

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held
Friday, December 5, 2014, 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 - Starlett Quarles, 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 (October) - Starlett Quarles, Chair
3. Public Comments - Starlett Quarles, Chair
4. Presentation on Pilot Study Findings for the Baldwin Hills Parklands User Survey - Loyola Marymount University, Center for Urban Resilience
5. Election of Board Officers Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558 - Starlett Quarles, Chair
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule - David McNeill, Executive Officer
7. Executive Officer Report: Project Status Update, Fiscal Update, Legislative Update - BHC Staff Representatives
8. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings - *Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2015.*
9. 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

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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

Friday, October 24, 2014

I. Call to Order

A public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) was assembled at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Community Center located at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Voting - Allan, Boodnick, Brian Cash, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker (*arrived after Approval of Minutes,*) Yolanda Gorman, Russ Guiney, Robert Jones, Eraina Ortega, Chair Starlett Quarles, Craig Sap. **Non-voting** - Vice Chair Sara Amir, Patricia O'Toole, Marina Voskanian.

Staff Present: David McNeill, Executive Officer; Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager; Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes (July) - Starlett Quarles, Chair

The Chair called for a motion to approve the (September) minutes. Member Gorman made a motion to approve, Member Sap seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – 8 ayes, 0 nays, Minutes approved.

IV. Public Comments – Starlett Quarles, Chair

Public comment was invited; however, no comments were made.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on an Amendment to the Milton Street Park Agreement #BHC12000 with the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill - This project has been sent out to bid and is under construction. Prior to bids going out, being approved, and awarded the authorized budget included project design, project management, permitting bidding and construction. Those categories remain below a 10 percent line item shift. There was significant budget detail filled in post bid, and a number of line items were shifted around within the aforementioned categories. We thought it prudent to get a document from the MRCA that reflected the specific shifts. Shifts range from new costs for project management, construction; permitting fee reductions being reinvested; and/or some new permitting to be done for project modifications. There was a lengthy permitting process for the green street and with building the bird watching mound. Overall, the budget remains intact. No extra funding is required.

In order to clearly identify where the shifts were, and track new tasks, we propose to remove and replace Exhibit B (Attachment #3) from the grant, put in the new tasks reflecting the changes and the amounts where the line shifts occur. Resolution 14-08 (attached) requests to remove and replace the old budget with the new Exhibit B. The details are also in Attachment #2.

The Chair called for a motion to adopt Resolution 14-08. Member Cash made the motion, Member Boodnick seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – 9 ayes, 0 nays, Agenda Item 5 approved.

VI. Discussion and possible action on an amendment to the performance period for Hetzler Road Pedestrian Path at Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Agreement #BHC13003 with Culver City. – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill – This is one of our projects with the City of Culver City. It is the pedestrian path along Hetzler Road into the Scenic Overlook, and out to Jefferson Boulevard, connecting to Park to Playa. There were some delays in going out to bid. Once the bids were received, it was discovered that construction would likely occur during the rainy season in October. This posed a problem because of forecasts for an El Nino winter. A decision was made to recommend rescheduling construction so as not to face erosion due to rainfall. The schedule has shifted several months to avoid the rainy season. They will be proposing to start construction in April with a delivery date in late fall of 2015. The offer letter and extension to the schedule are attached. (*Attachment #2*)

Member Sap – Though we were disheartened with the news of the rain delay, we understand and are working with the City of Culver City to go forward. The residents are being understanding. Rangers are continuing to move people to the existing trail. The community and family popularity of the Scenic Overlook only emphasis the pedestrian path is necessary in moving the foot traffic off the road and onto the path.

The Chair called for a motion. Member Gorman made the motion, Member Boodnick seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – 9 ayes, 0 nays, Agenda Item 6 approved.

VII. Update on Park to Playa Trail Segments 4, 5, and 6 – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill provided an informative PowerPoint presentation. Slides covered:

Park to Playa – east to west/west to east - getting regional park users from the coast and Santa Monica Bay out to Baldwin Hills and ultimately to the Exposition line to downtown;

Making Connections - as discussed in the Baldwin Hills Master plan, from Stocker Corridor past Ruben Inglewood and Norman O. Houston Park, into the Kenneth Hahn where the trail is constructed, across the park and La Cieniga, into Baldwin Hills Recreation Conservation Authority (BHRCA) property, through the Scenic Overlook and out to the coast on Ballona Creek.

Entrances – planned and supported by the community through the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plans made in 2001 and 2002.

VIII. Discussion and possible action on BHC Officer Nominations in preparations for elections to be held at the December 5, 2014, board meeting – Starlett Quarles, Chair

Chair Quarles - Please see attached letter to the Governing Board dated October 24, 2014, re: Agenda Item 8 and Officer Nomination Procedures. The following board members requested to be recused: Member Jones, Member Dixon, and Member Guiney.

IX. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Project Status Update –

Norman O. Houston Park - The opening for Norman O. Houston Park was well-attended. We had members of the media (*article in the Culver City Newspaper,*) and community members too. The Houstons came out, and several other VIPs were in attendance. It was great to hear Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas speak, and to see many members of the community come to celebrate the park.

Milton Street Park – Construction is be conducted in the park portion and the green street is soon to follow.

Stoneview Nature Center – They have awarded the demolition abatement contract. Demolition began onsite on October 6th. They are set to award the design build contract on October 28, 2014.

Stocker Corridor – Bids will open November 4, 2014, and they are hoping to begin construction by 2015.

Hetzler Road – They will begin construction Spring of 2015.

LMU Study – Parklands User Survey recruited five to seven field workers that did go out and conduct the survey. The information is still coming in. Hopefully we will have the first findings in January.

USC Wildlife Surveys - They have completed 50 percent of the site surveys, trappings, and monitoring. They are setting up the camera equipment to watch animal movements within the park. Access to the land was granted, and they will be working in collaboration with the oilfield operator as they go onto the oilfield site.

Fiscal Update – We are on track and there are no anticipated budget issues.

[Please see Attachment #2 BHC Summary Expenditure Sheet by Fund, and Attachment #3 BHC Proposition 40 & Proposition 84 Bond Cash Funds; and Attachment #1 (10/24/2014) BHC Local Assistance/Capital Outlay Projects Status Report.]

X. Ad Hoc Committee Reports – Committee Chairs

N/A

XI. Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Voskanian – State Lands Commission had its Biannual Prevention Conference. We had approximately 540 registrants, great exhibits, and speakers. The mayor of Long Beach, and the HR Vice President of Chevron spoke. It was very successful.

Member Dupont Walker - Crenshaw/LAX line construction is ongoing. Please remember to frequent those businesses affected. The Metro Board has approved a Business Interruption Fund and Business Solutions Center.

Member SAP – We have been adding vehicle charging stations. We currently have ten in the Angeles District and are hoping to add ten more. (Two are in Baldwin Hills.)

Member Guiney - Encouraged everyone to be informed voters.

Next BHC Public Meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 05, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Approved:

Starlett Quarles
Chairman

Date:

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: December 5, 2014

Re: Item 4: Presentation on Pilot Study Findings - Baldwin Hills, Parklands User Survey - Loyola Marymount University, Center for Urban Resilience

Recommendation: Power Point Presentation by Center for Urban Resilience (see Attached #1)

Background: The Center for Urban Resilience team at Loyola Marymount University is comprised of Drs. Sheron Mark, Michele Romolini, John Dorsey and ten undergraduate research assistants. The team 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 LMU research staff recruited and trained ten LMU undergraduate research assistants for the survey with the goal of facilitating institutional participation and insight into local development and policy decisions being made in the region.

The research team organized the survey in the Parklands around various characteristics of visitor's park experience, as well as the value of the parks' outdoor recreational resources. The pilot study included the following six recreation sites across five jurisdictions: Culver City Park, Yvonne Braithwaite Burke Ball Field Complex Soccer Fields, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Norman Houston Park and the Ballona Creek Bike Path. During July and August, a pilot survey instrument was developed and reviewed collaboratively by the LMU, Baldwin Hills Conservancy Board of Directors and other stakeholders. The survey covered topics including how often people visited the parks, the size of their parties, their reasons for choosing a particular park, the accessibility of the park sites, activities done within the parks, user demographics, condition of visitors' health and wellness, and their awareness of the conditions and health of the local environment. Visitor counts were also conducted at strategic times and locations for the park sites.

The field work was launched in September, 2014. Data collection took place over the course of four weeks. A total of 236 surveys were collected across the six field sites. The LMU research team has just completed preliminary data analysis and is in the process of developing a final report of the pilot phase of this study. Today's presentation will provide an overview of the preliminary data as well as the challenges and opportunities identified during the pilot study implementation.

The Value of Urban Parklands: Report of Pilot Study Findings

**The Center for Urban Resilience (CUREs)
Loyola Marymount University**

Research Team:

**Sheron L. Mark, Ph.D.
Michele Romolini, Ph.D.
John Dorsey, Ph.D.
Eric Strauss, Ph.D.
Edward Hustleby
Bianka Bubic
Yoni Carnice**

**Kaynan Chong
Giovanni Douresseau
Laurel Hunt
Stephanie Kim
Christina Light
Angela Rabe
Sarah Roa
Nika Vafadari**

Purpose of the Study

- **Survey Baldwin Hills (BH) park visitors to assess:**
 - Various aspects of their park experience;
 - The quality of the outdoor recreational resources;
 - Their background and other social characteristics.
- **Assess park visitation rates.**
- **This research study is the first large-scale, field-based attendance survey and a multifaceted analysis of the park users' experiences in the Baldwin Hills parks system.**

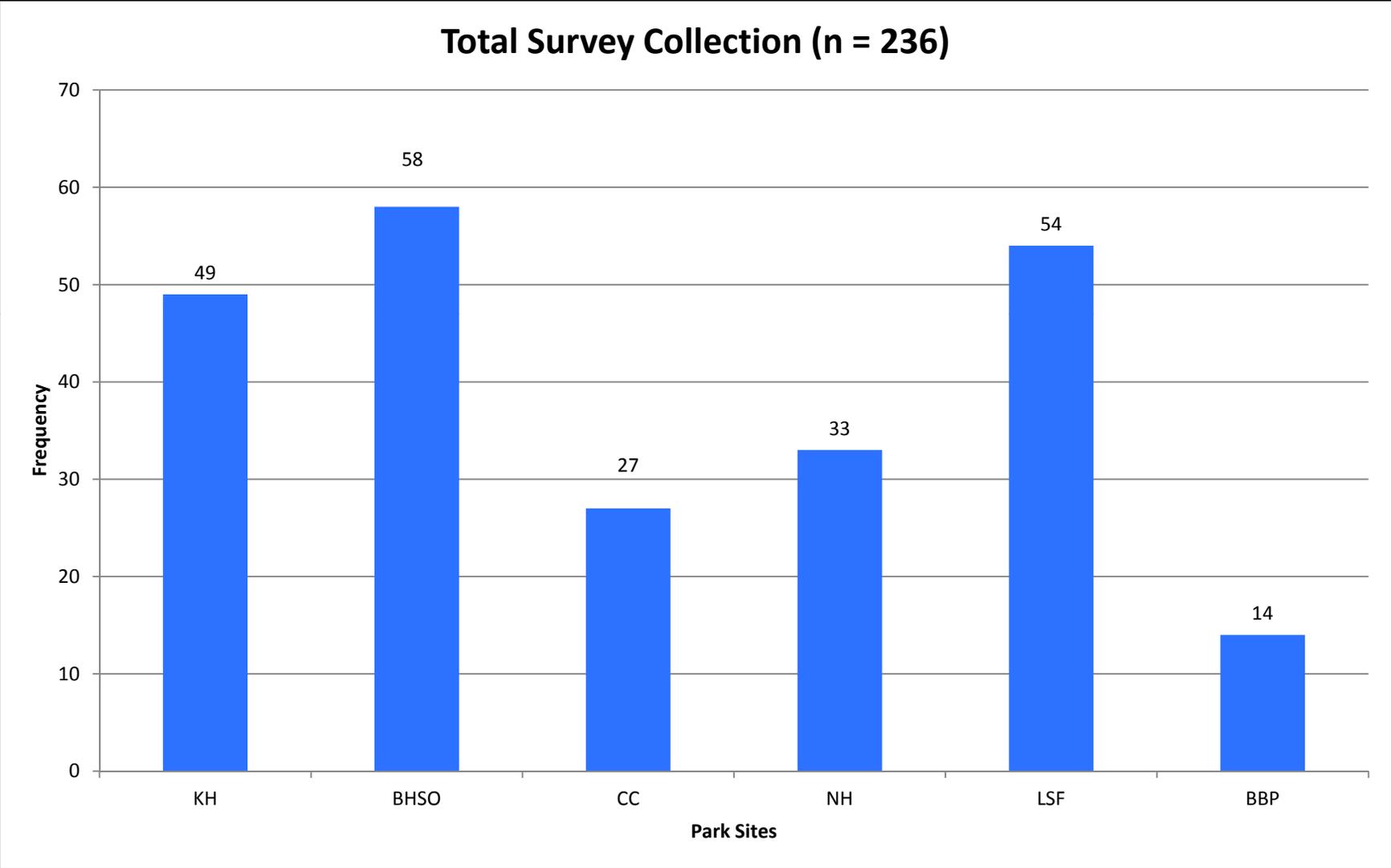
Review of Tasks Accomplished: July – November, 2014

