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FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 10:00 AM

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SCENIC OVERLOOK ENTRANCE AT JEFFERSON BOULEVARD AND
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Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy will be held
Friday, January 18, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Theater Room
Parking at Visitors Center upper lot
6300 Hetzler Road
Culver City, CA 90230
Phone (310) 558-5547

POST- MEETING SPECIAL EVENT

**JEFFERSON BLVD PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
DEDICATION**

Culver City, California State Parks & Baldwin Hills Conservancy

Location: Jefferson Blvd at Hetzler Rd (Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Entrance)

10:00 am to 11:00 am: Ceremony and light refreshments

8:30 am: CALL TO ORDER Allan Kingston, Chairman

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

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 (December)
3. Presentation to Dr. Boodnick recognizing his service as past Chair of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy – Allan Kingston, Chair

4. Consideration of a resolution amending the BHC Prop 40 and Prop 84 grant programs to allow applications for projects and acquisitions over \$2 million – David McNeill, Executive Officer
5. Consideration of a resolution in support of Culver City's application to the Metro Transportation Authority's 2013 Call for Projects for the Ballona Creek Bike Path Connectivity Project at Higuera Street Bridge – David McNeill, Executive Officer
6. Consideration of a resolution in support of the County of Los Angeles sponsoring a bill amending the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act to include a designee for the L.A. County 2nd District Supervisor Appointment – David McNeill, Executive Officer
7. Executive Officer Report – BHC Staff Representatives
8. Board Member announcements or agenda items for future meetings

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 1, 2013 at 10:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT FOR DEDICATION CEREMONY AT JEFFERSON BLVD

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
DECEMBER 7, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Dr. Allan Boodnick, at 10:15 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Theater Room at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Area, 6300 Hetzler Road, Culver City, CA 90232..

I. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Chair Allan Boodnick, Julie Alvis (teleconference) Karen Finn (teleconference), Lloyd Dixon, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Yolanda Gorman, Robert Jones, Starlett Quarles, Craig Sap, John Wicker, Sara Amir, Tim Kustic (teleconference), Patrick Reynolds, and Marina Voskanian

Members Absent:

Allan Kingston, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Joan Cardellino, Barbara Romero, and Patricia O'Toole.

Staff Present:

David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Gloria Dangerfield.

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

The Chair called for the Motion. Member Quarles made the motion to approve. The motion was seconded and carries.

**III. Presentation of the Final Community-Based Vision for the Stoneview Nature Center –
Karly Katona, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, 2nd District**

Ms. Katona stated the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) investigating recreational opportunities at the Stoneview site for about two and one-half years. BHRCA purchased the property at the end of last December for \$3.45 million dollars. They held a series of meetings, starting in May, that were well attended and received substantive feedback on what user groups would like to have at the site; Ms. Katona went over the results of the community meeting. Demolition of the old school building is targeted for May 2013 and the project's completion date could be summer 2015.

**IV. Presentation and Update on 2012-13 BHC Bond Funded Local Assistance Projects in the
Baldwin Hills Parklands – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill provided a power point presentation on the status of projects the BHC has initiated and has implemented the past year. Highlights included the Jefferson Street Access Improvements at the BHSO, La Cienega Gateway and the ongoing Parklands Habitat Restoration Project. All projects have received substantial funding leverage from local partners including Culver City, County of Los Angeles, LACC, and Generation Water.

V. Election of Board Officers Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558

In last month's meeting, Member Jones yielded his nomination to Member Quarles. Hearing no opposition, the Chair called for the motion to nominate Member Quarles as Vice Chair for 2013. Member Dupont-Walker moved that Member Quarles be nominated for the position as Vice Chair. Motion seconded. The members voted; all ayes in favor of Member Quarles as Vice Chair for 2013.

