# BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held Friday, June 22, 2018, 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, 13th Floor, Room 1305 Sacramento, California 95814

10:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER - Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, 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 (May) Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Chair
- 3. Public Comments Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Chair
- Overview Past, Present and Future of the Parklands with Special Guest, Senator Kevin Murray (ret), and Author of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act of 2000 – David McNeill, Executive Officer
- Consideration of an Amendment to Resolution 16-11, Authorizing an Augmentation to the Existing Proposition 40 Grant Award to Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Park to Pedestrian Bridge, in an amount not to exceed an additional \$900,000 – Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager
- 6. Executive Officer Report: Legislative, Project Status, and Fiscal updates BHC Staff Representatives
- 7. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

\*Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **August 3, 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.

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA - THE NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

#### **BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

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# PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY Friday, May 18, 2018

**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, May 18, 2018, at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) Community Center located at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call - Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary

**Members Present:** Lloyd Dixon, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Peter Garcia, Lacey Johnson, Robert Jones, Jason Marshall, Joshua Nelson, Patricia O'Toole, Kevin Regan, Keshia Sexton, Ana Straabe, Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez,

**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.

II. Approval of Minutes (March) – Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Chair

There being no objections or questions, the Chair called for a motion to approve. Member Johnson so moved, Member Dixon seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

- III. Public Comments Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Chair Public comment was invited. No comments were presented.
- IV. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Proposition 1 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 to the California Conservation Corps Foundation (CCCF) for the Stormwater Management Project at the Yvonne Brathwaite Burke Sports Complex – Daniel Sciolini, Project Manager

Runoff will be collected and treated onsite to reduce potential pollutants from flowing into the creek, and used as an irrigation source to revegetate native species. Project is designed to: retain peak and nuisance flows using natural treatment systems, improve water quality into Ballona Creek, improve habitat, reduce slope erosion, and provide for new interpretive features. (For details please see attached memorandum dated May 18, 2017, Item 4: Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Proposition 1 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 to the California Conservation Corps Foundation (CCCF) for the Stormwater Management Project at the Yvonne Brathwaite Burke Sports Complex; and all corresponding attachments.)

Members discussed. Onsite runoff flows onto the street and oil fields. This project captures and diverts that runoff into the center of the park soccer and baseball fields, creating better management. The Chair called for a motion to vote. Member Jones so moved, Member Sexton seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken — 8 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain, Resolution 18-01 Approved.

 V. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Project Term and Budget for Proposition 84 Agreement #BHC15002 with Culver City, for the Park to Playa - Ballona Creek Connection – Noa Rishe, Project Manager

This is a proposed amendment to the Ballona Creek Connection of the Park to Playa Trail project run by the City of Culver City. The City is asking permission to augment their matching funds by \$21,000 at no additional costs to the BHC Proposition 84 award. Request also extends

the timeline by 12 months to "June 30, 2019." (See attached memorandum dated May 18, 2017, Item 5: Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Project Term and Budget for Proposition 84 Agreement #BHC15002 with Culver City, for the Park to Playa - Ballona Creek Connection; and all corresponding attachments.)

<u>Member:</u> What was done to resolve some of the problems that caused the delay in the past so that they will not happen again, and you will be able to finish within the next 12 months?

<u>Comment:</u> The primary delay took place when the first bid came in three times over the project budget, and some costs had to be augmented. We had our consultant look and explain why there was such a discrepancy between our estimate and the bid received. After that we were able to rebid the project. (Comment provided by: Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst Administrative Division Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department City of Culver City and Diana Szymanski, Associate Engineer, Project Manager, City of Culver City, Public Works Department/Engineering)

The Chair called for a motion to vote. Member Jones so moved, Member Johnson seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – **8 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain, Resolution 18-02 Approved.** 

## VI. Update Presentation on the Baldwin Hills Parklands Conservation Program – Stacey Vigallon, Los Angeles Audubon Society, and West Los Angeles College Interns

Presenters for LA Audubon included Stacey Vigallon, Director of Environmental Education, Emily Cobar, Program Instruction, and two student alumni. This is a non-credit certificate program through West LA College (WLAC.) There are two parts to the pilot program: A Spring and Summer Camp (ages 7-12,) and a certificate program for West LA College students. Students come to KHSRA and the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook (BHSO,) and learn about conservation, environmental education, and outdoor activity, to prepare them for employment in parks, recreation, and outdoor careers.

