### BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

# The in-person meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held Friday, July 22, 2022, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM <u>Stoneview Nature Center Training Room</u> <u>5950 Stoneview Drive, Culver City CA 90230</u>

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. To maximize public safety while maintaining transparency and public access, board members and members of the public can choose to participate either virtually via webinar, by telephone, or in person at the location listed above. Under California's recently enacted Senate Bill 189, Section 20, a state agency may hold public meetings through teleconferencing, and an agency that allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically satisfies any requirement that the state body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. This is provision will remain in effect until July 1, 2023.

People attending in person will be required to adhere to the LA County health guidelines, which could include wearing masks, health screening, and social distancing. Members of the public may dial into the teleconference and or join the meeting online at the link below.

Please click the link below to join the webinar: <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> **Or call in (audio only)** <u>+1 916-573-2034, 935237584#</u> United States, Sacramento Phone Conference ID: 935 237 584# <u>Find a local number</u>

# 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 – Megan Cooper, 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 <u>tiffany.jones@bhc.ca.gov</u> 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 (June) Megan Cooper, Chair
- 3. Public Comments Megan Cooper, Chair

- Presentation of Final Report for the Baldwin Hills Parklands Community Resilience and Access Plan – Natalie Hernandez, Associate Director - Climate Resolve
- 5. Executive Officer Report: Legislative, Operations, Project Status and Fiscal updates BHC Staff Representatives
- Closed Session: Conference to discuss negotiations and strategies for the following properties: Parcel Numbers: 4204-017-13; 5029-020-013; 4204-017-010; 4204-017-014; 5009-006-009, Negotiating Party: George Paspalof, Sentinel Peak Resources; Agency Negotiator: David McNeill.
- 7. Board Member Announcements or Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

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\*Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **September 16, 2022.** 

# ADJOURNMENT

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#### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

### The in-person meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) will be held Friday, June 3, 2022, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. <u>Stoneview Nature Center Training Room</u> <u>5950 Stoneview Drive, Culver City CA 90230</u>

### Alternative Locations:

#### 715 P Street, 20th floor Room 20-102 Sacramento, CA 95814

1197 Fawn Lane Prescott, AZ 86305 16303 Russell Street Whittier, CA 90603

Leena Sheet., Deputy Attorney General, conducted the swearing-in of Alina Bokde.

10:00 a.m. Call to Order - A public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) was assembled at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, June 03, 2022, via a hybrid format.

#### I. Roll Call – David McNeil, BHC Staff

Members Present: Armando Abrego, Alina Bokde, Colin Conner, Megan Cooper, Jaqueline Dupont-Walker, Yolanda Gorman, Robert Jones, Dr. Nicole Lawson, Sally Lukenbill, Colin Conner (for Jennifer Lucchesi), Amanda Martin, Udak-Joe Ntuk, Craig Sap, Keshia Sexton.

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

# II. Presentation on Department of Conservation's California Working and Natural Lands Framework – Elizabeth Betancourt, Natural and Working Lands Advisor, Department of Conservation

Ms. Betancourt gave a PowerPoint overview of the new direction for the Department of Conservation. While traditionally the divisions focused on their respective responsibilities, the new framework seeks to connect and unify the different divisions. All four divisions, including the California Geological Survey, the Division of Land Resources Protection, the Division of Mine Reclamation, and the Geologic Energy Management Division will all focus on four themes of natural and working lands. This new effort will allow the DOC to use its collective expertise to address the challenges and opportunities in California.

Chair Cooper asked how the Department of Conservation is involved in the 30X30. Ms. Betancourt responded that the DOC was an integral part of the development. They have a GIS specialist that provides a lot of the mapping. In terms of implementation, meeting with the various conservancies and other state departments serves to meet part of those goals. Ms. Betancourt also is part of an advisory panel that will create and measure the success of the goals via a dashboard.

Chair Cooper asked if this regulatory, funding, or technical assistance. Both Ms. Betancourt and Member Joe-Ntuk explained that this would fall mostly under CALGem, as CGS is more administrative. Executive

Officer McNeill followed up with a question regarding funding and how they will be distributed. Ms. Betancourt responded it is dependent on the program and the grant process.

#### III. Approval of Minutes (June)- Megan Cooper, Chair

Member Gorman provided a motion to approve the minutes unanimously. Member Jones 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.

#### IV. Public Comments – Megan Cooper, Chair

There were no public comments.