VI. Conservancy 2012 Year in Review – Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chairman

During his 2012 term, the Chair stated he sent a survey to each member at the beginning of the year. In the survey he asked the members to list their goals and implementation for the long run. Members responded with: more ad hoc committees involvement, publish a newsletter, have video teleconference connections to be able to see the members in Sacramento, have board members offer more agenda items, explore outside fundraising, establish the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's function in relation to other organizations. Under the Chair's leadership, goals were met including: an increase in attendance and engagement of board members, Sacramento members attending meetings in person, publishing a newsletter, initiate a designee for the County Supervisor's position on the board, and fill the vacant board positions.

VII. Discussion and Possible on the Proposed 2013 Meeting Schedule

The Chair asked if there were any changes to the 2013 meeting schedule; there were no changes.

VIII. Executive Officer Report - David McNeill

Mr. McNeill stated most of the capital outlay projects' statuses were given in the presentation earlier other than Department of Toxic Substances Control monitoring of the Eastern Ridgeline development, which will continue. In terms of the budget, the Conservancy has an annual appropriation for Environmental License Plate Fund for support, Prop 40 support (AGPA position) and Prop 84 position – advertising for the exam for this position is currently out. Interviews for hiring should begin in the first quarter of next year. Capital outlay funds for Prop 84 have three appropriations: 2007, 2008, and 2009. Spending has begun with funds encumbering the majority of one appropriation at this time. Prop 40 funds, there were four original appropriations. Multiple appropriations have been encumbered with two almost fully expended. Staff expects funds to move more rapidly as the BHC rolls out more shovel ready projects next year.

IX. Board Member Announcements or Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Sap reported California State Parks has a new director, Major General Andrew Jackson. They also have a new Chief Deputy Director, Aaron Robertson. Jeannette Brody was promoted to Angelus District Superintendent. Announced that Simon Delogos, who recently retired and was a ranger for thirty years, passed away; also, Kim Lassiter, who was an office technician. On another note, Culver City is doing a magnificent job on the Jefferson Streetscape project.

Member Reynolds reported that the Jefferson Streetscape project is moving along smoothly and have had weekly meetings with the contractor and consultants, who has been very diligent in keeping them informed on the lead time of delivery of the signal, which is being installed today. Landscaping and all other work has been going on schedule and in budget. They are working closely with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy on the parklands habitat restoration projects; presently are identifying areas that link to Baldwin Hills trails. There are areas of their park that are targeted for some habitat restoration work under the grant program and they are also looking at doing water audits in the near future. They are very pleased and hear encouraged to hear that the Park-To-Playa Trail construction documents are at 50% and Culver City is very supportive of the Stoneview park project.

Member Wicker acknowledged Sean McArdory, Superintendent for Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and asked him for updates on the park's activities. Mr. McArdory stated most items had been already been discussed including the Eastern Ridgeline Project.

Member Voskanian stated their Executive Officer, Curtis Fossum has retired and the new Executive Officer for State lands Commission is Jennifer Lucchesi. Outside of state business, she read a couple days ago about the acquisition of PXP by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.

Member Amir reported her department (Department of Toxic Substances Control) is updating regulations for safer consumer products, so any product that has toxic or chemicals of concern, will have to come with assessments or alternatives. This will be the first of this type of regulation in the United States and it should be in place by June 2013.

Member Dixon thanked outgoing Chair Allan Boodnick on the great work he did. Also, he likes the idea of having a mechanism for reporting leadership goals and hopes it can be discussed in January's meeting.

