

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held
Friday, May 29, 2020 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, certain provisions of the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act are suspended due to a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with the Executive Order, this public meeting will be conducted by teleconference and internet, with no public locations.

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10:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER – Keshia Sexton, Chair

MEETING AGENDA

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

Public Comment and Time Limits: Members of the public can make comments in advance by emailing tiffany.jones@bhc.ca.gov or during the meeting by following the moderator's directions on how to indicate their interest in speaking. Public comment will be taken prior to action on agenda items and at the end of the meeting for non-agenda items. ***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 – BHC Staff
2. Approval of Minutes (March) – Keshia Sexton, Chair
3. Public Comments – Keshia Sexton, Chair
4. Message from the Chair – Keshia Sexton, Chair
5. Consideration of Resolution # 20-04 Authorizing a BHC Proposition 68 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$198,000 to Tree People Inc. for the Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization Project – David McNeill, Executive Officer
6. Consideration of Resolution # 20-05 Authorizing a BHC Proposition 68 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$359,810 to Kounkuey Design

Initiative (KDI) for the Mar Vista Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design Project – David McNeill, Executive Officer

7. Consideration of Resolution # 20-06 Authorizing an Amendment to the Project Budget and Performance Period for Proposition 84 Agreement #BHC1708 with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project – David McNeill, Executive Officer
8. Executive Officer Report: Legislative, Project Status, and Fiscal updates – BHC Staff Representatives
9. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, 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, among other permissible subjects. Confidential memoranda related to these issues may be considered during such closed session discussions.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **July 17, 2020.*

ADJOURNMENT

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BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
Friday, March 27, 2020**

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, March 27, 2020 via teleconference and at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Visitors Center located at 5300 Hetzler Road, Culver City, CA 92032.

I. Roll Call – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Members Present: Megan Cooper, Sam Schuchat, Peter Garcia, Lloyd Dixon, Dr. Yolonda Gorman, Lacey Johnson, Robert L. Jones, Nicole Lawson, Amanda Martin, Patricia O'Toole, Sarah Rascon, Keshia Sexton, Marina Voskanian, Dr. Raissa White, Corey Lackson, Udack-Joe, Kevin, Norma Garcia, Debra.

Staff Present: David McNeill, Executive Officer; Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager; Tiffany Jones, Project Manager.

II. Message From the Chair:

III. Approval of Minutes (January 24, 2020) – Keshia Sexton, Chair:

Member Jones provided a motion to approve the minutes unanimously, Member White seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Consideration of Resolution # 20-02 Authorizing a BHC Proposition 1 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$700,000 to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for the Green Valley Connection Refurbishment at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area – David McNeill, Executive Officer:

Member Jones moved to approve. Member Gorman seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously through roll call voting.

V. Consideration of Resolution # 20-03 Adopting Amendments to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Proposition 68 Grant Application and Guidelines – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Motion to approve by Member Jones Seconded by Member White. Member Yolanda commented the changes help scoring process.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on the Draft Baldwin Hills Conservancy 2020 Strategic Plan Update – David McNeill, Executive Officer:

Motion to approve by Member Jones Seconded by Member White. Member Kevin commented he appreciated the presentation and time given to study the changes to the Strategic Plan.

VII. Public Comments – Keshia Sexton, Chair

Members of Ballona Trust, Sierra Club, and Ballona Institute had comments regarding the Ballona Creek .

VIII. Executive Officer Report: Legislative, Project Status, and Fiscal updates – BHC Staff Representatives:

VIII. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, 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, among other permissible subjects. Confidential memoranda related to these issues may be considered during such closed session discussions.

*Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately **10:59 a.m.**

Approved:

_ Keisha Sexton, Chair

Date:

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: May 29, 2020

Re: Item #5: Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a BHC Proposition 68 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$198,000 to Tree People Inc. for the Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization Project

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 20-04, authorizing a grant of up to \$198,000 in BHC Proposition 68 Local Assistance Funds to TreePeople Inc. for the Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization Project.

Background: Tree People Inc. has applied for Prop 68 Local Assistance Grant Funds to develop a multi-phase restoration project at the former Baldwin Hills Reservoir area (aka The Bowl). The Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization Project (See Attachment #1) proposes an initial phase for a community-driven planning and design process over two years, as well as a series of community volunteer training and hands on restoration events. The outreach and design process would result in 100% final design schematics for future implementation of a future second phase project implementing the comprehensive, multi-benefit restoration and resource protection project to further ecosystem services, public health and community access.

The project's key goals include:

1. Securing meaningful input and substantial support from stakeholders and community to inform the planning process.
2. Creating a comprehensive, multi-benefit project design that significantly furthers ecosystem services, public health and community access.
3. Receiving approval of final project plans from environmental (CEQA), landholder and management agencies.

Outreach and engagement activities would focus on stakeholder input through a series of project-specific community meetings in and around Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, supplemented with surveys and canvassing. TreePeople proposes to host 20 community restoration workshops to provide stewardship instruction on invasive plant species removal and re-introduction of native plant species for subsequent project planting. The project scope includes building community capacity through partnerships with neighborhood

groups, faith-based institutions, bilingual constituents as well as high school environmental clubs.

Working in partnership with Los Angeles County Parks, TreePeople would also develop materials and facilitate two pilot trainings for County Park staff on best practices for care of project plantings and other native landscape elements.

Pursuant to the BHC Prop 68 Guidelines, the proposal passed all screening requirements and three professionals were selected to score the proposal using the Resource Protection and Restoration Project - P68 Guideline Scoring Criteria. The final average total score of the evaluations was 124 out of 165 possible points, which achieved the required threshold of 75%. Screening and evaluations will remain on file.

The application met all the required objectives and scored highest in the following three (3) areas:

1) Implementation Value – Project substantiates the implementation is feasible; financial and technical capacity and experience to perform the project demonstrated; partnerships between two or more organizations contributing towards implementation of the project secured; maintenance funding for at least two years after completion identified.

2) Prioritization Value – Project achieves the goals of P68 by providing urban recreation and protecting or restoring natural resources; achieves one or more of the BHC's strategic objectives; addresses two or more elements of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan.

3) Climate Change Value - Project restores natural areas and quantifiably avoids emissions associated with development; contributes to tree canopy cover in urban areas and promotes public health and recreation; engages local communities through outreach, education and interpretation; implements water saving techniques utilizing nature-based solutions including vegetation, tree plantings and swales.

If the \$198,000 in Prop 68 funds are awarded, the project would deliver a County approved community-based improvement plan for restoration, access and conservation activities in and around the 31-acre Bowl site at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. There would also be a \$47,920 in-kind contribution based on steward volunteer time associated with the proposed restoration events.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 20-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BHC PROPOSITION 68 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$198,000 TO TREE PEOPLE, INC. FOR THE BALDWIN HILLS RESERVOIR REVITALIZATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, under Division 22.7 of the California Public Resources Code, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was created to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the Conservancy territory; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section PRC 32555 (c) The Conservancy shall provide for the public's enjoyment, and enhance the recreational and educational experience on public lands in the territory in a manner consistent with the protection of lands and resources in the area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section PRC 32565.5 (a) The Conservancy shall develop and coordinate an integrated program of resource stewardship so that the entire Baldwin Hills area is managed for optimum recreational and natural resource values based upon the needs and desires of the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) is codified as Division 45 (commencing with Section 80000) and Sections 5096.611 and 75089.5 of the Public Resources Code and Section 79772.5 of the Water Code.; and

WHEREAS, Section 80110(b)(1) of the Public Resources Code allocates six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy in accordance with the governing statutes and specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy has the authority, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32569 (a), to make grants to non-profit 501c (3) organizations to further the purposes of the its division; and

WHEREAS, Tree People, Inc. is a non-profit 501c (3) organization with experience in project development and planning; and

WHEREAS, Tree People, Inc. has submitted an application for a BHC Proposition 68 local assistance grant for the BALDWIN HILLS RESERVOIR REVITALIZATION PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, The Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board adopted Resolution 18-03 approving the BHC Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines in September 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board adopted Resolution 20-02 approving Revisions to the BHC Proposition 68 Application and Grant Guidelines in March 27, 2020; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Baldwin Hills Conservancy hereby:

1. AUTHORIZES A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$198,000 OF BHC PROPOSITION 68 FUNDS TO TREE PEOPLE, INC. FOR THE BALDWIN HILLS RESERVOIR REVITALIZATION PROJECT.
2. ADOPTS THE STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS DATED MAY 29, 2020 FOR THIS ITEM.
3. APPOINTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS AGENT TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO AGREEMENTS, PAYMENT REQUESTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT(S).

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on _____ 2020.

Keshia Sexton
Chair

ATTEST: _____

David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 68

GRANT APPLICATION

Submitted by:



Date Submitted: April 30, 2020

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GRANT APPLICATION FOR BHC PROP 68 FUNDS

Proposition 68: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access
for All Act of 2018

Application Checklist

All applications must be provided in 12-point font. The grant application must include the following:

		INCLUDED
1.	Cover page (no more than 1 page)	✓
2.	Table of Contents with corresponding page numbers.	✓
3.	A completed Application Checklist.	✓
4.	A completed grant application form. See P68 Grant Application on BHC website.	✓
5.	Identify only one (1) of the purposes of Chapter 8 of Proposition 68 Bond Law are achieved by the project and by which your application will be evaluated. X> Resource Protection and Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> > Vegetation Management and Fire Safety <input type="checkbox"/> > Visitor Serving Development and Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> > Community Access, Education and Interpretation Projects See Guidelines Section 4.3, Item 5.	✓
6.	A detailed scope of work, including a list of specific tasks, a detailed budget, and a timeline for project implementation (including an estimated completion date for each task)	✓
7.	Any preliminary project plans (i.e. drawings, conceptional or construction) as required	✓
8.	A detailed description of the need and urgency for the grant	✓
9.	A detailed description of how the project will provide multi-benefit ecosystem, water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and public benefits	✓
10.	A detailed description of how the project achieves one or more of the Purposes of Proposition 68. See Guidelines Section 4.3, Item 5.	✓

11.	A detailed description of how the project helps meet the State's greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets, including a quantification of the metric tons of CO ₂ or CO ₂ e removed or avoided, and an explanation of the methodology used to quantify this figure. See Guidelines: Section 2, Item 2.4 and Section 5 Item 2.5 and Section 6 Item 6.0 and EXECUTIVE ORDER B-30-15 (Brown).	✓
12.	A detailed description of how the project will promote and implement other relevant regional and state plans and policies. See Guidelines: Section 2	✓
13.	Indicate whether the project will have matching funds from private, local, or federal sources, and if so, to what extent (Include dollar amount.)	✓
14.	Indicate whether the project will benefit a disadvantaged community (Use the State Parks Community Fact Finder tool http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities to determine Median Household Income)	✓
15.	A detailed description of any new or innovative technology or practices that will be applied to the project;	✓
16.	A detailed method for monitoring and reporting on the progress and effectiveness of the project during and after project implementation;	✓
17.	A description of how the scope of work will further the Conservancy's strategic objectives; See Guidelines, Section 2.2. Strategic Objectives.	✓
18.	A description of how the scope of work will protect or enhance Ballona Creek (if applicable).	✓
19.	Completed CEQA document. See Attachment 1.	✓ n/a
20.	For Nonprofit Organizations, please submit completed Nonprofit Organization Pre-Award Questionnaire. See Attachment 2.	✓
21.	Conservancy's procedures require the Applicant to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the Conservancy. See Attachment 3.	✓
22.	A completed payee data record (STD. 204) See Payee Data Form (STD. 204) on BHC website. See Attachment 5	✓
23.	Corps Consultation Review Document (if applicable) See Attachment 4.	✓

Applications may be submitted electronically or via U.S. Mail.

Electronic: Send one PDF file (10 MB maximum size) to info@bhc.ca.gov. If you are unable to e-mail your application, you may mail or deliver the electronic files on a CD or other common file storage device.


U.S. Mail: The printed documents to : Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Attn: Grant Program Manager
5120 West Goldleaf Circle Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90056.

**State of California — Natural Resources Agency
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**

Grant Application Form

PROJECT NAME		GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED	
Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization		\$198,000	
APPLICANT (Org. Name and Address)		TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT	
TreePeople, Inc.		\$245,920	
APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (Name, Title, Phone)			
Cindy Montanez, CEO, cmontanez@treepeople.org, 818.623.4899			
PROJECT ADDRESS (Including Cross-Street)			
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90056			
COUNTY	SENATE DISTRICT	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT	
Los Angeles	24	54	
PERSON W/ DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT (Name, Title, E-mail, Phone)			
Daniel Berger, Director of Forestry and Urban Greening, dberger@treepeople.org, 818.623.4884			
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT			
<p>The first phase of a multiphase planning and implementation project of the former Baldwin Hills Reservoir of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area ("The Bowl"). The initial phase, proposed herein, is estimated to run two years and will include a community-driven planning process as well as preliminary volunteer restoration events in select project areas tailored to facilitate community input on project design. Outreach and engagement activities will be conducted throughout the surrounding community, including canvassing, tabling, participating in regularly scheduled CBO meetings, and hosting a series of project-specific community meetings. Outreach will also occur through traditional and social media channels.</p>			

TASK / MILESTONE	COST ESTIMATE	COMPLETION DATE
1. Project Management	\$10,000	
a. Design Firm Selection		Month 2
b. Reporting		Month 24 (Quarterly)
2. Stakeholder Coordination	\$4,000	Month 2
3. Community Outreach and Engagement	\$52,000	

a. Organizing and Outreach		Months 3-20
b. Community Convenings		Months 3-20 (Quarterly)
4. Community Restoration Events	\$38,000	Month 24 (Monthly)
5. Design	\$90,000	
a. Feasibility Study		Month 6
b. 30% Designs		Month 12
c. 70% Designs		Month 18
d. Final Designs and CEQA		Month 24
6. Maintenance and Monitoring	\$4,000	
a. Maintenance Workshops		Months 10 and 20
b. Coordinated Monitoring		Month 24
<i>I certify that the information contained in this project application form, including required attachments, is accurate.</i>		
NAME: Cindy Montanez		
SIGNATURE: 		DATE: 4/30/20

Scope of Work

TreePeople proposes a multiphase restoration project of the former Baldwin Hills Reservoir area ("The Bowl"). The initial phase, estimated to run two years, will include a community-driven planning and design process as well as preliminary volunteer restoration events in select project areas. The second phase, which is not covered in this proposal, will include full project implementation, maintenance and monitoring, and development of a long-term maintenance plan. In addition to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC), key project partners include LA County Parks and Recreation, LA Department of Water and Power (LADWP), California State Parks, and LA Audubon Society, all of which have already expressed support and provided preliminary input on project approach, with the exception of LADWP, which has yet to be contacted.

During the initial phase covered in the current proposal, TreePeople will conduct extensive community outreach and engagement activities, including canvassing, tabling, participating in regularly scheduled CBO meetings, and hosting a series of project-specific community meetings. Outreach will also occur through traditional and social media channels. In addition, TreePeople will host community restoration workshops in select sections of the project area (between track and fence line adjacent to Padilla Pl.) to provide invasive species removal and re-introduction of native species as well as native seed collection for propagation at TreePeople's nursery and subsequent project planting. Restoration workshops, which are estimated to occur monthly (20 total), will incorporate in-depth community engagement to facilitate input on the larger project restoration plan. Each of the 20 community restoration workshops will run four hours and be attended by an estimated 20 community participants. In addition to providing project input, community members will receive lessons on the multiple benefits and ecosystem services provided by native plants and nature-based infrastructure, and will learn best practices on invasive species identification, plant installation, care and seed collection.

Outreach and engagement activities will focus on receiving community and stakeholder input on a restoration plan for the project area as well as providing information regarding the benefits of invasive species removal, native species reintroduction, biodiversity, and nature-based stormwater management solutions. Project planning will proceed from solicitation of initial feedback to development of concept designs to refinement of final designs through an iterative process that incorporates community and stakeholder input. The planning process will be guided by the Baldwin Hills Master Plan and Conservancy's Strategic Plan. Design firm partners will be selected through an RFP process in consultation with BHC and other stakeholders.

The community engagement effort will also prioritize building community capacity through partnership with local community-based organizations, neighborhood groups and faith-based institutions. Bilingual community meetings will engage participants in a discussion about their personal experiences and values around green spaces, introduce the benefits that the project and others like it could provide the park and surrounding communities, and offer an opportunity to provide input on the project through a facilitated discussion, form and survey to select top priorities for the space.

To ensure participation in community meetings, TreePeople's team of community organizers will canvas residential neighborhoods and commercial districts, table at community gatherings, promote

the project on social media and conduct public presentations at regularly scheduled community meetings and other events.

Emphasis will also be placed on the activation of high school environmental clubs through TreePeople's Environmental Education team. Youth Leadership Coordinators will work to generate interest on nearby campuses through the Generation Earth program, which empowers students in grades 6-12 in Los Angeles County to take action and address environmental waste and water issues through project-based learning.

Underlying objectives that will guide the project planning process include invasive species removal, reintroduction of native species, expanded tree canopy with a focus on shading pedestrian pathways, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, trail connectivity, active and passive recreation opportunity, community access as well as parking, community education through interpretive signage, strategic stormwater management, erosion control, runoff reduction for improved water quality, and sequestration of greenhouse gasses and improved air quality. Ease of long-term operations and maintenance will also be a primary consideration throughout the project planning process.

In partnership with LA County Parks and Recreation, materials will be developed to facilitate training of County staff on best practices for care of project plantings and similar landscape elements. These materials will serve as the foundation for an in-person workshop that will be offered to County staff on a pilot basis on two occasions.

A subsequent project implementation phase, not covered by this proposal, will maximize use of community volunteers, including coordination with nearby school eco-clubs. For tasks beyond the capabilities of volunteers, Los Angeles Conservation Corps will be sought as a project partner, and, if necessary, construction firms solicited through a traditional RFP process.

Goals:

1. Secure meaningful input and substantial support from key stakeholders and the community at large to inform the project planning process;
2. Receive approval of final project plans from relevant landholder and management agencies: BHC, State Parks, LA County Parks and Recreation, and LADWP;
3. Create a comprehensive, multi-benefit project design that significantly furthers ecosystem services, public health and community access.

Work Plan:

1. Project Management (\$10,000)
 - Design Firm Selection: Coordinate with BHC on selection of a design firm through a targeted RFP process. (Months 1-2)
 - Reporting: Submit regular project reports and invoices to BHC per program guidelines. (Quarterly, months 1-24)
2. Stakeholder Coordination (\$4,000)
 - Meet with key landholder and management agencies (BHC, State Parks, LA County Parks and Recreation, and LADWP) to receive initial input on the design process and secure approval of the project approach. Conduct site visits with agency personnel. (Months 1-2)

3. Community Outreach and Engagement (\$52,000)
 - Organizing and Outreach: Participate in regularly scheduled meetings of community-based organizations, neighborhood groups and faith-based institutions to receive input on project design. Table at community events and canvass adjacent neighborhoods to receive input and promote interest in project participation. Solicit community input through online channels, including a dedicated webpage with project details and a feedback form. (Months 3-20)
 - Community Convenings: Hold project-specific community meetings quarterly (6 total) to present design updates and receive input -- if necessary due to Safer at Home orders, virtual meetings will be substituted. (Quarterly, months 3-20)
4. Community Restoration Events (\$38,000 with \$47,920 in-kind volunteer labor)
 - Host monthly community restoration workshops (20 total) in select sections of the project area to provide invasive species removal and reintroduction of native species as well as native seed collection for subsequent propagation and project planting. Workshops, which will run four hours each and be attended by an estimated 20 community members, will facilitate input on the design process through a guided interactive tour of the full project area. Community input will be received through facilitated discussion as well as forms provided in both paper and electronic format. In addition to providing project input, community members will receive lessons on the multiple benefits and ecosystem services provided by native plants and nature-based infrastructure, and will learn best practices on invasive species identification, plant installation and care as well as seed collection. (Monthly, months 4-24)
5. Design (\$90,000)
 - Produce a restoration design plan significantly informed by community and stakeholder input, moving from feasibility study (month 6) to 30% designs (month 12) to 70% designs (month 18) to final designs that include CEQA clearance (month 24).
6. Maintenance and Monitoring (\$4,000)
 - Maintenance Workshops: Partner with County Parks and Recreation on materials to facilitate training of County staff on best practices for care of project plantings and similar landscape elements. Host two in-person maintenance workshops for County staff. (Month 10 and 20)
 - Coordinated Monitoring: Coordinate with LA Audubon Society and the West LA College VoED certificate program in Conservation and Stewardship to perform ongoing monitoring of the project area supported by student groups. (Month 24)

Preliminary Project Plans



Project Area. Community Restoration Events will focus between the track and fence line adjacent to Padilla Pl.

Project Description

Project scope is the part of project planning that involves determining and documenting a list of specific project goals, **deliverables**, features, functions, **tasks**, deadlines, and ultimately costs. In other words, it is what needs to be achieved and the work that must be done to deliver a project.

Describe each of the elements of the project description below with clear, but detailed answers.

1. Need and urgency for the project.

Describe the specific problems, issues, or un-served needs the project will address. Include a detailed description of how the project will provide multi-benefit ecosystem, water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and public benefits.

TreePeople inspires and supports the people of Los Angeles (LA) to come together to plant and care for trees, harvest the rain, and renew depleted landscapes. We unite with communities to grow a greener, shadier and more water-secure city at homes, neighborhoods, schools and in the local mountains.

We are focusing on outreach and planning for the former Baldwin Hills Reservoir area (“The Bowl”) located within the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in South Los Angeles neighborhood of Baldwin Hills to continue to aid the area in recovering from the toll oil production and other land uses imposed on a diverse population of people of color who have historically have felt the brunt of bad land development policies and environmental injustices. The historic heart of African American culture in Los Angeles, Baldwin Hills’ land, wildlife and residents have been disproportionately affected by pollution, and the area has some of the highest pollution rankings in the state. South LA is home to numerous toxic cleanup sites, high frequency of diesel particulate matter, poor water quality (lead, arsenic), high ozone concentration, pesticide use, and high toxic releases into the air. In Baldwin Hills, the Inglewood Oil Field has been extracting oil for 70 years and contributing to many environmental issues including causing the land under the former Baldwin Hills Reservoir and Dam to sink and ultimately collapse in 1963, flooding the community below and killing five people.

Nine percent of South LA residents live within 500 feet of a truck route, eight percent live within 500 feet of a manufacturing facility, and at least 51 active oil wells still operate in residential neighborhoods. Three busy freeways—the I-110, I-405, and the I-105—crisscross South LA, one of the most heavily industrialized areas in the region.

Most of South LA is ranked in the top 5 percent most environmentally burdened regions of California in terms of the accumulated toll from a variety of different pollutants and their impacts on public health. South LA residents live on average 12 years less than those from more affluent surrounding neighborhoods. Individual sections suffer some of the highest rates of cardiovascular disease, asthma, and low birth weight babies in all of California.

