

# **BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held  
Friday, December 8, 2017, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Room  
4100 South La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90056  
(323) 298-3660

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

**10:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Yolanda Gorman, 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. Speaking times may be reduced depending upon the number of speakers.***

1. Roll Call – Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary
2. Approval of Minutes (October) – Dr. Yolanda Gorman, Chair
3. Public Comments – Dr. Yolanda Gorman, Chair
4. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Proposition 84 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$830,684 to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project – Noa Rische-Khalili, Park and Recreation Specialist
5. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Proposition 40 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000 to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for the Design and Implementation of the MLK Commemorative Grove Project at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) – David McNeill, Executive Officer
6. Election of Board Officers Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558 of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act
7. Discussion and Possible Action on the Proposed Baldwin Hills Conservancy 2018 Board Meeting Calendar – David McNeill, Executive Officer
8. Executive Officer Report: Legislative, Project Status, and Fiscal updates – BHC Staff Representatives
9. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

***\*Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2018.***

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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*Be it known 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.*

**BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290  
Los Angeles, CA 90056

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY  
Friday, October 27, 2017**

**10:00 a.m. Call to Order** - A public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) was assembled at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 27, 2017, at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Center located at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

**I. Roll Call - Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary**

**Members Present:** Julie Alvis, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Peter Garcia, Dr. Yolanda Gorman, Robert Jones (*arrived later,*) Eraina Ortega, Patricia O'Toole, Karly Katona, Starlett Quarles, Keshia Sexton (*arrived later,*) John Wicker,

**Staff Present:** David McNeill, Executive Officer; David Edsall, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) California Department of Justice; Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager; Noa Rishe Khalili, Park and Recreation Specialist; Daniel Sciolini, Staff Services Analyst; Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary.

*(Prior to roll call DAG David Edsall conducted the swearing in of new board member Peter A. Garcia, Branch Chief California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substance Control, School Evaluation & Brownfields Cleanup Branch.)*

*(Agenda items were heard in the following order - 6 ,2, 7, 3, 4 ,5, 8-10.)*

**II. Approval of Minutes (July) – Dr. Yolanda Gorman, Chair**

*The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Member Jones so moved, Member Quarles seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – 4 aye, 0 nay, 5 abstain,*

**III. Public Comments – Dr. Yolanda Gorman, Chair**

*Public comment was invited. Community member provided comment stating: there is a specific project where the only option being considered is drilling; an alternative to drilling would be a park; and that a park would be an outstanding mitigation to specific environmental items addressed in the Environmental Impact Report; the goal of the Environmental Impact Report is to protect global health and safety. Community member asked that at the next City of Culver City meeting, the BHC provide comments to address his concerns.*

**IV. Final Report on the Baldwin Hills Parklands User Survey Study – Dr. Michele Romolini, Director of Research, Loyola Marymount University (LMU) Center for Urban Resilience**

Presenters included: Dr. Eric Strauss, Executive Director, Dr. Michele Romolini, Director of Research, Sarah Bruce-Eisen, Research Assistant, and Emily Simso, Research Fellow. Slides Included: The Average Baldwin Hills Parklands User; Movement of Park Users; Place Attachment; Benefits and Barriers; and Visitor's Use Survey. *(For presentation details, see attached memorandum dated October 27, 2017, Item 4: Final Report on the Baldwin Hills Parklands User Survey Study – Dr. Michele Romolini, Director of Research, Loyola Marymount University (LMU) Center for Urban Resilience; and Attachment #1. For the 95-page User Study go online to -*  
[http://cures.lmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/BaldwinHills\\_FinalReport\\_2017\\_083017.pdf](http://cures.lmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/BaldwinHills_FinalReport_2017_083017.pdf) )

**V. Presentation on the Los Angeles County Measure A Implementation Plan – Jane I. Beesley, District Administrator, Los Angeles County Open Space District**

Ms. Beesley presented on the implementation plan for Measure A. Information covered:

**Project Timeline:** Spring 2017 - An agency update meeting/Park Funding 101, and Creation of a steering committee; Fall 2017 - Agency update meeting, and Ongoing outreach regarding draft framework and guidelines; Winter 2018 - Community outreach meetings; Spring 2018 - Agency update meetings; Summer 2018 - First formula based funds available; Winter 2019 - Competitive grant funds available.

**Steering Committee General Meeting Topics & Themes:** Draft grant allocation processes; Draft competitive grant guidelines; Re-envisioning the grantmaking process; Technical assistance; Streamlining the granting process; Reducing barriers for applicants; Ensuring all grantees can successfully complete projects.

**Station Overview:** Eligibility, Allocations, Competitive Grants, Technical Assistance.

**Next Steps:** Upcoming Steering Committee Meetings - October 19, 2017, Technical Assistance Program (initial draft,) and Community Engagement Requirements. December 7, 2017, Draft Grant Guidelines, and Bonding and Forwarding Strategy. January 25, 2018. Spring 2018 - Preliminary Beta Testing of Grantee Portal, and Park Funding 103 Meeting. June 2018 - Board of Supervisors Meeting - policies and grant guidelines; July 2018 – Annual allocations for the cities/study areas available; July 2018 - Maintenance and servicing funds – Measure A available; January 2019 - Competitive grant rounds begin.

For additional information online go to [rposd.lacounty.gov/2016-ballot-measure](https://rposd.lacounty.gov/2016-ballot-measure) or contact [Jbeesley@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:Jbeesley@parks.lacounty.gov) (See attached memorandum dated October 27, 2017, Item 5: Presentation on Los Angeles County Measure A Implementation Plan – Jane I. Beesley, District Administrator, Los Angeles County Open Space District;)

**VI. Consideration of a Resolution on an Amendment to Proposition 1 Grant Agreement #BHC16001, for the Refuse Transfer Station Stormwater Diversion System and Rain Garden Project with Culver City – Daniel Sciolini, BHC Staff Services Analyst**

Mr. Sciolini – Staff recommends the board approve Resolution #17-02 authorizing an amendment to the budget for this project.

- Construction Bids were 21% higher than original budget
- Culver City contacted staff regarding higher costs for line items, and the need to increase Culver City matching funds to address the contractor's development specifications.
- They are requesting an amendment to revise the budget to include additional line items and line item shifts resulting in an increase of \$280,439; from \$718,000 to \$998,439.
- Augmented Culver City match from 52% to 62% of total project cost will absorb the budget shortfall resulting in an increase of almost 40% in their original match.
- Conservancy staff recommend removing and replacing the budget to account for higher bids submitted by the contractor, augment Culver City matching funds for tracking purposes, raise the total project amount from 1,324,000 to 1,604,439
- If approved the project budget will be removed and replaced with revised budget reflecting an increase of \$280,439 toward Culver City's match. The shift will not change the BHC's overall contribution toward the project budget.

*The Chair called for a motion to vote. Member Katona so moved, Member Wicker seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – 7 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain, Approved.*

*(See attached memorandum dated October 27, 2017, Item 6: Consideration of a Resolution on an Amendment to Proposition 1 Grant Agreement #BHC16001, for the Refuse Transfer Station Stormwater Diversion System and*

*Rain Garden Project with Culver City – Daniel Sciolini, BHC Staff Services Analyst; and all corresponding attachments.)*

**VII. Discussion and Possible Action on an Amendment to BHC Resolution #16-12, which approved Proposition 40 Funds for the Healthy Living in the Parklands Initiative Project, with The City Project – Gail Krippner, BHC Associate Governmental Program Analyst**

Ms. Krippner – The recommendation is to approve Amendment 1 to Resolution 16-12; changing the name of the grantee from “The City Project” (TCP) to “Community Partners.” In June, the BHC Board approved a grant for up to \$250,000 of BHC Proposition 40 Funds to TCP for the Healthy Living Parklands Initiative. Upon finalizing the grant agreement for signature. TCP’s fiscal agent “Community Partners, came forward stating as the sponsor 501 (c)3, they need to be the signatory on the agreement.

*The Chair called for a motion to vote. Member Katona so moved, Member Wicker seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – 9 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain, Approved.*

**VIII. Discussion and Possible Action for BHC Officer Nominations in Preparation for Elections to be held at the December 8, 2017, Board Meeting – Dr. Yolanda Gorman, Chair**

*(The nomination committee decided to survey members eligible for the position of Vice Chair, and report back.)*

**IX. Executive Officer Report: Project Status Update, Fiscal Update - BHC Staff Representatives**

**Fiscal Update – David McNeill**

There is water draining from the ballfields down Fairfax Avenue, and we are working with folks to walk the site around the ballfield and sports complex to address the run off. Some access gates are needed to connect with the adjacent commercial facilities i.e. Kaiser.

**Legislative Update – David McNeill**

*[See attached memorandum dated October 27, 2017, Item 9: Executive Officer Report; Attachment #1 – BHC Local Assistance/Capital Outlay Projects Status Report; Attachment #2 – Baldwin Hills 2016/17 Summary Sheet by Fund; Attachment #3 – Bond Cash Funds (as of 8/31/17);] For legislation introduced by Senator De Leon relating to SB5 please see Attachment 4.)*

**Project Status Update**

**Proposition 40 – Gail Krippner**

**La Cienega Bridge Project** - The project bids were high, and they are being re-issued today. The contract should be ready to go in January. There is no grant agreement yet; however, staff is diligently working out details.

**Healthy Living Parklands Initiative** - Community Partners is the fiscal agent. This grant agreement has been signed, and work begins in November.

**Proposition 84 – Noa Rishe Khalili**

**Loyola Marymount (LMU) Parklands User Survey** – LMU staff gave a presentation. This study was based on data collected in the field over the last three years. Methods of data collection included: in person surveys, visitor counts, and a game camera study. Student research assistants surveyed 1,729 unique park visitors with questions regarding demographics, transportation, Parklands knowledge, park use, and more. Results now provide insight into the profile of the average park user.

(For presentation details, see attached memorandum dated October 27, 2017, Item 4: Final Report on the Baldwin Hills Parklands User Survey Study – Dr. Michele Romolini, Director of Research, Loyola Marymount University (LMU) Center for Urban Resilience; and Attachment #1 For the 95-page User Study go online to - [http://cures.lmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/BaldwinHills\\_FinalReport\\_2017\\_083017.pdf](http://cures.lmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/BaldwinHills_FinalReport_2017_083017.pdf) )

**LA Audubon Society** – Staff continue to work toward establishing the spring and summer camps, conservation certificate program curriculum, so that students will receive core credit from West LA College.

**Proposition 1 – Daniel Sciolini**

**Culver City Refuse Transfer Station - Stormwater Diversion Project (Phase 1) –**

The underground tank locations have been excavated; Storm drain and pressure pipes are in place. **Rain Garden (Phase 2)** – Design completed the beginning of August; bid advertisement for construction set to end in October; bid award on track for mid-November; project completion expected spring 2018.

**Milton Green Street - Construction** – Approval for irrigation piping revamped pausing construction until approval granted; issues prompted need to relocate piping under sidewalk; construction proceeded late October; MDRMS principal Lorraine Machado, and surrounding community have been supportive; project completion accelerated, and expected completion winter 2017.

**Lower Ballona Creek Feasibility Plan/Study** - BHC board approved Proposition 1 funds at the June 16, 2017 meeting; signed agreement sent to Sacramento early October; fully executed agreement anticipated beginning November; will review requirements and tracking of funds with grantee.

**Workshops/Presentations/Networking/Outreach** – Continuing Proposition 1 meetings – Watts Labor Community action committee on October 19<sup>th</sup>; BHC cohosted Ballona Watershed Bus Tour;

**X. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

*The BHC welcomes and congratulates new Board Member Peter A. Garcia.*

*The BHC wishes to thank Dr. Eric Strauss, Executive Director, Dr. Michele Romolini, Director of Research and all staff and volunteers that diligently worked on The Value of Urban Parklands Study.*

*\*The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **December 8, 2017.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at **11:46 a.m.**

Approved:

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Dr. Yolanda Gorman, Chair

Date:

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### Memorandum

**To:** Governing Board

**From:** Noa Rishe-Kahlili, Park and Recreation Specialist

**Date:** December 8, 2017

**Re:** Item 4: Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Proposition 84 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount not to Exceed \$830,684 to Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution 17-03 authorizing a grant of up to \$830,684 in Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) Prop 84 funds to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook (BHSO) Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project

**Background:** The LACC has submitted an application for Prop 84 funds for Trail and Stormwater improvements at the BHSO (see Attachment #1.) The \$1,168,880 Trail and Stormwater project represents a collaborative effort between LACC, California State Parks, and the Los Angeles Audubon Society. Collectively, they have supplied a \$338,197.13 match, which is a 40% contribution towards the BHC award request.

The LACC's application was assessed using the criteria adopted by the BHC Board in April 2011. The scope of work includes: safety and water/erosion management enhancements to the BHSO stairs; re-engineering of trails for reduction of sediment laden run-off; restoration of native habitat, and re-vegetation of barren areas; and stewardship programs and interpretation signage to increase awareness of visitor impact on natural ecosystems.

The criteria review of the project application successfully corresponded with the following four goals of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, and the BHC's Strategic Plan: 1) increases active recreation opportunities for underserved communities; 2) provides for public access and entryways, 3) protects and restores natural habitat; 4) creates or implements a comprehensive trail system; 5) emphasizes connections between existing parks, trails, and urban streams.