The WLAC Conservation Studies Certificate Program requires completing 80 hours of instruction in: local ecology, conservation, habitat restoration, interpreting nature, recreation, and education. Students receive hands-on field experience, develop interdisciplinary skills, exposure to career options in environmental conservation, gain marketable skills and knowledge in: public speaking, collaborative thinking, interpreting science, hypothesizing, observation, data collection, data analysis, local plants and wildlife, sustainable landscaping, water conservation, geography, Geographic Information System (GIS), technology applications, lesson planning, and complex problem-solving. A few potential careers include: Parks and Recreation, Fish and Wildlife Services, Environmental Science, Natural Resources Management, Teaching, Interpretation, Communications, Environmental Advocacy, Landscaping, Environmental Consulting Research and Development, Technical Consulting, and Forestry. (For additional information please see attached memorandum dated May 18, 2018, Item 6 - Update Presentation on the Baldwin Hills Parklands Conservation Program – Stacey Vigallon, Los Angeles Audubon Society, and West Los Angeles College Interns; and corresponding presentation slides.)

The BHC was honored to have two student alumni share on their experiences, the practical knowledge and skills they acquired, the importance of the certificate program, and its impact on their lives, career choices, and overall outlook in life. \* Through this Certificate Program, one student has been accepted to the Pinnacle Scholars Program through Outward Bound, and the other accepted to the Louisiana Purchase Internship Program. Both alumni successful completed the Certificate Program, and have received paid internships. Both in pursuit of giving back. The BHC congratulates Alex and Judy, the LA Audubon, WLAC staff, Stakeholders, the BHC Board, and all that contribute to making this a successful program for years to come.

## VII. Executive Officer Report, Legislative, Project Status, and Fiscal updates – BHC Staff Representatives

#### Outreach Report - David McNeill

- Conservancy staff were very busy in the month of April. Dan and Noa worked at several Earth
  Day events LA Sanitation Earth Day, Grand Park Earth Day, Inglewood Earth Day, Wetlands
  Workshop and Bus Tour, and consulting with several local groups interested in the Ballona
  Creek, and the watershed, Supporters are considering how our bond funds or measures could
  be invested in making LA a cleaner place.
- Daniel held another Prop 1 workshop downtown where there was a lot of participation by City agencies interested in the watershed.
- The CA Conservancies Meeting took place in Long Beach with 10 conservancies and members of the Water Conservation Board and Natural Resources Agency.
- The County of Los Angeles constructed Segment C through the MRCA. Special thanks to Member Straabe for her help navigating the project.
- LA County Planning Retreat at the Stoneview Nature Center BHC and MRCA were able to present at a planning meeting for the Parks department to discuss their intersection with health, education, open space and the watershed.

#### **Project Status**

#### Proposition 40 – Gail Krippner

Martin Luther King Jr. Tree Grove, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation – The event on March 31<sup>st</sup> was well attended and well publicized; groups neighbors, and members of the local community attended. We are now working on close out.

La Cienega Pedestrian Bridge, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation – We have been unable to execute a grant agreement because the county had to resubmit an RFP and go out and look for contractors twice. The first proposals came in too high. We now have a successful bidder and the item will go before the Board of Supervisors in June / July; project completion is expected in 2020.

**Healthy Living Parklands Initiative, City Project –** A project status meeting was held February 2018, a deliverable draft Baseline Report was received in early April; working on the project schedule.

#### Proposition 84 – Noa Rishe Khalili

**Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project, Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) –** Groundbreaking took place on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the BHSO; State Parks, the BHC, LACC, gathered together to address members of the LACC to encourage and support them; as they will be working with hand tools, rerouting the trails, to help people better navigate, and to provide more secure and safe stairways. Within a year most of the trail will be open. Any shutdown for improvements will be in stages, and there will always be a detour for those wishing to use the stairs and get in a workout. LA Audubon is a key part of the habitat restoration efforts here.

**Ballona Creek Connection, City of Culver City –** Culver City approved leashed dogs on the Park to Playa Trail. The designated route follows the Park to Playa bike path. The ADA Path and Boardwalk nature trail is designated for Service dogs only. (*Please obey all signs.*)

**Baldwin Hills Parklands Conservation Project, LA Audubon –** There has been a lot of progress on getting the Conservation Certificate program on the WLAC curriculum. We are working on getting through the different levels of Community College Board approval.