- **Development of study design**
- **Pilot study survey tools development:**
 - Park Visitor Profile Instrument
 - Visitor Counts Instrument
- **Recruitment of undergraduate research assistants (URAs)**
- **LMU Institutional Review Board (IRB) training and approval for social scientific research with human participants**
- **Orientation and training for URAs**
- **Pilot Study Data Collection**
- **Derivation of Pilot Preliminary Study Findings**

Research Methods – Survey Data Collection

- **Pairs of URAs were assigned to one field site.**
- **Each pair aimed to collect twelve (12) to fifteen (15) surveys within each designated time frame:**
 - A weekday morning between 7am and 12pm
 - A weekday afternoon between 12pm and 7pm
 - A weekend morning between 7am and 12pm
 - A weekend afternoon between 12pm and 7pm
- **Data Collection Targets:**
 - Total # surveys for each research pair = 48 – 60
 - Total # surveys for the pilot study = 288 – 360

Survey Data Collection



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Research Methods – Visitor Counts

- Pairs of URAs conducted attendance counts in two (2) strategic locations in the park, i.e. highly populated.
- Visitation rates were determined from the samples collected.

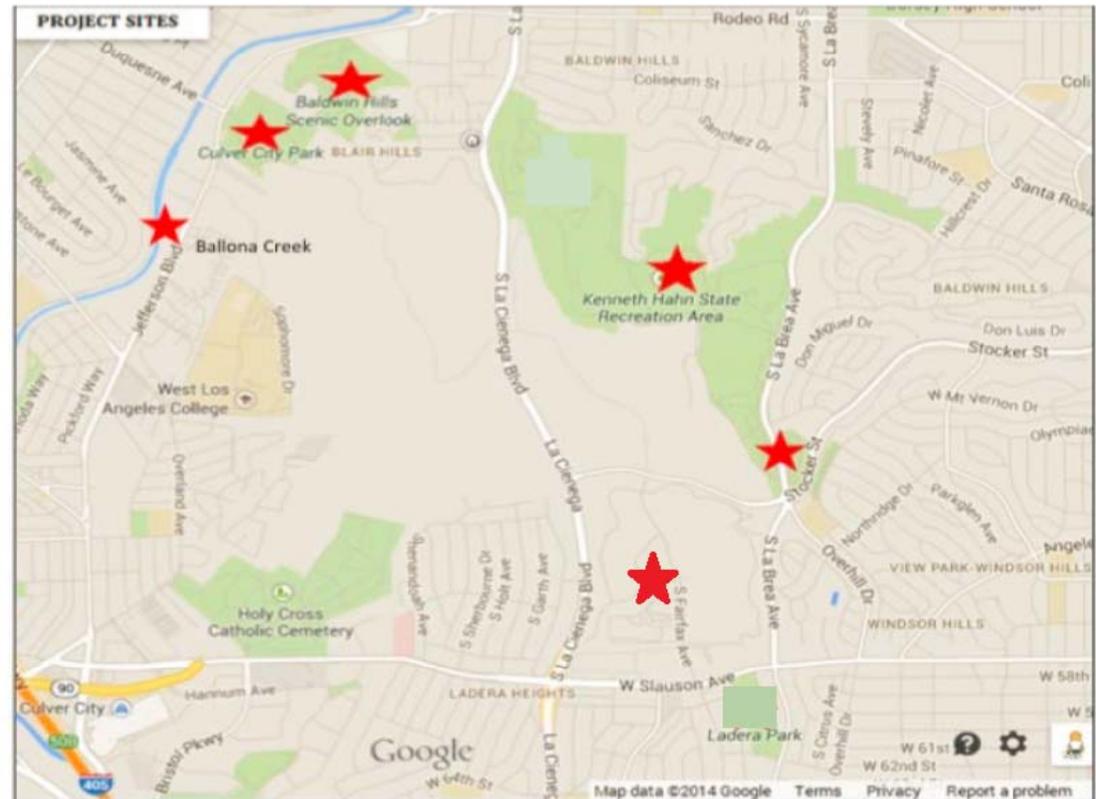
PILOT STUDY:	WEEKDAY				WEEKEND			
TIME								
User Counts	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6	Count 7	Count 8
How many unique visitors have passed your station during the last 15 minutes?								

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Research Methods – Geographic Focus

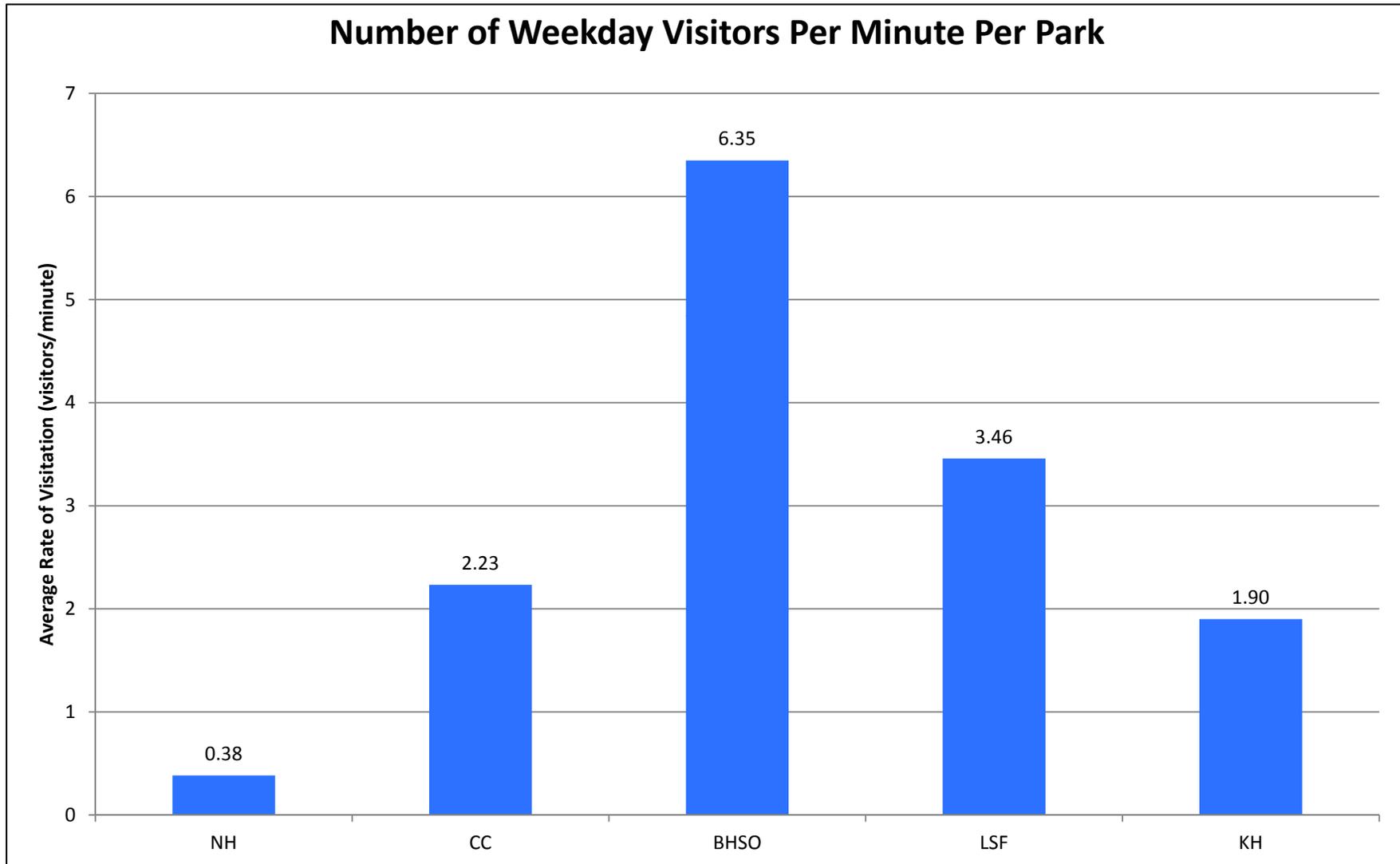
- **Five (5) urban parks:**
 - Culver City Park
 - Ladera Soccer Fields
 - Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook
 - Norman Houston Park
 - Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Park
- **One (1) riverway site:**
 - Ballona Creek Bike Path

