

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held
Friday, February 26, 2021 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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USA 888 278 0296 US Toll-free

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Materials for the meeting will be available at the Conservancy website on the Meetings & Notices tab in advance of the meeting date.

10:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Raissa White, 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 (December) – Dr. Raissa White, Chair
3. Public Comments – Dr. Raissa White, Chair
4. Message from the Chair – Dr. Raissa White, Chair
5. Recognition of Past Chair Keshia Sexton - Dr. Raissa White, Chair
6. Consideration of Resolution # 21-01 Authorizing a BHC Proposition 84 Local Assistance Grant, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$19,941 to Honeylove Urban Beekeepers for the Stoneview Nature Center Sanctuary Apiary – David McNeill, Executive Officer

7. Update on Amendment to Agreement #BHC1800 with California Conservation Corps Foundation for the Water Capture Project at Yvonne B. Burke Sports Complex – David McNeill, Executive Officer
8. Executive Officer Report: Legislative, Annual FPPC Reporting, 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 **March 26, 2021.*

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability related modification or accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call the Conservancy at (323) 290-5270 at least five days prior to the meeting. For more information about the Conservancy, you may visit our website at www.bhc.ca.gov

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
Friday, December 18, 2020**

10:00 a.m. Call to Order - A public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) was assembled at 10:03 a.m. on Friday, December 25, 2020 via teleconference Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020.

I. Roll Call – Gail Krippner, BHC Staff

Members Present: Armando Abrego, Megan Cooper, Lloyd Dixon, Norma Garcia, Peter Garcia, Karly Katona, Dr. Nicole Lawson, Jennifer Lucchesi, Amanda Martin, Sarah Rascon, Keisha Sexton, Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas, Marina Voskanian, Jacqueline Dupont Walker, Jerry West, Dr. Raissa White, Udak-Joe Ntuk.

Staff Present: David McNeill, Executive Officer; Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager; Tiffany Jones, Project Manager; David Edsall Jr., Deputy Attorney General.

II. Approval of Minutes (September) – Keisha Sexton, Chair

Member Ntuk provided a motion to approve the minutes unanimously. Member Norma Garcia seconded the motion. There being no objections or questions, the Chair called for any objections to the approval of the minutes. With no objections, the minutes were approved. Introduction of Jennifer Lucchesi, who will take over for retiring Marina Voskanian, in the new year.

III. Public Comments – Keshia Sexton, Chair

There were no comments.

IV. Message from the Chair – Keshia Sexton, Chair

The chair wishes everyone a happy holiday and a happy new year.

V. Special Recognition Awards for 2nd Supervisorial District's Leadership – Keshia Sexton, Chair

Chair Sexton and Executive Director David McNeill presented the awards of appreciation to Marina Voskanian, Karly Katona and Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas. They then opened the floor for others to offer their thanks.

VI. Election of Board Officers Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558 of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act – Keshia Sexton, Chair

Chair Sexton and Executive Director David McNeill introduced and gave the qualifications for the nominee for Vice-Chair for the new year, Megan Cooper. Approval was reached through acclamation of all board members by clapping.

VII. Discussion and possible action on the proposed Baldwin Hills Conservancy 2021 Meeting Calendar – Dr. Raissa White, Vice Chair

Vice-Chair White asked if anyone had any conflicting events with the calendar dates proposed. Member Martin asked that the May 14th meeting be moved to May 21st. The change was made, and all other days were approved.

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

Representatives Project status updates were given by Gail Krippner. She discussed the new projects (Green Valley, KDI, Tree People, Climate Resolve) that will soon get started, those that will be finishing soon (LACC), and those that are in progress (YBB). Executive Director David McNeill discussed the DTSC interagency agreement for the Phase 1 assessment of the 21-acres behind Upper Ladera.

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

Member Norma Garcia asked people to vote for the La Cienega Bridge, as it is a finalist in the USA Today Top 10 Best New Attractions.

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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **January 29, 2021.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Approved:

Dr. Raissa White, Chair

Date

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Dr. Raissa White, Chair

Date: February 26, 2021

Re: Item 5: Presentation to Keshia Sexton recognizing her service as past Chair of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy

Recommendation: Not applicable.

Background: Award to be presented at meeting.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: February 26, 2021

Re: Item 6: Consideration of Resolution # 21-01 Authorizing a BHC Proposition 84 Local Assistance Grant, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$19,941 to Honeylove Urban Beekeepers for the Stoneview Nature Center Sanctuary Apiary

Recommendation: Approve Resolution # 21-01 authorizing a BHC Proposition 84 Local Assistance Grant, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$19,941, to Honeylove Urban Beekeepers for the Stoneview Nature Center Sanctuary Apiary

Background: Honeylove Urban Beekeepers has submitted an application for Prop 84 funds for the Stoneview Nature Center Sanctuary Apiary (see Attachment #1.) The \$19,941 project represents a collaborative partnership with Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation that would establish a utilitarian honeybee colony in the Parklands for observation, staff training, interpretation and educational programming.

The proposal brings the opportunity to help address Colony Collapse Disorder in a densely populated urban setting. Since it was first identified in 2006, Colony Collapse Disorder has decimated the world's Honeybee population. Despite extensive scientific research there still isn't a definitive answer to what causes the collapse or a solution to stop it. Through the advocacy of its initiatives, Honeylove achieved success in 2015 when the City and County of Los Angeles legalized beekeeping in residential neighborhoods, parks and other urban open spaces, paving the way for the health of our urban Honeybee population to improve.

The installation of a formal apiary in the Baldwin Hills Parklands would provide the infrastructure necessary for Honeylove Urban Beekeepers to deliver ongoing training and interpretive programming to visitors at Stoneview Nature Center at no additional cost. The applicant will provide an in-kind contribution of \$6,647 towards the design and construction of the project, which exceeds the 25% match requirement.

The application was assessed using the criteria adopted by the BHC Board in April 2011. The proposed scope of work includes:

- Constructing a 35 x 35 ft Sanctuary Apiary on Los Angeles County land adjacent to Stoneview Nature Center to house rescued honeybees.
- Constructing a 30 x 30 ft gravel base public viewing platform, and adjoining 8 x 16 ft storage shed, enclosed by a chain link fence with native vines to provide local resident privacy.
- Installing a small water feature powered by a solar water pump (CA's Food and Agriculture Code has a 50 ft adjacency water requirement for beehives)
- Procuring up to three observational hives: (1) Portable Hive that may be used for classroom presentations; (1) Outdoor Full Hive with side observation panels for used during nature walks; (1) Full Indoor/Outdoor Fixed Location with two-sided Glass Panels.

The criteria review of the project application successfully corresponded with the following four goals of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan, and the BHC's Strategic Plan: 1) increases active recreation opportunities for underserved communities; 2) provides for public access and entryways, 3) protects and restores natural habitat; 4) emphasizes connections between existing parks, trails, and urban streams.

Stoneview Nature Center Sanctuary Apiary
Honeylove Urban Beekeepers

PROP 84 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

(For use in the determination of the eligibility of Conservancy grants and projects authorized under Division 22.7 of the California Public Resources Code)

STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

a. Located within the BHC territory

Site map and narrative identify project is within the Conservancy territory and boundaries as described in PRC 32553 (a).

b. Promotion of the Conservancy's statutory programs and purposes

PRC 32569 (a): Conservancy may award grants to local public agencies for the purposes of this division

PRC 32565.5 (b): Conservancy shall give priority to related projects that create expanded opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills area.

c. Consistency with purposes of Prop 84 statute

PRC 75060: Bond funds are available for projects to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the State.

d. Consistency with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan (BMPMP)

Pedestrian Access and Trail Connections, page 46: "Key public access points would allow easy connections to major public trails and access into the park."

Education and Interpretation, Page 76, BHPMP: "Providing opportunities for outdoor education and use of the Baldwin Hills Park as a living laboratory is a primary management goal. Protecting and restoring natural habitat shall be coordinated with education programs whenever possible, in conjunction with park-provided visitor interpretive programs, area schools, after-school and other youth programs."

e. Greater-than-local interest

With nearly 3 million Californians residing in a five-mile radius of the Baldwin Hills territory (according to the 2000 census data), and over 58 million tourist trip visits to the Los Angeles area annually, the land resources in the Baldwin Hills represent an extraordinarily unique value to the entire state.

f. Demonstrated expertise in the proposed program area

Honeylove Urban Beekeepers has over a decade of extensive experience

establishing and managing large and small bee colonies throughout the LA basin including at Griffith Park in the City of Los Angeles.

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

- **Leverage**

Funding leverage includes Honeylove Urban Beekeepers' in-kind match of \$6,647, which is a 33% contribution towards the BHC award request.

- **Resolution of more than one issue**

This project resolves multiple issues to include: addressing the environmental threat to local bee populations; improving natural pollination of ecosystems and its connection to improved biodiversity; educating the public on conservation of species and native habitats; providing public access and interpretation.

- **Readiness**

Honeylove Urban Beekeepers' is ready to implement the project and has sufficient available staff to begin work immediately. Los Angeles County Parks has demonstrated their commitment to support the project.

- **Realization of prior BHC goal**

The project improves upon the existing "Bee Hotel" concept at Stoneview Nature Center by installing a proper and functioning apiary for honeybees. The programming aspect also meets part of the nature interpretive goals as promulgated in the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 21-01

AUTHORIZING A BHC LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,941 OF BHC PROPOSITION 84 FUNDS TO THE HONEYLOVE URBAN BEEKEEPERS FOR THE STONEVIEW NATURE CENTER SANCTUARY APIARY

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 nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organizations for the purposes of its division; and

WHEREAS, the Honeylove Urban Beekeepers is a non-profit under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; 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 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 Honeylove Urban Beekeepers adopted Resolution approving the submission of an application for local support from the BHC Prop 84 funds; and

WHEREAS, Honeylove Urban Beekeepers has submitted an application for a BHC Proposition 84 local assistance grant for the STONEVIEW NATURE CENTER SANCTUARY APIARY; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation has partnered with the Honeylove Urban Beekeepers to successfully plan and implement this project with a commitment to cooperatively manage the improvements upon negotiated completion and terms; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the project are consistent with the funding source and grant requirements adopted by the BHC under Resolution 10-06; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code 32565.5 (b) the BHC shall give priority to related projects that create expanded opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills Area; and

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

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

1. AUTHORIZES A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,941 OF BHC PROPOSITION 84 FUNDS TO HONEYLOVE URBAN BEEKEEPERS FOR THE STONEVIEW NATURE CENTER SANCTUARY APIARY.
2. ADOPTS THE STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2021 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 _____ 2021.

Dr. Raissa White Chair

ATTEST: _____

David Edsall

Deputy Attorney General

Attachment #1

State of California — The Natural Resources Agency
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

PROJECT NAME		\$ 15,957.56	
Stoneview Nature Center Sanctuary Apiary		GRANT AMOUNT	
		\$ 28,452.56	
GRANTEE (Agency and address-including zip code and email)		COUNTY	NEAREST CITY
Honeylove		Los Angeles	Culver City
1716 Ocean Park Blvd.		PROJECT ADDRESS	
Santa Monica, CA 90405		5950 Stoneview Dr, Culver City, CA 90232	
Paul@honeylove.org		NEAREST CROSS STREET	
EIN Number: 45-2863213		Los Cienega Boulevard	
		SENATE DISTRICT NO.	ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO.
		26	47

Grantee's Representative Authorized in Resolution:

Paul Hekimian	Board Director	(310) 344-1811
Name (type)	Title	Phone

Person with day-day responsibility for project (if different from authorized representative):

George Braunegg	Project Manager	(310) 503-7356
Name (type)	Title	Phone

Brief description of project:

Develop a 35 x 35 foot Sanctuary Apiary for rescued honey bees and conduct "open hive" educational classes on a gravel base enclosed by a chain link fence with native vines to provide local resident privacy and a storage shed.