**Baldwin Hills Trail and Stormwater Restoration Project  
Los Angeles Conservation Corps**

**PROP 84 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

(For use in the determination of the eligibility of Conservancy grants and projects authorized under Division 22.7 of the California Public Resources Code)

**STANDARD REQUIREMENTS**

**a. Located within the BHC territory**

Site map and narrative identify project is within the Conservancy territory and boundaries as described in PRC 32553 (a).

**b. Promotion of the Conservancy's statutory programs and purposes**

PRC 32569 (a): Conservancy may award grants to local public agencies for the purposes of this division

PRC 32565.5 (b): Conservancy shall give priority to related projects that create expanded opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills area.

**c. Consistency with purposes of Prop 84 statute**

PRC 75060: Bond funds are available for projects to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the State.

**d. Consistency with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan (BHPMP)**

Pedestrian Access and Trail Connections, page 46: "Key public access points would allow easy connections to major public trails and access into the park."

Education and Interpretation, Page 76, BHPMP: "Providing opportunities for outdoor education and use of the Baldwin Hills Park as a living laboratory is a primary management goal. Protecting and restoring natural habitat shall be coordinated with education programs whenever possible, in conjunction with park-provided visitor interpretive programs, area schools, after-school and other youth programs."

**e. Greater-than-local interest**

With nearly 3 million Californians residing in a five-mile radius of the Baldwin Hills territory (according to the 2000 census data), and over 58 million tourist trip visits to the Los Angeles area annually, the land resources in the Baldwin Hills represent an extraordinarily unique value to the entire state.

**f. Demonstrated expertise in the proposed program area**

Los Angeles Conservation Corps has extensive experience managing trail and restoration projects throughout the County. Past collaborations with the Conservancy include the Trail and Wayfinding Project in Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and design development for the Hetzler Road Project.

**ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES**

- **Leverage**

Funding leverage includes California State Park's contribution of \$316,496.93 and LA Audubon Society's contribution of \$201,700.20. The total match for the project is \$338,197.13 which is a 40% match towards the BHC award request. CEQA documentation has been provided by California State Parks.

- **Resolution of more than one issue**

This project resolves multiple issues by: improving access to Ballona Creek bike path from the Scenic Overlook; mitigating erosion; addressing water quality; encouraging non-vehicular travel; and providing a safe recreation amenity for thousands of daily park users.

- **Readiness**

LACC is ready to implement the project and has sufficient available staff to begin work immediately. California State Parks has allocated enough resources to mobilize quickly for the earth movement end of the project.

- **Conflict Resolution**

Agencies such as California State Parks, Culver City, and Baldwin Hills Conservancy are aware of the need to address pedestrian safety and access to areas of the park while protecting fragile habitat. This project will address both through clear path delineations, restored patched of habitat, fencing and education.

- **Realization of prior BHC goal**

The project enhances the existing access at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook and implements a portion of plans developed for the Park to Playa Trail. Building on the popularity of the Ballona Creek and the Scenic Overlook, the proposed improvements are a natural evolution towards the community's vision of linking park resources as recommended in the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan



## **BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)**

### **RESOLUTION 17-03**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MATCHING GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$830,684 OF BHC PROP 84 FUNDS TO THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS FOR THE BALDWIN HILLS SCENIC OVERLOOK TRAIL AND STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, under Division 22.7 of the California Public Resources Code, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy 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, Public Resources Code 32569 (a) states the Conservancy may award grants to non-profit 501 (c) 3 organizations for the purposes of its division; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps is a non-profit under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code 75060, funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 are available for projects in the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek Watershed to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps adopted Resolution approving the submission of an application for local support from the BHC Prop 84 funds; and

WHEREAS, California State Parks has partnered with the Corps to successfully plan and implement this project with a commitment to operate and maintain the improvements upon their acceptable completion; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the project are consistent with the funding source and grant requirements adopted by the BHC under resolution 10-06; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code 32565.5 (b) the BHC shall give priority to related projects that create expanded opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills Area; and

WHEREAS, as under Public Resources Code 15333 this action is exempt from the environmental impact requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE BHC GOVERNING BOARD:**

1. AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AMEND THE CONTRACT SCOPE AND BUDGET
2. ADOPTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS DATED DECEMBER 8, 2017 FOR THIS ITEM

3. APPOINTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS AGENT TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO AGREEMENTS, PAYMENT REQUESTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT(S)

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Dr. Yolanda Gorman  
Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Edsall  
Deputy Attorney General

## BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

## APPLICATION FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT: \$830,683.75	
BHSO Trail & Stormwater Restoration Project		
	\$1,168,880.88	
	ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST (State Grant and other funds)	
GRANTEE (Agency and address-including zip code)	Los Angeles COUNTY	Culver City NEAREST CITY
Los Angeles Conservation Corps 605 W Olympic Blvd # 450, Los Angeles, CA 90015	6300 Hetzler Rd, Culver City, CA 90232 PROJECT ADDRESS	
	Jefferson Blvd NEAREST CROSS STREET	
	30 SENATE DISTRICT NO.	54 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO.

## Brief Description of Project:

The Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook (BHSO) Trail and Stormwater Restoration Project will improve water infiltration, restore habitat, and address significant erosion issues on a heavily-used trail and staircase at the park.

The trails and steps (staircase) at the BHSO are also critical components of the Park to Playa regional trail that will create 13-miles of connection of parks and trail system from the Baldwin Hills Parklands to the Pacific Ocean.

*Wendy A. Butler*

Applicant's Authorized Representative

*10-27-17*

Date



**Board Resolution No. 2017-16**

RESOLUTION OF  
THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM  
THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY FOR  
PROPOSITION 84 FUNDING FOR  
BALDWIN HILLS PROP. 84 BHSO TRAIL & STORM WATER RESTORATION PROJECT

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WHEREAS, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, was adopted by California voters in the general election on November 7, 2006, which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the State for the purpose of preventing contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, protecting and restoring the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, promoting access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Proposition, and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy's procedures require Los Angeles Conservation Corps to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that Los Angeles Conservation Corps must comply with; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Conservation Corps will enter into an Agreement with the Conservancy to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles Conservation Corps Board of Directors hereby:

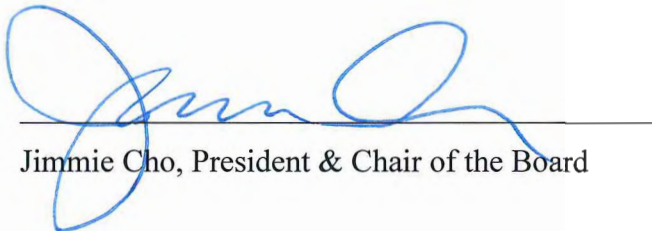
1. Approves the filing of an application with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 84 Funds for the above project;
2. Certifies that Los Angeles Conservation Corps understands the assurances and certification in the application form;

3. Certifies that Los Angeles Conservation Corps has the right to assign maintenance to another agency, viz., California State Parks (California Department of Parks and Recreation);
4. Certifies California State Parks as the assignee for operations and maintenance after Los Angeles Conservation Corps completes the project; including, but not limited to land acquisitions, capital improvement projects, and intellectual property-related deliverables, i.e., studies, reports, investigations, web-based content; and
5. Appoints the Los Angeles Conservation Corps Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Director to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2017-16 was duly adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 7      Noes: 0      Absent: 3



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Jimmie Cho, President & Chair of the Board



LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS  
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Proposition 84 Restoration Project

**Site Description**

The project site is located entirely within the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park. The Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook is a roughly 58-acre park that features a popular exercise stair, walking trails, picnic areas, outdoor gathering spaces, and a visitor center. The park offers stunning 360° panoramic views of the Santa Monica Bay, Hollywood Hills, Downtown, and South Bay. The park abuts the Inglewood Oil Field to the south.

**Summary**

LA Conservation Corps, working with California State Parks and Los Angeles Audubon Society, will restore the steps and trails at Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook (BHSO), remove unsanctioned trails, restore natural habitat in those areas, and install interpretive signage. As a co-benefit, this project provides on-the-job training for at-risk youth, whom we call Corpsmembers, from South and Central LA. This project focuses on public access, water quality improvement, watershed protection, and interpretation:

- Public access and safety will be improved by trail construction and repair, repair and maintenance of the steps, and installation of post-and-cable barriers to direct traffic.
- Water quality will be improved by natural habitat restoration that enable increased water infiltration on the site.
- Watershed protection will be achieved by increased infiltration on site and reduction of storm water run-off down packed trails and roads; storm water run-off across Jefferson Boulevard and into adjacent Ballona Creek will be reduced.
- Interpretative signage will increase the educational value of the site by enabling visitors to learn about the flora and fauna of our region.

**Alignment**

This project is consistent with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan by achieving the following goals:

- (1) Increase active recreation opportunities for underserved communities

The Baldwin Hills are the only large open space area within ten miles and heavily visited. The adjacent community is extremely diverse, encompassing a wide range of socioeconomic groups. Within a five-mile radius, demographics are primarily African American and Latino, and 20% live below the poverty line. This project improves access and usability to increase recreation activities for these diverse communities, and particularly, no-cost access for low-income families.

(2) Create and implement a comprehensive trail system

Repair of heavily trafficked trails, construction of new trails to redirect traffic, removal of unsanctioned trails, and restoration of the steps will make BHSO a prized component of the Baldwin Hills trail system.

(3) Provide for public access and entry ways

Trailhead improvements, new trails, and unsanctioned trail closures identified by California State Parks will improve access and entry for visitors.

(4) Protect and restore natural habitat

California State Parks identified areas where unsanctioned trails will be closed and the natural habitat restored. LA Conservation Corps will do the trail work, and Los Angeles Audubon Society will take the lead on habitat restoration. Habitat restoration will provide unique environmental education and habitat restoration experiences for Corpsmembers.

(5) Protect critical view sheds

Trail work, steps repair, and habitat restoration protect critical view sheds line of sight from the top of BHSO by improving the aesthetics of the trail system and restoring the natural flora of adjacent areas.

(6) Protect and improve urban water quality

Water drains from the Baldwin Hills into Ballona and Centinela Creeks, linking this area with the coastal marshes of the Ballona Wetlands where Ballona Creek flows into the ocean. Restoration of trails to reduce rivulets and restoration of habitat to increase infiltration will protect the health of Ballona Creek by reducing storm water run-off across Jefferson Boulevard.

(7) Emphasize connection between existing parks, trails, and urban streams

Repair of heavily trafficked trails, construction of new trails to redirect traffic, removal of unsanctioned trails, and restoration of the steps will allow BHSO to be a prized component of the entire trail system in the Baldwin Hills, anticipating future connection with the trails of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

## **Objectives**

This project will achieve the following standard objectives of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC):

(1) Promotion of the BHC's statutory programs and purposes

This project accomplishes the BHC's mission "to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the territory for the public's enjoyment and educational experience" through repair of the trails and steps, restoration of natural habitat, and installation of interpretive signage.

(2) Consistency with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan

BHSO is accessible to millions of residents in the metro LA area, providing no-cost outdoor recreation in a natural setting in the midst of a dense urban area. With barely one acre of parkland per 1,000 people, this is one of the most park-poor regions in California. This project will improve access, usability, safety, and interpretation for visitors, particularly the low-income, culturally diverse communities in the area.

The Baldwin Hills are home to natural habitats that must be preserved. BHSO is part of the Ballona Creek Watershed, and it drains into the Ballona and Centinela creeks, which join the Pacific Ocean four miles downstream. Trail construction and maintenance redirects storm water run-off for infiltration on site, reducing the amount of run-off across Jefferson Boulevard and into Ballona Creek.

(3) Consistency with purposes of the funding source

The BHC Prop 84 grant program provides funds for projects that benefit the Ballona Creek Watershed and Baldwin Hills Conservancy territory by protecting or preventing contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds. Trail construction and maintenance redirects storm water run-off for infiltration on site, reducing the amount of run-off across Jefferson Boulevard and into Ballona Creek. The grant program supports protecting and restoring the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands. This project will restore natural habitat adjacent to the trails and steps, as well as replanting areas that were formerly unsanctioned trails. The grant program supports promoting access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state. This project promotes access by increasing the usability and safety of the trails and steps, protecting critical view sheds, and installing interpretive signage.

(4) Location (must benefit the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek region)

BHSO is the northwest section of Baldwin Hills Park.

(5) Need (desired project or result will not occur without Conservancy contribution)



Despite the leveraged resources of LA Conservation Corps, California State Parks, and Los Angeles Audubon Society, Prop. 84 supports through BHC will be crucial to making this project a reality.

(6) Demonstrated expertise in the proposed program area

LA Conservation Corps is proud of 30 years of expertise in natural resource management, park construction, urban greening, and habitat restoration, cf., applicant background and related experience.

(7) Leverage (contribution of funds or services by other entities)

LA Conservation Corps will leverage educational and supportive services for Corpsmembers, which enable them to be an effective workforce for the labor required by this project. California State Parks will leverage equipment and labor for trail work, and then maintenance and operation post-project. Los Angeles Audubon Society will leverage education and expert assistance as well as volunteers for habitat restoration.