Health statistics for South LA reflect the realities of the community’s struggle to breathe clean air which is exacerbated by the release of noxious gases caused by oil drilling from the oil fields impacting surrounding neighborhoods. The County recognized that expanded operations in the oil

field that encompasses nearly 1,000 acres in the midst of a highly urbanized environment with over a million people required the modernization of anachronistic zoning regulations. In 2010, this area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. In 2009, the Health Service Plan Area encompassing South LA had the highest mortality rate in LA County for coronary heart disease, which is linked to exposure to air pollution.

Moreover, residents of Baldwin Hills area is one of the most park-poor areas in California, with less than 1 acre of park space per 1,000 people, with the California legislature defining “park poor” as less than three acres of parks per thousand residents. Public parks are important community resources that promote physical activity, mental health, social cohesion, and conservation especially communities of color with high health burdens and environmental injustices. Spaces need to be accessible, safe, place-base focused, and support active recreation opportunities and passive use of trails which research has shown promote a better quality of life including more positive human health outcomes such as curbing obesity and diabetes and improving mental health issues. Public green spaces that do exist need to be more accessible to people of color and low-income residents who historically have been displaced from areas with green space creation, restoration, and beautification projects. As best exemplified by the three gates positioned along the outside of The Bowl in the Park that access surrounding neighborhoods remain locked to the general public allowing access to residents of the more affluent gated communities directly adjacent to the park but closed to the lower-income residents just a few more blocks over.

The Reservoir Revitalization project will help to address these critical environmental, public health, and socio-economic challenges through a community-driven planning process that emphasizes park access, place-based ecology, active and passive recreation, expanded tree canopy and re-introduction of native plantings. In addition, project design will prioritize nature-based stormwater management solutions, reducing polluted runoff. The end result will be increased air and water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, park use and public health.

2. Goals and objectives.

The goals and objectives should clearly define the expected outcomes and benefits of the project. Include the following:

- a.) A detailed description of how the project achieves one or more of the purposes of Proposition 68.

TreePeople is proposing to create a comprehensive plan for the Reservoir that aligns with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy’s (BHC) strategic objectives of providing recreation, restoration of the land, and protection of wildlife habitat. Only through diligent planning will we be able to balance the needs of park visitors, land and wildlife, while improving the environment and quality of life in Los Angeles.

This proposal also addresses several of the overarching Proposition 68 purposes including:

- (4) To the extent practicable, when developing program guidelines for urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects, administering entities are encouraged to

give favorable consideration to projects that provide urban recreation and protect or restore natural resources. Additionally, the entities may pool funding for these projects.

- The project will result in much improved park access and active and passive recreational opportunities. TreePeople will also be providing a series of urban recreation opportunities during this planning phase through community restoration events. Natural resource restoration will occur through removal of invasive species and re-introduction of native plantings.

(7) To the extent practicable, administering entities should measure or require measurement of greenhouse gas emissions reductions and carbon sequestrations associated with projects that receive moneys pursuant to this division.

- TreePeople will use CARB Quantification Methodology, such as i-Tree Planting, as applicable to project plantings.

b.) A detailed description of how the project helps meet the State's greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets, including a quantification of the metric tons of CO₂ or CO₂e removed or avoided, and an explanation of the methodology used to quantify this figure

A significant project focus will be tree canopy expansion within the project area to sequester GHGs and provide shading to encourage park use and active and passive recreation. It is anticipated based on preliminary analysis of the project area that the produced design will include a significant number of large, native woodland species, such as oak, walnut and willow. The planning process will include GHG calculations using CARB calculator and i-Tree Planting.

c.) A detailed description of how the project will promote and implement other relevant regional and state plans and policies

TreePeoples proposed project aligns with BHC's mission 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 territory for the public's enjoyment and educational experience. Project planning will be guided by the Baldwin Hills Master Plan and the BHC's Strategic Plan.

The project follows the Executive Order B-30-15 guiding principle: Actions should protect the state's most vulnerable populations. The proposed plan will be a step towards environmental conservation which in turn helps us achieve environmental justice. Numerous studies have shown that environmental injustice disproportionately affects minorities, people living below the poverty level, individuals of color, and individuals with less than high school education (2014 PLOS One Journal). As a result, it also affects their health, as numerous studies have linked the effects of air pollution to adverse health impacts, including asthma. The Environmental Protection Agency (2020) states particulate matter pollution is linked to premature death in people with heart or lung disease, irregular heartbeats, and decreased lung function. The American Journal of Public Health (2018) reported there were significant disparities between communities differentiated by color and social strata in areas most affected by particulate air emissions. As the Washington Post succinctly put it "Pollution is segregated, too" (2014). As we address injustice at scale, we touch every part of our economy and infrastructure.

Each action we take to protecting the environment has a positive domino effect--a recent study in the British Journal of Sports Medicine found that even walking for 25 minutes through a greenspace has positive benefits for your brain, study results showed lower frustration and higher levels of meditation, and concluded that urban greenspaces are essentially "mood-enhancing environments." In addition to the positive benefits to the brain, exercise has also been proven to help control weight, combat health conditions and prevent disease.

Our focus for the next two years is to develop a plan that will ensure that we are maximizing every opportunity to achieve the following impacts:

Environmental

- Temperature reduction
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) sequestration
- Stormwater infiltration and runoff reduction

Health

- Fewer incidences of respiratory illness events
- Decline in morbidity and mortality through improved environmental condition and increased active recreation
- Increased in active park use and active and passive recreation, which results in improved physical and mental health outcomes

Social

- Reduction in crime
- Community cohesion
- Positive alternative to less desirable activities for teens

Economic

- Green job skills: arborist, land management
- Improved community resources

Educational:

- Multi-lingual and multi-ability interpretive signage at trailheads and on trails
- Community convenings and restoration events that include lessons on ecosystem services and vegetative and watershed management

d.) Indicate whether the project will have matching funds from private, local, or federal sources, and if so, to what extent (Include dollar amount.)

NA

3. Site Description

Describe the project site or area, including site characteristics that are tied to your project objectives (i.e.: for acquisition of habitat, describe current vegetation assemblages, condition of

habitats, known wildlife migration corridors, etc.). When relevant, include ownership and management information.

The Baldwin Hill Reservoir ("The Bowl") is located within the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in the neighborhood of Baldwin Hills in South Los Angeles, serving three million people within five miles. The majority of the site area is owned by CA State Parks, with a small section in the center of the project area owned by LADWP. LA County Parks and Recreation is responsible for maintenance of the project area. The Bowl offers sweeping views of the region, and is encircled by a pedestrian track. The Bowl currently includes a disc golf course that runs throughout the project area as well as limited and outdated interpretive signage. There are worn foot paths that cross The Bowl, but no planned pathway network. There are limited spaces designed to accommodate passive recreation or community gatherings. There are notable oak trees thriving within The Bowl, but limited landscape design to encourage active or passive recreation, such as strategic shading of a pedestrian pathway network and seating areas. During rain events, The Bowl's center is saturated with significant ponding. There is insufficient parking to accommodate desired levels of community access. There are three gates positioned along the outside of The Bowl to access surrounding neighborhoods, but these gates remain locked to the general public.

The Bowl is located in the neighborhood of Baldwin Hills, which is bounded by La Cienega Boulevard to the west, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east, Stocker Street to the south and Obama Boulevard to the north with Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard forming the northeast dividing line between Baldwin Hills and Crenshaw Manor. It is bordered on the west by Culver City and it shares the eastern border of Crenshaw Boulevard with Leimert Park.

The Baldwin Hills neighborhood is defined by a series of hills that run through it that extend from Santa Monica Mountains southeast to Newport Beach. Rising gently from the south and east and relatively steeply from the north and west, the hills of Baldwin Hills are among the highest in the chain, standing about 350-400 feet above the surrounding Los Angeles basin lowland. The hills lie above the north end of the northwest-trending Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone, a series of folds and faults, uniquely identified by a highly productive oil field known as the Inglewood Oil Field, which influence the surrounding ecosystems, watersheds, and fault integrity. Surface drainage from the hills is generally south and west, with runoff from the oilfield going into six retention basins which drain into the Los Angeles County storm drainage network, and then into either Centinela Creek or Ballona Creek. Stormwater then drains into the Pacific Ocean. The watersheds of the Baldwin Hills span 7 to 92.7 hectares and include seasonal streams that typically fall between 1,000 to 7,000 feet in length.

The Reservoir (the Bowl) was constructed in 1951 to provide water to the south and southwest portions of the city of Los Angeles, California. Sitting atop one of the tallest hills in the region, the reservoir was confined on three sides by compacted earth dikes and the Baldwin Hills Dam on the northern fourth side. The Baldwin Hills Dam reached a height of 232 feet and stretched a total of 650

feet in length. At 3:38 P.M. on December 14, 1963, the Baldwin Hills Dam breached, releasing a majority of the reservoir's 250 million gallons of stored water into the community below.

After the dam collapsed, the Reservoir was transformed into the Bowl and became part of a new state park in 1984. Seeing a lack of green spaces in the area, County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn convinced Vice President Walter Mondale in 1977 to reuse the remains of the Reservoir and the adjacent former oil-drilling sites for a public open space park. Originally called the Baldwin Hills State Recreational Area, The Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area is now one of the largest urban parks and regional open spaces in the Greater Los Angeles Area, earning its nickname as "LA's Central Park". Over the years, the park has expanded to include some of the nearby oil wells in the southeast boundary that have 'dried up' and have been cleaned up as well as the Ballona Creek watershed, which serves as an important wildlife corridor from the hills, through Culver City to the Ballona Wetlands.

Climate in the area is Mediterranean, with cool rainy winters and mild summers, with the heat moderated by morning fog (marine layer) and low clouds created by the nearby Pacific Ocean. The park's native habitat, therefore, is Coastal sage scrub plant community well adapted to the semi-arid Mediterranean climate of the coastal lowlands but considered one of the most threatened habitat types in western North America, with over 70% of the natural habitat lost to fragmentation and degradation caused by human disturbances like urban sprawl. Species native to this area include the drought deciduous California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*), California brittlebush (*Encelia californica*), Coastal Goldenbush (*Isocoma menziesii* var. *vernonioides*), Coyote Brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*), Giant Rye Grass (*Elymus condensatus*), California Sunflower (*Encelia californica*), Prickly-pear Cactus (*Opuntia x occidentalis*), Mule Fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*), Lemonade Berry (*Rhus integrifolia*), and the semi-evergreen, California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*). The park also contains oak woodlands in northern arroyos and bunchgrass (*Poaceae*) grasslands on the southwestern windy and exposed terrain. There are estimated to be over 72 species of native plants in the park.

The Bowl, itself, is mostly vegated with grass and string of regionally native trees such as Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), California Sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), and Cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*) were planted as part of the landscaping of the parks near the edge and in line closer to the original dam. Most of the soil found within the Reservoir consists of engineered artificial fill that contains a variation of sand silt, clay, gravel, and some nearby petroleum waste products. The area is prone to erosion and landslides.

Habitats for wildlife in the park have been degraded to varying degrees over the years by urbanization, fragmentation and invasion of non-native plants and animals. The park is currently home to gray foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), raccoons (*Procyon lotor*), skunks (*Mephitis mephitis*), desert cottontail rabbits (*Sylvilagus audubonii*), eastern fox squirrels (*Sciurus niger*), opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*), and California quails (*Callipepla californica*), among other animals. There four bat species living and feeding in the Baldwin Hills out of the 24 species confirmed to

occupy Los Angeles County and include the Western Red Bat (*Lasiurus blossevillei*), a Species of Special Concern by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. More than 160 bird species have been found in the Baldwin Hills and a nesting grounds for at least 41 of these species of birds with 36 of them native to California. A few California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) Species of Concern have been observed in or near the park including burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), belted kingfisher (*Megasceryle alcyon*), olive-sided flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*), Swainson's thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*), yellow warbler (*Setophaga petechia*), yellow-breasted chat (*Icteria virens*), blue grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*), and the endangered tricolored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*).

The Bowl is part of the 127 square-mile Ballona Creek Watershed which serves as an important refugia for wildlife. Lying below the Bowl, Ballona Creek links to the Ballona Wetlands, and ultimately the Santa Monica Bay and serves as an important wildlife corridor for wildlife in South Los Angeles and the Coast. Restoration would help fortify these ever fragmenting habitats and wildlife linkages.

TreePeople's proposed multiphase restoration project of the Bowl will not only improve habitat linkage for wildlife from the Baldwin Hills to the creek and help reverse species fragmentation caused by urban development but will have direct impacts on reducing urban runoff and improving water quality in the Ballona Creek, Ballona Wetlands, and the Santa Monica Bay. Reduction of non-native species, introduction of more drought-resistant native species and green infrastructure techniques like bioswells will greatly increase the health of the ecosystems in the region. The addition of more trees to the area will also contribute to improving air quality and decreasing temperatures for local residents and park users which also has been shown to improve public health outcomes.

4. Specific Tasks.

Identify the specific tasks that will be undertaken and the work that will be accomplished for each task.

#	Task Name	Description
1	Project Management	Design Firm Selection: Coordinate with BHC on selection of a design firm through a targeted RFP process. Reporting: Submit regular project reports and invoices to BHC per program guidelines.
2	Stakeholder Coordination	Meet with key landholder and management agencies (BHC, State Parks, LA County Parks and Recreation, and LADWP) to receive initial input on the design process and secure approval of project approach. Conduct site visits with agency personnel.
3	Community Outreach and Engagement	Organizing and Outreach: Participate in regularly scheduled meetings of community-based organizations, neighborhood groups and faith-based institutions to receive input on project design. Table at community events and canvass adjacent neighborhoods to receive input and promote interest in project participation. Solicit community input through online channels,

		including a dedicated webpage with project details and a feedback form. Community Convenings: Hold project-specific community meetings quarterly (6 total) to present design updates and receive input -- if necessary due to Safer at Home orders, virtual meetings will be substituted.
4	Community Restoration Events	Host monthly community restoration workshops (20 total) in select sections of the project area to provide invasive species removal and re-introduction of native species as well as native seed collection for subsequent propagation and project planting. Workshops, which will run 4 hours each and be attended by and estimated 20 community members, will facilitate input on the design process through a guided interactive tour of the full project area. Community input will be received through facilitated discussion as well as forms provided in both paper and electronic format. Community members will receive lessons on ecosystem service benefits and best practices for invasive species identification, plant installation, care and seed collection.
5	Design	Produce a restoration design plan significantly informed by community and stakeholder input, moving from feasibility study to 30% designs to 70% designs to final designs that include CEQA clearance.
6	Maintenance and Monitoring	Maintenance Workshops: Partner with County Parks and Recreation on materials to facilitate training of County staff on best practices for care of project plantings and similar landscape elements. Host two in-person maintenance workshops for County staff. Coordinated Monitoring: Coordinate with LA Audubon Society and the West LA College VoED certificate program in Conservation and Stewardship to perform ongoing monitoring of the project area supported by student groups.

Add or delete rows as necessary.

5. Work Products

List the specific work products or other deliverables in which the project will result.

Task 1: Project Management

- RFP development, distribution and evaluation of submissions
- Design firm selection
- Quarterly project reports

Task 2: Stakeholder Coordination

- Documented approval of project approach and objectives from relevant landholding and management agencies.

- Facilitation of site visits with agency personnel and narrative reports on input received.

Task 3: Community Outreach and Engagement

- Promotional tabling and canvassing materials that describe project and solicit community input.
- Community presentation slides and script.
- Regular attendance at existing community events.
- Online project materials that include project description and feedback mechanisms.
- Quarterly community convenings to receive input throughout the design process (6 total) documented through photos, sign-ins, minutes, community input forms and survey results, and subsequent narrative analysis of input received.

Task 4: Community Restoration Events

- Monthly community restoration workshops (20 total) documented through photos and sign-ins.
- Community input forms and narrative analysis of input received.
- Plants installed and cared for and invasive species removed.
- Propagation of collected seeds at TreePeople's nursery.

Task 5: Design

- Feasibility study
- 30% designs
- 70% designs
- Final designs and CEQA

Task 6: Maintenance and Monitoring

- Training materials and two landscape maintenance workshops for County staff.
- Monitoring plan with documented partnership commitment from West LA College VoED certificate program in Conservation and Stewardship.

6. Measuring Success

For projects involving restoration, construction or land acquisition, describe the plan for monitoring, evaluating and reporting project effectiveness, and implementing adaptive management strategies if necessary. Identify who will be responsible for funding and implementing ongoing management and monitoring.

Criteria that will be used to measure success during the project planning phase include: 1) meeting deliverable deadlines, 2) matching scope, quality standards, and best practices of project as defined in the grant, 3) project expenditures review in order to ensure little to no costs variance from actually spent to allocated, and 4) stakeholder feedback and satisfaction aimed to test if their understanding aligns with objectives. During the term of the grant, we will measure each program's effectiveness through both quantitative and qualitative measures, regular managerial evaluations, and ongoing review and assessment of all progress in weekly staff meetings and dedicated grant management meetings.

Some indicators we use to determine whether or not our program objectives are being achieved include participation rates, change in individual behavior, attitudes, number of actions (such as trees planted, acres of invasive species cleared, etc.) being completed, individuals leading projects or joining leadership roles after attending education workshops or events, and so on.

TreePeople tracks and reports project metrics as required and appropriate for each program. Metrics and related documentation include community events and input received, volunteer events, sign-in sheets and photos, and surveys. All data is then inputted in our Salesforce database and other mechanisms to track meetings, events, and outcomes for each project, and to keep historical records. Data collected is reviewed and lessons learned are incorporated in best practices and future program development.

Ongoing management of plantings installed during the project planning phase will be ensured by TreePeople for three years from the time of planting. LA County Parks and Recreation will be responsible for long-term management of project plantings using agency funds.

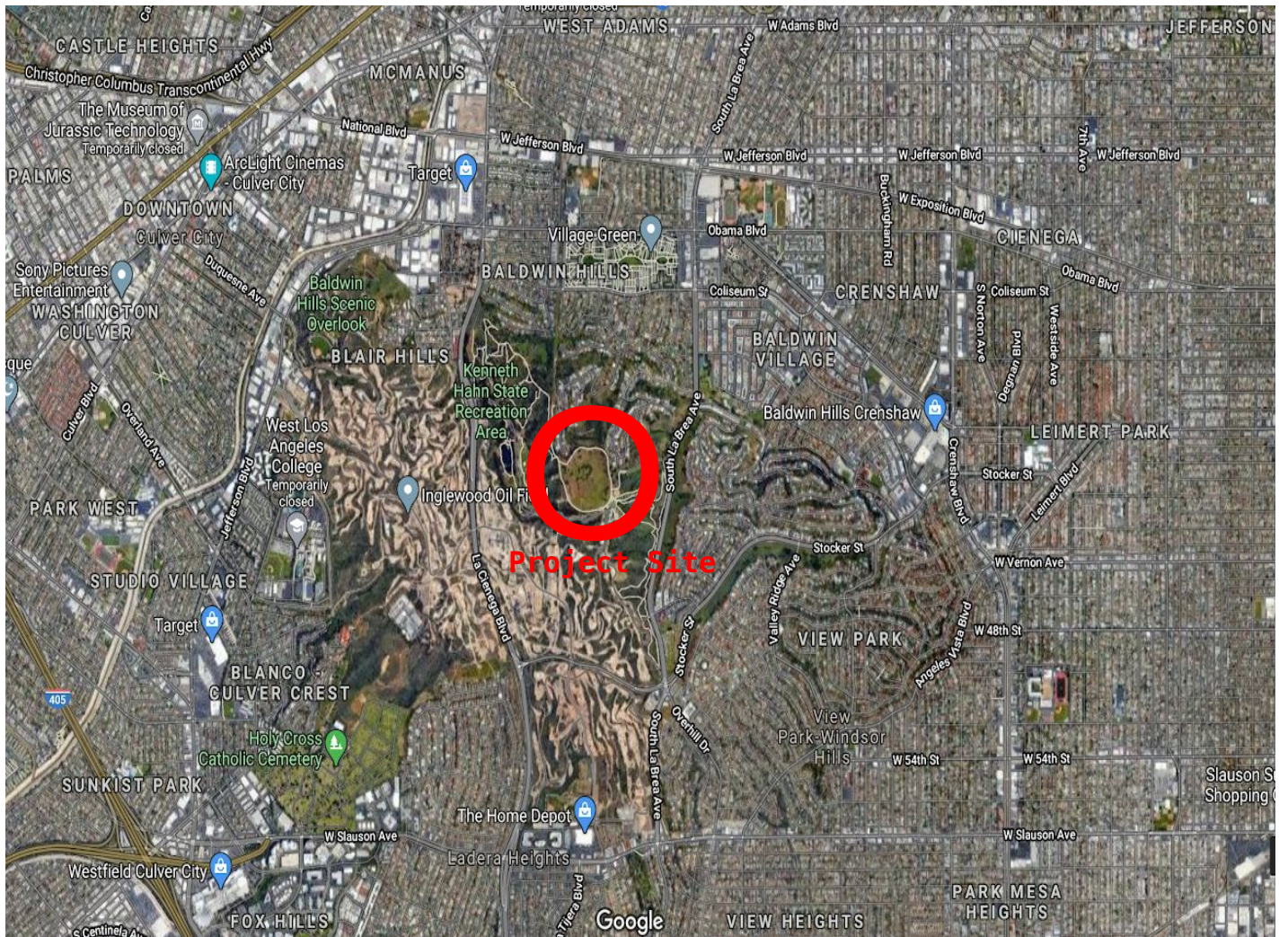
Monitoring of project plantings will be coordinated by LA Audubon Society and executed by the West LA College VoED certificate program in Conservation and Stewardship as part of an ongoing curriculum funded by the school.

7. Project Maps and Graphics

Provide the following project graphics with your application. Project maps and design plans should be combined into one pdf file with a maximum size of 5 MB. Project photos should be provided in jpg format.

- Regional Map – Clearly identify the project's location in relation to prominent area features and significant natural and recreational resources, including regional trails and protected lands.
- Site-scale map – Show the location of project elements in relation to natural and man-made features on-site or nearby. Any key features discussed in the project description should be shown.
- Design Plan – Construction projects should include one or more design drawings or graphics indicating the intended site improvements.
- Site Photos – One or more clear photos of the project site.

Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization Regional Map:



Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization Site-Scale Map



Site Photos - the Bowl



Preliminary Budget and Schedule

In the budget matrix below, relist the tasks identified in #4 above and for each provide: 1) the estimated completion date for the task, 2) the estimated cost of the task, and 3) the funding sources (applicant, Conservancy, and other) for the task. The table will automatically sum the totals for each row and column. To do this, highlight the whole table and press the F9 key on your keyboard.

Task Number	Task	Completion Date	Applicant's Funding	Baldwin Hills Conservancy Funds	Other Funds	Total Cost
1.0	Project Management			\$10,000		\$10,000
1.1	Design Firm Selection	Month 2				
1.2	Reporting	Month 24 (Quarterly)				
2.0	Stakeholder Coordination	Month 2		\$4,000		\$4,000
3.0	Community Outreach and Engagement			\$52,000		\$52,000
3.1	Organizing and Outreach	Months 3-20				
3.2	Community Convenings	Months 3-20 (Quarterly)				
4.0	Community Restoration Events	Month 24 (Monthly)		\$38,000	\$47,920	\$85,920
5.0	Design			\$90,000		\$90,000
5.1	Feasibility Study	Month 6				
5.2	30% Designs	Month 12				
5.3	70% Designs	Month 18				
5.4	Final Designs	Month 24				
6.0	Maintenance and Monitoring			\$4,000		\$4,000
6.1	Maintenance Workshops	Months 10 and 20				
6.2	Coordinated Monitoring	Month 24				
TOTAL			\$ 0	\$198,000	\$47,920	\$245,920

In Kind Services

In-kind services or contributions include volunteer time and materials, bargain sales, and land donations. Describe and estimate the value of expected in-kind services.