**Baldwin Hills
PROJECT LOCATION (MAP)**



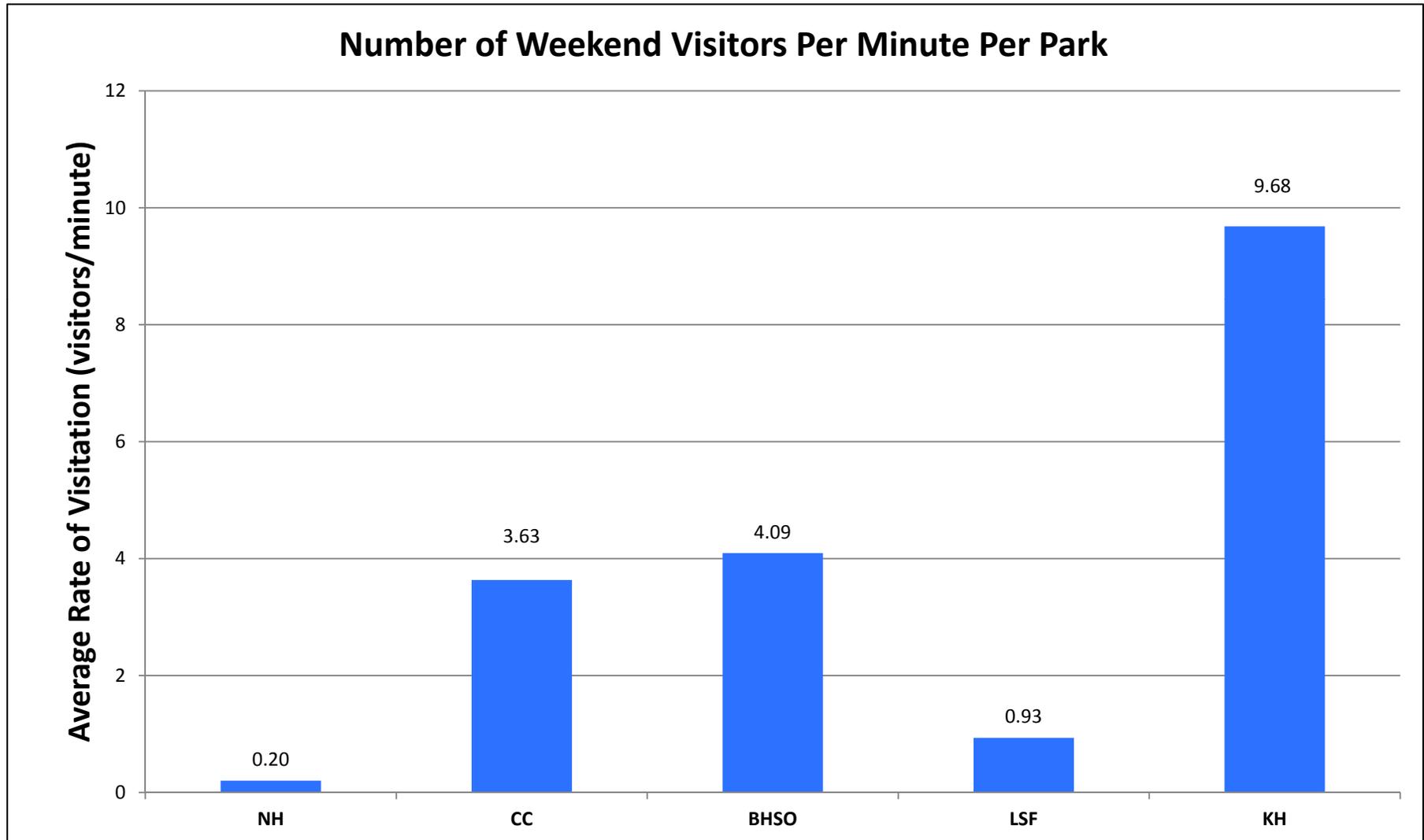
RESULTS

Park Visitation



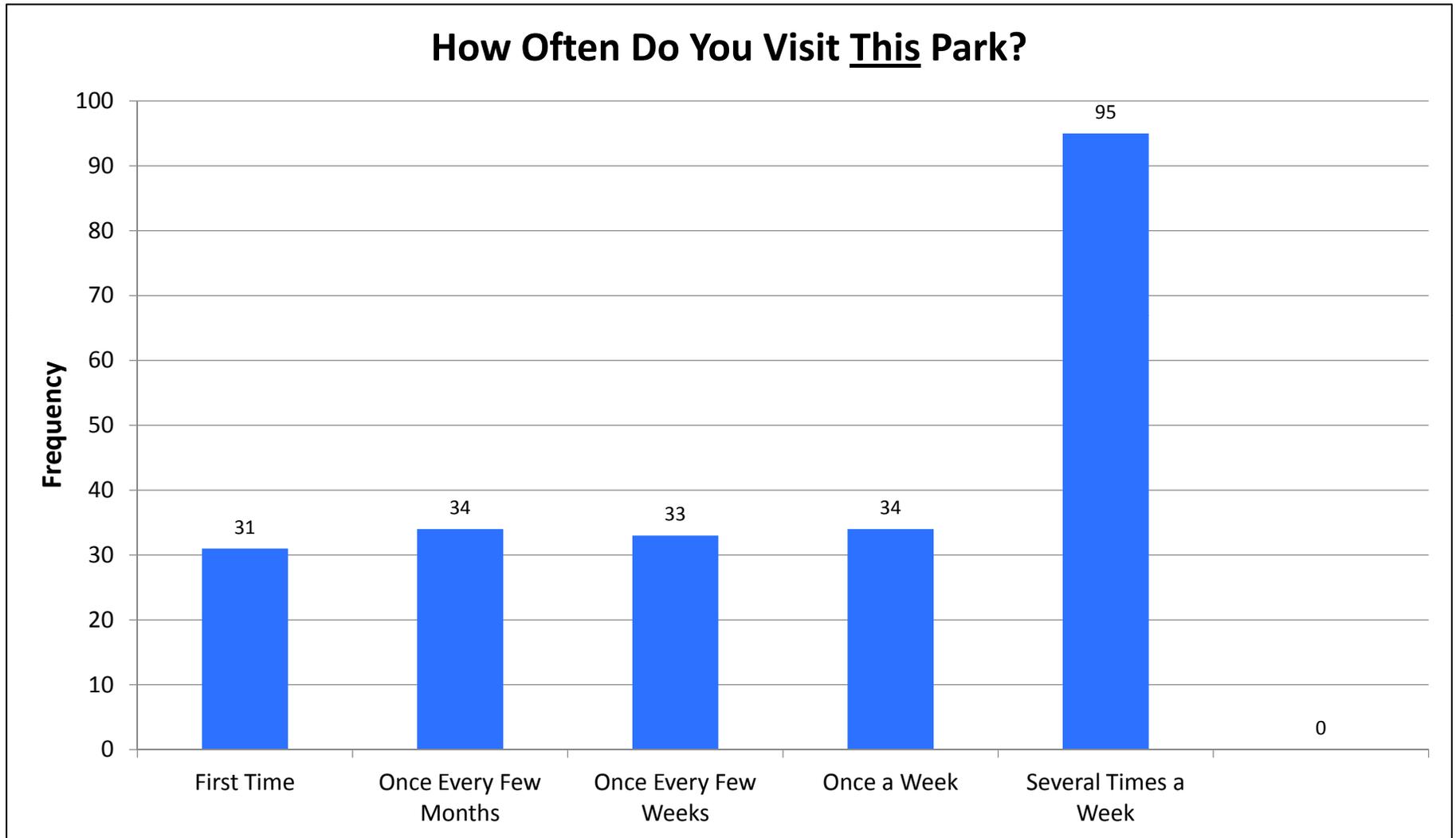
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Park Visitation



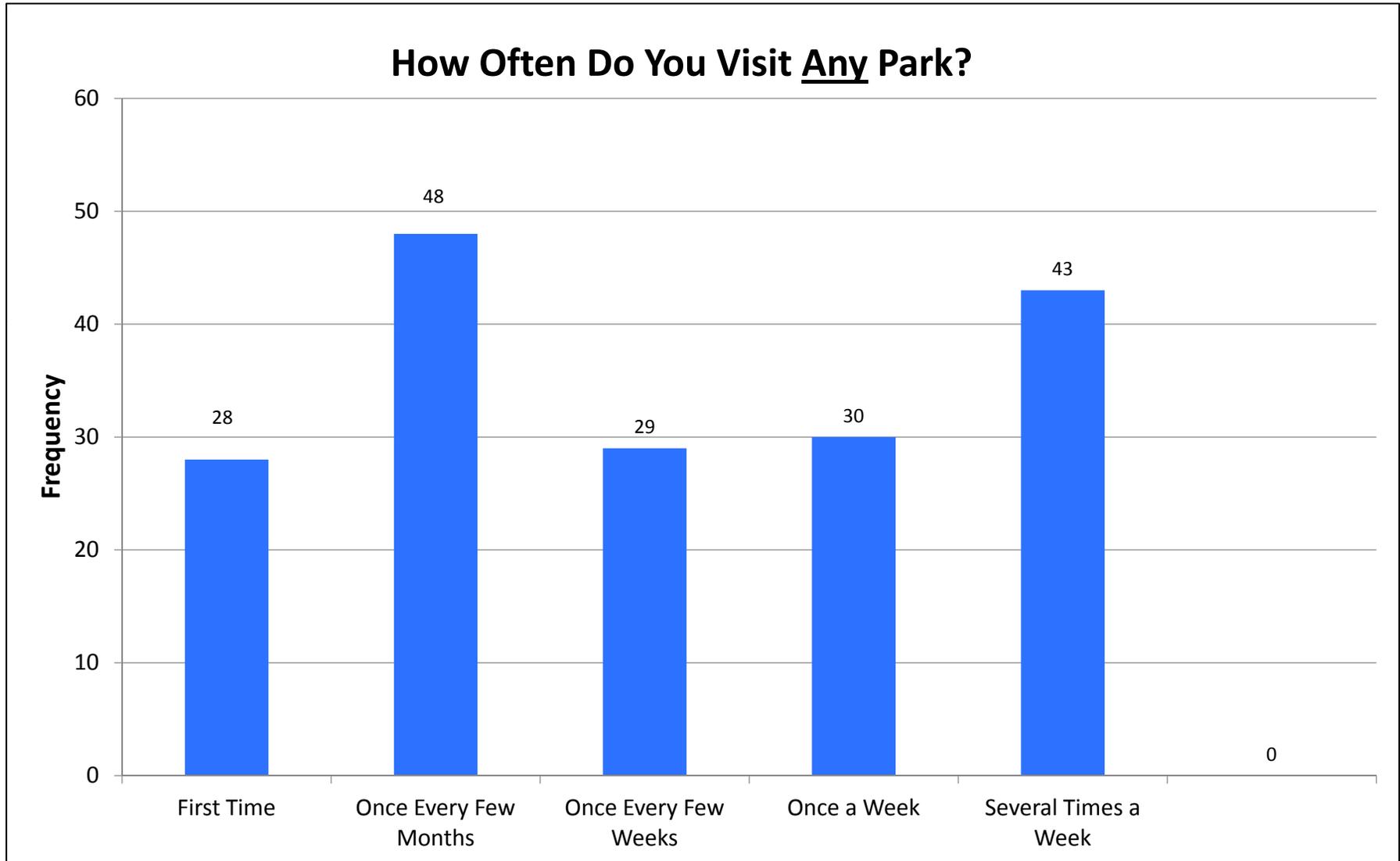
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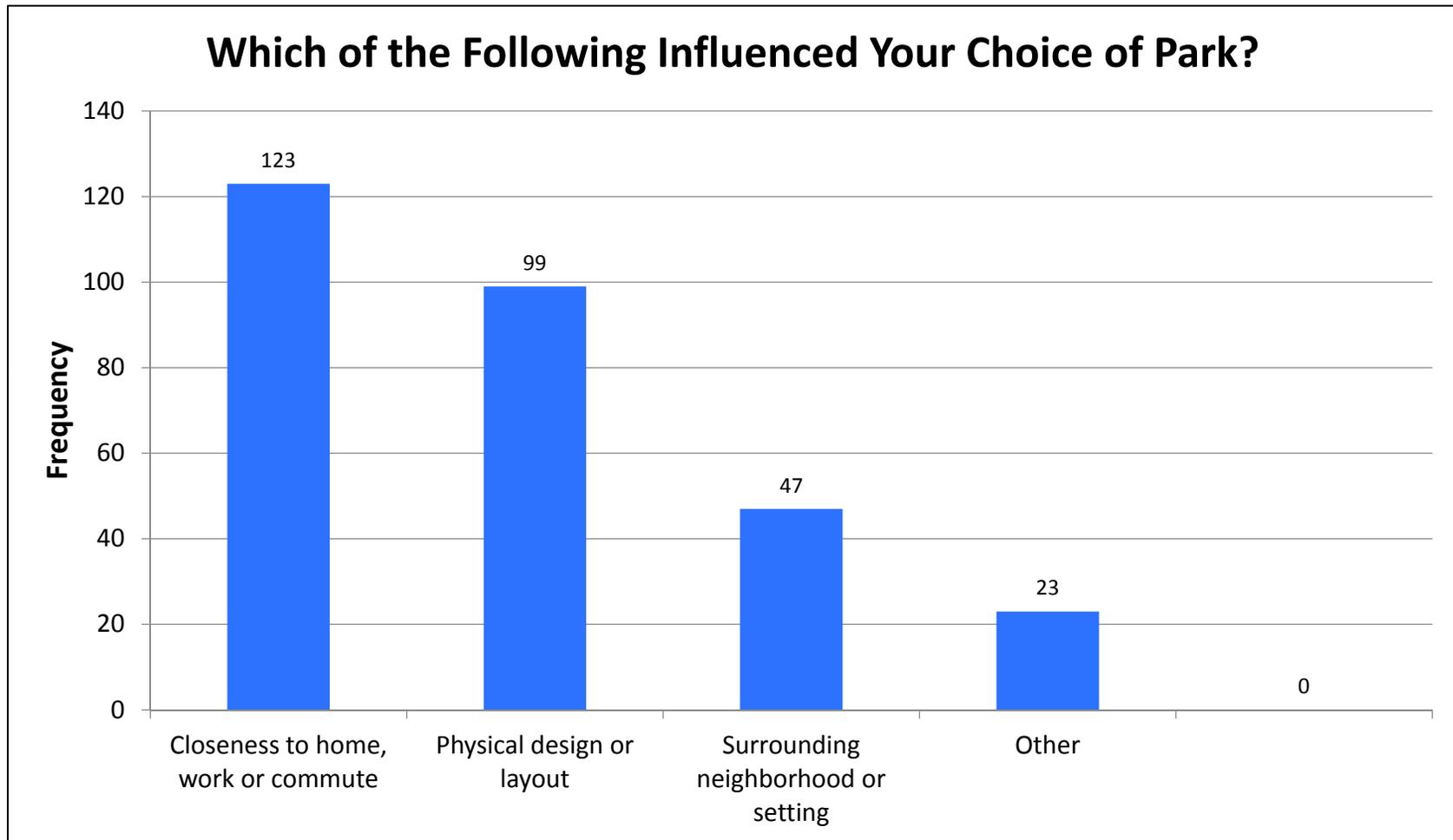
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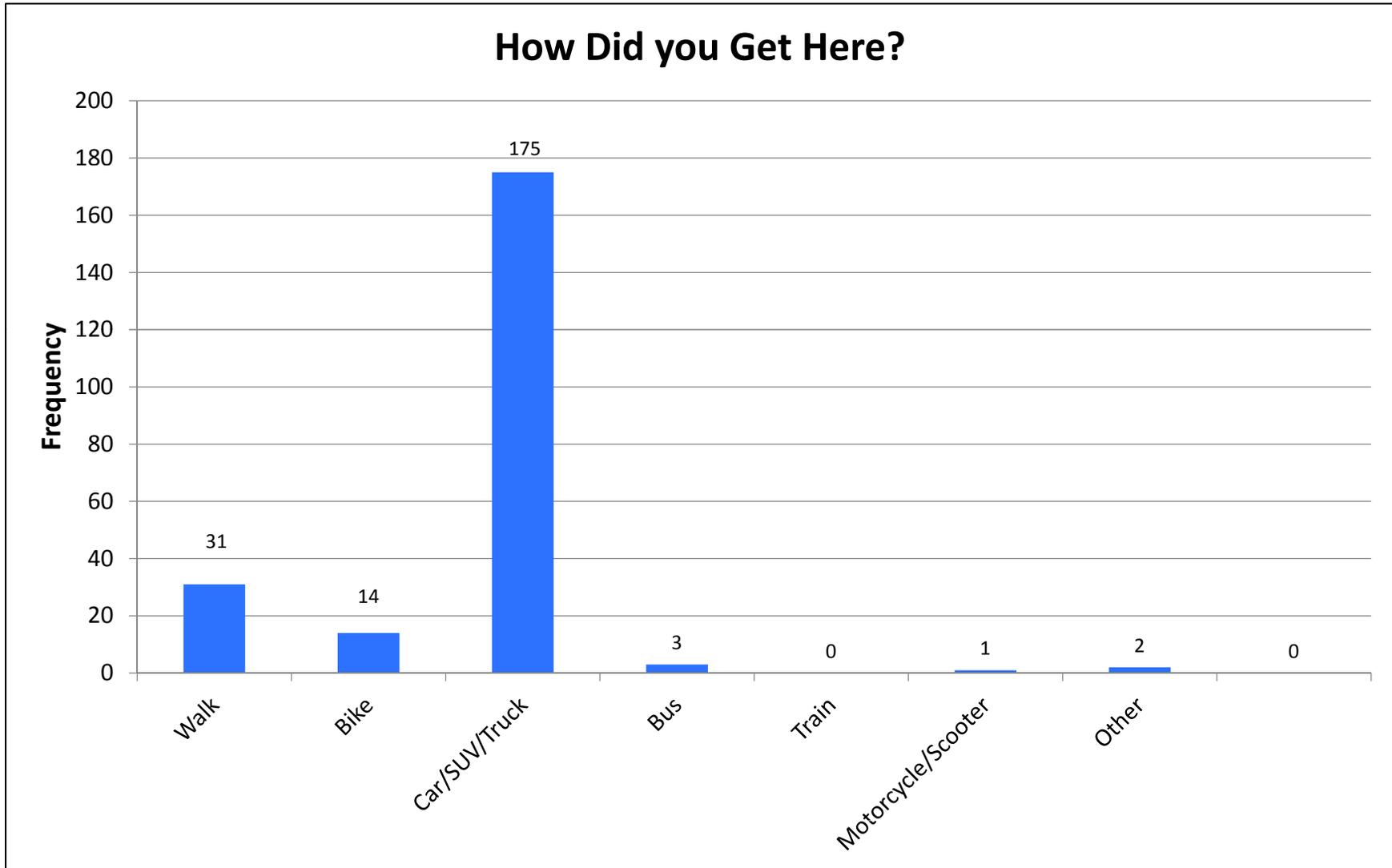
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Park Selection



