

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors, July 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. will take place in-person and also available for remote access. Members of the public can observe and participate in the meeting as follows:

In-person: **Joint Administration Office of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier California 90601**
Location: Conference Room E/F

And remotely via Zoom by joining at this address:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3397206095>
Zoom ID 339 720 6095

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Members of the public may provide electronic comments by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 before the meeting to info@HabitatAuthority.org. Please label the email in the subject heading as “Public Comments”. Public comments may also be verbally heard during item #1 of the meeting, either in person or via Zoom.

Agency	Director	Alternate
County of Los Angeles	SULIC, Chair	YOKOMIZO
City of Whittier	MARTINEZ	MARTINEZ
Hacienda Heights Improvement Association	Vacant	YIP
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	FERRANTE, Vice Chair	REVILLA

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority is a public entity established pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act by agreement with the City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. Questions about any agenda items can be directed to Andrea Gullo, Executive Director, at 562.945.9003.

72 hours prior to Board of Directors meetings, the entire Board of Directors agenda package is available for review, along with any meeting-related writings or documents provided to a majority of the Board members after distribution of the agenda package, at www.HabitatAuthority.org. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call Andrea Gullo at 562.945.9003 at least 48 hours prior to meeting.

Pursuant to Section 54954 of the Government Code the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Authority), a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Authority will be held at the call of the Chair of the Authority at the above time and place for the purpose of:

1. Receipt of Public Comments. Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any topic within the jurisdiction of the Habitat Authority, or any item shown on the agenda.
2. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of Authority Special Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2023.
- b. Receive and file the Authority's Portfolio Earnings Reports and Custom by Instrument Type for May and June 2023 prepared by the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector.
3. Update on ranger activities, and receive and file April, May and June 2023 Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Ranger Reports.
4. Discussion and possible action authorizing Executive Director to execute the Thirty-second Amendment of the Open Space Management Agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for maintenance and operation services extending the term an additional year from 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 in the amount of \$ \$470,497.00, and b) amend the Authority budget to accommodate an increase of \$27,000.
5. Discussion and possible action about pilot program for providing dog poop bags at Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding sending Authority letter to Los Angeles County Planning Commission regarding Project No PRJ2020-000612 / East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Final Environmental Impact Report.
7. Presentation of Authority activities from the past year in review.
8. Instruction to negotiators on property negotiations for Assessor Parcel Numbers 8267-014-904, 8267-014-906 commonly known as the Diaz/Old Coach property and APN 8266-002-901, Powder Canyon. 1) Negotiations for an easement over approximately 1/10th of an acre of the property for heli-hydrant easement, and 2) Negotiations regarding La Habra Road vacation and a portion to be dedicated to the City of La Habra Heights for a fire access easement. Negotiating parties include Board Chair or Vice Chair, Executive Director, and City of La Habra Heights. (This item can be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding real estate negotiations.)
9. Instruction to negotiators on property negotiations for Assessor Parcel Numbers 8266-002-901 and 8269-003-900. Negotiating parties include Board Chair, Executive Director, and Rowland Water District. (This item can be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding real estate negotiations.)
10. Instruction to negotiators on property negotiations for Assessor Parcel Numbers 8239-045-902 and 8239-047-902. Negotiations for an access easement over the property. Negotiating parties include Board Chair, Executive Director, and Coast Community College. (This item can be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding real estate negotiations.)
11. Instruction to negotiators on property negotiations for Assessor Parcel Numbers 8267-017-900, 8267-017-905, 8267-017 906, and 8267-018-909 located along Harbor Boulevard. Negotiations for RMX Resources LLC., to Quitclaim to Habitat Authority all its rights, title, and interest and

Notice and Agenda Meeting

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reserve easement for certain rights and pipelines. Negotiating parties include Board Chair or Vice Chair, Executive Director, Los Angeles County, and RMX Resources, LLC.

12. Board Members' statements, responses, questions or directions to staff, and Executive Director's comments.
13. Adjournment and announcement of next meeting.

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This meeting was held at the Joint Administration Office of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County: 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601

And remotely for members of the public via Zoom at this address:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3397206095>, Zoom ID 339 720 6094

At 10:01 a.m., the meeting was called to order and a roll call was taken.

From Hacienda Heights Improvement Association:

Present: Andrew Yip, Alternate Director

From City of Whittier:

Present: Councilmember Jessica Martinez, Director

From Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County:

Present: Robert Ferrante, Vice Chair

From County of Los Angeles

Present: Ivan Sulic, Chair

Authority representatives present:

Andrea Gullo, Authority Executive Director
Michelle Mariscal, Authority Ecologist
Marlyn Barajas, Authority Board Secretary
Elena Gerli, Esq., Aleshire & Wynder LLP, Authority Counsel

1. RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ANY TOPIC WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE HABITAT AUTHORITY, OR ANY ITEM SHOWN ON THE AGENDA.

None.

2. REPORT BY AUTHORITY’S CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Executive Director Gullo provided a report.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approval of Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2023.**
- b. Receive and file March 2023 Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Ranger Reports.**
- c. Receive and file the Authority’s Portfolio Earnings Reports and Custom by Instrument Type for April 2023 prepared by the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector.**

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- d. Receive and file Authority financial audit, Management Report and Auditor’s Communication Letter for fiscal year 2021-22, prepared by Moss, Levy and Hartzheim, LLP, contracted by Los Angeles County Department of Auditor-Controller.**
- e. Receive and file Authority’s Wells Fargo account reconciliation reports.**
- f. Receive and file an update on the completed Harbor Boulevard Coastal Sage Scrub mitigation site.**
- g. Approval of recommendation from La Habra Heights and appointment of Roy Francis to the Authority’s Citizens Technical Advisory Committee for a term expiring in February 2027.**

Director Martinez motioned to approve items a through g. Director Yip seconded the motion, and in a vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION AND BRIEFING REGARDING HOW STATE PARKS ARE STRUCTURED AND/OR CREATED BY CLAIRE SCHLOTTERBECK OF HILLS FOR EVERYONE.

Claire Schlotterbeck, President of Hills for Everyone, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Chino Hills State Park’s organizational history. There was discussion, and the Board thanked Ms. Schlotterbeck for her presentation.

5. PRESENTATION AND BRIEFING REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE MISSING MIDDLE, AERA PROPERTY, LAND USE WITHIN THE PUEENTE CHINO HILLS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR BY CLAIRE SCHLOTTERBECK OF HILLS FOR EVERYONE

Ms. Schlotterbeck gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Missing Middle, Aera property, land use within the Puente Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor. There was discussion, and the Board thanked her for her presentation.

6. REVIEW OF AUTHORITY WORKPLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, AND REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUTHORITY WORKPLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, AND REVIEW OF STRATEGIC GUIDELINES.

Executive Director Gullo provided a report. There was discussion.

Director Martinez motioned to approve Authority workplan for fiscal year 2023-24, and Director Yip seconded the motion. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUTHORITY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDING BUDGETS.

Executive Director Gullo provided a report. There was discussion.