(8) Readiness (ability of the grantee and others to start and finish the project in a timely manner)  
All parties are ready to begin the project upon approval and anticipate completing the project before the end of the grant period, cf., timeline below.

(9) Cooperation (public, nonprofit groups, landowners, and others contribute to the project)  
This project was initiated by LA Conservation Corps, California State Parks, and Los Angeles Audubon Society in consultation with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. All three entities represent the public interest in maintaining recreational access balanced with protection of the natural habitat for future generations.

## **Scope of Work**

### **Stairs**

- 1-inch waterline will be installed down the entire length of 1-side of the stairs with quick couplers installed at each landing
- Step improvements will be made throughout the entire length of the stairs
- Posts and cables will be placed along both sides of the stairs, further discouraging off-trail use.

### **Trails**

- Official trails will be evaluated for the need to re-engineer the tread so the trails will sheet drain to the downslope side, preventing entrainment of sediment-laden storm water.
- Trail segments requiring re-engineering/improvements will be mapped
- Where needed, water will be taken off the trails into existing natural drainages
- Non-official trails will be identified and closed with signage, fencing and vegetation.
- Post & Cable fencing will be installed on all sections of trails mapped for re-engineering/improvements

### Habitat Restoration

- Areas for habitat restoration will be identified. Priority will be given to areas that will address storm-water runoff and erosion.
- Identified areas will be vegetated with appropriate native vegetation.

### Interpretation

- Signs will be designed and installed at appropriate locations to educate the public about the importance of staying on official trails.
- Volunteers from the public will be considered for participation in the project, where appropriate, and in assisting State Parks in a volunteer interpretive program.

### **Roles**

#### Los Angeles Conservation Corps

- As grantee, will prepare the project budget and grant application with the collaboration of California State Parks and assistance of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy
- Will administer the grant, including preparation and submission of invoices and the tracking of in-kind work for the project match.
- LA Conservation Corps crews will perform all hand work on the stairs, trails, signage installation, and habitat restoration areas.

#### Los Angeles Audubon Society

- Will assist in the identification of habitat restoration sites.
- Will compile a list of appropriate number, sizes and species of native plants to be used for trail closures, and habitat restoration sites.
- Will provide a list of all tools and materials necessary for plant establishment.
- Will collect seed and grow native plants in the on-site greenhouse, as well as purchase plant materials from approved suppliers.
- Will direct LACC crews in plant installation
- Will assure that the plantings are established during the grant period.
- Will assist with the design/development of interpretive signage

#### California State Parks

- Will identify and map areas for trail re-engineering/improvements, trail closure, stair improvements and habitat restoration
- With assistance from Los Angeles Audubon Society, will identify sites for habitat restoration
- Will prepare and process the environmental review documentation under CEQA.
- Will assist LA Conservation Corps in the preparation of the grant application.
- Will provide any required heavy equipment and an operator where needed.
- Will provide a State Park employee with training in trail construction and irrigation to direct the LACC crews in all hand work on the stairs and trails.

- Will provide the greenhouse in the park for the purpose of plant propagation by the Los Angeles Audubon Society.
- Will work with LA Audubon to develop interpretive signage

### **Timeline**

PROJECT ACTIVITY	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
Environmental Review	October 1st 2017	February 5th 2018
Project Scoping & Development	October 1st 2017	February 5th 2018
Public notifications about closures (on-going throughout duration of project)	January 8th 2018	February 5th 2019
Mobilization	February 5th 2018	February 16th 2018
Staircase Work-post & cable fencing, irrigation, and staircase improvements/modifications	February 19th, 2018	August 17th 2018
Trail Work-road to trail conversation, and trail to road conversation in sections 1-7 plus road behind V.C. (this includes all post & cable fencing)	August 20th 2018	April 20th 2018
Restoration Work-Plant Propagation	March 1st 2018	October 31st 2018
Restoration Work-Site Preparation	November 1st 2018	February 5th 2019
Restoration Work-Installation Temporary Irrigation	November 1st 2018	February 5th 2019
Restoration Work-Planting	November 18th 2018	February 5th 2019
Plant Establishment	February 5th 2019	February 1st 2020
Project Close-Out	February 1st 2020	March 1st 2020

\* Work will be sequenced in the following order:

(1) Complete all stair work outlined in the scope of work (in sections from top to bottom)

(2) Complete all trail work outlined in the scope of work (in sections)

(3) Complete all restoration work outlined in scope of work (in sections)

### **Project Budget**

TASK #	PROJECT TASK	BHC BUDGET	CSP MATCH BUDGET	LAAS MATCH BUDGET	TOTAL
1	<b>Preconstruction Work/Environmental Review/Project Oversight</b>				
1.1	CSP CEQA/Environmental Review		\$812.82		\$812.82
1.2	CSP Project Scoping & Development		\$13,836.48		\$13,836.48

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1.3	CSP Equipment Transportation		\$12,559.72		\$12,559.72	
1.4	CSP Project Oversight		\$178,219.84		\$178,219.84	
1.5	Capital Lease of small utility vehicle (Gator)		\$6,500.00		\$6,500.00	
1.6	Mobilization/Site Preparation/Public Notification	\$18,859.17			\$18,859.17	
<b>2</b>	<b>Staircase Work</b>					
2.1	Staircase post & cable fencing	\$58,500.00			\$58,500.00	Includes: labor, equipment, and materials
2.2	Staircase improvements	\$36,618.84			\$36,618.84	Includes: labor, equipment, and materials
2.3	Installation of irrigation line	\$38,097.17			\$38,097.17	Includes: labor, equipment, and materials
<b>3</b>	<b>Trail Work (including Post &amp; Cable Fencing)</b>					
3.1	Post & cable fencing in section 1-7 plus road behind V.C.	\$287,619.24			\$287,619.24	Includes: labor, equipment, and materials
3.2	Trail work Section 1-7	\$99,802.76			\$99,802.76	"Trail Work" is all the hand-tool trail work in section1-7
3.3	Drill approximately 1150 post holes		\$12,342.12		\$12,342.12	

TASK#	PROJECT TASK	BHC BUDGET	CSP MATCH BUDGET	LAAS MATCH BUDGET	TOTAL
3.3	Road to Trail Conversion sections 5 and 7-includes rehab prep for switchbacks		\$19,416.20		\$19,416.20
3.4	Deliver roadbase from Mugu for trail section #4		\$2,992.80		\$2,992.80
3.5	Cut and fill road behind V.C.		\$60,781.40		\$60,781.40
3.6	Habitat Restoration lower trail junction		\$1,520.85		\$1,520.85
3.7	Trail section #3 cut and habitat restoration		\$3,013.30		\$3,013.30

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3.8	Slope restoration beginning section #2		\$2,550.80		\$2,550.80	
3.9	Trail removal/restore slope		\$1,950.60		\$1,950.60	
<b>4</b>	<b>Habitat Restoration Work</b>					
4.1	Growing and purchasing of native plants and seeds	\$17,397.00			\$17,397.00	Work subcontracted out to LAAS
4.2	Planting of approximately 6,000 native plants	\$24,560.00			\$24,560.00	
4.3	Planting training hours for LA Conservation Crews	\$840.00			\$840.00	LAAS Restoration Coordinator \$21 @ 40 hrs.
4.4	Installation of above ground temporary irrigation lines	\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00	Placeholder-best guess
4.5	Site prep & hand seeding using a belly-grinder	\$12,000.00			\$12,000.00	

TASK#	PROJECT TASK	BHC BUDGET	CSP MATCH BUDGET	LAAS MATCH BUDGET	TOTAL	
<b>5</b>	<b>Plant Establishment</b>					
5.1	Plant establishment (12 months)	\$21,261.32		\$20,207.00	\$41,468.32	Work subcontracted out to LAAS
<b>6</b>	<b>Interpretive Signage</b>					
6.1	Interpretive signage-design			\$1,493.20	\$1,493.20	Match provided by LAAS
6.1	Interpretive signage-installation	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	Placeholder-best guess
<b>Direct Costs</b>		\$635,555.50	\$316,496.93	\$21,700.20	\$973,752.63	
<b>Contingency (10%)</b>		\$63,555.55			\$63,555.55	
<b>Indirect Costs (18.2%)</b>		\$131,572.70			\$131,572.70	
<b>Total Project Budget</b>		\$830,683.75	\$316,496.93	\$21,700.20	\$1,168,880.88	

<b><i>1.1 Breakout Cost-CSP CEQA/Environmental Review</i></b>			
Dist maint chief	1	\$58.80	\$58.80
Seinor Enviro Scientist	1	\$92.05	\$92.05
Environmental Scientist	8	\$58.60	\$468.80
Historian	1	\$42.40	\$42.40
District Superintendent	1	\$101.20	\$101.20
Archeologist	1	\$49.57	\$49.57
			<b>\$812.82</b>

<b><i>1.2 Breakout cost-CSP Project Scoping &amp; Development</i></b>			
Dist maint chief	25	\$58.80	\$1,470.00
Seinor Enviro Scientist	20	\$92.05	\$1,841.00
Park Maintenance Sup	100	\$42.31	\$4,231.00
Park & Rec Specialist	40	\$48.30	\$1,932.00
District Superintendent	16	\$101.20	\$1,619.20
Environmental Scientist	30	\$48.60	\$1,458.00
Asso. P&R Specialist	16	\$56.01	\$896.16
Park Maint Chief I	8	\$48.64	\$389.12
			<b>\$13,836.48</b>

### **APPLICANT BACKGROUND / RELATED EXPERIENCE**

For over three decades, Los Angeles Conservation Corps has served the municipalities of Los Angeles County as a licensed general contractor with expertise in natural land management—particularly urban forestry, drought-tolerant landscaping, and greenspace construction—and street services—site clean-up and trash/debris removal. As a co-benefit, environmental conservation work projects, community beautification, and light construction provide paid work experience and on-the-job training for at-risk youth in our workforce development program, whom we call Corpsmembers.

The Corps provides a wide array of services, trainings, programming, and opportunities for at-risk youth to make successful transitions into future jobs. The purpose of the Corps' foundational Young Adult Corps youth and workforce development program is to transform the lives of school-aged youth and at-risk young adults through paid work experience, on-the-job training, work and life skills training, education, supportive services (safety-net services and barrier removal), and transition assistance. Positive outcomes are job placement or college/vocational school enrollment. The Young Adult Corps serves approximately 500 at-risk 18- to 25-year-olds per year, with approximately 250 active at any given time.

During our intake process, each Corpsmember is assigned a case manager that helps Corpsmembers focus on their individualized service plans, which include their personal, educational and occupational goals, and map out the practical steps they need to take to achieve them. We provide information to Corpsmembers regarding other post-secondary education institutions, and assist them with applications and financial assistance forms. Case Managers provide resources and referrals for housing, child care, transportation, health care, legal services, and financial support to ensure program participants can succeed in our program and beyond.

Job/life skills programming is designed to give Corpsmembers the tools to achieve self-sufficiency:

- Personal Development: Anger management, conflict resolution, team building, etc.
- Health and Wellbeing: Fitness and nutrition, family planning and safe sex practices, mental health, etc.
- Financial Literacy: Basics of money, credit, and how to manage it
- Work Readiness: Resume cover letters, interview skills, etc.

Our Vocational and Driver's License training offers Corpsmembers basic vocational training in OSHA 10 and CPR & First Aid, and gives them a baseline of training as they begin their work experience and career pathway exposure as new Corpsmembers. During the course of their time in the Young Adult Corps, they can participate in a variety of other trainings, including forklift driving, HAZMAT, and driver's license training. Written exam classes are offered to all Corpsmembers and those who need help with behind-the-wheel lessons are eligible to apply for free lessons year-round.

Our Green Career Pathways program is a framework for organizing work and training into employer-advised curriculum tracks—Land Management, Zero Waste, Energy, Construction, Manufacturing—with industry-recognized certifications to position Corpsmembers for careers in growing green sectors. Connections with corporate partners in these sectors lead to apprenticeship and hiring opportunities for at-risk youth who complete our program successfully.

### Related Experience

The Corps' expertise in urban greening and natural resource management includes these services:

- Trail construction and maintenance
- Weed and invasive species removal/fire fuel reduction
- Site clean-up (inside and around swales)
- Trash/debris removal
- Fence installation and repairs
- Signage installation and maintenance
- Storm water protection, terracing, and sand bag placement
- Mulching

Recent examples of related work projects include:

- As of September 10, 2013, the Corps has provided maintenance services to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation Landscaping and Maintenance Services under a master as-needed service agreement for up to \$1 million annually. In 2014, we completed the Hume Road Planting Project, and services included native shrub planting and tree planting over three acres of land.
- In spring 2016, we completed channel area clean-up for the City of La Habra Heights, which included weed and brush removal and herbicide spraying.
- In fall 2016, we completed sand removal from playgrounds at Apollo and Independence Parks, as part of park renovation projects, for the City of Downey. In 2105, as part of our Tot Parks and Trails program, we created a 600 linear feet decomposed granite walking path around Downey's Brookshire Park, and performed other park improvements at Downey's Rio San Gabriel Park.
- In fall 2017, we completed the \$2.8 million Wiseburn Walking Path project under the auspices of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of Los Angeles Regional Parks and Open Space District, and California Natural Resource Agency. The scope of work included clearing, grading, constructing a 3,200 linear foot decomposed granite walking trail, installation of signage and amenities, and curb construction.
- Work has begun on the Proposition A-funded West Athens Area Pilot Tree Planting Project for the County of Los Angeles Regional Parks and Open Space District. We are planting 250 new street trees in the unincorporated West Athens community.
- Fiscal Capacity
- Each year, the Corps takes on approximately 30 new contracts and successfully closes out 20, with over 100 contracts active at any given time, totaling more than \$16 million in revenues. The Corps' cash flow management, line of credit, and operating reserve enable us to successfully complete reimbursable contracts.
- The Corps' distinct accounts receivable, accounts payable, and payroll departments, as well as a Chief Financial Officer for oversight, analysis, and reporting, adhere to Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for organizations acting in the public interest. Mechanisms and practices have evolved from three decades working with federal, state, and municipal contracts.