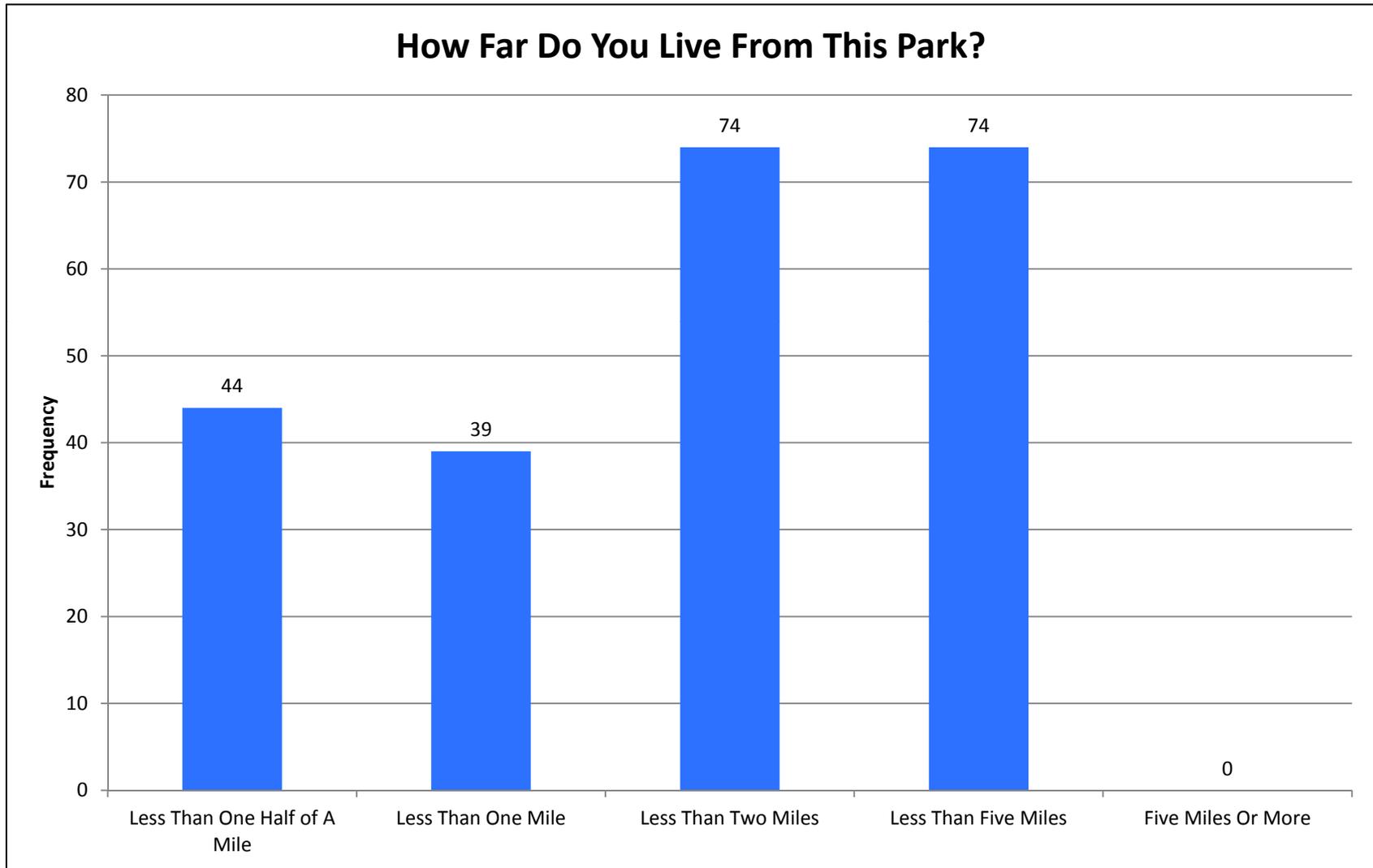
- The specific park chosen to visit was usually the park relative to where the visitor lived, worked, or commuted to.

Mode of Transportation



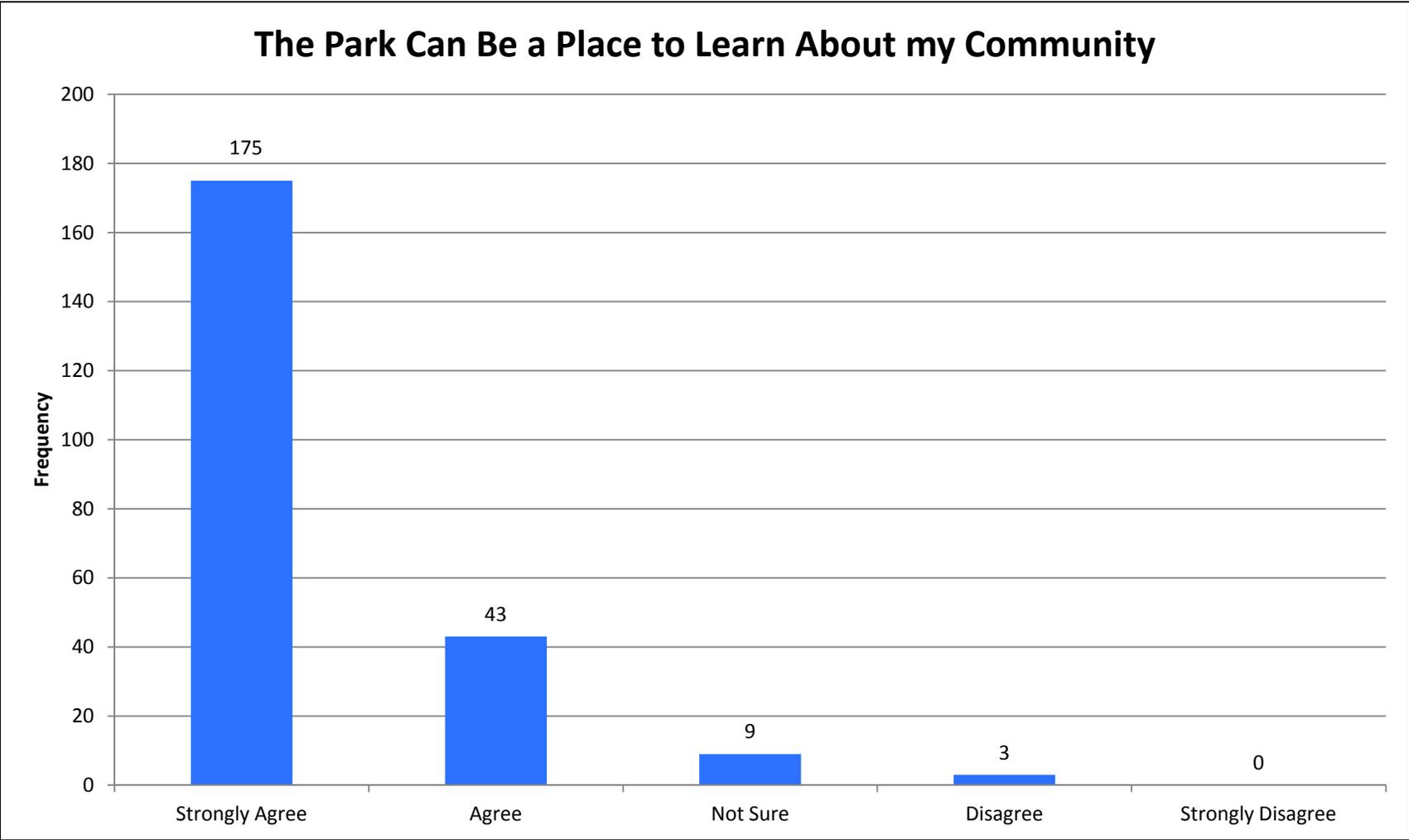
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Distance From Home



