

Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy will be held
Friday, December 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook
Theater Room
6300 Hetzler Road
Culver City, CA 90230
Phone (310) 558-5547

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

10:00 am: CALL TO ORDER Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chairman

MEETING AGENDA

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

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

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes (October)
3. Presentation of the final community-based vision for the Stoneview Nature Center – Deputy Director Hayden Sohm, L.A. County Parks and Recreation
4. Presentation and update on 2012-13 BHC bond funded local assistance projects in the Baldwin Hills Parklands– David McNeill, Executive Officer
5. Election of Board Officers pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558
6. Conservancy 2012 year in review – Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chairman
7. Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2013 meeting schedule
8. Executive Officer Report
9. Board Member announcements or agenda items for future meetings

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2013 at 10:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
OCTOBER 26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Dr. Allan Boodnick, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call:

Before roll was called, the Chair welcomed newest member Jacqueline Dupont-Walker to the board.

Members Present:

Chair Allan Boodnick, Bryan Cash (teleconference) Karen Finn (teleconference), Russ Guiney, Lloyd Dixon, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Yolanda Gorman, Robert Jones, Starlett Quarles, Craig Sap, Jason Marshall (teleconference) and Patricia O'Toole.

Members Absent:

Allan Kingston, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Sara Amir, Joan Cardellino, Barbara Romero, Patrick Reynolds, and Marina Voskanian.

Staff Present:

David McNeill, Gail Krippner, Gloria Dangerfield, and Rosana Miramontes.

Following roll call, the Chair noted that there would be changes to today's agenda; Item 4a (which was not numbered on the agenda) will now become the Ad Hoc Committee Report to be given by David McNeill and will come before Item 3.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes (September) Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chair

The Chair called for the Motion. Member Guiney made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded and carries. Member Dupont-Walker wanted the minutes amended to reflect that she had an excused absence. The Chair retracted the approval and called for the vote again to reflect the adjustment for Member Dupont-Walker; all ayes, with Member Cash abstaining. Motion carries.

III. Ad Hoc Committees Report – David McNeill, Grant Proposal Review

Mr. McNeill stated the Grant Review committee and staff reviewed the application from the L.A. Conservation Corps and used the criteria adopted by the board in 2011 for Prop 84 project. The project will be an improvement project leveraged by two partners; the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority's planning grant for the Park to Playa project; and the L.A. Conservation Corps match. The project proposal is to address the conflict with pedestrians and autos using the access road leading up and from the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook as well as create a safer continuous route to the Ballona Creek along the Park To Playa trail. The L.A. Conservation Corps is asking for a 75% confirming match of \$447,000 from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for this grant.

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant of up to \$450,000 in BHC Prop 40 Funds to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for Trail and Pedestrian Access Improvements Along Hetzler Road at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook – David McNeill, Executive Officer

The Chair added that David McNeill and Gail Krippner did considerable negotiation to bring the cost down to \$450,000. Mr. McNeill stated that the resolution 12-09 would grant \$450,000 to the L.A. Conservation Corps for the project discussed in the ad hoc committee report. He's received two letters of support from the City of Culver City and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Member Sap added that the project was both necessary and well needed. The Chair called for the vote. Roll call vote was taken; Boodnick, aye; Cash; aye; Finn, aye; Dixon, aye; Dupont-Walker, aye; Guiney, aye; Gorman, aye; Jones, aye; Quarles, aye; and Sap, aye. Resolution passes.

V. Ad Hoc Committee Report - Newsletter, Starlett Quarles

Member Quarles reported the newsletter would be available for distribution after November 1. She and David McNeill are working on a campaign/partnership with a local organization that teaches community gardening and healthy eating. They have come up with a campaign for 2013, called "Heal Our Community." The Heal stands for Healthy Eating and Active Living, both components will consist of activities throughout the year in the Parklands. Member Dupont-Walker, along with her sorority, will be promoting healthy activities assisting next year as well. In the coming months they will do a presentation on proposed activities.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on BHC Officer Nominations for 2013 in Preparation for Elections Scheduled for December 7, 2012

The Chair stated the background, qualifications, and requirements were before each member and noted that on Page 2, two eligible members based on that criteria; Starlett Quarles and Robert Jones.