Vice Chair Ferrante motioned to approve Authority annual budget for fiscal year 2023-24 and Director Martinez seconded the motion. In a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. INSTRUCTIONS TO NEGOTIATORS ON PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 8267-014-904, 8267-014-906 COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE DIAZ/OLD COACH PROPERTY AND APN 8266-002-901, POWDER CANYON. 1) NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN EASEMENT OVER APPROXIMATELY 1/10TH OF AN ACRE OF THE PROPERTY FOR HELI-HYDRANT EASEMENT, AND 2) NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING LA HABRA ROAD VACATION AND A PORTION TO BE DEDICATED TO THE CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS FOR A FIRE ACCESS EASEMENT. NEGOTIATING PARTIES INCLUDE BOARD CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS. (THIS ITEM CAN BE HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 REGARDING REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS.)

At 11:08 a.m. Chair Sulic moved to continue the discussion of items 8 through 12 in Closed Session.

9. INSTRUCTION TO NEGOTIATORS ON PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 8266-002-901 AND 8269-003-900. NEGOTIATING PARTIES INCLUDE BOARD CHAIR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT. (THIS ITEM CAN BE HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 REGARDING REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS.)

10. INSTRUCTION TO NEGOTIATORS ON PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 8239-045-902 AND 8239-047-902. NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN ACCESS EASEMENT OVER THE PROPERTY. NEGOTIATING PARTIES INCLUDE BOARD CHAIR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE. (THIS ITEM CAN BE HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 REGARDING REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS.)

11. INSTRUCTIONS TO NEGOTIATORS ON PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 8267-017-900, 8267-017-905, 8267-017 906, AND 8267-018-909 LOCATED ALONG HARBOR BOULEVARD. NEGOTIATIONS FOR RMX RESOURCES LLC., TO QUITCLAIM TO HABITAT AUTHORITY ALL ITS RIGHTS, TITLE, AND INTEREST AND RESERVE EASEMENT FOR CERTAIN RIGHTS AND

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PIPELINES. NEGOTIATING PARTIES INCLUDE BOARD CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND RMX RESOURCES, LLC.

- 12. INSTRUCTIONS TO NEGOTIATORS ON PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS FOR 10 ACRE PORTION OF ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8294-030-001 LOCATED IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. NEGOTIATING PARTIES INCLUDE BOARD CHAIR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND NELSON CHUNG, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CHUNG FAMILY TRUST AND PALMDALE SUMMIT, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. (THIS ITEM CAN BE HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 REGARDING REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS.)**

At 11:35 a.m. Chair Sulic moved to end Closed Session and the Open Session recommenced.

Items 8 through 12 were discussed and no reportable action was taken.

- 13. BOARD MEMBERS' STATEMENTS, RESPONSES, QUESTIONS OR DIRECTIONS TO STAFF, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS.**

Director Martinez commented on dog waste at Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead and water damaged displays, and asked if we have signage for trail users to pick up after their pets.

Director Yip thanked everyone involved in the Authority's Open House on May 3rd. Director Yip commented on how well it was received, and hopes to do more community outreach in the near future.

Executive Director Gullo shared that new flyers will go up on our trailhead kiosk with a QR code that takes you to a survey for community feedback.

Executive Director Gullo shared that we are close to receiving the one-time grant of 1.3 million through Caltrans, and that she would be on vacation from June 1st through June 19th.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING.**

There being no further comments, or business to be discussed, Chair Sulic adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting in June is expected to be canceled and will meet the following month on July 20, 2023.

Approved:

Ivan Sulic, Board Chair

Marlyn Barajas, Board Secretary



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June 6, 2023

Andrea Gullo, Executive Director
Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority
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Dear Andrea Gullo:

PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS

Enclosed are the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority Portfolio Income Report (Earnings Report), Custom Position Report, Purchase Detail Report, and Chronological Detail Report for the month ended May 31, 2023, for your review and reference.

Should you have questions, you may contact Ms. Marivic Liwag, Assistant Operations Chief, of my staff at (213) 584-1252, or mliwag@ttc.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

KEITH KNOX
Treasurer and Tax Collector


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c: Marlyn Barajas

Income Report - PHHPA

05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023

Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 06/01/2023

SPI

Original Lot ID	Detailed Description	CUSIP	Coupon Rate	PAR Value	Interest/Dividend Received	Accretion Income	Amortization Expense	Interest Income	Net Gain/Loss	Net Income
821801196	FREDDIE MAC 2.000 08/27/43 '23 MTN	3134GWSD9	2.000	9,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,833.33	0.00	15,833.33
821801198	FEDERAL FARM 2.500 07/29/41 '23	3133EMW65	2.500	22,675,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,239.58	0.00	47,239.58
1038232492	FHLBANKS D NOTE 11/15/23	313384PG8	0.000	4,000,000.00	0.00	7,222.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,222.22
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Custom Position Report - PHHPA

As of 05/31/2023

Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 06/01/2023

SPI

Original Lot ID	Detailed Description	CUSIP	Coupon Rate	Final Maturity	Purchase Yield	PAR Value	Amortized Cost	Historical Cost	Net Accumulated Amortization/Accretion
1038232492	FHLBANKS D NOTE 11/15/23	313384PG8	0.000	11/15/2023	5.128	4,000,000.00	3,907,222.22	3,900,000.00	7,222.22
821801198	FEDERAL FARM 2.500 07/29/41 '23	3133EMW65	2.500	07/29/2041	2.500	22,675,000.00	22,675,000.00	22,675,000.00	0.00
821801196	FREDDIE MAC 2.000 08/27/43 '23 MTN	3134GWSD9	2.000	08/27/2043	2.000	9,500,000.00	9,500,000.00	9,500,000.00	0.00
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Purchase Detail Report - PHHPA

05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023

Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 06/01/2023

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LA Fund Number	Original Lot ID	Description	Settle Date	Final Maturity	Coupon Rate	PAR Value	Principal	Purchased Accrued Income	Settlement Amount
PHHPA	1038232492	FHLBANKS D NOTE 11/15/23	05/19/2023	11/15/2023	0.000	4,000,000.00	3,900,000.00	0.00	3,900,000.00
PHHPA	1038232492	FHLBANKS D NOTE 11/15/23	05/19/2023	11/15/2023	0.000	4,000,000.00	3,900,000.00	0.00	3,900,000.00

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Chronological Report - PHHPA

05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023

Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 06/01/2023

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1038232492	FHLBANKS D NOTE 11/15/23	05/19/2023	11/15/2023	3,900,000.00	3,900,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1038232492	FHLBANKS D NOTE 11/15/23	05/19/2023	11/15/2023	3,900,000.00	3,900,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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July 11, 2023

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06/01/2023 - 06/30/2023

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Dated: 07/01/2023

SPI

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Custom Position Report - PHHPA

As of 06/30/2023

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Purchase Detail Report - PHHPA

Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

06/01/2023 - 06/30/2023

Dated: 07/01/2023

<i>LA Fund Number</i>	<i>Original Lot ID</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Settle Date</i>	<i>Final Maturity</i>	<i>Coupon Rate</i>	<i>PAR Value</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Purchased Accrued Income</i>	<i>Settlement Amount</i>
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Chronological Report - PHHPA