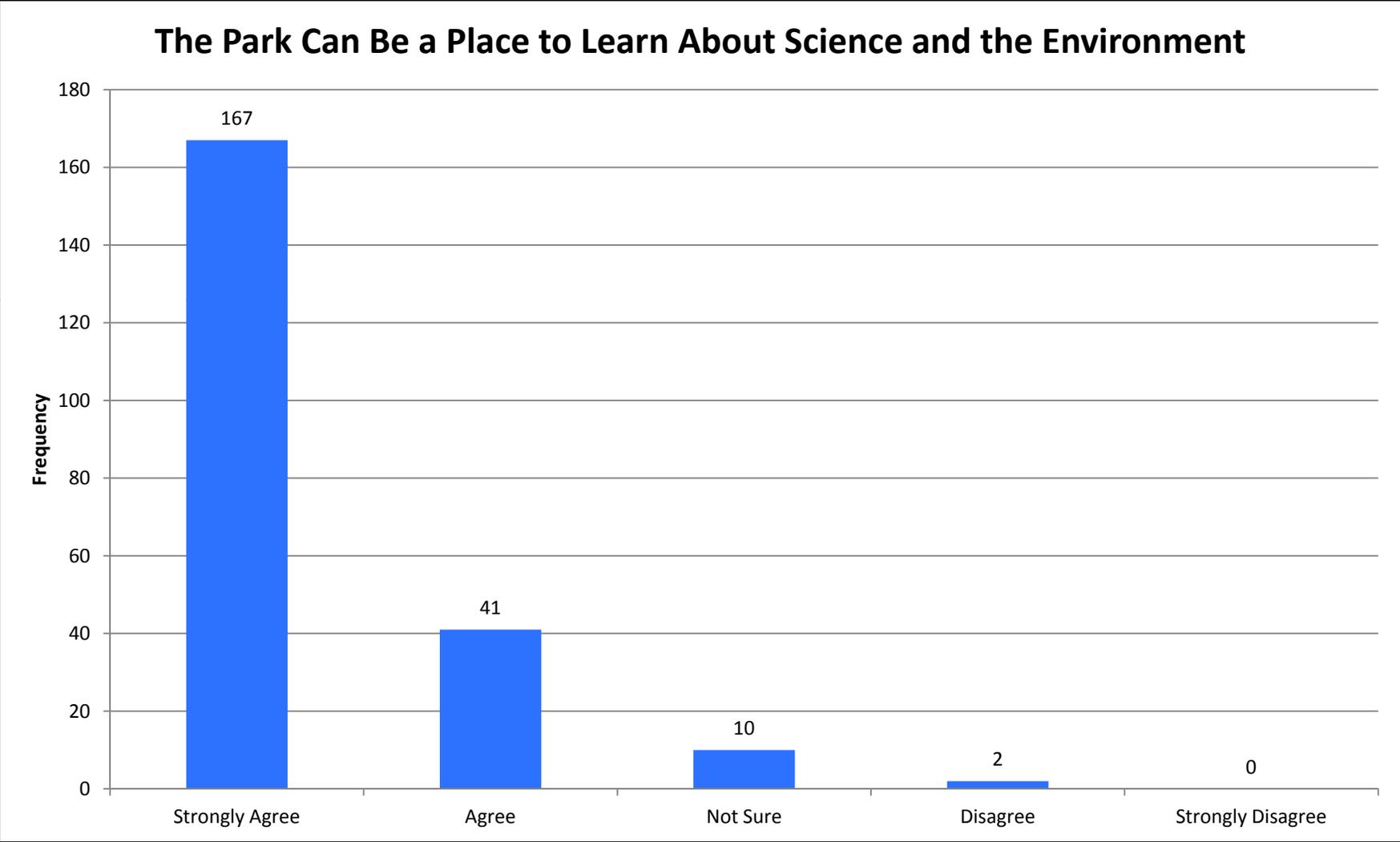
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Community Engagement



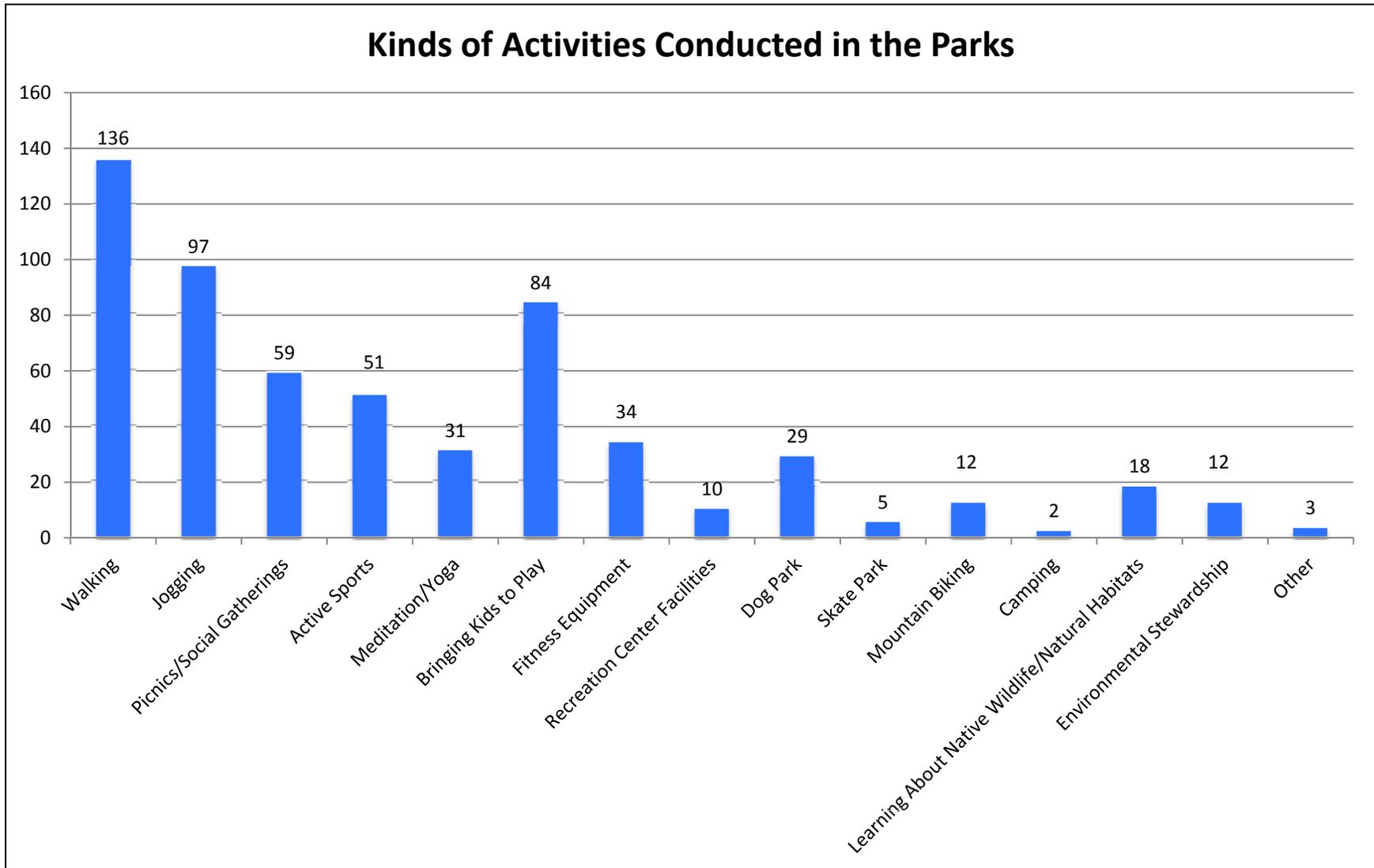
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Science and Environment Education



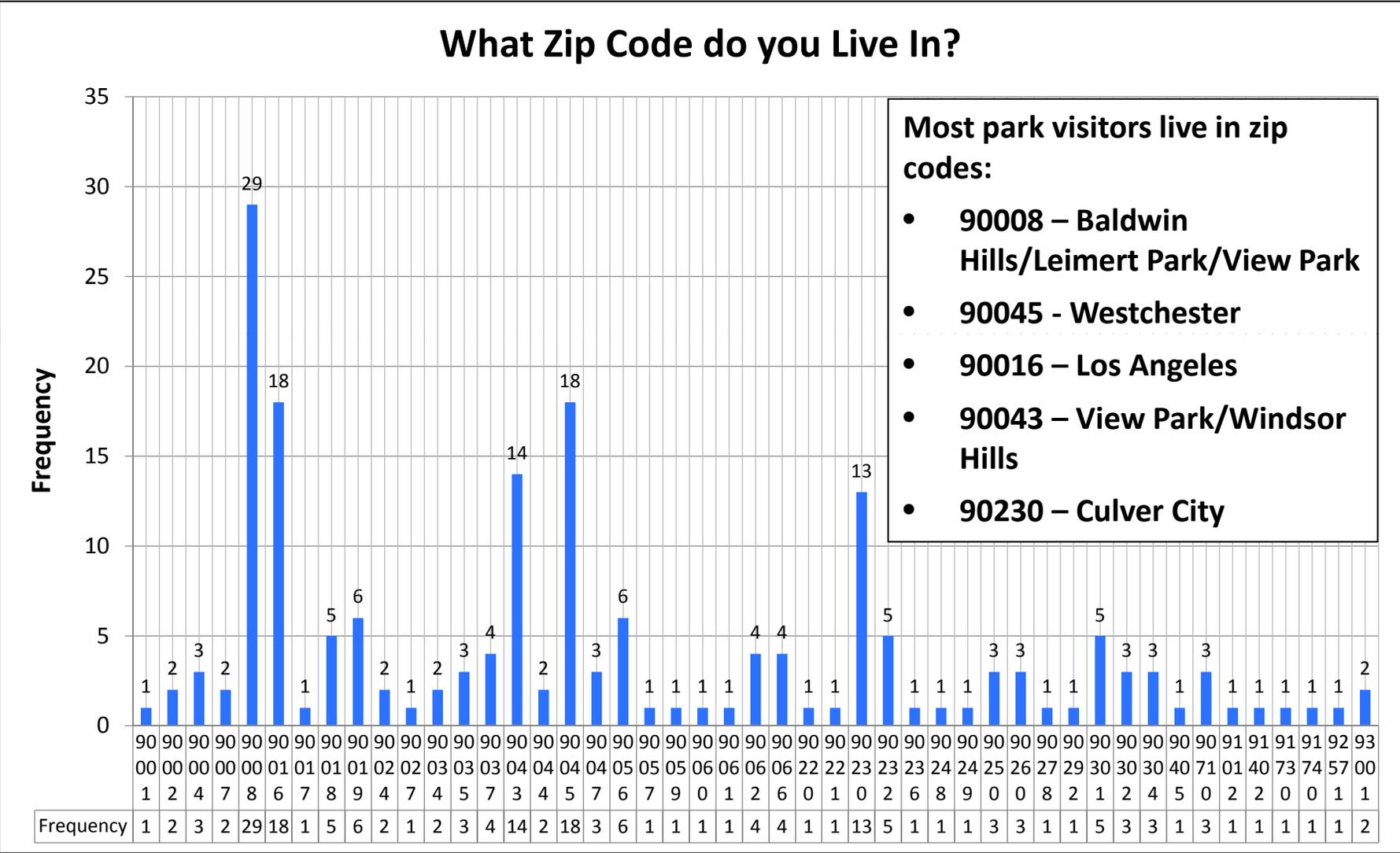
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Park Activities

