks and Recreation) spoke on the trail planning section of the presentation and Barbara Romero (MRCA) spoke on the trail branding.

V. Presentation of Special Recognition Awards – Robert Jones, Chairman

Chair Jones presented Member Kenneth Bentley, who has resigned as member of Baldwin Hills Conservancy board, with a special award to show the board's appreciation for his diligence and hard work. Member Guiney honored and thanked Member Jones as outgoing Chair with a special award.

VI. Election of Board Officers Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558

The Chair stated that Member Dixon had expressed interest in being nominated as Vice Chair of the Conservancy board and called for the motion to move to vote on the nomination of Member Dixon for Vice Chair. Hearing no objections, the motion was on the floor. The vote was called and seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill reported on the Capital Outlay progress status report and

- Trail junction opening
- Prop 40 signs installation
- Eastern Ridgeline
- Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook

He also went over the fiscal update report that showed the support and capital outlay budgets. He also offered further discussion and advice during closed session with the Attorney General regarding some of the legal assertions being reported by PXP and some of the private landowners.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee

There were no reports.

IX. Board Announcements

Member Boodnick wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year to all.

Chair Jones thanked everyone for their time and consideration in coming out and supporting the Baldwin Hills Conservancy meetings and, on behalf of the Conservancy board, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah, and all celebrations.

Member Schafer expressed to Member Bentley that it was a pleasure working with him as a board member and he would miss him.

Member Greene wished everyone Happy Holidays and she also expressed to Member Bentley how great it was working with and will miss his expertise and passion and hope that the board will continue to see him.

At this time, the Chair announced that the closed session portion of the meeting would be held

X. ADJOURNMENT

The regular session of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy resumed at 1:00 p.m. A motion was made to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones
Chair

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: February 26, 2010

Re: Item 3: Presentation on County of Los Angeles General Plan Land Use Elements

Recommendation: No action required

Background: The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning has made their section representative, Susana Franco-Rogan, available to present on the existing L.A. County General Plan adopted in 1980. An overview of existing Land Use as well as Conservation and Open Space Elements will be provided. The General Plan and its specific application to the Baldwin Hills Area is available online at the following links:

<http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan>

http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp_web80-conservation-and-open-space.pdf

A map of the area is also attached for your reference.

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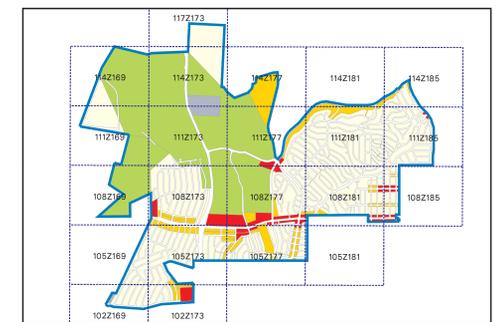
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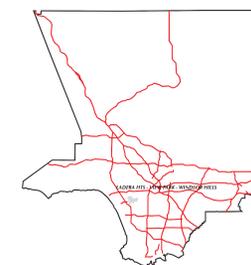
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| R-1 - Single-family residence | M-1.5 - Restricted heavy manufacturing |
| R-2 - Two-family residence | MPD - Manufacturing industrial planned development |
| R-3 - IJU - Limited multiple residence | M-2 - Heavy manufacturing |
| R-4 - IJU - Unlimited residence | M-3 - Unclassified |
| RA - Residential agriculture | M-4 - Unlimited manufacturing |
| RPD - Residential planned development | M-2.5 - Aircraft, heavy industrial |
| A-1 - Light agriculture | B-1 - Buffer strip |
| A-2 - Heavy agriculture | B-2 - Corner buffer |
| A-2-H - Heavy agriculture including hog ranches | R-R - Resort and recreation |
| C-H - Commercial highway | W - Watershed |
| C-1 - Restricted business | P-R - Restricted parking |
| C-2 - Neighborhood commercial | SR-D - Scientific research and development |
| C-3 - Unlimited commercial | O-S - Open space |
| C-M - Commercial manufacturing | A-C - Arts and crafts |
| C-R - Commercial recreation | MXD - Mixed use development |
| CPD - Commercial planned development | Parcel Boundary |
| M-1 - Light manufacturing | Lot, Cut/Deed, Subdivision, and Easement Line |
| D-2 - Desert-Mountain | Zoning Boundary |
| IT - Institutional | City Boundary |
| SP - Specific Plan | Community Boundary |

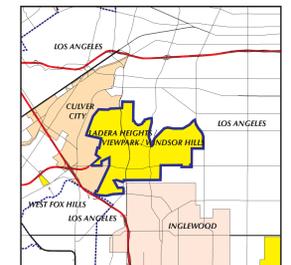
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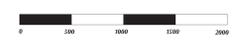
NOTE: Colors denote incorporated cities and unincorporated areas and not land use classifications. Blue Dashed Line is Supersectoral District Boundary.



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Scale in feet



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NOTES:
This location of project boundaries is an estimate and can be changed.
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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: February 26, 2010

Re: Item 4: Discussion and possible action on the Baldwin Hills 2010 Strategic Plan Update

Recommendation: Staff submits the enclosed draft summarized strategic plan document for consideration and approval.

Background: The attached draft plan includes yellow highlighted updates and adjustments to the strategic objectives adopted by the BHC in 2008. The purpose of the strategic plan is to set out achievable goals for the agency while maintaining consistency with applicable statutory authorities, the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, as well as planning studies, policies and initiatives undertaken for the purposes of the agency's mission. This is a living document intended for reference in the course of conducting ongoing activities of the Conservancy. Updates generally occur every two years, but the content can be revisited by the Board as needed.



BALDWIN HILLS
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SUMMARIZED
STRATEGIC PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *2010 Baldwin Hills Conservancy Summarized Strategic Plan* describes current and proposed resource allocation by the Conservancy, public needs served by the agency, policies and principles guiding the Conservancy and its staff, and the intended and recommended future course of the agency's efforts. The plan starts with background on the Conservancy, including the Conservancy's statutory authorities, and project criteria. The Conservancy's statutory mandates have been grouped into three core program areas:

- Acquisition of open space
- Planning and development
- Interpretation and education

The *Summarized Strategic Plan* is a "living" document, intended for reference in the course of conducting the daily activities of the Conservancy, and it will be subject to a process of evaluation and updating every two years.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY'S MISSION

The Baldwin Hills Conservancy's mission is to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the territory for the public's enjoyment and educational experience.

SUMMARY OF STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

The three core programs that make up the Conservancy's strategic plan are supported by the statutory authorities contained in Division 22.7 of the Public Resources Code, moreover, to carry out the statutory mandates in a cost-effective manner and be responsive to the needs of local communities, there are additional legislative mandates that drive the work of the Conservancy as documented below:

Land Conservation (reference: Public Resources Code Section 32566):

The Conservancy shall determine acquisition priorities and may acquire real property or any interest in real property within the Baldwin Hills area from willing sellers and at fair market value or on other mutually acceptable terms, upon a finding that the

acquisition is consistent with the purposes of the Conservancy. The Conservancy may acquire the property itself, or may coordinate the acquisition with other public agencies with appropriate responsibility and available funding or land to exchange. The overall objectives of the land acquisition program shall be to assist in accomplishing land transactions that are mutually beneficial to the landowners and the Conservancy, and that meet the Conservancy's purposes.