An estimated \$47,920 in-kind match will be provided by volunteer time associated with the project's 20 Community Restoration Events, which will each run four hours and be attended by an estimated 20 community members.

TreePeople has established partnerships with numerous community-based organizations and the list of partners is always growing. These organizations provide volunteers for TreePeople's workshops and invite TreePeople staff to their events to conduct outreach, a mutually beneficial exchange that creates greater social cohesion. TreePeople's events provide valuable volunteer opportunities for these and other local organizations and for students from local schools.

The project's Community Restoration Events will use best practices for invasive plant management, revegetation of landscapes to restore native plant communities and support wildlife habitat, and native seed collection for propagation and subsequent project planting.

Additional Information

Provide clear, concise answers to each question below. Unless otherwise specified, please limit your answer to one concise paragraph. See grant application instructions for more information. For question #4, limit your answer to 1-3 sentences per relevant plan. Most questions should be answered by all applicants, enter “**not applicable**” if a question does not pertain to your project.

1. Proposition 68 Goals

Which of the following purposes of Chapter 8 of Proposition 68 are achieved by the project [**check only one (1) that most applies to your project**]:

Purposes of Proposition 68 include:

☒ **Resource Protection and Restoration.** The state provides funds which facilitate the protection and restoration of wildlife, habitat, and historical/archaeological resources, including habitat restoration projects.

☐ **Vegetation Management and Fire Safety.** The state provides funds which facilitate fire safety and any required or recommended fuel modification zones.

☐ **Visitor Serving Development and Improvement.** The state provides funds which provide for enhanced visitation, urban accessibility and safety to open space, parks and greenspace (including signage, restrooms, entrances, parking, trail building or repairs, etc...). This includes new projects to implement statutory requirements to provide better accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

☐ **Community Access, Education and Interpretation Projects.** The state provides funds which are required to achieve or expand the outreach mission of the Conservancy and provide interpretive programs and materials to substantially enhance knowledge, appreciation, and enjoyment of the natural environment, open space, parklands and waterways.

2. Consistency with other State Plans:

If the proposed project will help to implement or promote the goals of any of the State Plans listed below, check that plan and specify which goals, objectives, priority actions, etc. will be furthered by the project. Limit your answers to 1-3 sentences per plan.

☒ CA Climate Adaptation Strategy/Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk Plan

TreePeople’s planning proposal will incorporate several strategies listed in the California Climate Risk plan including keeping Californians cool and guarding against longer, more frequent heat waves, which are already responsible for a growing number of hospitalizations and deaths. The plan will explore optimal ways to increase carbon sequestration, tree canopy and habitat resilience. Through the plan we will increase the number of native trees, which in turn will provide GHG sequestration and cooling, wildlife habitat, stormwater infiltration, runoff reduction, soil stability, all of which are key to a clean and ample water supply.

☒ California Water Action Plan

The planning proposal will use the California Water Action plan as a guiding document as we
1) Protect and restore important ecosystems, 2) Increase flood protection, 3) Expand water storage capacity and improve groundwater management.

3. California's 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan.

- a. Identify which goals of the California Climate Change Scoping Plan the project will promote or implement.

TreePeople's proposal meets one of California Climate Change Scoping Plan's key climate change strategy pillars: "5. Managing farms and rangelands, forests, and wetlands so they can store carbon." The project planning process will prioritize urban forest expansion to promote carbon sequestration.

- b. Identify the climate change/global warming plan(s) and any other regional or plans that apply to the specific project area. For each, list those goals, objectives, priority actions, etc. that the project will promote or implement.

The project aligns with a core objective of the BHC's Strategic Plan, which states: "The Conservancy is created to acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, and to provide recreational, open space, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and lands for educational uses within the area."

The project aligns with core objectives of the Baldwin Hills Master Plan, which include: "1) Increase active recreation opportunities for underserved communities. 2) Create a comprehensive trail system. 3) Provide for public access and entry ways. 4) Protect and restore natural habitat. 5) Protect critical view sheds. 6) Protect and improve urban water quality."

Central objectives that will drive the project design process include increased recreational opportunities, improved trail system, community access, wildlife and natural habitat restoration, stormwater management, and community education through workshops and interpretive signage.

4. Best Scientific Practices

Describe how the project is consistent with best scientific practices where achievable and appropriate.

TreePeople's staff includes certified arborists and experts in invasive species management, native plant installation, care and propagation. All project restoration activities will be performed utilizing evidence-based best practices.

5. New Technology

Does the project employ new or innovative technology or practices? If yes, describe those technologies and/or practices.

NA

6. Sustainability

Describe how the project will deliver sustainable outcomes in the long-term.

In California, it is anticipated that climate change will adversely impact local habitats through warmer temperatures, greater extremes in weather, and larger variations between wet and dry years. Los Angeles - with its low canopy and storm water mismanagement - will be extremely vulnerable to these changes and potentially face significant ecological instability.

The project will result in nature-based solutions that provide long-term sustainability to the significant climate threats facing the region, including installation of native trees and plants and implementation of stormwater management BMPs. In doing so, the project will sequester GHGs, increase urban cooling and air quality, and reduce polluted runoff to benefit water quality and supply.

7. Project and Applicant History

Provide a history of the project, and any background information not provided in the project description. Is the project related to any previous or proposed Baldwin Hills Conservancy projects? If so, which ones and how are they related?

TreePeople's mission is to inspire, engage and support individuals to take personal responsibility for the urban environment, making it safe, healthy, fun and sustainable, and to share the results as a model for the world. Since 1973, TreePeople has been a visionary leader in developing solutions to pressing problems that impact people, communities, economy, and the ecosystems that support or are affected by Los Angeles. Our service area spans 4,084 square miles of Los Angeles County, encompassing 88 cities and nearly 10 million residents who account for approximately 27 percent of California's population.

Since our inception over 45 years ago, TreePeople has inspired the planting of over three million trees and restored hundreds of acres of scientifically designated wildlife corridors and critical wildlife habitat in the mountain forests surrounding Los Angeles - one of the biggest metro areas in the United States - all with the help of three million people (volunteers). TreePeople has extensive knowledge and experience in community engagement, public education, multi-public agency coordination and development of comprehensive planning documents, including environmental justice considerations. A grant to TreePeople is a good investment. We have a solid track record of success, strong and visionary board leadership, a respected reputation, and great support from the communities we work with and around.

Some recent and current projects that highlight our proven success at implementing our comprehensive culturally sensitive, evidence-based, community guided strategic model - focused on equity, greening, fire, education, policy and research (soil, tree, and water) - are:

- *Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP)*: TreePeople is one of two on-call consultants approved by LA County to plan and carry out the \$9.8M CA Dept. of Water Resource DACIP program for LA/Ventura County Funding Area.
- *Forest Aid*: With a grant of \$1 million from the National Fish and Wildlife Fund, TreePeople works in the Angeles National Forest planting trees in vulnerable habitats, removing invasive species, helping restore critical watersheds, and rehabilitating fire affected areas. We also received a 5-year MOU to work on United States Forest Service land.
- *Watts Rising*: TreePeople is a member of the team recently awarded \$35M from the Strategic Growth Council through the Transformative Climate Communities program to plant and care for more than 1,000 street and open space trees as part of the project.
- *Huntington Park/Cudahy*: TreePeople is currently engaged in a CAL FIRE-funded project to plant 1,400 trees on parkways and commercial corridors in the cities of Huntington Park and Cudahy, distribute 1,000 fruit trees, and hold workshops in tree-care related issues and a community-based social marketing campaign to inspire long-term tree stewardship.
- *City of San Fernando*: TreePeople is designing and implementing stormwater capture BMPs throughout the City, including in parkways, alleys and parking lots. The project is also planting 750 strategically located trees across the City.

TreePeople coordinates with local agencies to meet their standards of care and to target areas of need. TreePeople is authorized in seed collection with multiple land management agencies.

TreePeople has more than 70,000 followers and supporters, 4,000 volunteers and a staff of over 50 professional foresters and educators, including three ISA Certified Arborists, and specialty in pest management and forest biology.

8. Environmental Review

Projects funded by the Conservancy must be reviewed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). CEQA does not apply to projects that will not have either a direct or indirect effect on the environment. For all other projects, if the project is statutorily or categorically exempt under CEQA, no further review is necessary. If the proposed project is not exempt, it must be evaluated by a public agency that is issuing a permit, providing funding, or approving the project, to determine whether the activities may have a significant effect on the environment. The evaluation results in a "Negative Declaration (Neg. Dec)," "Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)," or "Environmental Impact Report." **See CEQA Compliance Certification document in Attachment 1 to this application.**

Please select the appropriate answer:

The proposed project....

☐ Is not a project under CEQA. Briefly specify why.

☒ Is exempt under CEQA. Provide the CEQA exemption number and specify how the project meets the terms of the exemption.

Planning project only: categorically exempt from CEQA.

A CEQA document will be completed through the course of this project. Surveys will be conducted to identify potential concerns to be addressed, and the restoration action plan will be drafted such that any invasive activities are planned for periods that will least disrupt wildlife and cultural resources. Any required permits will be identified through the development of the operational plan, but to the extent that permits are required, we expect to need only temporary work permits.

☐ Requires Negative Declaration, MND, or EIR. Specify the lead CEQA agency (the agency preparing the document) and the (expected) completion date. Please note that the Conservancy will need to review and approve any CEQA document and cannot present a project to the Conservancy Board for funding consideration without a completed CEQA document.

9. Support

Obtain letters from the public agencies, identified project partners, park owner/operator non-profit organizations, elected officials and other entities and individuals that will support the project.

TreePeople will be working closely with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and with key project partners LA County Parks and Recreation, LA Department of Water and Power, California State Parks, and LA Audubon Society, all of which have expressed support for the project, with the exception of LADWP, which has yet to be contacted.

Letters of support from these partners and other key stakeholder organizations have been delayed due to ongoing work restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, but will be provided shortly.

10. Regional Significance

Describe the regional significance of the project with respect to recreation (regional trails and parks, staging areas, environmental education facilities, etc.), agricultural resources, and natural resources (including listed species, identified high priority habitat, wildlife corridors, watersheds, and agricultural soils).

The BHC area is one of the only open spaces available in the Los Angeles basin, requiring thoughtful planning to preserve and optimize this landscape for generations to come. Creating a plan focused on the future outdoor recreation needs of the public, while balancing environmental considerations is of critical importance.

11. Disadvantaged Communities

Does the project benefit a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community? If yes, specify which community and how it will be benefited by the project.

Disadvantaged Community (DAC) — Census block-groups with a Median Household Income (MHHI) less than 80% of the California MHHI. The threshold is derived from American Community Survey 5-year estimates at the block-group geographic level, per the California Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 75005(g).

Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) — Census block-groups with a Median Household Income (MHHI) less than 60% of the California MHHI. The threshold is derived from American Community Survey 5-year estimates at the block-group geographic level, per the California Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 75005(g).

Use the State Parks Community Factfinder tool to determine State Median Household Income (MHHI); Go here <http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities>

While the project area itself does not fall within a DAC/SDAC, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and The Bowl are in close proximity to some of the most severely economically disadvantaged areas in the state, which would benefit significantly from improved community access and resources at The Bowl. Adjacent DAC/SDAC areas include the South LA neighborhoods of Baldwin Village, West Adams, Crenshaw and Leimert Park.

12. Need for Conservancy Funds

What would happen to the project if no funds were available from the Conservancy? What project opportunities or benefits could be lost and why if the project is not implemented in the near future?

If no conservancy funding were available, the project would be unable to proceed. Conservancy funding for the planning phase of the project will provide a catalyst for substantial investment from other sources to complete implementation of the project. The project will provide immediate and critical environmental and public health benefits, and there is no sense in further delaying a badly needed overall of The Bowl, which has such significant potential as a valuable recreational resource.

13. Vulnerability from Climate Change Impacts Other than Sea Level Rise

Using the latest regional scenarios, predictions and trends, describe how the project objectives or project may be vulnerable to impacts (fire, drought, species and habitat loss, etc.) from climate change, other than sea level rise, coastal erosion or flooding. Identify design, siting, or other measures incorporated into the project to reduce these vulnerabilities.

TreePeople is proposing to complete a plan that will measure and account for the full range of climate change impacts and determine the best course of action to reduce the vulnerability to these impacts.

14. Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Climate Change

If the proposed project will result in production of greenhouse gas emissions (including construction impacts and vehicle miles travelled as part of a public access component), describe the measures your project includes to reduce, minimize or avoid greenhouse gas emissions through project design, implementation construction, or maintenance. What, if any, are the possible sources or sinks of greenhouse gases for your project, such as carbon sequestration from habitats at the site? If one of the project goals is to sequester carbon (reduce greenhouse gas concentrations), how do you intend to ensure continued long-term sequestration while achieving project objectives? Do you have any plans to seek carbon credits for the carbon sequestration activities on the project site?

We are proposing to complete a plan that will measure and account for the sources of greenhouse gasses and ensure long term carbon sequestration to ensure the health of the environment and improved air quality. Project plantings during the planning and implementation phase will provide carbon sequestration, and it is possible that cap-and-trade funds will go toward subsequent project implementation. Long-term maintenance will be provided by LA County Parks and Recreation, which will ensure ongoing success of project plantings and continued carbon sequestration.

15. Willing Seller

Projects that involve acquisition of property must involve a willing seller. If your project includes property acquisition, please describe the status and expected conclusion of landowner negotiations.

Not applicable.

16. Conservation Corps

For restoration and ecosystem protection projects, Grantee to include Corps Consultation Review Document (if applicable); Indicate whether the project will use the services of local or state conservation corps **See Attachment 4** to this application.

Conservation Corps consultation has been completed and is attached.

Attachments

Attachment #:	Document
1	Completed CEQA document
2	For Nonprofit Organizations, please submit completed Nonprofit Organization Pre-Award Questionnaire
3	TreePeople Resolution approving the application the Conservancy
4	Corps Consultation Review Document
5	A completed payee data record (STD. 204)

Attachment 2 – Non-Profit Organization Pre-Award Questionnaire

“Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit corporation qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All nonprofit organizations must complete this questionnaire and include it in their application.



Organization	TreePeople, Inc		
Contact Person	Amy Holland	Email	aholland@treepeople.org
Phone	818.623.4883	Fax	

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Please attach a copy of your most recent financial reports with your response to this questionnaire.
2. Have you had a financial audit within the last three years by an independent auditor?
Yes X No ☐
If yes, please provide a copy of the audit report.
3. Does your organization have appropriate segregation of duties to prevent one individual from processing an entire financial transaction? Yes X No ☐
4. Does your organization have controls to prevent expenditure of funds in excess of what is approved in your project budget? Yes X No ☐
5. Does your organization have a conflict of interest policy? Yes X No ☐
6. How much unrestricted money does your organization raise annually?
7. Is there a Finance Committee of the board of directors, or does the Board make all financial decisions?
8. What are the Treasurer's duties?

CASH MANAGEMENT

9. Are grant funds accounted for through segregated accounts? Yes X No ☐
10. Are all disbursements properly documented with evidence of receipt of goods or performance of service? Yes X No ☐

PAYROLL

11. Does your organization have a time reporting system developed to determine and explain proper labor and overhead charges billed to the grant? Yes X No ☐
12. Have you developed procedures to ensure fair and competitive contracting? Yes X No ☐
13. Is there an effective system of identifying expenditures for time, travel and purchase of supplies to determine relevancy to individual grant projects? Yes X No ☐

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

(Complete this section, if State grants will be used to purchase physical assets.)

14. Are detailed records of individual capital assets kept and periodically balanced with the general ledger accounts? Yes ☐ No ☐
15. Are there effective procedures for authorizing and accounting for the disposal of property and equipment? Yes ☐ No ☐

INDIRECT COSTS

16. Does the organization have an established methodology for calculating indirect costs or overhead? Yes X No ☐
17. Is this used consistently for all grants and contracts? Yes X No ☐

COST SHARING

18. Does the organization have a means to determine and document that it has met cost-sharing goals for each project? Yes X No ☐
19. Do your financial records identify the receipt and expenditure of funds separately for each grant or contract? Yes X No ☐

COMPLIANCE

20. Does your organization have a formal system for complying with the payment of prevailing wages? Yes X No ☐
21. Does your organization have a system in place to ensure it does not use contractors who may be suspended or debarred from receiving federal or state contracts? Yes X No ☐

I certify that the above information accurately represents the organization of which I am a representative.

Name and title of person completing questionnaire:

NAME: Meidy Mananghaya, Staff Accountant	
SIGNATURE: <i>Meidy Mananghaya</i>	DATE: 04/27/20



RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE TREEPEOPLE ORGANIZATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
FOR PROPOSITION 68 FUNDING FOR THE BALDWIN HILLS RESERVOIR
REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, voters of California passed the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) in June of 2018. The State Legislature has appropriated funds to the BHC for capital outlay and local assistance projects within the territory. Funds are to be awarded for resource protection and restoration, vegetation management and fire safety, visitor-serving development and improvements, community access, education and interpretation projects consistent with the statute creating the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC).

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

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

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that TreePeople must comply with; and

WHEREAS, TreePeople will enter into an Agreement with the Conservancy to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TreePeople's Board of Directors HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 68 Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that TreePeople understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that TreePeople will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the project in perpetuity; including, but not limited to land acquisitions, capital improvement projects, and intellectual property-related deliverables (i.e. web-based content)

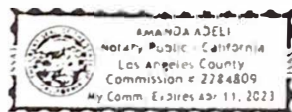
4. Certifies that TreePeople has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; or has the right to assign maintenance to another agency; and

5. Appoints the TreePeople EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Passed, approved and adopted this 24 day of April, 2020

SIGNATURE: _____

ATTEST: _____



CALIFORNIA ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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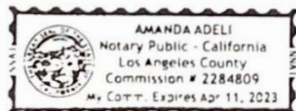
State of California

County of Los Angeles

On May 14, 2020 before me, Amanda Adeli, Notary public
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared Philip Buesch Jr.
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.



I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Signature of Notary Public

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☐ Partner – ☐ Limited ☐ General

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California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps

Corps Consultation Review Document



Proposition 68 – Parks, Environment and Water Bond

Except for an exempted project, this Corps Consultation Review Document shall be completed by California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps (hereafter collectively referred to as Corps) staff on behalf of applicants wishing to seek preference for using the Corps, and must accompany applications for funding through Proposition 68, Chapter 1, Division 45: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. Please see the [Corps Consultation Process](#) for more information. A copy of the process can be requested from the state department administering the grant program.

1. Name of Applicant: **TreePeople Inc.**

Project Title: **Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization Project**

Department/Conservancy to which you are applying for funding: **Baldwin Hills Conservancy**

Grant Program: **Proposition 68**

This Consultation Review Document is being prepared by:

- ☒ **The California Conservation Corps (CCC)**
☐ California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC)

2. Applicant has submitted the required information by email to the Corps:

- ☒ **Yes, Applicant has submitted all necessary information.**
☐ No, Applicant has not submitted all information or did not submit information to both Corps. Application is deemed non-compliant.

3. Determination:

- ☐ It is NOT feasible for Corps services to be used on the project (deemed compliant).
☒ **It is feasible for Corps services to be used on the project. The following aspects of the project can be accomplished with Corps services (deemed compliant):**

CCC Corpsmembers from the Los Angeles Center can assist with invasive species removal and re-introduction of native species as well as native seed collection for subsequent propagation.

Please contact the project manager of the Los Angeles Center to discuss costs and coordinate the planning of CCC involvement in this project, and reach out again if your project receives funding:

Duane Wilson

Email: Duane.Wilson@ccc.ca.gov

Phone: (909) 594-4206

Notes

CCC and CALCC representatives will return a Corps Consultation Review Document to applicant via email within 10 business days of receipt of a complete consultation request as verification of consultation. Applicant will include a copy of the documents as part of the project application.

If the Corps determine it is feasible for their services to be used on the project, applicant will contact the Corps to discuss costs and coordinate the planning of Corpsmember involvement in the project and reach out again if the project receives funding.

Submission of past consultations does not satisfy the requirement to consult with the Corps. The Corps must be consulted each grant cycle prior to submitting a grant application.

PAYEE DATA RECORD

STD. 204 (Rev. 6-2003) (REVERSE)

1	<p><u>Requirement to Complete Payee Data Record, STD. 204</u></p> <p>A completed Payee Data Record, STD. 204, is required for payments to all non-governmental entities and will be kept on file at each State agency. Since each State agency with which you do business must have a separate STD. 204 on file, it is possible for a payee to receive this form from various State agencies.</p> <p>Payees who do not wish to complete the STD. 204 may elect to not do business with the State. If the payee does not complete the STD. 204 and the required payee data is not otherwise provided, payment may be reduced for federal backup withholding and nonresident State income tax withholding. Amounts reported on Information Returns (1099) are in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and the California Revenue and Taxation Code.</p>								
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4	<p><u>Are you a California resident or nonresident?</u></p> <p>A corporation will be defined as a "resident" if it has a permanent place of business in California or is qualified through the Secretary of State to do business in California.</p> <p>A partnership is considered a resident partnership if it has a permanent place of business in California. An estate is a resident if the decedent was a California resident at time of death. A trust is a resident if at least one trustee is a California resident.</p> <p>For individuals and sole proprietors, the term "resident" includes every individual who is in California for other than a temporary or transitory purpose and any individual domiciled in California who is absent for a temporary or transitory purpose. Generally, an individual who comes to California for a purpose that will extend over a long or indefinite period will be considered a resident. However, an individual who comes to perform a particular contract of short duration will be considered a nonresident.</p> <p>Payments to all nonresidents may be subject to withholding. Nonresident payees performing services in California or receiving rent, lease, or royalty payments from property (real or personal) located in California will have 7% of their total payments withheld for State income taxes. However, no withholding is required if total payments to the payee are \$1,500 or less for the calendar year.</p> <p>For information on Nonresident Withholding, contact the Franchise Tax Board at the numbers listed below:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Withholding Services and Compliance Section:</td> <td>1-888-792-4900</td> <td>E-mail address:</td> <td>wscs.gen@ftb.ca.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>For hearing impaired with TDD, call:</td> <td>1-800-822-6268</td> <td>Website:</td> <td>www.ftb.ca.gov</td> </tr> </table>	Withholding Services and Compliance Section:	1-888-792-4900	E-mail address:	wscs.gen@ftb.ca.gov	For hearing impaired with TDD, call:	1-800-822-6268	Website:	www.ftb.ca.gov
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	<p><u>Privacy Statement</u></p> <p>Section 7(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) requires that any federal, State, or local governmental agency, which requests an individual to disclose their social security account number, shall inform that individual whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by which statutory or other authority such number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it.</p> <p>It is mandatory to furnish the information requested. Federal law requires that payment for which the requested information is not provided is subject to federal backup withholding and State law imposes noncompliance penalties of up to \$20,000.</p> <p>You have the right to access records containing your personal information, such as your SSN. To exercise that right, please contact the business services unit or the accounts payable unit of the State agency(ies) with which you transact that business.</p> <p>All questions should be referred to the requesting State agency listed on the bottom front of this form.</p>								

California State Parks Community FactFinder Report

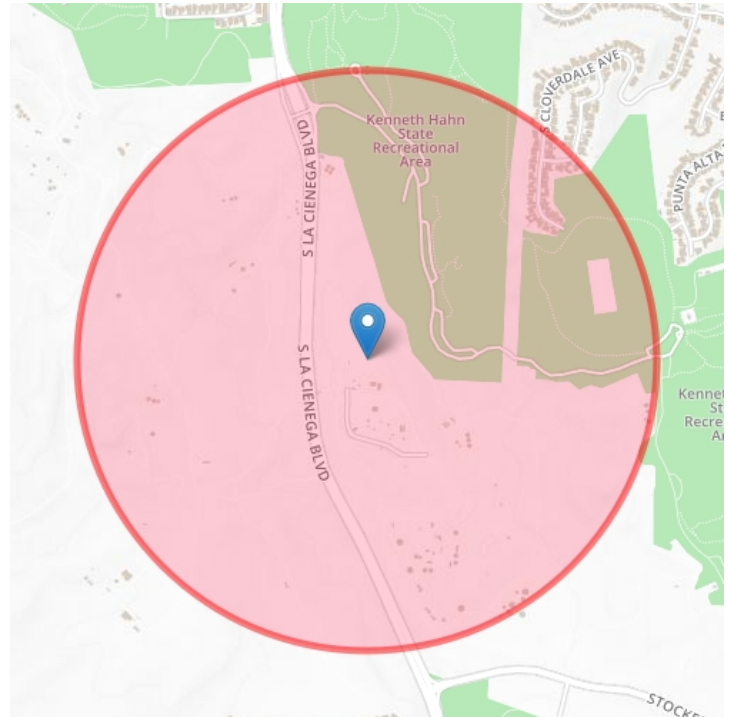
Project ID: 9876
Coordinates: 34.0062, -118.3714
Date: 04/24/2020

This is your project report for the site you have defined. Please refer to your **Project ID** above in any future communications about the project.