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill stated Gail Krippner would present updates on projects. Ms. Krippner first thanked all who attended the morning's ceremony. She reported that 1) the La Cienega bridge enhancement project is now completed; 2) Eastern Ridgeline project will be going into pre-construction very soon. A pre-construction meeting will be held November 18; 3) the Norman O. Houston park improvements are still in the pre-design stage. They've received designs for the pre-fab restrooms and the plumbing; 4) Generation Water is having an event here today (habitat restoration) inside the park's bowl area and are planning more community volunteer events; 5) the City of Culver City, two projects, Jefferson Blvd. Streetscape Access Improvements should be completed by end of November, and the design of the pedestrian/bike ramp from Higuera Street to the Bicycle path on Ballona Creek is out to bid and should be back by mid-November.

Mr. McNeill reported on the expenditure fiscal updates on the Environmental License Plate Fund and Prop 40 and 84 fiscal month 02. Prop 84 support position is still waiting for the examination posting from California State Parks for the position of Associate Park Recreation Specialist. Prop 84 and Prop 40 total capital outlay/local assistance appropriations is twenty-four million dollars. Bond cash funds -money available for expenditures and encumbrances- is moving rapidly (balance shows eleven million dollars) but, money has not been encumbered for the Milton Street project and as we move towards the Park-To-Playa project, consumption of the funds will start increasing. Member Dixon asked for details of the school site meeting held last month and plans on what will be done at the site. Mr. McNeill asked Member Guiney to give the update. Member Guiney reported that access and traffic mitigation issues were discussed. Karly Katona is working on parking issues with MTA. Overflow parking for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook would help with the parking issues at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

VIII. Board Announcements or Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Jones welcomed new members, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and Yolanda Gorman to the board.

Member Dixon announced that the Negotiations Ad Hoc Committee is moving forward at looking to consolidation and hope to have more progress by the next board meeting.

Member Sap welcomed David Szymanski of the National Parks Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and looks forward to working with him, who is planning to plant their flag in the state parks downtown area.

Member Gorman congratulated everyone on the gateway enhancement dedication ceremonies.

Member Dupont-Walker echoed Member Gorman's comment and as a Governor appointee and urged everyone November 6 to vote early and continue to vote.

Member Jones asked that he be removed from the board nominations consideration and offered his support for Member Quarles to be nominated for Vice Chair.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Approved:

Dr. Allan Boodnick
Chairman

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: December 7, 2012

Re: Item 3: Presentation of the final community-based vision for the Stoneview Nature Center – Deputy Director Hayden Sohm, L.A. County Parks and Recreation

Recommendation: No action required at this time.

Background: The former Ohr Eliyahu School site was acquired by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) in December of 2011. The five-acre site is managed by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. The department assembled a team of architects pursuant to a grant from the BHRCA and conducted an extensive community-based planning process over the course of the last twelve months. The final conceptual designs (Attachment #1) have been presented to area constituents in preparation for the next phase of preliminary construction slated to begin in 2012. The L.A. County Parks presentation will provide an update on the results of the planning as well as opportunities to collaborate on the implementation of the Stoneview Park Vision.

Summary of Community Meeting #1 May 30, 2012

Visioning Workshop

- Review the Design Process
- Community Input regarding the Future Park
- Breakout Session to determine Preferred Site Features



Summary of Community Meeting #1 May 30, 2012

Preferred Park Elements & Park Character Visioning Workshop Ideas & Concerns

- Native Plants
- Water Conservation Remediation/ BMP/
Cistern
- Community Garden
- Botanical Garden
- String of Pearls
(different park experiences along trail)
- Buffer Between Homes & Park (Trees)
- Traffic
- Parking

Summary of Community Meeting #2 August 8, 2012

Design Options Workshop

- Presentation of Workshop #1 Results
- Discussion of Community Concerns
- Breakout Session to Select Preferred Design Concept



Summary of Community Meeting #2 August 8, 2012

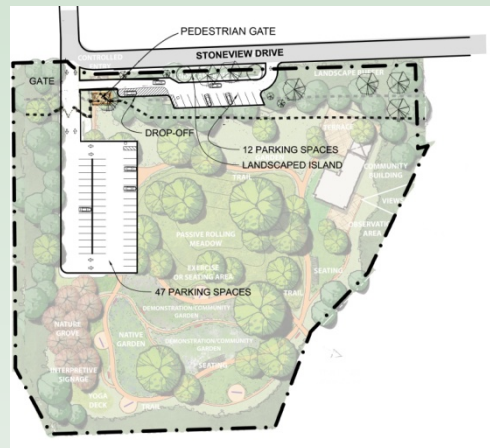
Park Layout: Paths, Park Building, Garden Features, Access, Buffer