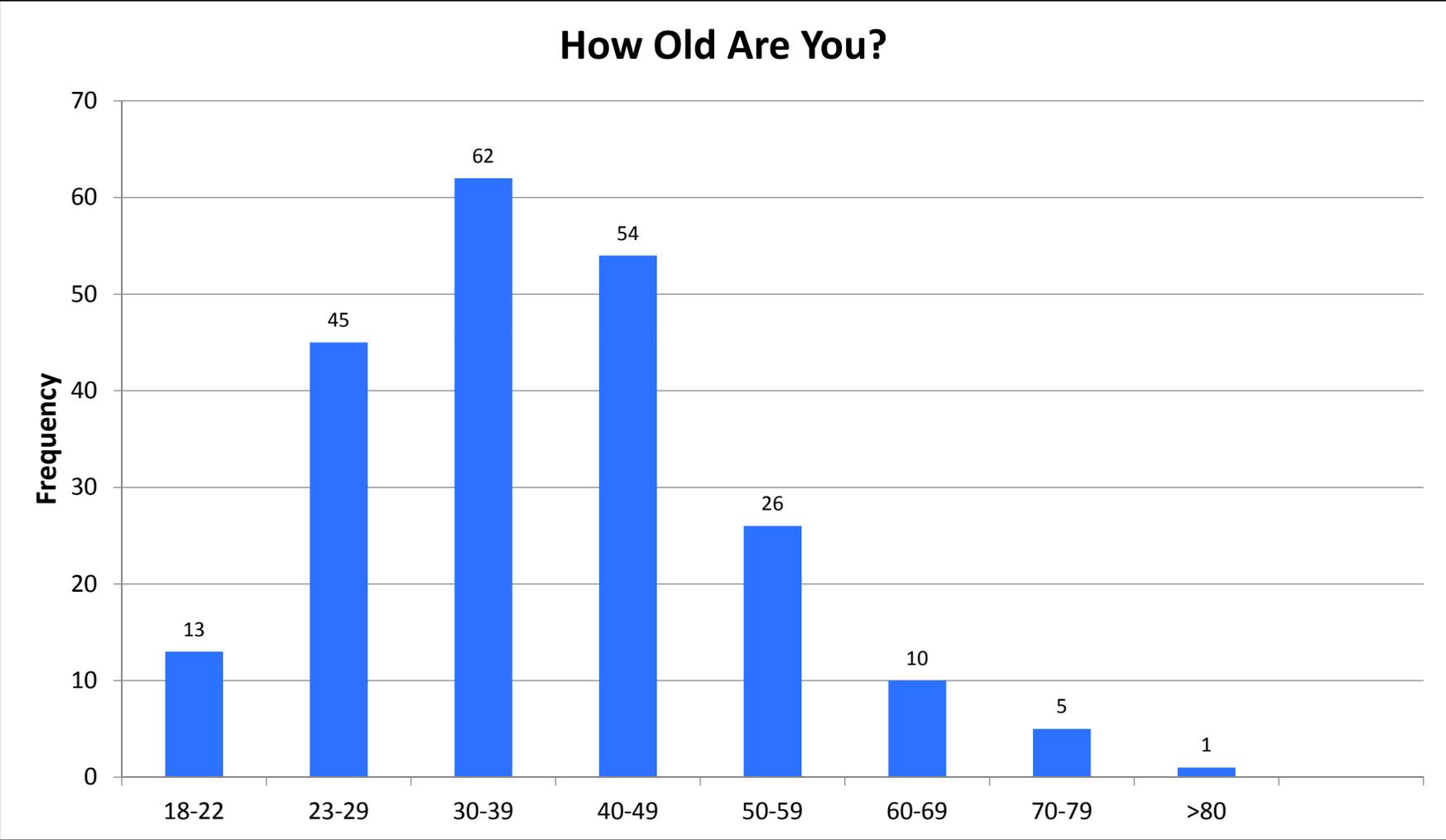


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Visitor Residence

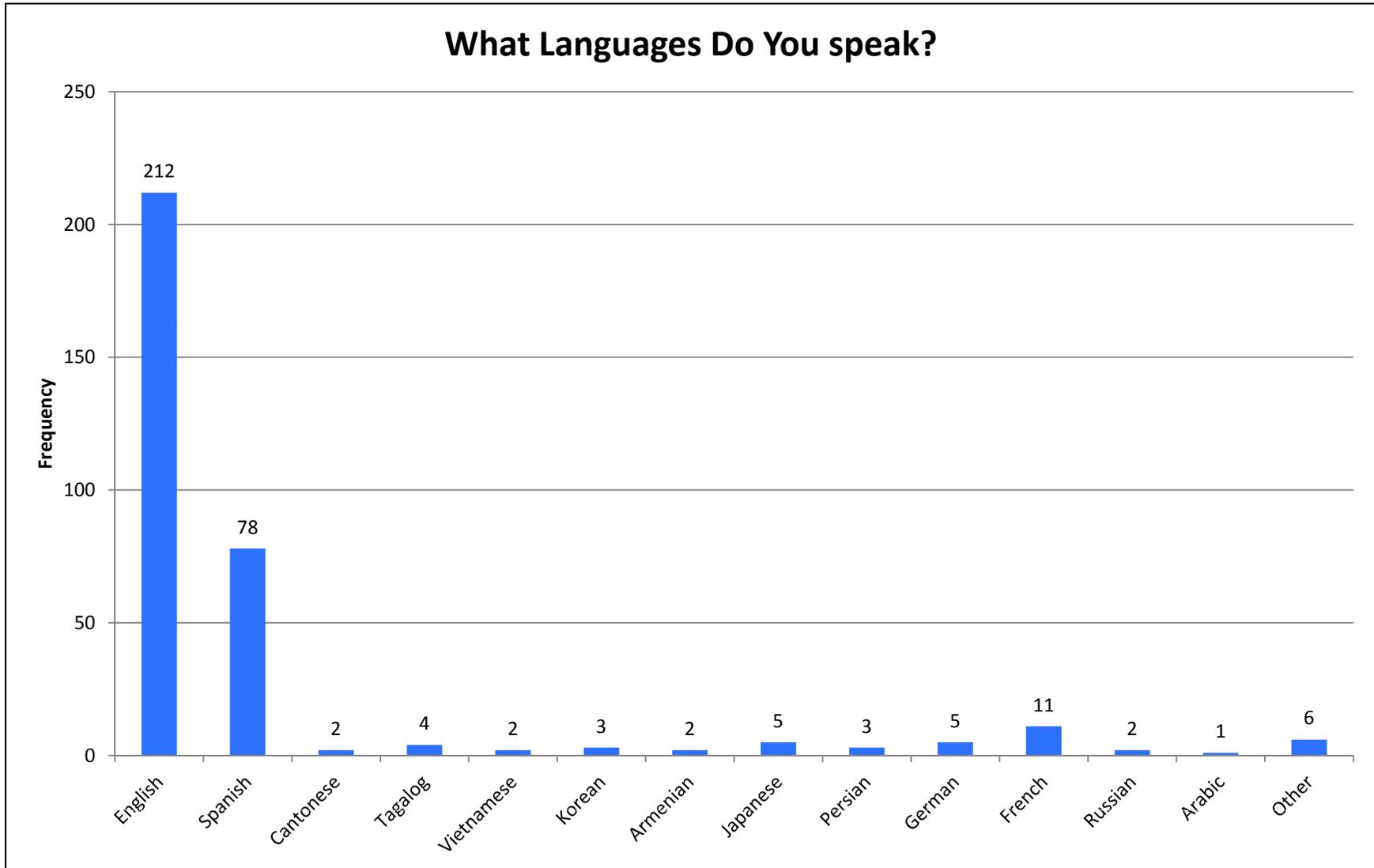


Visitor Age



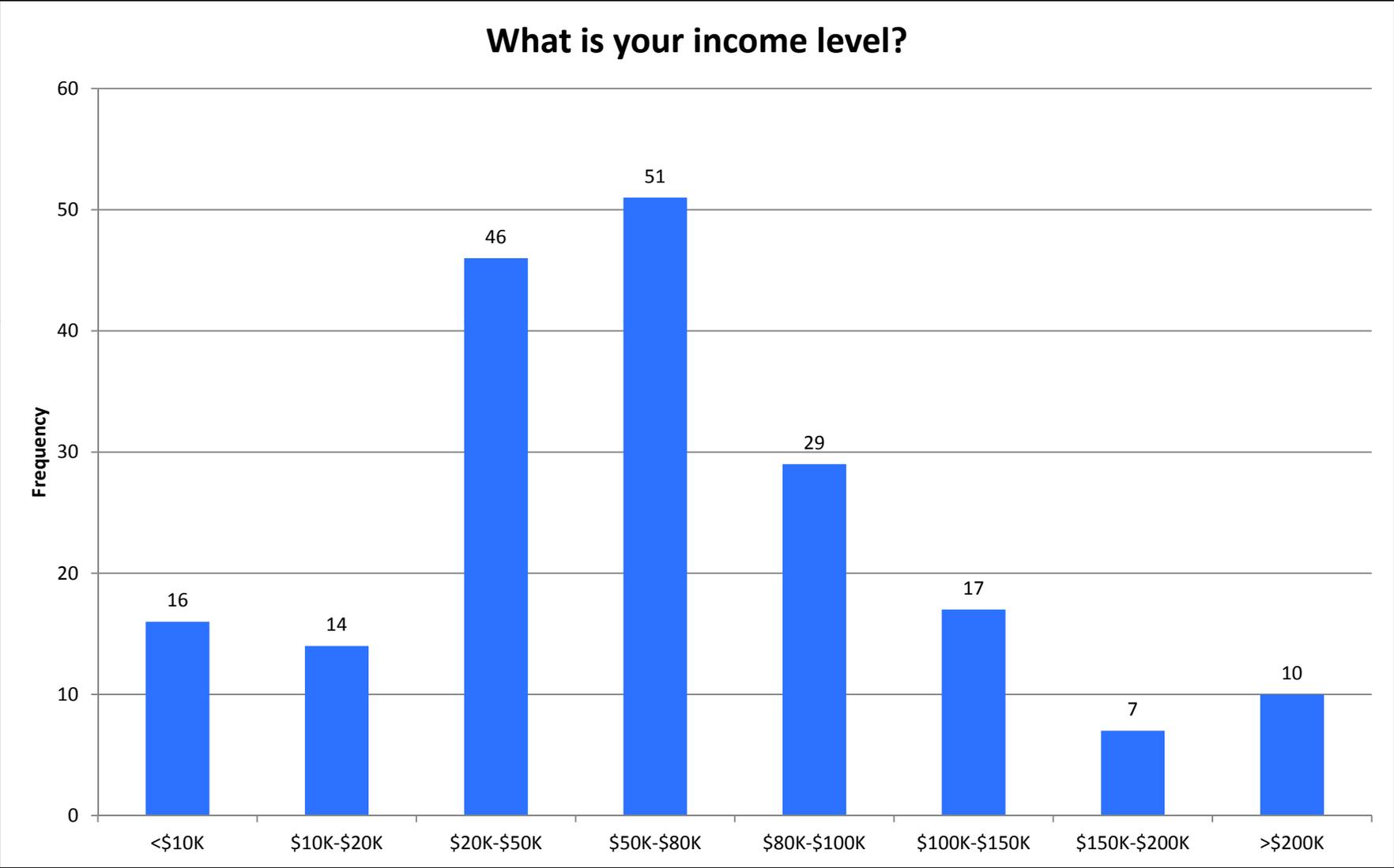
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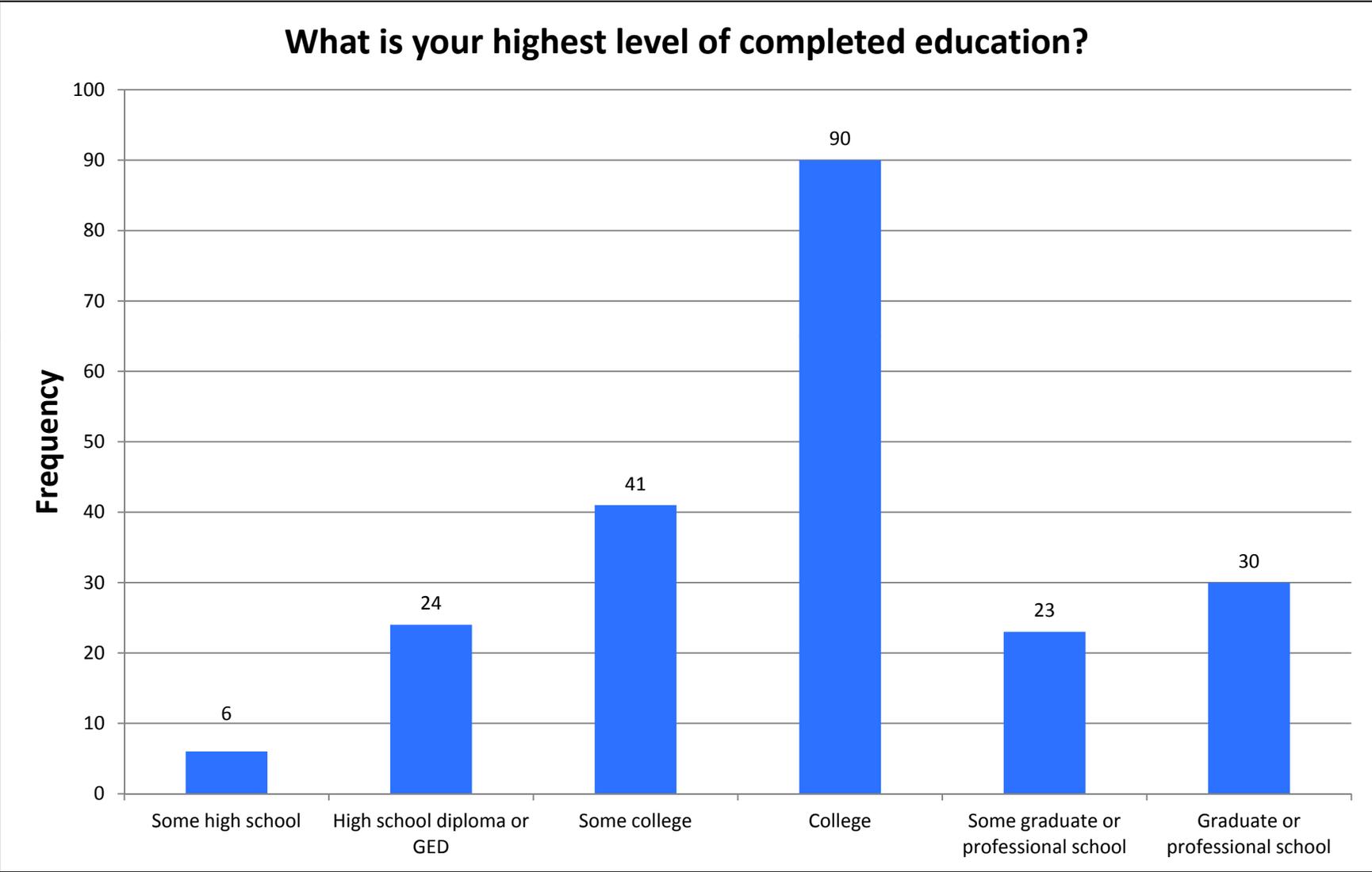
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Visitor Socioeconomic Background



