

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

The meeting of the Board of Directors, September 19, 2024 at 3 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: Room information to be provided at 1955 Workman Mill Road on the day of the meeting.

And remotely for members of the public 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 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 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	PACHECO	MARTINEZ
Hacienda Heights Improvement Association	YIP	MONARES
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 Marlyn Barajas 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. Report by Authority's Citizens Technical Advisory Committee.
3. Consent Calendar:
 - a. Approval of Authority Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2024.
 - b. Receive and file Authority's Portfolio Earnings Reports and Custom by Instrument Type for July and August 2024 prepared by the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector.
 - c. Receive and file Receipts and Disbursements for the Authority for the quarter ending June 30, 2024, as submitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Auditor-Controller.
 - d. Receive and file release and waiver of liability agreement with neighbor Silva-Katz in the approximate amount of \$329 for reimbursement of landscaping.
 - e. Receive and file May, June, July and August 2024 Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Ranger Report.
4. Discussion and possible action authorizing Executive Director to execute a contract with Nakae and Associates, Inc. for native landscaping to implement the Metro Heights in-lieu fee mitigation restoration project in the amount of \$2,149,150.
5. Announcement of Authority's 30th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 1p.m. to be held at the Sanitation Districts' office, 1955 Workman Mill Rd., Whittier, California 90601.
6. Announcement of Authority's Open House on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave, Whittier, California 90602.
7. Pending litigation – Initiation of litigation. Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Authority Board has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation in one case. (This item can be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4).)
8. Real property negotiations -- 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.)
9. Board Members' statements, responses, questions or directions to staff, and Executive Director's comments.
10. Adjournment and announcement of next meeting.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3397206095>, Zoom ID 339 720 6094

At 3:14 p.m., the meeting was called to order and a roll call was taken.

From Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County:

Present: Robert Ferrante, Vice Chair

From County of Los Angeles

Present: Ivan Sulic, Chair

From City of Whittier:

Present: Councilmember Mary Ann Pacheco, Director

From Hacienda Heights Improvement Association:

Present: Andrew Yip, Director

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
Cathy Houwen, CTAC's Board Liaison
Kenn Hughes, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Deputy Chief Ranger

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.

Steve Huber of the Whittier Area Audubon spoke of the history of the Habitat Authority, commented on how much he has enjoyed it over the last 15 years, how it serves as a habitat for wildlife, and commented that he supports a Community Facility District (CFD) for the Habitat Authority.

Margee Hills of the Sierra Club commented that the Sierra Club has endorsed the Puente Hills Preserve Protection measure because the formation of the Community Facility District (CFD) is consistent with Sierra's Club open space taxation policy, and it will maintain native plants and protect wildlife.

Dr. Janis Cavanaugh, a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Habitat Authority, and a neighbor of the Puente Hills, supports a Community Facility District (CFD) for the Habitat Authority because she believes in preserving the hills by protecting it from people experiencing homelessness and fires.

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Public Comments closed at 3:23 p.m.

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

Liaison to the Board Cathy Houwen provided a report for the July 16, 2024 CTAC meeting. She reported that CTAC recommends approval of the 2024-25 workplan. She also reported that CTAC recommends that the Board hold a public hearing for the proposed Community Facilities District and approve Resolutions 2024-07, 2024-08, and 2024-09.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approval of Authority Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2024.
- B. Receive and file Authority’s Portfolio Earnings Reports and Custom by Instrument Type for May and June 2024 prepared by the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector.
- C. Receive and file Authority annual financial audit, Management Report and Auditor’s Communication Letter for fiscal year 2022-23, prepared by Moss, Levy and Hartzheim, LLP, contracted by Los Angeles County Department of Auditor-Controller.

Vice Chair Ferrante motioned to approve items A through C. Director Pacheco seconded the motion, and in a vote the motion passed unanimously.

4. UPDATE, RECEIVE AND FILE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 AUTHORITY WORKPLAN AND ACTIVITIES, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUTHORITY WORKPLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25.

Executive Director Gullo, Ecologist Mariscal, and Deputy Chief Ranger Hughes gave a PowerPoint presentation on some of the Habitat Authority's workplan and other activities for FY 23-24. Vice Chair Ferrante commented that the PowerPoint is telling of the good work the Habitat Authority does. Chair Sulic received and filed the Authority workplan for fiscal year 2023-24.

Executive Director Gullo reviewed the proposed workplan for FY 2024-25.

Director Pacheco motioned to approve Authority workplan for fiscal year 2024-25. Director Yip seconded the motion and in a vote the motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: A) PUBLIC HEARING, FORMATION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2024-01 (PUENTE HILLS PRESERVE PROTECTION) TO FUND CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICES AND RELATED ACTIONS; B) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2024-07 ENTITLED RESOLUTION TO FORM A COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT AND TO LEVY SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN; C) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2024-08 ENTITLED, RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL TAX ELECTION AND SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX AND; D) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2024-09 ENTITLED

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF AUTHORITY ELECTION WITH STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION.

Executive Director Gullo stated that proof of publication of notice for the hearing is on file in the Habitat Authority office and a copy has been provided as well. She provided background on this item. Blair Aas from SCI Consultant Group gave an overview presentation of the formation of the Community Facilities District (CFD) and the Puente Hills Preserve Protection measure.

Chair Sulic declared that the Public Hearing was opened at approximately 4:04 p.m.

The Habitat Authority acknowledged receiving a written comment from Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuaries via email sent to the Board.

Adriana Quinones commented via Zoom, wanting to see additional presentations regarding tax increases.

