

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held
Friday, July 31, 2015, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Community Center
4100 South La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, CA
(323) 298-3660

Teleconference Location

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

10:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER - Sara Amir, Chair

MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE ROLL CALL
Public Comment and Time Limits: If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please complete a speaking card available near the door to the meeting room. Individuals wishing to comment will be allowed up to three minutes to speak. Speaker times may be reduced depending upon the number of speakers.

1. Roll Call - Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary
2. Approval of Minutes (May) - Sara Amir, Chair
3. Public Comments - Sara Amir, Chair
4. Consideration of a Resolution Amending Agreement #BHC13003 with University of Southern California for the Baldwin Hills Biota Update - David McNeill, Executive Officer
5. Update on the Development of Stoneview Nature Center Design and Construction Documents - Matt Feldhaus, Project Manager, L.A. County Department of Public Works
6. Presentation on Coyote Management Protocol for L.A. County - Ken Pellman, Public Information Officer, L.A. County Department of Agricultural Commissioner - Integrated Pest Management Division
7. Consideration of a Resolution in Recognition of Director Russ Guiney for over 16 years of Service in the Baldwin Hills Parklands - Sara Amir, Chairman
8. Executive Officer Report: Project Status Update, Administrative Update, Legislative Update - BHC Staff Representatives
9. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings - *Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 11, 2015.*
10. Closed Session - Conference to Discuss Negotiations and Strategies for the Following Properties:
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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

Friday, May 29, 2015

Call to Order

A public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) was assembled at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2015, at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Center, located at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Julie Alvis, Sara Amir, Allan Boodnick, Lloyd Dixon, Karen Finn, Russ Guiney, Robert Jones, Karly Katona, Jason Marshall, Craig Sap, Ana Straabe, Marina Voskanian,

Staff Present: David McNeill, Executive Officer; Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager; Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary, Christina Bull-Arndt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General.

(After roll call, Chair Amir introduced special guest speaker - The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, Assembly Member - 54th District.) Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas addressed the Board with information on AB446 and AB755. He stressed the importance of the BHC, and emphasized the need for green space and how it provides cost savings to the State of California. He pointed out that having green space stimulates local economic activity creating benefits to the fiscal bottom line; the importance of advocacy and fighting for resources at home; urban challenges that are specific to Los Angeles; the need to make ourselves more drought resistant; and the need to improve and upgrade our infrastructure so that co-occurring benefits such as – land preservation, education, and water conservation can take place.

The BHC made a special presentation to Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, 54th District. The inscription reads - "In recognition of his leadership to preserve and enhance the Baldwin Hills for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations."

(The BHC extends its gratitude to the Honorable Assembly Member and his staff for their diligence.)

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

*The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Member Boodnick so moved, Member Dixon seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – **7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, Minutes approved.** (One member was called away prior to vote.)*

III. Public Comments – Sara Amir, Chair

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

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Guidelines for Proposition 1 Competitive Grants – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill - The BHC conducted public workshops in southern and northern California, to receive and address guideline comments and questions. There were 34 workshop attendees, with participants from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, The Trust for Public Land, California Conservation Corp, and other interested groups. Mr. McNeill reviewed the Proposition 1 Guidelines* stating if adopted, the Guidelines could be published in July, and the conservancy could begin receiving grant solicitations in August *(Please see Attachment #1, page 9 BHC Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines.)**. Mr. McNeill addressed questions regarding irrigation, landscaping, and the impact of the Governor's statewide directive of a 25% reduction in water use. He stated the design and development of projects are being impacted, and referenced Stoneview, already at a 20% reduction seeking an additional 5%. Mr. McNeill stated the BHC is trying to move toward recycled water in and is working through partnerships with MWD, the county, Culver City, Archdiocese, and the oil operator.

Member Guiney mentioned the Los Angeles County Parks Department (LADPR) has a team working on this specific issue; a plan that is in sync with the State's plan; and where LADPR can reduce turf it is doing so.* Member Guiney reminded the board that in urban areas there are children and those that do not have a yard and/or grass, and that we are their lawn and front yard. He went on to say LADPR is taking a close, measured, and educated look, and working with elected leaders to make sure the facilities provided are what the communities expect. Member Guiney went on to say the LADPR is working in partnership with the BHC; has studied 177 parks; has 37 different water purveyors; has mapped each provider of recycled water, and where those lines are in relationship to the parks; with the goal of bringing in as much recycled water as possible. *(Member pointed out the medians at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena as a good example of high-tech green artificial turf replacement.)**

Member SAP mentioned another component is the historic nature of certain areas such as Will Rogers State Historic Park, and its polo fields located in a historic zone. Member Sap mentioned if a decision is made to let the fields die, the cost to bring them back would be expensive. He stated that State Parks has significantly reduced water, changed watering patterns, and is looking into purple pipe.

The Chair called for a motion. Member Guiney made a motion to adopt the Proposition 1 Guidelines, Member Boodnick seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, Approved. (One member was called away prior to vote.)

V. Executive Officer Report: Project Status Update, Fiscal Update, Legislative Update - David McNeill, Executive Officer and Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager

Project Status Update

Milton Street – Milton Street Park is moving forward with completion of the park portion anticipated in August.

Stoneview Nature Center – LADPR is working on construction documents. In keeping with the governor's water reduction plan, special attention has been given to features such as: how the roof pitches, rain barrels for watering the garden, drip sprinklers, and bubblers. This project is working on gaining Silver or Gold Leed Certification.

Stocker Corridor Trail – Earthwork began in March, and is moving quickly. An interesting feature is the specially engineered Geogrid retaining wall system. It is a prominent element of containing the hillside to make way for the ADA ramp to access the two parks.

Hetzler Road – The City of Culver City is working on City Council requests for the Hetzler Road Project's funding shortfall, the MRCA and BHRCA are also contributing..

USC – USC continues conducting data collection in the Baldwin Hills. Data is still being uploaded to the geospatial portal.

Loyola Marymount (LMU) – LMU has completed site visits to facilitate the survey locations for the summer. . Surveyors will be issued t-shirts with the Baldwin Hills Parklands Logo to wear while conducting the survey. They will be surveying in and around Rueben Ingold Park, Norman O. Houston Park, Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, between Culver City Park and Baldwin Hills Park, and on the Ballona Creek.

