

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held
Friday, January 16, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Community Center
4100 South La Cienega Blvd.
(323) 298-3660

Teleconference Location

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

10:00 a.m. - CALL TO ORDER - Sara Amir, Chair

MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE ROLL CALL

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

1. Roll Call - Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary
2. Approval of Minutes (December) - Sara Amir, Chair
3. Public Comments - Sara Amir, Chair
4. Presentation on Baldwin Hills Biota Update - Professor Travis Longcore, University of Southern California Spatial Sciences Institute
5. Discussion and Possible Action on the Project Budget and Scope for the Stocker Corridor Segment of the Park to Playa Trail (Agreement #BHC12005) - David McNeill, Executive Officer
6. Year 2014 in Review - David McNeill, Executive Officer
7. Executive Officer Report: Project Status Update, Fiscal Update, Legislative Update - BHC Staff Representatives
8. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings - *Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2015.*
9. Closed Session - Conference to Discuss Negotiations and Strategies for the Following Properties: 4221032001 and 4221024006, Agency Negotiator: Karly Katona, Negotiating Party: Mr. Zip.

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.8, 54956.9, the Conservancy may hold a closed session to discuss and take possible action regarding instructions on real estate negotiations, on personnel matters and/or to receive advice of counsel on pending or potential litigation. Confidential memoranda related to these issues may be considered during such closed session discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

Friday, December 05, 2014

I. Call to Order

A public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) was assembled at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 05, 2014, at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Center, located at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Julie Alvis, Sara Amir, Allan Boodnick, Lloyd Dixon, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker (*arrived after roll call.*) Karen Finn, Yolanda Gorman, Patricia O'Toole (*arrived after roll call.*) Starlett Quarles, Craig Sap (*arrived after roll call.*) Marina Voskanian. **Staff Present:** David McNeill, Executive Officer; Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager; Avril LaBelle, Executive Secretary.

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

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

IV. Public Comments – Starlett Quarles, Chair

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

V. Presentation on Pilot Study Findings for the Baldwin Hills Parklands User Survey - Loyola Marymount University, Center for Urban Resilience – LMU Research Team (*Various members of the LMU Research Team were in attendance. Among them were - Eric Strauss, Ph.D., Executive Director; John H. Dorsey, Ph.D., Director of Urban Ecology Research; and Michele Romolini, Ph.D.*)

Presenters Edward Hustleby and Sheron L. Mark briefed the board and public on “The Value of Urban Parklands - Report of Pilot Study Findings.” Presentation slides covered:

Purpose of Study – to gain knowledge of who uses the Baldwin Hills Parklands, how often, when, and for what purposes;

Research Methods – Survey Data Collection - Visitor Counts – Geographic Focus;

Results – the number of weekday and weekend visitors/minute/park; the frequency of repeat park visits; influences to park selection; the mode of transportation used to get to/from the park; park distance from home; and activities/reasons for visiting. Activities/reasons for frequenting parklands covered a scope of physical and recreational activities; various social gatherings; interactions garnering a sense of community engagement and/or environmental stewardship; and an opportunity to learn about science and the environment.

Challenges – a language barrier; large amounts of paper-based materials proved difficult to handle and intimidated some potential participants;

Future Work – Expand the scope and scale of survey assessment; understand the significance of the parks resources through its connected neighborhoods and communities; determine recommendations for land protection, restoration and development in the parklands while continuing to protect habitat, wildlife, urban watersheds and coastal regions.

Board Member discussion included the possibility of providing incentives to survey participants to increase participation; survey questions asked and provision to review and refine them; survey data collection; and utilizing iPads to conduct the survey.

(For detailed information and results of this pilot study please see attachment #1.)

VI. Election of Board Officers Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558 - Starlett Quarles, Chair (*Chair Quarles asked Vice Chair Amir to conduct Agenda Item #6*)

Vice Chair Amir announced that there are two volunteer candidates for the position of Vice Chair: Board Member Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and Board Member Marina Voskanian. Vice Chair Amir thanked both candidates for volunteering, explained the voting process, and asked both candidates if they would like to address the board. Member Dupont-Walker thanked the board for their consideration, and asked to withdraw citing a very full schedule. Vice Chair Amir accepted the withdrawal of candidate Dupont-Walker and proceeded to conduct the vote for the remaining candidate.