For Dev. projects Land Tenure – Project is: .031 acres: Acres owned in fee simple by Grant Applicant Acres available under a year lease☒ Acres other interest (explain) Land UseAgreement with Los Angeles CountyFor Acquisition projects-Projects will be acres Acquired in fee simple by Grant Applicant Acquired in other than fee simple (explain)

I certify that the information contained in this project application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signed

Grantee's Authorized Representative as shown in Resolution

Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE **HONEYLOVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
APPROVING **THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS**
FROM THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
FOR PROPOSITION 84 FUNDING FOR the
STONEVIEW NATURE CENTER SANCTUARY APIARY

WHEREAS, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, was adopted by California voters in the general election on November 7, 2006, which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the State for the purpose of preventing contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, protecting and restoring the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, promoting access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state, and

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 **HONEYLOVE** 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 **HONEYLOVE** must comply with; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE **HONEYLOVE** Board of Directors HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 84 Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that **HONEYLOVE** understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that **HONEYLOVE** 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
4. Appoints **PAUL HEKIMIAN**, 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 _____ 8th day of _____ December _____, 2020



ATTEST Chelsea McFarland, Board Chair

Proposition 84 Grant Request
Sanctuary Apiary
December 31, 2020

Submitted by: HoneyLove

PROJECT NARRATIVE / SCOPE

Los Angeles County and HoneyLove have agreed in principle to a partnership arrangement based upon the document issued on 11-25-19 and amended for clarity on 4-17-20. (See attached Appendix). The arrangement includes various initiatives to support the County with educational program development and execution, staff training and ongoing public education sessions, installation and maintenance of Honey bee observation hives within the park, conducting Honey bee rescues and establishing a Sanctuary Honey bee Apiary. Exhibit 1 is submitted as evidence of Los Angeles County's support of this Grant Request and the County's willingness to grant HoneyLove a Land Use Agreement.

This Proposition 84 Grant request is specifically related to:

- Establishing a 35 x 35-foot Sanctuary Honey bee Apiary on County land adjacent to Stoneview Nature Center to be used to house rescued Honey bees and conduct "open hive" educational classes on a 30 x 30-foot gravel base enclosed by a chain link fence with native vines to provide local resident privacy with an adjoining storage shed.
- Installation of observation bee hives within the Nature Center to provide visitors the opportunity to observe Honey bees during nature walks and/or educational sessions in the Community Room.

The remainder of this document provides a detailed description of the proposed Apiary, the underlying rationale for the initiative and an overview of how the proposal supports Proposition 84's Goal and Objectives.

Apiary Description

Location

- Land between La Cienega Blvd and Stoneview Nature Center behind an existing privacy wall.
 - Exhibits 2 and 3 contains "Required Maps" showing location.

Physical Requirements (See Exhibit 4)

- 35ft. x 35ft. area surrounded by a 6 ft. chain link fence with slats or screen
 - For long term privacy of local homes, a California native vine or other plant acceptable to County arborists will be planted around the fence.

- 30ft. x 30ft. on crushed gravel base on landscape fabric to prevent weed growth.
 - Flat area will be created by establishing an 18 to 24 inch retaining wall. (See Exhibit 3).
- 8 x 16 shed on a 4 x 4 base for storage and to provide additional privacy for local homes.
- A water source comprised of a small creek & pond with a solar powered water pump.
 - Water within 50ft of hives is an LA County requirement of apiaries.

Observation of Honey bees

We propose 3 different types of equipment that may be used for Honey bee observation.

1. Portable Hive that may be used for classroom presentations.



2. Outdoor Full Hive with Side Observation Panels for use during nature walks.



3. Full Indoor/Outdoor Fixed Location with two-sided Glass Panels.



Asset Ownership

Los Angeles County will own of any and all assets acquired through funding per this request. However, any and all bee hives and beekeeping equipment not funded by this grant request will remain the property of Honeylove and/or individual beekeepers participating the overall program.

PROJECT TIMELINE

We anticipate 100% of the work to build the Apiary will be accomplished by volunteers during weekends. Based upon the 12 major tasks outlined below, we anticipate the total elapsed time to build the Apiary to be approximately 12 weeks.

Task Number	Task	Estimated Completion Date
1	Level Area	4/3/21
2	Build Retaining Walls	4/4/21
3	Install Gravel Base	4/10/21
4	Install Shed Foundation	4/25/21
5	Build Shed	5/2/21
6	Paint Shed	5/16/21
7	Install Shed Roof & Shelving	5/23/21
8	Dig Postholes and Install Fence Pipe	6/6/21
9	Install Fence and Gate	6/13/21
10	Install Water Source/Pond	6/19/21
11	Build and Install Apiary Stands	6/20/21
12	Build and Install Observation Hives	6/27/21
Total		

Other tasks where executing time still must be determined:

- Adjust existing irrigation to accommodate vine plantings around the fence.

PROJECT COSTS

We estimate that the total cost of the Project is \$28,452.56¹ with material costs totaling \$15,957.56

- Exhibit 5 provides a Summary of the Total Project Cost by Task as well as supporting detail regarding the anticipated labor hours and related hourly cost by type of work² and material costs associated with each Task.

¹ Please note that these cost estimates for both materials and labor DO NOT include costs for additional shed foundation beyond that provide by the manufacturer. Based upon the physical site, it is possible that Los Angeles County may have additional foundational requirements.

² The In-Kind labor costs are based upon the 2021 Los Angeles County minimum wage for laborers and \$35 per hour as a reasonable rate for the supervisor of a work crew.

anticipated labor to be provided as an “In-Kind” Donation equaling \$12,495, which equates to 44% of the total cost, exceeding the minimum requirement by a significant margin.

All HoneyLove Volunteers will sign a waiver of liability protecting the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, the State of California and County of Los Angeles.

Rationale for the Proposed Project

Roughly one third of the world’s food depends upon Honey bees for pollination. Unfortunately, worldwide the Honey bee population is under siege.

ABC News, Jul 9, 2019

Nearly 40% decline in Honey bee population last winter 'unsustainable,' experts say

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/40-decline-honey-bee-population-winter-unsustainable-experts/story?id=64191609>Independent, May 20, 2019

Dozens of bee species extinct or on verge of disappearing across UK, study finds

<https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/bees-extinct-climate-change-habitat-loss-pollution-economy-wwf-a8921221.html>

Since it was first identified in 2006, Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) has decimated the world’s Honey bee population. CCD is when all the adult Honey bees simply disappear from the hive, all at the same time. Despite extensive scientific research there still isn’t a definitive answer to what causes CCD, nor is there a solution. CCD is believed to be complex and the result of multiple factors. One study evaluated 61 factors and found that no single stressor stood out as the primary cause of CCD.

Tragically, fourteen years since it was first encountered the impact of CCD is still being felt. On July 5, 2019, the Washington Post reported “*This past winter saw the highest Honey bee colony losses on record.*” If there is good news related to Honey bees, it’s coming from Urban Beekeepers across the country. As referenced in a February 2014 article entitled “*Can Urban Beekeeping Stop the Beepocalypse?*” <https://science.time.com/2014/02/13/can-urban-beekeeping-stop-the-beepocalypse/> there is substantial potential for urban beekeepers to play a key role in the preservation of Honey bees. Urban Beekeepers have experienced significantly less CCD than commercial beekeepers. The proposed Apiary will contribute to preserving Honey bees as a key natural resource.

Proposed Project & Proposition 84 Goals

We believe that the goals to increase active recreation opportunities for underserved communities as well as emphasize the connection between existing parks, trails, and urban streams will be addressed via the Educational Programing and physical presence of Honey bees in and around Stoneview Nature Center. Specifically, the observation hives and the educational services and support by HoneyLove will provide visitors an opportunity to view Honey bees and increase public awareness of the vital importance of pollinators as well as the many challenges facing pollinators from pesticides, parasites, habitat loss, etc.

In addition, the Sanctuary Apiary will provide unique hands-on educational opportunities and promote Urban Beekeeping. Further, in and of itself the Apiary can prevent the needless extermination of feral Honey bee colonies in the Baldwin Hills Ballona Creek area. Feral colonies are being routinely euthanized by LA County Vector Control, the Fire Department and professional exterminators. One of the key reasons is that there are not enough Urban Beekeepers and by LA City Ordinance, Urban Beekeepers are limited to 2 colonies per private residence. Absent the proposed Apiary there are limited locations for Urban Beekeepers to locate rescued colonies.

With respect to protecting and restoring natural habitat we would like to point to an unprecedented 2018 study conducted by the University of California San Diego that found “that Honey bees are the world’s most important single species of pollinator in natural ecosystems and a key contributor to natural ecosystem functions.”

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/01/180110101005.htm>

In terms of how the Proposed Project will protect watersheds connecting to Santa Monica Bay, we believe a research initiative outlined in the Journal of Earth Science & Climatic Change titled Beekeeping as Integrated Watershed Conservation and Climatic Change Adaptation: An Action Research in Boredo Watershed is noteworthy. <https://www.omicsonline.org/open-access/beekeeping-as-integrated-watershed-conservation-and-climatic-change-adaptation-an-action-research-in-boredo-watershed-2157-7617.1000213.php?aid=29441>

The research concluded that watersheds utilized by beekeepers enjoyed enhanced watershed conservation and climate change adaptation as a result of beekeeper efforts.

Based upon the above we believe the proposed Apiary addresses the following Proposition 84 Goals:

- ✓ Increase active recreation opportunities for underserved communities.
- ✓ Emphasize connection between existing parks, trails, and urban streams.
- ✓ Protect and restore natural habitat.
- ✓ Protect watersheds connecting to Santa Monica Bay.

Proposed Project Alignment with Proposition 84 Objectives:

Los Angeles County Park & Recreation's willingness to support this initiative is not only demonstrated by providing the use of County Land; the attached letter of support from the Stoneview Nature Center's Superintendent is further evidence of support. In addition, please find letters of support from California State Parks, Andre Wm Jones, Ladera Civic Association, Vista de Oro Block Club. In August of 2019 HoneyLove hosted a community event on National Honey bee Day to educate residents on the importance of Honey bees that was attended by a large number of local residents. In February HoneyLove conducted a fantastic 90-minute presentation on Backyard Beekeeping attended by over 60 local residents.

In terms of Interest beyond the local area, we can point to numerous state and national organizations dedicated to protecting, preserving and promoting pollinators such as Washington DC based "The Xerces Society" <https://www.xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center/california> as well as UC Davis Honey and Pollination Center, <https://honey.ucdavis.edu/>

HoneyLove <http://honeylove.org/> is a 501(c)(3) Not for Profit organization based in Santa Monica, California whose mission is to "Protect Honey bees by educating communities and inspiring new Urban Beekeepers". Over the 9 years since its founding, Honeylove has been a stalwart advocate for the preservation and protection of Honey bees and major proponent of urban beekeeping. In fact, in 2015 it was Honeylove that spearheaded the effort that resulted in the Los Angeles City Council reversing 136-year-old ordinance that made beekeeping within City limits illegal. <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-backyard-beekeeping-los-angeles-20140211-story.html> Finally, HoneyLove has a Sanctuary Apiary at the Barlow **Respiratory Hospital** in Griffith Park. As such, the Barlow is clear evidence that HoneyLove has demonstrated the required experience/expertise.