- Need a **community room** to vote and get emergency supplies
- Place needed to get to know **neighbors** and enjoy life
- Focus on **seniors** and put benches
- It should be an outdoor **nature/education** center for students
- Program activities like **yoga & exercise**
- **Limit access** to outsiders
- Landscape **buffer** preferred
- **Controlled access** from dawn to dusk
- **Parking issues** of concern take permit parking into consideration

Summary of Community Meeting #3 September 19, 2012

Design Presentation and Parking Options Workshop

- Review of Previous Workshops
- Design Presentation
- Park Layout Options
- Traffic/Parking Concerns Addressed



Summary of Community Meeting #3 September 19, 2012

Workshop Feedback and Favored Options:

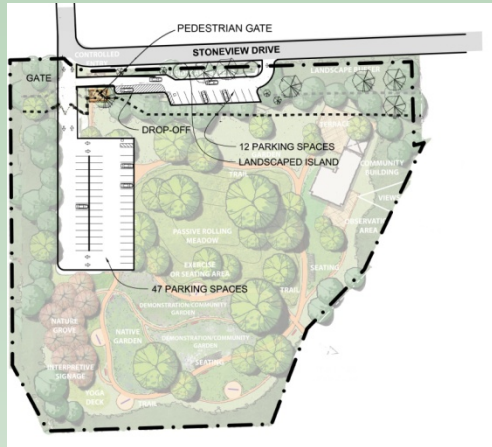
- Community Shuttle from the Exposition Line with Pick-up/drop-off at the Scenic Overlook and Hahn Park
- Establishment of a Traffic/Parking Mitigation Fund
- Parking lot open dawn to dusk
- Controlled Trail access to Kenneth Hahn
- Free on-site Parking
- Parking Option 1 – One small 12 space parking area open dawn to dusk and One larger 47 space parking area open when the Community Building is open.

Summary of Community Meeting #3 September 19, 2012

Parking Lot Design Options:

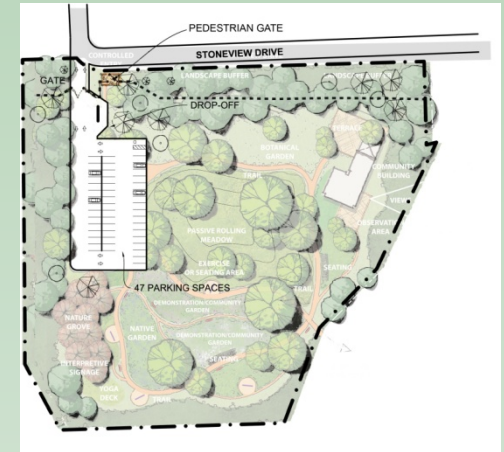
Option 1- Preferred

- One small parking lot open dawn to dusk
- One larger 47 space parking lot



Option 2

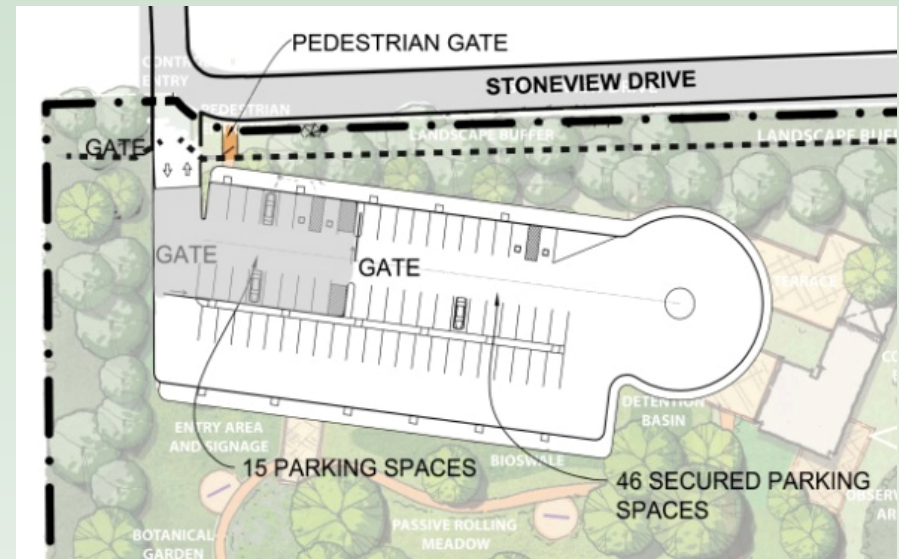
- One 47 space parking lot



One small parking lot within a larger parking lot with control gates to modify the size.

Small Lot – 15 spaces

Large Lot – 46 additional spaces



Final Design



STONEVIEW PARK



ATKINS

MIA LEHRER+ASSOCIATES
URBAN DESIGN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Traffic/Parking Solutions

All Solutions Will Be Implemented

Solutions In Progress:

- **Community Shuttle** from the Exposition Line with pick-up/drop-off at the Scenic Overlook and Hahn Park.
- Establishment of a **Traffic/Parking Mitigation Fund**
- Establishment of Designated **Parking at Hahn Park** to access the Park to Playa segment of trail leading to Stoneview Park.
- **Parking Lot Hours – Dawn to Dusk**
- **No Directional Signs** to the park
- **Quarterly Review** of traffic/parking concerns

Additional Design Solutions:

- **On-Site Parking Lot** (free on-site parking)
- **Controlled Park Vehicular Access**
- **Low Impact Design Features** limiting parking demands reflected in Concept Plan

Next Steps

- Parks completes Preliminary Design/ Scope and forwards package to DPW
- Environmental Assessment (will include public meetings)
- Construction Begins (Nov. 2013) –
- Consultations with Culver City regarding establishment of parking mitigation fund
- Project completed (April 2015)
- Quarterly meetings with Homeowners to monitor parking issues

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: December 7, 2012

Re: Item 4: Presentation and update on 2012-13 BHC bond funded local assistance projects in the Baldwin Hills Parklands– David McNeill, Executive Officer

Recommendation: No Action Required

Background: Pursuant to the request of board representatives who have served as Chair, Staff will provide a power point update on the current fiscal year's projects and how they intersect with long range planning and investment inside the BHC territory.

The presentation will reflect how the BHC planning tools and resources have delivered actionable projects for the enhancement of open space within the two-square-mile territory. The Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, Strategic Plan, and Linkage and Access Study are the approved guiding principles for planning and implementation of the BHC's local assistance program for acquisition, planning and development. Local agencies have partnered with the BHC and referenced these resources as they set their priorities for general park improvements and expansion, inter-modal transportation enhancements, environmental interpretation and low-impact design development.

Nine (9) active BHC bond funded projects totaling \$9.6 million will be featured. The local assistance program demonstrates the BHC's partnerships with the following contributing stakeholders: City of Culver City, Baldwin Hills Recreation Conservation Authority, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Caltrans, City of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Foundation, California Coastal Conservancy, L.A. Conservation Corps and L.A. Infrastructure Academy. Together, these partners represent approximately \$2 million in leveraged funding for current Baldwin Hills Parkland projects.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: December 7, 2012

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

Recommendation: Pursuant to the Ad Hoc Nomination Committee's recommendation, Member Starlett Quarles is hereby presented for election to the position of Vice Chair of the Conservancy for 2013. Ms. Quarles joined the Governing Board as the Senate Speaker Pro Temp appointee in 2010. Ms. Quarles has met the eligibility requirements through her work on the Ad Hoc Committees for Marketing and Fundraising over the past year and a half. She has taken on increasing responsibility towards achieving the agency's mission through active participation at Conservancy meetings, public outreach and coordination of events.