Member Boodnick made a motion to conduct the vote, Vice Chair Amir so moved and asked if there was a second, Member Sap seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, Member Voskanian is voted in as Vice Chair. Newly elected Vice Chair Voskanian thanked the board for their vote of confidence.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule - David McNeill, Executive Officer. (*Due to an urgent commitment, Chair Quarles excused herself and turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Amir to conduct the remainder of the meeting.*)

Acting Chair Amir opened the floor for discussion of the 2015 Public Meeting Schedule. Mr. McNeill read the proposed dates out loud. Member Dupont-Walker requested to change the 2/27/15 meeting date to 3/6/15, and new Vice Chair Voskanian also stated scheduling conflicts with the February date. Acting Chair Amir stated if there were no objects then we will change the date to 3/6/15. There were no objects and no other changes brought forward.

Acting Chair Amir called for a motion to approve the 2015 Meeting Schedule with the change of meeting date from 2/27/15 to 3/6/15. Member Boodnick made a motion to approve, Member Dixon seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken – 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, 2015 Meeting Schedule approved.

VIII. Executive Officer Report – Project Status Update, Fiscal Update, Legislative Update - BHC Staff - David McNeill, Executive Officer and Gail Krippner Grant Program Manager

Project Status Update

Norman O. Houston Park – Project is closing, and final invoices and reports are coming in.

Hetzler Road – Construction is still slated for spring.

Stoneview Nature Center – The board approved a design build contract, construction should begin this winter. The site demolition and abatement took place in October.

Park to Playa/Stocker Corridor section – The bid has gone out twice. A construction contract is anticipated early next year. Project completion is set for winter 2015. Mr. McNeill added that one of the bids came in higher than projected, and we have asked for justification for the increase.

Park to Playa/Blair Hills Quarter - There will be a buffer from the actual fixed line of the oilfield into the location. The City of Culver City voted to allow for the buffer zone changes to not impact their plans, and a 50 foot buffer was achieved. It is 75 feet or greater in some sections.

Milton Street Park – The project is moving forward, and heading toward completion in May. This is the 1.7 acre plot of land between the school and the Ballona Creek set for re-enhancements with provisions of: a habitat zone; a Green Street for storm run-off; bird watching mound; an interpretive program allowing students a greater opportunity for bird watching with room to debrief; and space for bicyclists to rest and enjoy the habitat zones. Mr. McNeill stated that the closed session set for today has been postponed. During that closed session, the board will be looking at an opportunity to partner with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority on an adjacent property.

USC Wildlife Study – USC has posted information online about biodiversity. They have discovered everything from coyotes to foxes. No bobcats or mountain lions were found. Mr. McNeill will ask USC to give a presentation during the first quarter. The wildlife habitat is alive and thriving in the Baldwin Hills area.

Fiscal Update *(Please see Attachment #2.)*

Proposition 1 - The Water Bond was passed by the voters in November. The conservancies are tasked with creating multi-benefit projects that conserve water; allow opportunities for recycled water; habitat restoration; and habitat conservation.

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

Welcome and Congratulations to newly elected Vice Chair Marina Voskanian.

Special thanks to Member Dupont-Walker for her consideration of becoming a volunteer candidate.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2015.

X. Closed Session - Conference to Discuss Negotiations and Strategies for the Following Properties: 4221032001 and 4221024006, Agency Negotiator: Karly Katona, Negotiating Party: Mr. Zip.

(Closed session was cancelled.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved:

Starlett Quarles, Chairman

Date: _____

Sara Amir, Vice Chairman

Date: _____

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: Executive Officer, David McNeill

Date: January 16, 2015

Re: Item 4: Presentation on Baldwin Hills Biota Update - Professor Travis Longcore, University of Southern California (USC) Spatial Sciences Institute

Recommendation: PowerPoint Presentation by the USC Spatial Sciences Institute (Copies of the PowerPoint presentation to be handed out at the January 16th meeting.)