06/01/2023 - 06/30/2023

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June 30 , 2023

**Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority
Ranger Services Activities for April, May and June 2023**

- Continued general patrol for: providing visitor information, identifying hazardous conditions and correcting illegal activity.
- Continued general maintenance for: graffiti removal, vandalism repair, litter and dumping removal, fence and gate repairs, sign installations and repairs and trail maintenance.
- Attended the Habitat Authority Board meetings.
- Planning and preparation for 4th of July. Communicated and met with Habitat Authority volunteers, Whittier CERT Team, Grande Vista homeowners, Whittier Public Works, L.A. Co. Sheriffs, Whittier Police, L. A Co. Fire, and Lahabra Heights Fire.
- Communicated with Habitat Authority volunteer trail watchers about trail conditions and hazards. Discussed 4th of July deployment.
- Participated in our ranger monthly management meeting.
- Attended annual Wildland Firefighting refresher training. Installed water pumps and firefighting apparatus in the trucks.
- Participated in the recording of a video about the daily duties of a ranger for Habitat Authority social media.
- Participated in the Habitat Authority Open House presentation.
- Picked up dumping including:
 - Trash on Colima Road.
 - Debris on Fullerton Road.
 - Mattress at Powder Canyon.
- Continue to notify the Habitat Authority staff of all unsuccessful animal road crossings that are observed at or near Habitat Authority property. During the months of April, May and June no animals were observed.
- Continue to monitor the Harbor underpass. No activity to report.

- Continue to pick up dog defecation at all the trailheads. Researched doggy bag holders to install at the trailheads. Installed additional dog on leash and pick up after signs at Arroyo Pescadero.
- Installed “No E-Bikes” signs at all the trailheads.
- Continue to monitor and inspect the fuel modification contractors and communicate with local fire departments and residents.
- Met with Habitat Authority and L.A. County Fire Battalion Chiefs regarding roads throughout the Preserve.
- Inspected property adjacent to Habitat Authority property for encroachment and new construction plans.
- Cleared several trails/roads with tractor/mower including;
 - Sycamore Canyon
 - Bob Henderson Loop
 - Deer Loop
 - Arroyo San Miguel
 - Gray Squirrel
 - Powder Canyon
 - Black Walnut
 - Service road to Whittier Landfill
- Continue to check on the goat operations at Turnbull Canyon and Powder Canyon.
- Inspected the roads and trails for downed trees and trail damage after the rain. Cleared several fallen branches along the trails.
- Repaired the fire gate at the Elderberry entrance and created a pedestrian access.
- Large eucalyptus tree fell in the fuel mod zone. Contacted North East Trees Contractor for the removal.
- Recovered an abandoned bicycle at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead. The bike was later returned to the owner. Recovered an abandoned bicycle on the Arroyo San Miguel Trail.
- Removed a dead tree along Catalina Ave.
- Repaired the back-flow device at Powder Canyon.
- Repaired the fence at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead.

- Turnbull Canyon Road was closed for several weeks due to a sink hole. Continue to update Habitat Authority on the progress.
- Continue to patrol the SCE, Brea 57 site and Monterey mitigation sites in Powder Canyon and the Olinda site in Arroyo San Miguel.
- Recovered a stolen vehicle that was left abandoned on Turnbull Canyon Road at the Elderberry Trail entrance.
- Dealt with various violations including:
 - In the Preserve after hours at Sycamore Canyon, Hacienda Hills, Powder Cyn., Hellman Park and Arroyo Pescadero.
 - Parking violations at Powder Canyon, Arroyo Pescadero, Hacienda Hills Trailhead, Sycamore Canyon and Ford property.
 - Dogs in Sycamore Canyon
 - Hikers in Turnbull Canyon and Powder Canyon after rain.
 - Loud music in the Hacienda Hills.
 - Warn and advise electric bikes in Powder Canyon and Hacienda Hills.
 - Subject cutting cactus at Ford property.
 - Dogs off leash at Powder Cyn, Ford property and Arroyo Pescadero.
 - Bikes in Arroyo Pescadero, Sycamore Cyn and Hellman Park.
- The Preserve was closed several days due to rain.
- Responded to a fire at Hellman Park. L. A County Fire extinguished the fire quickly. Small fire under the large pepper tree. Caused by homeless.
- Assisted Whittier Police with a transient that jumped the fence in Worsham Canyon. Whittier PD transported the subject for mental evaluation.
- Due to safety concerns and overcrowding at the Turnbull Canyon entrance, we previously worked with the owner of the property and Whittier Police Department to secure the vacant lot that is next to the entrance. We secured the lot several times. We recovered a stolen vehicle abandoned on the lot.
- Continue monitoring the surveillance cameras at various trailheads in attempt to catch the vehicle break-in perpetrators. We are also coordinating with Whittier Police and L.A. County Sheriff. We continue to get positive information of the suspects from the cameras.
- Continue to contact the Los Angeles County Department of Street Maintenance regarding the graffiti along Turnbull Canyon Road.
- Continue to conduct perimeter patrols of all property for fence damage, illegal access points, rope swings, and encroachments.

- Received several calls during the months of April, May and June to our 24-hour ranger emergency services number including:
 - Several calls for hikers locked in at Hellman Park.
 - Several inquiries if the Preserve is open.
 - Hikers locked in at Orange Grove Ave.
 - Hikers locked in at Sycamore Canyon.
 - Hikers locked in at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead.
 - Reporting a mountain lion sighting on Vale Drive.
 - Reporting trees blocking the Ahwingna Trail.
 - Reporting lost wallet in Sycamore Canyon.
 - Vehicle break in at Sycamore Canyon.
 - Reporting an injured squirrel. Inquiring what to do with it.
 - Possible injured person at Powder Canyon. Called back to disregard.
 - Interested in the goats program.
 - Found a shirt with blood on it at Sycamore Canyon.
 - Saw a large cat in La habra Heights.
 - Reporting an illegally parked car at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead.
 - Reporting a homeless person on Milton Street.
 - Reporting the trail is overgrown at Hellman Park.
 - Reporting a fire at Hellman Park.
 - Bees along the trail at Sycamore Canyon.
 - Reporting fence damage at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead.
 - Smoking in Powder Canyon.
 - A peacock in the street at Pathfinder/Harbor Blvd.
 - Lost hiker at Arroyo Pescadero. Hiker made it back to their car.
 - Reporting an injured duck in her yard.
 - Reporting large trucks possibly dumping.
 - Campus Police looking for student from Orange Grove Middle School that left school walking towards the hills.
 - Reporting a sign missing at Worsham Canyon.
 - Question regarding brush clearance in Whittier.
 - Lost keys on Skyline Drive.
 - Reporting hikers in the Hacienda Hills before 9am.
 - Reporting someone looking into vehicles at Arroyo Pescadero.
 - Reporting an open camp fire at Murphy Ranch Park.
 - Reporting a bobcat at Hellman Park.
 - Reporting someone setting up a religious and food booth at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead.
 - Sprained ankle and need help getting back to the car at the Hacienda Hills Trailhead.
 - Inquiring about when weed clearance will be done at Old Ranch Rd.
 - Whittier Audubon cannot open the locks at Sycamore Canyon.
 - Reporting a homeless in Worsham Canyon.
 - Reporting dog poop on the Ahwingna Trail.
 - Resident found a baby coyote. Needed to know what to do with it.
 - Inquiring if dogs are allowed in Arroyo Pescadero.
 - Reporting the gates are open for vehicles at Hellman Park.
 - Cars locked in at Hellman Park.