Accordingly, we believe the proposed project:

- ✓ Promotes the BHC's statutory programs and purposes.
- ✓ Is consistent with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan.
- ✓ Is consistent with purposes of the funding source.
- ✓ Has support from the public.
- ✓ Benefits the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek region, and absent funding those benefits will not be realized.
- ✓ Enjoys strong local support & international interest in Honey bee protection; and
- ✓ Is sponsored by an organization with demonstrated experience, expertise and commitment.



Exhibit 1

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

Norma E. García-González, Director

December 30, 2020

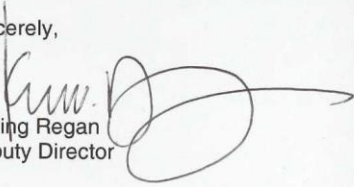
Mr. David F. McNeill
Executive Officer
Baldwin Hills Conservancy
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Los Angeles, CA 90056

Dear David,

The County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks & Recreation (LACDPR) is currently in discussions with the HoneyLove organization regarding the proposed installation of a honeybee apiary at Stoneview Nature Center. HoneyLove is a Los Angeles based 501(c)3 non-profit conservation organization with a mission to protect the honeybees by educating our communities and inspiring new urban beekeepers.

HoneyLove has submitted a project proposal that has received initial support for use of park land at Stoneview Nature Center for the creation of a honeybee sanctuary and apiary that would serve the Los Angeles County community as a site to conduct urban bee keeping training and educational programming. LACDPR is moving forward with drafting a formal use agreement and seeking final approvals.

Sincerely,


Kevin Regan
Deputy Director

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EXHIBIT 2

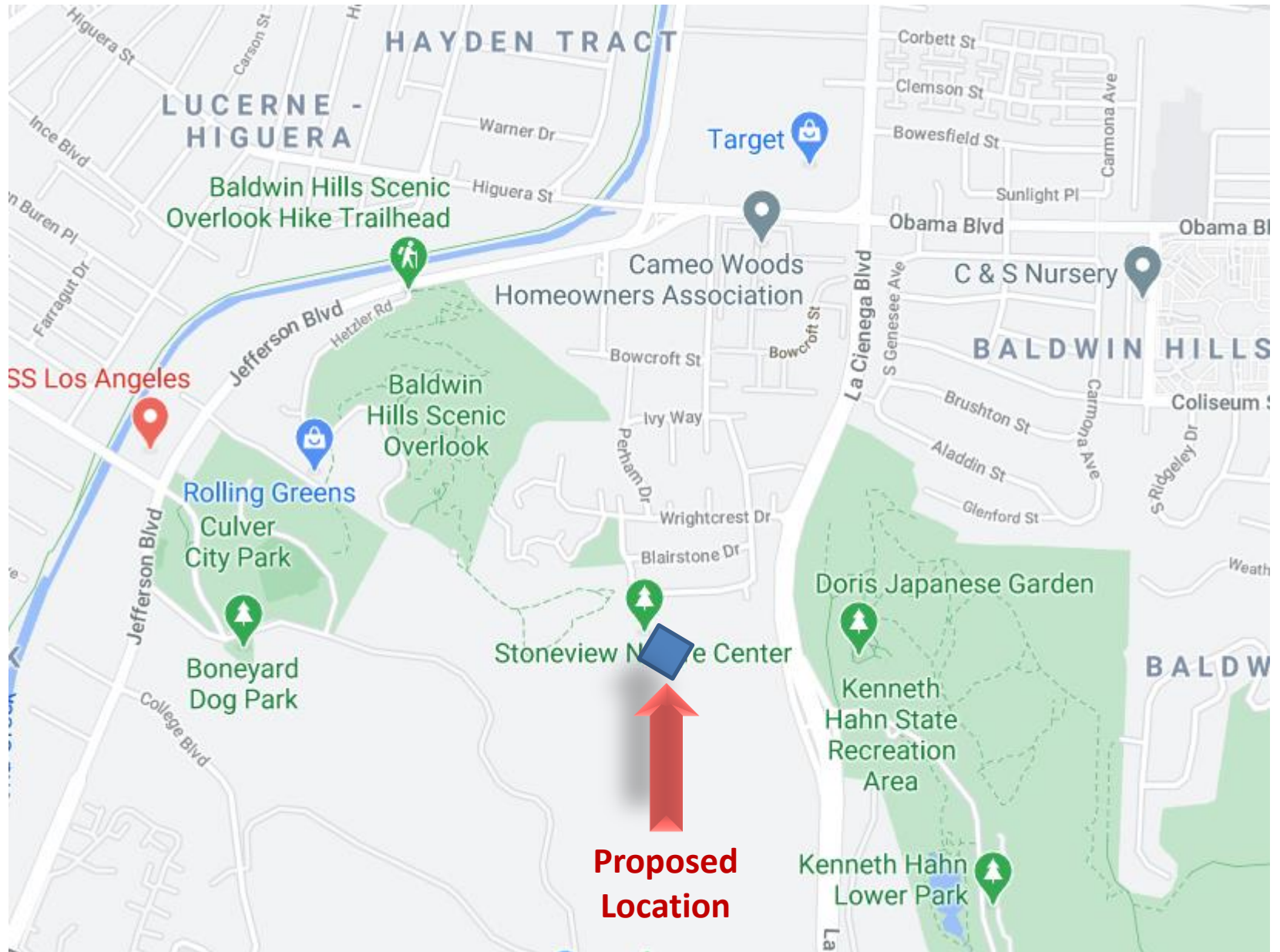


EXHIBIT 3



EXHIBIT 4

We anticipate working with County to determine the appropriate approach and materials for the shed base

**8x16
Storage Shed**



4 inches of Crushed Gravel over Landscape Cloth

30 ft x 30 ft

4 x 4s to retain gravel (used rebar to hold in place)

Gate 42 inch

Small Pond

Existing Wall

6 foot Chain Link Fence

35 Feet

35 Feet

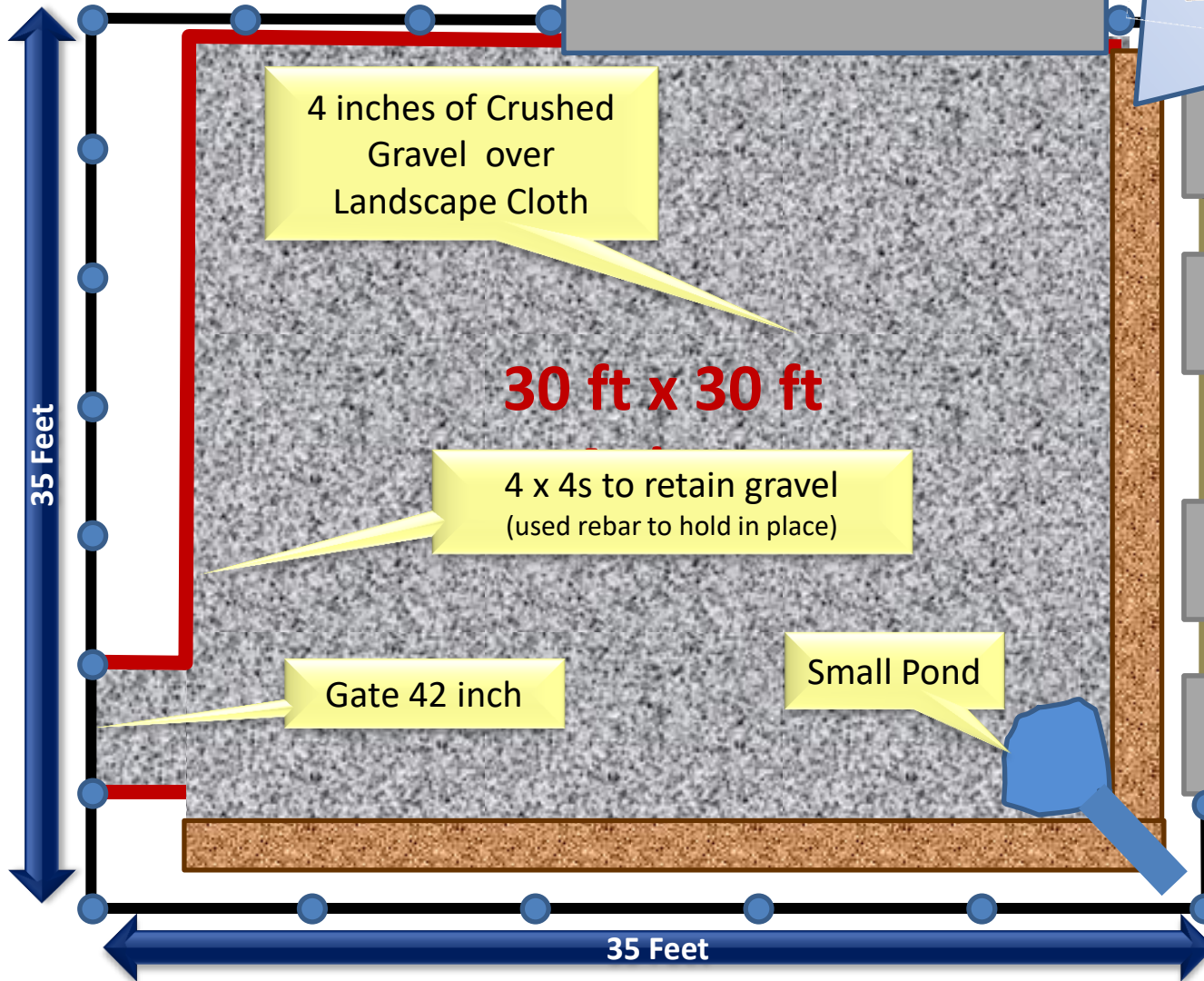


EXHIBIT 5
Project Budget

Task Number	Task	Honey Love Contribution (In-Kind)	Baldwin Hills Conservancy (Prop 84 Funds)	Project Budget
1	Level Area	\$880.00	\$0.00	\$880.00
2	Build Retaining Walls	\$1,325.00	\$1,473.65	\$2,798.65
3	Install Gravel Base	\$670.00	\$274.48	\$944.48
4	Install Shed Foundation	\$795.00	\$7,099.65	\$7,894.65
5	Build Shed	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
6	Paint Shed	\$1,550.00	\$608.30	\$2,158.30
7	Install Shed Roof & Shelving	\$550.00	\$1,654.98	\$2,204.98
8	Dig Postholes and Install Fence Pipe	\$1,235.00	\$660.72	\$1,895.72
9	Install Fence and Gate	\$2,480.00	\$2,069.87	\$4,549.87
10	Install Water Source/Pond	\$430.00	\$727.77	\$1,157.77
11	Build and Install Apiary Stands	\$430.00	\$869.97	\$1,299.97
12	Build and Install Observation Hives	\$150.00	\$518.18	\$668.18
Total		\$12,495.00	\$15,957.56	\$28,452.56

Title of Employee	Hours Worked	Rate/Hour	Project Budget
Project Supervisor	129	\$35.00	\$4,515.00
Laborer 1	136	\$15.00	\$2,040.00
Laborer 2	106	\$15.00	\$1,590.00
Laborer 3	99	\$15.00	\$1,485.00
Laborer 4	77	\$15.00	\$1,155.00
Laborer 5	50	\$15.00	\$750.00
Laborer 6	32	\$15.00	\$480.00
Laborer 7	16	\$15.00	\$240.00
Laborer 8	16	\$15.00	\$240.00
			\$12,495.00

APPENDIX I

HoneyLove Proposal to Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation

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OBJECTIVE

Establish a mutually beneficial relationship between the Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation (LACDP&R) and HoneyLove.org (HoneyLove) centered around protecting Honeybees and educating the citizens of Los Angeles County about Honeybees and the vital role they play in the food chain as well as to promote Urban Beekeeping.