Planning and Capital Improvements (reference: Public Resources Code Sections 32565.5 (b) and (c), 32568 (a)):

The Conservancy establishes policies and priorities within the Baldwin Hills area, and conducts any necessary planning activities in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32555 and; give priority to related projects that create expanded opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills area.

The Conservancy may, within the Baldwin Hills area, undertake site improvement projects; regulate public access; re-vegetate and otherwise rehabilitate degraded areas, in consultation with other public agencies with appropriate jurisdiction and expertise; upgrade deteriorating facilities; and construct new facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation and interpretation, and natural resource protection. These projects shall be directed by the Conservancy and undertaken by other public agencies, with the Conservancy providing overall coordination through setting priorities for projects and assuring uniformity of approach.

Recreation & Interpretation (reference: Public Resources Code Section 32555 (a)):

The Conservancy is created to acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, and to provide recreational, open space, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and lands for educational uses within the area.

Management of Public Lands (reference: Public Resources Code Sections 32566, 32569 (a)):

The Conservancy may direct the management, operation, administration, and maintenance of the lands and facilities it acquires. The Conservancy may initiate, negotiate, and participate in agreements for the management of land under its ownership or control with local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, individuals, or other entities and may enter into any other agreements authorized by state or federal law. Local public agencies may enter into an agreement to transfer responsibility for the management of the land located within the Baldwin Hills area to the conservancy.

Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan (reference: Chapter 752 of the Statutes of 1999 Section 1 (c) and Public Resources Code Section 32656.5 (f)):

Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the Government Code, the Secretary of Resources, in conjunction with the Director of Parks and Recreation, shall, not later than January 1, 2002, prepare and submit to the Legislature a master plan for the expansion and development of the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area that is designed to accomplish all of the following goals:

- (1) Increase active recreation opportunities for underserved communities.
- (2) Create a comprehensive trail system.
- (3) Provide for public access and entry ways.
- (4) Protect and restore natural habitat.
- (5) Protect critical viewsheds.
- (6) Protect and improve urban water quality.
- (7) Emphasize connections between existing parks, trails, and urban streams.
- (8) Restore industrial lands to park and open-space purposes.
- (9) Protect watersheds connecting to Santa Monica Bay.

The Conservancy shall approve the master plan, and prioritize and implement the following in accordance with the master plan and with the master plan recommendations: (1) The acquisition of additional recreational and open space and a plan for the management of lands under the jurisdiction of the Conservancy, including additional or upgraded facilities and parks that may be necessary or desirable. (2) The planned conveyance of lands acquired and restored, or lands acquired, restored, and developed, to the Department of Parks and Recreation or to any other public agency once the acquisition and improvements have been finalized.

Grants (reference: Public Resources Code Section 32569 (a)):

The Conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of its division. The Conservancy shall administer any funds appropriated to it and any revenue generated by public agencies for the Baldwin Hills area and contributed to the Conservancy, and may expend those funds for capital improvements, land acquisition, or support of the Conservancy's operations.

Prop 40: California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act (reference: Public Resources Code Section 5096.650 (b)):

Prop 84: The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (reference: Public Resources Code Section 75060(d)(2)):

Appropriations from the above bond acts may be spent in accordance with the particular provisions of the statute creating the Conservancy for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of land and water resources.

PROGRAM GOALS/OBJECTIVES

The Conservancy's statutory authorities have been applied in three main themes of the agency's current work program. The program descriptions on the following pages are meant to describe issues and opportunities, not just statutory authorities. In some cases, these issues may be addressed under a range of statutory authorities available to the Conservancy. As the *Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan* is the main reference for selecting projects, the Conservancy has identified some initial program priorities and projects that are consistent with its immediate objectives. Additional projects will be considered under project criteria adopted by the Conservancy board. Unless otherwise noted, all projects are targeted for completion during the Conservancy's statutory existence.

ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE

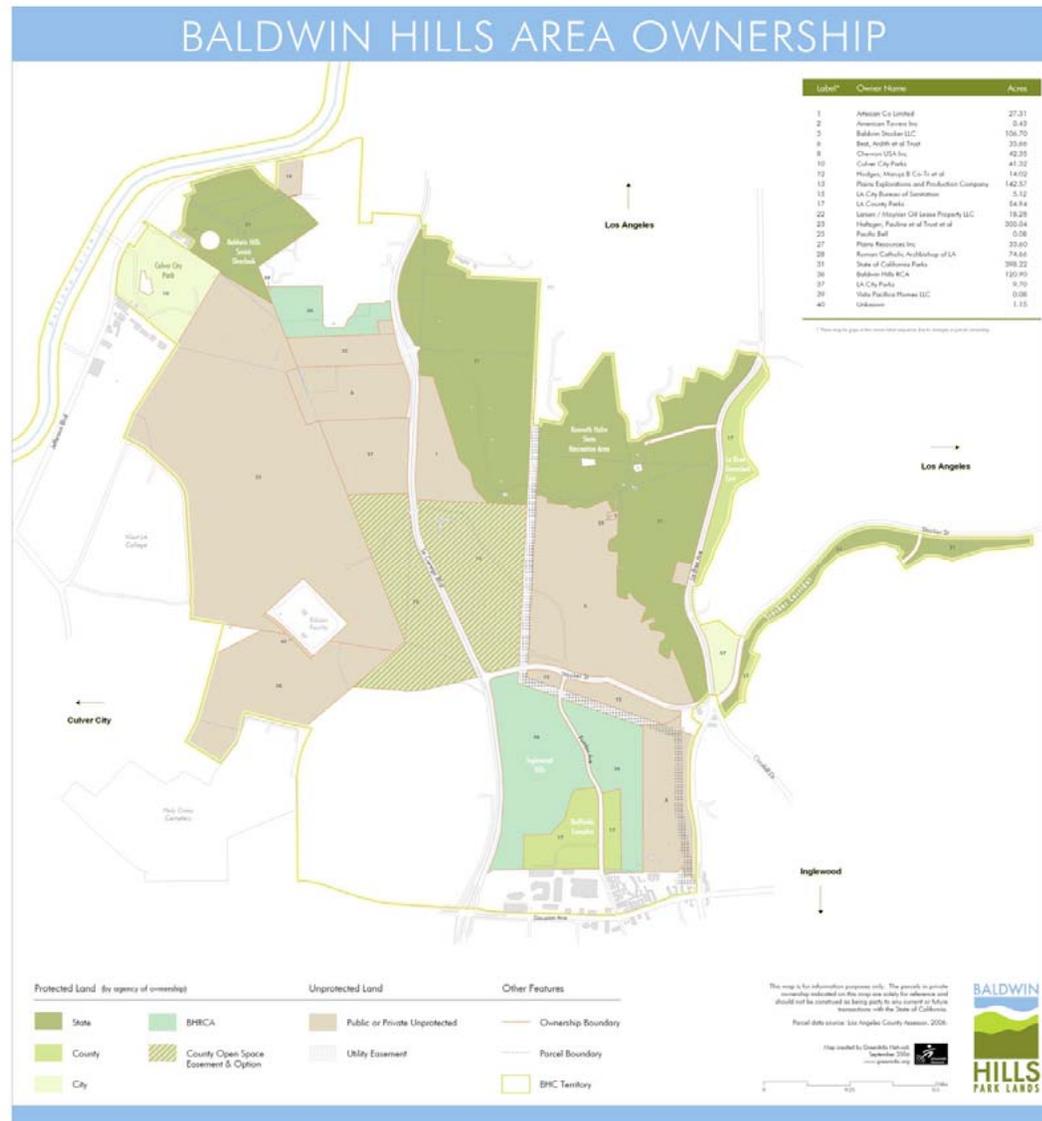
ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