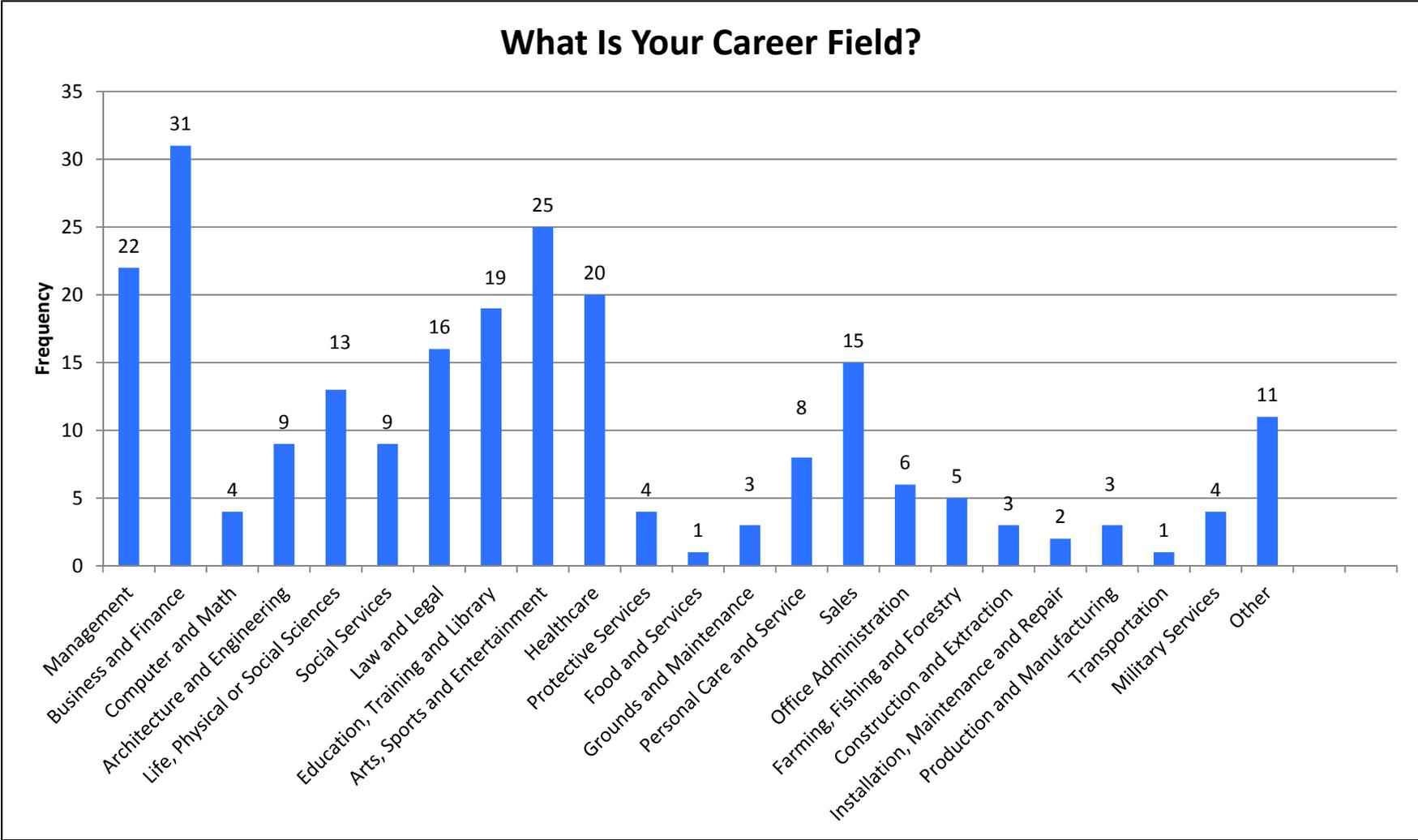
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Visitor Education Level



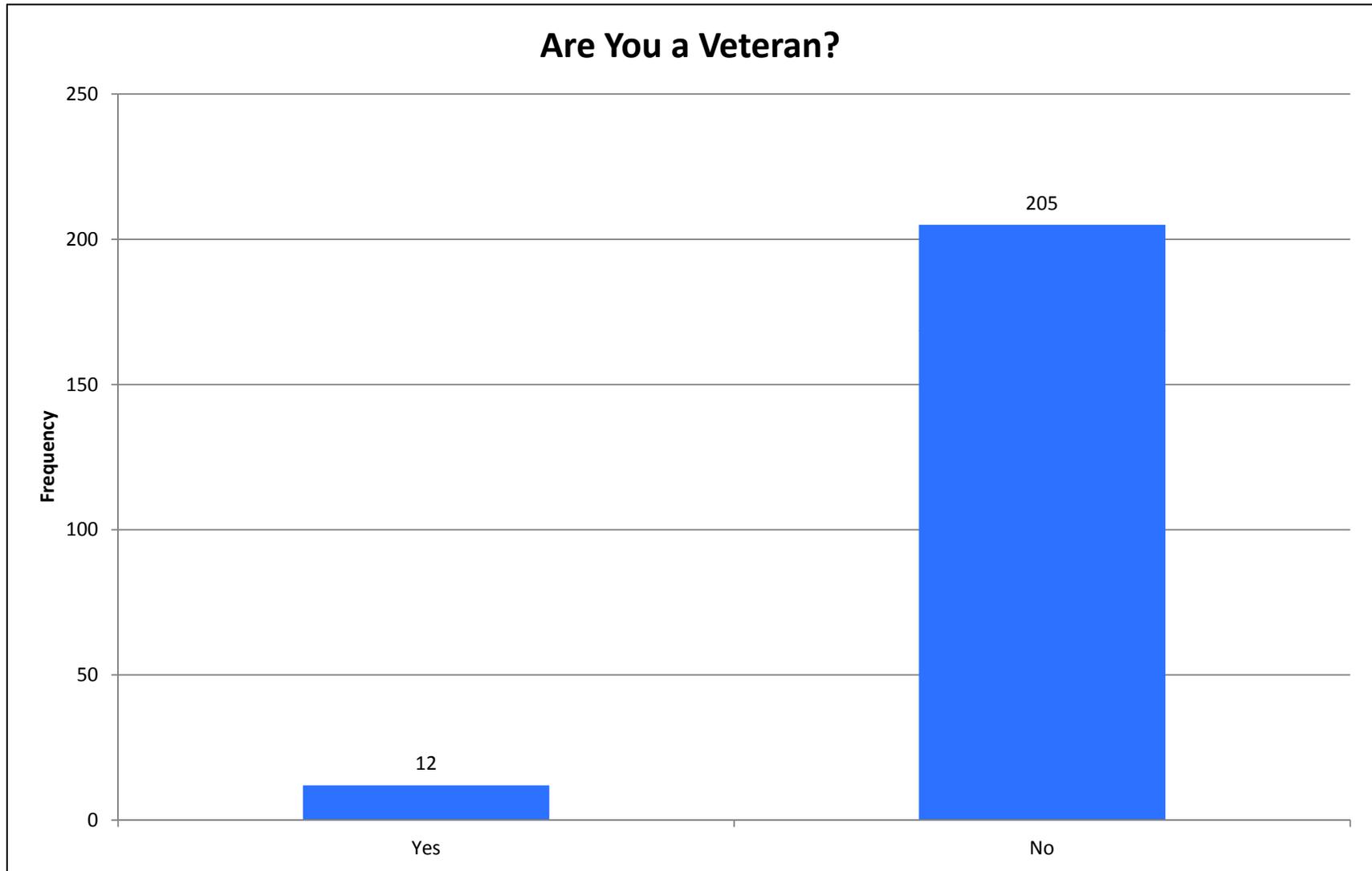
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Career Engagement



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Military Involvement



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Challenges

- **Ballona Creek Bike Path and Norman Houston Park were the most challenging**
 - Bike Path: less populated due to the nature of the design and usage of the site
 - Norman Houston: most people at park sought out individual time to work out, to relax, or to be undisturbed
- **Park visitors across all six sites were very hesitant to provide sensitive background information, particularly income and residence.**

Challenges

- **Due to an oversight, racial, ethnic and gender data have not been sufficiently collected.**
 - Immediately followed up with an electronic survey
 - Currently in the process of collecting that data from a subset of the population, but will capture this data in the comprehensive phase
- **Spanish versions of the survey were not designed to be used within the pilot study;**
 - However, these have been proven to be a necessary inclusion in the comprehensive study
- **Large amounts of paper-based materials were hard to handle and intimidated some potential participants**
 - Currently considering shifting towards electronic means of survey data collection
 - Will also eliminate additional time required for data entry and will potentially minimize errors in data entry

Future Work

- Expand the scope and scale of the survey assessment;
- Understand the significance of the BH park resources throughout its connected neighborhoods and communities (Los Angeles, Culver City and unincorporated county areas);
- Determine recommendations for land protection, restoration and development in the BH while continuing to protect habitat, wildlife, urban watersheds and coastal regions.

**Thank You For Your Time.
Questions?**

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Nominations Ad Hoc Committee, Chairman Allan Kingston

Date: December 5, 2015

Re: Item 5: Election of Board Officers pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558 of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act

Recommendation: Pursuant to the Ad Hoc Nomination Committee's recommendation, Members Jackie DuPont Walker and Marina Voskanian are hereby presented for election to the position of Vice Chair of the Conservancy for 2015.

Ms. DuPont Walker serves as an appointee under the Governor's Office. She has been a member of the Conservancy since September of 2012. Ms DuPont Walker has met the eligibility requirements through her work chairing the Ad Hoc Committee for Special Events. Her guidance and work on outreach, media and inter-governmental relations for the Baldwin Hills Dam – 50 Years Later Commemoration and Celebration demonstrated her immediate grasp of the agency's mission and how it intersects with her professional and political expertise.

Ms. Voskanian is an ex-officio statutory appointment under the State Lands Commission. She has been a member of the Conservancy since February of 2012. Ms. Voskanian has met the eligibility requirements through her work co-chairing the Ad Hoc Committee for Negotiations and investing many hours providing invaluable advice on land use compatibility as it relates to residential and open space interfacing with oil production.

Background: The BHC statute calls for the annual election of officers by the Governing Board. Officers must receive a majority vote from a quorum of the sitting members. Under the guidelines adopted by the Conservancy in 2004, the Nomination Committee provides a recommendation to the Board in advance of the election. The committee's recommendation does not preclude other eligible candidates from being nominated from the floor at the time of the election.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Executive Officer, David McNeill

Date: December 5, 2014

Re: Item 6: Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule

Recommendation: Review and adopt the calendar of proposed meeting dates for 2015 (attachment #1)

2015

Dates to Remember:

- Jan 01: New Year's Day
- Jan 16: Public Board Meeting**
- Jan 19: M Luther King Day
- Feb 14: Valentine's Day
- Feb 16: Presidents' Day
- Feb 27: Public Board Meeting**
- Apr 03: Good Friday
- Apr 05: Easter Sunday
- Apr 10: Public Board Meeting**
- May 10: Mother's Day
- May 22: Public Board Meeting**
- May 25: Memorial Day
- Jun 21: Father's Day
- Jul 04: Independence Day
- Jul 31: Public Board Meeting**
- Sep 07: Labor Day
- Sep 11: Public Board Meeting**
- Oct 12: Columbus Day
- Oct 31: Halloween
- Oct 23: Public Board Meeting**
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 04: Public Board Meeting**
- Dec 25: Christmas Day

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill, Executive Officer

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Re: Item 7: Executive Officer Report

Projects Status Report

Please see the updated BHC Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report (attachment #1).

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 four (4) of the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Legislative Update

Please see Water Bond (Prop 1) Implementation Talking Points provided by the Natural Resources Agency (attachment #4).

Pursuant to the 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. Staff's proposed roll out plan will take place on a tentative timeline beginning with the development of grant guidelines during January and February 2015. Draft guidelines will be provided to the BHC Board for consideration at the February 27th public meeting. Three public meetings to consider comments on the draft guidelines will be conducted at the state level during March and April. Once a publically vetted version of the draft guidelines is finalized, it will be provided to the Natural Resources Agency for review. Subsequently, final guidelines will be considered for adoption by the BHC Board at the May or July meeting.

Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report
12/5/14

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	PROJECT STATUS
City of Los Angeles	Outdoor Improvements at Norman O. Houston Park (Phase II)	BHC11002	Prop 40	\$1,800,000	Project open since 9/19/14; final project acceptance expected in December; Project close-out is in-process.
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	Construction on the park continues; expected Project completion May 2015
Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks & Recreation	Stoneview Nature Center	BHC12002	Prop 40	\$5,000,000	BOS approved design-build contract Oct.25; construction to begin this Winter.
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Park to Playa Trail - Stocker Corridor Section	BHC12005	Prop 40	\$1,030,000	MRCA to award construction contract in in early 2015; Project completion expected Winter 2015.
City of Culver City	Hetzler Road Pedestrian Path at BHSO	BHC13002	Prop 84	\$791,000	Construction postponed to Spring 2015 due to potential complications rainy season; expected Project completion Fall 2015.

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	PROJECT STATUS
University of California (USC)	Baldwin Hills Biota Update	BHC13003	Prop 84	\$140,794	Wildlife cameras and traps have been deployed at KHSRA and BHSO. Data collected with identify feeding rituals and migration patterns within the parklands.
Loyola Marymount University (LMU)	Parklands User Survey Study	BHC14000	Prop 84	\$236,042	Final data report for Pilot survey (Aug.-Sep.) expected Jan. 2015; Questions will be revised surveying will begin again the the first quarter of 2015.

Baldwin Hills
2013/14 Summary Sheet by Fund

<u>As of 10/31/2014</u>	<u>PCA #</u>	<u>Remaining</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>EXP + ENC</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>Encumber</u> <u>by</u>	<u>Liquidate</u> <u>by</u>
ELPF - #0140, Support						
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-001-0140	10001	\$ 373,000.00	\$ 139,461.59	\$ 233,538.41	06/30/15	06/30/17
Prop 40 - #6029, Support						
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	10005	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 31,769.22	\$ 83,230.78	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				\$ 233,538.41		
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		

BOND CASH FUNDS

2010 SPRING BAB SALE		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
PROP 40:	*	\$579,277.00	579,277.00	\$0.00
PROP 84:	*	\$829,272.44	829,272.44	\$0.00
2010 DECEMBER BAB SALE				
PROP 40:	*	\$603,452.18	380,954.00	\$222,498.18
PROP 84:	*	\$193,760.00	0.00	\$193,760.00
2010 DECEMBER TE SALE				
PROP 40:	*	\$60,547.82	0.00	\$60,547.82
2010 SPRING TE SALE				
PROP 40:	*	\$2,815,869.68	2,126,708.49	\$689,161.19
PROP 84:	*	\$1,095,534.16	Transfer Adjusments	\$0.00
2009 OCTOBER TE SALE				
PROP 40:	*	\$782,332.87	778,504.22	\$3,828.65
PROP 84:	*	\$188,122.75	80,809.19	\$107,313.56
2009 MARCH SALE				
PROP 40:		\$901,961.01	901,961.01	\$0.00

**Proposition 1
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014
Natural Resources Agency Talking Points**

- **Summary:** Proposition 1 is a general obligation bond in the amount of \$7.545 billion. It includes funding for ecosystems and watershed protection and restoration, water supply infrastructure projects, including surface and groundwater storage, and drinking water protection.

Background

- **Preparing for the future:** California, a state of 38 million people, is the eighth largest economy in the world. With a population expected to reach 50 million by 2049, we need to plan for the reliability, restoration and resilience of California's water supplies.
- **California Water Action Plan:** The bond will aid in further implementation of the California Water Action Plan and the ten core principles in that plan. The California Water Action Plan was a multi-agency effort guided by input from scientists, engineers, policy experts and feedback from the public that was released in January 2014. It lays out a five year roadmap to put California on a path to sustainable water management.
- **Repurposing existing bond funds:** The bond includes \$7.12 billion in new debt, plus the repurposing of existing, unspent bond funds of \$425 million for a total of \$7.545 billion. None of the repurposed bond funds would be taken from existing projects.
- **Funding areas:** The bond would allocate \$2.7 billion for future water storage projects, \$520 million for safe drinking water, \$1.495 billion for environmental restoration, \$810 million for more effective water management, \$725 million for water recycling, \$900 million for cleaning up and maintaining groundwater and \$395 million for flood management.
- **Funding process:** Projects will be funded through transparent, competitive processes and many will require matching funds from recipients.
- **Audits and reviews:** The bond includes annual audits and reviews by the California State Legislature, the State Controller and the Department of Finance with all findings made publicly available.
- **Fiscal impact:** The water bond would allow the state to borrow \$7.12 billion by selling general obligation bonds to investors. The amount needed to pay the principal and interest on these bonds, also known as the debt service, would depend on the timing and conditions of their sales. We assume an interest rate of just over five percent, that the bonds would be issued over a 10-year period, and that the bonds would be repaid over 30 years. Based on these assumptions, the estimated average annual General Fund cost would be about \$360 million over 40 years.
- **Local government impacts:** Could result in local savings for water-related projects likely averaging a couple hundred million dollars annually over the next few decades. Furthermore, the water bond incentivizes and frees up financial capacity for needed local investment in water resources management.

- **Legislative support:** AB 1471 (Rendon) passed through both the Senate and Assembly with substantial majorities and was supported by environmental, agricultural and business organizations. The legislation passed the Senate 37-0 and the Assembly 77-2.
- **Building on existing investments:** The bond would allow the state to build on existing investments made through past bond measures. Over the past two decades, more than \$15 billion in state investment for water management and environmental restoration has helped leverage billions of dollars in federal and local investments for projects around the state.

Implementation

- **Water bond funds will be part of the Governor's January 10 budget.** The water bond implementation will be part of the larger effort to build the Governor's January 10 budget. The agencies, departments, conservancies and boards that have been allocated bond funds will work with the Department of Finance through the normal budget process and use the California Water Action Plan as a long-term guide for expenditure priorities.
- **Planning and coordination for water bond implementation has already begun.** Since passage of the water bond was a possibility, some of the planning and coordination for water bond implementation has already begun, in particular through the California Water Commission (CWC). The CWC will determine criteria for funding water storage projects over the next 18 to 24 months.
- **The water bond has many provisions that ensure public process and transparency.** The water bond requires that the creation of grant guidelines is a transparent and public process. Prior to disbursing grants or loans pursuant to the bond measure, each state agency that administers a competitive grant or loan program must develop and adopt project solicitation and evaluation guidelines. Additionally, before disbursing grants or loans, at least three public meetings are required throughout the state to consider public comments prior to finalizing the guidelines. Also, the draft solicitation and evaluation guidelines are required to be posted on the website of the issuing state entity at least 30 days before the public meetings.
- **Bond Accountability Website.** For two of the past bonds (Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E), a centralized database has been used to store information on all bond programs and projects. This information is reported to the public via the bond accountability website, which posts information about how bond funds are spent and details about funded projects, and provides allocation balances twice-yearly. Proposition 1 information will be added soon to the website. For more information please visit <http://bondaccountability.resources.ca.gov>.
- **Public notice of all grant guidelines on Natural Resources Agency website.** All guidelines will be reviewed by the Secretary for Natural Resources and all guidelines will be posted to an agency website.
- **Process for determining possible water storage projects.** The California Water Commission will develop and adopt, by regulation, methods for the quantification and management of public benefits associated with eligible water storage projects. The work plan, schedule and process for the development of these regulations will be available in the near future. There will be many ways for the public and stakeholders to participate and

share ideas regarding the future of water storage in California with the commission. For more information please visit: <https://cwc.ca.gov/Pages/PublicBenefits1.aspx>.

Additional Background

- **Drought:** The drought and drought response continues to be a top priority for the Brown Administration. As the administration works on emergency actions to manage through this crisis, it is also taking proactive, long-term steps to prepare California for future droughts and flood.
- **Sources of water in California:** The majority of California's water comes from the rivers in Northern California and snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Therefore, the ability to capture water and transport water to parts of the state that receive less precipitation is important.
- **Groundwater:** Water made available underground makes up roughly a third of the state's water use during average years, and in dry years, such as 2014, groundwater is more heavily relied on, accounting for as much as 65 percent of the state's supply.
- **Groundwater legislation:** On September 16, the Governor signed three bills - AB 1739 (Dickinson), SB 1168 (Pavley) and SB 1319 (Pavley) - which create a framework for sustainable, local groundwater management for the first time in California history. The legislation allows local agencies to tailor sustainable groundwater plans to their regional economic and environmental needs.
- **California has many competing water needs that all need to be considered:**
 - Water is not always available where it is needed.
 - The amount of water the state receives varies from year to year.
 - Sometimes water is polluted which makes it unsuitable for drinking, irrigating or for fish habitat.
 - The state's water system has effects on natural habitats.

In order to address these needs California has built various projects, including pipelines, pumping stations, canals and dams. The state has also built water treatments plans to remove pollutants from drinking water and wastewater, systems to clean up runoff from storms, and levees to prevent floods.

- **California Water Action Plan:** In January, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. released the California Water Action Plan, to put California on the path to sustainable water management. AB 1471 (Rendon) implements the Governor's Water Action Plan. It does not fund the entire plan, which will take a decade or more.
- **Need to prepare for future droughts and climate change:** Climate change will result in more extreme weather events and California must prepare for the future.
- **Investing in a sustainable Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta:** Means furthering the dual goals of the 2009 Delta Reform Act. The Delta provides water to two-thirds of California's population, but its importance to California goes beyond that. Investments in levee repairs, habitat restoration, the ultimate implementation of the Delta Plan, and neutrality on the Bay

Delta Conservation Plan will serve those who live in and around the Delta and those who rely on water from the Delta.

- **All California deserve access to clean and safe drinking water:** The bond will provide grants for disadvantaged community drinking water infrastructure and groundwater cleanup in high priority basins. Through a public process, the State Water Resources Control Board will develop criteria and guidance for communities and jurisdictions applying for funding, and then these jurisdictions will be invited to apply.
- **Regional water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration:** Can be achieved through advancing waste water recycling projects and greater storm water capture efforts.
- **Flood control and protection:** Remains a top priority in California. This bond will prioritize funding for California's most vulnerable regions.

Q&A

Q: What types of projects could be funded?

A: The projects that could potentially be funded through the bond are numerous. A few examples include: integrated regional water management grants, flood management projects, ground water clean-up and mitigation, water storage and safe drinking water projects.

Q: For these expenditures, what types of accountability measures will be put in place to make sure the money is well and correctly spent?

A: As with previous bond measures, state departments are required to report metrics and the status of projects on the state's bond accountability website. In addition, the Department of Finance will be performing an annual audit on programs and projects. Finally, thorough review of all grant guidelines is required before they are finalized to make sure that they are consistent with applicable statutes and for the purposes described in the measure.

Q: How will this bond help with the current drought?

A: 2014 is the third dry year that California has experienced, and 2015 may also be a dry year. This bond funds projects that will improve water management in both dry and wet years.

Q: How much will the bond cost to pay back? Who will pay it back?

A: After selling bonds, the state makes annual payments until the bonds are paid off. The annual cost of repaying bonds depends primarily on the interest rate and the time period over which the bonds have to be repaid. The state often makes bond payments over a 30-year period (similar to homeowners making payments on their mortgages). Assuming an interest rate of five percent, for each \$1 borrowed, the state would pay close to \$2 over a typical 30-year repayment period. Of that \$2 amount, \$1 would go toward repaying the amount borrowed (the principal) and close to \$1 for interest. However, because the repayment for each bond is spread over the entire 30-year period, the cost after adjusting for inflation is less - about \$1.30 for each \$1 borrowed.

Q: What does it mean to say the measure is Bay Delta Conservation Plan neutral?

A: There is no funding specifically for this program. The legislation also prohibits paying the cost of design, construction, operation, mitigation or maintenance of Delta conveyance facilities.

Q: How will the storage projects be determined?

A: The Water Commission has a significant role in determining the eligibility criteria and value of the public benefit storage projects. The bond lays out the process and time frame for making those decisions. Public meetings will be held and through the public process regulations will be developed. It is too soon to determine what the outcome will be, but things that will be considered are: (1) ecosystem improvements; (2) water quality improvements; (3) flood control benefits; (4) emergency response; (5) and recreational purposes.