Fiscal Update

The fiscal year is coming to a close. BHC's staff is keeping in step with year-end processes and deadlines. In June we will begin interviewing for the Park and Recreation Specialist - Proposition 84, and anticipate hiring after the new budget begins. Once the budget passes, we can also anticipate interviewing for the Park and Recreation Specialist - Proposition 1. Once the reappropriation process takes place in July, we will have all active reappropriations for Proposition 40, and new grant opportunities available. *(Please see attachment pages 63-65.)*

Legislative Update

On April 27, 2015, Mr. McNeill attended the Natural Resources Committee hearing at the State Capitol regarding Assembly Bill 446. This is the legislation by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas repealing the sunset date on the BHC. AB446 passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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

Member Sap – The air conditioning unit at the Scenic Overlook is being overhauled.

Member Boodnick – The Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook was named as one of State Park's three "historically and culturally significant sites" in an article by Patt Morrison of the Los Angeles Times. (The article entitled "Park places" can be found at - <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-morrison-woods-20150520-column.html#page=1>)

Member Katona – The County is also partnering with the Conservancy on a several other projects: Park to Playa –Segment C; Pedestrian access from Slauson Avenue up to the Five Points Intersection – This project is in design, and a community meeting is being planned to gain feedback. Sod improvements are continuing along Slauson Corridor and construction will begin on the north side between Angeles Vista and Overhill. Property owners on the north side of that block have signed on to this program. Street improvements will follow in 2016.

Ms. Bull-Arndt – David, Edsall, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) State of California Department of Justice will be the new liaison to the BHC. (The BHC thanks Supervising Deputy Attorney General Christina Bull-Arndt for her diligence and commitment to the BHC.)

(The BHC would like to offer a special thank you to Vice Chair Marina Voskanian and Board Member Yolanda Gorman for their hard work and assistance in drafting the BHC Proposition 1 Guidelines.)

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Approved:

Sara Amir, Chair

Date:

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: July 31, 2015

Re: Item 4: Consideration of a Resolution Amending Agreement #BHC13003 with University of Southern California for the Baldwin Hills Biota Update

Recommendation: Staff recommends approving Resolution 15-01 authorizing the amendment of the performance period for Agreement #BHC13003 with University of Southern California (USC) for up to 12 months and adding data collection and modeling deliverables.

Background: The Baldwin Hills Biota Study Update has been underway since the fourth quarter of 2013. USC Dornsife Professor Travis Longcore has led the study team through several rounds of wildlife surveys to include: trapping, filming, and taking inventories of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and bats that sustain the ecosystems within the parklands. The study has yielded substantial data that is being compiled for presentation on a website that will feature geospatial maps of the area wildlife. Based upon the preliminary wildlife findings submitted at the (January 2015) BHC Public Meeting, expectation for increased awareness of the biodiversity residing in the parklands is significant. The digital component of the project is also successfully developing. Over fifty percent of the vegetation classification polygon mapping has been completed using a combination of aerial photography and field visits. These maps will help identify habitat corridors, and allow for targeted native restoration activities.

As we approach the final stages of the project, staff has been presented with a change regarding the availability of the current project manager/lead scientist. Professor Longcore has been promoted to full tenure track status at USC. Per the attached letter (see attachment #1), USC notified staff of the new commitment at the University making him unable to compile and analyze the data for uploading into the public website this summer. After deliberating on whether to reassign the project to another manager or maintain Travis as project lead, staff concluded the benefits of maintaining Professor Longcore for the final stages of the project exceed the need to meet the current performance period deadline of August 31st. Some deciding factors in favor of an extension include:

1. An increase in months to collect and incorporate information from the volunteer observations through the iNaturalist online platform
2. An addition of habitat modeling for selected species for which sufficient observations have been obtained to develop range maps with the Baldwin Hills.

3. The requested extension does not impact the project cost.

Approval of the BHC amendment would be consistent with the resolution extending the matching grant funds availability for an additional 12 months as authorized by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority on June 24, 2015.

June 10, 2015

David McNeill, Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Karly Katona, Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority

Dear Mr. McNeill and Ms. Katona:

This letter requests a no-cost extension for the project Baldwin Hills Biota Update for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (USC Account No. 53-4833-3002) and the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (USC Account No. 53-4833-3770). The current end date for these awards is August 31, 2015.

Over the past 18 months we have successfully undertaken a range of biota surveys and mapping exercises that have updated and improved our knowledge of the species and habitats of the Baldwin Hills. Because of changes in my employment status, I am unable to put in the time that I intended wrapping up the project this summer. Although the survey work will be completed at the end of this month, we have significant work to do in preparing this information for the public website, which is under development. I therefore propose to extend the performance period for both awards one year to August 31, 2016.

My new position at USC is as a tenure-track professor, so I will be able to contribute some of my USC-paid research time to the project over the coming academic year, and to complete the website and final report deliverables by the end of next summer. This schedule has some advantages:

1. We will be able to introduce and maintain the biota website for a year prior to turning it over to one of the agencies. This will give time to get community feedback and improve it according to suggestions from users.
2. I will continue to maintain and incorporate information from the volunteer science project on iNaturalist. This community engagement tool has resulted in documentation of at least two species that have not been otherwise observed by our surveyors. The additional year may yield more unexpected results.
3. I will use the time to develop some species range maps that extrapolate the observations from the areas where we were able to survey (almost exclusively public land) to those areas not surveyed. This was not explicitly in the original scope of work but it is the logical next step given that the land owned by the Archdiocese was not open for on-the-ground surveys. Such maps will not be feasible for all species, but the additional time will give me the opportunity to work with my staff to do more interpretation of the raw survey results from our contractors (Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and bat expert Stephanie Remington).
4. It extends the period of species surveys originally proposed through summer 2015 rather than



stopping surveys in spring 2015.

The revised performance schedule will be as follows:

Month	Management	Vegetation	Herps	Bats	Connectivity	Website and Map
Winter 2014	Subcontract	Base map	Visual, Pitfalls		Install Cameras	
Spring 2014	Progress Report	Base map, Site Visits	Pitfalls	Site Visits	Monitor	
Summer 2014	Progress Report	Site Visits		Site Visits	Monitor	
Fall 2014	Progress Report	Site Visits		Site Visits	Monitor	
Winter 2015	Progress Report	Classification	Visual, Pitfalls	Site Visits	Monitor	Code
Spring 2015	Progress Report	Classification	Visual, Pitfalls	Site Visits	Monitor	Code
Summer 2015	Progress Report	Report	Report	Report	Report	Code
Fall 2015	Progress Report		Analyze ecology	Analyze ecology	Analyze ecology	Release Beta
Winter 2016	Progress Report		Model Distributions	Model Distributions	Model Distributions	Revisions
Spring 2016	Progress Report		Model Distributions	Model Distributions	Model Distributions	Revisions
Summer 2016	Final Report					Release Final

This schedule provides additional research that was not included in the original scope of work and comes at no additional cost.

I look forward to discussing any questions about this proposal with you. Please let me know if you require additional information to initiate this action.