Clair Schlotterbeck from Hills For Everyone made a public comment supporting the CFD. She believes it is necessary to continue providing the resources needed to preserve the Puente Hills and protect the resources and habitats that serve as a refuge for wildlife. She urged the Habitat Authority Board to move forward with the CFD.

The Public Hearing closed at 4:07 p.m.

Director Pacheco inquired about the response to Rose Hills's written comment. Executive Director Gullo explained that a meeting was held with Chair Sulic, Executive Director Gullo, Authority Counsel Gerli, and Rose Hills to clarify information.

Vice Chair Ferrante commented on being supportive of the CFD and believes this is the right amount, the right area, and for all the right reasons.

Director Yip commented that the community events held recently in the last year regarding the CFD Protection measure have been positive.

Chair Sulic reminded everyone that the decision to form a CFD was not taken lightly. Many options were explored after hiring financial consultants and advisors. Chair Sulic believes the CFD will lay the foundation for the future to preserve the Puente Hills.

<p>Vice Chair Ferrante motion to approve a) Adoption of Resolution 2024-07 entitled Resolution to Form a Community Facilities District and to Levy Special Taxes Therein; b) Adoption of Resolution 2024-08 entitled, Resolution Calling a Special Tax Election and Submitting to the Qualified Electors the Question of Levying a Special Tax and; c) Adoption of Resolution 2024-09 entitled Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Authority Election with Statewide General Election. Director Yip seconded the motion, and in a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.</p>

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6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING AUTHORITY RESOLUTION 2024-10 ENTITLED ESTABLISHING THE SALARY, BENEFITS AND MANAGEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES.

Executive Director Gullo provided background.

Director Pacheco motioned to approve Authority Resolution 2024-10 entitled Establishing the Salary, Benefits and Management for Employees. Director Yip seconded the motion and in a vote the motion passed unanimously.
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7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND CALTRANS' I-605 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Director Yip provided background on the matter and mentioned that this could impact Puente Hills Preserve since this project is in an adjacent neighborhood. Ecologist Mariscal commented that once the draft EIR is out, the Habitat Authority will respond with a written comment and monitor the project.

Closed session items:

- 8. PENDING LITIGATION – INITIATION OF LITIGATION. BASED ON EXISTING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, THE AUTHORITY BOARD HAS DECIDED TO INITIATE OR IS DECIDING WHETHER TO INITIATE LITIGATION IN ONE CASE. (THIS ITEM CAN BE HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(4).)**
- 9. PENDING LITIGATION – EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. A POINT HAS BEEN REACHED WHERE, IN THE OPINION OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD ON THE ADVICE OF ITS LEGAL COUNSEL, BASED ON EXISTING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION AGAINST THE AUTHORITY. THE EXISTING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIST IN A CLAIM BY SILVA-KATZ THAT A FALLEN TREE OF THE AUTHORITY DAMAGED THEIR PLANTS. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SILVA-KATZ AND THE AUTHORITY CAN BE REVIEWED UPON REQUEST.**
- 10. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS -- 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**

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HABRA HEIGHTS. (THIS ITEM CAN BE HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8.)

- 11. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS -- 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 PIPELINES. NEGOTIATING PARTIES INCLUDE BOARD CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND RMX RESOURCES, LLC. (THIS ITEM CAN BE HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8.)**

At 4:14 p.m. Chair Sulic moved to continue the discussion of items 8 through 11 in Closed Session.

At 4:56 p.m., Chair Sulic moved to end Closed Session, and the Open Session recommenced. Items 8 through 11 were discussed. Direction was given and no reportable action was taken.

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

Director Pacheco highlighted receiving the Habitat Authority mailer and commented that it was informative and that other people she knew also received it. Additionally, she mentioned that she may request that the Habitat Authority give a presentation to the Whittier City Council.

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

There being no further comments, or business to be discussed, Chair Sulic adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Approved:

Ivan Sulic, Board Chair

Marlyn Barajas, Board Secretary



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August 7, 2024

Andrea Gullo, Executive Director
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Dear Andrea Gullo:

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MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS**

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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,

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Income Report - PHHPA

07/01/2024 - 07/31/2024

Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 08/02/2024

SPI

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821801196	FREDDIE MAC 2.000 08/27/43 '24 MTN	3134GWSD9	2.000	9,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,833.33	0.00	15,833.33
821801198	FED FARM CR BNKS 2.500 07/29/41 '24	3133EMW65	2.500	22,675,000.00	283,437.50	0.00	0.00	47,239.58	0.00	47,239.58
1265565669	US TREASURY BILL 11/07/24	912797LC9	0.000	4,100,000.00	0.00	18,147.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,147.06
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Custom Position Report - PHHPA

As of 07/31/2024

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821801196	FREDDIE MAC 2.000 08/27/43 '24 MTN	3134GWSD9	2.000	08/27/2043	2.000	9,500,000.00	9,500,000.00	9,500,000.00	0.00
1265565669	US TREASURY BILL 11/07/24	912797LC9	0.000	11/07/2024	5.350	4,100,000.00	4,042,631.89	3,993,459.22	49,172.67
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Purchase Detail Report - PHHPA

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07/01/2024 - 07/31/2024

Dated: 08/02/2024

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Chronological Report - PHHPA

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Dated: 08/02/2024

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Dated: 09/03/2024

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Purchase Detail Report - PHHPA

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER**

ACCOUNTING DIVISION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 603
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-3682

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July 29, 2024

Andrea Gullo, Executive Director
Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority
7333 Greenleaf Ave, First Floor
Whittier, CA 90602