PROJECT AREA STATISTICS

County:	Los Angeles
City:	Unincorporated
Total Population:	870
Youth Population:	120
Senior Population:	198
Households Without Access to a Car:	29
Number of People in Poverty:	45
Median Household Income:	\$106,052
Per Capita Income:	\$64,518
Park Acres:	121.80
Park Acres per 1,000 Residents:	140.00

PROJECT AREA MAP



REPORT BACKGROUND

The project statistics have been calculated based on half mile radius around the point location selected. Only park acres within the project area's half mile radius are reported. Population and people in poverty are calculated by determining the percent of any census block-groups that intersect with the project area. The project area is then assigned the sum of all the census block-group portions. An equal distribution in census block-groups is assumed. Rural areas are calculated at a census block level to improve results.

Median household and per capita income are calculated as a weighted average of the census block-group values that fall within the project area.

More information on the calculations is available on [the methods page »](#)

Demographics—American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates 2012-2016; Decennial 2010 Census; the margin of error (MOE) was not analyzed.

Parks—California Protected Areas Database 2017a CFF adjusted (5/2018) - more information at <http://www.CALands.org>. Parks and park acres area based on best available source information but may not always contain exact boundaries or all parks in specific locations. Parks are defined further in the 2015 SCORP (pg. 4).

Users can send updated information on parks to SCORP@parks.ca.gov



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P.O. Box 411301, Los Angeles, CA. 90041

David McNeill
Baldwin Hills Conservancy
5120 West Goldleaf Circle, #290
Los Angeles, CA 90056

Re: Letter of Support for TreePeople's "Reservoir Revitalization Project"

Dear Mr. McNeill:

I am writing to express the support of the Los Angeles Audubon Society for TreePeople's Reservoir Revitalization Project proposal to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy as well as to affirm our commitments to contribute input during project planning and to partner on monitoring following project implementation.

The Reservoir Revitalization Project will facilitate a community-based planning process focused on invasive species removal, re-introduction of native species, expanded tree canopy, community access, and active and passive recreation opportunities. Once implemented, the project will advance significant benefits to public and environmental health, including improved air and water quality, biodiversity, and increased community use of a much-enhanced outdoor space.

The Los Angeles Audubon Society encourages the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to fund this most worthwhile project.

Los Angeles Audubon Society will provide participate in the grant with our staff working with community outreach on native plants. In the final year of the grant, Los Angeles Audubon Society staff will create the project monitoring plan that will document the progress of the project's successful plant and tree establishment.

Additionally, Los Angeles Audubon Society will provide in-kind value through professional service for native habitat restoration by developing and reviewing seed mixes and plant palettes, and guiding development of the project post grant monitoring plan.

Los Angeles Audubon Society is an independent 501c3 non-profit. Our mission is to promote the study and protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats throughout the diverse landscapes of the Los Angeles area, and to stimulate popular interest in and access to nature for all Los Angeles communities. We have worked to improve native habitat areas in KHSRA

over the past 15 years, through volunteer programs, and we have developed education programs from elementary school through community college.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margot Griswold".

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



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

Norma E. Garcia, Acting Director

April 30, 2020

Mr. Daniel Berger
Tree People
12601 Mulholland Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Dear Mr. Berger:

**RESERVOIR REVITALIZATION PROJECT
KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA**

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) has reviewed the project concept submitted by Tree People for the Reservoir Revitalization Project within the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area is operated and maintained by the Department. The Department agrees with the initial phase of this project concept as described in the attachment. Additionally, Tree People shall complete a maintenance term of three years for any plantings conducted as part of this project.

In order to proceed with this project, Tree People must: a) have any final plans and project scope reviewed and approved by the Department, b) obtain a right of entry permit from the Department, c) adhere to the State Parks plant palette landscaping guidelines, d) adhere to Park and Recreation Design Guidelines, e) adhere to the Los Angeles County Trails Manual, f) obtain any necessary permits from appropriate regulatory agencies including the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as landowner of a portion of the project site, and g) demonstrate compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Department looks forward to working with Tree People as they facilitate a community-based planning process focused on invasive species removal, re-introduction of native species, expanded tree canopy, community access, and active and passive recreation opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Vona of our Grants/Legislative section at (626) 588-5249 or via e-mail at avona@parks.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Alina Bokde
Deputy Director

AB:AV:ca

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290
Los Angeles, CA 90056
Phone: (323) 290-5270
www.bhc.ca.gov

Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: May 29, 2020

Re: Item #6: Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a BHC Proposition 68 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$359,810 to Kounkuey, Design Initiative (KDI) for the Mar Vista Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design Project

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 20-05, authorizing a grant of up to \$359,810 in BHC Proposition 68 Local Assistance Funds to Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) for the Mar Vista Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design Project.

Background: KDI has applied for Prop 68 Local Assistance Grant Funds for the Mar Vista Garden Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design Project (See Attachment #1). The proposal features a community-driven design development process centered on the Mar Vista Gardens site owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles. Opportunities for greening of public community space, alleys and neighboring streets, pathways as well as public access to the Ballona Creek Trail and surrounding park amenities would be included in the plan.

The project's key benefits include:

1. Open space connection designs with community health, wellness, cultural and environmental benefits.
2. Water management via design plans that introduce green infrastructure to filter pollutants from wet and dry weather runoff.
3. Environmental and ecosystem benefits from new plantings, community curriculum and stewardship focused on climate-appropriate plants and their care.
4. Workforce development through partnerships with Boys and Girls Club, LACC and KDI for job opportunities, career and education training focused on urban planning for climate adaptation.

The deliverables would include a report with cost estimates for up to two Priority Design Concepts along with future Community Programs and a Stewardship Plan. Elements of the community-driven urban greening design development would propose improvements for

existing public areas in and around the Mar Vista Garden Neighborhood including a Greenway Plan and Artistic Gateways along 0.5 miles of the Ballona Creek. Tree plantings to increase canopy for carbon sequestration within the 7-block area as well as enhanced entry points to adjacent amenities i.e. Culver-Slauson Park and the Mar Vista Family Center would be incorporated into schematic designs at 30% construction document development. Additional work product includes identifying potential developers as well as operation and maintenance partners for future project implementation. Lastly, experiential learning materials for adults and high-school students to be educated about stormwater dynamics and climate change adaptation would be published for circulation to area residents and stakeholders.

Pursuant to the BHC Prop 68 Guidelines, the proposal passed all screening requirements and three professionals were selected to score the proposal using the Visitor Serving Development and Improvement Project - P68 Guideline Scoring Criteria. The final average total score of the evaluations was 103 out of 133 possible points, which achieved the required threshold of 75%. Screening and evaluation scoring sheets will remain on file.

The application met all the required objectives and scored highest in the following three (3) areas:

- 1) Climate Change Value - Project restores natural areas and quantifiably avoids emissions associated with development; contributes to tree canopy cover in urban areas and promotes public health and recreation; engages local communities through outreach, education and interpretation; implements water saving techniques utilizing nature-based solutions including vegetation, tree plantings and swales.
- 2) Prioritization Value – Project achieves the goals of P68 by providing urban recreation and protecting or restoring natural resources; achieves one or more of the BHC's strategic objectives; addresses two or more elements of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan.
- 3) Category Value – Project provides benefits to water, recreation, habitat, interpretation and natural resources; implements a major component of an existing plan related to recreation facilities or regional ecosystem restoration; provides a plan to advance watershed health or recreation goals important to two or more organizations; enhances an existing venue for education and interpretation activities that promote natural resource stewardship; adds visitor serving amenities, accessibility, and public safety to existing parkland; design to accommodate needs of users from variety of cultural and economic backgrounds

If the \$359,810 in Prop 68 funds are approved by the BHC Board, the project would deliver: Community Greening Design Concepts; Greenway Design Schematics at 30% construction document readiness; identify Implementation and Operation Partners; and publish Experiential Learning Materials for the public's use.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 20-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BHC PROPOSITION 68 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$359,810 TO KOUNKUEY DESIGN INITIATIVE (KDI) FOR THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY GREENING PLAN AND GREENWAY DESIGN PROJECT

WHEREAS, under Division 22.7 of the California Public Resources Code, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was created to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the Conservancy territory; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section PRC 32555 (c) The Conservancy shall provide for the public's enjoyment, and enhance the recreational and educational experience on public lands in the territory in a manner consistent with the protection of lands and resources in the area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section PRC 32565.5 (a) The Conservancy shall develop and coordinate an integrated program of resource stewardship so that the entire Baldwin Hills area is managed for optimum recreational and natural resource values based upon the needs and desires of the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) is codified as Division 45 (commencing with Section 80000) and Sections 5096.611 and 75089.5 of the Public Resources Code and Section 79772.5 of the Water Code.; and

WHEREAS, Section 80110(b)(1) of the Public Resources Code allocates six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy in accordance with the governing statutes and specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy has the authority, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32569 (a), to make grants to non-profit 501c (3) organizations to further the purposes of the its division; and

WHEREAS, Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) is a non-profit 501c (3) organization with experience in planning and design; and

WHEREAS, Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) has submitted an application for a BHC Proposition 68 local assistance grant for the MAR VISTA COMMUNITY GREENING PLAN AND GREENWAY DESIGN PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, The Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board adopted Resolution 18-03 approving the BHC Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines in September 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board adopted Resolution 20-02 approving Revisions to the BHC Proposition 68 Application and Grant Guidelines in March 27, 2020; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Baldwin Hills Conservancy hereby:

1. AUTHORIZES A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$359,810 OF BHC PROPOSITION 68 FUNDS TO KOUNKUEY DESIGN INITIATIVE (KDI) FOR THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY GREENING PLAN AND GREENWAY DESIGN PROJECT.
2. ADOPTS THE STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS DATED MAY 29, 2020 FOR THIS ITEM.
3. APPOINTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS AGENT TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO AGREEMENTS, PAYMENT REQUESTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT(S).

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on _____ 2020.

Keshia Sexton
Chair

ATTEST: _____

David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General

April 30, 2020

Mar Vista Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design

Baldwin Hills Conservancy Prop 68 Grant Application





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Checklist Form

		INCLUDED
1.	Cover page (no more than 1 page)	✓
2.	Table of Contents with corresponding page numbers.	✓
3.	A completed Application Checklist.	✓
4.	A completed grant application form. See P68 Grant Application on BHC website.	✓
5.	Identify only one (1) of the purposes of Chapter 8 of Proposition 68 Bond Law are achieved by the project and by which your application will be evaluated. <input type="checkbox"/> > Resource Protection and Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> > Vegetation Management and Fire Safety <input type="checkbox"/> > Visitor Serving Development and Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> > Community Access, Education and Interpretation Projects See Guidelines Section 4.3, Item 5.	✓
6.	A detailed scope of work, including a list of specific tasks, a detailed budget, and a timeline for project implementation (including an estimated completion date for each task)	✓
7.	Any preliminary project plans (i.e. drawings, conceptional or construction) as required	✓
8.	A detailed description of the need and urgency for the grant	✓
9.	A detailed description of how the project will provide multi-benefit ecosystem, water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and public benefits	✓
10.	A detailed description of how the project achieves one or more of the Purposes of Proposition 68. See Guidelines Section 4.3, Item 5.	✓
11.	A detailed description of how the project helps meet the State's greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets, including a quantification of the metric tons of CO2 or CO2e removed or avoided, and an explanation of the methodology used to quantify this figure. See Guidelines: Section 2, Item 2.4 and Section 5 Item 2.5 and Section 6 Item 6.0 and EXECUTIVE ORDER B-30-15 (Brown).	✓
12.	A detailed description of how the project will promote and implement other relevant regional and state plans and policies. See Guidelines: Section 2	✓
13.	Indicate whether the project will have matching funds from private, local, or federal sources, and if so, to what extent (Include dollar amount.)	✓
14.	Indicate whether the project will benefit a disadvantaged community (Use the State Parks Community Fact Finder tool http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities to determine Median Household Income)	✓



Checklist Form, cont'd.


15.	A detailed description of any new or innovative technology or practices that will be applied to the project;	✓
16.	A detailed method for monitoring and reporting on the progress and effectiveness of the project during and after project implementation;	✓
17.	A description of how the scope of work will further the Conservancy's strategic objectives; See Guidelines, Section 2.2. Strategic Objectives.	✓
18.	A description of how the scope of work will protect or enhance Ballona Creek (if applicable).	✓
19.	Completed CEQA document. See Attachment 1.	
20.	For Nonprofit Organizations, please submit completed Nonprofit Organization Pre-Award Questionnaire. See Attachment 2.	✓
21.	Conservancy's procedures require the Applicant to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the Conservancy. See Attachment 3.	✓
22.	A completed payee data record (STD. 204) See Payee Data Form (STD. 204) on BHC website.	✓
23.	Corps Consultation Review Document (if applicable) See Attachment 4.	✓



Grant Application Form

State of California — Natural Resources Agency
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
GRANT APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED	
Mar Vista Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design	\$359,810	
APPLICANT (Org. Name and Address)	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT	
Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) 309 E. 8 th St., #205 Los Angeles, CA 90014	\$359,810	
APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (Name, Title, Phone)		
Chelina Odbert, Executive Director, (213) 537-0031		
PROJECT ADDRESS (Including Cross-Street)		
Neighborhood around 4901 Marionwood Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90230 (Inglewood Blvd and Ballona Creek)		
COUNTY	SENATE DISTRICT	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, 2 nd District	Senator Ben Allen, 26 th District	Assemblymember Autumn Burke, 62 nd District
PERSON W/ DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBLY FOR PROJECT (Name, Title, E-mail, Phone)		
Melissa Guerrero, Design Director, Melissa@kounkuey.org , (323) 719-3060		
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT		
Kounkuey Design Initiative requests grant funding through the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program to further State and local climate change goals in disadvantaged communities by securing funding for a community-driven planning and design project focused on a 7-block neighborhood around Mar Vista Gardens public housing campus, including 0.5 miles of Ballona Creek Greenway.		

TASK / MILESTONE	COST ESTIMATE	COMPLETION DATE
0. Project Administration	\$12,911	February 2022
1. Learning & Experiencing	\$ 88,299	October 2021
2. Community Planning & Design Engagements	\$ 32,383	October 2021
3. Community Greening Plan & Design Development	\$ 197,423	December 2021
4. Final Report	\$28,794	February 2022
I certify that the information contained in this project application form, including required attachments, is accurate.		
NAME: Chelina Odbert		
SIGNATURE:	DATE: 4/30/20	
		



Proposal for Mar Vista
Community Greening Plan &
Greenway Design

April 30, 2020

Project Description

Need and Urgency for the Project

Overview

The COVID-19 crisis has demonstrated both the importance of open space to people's health, and the fundamental inequity in how open space amenities are distributed across the Greater Los Angeles region. Los Angeles urgently needs open space projects that provide multiple benefits to low-income communities of color that enjoy far less open space amenities than White, high-income communities do, and suffer disproportionately from chronic and immediate health threats.

Mar Vista Gardens, the only public housing development on the city's Westside, is in many ways a high need area, but also one with numerous assets, a community of long-time and multigenerational residents, and tremendous opportunity for creating and enhancing adjacent open spaces that provide ecological, social, and educational benefits to local residents. Our project aims to simultaneously remove barriers to existing open spaces, offer a wide range of training and programs that complement new physical connections to open space, and transform underused or neglected landscapes in the area into high performance green infrastructure.

The Mar Vista Gardens community is considered a Severely Disadvantaged Community (California DAC Mapping

Tool), with Very High Need for park access (LA Countywide Park Needs Assessment). Among residents in the census tract that includes Mar Vista Gardens, 61% live below two times the federal poverty level (CalEnviroScreen). Mar Vista Gardens is also located in close proximity to both the 405 and 91 Freeways, exposing residents to harmful air pollution.

Mar Vista Gardens is located just a few miles from some of the region's most prized open spaces, including Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, and the beach. But Mar Vista Gardens residents face numerous barriers to accessing those and other amenities. The Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path (Creek Trail), which connects directly to all of the open spaces mentioned above, runs less than a hundred feet from some residents' homes. However, the development's perimeter fence and the steep slope of the land between the fence and the Creek Trail blocks them from accessing the trail or using the landscape between the development and the path. (See photos) According to the Director of the Mar Vista Gardens Boys & Girls Club, residents perceive the spaces around the Creek Trail (roughly from the 405 to Centinela Avenue) to be a "no man's land" that is unsafe and generally to be avoided. As a result, relatively few residents take advantage of the trail, and miss out on the easy connection to open spaces beyond.

Ballona Creek itself is an impaired water body and is under a MS-4 permit, which requires reductions of heavy metals and



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E. coli by 2021. But the regulatory context, with half a dozen City, County, and Federal agencies claiming jurisdiction, makes it difficult to introduce green infrastructure here that could help improve water quality, and provide more open space for residents. Without a committed team to untie this bureaucratic tangle, Mar Vista Gardens residents will continue to be cut off from open spaces practically in their backyard.

Process

To address these challenges and opportunities, we propose a community engagement, planning, and design process to improve resident access to the Creek Trail and open space amenities beyond, transform neglected or underutilized land into new green infrastructure, and offer experiential learning programs that encourage residents to explore and become stewards of these new landscapes.

In partnership with residents and other key stakeholders, KDI will work at two scales - along the Creek Trail from Inglewood Boulevard to the 405 Freeway, and in a seven-block area around Mar Vista Gardens - to produce the following deliverables:

- An engaging and accessible experiential learning program covering climate change threats, adaptation and resilience measures, and stormwater management practices that KDI will use as part of our overall engagement

strategy, and could be used in future planning and design processes.

- A healthy, equitable Community Greening Plan for an approximately seven-block area around Mar Vista Gardens. The plan will recommend broad, community-driven strategies and locations to introduce tree planting, rain gardens, or other greening measures that can address a wide range of community, city, and statewide priorities.
- Two Priority Design Concepts within the Community Greening Plan area that are selected by residents and other stakeholders based on their potential to be implemented and to offer significant social, ecological, and educational benefits. These concepts could include open space improvements within Mar Vista Gardens, green alleys in the neighboring streets, or other best management practices (BMPs). For each Priority Design Concept, KDI will produce a range of drawings, such as site plans and renderings, to offer more detail and specificity than the recommendations outlined in the Community Greening Plan.
- Concept Design, Schematic Design, and Design Development drawings for the new Mar Vista Greenway & Artistic Gateways (Greenway Design), which will transform the Creek Trail between Inglewood Boulevard and the 405 Freeway into a culturally vibrant, safe, and green space. The Greenway



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Design will pay special attention to the landscape between Mar Vista Gardens and Ballona Creek that has fallen into disrepair. The improved and enhanced Greenway Design will be co-designed with community members and will likely include new habitat planting; signage and gateways that incorporate art that expresses personal or neighborhood histories, cultural icons, or ecological information; and other amenities to attract people to utilize the Creek Trail. The Greenway Design will be designed with residents so that the process and the result will instill a sense of community pride and ownership, especially for its immediate neighbors at Mar Vista Gardens.

- Events or activations organized throughout the process to encourage stakeholders to explore and reimagine existing open spaces and to temporarily experience what long-range changes could be.
- A Community Stewardship Plan produced in conjunction with our community partners and local stakeholders that recommends program, maintenance, and funding strategies to help ensure long-range sustainability of the Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design.

Benefits

Working closely and iteratively with residents and other key stakeholders,

KDI will focus on achieving four main categories of benefits:

1. Open space connections and resulting health, wellness, cultural, and environmental benefits:

KDI will connect people to open space amenities by improving access to existing resources, developing new public spaces, and establishing programs and experiences that deepen people's ties to these spaces and to each other.

a. Access to recreation: We will identify and recommend locations where residents can gain more direct access to the Ballona Creek, Creek Trail, and surrounding public spaces, encouraging healthier lifestyles and more connection to place.

b. Cultural benefit: We will ensure the culture and stories of the community are reflected in the Greenway Design so all community members have a sense of belonging and ownership in the spaces around Ballona Creek. The Artistic Gateways will play a critical role in supporting this goal.

c. New open spaces: We will develop recommendations, concepts, and detailed designs for new open spaces along Ballona Creek that encourage people to meet, gather, relax, and exercise.

d. Programs and experiences: We will develop activities that encourage people to explore, learn about, and document the Ballona Creek, Creek Trail, and surrounding public spaces. These could



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include group bike and walking trips along the trail, site visits to other green infrastructure and greenway projects and temporary activations demonstrating potential site improvements. We also will recommend new, community-selected, and prioritized multigenerational programs that could continue to encourage people to use newly developed open spaces after the project is completed.

This combination of physical and program improvements will help improve physical health (obesity, heart disease) and mental wellness (stress, social isolation) conditions among local residents.

2. Water management

KDI will provide plans and designs that introduce new planting and green infrastructure systems to detain and filter polluted wet weather and dry weather stormwater from the project area to the Ballona Creek. Through the community engagement process, KDI will work with residents to uncover the importance of watershed health and how they each can personally contribute to the overall improvement of Ballona Creek.