Sincerely,

Travis Longcore

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 15-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BALDWIN HILLS BIOTA UPDATE, AGREEMENT #BHC13003 WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC), TO INCLUDE A 12-MONTH PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD EXTENSION, AND ADDITIONAL DATA MODELING AND COLLECTION DELIVERABLES

WHEREAS, the BHC was created 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 Conservancy territory; and

WHEREAS, the BHC may undertake development activities with bond funds including but not limited to, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, preservation, protection and interpretation of land and water resources pursuant to Public Resources Code 5096.650(b) of the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code 32569 (a) states the Conservancy may award grants to non-profit organizations for the purposes of its division; and

WHEREAS, the USC is a non-profit organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy entered into grant agreement # BHC13003 with the USC pursuant to BHC Resolution 13-12, for Baldwin Hills Biota Update; and

WHEREAS, USC's project manager has submitted a written request for the extension and additional deliverables as detailed in Item #4 of the BHC staff memorandum; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been approved by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority as a part of their agency's existing matching grant for the project.

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AMEND GRANT AGREEMENT #BHC13003, WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TO INCLUDE A 12-MONTH PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD EXTENSION AND ADDITIONAL DATA MODELING AND COLLECTION DELIVERABLES.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF THE
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

On _____, 2015

Sara Amir, Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Deputy Attorney General

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: July 31, 2015

Re: Item 5: Update on the Development of Stoneview Nature Center Design and Construction Documents

Recommendation: No Action Required.

Background: The attached PowerPoint presentation (attachment #1) will be delivered by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Project Manager - Mathew Feldhaus.

STONEVIEW NATURE CENTER

PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

JUNE 16, 2015

INTRODUCTIONS

- **PRESENTATION: MATTHEW FELDHAUS,
LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS**
- **CITY OF CULVER CITY: CHARLES
HERBERTSON, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
WORKS**
- **BLAIR HILLS HOA AND COMMUNITY**

PROGRESS

- **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION COMPLETE AND BEING IMPLEMENTED**
- **DESIGN-BUILDER SELECTION COMPLETE**
- **DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEARANCE COMPLETE**
- **90% CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS COMPLETED JUNE 15, 2015**

UPCOMING DATES

- **AUGUST 2015: PLAN CHECK/PERMIT COMPLETE**
- **SEPTEMBER 2015: MOBILIZATION AND CONSTRUCTION START**
- **APRIL 2016: SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION**
- **JULY 2016: NATURE CENTER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

OVERALL CONCEPT

ORGANIZATIONAL THEMATIC BUBBLE DIAGRAM TO CONVEY STORYLINE

- DIAGRAMS ABOUT
RAIN GARDEN
AND METHANE
INFORMATION
- BUILDING**
 - METHANE MITIGATION PIPE
 - site history
 - remediation techniques
 - WATER CONSERVATION**
 - waterless urinals
 - gray water reuse
 - rooftop rainwater collection
 - retention basin
 - MATERIALS**
 - recycled/local/natural finish
 - dual functioning

GARDENS

- COMMUNITY GARDEN**
 - history of farming, present day crop rotation, healthy soil = healthy food
 - wild helpers (bees)

- NATIVE PLANTS**
 - relationship of flora/fauna
 - Native American influence

- POLLINATOR TRAIL**
 - return of butterflies/birds/bees

- COMPOSTING YARD**
 - composting info

TRAIL

- RIPARIAN CORRIDOR**
 - watershed info and connection to larger water system

- BIOSWALE**
 - stormwater management, filtration for habitat and waterway restoration

- VIEWS**
 - urban connection and history of land (view to city)
 - oil industry connection (view east)
 - coastal sage info (view west)

Healthy Environment and Watershed

Nature & Geology
FIRST WAVE

Industrialization
SECOND WAVE

The Present
THIRD WAVE

Connected

Our Connected Community—
sharing ideas, engaging with each other,
understanding our land and our history
so we can make positive changes
in our lives to improve our health,
community and happiness.

GARDENS

- KIOSK/COMMUNITY GARDEN**
 - tool wall (share/swap or borrow)
 - gardening how-to
 - history of farming, present day crop rotation, healthy soil = healthy food
 - wild helpers (bees) "Pollinator trail"
 - veggie share "Food Shed"

FRUIT ORCHARDS

- history
- community harvesting events

NATIVE PLANTS

- relationship of flora/fauna
- foraging do's/don'ts

Healthy Food

BUILDING

- EDIBLE WALLS**
 - trellis fruit vines at building

COMMUNAL TABLE

- veggie share
- fruit pickup

DEMO KITCHEN/CHALKBOARD

- recipe share/swap
- what's in season
- cooking techniques

Healthy Mind / Body and Community

TRAIL

- FITNESS**
 - par course equipment
 - trail map and walking/hiking markers
 - yoga deck