### References

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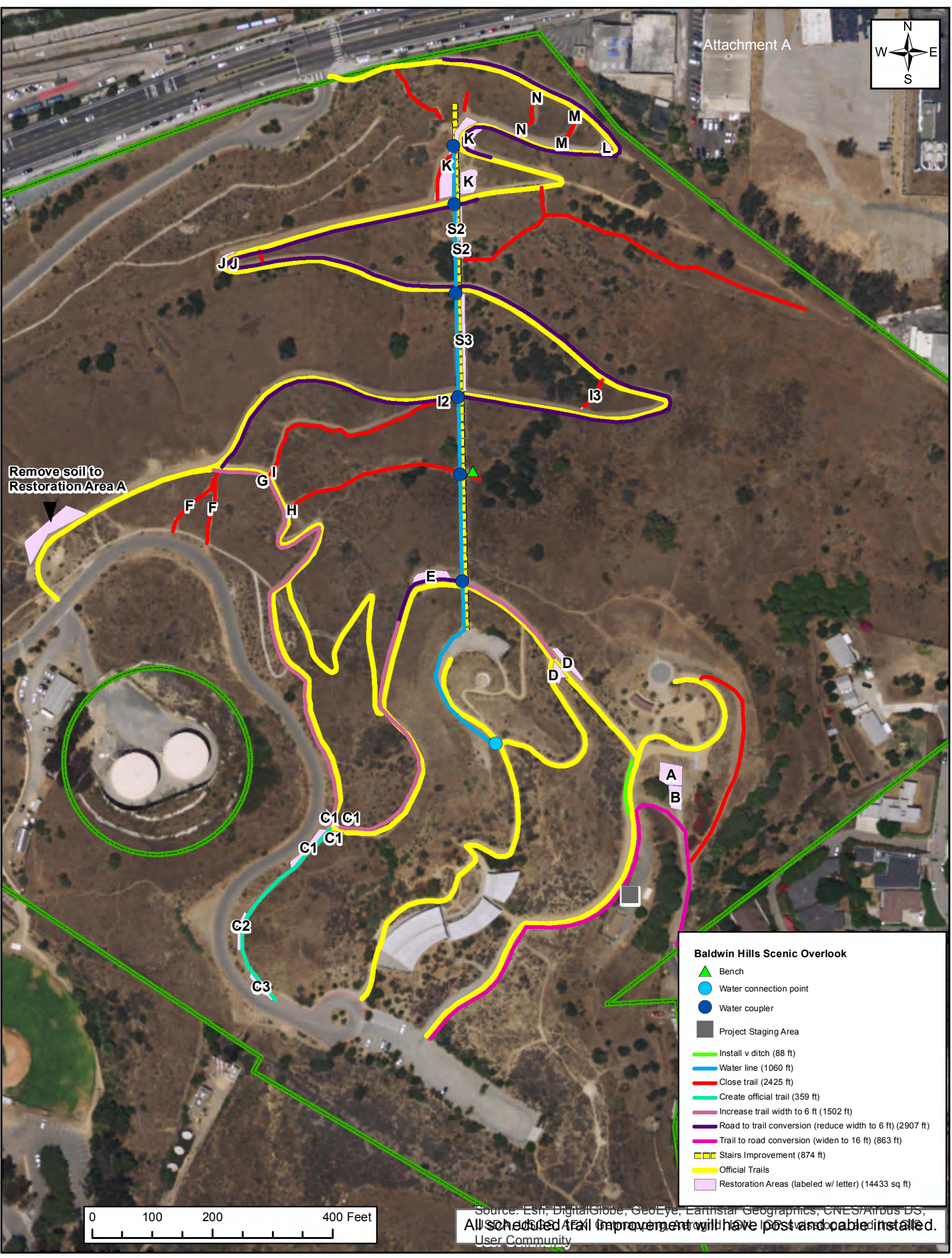
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**PROJECT LOCATION (MAPs & DRAWING)**

See Attachments A, B, C, D, E, and F

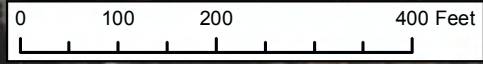
**Project Support Letters**

See Attachments H & I



**Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook**

- ▲ Bench
- Water connection point
- Water coupler
- Project Staging Area
- Install v ditch (88 ft)
- Water line (1060 ft)
- Close trail (2425 ft)
- Create official trail (359 ft)
- Increase trail width to 6 ft (1502 ft)
- Road to trail conversion (reduce width to 6 ft) (2907 ft)
- Trail to road conversion (widen to 16 ft) (863 ft)
- Stairs Improvement (874 ft)
- Official Trails
- Restoration Areas (labeled w/ letter) (14433 sq ft)



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, All scheduled trail improvement will have post and cable installed. User Community





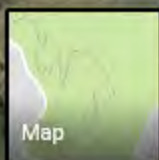
Slope Restoration /  
Narrow Trail to 6 Feet

Increase Trail  
Width to 6 feet

Trail Section 1

Rebuild Trail to 6  
feet width

Trail Section 2



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Attachment C



**Trail Section 4**

**Trail Section 2**

**Trail Section 3**

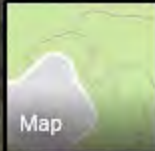
**Cut New Trail, No  
Trail was ever formally  
installed 6 foot Bench**

**Curb Cut for easy transition  
to trail 6 foot wide**



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Rehab areas with  
white hash marks

Trail Section 7

Road to Trail  
Conversion, Reduce  
to 6 foot width

Trail Section 6

Trail Section 5

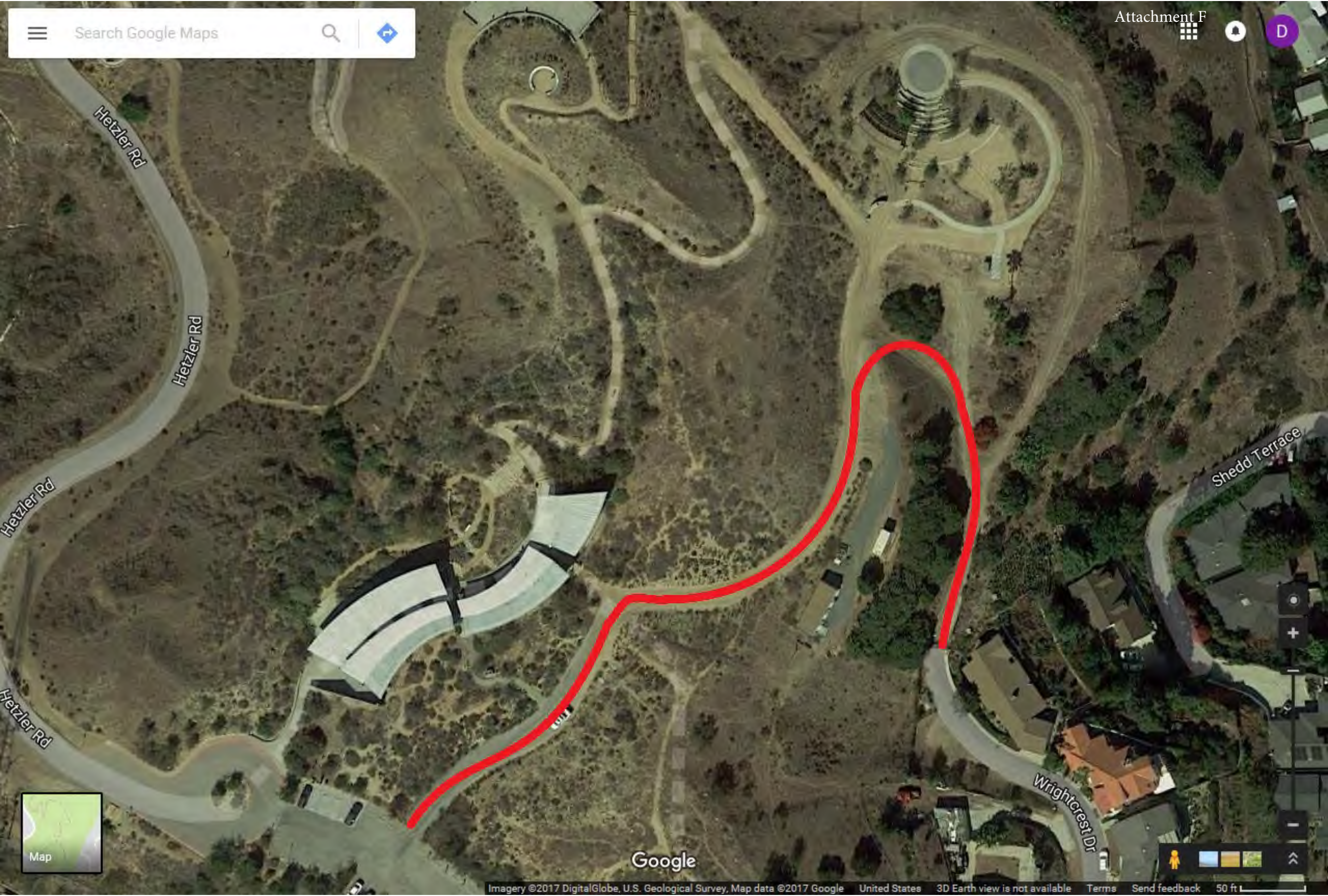
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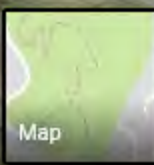
Hetzler Rd

Hetzler Rd

Hetzler Rd

Shedd Terrace

Wrightcrest Dr



Map

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P.O. Box 411301 Los Angeles, CA 90093

October 9, 2017

TO: Los Angeles Conservation Corps

RE: Prop 84 Grant Support

I am writing in support of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' Prop 84 grant application for their Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park Project. Their project aim is to reduce erosion and runoff from trails throughout the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park to benefit water quality within the Ballona Creek watershed and increase native habitat at the park.

The Los Angeles Audubon Society will support the project in the following ways: final habitat restoration design, growing appropriate plants for the habitat restoration, training and oversight during planting, and establishment of the plants in habitat restoration areas.

Our collaboration on the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' Prop 84 grant aligns with our mission to promote the study and protection of birds, other wildlife and their habitats throughout the diverse landscapes of the Los Angeles area, and to stimulate popular interest in and access to nature for all Los Angeles communities. The Los Angeles Audubon Society has collaborated with California State Parks at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park over the past 10 years with excellent results integrating grassroots leadership in environmental education and awareness within underserved urban Los Angeles communities.

We are excited to participate in this project that will provide hands-on restoration and conservation experience for diverse youth from our Los Angeles Audubon staff, our volunteers, and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps while increasing opportunities for California State Parks to expand outreach in the urban community.

If you need additional information regarding our experience with Environment for the Americas please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Margot Griswold". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Margot Griswold, Ph.D.  
President, Los Angeles Audubon Society



State of California • Natural Resources Agency

Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Lisa Ann L. Mangat, Director

Angeles District  
1925 Las Virgenes Rd.  
Calabasas, CA 91302

October 25, 2017

David McNeill  
Executive Officer  
Baldwin Hills Conservancy  
5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290  
Los Angeles, CA 90056

**RE: Letter of Support for LA Conservation Corp Prop 84 Trail  
Restoration Project**

Dear Mr. McNeill,

On behalf of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, I am writing to express California State Parks' support for the trail restoration project proposed by the Los Angeles Conservation Corp (LACC), for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. The project proposed by LACC will improve water infiltration, restore habitat, and address significant erosion issues on the heavily-used trails and stairs at the park. The trails and steps at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook are also critical components of the Park to Playa regional trail that will create a 13-mile connection of parks and trail systems from the Baldwin Hills Parklands to the Pacific Ocean.

California State Parks is prepared to support LACC in the completion of this project, offering matching funds at 25% of the project budget through the provision of tools, personnel, and materials, along with design and permitting services. We support the project as outlined in the project summary and expect to issue a Notice of Exemption, and Right of Entry Permit for LACC, following our environmental review of the project. CSP will further take full responsibility for maintenance and operation of the trail and habitat improvements upon completion of the project.

In a time when our open spaces have become increasingly vital and scarce, the LACC trail improvements proposed for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook offer critical environmental benefits and multiple recreational opportunities to the public.

We are pleased to support the application for funding and urge your favorable consideration of the entirety of this worthy project.