3. Environmental and ecosystem benefits

The new planting we introduce will create new habitat and microdiversity, clean the air, and help mitigate local heat impacts. By encouraging greater use of the Creek Trail, the project will also help decrease vehicle miles travelled (VMT). Several stakeholders have already mentioned

an interest in leading a community stewardship team to help maintain the improvements they will have worked so hard to design. To support this, KDI will create a community curriculum about climate-appropriate plants for Southern California and how to maintain them, which will be captured in the Community Stewardship Plan. KDI will also commit to researching funding sources that will support the community stewards so they can “lean and earn” while helping to keep public spaces clean and safe for everyone.

4. Workforce development benefits

While the project doesn't include construction, the Mar Vista Gardens Boys and Girls Club as well as the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) have agreed to partner on the project to create job and education opportunities for local youth and at-risk youth, respectively. Their partnership roles described below will be compensated as part of this grant.

KDI will work with Boys and Girls Club staff to recruit high-school students from their programs focusing on “21st Century Careers and Education” to participate in an intensive design and urban planning program that will meet weekly for four months. In this program, participants will learn about climate change and water management, visit our offices, and receive dedicated mentorship from KDI staff. Participants will be invited to apply what they've learned during the project's design engagement process with the larger community. They will also receive training



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on meeting facilitation and outreach, which they'll put to use during the community engagement activities planned for the project.

LACC has also agreed to partner on the project and will deploy crews of their at-risk youth workforce to assist the project with outreach. They will participate by distributing flyers for community engagement activities; assist with setup and breakdown of community meetings and engagement activities like the Community Bike Ride; and will clean up the Greenway Design site before select community engagements on the site.

Goals and Objectives

a. A detailed description of how the project achieves one or more of the purposes of Proposition 68.

Based on the four categories outlined in Proposition 68, the project's plans, design and engagements will lay the foundation for the following goals to be achieved once the project is constructed in a future phase:

Visitor Serving Development and Improvement

- improve access from Mar Vista Gardens to the Creek Trail and open space amenities beyond through new entry or access points that will be designed to be ADA-compliant and designed to promote cultural heritage, community comfort, gender-inclusivity, safety, and beauty
- transform the existing Creek Trail landscape from a place that residents avoid to a Greenway Design that addresses community needs and desires, and invites people to gather while also capturing stormwater and providing habitat
- incorporate signage and/or public art in the Greenway Design that highlights personal and shared histories of place, environment, and community
- include signage in the Greenway



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Design that acknowledges project support from the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018

Community Access, Education and Interpretation Projects

- focus engagement and capacity building on the Severely Disadvantaged Community of Mar Vista Gardens, while also engaging a broader range of stakeholders in an integrated design and planning process
- build participant capacity to understand and influence stormwater management and climate change adaptation strategies
- offer workshops, bike tours, walking groups, BBQs, video diaries, Instagram competitions, and other activities that encourage participants to explore and create cultural connections to the Creek
- establish curriculum and mentorship opportunities for youth participants in urban planning, landscape architecture, and engineering in partnership with the Mar Vista Gardens Boys and Girls Club

Resource Protection and Restoration

- improve watershed health by reducing stormwater pollution with plants and street-end BMPs that will be part of

the Greenway Design, and by planting trees and other vegetation within the Community Greening Plan area

- establish new habitat within the Community Greening Plan area

b. A detailed description of how the project helps meet the State's greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets, including a quantification of the metric tons of CO₂ or CO₂e removed or avoided, and an explanation of the methodology used to quantify this figure

We cannot plant trees along the Ballona Creek due to the Army Corps of Engineers' strict vegetation policy for levees. However, the Greenway Design will reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by attracting more people to use the Creek Trail. Based on a conservative estimate we anticipate 12 metric tons of carbon dioxide will be reduced over twenty years following future construction of the proposed Greenway Design, due to a modest increase in use of the Creek Trail by bicyclists and pedestrians. KDI used the California Air Resources Board Excel calculator for Active Transportation project types to quantify the carbon dioxide emission that would be reduced due to a decrease in vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

The Community Greening Plan will



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outline steps to establish a greener, more sustainable neighborhood which will prioritize street tree planting and maintenance. If all the streets in the 7-block project area are planted to provide complete shade, the project will be able to sequester 8,600 metric tons of carbon dioxide over the life of approximately 300 trees. The online tool i-Tree Design was used to quantify these carbon dioxide reductions.

c A detailed description of how the project will promote and implement other relevant regional and state plans and policies

The project will create community-driven urban greening designs and plans for the Mar Vista Gardens neighborhood, including detailed design plans for the Mar Vista Greenway and Artistic Gateways (Greenway Design) along 0.5-miles of the Ballona Creek. It will set the stage to usher in climate change adaptation strategies that will improve the environmental quality of a disadvantaged community, allowing for implementation of the relevant regional and state plans and policies mentioned elsewhere in the application, as well as the following:

- City of LA Green New Deal
- Our County - Los Angeles Countywide Sustainability Plan
- Los Angeles Countywide

Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment

- Ballona Creek Greenway Plan
- Enhanced Watershed Management Program for the Ballona Creek Watershed (EWMP)
- California Statewide Stormwater Management Plan (2016)
- Final Recommendation from the California Environmental Justice Advisory Committee on the California Air Resources Board 2017 Scoping Plan (2017)

Furthermore, the project will advance the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's strategic objectives of providing recreation and restoration of natural habitats through public education. KDI will engage local communities and organizations to design and implement improvements to the existing, degraded landscape of the Creek Trail with the proposed Greenway Design; improve access and entryways to the Creek Trail (also known as the Park to Playa Trail); and develop culturally relevant or educational signage that make ecological systems and issues engaging and accessible to Mar Vista Gardens residents and other stakeholders.

d Indicate whether the project will have matching funds from private, local, or federal sources, and if



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so, to what extent (Include dollar amount.)

We will seek additional funding from elected officials' discretionary funds, including the Del Rey Community Council and Councilmember Mike Bonin.

Site Description

Our site includes:

- the strip of land along the Creek Trail between Inglewood Boulevard and the 405 Freeway ("The Strip") that will become the Mar Vista Gardens Greenway & Artist Gateways (Greenway Design)
- the seven-block area around Mar Vista Gardens and Ballona Creek for our Community Greening Plan

The Strip and immediate surroundings

The Strip ranges from roughly ten to twenty feet wide, and includes stretches with a steep slope. The soils are heavily compacted. Between 2009 and 2015, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) installed improvements along the Creek Trail, between Inglewood Blvd and Sepulveda Boulevard, including native planting, artistic gates, signage, and benches. A portion of The Strip consists of grass and shrubs growing on the Mar Vista Gardens side of the Creek Trail and through the fence. Residents also generally perceive The Strip and other leftover parcels around the Creek Trail as unpleasant and unsafe, and have complained that trash collects along the fence. Our project seeks to repair the planting and signage started by MRCA and enhance 0.5-mile of the Creek Trail (between Inglewood Blvd. and the 405



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Freeway) with a Greenway Design that will include new amenities and access points that will encourage increased use, improve perceptions of safety, and build ownership of the Greenway Design by local community members.

The asphalt surface of the Creek Trail itself is well-maintained; there is a bike rack and decorative gate at Inglewood Boulevard, as well as interpretive signage. Because the Creek Trail is above grade from Mar Vista Gardens, and because the existing fence is a strong visual barrier, Ballona Creek is not readily visible to residents there. To access the Creek Trail, some residents have to walk around the full length of the public housing “superblock,” or up to a half-mile. A gate or other access point in the fence anywhere along the Creek Trail would reduce that walk to about 30-feet for the closest residents.

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) owns the Mar Vista Gardens property. The Strip is under the jurisdiction of numerous entities including Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles County Flood Control, and the City of Los Angeles.

Destinations in and around Mar Vista Gardens include the playground at the southwest corner of the Mar Vista Gardens development, the Mar Vista Family Center, and the entrance to Culver/Slauson Park at the end of Slauson Avenue. These and other locations could be considered for enhanced points of access to the Creek Trail. KDI will explore how to make

these entry points manage stormwater and express the cultural stories of the neighborhood through artistic intervention.

Greening Plan Area

The streets within the Community Greening Plan area (all owned by the City) exhibit varying levels of tree canopy. For instance, the street and sidewalk surfaces of Berryman Avenue are about 50% covered by street trees; Coolidge Ave and Slauson Ave have about 10% coverage. The streets that directly connect Mar Vista Gardens to shops, schools, bus stops, and Culver/Slauson Park have very little shade with only 15 street trees over about a mile of these streets. There is a stark difference in tree coverage around Mar Vista Gardens compared to the more affluent, single-family residential streets just across Inglewood Boulevard.



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Specific Tasks

KDI brings more than a decade of experience running inclusive, innovative community planning and design processes to advance equity and activate the potential of neighborhoods and cities. We marry resident and stakeholder expertise about their community with technical expertise from our team, and establish frameworks for people to work collectively across social and professional boundaries to make shared decisions. A core part of this process is working with residents and other stakeholders to build their capacity to understand and apply technical concepts and tools to decision making about the built environment.

Working closely with the Mar Vista Gardens Boys & Girls Club (many participants live in Mar Vista Gardens) we will engage a wide range of stakeholders at different levels of intensity - accommodating diverse needs, interests, and availability. Within this larger process, we will focus our outreach and engagement on people who often do not participate in planning and design processes: youth and low-income people of color (in this case, residents of Mar Vista Gardens). We will ensure that these residents have the tools necessary to participate on equal footing with others, while keeping our process open and inclusive for anyone in the planning area who wants to participate.

in implementing green infrastructure projects in low-income communities of color, and at sites with many physical and jurisdictional challenges. We transform underused sites into green, high performance landscapes over which local stakeholders feel a strong sense of ownership.

The following Tasks outline our community planning and design process:

Our team brings particular experience



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#	Task Name	Description
0	Project Administration	Management of the grant contract, invoicing and grant reporting.
1	Learning and Experiencing	<p>1.1 Assemble and Lead a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) KDI will establish a group of 10-12 people consisting primarily of residents from Mar Vista Gardens, and including residents from the surrounding community as well as staff from local nonprofit, service providers, or elected officials offices. KDI will meet with the CAC twelve times over the course of the project to build everyone's capacity to understand and make decisions about the planning and design process. Specific activities will include: bike trip to the beach, site visit to Milton Street Park, tour of Mar Vista Gardens (formal and informal) open spaces, and presentations and interactive workshops led by KDI and invited experts on green infrastructure, water, homelessness, and other priority topics.</p> <p>The CAC will collectively create a detailed plan and schedule for the engagement of residents of Mar Vista Gardens and the surrounding Mar Vista community. The CAC will also review and comment on design deliverables.</p> <p>1.2 Assemble and Lead a Youth Project Team KDI will establish a Career Pathway program for 6-8 youth enrolled at the Mar Vista Gardens Boys & Girls Club to meet 16 times (weekly for four months) during the Community Design and Planning project phase. Participants will learn introductory planning and design skills as well as climate change adaptation and stormwater dynamics concepts; apply what they learn to help develop the Community Greening Plan and the Greenway Design; and receive mentorship from KDI staff.</p> <p>1.3 Stakeholder Interviews and Meetings KDI will conduct up to 10 meetings with or interviews with key stakeholders (e.g. senior staff from Mar Vista Gardens Boys & Girls Club and Family Center, Del Ray Community Council, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, etc). During these meetings, we will seek a development partner and a partner to conduct operations and maintenance for the Greenway Design.</p> <p>1.4 Research Existing Conditions KDI will conduct research and meet with residents and other key stakeholders about neighborhood history, challenges, and opportunities with a focus on the Community Greening Plan area and the adjacent Greenway Design area. Over the course of two meetings with the CAC we will start with broad topics such as the site's natural and social history. Then we will focus more specifically on the opportunities and challenges of the site. These conversations will lay the foundation for the community design portion of the project where we will co-design physical improvements that will highlight what's special about the site and will also try to solve any challenging issues.</p> <p>1.5 Identify Meeting Locations/Community Hubs We will work with our contacts at the Boys & Girls Club and Councilmember Bonin's office to identify and secure locations for all public meetings that will be convenient and accessible for people in the area. We will focus on accessibility to Mar Vista Gardens residents but also take into consideration convenience for all local residents and stakeholders. We will provide childcare, food, and translation services as needed at these events. For select events to take place on the Greenway Design site, LACC will assist with litter pick up and event logistics, as well as table the event.</p> <p>1.6 Develop Engagement Timeline/Sequence of Events and Plan Engagement Activities KDI will integrate feedback from stakeholders and the CAC to develop an engagement timeline to achieve project goals, and will prepare the necessary materials for the design engagements. Design engagement events will be developed to attract a diversity of participants and encourage a high level of interaction. KDI will tailor the engagements to the needs of the site and its community.</p> <p>This phase will overlap with Task 3. Task 1 includes CAC and Youth Project Team meetings during which participants will review and give feedback on the two Priority Design Concepts selected for the Community Greening Plan, and the Greenway Design.</p>



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2	Community Planning and Design	<p>2.1 Community Engagement Events and Workshops KDI will organize 14 engagements to involve residents of Mar Vista Gardens and the immediate neighborhood surrounding it. These engagements (including sit down workshops, mobile engagements at churches or supermarkets, bike and walking tours, and other activities) will raise awareness and provide educational opportunities about the importance of Ballona Creek, gather resident input on priorities and needs for their community, provide residents the opportunity to vote on the two Priority Design Concepts for the Community Greening Plan, as well as facilitate the co-design of the two green infrastructure projects and the Greenway Design.</p>
3	Community Greening Plan and Design Development	<p>3.1 Community Greening Plan After compiling all the input and information gathered during the 'Learning and Experiencing' and 'Community Planning and Design' phases of the project, KDI will use that information and subsequent findings to draft a Community Greening Plan for the area in and around Mar Vista Gardens. The plan will recommend broad strategies and locations where interventions can take place that introduce tree planting, rain gardens, and the two Priority Design Concepts for the Community Greening Plan.</p> <p>3.2 Design Development for the Mar Vista Greenway and Artistic Gateways (Greenway Design) The KDI team will take the concept design of the Greenway Design into the Schematic Design and Design Development stages. The final deliverables will be a Schematic Design package and Design Development packages for the Greenway Design.</p> <p>KDI will continue to lead meetings and workshops with the Community Advisory Committee, Youth Project Team, and general public to generate feedback and refine design work throughout the Schematic Design and Design Development phases.</p> <p>3.3 Programming and Community Stewardship Plan Based on our work with the CAC, the Youth Project Team, the various community stakeholder groups, and the wider community of workshop participants, KDI will create a draft plan for the ongoing programming of the space, as well as a recommendation for a role that interested community members can play in the stewardship of the Greenway once built.</p>
4	Final Report	<p>4.1 Final Report We will produce and submit a final report that outlines our findings and includes final versions of the Community Greening Plan (including the two Priority Design Concepts), Community Stewardship Plan, and Design Development drawings for the Greenway Design. The final report will describe the overall engagement, planning, and design process so it can be replicated by others working on green infrastructure in disadvantaged communities and (specifically in public housing developments) in Los Angeles. The final report will include cost estimates and recommendations on how to implement the designs, programs, and stewardship activities.</p> <p>4.2 Final Event Activation We will hold a final community celebration event to share copies of the final report, organize a discussion on next steps, and thank members of the community for their participation in the planning, visioning, and design processes.</p>



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Work Products

- Final Report with the Community Greening Plan, to include two Priority Design Concepts for urban greening projects and the Greenway Design project; development recommendations for the two Priority Design Concepts (with cost estimates); recommendations for future community programs (with cost estimates); and the Community Stewardship Plan
- Schematic Design package for the Greenway Design project
- Design Development (30% Construction Documents) for the Greenway Design project
- Identification of a development partner(s) and operation and maintenance partner(s) with whom to coordinate the final design work and plan future implementation
- Experiential learning materials for adults and high-school students exploring stormwater dynamics and climate change adaptation

Measuring Success

We will report short term project progress and effectiveness, and establish a framework for measuring long-term impacts (assuming full project construction in a future phase).

Short Term Success:

Monitoring and reporting on the progress and efficacy of the project will occur via written project status reports. Project status reports will be submitted quarterly within one month from the end of each quarter, or on another agreed upon schedule. These reports will summarize work to date, accomplishments of tasks, and document key themes and requests emerging from community input. In the Final Report, we will include a summary of work completed and potential future tasks to explore, and options for site acquisition and securing funding for construction beyond this project's timeline.

Long Term Success:

Our project outcomes include:

- attracting more people to use the Ballona Creek Trail
- increasing residents' sense of connection to Ballona Creek and belonging in the spaces around it
- understanding/awareness of stormwater dynamics related to Ballona Creek (e.g. relationship between stormwater runoff and water quality in the Creek) among Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members and other project participants
- awareness of higher education and career pathways (e.g. planning, landscape architecture, engineering)



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among youth participants of Youth Project Team

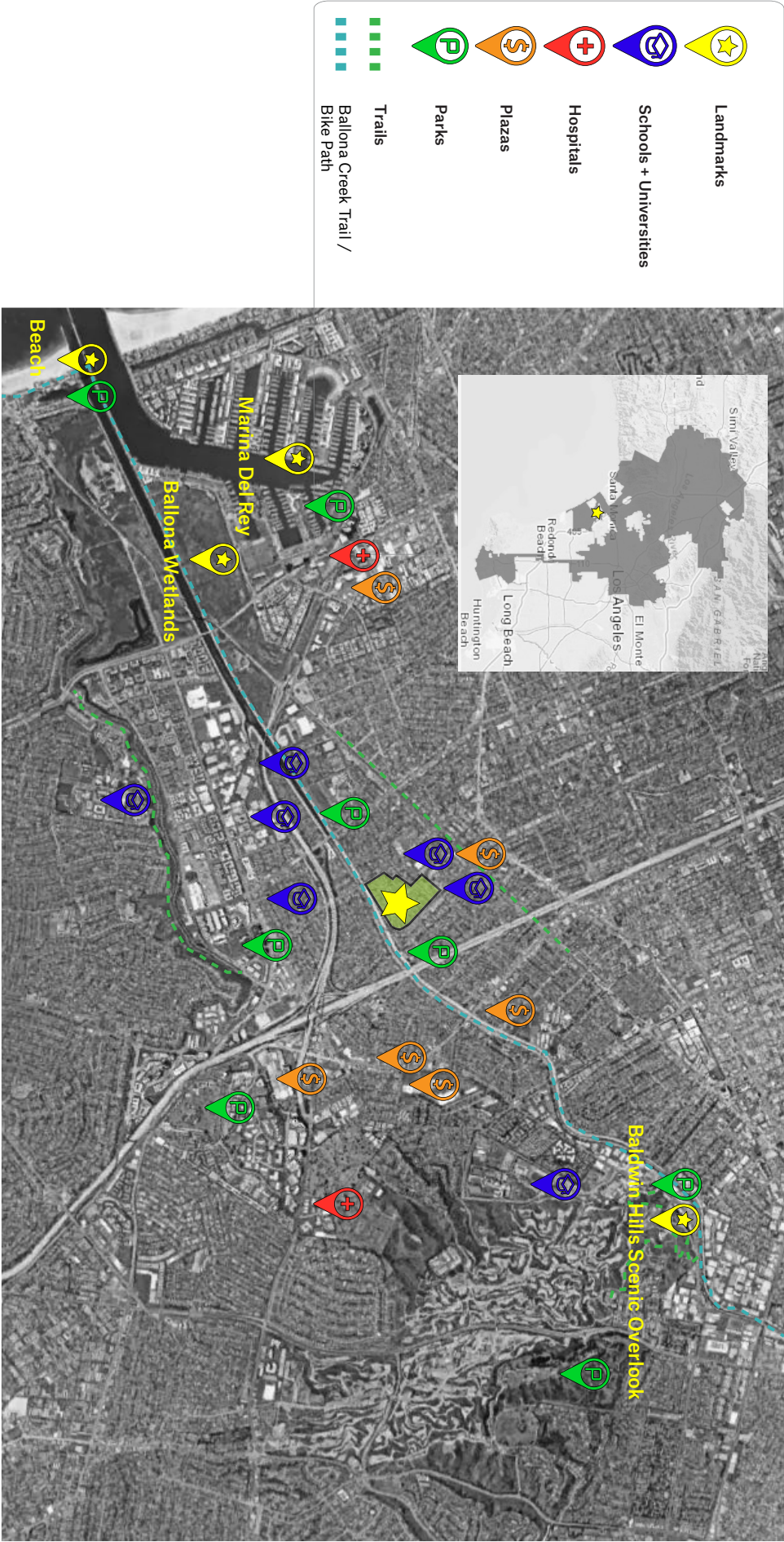
- reducing the amount of stormwater that runs into Ballona Creek (when constructed in a future phase)
- improving the quality of stormwater from the Community Greening Plan area (when constructed in a future phase)
- improving habitat and local ecosystem health (when constructed in a future phase)
- self-reported increase in usage of other amenities accessed via the Creek Trail
- photos of birds and insects using the small patches of habitat (when constructed in a future phase)
- photos of green infrastructure functioning as designed (when constructed in a future phase)

To help determine the extent to which we are achieving our goals, we will use indicators such as the following (measured through observations and surveys conducted at the project outset and after project completion):