Dear Ms. Gullo:

Attached is the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority for the quarter ended June 30, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Jung Son at (213) 974-8327 or via e-mail at jeson@auditor.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

Oscar Valdez
Auditor-Controller

Rachelle Anema
Division Chief

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c: Jeremy Freelove, Los Angeles County Sanitation District

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
 PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
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Cash Balance, April 1, 2024

Fund V80
 \$ 11,101,821.43

Receipts:

Description	Req. No	Unit No	Rev / Obj Code	Record Date	Amount	
Interests:						
INTEREST ALLOCATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAR 31, 2024		53874	8605	04/01/2024	26,981.71	
INTEREST ALLOCATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING APR 30, 2024		53874	8605	05/01/2024	33,837.40	
INTEREST ALLOCATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2024		53874	8605	06/01/2024	38,529.71	
Total Interests:						\$ 99,348.82
Coupon Calls Interests:						
Total Coupon Calls Interests:						
Other Revenues:						
MATRIX OIL CORPORATION		53874	8363	04/11/2024	4,473.52	
HACIENDA HEIGHTS WOMAN'S CLUB		53874	9686	04/16/2024	200.00	
DONATION		53874	9686	04/19/2024	100.00	
THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY		53874	9681	05/03/2024	12,374.00	
MATRIX OIL CORPORATION		53874	8363	05/10/2024	5,326.28	
MONTEREY PARK RETAIL PARTNERS, LLC		53879	3731	05/16/2024	2,875.65	
STATE OF CALIFORNIA		53883	8831	05/16/2024	49,882.21	
DONATION		53883	8831	05/21/2024	286.43	
MATRIX OIL CORPORATION		53874	8363	06/05/2024	4,454.91	
CITY OF WHITTIER		53874	9731	06/20/2024	7,424.50	
Total Other Revenues:						87,397.50

Total Receipts:

186,746.32

Total Cash Balance and Receipts

\$ 11,288,567.75

Disbursements:

Vendor Payments:

ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC.	2024-333	3580	53874	04/01/2024	600.00
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-329	3580	53884	04/01/2024	950.18
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LLC	2024-328	5222	53874	04/01/2024	104.99
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER CO	2024-334	5222	53880	04/01/2024	218.68
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	2024-330	2302	53874	04/01/2024	1,050.52
PAUL JACOBSONH	2024-332	3580	53874	04/01/2024	8,775.00
ADVANCED COPIERS & PRINTERS, INC	2024-331	3580	53874	04/01/2024	485.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-347	5222	53884	04/11/2024	419.47
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-349	5222	53884	04/11/2024	345.28
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-350	5222	53888	04/11/2024	187.85
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-350	5222	53888	04/11/2024	187.85
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-350	5222	53888	04/11/2024	187.85
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-351	5222	53874	04/11/2024	187.85
REPUBLIC SERVICES INC	2024-348	3580	53874	04/11/2024	400.22
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS CO	2024-337	5222	53874	04/11/2024	14.57
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER CO	2024-346	5222	53874	04/11/2024	223.23
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-335	5222	53874	04/11/2024	170.85
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-336	5222	53884	04/11/2024	101.41
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-341	5222	53879	04/11/2024	592.51
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-342	5222	53879	04/11/2024	350.63
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-342	5222	53881	04/11/2024	197.50
ICON TECH CHRISTOPHER WOO	2024-338	3580	53874	04/11/2024	239.25
ICON TECH CHRISTOPHER WOO	2024-339	3580	53874	04/11/2024	150.00
ICON TECH CHRISTOPHER WOO	2024-340	5222	53874	04/11/2024	88.68
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	2363	53874	04/14/2024	164.07
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	3202	53874	04/14/2024	31.74
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	4786	53874	04/14/2024	38.20
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	2780	53874	04/14/2024	412.31
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	3280	53874	04/14/2024	1.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	5098	53874	04/14/2024	320.64
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	3587	53874	04/14/2024	32,461.51
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	3240	53874	04/14/2024	1,396.92
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	3580	53874	04/14/2024	154.35
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	3580	53883	04/14/2024	307.98
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	2302	53874	04/14/2024	621.72
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	3556	53874	04/14/2024	1,359.09
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-343	3580	53874	04/14/2024	506.95
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-345	3587	53874	04/14/2024	33,368.89
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-345	3240	53874	04/14/2024	87.25
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-345	3587	53883	04/14/2024	197.99
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-345	3580	53874	04/14/2024	215.99
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-345	3556	53874	04/14/2024	478.60
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-345	3587	53882	04/14/2024	571.98
TEAMCIVX, LLC	2024-344	3580	53874	04/14/2024	7,200.00
TEAMCIVX, LLC	2024-344	3580	53874	04/14/2024	44,322.66
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2024-362	5222	53874	04/18/2024	338.74
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2024-363	5222	53874	04/18/2024	149.34
DEWEY PEST CONTROL CO.	2024-352	3580	53874	04/21/2024	71.30
DEWEY PEST CONTROL CO.	2024-353	3580	53874	04/21/2024	71.30
LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP	2024-361	3580	53874	04/21/2024	3,583.13
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-364	3580	53884	04/21/2024	383.98