- Continue to check and re-post trail closure signs and rope-fence at unauthorized trails and restoration areas in Turnbull Canyon, Worsham Canyon, Powder Canyon and Hellman Park.
- Continue to work closely with Executive Director Andrea Gullo on various projects and assignments as requested.

If you have any questions, or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me anytime. Thank you.

Sincerely,

K E Hughes

Kenn Hughes
Deputy Chief Ranger

Puente Hills
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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 20, 2023

To: Board Members

From: 
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Subject: Agenda Item No. 4) Discussion and possible action authorizing Executive Director to execute the Thirty-second Amendment of the Open Space Management Agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for maintenance and operation services extending the term an additional year from 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 in the amount of \$470,497.00, and b) amend the Authority budget to accommodate an increase of \$27,000.

Recommendation:

That the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the attached amendment for maintenance and operation services in the amount of \$470,497 and authorize Authority budget amendment retroactive to July 1.

Background:

In accordance with the Open Space Management Agreement (Agreement) between the MRCA and Authority for services since May 1996, the MRCA has adequately adhered to the Agreement standards. They have provided maintenance and staff services and have shown flexibility over the past year, and years prior, providing the Authority with basic services under changing circumstances. The proposed annual contract would increase patrol and maintenance hours by rangers and park staff by approximately 18 hours, from approximately 64 hours per week last year up to approximately 82 hours per week. The proposed amount also includes MRCA cost of living increases.

Previously, in response to Authority budget restrictions since fiscal year (FY) 19-20 the Authority has repeatedly decreased patrol and maintenance services for the Authority's Preserve. For reference, 90 hours a week were budgeted in FY 19-20, 84 hours a week were budgeted in FY 20-21, 77 hours were budgeted in FY 21-22, and 64 hours were budgeted in FY 22-23.

Another change with the proposed MRCA contract, which has already been implemented, is that monthly utility and waste costs are now processed directly by Authority staff and no longer a part of the MRCA contract; these costs are approximately \$58,000 annually. Changing utilities and waste services from the MRCA to the Authority

will be more efficient for preparing and tracking payments. Below is the breakdown of the costs:

\$452,936	FY 22-23 MRCA contract at 64 MRCA staff hours a week (with utility and waste costs)
<u>(\$58,000)</u>	Less utilities and waste, approximate costs
\$394,936	Subtotal
\$75,561	FY 23-24 increase in MRCA staff hours by approximately 18 hrs/week to 82 hours minimum
\$470,497	Proposed total for 32nd MRCA contract amendment

Additionally, Jr. Ranger programs provided to local schools would resume with this proposal for FY 23-24. These programs were suspended for the past three years due to budget constraints. The programs will be shortened from three-day programs (two days in the schools and one on the trail) to one day (on the trail) each. The goal will be to provide four ranger-led programs with the assistance of Authority volunteers.

Furthermore, the MRCA would like the administrative processing surcharge on each citation to be raised from \$30 to \$33 to reflect increased MRCA processing costs including staff time, mailing, dispute resolution, hearing officer, court fees and legal representation if the citation goes to a superior court. This would result in a decrease in ticket revenue for the Authority by less than approximately 5% annually. For reference, anticipated ticket revenue for 2022 is \$20,000, with 7% of the tickets being administrative, and 93% being other; a 5% decrease in revenue would be approximately \$1,000 less. Below is a breakdown of the current and proposed revenue gained by the Authority for the typical tickets written.

CURRENT		% Split		
Citations	Fees \$	MRCA	Hab Auth	HA Revenue \$
No Parking	73	41%	59%	43
No Stopping	93	32%	68%	63
Administrative	175	17%	83%	145
PROPOSED		% Split		
Citations	Fees \$	MRCA	Hab Auth	HA Revenue \$
No Parking	73	45%	55%	40
No Stopping	93	35%	65%	60
Administrative	175	19%	81%	142

The last time that the administrative surcharge was addressed was in 2018 with an increase from \$25 to \$30. Before that, in 2016 the charge was established at \$25.

Fiscal Impact:

The approved Authority budget for FY 23-24 already included an estimated \$49,650 increase for the MRCA contract. A budget amendment of \$27,000 would address the additional increase in this proposed contract and decrease in ticket revenue. This increase in hours and budget augmentation is provided through the one-time funding from Assembly Bills 178 and 179 which provides \$1,300,000 for ranger services for firefighting, law enforcement, outdoor education, and protection of the natural resources for trail visitors. It is anticipated that this funding will be spread out over several years to close the Authority's budget shortfall.

Assembly Bills 178 and 179 of \$1,300,000 (Caltrans)	Authority Allocation
FY 22-23	280,927
FY 23-24	188,355
Total allocated to date	469,282

Attachments:

Proposed MRCA Amendment and associated budget.

**THIRTY-SECOND AMENDMENT TO
PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Formerly Known As Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority Open Space
Management Agreement

This thirty-second amendment to that certain agreement entitled the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority Open Space Management Agreement (AGREEMENT) is entered into on July 1, 2023 between the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority, a joint powers authority established under the laws of the State of California, acting by and through its Executive Director, (hereinafter known as the PHHPA) and the Executive Officer of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, a joint powers authority (hereinafter known as the CONTRACTOR). PHHPA and CONTRACTOR agree to the following amendments:

1. That the term of the AGREEMENT is extended for one year from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
2. The amount of Ranger/Park Staff weekly hours is approximately 82 hours. An approximate 18 hour a week increase over last year.
3. That the contract amount for services for the term shall not exceed \$470,497.00 (four hundred seventy thousand four hundred ninety-seven dollars) in accordance with the attached budget (Exhibit A).
4. This AGREEMENT amends #2 of the twenty-seventh (27th) amendment in *italics and bold* as follows: That the administrative processing surcharge on each citation be raised *from \$30 to \$33 (thirty-three)* dollars). The remainder of the citation revenue will be provided to the PHHPA in the form of a check within five months after the end of the *fiscal* year.
5. This AGREEMENT amends #3 of the thirty first (31th) amendment in *italics and bold* as follows: Invoices submitted will be in a format that meets known requirements of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) for reimbursable Measure A Maintenance and Servicing costs, provided that those requirements are known at the time services are rendered. CONTRACTOR cannot retroactively change record-keeping practices and is not responsible for ensuring that RPOSD approve any expenses. If RPOSD issues new requirements, CONTRACTOR reserves the right to reevaluate the ability to meet those requirements. CONTRACTOR will make best efforts to accommodate PHHPA in submitting documentation to satisfying RPOSD. Costs shall be separated out by Maintenance and Servicing (M&S) and non-M&S qualifying expenses on City of Whittier Proposition A properties, PHHPA Proposition A properties (Sycamore Canyon, and Turnbull Canyon), and Non-Proposition A properties. Turnbull Canyon and Sycamore Canyon costs must ~~now~~ be separated. Invoices will indicate CONTRACTOR staff time dedicated to *various* grants. Additionally, CONTRACTOR shall note that **\$12,250** of ranger time is allocated for ranger patrol of habitat restoration sites on City of Whittier's Unocal property and not for Proposition A M&S time, and should be not be invoiced as M&S. CONTRACTOR recognizes that \$3,400 of ranger time will be funded by the CalFire grant and should be not be invoiced as M&S.
6. That all other terms and provisions of the AGREEMENT shall remain in full force and effect.