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

- connection to land
- community gatherings
- storytelling

BUILDING

- OBSERVATION DECK**
 - connection to urban community

PORCH

- connection to indoor/outdoor
- community gatherings

READING AREA

- book/recipe share/swap

GARDENS

- KIOSK**
 - history of neighborhood and connection to community

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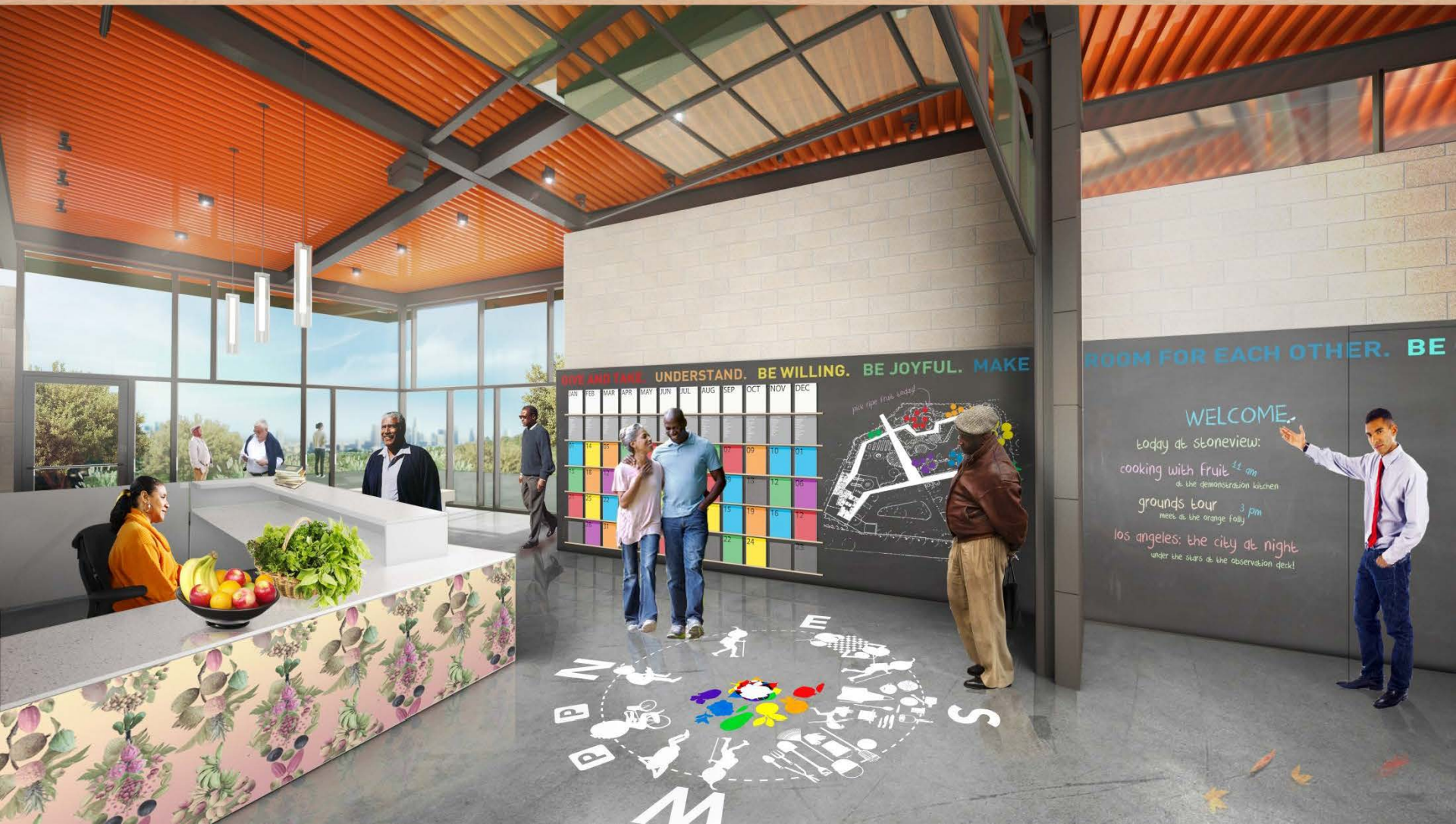