Sincerely,



Craig Sap  
Superintendent  
Angeles District


**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Los Angeles River Center & Gardens  
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Phone (323) 221-9944 Fax (323) 221-9934

November 20, 2017

Mr. Robert Skillman  
Los Angeles Conservation Corps  
2824 South Main Street  
Los Angeles CA 90007

**SUPPORT FOR THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 84  
BHSO TRAIL & STORM WATER RESTORATION PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Skillman,

On behalf of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), I am writing in support of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' Proposition 84 grant application for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook (BHSO) Trail & Storm Water Restoration Project (Project).

It is my understanding that this Project aims to reduce erosion and runoff from trails throughout the BHSO State Park to benefit water quality within the Ballona Creek watershed and increase habitat. The BHSO trails are also a critical component of the Park to Playa Regional Trail which will create 13-miles of connection of parks and trail system from the Baldwin Hills Parklands to the Pacific Ocean.

The MRCA is pleased to support the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' Prop. 84 application and we urge the BHC to approve the funding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (323) 221-9944 ext. 107.

Sincerely,

Ana Straabe  
Chief of Park Development

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### Memorandum

**To:** Governing Board

**From:** David McNeill, Executive Officer

**Date:** December 8, 2017

**Re:** Item 5: Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Proposition 40 Local Assistance Grant in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Design and Implementation of the MLK Commemorative Grove Project, at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA).

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution 17-04, authorizing a Proposition 40 Local Assistance Grant in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Design and Implementation of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Commemorative Grove Project at KHSRA.

**Background:** The application has been reviewed independently by staff and three members of the BHC Board. Based upon the reviews, the application meets the requirements for consideration. The proposed project will implement enhancements to an existing 15,000 square-foot overlook with native Coast Live Oak trees, native grasses, and drought tolerant California-friendly plants; a combination of concrete and decomposed granite pathways; and amenities such as, seating, boulders, and a monument with signage. (See Attachment #1 for this item.)

The grove project would be within KHSRA, one of the largest urban parks in greater Los Angeles. It would also serve as an overlook along the Park to Playa Regional Trail.

This proposal offers a \$200,000 match of County Prop A excess funds, representing more than 50% of the \$400,000 total project creating significant leverage of limited state bond funds.

The site would be managed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (County Parks). If approved, the estimated project delivery is April 2018.

**Project Review:**

**MLK Commemorative Grove Project  
Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation**

**PROP 40 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

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

**STANDARD REQUIREMENTS**

**a. Located within the BHC territory**

Site map and narrative identify project is within the Conservancy territory and boundaries as described in PRC 32553 (a).

**b. Promotion of the Conservancy's statutory programs and purposes**

PRC 32569 (a): Conservancy may award grants to local public agencies for the purposes of this division.

PRC 32565.5 (b): Conservancy shall give priority to related projects that create expanded opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills area.

**c. Consistency with purposes of the funding source**

PRC 5096.650(a): Bond funds may be spent for grants and state administrative costs in accordance with the provisions of the BHC Act for development and protection of land and water resources.

**d. Consistency with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan**

Interpretation & Education, page 76: "Providing opportunities for outdoor education and use of the Baldwin Hills Park as a living laboratory is a primary management goal. Protecting and restoring natural habitat shall be coordinated with education programs whenever possible..."

Interpretation & Education, page 77: "Interpretation and education are based on the premise that knowledge deepens the park experience and provides lasting benefits not only to individuals but also to society in general. Interpretive themes define the point of view given to the presentation of the park's natural, cultural, aesthetic, and recreational resources. Interpretation and education also assist in the preservation of these valuable resources by reducing crime and educating visitors to the impacts that they have on the resources."

**e. Support**

Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; Board of Supervisors 2<sup>nd</sup> District for the County of Los Angeles; Mujeres de la Tierra (NPO)

**f. Need**

Consistent with the BHC goals to emphasize opportunities for interpretation and education, the MLK Grove will accommodate increased programming and learning and establish the park as an interactive destination for schools, international visitors and regular park users. Annual community events such as the King Day of Service at KHSRA would benefit from a central location during the volunteer activities and stewardship programs taking place in the park.

**g. Greater-than-local interest**

Combined with other regionally planned improvements to adjacent County and State facilities, the project will link the communities of Crenshaw, Baldwin Hills, Culver City, Westchester, Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey and Playa Del Rey. With nearly 3-million Californians residing in a five-mile radius of the Baldwin Hills territory (according to the 2000 census data), and over 58 million trip visits to the Los Angeles area annually, the land and habitat resources in the Baldwin Hills Parklands represent an extraordinarily unique interpretation opportunity to the entire state.

**h. Demonstrated expertise in the proposed program area**

The County Parks and Public Works Departments have years of combined experience with county-wide trail and bridge projects. Recent projects completed in the region include Park to Playa Segments B and C, Stoneview Nature Center and the Eastern Ridgeline Project.

**ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES**

**a. Leverage**

The applicant is providing a 50% match utilizing \$200,000 in County Prop A Excess Funds. This match would leverage Prop 40 funds within the BHC's territory and demonstrate the BHC's capacity to partner with local public agencies.

**b. Resolution of more than one issue**

This project resolves multiple issues by addressing park connectivity, native habitat, and cultural awareness through the development of a sense of place within the Parklands.

**c. Readiness**

County Parks has developed the construction drawings and they have contractors under contract to execute the proposed project. County Parks has agreed to support and maintain the improvements.

**d. Enhances or improves ongoing or existing Conservancy projects**

The project enhances public access within the Baldwin Hills Parklands. Plans are consistent with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, P2P feasibility study completed in 2011, the Baldwin Hills Linkage and Access Study approved in 2008 and the annual MLK King Day of Service program activities.

## **BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)**

### **RESOLUTION 17-04**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROPOSITION 40 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS (COUNTY PARKS) AND RECREATION FOR THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MLK COMMEMORATIVE GROVE PROJECT AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA (KHSRA)**

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, County Parks submitted a BHC Prop 40 local assistance grant application for the MLK Commemorative Grove Project, which consists of the installation of trees, landscaping, pedestrian pathways, seating, boulders and monument signage components consistent with the funding source and grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code 32565.5, the BHC shall give priority to related projects that create expanded opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills area; and

WHEREAS, the MLK Commemorative Grove is intended to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and will serve as a historical and educational memorial for both local and international visitors; and

WHEREAS, the County Parks proposal includes a \$200,000 match of County Prop A Excess Funds to leverage the project's \$400,000 budget; and

WHEREAS, if BHC Resolution 17-04 is approved, County Parks will pursue a budget adjustment increasing the L.A. County Park to Playa Trail Capital Project No. 69784 appropriation for the addition of the MLK Tree Grove Project; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy may award grants to state, federal and local governments, public agencies or non-profits for the purposes of its division pursuant to Chapter 428 of Division 22.7 section 32569 of the California Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, a Grant Review was conducted for the application and a recommendation is presented in the memorandum included in Item 5 of the December 8<sup>th</sup> board package; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE BHC GOVERNING BOARD:

1. AUTHORIZES A PROPOSITION 40 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MLK COMMEMORATIVE GROVE PROJECT AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA (KHSRA).

2. ADOPTS THE STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS DATED DECEMBER 8, 2017 FOR THIS ITEM.

3. APPOINTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS AGENT TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO AGREEMENTS, PAYMENT REQUESTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT(S).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE GOVERNING BOARD

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on December 8, 2017

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Dr. Yolanda Gorman (Chair)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Edsall, Deputy Attorney General





# **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TREE GROVE AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA**



**GRANT PROPOSAL  
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY  
PROPOSITION 40 GRANT PROGRAM**





# **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TREE GROVE**

#### **AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA**

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State of California — Resources Agency  
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

PROJECT NAME Martin Luther King Jr. Tree Grove at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area	\$ 200,000	
	GRANT AMOUNT	
	\$ 400,000 ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST (State Grant and other funds)	
GRANTEE (Agency and address-including zip code) County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation 433 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90020	COUNTY Los Angeles	NEAREST CITY Culver City
	PROJECT ADDRESS 4100 S La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90056	
	NEAREST CROSS STREET La Cienega Blvd	
	SENATE DISTRICT NO. 30	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 54

Grantee's Representative Authorized in Resolution:

Faith Parducho	Special Assistant	(213) 738-2811
Name (type)	Title	Phone

Person with day-day responsibility for project (if different from authorized representative):

Kasey Dizon	Grants Analyst	(213) 738-2969
Name (type)	Title	Phone

Brief description of project:

The proposed MLK Tree Grove at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area will enhance an existing 15,000 square-foot overlook with native coast live oak trees, native grass, and drought-tolerant California-friendly plants; a combination of concrete and decomposed granite pathways; and amenities such as seating, boulders, and a monument with signage.

For Dev. Projects Land Tenure – Project is: _____ acres	For Acquisition Projects-Projects will be _____ acres
_____ Acres owned in fee simple by Grant Applicant	_____ Acquired in fee simple by Grant Applicant
338.03 Acres available under a 50 year lease	_____ Acquired in other than fee simple (explain) _____
_____ Acres other interest (explain) _____	_____

I certify that the information contained in this project application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signed

Grantee's Authorized Representative as shown in Resolution

Date

10/30/2017

## BACKGROUND and NEED

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On August 28, 1963—upon the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, overlooking the Reflecting Pool with the Washington Monument in the distance—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Dr. King) stood before an audience of 250,000 observers, supporters, and civil rights leaders and declared, “I have a dream.” He dreamed that, amid the palpable social tensions of the era, a message of peace, justice, freedom, and hope would resonate through the crowd and push forward a revolution that would reverberate through generations. On that day, before a sea of onlookers crowded on city steps, bordering the Reflecting Pool, and perched in tree branches, Dr. King spoke of a future time when freedom would ring from every mountainside—“from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire...the mighty mountains of New York...the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania...the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado...the curvaceous slopes of California,” he had proclaimed to widespread applause.

In honor of Dr. King’s legacy, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (County DPR) proposes the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tree Grove (MLK Tree Grove), to be developed on an existing overlook within Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA). County DPR proudly manages 182 facilities, and strives to promote a healthy lifestyle and strengthen the community through diverse physical, educational, and cultural opportunities. Aligned with these goals, County DPR intends that the proposed MLK Tree Grove will create enhanced opportunities, providing visitors with a valuable cultural and historical resource that also has the capacity to restore natural habitat, enhance a comprehensive trail system, increase active and passive recreation opportunities, and protect and promote a critical view shed. Moreover, the site will be a space for peaceful reflection, inspiration, and learning so

that Dr. King’s message is neither forgotten nor abandoned. Set atop a curvaceous California slope, it will stand as a testament to the life and legacy of Dr. King, a man who stood for equality, spoke of acceptance, and dreamed of a future where freedom would ring from every mountainside.

#### **LOCATION and SCOPE**

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The proposed MLK Tree Grove will be located inside KHSRA, one of the largest urban parks in greater Los Angeles. It will serve to enhance an existing overlook along the Park to Playa Trail, which runs through KHSRA and will eventually connect the Baldwin Hills Parklands to the Pacific Ocean over a contiguous 13-mile trail once it is completed in 2020. The scope will consist of planting oak trees and native landscaping, constructing concrete and decomposed granite pathways, and include amenities such as seating, boulders, and a monument engraved with Dr. King’s portrait, excerpts from his “I Have a Dream” address, and information about the March on Washington during which Dr. King gave his historic speech.

The location and scope of the proposed MLK Tree Grove are intended to create a space that is quietly striking, commemorating Dr. King and embodying all that he stood for—social change, intolerance of injustice, promotion of freedom and equal rights, and peaceful, nonviolent protest. Within the tree grove itself, native coast live oaks, with their umbrella-like canopies and evergreen foliage, will grow broad and large. This generous tree cover will envelop the space, fostering a sense of protection and calm, quiet tranquility. Likewise, the overlook, which sits along KHSRA’s eastern edge and looks towards downtown Los Angeles, will link intangible notions of social change with visible, physical space. By viewing the monument and tree grove against the backdrop of the sweeping city, the viewer comes to

understand and appreciate the space within a bigger context, that of a community ripe with the foundations of Dr. King's beliefs, steeped in cultural diversity, promoting acceptance, and brimming with renaissance, reinvention, and change. The space will, therefore, serve as a means to encourage cultural connections, peaceful reflection, and inspire patient, yet persistent activism towards important social and cultural issues affecting the world today.

### **CONSISTENCY WITH BHC GOALS**

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According to its 2017 Strategic Plan, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) recognizes the "opportunity to redefine what a park in an urban setting can be [by] 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." The proposed MLK Tree Grove is consistent with several of BHC's outlined objectives and priorities.

Consistent with the goals of the BHC, the proposed MLK Tree Grove will enhance an existing facility and comprehensive trail system with the creation of a new educational and cultural site. The tree grove and monument dedicated to Dr. King will serve as an enhancement to the existing overlook in aesthetic quality, community character, and improved opportunities for passive recreation. It will be dedicated space for reflection and meditation, but may also serve as both a rest stop and point of interest along the 13-mile Park to Playa Trail. In this way, the site will also promote active recreation, encouraging visitors to walk, jog, or hike the Park to Playa Trail in order to visit the proposed MLK Tree Grove.