Mr. McNeill reported the new Chair, Allan Kingston, sends regrets for not being at the meeting (he's in Washington D.C.) but will be present in January's meeting. He announced Assemblymember Holly Mitchell has joined forces with Culver City's Mayor Andrew Weiss and Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, in hosting a meeting to get input from the public on hydraulic fracturing. The meeting will be held on Friday, December 14, from 9:30 a.m. – noon at Culver City Vet Auditorium. The California Regional Water Quality Board is having a public hearing about the NPDES permit PXP has requested. The permit will address stormwater runoff from the oil fields into the Ballona Creek. Comments are due COB January 7, 2013 and the hearing date is scheduled for February 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Metropolitan Water District office downtown. Staff chaired last night's CSD meeting regarding the oil field operation's compliance with the County regulations. CAP members are preparing for the five year review of the County ordinance and are seeking to involve homeowner groups and local organizations in the process.. There were also discussions on fracking and fracking legislation. Lisa Paillet (PXP) commented on fracking, re-iterating it is a well completion process and that PXP will send out notification before they do any conventional or high volume fracking. It was announced on Wednesday that PXP and Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc were merging and didn't expect any operational changes at PXP.

Member Boodnick wished everyone a happy holiday New Year.

X. Public Comment

A resident commented on PXP's transaction with Freeport. He feels the fracking discussion will be the key issue in 2013 and hopes the Conservancy will be a clear voice in these debates and PXP's major expansion over the next decade. Ms Paillet suggested if the public had any further questions or concerns or wished to have one of technical experts come out and speak, a wealth of information can be found on their websites.

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Approved:

Dr. Allan Boodnick
Chairman

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Allan Kingston, Chairman

Date: January 18, 2012

Re: Item 3: Presentation to Dr. Allan Boodnick recognizing his service as past Chair of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy

Recommendation: Not applicable

Background: Award to be presented at the meeting.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: January 18, 2012

Re: Item 4: Consideration of a resolution amending the BHC Prop 40 and Prop 84 grant programs to allow applications for projects and acquisitions over \$2 million

Recommendation: Adopt resolution 13-01 amending the BHC Prop 84 grant application award limit to an amount not to exceed \$3 million; and removing the application award limit for BHC Prop 40 grants

Background: The Governing Board adopted the inaugural BHC Prop 84 grant program guidelines in November of 2010 pursuant to resolution 10-06. The updated BHC Prop 40 grant program guidelines were adopted in April 2012 pursuant to resolution 12-03. Both programs have been successful in funding the implementation of priority projects focused on the BHC Access and Linkage and Study (2005) and the goals of the five-year infrastructure plan. As we continue our execution of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, larger priority projects have been initiated with defined cost estimates that should be considered in our grant solicitations this year. For a list of the current project priorities please see an excerpt from the 2012-13 BHC Five-Year Capital Outlay/Infrastructure Plan (Attachment #1).

Moving forward, Staff is confident the award increases recommended for both grant programs will attract eligible applicants with sufficient matching funds, fiscal capacity as well as project management experience to meet grant objectives.

As with our past grant programs, proposals would be reviewed by the Board's Ad Hoc committee, and if merited, recommended for consideration by the full Board. Projects funded under any BHC grant programs would meet the objectives of the funding source and be consistent with goals of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan and priority projects adopted in the BHC's Strategic and Five Year Plans.

Five-Year Capital Outlay/Infrastructure Plan

Section 11 - Prioritized List Ranking Projects

Changes for 2012-13: No substantive change.

The land proposed for acquisition and site improvements as described in this document are mandated by the Conservancy’s mission. The expansion of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area is considered a single project with acquisition of several parcels and improvement of these and other properties adding up to a whole. Property interests become available as willing sellers are created. The Conservancy’s ranking will vary depending on leveraging of resources, project readiness, the public demand, and the preservation of specific habitat areas. Each of these factors can take precedent over the other. The following list reflects immediate improvement projects linked to location, in general terms, using Proposition 40 and 84 bond funds exclusively. The list is updated to reflect planning projects stemming from the existing and short term acquisitions.