# V. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a Grant of BHC Wildfire Prevention Funds, in an amount not to exceed \$311,000, to the California Conservation Corps – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Executive Officer McNeill introduced two members of the California Conservation Corps that attended. He then discussed that phase 1 of the project is proposed to start in the summer of 2022. It will focus on right of ways, trails and external wildland urban interface. Phase 2 of the project includes the creation of defensible fuel mitigation space for internal structures that will address developed areas of the parklands.

Chair Cooper asks Conservation Corps representatives and McNeill about the partnership between the BHC and the county. McNeill replied that this project is a one-time opportunity to clear wildfire fuel from areas that are not covered by the county's annual clearing. It will reduce the risk on trails and behind local houses. Member Bokde remarked that this is a good use of the funding, and it would be great leverage the partnership with the county. She remarked her department has ongoing weed maintenance agreements with all the different Conservation Corps.

Member Lawson asked if this would affect park users through road or trail closures. Conservation Corps representatives and McNeill replied that if there are any closures, they will keep the public informed.

Member Lawson provided a motion. Member Dupont-Walker seconded the motion. Executive Director McNeill conducted a roll call vote. With a vote of all ayes and with no nays, the motion passed.

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

Executive Director McNeill started the report by asking board members and members of the public to conserve water. He discussed the incentives of changing to drought tolerant front yards and limiting water usage. He also discussed he will be in Sacramento for the new Natural Resources building opening and all Directors meeting.

Project status updates were given by staff member Gail Krippner. Staff member Jones reported on the status of the HoneyLove apiary at Stoneview Nature Center. Krippner talked about the need to amend the DTSC project for Environmental Oversight. The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation Green Valley Connection Improvement project is currently developing a scope of work for the California Conservation Corps. The project's expected completion date is March of 2026. KDI is

continuing its community advisory meetings to reach out and help bridge the gap between conservation and the local community. Tree People's grant for the Baldwin hills Reservoir Revitalization and Restoration plan is conducting outreach through community events and meetings. The outreach schedule was finalized, and the first meeting was held at the end of last February. The project's completion is expected in December 2022. Climate Resolve's Community Resilience and Access plan met with the county park planners to discuss conceptual plans for KHSRA. The project completion is expected in October 2022. McNeill added that there are a lot of extensions on grant projects due to pandemic related delays over the past 12 months.

Executive Officer McNeill shared that the reintroduction of the conservancy expansion bill, SB1052, passed from the Senate Floor and was heading to the Assembly for committee hearings. This bill would increase the conservancy's territory by 20 times its current size. He also discussed the hiring of 2 new office personnel.

Member Lawson discussed the opening of the new metro rail system and how will open the area to more access for people in the community.

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

There were no announcements.

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# ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Approved:

Megan Cooper, Chair

Date

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### Memorandum

- To: Governing Board
- Fr: David McNeill

Date: July 22, 2022

Re: <u>Item 4: Presentation of Final Draft Report for the Baldwin Hills Parklands</u> <u>Community Resilience and Access Plan – Natalie Hernandez, Associate</u> <u>Director - Climate Resolve</u>

**<u>Recommendation</u>**: No action required. The linked <u>PowerPoint presentation</u> will be shown at the meeting.

**Background:** Climate Resolve is nearing completion of the <u>Resilience and Access Plan</u> for the Baldwin Hills. The final stage is to present the summarized outreach efforts, community feedback and draft recommendations for review and input prior to publishing. The need to introduce climate resilience infrastructure elements into the Baldwin Hills Parklands comes at a critical time. The recommended series of interventions will help this regional South LA public space adapt to severe weather, drought and other environmental emergencies.

According to recent reports, Researchers at UCLA's Fielding School of Public Health have released a new tool showing which communities throughout the state are hit hardest by extreme heat caused by the climate crisis. Using <u>maps</u>, the project shows the increase in visits to local emergency rooms on so-called "extreme heat days" as compared to visits on other days.

In Los Angeles County, the areas reported most affected by extreme heat days include the northern and western San Fernando Valley, Northeast L.A. and Highland Park, **South L.A.**, Wilmington and San Pedro, East L.A. and Baldwin Park, Valinda, Pomona, and western Lancaster.

Last month, another <u>study</u>, an analysis of United States municipal plans released by UCLA researchers found that most large American cities are not prepared to combat heat-related problems. Among the 50 municipalities studied, including L.A., 78% mentioned heat in their climate plans, but few include strategies to address it.