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Description	Req. №	Unit №	Rev / Obj Code	Record Date	Amount
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-365	3580	53888	04/21/2024	715.50
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-365	3580	53888	04/21/2024	715.58
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-366	3580	53884	04/21/2024	366.83
ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP	2024-355	3717	53874	04/21/2024	516.80
ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP	2024-355	3717	53874	04/21/2024	2,500.80
SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS	2024-354	5222	53888	04/21/2024	98.96
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES	2024-360	3580	53874	04/21/2024	1,340.00
ICON TECH CHRISTOPHER WOO	2024-367	5222	53874	04/21/2024	88.24
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-357	3580	53880	04/21/2024	4,617.62
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-358	3580	53883	04/21/2024	736.25
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-359	3580	53879	04/21/2024	6,128.78
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-356	3580	53881	04/22/2024	500.50
PSOMAS AND ASSOCIATES	2024-370	3580	53874	04/24/2024	1,297.00
PSOMAS AND ASSOCIATES	2024-370	3580	53874	04/24/2024	1,517.00
PSOMAS AND ASSOCIATES	2024-370	3580	53874	04/24/2024	19,500.00
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	2024-368	5222	53874	04/24/2024	172.52
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-371	3580	53884	04/24/2024	950.18
FAIRBANK, MASLIN, MAULLIN, METZ & ASSOCIATES	2024-369	3580	53874	04/24/2024	31,850.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LLC	2024-372	5222	53874	04/24/2024	104.99
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-374	5222	53884	04/30/2024	104.39
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC	2024-377	3182	53874	05/08/2024	460.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-379	5222	53888	05/08/2024	187.85
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-379	5222	53888	05/08/2024	187.85
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER CO	2024-373	5222	53874	05/08/2024	238.20
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER CO	2024-375	5222	53880	05/08/2024	216.26
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-380	5222	53874	05/08/2024	170.85
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	2024-378	2302	53874	05/08/2024	800.12
BELLFREE CONTRACTORS, INC.	2024-381	3580	53879	05/08/2024	12,160.00
BELLFREE CONTRACTORS, INC.	2024-381	3580	53881	05/08/2024	7,680.00
BELLFREE CONTRACTORS, INC.	2024-381	3580	53932	05/08/2024	3,200.00
ICON TECH CHRISTOPHER WOO	2024-376	3580	53874	05/08/2024	19.58
DEWEY PEST CONTROL CO.	2024-391	3580	53874	05/14/2024	71.30
DEWEY PEST CONTROL CO.	2024-392	3580	53874	05/14/2024	71.30
LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP	2024-386	3580	53874	05/14/2024	1,569.76
REPUBLIC SERVICES INC	2024-388	3580	53874	05/14/2024	400.22
ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP	2024-384	3717	53874	05/14/2024	4,857.60
ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP	2024-384	3717	53874	05/14/2024	64.60
SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS	2024-390	5222	53888	05/14/2024	103.81
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-382	5222	53881	05/14/2024	197.50
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-382	5222	53879	05/14/2024	395.01
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-383	5222	53879	05/14/2024	592.51
BELLFREE CONTRACTORS, INC.	2024-387	3580	53888	05/14/2024	20,480.00
ICON TECH CHRISTOPHER WOO	2024-389	5222	53874	05/14/2024	88.24
TEAMCIVX, LLC	2024-385	3580	53874	05/14/2024	7,200.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-393	3587	53882	05/16/2024	872.37
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-393	3587	53874	05/16/2024	31,832.50
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-393	3587	53883	05/16/2024	1,730.14
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2024-397	5222	53874	05/21/2024	236.39
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2024-398	5222	53874	05/21/2024	65.20
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2024-409	5222	53874	05/21/2024	439.26
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-394	3580	53930	05/21/2024	395.33
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-395	3580	53884	05/21/2024	383.98
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-396	3580	53888	05/21/2024	715.58
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-396	3580	53888	05/21/2024	715.50
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES	2024-400	3580	53880	05/21/2024	21,716.91
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES	2024-402	3580	53888	05/21/2024	2,374.21
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES	2024-402	3580	53874	05/21/2024	2,825.61
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-399	3580	53879	05/21/2024	1,936.13
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-401	3580	53880	05/21/2024	3,307.58
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	2024-405	5222	53874	05/27/2024	172.52
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-404	3580	53884	05/27/2024	950.18
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	2024-403	2302	53874	05/27/2024	463.58
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES	2024-406	3580	53881	05/27/2024	1,932.00
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES	2024-407	3580	53880	05/27/2024	10,496.01
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES	2024-408	3580	53879	05/27/2024	16,123.80
FRIENDLY HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.	2024-410	3580	53874	05/30/2024	3,180.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LLC	2024-411	5222	53874	05/30/2024	104.99
ICON TECH CHRISTOPHER WOO	2024-412	3580	53874	05/30/2024	508.80
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-414	3580	53932	05/30/2024	7,200.00
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-415	3580	53932	05/30/2024	6,280.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-418	5222	53888	06/02/2024	187.85
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-418	5222	53888	06/02/2024	187.85
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-418	5222	53888	06/02/2024	187.85
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-419	5222	53884	06/02/2024	350.78
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-420	5222	53874	06/02/2024	187.85
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER CO	2024-417	5222	53880	06/02/2024	221.43
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-421	5222	53884	06/02/2024	107.37
MDJ MANAGEMENT LLC	2024-416	3580	53884	06/02/2024	9,021.51
MDJ MANAGEMENT LLC	2024-416	3580	53884	06/02/2024	55,377.84
MDJ MANAGEMENT LLC	2024-416	3580	53884	06/02/2024	64,465.74
ASSURED PARTNERS CAPITAL, INC.	2024-413	2302	53874	06/02/2024	50,815.73
ASSURED PARTNERS CAPITAL, INC.	2024-413	2302	53874	06/02/2024	10,621.18
ASSURED PARTNERS CAPITAL, INC.	2024-413	2302	53874	06/02/2024	10,059.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-422	5222	53930	06/13/2024	419.47