#### Proposition 1 - Daniel Sciolini

**Culver City Refuse Transfer Station - Stormwater Diversion Project - Phase 1 Diversion System** — Construction of the diversion system has been completed. Finalizing control panel wiring to include oil and grease sensor; working with contractor to resolve change orders; working on compliance for Total Maximum Daily Load; and finalizing draft signage for the Diversion

System and Rain Garden. Phase 2 Rain Garden – Installation of irrigation, plant material, and backfill was completed; Interpretive Signage under review; completion expected Summer 2018. **Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) Milton Green Street –** Final inspection pending; Stormwater monitoring on-going; final walkthrough and approval set for June 2018; project close-out ongoing; completion expected Summer 2018.

California Greenworks Inc. Lower Ballona Creek Feasibility Plan/Study – Survey and base mapping began April 2018, merging LA County GIS boundaries with aerial data and imagery; completion anticipated by the end of the month; first stakeholder meeting and presentation successful; second Stakeholder meeting set for mid-July; Hydrology analysis for two locations is underway with the field geotechnical investigation; completion expected December 2018.

**Proposition 1 –** Working on improving the BHC information table by implementing information in Spanish and getting more kids involved.

#### Fiscal and Legislative Update - David McNeill

The BHC ELPF Fund is fiscally intact. (There are several appropriations Mr. McNeill is creating budget concept papers to re-appropriate funds.) One correction to note. (Attachment #2 – BHC 2017/2018 Summary Sheet by Fund.) Under Proposition 84, 2014 Budget Act Item – the "Encumbered By" date is incorrect, as the funds have already been appropriated.

Proposition 68 Bond is coming up on the June ballot. The BHC proposed appropriation of \$1,000,000 of the BHC \$6,000,000 allocation (pending bond passage) available to spend, as-well-as hire another staff person. (Please see attached memorandum dated May 18, 2018, Item 7: Executive Officer Report; Attachment #I – BHC Project Status Report for 5/18/18; Attachment #2 – BHC 2017/2018 Summary Sheet by Fund; and Attachment #3 – Bond Cash Funds as of 3/31/18.)

#### VIII. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Chair Dupont-Walker recognized and acknowledged Member Lacy Johnson for her efforts in putting together the project commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK). The City Council has approved repurposing parking lots for the homeless.
- Member Johnson The Supervisor wanted to do something in partnership with the BHC to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of MLK. We had a successful Memorial Tree Grove Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Member Sexton 6:00 p.m. June 16<sup>th</sup>, at Exposition Park A community meeting is being held to discuss Measure A – County Park Funding, the timeline, when money is coming, and how entities can apply. Member Sexton also proposed adding another agenda item to discuss upcoming events.
- The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for <u>June 22, 2018.</u>

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:47 p.m.

Approved:			
Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Chair	Date:		

#### **BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

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#### Memorandum

**To:** Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

**Date:** June 22, 2018

Re: <u>Item 4: Overview – Past, Present and Future of the Parklands with Special</u>

Guest, Senator Kevin Murray (ret), and Author of the Baldwin Hills

Conservancy Act of 2000 - David McNeill, Executive Officer

**Recommendation:** PowerPoint Presentation to be provided at the meeting.

**Background:** The genesis of the Baldwin Hills Parklands dates back to 1968. At that time, Supervisor Hahn began putting aside funding for a park in the eastern portion of the former oil drilling lands. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors authorized preparation of a park plan in 1975, and allocated \$2 million dollars toward the proposed park. The county purchased a small portion of land in the targeted area for park development in 1976. Additional funding for park expansion was provided via federal, state, and municipal sources, including the State Bond Acts of 1980 and 1984. Ground was broken for the park on June 26, 1982, and the 138-acre State Recreation Area was officially opened on November 14, 1983.

After more than fifteen years, renewed expansion efforts for the Baldwin Hills Parklands began. Pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c), Section 1, Chapter 752 of the Statutes of 1999, an updated Baldwin Hills Park Masterplan was developed and submitted by the Secretary for Resources and the California Department of Parks and Recreation, to assure the continued expansion of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. Setting a course for success, Senator Murray secured \$32 million dollars from Proposition 12 to help California State Parks purchase the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, a 50-acre site. The most expensive per/acre purchase in the history of the department. Another \$6 million was set aside to purchase the 31-acre Stocker Corridor.