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The <u>Final Draft</u> of the project report is available to Board Members for further comment. Members will be able to send comments to Lia Cohen at <u>lcohen@climateresolve.org</u> until by August 1, 2022. Climate Resolve is expected to release the final report in September 2022.

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# Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: July 22, 2022

Re: <u>Item 5: Executive Officer Report: Project Status, Fiscal, Legislative</u> and Operations Updates – BHC Staff Representatives

# Projects Status Report

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

# Fiscal Update

Attachment #2 - BHC Summary Expenditure Sheet by Fund; Attachment #3 - BHC Prop 1, Prop 40, Prop 84 and Prop 68 Bond Cash Funds. The reports correspond with the end of fiscal month eleven (11) for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

# Legislative Update

SB1052 Kamlager-Dove: On June 29th, the <u>Baldwin Hills Conservancy: Urban</u> <u>Watersheds Conservancy Expansion bill</u> was placed in the suspension at the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill will likely be addressed when the committee returns from recess after August 3rd.

# **Operations Update**

Pursuant to Resolution 16-06 delegating authority to the Executive Officer for ministerial revisions for grant amendments, timeline changes and or budget shifts, the following grant agreements have been amended:

- Honey Love #BHC2101 Performance period extended 12 months
- Culver City # BHC2007- Budget line-item shifts
- Tree People #BHC2003- Performance period extended 12 months
- Dept. of Toxic Substances Control #BHC2010 Performance period extended 24 months
- LA County Parks #BHC2002 Minor scope changes and schedule update

• Konkuey Design Initiative #BHC2004 - Minor scope changes and Performance period extended 6 months

Staff is developing recruitment packages to fill three vacancies. Advertisements are expected to be posted via the <u>CalHR website</u> by the close of July in an effort to attract candidates to fill our Park and Recreation Specialist, Staff Services Analyst, and an Associate Governmental Program Analyst positions.

# In the Community

The BHC will be participating in a panel at the Helms Design Center in Culver City on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am hosted by <u>Westside Urban Forum</u>. The discussion will be centered on Phasing Out Oil in Greater Los Angeles and will feature guests from environmental stakeholder groups.

Compton Unified School District Students will be meeting in the Baldwin Hills Parklands on August 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of their Environmental Justice Residency Grant supported by University of California Irvine's Education Department. The field trip will bring 100 students to learn about the nexus between the public policy, community advocacy, open space, public health and environmental justice in a region that is home to the largest urban oil field in the country. The BHC and Natural Resources Defense Fund are among the guest speakers for the day long visit.

# BHC Project Status Report for July 22, 2022

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Project Title	Grantee	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
Stoneview Nature Center Sanctuary Apiary	Honeylove	BHC2101	Prop 84	\$19,941	6/30/2023	Amendment 1 signed in June 2020; Amendment is for 12-month term extension minor scope revisions; Grantee still working with Culver City planning to revise the specs and location of shed to be constructed; Updated project completion June 2023; Complete project close-out October 2023.
Environmental Oversight and Technical Services	Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)	BHC2010	Prop 40	\$324,919	6/30/2023	Currently drafting Amendment for 24-month term extension (to June 2025); Access agreement still in progress; Current Project completion June 2023; Complete project close-out expected September 2023.
Green Valley Connection Improvement Project at KHSRA	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	BHC2002	Prop 1	\$700,000	3/31/2026	Project Update meeting 6/28/22; Amendment in progress for minor scope changes and a schedule update to reflect LACO Administrative delays; Updated Project completion expected Dec 2025; Complete project close-out June 2026.

# BHC Project Status Report for July 22, 2022

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Project Title	Grantee	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS
Mar Vista Community Greening Plan and Greenway Design	Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI)	BHC2004	Prop 68	\$359,800	5/31/2022	Amendment in process for possible minor scope and a term extension; Community Advisory Council meetings will resume July 2022; Design development near completion; Current project completion May 2022; Current project close-out expected August 2022.
Community Resilience and Access Plan	Climate Resolve (CR)	BHC2005	Prop 68	\$200,000	10/31/2022	Final community meeting was held virtually on May 18, 2022; Final report and digital resources in progress; Final presentation to BHC Board planned July 2022; Project completion expected October 2022; Complete project close-out expected January 2023.
Baldwin Hills Reservoir Revitalization and Restoration Plan	Tree People, Inc.	BHC2003	Prop 68	\$198,000	12/31/2022	Local outreach events underway; full outreach schedule to be finalized with LACO Fall 2022; First community meeting held February 23, 2022; Amendment for 12- month term extension; Project completion expected December 2022 ; Complete project close-out expected March 2023.