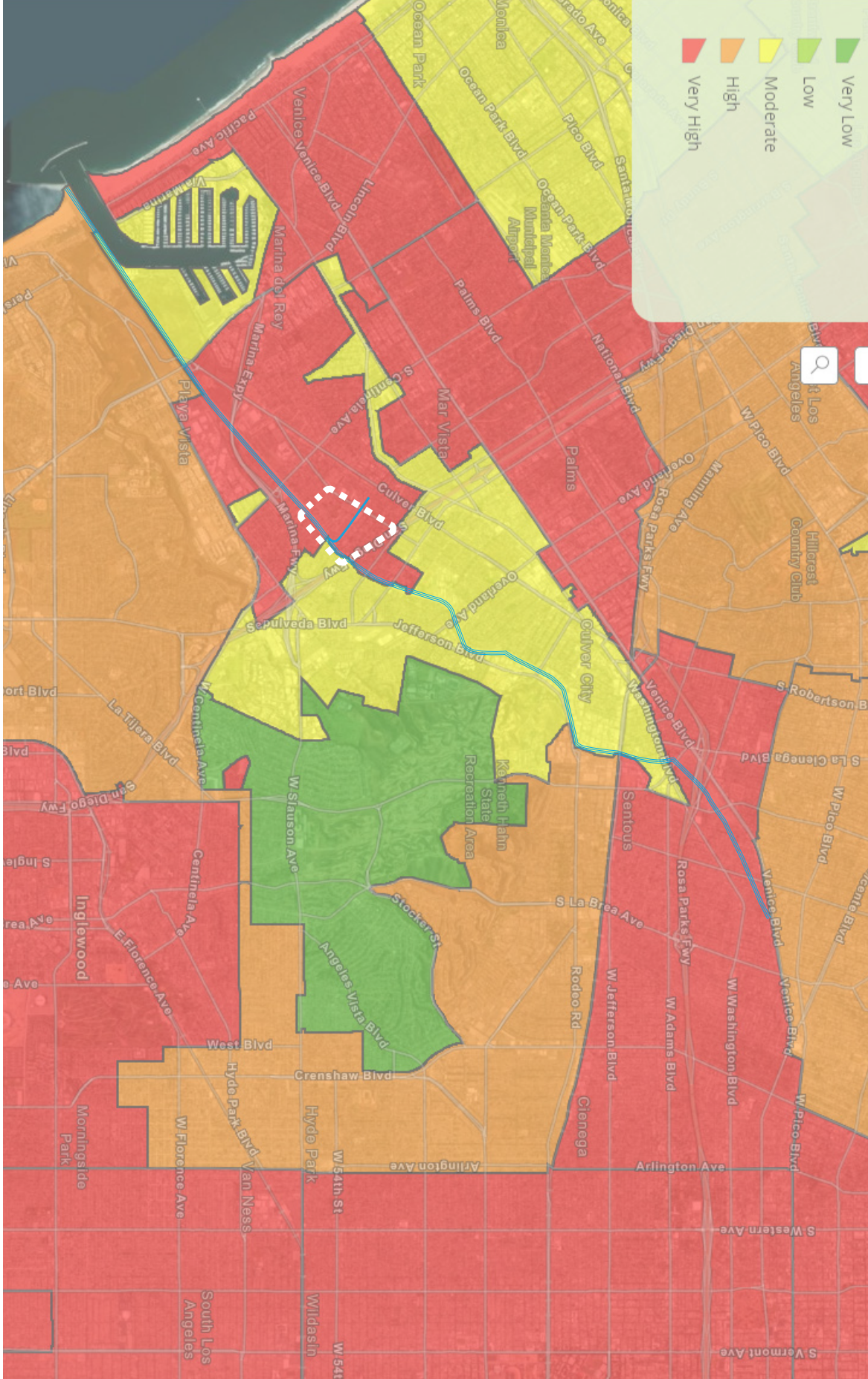
- number of people using the Creek Trail
- self-reported perceptions of safety and attractiveness of the Creek Trail and surrounding areas
- self-reported feeling of connection to neighbors (inside and outside of Mar Vista Gardens)
- self-reported awareness of stormwater issues
- self-reported awareness of higher education and career opportunities



Project Regional Map



LA County Park Needs Assessment



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Site-Scale Map + Context

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

Community Greening Plan area elements

Mar Vista Gardens Greening

Sepulveda Channel Greenway

Green Street Connection

Greenway Design elements

Mar Vista Greenway + Artistic Gateways

Artistic Gateway

EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD FEATURES

Bike Path / Trails

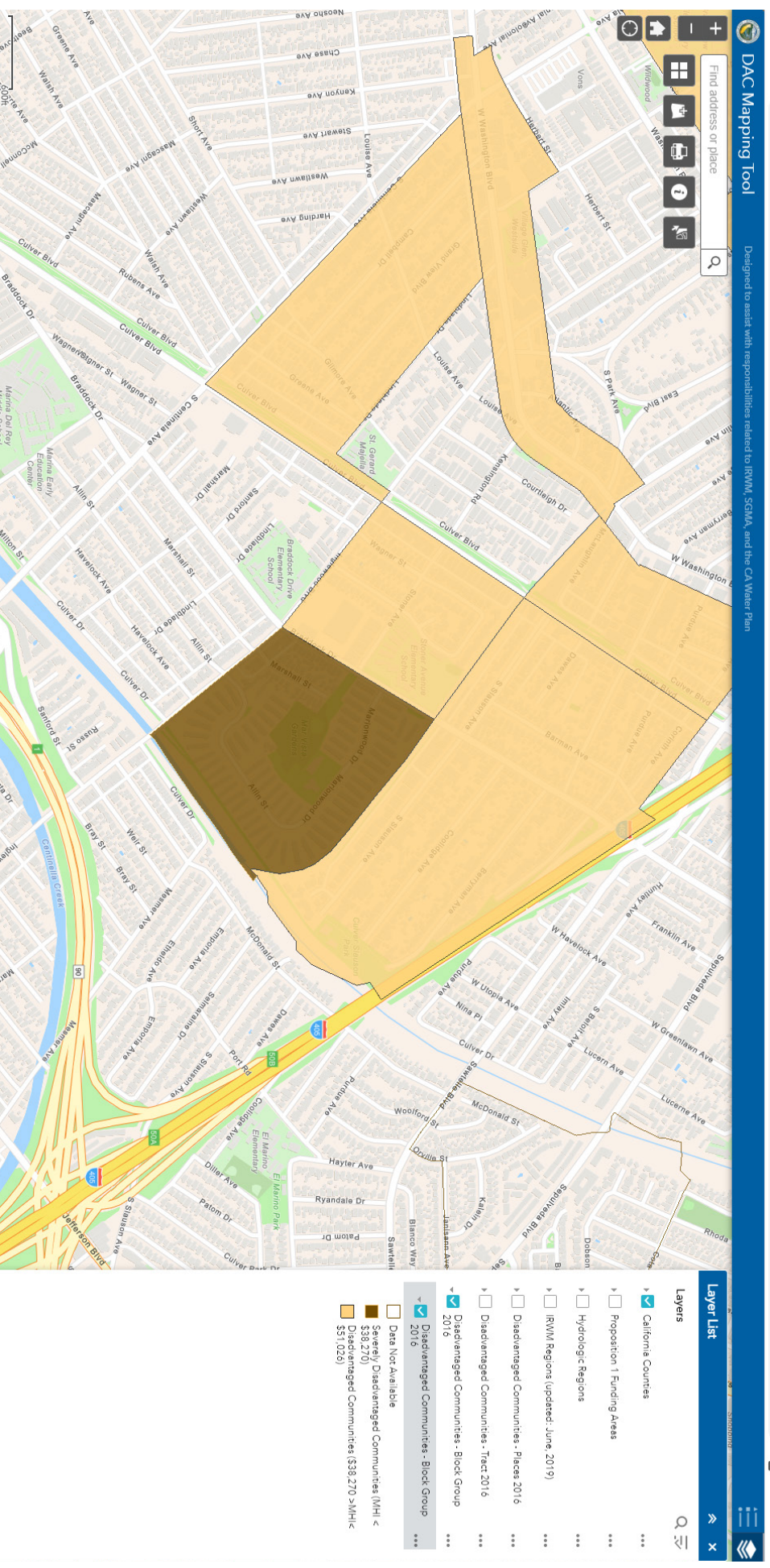
Bus Stops



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CA Disadvantaged Communities Map



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Site Photos



Pictured is the Strip of landscape along the Creek Trail which in some places has a steep slope and sporadic vegetation. Shrubs can also be seen growing through the Mar Vista Gardens fence.

Pictured here is where DG path extensions were added to widen the path for the benefit of pedestrians, but created an unintended consequence of a tripping hazard.



Another image of the Creek Trail extension, which is currently a tripping hazard.

Site Photos



Access to Sepulveda Channel is currently blocked, creating an unwelcoming environment along the Creek Trail.



A close-up image of Sepulveda Channel and its potential as a greenway, which will be presented to the community during the Community Greening Plan engagement process.



Existing access point to the Creek Trail at Slauson Ave, which could use added enhancements to make it more artistic, gender-inclusive, safer, etc...

Site Photos



Confluence of Ballona Creek and Sepulveda Channel shows degraded landscape and poor water quality, as well as the potential for high-quality recreation.



Aerial photo shows the proximity of Mar Vista Gardens to the Creek Trail and beach.

Preliminary Budget and Schedule

Mar Vista Gardens Greenway Design Project - Prop 68						
Scope of Work (total timeline: 18 months)						
Task 0. Project Administration (18 months)		Completion Date	Total BHC Request	KDI	LACC	Boys and Girls
0	Project Administration	February 2022				
Total Fee for Task 0			\$12,911	\$12,911	\$0	\$0
Task 1. Learning & Experiencing (17 months)						
1.1	Assemble and Lead Community Advisory Committee (CAC)	October 2021				
1.2	Assemble and Lead a Youth Project Team	July 2021				
1.3	Stakeholder Interviews and Meetings	December 2020				
1.4	Research Existing Conditions	January 2021				
1.5	Identify Meeting Location/Community Hubs	January 2021				
1.6	Develop Engagement Timeline	January 2021				
Total Fee for Task 1			\$88,299	\$78,299	\$0	\$10,000
Task 2. Community Planning and Design Engagements (5 months)						
2.1	Community Engagement Events and Workshops	October 2021				
Total Fee for Task 2			\$32,383	\$21,383	\$8,500	\$2,500
Task 3. Community Greening Plan and Design Development (12 months)						
3.1	Community Greening Plan	November 2021				
3.2	Design Development	December 2021				
3.3	Programming and Community Stewardship Plan	December 2021				
Total Fee for Task 3			\$197,423	\$197,423	\$0	\$0
Task 4. Final Report (2 months)						
4.1	Final Report	February 2022				
4.2	Final Event Activation	February 2022				
Total Fee for Task 4			\$28,794	\$28,794	\$0	\$0
Total Fee per Partner:				\$338,810	\$8,500	\$12,500
Total Fee for Proposed Project:			\$359,810			



Preliminary Project Timeline

Task 0	Project Administration	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Task 1	Learning & Experiencing	S 2020	O	N	D	J 2021	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J 2020	F
Task 0	Assemble and Lead Community Advisory Committee										SD review				DD review				
	Assemble and Lead Youth Team										SD review								
	Stakeholder Interviews & Meetings										SD review								
	Research Existing Conditions															DD review			
	Identify Meeting Locations																		
Task 2	Develop Engagement Timeline in detail																		
	Community Planning and Design																		
	Community Greening Plan Engagements:																		
	Community Greening Plan Engagements																		
	Community Design Engagement for 2 Priority Concept Designs and 1 Greenway Concept Design (CD)														CD				
Task 3	Greenway Design Engagements:																		
	Community Design of Schematic Design (SD) of Greenway Design																	SD	
	Community Design of Design Development (DD) of Greenway Design																		DD
	Draft Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design work																		
	Community Greening Plan work:																		
Task 4	Design work for Community Greening Plan Engagements																		
	Design work for for 2 Priority Concept Designs and 1 Greenway Concept Design (CD)														CD				
	Draft Community Greening Plan, including the Draft Community Stewardship Plan - writing and graphic layout																		
	Greenway Design work:																		
	Design work for Schematic Design (SD) of Greenway Design																	SD	
Task 4	Design work for Design Development (DD) of Greenway Design																		
	Final Report																		
	Final Community Greening Plan																		
	Final event																		



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1. Proposition 68 Goals: Which of the following purposes of Chapter 8 of Proposition 68 are achieved by the project [check only one (1) that most applies to your project]:

Purposes of Proposition 68 include:

☐ Resource Protection and Restoration. The state provides funds which facilitate the protection and restoration of wildlife, habitat, and historical/archaeological resources, including habitat restoration projects.

☐ Vegetation Management and Fire Safety. The state provides funds which facilitate fire safety and any required or recommended fuel modification zones.

☒ Visitor Serving Development and Improvement. The state provides funds which provide for enhanced visitation, urban accessibility and safety to open space, parks and greenspace (including signage, restrooms, entrances, parking, trail building or repairs, etc...). This includes new projects to implement statutory requirements to provide better accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

☐ Community Access, Education and Interpretation Projects. The state provides funds which are required to achieve or expand the outreach mission of the Conservancy and provide interpretive programs and materials to substantially enhance knowledge, appreciation, and

enjoyment of the natural environment, open space, parklands and waterways.

2. Consistency with other State Plans: If the proposed project will help to implement or promote the goals of any of the State Plans listed below, check that plan and specify which goals, objectives, priority actions, etc. will be furthered by the project.

☒ CA Climate Adaptation Strategy/
Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk Plan

The project will directly broach priority actions as outlined in Safeguarding California's Biodiversity & Habitat Sector by improving habitat connectivity as well creating and maintaining partnerships that support biodiversity conservation through inclusive, community-based workshops. The proposal is also in line with the Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem and Resources goals centered around cost-effective green infrastructure for the reduction of flood risk and stormwater runoff to maximize associated co-benefits such as carbon sequestration and heat relief.



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X California Water Action Plan

The project will advance Action 1: Make Conservation a California Way of Life of the California Water Action Plan through the promotion of local urban conservation programs by engaging community groups and leaders around stormwater BMPs and urban greening design workshops. Furthermore, the project will encourage goals around Action 2: Regional Self Reliance by improving land use and managing stormwater in cooperation with members of the local disadvantaged community. The urban greening promoted by the project will result in a green refuge, when constructed in a future phase, in an otherwise primarily urban landscape susceptible to the urban heat island effect.



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3. California's 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan

a. Identify which goals of the California Climate Change Scoping Plan the project will promote or implement.

California Climate Changing Scoping Plan	
Goal	Priority Action of KDI
MAIN GOAL: To meet the State's 2030 GHG Limit (p.5)	By promoting greater use of the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path (Creek Trail), KDI is helping to reduce vehicle miles travelled to popular destinations such as Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and the beach. The project also encourages tree planting on residential streets surrounding the Creek that fall within our Community Greening Plan area. Once installed in a future phase, these trees can sequester significant amounts of carbon dioxide.
Enhance Carbon Sequestration and Resilience through Management and Restoration	KDI will work closely with residents and other key stakeholders to produce a Greening Plan that will recommend locations for new trees and other planting; and produce detailed design documents for construction of new planting and open spaces along the Ballona Creek in the Greenway Design that will restore existing degraded landscapes.
Communications Supporting Climate Change Behaviors and Policies (p. 60)	KDI will develop experiential learning programs and activities that make technical or abstract information about climate change accessible and engaging to residents and other stakeholders. These materials will help residents connect climate change adaptation to their daily lives and experiences of the open spaces around them.
Vibrant Communities and Landscapes / Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Goals (p.76)	KDI will improve the safety, connectivity, and attractiveness of the Creek Trail and surrounding landscape. KDI will build on existing programs (youth bike tours to the beach sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club) and interest among local residents to introduce additional activities that encourage biking and walking to popular destinations in the area.



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b. Identify the climate change/global warming plan(s) and any other regional or plans that apply to the specific project area. For each, list those goals, objectives, priority actions, etc. that the project will promote or implement.

The project is consistent with many local climate change/global warming plans and other regional plans that have purview over the project area. For the sake of brevity, below is a concise list:

- City of LA Green New Deal pLAn - The project will help advance the City's goal to plant 90,000 trees by 2021; reduce vehicle miles traveled by 35% by 2025; and ensure all City residents have access to high-quality mobility options within a 10-minute walk from home. By employing LACC crews, the project will create green jobs in line with the plan's goals to create 300,000 green jobs by 2035.
- Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment - The project area is categorized as Very High Need in this plan. By working on the Greenway Design, the project advances the County's goal for equitable development of open space resources.
- Ballona Creek Greenway Plan - The plan calls for the development of opportunities to reconnect residents with their creek, create a green corridor of trails and points of access, enhance

habitat, mitigate stormwater runoff, and increase health and sustainability of the region. Our project shares these goals and advances specific ideas for gateways and green streets mentioned in the "Reach 2: Mar Vista Reaching Out" section of the plan.

- Enhanced Watershed Management Program for the Ballona Creek Watershed (EWMP) - The design of the project will contribute to a reduction of E. coli in the Ballona Creek by 2021. The Site-Scale Map shows the urban greening projects that will be presented to the community for discussion of the Community Greening Plan. All of the green streets and alleys shown were recommended by Appendix 6 E of EWMP.

4. Best Scientific Practices

While this project does not have a strict scientific component, the design and planning techniques employed in the project have roots in scientific theory related to planning and urban ecology, material testing, and BMP testing. KDI is an internationally recognized design firm that integrates community participation into ecological, social, and economically sustainable solutions. In order to design a feasible Greenway Design and two Priority Design Concepts for urban greening projects, we will subcontract out for survey services, civil engineering, cost estimating, and artist assistance. As



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such, the design team, led by KDI, will use our technical expertise to ensure the project is consistent with the latest design and planning practices. For example, when we analyze the stormwater issues for the area, we will rely heavily on the EWMP plan, the City of Los Angeles' GRASS tool and the City's green street recommendations. The EWMP recommends the project area to utilize green street and green alley designs to treat for E. coli pollution, which we will do. In terms of creating habitat, urban ecology is a growing field but we will design habitat for small creatures and for birds and flying insects who need patches of habitat along their travels.

5. New Technology

As mentioned previously, KDI and the design team will use their technical expertise, while also building off of existing plans like the EWMP and LA's Green New Deal to create designs that integrate the latest innovations that can be feasibly constructed and maintained by others, such as:

- porous concrete pavers approved by the City of LA
- recycled site furnishings
- fly ash concrete
- solar powered lighting

- vegetated parkway swales

Even with known low-tech practices like plants and trees, KDI will ensure the best species are selected to ensure their sustainability and maximize their potential to filter E. coli and sequester carbon.

6. Sustainability

Our project will support equitable stewardship and environmental improvements that can be sustained over time. Within our broader community engagement, we will build the capacity of two often marginalized groups (youth and public housing residents) to make decisions about their communities long after our project is completed, and we will develop a career pathway program for youth. We also will recommend funding, maintenance, and program strategies that will encourage local stakeholders to care for new trees and landscapes, and use new open spaces. Furthermore, the designs produced by the project will include low-maintenance elements and planting that will advance environmental sustainability goals related to water conservation, reducing stormwater pollution, habitat enhancement and mitigating urban heat island effect.

7. Project and Applicant History

Project History: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has made improvements along the Creek Trail,



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including two sites within the project area: the existing Artistic Gateway at Inglewood Boulevard and decomposed granite trail extensions. Our project will complement and support this work by attracting more local residents to use the Creek Trail, and building a constituency of local residents who care about watershed health. Where appropriate, KDI's project design will repair or enhance the improvements made by MRCA.

Applicant History: KDI has 12 years of experience designing, building, and activating public spaces in partnership

with disadvantaged communities and a wide range of stakeholders. KDI has engaged thousands of residents through hundreds of community workshops, activations, and on-street engagements, while pioneering innovative engagement methods to meet residents on their terms. We connect residents with government officials, and build capacity among all participants to work collaboratively and make difficult decisions towards common goals. We have a proven track record of managing complex projects with multiple stakeholders and complicated jurisdictional contexts, and implementing built work in the public realm.

8. Environmental Review

The proposed project...

☐ Is not a project under CEQA. Briefly specify why.

☒ Is exempt under CEQA. Provide the CEQA exemption number and specify how the project meets the terms of the exemption.

The project is a feasibility and planning study and therefore qualifies as a statutory exemption under CEQA. A portion of the project includes the design of the Mar Vista Greenway & Artistic Gateways (Greenway Design). Once the design is completed at the end of the grant period, CEQA review can be conducted by the lead agency (to be determined during the course of this planning project).

☐ Requires Negative Declaration, MND, or EIR. Specify the lead CEQA agency (the agency preparing the document) and the (expected) completion date. Please note that the Conservancy will need to review and approve any CEQA document and cannot present a project to the Conservancy Board for funding consideration without a completed CEQA document.

9. Support

We've received support from staff at local nonprofits, elected officials' offices, and



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open space advocacy organizations who understand the need for this project. We are attaching letters of support from the following entities:

- LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
- LA City Councilmember Mike Bonin
- Mar Vista Gardens Boys and Girls Club (Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica, Mar Vista Gardens Branch)
- LA County Flood Control District
- Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

10. Regional Significance

The Greenway Design will improve a 0.5 mile segment of the larger, 13-mile Park to Playa Trail (it includes the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path), which connects LA residents throughout a wide swath of South and West LA to regional open space amenities, including the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, and the beach. Our project will strengthen connections to and use of the Path among low-income communities of color, particularly residents in Mar Vista Gardens.

Stormwater runoff from the project area flows directly into Ballona Creek and the ocean. Our project, once built, will reduce stormwater runoff, improve water quality, and build awareness among local residents about stormwater dynamics. The project is a pilot for community-engaged design of marginal land along Ballona Creek into the Greenway Design, a multi-benefit project that improves ecological, social, and other outcomes, and responds to needs, priorities, and the social and cultural context of people in the area. Our designs and programs could be implemented along the length of the Ballona Creek where it traverses Disadvantaged Communities, creating a replicable yet customizable template for future physical and program improvements.

11. Disadvantaged Communities

The project will focus on engaging residents at Mar Vistas Gardens, the only public housing project on Los Angeles' Westside. This 43 acre property of 600 apartment units is an enclave of affordable housing surrounded by much more affluent neighborhoods. Because State Parks' Community Fact Finder tool draws a half-mile radius around a given site, its report for this area captures income levels of affluent households, inflating the median household income of our target population which are classified as a Severely Disadvantaged Community by the State DAC Mapping Tool. The Community Plan area surrounding the



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Mar Vista Gardens is categorized as a Disadvantaged Community according to the State DAC Mapping Tool.

12. Need for Conservancy Funds

If we are awarded the project, we will begin the participatory planning and design process while the City is still dealing with the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 crisis which has disproportionately affected low-income communities of color. Starting this process in the near future can be a signal to residents in Mar Vista Gardens and the surrounding area that government and other sectors recognize the need to prioritize open space programs and development in this community. Without this investment, Mar Vista Gardens will continue to miss out on the wide range of physical, mental, and social benefits that would come from increased use of the Creek Trail, and from new open spaces that would result from our project.

13. Vulnerability from Climate Change Impacts Other than Sea Level Rise

The project area is vulnerable to the climate change impacts of intense heat and increased severity and frequency of storms. By transforming underused landscapes into open spaces with new planting and stormwater systems, the

project sets the stage to create shade to mitigate heat impacts, reduce stormwater runoff from the site, reduce flooding and improve stormwater quality.

14. Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Climate Change

For this participatory planning and design project, no work will be done that will result in the production of greenhouse gas emissions. Once implemented, the proposed project would result in multiple benefits such as recreational opportunities, improvement of water quality and of the urban environment, habitat enhancement, and greenhouse gas sequestration. Once constructed in a future phase, the project would enhance undeveloped areas by protecting the open and natural spaces along Ballona Creek and reintroducing native plants. The Greenway Design along Ballon Creek will increase use of the Creek Trail and will result in a reduction of VMTs. Once the Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design are constructed, the project could result in the reduction of approximately 8,600 metric tons of carbon dioxide over the life of the project (see the Goals and Objectives section above for details).

15. Willing Seller

N/A



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16. Conservation Corps

We will be utilizing the services of the LACC for outreach and site cleanups prior to community engagement events. See the Workforce Development Benefit section above and Attachment 4 for the Corps Consultation Review Document.



Attachment 1

CEQA Form

Not Applicable



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Attachment 2

ATTACHMENT 2 – Non-Profit Organization Pre-Award Questionnaire

“Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit corporation qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All nonprofit organizations must complete this questionnaire and include it in their application.

CONTACT INFO

Organization	Kounkuey Design Initiative		
Contact Person	Ian Leong	Email	ian@kounkuey.org
Phone	213-537-0031	Fax	n/a

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Please attach a copy of your most recent financial reports with your response to this questionnaire.

Note: Please see the enclosed unaudited, pro forma financial statements for 2019, which are scheduled to be audited starting in May 2020.