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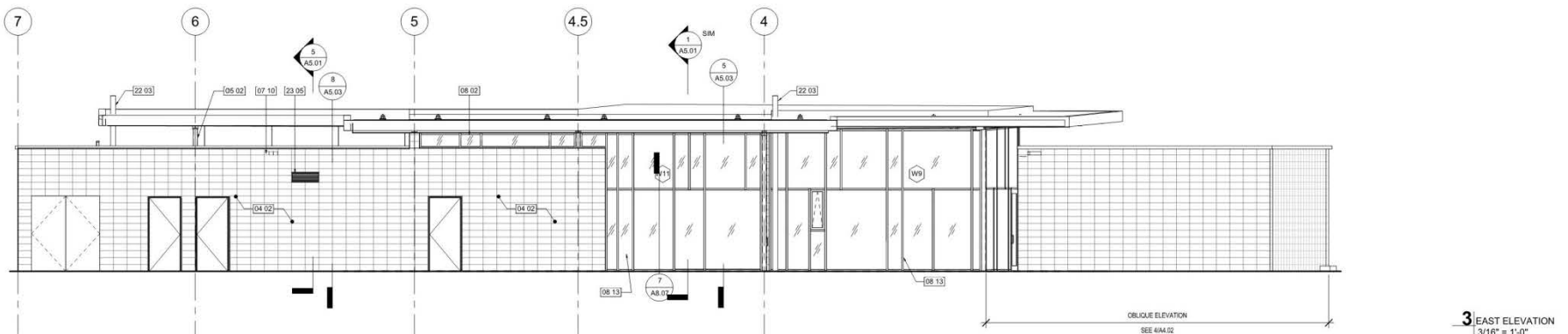
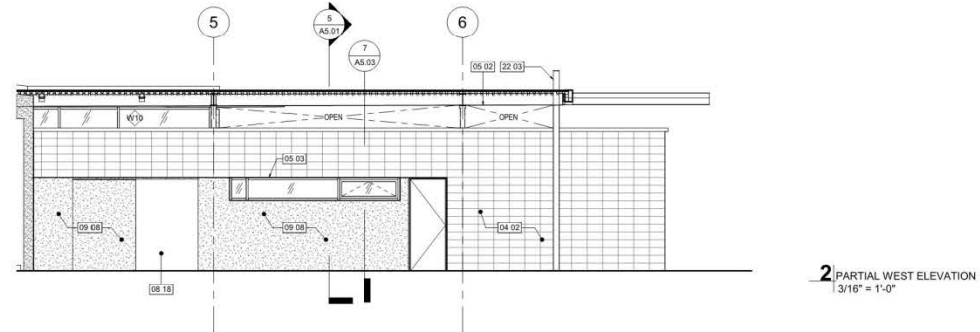
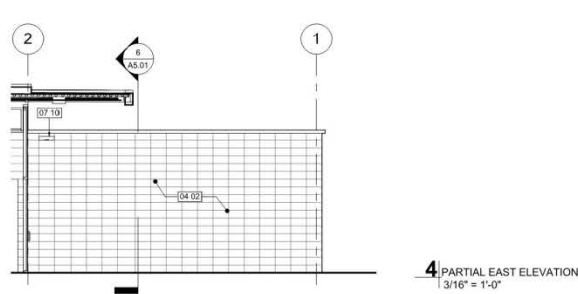
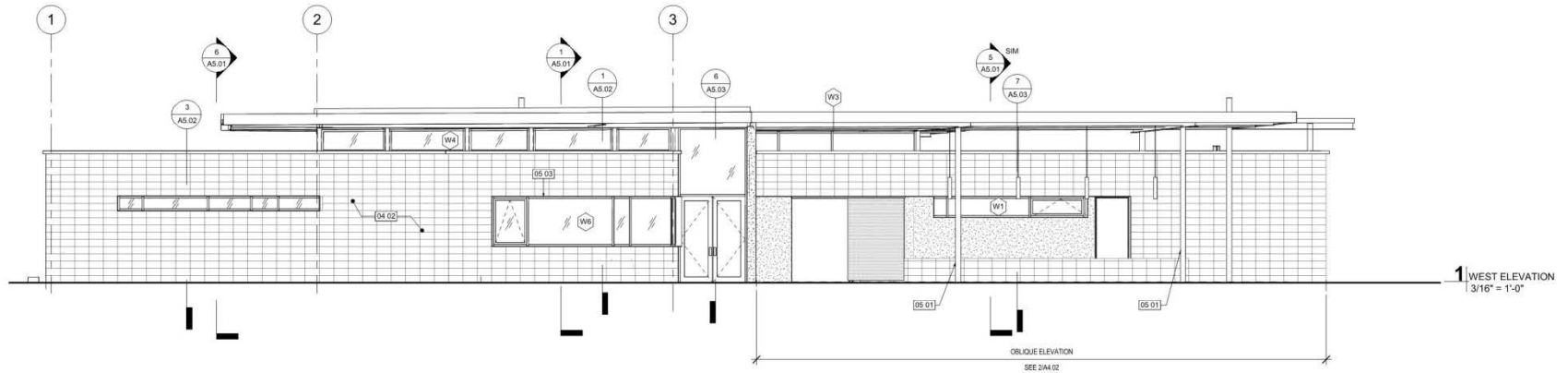
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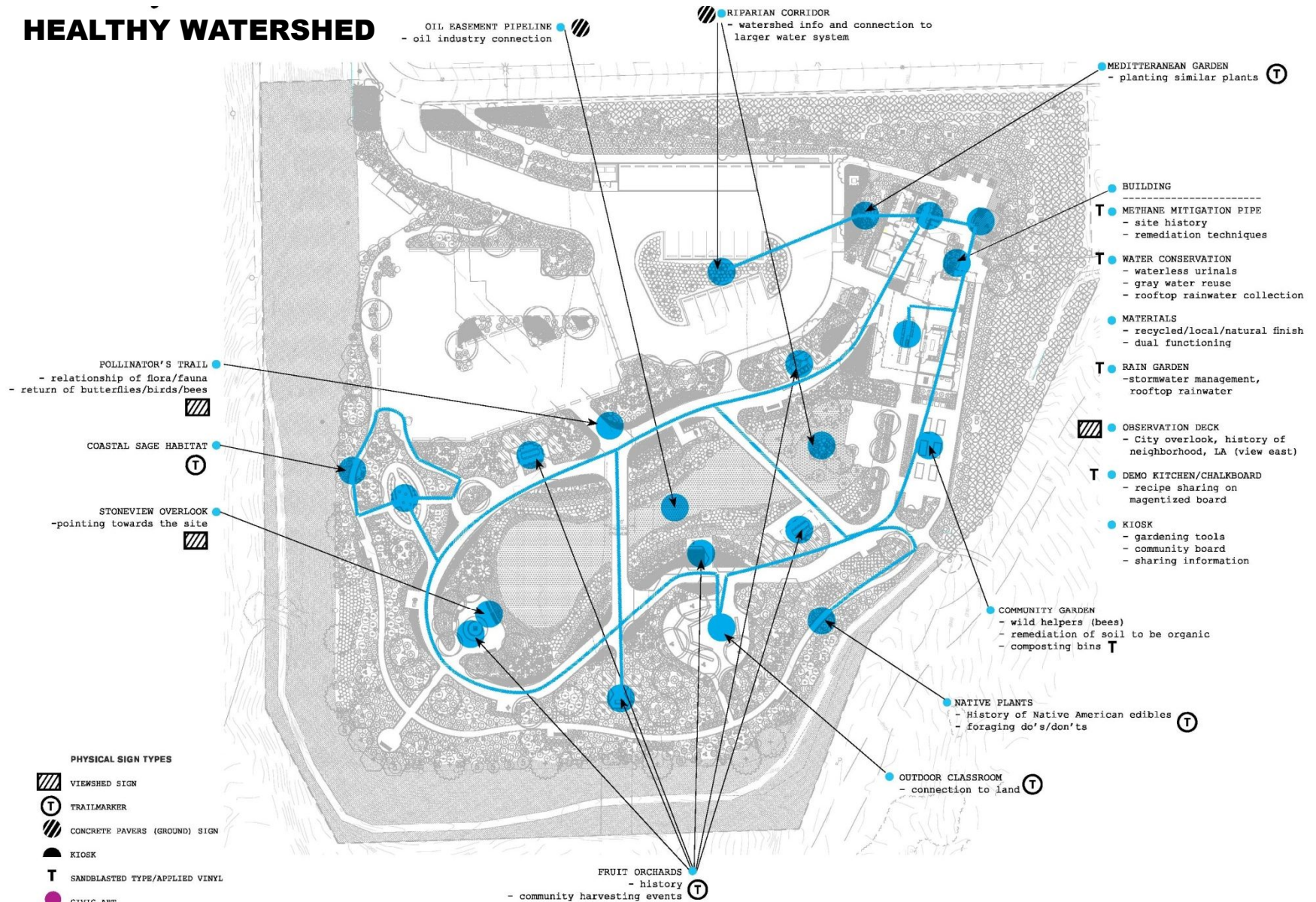
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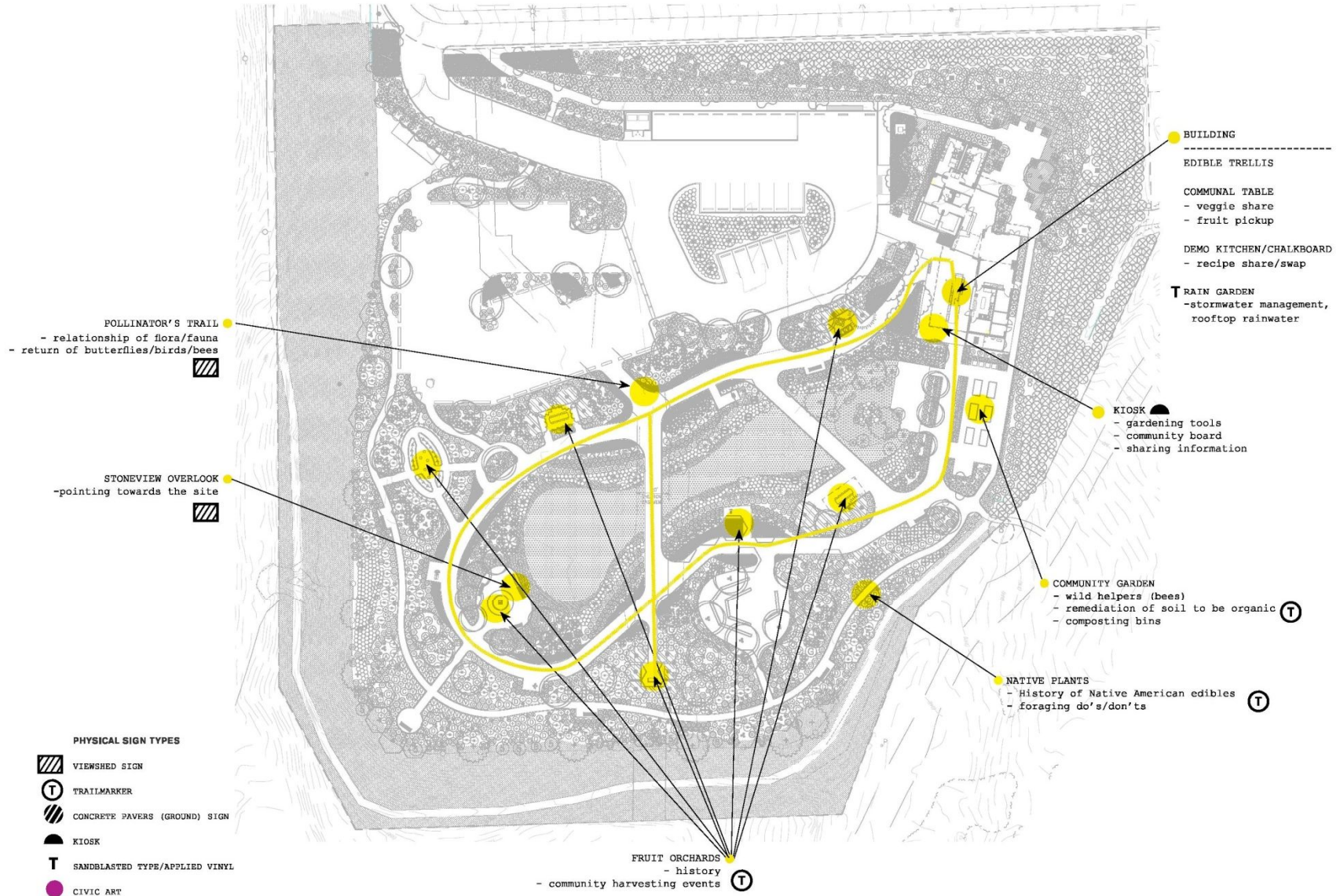