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DEWEY PEST CONTROL CO.	2024-429	3580	53874	06/13/2024	74.30
DEWEY PEST CONTROL CO.	2024-430	3580	53874	06/13/2024	74.30
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2024-440	5222	53874	06/13/2024	477.47
LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP	2024-427	3580	53874	06/13/2024	1,443.02
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-431	3580	53888	06/13/2024	715.58
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-431	3580	53888	06/13/2024	715.50
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-432	3580	53930	06/13/2024	395.33
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-433	3580	53884	06/13/2024	383.98
REPUBLIC SERVICES INC	2024-436	3580	53874	06/13/2024	216.86
ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP	2024-439	3717	53874	06/13/2024	1,938.00
ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP	2024-439	3717	53874	06/13/2024	4,706.40
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER CO	2024-424	5222	53874	06/13/2024	221.43
SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS	2024-428	5222	53888	06/13/2024	98.96
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-423	5222	53874	06/13/2024	170.85
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-437	5222	53879	06/13/2024	395.01
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-437	5222	53881	06/13/2024	197.50
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DIST	2024-438	5222	53879	06/13/2024	592.51
CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS	2024-426	3580	53874	06/13/2024	11,870.13
ICON TECH CHRISTOPHER WOO	2024-434	5222	53874	06/13/2024	88.24
ICON TECH CHRISTOPHER WOO	2024-435	3580	53874	06/13/2024	75.00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2024-442	5222	53874	06/20/2024	304.00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2024-443	5222	53874	06/20/2024	63.15
AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	2024-441	5222	53874	06/20/2024	172.52
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2024-445	3580	53884	06/20/2024	950.18
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-446	3580	53881	06/20/2024	715.00
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-447	3580	53932	06/20/2024	3,920.00
TEAMCIVX, LLC	2024-444	3580	53874	06/20/2024	7,200.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-425	3587	53883	06/23/2024	1,700.56
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-425	3556	53874	06/23/2024	440.97
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-425	3587	53874	06/23/2024	32,595.66
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-425	3280	53874	06/23/2024	14.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-425	3580	53874	06/23/2024	201.97
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-425	3202	53874	06/23/2024	17.35
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-425	3240	53874	06/23/2024	341.89
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-425	5098	53874	06/23/2024	40.00
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES	2024-451	3580	53881	06/23/2024	6,470.10
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES	2024-452	3580	53879	06/23/2024	36,271.99
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-448	3580	53880	06/23/2024	2,060.04
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-449	3580	53883	06/23/2024	2,041.24
LAND IQ, LLC	2024-450	3580	53879	06/23/2024	21,228.73
SUBURBAN PROPANE	2024-456	5222	53874	06/25/2024	754.18
VALLEY VISTA SERVICES INC	2024-453	3580	53930	06/25/2024	126.84
IRRI-CARE PLUMBING AND BACKFLOW TESTING, INC	2024-455	3580	53874	06/25/2024	95.00
PAUL JACOBSOHN	2024-454	3580	53874	06/25/2024	1,275.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LLC	2024-458	5222	53874	06/26/2024	104.99
805 DISCING AND GRADING INC.	2024-457	3580	53874	06/26/2024	4,850.56
805 DISCING AND GRADING INC.	2024-457	3580	53882	06/26/2024	20,875.83
MOSS, LEVY & HARTZHEIM	2024-459	3529	53874	06/26/2024	5,018.30
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3717	53874	06/26/2024	60.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	5098	53874	06/26/2024	81.42
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	2363	53874	06/26/2024	153.91
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3240	53874	06/26/2024	279.41
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3580	53874	06/26/2024	321.93
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3580	53874	06/26/2024	328.97
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3587	53883	06/26/2024	887.17
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3280	53874	06/26/2024	42.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3202	53874	06/26/2024	2.83
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3587	53874	06/26/2024	45,531.16
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3556	53874	06/26/2024	1,072.30
CITY OF WHITTIER	2024-460	3587	53882	06/26/2024	1,818.13
MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	2024-461	3580	53889	06/30/2024	20,089.54
MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	2024-461	3580	53874	06/30/2024	16,833.87
MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	2024-461	3580	53884	06/30/2024	101,113.04
MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	2024-462	3580	53889	06/30/2024	24,430.52
MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	2024-462	3580	53874	06/30/2024	78,575.15
MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	2024-462	3580	53884	06/30/2024	24,279.57
MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	2024-463	3580	53889	06/30/2024	14,284.92
MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	2024-463	3580	53874	06/30/2024	48,652.65
Total Vendor Payments:					1,152,990.43
Investment Purchases Management Fees by Treasurer Tax Collector:					
MANAGEMENT FEES MAR 2024		53874	3856	04/19/2024	1,362.60
MANAGEMENT FEES APR 2024		53874	3856	05/29/2024	1,318.65
MANAGEMENT FEES MAY 2024		53874	3856	06/18/2024	1,488.08
INVESTMENT PURCHASES FOR: PUENTE HILLS (PHHPA). W/O 05/09/2024				05/09/2024	3,993,459.22
Total Investment Purchases Management Fees by Treasurer Tax Collector:					3,997,628.55
Total Disbursements					\$ 5,150,618.98
Ending Cash Balance, June 30, 2024					\$ 6,137,948.77

Prepared by: Kevin Leung 7/15/2024
Los Angeles County Department of Auditor/Controller
Accounting Division

Puente Hills
Habitat Preservation Authority
Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 19, 2024

To: Board Members

From: *Andrea Gullo*
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Subject: Agenda Item No. 3d) Receive and file release and waiver of liability agreement with neighbor Silva-Katz in the approximate amount of \$329 for reimbursement of landscaping.