The geographic area outlined in the authorizing statute includes approximately 2,065.31 acres of open space within the Baldwin Hills Conservancy boundaries. This includes some adjacent communities for connectivity purposes, and the Ballona Creek, which contains four miles of channel, public trail and bikeway with private frontage parcels extending west from the Baldwin Hills' northwest foothill as defined by the Conservancy Act. The acreage calculation for the territory is based on digital polygons from Geographic Information System (GIS) two dimensional maps of the area. The Baldwin Hills area, which includes open space contiguous and or adjacent to KHSRA totals 1,428.13 acres of both protected and private/unprotected land as compiled by parcel data supplied by the Los Angeles County Assessor's public records (see figure 1). Current GIS mapping of the parcel fee ownership indicates that of this acreage, approximately 659.48 are private/unprotected lands with major portions of the surface area dedicated to active oil operations. In accordance with Chapter 428, Statutes of 2000, it is the responsibility of the Conservancy to acquire the remaining privately held acreage.

The Conservancy's acquisition strategy evaluates opportunities that will allow for increased recreation activities, habitat protection, interpretive and cultural facilities, environmental interpretation as well as park-related economic sustainability. Working in conjunction with three primary agencies— California State Parks, State Lands Commission, and the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (a joint powers authority, or JPA)—the Conservancy will optimize relationships, expertise and financial resources to institute a manageable acquisition strategy. Since the majority of the open space in the Baldwin Hills is encumbered with oil extraction infrastructure, and under current conditions oil and gas production could continue for more than thirty years, the Conservancy must remain flexible in its approach. A thorough economic evaluation of all viable options for financing and acquiring property interests in the Baldwin Hills has been developed as an integral part of strategy formulation and to ensure the optimum use of available resources

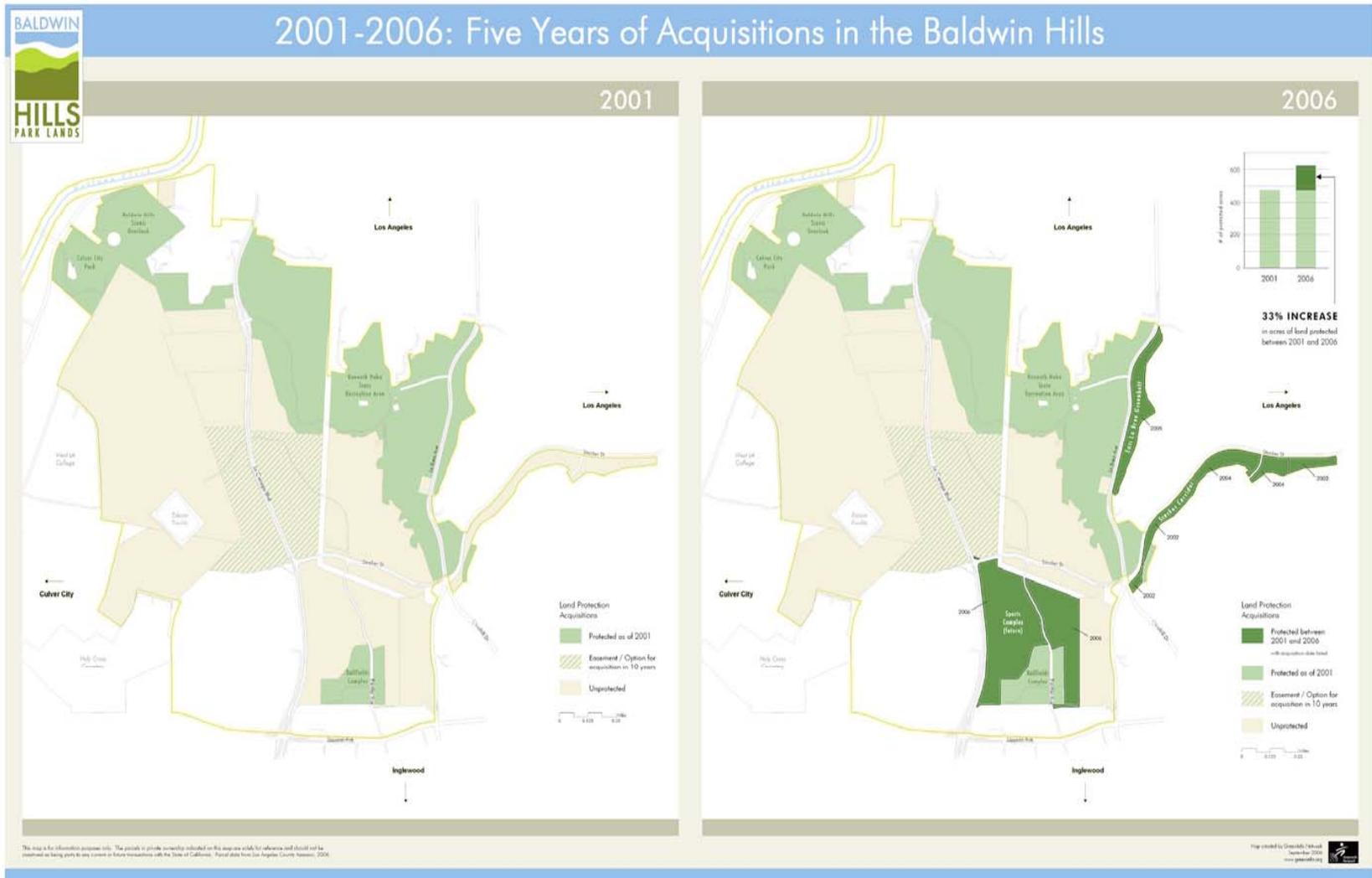
The balance of the acreage in the area is protected public land, which includes 625.07 acres held in fee by the Conservancy's partner public agencies and an additional 142.00 acres under a conservation easement. To date, the Conservancy's acquisition work program has resulted in a 33 percent increase in public land, or 154.95 acres (see figure 2). Since the boundaries of the Conservancy include an unincorporated part of Los Angeles County and its boundaries touch the cities of Inglewood, Culver City, and Los Angeles, partnerships with all of the stakeholders working in the Baldwin Hills area remain critical to successfully implementing our long range objectives.