Master Plan Project Priorities	Project Location
Habitat Restoration and Trail Creation @ Lloyd Property/Finley Fee	West of La Cienega entrance
Habitat Restoration (Phase I)	Baldwin Hills Parklands
Jefferson Boulevard Streetscape Improvements	Jefferson Boulevard between Rodeo Road and Duquesne Avenue
Baldwin Hills Parklands Branding and Wayfinding	Perimeter of parklands
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook (BHSO)	BHSO
Stocker Corridor Trail and Bikepath	Stocker Street
Eastern Ridgeline Expansion	KHSRA
Ballona Creek Outdoor Classroom	Milton Street
Multiple-use Athletic Fields	SE portion of park site
Stocker Street Pedestrian Bridge	Stocker Trail and Norman Houston Park
Western Gateway Entrance/Interpretive center (below BHSO)	5950 Stoneview Drive
La Brea Greenbelt Trail Connection	La Brea Avenue
Eastern Gateway at Don Lorenzo Drive Streetscape Improvements	La Brea Avenue and Don Lorenzo Drive
Ingold Park Connection to Stocker Trail	Above Stocker Corridor Trail
KHSRA Trail /Access/ Wayfinding	Central KHSRA
KHSRA Habitat Restoration & Existing Trail Improvements	Central KHSRA
Shuttle Road/Pedestrian Access to BHSO	West of La Cienega Boulevard entrance
Culver City Skate Park (Phase II)	Culver City Park
Culver City Dog Park (Phase II)	Culver City Park
Golf Course Driving Range/Batting Cage	SE portion of park site

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 13-01

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BHC PROP 84 GRANT APPLICATION AWARD LIMIT TO AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3 MILLION; AND REMOVING THE APPLICATION AWARD LIMIT FOR BHC PROP 40 GRANTS

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, 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.

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, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy created grant procedures which were updated pursuant to Resolution 12-03 utilizing the latest template developed in cooperation with other urban conservancies and the Attorney General's office; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments for the BHC's Prop 84 and Prop 40 grant program provide increased capacity for the Board to address large projects and acquisition priorities consistent with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, Strategic Plan, and Five Year Plan; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BHC adopts Resolution 13-01 amending the BHC Prop 84 grant application award limit to an amount not to exceed \$3 million; and removing the application award limit for BHC Prop 40 grants.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

On _____.

G Allan Kingston, Chair
Baldwin Hills Conservancy

ATTEST: _____
Rosana Miramontes
Deputy Attorney General

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: January 18, 2013

Re: Item 5: Consideration of a resolution in support of Culver City's application to the Metro Transportation Authority's 2013 Call for Projects for the Ballona Creek Bike Path Connectivity Project at Higuera Street Bridge

Recommendation: Adopt resolution 13-02 authorizing a letter of support to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Culver City's Ballona Creek Bike Path Connectivity Project at Higuera Street Bridge grant application

Background: The City of Culver City is applying for grant funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's 2013 call for projects. The application seeks up to \$750,000 to implement critical bicycle and pedestrian friendly improvements at the junction of the Higuera Street Bridge and Ballona Creek Bicycle Path. The project focus is a pedestrian/bicycle ramp for access to the Ballona Creek Path. If implemented, adjacent facilities such as the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Willows Community School, Hayden Tract Tenants and the Metro Rail's National Blvd Station will have a safe recreational or commuter link to the Ballona Creek and the Coastal Trail. Please see attachment #1, City Council agenda item provided by Culver City Public Works.

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ATTACHMENT #1

Meeting Date: 01/14/2013		Item Number: <u>C-4</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to Submit a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2013 Call for Projects Grant Application for the Higuera Street Bridge Ramp Project.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Helen Kerstein/PW		Phone Number: (310) 253-5618	
Fiscal Impact: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		General Fund: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/>		Action Item: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commission Action Required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date: _____	
Public Notification: (E-mail) Agenda and Meetings – City Council (01/09/13); (Mail) Property owners, occupants, and businesses within 1,000 ft. of site (12/31/2012); (E-mail) Bicycle and Pedestrian Listserv (12/31/2012); (E-mail) Culver City Bicycle Coalition (12/31/2012); (E-mail) Baldwin Hills Conservancy (12/31/2012); (E-mail) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (12/31/2012).			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (12/24/12)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (01/09/13)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by K. Marsden) (01/09/13)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (01/09/13)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) 2013 Call for Projects (Call) grant application for the Higuera Street Bridge Ramp Project.