BACKGROUND

HoneyLove <http://honeylove.org/> is a 501 3c, Not for Profit organization based in Culver City, California whose mission is to “Protect honeybees by educating communities and inspiring new Urban Beekeepers”.

Most people are aware that fully one third of the food that we eat is available because it is pollinated by Honeybees. Unfortunately, if they read the paper or listen to the news they are also aware that worldwide the Honeybee population is under siege.

ABC News, Jul 9, 2019

Nearly 40% decline in honey bee population last winter 'unsustainable,' experts say

Independent: May 20, 2019

Dozens of bee species extinct or on verge of disappearing across UK, study finds

Since it was first identified in 2006 Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) has decimated the world's Honeybee population. CCD is when all the adult honeybees simply disappeared from the hive, all at the same time. Despite extensive scientific research there still isn't a definitive answer to what causes CCD or a solution. CCD is believed to be complex and the result of multiple factors. One study evaluated 61 factors, and found that no single stressor stood out as the primary cause of CCD.

Tragically, thirteen years since it was first encountered the impact of CCD is still being felt. On July 5, 2019 the Washington Post reported “*This past winter saw the highest honeybee colony losses on record*” If there is good news related to Honeybees its coming from Urban Beekeepers across the country. As mentioned in the attached article, *Why Cities Should Invest in Beekeeping*:

“Contrary to what one might expect, urban bees survive better, produce more honey, and are healthier than rural bees.”

Further, as reference in that same article, as well as in a July 14, 2014, Time Magazine article “*Can Urban Beekeeping Stop the Beepocalypse?*” <http://science.time.com/2014/02/13/can-urban-beekeeping-stop-the-beepocalypse/> , in 2015 the City of Los Angeles got the message and legalized Urban Beekeeping in the City of Los Angeles reversing an ordinance making it illegal 136 year earlier.

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At the time Los Angeles Councilman Paul Koretz said

"This arose from the neighborhood council system," "It started in Mar Vista, was vetted through the NCs—over twenty neighborhood councils from throughout the city have sent in their support. Bees are dying worldwide—in LA we're putting out the welcome mat. They are vital to our survival."

I'm proud to say that HoneyLove.org was responsible for launching the initiative that lead to legalizing beekeeping in Los Angeles as evidenced by Los Angeles Councilmember Huizar's comments.

"When HoneyLove came to me two years ago, I was proud to lead the effort to legalize beekeeping. We are working to become a more sustainable City to confront the environmental crises of today, and bees, and beekeepers, are a part of the solution. It's time to support beekeeping in the City of Los Angeles' residential neighborhoods, which will help our bee population and make the City safer and greener."

We see the proposed partnership with the Los Angeles County Parks& Recreation as a natural fit with Honeylove's Mission and the Mission of the County's Nature Centers.

HONEYLOVE COMMITMENT

Honeylove will support LACP&R programing at the Stoneview Nature Center as follows:

Nature Walks

Honeylove member George Braunegg will to prepare materials (laminated photos) and conduct training sessions (2 sessions are envisioned during the first quarter of 2020) to educate Stoneview Nature Center Staff on honeybees/pollinators to enable them to include the topic for discussion during Nature Walks. After the initial training George Braunegg will conduct additional training of new staff on an as needed basis.

George Braunegg will participate in two nature walks with members of the community and Stoneview Nature Center Staff during the first quarter of 2020 in connection with the training outlined above. Note: The timing of the walks must be mutually agreed upon at least 1 week in advance.

Development of Educational Presentation Materials

George Braunegg will prepare a 1 hour "Introduction to Honeybee / Urban Beekeeping PowerPoint presentation for use during group educational sessions in the facility's community room.

Conduct General Group Educational Sessions

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George Braunegg will lead up to four 1 hour group sessions in 2020 for the community in Stoneview Nature Center community room.

Train Stoneview Nature Center Staff

The expectation is that if Stoneview Nature Center Staff attend the four sessions referenced above, moving forward they could use the PowerPoint presentation on Honeybees / Urban beekeeping to conduct these group session talks themselves with or without George Braunegg in attendance. Of course George Braunegg would be available for questions and/or refresher training on an ongoing basis

Ongoing Educational Support Connected with Honeylove Meetings

Honeylove will support Stoneview Nature Center by providing two types of ongoing educational programming linked to Honeylove meetings Stoneview Community Room and/or the Honeylove Apiary at Stoneview Nature Center:

- At least 6 times per year on the 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, November
 - 1 hour Group Sessions/Classes on various Beekeeping topics. E.g Beekeeping 101, Rescuing Bees, Dealing with Cross Comb, etc.
 - 1.5 hour “Open Hive” Hands On Workshop/Class* (15 person max)
 - Honeylove Members must sign a waiver prior to participation
 - Honeylove maintains an inventory of Adult and Children’s beekeeping related protective clothing for use during these sessions that are made available to participants.
 - We anticipate that these Workshop/Class being on the same Sunday as the Group Session but we could expand both sessions and the number of participants depending upon the level of interest.

* Note: Currently these Workshops/Classes are limited to HoneyLove Members only that pay a \$20 fee to attend. While we are willing to open these sessions at Stoneview Nature Center to Non-Members it is our expectation that we would continue to charge non-members the same fee as members.

Honeybee Rescues

Honeylove will provide Honeybee Rescues at the Stoneview Nature Center and the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area at NO COST, on a Best Efforts basis. “Best Efforts” is intended to communicate that Honeylove will use its access to Honeylove

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members to secure beekeepers willing to conduct the rescue of swarms and colony's located on Park grounds. Honeylove will do its best to secure a beekeeper to conduct a rescue, based upon the physical challenges associated with the rescue and the county's timing needs/expectations. We trust the County can appreciate that Honeylove members do not make their living as beekeepers, they are volunteers that enthusiastically undertake honeybee rescues when they are available and capable of addressing the challenges presented by the physical location of the swarm or colony. However, depending upon the physical location of swarms or colonies and/or the County's time constraints or requirements, Honeylove may not be able to accommodate the County's needs in every situation. There could be situations where the County wants to have a swarm removed immediately (e.g. within 2 to 4 hours) given the swarm's proximity to public traffic, where despite Honeylove's "Best Efforts" to find a member willing to rescue the swarm, they cannot do so fast enough. Further, there could be situations where swarms or colonies are located in very hazardous places, e.g. very high in trees, on, in or near electrical poles, vents on steep roof-tops, etc. where Honeylove members may not be willing to venture to undertake the rescue. We want this relationship to be a long and successful one. Accordingly, we believe that it is important to be 100% transparent with regard our limitations with respect to Honeybee Rescues and don't want to set expectations with the County that we are not willing, or able, to commit to meeting or exceeding

Populating and Maintaining the Honeylove Stoneview Apiary

HoneyLove will be responsible for populating and maintaining the bee hives located in the Apiary.

Single Point of contact

On a day to day basis George Braunegg will be the primary Honeylove representative that may be contacted by LACDP&RR and/or Stoneview Nature Center Staff to address any and all issues related to the Proposed Honeylove Apiary at Stoneview Nature Center.

LACDP&R COMMITMENT

Apiary

LACDP&R will provide HoneyLove a fenced in area for an Apiary on the grounds of the Stoneview Nature Center.

Use of Community Room

Use of a Stoneview Nature Center 1 Sunday a month to:

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- Conduct a two hour Urban Beekeeping /Honeybee Educational meetings in the Community Room that will be open to HoneyLove members and citizens of Los Angeles County
- Conduct a two hour Mentoring Session for HoneyLove Members (Note: HoneyLove Members pay a \$20 fee to attend these hands on, open hive sessions.)

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Within 30 days of the provisional acceptance of this proposal Honeylove and LACP&R will mutual agree and document that agreement in writing related to the following issues:

- Apiary
 - Location
 - Size,
 - Security
 - Physical structure
 - Water source
 - Etc.
- Specific schedule of times when the colonies may be tended
- Stoneview Nature Center's needs/expectations relative to the maintenance of Apiary
- Timing of the removal of any or all beehives for whatever reason
- Ongoing evaluation of the relationship
- Protocol's for surfacing and resolving any concerns or issues

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ADDENDUM – 4/12/20

The following is an addendum to the proposal issued by HoneyLove to the County of Los Angeles on 11/25/19. The purpose of this Addendum is to provide more clarity regarding the physical requirements and timing associated with the proposed establishment of a Honeybee Educational and Sanctuary Apiary. Based upon conversations with Stoneview Nature Center and Baldwin Hill Conservancy executives we are proposing two initiatives

Honeybee Observation Hives in Stoneview Nature Center

Onsite Educational Observation Hives for the viewing pleasure of visitors and use by County personnel during educational nature walks for up close observation (closed hive)

- Honeylove will install 1 to 3 honeybee colonies in traditional Langstroth Hives (approximately 25" x 20" at the base and 20 to 48 inches high) at a mutually agreed upon location (s) within the Center on moveable above ground stands.

Exhibit I attached shows other versions of the
Langstroth Hives



- 1 of the 3 beehives on Stoneview property will be outfitted with at least 1 window for up close closed hive observation. Similar to the one illustrated in the photo below.



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- To facilitate up close viewing during nature walks the outdoor observation hive will be modified to provide elevated Entry/Exit vs the traditional bottom Entry / Exit. This will ensure visitors will not impede forager activity and minimize interaction between observers and flying honeybees. (We believe that this was an approach used at Whitter Narrows when they had honeybees on Stoneview grounds.)



Honeybee Sanctuary Apiary Adjacent to Stoneview Nature Center

Establish a Honeybee Apiary adjacent to Stoneview Nature Center to serve as a sanctuary where honeybee colonies rescued¹ from City, County and State Parks and the communities surrounding the Nature Center. In addition the Apiary would be used for the monthly, “Open Hive” introductory educational classes and mentoring sessions for local Urban/Backyard beekeepers as

¹ To date Honeylove member George Braunegg has rescued 3 colonies from Stoneview Nature Center and the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park at no cost to the County or the State and is scheduled to rescue a 4th colony from Stoneview Nature Center on Thursday April 16th.

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documented in the original proposal.

Ideally the Apiary will consist of:

- Fenced 30 ft. x 30 ft. or 600 square feet of another configuration
 - The fence is to prevent theft and/or disturbance of the colonies.
 - We envision a fence like the one currently separating the oil field and County property
- Crushed gravel base over material to prevent weed growth and drainage
- A water source within 50 feet of the apiary (LA County requirement)
- Exhibit II contains two potential locations
- Location considerations
 - Observable from Stoneview Nature Center
 - Good water drainage
 - Access to a path to Stoneview Nature Center to facilitate
 - Open Hive Educational Classes
 - Installation of rescued colonies
 - Transportation of bee boxes during honey flow. Bee boxes filled with honey can weight 80 to 90 pounds each.
 - While not essential, it would be very helpful to have a small (approximately 5 ft x 10 ft) utility shed to store bee hives, beekeeping tools and equipment as well as a place to conduct activities such as Queen Grafting, honey extraction, queen marking and other typical beekeeping activities better conducted protected from the elements.
 - Privacy of Homeowners
 - HoneyLove is keenly aware of the need to ensure the privacy of residents living adjacent to Stoneview Nature Center.
 - Regardless of the location HoneyLove will work with the County to ensure that homeowner privacy is protected by a “Privacy Fence”
 - ~ In the short-term we propose the use of a privacy screen attached to the fence reference above that will surround the apiary.
 - ~ As a long term solution we propose planting a California native vine, or other plant acceptable to County arborists, on the side of the fence not covered by the privacy screen. As the vine grows it will provide total privacy. Potential California native vines include:
 - ✓ California man-root, *Marah fabacea*
 - ✓ Pipestem, *Clematis lasiantha*
 - ✓ Southern California morning glory, *Calystegia macrostegia*

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- Exhibit III illustrates the short and long term solutions proposed above.