2. Have you had a financial audit within the last three years by an independent auditor?

Yes X ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide a copy of the audit report.

Note: Please see the attached audited 2018 financial report.

3. Does your organization have appropriate segregation of duties to prevent one individual from processing an entire financial transaction? Yes X ☐ No ☐
4. Does your organization have controls to prevent expenditure of funds in excess of what is approved in your project budget? Yes X ☐ No ☐
5. Does your organization have a conflict of interest policy? Yes X ☐ No ☐



6. How much unrestricted money does your organization raise annually?
Approximately \$400,000 to \$600,000 per year.
7. Is there a Finance Committee of the board of directors, or does the Board make all financial decisions? In general, the Board makes all financial decisions collectively.
8. What are the Treasurer's duties? One of the board members (who has had an extensive career in finance) meets with the Director of Finance & Administration (and sometime the Executive Director as well) on a periodic basis in between Board meetings to review the company's financial reports and position and advise on ongoing financial plans, strategies and developments.

CASH MANAGEMENT

9. Are grant funds accounted for through segregated accounts? Yes ☒ No ☐
10. Are all disbursements properly documented with evidence of receipt of goods or performance of service? Yes ☒ No ☐

PAYROLL

11. Does your organization have a time reporting system developed to determine and explain proper labor and overhead charges billed to the grant? Yes ☒ No ☐
12. Have you developed procedures to ensure fair and competitive contracting? Yes ☒ No ☐
13. Is there an effective system of identifying expenditures for time, travel and purchase of supplies to determine relevancy to individual grant projects? Yes ☒ No ☐

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

N/A

(Complete this section, if State grants will be used to purchase physical assets.)

14. Are detailed records of individual capital assets kept and periodically balanced with the general ledger accounts? Yes X ☐ No ☐
15. Are there effective procedures for authorizing and accounting for the disposal of property and equipment? Yes X ☐ No ☐

INDIRECT COSTS

16. Does the organization have an established methodology for calculating indirect costs or overhead? Yes X ☐ No ☐
17. Is this used consistently for all grants and contracts? Yes X ☐ No ☐

COST SHARING

18. Does the organization have a means to determine and document that it has met cost-sharing goals for each project? Yes X ☐ No ☐
19. Do your financial records identify the receipt and expenditure of funds separately for each grant or contract? Yes X ☐ No ☐

COMPLIANCE


20. Does your organization have a formal system for complying with the payment of prevailing wages? Yes X ☐ No ☐

21. Does your organization have a system in place to ensure it does not use contractors who may be suspended or debarred from receiving federal or state contracts? Yes ☐ X No ☐

Note: While we have identified procedures to perform due diligence on contractors, we have not yet implemented a process for determining their suspension or debarment status. However, we plan to have this in place in the next 2 to 3 months, likely by hiring outside services to perform such a determination.

I certify that the above information accurately represents the organization of which I am a representative.

Name and title of person completing questionnaire:

NAME: Ian Leong, Director of Finance & Administration	
SIGNATURE: 	DATE: 4-30-20

Profit & Loss

January through December 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · INCOME	
4005 · Reimbursed Expenses	34,818.31
4100 · Grants	1,344,224.07
4200 · Contributions & Support	149,491.38
4300 · Earned Revenue	1,048,292.22
4400 · Donated Goods & Services	15,817.03
4500 · Other Revenue	59,188.00
49900 · *Uncategorized Income	0.00
Total 4000 · INCOME	2,651,831.01
Total Income	2,651,831.01
Gross Profit	2,651,831.01
Expense	
Ask my Accountant	1,084.22
6000 · Salaries & Personnel	1,855,958.89
6100 · Contract Services	49,807.27
6200 · Operations	70,402.80
6300 · Project Costs	680,632.95
6400 · Facilities & Equipment	99,723.75
6500 · Meetings & Conferences	4,481.28
6600 · Travel	32,546.82
6800 · Special Events	1,140.57
6900 · Business Expenses	1,829.09
6999 · Expenses to be Reimbursed	-370.09
Total Expense	2,797,237.55
Net Ordinary Income	-145,406.54
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	1,660.98
Other Expense	621.89
Net Other Income	1,039.09
Net Income	-144,367.45

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2019

	Dec 31, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Checking	389,899.24
1040 · Kenya Bank - KES	61,123.61
1045 · Kenya Bank USD	33,887.13
1050 · Kenya Bank EUR	77.59
Total Checking/Savings	484,987.57
Accounts Receivable	516,889.00
Other Current Assets	49,433.07
Total Current Assets	1,051,309.64
Fixed Assets	63,755.56
Other Assets	4,602.34
TOTAL ASSETS	1,119,667.54
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	104,420.60
Equity	1,015,246.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,119,667.54



Financial Statements
December 31, 2018

Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc.

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc.
Los Angeles, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2018, and the related statements of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc. as of December 31, 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

The financial statements as of December 31, 2017, were audited by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, who joined Eide Bailly, LLP as of July 22, 2019, and whose report dated November 4, 2018, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eide Bailly LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pasadena, California
November 15, 2019

Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2018
with Comparative Totals for 2017

ASSETS	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 804,161	\$ 644,856
Accounts receivable	275,247	169,008
Grants receivable	207,900	324,850
Prepays	14,509	13,590
Other current assets	<u>10,300</u>	<u>4,742</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,312,117</u>	<u>1,157,046</u>
Noncurrent Assets		
Investments	8,979	8,600
Grants receivable, net	-	164,954
Furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements, net	<u>47,017</u>	<u>32,344</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>55,996</u>	<u>205,898</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,368,113</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,362,944</u></u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 215,428</u>	<u>\$ 58,615</u>
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	106,653	148,416
With donor restrictions	<u>1,046,032</u>	<u>1,155,913</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,152,685</u>	<u>1,304,329</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,368,113</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,362,944</u></u>

Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc.
Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2018
with Comparative Totals for 2017

	2018			
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	2017
Revenue and Support				
Grants	\$ 161,556	\$ 900,006	\$ 1,061,562	\$ 1,485,253
Program revenue	1,045,127	-	1,045,127	362,226
Contributions	316,996	-	316,996	200,860
Other revenue	41,565	-	41,565	57,091
Non cash contributions	2,045	-	2,045	936
Total Revenue and Support	1,567,289	900,006	2,467,295	2,106,366
Other Gains and Losses				
Unrealized gains on investments	379	-	379	1,458
Currency exchange losses	(9,895)	-	(9,895)	(771)
Total Other Gains and Losses	(9,516)	-	(9,516)	687
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	1,009,887	(1,009,887)	-	-
Total Revenue, Support, and Gains	2,567,660	(109,881)	2,457,779	2,107,053
Expenses				
Program services	1,968,696	-	1,968,696	1,176,707
Management and general	508,484	-	508,484	326,214
Fundraising	132,243	-	132,243	81,475
Total Expenses	2,609,423	-	2,609,423	1,584,396
Change in Net Assets	(41,763)	(109,881)	(151,644)	522,657
Net Assets, Beginning	148,416	1,155,913	1,304,329	781,672
Net Assets, Ending	\$ 106,653	\$ 1,046,032	\$ 1,152,685	\$ 1,304,329

Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended December 31, 2018
with Comparative Totals for 2017

	Program Services					Supporting Services				
	California	Kenya	Other Domestic	Other Foreign	Total	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	Total 2018	Total 2017
Payroll	\$ 632,472	\$ 328,853	\$ 4,910	\$ 22,741	\$ 988,976	\$ 279,438	\$ 105,340	\$ 384,778	\$ 1,373,754	\$ 921,651
Outside services	404,793	44,371	3,700	5,000	457,864	8,899	12,000	20,899	478,763	169,695
Materials	137,301	56,584	-	404	194,289	28	-	28	194,317	93,786
Travel	14,693	27,302	11,784	19,049	72,828	27,783	1,257	29,040	101,868	54,525
Payroll taxes	37,986	19,750	295	1,366	59,397	16,782	6,327	23,109	82,506	60,296
Occupancy	17,750	13,532	-	-	31,282	46,696	-	46,696	77,978	41,070
Labor	26,185	53,095	-	-	79,280	-	-	-	79,280	49,673
Accounting fees	-	3,458	-	-	3,458	28,275	-	28,275	31,733	33,794
Internet and web	-	1,221	-	-	1,221	25,183	-	25,183	26,404	29,013
Other costs	15,694	2,705	24	-	18,423	759	-	759	19,182	35,304
Computer and software	-	3,080	-	-	3,080	15,599	-	15,599	18,679	9,782
Office supplies	-	1,076	-	63	1,562	16,987	-	16,987	18,549	17,267
Printing	423	2,530	-	8	10,991	4,667	278	4,945	15,936	12,743
Insurance	-	2,973	-	-	2,973	11,284	-	11,284	14,257	9,403
Depreciation	-	3,180	-	-	3,180	10,813	-	10,813	13,993	5,101
Professional development	-	6,530	-	-	6,530	6,691	-	6,691	13,221	2,659
Fees and licenses	3,744	4,642	-	-	8,386	2,916	-	2,916	11,302	6,659
Security	-	10,434	-	-	10,434	-	-	-	10,434	9,792
Equipment and rental maintenance	4,502	2,560	-	-	7,062	-	-	-	7,062	7,200
Fundraising fees	-	-	-	-	-	8	4,897	4,905	4,905	2,498
Payroll services	-	-	-	-	-	4,263	-	4,263	4,263	1,622
Business promotions	-	1,437	-	-	1,437	201	2,114	2,315	3,752	89
Meetings	1,398	1,432	161	-	2,991	106	-	106	3,097	1,729
Telephone	-	2,163	-	-	2,163	66	-	66	2,229	3,298
Meals and entertainment	-	889	-	-	889	711	-	711	1,600	5,018
Postage and shipping	-	-	-	-	-	329	30	359	359	609
Coordinators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120
Total Expenses by Function	\$ 1,305,394	\$ 593,797	\$ 20,874	\$ 48,631	\$ 1,968,696	\$ 508,484	\$ 132,243	\$ 640,727	\$ 2,609,423	\$ 1,584,396

Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc.
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2018
with Comparative Totals for 2017

	2018	2017
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ (151,644)	\$ 522,657
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	13,993	5,101
Unrealized gains on investments	(379)	(1,458)
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(106,239)	(150,248)
Grants receivable	281,904	(167,954)
Prepays	(919)	(9,398)
Other current assets	(5,558)	(3,248)
Increase in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	156,813	33,689
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	187,971	229,141
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements	(28,666)	(18,303)
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	159,305	210,838
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	644,856	434,018
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 804,161</u>	<u>\$ 644,856</u>

Note 1 – Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc. (the Organization) was incorporated on August 17, 2010 and is formed as a charitable organization. The Organization is a nonprofit corporation established to work with impoverished communities around the world to design and build productive public spaces that improve sanitation, water quality, food security, and economic and social stability, along with other charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (including any successor statute thereto).

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which revenues are earned regardless of when cash is received and recognizes expenses in the accounting period in which the expenses are incurred regardless of when cash is disbursed.

Basis of Presentation

The Organization's financial statement presentation follows the recommendations prescribed by U.S. GAAP. In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

New Accounting Pronouncement

In 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standard Update (ASU) 2016-14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958) – *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. The ASU addresses the complexity and understandability of net asset classification, deficiencies in information about liquidity and availability of resources, and the lack of consistency in the type of information provided about expenses and investment return. This ASU modified the current guidance over several criteria of which the following affected the Organization's financial statements:

- Net assets are to be segregated into two categories, "with donor restrictions" and "without donor restrictions", as opposed to the previous requirement of three classes of net assets.
- Disclosure of qualitative and quantitative information relating to management of liquidity and the availability of financial assets to cover short-term cash needs within one year from the statement of financial position date.

The Organization has adjusted the presentation of these financial statements accordingly. The ASU has been applied retrospectively to all prior periods presented. The Organization has elected to omit the liquidity disclosures for 2017. The adoption of this ASU did not impact the Organization's net asset balance, change in net assets, or cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Comparative Financial Statements

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total, but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, from which the summarized information was derived.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization holds some cash that is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. Although cash balances may from time to time exceed the insured limits, management believes the Organization is not exposed to any significant credit risk with respect to those deposits.

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for doubtful accounts and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. No allowance for doubtful accounts receivable has been established as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, as management believes that the remaining accounts receivable are fully collectable.

Grants Receivable

Grants receivable are recorded as current at their net realizable value when they are awarded; those due in subsequent years are reflected as long-term grants receivable and are recorded at the present value of their net realizable value, discounted using low-risk interest rates applicable to the year in which the grant was unconditionally committed. No allowance for doubtful grants receivable has been established as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, as management believes that the remaining grants receivable are fully collectable.

Amounts awarded that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as with donor restrictions.

Investments

Investments include investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and are reported at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets. Investment income and gains restricted by a donor are reported as increases in without donor restrictions if the restrictions are met (either by passage of time or by use) in the reporting period in which the income and gain are recognized.

Furniture, Equipment, and Leasehold Improvements

Furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements are stated at cost on the date of acquisition or estimated fair value on the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows: furniture and fixture - 7 years, computer equipment - 5 years, and software - 3 years. Expenditures for renewals and betterments are capitalized and maintenance, repair, and minor equipment costs are recorded as current expenses.

Net Assets

The Organization's net assets comprise the following:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions represent expendable net assets that are not donor restricted and are available to support the program, administration, and fundraising of the Organization.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Represent net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time, or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both. The Organization had no net assets with donor restrictions that are perpetual in nature at December 31, 2018 or 2017.

Revenue and Support

Contributions are recorded in the year they are received. Contributions received are recorded as without donor restrictions, or with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restrictions. All donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the maturity of restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities and change in net assets as net assets released from restrictions. When restrictions are satisfied in the same accounting period that the contribution is received, revenue is reported as with donor restrictions and the related release are reported as net assets released from restrictions. Grants are recorded as revenue when they are awarded.

Donated Assets

Donations of furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements are recorded as support at their estimated fair values at the date of donation. Such donations are reported as without donor restrictions unless the donor has restricted the assets to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements are reported as restricted support. Absent donor stipulations regarding how long those donated assets must be maintained, the Organization reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired assets are placed in service as instructed by the donor. The Organization reclassifies net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions at that time.

Donated Services

The Organization receives donated services and records such services that create or enhance non-financial assets or that require specialized skills. Services provided by individuals possessing those skills would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function, including supporting services. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Expenses that cannot be directly attributed to a specific program area are charged to individual program areas based on the most appropriate allocation base, such as time and effort.

Income Taxes

The Organization qualifies as a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Organization has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the IRC. Further, it has been determined that the Organization is a “publicly supported” organization. Accordingly, contributions by individual donors qualify for the maximum limitation under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the IRC.

Nonprofit organizations are generally not liable for taxes on income; therefore, no provision is made for such taxes in the financial statements.

The Organization considers many factors when evaluating and estimating its tax positions and tax benefits, which may require periodic adjustments, and which may not accurately anticipate actual outcomes. The Organization evaluates its uncertain tax positions using the provisions in conformity with U.S. GAAP. These standards require management to perform an evaluation of all income tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Organization’s tax returns. Management believes the tax positions taken more likely than not will be sustained under examination by the applicable tax authorities. Examples of tax positions taken include the tax-exempt status of the Organization and various positions related to the potential sources of unrelated business taxable income. Since matters are subject to some degree of uncertainty, there can be no assurance that the Organization’s tax returns will not be challenged by the taxing authorities and that the Organization will not be subject to additional tax, penalties, and interests as a result of such challenge.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 2017 financial statements and related notes have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform to the presentation in the 2018 financial statements.

Note 2 – Programs

The majority of the Organization's activities relate to the accomplishments in impoverished areas of Kenya and underdeveloped areas in the United States.

The Organization's principal activities are as follows:

- To partner with residents of impoverished areas to develop and implement design solutions that improves physical, economic, and social quality of life.
- To implement participatory planning and design processes with communities to build Productive Public Spaces - public space amenities, build social networks, and develop small business enterprises.
- Understand the issues and needs and help find solutions for impoverished or underdeveloped areas by working in partnership with community groups to design and build beautiful and inviting places.
- To promote or assist in the promotion of any organization or company or other body having objectives similar to those of the Organization.

In 2018, the Organization carried out the following activities:

California

Continued development of community-led vacant lot transformation as part of work with the Free Lots Angeles coalition. Continued working with City of Los Angeles to pass a motion and develop a pilot project allowing residents to adopt city-owned vacant lots on a temporary basis for community use. Worked with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to continue developing Play Streets pilot program, designing multifunctional play pieces to activate streets and holding a total of 12 street activations over the course of the year. Created two street activations for Grant Housing and Economic Development Corps, and Youth Policy Institute (YPI), for their Kaboom! Play Everywhere grants. Developed wayfinding to promote active lifestyles for YPI.

Worked with Los Angeles County and various partners to activate a vacant lot at Vermont/Manchester in South Los Angeles to garner community input and buy-in for a permanent development. Construction administration and programming support for a 5-acre public space called Nuestro Lugar in North Shore, which opened in October 2018. Design development, construction documentation, and program development for a 14-acre public space in Oasis. Co-facilitated youth-led community science and storytelling activities around the Salton Sea in partnership with Alianza coalition. Completed community-led multi-modal mobility plan for Thermal and Oasis, began second mobility plan for North Shore and Mecca. Community engagement and concept design for new public space/nonprofit hub in Coachella. Community engagement and landscape concept design for 153-acre affordable housing development in Coachella. Pre-development for statewide technical assistance project, helping low-income cities co-design new parks, park renovations, and park upgrades in partnership with community members, then apply for state funding.

Kenya

Continuation of a three-year research project (2017-2019) on “community responsive adaptation” to flooding with Stockholm University, including household surveys. Construction work on the tenth public space project in the Andolo area of Kibera, Nairobi was ongoing for most of the year. A second phase of a Carpentry Academy for training Kibera youth in woodworking skills was initiated. Throughout 2018 the Organization continued with inputs to the “Urban Africa Risk Knowledge” consortium and delivered a project to develop the capacity of Kibera Public Space Project leaders – the Leadership Academy. The Organization delivered a series of risk communication strategies in a follow-on one-year project with Ideo.org funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. The Organization started a new project on communicating Climate and Weather information to residents with the Kenya Meteorological Service, and consortium partners in Tanzania and the UK, funded by DFID. Kenya staff attended and contributed to workshops and conferences in London, Stockholm, and Kampala. The Organization’s community team continued ongoing support on many community programs across multiple sites and micro loan programs to support community businesses.

Other Domestic

Pre-development for new community center in Homestead, in partnership with Farmworkers Association Florida.

Other Foreign

Worked with World Bank, Argentine Ministry of Interior, City of Mendoza, and students from Harvard Graduate School of Design to carry out desk and field research around gender and urban design in informal settlements, resulting in the creation of a toolkit for the Argentine Government and a set of concept designs for a plaza redevelopment by the Harvard students.

Note 3 – Liquidity and Availability of Resources

The financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following:

	<u>2018</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 804,161
Accounts receivable	275,247
Grants receivable	<u>207,900</u>
	<u>\$ 1,287,308</u>

The Organization maintains a policy of structuring its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. The Organization has \$1,046,032 in financial assets that are donor restricted but all are expected to be released in 2019. In the event of an unanticipated liquidity need, the Organization could liquidate investments that are without donor restrictions (Note 6) and could be made available for current operations, if necessary.

Note 4 – Grants Receivable

The balance of grants receivable at December 31, 2018 and 2017, are expected to be collected as follows:

	2018	2017
Less than one year	\$ 207,900	\$ 324,850
One to five years	-	175,000
	207,900	499,850
Less discount to present value	-	10,046
	<u>\$ 207,900</u>	<u>\$ 489,804</u>

Grants receivables that are due in more than one year are recorded at the present value of estimated future cash flows using a discount rate of 3%.

Note 5 – Furniture, Equipment, and Leasehold Improvements

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements consist of the following:

	2018	2017
Computers and equipment	\$ 48,326	\$ 30,415
Furniture and equipment	9,009	8,592
Leasehold improvements	7,380	-
Office equipment	10,910	7,952
	75,625	46,959
Less accumulated depreciation	28,608	14,615
	<u>\$ 47,017</u>	<u>\$ 32,344</u>

Note 6 – Fair Value Measurements

U.S. GAAP provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that management has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Equities: valued at fair value by reference to quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (unadjusted) and other relevant generated market transactions that the Organization has the ability to access at the measurement date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, assets at fair value as of December 31, 2018:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2018				
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	\$ 8,979	\$ 8,979	\$ -	\$ -

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, assets at fair value as of December 31, 2017:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2017				
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	\$ 8,600	\$ 8,600	\$ -	\$ -

Note 7 – Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted as follows at December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	2018	2017
Activities and other programs	\$ 668,260	\$ 941,942
Time	377,772	213,971
	<u>\$ 1,046,032</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,913</u>

Note 8 – Lease Commitments

The Organization leases office space under non-cancelable leases expiring between November 2020 and October 2024.

Minimum future lease payments for the succeeding years are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	
2019	\$ 57,524
2020	55,149
2021	14,735
2022	14,838
2023	15,354
Thereafter	<u>12,795</u>
	<u>\$ 170,395</u>

Total rental expense under these leases was approximately \$52,000 and \$41,000 for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Note 9 – Related Party Transactions

During the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, total grants and contributions received from board members, board members' family foundations, or immediate family members was approximately \$220,000 and \$91,000, respectively.

Note 10 – Concentrations

The Organization has concentrations in the following areas:

Grants and contributions: In 2018, approximately 44% of total grants and contributions were derived from two funding sources. In 2017, approximately 77% of total grants and contributions were derived from four funding sources.

Program revenue: In 2018, approximately 59% of total program revenue were derived from two customers. In 2017, approximately 84% of total program revenue were derived from two customers.

Note 11 – Continuing Operations

The Organization incurred a deficit in change in net assets of \$151,644 for the year ended December 31, 2018. The Organization has historically relied on cash flow from grants to meet their operating cash flow requirements. During 2018, the Organization's deficit was the net result of changing its funding sources from direct grants and contributions to more program revenues. Since December 31, 2018, the Organization has taken advantage of staff attrition for a few positions and they are not expected to be replaced. These reductions have made the Organization more efficient and will reduce the overall cost structure of the Organization. In addition, the Organization is working towards increasing program revenues and fundraising efforts. With these cost reductions and new fundraising efforts, management believes that these actions will enable the Organization to continue as a going concern through one year from the date these financial statements were issued.

Note 12 – Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 15, 2019, the issuance date of the financial statements.

Attachment 3

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF Kounkuey Design Initiative, Inc. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
FOR PROPOSITION 68 FUNDING FOR the
Mar Vista Gardens Greenway Design Project**

WHEREAS, voters of California passed the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) in June of 2018. The State Legislature has appropriated funds to the BHC for capital outlay and local assistance projects within the territory. Funds are to be awarded for resource protection and restoration, vegetation management and fire safety, visitor-serving development and improvements, community access, education and interpretation projects consistent with the statute creating the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC).