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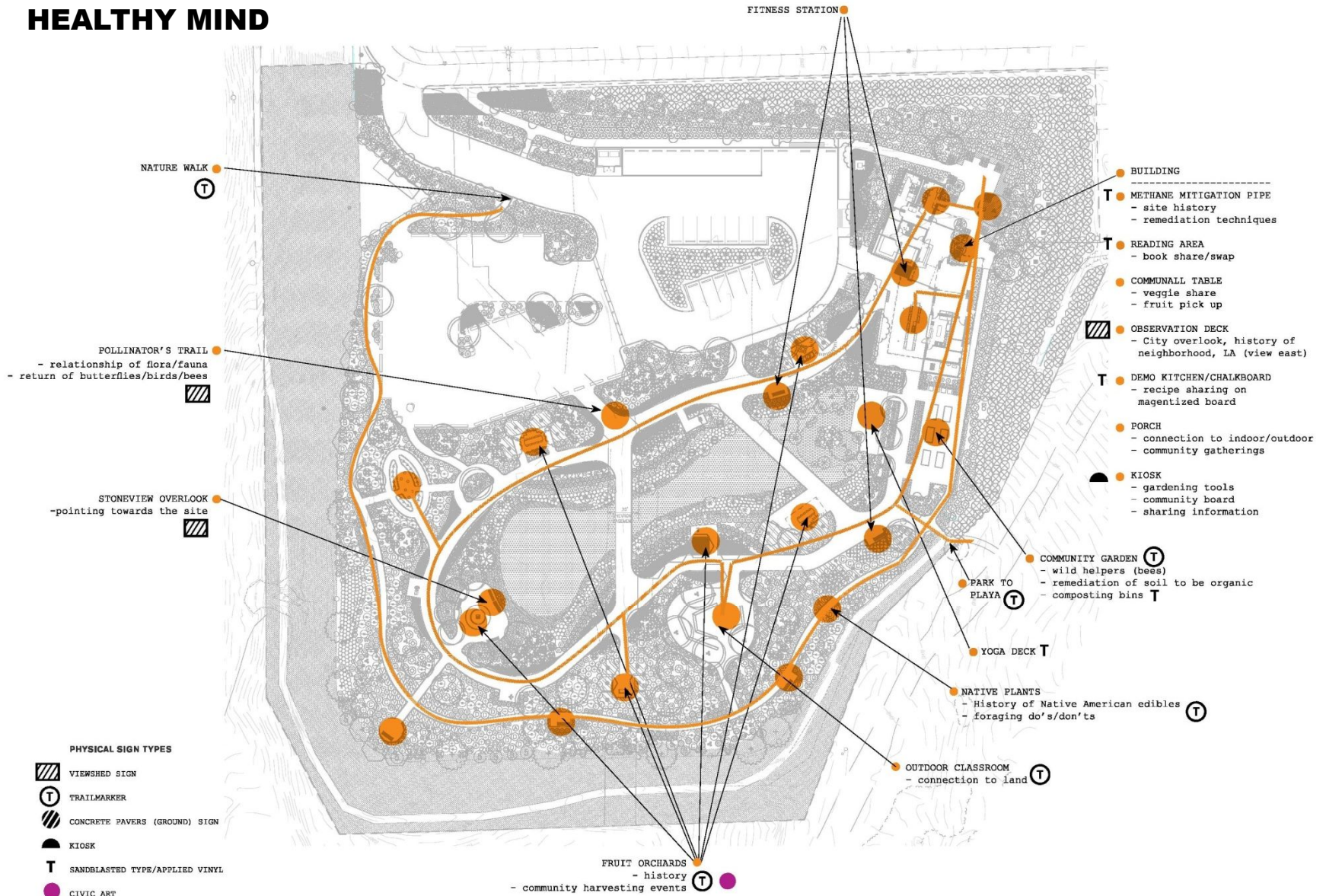
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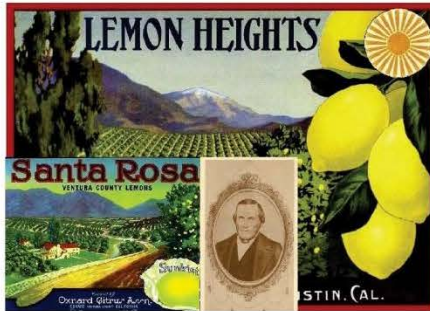
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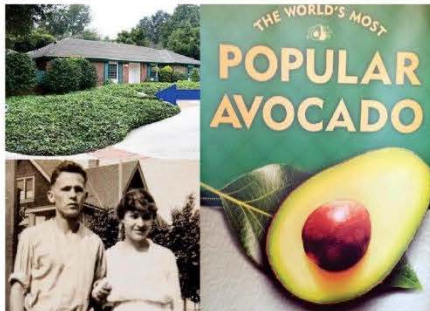
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3 Citrus Garden
1751 Lemons were first brought to California by Missionaries.