PUENTE HILLS
HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

By _____
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

By _____
Melissa Vega, Contracts Officer

Date

Date

PHHPA Open Space Management Agreement
 32nd Amendment, FY 23/24
 Exhibit A

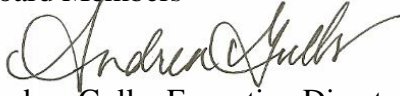
Description	Whittier owned - Prop A (Arroyo Pescadero/Chevron, Unocal, Hellman, etc.)				Habitat Authority - Prop A (Turnbull/Rose Hills)				Habitat Authority - Prop A (Sycamore)				Non Prop A - (Hacienda Heights, Powder, etc.)			
	This Period	YTD Expenses	Total Budgeted	Budget Balance	This Period	YTD Expenses	Total Budgeted	Budget Balance	This Period	YTD Expenses	Total Budgeted	Budget Balance	This Period	YTD Expenses	Total Budgeted	Budget Balance
Payroll, Benefits, Vehicle Usage, Overhead			\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500		\$ -	\$ 34,500	\$ 34,500		\$ -	\$ 34,500	\$ 34,500		\$ -	\$ 130,500	\$ 130,500
M&S Payroll, Benefits, Vehicle Usage, Overhead (*)			\$ 94,000.00	\$ 94,000			\$ 51,786	\$ 51,786			\$ 51,786	\$ 51,786				\$ -
Non M&S Payroll, Benefits, Vehicle Usage, Overhead				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
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Telephone-Land			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Answering Service			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Interpretive Supplies			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Misc Operating Expenses (Gate opening)(*)				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Food/Kitchen			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Volunteer Expenses			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Clothing/Personal Supplies			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Warning/ Protective Suppl			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
First Aid/ Rescue Suppl			\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Hand Tools/ Instruments (*)			\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Minor Equipment (*)			\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00		\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Peace Officer Supplies			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Signs & Info Fixtures (*)			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Maintenance-Other (*)			\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00		\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Maintenance-Other Equipment (*)			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Maintenance-Buildings (*)			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00				\$ -			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Maintenance-Grounds (*)			\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00		\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Maintenance-Roads (*)			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Weed Control (*)				\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Vandalism Restoration (*)			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
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TOTAL CONTRACT												\$ 470,497.00				

Puente Hills
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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 20, 2023

To: Board Members

From: 
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Subject: Agenda Item No. 5) Discussion and possible action about pilot program for providing dog poop bags at Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead.

Recommendation:
That the Board advise and direct staff.

Background:
At the direction of the Board, this item is before the Board for its consideration.

In response to a report about dog feces being left on trails at the Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead, the Board directed staff to explore a dog poop bag pilot program. The costs of replenishing the bags every few days would be absorbed in the regular maintenance contract with the MRCA. A pilot program for 3 months would cost \$738, and for 6 months would cost \$1,098. The cost breakdown is as follows:

Poop bag pilot program		
<u>Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead (initial first month)</u>		
\$88	dispenser and 400 bags	
\$350	MRCA installation time and materials	
<u>\$60</u>	800 extra bags	
\$498		
<u>Reoccurring monthly costs:</u>		
\$120	1,600 bags	
Cost per trailhead*	Cost for Preserve (6 locations**)	
\$738	first 3 months	\$4,428
\$1,098	first 6 months	\$6,588
\$1,818	first year	\$10,908
\$1,440	second year - just bags	\$8,640
* Costs do not include replacement, maintenance, vandalism repair, bag replenishment		
** Arroyo Pescadero, Hellman, Turnbull, Hacienda Hills, Powder Canyon two entrances		

Considerations for the Board are the costs as outlined above, future operational rules, and public reliance on bags. The Board has previously discussed banning dogs at some point in the future due to environmental impacts and trail user conflicts. Staff can rely on biological data from its studies, such as Authority wildlife cameras, to be analyzed before possibly reapproaching the topic. Also, the “leave no trace” message has been one that staff and rangers have promoted throughout the years, and public reliance on bags being provided may hamper trail user responsibility.

The Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead would be an appropriate location for a pilot program should the Board decide to implement. This location is anecdotally a popular trailhead for trail users with dogs, and it has seven existing trash cans for trail users to discard waste. Other trailheads average one to three trashcans.

Fiscal Impact:

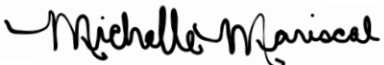
This would be an additional cost above the approved budget.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 20, 2023

To: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

From: 
Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist

Subject: Agenda Item No. 6) Discussion and possible action regarding sending Authority letter to Los Angeles County Planning Commission regarding Project No PRJ2020-000612 / East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Final Environmental Impact Report.

Recommendation:

That the Board approve the attached comment letter.

Background:

The proposed East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (ESGVAP) is an extension of the Los Angeles County General Plan focused on the unique characteristics and needs of the East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area. The Area Plan would update and consolidate two existing community plans (Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights), as well as change zoning and land use designations to bring them into conformance with the General Plan. The Authority's draft comments are in support of the proposed land use designation change on the Aera property, which is directly adjacent to the Harbor Boulevard wildlife underpass at the eastern end of the Preserve. The proposed land use designation, Rural Lands 40, would constrain residential development to 1 unit per 40 acres. This property is in private ownership with high potential for residential buildout in the future and is considered the "Missing Middle" of the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor to which the Authority's Puente Hills Preserve is biologically connected and dependent. Please see the Authority's attached draft comment letter (Exhibit A).

The Regional Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the Final Environmental Impact Report for the ESGVAP on August 9th. The Notice of Public Hearing (Exhibit B), Final EIR, and ESGVAP documents are posted on the County's website:

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/east-san-gabriel-valley-area-plan/documents/>

Attachments:

Exhibit A, Draft comment letter
Exhibit B, Notice of Public Hearing



EXHIBIT A

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July 20, 2023

Regional Planning Commission
County of Los Angeles
320 W Temple St
Los Angeles CA 90012
commplan@planning.lacounty.gov

RE: Project No PRJ2020-000612 / East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report

Dear Chair Hastings and Commission:

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (ESGVAP) Final Program Environmental Impact Report. We previously provided comments on the ESGVAP NOP, Initial Study, April 2022 Draft Plan Documents and February 2023 Draft Environmental Impact Report and Draft Plan Documents. We appreciate the availability of Planning staff in responding to our questions, providing clarification, and taking our comments into consideration during the preparation of previous document versions.