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

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chairman

Date: December 7, 2012

Re: Item 6: Chairman 2012 in Review

Background: The Chair will provide a review of the objectives and accomplishments that have transpired during the past year.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: December 7, 2012

Re: Item 7: Discussion and possible action on the proposed 2013 meeting schedule

Background: Please see the following meeting dates for the 2013 calendar year for your consideration:

**2013
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
MEETING DATES***

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
FRIDAY, MARCH 1
FRIDAY, APRIL 5
FRIDAY, MAY 17
FRIDAY, JUNE 28
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

***Note:** dates are tentative and subject to change.

Meetings are regularly scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: December 7, 2012

Re: Item 8: Executive Officer Report

Projects Status Report

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

Fiscal Update

Please see BHC Summary Expenditure Sheet by Fund (attachment #2) and the BHC Prop 40 & Prop 84 Bond Cash Funds (attachment #3). The reports correspond with the end of month four (4) of the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report
11/28/12

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	PROJECT STATUS
California Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC)	Environmental Monitoring and Soil Management Plan Implementation	BHC11004	Prop 40	\$465,000	Contract documents in- process; Project to begin Winter 2012.
Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office	Eastern Ridgeline Development at KHSRA	BHC07012	Prop 40	\$2,971,900	Construction contract awarded; Pre-construction meeting expected Dec. 2012.
City of Los Angeles	Outdoor Improvements at Norman O. Houston Park	BHC11002	Prop 40	\$1,800,000	"Pre-Design" phase, currently site survey and geotechnical investigation work is in progress.
Generation Water	Baldwin Hills Parklands Habitat Restoration	BHC11000	Prop 84	\$400,000	Successful volunteer events Oct. 26 and Nov. 10 with partner Los Angeles Audubon Society; Earth Day and MLK Day of Service events in early planning stages.
City of Culver City	Park to Playa Trail - Jefferson Blvd Streetscape and Access Improvements	BHC11001	Prop 84	\$570,000	Striping and signal poles going in; Project completion expected mid- December 2012; Opening event TBA.
City of Culver City	Park to Playa Trail - Design Development of Pedestrian/Bicycle Ramp at Higuera Street	BHC11003	Prop 84	\$60,000	Project began last month; Expected Project completion Sept. 2013.

Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report
11/28/12

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	PROJECT STATUS
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Milton Street Park Construction	BHC12000	Prop 84	\$2,000,000	Contract documents in process; Project to begin early 2013.
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Hetzler Road Pedestrian Path at BHSO (Park to Playa trail segment)	BHC 12001	Prop 40	\$447,089.00	Contract documents in process; Project to begin early 2013.

<u>As of 8/31/12</u>	<u>PCA #</u>	<u>Original</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Remaining</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>EXP + ENC</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>ELPF - #0140, Support</u>					
2012 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10001	\$ 345,000.00		\$ 139,911.29	\$ 205,088.71
<u>Prop 40 - #6029, Support</u>					
2012 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	10005	\$ 115,000.00		\$ 28,039.46	\$ 86,960.54
<u>Prop 84 - #6051, Support</u>					
2012 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10009	\$ 101,000.00		\$ -	\$ 101,000.00
Total Support Balance:					\$ 393,049.25
<u>Prop 84 - #6051, Capital Outlay</u>					
2009 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30002	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ 1,030,000.00	\$ 2,020,000.00
2008 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30001	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,050,000.00
2007 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30000	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,050,000.00
<u>Prop 40 - #6029, Capital Outlay</u>					
2005 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20003	\$ 8,648,000.00	\$ 8,648,000.00	\$ 2,253,388.19	\$ 6,394,611.81
2004 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20002	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 3,848,335.14	\$ 3,351,664.86
2003 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20001	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 2,334,996.11	\$ 4,865,003.89
2002 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	22000	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 13,521,166.59	\$ 1,478,833.41
Total Cap Outlay Balance:					\$ 24,210,113.97

BOND CASH FUNDS

Fiscal Month 04

2010 SPRING BAB SALE		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
	PROP 40:	\$579,277.00	224,851.07	\$354,425.93
	PROP 84:	\$2,137,455.25	109,806.34	\$2,027,648.91
2010 DECEMBER BAB SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$603,452.18	0.00	\$603,452.18
2010 DECEMBER TE SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$60,547.82	0.00	\$60,547.82
2010 SPRING TE SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$1,415,869.68	0.00	\$1,415,869.68
	PROP 84:	\$2,473,145.41	0.00	\$2,473,145.41
2009 OCTOBER TE SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$4,346,654.05	212,502.66	\$4,134,151.39
	PROP 84:	\$197,000.00	39,254.99	\$157,745.01
2009 MARCH SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$901,961.01	901,961.01	\$0.00

Total Available Bond Cash **\$ 11,226,986.33**