Recommendation

Receive and file the attached document.

Background:

As directed by the Board at a previous meeting the attached document reviewed by Authority legal counsel has been executed.

Fiscal Impact:

Negligible.

PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY (PHHPA)
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT


In consideration of being reimbursed for replacement plants (the Plants) that I, Irasema Silva-Katz, claim to have been damaged at 1704 Old Canyon Dr, Hacienda Heights, CA by a fallen branch originating on PHHPA property, I acknowledge and agree the Plants will be purchased in an amount of about \$329, and that I release the Authority from any liability related to any incident that may have caused the plants to have been damaged.

I hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Authority for any and all liability for any loss or damage whatsoever to me or my property arising from any reason whatsoever, specifically while I am (i) traveling to and from the store to purchase replacement plants, (ii) in the purchasing, transport and installation of the plants, and (iii) for any other claims of damage to my property from the fallen PHHPA branch.

I further expressly agree that this Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of California and that if any portion is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect.

The Authority will reimburse me for the cost of (including any sales tax) (1) the Plants (to be planted by me on my adjacent private property) upon me providing the receipt to info@HabitatAuthority.org, or agullo@HabitatAuthority.org or my mail to PHHPA 7333 Greenleaf Ave. Whittier, CA 90602

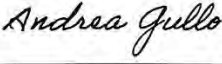
I have read and voluntarily sign this Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement, and no oral representations, statements, or inducement apart from this agreement have been made by myself or the Authority.



Signature Irasema Silva-Katz



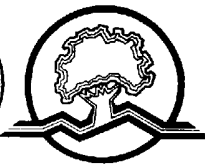
Date



Signature Andrea Gullo, PHHPA

8-26-24

Date



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Franklin Canyon Park
2600 Franklin Canyon Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210
Phone (310) 858-7272 Fax (310) 858-7212

August 31, 2024

**Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority
Ranger Services Activities for May, June, July and August 2024**

- 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 Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority cabinet meeting.
- Completed a Jr Ranger program for 4th graders from Los Robles Academy Elementary school in Hacienda Heights. Habitat Authority Ecologist and Docents helped lead the hike.
- Attended the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) Board meeting and the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee meeting.
- Participated in the Habitat Authority monthly management meetings.
- Participated in our ranger monthly management meetings.
- Attended Habitat Authority volunteer meeting.
- Attended the La Habra Heights Fire briefing for multi-agency wildfire drill.
- Participated in "Whittier Police National Night Out" event at Parnell Park in Whittier. It was well attended with several thousand people.
- Participated in "Greater San Gabriel Valley National Night Out" event at Schabarum Regional Count Park.
- Providing extra patrol for 4th of July. Worked with Whittier Police, L.A.Co. Sheriff, L.A. Co. Fire, La Habra Heights Fire, La Habra Heights Fire Watch, Whittier CERT and local homeowner groups. Several Habitat Authority staff, docents and trail watchers assisted in monitoring various access points. No incidents were reported.

- 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 May, June, July and August the following animals were observed.
 - Two Racoons on Harbor Blvd.
 - Two Skunks on East Road.
- Continue to conduct perimeter patrols of all property for fence damage, illegal access points, rope swings, and encroachments.
- Monitored the contractors for the fuel clearance in La Habra Heights, Whittier, Hacienda Heights. Worked with local Fire Inspectors and Fire Marshals. Toured properties with La Habra Heights Fire Marshal and his replacement. Our clearance efforts passed inspections.
- Utilized the Habitat Authority tractor/mower to clear several roads/trails including:
 - Gray Squirrel Trail.
 - Powder Canyon Trail.
 - Black Walnut Trail.
 - Purple Sage Trail.
 - Buena Vista Trail.
 - Arroyo San Miguel Trail.
 - Bob Henderson Loop Trail.
 - Deer Loop Trail.
 - The road to the Whittier landfill in Arroyo Pescadero.
 - Peppergrass Trail.
 - Access roads to the water tanks in Hellman Park.
 - Rattlesnake Ridge Trail.
 - Turnbull Canyon Trail.
 - Sumac Trail.
 - Workman Ridge Trail.
 - Elderberry Trail.
 - Sycamore Canyon Trail.
 - Dark Canyon Trail.
- Continue to monitor the Harbor underpass. Cleaned up a large amount of trash from a homeless camp. The camp was discovered by Habitat Authority Ecologist while she was performing bird surveys.
- Removed a rope swing along Dark Canyon Trail in Sycamore Canyon.
- Continue to pick up dog defecation at all the trailheads.
- Continue to patrol the SCE, Brea 57 site and Monterey mitigation sites in Powder Canyon and the Olinda site in Arroyo San Miguel.