The Habitat Authority is a public joint powers authority established pursuant to California Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* with a Board of Directors consisting of the City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and the community of Hacienda Heights. According to its mission, the Habitat Authority is dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, and management of open space in the Puente Hills for preservation of the land in perpetuity, with the primary purpose to protect the biological diversity. Additionally, the agency endeavors to provide opportunities for outdoor education and low-impact recreation.

In the Puente Hills, the Habitat Authority manages the open space in its ownership as well as the open space of Board Member agencies, totaling over 3,880 acres, within the Cities of Whittier, La Habra Heights and the County unincorporated area known as Hacienda Heights. These lands are collectively referred to as the Puente Hills Preserve (Preserve) and are situated along, and within, the southern boundary of the ESGVAP.

The ESGV Planning Area includes a portion of the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor, a span of open space linking the Puente Hills and Chino Hills to the Santa Ana Mountains. Significant

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public investment has been made to assemble and protect the wildlife corridor, and the habitats therein, over the past several decades. However, the large contiguous portion that comprises the middle span of the wildlife corridor remains unprotected, and this land is absolutely crucial for ensuring the long-term sustainability of the corridor and the ecosystems therein. The open space within the southern portion of the Rowland Heights community is directly adjacent to Los Angeles County's only wildlife undercrossing structure which was specifically built to facilitate safe wildlife movement beneath Harbor Boulevard, thus ensuring connectivity. Our agency has documented consistent use of this structure by deer, bobcats, coyotes, and a variety of other wildlife. **Given the significance of this area for wildlife movement, we applaud the proposed change of these parcel's Land Use Designation from Transitional Open Space to the lowest housing density designation, Rural Lands 40.** We support this new Land Use Designation as it does not preclude the current use of the land, is more consistent with designations on similar and adjacent open space parcels which already have low density designations, and it would ensure long-term sustainability of the wildlife corridor. Further, much of this area is mapped as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and has Significant Ecological Area designation, therefore limiting residential development is consistent with other policies as outlined in the ESGVAP Document and the County's General Plan (dated 2035).

Thank you for your consideration, and feel free to contact myself or Ecologist Michelle Mariscal (mmariscal@habitatauthority.org) at (562) 945-9003 for further discussion.

Sincerely,

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Ivan Sulic
Chair, Board of Directors

cc: Habitat Authority Board of Directors
Habitat Authority Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND CONSIDERATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR
EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN
PROJECT NO. 2020-000612-(SD1, 5)
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. RPPL2021013047
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. RPPL2022003554
ORDINANCE NO. RPPL2022014158
ZONE CHANGE NO. RPPL2022003557
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. RPPL2022003550
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2022040512**

The Los Angeles County (“County”) Regional Planning Commission (“Commission”) will conduct a public hearing to consider the Final EIR (“FEIR”) and project described below. A presentation and overview of the project will be given, and any interested person or authorized agent may appear and comment on the project at the hearing. Should you attend, you will have an opportunity to testify, or you can submit written comments to the planner below or at the public hearing. If the final decision on this proposal is challenged in court, testimony may be limited to issues raised before or at the public hearing.

HEARING DATE AND TIME: August 9, 2023 at 9:00a.m.

HEARING LOCATION: 320 West Temple St., Hall of Records, Rm. 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012, and online. Visit <https://lacdrp.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> and select hearing date for more information.

PROJECT LOCATION: Unincorporated communities of Avocado Heights, Charter Oak, Covina Islands, East Azusa, East Irwindale, East San Dimas, Glendora Islands, Hacienda Heights, North Claremont, North Pomona, North Whittier, Northeast La Verne, Northeast San Dimas, Pellissier Village, Rowland Heights, South Diamond Bar, South El Monte, South San Jose Hills, South Walnut, Valinda, Walnut Islands, West Claremont, West Puente Valley, West San Dimas.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Area Plan or Project) is an extension of the General Plan focused on the unique needs and characteristics of 24 unincorporated communities within the East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area. The purpose of the Area Plan is to enhance, guide, and support the long-term growth, development, and maintenance of these communities. The Area Plan consists of areawide goals and policies on land use, economic development, community character and design, conservation and natural resources, mobility, and parks and recreation. The Area Plan also includes community specific goals and policies for each community or grouping of communities. Zoning and land use policy map changes are also proposed as part of the Project to bring zoning and land use policy into conformance, conserve natural resources, accommodate growth near major transit stops and along major corridors, and implement

the Housing Element Rezoning Program. In addition, zoning map changes are proposed for designated properties to clarify the applicability of the adopted Green Zones Ordinance. The Project also includes ordinance amendments to implement the goals and policies of the Area Plan and consists of new areawide regulations and updates to existing standards.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: As the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), the County Regional Planning Commission will consider the certification of the Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”), which includes the Final EIR (“FEIR”) and Draft EIR (“DEIR”). The Commission will also consider the adoption of the County Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (“MMRP”), the CEQA Findings of Fact, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations. The FEIR will be available for review at least 10 days prior to the public hearing date (Cal. Code of Reg. Title 14 Chap. 3 ss 15089(b)).

For more information regarding this project, contact Mi Kim via email at commplan@planning.lacounty.gov, by telephone at (213) 974-6425, or by mail at Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP), 320 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Project materials, including the Final EIR will be available online at <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/east-san-gabriel-valley-area-plan/documents/> or <https://planning.lacounty.gov/environmental-review/public-notice/>. Printed copies of the project materials, including the Final EIR, will be available at several public libraries in East San Gabriel Valley and at DRP’s San Gabriel Valley and La Puente Field Offices. Please visit <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/east-san-gabriel-valley-area-plan/documents/> for a list of the libraries and the Field Office locations and hours. All correspondence received by DRP shall be considered a public record.

If you need reasonable accommodation or auxiliary aids, contact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at (213) 974-6488 (Voice) or (213) 617-2292 (TDD) with at least 3 business days’ advance notice.

Si necesita más información por favor llame al (213) 974-6427 o visite <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/east-san-gabriel-valley-area-plan/documents/>.

如果您有任何疑問請致電 (213) 974-6427 或請參閱項目官网 或造訪 <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/east-san-gabriel-valley-area-plan/documents/>.

Additional Materials



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Habitat Preservation Authority**

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May 17, 2023

It's Garden Thyme Garden Club
c/o Gail Pearce
13612 Avenida Espana
La Mirada, CA. 90638

Dear It's Garden Thyme Members,

Thank you very much to It's Garden Thyme Garden Club for the tax-deductible donation of \$50 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. Your donation is generous and very appreciated.

This gift will contribute towards the Habitat Authority's mission of preserving and protecting the Puente Hills Preserve. Contributions like this help our agency to continue to preserve the hills for the benefit of wildlife, their habitat, and people. Your support means a lot to us. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gullo

Executive Director



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May 17, 2023

Whittier Area Audubon Society
P.O. Box 548
Whittier, CA 90608-0548

Dear Ms. Huber,

Thank you and the Whittier Area Audubon Society Board members very much for the tax-deductible donation of \$100 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. Your donation is generous and very appreciated.