Note: The vine covering the fence n Exhibit III is Ficus, pumila. While Ficus, pumila has characteristics that make it an exceptional candidate for such a fence it is not native to California.

Honeylove has discussed obtaining a grant from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to cover the cost of implementing the above proposal. Upon the County's expression its willingness to seriously consider this proposal HoneyLove will immediately begin determining the County's requirements and in turn establish a cost estimates in order to write a grant proposal to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Honeylove proposes the implementation of this proposal in two phases.

Phase I - Spring/Summer 2020

Install Honeybee Observation Hives in Stoneview Nature Center

Note: Honeylove would also will use this time to develop the Grant request referenced above

Phase II - Fall 2020 (After completion of the bridge)/Winter 2021

Establish the Honeybee Sanctuary Apiary Adjacent to Stoneview Nature Center

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Exhibit I – Honeybee Hive Examples



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Exhibit II – Potential Apiary Locations

Option 1



Option 1



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Exhibit II – Potential Apiary Locations

Option 1

View looking down from Stoneview



Option 2



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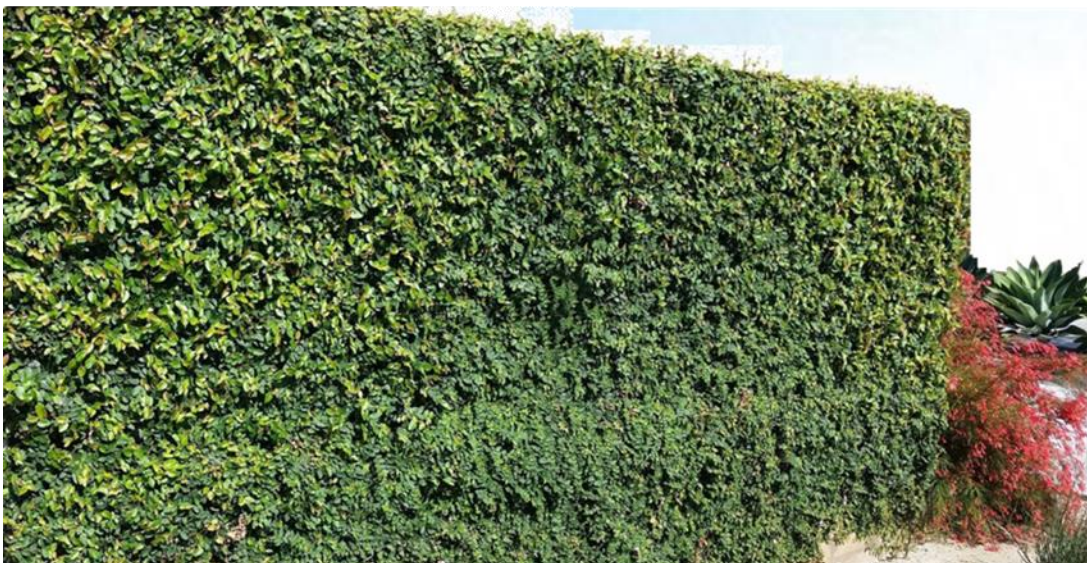
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Exhibit III – Privacy Fence

Short Term
Chain Link Fence & Privacy Screen



Long Term
Chain Link Fence & Vine



APPENDIX II

Letters of Support



State of California, the Resources Agency

Memorandum

Date December 14, 2020

To : David F. McNeil
Executive Officer
Baldwin Hills Conservancy

From : Department of Parks and Recreation
Andre Wm. Jones
Park Maintenance Chief I/ Los Angeles Area

Subject : George Braunegg/Letter of Recognition

Sir David,

I thought it best to acknowledge a gentleman by the name of George Braunegg. Whose presence around and about Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook State Park, has been one of extraordinary value to our natural and biological resources.

Mr. Braunegg has been an inspiration in providing for the health and protection to our park visitors when dealing with several feral honey bee colonies, located in various high traffic areas within the park. His professionalism and the manner Mr. Braunegg removed the bees was sensitive to the colonies in each situation and still allowed a high quality outdoor experience for the public.

Over the past eighteen months State Parks has benefited from the services of George Braunegg (HoneyLove.org) at no expense as well as no extermination of a natural resource. I ask that this gentleman is recognized prima-facie to any future events that may occur in our parks.

Respectfully,

Andre Wm. Jones
Park Maintenance Chief I/ Los Angeles Area

George Braunegg

From: Ran Craycraft <ran@laderaheights.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:16 AM
To: George Braunegg
Cc: Brian Hale; Rick Aldridge; Tracie Lyons
Subject: Letter of Support

Mr. Braunegg,

As a resident of Ladera Heights and Committee Chairman of the Ladera Heights Civic Association, I would like to offer my full support behind the creation of a Honey Bee Apiary for rescued honey bee colonies.

Being familiar with colony collapse as well as basic beekeeping, I know the great service and value this brings to our community. Whether in the form of removal of bees from private properties, to the beautiful flowers they will pollinate, to the delicious local honey that can help our residents who struggle with allergies, this will be a great benefit to our community.

You have my full support in your initiative.

Kind regards,

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Ran Craycraft

Marketing Chair
Ladera Heights Civic Association
424-645-7552 | ran@laderaheights.org



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Civic Associa

Dawn Vincent & Charles Shickley
4826 Vista de Oro Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90043

December 10, 2020

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

Dear David,

The purpose of this letter is to express the enthusiastic support of the Vista de Oro Block Club (VDOBC) of Los Angeles County's decision to establish a Honey Bee Apiary adjacent to the Stoneview Nature Center in partnership with HoneyLove. The VDOBC is comprised of owners of 45 homes that live along Vista de Oro Avenue in View Park/Windsor Hills. Our members have seen firsthand the good work HoneyLove does in the community rescuing honey bees that otherwise would be exterminated. In fact, we are aware of at least two colonies and one swarm that HoneyLove member George Braunegg rescued in our neighborhood last summer.

Our members became aware of Honeylove as a result of the bee hives that were installed at Stoneview Nature Center last spring. Over the last 9 months or so our members have thoroughly enjoyed observing the bees flying in and out of those two hives during visits to Stoneview. We are well aware of the challenges facing honeybees throughout the United States and around the world. Accordingly, we were thrilled to learn of the apiary where rescued honey bees could be relocated and protected. It is our hope that by establishing the apiary others in the Baldwin Hills, View Park, Blair Hills, Windsor Hills and Ladera Heights community can be educated on the importance of honey bees to the environment and the vital pollination role they play in the circle of life.

In the event that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy grants HoneyLove's grant request to fund the cost of the apiary we are confident that members of the VDOBC will volunteer their time to help in its construction.

Very truly yours,



Charles Shickley
President
Vista de Oro Block Club



Dawn Vincent

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: February 26, 2021

Re: Item #7: Update on Amendment to Agreement #BHC1800 with California Conservation Corps Foundation for the Water Capture Project at Yvonne B. Burke Sports Complex – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Background: California Conservation Corps Foundation (CCCF) has requested and was granted a second amendment to contract #BHC 1800 for the Water Capture Project at Yvonne B. Burke Sports Complex pursuant to the Executive Officer's delegation authority under Res #16-06. The CCCF request (See Attachment 1: Amendment Request Letter) included an extension of the Performance Period through October 2022, as well as approval of line-item shifts within the Project Budget (See Attachment 2: Schedule & Budget). The revised twenty-two-month schedule allows sufficient time for project completion, approval and close out. Both the changes to the budget and schedule were due to the evolution of the project design based on site constraints and opportunities discovered during the geotechnical analysis process. These adjustments do not increase project costs or overall implementation outcomes.

The project history dates back to May 2018 when the Governing Board approved Resolution #18-02, which authorized a Grant of BHC Proposition 1 Funds, in the amount of \$1,500,000 to the California Conservation Corps Foundation (CCCF) for the Stormwater Management Project at the Yvonne Brathwaite Burke Sports Complex.

During 2019, CCCF worked to secure a credit line for subcontracts, bid and executed sub-agreements, as well as conducted onsite geological investigations. In May of 2019, CCCF requested and was granted a 10-month extension to the Performance Period for agreement #BHC1800.

The Project purpose is to address the need to manage site runoff, reduce erosion, stabilize the slope, and create opportunities for captured stormwater to recharge the local groundwater basin. The Project is designed to retain peak flows using natural treatment systems to reduce dry-weather, stormwater, and irrigation runoff including total suspended solids, thus improving the quality of water flowing into the Ballona Creek. The project will enhance the park and include new interpretive features.

Milestones currently achieved to date include:

- Geotechnical Investigation Analysis and Report
- Landscaping Design Plan Profile Drawings (See Attachment 3: Preliminary Design)
- Base Mapping & Report
- Executed construction contract



CCC FOUNDATION

December 31, 2020

David McNeill
Executive Officer
Baldwin Hills Conservancy
5120 Goldleaf Circle, Suite #290
Los Angeles, Ca 90056

Request for Contract Extension for Water Capture Project at Yvonne B. Burke Sports Complex

Dear David,

On behalf of CCC Foundation, I would like to submit the following revised project schedule and request that Baldwin Hills Conservancy grant a time extension to complete the remaining project activities through October 2022.

We have experienced a delay in completing our agreement with a contractor, however, that issue is now resolved and the agreement is signed. Additionally, we have endured some cash flow impact and concern from the Foundation board regarding proceeding while maintaining a significant receivable from the State of California. That issue is now resolved as well.

We are now prepared to complete the project according to the attached revised schedule.

Thank you for your consideration. We are looking forward to completing this project.

Sincerely,

Adam Somers
Executive Director
CCC Foundation

cc: Gail Krippner
Attachment: Revised Schedule

Attachment 2:
Schedule & Budget

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Attachment 2:
Schedule & Budget