- Discovered a homeless person sleeping in the Arroyo Pescadero restroom. He was escorted off the property.
- Discovered a homeless person camping in Hellman Park. The subject fled from the rangers. The debris was removed. They have not returned.
- Off-roaders stuck in the Preserve next to Harbor Blvd. Vehicle was impounded. Installed a secure fence and gate at the end of Ranch Hill in La Habra Heights to prevent future incidents.
- Due to safety concerns and overcrowding at the Turnbull Canyon entrance this summer we worked with the owner of the property and Whittier Police Dept. to secure the vacant lot that is next to the entrance. We had to re-secure the chain once in May. Met with Whittier Police at the site regarding new dumping. New owners were contacted and removed the debris.
- 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. Whittier Police has shared that our cameras have let to several warrants being issues for suspects and arrests.
- Continue to contact the Los Angeles County Department of Street Maintenance regarding the graffiti along Turnbull Canyon Road.
- Discovered a small encroachment in Arroyo Pescadero. The homeowner was contacted and he removed the bricks and turf grass the next day.
- Responded to a car fire in Hellman Park. Whittier City employee slid off of the cleared road and caught the weeds on fire. L.A. County Fire extinguished the fire quickly containing it to only a 20 ft X 20 Ft area.
- Rescued six ducklings from a resident that lives next to the Preserve. The ducklings were transported by Authority staff to a local rescue facility.
- Picked up dumping including:
 - Several empty 50 gallon barrels along Fullerton Road.
 - Large tree stumps in Powder Canyon.
 - Debris along Harbor Blvd.
 - Branches at Turnbull Canyon Trailhead.
- 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.
- Repaired water leak at Powder Canyon.
- Replaced the plexi-glass in the interpretive display at Arroyo Pescadero.

- Re-paint ADA parking stalls and red curbs at Arroyo Pescadero.
- Repair “No Stopping” signs at Powder Canyon.
- Install new “No Bikes” sign at Hellman Park gate.
- Covered illegal trail in Hacienda Heights with brush.
- Observed wires down from power pole on Turnbull Canyon Trail. Subjects cut down a telephone pole to steal the wires. The wires on the ground were cable wires and not power lines. Local utility company was notified and it has been repaired.
- Dealt with various violations including:
 - In the Preserve after hours at Hellman Park, Hacienda Heights, Powder Cyn. and Arroyo Pescadero.
 - Parking violations at Powder Canyon, Arroyo Pescadero, Hacienda Hills Trailhead, Sycamore Canyon and Ford property.
 - Loud music in Arroyo Pescadero and Hacienda Hills.
 - Marijuana at Turnbull Canyon Trailhead.
 - Alcohol in Arroyo Pescadero and Turnbull Canyon.
 - Inhaling nitrous oxide gas at the Ford property.
 - Off-road motorcycle at Ford property.
 - Motorized minibikes in Hacienda Heights.
 - Removing cactus at Ford property.
 - Flying a drone at Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead.
 - Electric bikes in Powder Canyon, Hacienda Heights and Turnbull Canyon.
 - Dogs off leash at Hacienda Hills and Arroyo Pescadero.
 - Bikes in Arroyo Pescadero and Sycamore Canyon.
- Received several calls during the months of May, June, July and August to our 24-hour ranger emergency services number including:
 - Inquiring about volunteering.
 - Found baby bird.
 - Deer trapped inside residents fenced yard.
 - Inquiring about Eagle Scout projects.
 - Asking if we have restrooms at Arroyo Pescadero.
 - Inquiring when Hacienda trail opens.
 - Reporting a water leak at Hacienda Hills trailhead.
 - Requesting trees be trimmed behind her house on Aurora Crest.
 - Several calls for hikers locked in at Hellman Park.
 - Caller concerned about mountain lions.
 - Reporting a couple picking flowers on the Black Walnut trail.
 - Caller reporting an odd guy approaching her.
 - Reporting someone walking on the trail after closing.

- Reporting several people waiting for the gate to open at Hacienda Hills trailhead at 0800 hrs.
- Reporting a bird flew into her window and is lying on its back.
- Inquiring if Turnbull Canyon can be opened at 7am for a team builder event.
- Several calls for hikers locked in at Hacienda Hills trailhead.
- Reporting illegally parked vehicle at Hacienda Hills trailhead.
- Inquiring about the ranger residence at Sycamore Canyon.
- Reporting the gate at Black Walnut is unlocked.
- Reporting the gate at Los Palomas is open.
- Reporting a dog at Hellman Park is having heat issues.
- Whittier Police reporting missing person in Turnbull Canyon.
- Reporting a deer trapped in their yard.
- Reporting hikers locked in at the end of Orange Grove Ave.
- Inquiring about weed clearance in Worsham Canyon.
- Reporting trees leaning on his fence need to be trimmed.
- Whittier Police requesting to unlock the gate at Corinthia.
- Reporting a peacock in Whittier.
- Reporting a baby deer stuck in her fence on East Road.
- Reporting a dog on Skyline trail is having heat issues.
- Reporting coyotes living at a vacant house in Whittier.
- Lost keys at Arroyo Pescadero.
- Inquiring about parking at Arroyo Pescadero.
- Inquiring about weed clearance.
- Reporting a dog in Sycamore Canyon.
- Reporting a pipe water leak on the Sycamore trail.
- Reporting a homeless person at Hacienda Hills trailhead.
- Fireworks seen at the top of Turnbull Canyon.
- Whittier Police inquiring about the locks on the Corinthia gate.
- Lost ID on the Coyote trail.
- Sierra Club inquiring about the lock on the Hacienda Hills trailhead gate.
- Reporting motorcycles in Turnbull Canyon.
- Inquiring when the Arroyo Pescadero gates open.
- Rose Hills inquiring about a fire the previous day.
- Reporting bobcat in their backyard.
- Whittier resident concerned about coyotes.
- Reporting a hole under the fence at Hellman Park.
- Jogger inquiring why rangers are following him.
- Caller reporting rangers chased him and what did they do with his property.
- Inquiring if they can park their RV on Turnbull Canyon.
- Reporting cars in the Hacienda Hills trailhead parking lot before park hours.