Consistent with the BHC's intent to restore native habitat, protect and restore bird ecosystems, and increase tree canopy, the proposed MLK Tree Grove's scope of work includes planting of native coast live oaks, native seashore bent grass, and drought-tolerant, California-

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PROJECT NARRATIVE**

friendly plants, including of blue fox tail agave and agave blue glow. Coast live oaks are drought-tolerant, resilient trees with hearty trunks and broad-covering tree canopies, which attract and restore habitat for migratory birds and native butterflies and increase tree canopy while decreasing heat island effect in the urban park setting. Blue fox tail agave, agave blue glow, and native seashore bent grass are similarly helpful as they require low water use and are drought-tolerant and California-friendly. The planting of native trees and grass as well as drought-tolerant California-friendly plants will further help restore native habitat by helping revegetate and propagate plant species in areas of degradation and where harmful and/or invasive plants have grown.

Furthermore, consistent with BHC goals to emphasize opportunities for interpretation and education, continue planning for facilities that will accommodate increased programming and learning, and establish the park as an interactive destination for local schools and regular park users, the proposed MLK Tree Grove will provide countless opportunities for learning. Inspired by Dr. King, a prominent civil rights leader and significant historical and cultural figure, the MLK Tree Grove is uniquely set within the cultural and historical context of the Los Angeles region. In this way, past, present, and future are linked, allowing residents and visitors of KHSRA a historical view of Dr. King's world and the struggles that he and so many others faced, a means to understand those struggles within the context of today's challenges, and, inspired by Dr. King's example, a newfound knowledge and awareness that will better embolden and encourage future generations of activists and leaders to speak, to act, to do.

## SUPPORT

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The proposed MLK Tree Grove has enthusiastic and widespread support from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, including Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas; the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority; and other community stakeholders, such as Mujeres de la Tierra. Under a collaborated effort and with great hope, these groups and individuals look to honor and pay tribute to Dr. King—his incredible life, his leadership, and the overwhelming sense of optimism that he leaves behind. With the intent that the MLK Tree Grove may be dedicated on April 4, 2018, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. King’s assassination, and with the large support, County DPR submits this proposal.



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SCOPE and DELIVERABLES**

The proposed project will consist of the following:

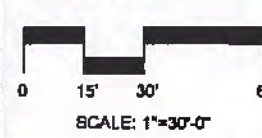
- Obelisk monument
- Tree planting
- Native plants and landscaping
- Removal and relocation of trees, as appropriate
- Engraved boulders
- Demolition
- Removal of seismic equipment
- Grading and removal of soil
- Installation of hardscape, integral colored and glass seated concrete slab
- Installation of minimal decomposed granite path with concrete curb
- Installation of irrigation system with solar controller and moisture sensors
- Bronze plaque and concrete pedestal
- Grant signage
- Solar lighting

**County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation  
Dr. Martin Luther King Tree Grove Jr. at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area  
PROJECT TIMELINE**

The following is a timeline for the proposed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tree Grove:

<b>PROJECT ACTIVITY</b>	<b>SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE</b>
Environmental Documentation	November 2016
Construction Notice to Proceed	September 5, 2017
Substantial Completion	April 4, 2017
Project Acceptance	May 31, 2017





*"I have a dream....."*  
THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

**KENNETH HAHN RECREATION AREA**  
4100 S La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles



MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL  
September 11, 2017







QUERCUS AGRIFOLIA, COAST LIVE OAK



AGAVE ATTENUATA 'NOVA' BLUE FOX TAIL AGAVE AND AGAVE 'BLUE GLOW'



INTEGRAL BLUE CONCRETE ENGRAVED WITH I have a dream...

BENCHES



DECOMPOSED GRANITE PATH



QUOTES BY DR. KING ENGRAVED ON BOULDER  
"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

- AGROSTIS PALLENS
- MEDIUM LEAF TEXTURE
- THRIVES IN FULL SUN AND PARTIAL SHADE
- WITHSTANDS LOW MOWING HEIGHTS
- STRONG SOD MAT PROVIDES EFFECTIVE WEED BARRIER
- EXTREMELY DROUGHT TOLERANT
- UNIFORM GROWTH HABIT
- EXCELLENT WEAR RECOVERY DUE TO SELF REPAIRING RHIZOME



A 7' TALL CONCRETE OBELISK ENGRAVED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON, PORTRAIT AND AN EXCERPT OF DR. KING'S SPEECH. (EXAMPLE BELOW)



ON AUGUST 28, 1963, KING, MARTIN LUTHER, JR. DELIVERED THE "I HAVE A DREAM," ADDRESS AT THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM. (EXCERPT)

*I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."*

*I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.*

*I have a dream that one day even the State of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.*

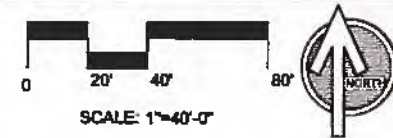
*I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.*

*I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification", one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.*

*I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.*

## KENNETH HAHN RECREATION AREA 4100 S La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles

MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL  
September 11, 2017







County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation  
510 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90020

KENNETH HAHN RECREATION AREA  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL













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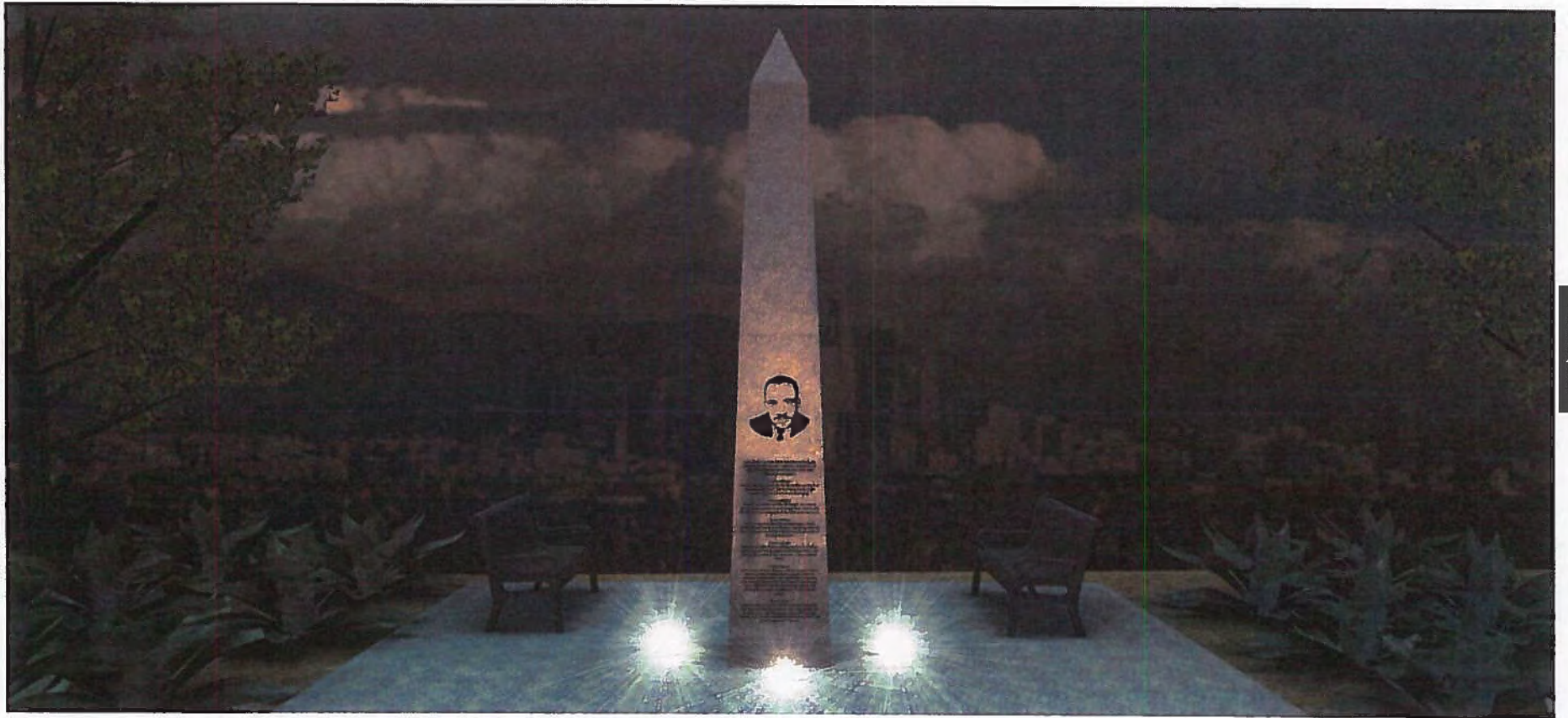
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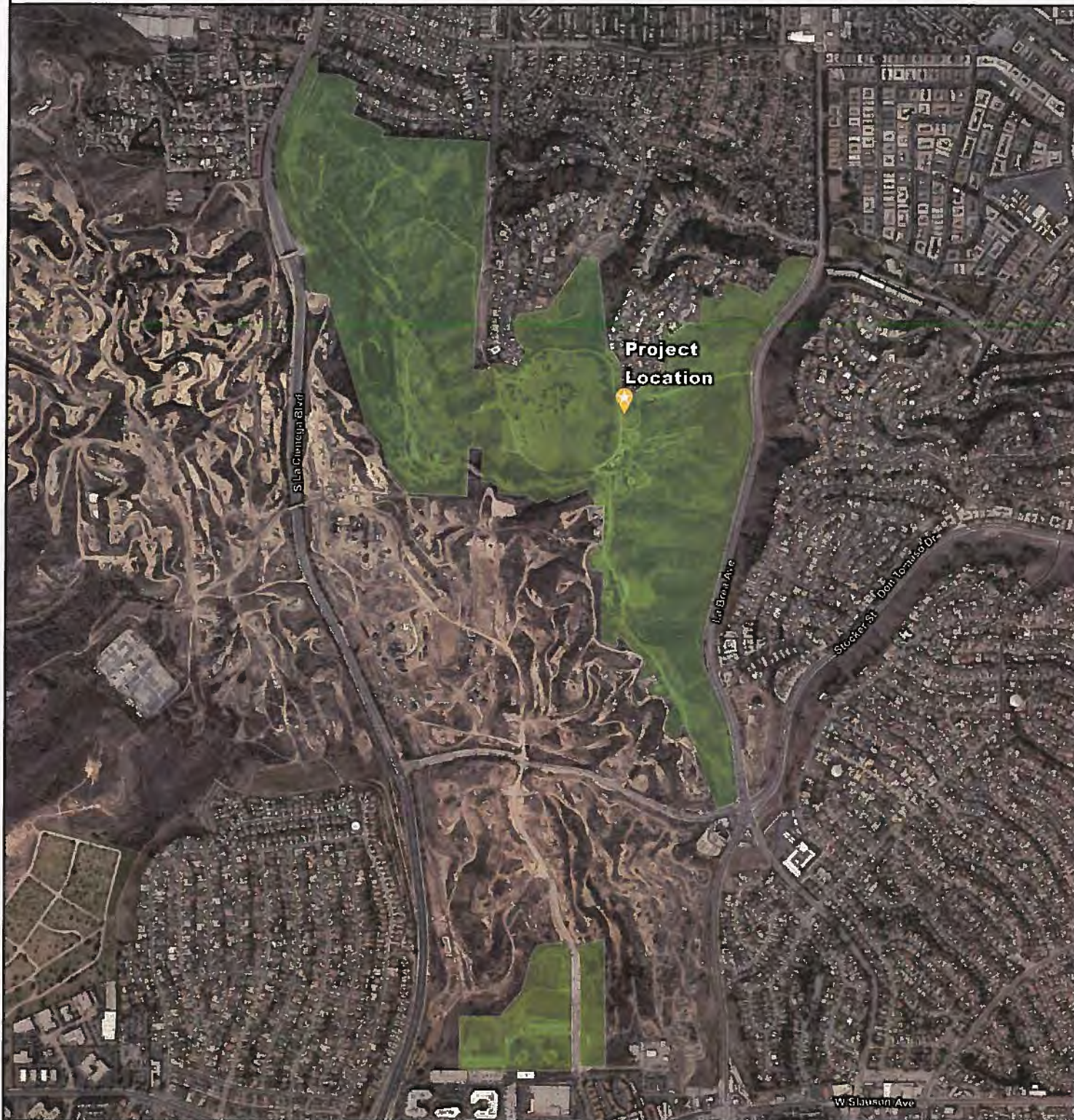









# Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area



 Park Boundary



0 1,250 2,500 Feet

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DPR (Land Management and Compliance)







County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation  
Dr. Martin Luther King Tree Grove Jr. at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area  
ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS

	GRANT ALLOCATIONS		TOTAL BUDGET
	Baldwin Hills Conservancy	Proposition A (MATCH)	
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	\$ 180,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 330,000
Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Signage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bid Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Change Order	\$ 13,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 163,000
Job Order Contract	\$ 167,000	\$ -	\$ 167,000
<b>FURNITURE, FIXTURES, &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>PLANS &amp; SPECIFICATIONS</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Design Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction Administration Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Design Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>CONSULTANT SERVICES</b>	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Hazmat Monitoring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cost Estimating	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Scheduling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Environmental Documents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Deputy Inspection	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Printing & Legal Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LA County Affirmative Action	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
<b>JURISDICTIONAL APPROVALS</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building & Safety	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Department / Inspection	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GMED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Health Department	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Air Quality Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Environmental Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
City of LA - Bureau of Sanitation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Construction Division	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>COUNTY SERVICES</b>	\$ 20,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 61,000
<b>Business Relations and Contracts Division</b>	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Contracts	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Construction Inspection	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
QA/QC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Design Review	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local Worker Hiring / Other Monitoring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Project Management Division</b>	\$ 20,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 57,000
Capital Project Manager	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Senior Capital Project Manager	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Secretary	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Document Control	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
Consultant Contract Recovery	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000
Project Technical Support	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000
Direct Project Costs	\$ 180,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 330,000
Indirect Project Costs	\$ 20,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000

**County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation  
Dr. Martin Luther King Tree Grove Jr. at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area  
RATE SHEET**

**RATE SHEET**

To be submitted at a later date.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation will submit an outline of all staff rates of pay and benefits related the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tree Grove at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in November 2017.