Figure – 1



Owner	Property Name	Parcel Count	Acres	Total Acreage
BHRCA				
	Finley & Lloyd properties - BHRCA	3	20.8600	
	Inglewood Hills - BHRCA	3	100.0400	
BHRCA Total				120.90
County Parks				
	Ballfields - County Parks	3	30.4872	
	East La Brea Greenbelt - County Parks	1	22.0500	
	Ruben Ingold Park - County Parks	1	2.4000	
County Parks Fee Total				54.94
County Parks Easement				
	Plains Exploration and Production Company	4	142.5700	
County Parks Easement Total				142.57
Culver City Parks				
	Culver City Park - Culver City Parks	2	41.3200	
Culver City Parks Total				41.32
LA City Parks				
	Norman O. Houston Park - LA City Parks	1	9.7000	
LA City Parks				9.70
California State Parks				
	Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook - California State Parks	17	57.2840	
	KHSRA – California State Parks	20	309.0785	
	Stocker Corridor - California State Parks	5	32.8600	
State Parks Total				399.22
Private/Unprotected (all others)				
	Private	25	654.3594	
	Public Unprotected	1	5.1200	
Private/Unprotected Total				659.48
TOTAL Baldwin Hills Parklands (Proposed)				1,428.13
*Total Land within BHC boundaries (including creek and other communities)				2,065.31

Figure – 2



Habitat Preservation

The slopes and canyons of the western and eastern ridgelines of the Baldwin Hills are host to oases of natural habitat, composed mainly of native coastal sage scrub. Studies conducted by biologists from the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum document the Baldwin Hills area as home to numerous native wildlife species representing over 166 birds, 21 mammals, 12 reptiles, and 12 butterflies. Invasive plant species and fragmentation from oil production have compromised the integrity of the surviving habitat. Protecting the existing habitat and restoration of the fragmented areas will create wildlife corridors in nearly one third of the park and improve the health of the natural eco-systems and preserve the scenic integrity of the area. Areas of focus include, but are not limited to, the remaining habitat beginning at Holy Cross Cemetery and continuing north behind West Los Angeles College. Collaborative agreements with both entities are being developed with a focus on mutual preservation objectives. Working in collaboration with the appropriate regulatory agencies, the Conservancy will continue to advance its mission of wildlife habitat restoration and protection.

Recreation

The Baldwin Hills are a natural oasis in the middle of a densely urbanized area, providing a refuge for both wildlife and people. Over one million people live within five miles of the Baldwin Hills, and, with barely one acre of parkland per 1,000 people, this is one of the most park-poor regions in California. Community demand for open space, trails, and active recreation facilities is reflected in the master plan and delivery of such amenities is a priority. Over two thirds of the entire park will be dedicated to active and passive recreation. Acquisition efforts will not only protect the passive areas of native coastal sage scrub and spectacular vista points, it will also set the stage for expansive active recreation improvements.

The southern portion of the park has been established primarily as an active recreation management zone. In 2006, the Conservancy facilitated the purchase of the Inglewood Hills Property pursuant to a grant agreement with the Baldwin Hill Regional Conservation Authority for acquisition of approximately 103 acres of land represented on the map as property 13. This acquisition increased public land holdings in the Baldwin Hills by 20 percent. Based on the proximity to the existing ball field complex and immediate vehicular accessibility to and from major streets, these lands have the greatest potential for the development of much needed active recreation facilities. Facilities that expand or enhance the Ballfield complex should be planned with the expectation that long range development will take place when the public land is properly rehabilitated and suitable for improvement.

Conservation Matrix

Conservation priorities are identified through the use of a matrix developed for analysis of the parcels that remain in private ownership (see figure 3). The five properties with the highest point total on the conservation matrix are properties labeled numbers: 23, 28 and 22 on the Baldwin Hills Area Ownership map. Each of these parcels meets vital criteria for prioritization including adjacency to existing publicly owned land or native habitat value. Approximately 355 acres are located along the western ridgeline, including nearly 120 acres of natural habitat area with existing healthy native coastal sage scrub.

FIGURE 3

Property Number	23	28	22
Point Criteria			
Development Threat (5 pts)			
Immediate (4 pts)	0	0	0
Long-term (1 pt)	1	1	1
Improvement Potential (4 pts)			
Minimal Mitigation Need (1 pt)	0	1	0
Few Physical Constraints (1 pt)	1	1	0
Program Continuity (1 pt)	1	1	1
Independent Capacity (1 pt)	1	1	1
Accessibility (3 pts)			
Connectivity to Existing Park Land (2 pts)	2	0	2
Multi-Transportation Accessible (1 pt)	1	0	1
Recreation Potential (6 pts)			
Active Recreation (2 pt)	0	0	0
Passive Recreation (2 pt)	2	2	2
Educational (2 pt)	2	2	2
Habitat (6 pts)			
Corridor Potential (2 pt)	2	2	2
Eco-system Viability (2 pt)	2	2	0
Evidence of Sensitive Species (2 pt)	2	0	0
Public Value (3 pts)			
Local Benefit (1 pt)	1	1	1
Regional Benefit (1 pt)	2	2	2
POINT TOTALS	20	16	15

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

The Conservancy has an opportunity to redefine what a park in an urban setting can be, establishing an exciting new model for restoring large expanses of natural open space and creating new park and recreation amenities in the heart of an urban area. With increasing population growth, demands for high-quality outdoor recreation in natural settings has intensified, as has the focus on converting post-industrial areas in urban communities to recreational uses.

Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan

Pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 1 of Chapter 752 of the Statutes of 1999, a master plan has been developed for the expansion of KHSRA. The plan was the result of an extensive two-year public planning process commissioned by California State Parks during 2000 and 2001 that facilitated eight community workshops from which the conceptual design and park components were derived. The *Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan* was adopted by the Conservancy in September 2002 and provides the conceptual guidelines for the Conservancy to expand on the acquisition and development efforts initiated by the County of Los Angeles and the California State Parks in 1971.

The *Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan* specifies that the park that will result from the Conservancy's efforts will provide "active and passive recreation facilities" and "educational and cultural facilities." Proposed visitor facilities include: two interpretive/education centers, community/art/senior center, amphitheater, sculpture garden, botanical garden, 60 acres of multiple-use fields supporting softball, baseball, soccer and other active recreational uses, golf course with clubhouse/banquet facility, tennis center, skate parks, narrow-gauge train, 15 miles of jogging, bicycling and hiking trails, indoor basketball courts, recreation center/gymnasium, par course, climbing wall, competition-sized swimming pool, restrooms, and parking. Administration and maintenance facilities are also envisioned, including: law enforcement and public safety station, park administrative headquarters, park entrances, trailheads and roads.