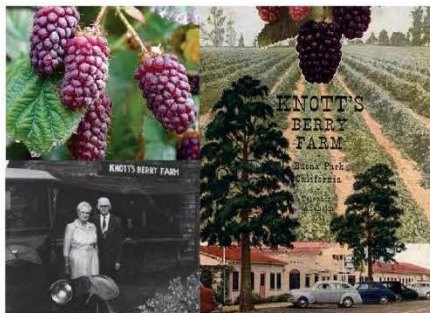
1840 Frontiersman William Wolfskill plants lemon and orange seedlings in what is now downtown Los Angeles. California's citrus business is born.

1931 First case of desegregation in the school system in the US History because of Lemon farming in San Diego.



4 Avocado Garden

1933 The first patented tree in the history of the world by Rudolph Hass in Hacienda Heights/San Gabriel Valley - The Hass Avocado.



5 Berry Garden

1932 Boysenberries were commercially farmed in Anaheim, California and farming is turned to cultural tourism with "Knott's Berry Farm."



2 Citrus Garden

1873 The "parent" Navel Orange tree for all navel orange trees in California is still alive and was planted in Riverside.

1882 Mandarin oranges were planted in Riverside, California.

1893 The first labor farming collective in California was founded and eventually became Sunkist, an organization that currently grosses 1 billion dollars annually.



1 Pomegranate Garden

1769 The Spaniards introduced Mission Figs to the California territory.

1793 Pomegranates were first planted in California by missionaries.

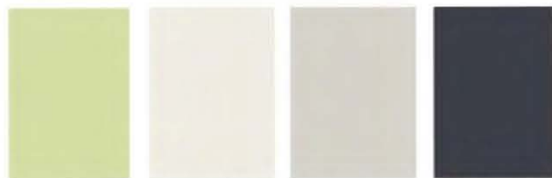
1870's The plum industry began (California is the largest)



6 Fig Garden



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Colors correspond to interior of community center and the inside roof. These colors will be used for the frames. •Color on frames are FPO.

- ① Carpet Tile
- ② Rollshade Fabric
- ③ Acoustic Ceiling Tile
- ★ ④ Paint, Accent Color
- ⑤ Paint, Swiss Coffee
- ⑥ Chalkboard Wall
- ★ ⑦ Fruit-Themed Wallpaper
- ⑧ Solid Surface Countertop

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Early Spring Public Fruit Tree Adoptions

Working with a variety of donors or organizations like TreePeople and civic groups, Fallen Fruit distributes free bare-root fruit trees in a variety of urban settings. We encourage the planting of these trees in either public space or on the periphery of private property, in order to create new kinds of communal life based on generosity and sharing. Each recipient signs an adoption form promising to care for the tree — initiating a relationship with it.



Spring Tomato Hootenanny

Join Fallen Fruit for the Tomato Hootenanny. Adopt a tomato plant, get down with some square dancing, and take part in a seedling workshop to celebrate and learn all things tomato. Download a tomato plant adoption form.



Late Spring Public Fruit Meditation

An array of meditations and visualizations designed for small groups in intimate settings. Each sequence imagines fruit differently to raise consciousness about symbolic values, politics, social relations and fruit itself. Working within individual consciousness as well as interpersonal relationships, the various parts reconfigure how we might think about fruit and use it as a personal and social tool.



Early Summer Lemonade Stand

We are interested in temporary community and new forms of public. In exchange for drawing a self-portrait onto a lemon, each participant receives a glass of organic lemonade. Collectively the lemon self-portraits create a new form of public that illustrate some of the archetypes that construct community. Hand-drawn expressions illustrate joy and innocence as well as wisdom and age. A microphone installed at the stand records real-time story telling. Story telling prompts such as; Describe the "best" day in your life? Or the opposite, In life sometimes there are days of profound difficulty and how did this moment change the way you see yourself? The Lemonade Stand activates the phrase... "when life gives you lemons..."

Fallen Fruit will activate ritual and community through a series of six recognized public participatory projects to spark engagement and celebrate the Park, the Public and the diverse communities of Los Angeles County throughout one calendar year. These events can occur at the Communal Table in the Outdoor Room, or within the Gardens.



Mid Summer Public Fruit Jam

Fallen Fruit invites the public to bring homegrown or street-picked fruit and collaborate with us in making a collective fruit jams. Working without recipes, we ask people to sit with others they do not already know and negotiate what kind of jam to make: if I have lemons and you have figs, we'd make lemon fig jam (with lavender). Each jam is a social experiment. Usually held in a gallery or museum, this event forefronts the social and public nature of Fallen Fruit's work, and we consider it a collaboration with the public as well as each other.



Late Summer Salsa Salsa

Come to SALSA SALSA, a harvest festival for the citizens of Los Angeles — come make and taste tomato salsas while listening and dancing to salsa music. Meet new people and talk about the future shape and texture of life in this city, including the artists and organizers listed above. Bring your homegrown or street-picked tomatoes (or peppers, or peaches) and collaborate with your neighbors on new and remarkable salsas. Bring a friend and some tomatoes or peppers from your yard — this event is free to the public.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: July 31, 2015

Re: Item 7: Consideration of a Resolution in recognition of Director Russ Guiney for over 16 years of service in the Baldwin Hills Parklands

Recommendation: Staff recommends approving Resolution 15-02 recommending the dedication of a segment of the Park to Playa Trail in recognition of Director Russ Guiney

Background: Russ Guiney's work in the Baldwin Hills began with California State Parks during the development of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan. As Angeles District Superintendent, Mr. Guiney played an integral role in putting State Parks at the forefront of the urban parks movement. During the two year Master Plan development process, from 1999 to 2001, Russ became the face of State Parks at dozens of community and stakeholder meeting map in urban Los Angeles. In the midst of planning the first large scale American urban park in nearly one hundred years, Russ diligently pushed for State funds to help purchase the 65-acre Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. The \$30 million acquisition of the site in December of 2000 would mark the biggest urban park investment in State Park's history.