Background: Pursuant to Resolution #13-12, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy partnered with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority to grant funds to USC for a series of field studies, surveys, and mapping to inventory local biota within the Baldwin Hills Parklands and adjacent properties. The eighteen month project began in early 2014. Accordingly, the presentation will present interim progress to include surveys of reptiles, amphibians, bats, mid-sized mammals, and a comprehensive vegetation map. To date, efforts to inventory the existing species biodiversity have been implemented through traps, trail cameras, and field surveying in portions of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Inglewood Oil Field, Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, and Culver City Park. As a part of the update, the advancement of the web-based citizen interface component of the project will be discussed.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: January 16, 2015

Re: Item 5: Discussion and Possible Action on the Project Budget and Scope for the Stocker Corridor Segment of the Park to Playa Trail (Agreement #BHC12005)

Recommendation: Staff recommends adopting Resolution #14-09 authorizing the Executive Officer to amend agreement #BHC12005 with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for a budget augmentation in an amount not to exceed \$586,000 and add an additional six (6) months to the project performance period.

Background: The MRCA has submitted a letter requesting a budget augmentation of \$585,184, and a revised performance schedule allowing six more months to implement the Stocker Corridor Segment of the Park to Playa Trail (see Attachments #1 & #2.) The project has been underway for one year and five months, with expenditures to date totaling approximately \$36,000. During this period, the grantee has conducted activities revolving around plan development, permitting, outreach meetings, requests for proposals and bid advertising. After advertising two consecutive rounds for Requests for Proposals, the lowest bid came in significantly higher than the grant amount estimated by the MRCA's consultant. Under the original grant budget, cost estimates for construction management and implementation were projected from construction documents which were 50% complete. The actual cost is reflected in the General Contractor's final bid and schedule to construct the project as designed.

In order to finalize an agreement with the selected General Contractor, a total of approximately \$1,615,208 will need to be available for project implementation (See Attachment #3.) Staff has consulted with the MRCA and the Baldwin Hills Recreation Conservation Authority to analyze the cost increase. Due to the format of the bids received, and the incorporation of subcontractors in the bid packages, only a portion of the budget line items are available for comparison with the original grant budget. Based upon the MRCA's analysis, the five factors listed in their request letter quantify the need for additional resources to manage and construct the project to its completion. Staff is in agreement with the MRCA regarding the issues that contributed to the increase in project costs and the need for additional time for construction.



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December 17, 2014

David McNeill
Executive Officer
Baldwin Hills Conservancy
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**Budget Amendment Request –
Park to Playa Trail – Stocker Corridor Trailhead
Agreement Number: BHC 12005**

Dear Mr. McNeill:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) respectfully submits a request for an amendment to the project budget and amount for the above-referenced grant in the amount of \$585,208.

The requested budget amendment is necessary because the previously submitted project budget (which was the basis for the grant award) was based on MRCA's, landscape and engineering consultants (Alta and DEA's) best construction estimates based on 50% Construction Documents (CDs). Since then, the design has been significantly more developed and project elements were more specifically identified. This resulted in increased project costs due to more detailed information.

As the project has been bid out and a contractor is now on board, MRCA is able to provide updated and more accurate costs that are based on the General Contractors bid and schedule of values to construct the project. Essentially, the costs for some budget line items are significantly more than originally thought for the following reasons:

1. We now have extensively more developed design documents (as mentioned above). The original cost estimates took into account costs that correlated with a set of plans that were only 50% complete. As plans get more developed, more detail is specified, products are identified, and additional site elements are added. As certain details, products, and site elements were not known at the time the application was submitted, it was not feasible to know the additional cost of those items at the time.
2. Construction Market Growth – Unlike just a few years ago for which there was heavy contractor competition for each individual project, we have recently found less competition in the bid market due to the improvement of the non-residential construction market. As little as two years ago it was common practice to receive more than 10 bids for a single contract, however due to an increased demand for

work, contractors are less inclined to bid on additional projects. Also, those contractors that do submit a bid typically have multiple projects already underway or a backlog and therefore we are receiving increased bid numbers. Despite heavy bid solicitation for Stocker, for which we were able to have 20 potential bidders attend our job-walks, we only received five bids. Although it is difficult to measure how this directly affected our costs, most estimators expect a 5-10% increase in costs when 5 or fewer bids are received, a 0-5% increase when 5-10 bids are received, and a 5% savings when 10 or more bids are received.