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

WHEREAS, the Conservancy's procedures require Kounkuey Design Initiative to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that Kounkuey Design Initiative must comply with; and

WHEREAS, Kounkuey Design Initiative will enter into an Agreement with the Conservancy to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kounkuey Design Initiative Board of Directors
HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 68 Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that Kounkuey Design Initiative understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that Kounkuey Design Initiative will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the project in perpetuity; including, but not limited to land acquisitions, capital improvement projects, and intellectual property-related deliverables (i.e. web-based content)
4. Certifies that Kounkuey Design Initiative has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; or has the right to assign maintenance to another agency; and
5. Appoints Kounkuey Design Initiative's Chelina Odbert or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Passed, approved and adopted this 28 day of April, 2020.

SIGNATURE:



ATTEST:

Attachment 4

Revised December 2019



California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps Corps Consultation Review Document



Proposition 68 – Parks, Environment and Water Bond

Except for an exempted project, this Corps Consultation Review Document shall be completed by California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps (hereafter collectively referred to as Corps) staff on behalf of applicants wishing to seek preference for using the Corps, and must accompany applications for funding through Proposition 68, Chapter 1, Division 45: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. Please see the [Corps Consultation Process](#) for more information. A copy of the process can be requested from the state department administering the grant program.

1. Name of Applicant: **Kounkuey Design Initiative**
Project Title: **Mar Vista Gardens Greenway Design Project**
Department/Conservancy to which you are applying for funding: **Baldwin Hills Conservancy**
Program: **Proposition 68 Lower Los Angeles River Grant Program**

This Consultation Review Document is being prepared by:

- ☐ The California Conservation Corps (CCC)
☒ **California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC)**

2. Applicant has submitted the required information by email to the Corps:
☒ **Yes, Applicant has submitted all necessary information.**
☐ No, Applicant has not submitted all information or did not submit information to both Corps. Application is deemed non-compliant.
3. Determination:
☐ It is NOT feasible for Corps services to be used on the project (deemed compliant).
☒ **It is feasible for Corps services to be used on the project.**

Please contact Los Angeles Conservation Corps to discuss costs and coordinate the planning of Corps involvement in this project, and reach out again if your project receives funding:

Name: Bo Savage
Email: bsavage@lccorps.org
Phone: 1-213-362-9000 ext. 238

Notes

CCC and CALCC representatives will return a Corps Consultation Review Document to applicant via email within 10 business days of receipt of a complete consultation request as verification of consultation. Applicant will include a copy of the documents as part of the project application.

If the Corps determine it is feasible for their services to be used on the project, applicant will contact the Corps to discuss costs and coordinate the planning of Corpsmember involvement in the project and reach out again if the project receives funding.

Submission of past consultations does not satisfy the requirement to consult with the Corps. The Corps must be consulted each grant cycle prior to submitting a grant application.



Proposal for Mar Vista
Community Greening Plan &
Greenway Design

April 30, 2020



California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps

Corps Consultation Review Document



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Grant Program: **Proposition 68**

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Application is deemed non-compliant.

3. Determination:
 - ☒ **It is NOT feasible for Corps services to be used on the project (deemed compliant).**
 - ☐ It is feasible for Corps services to be used on the project. The following aspects of the project can be accomplished with Corps services (deemed compliant):

Notes

CCC and CALCC representatives will return a Corps Consultation Review Document to applicant via email within 10 business days of receipt of a complete consultation request as verification of consultation. Applicant will include a copy of the documents as part of the project application.

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Letters of Support

Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica
Mar Vista Gardens Branch
4901 Marionwood Drive
Culver City, CA 90230
(310)397-8290

April 27, 2020

David F. McNeill
Executive Officer
Baldwin Hills Conservancy

Dear Mr. McNeill,

My name is J Gonzalez, Senior Branch Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, Mar Vista Gardens Branch (BGCSM). The BGCSM provides educational and recreational programs for youth ages 6-18 during out-of-school time. With the assistance of local partners, parents, volunteers, and schools, our program serves approximately 600 youth a year.

I am writing to support Kounkuey Design Initiative in their grant application for an urban greening vision plan for Mar Vista Gardens along Ballona Creek. Every day, I can see the need to improve the area between Mar Vista Gardens and Ballona Creek. The project KDI is proposing has the potential to transform this area from a place that people avoid to a great community space.

If KDI is awarded the grant, we would be interested in working with them to engage the youth who attend our programs. There's a lot of potential to connect themes of our programs – including 21st Century Careers and Education, Civic Engagement, and Healthy Habits – to the Ballona Creek project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (310)397-8290 or jesus@smbgc.org

Sincerely,

J Gonzalez, MPA
Senior Branch Director
Mar Vista Gardens Branch
Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica

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Proposal for Mar Vista
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SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT

April 27, 2020

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

**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE KOUNKUEY DESIGN INITIATIVE'S MAR VISTA GREENWAY
VISION PLAN PROJECT**

Dear Mr. McNeill:

I write in support of the Kounkuey Design Initiative's (KDI) proposal (Proposal) to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program for their Mar Vista Greenway Vision Plan Project (Project), which seeks to develop an urban greening plan for the Mar Vista community along Ballona Creek.

With the final segment of the Park to Playa Trail (Trail) slated for completion this fall, KDI's Proposal presents a timely opportunity to envision holistically about how both community connections to the Trail can be enhanced *and* environmental benefits such as improved water quality and habitat restoration can be achieved within the Ballona Creek watershed. The proposed Project would not only enhance public green spaces around Mar Vista Gardens, but also create key active transportation linkages to Ballona Creek.

KDI has the extensive technical expertise necessary to facilitate this community-led landscape design and planning effort; their team has an outstanding track record of marrying technical knowledge and design expertise with in-depth, contextually and culturally-specific community engagement. I have valued the opportunity to partner with KDI on community outreach and engagement for the Vermont Manchester Transit Priority Joint Development Project and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation's Prop 68 Grant applications, both of which were successful efforts.

This Proposal is an important next step in creating a more equitable, accessible, and active Ballona Creek, a vision I trust is shared by the board and staff of the entire Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

With hope,

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
Supervisor, Second District

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April 29, 2020

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

Dear Mr. McNeill,

We are writing to express our support of Kounkuey Design Initiative's application for funding through the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program to support an urban greening vision plan of the Mar Vista Gardens neighborhood along the Ballona Creek. This proposal represents a significant opportunity to prioritize water quality, habitat and recreation enhancement projects recommended by the Enhanced Watershed Management Program for the Ballona Creek Watershed (EWMP) and the Ballona Creek Greenway Plan around the disadvantaged community of Mar Vista Gardens public housing. The project will enhance public green spaces around Mar Vista Gardens to create key linkages and expand active transportation options along the Ballona Creek.

Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) is an internationally-recognized leader in community-led landscape design and planning, marrying technical knowledge and design expertise with in-depth, contextually and culturally-specific community engagement. Their involvement represents an important commitment to ensuring designs for the site are guided by community voices in coordination with government agencies and community organizations. The Project will result in a vision that will include concept designs for neighborhood greening and construction documents for the "Mar Vista Greenway and Artistic Gateways," connecting low-income, park poor residents to the Ballona Creek. The vision plan and designs will be instrumental in validating community priorities for the site, aligning stakeholders and site owners, and securing future funding for the site's development.

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles sees this project as aligning well with our mission, and if this proposal is funded, will commit to working with KDI to ensure the community engagement, plans and designs enhance affordable housing, making it more than just a place to live, but a place to thrive.

We see this proposal as an essential next step in creating a more equitable, accessible, and active Ballona Creek that extends park, recreation, and healthy living options to the disadvantaged community anchored by Mar Vista Gardens. We strongly urge the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to support and fund KDI's grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marisela Ocampo", is positioned above the printed name.

Marisela Ocampo
Director, Housing Services
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles



MIKE BONIN

City of Los Angeles
Councilmember, Eleventh District

April 30, 2020

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

Dear Mr. McNeill,

I am writing to express my support of Kounkuey Design Initiative's application for funding through the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program. This proposal will improve health, recreation, and transportation opportunities for low-income residents of Mar Vista Gardens while moving the Enhanced Watershed Management Program for the Ballona Creek Watershed (EWMP) and the Ballona Creek Greenway Plan closer to reality.

Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) has won awards across the world for their innovative, participatory planning processes. In Latin America and Kenya, they worked to upgrade informal spaces without displacement; this subject expertise would benefit Mar Vista Gardens residents who engage in informal labor and are shut out of social benefits systems due to their immigration status and native languages. The California chapter of the American Planning Association recognized KDI's mobility plan for low-income residents in Mecca, Thermal, and North Shore as the best of its kind statewide in 2019.

This proposal is an essential next step in expanding park, recreation, and healthy living options for Mar Vista Gardens along Ballona Creek. We strongly urge the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to support and fund KDI's grant application. For further questions, please contact my Del Rey Field Deputy, Nick Sundback, at (213) 462-8823 or nick.sundback@lacity.org.

Regards,

MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **SWP-1**

April 29, 2020

Mr. David F. McNeill
Executive Officer
Baldwin Hills Conservancy
5120 Goldleaf Circle, Suite 290
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Dear Mr. McNeill:

MAR VISTA GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN GREENING VISION PLAN BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY - PROPOSITION 68 GRANT PROGRAM LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District supports Kounkuey Design Initiative's (KDI) application to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Proposition 68 Grant Program for their urban greening vision plan of the Mar Vista Gardens neighborhood as it relates to the District's right of way. It is our understanding that the proposed vision plan will include concept designs of public green spaces in and around Mar Vista Gardens to create key linkages and expand transportation options along Sepulveda Channel and Ballona Creek. The District supports projects that are consistent with its goal of enhancing the aesthetics of flood control channels and their rights of way and promoting beneficial uses.

Prior to implementation of any proposed project on District right of way, KDI will be required to obtain conceptual approval and necessary permits from the District and other regulatory agencies for the proposed project and demonstrate compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. For projects located on the Ballona Creek levee, which was built by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, a Section 408 Permit will be needed from the Corps. Additionally, KDI may need to obtain from the Corps a variance from the Guidelines for Landscape Planting and Vegetation Management at Levees, Floodwalls, Embankment Dams, and Appurtenant Structures if the proposed project would encroach on the vegetation-free zone established by the Corps' Guidelines. The District looks forward to collaborating with KDI to develop projects that meet their goals, while balancing the needs of the District.

Mr. David F. McNeill
April 29, 2020
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If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Cung Nguyen at (626) 458-4341 or cunguyen@pw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

MARK PESTRELLA
Director of Public Works

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KEITH A. LILLEY
Assistant Deputy Director
Stormwater Planning Division

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cc: Kounkuey Design Initiative

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: May 29, 2020

Re: Item: 7 Consideration of Resolution # 20-06 Authorizing an Amendment to the Project Budget and Performance Period for Proposition 84 Agreement #BHC1708 with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project

Recommendation: Approve Resolution # 20-06 Authorizing an Amendment to the Project Budget and Performance Period for Proposition 84 Agreement #BHC1708 with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project

Background:

On December 8, 2017, the BHC Governing Board approved Resolution # 17-03 which Authorized a Proposition 84 Local Assistance Grant in an Amount not to Exceed \$830,684 to the LACC for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project.

During the execution of the project, a variety of delays were experienced by all Project partners, including LACC, California State Parks (State Parks) and the Los Angeles Audubon Society. LACC is seeking an extension to complete the Project (Attachment #1).

In the Fall of 2018, State Parks staff and equipment were diverted from the Project site due to re-assignments during the extensive California wildfires, specifically in Malibu. Therefore, the preparation of habitat restoration areas was not completed during the Fall planting season. Trail and tread work slowed as efforts had to shift to more hand-work from the crews.

In the Fall of 2019, rainy conditions created the need for erosion-control measures to be implemented on the Project. In December, State Parks began the installation of a culvert and retaining wall. While it was part of State Parks' scope, the timing and the extent of earthwork was not anticipated and became an immediate necessity to protect the integrity of staircase work during the rainy season.

In January 2020, after getting back to work, the LACC determined they would have to take their crews off the project temporarily. Productivity did continue utilizing State Parks staff and heavy equipment to make progress during that period of LACC crew's absence.

The total Project Budget includes a State Parks match for labor, equipment and materials in the amount of \$316,497. In early 2020, State Parks was able to convert \$45,000 of the match to cash to cover LACC labor.

The proposed Amendment would authorize a 6-month extension of the Performance Period (Attachment #2) as well as reconcile the Project Budget to reflect any line-item shifts. This Amendment does not augment the original Prop 84 Grant Amount in the amount of \$830,684.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 20-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROJECT BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PERIOD FOR PROPOSITION 84 AGREEMENT #BHC1708 WITH THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS (LACC) FOR THE BALDWIN HILLS SCENIC OVERLOOK TRAIL AND STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, under Division 22.7 of the California Public Resources Code, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was created to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the Conservancy territory; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code 32569 (a) states the Conservancy may award grants to local public agencies for the purposes of its division; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code 75060, funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Prop 84) are available for projects in the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek Watershed to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the State; and

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

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board adopted Resolution 17-03 authorizing a Prop 84 grant award in the amount of \$830,684 for agreement #BHC1708 with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps; and

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

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Conservation Corps has requested a six (6) month extension of the performance period from June 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, California State Parks has adjusted the construction schedule and shifted matching fund budget tasks to accommodate workforce and equipment availability during the 2019 California Wildfires and inclement weather conditions; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Baldwin Hills Conservancy hereby:

- 1. AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO AMEND THE CONTRACT TIMELINE BUDGET**

2. ADOPTS THE STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS DATED MAY 29, 2020 FOR THIS ITEM.
3. APPOINTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS AGENT TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO AGREEMENTS, PAYMENT REQUESTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT(S).

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on _____ 2020.

Keshia Sexton
Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General

Attachment #1 (Item 7)



Compton Creek Natural Park
941 West Cressey, Compton, CA 90222

May 15, 2020

Gail Krippner
Grant Program Manager
State of California // Baldwin Hills Conservancy
5120 W. Goldleaf Circle, Ste. 290
Los Angeles, CA 90056

RE: Timeline Extension Request (Agreement # BHC1708)

Dear Ms. Krippner,

The LA Conservation Corps (the Corps) respectfully requests an extension for **Agreement # BHC1708**. Specifically, the LA Corps requests to:

- Extend our completion date to December 31, 2020; and
- Submittal of a revised timeline identifying activities that will take place from June 30, 2020 – December 31, 2020.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, work at Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook has been delayed intermittently throughout the Project.

During the Fall of 2018, California State Parks sustained significant damage in Malibu due to the Woolsey Fire. This caused a drain on CA State Parks resources and resulted in deferral of Parks staff support and use of their heavy equipment. This delay prohibited progress on the project areas slated for native plant establishment. Therefore, the ideal planting season was prohibited and the season was missed. Los Angeles Audubon Society continued work on the project planting areas where they maintained plants for future planting.

In December 2019, the Corps work was delayed due to rainy weather and the necessity for State Parks to build a retaining wall and stormwater culvert. These elements were necessary to divert storm water runoff and reduce soil erosion near Stair Section 2. Without the culvert completion, the Corps could not complete the plantings in Restoration areas S2, K, L, M & N. During this time, it was determined that the Corps could not continue work until a heavy equipment operator was onsite consistently to work on and complete that culvert. The wall/culvert work was eventually completed in January 2020. The Corps returned onsite on March 2, 2020 and resumed work.

The Corps is requesting the 6-month extension to ensure that plantings and plan establishment can occur in the ideal planting season, Fall 2020. As such, the Corps respectfully requests an extension to complete the work and provide maintenance.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Wendy Butts

Chief Executive Officer
LA Conservation Corps

ATTACHMENT # 2 (Item 7)

Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project
PROJECT SCHEDULE

Revised as of May 2020

PROJECT ACTIVITY	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
Environmental Review	October 1, 2017 <u>January 1, 2018</u>	February 5, 2020 <u>March 30, 2018</u>
Project Scoping & Development	October 1, 2017	February 5, 2018 <u>January 1, 2018</u>
Public notifications about closures (on-going throughout duration of project)	January 8, 2018 <u>April 2, 2018</u>	February 5, 2019 <u>April 8, 2018</u>
Mobilization / Equipment Ops Prep	February 5, 2018 <u>April 23, 2018</u>	February 16, 2018 <u>May 6, 2018</u>
Staircase Work-post & cable fencing, irrigation, and staircase improvements/modifications	February 19, 2018 <u>October 8, 2018</u>	August 17, 2018 <u>August 28, 2020</u>
Trail Work-road to trail conversation, and trail to road conversation in sections 1-7 plus road behind V.C. (this includes all post & cable fencing)	August 20, 2018 <u>May 28, 2018</u>	December 20, 2018 <u>August 25, 2020</u>
Restoration Work-Plant Propagation	March 1, 2018 <u>October 29, 2018</u>	October 31, 2018 <u>April 30, 2020</u>
Restoration Work-Site Preparation	November 1, 2018 <u>October 1, 2018</u>	February 5, 2019 <u>April 30, 2020</u>
Restoration Work-Installation Temporary Irrigation	November 1, 2018 <u>October 1, 2018</u>	February 5, 2019 <u>April 30, 2020</u>
Restoration Work-Planting	November 18, 2018 <u>November 4, 2018</u>	February 5, 2019 <u>April 30, 2020</u>
Plant Establishment	February 5, 2019 <u>April 8, 2019</u>	February 1, 2020 <u>December 31, 2020</u>
Project Close-Out	February 1, 2020 <u>November 30, 2020</u>	March 1, 2020 <u>December 31, 2020</u>

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: May 29, 2020

Re: Item 8: Executive Officer Report

Projects Status Report

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

Fiscal Update

Please see Attachment # 2 - BHC Summary Expenditure Sheet by Fund and Attachment #3 - BHC Prop 1, Prop 40, Prop 84 and Prop 68 Bond Cash Funds. The reports correspond with the end of fiscal month seven (7) for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Legislative Update

Kamlager-Dove AB2000 – As of May 5, 2020 the Baldwin Hills Conservancy: Urban Watersheds Conservancy Expansion bill was re-referred to the Assembly Committee for Natural Resources. Due to the current economic crisis and the forthcoming budget deficit, the bill is likely to be held until the next legislative session. The Nature Conservancy along with the BHC Executive Officer presented at a web-based meeting hosted by the Airport Marina Sierra Club on May 19th.

May Revised Budget – The Governor submitted a May Revise budget with a call for reductions in spending to address the State's looming two-year \$54.3 billion budget shortfall attributed to the economic fall out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff is preparing for budget reductions for state operations of 5% and employee compensation reductions of 10% in the coming fiscal year.

**BHC Project Status Report
for 5/29/20**

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	\$3,900,000	12/31/2020	Contractor started on-site 12/11/19; Formwork and rebar installation for retaining wall is on-going; bridge is set to be delivered in August 2020; Substantial completion planned for November 2020; Estimated project completion in December 2020; Complete project close-out expected March 2021.
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project	Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC)	BHC1708	Prop 84	\$830,684	6/30/2020	Since park closures in March 2020, crews have installed most of the remaining post & cable fencing throughout the project; Crews are working on trail treadwork and preparing habitat restoration area in section 5; Grantee has requested a 6-month term extension per Item 7 of the 5/29/20 Agenda; Project completion expected Summer 2020; Complete project close-out expected March 2021.

**BHC Project Status Report
for 5/29/20**

Project Title	Grantee	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
Water Capture Project for Yvonne B. Burke Sports Complex	California Conservation Corps Foundation (CCCCF)	BHC1800	Prop 1	\$1,500,000	1/31/2021	Geotechnical Study delivered January 2020; Construction documents being reviewed with engineer and LA County Parks Planning; 2nd community outreach meeting planned for March 2020, was postponed due to State-mandated closures for Covid-19; Grantee plans to ask for a term extension this Summer; Original Project Completion expected January 2021 with Complete project close-out expected April 2021.

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<u>As of 1/31/2020</u>	<u>Activity #</u>	<u>Original Appropriation</u>	<u>Remaining Appropriation</u>	<u>EXP + ENC</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>Encumber by</u>	<u>Liquidate by</u>
<u>ELPF - #0140, Support</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-0140	10001	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 223,971.65	\$ 151,028.35	06/30/20	06/30/22
<u>Prop 40 - #6029, Support</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	10005	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 56,590.24	\$ 78,409.76	06/30/20	06/30/22
<u>Prop 84 - #6051, Support*</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10009	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 17,300.66	\$ 92,699.34	06/30/20	06/30/22
<u>Prop 1 - #6083, Support</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6083	10006	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 38,954.66	\$ 72,045.34	06/30/20	06/30/22
<u>Prop 68 - #6088, Support</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6088	10010	\$ 184,000.00	\$ 184,000.00	\$ 54,732.76	\$ 129,267.24	06/30/20	06/30/22
Total Support Balance:					\$ 523,450.03		

<u>Prop 1 - #6083, Local Assistance/ Capital Outlay</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	20011	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,300,000.00	06/30/22	06/30/24
2018 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	20009	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00	06/30/21	06/30/23
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	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	06/30/22	06/30/24
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	20004	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 473,149.28	\$ 82,149.28	\$ 391,000.00	06/30/21	06/30/23
Total Prop 1 Balance:					\$ 6,191,000.00		

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Prop 40 - #6029, Local Assistance							
2016 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6029	20007	\$ 6,025,000.00	\$ 6,025,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,025,000.00	06/30/22	06/30/24
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	20005	\$ 11,604,000.00	\$ 4,988,792.00	\$ 2,059,087.00	\$ 2,929,705.00	06/30/21	06/30/23
Total Prop 40 Balance:					\$ 8,954,705.00		
Prop 68 - #6088, Local Assistance/Capital Outlay							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6088	2XXXX	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00	06/30/22	06/30/24
2018 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6088	20010	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00	06/30/20	06/30/22
Total Prop 68 Balance:					\$ 2,200,000.00		
Prop 84 - #6051, Capital Outlay							
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30004	\$ 2,118,000.00	\$ 1,603,972.74	\$ 509,140.64	\$ 1,094,832.10	06/30/21	06/30/23
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30003	\$ 3,120,000.00	\$ 795,438.00	\$ 381,853.26	\$ 413,584.74	06/30/20	06/30/22
Total Prop 84 Balance:					\$ 1,508,416.84		

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 Prop 40 - #6029
 Prop 68 - #6088
 Prop 84 - #6051
 ELPF - #0140

Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, Chapter 188, Statutes of 2014
 California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2001, Chapter 875, Statutes of 2001
 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Bond Act of 2017, Chapter 852, Statutes of 2017
 Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006
 California Environmental License Plate Fund of 1979, Chapter 1105

BOND CASH FUNDS**Bond Cash - As Of 05-14-20**

COMMERCIAL PAPER TE		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
PROP 68:	6088	\$110,000.00	\$76,749.39	\$33,250.61

2015 COMMERCIAL PAPER TE		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
PROP 84:	6051	\$3,977,819.00	\$3,889,686.98	\$88,132.02
PROP 40:	6029	\$6,911,320.92	\$6,764,919.09	\$146,401.83
PROP 1:	6083	\$2,114,220.35	\$1,943,951.99	\$170,268.36

All figures are derived from the Agency Bonds Consolidated Reporting System v1.3 (ABCRS)