When Senator Murray crafted legislation for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy in 2000, it was fitting that Russ would serve on the BHC board as the designee for State Parks Director Rusty Areias. From that time forward, Russ has had a seat at the table for all of the improvement, management and expansion projects in the Baldwin Hills Parklands. His departure from the State family to the County family in 2002 did not take him far from the Parklands. He became a board member of our partner agency, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, and a top representative for Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area's operating agency, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Russ has served with distinction and honor during his tenure in the Baldwin Hills, and the resolution is offered as a gesture of gratitude from all the partner agencies that have had the pleasure of working under his guidance and leadership.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 15-02

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DIRECTOR RUSS GUINEY FOR OVER 16 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE BALDWIN HILLS PARKLANDS

WHEREAS, the BHC was created 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 Conservancy territory; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Parklands represents a model for urban parks in Los Angeles County, serving millions of visitors in one of the most densely populated metropolitan regions in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy wishes to express their gratitude to Director Russ Guiney for demonstrating outstanding leadership and vision in pursuit of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan and the expansion of the areas open space into a world class, two-square mile natural park and recreation facility; and

WHEREAS, the growth of parklands and the development of the Park to Playa Regional Trail will provide much needed public access to nearly 700 acres of protected open space, native wildlife, and outdoor experiences along ten miles of contiguous trail; and

WHEREAS, during his 16 year tenure in the Parklands, Director Guiney has served to protect and enhance the Stocker Corridor, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Culver City Park, Rueben Ingold Parkway, Norman Houston Park, Milton Street Park, and the Ballona Creek Bike Path.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE GOVERNING BOARD recommends the recognition of Director Russ Guiney on a designated Trailhead within a segment of the Park to Playa Trail, signifying the link he helped create between park agencies, the community, and the future of urban parkland in the State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF THE
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

On _____, 2015

Sara Amir, Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Deputy Attorney General

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From: David McNeill, Executive Officer
Date: July 31, 2015
Re: Item 8: Executive Officer Report

Legislative Update

Baldwin Hills Sunset Date Repeal: On June 1st, AB 466 – Ridley-Thomas, was heard in on the Assembly floor and passed on a 77-0 vote. The bill was ordered to the Senate, Natural Resources and Water Committee where it was heard on July 14th. The Committee passed the bill on a 9-0 vote. Currently the bill is awaiting an August 17th Senate Appropriations Committee hearing.

Projects Status Report

Culver City has successfully followed through with efforts to close the funding gap for the Hetzler Road Pedestrian Path project, agreement #13002. The City has received commitments from State Parks, Culver City Council, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the final \$100,000 from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (Attachment #1) to meet the budget shortfall and move forward with negotiating a revised contract with project's selected bidder. Once a new agreement is finalized a new timeline will be created to implement the project over the next 12-16 months.

Please see the updated Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) Local Assistance/Capital Outlay Projects Status Report (Attachment #2).

Fiscal Update

Awaiting the latest reports from accounting.



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June 24, 2015

The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairperson
Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority
500 W. Temple Street
Room 866
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: \$100,000 Grant Request from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) for New Pedestrian Trail Adjacent to Hetzler Road

Dear Chairperson Ridley-Thomas:

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and support for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. As you know, over the past several months, the City of Culver City has been working with California State Parks, Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC), and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to fund, design, and construct a pedestrian trail at the Scenic Overlook, which is also an important link in the planned Park to Playa Trail. The proposed trail would help to alleviate an on-going safety problem due to conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles on Hetzler Road. Hetzler Road, the State Park Road that leads up to the Scenic Overlook, also serves as the sole means of access to a number of residential lots located adjacent to the roadway. Currently, this vehicular roadway is also used as a trail for hikers who prefer using a paved pathway to the more rugged dirt paths in the Park.

In order to alleviate this problem, a 10' wide paved trail has been designed, which will be constructed parallel to the roadway up to a point past the residential properties (approximately 1,500 feet in length). This new paved trail will provide a safer surface, separate from the roadway, for hikers to use. Culver City has agreed to assist State Parks with this project by putting it out to bid and managing the construction of this trail. Last year, the BHC Board approved a grant to Culver City for the project in the amount of \$791,000, to fully fund the project. Unfortunately, when the project bids were received earlier this year, it became apparent that the BHC grant was insufficient to fully fund the project.

To close the funding gap, the project partners have worked together to modify the project scope, and State Parks has agreed to take on work that was originally included in the project scope. These project modifications have reduced the costs significantly to a revised total construction cost of \$1,101,000. Further, the project team has secured

The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas

June 24, 2015

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additional funding sources through a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant and the Culver City's General Fund.

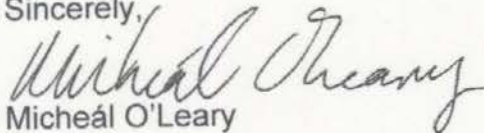
To completely fund the construction of the project, the City of Culver City is respectfully requesting your support for a \$100,000 BHRCA grant.

The proposed, *revised* project budget is as follows:

BHC Grant:	\$791,000
BHC Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (State Parks):	\$160,000
BHRCA	\$100,000
City of Culver City FY 2015/16 General Fund Budget Allocation:	\$50,000
TOTAL:	1,101,000

Culver City is dedicated to the success of this important project and sincerely appreciates your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Charles Herbertson, Director of Public Works and City Engineer at (310) 253-5630 or via email at charles.herbertson@culvercity.org.

Sincerely,



Micheál O'Leary
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Members of the City Council
John M. Nachbar, City Manager
Charles D. Herbertson, P.E. & L.S., Director of Public Works and City Engineer
Karly Katona, Assistant Senior Deputy for Sustainability and Economic Development, the Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas

Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report
7/31/15

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	PROJECT STATUS
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Milton Street Park Construction	BHC12000	Prop 84	\$2,000,000	Park portion on-schedule and will be open to public in Summer 2015; Green Street portion will be a second phase; it will be re-bid seperately when permits are obtained from City of L.A; opening ceremonys expected September 2015.
Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks & Recreation	Stoneview Nature Center	BHC12002	Prop 40	\$5,000,000	Design-build meetings in-progress; 90% CD's delivered in July; expected Project completion Winter 2016.
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Park to Playa Trail - Stocker Corridor Section	BHC12005	Prop 40	\$1,030,000	Construction started March 2015; expected project completion Summer 2016.
City of Culver City	Hetzler Road Pedestrian Path at BHSO	BHC13003	Prop 84	\$791,000	Budget shortfall determined after initial bids; Contractor will honor original bid for 3 months; to reduce costs some items have been removed from scope; all partners working on funding solutions.
University of Southern California (USC)	Baldwin Hills Biota Update	BHC13002	Prop 84	\$140,794	Wildlife cameras and traps deployed at KHSRA and BHSO; Data collected will identify feeding rituals and migration patterns within the Parklands; term extension has been requested.
Loyola Marymount University (LMU)	Parklands User Survey Study	BHC14000	Prop 84	\$236,042	Summer 2015 round of surveys are being conducted; Project completion expected Summer 2016.