This gift will contribute towards the Habitat Authority's mission of preserving and protecting the Puente Hills Preserve. Contributions like this help our agency to continue to preserve the hills for the benefit of wildlife, their habitat, and people. Your support means a lot to us. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gullo

Executive Director



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July 12, 2023

Judy Ennis
1779 Virazon Drive
La Habra Heights, CA. 90631

Dear Judy:

Thank you very much for the tax-deductible donation of \$300 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. Your donation is generous and very appreciated.

This thoughtful gift will help offset the cost of refreshments at our recent Open House event as you requested. It will also contribute towards the Habitat Authority's mission of preserving and protecting the Puente Hills Preserve. Contributions like this help our agency to continue to preserve the hills for the benefit of wildlife, their habitat, and people. Your continued support means a lot to us. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gullo
Executive Director

LA County firefighters unveil new tool in Rancho Palos Verdes to fight wildfires

Whittier Daily News



The Los Angeles County Fire Department demonstrates its new HeloPod. (Photo by contributing photographer Chuck Bennett)

By [HUNTER LEE](#) | hlee@scng.com |

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A large mobile tank capable of holding thousands of gallons of water was unveiled in Rancho Palos Verdes on Tuesday, June 20,

where it will help firefighters serve Los Angeles County.

Members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department were joined by officials from the California Water Service and South Bay cities for a demonstration of the new HeloPod at its home at the Ken Dyda Civic Center.

The HeloPod was designed and built by Simi Valley-based Pump Pod USA and serves as a mobile, 7,000-gallon dip tank for large helicopters.

The county's Fire Department already uses the helipad at the Rancho Palos Verdes Civic Center for exercises and emergency situations, with firefighters previously needing to land their helicopters before using a fire hydrant about 300 feet away to refill the water-dropping birds.

Now, with the HeloPod, firefighting helicopters can siphon 1,000 gallons while hovering above the tank for three or four minutes — greatly reducing turnaround times.

The hydrant, at least for now, will be used to fill the tank. Craig Little, a Los Angeles County firefighter specialist, says that takes 15 minutes.

(A new hydrant is also being considered for installation closer to the helipad so that hoses would no longer be needed to go across Ken Dyda Way when refilling.)

“We recognize each minute is vital when it comes to fighting wildfires,” Deputy Fire Chief Jon O’Brien said. “When lives and homes are threatened, every second counts. (The Civic Center) is a good, central location for wildfire-prone areas along the entire Palos Verdes Peninsula.”

To demonstrate the new tank on Tuesday, a L.A. County Sikorsky S-70A helicopter hovered and lowered a hose and quickly drew water from the large tank before taking off and jettisoning the water over a nearby palm tree.

“While today is technically the unveiling of the HeloPod, we actually first used it last week to make quick work of an acre fire in Palos Verdes Estates,” O’Brien said.

Weighing around 4,600 pounds, the tank is 16 feet long by 8 feet wide and stands 7.5 feet tall. Open on top, it has wheels and can be moved by pickup truck with a trailer, though this tank will remain in Rancho Palos Verdes for the foreseeable future.

Besides the peninsula, the setup is to serve Long Beach, inland Los Angeles County and even Catalina Island.

The \$38,000 tank was paid for through a grant from California Water Service, which sells water to homes and businesses.

“Over 70 percent of (Cal Water’s) footprint is in a wildfire area,” said Daryl Osby, Cal Water’s vice president of emergency preparedness and a former chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. “And in the last decade, over 9 million acres of brush have burned in California. Water, in many instances, is a firefighter’s best friend, so we take a lot of pride in ensuring that we have good fire protection systems in our communities.”

The Los Angeles County Fire Department isn’t the first to implement one of these HeloPod tanks. [Orange](#) and Riverside Counties have deployed HeloPods, and so have Santa Barbara and San Diego counties. And L.A. County has used mobile tanks to fight forest fires.



Rancho Palos Verdes to celebrate July 4th with drone show

Fourth of July festivities include music, food and drink, and rides and games from 3 to 9 p.m. at the RPV Civic Center.

By [MICHAEL HIXON](#) | mhixon@scng.com | **The Beach Reporter**

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For the first time, Rancho Palos Verdes will celebrate the Fourth of July with a drone light show — while also counting down to the city's [50th birthday](#) party in September. Around 100 LED drones will create 10 to 12 various images celebrating Independence Day, including the U.S. flag and the Statue of Liberty, said RPV recreation program supervisor Andrew Berg.

“The drones will be flying a couple hundred feet in the air above the Civic Center site,” Berg said, “and it will be an animated show with moving images and some simulated fireworks.”

But the city is still finalizing the details with event producer Sky Elements Drone Shows, Berg said in a Tuesday, June 13, interview.

The Fourth of July Celebration, which is part of the [city's yearlong 50th birthday celebration](#), will take place at the [Ken Dyda Civic Center](#), 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., from 3 to 9 p.m. Live music, food, beer and wine, and family-friendly rides and games will highlight the festivities.

The drone light show will last about 10 to 15 minutes, Berg said.

Besides the Independence Day visuals, the drone show will also feature images celebrating the city's milestone birthday, including its 50th anniversary logo. RPV was incorporated as a city on Sept. 7, 1973.

Paid parking will be available at the Civic Center, Berg said, but free parking and a complimentary shuttle can be found at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West.

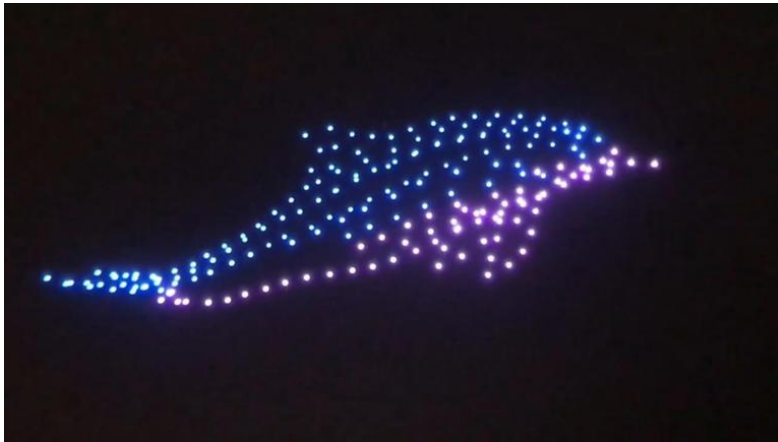
Drone show dazzles after fireworks canceled in Redondo Beach

Story by Marc Sternfield • Jul 5, 2023 Provided by KTLA-TV Los Angeles

A swimming dolphin in the sky was among the highlights of Tuesday night's Independence Day celebration in [Redondo Beach](#).

After [canceling its scheduled fireworks show](#) due to new water quality regulations, the city instead turned to a drone show company that put together a 10-minute display featuring 200 drones over Seaside Lagoon.

In addition to the dolphin, a video recorded by Dale Lofgren shows the illuminated drones spelling out "Redondo Beach" and creating a map of the United States and the U.S. flag in the sky.