3. Escalation – Pursuant to "RS Means Construction Data", the 5-year average (2009-2013) of escalation on direct construction costs was measured at approximately 3.5% per year. Although actual escalation from 2013 to 2014 has yet to close, predictions are within the 3-3.5% range. If this was applied to the Stocker Original Budget, then an increase of \$35,000 to hard costs and a similar increase of approximately \$16,000 to soft costs could be attributed to construction escalation.
4. Subcontractor Bid Pool – Upon review of the bid submittals, it appears that multiple firms utilized the same subcontractor bid pool. This affect is similar to the improved construction market, in which it may be difficult for general contractors to find multiple subcontractors willing to bid additional projects. As such, the limited competition due to an improved market increases bid costs. Additionally, there were some specialized scopes of work associated with Stocker (such as the retaining wall) for which there was no subcontractor competition.
5. Prevailing Wage Rate Increase – In July 2014 the hourly prevailing wage rates for California increased for multiple occupations. For example, the hourly rate for the laborer classification in early 2013 was 36.19. On July 1, 2013 an increase of \$1.25 came into effect and on July 1, 2014 an increase of \$1.75 came into effect, yielding a total increase of \$3.00/hour. Although this seems minimal, this is applicable to all workers on the project and when the total man hours are added, it could attribute to a significant increase in construction cost.

We request that BHC's contribution towards Task 1 (Project Management) be increased by \$43,190 as a result of a lengthy and unanticipated additional community outreach process, design development, and permitting review period that increased consultant fees and therefore were not originally factored into the budget.

As indicated on the attached revised budget, Task 2 (Construction) cost estimates have increased and therefore, MRCA requests that BHC's contribution be increased by \$542,018 for this task. This is a result of the General Contractor's construction cost (schedule of values) averaging more than anticipated for the project for the reasons provided in the bullet points above. The revised budget now reflects actual contract amounts.

Mr. David McNeill
December 17, 2014
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Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (323) 221-9944 extension 107 or by email at ana.straabe@mrca.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ana Straabe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ana" and last name "Straabe" clearly distinguishable.

Ana Straabe
Deputy Chief of Urban Projects
and Watershed Planning

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Park to Playa - Stocker Corridor - Construction

Updated December 2014																								
Task	2014						2015												2016					
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
General Project Management/Administration																								
LA County DPW approval of CDs																								
Bidding (advertizement, bid walk, RFI period, & Adendums)																								
Bid Opening																								
Bid Evaluation/Project budget evaluation/Response to																								
PROASB Board Approval																								
BHC Board - Grant Augmentation consideration																								
Notice of Award & contract with selected contractor																								
Notice to Proceed																								
Construction kick-off meeting & mobilization prep.																								
Construction Observation & Mngmt. (MRCA & TELACU)																								
Construction (final schedule is up to contractor)																								
Punch List / project & grant close/out																								

Park to Play - Stocker Corridor Improvements - Budget (rev. December 2014)