### LABOR COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION

To be submitted at a later date.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation will submit any labor compliance documentation related the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tree Grove at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in November 2017.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS  
AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS  
FROM THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY FOR PROPOSITION 40 FUNDING  
FOR THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TREE GROVE  
AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA**

**WHEREAS**, voters of California passed the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in March 2002. The State Legislature has appropriated funds to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) for capital outlay and local assistance projects within the territory. Funds are to be awarded for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, interpretation and protection of land and creation of educational resources consistent with the statute creating the BHC.

**WHEREAS**, the BHC has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Proposition, and

**WHEREAS**, the BHC's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the BHC; and

**WHEREAS**, said application contains assurances that the Department must comply with; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department will enter into an Agreement with the BHC to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:**

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 40 Funds for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tree Grove (MLK Tree Grove); and
2. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the MLK Tree Grove in perpetuity; including, but not limited to, land acquisitions, capital improvement projects, and intellectual property-related deliverables (i.e. studies, reports, investigations, web-based content)



4. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the MLK Tree Grove in perpetuity; or has the right to assign maintenance to another agency; and
5. Appoints the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned MLK Tree Grove.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



LORI GLASGOW, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

By Lachelle Smitherman  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM  
County Counsel

By Christina Angeles  
Christina Angeles  
Principal Deputy County Counsel

ATTEST:

Ayes: Supervisors Solis, Kuehl, Hahn, Barger and Ridley-Thomas

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

**County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation  
Dr. Martin Luther King Tree Grove Jr. at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area  
APPLICANT BACKGROUND and RELATED EXPERIENCE**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (County DPR) was established in 1944, and serves the most populous county in the nation with more than ten million residents in the County of Los Angeles. Under the leadership of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, County DPR strives to be a world-class organization that continues to meet the diverse needs of not only residents of Los Angeles County, but also visitors from neighboring counties and from around the world. Currently, more than 20 million people visit County DPR parks and facilities every year.

As the largest local park agency in the state of California, County DPR has extensive experience in completing projects funded through grant programs administered by state, federal, and local sources. Moreover, County DPR has a proven record of completing these projects within the grant performance period. Since 1965, County DPR has successfully administered and completed over 1,000 grant-funded projects for acquisition, development, and programming.

**DESIGN PROJECT TO MAXIMIZE SUSTAINABILITY**

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County DPR maintains a policy of environmental responsibility and implements projects that adhere to the highest standards of sustainability and conservation. In keeping with this policy, the proposed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tree Grove (MLK Tree Grove) will be designed and built with innovation and sustainability in mind. The design plans for the tree grove include a specialized irrigation system that is independent from the irrigation system of the rest of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. Utilizing renewable energy, this specialized, solar-controlled irrigation system is complete with moisture sensors that will promote and

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Dr. Martin Luther King Tree Grove Jr. at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area  
**APPLICANT BACKGROUND and RELATED EXPERIENCE**

advance conservation efforts while also ensuring that each individual coast live oak tree receives the necessary amount of water for optimal health and growth. In this way, County DPR helps to fulfill an ongoing effort to remain innovative and at the forefront of environmental responsibility and sustainability.

**MANAGE PROJECT TIMELINE TO ENSURE TIMELY COMPLETION OF MILESTONES**

Throughout the over 50 years that County DPR has been receiving grant funding, County DPR has met all post-award requirements in a timely matter, including the submission of project status reports, the submission of payment requests, as well as other requirements that are specific to each grant program. The County of Los Angeles in-house professional project management team oversees capital improvement projects of all scales. For the proposed MLK Tree Grove, the project delivery method will include pre-design construction documents and construction. County DPR will prepare all pre-design construction documents in-house and work in partnership with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (County DPW), responsible for construction. To ensure the timely completion of milestones, each project begins with a pre-meeting with all involved parties. During construction, project managers conduct site inspections and meetings on an ongoing basis to monitor the progress of the project. Monthly project status report meetings are held with project management, construction, grants management, and funding analysts. In addition, grants management staff prepares status reports to document progress and conducts periodic site inspections during the construction and close-out phases to ensure that all grant requirements are being met.

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**MONITOR PROJECT OUTCOMES TO ENSURE INTENDED STANDARDS**

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Since its inception in 1944, County DPR has successfully operated and maintained park facilities that have received grant funding. All County DPR facility operation and maintenance services must be in compliance with mandated County facility operations practices, ensuring that all sites are maintained to high standards. All County DPR facilities are inspected daily by experienced maintenance staff; all issues are documented and written reports are submitted to the grounds maintenance management for resolution. County DPR's long-term plans for the MLK Tree Grove include best practices in maintenance and upkeep of the trees and landscaping as well as structural elements; and continued work and collaboration with the community and stakeholders to ensure the MLK Tree Grove's continued success as an asset to visitors and local communities.





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October 26, 2017

Mr. David McNeill  
Executive Officer  
Baldwin Hills Conservancy  
5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290  
Los Angeles, CA 90056

Dear Mr. McNeill:


**LETTER OF REFERENCE AND SUPPORT FOR  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

It is my pleasure to write a letter of reference and support for the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (County DPR).

I am the District Administrator for the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (District) that administers Proposition A (Prop A) grant funding to local municipalities, non-governmental agencies, and County of Los Angeles. Since the mid-1990s, the District has worked with County DPR on Prop A-funded projects and programs in all five Supervisorial Districts, and specifically the Baldwin Hills area. All County DPR Prop A projects require diligent and thorough management and follow through for success. Again, County DPR has demonstrated an outstanding ability to complete Prop A projects in a timely manner.

I am confident County DPR has the necessary experience and fiscal capacity to undertake a grant from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions. I can be reached via email at [jbeesley@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:jbeesley@parks.lacounty.gov) or at (213) 738-2981.

Sincerely,

  
Jane I. Beesely  
District Administrator



# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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## **MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT

October 19, 2017

Mr. David McNeill  
Executive Officer  
Baldwin Hills Conservancy  
5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290  
Los Angeles, CA 90056

Dear Mr. McNeill:

**RE: SUPPORT FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TREE GROVE AT KENNETH  
HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA**

I write to express strong support for the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's (County DPR) application for funding from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to develop the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Tree Grove at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (Hahn Park).

The MLK Tree Grove is an enduring and symbolic way to commemorate the distinguished civil rights leader and will serve as a space for peaceful reflection and inspiration for visitors of Hahn Park, including those traveling on the Park to Playa Trail.

Dr. King taught us that dreams fueled by faith, passion, patience and persistence can come to fruition and change the world for the better. We believe that by supporting a project that venerates the life, legacy and teachings of this influential leader, we can help inspire and encourage others to become active participants and decision-makers in important social and environmental issues affecting their communities, which is consistent with your organization's mission and values.

With your support and the County's commitment to this project, we will plan to open the MLK Tree Grove on April 4, 2018, as we pay tribute to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. King's untimely death.

Thank you for your consideration of this meaningful project. Please contact my Associate Chief Deputy, Karly Katona, at (213) 974-2222, should you have any questions.

With hope,

**MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**  
Chairman of the Board  
Supervisor, Second District



October 20, 2017

David McNeill  
Executive Officer  
Baldwin Hills Conservancy  
5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290  
Los Angeles, CA 90056

Dear Mr. McNeill:

**LETTER OF SUPPORT  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TREE GROVE AT  
KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA**

Mujeres de la Tierra avidly supports the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's (County DPR) application for funding from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to develop the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Dr. King) Tree Grove at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (Hahn Park). The Dr. King Tree Grove is an enduring and symbolic way to commemorate the distinguished civil rights leader and will serve as a space for peaceful reflection and inspiration for visitors of Hahn Park.

For many years, Mujeres de la Tierra has worked in partnership with County DPR and the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to co-sponsor the annual Dr. King Day of Service event at Hahn Park and is now actively championing efforts to develop the long-awaited Dr. King Tree Grove. Dr. King taught us that dreams fueled by faith, passion, patience and persistence can come to fruition and change the world for the better. We believe that by supporting a project that venerates the life, legacy and teachings of this influential leader, we can help inspire and encourage others to become active participants and decision-makers in important social and environmental issues affecting their communities, which is consistent with our organization's mission and values.

Thank you for your consideration of County DPR's grant proposal for the development of the Dr. King Tree Grove at Hahn Park. With your support and the County's commitment to this project, we can honor the past and inspire the future.

Sincerely,

Irma R. Muñoz  
President/CEO  
Mujeres de la Tierra

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION

To be submitted at a later date.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation will submit any environmental compliance documentation related the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tree Grove at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in November 2017.



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## Memorandum

**To:** Governing Board

**From:** Dr. Yolanda Gorman, Chairman

**Date:** December 8, 2017

**Re:** Item 6: 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, Member Craig Sap is hereby presented for election to the position of Vice Chair of the Conservancy for 2018. Member Sap has been a designee for California State Parks since February of 2012. Over the past 5 years, Mr. Sap has chaired multiple committees ranging from special ad hoc projects to grant reviews. His role as Angeles District Superintendent has been critical to the BHC's partnership with State Parks. Mr. Sap has functioned as the leadership bridge to help create the Jefferson Streetscape Improvements that allow for safe pedestrian access and parking to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. He has navigated his department through difficult negotiations for the continued development of the Park to Playa Trail, Hetzler Road Pedestrian Improvements, and other critical projects to help meet the BHC's mission. Mr. Sap's commitment to the Conservancy is reflected in his stellar attendance record, and in his passion for participating in all aspects of our agency's governance, public relations, and visioning.

**Background:** The BHC statute calls for the annual election of officers by the Governing Board (see attachment #1). 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.

Attachment #1

## Recommended Election Protocol

*Pursuant to Section 32558 of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act: "The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the board shall be selected by a majority of the voting members of the board for one-year terms."*

- 1) Chairperson will announce the agenda item for election of Vice-Chairperson.
- 2) A quorum of five voting members must be present to continue with elections.
- 3) Chairperson will turn the Chair over to a non-voting member to conduct the elections.
- 4) Non-Voting Member conducts the elections as follows:

"Nominations are now in order for the office of \_\_\_\_\_"

Wait for nominations, second required for each nominee.

"If no further nominations are proposed then the nominations are now closed".

"Call for those in favor of nominee \_\_\_\_\_, please respond by saying AYE".

"Call for those opposed, please respond by saying NAY".

NOTE: If two or more nominations are made please repeat the call for each nominee.

Upon the determination of a majority vote for one nominee, state "\_\_\_\_\_ is our new Chairperson and will assume (or continue) the duties beginning January 1."

Give the Chair back to the current Chairperson.

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### Memorandum

**To:** Governing Board

**From:** David McNeill, Executive Officer

**Date:** December 8, 2017

**Re:** Item 7: Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule

**Recommendation:** Review and adopt the calendar of proposed meeting dates for 2017 (Attachment #1)

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## Memorandum

**To:** Governing Board  
**From:** David McNeill, Executive Officer  
**Date:** December 8, 2017  
**Re:** Item 8: Executive Officer Report

### **Projects Status Report**

Please see Attachment #1 for the updated Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) Local Assistance/Capital Outlay Projects Status Report.

### **Fiscal Update**

Please see Attachment #2 - BHC Summary Expenditure Sheet by Fund, and Attachment #3 - BHC Prop 40 & Prop 84 Bond Cash Funds. The reports correspond with the end of month four (4) for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

### **Legislative Update**

An initiative has been approved for placement on the November 2018 statewide ballot. The Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018 is an \$8.9 billion water bond initiative which will provide significant new water supplies for urban, agricultural and environmental purposes (See attachment #4.) Under the Watershed Improvement for Water Supply and Water Quality Enhancement section, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy would receive \$30 million for the protection and restoration of the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek watersheds, and for projects to capture dry weather runoff and stormwater runoff. There is also \$1.4 billion available for disadvantaged communities, and a waiver of matching fund requirements for these underserved communities.