Task	Project Element	BHC BUDGET	LACDPR MATCH BUDGET	CCF IN-KIND BUDGET	Total
1.0	Administration				
1.1	Project Manager @ \$200/hr x 560 hrs	\$82,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82,000.00
1.2	Project Coordinator @ \$100.00/hrs x 740 hrs	\$74,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,000.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (1.0)	\$156,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156,000.00
2.0	Planning				
2.1	Survey - Project Surveyor@ \$155/hrs x 209 hrs	\$32,325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,325.00
2.2	Base Mapping - Project Engineer @ \$164/hr x 110 hrs	\$18,036.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,036.00
2.3	Environmental (CEQA)	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
2.4	Geotechnical Report - Geocon Inc. Flat Rate by Agreement	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
		\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (2.0)	\$85,361.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$115,361.00
3.0	PS&E, Permits				
3.1	30% Design - Preliminary Design Report - Project Engineer \$164/hrs x 183 hrs	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
3.2	60% Designs Plans - Project Engineer \$164/hr x 427 hrs	\$70,004.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70,004.00
3.3	90% Designs Plans - Project Engineer \$164/hr x 183 hrs	\$30,004.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,004.00
3.4	Final Plans, Specifications, and Engineer's Estimate \$164/hr x 122 hrs	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
3.5	Permits - Project Engineer \$164/hr x 91 hrs	\$25,004.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,004.00
3.6	Other Fees	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
		\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (3.0)	\$185,012.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185,012.00
4.0	Outreach				
4.1	Public Participation Plan - Project Manager \$200/hr x 10 hrs	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$4,000.00
4.2	Community Meetings - Presentation Materials @ \$1000 & Project Manager \$200/hrs x 5 hrs	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$4,000.00
4.3	Stakeholder/Land Owner Meetings - Presentation Materials @ \$500 & Project Manager \$200/hr x 7.50 hrs	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$4,000.00
4.4	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Attorney's @ \$1500 & Project Manager \$200/hr X 2.50 hrs	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$4,000.00
4.5	Social Media - Web designer \$50.00/hr x 40 hrs	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$4,000.00
4.6	Maintenance plan (LT) Project Engineer \$164/hr x 12 hrs	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$4,000.00
		\$ -		\$ -	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (4.0)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
5.0	Bid, Award, and CM				
5.1	Construction Bid Solicitation (GC) Project Engineer \$164/hr x 30 hrs	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
5.2	Construction Contract Award (GC) and Project Engineer \$164/hr x 12 hrs	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
5.3	Construction Manager (CM) and Inspection Resident Engineer \$180/hr x 611 hrs	\$99,900.00			\$99,900.00
5.4	Construction Survey - Senior Project Surveyor \$175/hr x 171 hrs	\$30,000.00			\$30,000.00
		\$ -		\$ -	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (5.0)	\$ 136,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136,900.00
6.0	Construction				
6.1	Site Preparation, Clearing, Demolition - CCC CM \$25/hr x 800 hrs	\$ 20,000.00			\$20,000.00
6.2	Earthwork/Grading Not to Exceed	\$ 480,000.00			\$480,000.00
6.3	Drainage System - Not to Exceed	\$ 95,000.00			\$95,000.00
6.4	Dry Well Construction - Not to Exceed	\$ 70,000.00			\$70,000.00
6.5	Irrigation System - Not to Exceed	\$ 35,000.00			\$35,000.00
6.6	Fencing/Railing - CCC CM \$25/hr x 200 hrs + \$5000 Materials	\$ 10,000.00			\$10,000.00
6.7	Pedestrian Bridge - CCC CM \$25/hr x 1000 hrs + \$20,000 Materials	\$ 45,000.00			\$45,000.00
6.8	Salvage and Disposal Not to Exceed	\$ 45,000.00			\$45,000.00
6.9	Interpretative Sign Design & Fabrication Not to Exceed	\$ 6,000.00			\$6,000.00
6.10	Pedestrian Trail - CCC CM \$25/hr x 1000 hrs	\$ 25,000.00			\$25,000.00
6.11	Landscape Planting - CCC CM \$25/hr x 600 hrs	\$ 15,000.00			\$15,000.00
					\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (6.0)	\$ 846,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 846,000.00
	Direct Cost	\$1,421,273.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$1,463,273.00
6.12	Contingency (10%)	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,000.00
	SUBTOTAL (6.0)	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,000.00
	TOTAL	\$1,498,273.00	\$30,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,540,273.00



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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

From: David McNeill, Executive Officer

Date: February 26, 2021

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 ¹ (I) for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

Legislative Update

AB 963 Kamlager-Dove – On February 17, 2021. Assembly member Kamlager-Dover re-introduced the Baldwin Hills Conservancy: Urban Watersheds Conservancy Expansion Bill as AB 963 (see attachment #4). Assembly Member Kamlager-Dove's office is working with the Nature Conservancy to restart discussions with stakeholders as well as commencing general outreach across the communities included in the expanded territory. The bill is tentatively scheduled to be heard in committee on March 20, 2021.

FPPC Reporting

Notices to file your 2020 Annual Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700 have been sent from the Fair Political Practices Commission. Deadline for filing is April 1, 2021. Board members are designated to file the Form 700 and can now prepare and submit forms electronically. If you have any questions please contact Andrea Carey at (916)323-3213 or via email at Form700@fppc.ca.gov.

**BHC Project Status Report
for 2/26/21**

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	6/30/2021	Project closeout in progress, expected June 2021; Complete project close-out expected September 2022.
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Trail and Stormwater Improvement Project	Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC)	BHC1708	Prop 84	\$830,684	12/31/2020	Project completed December 2020; Project closeout in progress; Complete project close-out expected expected March 2021.
Water Capture Project for Yvonne B. Burke Sports Complex	California Conservation Corps Foundation (CCCF)	BHC1800	Prop 1	\$1,500,000	10/31/2022	Construction contract finalized; Project timeline extended by amendment; Construction commencement in April 2021; Project completion expected October 2021; Complete project close-out expected January 2023.

**BHC Project Status Report
for 2/26/21**

Project Title	Grantee	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
Green Valley Connection Improvement Project at KHSRA	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	BHC2002	Prop 1	\$700,000	3/31/2026	Contract negotiation with environmental consultant for the Biological Resources Assessment in progress; Estimated Project completion March 2026; Complete project close-out expected June 2026.
Mar Vista Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design	Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI)	BHC2004	Prop 68	\$359,800	5/31/2022	Youth Advisory Group from Boys & Girls Club and Community Advisory Committee are both meeting regularly; the Advisory committee in process of defining neighborhood priorities and solutions; Estimated project completion May 31, 2022; Complete project close-out expected August 2022.
Community Resilience and Access Plan	Climate Resolve (CR)	BHC2005	Prop 68	\$200,000	6/30/2022	Work began January 1, 2021; Research on existing plans and climate data are in progress; Estimated project completion June 2022; Complete project close-out expected September 2022.

**BHC Project Status Report
for 2/26/21**

Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization and Restoration Plan	Tree People, Inc.	BHC2005	Prop 68	\$198,000	12/31/2022	Work began September 2020; Design RFP package in development; design firm RFP received with selection expected next month; Estimated Project completion December 2022 ; Complete project close-out expected March 2023.
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Cover of BHC Expenditure 20-21 FM5

<u>As of 11/30/2020</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	\$ 389,000.00	\$ 84,084.14	\$ 304,915.86	06/30/21	06/30/23
<u>Prop 40 - #6029, Support</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	10005	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 141,000.00	\$ 34,531.45	\$ 106,468.55	06/30/21	06/30/23
<u>Prop 84 - #6051, Support*</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10009	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 133,000.00	\$ 24,085.79	\$ 108,914.21	06/30/21	06/30/23
<u>Prop 1 - #6083, Support</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6083	10006	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 116,000.00	\$ -	\$ 116,000.00	06/30/21	06/30/23
<u>Prop 68 - #6088, Support</u>							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6088	10010	\$ 184,000.00	\$ 189,000.00	\$ 30,862.65	\$ 158,137.35	06/30/21	06/30/23
Total Support Balance:					\$ 794,435.97		

<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	06/30/23	06/30/25
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	06/30/23	06/30/25
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								
2020 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6088	XXXXX	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00	06/30/23	06/30/25	
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6088	20013	\$ 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	20012	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00	06/30/22	06/30/22	
Total Prop 68 Balance:					\$ 3,300,000.00			

Prop 84 - #6051, Capital Outlay								
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30004	\$ 2,118,000.00	\$ 1,603,972.74	\$ 491,832.64	\$ 1,112,140.10	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	06/30/23	06/30/25	
Total Prop 84 Balance:					\$ 1,525,724.84			

BOND CASH FUNDS

Bond Cash - As Of 02-18-21

COMMERCIAL PAPER TE		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
PROP 68:	6088	\$210,000.00	\$147,183.58	\$62,816.42

2015 COMMERCIAL PAPER TE		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
PROP 84:	6051	\$5,299,878.26	\$5,209,837.46	\$90,040.80
PROP 40:	6029	\$24,866,054.54	\$24,808,696.93	\$57,357.61
PROP 1:	6083	\$2,107,586.83	\$2,106,903.29	\$51,364.94

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

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 963

Introduced by Assembly Member Kamlager

February 17, 2021

An act to amend Sections 32550, 32551, 32553, 32555, 32556, 32565, 32565.5, 32567, 32568, 32571, 32573, 32574, and 32575 of, to amend the heading of Division 22.7 (commencing with Section 32550) of, to add Section 32573.1 to, and to repeal Section 32580 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to conservancies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 963, as introduced, Kamlager. Baldwin Hills Conservancy: urban watersheds conservancy expansion.

(1) The Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act establishes, until January 1, 2026, in the Natural Resources Agency, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, created with the purpose, among other purposes, to acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area, as defined.

This bill would expand the area covered by the conservancy to include the southern Ballona Creek Watershed, as defined, and the Upper Dominguez Channel, as defined. The bill would rename the conservancy the Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy and make conforming changes.

The bill would repeal the January 1, 2026, sunset date, thereby extending the act indefinitely.

(2) The act requires the conservancy’s governing board to consist of 13 voting members, including one member from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors within whose district the majority of the Baldwin Hills area is located. The act requires 6 of these members to be appointed by the Governor with 4 out of that 6 to be residents of specified areas.

This bill would delete the above provisions relating to those members and expand the voting membership of the conservancy's board to consist of 15 voting members by including the mayors of the Cities of Los Angeles and Culver City, an appointee from the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors representing District 2. The bill would require the Governor to appoint 5 of the voting members, who are nominated by a city council or a neighborhood empowerment group, as provided.

The act requires the conservancy's board to also consist of 7 nonvoting members.

This bill would expand the nonvoting membership of the conservancy's board to consist of 12 nonvoting members by including the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, among others, as provided.

(3) The act requires the conservancy to do certain things, including develop and coordinate an integrated program of resource stewardship so that the entire area is managed for optimum recreational and natural resource values, as provided.

This bill would also require the entire area to be managed for optimum climate resilience.

The act also requires the conservancy, as part of its duties, to approve conservancy funded projects, enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Parks and Recreation, and approve specified master plans, among other things, as provided.

This bill would delete these duties and would instead require the conservancy to carry out projects and activities to further the purposes of the act, study the potential environmental and recreational uses of the Baldwin Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel area, and develop and adopt a proposed watershed and open-space plan for improvements in the conservancy territory, as provided. The bill would require a report on this plan to be provided to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2023.

(4) The act requires the conservancy to administer any funds appropriated to it and any revenue generated by public agencies for the Baldwin Hills area and contributed to the conservancy, and authorizes the conservancy to expend those funds for capital improvements, land acquisition, or support of the conservancy's operations.

This bill would require the conservancy to additionally administer any funds appropriated to it for these purposes from any future bond act or local initiative measure, as provided.

(5) In addition, this bill would establish the Baldwin Hills, Southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel Urban Watershed Improvement Program, to be administered by the conservancy, for climate change adaptation improvements, to protect, conserve, and restore the health and resilience of the watersheds and communities of the region, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The heading of Division 22.7 (commencing with Section 32550) of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

DIVISION 22.7. BALDWIN HILLS AND URBAN
WATERSHEDS CONSERVANCY ACT

SEC. 2. Section 32550 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

32550. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the Baldwin Hills *and Urban Watersheds* Conservancy Act.

SEC. 3. Section 32551 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

32551. The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The Baldwin Hills ~~Hills~~, *southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel* area within the County of Los Angeles and the ~~cities~~ *Cities* of Los Angeles and Culver City ~~City~~, *among other cities*, constitutes an area with unique and important cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, and scenic resources, and includes land with the highest elevation in the Los Angeles Basin.

(b) The state recognized the importance of, and the need for, recreational venues in this area by purchasing and establishing the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area in 1983, which is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The County of Los Angeles operates the state recreation area pursuant to a contract with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

(c) In recognition of the evolving community needs in the Baldwin Hills area, in 1999 the Legislature directed the review

1 and revision of the master plan for the existing state recreation
2 area as well as the acquisition of other lands in the Baldwin Hills.