BACKGROUND:

Metro is responsible for allocating local, state, and federal discretionary transportation funds through the preparation of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Los Angeles County. A key component of the TIP is Metro's Call for Projects grant program.

Approximately every other year, Metro accepts Call for Projects applications in a variety of modal categories. Currently, these categories include: Regional Surface Transportation; Goods Movement Improvements; Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements; Transportation Demand Management; Bikeway Improvements; Pedestrian Improvements; Transit Capital; and Transportation Enhancement Activities.

The 2013 Metro Call for Projects applications are due on January 18, 2013. The City Council has authorized the submittal of two other grant applications as part

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of the 2013 Call for Projects: the Transportation Department's Compressed Natural Gas Bus Replacement Project (in the Transit Capital category) and the Public Works Department's Citywide Synchronized and Optimized Traffic Signal Timing Plans with Selected Traffic Volume Count Stations Project (Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvements category).

DISCUSSION:

Staff is proposing to apply for the Higuera Street Bridge Ramp Project in the Bikeway Improvements category. The Ballona Creek Bike Path is an important resource for the region, providing roughly 7 miles of separated Class I paths. Currently, there is roughly a 1.1 mile distance between the existing ramps to the Ballona Creek Bike Path at National Boulevard and Duquesne Avenue. The construction of a ramp at Higuera Street will create an intermediate access point that will improve connectivity between destinations such as the Hayden Tract, Expo Light Rail Station and Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook and the Ballona Creek Bike Path. In so doing, this project should make cycling and other non-motorized transportation modes more attractive options.

It is preferable to construct the proposed ramp at the same time as the Higuera Street Bridge is replaced in order to minimize construction impacts and ensure that the two structures are complementary. In October 2012, the Public Works Department released a Request for Proposals for the preparation of final design/construction plans and specifications for the replacement Higuera Street Bridge and proposed ramp. Staff is anticipating awarding the design contract in late January or early February and commencing design work shortly thereafter. Construction is likely to begin in Fiscal Year 2014/2015. If the Metro Call funds are secured for the construction of the ramp through this application, staff anticipates requesting that the funds be advanced, if possible, to Fiscal Year 2014/2015 in order to facilitate the construction coordination.

The proposed ramp is consistent with existing City plans. The construction of a ramp at Higuera Street was suggested in the Ballona Creek and Trail Focused Special Study (2004). Also, the pursuit of grant funding for the design and construction of a ramp at the Higuera Street Bridge to the Ballona Creek Bike Path was identified as an action item in the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2010).

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FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The project is anticipated to cost roughly \$750,000. Should Metro approve the application, the City will need to provide 20 percent in local matching funds for the project. Staff anticipates that the matching funding for this project will come from sources such as Gas Tax. As funding is not anticipated for several years, staff anticipates that there will be sufficient time to plan for the allocation of the necessary funds and to seek additional grants for matching funds, as feasible. Furthermore, there will be some ongoing maintenance costs associated with the project. These costs will vary depending on the amount of landscaping that is associated with the project, but are anticipated to be roughly \$4,000 per year.