Grantee	Project Title	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	La Cienega Pedestrian Bridge Project	BHC17003	Prop 40	\$3,000,000	TBD	BHC Board approved Prop 40 Funds June 2017; Grant Agreement not yet executed; Costs from first round of RFPs came in above cost estimates; County re-issued the RFP October 2017; BHC awaiting final calculations.
The City Project	Healthy Living in the Parklands Initiative	BHC17004	Prop 40	\$250,000	TBD	BHC Board approved Prop 40 Funds June 2017; Grant Agreement has been executed; kick-off and administration meeting held in November 2017; work begins.
Loyola Marymount University (LMU)	Parklands User Survey Study	BHC14000	Prop 84	\$236,042	9/31/17	This project is complete as of September 2017. The project is now in the closeout phase pending final invoicing.
Culver City	Park to Playa Trail - Ballona Creek Connection	BHC15002	Prop 84	\$406,160	6/30/2018	Amendment 2 is being executed per BHC Resolution 16-09. This amendment will increase the grant amount by \$70,000 and restructure the budget per the new construction contract; Construction Start expected in January 2018; Completion expected Summer 2018.

Grantee	Project Title	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
Los Angeles Audubon Society (LAAS)	Baldwin Hills Parklands Conservation Project	BHC15004	Prop 84	\$124,536	8/31/2019	Recruitment for the spring session of the BHP Conservation Certificate Program is underway at WLAC. Spring semester begins January 2018.
Culver City	Waste Transfer Station Stormwater Diversion and Rain Garden Project	BHC16001	Prop 1	\$606,000	3/31/2018	Phase 1 Construction of Diversion System on track, Phase 2 Rain Garden design completed early August, construction bid opened late October, contract award anticipated in mid-November; Completion expected Spring 2018.
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Milton Green Street Project	BHC16002	Prop 1	\$745,000	8/31/2018	Phase 1 Cisterns installed mid-Nov; Oil/Grease Interceptors ready to install end-Nov; Access road drainage/piping/paving completed end Nov. Phase 2 Rain Garden bid awarded end-Nov, pre-construction meeting mid-Dec., Construction Commencement Beg-Jan; Completion expected Spring 2018.
California Greenworks Inc.	Lower Ballona Creek Feasibility Study Project	BHC17002	Prop 1	\$258,000	12/31/2018	Admin. meeting w/Grantee mid-Nov, reviewed requirements/reporting; Contract w/DPW anticipated mid-Dec; Preliminary planning for site locations beg-Dec; Stakeholder meetings commence End-Jan; project completion expected December 2018.

**Baldwin Hills**  
**2017/18 Summary Sheet by Fund**

<u>As of 10/31/2017</u>	<u>PCA #</u>	<u>Original</u> <u>Appropriation</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>
<b><u>ELPF - #0140, Support</u></b>							
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-001-0140	<b>10001</b>	\$ 357,000.00	\$ 357,000.00	\$ 124,956.50	\$ 232,043.50	06/30/17	06/30/19
<b><u>Prop 40 - #6029, Support</u></b>							
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	<b>10005</b>	\$ 124,000.00	\$ 124,000.00	\$ 34,912.80	\$ 89,087.20	06/30/17	06/30/19
<b><u>Prop 84 - #6051, Support</u></b>							
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	<b>10009</b>	\$ 129,000.00	\$ 129,000.00	\$ 31,174.77	\$ 97,825.23	06/30/17	06/30/19
<b><u>Prop 1 - #6083, Support</u></b>							
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6083	<b>10006</b>	\$ 103,000.00	\$ 103,000.00	\$ 25,137.96	\$ 77,862.04	06/30/17	06/30/19
<b>Total Support Balance:</b>					<b>\$ 496,817.97</b>		
<b><u>Prop 1 - #6083, Local Assistance/ Capital Outlay</u></b>							
2017 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	<b>2000X</b>	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00	06/30/20	06/30/22
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	<b>20006</b>	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00	06/30/19	06/30/21
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	<b>20004</b>	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,609,000.00	\$ 391,000.00	06/30/18	06/30/20
<b>Total Prop 1 Balance:</b>					<b>\$ 4,391,000.00</b>		
<b><u>Prop 40 - #6029, Local Assistance/Capital Outlay</u></b>							
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6029	<b>20007</b>	\$ 6,025,000.00	\$ 6,025,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,025,000.00	06/30/19	06/30/21
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	<b>20005</b>	\$ 11,604,000.00	\$ 8,129,705.00	\$ 3,140,913.00	\$ 4,988,792.00	06/30/18	06/30/20
<b>Total Prop 40 Balance:</b>					<b>\$ 11,013,792.00</b>		
<b><u>Prop 84 - #6051, Capital Outlay</u></b>							
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	<b>30004</b>	\$ 2,118,000.00	\$ 2,019,815.84	\$ 94,299.74	\$ 1,925,516.10	06/30/18	06/30/20
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	<b>30003</b>	\$ 3,120,000.00	\$ 1,749,772.74	\$ 1,250,865.74	\$ 498,907.00	06/30/17	06/30/19
<b>Total Prop 84 Balance</b>					<b>\$ 2,424,423.10</b>		



**BOND CASH FUNDS**  
(as of 10/31/17)

2015 COMMERCIAL PAPER TRUST		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
PROP 84		\$2,377,819.00	1,983,773.22	\$394,045.78
PROP 40		\$6,524,161.89	3,405,719.10	\$3,118,442.79
PROP 1:		\$601,003.00	153,922.83	\$447,080.17

## **The Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018**

The Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018 is a water bond initiative which will provide significant new water supplies for urban, agricultural and environmental purposes. It will appear on the November, 2018 statewide California ballot.

The bond also provides extensive benefits to disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas. In general, the bond establishes program specifically for disadvantaged communities, and also waives matching fund requirements in other water supply and water quality programs for these communities. (The section numbers are the bond act section numbers.)

The bond act dedicates \$1.4 billion dollars to benefit these communities, and gives high priority and cost sharing waivers to an additional \$2.6 billion of programs.

### **Safe Drinking Water (Chapter 5.1)**

This \$750 million program provides funding for disadvantaged communities who need improvements in their drinking water or sanitation systems. \$500 million goes to Safe Drinking Water and \$250 million goes to improved wastewater treatment systems for these communities. Technical assistance is included.

### **Wastewater recycling (Chapter 5.2)**

Matching funds requirements may be reduced or waived for disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas (86022).

Priority is given to Water supply or water quality improvements benefitting disadvantaged communities (86022f).

### **Desalting of brackish groundwater (Chapter 5.2)**

Technical assistance and grant writing assistance related to specific projects for disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas are eligible for funding (86021d).

Matching funds requirements may be reduced or waived for disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas (86022).

Priority is given to Water supply or water quality improvements benefitting disadvantaged communities (86023f).

### **Water Conservation (Chapter 5.3)**

In the turf replacement program, the Department of Water Resources is directed to give greater incentives to low-income homeowners who could not otherwise afford to participate in the landscape water conversion program (86030a1)

In the leak detection program, matching fund requirements may be waived for disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas. (86030b2).

In the toilet replacement, water meter and energy conservation programs, highest priority is given to grants benefitting disadvantaged communities (86030(c), (d), and (e))

### **Central Valley Flood Management (Chapter 5.4)**

This program seeks to reduce flood risk in the Central Valley. The Central Valley Flood Protection Board shall give preference to those projects that primarily benefit disadvantaged communities or economically distressed areas (86040).

#### **Repair of flood control dams. (Section 86041)**

This program provides funding to repair flood control dams, so that they can store water during flood periods and then allow the water to be recharged to underground basins afterwards. Ten percent of the funds must be used to create and improve recreational facilities and habitat associated with the flood control projects.

First priority shall be given to projects which benefit disadvantaged communities (86041(f)).

#### **Stormwater (Chapter 5.6)**

This section provides grants to capture, treat, and make use of stormwater which would otherwise not be used, or which would pollute water sources. All the funds allocated to the State Water Resources Control Board must go to benefit disadvantaged communities (86050)

Matching funds are required from grant applicants, but this requirement is waived for that portion of projects primarily benefiting disadvantaged communities or economically distressed areas (86051a).

In addition, each agency receiving funds shall allocate at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the funds they receive for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities. Of this thirty-five percent, at least half shall be for projects within disadvantaged communities (860501e)

#### **Watershed improvement program**

**Baldwin Hills Conservancy (Section 86080(d)(4). \$30,000,000.** Much of the Baldwin Hills in Los Angeles County contains disadvantaged communities.

**San Joaquin River Conservancy (Section 86080(g)(2). (\$20,000,000)** The San Joaquin River near Fresno runs through disadvantaged communities.

**River Parkway program (Section 86080(h)(1)). \$70,000,000.**

This program restores rivers primarily in urban areas, providing recreation and habitat improvement. At least 75% of this \$340 million program will be spent in disadvantaged communities. Several of the rivers listed in this section flow through disadvantaged communities.

**Los Angeles River. Section 86080(i). \$150 million.** Most of the programs undertaken along this long river corridor are designed to benefit disadvantaged communities.

**Salton Sea. Section 86080(o). \$200 million.** Most of the communities bordering the Salton Sea and disadvantaged communities, and are greatly affected by declining sea levels through blowing dust and loss of fishing and other recreational opportunities. \$20,000,000 is allocated to improving the New River, which flows through disadvantaged communities. \$1,000,000 is allocated to outreach to disadvantaged communities in developing the Salton sea Integrated Watershed Plan.

**Urban Streams (Section 86080(q)). \$50,000,000.** 65% of the program funds must benefit disadvantaged communities, and high priority is given to poor communities for the rest of the funds.

**Non-motorized river recreation. (Section 86080(t)). \$20,000,000.** First priority given to projects serving disadvantaged communities, regardless of cost sharing.

**Pacific Flyway Center. (Section 86080(u)). \$20,000,000.** High priority to bringing students from disadvantaged communities to this center to teach people about the value of wetlands.

**Matilija Dam and Ventura River Parkway. (Section 86080(v)).** Removal of Matilija Dam and improvement of Ventura River Parkway, with highest priority to parkway projects benefitting disadvantaged communities.

**Wildfire hazard reduction to benefit watersheds. \$100,000,000. (Section 86080(x)).** A great many rural, disadvantaged, and economically distressed communities are threatened by hazardous trees, wildfire, and loss of watershed values due to the drought, which killed hundreds of millions of trees. These funds will go to mitigating these dangers. Cost sharing may be reduced or eliminated in the case of disadvantaged communities.

**General to Section 86080 (Watershed).** Agencies receiving funds in this program shall give high priority to grants that benefit disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas. (86083)

## **Land and water management (Chapter 6.2)**

This program improves water supply by removing invasive water using plants, and restoring land. The Wildlife Conservation Board shall give high priority to projects which benefit disadvantaged and economically distressed communities (86094b). Ten percent of the funds must go to projects benefitting disadvantaged communities (86099c).

**Conservation Corps. Chapter 6.3. \$40,000,000.** These funds go to state and local conservation corps and similar groups who serve disadvantaged youth.

## **Groundwater (Chapter 7)**

This program provides funding to better manage groundwater and to reduce the impact of groundwater overdraft.

At least 10% of all grants must go to groundwater basins who underlie disadvantaged communities (86110(a)).

\$10,000,000 is allocated to the Office of Sustainable Water Solutions to assist disadvantaged communities.

While matching funds are required for grants, this requirement can be waived for projects directly benefitting disadvantaged communities or economically distressed areas. (86112d)

Cost sharing can be reduced or eliminated for projects directly benefitting disadvantaged communities (861109(e)).

**Borrego Springs. \$35,000,000. (Section 86113).** Borrego Springs is a severely disadvantaged community. These funds will go to stabilize the groundwater under the town, as well as the surrounding state park. No cost sharing is required.

**Friant Water and conveyance. \$750,000,000. (Chapter 10).** This area contains several disadvantaged communities, which are impacted by the loss of Friant-Kern canal conveyance capacity. This loss also threatens of loss of hundreds of jobs for farmworkers, most of whom live in disadvantaged communities.



## **General provisions (Chapter 12)**

Any agency providing funds to disadvantaged or economically distressed areas may provide funding to assist these communities in applying for that funding, including technical and grant writing assistance for specific projects. These funds may be provided to nonprofit organizations assisting these communities. (86151(c))

Payments for projects of \$1 million or less may be made in advance to disadvantaged communities. Usually grants are made for projects after they are completed (86151(i)).

In the appropriation and expenditure of funding authorized by this division, priority will be given to projects that leverage private, federal, or local funding or produce the greatest public benefit. All agencies receiving funds pursuant to this division shall seek to leverage the funds to the greatest extent possible, but agencies may take into account the limited ability to cost share by small public agencies, and by agencies seeking to benefit disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas. (86163b).

Each state agency that receives an appropriation of funding made available by this division shall be responsible for establishing and reporting on the state's bond accountability website each of the following: metrics of success, metrics for benefitting disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas, progress in meeting those metrics, status of projects funded under this division, and all uses of the funding the state agency receives under this division. (86168).

### **Section 6: Use of AB 32 funds by the state and Metropolitan Water District**

This program requires the Department of Water Resources, the Metropolitan Water District and other water agencies to use funds they have to spend under the state's climate change program (AB 32) on energy and water efficiency programs

Of the consumer water conservation programs authorized by subdivisions (b) and (c), highest priority shall be given to those benefitting disadvantaged communities and economically distressed. (11680d)