3 (d) As one of the last remaining urban open spaces in Los
4 Angeles County, the Baldwin Hills Hills, southern Ballona Creek
5 Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel area should be held
6 in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and
7 appreciation by, present and future generations.

8 (e) The Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy
9 should be created to develop and coordinate an integrated program
10 of resources stewardship so that the Baldwin Hills Hills, southern
11 Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel area
12 is managed for its optimum recreational and natural resource values
13 based upon the needs and desires of the surrounding community.

14 SEC. 4. Section 32553 of the Public Resources Code is
15 amended to read:

16 32553. As used in this division, the following terms have the
17 following meaning: meanings:

18 (a) (1) “Baldwin Hills Hills, southern Ballona Creek
19 Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel area” means the land
20 area currently within the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, the
21 Baldwin Hills community, the surrounding property bordered on
22 the south by Slauson Avenue, and on the east by La Brea Avenue,
23 including the approximately 21 acres of land zoned RE40 and
24 bordered by La Brea Avenue on the east, Don Alberto Place to the
25 south, and Don Ricardo Drive on the north, and including a spur
26 of land extending from Stocker Street to an area between La Brea
27 Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, as designated on the Baldwin
28 Hills Conservancy Map, dated March 1, 2001. “Baldwin Hills from
29 the Santa Monica Freeway (Interstate 10) to the Harbor Freeway
30 and Transit Way (Interstate 110), to Manchester Boulevard and
31 Firestone Boulevard to Lincoln Boulevard (or Interstate 105),
32 which includes the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, the
33 southern portion of the Ballona Creek Watershed, the Upper
34 Dominguez Channel, and the Baldwin Hills community. “Baldwin
35 Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez
36 Channel area” also includes Ballona Creek and adjacent property
37 within 50 yards of Ballona Creek on either side, from the Santa
38 Monica Freeway (Interstate 10) to the Marina Freeway (Interstate
39 90). Ballona Creek is included in the Baldwin Hills Hills, southern

1 *Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel area*
2 *for purposes of connectivity.*

3 *(2) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall*
4 *apply:*

5 *(A) “Southern Ballona Creek Watershed” means an*
6 *approximately 40-square-mile portion of the area of land with the*
7 *hydrologic unit code of 180701040300 including the Ballona*
8 *Creek, a nine-mile long flood protection channel, including 50*
9 *yards on both sides of the channel for right of way, trail access,*
10 *and greening. The physical boundaries are reflected in the Baldwin*
11 *Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy maps and are described*
12 *as follows: The northern boundary is the Santa Monica Freeway*
13 *(Interstate 10); the eastern boundary extends to approximately*
14 *San Pedro Street and continues down S. Avalon Boulevard to*
15 *approximately Slauson Avenue, then recedes to approximately*
16 *Western Avenue; the southern boundary aligns slightly above*
17 *Manchester Avenue beginning in the City of Inglewood and*
18 *continues to Playa Vista, veering south along Pershing Avenue to*
19 *Imperial Highway. The watershed is composed of all or parts of*
20 *the Cities of Culver City, Inglewood, Los Angeles, and Santa*
21 *Monica, and unincorporated areas of View Park, Windsor Hills,*
22 *and Ladera Heights.*

23 *(B) “Upper Dominguez Channel” means an approximately*
24 *33-square-mile portion of the area of land with the hydrologic*
25 *unit code of 180701060101 including the Laguna Dominguez Trail,*
26 *a one-mile long portion of the flood protection channel that drains*
27 *the Los Angeles basin. The physical boundaries are reflected in*
28 *the Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy maps and*
29 *are described as follows: The southern boundary aligns slightly*
30 *above Manchester Avenue beginning in the City of Inglewood and*
31 *continues to Playa Vista veering south along Pershing Avenue to*
32 *Imperial Highway; the eastern boundary extends from S. Van Ness*
33 *Avenue beginning in the City of Inglewood and progresses*
34 *diagonally southeast to approximately Vermont Avenue at*
35 *Interstate 105, and then receding back diagonally to Western*
36 *Avenue at W. 135th Street; the southern boundary follows W. 135th*
37 *Street and bisects the City of Hawthorne heading west to*
38 *approximately S. Douglas Street into the of City of El Segundo,*
39 *excluding El Segundo Beach and Dunes, the Hyperion Water*
40 *Reclamation Plant, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and*

1 *Power Scattergood Generating Station, as well as any land or*
2 *facilities included in the Chevron Products Company El Segundo*
3 *Refinery, then continues into a portion of the City of Manhattan*
4 *Beach bounded by approximately Rosecrans Avenue on the north,*
5 *Highland Avenue to the west, and Pacific Coast Highway (Highway*
6 *1) on the east, with Gould Avenue at the southernmost point. As*
7 *described, the watershed is composed of all or parts of the Cities*
8 *of Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo, and Manhattan Beach, and*
9 *unincorporated areas of Del Aire, Lennox, and Westmont.*

10 (b) “Board” means the governing board of the Baldwin Hills
11 *and Urban Watersheds* Conservancy.

12 (c) “Conservancy” means the Baldwin Hills *and Urban*
13 *Watersheds* Conservancy.

14 (d) “Fund” means the Baldwin Hills Conservancy *and Urban*
15 *Watersheds* Fund created pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section
16 32574.

17 (e) “Nonprofit organization” means an exempt organization
18 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

19 (f) “Territory” means the land in the Baldwin ~~Hills Hills~~,
20 *southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez*
21 *Channel* area that is under the jurisdiction of the conservancy.

22 SEC. 5. Section 32555 of the Public Resources Code is
23 amended to read:

24 32555. There is in the *Natural* Resources Agency, the Baldwin
25 Hills *and Urban Watersheds* Conservancy, which is created for
26 the following purposes:

27 (a) To acquire and manage public lands within the Baldwin
28 ~~Hills Hills~~, *southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper*
29 *Dominguez Channel* area, and to provide recreational, open space,
30 wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and lands for educational
31 uses within the area.

32 (b) To acquire lands for open space within the territory of the
33 conservancy.

34 (c) To provide for the public’s enjoyment, and to enhance the
35 recreational and educational experience on public lands in the
36 territory in a manner consistent with the protection of lands and
37 resources in the area.

38 SEC. 6. Section 32556 of the Public Resources Code is
39 amended to read:

1 32556. (a) The board shall consist of ~~13~~ 15 voting members
2 and ~~7~~ 12 nonvoting members.

3 (b) The ~~13~~ 15 voting members of the board shall consist of the
4 following:

5 (1) The Secretary of the *Natural Resources Agency*, or ~~his or~~
6 ~~her the secretary's~~ designee.

7 (2) The Director of Parks and Recreation, or ~~his or her the~~
8 ~~director's~~ designee.

9 (3) The Director of Finance, or ~~his or her the director's~~ designee.

10 (4) The Director of the Los Angeles County Department of
11 ~~Parks, or his or her Parks and Recreation, or the director's~~
12 ~~designee.~~

13 (5) ~~The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, or the mayor's~~
14 ~~designee.~~

15 (6) ~~The Mayor of the City of Culver City, or the mayor's~~
16 ~~designee.~~

17 (7) ~~An appointee from the South Bay Cities Council of~~
18 ~~Governments.~~

19 ~~(5) The~~

20 (8) A member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
21 ~~within whose district the majority of the Baldwin Hills area is~~
22 ~~located, representing District 2, or his or her the member's~~
23 ~~designee.~~

24 ~~(6) Six~~

25 (9) ~~Five~~ members of the public appointed by the Governor who
26 are residents of Los Angeles ~~County County~~, *as nominated by a*
27 *city council or a neighborhood empowerment group*, and who
28 represent the diversity of the community surrounding the Baldwin
29 Hills area. ~~Of those six members, four members shall be selected~~
30 ~~as follows: Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper~~
31 ~~Dominguez Channel area.~~

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

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

37 ~~(7)~~

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

1 (c) The ~~seven~~ 12 nonvoting members shall consist of the
2 following:

3 (1) The Secretary ~~of the California Environmental Protection~~
4 ~~Agency, or his or her for Environmental Protection, or the~~
5 ~~secretary's~~ designee.

6 (2) The Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy, or
7 ~~his or her the executive officer's~~ designee.

8 (3) The Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission, or
9 ~~his or her the executive officer's~~ designee.

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

12 (5) The Executive Director of the Santa Monica Mountains
13 Conservancy, or ~~his or her the executive director's~~ designee.

14 (6) The Director of the Culver City Human Services Department,
15 or ~~his or her the director's~~ designee.

16 (7) The Director of the ~~Department of Conservation, or his or~~
17 ~~her Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, or the~~
18 ~~director's~~ designee.

19 (8) *The Director of the City of Los Angeles Department of*
20 *Recreation and Parks, or the director's designee.*

21 (9) *The Director of the City of Inglewood Parks, Recreation*
22 *and Community Services Department or the Director of the City*
23 *of Inglewood Public Works Department, or their designee.*

24 (10) *The President of the Board of Airport Commissioners of*
25 *Los Angeles World Airports, or the president's designee.*

26 (11) *The Director of the City of Los Angeles Department of*
27 *Public Works, or the director's designee.*

28 (12) *The Director of Conservation, or the director's designee.*

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

35 (e) The board shall do both of the following:

36 (1) Study the potential environmental and recreational uses of
37 Ballona Creek and the adjacent property described in subdivision
38 (a) of Section 32553.

39 (2) Develop a proposed map for that area.

1 SEC. 7. Section 32565 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 32565. The jurisdiction of the conservancy shall include only
4 those lands or other areas that are donated to, or otherwise acquired
5 by, or are operated by the conservancy, that are located in the
6 Baldwin-Hills Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper
7 Dominguez Channel area.

8 SEC. 8. Section 32565.5 of the Public Resources Code is
9 amended to read:

10 32565.5. The conservancy shall do all of the following:

11 (a) Develop and coordinate an integrated program of resource
12 stewardship so that the entire Baldwin-Hills Hills, southern Ballona
13 Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel area is managed
14 for optimum *climate resilience* and recreational and natural
15 resource values based upon the needs and desires of the
16 surrounding community.

17 (b) Establish policies and priorities within the Baldwin-Hills
18 Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez
19 Channel area, and conduct any necessary planning activities in
20 accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32555.

21 (c) Give priority to related projects that create expanded
22 opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and
23 wildlife habitat in the Baldwin-Hills Hills, southern Ballona Creek
24 Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel area.

25 ~~(d) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the~~
26 ~~policies and proprieties set forth in this division.~~

27 ~~(e) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with the~~
28 ~~Department of Parks and Recreation that would require the~~
29 ~~conservancy and the department to cooperate in the sharing of~~
30 ~~technical assistance, data, and information.~~

31 ~~(f) Upon submission to the Legislature of the master plan~~
32 ~~required to be prepared pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) of~~
33 ~~Section 1 of Chapter 752 of the Statutes of 1999 by the Secretary~~
34 ~~of the Resources Agency and the Director of Parks and Recreation,~~
35 ~~the conservancy shall, by May 1, 2002, approve the master plan,~~
36 ~~and prioritize and implement both of the following in accordance~~
37 ~~with the master plan and with the master plan recommendations:~~

38 ~~(1) The acquisition of additional recreational and open space~~
39 ~~and a plan for the management of lands under the jurisdiction of~~

1 the conservancy, including additional or upgraded facilities and
2 parks that may be necessary or desirable.