PROJECT ELEMENT	Original cost	Original BHC contribution	Updated Cost	New BHC contribution	Reason for Change, if applicable
Task 1 Project Management					
1 Project Administration/Construction Management	\$ 280,000	\$ 214,641	\$ 284,641	\$ 214,641.00	N/A
2 Professional & Consultanting Services (CDs, Permits, CEQA, Fallen Fruit, Alta, S&W, etc.)	\$ 186,191	\$ -	\$ 236,881	\$ 43,190	Lengthy and unanticipated additional community outreach process, design development, and permitting review period that increased consultant fees.
Subtotal Task 1	\$ 466,191	\$ 214,641	\$ 521,522	\$ 257,831	\$43,190 increase from original grant amount
Task 2 CONSTRUCTION					
1 Mobilization/Traffic control/Site temporary fencing	\$ 41,158	\$ 41,158	\$ 228,646	\$ 228,646	Updated line item costs correlate with General Contractor's Bid
2 SITE Prep/Demo (incl clearing/grubbing/earthwork)	\$ 50,000	\$ 44,485	\$ 100,225	\$ 94,710	
3 Grading and Earthwork (subgrade prep excavation, export, erosion control, etc)	\$ 55,100	\$ 55,100	\$ 268,300	\$ 268,300	
4 RRIGATION (weather station, valves, main line PVC, backflow, water meters, laterals, etc)	\$ 85,000	\$ 34,540	\$ 168,435	\$ 67,775	
5 SHRUB/groundcovers/hydroseeding/mulch	\$ 65,285	\$ 65,285			
6 24" Box trees	\$ 50,200	\$ -			
7 Tree stakes, straps, ties, root barriers, etc	\$ 3,129	\$ -	\$ 15,100		
8 Soil Prep/topsoil/amendment	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 24,400		
9 Stairs/handrails (interlocking paver steps)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 109,065		
10 ADA-Access Ramp and retaining wall	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 128,940		
11 Decomposed Granite Path (incl materials and fine grading)	\$ 71,811	\$ 71,811	\$ 21,660	\$ 21,660	
12 Natural Surface Trail, v-ditch, wall, etc	\$ 35,780	\$ 35,780	\$ 57,280	\$ 57,280	
13 Signage & Markings (rules, parking, directional, regulatory, interp, map, mile marks, etc)	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 8,800	\$ 8,800	
14 Site Furnishings (bike racks, trash receptacles, benches, includes footings, boulders, etc)	\$ 27,200	\$ 27,200	\$ 38,155	\$ 38,155	
15 Fencing/Gates/Trailhead & Entry monuments/Stone columns	\$ 149,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 172,425	\$ 172,425	
16 Parking Lot (incl base material, pavement markings, drains, concrete, etc)	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 102,750	\$ 102,750	
17 Bus Stop Relocation	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	No longer required for entry into parking lot
18 At Risk Youth	\$ 696	\$ -	\$ 696	\$ -	N/A
19 Contingency / Owners Allowance	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,500	Required for unforeseen issues
Subtotal Task 2	\$ 935,359	\$ 815,359	\$ 1,469,877	\$ 1,357,377	\$542,018 increase from original grant amount
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,401,550	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 1,991,399	\$ 1,615,208	\$585,208 increase from original grant amount

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 14-09

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STOCKER CORRIDOR SEGMENT OF PARK TO PLAYA, AGREEMENT #BHC12005 WITH THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (MRCA) TO AUGMENT THE BUDGET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$585,208 AND EXTEND THE PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD BY SIX (6) MONTHS

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 BHC 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, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy entered into grant agreement # BHC12005 with the MRCA pursuant to BHC Resolution 13-07, for the construction of the Stocker Corridor Segment of the Park to Playa Trail; and

WHEREAS, the MRCA has submitted a written request for a budget augmentation in the amount of \$585,208 as well as a six (6) month extension of the Performance Period as detailed in Item 5 of the BHC staff memorandum; and

WHEREAS, the Stocker Corridor Segment of the Park to Playa Trail is a significant asset for community use and a critical community link to the planned 10-mile regional trail in Southwest Los Angeles County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AMEND GRANT AGREEMENT #BHC12005 WITH THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TO AUGMENT THE BUDGET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$585,208 AND EXTEND THE PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD BY SIX (6) MONTHS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE STOCKER CORRIDOR SEGMENT OF THE PARK TO PLAYA TRAIL.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF THE
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on _____, 2015.

Sara Amir, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Christine Bull Arndt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: Executive Officer, David McNeill

Date: January 16, 2015

Re: Item 6: Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) 2014 Year in Review

Recommendation: No Action Required

Background: Staff will provide a PowerPoint update on the current fiscal year's projects. The presentation will reflect grant awards authorized and initiated since January 2014 pursuant to the approved guiding principles in the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan and the Conservancy's Strategic Plan.

The BHC's local assistance program for acquisition, development, and environmental interpretation has created multiple partnerships from which the BHC can set priorities for general park improvements and expansion, inter-modal transportation enhancements, watershed protection, environmental interpretation, and low-impact design development.