MOTIONS:

That the City Council

Authorize the City Manager to submit a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) 2013 Call for Projects (Call) grant application for the Higuera Street Bridge Ramp Project.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 13-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPORT LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR CULVER CITY'S BALLONA CREEK BIKE PATH CONNECTIVITY PROJECT AT HIGUERA STREET BRIDGE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (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, Culver City Public Works has identified opportunities for pedestrian and bicycle improvements that will provide better public safety and access to the Ballona Creek Bike Path and the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook; and

WHEREAS, Culver City's grant application seeks to link open space, transportation and other important facilities in a manner consistent with the County of Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority's 2013 Call for Projects; and

WHEREAS, the BHC has conducted studies and supports projects in the territory that are consistent with Park to Playa improvements and the inter-modal transportation opportunities presented in Culver City's grant application; and

WHEREAS, a letter of support from the BHC will demonstrate the agency's presence as a regional partner and provide a larger context for implementation of the goals of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the BHC authorizes the Executive Officer to issue a letter of support for Culver City's Ballona Creek Bike Path Connectivity Project at Higuera Street Bridge grant application.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on _____, 2013.

G. Allan Kingston
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Rosana Miramontes
Deputy Attorney General

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: January 18, 2012

Re: Item 6: Consideration of a resolution in support of the County of Los Angeles sponsoring a bill amending the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act to include a designee for the L.A. County 2nd District Supervisor Appointment

Recommendation: Adopt resolution 13-03 supporting the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act amendment language for an L.A. County Supervisor designee as proposed by the County of Los Angeles Intergovernmental Affairs Department for the California State Senate's 2013 Omnibus Bill

Background: Ad Hoc committee member Russ Guiney was tasked with initiating legislative action to secure a technical amendment to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act of 2000 that would allow the 2nd District to have a designee on the Governing Board. This amendment would be consistent with the language for the eleven other government official appointees currently represented on the board. To that end, Mr. Guiney has engaged the County Intergovernmental Affairs Department to work with the Senate Local Government Committee staff in Sacramento to propose language be introduced during the new legislative session. Enclosed please find the proposed item submitted by the County for your consideration.

Proposed Item
Local Government Omnibus Act of 2013

Requested by: Ed Berends / Angela Ovalle	(name)
County of Los Angeles	(agency/group)
500 West Temple Street, Room 723	(address)
Los Angeles, CA 90012	(city & ZIP)
(916) 441-7888 / (213) 974-1348	(telephone)
eberends@counties.org / aovalle@ceo.lacounty.gov	(e-mail)

Topic: Governing Board of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy

You want to *amend/repeal/add* which code section(s)?

Request to amend Public Resource Code §32556(b)(5).

The *current law* was enacted (or last amended) by which bill number, author, and year?

Enacted by SB 1626 (Murray, Chapter 428, Statutes of 2000); Amended by SB 259 (Murray, Chapter 3, Statutes of 2002)

What's the problem that requires your proposed amendment? *Please describe.*

Current law mandates that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's governing board shall consist of thirteen voting members and seven non-voting members. Nine of the board's member seats are designated for the lead representative of a State or county agency, or his or her designee. However, the seat is designated for the Los Angeles County Supervisor within whose district the Baldwin Conservancy is located does not allow a designee for this seat.

What does your proposed amendment do? *Please describe.*

The proposed amendment to Public Resource Code §32556(b)(5) would allow the seat on the Conservancy's board that is designated for the Los Angeles County Supervisor to be filled by a designee of the Supervisor. This change would ensure that the County's interests are represented on the Conservancy's board

Has this proposal been tried in the past? Which bill number, author, and year?

Which groups or agencies will be interested? *What did they say when you talked to them about your proposal? Please list the names of the people you talked to.*

Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) – supportive of the proposal. Spoke to David F. McNeill, Executive Officer of the BHC

Assemblymember Holly Mitchell – supportive of the proposal. Spoke to Sydney Kamlager, District Director.

Please attach the specific language that you request.

Requested language for the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2013

Section 32553 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

32556. (a) The board shall consist of 13 voting members and seven nonvoting members.

(b) The 13 voting members of the board shall consist of the following:

(1) The Secretary of the Resources Agency, or his or her designee.

(2) The Director of Parks and Recreation, or his or her designee.

(3) The Director of Finance, or his or her designee.

(4) The Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks, or his or her designee.