On September 12, 2000, Senate Bill 1625 (Murray) was signed into law as part of the growing momentum for an urban parks renaissance in the state. Recognizing the scarcity of natural open space in densely populated areas of the state, coupled with the growing need for improved quality of life in communities of color. Leaders seized the opportunity to establish a lifeline to the state's mounting conservation resources. The aforementioned events reinvigorated a park movement in southwest Los Angeles that continues to this day.

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#### Memorandum

To: Governing Board

**From:** Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager

**Date:** June 22, 2018

Re: <u>Item 5: Consideration of an Amendment to Resolution 16-11, Authorizing</u>

an Augmentation to the Existing Proposition 40 Grant Award to Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Park to Playa Pedestrian Bridge, in an amount not to exceed an additional \$900,000

<u>Recommendation:</u> Approve an Amendment to Resolution 16-11, Authorizing an Augmentation to the Existing Proposition 40 Grant Award to Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Park to Playa Pedestrian Bridge, in an amount not to exceed an additional \$900,000.

**Background:** In June of 2017, the BHC Governing Board approved Resolution # 16-11 which authorized a grant of up to \$3 million in BHC Prop 40 funds to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for design and development of the Park to Playa pedestrian bridge.

The project will build an approximately 235-ft linear pedestrian bridge that spans La Cienega Blvd, connecting two major Parkland amenities: Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and the Stoneview Nature Center. The bridge will provide safe passage across six lanes of traffic while maintaining the continuity of the 13-mile Park to Playa Trail. The project includes short transition trails on the east and west landings as well as natural landscaping throughout for safe wildlife crossings.

The proposal offered a \$3.78 million match of County Prop A Excess Funds, representing more than 50% of the \$6.8 million total project budget. The match well exceeded the 25% required by BHC Prop 40 grants, creating significant leverage of limited state bond funds.

#### Project Budget

The current project budget has been increased to a sum of \$10,817,000 based on final cost estimates provided by the project's successful bidder, Griffith Company. This new cost estimate was reached pursuant to multiple bidding processes and negotiations that took place between March 2017 through February 2018.

The revised budget also accounts for changes to the Grantee's matching funds and funding sources. The County has supplanted County Prop A funds with \$5.5 million in

Measure M funds, substantially increasing the project match amount in order to meet the required budget. The total contribution of Grantee's matching funds is now \$6,971,000, representing more than 60% of the \$10,817,000 million total project budget.

The County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider the funding changes and the design-build contract for approval in July 2018.

#### Scope Modification

Over the course of bidding the contract, the Grantee scaled down several items to accommodate a successful bid for the project.

BHC staff recognized the importance of maintaining all of the originally proposed elements of the project, including sufficient natural native landscaping features for aesthetics and to allow local wildlife a safe crossing over the bridge and into adjacent habitat. During the latest negotiations for the design-builder's contract in June 2018, the Grantee adjusted the project scope to include expand Wildlife Crossing elements. To this end, the project bid added a Design Solution Allowance and a Design-Completion Allowance to provide the proposed contractor sufficient funds for potential structural augmentations to accommodate landscaping and wildlife movement.

#### Summation

If approved, the Amendment to Res. # 16-11 would authorize the Executive Officer to augment the award in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 of BHC Proposition 40 Grant Funds and revise the scope and budget based on the new cost estimate and matching funds. Thereby increasing the total BHC Prop 40 grant award in an amount not to exceed \$3.9 million.

The project would be managed and maintained by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation. If the project is approved, the estimated delivery is before the close of 2020.

# BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC) (Amendment 1)

#### **RESOLUTION 16-11**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3 \$3.9 MILLION IN BHC PROP 40 FUNDS, FOR DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK TO PLAYA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

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, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation submitted an application for BHC's Prop 40 local assistance grant program for the Park to Playa Pedestrian Bridge which includes public access, habitat restoration, interpretation and recreation components consistent with the funding source and grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation proposal includes a \$3.78 \$600,000 million match of County Prop A Excess Funds, \$5,500,000 million match of County Measure M and \$817,000 match of other County funds to leverage the project's \$6,787,407 \$10,817,000 budget; and

WHEREAS, a Grant Review was conducted for the application and a recommendation is presented in the memorandum included in Item 4 of the June 16<sup>th</sup> board package; 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 Park to Playa Pedestrian Bridge is a key component to the only 13-mile trail in the region and will connect a series of Parkland amenities consistent with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan; 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, this action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE BHC GOVERNING BOARD:

- 1. AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3 \$3.9 MILLION IN BHC PROP 40 FUNDS, FOR DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK TO PLAYA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE.
- 2. ADOPTS THE STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS DATED JUNE 16, 2017 AND JUNE 22, 2018 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

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on	, 2018.	
		Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Chair
ATTEST:		
	David Edsall, Deputy Attorney General	
	State of CA, Department of Justice	

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#### Memorandum

**To:** Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

**Date:** June 22, 2018

**Re:** Item 6: 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 Proposition 40 & Proposition 84 Bond Cash Funds. The reports correspond with the end of month ten (10) for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

#### **Social Media**

The Baldwin Hill Conservancy recently updated its website. The new site is user friendly, informative, visually appealing, and smart-phone compatible. The website is the best place for the public to learn about the Conservancy's mission, projects, grant programs, and board activity. The site also features an event calendar that highlights activities led by BHC and its partners throughout the Baldwin Hills Parklands. In addition to the website, BHC staff maintain social media profiles including Facebook and Instagram.

Website:

http://bhc.ca.gov/

Baldwin Hills Nature:

https://baldwinhillsnature.bhc.ca.gov/

iNaturalist:

https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/baldwin-hills-biota

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/baldwinhillsconservancy/

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/baldwinhillsconservancy/

#### **Proposition 68**

On California Primary Tuesday, voters approved Proposition 68, the "California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018." This bond measure allocates \$6 million dollars in funding toward furtherance of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's mission, as well as additional funds for water, park, and open space access to disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities. The Conservancy has already submitted an appropriation request for the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. Once the budget is approved, the funds will immediately be available for local assistance and a new Park and Recreation Specialist position for program delivery.

#### **Healthy Living in the Parklands Initiative**

The BHC's Proposition 40 Grant with Community Partners (City Project,) BHC#17004 has been terminated based on mutual agreement from both parties. (See Attachment #3.) BHC staff will revisit the initiative in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department, as a part of their work with the Department of Public Health and the future development of the county's Park Rx program.

### **BHC Project Status Report**

Project Title	Grantee	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
La Cienega Pedestrian Bridge Project	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	BHC17003	Prop 40	\$3,000,000	TBD	Prop 40 funds approved June 2017; RFP responses received February 2018; Negotiations w/ selected design-build contractor in-process; Item to go before BOS Summer 2018; Estimated project completion in 2020.
Healthy Living in the Parklands Initiative	The City Project	BHC17004	Prop 40	\$250,000	12/31/2019	Project suspended by BHC on April 30, 2018; status meeting in May 2018 yielded mutual decision to terminate the Grant Agreement; Terminated June 2018.
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Tree Grove	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	BHC1709	Prop 40	\$200,000	6/30/2018	Dedication event held March 31, 2018 at KHSRA; Project closeout in progress.
Baldwin Hills Parklands Conservation Project	Los Angeles Audubon Society (LAAS)	BHC15004	Prop 84	\$124,536	8/31/2019	3 sessions of Summer Camp scheduled for June and July 2018; LACCD Board of Trustees approved Conservation Certificate Program at WLAC on 6/6/2018; Awaiting State approval; May be able to offer classes in Fall 2018; Project completion Summer 2019.

### **BHC Project Status Report**

Project Title	Grantee	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
Park to Playa Trail - Ballona Creek Connection	Culver City	BHC15002	Prop 84	\$379,808	6/30/2018	Construction started May 7, 2018 and is proceeding as scheduled; Construction will continue through July 30, 2018; Project completion expected Summer 2019
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project	Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC)	BHC1708	Prop 84	\$830,684	6/30/2020	Irrigation has been installed alongside the stairs; Trail sections 2 and 7 are under construction; Seeds and cuttings are being collected for propigation of restoration area plantings; Project completion expected Summer 2020.
Waste Transfer Station Stormwater Diversion and Rain Garden Project	Culver City	BHC16001	Prop 1	\$606,000	7/31/2018	Phase 1 Diversion System: Completion of change orders anticipated end-June; Water quality monitoring on-going, Final Reporting Plan anticipated end-July; Project closeout and punchlist walk anticipated mid-July 2018. Phase 2 Rain Garden: Provided comments for Interpretive Signage end May, final draft anticipated mid-July; Project completion and community event expected Summer 2018.