Strategies for site improvements in the *Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan* focus on the following: 1) the potential of the park to provide access to recreation and interpretation opportunities for millions of people within a 10-mile radius, 2) the many scenic vista points from which most of the Los Angeles Basin, Pacific Ocean and local canyons and mountains can be viewed, and 3) a balanced environment with sensitive natural habitat restored to improve wildlife connectivity. Capital improvement projects have been outlined

from the *Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan* (see figure 3). Immediate planned site improvements are selected from the *Baldwin Hills Park Linkage and Access Study* and include 16 remaining improvement projects that implement key components of the *Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan*. Detailed design concepts, including cost estimates, for a comprehensive network of trails and open space linkages, natural habitat restoration, and development of interpretive amenities are ready for implementation through grants and partnerships with local agencies and non-profit organizations.

The land proposed for acquisition and site improvements as described in this document are mandated by the Conservancy’s mission pursuant to the implementation of the *Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan*. The expansion of KHSRA is considered a single project with acquisition of several parcels and improvement of these and other properties adding up to a whole. Property interests become available as willing sellers are created. The Conservancy’s priorities will vary depending on leveraging of resources, project readiness, the public demand, and the preservation of specific habitat areas. Each of these factors can take precedent over the other. The following list reflects immediate improvement projects linked to location, in general terms, and using Proposition 40 and 84 bond funds exclusively. The list is updated to reflect planning projects stemming from the existing and short term acquisitions.

Figure – 3

Master Plan Project Priorities	Project Location
Park to Playa	Linkages from Stocker to Ballona Creek Bike Path
Ingold Park Connection to Stocker Trail	Above Stocker Corridor Trail
Stocker Corridor Trail and Bikepath Improvements	Stocker Street
Stocker Street Pedestrian Bridge	Stocker Corridor Trail and Norman O. Houston Park
Western Gateway / Acquisition	Parcel adjacent to BHSO
Ballfield Complex	SE portion of land within BHC boundaries
Jefferson Boulevard Streetscapes Improvements	Jefferson Boulevard between Rodeo Road and Duquesne Avenue
La Brea Greenbelt Trail Improvements	East and West La Brea Avenue
Bicycle Connections to KHSRA	Existing right of ways and trails surrounding KHSRA
Habitat Restoration (Phase I)	Baldwin Hills Parklands
Outdoor Facilities (Ballona Creek)	Milton Street

Improving Existing Facilities

KHSRA (319 acres) is managed by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and includes large areas of native coastal sage scrub habitat, lawns and landscaped areas, picnic sites, tot lots, fishing lake, lotus pond, community center and five miles of trails. There are six restrooms; the community center has four administrative offices and a small meeting room.

Maximizing the public use of existing acreage is imperative. The Conservancy has awarded grants of Proposition 40 funds for the improvements on acres of public land property in the KHSRA. The projects will make the eastern end of KHSRA a suitable recreation destination for visitors approaching from adjacent parks, communities and public transportation stops. The following improvements or plans are currently funded and in development:

- Picnic facilities (non-group)
- General landscaping
- Fitness zones
- Interpretive, directional, and safety signs and exhibits
- Trailheads and connections to existing paths
- Native habitat propagation and restoration program
- Improved pedestrian entryway at Don Lorenzo
- Perimeter way finding signage
- Baldwin Hills Parkland branding
- La Cienega Bridge entrance enhancements

Other potential projects at KHSRA, including the upgrading of existing facilities for improved sustainability, the creation of new cultural exhibits as well as re-designing landscaping to buffer habitat and lower maintenance costs. These and other opportunities remain available for the Conservancy to prioritize and implement in collaboration with our partner agencies.

Public Access

A key element of any urban park is its accessibility to the public. Nearly three million residents live within minutes of KHSRA. Acquisition of key perimeter parcels will facilitate improved access, including connections via pedestrian walkways and bridges to schools, parks, trails, the Ballona Creek, and the beach. The recreation activities that are most common to the area include walking and jogging and hiking. Throughout the year visitors take advantage of KHSRA and its footpaths and dozens of scenic viewpoints. There are several excellent opportunities for improving public access through the creation of new pedestrian walkways, bicycle trails and pedestrian bridges over busy streets. The *Baldwin Hills Linkage and Access Study* authorized by the Board in 2004 has yielded recommendations for projects to be considered and prioritized for potential implementation. Using the *Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan* as a guide, the study team evaluated thirteen linkage points using various criteria, including topography, community character, visibility and image, infrastructure, and jurisdictional issues. In developing the programming matrix for these sites, the design team divided the Study into four distinct areas containing several potential projects. Three primary objectives were identified for each project: to increase public access; to raise the awareness of the larger Baldwin Hills park area; and to provide enhanced recreational amenities. Each project site has been developed as a conceptual plan, complete with placement of directional and interpretive signage, proposed landscaping palettes, and estimated construction costs.

Reference: Baldwin Hills Linkage and Access Study

Building on the Master Plan's goal for increased public access to amenities in the region, the Park to Playa vision of aligning approximately seven miles of trails linking the Baldwin Hills with the Ballona Creek Bicycle Path and the California Coastal Trail has become a top priority. Under the leadership of the County's Second District, the Conservancy is collaborating with multiple agencies to create the first regional trail in the district, establishing a seamless corridor with a strong sense of place that connects residents with the natural coast and vice versa. Inter-agency coordination meetings will continue in efforts to fund and develop branding elements, signage installation and design development for critical trail segments including the eastern gateway of the Stocker Corridor, KHSRA and across La Cienega to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. Existing plans for the Loop Trail connecting Culver City Park and the Ballona Creek are among several currently funded projects that advance this regional effort.

The Conservancy must evaluate the traffic and circulation issues surrounding the park and connect or acquire the necessary perimeter parcels to insure adequate bicycle and pedestrian access, parking, as well as ingress and egress to facilities. Minor projects such as linking the Ruben Ingold Park to the Stocker Corridor and utilizing existing right of ways along power lines or railways would greatly enhance public access to the parklands within the Baldwin Hills area.

Habitat Restoration

Three plant communities native to Southern California are found in the Baldwin Hills: coastal sage scrub, riparian woodlands and grasslands. Existing natural habitat areas in good condition are located on the steep slopes and canyons on the exterior faces of the east and west ridgelines. These existing areas are presently separated, creating habitat islands. Restoring a total of 300 acres for corridors connecting habitat fragments can increase re-colonization rates thereby improving long-term viability of existing native species. Working in partnership with the California State Parks, the County, Conservation Corps and community volunteers, the Conservancy will focus its efforts on coordinating and funding multiple projects throughout KHSRA during the five-year term.