# BHC Project Status Report for July 22, 2022

Project Title	Grantee	Contract ID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Agreement Expiration	PROJECT STATUS			
Ballona Creek Bike Path Sustainability and Accessibility Project	Culver City	BHC2007	Prop 1	\$1,952,500	10/31/2023	Design drawings in development; Estimated Project completion December 2023; Amended for term extension in and line- item shifts; Current project completion expected October 2023; Current project close-out expected March 2023.			
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Slope Restoration Project	Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC)	BHC2008	Prop 1	\$1,027,640	2/14/2024	Construction documents for project are in- process; restoration work has commenced; crew onsite 2-5 days a week; Project completion expected May 2024; Complete project close-out expected August 2024.			

# Cover of BHC Expenditure 21-22 FM11 (1)

Attachment #2

<u>4/30/2022</u>	<u>Activity #</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Original</u> ppropriation		<u>Remaining</u> Appropration		EXP + ENC		BALANCE	Encumber by	Liquidate by
ELPF - #0140, Support											
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-0140	10001	\$	398,000.00	\$	389,000.00	\$	216,593.00	\$	181,406.00	06/30/22	06/30/24
Prop 40 - #6029, Support											
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	10005	\$	144,000.00	\$	144,000.00	\$	116,202.00	\$	27,798.00	06/30/22	06/30/24
Prop 84 - #6051, Support*		•		•							
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	10009	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000.00	\$	85,170.00	\$	64,830.00	06/30/22	06/30/24
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2019 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6088 General Fund - #0001, Support	10010	\$	192,000.00	\$	192,000.00	\$	23,100.16	\$	168,899.84	06/30/22	06/30/24
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<u>General Fund - #0001, Local Assistance/ Capital Outlay</u>											
2021 Budget Act Item 3835-101-0001	20016	\$	1,235,000.00	\$	1,235,000.00			\$	1,235,000.00		
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Prop 1 - #6083, Local Assistance/ Capital Outlay											
2019 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	20011	\$	1,300,000.00	\$	1,300,000.00	\$	1,272,360.00	\$	27,640.00	06/30/22	06/30/24
2018 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	20009		2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00		1,346,525.00	•	653,475.00	06/30/24	06/30/26
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2017 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	20008	\$	2,000,000.00	\$	2,000,000.00	\$	1,691,101.13	\$	308,898.87	06/30/23	06/30/25
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2016 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	20006	\$	1,500,000.00	\$	1,157,592.66	\$	1,054,592.66	\$	103,000.00	06/30/22	06/30/24
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6083	20004	\$	2,000,000.00	\$	418,863.09	\$	418,863.09	\$	•	06/30/24	06/30/26
					Total Prop	1 B	alance:	\$	1,093,013.87		

2016 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6029	20007	\$ 6,025,000.00	\$ 6,025,000.00 \$ 3,900,000.00	\$ 2,125,000.00	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	06/30/24	06/30/26
			Total Prop 40 Balance:	\$ 5,054,705.00		
Prop 68 - #6088, Local Assistance/Capital Outlay						
2021 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6088	20015	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00 \$ -	\$ 1,100,000.00	06/30/24	06/30/26
2020 Budget Act Item 3835-101-6088	20014	\$ 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 \$ 757,810.00	\$ 342,190.00	06/30/22	06/30/22
			Total Prop 68 Balance:	\$ 3,642,190.00		
Prop 84 - #6051, Capital Outlay						
2015 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30004	\$ 2,118,000.00	\$ 1,095,538.00 \$ 830,634.00	\$ 264,904.00	06/30/24	06/30/26
2014 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	30003	\$ 3,120,000.00	\$ 464,407.00 \$ 105,263.00	\$ 359,144.00	06/30/23	06/30/25
			Total Prop 84 Balance:	\$ 624,048.00		

**BOND CASH FUNDS** 

# Bond Cash - As Of 6/10/2022



2015 COMMERCIAL PAPER TE						
PROP 84:	6051					
PROP 40:	6029					
PROP 1:	6083					

CASH ALLOCATED
\$6,749,878.00
\$29,319,054.54
\$2,590,506.00

EXPENDITURES
\$5,724,397.00
\$29,066,952.00
\$2,344,803.00

BALANCE
\$1,025,483.00
\$252,102.00
\$245,703.00

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