### **BHC Project Status Report**

Project Title	Grantee	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
Milton Green Street Project	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	BHC16002	Prop 1	\$745,000	8/31/2018	Final inspection by the City on-going; Final check list walk scheduled mid-July 2018; Project approval and close-out in-progress.
Lower Ballona Creek Feasibility Study Project	California Greenworks Inc.	BHC17002	Prop 1	\$258,000	12/31/2018	Field geotechnical investigation w/in City of LA on-going; Stakeholder meeting including review of survey, base-mapping, & hydrology investigation anticipated mid-July; Soil report identification/development anticipated beg-August; Preliminary Design anticipated mid-August 2018; Project Completion expected December 2018.
Water Capture and Management Project for Yvonne B. Burke Sports Complex	California Conservation Corps Foundation	BHC1800	Prop 1	\$1,500,000	TBD	Negotiating contract with Grantee; expected contract execution August 2018; Project completion expected Fall 2019.

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

			<u>Original</u>		<b>Remaining</b>					<b>Encumber</b>	<u>Liquidate</u>
As of 4/31/2018	PCA#	<u>A</u>	<u>ppropriation</u>	<u> </u>	Appropration	<u> </u>	EXP + ENC		<b>BALANCE</b>	<u>by</u>	<u>by</u>
ELPF - #0140, Support											
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-001-0140	10001	\$	357,000.00	\$	357,000.00	\$	289,019.51	\$	67,980.49	06/30/17	06/30/19
Prop 40 - #6029, Support											
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	10005	\$	124,000.00	\$	124,000.00	\$	86,739.79	\$	37,260.21	06/30/17	06/30/19
Prop 84 - #6051, Support											
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10009	\$	129,000.00	\$	129,000.00	\$	79,595.68	\$	49,404.32	06/30/17	06/30/19
Prop 1 - #6083, Support	40000	Φ.	402 000 00	Φ.	402.000.00	Φ.	00 007 05	Φ.	20,020,75	00/00/47	00/20/40
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6083	10006	\$	103,000.00	<b>Þ</b>	103,000.00	<b>Þ</b>	66,067.25	\$	36,932.75	06/30/17	06/30/19
					Total Suppo	rt B	alance:	\$	191,577.77		
Prop 1 - #6083, Local Assistance/ Capital Outlay											
2017 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	20008	\$	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	20006	\$	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	20004	\$	2,000,000.00	\$	2,000,000.00	\$	1,364,161.00	\$	635,839.00	06/30/18	06/30/20
					Total Prop 1	Ва	lance:	\$	4,635,839.00		
Prop 40 - #6029, Local											
Assistance/Capital Outlay 2016 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6029	20007	\$	6,025,000.00	\$	6,025,000.00	\$	_	\$	6,025,000.00	06/30/19	06/30/21
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2015 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20005	\$	11,604,000.00	\$	8,129,705.00	\$	3,526,045.00	\$	4,603,660.00	06/30/18	06/30/20
					Total Prop 4	0 B	alance:	\$	10,628,660.00		
Prop 84 - #6051, Capital Outlay					•						
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30004	\$	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	30003	\$	3,120,000.00	\$	1,749,772.74	\$	1,294,630.74	\$	455,142.00	06/30/17	06/30/19
					Total Prop 8	4 B	alance	\$	2,380,658.10		
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June 19, 2018

# RE: Termination Notice, Healthy Living In the Parklands Initiative, Grant #BHC17004

Dear Mr. Vandeventer (Grantee):

This letter is to inform you that the above referenced grant agreement, which was deemed suspended based on problems regarding compliance with the Project Deliverables and Payment Request documentation (per e-mail notice from D. McNeill dated 4/30/18), will not be authorized to continue and is hereby terminated by mutual agreement.

Effective immediately, the grant agreement between Baldwin Hills Conservancy (Conservancy) and Community Partners (for the City Project) is dissolved. A mutual decision to terminate was reached during a conference call between the Conservancy and Community Partners' staff on May 30, 2018. Both parties recognized the Grantee had performance limitations due to staffing and resources and the Conservancy had compliance constraints that would not allow for modifications to accommodate the Grantee.

This termination relieves both the Grantee and the Conservancy from their respective obligations. No additional work will be performed by Community Partners under the agreement and the Conservancy will process zero payments for this project.

While this was a decision neither party wanted to make, the Conservancy appreciates being able to resolve the situation in a way that leaves the door open for our two agencies to partner and collaborate in the future.

Sincerely.

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