Eight (8) BHC bond funded projects totaling \$11.4 million in grant awards will be featured in the presentation. The local assistance program includes partnerships with the following contributing stakeholders: Loyola Marymount University, University of Southern California, Culver City, Los Angeles Audubon Society, Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority, Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, City of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Foundation, California Coastal Conservancy, Department of Toxic Substances Control. Together, these partners represent approximately \$8 million in additional leveraged funding for the Baldwin Hills Parkland projects included in the presentation.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: January 16, 2015

Re: Item 7: Executive Officer Report

Projects Status Report

Please see the updated Baldwin Hills Conservancy (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 six of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

Legislative Update

N/A

Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report
1/16/15

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	DTSC will continue to monitor Soil Management Plan on upcoming construction projects.
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Milton Street Park Construction	BHC12000	Prop 84	\$2,000,000	Construction progress includes: demolition, excavation, grading and gabion wall footings; expected Project completion May 2015
Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks & Recreation	Stoneview Nature Center	BHC12002	Prop 40	\$5,000,000	Construction documents completed 12/4/14; Pre- construction meetings in progress; expected Project completion Winter 2016.
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Park to Playa Trail - Stocker Corridor Section	BHC12005	Prop 40	\$1,030,000	MRCA to award construction contract in in early 2015; Project completion expected Summer 2016.
City of Culver City	Hetzler Road Pedestrian Path at BHSO	BHC13002	Prop 84	\$791,000	Construction to begin this Spring; expected Project completion Fall 2015.
University of California (USC)	Baldwin Hills Biota Update	BHC13003	Prop 84	\$140,794	Data collected on wildlife within the parklands. Vegetation base map established. Web interface under development.

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	PROJECT STATUS
Loyola Marymount University (LMU)	Parklands User Survey Study	BHC14000	Prop 84	\$236,042	Final data report for Pilot survey (Aug.-Sep.) expected Jan. 2015; Questions will be revised surveying will begin again the the first quarter of 2015.

**Baldwin Hills
2013/14 Summary Sheet by Fund**

<u>As of 10/31/2014</u>	<u>PCA #</u>	<u>Remaining Appropriation</u>	<u>EXP + ENC</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>Encumber by</u>	<u>Liquidate by</u>
ELPF - #0140, Support						
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-001-0140	10001	\$ 373,000.00	\$ 169,349.00	\$ 203,651.00	06/30/15	06/30/17
Prop 40 - #6029, Support						
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	10005	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 39,711.78	\$ 75,288.22	06/30/15	06/30/17
Prop 84 - #6051, Support						
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10009	\$ 101,000.00	\$ -	\$ 101,000.00	06/30/15	06/30/17
Total Support Balance				\$ 203,651.00		
Prop 40 - #6029, Capital Outlay						
2005 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20003	\$ 8,648,000.00	\$ 2,975,288.19	\$ 5,672,711.81	06/30/14	06/30/16
2004 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20002	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 3,794,725.06	\$ 3,405,274.94	06/30/14	06/30/16
2003 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20001	\$ 7,200,000.00	\$ 5,199,999.11	\$ 2,000,000.89	06/30/13	06/30/15
2002 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	22000	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 14,473,955.70	\$ 526,044.30	06/30/13	06/30/15
Total Prop 40 Cap Outlay Balance				\$11,604,031.94		
Prop 84 - #6051, Capital Outlay						
2008 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30001	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ 931,794.00	\$ 2,118,206.00	06/30/14	06/30/16
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30003	\$ 3,120,000.00	\$ 236,042.00	\$ 2,883,958.00	06/30/17	06/30/19
Total Prop 84 Cap Outlay Balance				\$ 5,002,164.00		

BOND CASH FUNDS

2010 SPRING BAB SALE		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
	PROP 40:	\$579,277.00	579,277.00	\$0.00
	PROP 84:	\$829,272.44	829,272.44	\$0.00
2010 DECEMBER BAB SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$603,452.18	380,954.00	\$222,498.18
	PROP 84:	\$193,760.00	0.00	\$193,760.00
2010 DECEMBER TE SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$60,547.82	0.00	\$60,547.82
2010 SPRING TE SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$2,815,869.68	2,133,302.01	\$682,567.67
	PROP 84:	\$1,095,534.16	1,095,534.16	\$0.00
2009 OCTOBER TE SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$1,812,376.87	782,598.41	\$1,029,778.46
	PROP 84:	\$188,122.75	80,809.19	\$107,313.56
2009 MARCH SALE				
	PROP 40:	\$901,961.01	901,961.01	\$0.00
Total available bond cash:				2,296,465.69