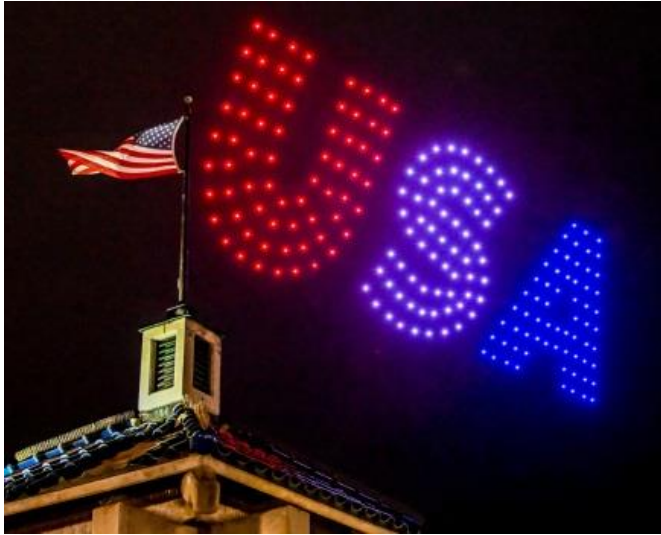
In late May, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board [adopted an order](#) to reduce fireworks debris from falling into bodies of water like the ocean or marinas due to a lawsuit brought by environmental activists.

This prompted some communities to alter their July Fourth celebration plans, including downtown Los Angeles, which

also switched to a drone show due to environmental and wildfire concerns.

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Drones, while fun, probably won't replace fireworks in Redondo Beach, officials say



Attendees watch the first-ever drone show held at Redondo Beach Pier on July 4th, 2023. The drone show was put on in place of the annual fireworks show, which was canceled due to recent regulations made by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. (Photo by Gil Castro-Petres, Contributing Photographer)

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The explosive boom and sparkle of traditional Fourth of July fireworks over the water in Redondo Beach gave way

this week to a low buzz and precisely drawn, automated lines of red, white and blue.

A giant star-spangled flag, 3-D stars, the gleaming letters “USA” and an American eagle hovered over King Harbor on Tuesday thanks to 200 synchronized drones. It was a different sort of scene for the beach community, which had to forsake its [40-year fireworks tradition this year because of last-minute changes to water board regulations](#). The short turnaround was possible because of drone show company Sky Elements, which provided a pre-programmed patriotic package that was ready to go — except for some bespoke additions to reflect the Redondo community — for a discounted [\\$65,000](#). The beach city’s first drone show was a success by many measures — but not all. Namely, the show wasn’t seen by nearly as many people as the tried-and-true fireworks. Tuesday’s crowd numbered about 5,000, said interim Fire Chief Patrick Butler, which is lower than in prior years.

Still, Redondo officials said they were pleased with the results of drone technology, and residents, in general, thought the show was cool, though too short.

The drone show lasted about nine minutes, compared to around 20 for the traditional fireworks.

Yet, despite the [environmental concerns about over-the-water pyrotechnics](#), it’s likely Redondo Beach will return next year to its traditional fireworks show, with the coordinated explosives being shot off from a barge. At least that’s what Mayor Bill Brand thinks will happen, he said. “I think most people prefer fireworks,” Brand said. There are bigger environmental impacts to the Santa Monica Bay, than a 20-minute fireworks show shot off over the ocean, Brand said — such as sewage spills and other dumping that happens.

Still, the mayor said, the beach cities will watch their neighbors, including Long Beach, for how government enforcement of the new regulations — not to mention possible new lawsuits — unfold in the wake of this year's shows. In Long Beach, the organizer of the popular Big Bang on the Bay fireworks show faced a lawsuit from environmentalists who argued the annual display polluted Alamitos Bay. The operator, John Morris, [prevailed in that lawsuit](#) — but in response, the LA Regional Water Board enacted last-minute regulations this year. (The environmental group has appealed the lawsuit.) Those regulations, opponents said, came too quickly and were too burdensome, though water board officials have defended the rules.

It's too early to tell, Brand said, whether Morris will have to pay an exorbitant fine after this year's pyrotechnics, let alone whether new lawsuits could arrive.

"For those of us on the coast," Brand said about the future of shows over the water, "this may be the new normal."

Drones, though, are becoming an increasingly prevalent option for Fourth of July coastal celebrations, said Kyle Pivnick, business development manager with Sky Elements. About 40-50% of the drone programs that company creates, in fact, are for over-the-water shows, he said. And that works great, Pivnick added, as drones are prohibited from flying over people and "people don't walk on water."

Drone shows work well for communities that can't have traditional fireworks for multiple reasons, Pivnick said, such as those in wildfire-prone areas. Rancho Palos Verdes, for example, held its first Fourth of July drone show this week. The cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula don't have fireworks shows because the hill is considered at high risk for wildfires because of its vast open spaces and vegetation.

But, Pivnick said, even though the technology is an emerging market, featuring at many events other than Fourth of July, drones will not totally replace traditional fireworks.

His Texas company, for example, produces about seven drone shows in California. All told, he said, there are at least 1,000 fireworks shows in the state.

"We don't want to replace fireworks," Pivnick said. "We love fireworks."

Indeed, traditional fireworks were missed in Redondo Beach this year. But the drone show still got pretty good reviews.

Brand watched the drone show from Seaside Lagoon, his usual viewing spot for Fourth of July fireworks displays.

"Most of the feedback I got was that it was pretty cool," Brand said in a phone interview on Wednesday.

Resident Genie Davis watched with friends from the bike path just below Veteran's Park. That was the farthest south from which the 3-D effect of the images could be seen, according to officials.

Davis said she liked that the show had some personalized elements, such as the city's sailboat and sun logo, and the city's name spelled out.

And, Davis said, she appreciated a more eco-friendly celebration.

"Yes, fireworks are more spectacular," Davis said, "but between the pollution and frightening animals, I was fine with this alternative."

Manhattan Beach resident Vicki L Stancoff Hicks agreed.

Hicks said she enjoyed the tranquility of the drone show. The quieter show was better for her father, who is a veteran, she said, and for animals who get spooked by fireworks.

"Your animals aren't being affected," Hicks said, "and they can actually come out and enjoy the Fourth with you as well without getting frightened."

The entertainment coordinator actually rented a room at the Sonesta Redondo Beach and Marina Hotel so her father could enjoy the drone show away from his home in Hawthorne, which she called a "war zone."

That "war zone" also bothered Davis in North Redondo Beach, where she said the sounds of illegal fireworks kept her awake until about 2 a.m.

Despite that, however, calls for service this year were only slightly elevated for the local fire agency and were actually down for the police. The Redondo Beach Fire Department had an increase in calls of approximately 10%, Butler said. But, he added, there were no fireworks-related injuries or fires reported in the city.

For the police, in 2022, there were a total of 47 calls on July 4. This year, there were 42, none of which resulted in arrests or citations, RBPD Chief Joe Hoffman said.

Staff writer Michael Hixon contributed to this report.