The intentional and accidental introduction of exotic plant species has permanently changed historic plant communities of Southern California. Several non-native plants that threaten native species are weedy species blown or tracked in as seeds because they are less able to survive in neighboring habitat and are unlikely to adapt to the rapid addition of exotic predators and competitors. Others, such as pampas grass, are very aggressive and pose serious threats to native plants. Removal of non-native plant species must be targeted considering the biology of each species. Although non-natives such as Pampas grass (*Cortaderia jubata* and *C. selloana*) are notoriously invasive and laborious to remove, diligent removal efforts would promote healthier and more abundant coastal scrub plants. Native coastal scrub shrubs such as coyote bush (*Baccharis pilularis*) and bush sunflower (*Encelia californica*) planted along the edges of park landscaping could help to contain non-native landscaping plants.

Non-native and invasive plant suppression and eradication is time-sensitive and seasonally dependent. Targeted areas include highly visible corridors leading into the park and on the most popular trail sites. All work is currently being coordinated with departments that have jurisdictional control or management responsibilities for their respective properties.

Projects of immediate interest include the **Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook**, at the northern tip of the western ridge of the Baldwin Hills, the **Stocker Corridor** on the eastern end of KHSRA and the **East and West La Brea Greenbelts**. The habitat on each of these properties was severely degraded prior to acquisition. The Conservancy has begun the process of restoring some of the land at these sites through grants to non-profit groups, such as the Los Angeles Audubon Society and the California Conservation Corps, with a goal of achieving significant visual results over the course of the five-year term. This effort would compliment the current improvements managed by California State Parks and L.A. County Parks and Recreation and would include the following program:

- Removal of non-native plant species
- Re-vegetation of degraded areas with native habitat
- On-site propagation of native plants
- Creation of California friendly landscape buffers between habitats and pedestrian thoroughfares

- Involve the public in protecting and restoring natural plant and animal communities

Schematic designs for improvements at the sites should be developed in collaboration with California State Parks, Los Angeles County Parks & Recreation, Culver City and the City of Los Angeles. Habitat restoration with landscaping improvements reflective of California's friendly flora is planned for the high traffic natural areas surrounding trails and picnic areas. Larger natural areas will be restored through stewardship programs and volunteer efforts coordinated by area stakeholders.

INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION

ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

Providing opportunities for outdoor education and use of the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek as living laboratories are among the primary management goals of the Conservancy. The Conservancy can serve as a bridge to raise awareness and understanding of how State directed watershed preservation efforts, including land acquisition, habitat restoration, and water quality enhancement, relate to communities that exist in Los Angeles' urban core. Working with a range of education partners, the Conservancy developed an Environmental Interpretation Initiative (Initiative) focused on serving the needs of area students and teachers beyond the classroom.

The Initiative consists of three components: 1) Curriculum Development, 2) Research Studies/Needs Assessments, and 3) Capital Improvement Projects.

Curriculum Development: Although park areas in the Baldwin Hills serve primarily as recreational facilities, they are also potential vehicles for outdoor environmental interpretation. The Baldwin Hills area, in particular, can provide a unique opportunity for students to learn directly about mineral sciences, the history of oil and gas production in the Los Angeles area, and energy issues. Park areas can also demonstrate the interconnectedness of wildlife and habitat, and can educate children and adults alike about the effects of urban development. The remaining coastal sage scrub habitat, for example, can be used effectively as a laboratory for various ecological, biological, and other life science studies.

Interpretive curricula for the Baldwin Hills has been created specifically for elementary, middle school and high school students. Using the outdoors as a teaching station, the Baldwin Hills are available to serve students and teachers in LAUSD Local Districts D, G and I, and Compton, Inglewood and Culver City school districts. Urban teachers can facilitate student understanding of statewide environmental concepts and issues, and how they relate to students in the inner city. The curricula seeks to foster an awareness among students and their teachers that park habitats are dynamic ecosystems, increase knowledge about the impact humans and human behavior have on an urban ecosystem, promote stewardship of the land, and encourage students to make informed decisions about improving the environment. Specific class lessons include science investigations, environmental action projects, and cross-cultural and literacy activities.

Research Studies/Needs Assessments: The Ballona Creek Trail and Bikeway Environmental and Recreational Enhancement Study (December 2003) conducted by the Loyola Marymount University (LMU) research team identified not only interpretive opportunities on Ballona Creek, but also the need for continued analysis and investment. This Initiative has expanded on the LMU Study findings,

exploring what environmental interpretive resources are currently available to youth in the greater Baldwin Hills area, how the existing and future park areas may serve unmet needs, and what kinds of facilities could be developed in concert with interpretive programs and curricula.

Reference: 2005 Environmental Interpretation Initiative Needs Assessment

Capital Improvement Projects: The Conservancy will continue planning for the types of facilities to accommodate increased park programming. Existing projects, such as the BHSO Greenhouse Program, KHSRA Interpretive Trail Nodes, Native Plant Walk and Wildlife Garden will continue to provide much needed resources for youth to access science in an outdoor natural setting.

Milton Street Park is the latest project in the conceptual design phase. The 1.2 acre site was purchased through a 50% matching grant between the BHRCA and the Conservancy. Preliminary plans for development of the site located adjacent to Del Rey Middle School and the Ballona Creek are now ready for funding due to a matching outreach and planning grant from the Coastal Conservancy. With the proper funding, the Conservancy and its partners can build an exemplary model of a multi-benefit amenity within walking distance of an education institution, an urban waterway and a densely populated community.

Reference: 2009 Milton Street Park Conceptual Design

In order to sustain the vision of the Master Plan over time, the Conservancy must begin to make strategic, capital investments and solidify its presence physically, either by acquiring an existing structure (e.g. Ohr Eliyahu School site in Blair Hills), or targeting a specific new site for development. Future facilities may range from outdoor interpretive sites suitable for large groups, to a “green zone” portal complete with classrooms, exhibition space, administrative offices and parking. Establishing a portal facility that represents the nucleus of stewardship in the Baldwin Hills will provide future generations with the proper platform to continue the evolution of the parklands into a world class destination.

Natural Resource Stewardship

Actions of the local communities impact the health of area habitat. Individual practices can affect the health of this refuge. Even with professional restoration efforts, the viability of creating and sustaining large areas of habitat that provide a home for flora and fauna is dependent upon community involvement. Education efforts will center on issues of habitat connectivity, watershed management and community environmental stewardship. Proposed re-vegetation strategies consider the interconnection with the community and other natural areas (i.e. Ballona Creek and wetlands) surrounding the park. Local education institution support for operation and

maintenance of on-site nurseries can help provide students with learning opportunities while providing native plant stock for on-going restoration and re-vegetation throughout the natural habitat areas of the park.

Over the past five years, a Native Plant Walk and Wildlife Garden as well as an Outdoor Interpretive Resource Program (aka Greenhouse Project) have been established at KHSRA and the BHSO respectively. Under a grant agreement with the Conservancy, the LA Audubon Society has developed education-based resources for students and visitors to learn about native plants and animals. Volunteers from the California Native Plant Society, Target Science Network, and Earthworks Restoration have used the amenities to recruit local schools and regional stakeholders to help maintain the interpretive areas, restore habitat and create signs/materials that will help park users identify native habitat that can be found in the preserved areas of the park. The Conservancy will continue to support placed based projects that help define the Baldwin Hills as a premier location for environmental awareness and stewardship.