(5) The member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors within whose district the majority of the Baldwin Hills area is located, *or his or her designee*.

(6) Six members of the public appointed by the Governor who are residents of Los Angeles County and who represent the diversity of the community surrounding the Baldwin Hills area. Of those six members, four members shall be selected as follows:

(A) One member shall be a resident of Culver City selected from a list of three persons nominated by the city council.

(B) Three members shall be residents of the adjacent communities of Blair Hills, Ladera Heights, Baldwin Hills, Windsor Hills, Inglewood, View Park, or Baldwin Vista.

(7) A resident of Los Angeles County appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and a resident of Los Angeles County appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

(c) The seven nonvoting members shall consist of the following:

(1) The Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, or his or her designee.

(2) The Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy, or his or her designee.

(3) The Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission, or his or her designee.

(4) An appointee of the Governor with experience in developing contaminated sites, commonly referred to as "brownfields."

(5) The Executive Director of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, or his or her designee.

(6) The Director of the Culver City Human Services Department, or his or her designee.

(7) The Director of the Department of Conservation, or his or her designee.

(d) A quorum shall consist of seven voting members of the board, and any action of the board affecting any matter before the board shall be decided by a majority vote of the voting members present, a quorum being present. However, the affirmative vote of at least four of the voting members of the board shall be required for the transaction of any business of the board.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 13-03

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY ACT TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ALLOWING A DESIGNEE FOR THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEMBERSHIP ON THE CONSERVANCY'S GOVERNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the BHC was created to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the Conservancy territory; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act established a board of thirteen (13) voting members, five (5) of which are government representatives; and

WHEREAS, Section 32556 of the Public Resources Code provides all of the government representatives with designees, with the exception of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors within whose district the majority of the Baldwin Hills are is located; and

WHEREAS, the participation and presence of the Second District Supervisor's Office is important to the regular deliberations and actions of the body; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Intergovernmental Affairs Department has developed a proposal for amendments the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act in coordination with California Senate Local Government Committee staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board adopts Resolution 13-03 in support of the amendment language proposed by the Los Angeles County Intergovernmental Affairs Department for the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2013 as referenced in Item 6 of the staff memorandum

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

On _____.

G Allan Kingston, Chair
Baldwin Hills Conservancy

ATTEST: _____
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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: January 18, 2013

Re: Item 7: 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 five (5) of the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report
01/18/13

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 January 2013.
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 investigations nearly complete.
Generation Water	Baldwin Hills Parklands Habitat Restoration	BHC11000	Prop 84	\$400,000	MLK Day of Service restoration event January 28 @ 9am; Earth Day restoration event at KHSRA April 20.
City of Culver City	Park to Playa Trail - Jefferson Blvd Streetscape and Access Improvements	BHC11001	Prop 84	\$570,000	Project completed December 2012; Dedication event January 18.
City of Culver City	Park to Playa Trail - Design Development of Pedestrian/Bicycle Ramp at Higuera Street	BHC11003	Prop 84	\$60,000	Project began September 2012; Expected Project completion Sept. 2013.

**Baldwin Hills Conservancy
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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 kick-off meeting January 29.

<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>
ELPF - #0140, Support					
2012 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10001	\$ 345,000.00		\$ 166,019.18	\$ 178,980.82
Prop 40 - #6029, Support					
2012 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	10005	\$ 115,000.00		\$ 35,049.58	\$ 79,950.42
Prop 84 - #6051, Support					
2012 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10009	\$ 101,000.00		\$ -	\$ 101,000.00
Total Support Balance:					\$ 359,931.24
Prop 84 - #6051, Capital Outlay					
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
Prop 40 - #6029, Capital Outlay					
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	\$ 4,085,470.17	\$ 3,114,529.83
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:					\$ 23,972,978.94

BOND CASH FUNDS

Fiscal Month 5

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	165,223.41	\$1,972,231.84
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	\$ 11,171,569.26