3 ~~(2) The planned conveyance of lands acquired and restored, or~~
4 ~~lands acquired, restored, and developed, to the Department of Parks~~
5 ~~and Recreation or to any other public agency once the acquisition~~
6 ~~and improvements have been finalized. The transfer shall be subject~~
7 ~~to the approval of the Secretary of the Resources Agency. The~~
8 ~~secretary may require all lands and facilities subject to transfer to~~
9 ~~be repaired, replaced, or rehabilitated to a fully operable condition,~~
10 ~~prior to the transfer occurring.~~

11 ~~(g) Any proposed operating agreement, or an amendment to an~~
12 ~~agreement, for the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area between~~
13 ~~the Department of Parks and Recreation and any local operating~~
14 ~~agency that would affect the conservancy shall be submitted to the~~
15 ~~conservancy at least 90 days prior to the proposed effective date~~
16 ~~of the agreement to enable the conservancy to provide input, as~~
17 ~~appropriate.~~

18 *(d) Carry out projects and activities to further the purposes of*
19 *this division throughout the region and, in doing so, the board*
20 *shall make every effort to ensure that, over time, conservancy*
21 *funding and other efforts are spread equitably across each of the*
22 *various subregions and among the stated goal areas, with adequate*
23 *allowance for the variability of costs associated with individual*
24 *regions and types of projects.*

25 *(e) Study the potential environmental and recreational uses of*
26 *the Baldwin Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper*
27 *Dominguez Channel area.*

28 *(f) (1) Develop and adopt a proposed watershed and open-space*
29 *plan for improvements in the conservancy territory.*

30 *(2) (A) A report on the plan shall be provided to the Legislature*
31 *on or before January 1, 2023.*

32 *(B) A report submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall be*
33 *submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*
34 *Code.*

35 *(C) This paragraph shall become inoperative on January 1,*
36 *2027, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.*

37 SEC. 9. Section 32567 of the Public Resources Code is
38 amended to read:

39 32567. The conservancy shall determine acquisition priorities
40 and may acquire real property or any interest in real property within

1 the Baldwin-Hills ~~Hills~~ *Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and*
2 *Upper Dominguez Channel* area from willing sellers and at fair
3 market value or on other mutually acceptable terms, upon a finding
4 that the acquisition is consistent with the purposes of the
5 conservancy. The conservancy may acquire the property itself, or
6 may coordinate the acquisition with other public agencies with
7 appropriate responsibility and available funding or land to
8 exchange. The overall objectives of the land acquisition program
9 shall be to assist in accomplishing land transactions that are
10 mutually beneficial to the landowners and the conservancy, and
11 that meet the conservancy's purposes. Neither the conservancy
12 nor the State ~~Board of Public Works~~ *Public Works Board* shall
13 exercise the power of eminent domain for the purposes of this
14 division. The conservancy shall have the first right of refusal to
15 acquire, at the cost of acquisition, surplus public lands suitable for
16 park and open space within the conservancy's territory, and may
17 accept private or public lands offered for recreational trails.

18 SEC. 10. Section 32568 of the Public Resources Code is
19 amended to read:

20 32568. (a) The conservancy may, within the Baldwin-Hills
21 *Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez*
22 *Channel* area, undertake site improvement projects; regulate public
23 access; revegetate and otherwise rehabilitate degraded areas, in
24 consultation with other public agencies with appropriate
25 jurisdiction and expertise; upgrade deteriorating facilities; and
26 construct new facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature
27 appreciation and interpretation, and natural resource protection.
28 These projects shall be directed by the conservancy and undertaken
29 by other public agencies, with the conservancy providing overall
30 coordination through setting priorities for projects and assuring
31 uniformity of approach.

32 (b) The conservancy shall not, under any circumstances, extend
33 the road designated as "Stocker Street" to Overland Avenue or to
34 any street within the boundaries of *the City of Culver City* without
35 the prior written approval of the city council.

36 SEC. 11. Section 32571 of the Public Resources Code is
37 amended to read:

38 32571. (a) Local public agencies may enter into an agreement
39 to transfer responsibility for the management of the land located

1 within the Baldwin Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed,
2 and Upper Dominguez Channel area to the conservancy.

3 (b) Local public agencies shall retain exclusive authority over
4 all zoning or land use regulations within their jurisdiction.

5 SEC. 12. Section 32573 of the Public Resources Code is
6 amended to read:

7 32573. The conservancy shall do all of the following:

8 (a) Establish policies and priorities regarding the territory within
9 the Baldwin Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and
10 Upper Dominguez Channel area, and conduct any necessary
11 planning activities in accordance with the purposes set forth in
12 Section 32555.

13 (b) Give priority to related projects that create expanded
14 opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and
15 wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills, southern Ballona Creek
16 Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel area.

17 (c) Approve conservancy-funded projects that advance the
18 policies and priorities set forth in this division.

19 (d) Review the master plan required pursuant to subdivisions
20 (b) and (c) of Section 1 of Chapter 752 of the Statutes of 1999 and
21 implement prioritization for the acquisition and operation of
22 additional recreational and open-space needs, including additional
23 or upgraded facilities and parks that may be necessary or desirable.

24 SEC. 13. Section 32573.1 is added to the Public Resources
25 Code, to read:

26 32573.1. (a) The Baldwin Hills, Southern Ballona Creek
27 Watershed, and Upper Dominguez Channel Urban Watershed
28 Improvement Program is hereby established, to be administered
29 by the conservancy for climate change adaptation improvements,
30 to protect, conserve, and restore the health and resilience of the
31 watersheds and communities of the region, in support of the
32 purposes and programs described in Section 32565.5. In
33 implementing this program, the conservancy shall coordinate and
34 collaborate with other state agencies, federal agencies, local
35 entities, and stakeholders.

36 (b) In implementing this program, notwithstanding Section
37 32575, the conservancy may test new funding, policy, planning,
38 and implementation approaches with the area covered by an
39 initiative to test new ways of accomplishing the program objectives

1 and goals described in subdivision (a), with the intent of broadening
2 the scope of the initiative to apply to the entire program area.

3 (c) This section shall not be construed as requiring the
4 Legislature to appropriate additional funds.

5 SEC. 14. Section 32574 of the Public Resources Code is
6 amended to read:

7 32574. (a) The conservancy may fix and collect fees for the
8 use of any land owned or controlled, or for any service provided,
9 by the conservancy. No fee shall exceed the cost of maintaining
10 and operating the land or of providing the service for which the
11 fee is charged.

12 (b) The fee revenue and all other revenue received pursuant to
13 this division shall be deposited in the Baldwin Hills *and Urban*
14 *Watersheds* Conservancy Fund, which is hereby created in the
15 State Treasury. The money in the fund shall be expended by the
16 conservancy, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the
17 purposes of this division.

18 (c) Nothing in this act changes the Kenneth Hahn State
19 Recreation Area's status to receive funds as part of the state parks
20 system.

21 SEC. 15. Section 32575 of the Public Resources Code is
22 amended to read:

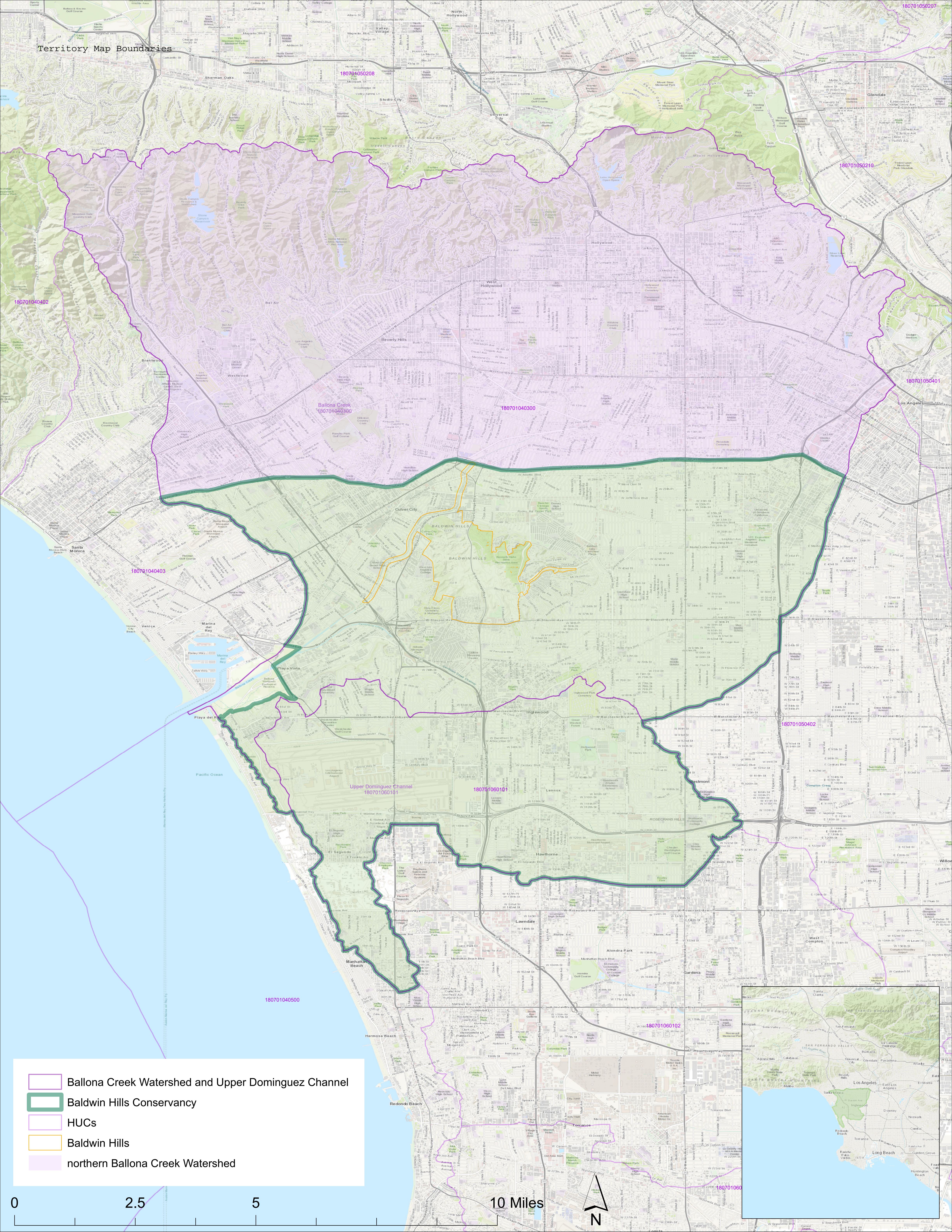
23 32575. The conservancy shall administer any funds
24 appropriated to it, *including any funds appropriated to it for these*
25 *purposes from any future bond act or local initiative measure*, and
26 any revenue generated by public agencies for the Baldwin-Hills
27 Hills, southern Ballona Creek Watershed, and Upper Dominguez
28 Channel area and contributed to the conservancy, and may expend
29 those funds for capital improvements, land acquisition, or support
30 of the conservancy's operations. Subject to Section 11005 of the
31 Government Code, the conservancy may also accept any revenue,
32 money, grants, goods, or services contributed to the conservancy
33 by any public agency, private entity, or person, and, upon receipt,
34 may expend any such revenue, money, or grants for capital
35 improvements, land acquisitions, or support of the conservancy's
36 operations.

37 SEC. 16. Section 32580 of the Public Resources Code is
38 repealed.

39 ~~32580. This division shall remain in effect only until January~~
40 ~~1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted~~

- 1 ~~statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2026, deletes or extends~~
- 2 ~~that date.~~

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Territory Map Boundaries

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Ballona Creek

180704043000

180701040300

180701040402

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Upper Dominguez Channel

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- Ballona Creek Watershed and Upper Dominguez Channel
- Baldwin Hills Conservancy
- HUCs
- Baldwin Hills
- northern Ballona Creek Watershed

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