Signage & Kiosks

Public awareness of the resources available at the park must be improved in order to establish the park as an interactive destination for local schools and regular park users. Uniform public area signage and interpretive kiosks for parkland within the boundaries of the Conservancy would dramatically improve user familiarity with the historical, cultural and environmental context of the region. The board adoption of the Baldwin Hills Park Lands Logo and branding concept was the first step in unifying the park's resources under a common theme. Working in partnership with the County and California State Parks, the Conservancy has developed formats for collaborative signage and kiosks to correspond with visitor destinations and other points of interest throughout the park. A wide range of current and future projects will carry the new logo. The Conservancy will take the leadership role in working with area landowners and operating agencies to use the logo in various applications including: street banners, way-finding and directional kiosks, trail heads with linkage to adjacent parks, restoration sites and new capital improvement projects funded by the Conservancy.

Summary of Baldwin Hills Conservancy Goals & Projected Expenditures

Program	Objective	Units	Cost
Acquisition of Open Space	Land conservation	110 Acres	\$11,000,000
	Western Gateway	5 Acres	\$5,600,000
Planning and Development	Eastern ridgeline improvements	1 Project	\$4,500,000
	Trail linkages and Milton Improvements	TBD Projects	\$3,000,000
	Habitat restoration and environmental review	TBD Projects	\$500,000
	Stocker corridor trail development	1 Project	\$600,000
Interpretation and Education	Resource stewardship interpretation initiative & projects	1 Project	\$100,000
	Approximate	Total	\$24,600,000

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Russ Guiney

Date: February 26, 2010

Re: Item 5: Presentation of Special Recognition Awards

Recommendation: No action required

Background: On behalf of the Governing Board, the Chair will present a proclamation in recognition of Ta Lecia Arbor concluding her eight year's of service as the Senate Rules Committee appointee to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

Baldwin Hills Conservancy Proclamation

Presented to

Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor

Whereas: the Baldwin Hills area is one of the last remaining urban open spaces in Los Angeles County and should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of present and future generations; and

Whereas: the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was created to acquire and develop open space in the Baldwin Hills for the continued expansion of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area into a two-square mile natural park, open space and recreation oasis; and

Whereas: the Board of Directors for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy wishes to express gratitude for the outstanding leadership Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor displayed during her term as Chair and her dedication as a Founding Member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Board.

Therefore it is Proclaimed on the twenty-sixth day of February 2010, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, under the Natural Resources Agency for the State of California, recognizes Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor for her dedicated service to the Conservancy and her exceptional contribution towards creating a world-class park in the Baldwin Hills area of Southwest Los Angeles County.

Russ Guiney
Chair

Lloyd Dixon
Vice Chair

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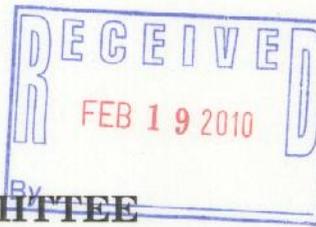
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DARRELL STEINBERG
CHAIRMAN

February 8, 2010

Ta-Lecia Arbor
3639 Aureola Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90008

Dear Ms. Arbor:

As your service on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy comes to an end, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation on behalf of the California Senate for your dedication.

Your contribution of time and energy is greatly appreciated. Best wishes for success in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Schmidt".

GREG SCHMIDT
Secretary of the Senate

GS:lm

cc: Baldwin Hills Conservancy

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SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

DARRELL STEINBERG
CHAIRMAN

February 11, 2010

TO: Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board
FROM: Senator Darrell Steinberg

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Starlett Quarles to the California Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board (see attached letter).

As the appointing authority, the Senate Rules Committee monitors the attendance of appointees and is generally interested in our appointee's performance. If our appointee misses more than two consecutive meetings, fails to complete assignments, resigns, or changes status in any way, please inform Nettie Sabelhaus, Appointments Director, at (916) 651-4151.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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February 10, 2010

DARRELL STEINBERG
CHAIRMAN

Starlett Quarles
3905 Kenway Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90008

Dear Ms. Quarles:

I am pleased to let you know the Senate Rules Committee has appointed you to serve as a member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board. Your term will end February 10, 2012. You were highly recommended by Senator Curren Price.

As an appointee, you are required to take an oath of office prescribed by the California Constitution. The oath may be taken before any person authorized by law to administer and certify oaths. Please return the completed oath to the Senate Rules Committee in Room 420, State Capitol, at your earliest convenience, so that it may be filed with the appropriate authority.

Our expectation is that you will participate fully in the work of this body. Please inform Nettie Sabelhaus, Appointments Director, at (916) 651-4151, if you are unable to attend more than two consecutive board meetings, or change your status in any way. We would also appreciate hearing from you if you are experiencing any problems or believe there are issues about which we should be informed.

I appreciate your willingness to serve. If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell Steinberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that loops back under the name.

DARRELL STEINBERG

DS:sg
Enclosure

cc: Governor's Office Controller's Office
Legislative Counsel Speaker's Office
Secretary of State Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board
Honorable Curren Price

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: February 26, 2010

Re: Item 6: Executive Officer Report

Capital Outlay Project Status Report

Please see the attached updated spreadsheet on active BHC projects.

Fiscal Update

Please see the attached BHC summary expenditure sheet by fund for the end of the 4th quarter. Additionally, be advised of the attached Governor's Order, S-01-10, requiring mandatory 5% reduction on state work force salaries during 2010-11.

Planning Activities

Please see attached memo on planning activities during January and February 2010.

**Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Capitol Outlay Projects Status Report
2/17/10**

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Encumbrance and Liquidation Dates	PROJECT STATUS
North East Trees (NET)	Eastern Gateway and Trail Project at Kenneth Hahn SRA	BHC06003	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$250,000	Enc. 6/30/11 (liq. 6/30/13)	Project re-started. Awaiting construction auth letter from City Bureau of Street Services
Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC)	Trail Improvement Project at Kenneth Hahn SRA	BHC06005	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$190,000	Enc. 6/30/11 (liq. 6/30/13)	Project complete. All seven (7) interpretive nodes open to the public.
Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA)	6000 Jefferson Acquisition	BHC07002	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$2,000,000	Enc. 6/30/11 (liq. 6/30/13)	Assessing feasibility for joint use with the City of Los Angeles or optional site.
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)	Enhancements at La Cienega entrance to Kenneth Hahn SRA	BHC07003	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$900,000	Enc. 6/30/11 (liq. 6/30/13)	Design development complete. Construction drawings in process.
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)	Baldwin Hills Parklands Perimeter / Way-Finding Signage	BHC07004	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$400,000	Enc. 6/30/11 (liq. 6/30/13)	Temporary Prop 40 signs installed at 4 locations. Construction drawings & permitting in process.
California Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC)	Environmental monitoring	BHC07007	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$500,000	Enc. 6/30/11 (liq. 6/30/13)	Pending Eastern Ridge construction- move to Prop 84 when funds are available.
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Milton Street Planning (Matching Grant)	BHC07011	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$75,000	Enc. 6/30/10 (liq. 6/30/12)	Draft conceptual design & budget received.

**Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Capitol Outlay Projects Status Report
2/17/10**

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Encumbrance and Liquidation Dates	PROJECT STATUS
Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office	Eastern Ridgeline Development Grant	BHC07012	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$4,500,000	N/A	Prop 40 certified project authorized in October 09; item agendized for BOS mtg. (date TBA); County Counsel requested minor revisions to the amendment to the EIR.
USA Advocates	Inglewood Hills Site Plan Feasibility Study	BHC07016	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$338,800.00	Enc. 6/30/10 (liq. 6/30/12)	Project suspended.
Los Angeles Audubon Society	Outdoor Resources Interpretation Project	BHC07018	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$101,150.00	Enc. 6/30/10 (liq. 6/30/12)	Students completed habitat restoration at KHSRA native plant garden; student research projects in-progress.
California State Parks	Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Signage	BHC07017	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$35,000	Enc. 6/30/10 (liq. 6/30/12)	Final invoices being processed; Project 95% complete.
California State Parks	Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Outdoor Furnishings	BHC08002	Prop 40: 5096.610c/.6 50(b)(7)	\$30,000	Enc. 6/30/10 (liq. 6/30/12)	Procurement process underway.



Office of the Governor

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER S-01-10

01/08/2010

WHEREAS there is continuing weak performance in the California economy and there is an anticipated \$21.0 billion General Fund deficit through the 2010-11 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS immediate and comprehensive action to reduce current spending must be taken to ensure, to the maximum extent possible, that the essential services of the State are not jeopardized and the public health and safety is preserved; and

WHEREAS the State's employee attrition rate is approximately 12 percent per year due to employee retirements and separations from service; and

WHEREAS given the current rate of attrition and the need to maintain essential services, particularly in periods of economic downturn when the need for many services escalates, it is not prudent to freeze all state hiring.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, issue this Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS ORDERED that all Agency Secretaries and Department Directors shall take immediate steps to cap the workforce by achieving an additional 5 percent salary savings by July 1, 2010, and maintain the additional salary savings levels.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that every effort shall be made to achieve the additional 5 percent salary savings through attrition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all State agencies and departments under my direct executive authority shall develop a plan to achieve the additional 5 percent salary savings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by February 1, 2010, all State agencies and departments under my direct executive authority shall submit their plan to the Cabinet Secretary, the Director of the Department of Finance, and the Director of the Department of Personnel Administration for review to ensure that the plan is sufficient to achieve the additional 5 percent salary savings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by March 1, 2010, all State agencies and departments under my direct executive authority shall implement their plan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Director of the Department of Personnel Administration and the Director of the Department of Finance shall monitor compliance with the plans to ensure that the State agencies and departments will achieve the additional 5 percent salary savings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this workforce cap shall not apply to the Franchise Tax Board's direct revenue collection functions in order that revenues for the State are not adversely affected.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this workforce cap shall not apply to the constitutional offices

because the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget of each of those officers included a permanent reduction that achieves savings. However, the Constitutional Officers are invited to implement similar or other mitigation measures to achieve similar salary savings for the current and next fiscal years.

IT IS REQUESTED that other entities of State government not under my direct executive authority, including the Board of Equalization, University of California, the California State University, California Community Colleges, the legislative branch (including the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Bureau of State Audits), and judicial branch, implement similar or other mitigation measures to achieve similar salary savings for the current and next fiscal years.

This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any rights or benefits, whether substantive or procedural, or enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California or its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IF FURTHER DIRECT that, as soon as hereafter possible, this Order shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given to this Order.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 8th day of January 2010.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State

**Baldwin Hills
2009/10 Summary Sheet by Fund**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PCA #</u>	<u>Original Appropriation</u>	<u>Remaining Appropriation</u>	<u>EXP + ENC</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Support					
2009 Budget Act Item 3835-001-0140	10001	\$ 339,000.00	\$ 339,000.00	\$ 142,624.84	\$ 196,375.16
2009 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	10005	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 30,719.30	\$ 85,280.70
2009 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10009	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 32,268.78	\$ 84,731.22
Total Support:				\$ 205,612.92	\$ 366,387.08
Capital Outlay					
2009 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30002	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,050,000.00
2008 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30001	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,050,000.00
2007 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30000	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,050,000.00
2005 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20003	\$ 8,648,000.00	\$ 8,644,611.81	\$ -	\$ 8,644,611.81
2004 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20002	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 3,848,335.14	\$ 3,351,664.86
2003 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20001	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 2,357,921.11	\$ 4,842,078.89
2002 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	22000	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 11,994,426.17	\$ 3,005,573.83
Total Cap Outlay:				\$ 18,200,682.42	\$ 28,993,929.39

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Sandra Hamlat, Park and Recreation Specialist

Date: February 26, 2010

Re: Agenda Item 6: Update regarding planning activities during January and February 2010 including the 47th Assembly District Environment Commission, the Coalition for an Active South Los Angeles, the Green LA Coalition, and other planning activities.

47th Assembly District Environment Commission

The 47th Assembly District Environment Commission, on which Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) staff serves, hosted an annual Ballona Creek clean-up day on February 21st. Staff helped fellow commissioners plan the event as well as worked with volunteers at the actual event. The commission and volunteers worked closely with the City of Culver City on this event.

Coalition for an Active South Los Angeles

BHC staff participated in the regular meetings of the Coalition for an Active South Los Angeles. The coalition is preparing for a Health in the Hills event where members of a homeowners association, with the help of coalition members, will convene a focus group and interview residents. The information gained from this activity will then inform the next steps for the coalition.

Green LA Coalition

BHC staff also attended the regularly-scheduled meetings for the Green LA Coalition, including the urban ecosystems workgroup and the Low Impact Development (LID) subcommittee. BHC staff participated in conference calls and meetings as well as attended public hearings in order to support the efforts of the urban ecosystems workgroup and the LID subcommittee. Green LA is also in the process of strategically planning and re-organizing as well as electing new chairs of the urban ecosystems workgroup and steering committee members.

Other Planning Activities

In addition to the above planning activities, BHC staff has been participating in an effort to increase pedestrian and bicycling access in Los Angeles County. Since October 2008, BHC staff has actively participated in a steering committee called the cicLAVia Foundation, which is based on a concept that originated out of Bogotá, Colombia and makes certain streets only accessible by foot or bike on Sundays. The goal of this project is to cost-effectively create temporary park

space. In the future, this effort hopes to include areas in the Baldwin Hills that need to be more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly and might coincide with the eventual Park-to-play trail.