- Reporting oil drums on the side of Fullerton Road.
 - Reporting 3 boys on ebikes in Turnbull Canyon.
 - Reporting a van stuck in the Preserve.
 - Inquiring why Hellman Park parking lot is closed to vehicles.
 - Reporting white powder on the trail at Arroyo Pescadero.
 - Reporting a rattlesnake at Hacienda Hills trailhead is leaving.
 - Water Dept requesting gate to be opened at the end of Orange Grove Ave.
 - Requesting permission to take cactus at Sycamore Canyon.
- 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

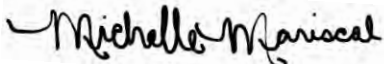
Kenn Hughes
Deputy Chief Ranger

Puente Hills
Habitat Preservation Authority
Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 19, 2024

To: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

From: 
Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist

Subject: Agenda Item No. 4) Discussion and possible action authorizing Executive Director to execute a contract with Nakae and Associates, Inc. for native landscaping to implement the Metro Heights in-lieu fee mitigation restoration project in the amount of \$2,149,150.

Recommendation:

That the Board authorize Executive Director to execute a contract in the amount of \$2,149,150 with Nakae and Associates, Inc.

Background:

At the January 2024 meeting, the Board authorized the execution of an in-lieu fee mitigation agreement with Metro Heights Montebello, LLC to satisfy habitat mitigation in an amount of approximately \$3.6 million for restoration of 12 acres of coastal sage scrub habitat on Habitat Authority-owned property in Powder Canyon and Habitat Authority-owned property in the Arroyo Pescadero watershed within La Habra Heights. The agreement was subsequently executed on February 9, 2024.

Subsequently, the Authority's contracted restoration ecologist, Land IQ, prepared a Habitat Restoration Plan (HRP) which was approved in early August. As outlined in the HRP, the scope of work for the restoration contractor includes two years of site preparation, hydroseeding and installation of container plants, and five years of maintenance, all in close coordination with the project restoration ecologist. The site preparation and maintenance periods will include weeding an additional buffer area surrounding the restoration sites; this area will be hand seeded with a native seed mix during the final year of maintenance to provide a native vegetation buffer against weed re-infestation. The project timeframe is anticipated to be from fall/winter in fiscal year 2024/25 through fiscal year 2031/32. If the proposed contract is approved, the restoration contractor would begin work mid-October.

Attached is the proposal by Nakae and Associates, Inc in the amount of \$2,149,150 (Exhibit A). This amount is approximately 2% higher than the original estimate to accommodate specific actions described in the HRP for the project (e.g., increasing the length of fencing used to decommission an active social trail, increased cost of native seed collection, etc.). The contract amount includes a 2% contingency to cover unforeseen costs or circumstances.

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According to Section 2-1 of the Authority's Purchasing Policy, contracts over \$25,000 need Board approval. Also, in accordance with section 4-4 of the Purchasing Policy, it is recommended that if competitive procurement of services is not in the best interest of the Authority, it can be waived. It is recommended that competitive procurement is not in the best interest of the Authority. A contract with Nakae to implement native habitat restoration is recommended because (1) the proposed contractor is known to possess the needed experience and qualifications, and is the most satisfactory for Habitat Authority purposes, (2) the project under consideration is unique and specialized enough that a low bid would entail undue risk, (3) they are uniquely familiar with the Habitat Authority's Preserve, (4) this project will tie into existing irrigation installed and operated by Nakae for other Authority mitigation projects and use of this irrigation by another contractor could jeopardize current projects, and (5) they have proven to successfully complete other habitat restoration projects on time and within budget.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this project. The costs associated with this work would be covered with the funds received under the associated mitigation agreement. This proposal fits within the project budget. Please see the attached chart of projected costs associated with this project (Exhibit B).

13 August 2024

PUENTE HILLS HABITAT
 PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
 Attn: Ms. Michelle Mariscal
 7333 Greenleaf Ave.
 Whittier, CA 90602

Re: Metro Heights Mitigation – **Revision #1**

Dear Ms. Mariscal:

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide the following **revised** proposal for the above referenced project. Our proposal is based on the attached 'Bid Sheet'. Please see below for an overview of the work as it pertains to the mitigation areas, buffer areas and miscellaneous work.

BID OVERVIEW

I. MITIGATION SITE IMPLEMENTATION & MAINTENANCE

<i>Protective Fencing</i>	\$	6,136.00
<i>Decommissioning Social Trail</i>	\$	4,015.00
<i>Temporary Fencing / Barriers to Decommission Trail</i>	\$	28,400.00
<i>Project Signage – Large Explanatory Signs</i>	\$	5,100.00
<i>Project Signage – Small Signs on Rope</i>	\$	1,008.00
<i>Cross Ripping 0.75 Acres</i>	\$	1,320.00
<i>Site Preparation Clearing</i>	\$	71,400.00
<i>Temporary Irrigation Systems</i>	\$	289,630.00
<i>2 Year Grow & Kill Program</i>	\$	176,400.00
<i>Thatch Removal Prior to Hydroseeding</i>	\$	38,520.00
<i>Hydroseeding</i>	\$	160,971.00
<i>Container Planting</i>	\$	134,352.00
<i>Maintenance Year 1 (includes 120-day maintenance)</i>	\$	208,740.00
<i>Maintenance Year 2 (includes remedial seeding)</i>	\$	162,555.00
<i>Maintenance Year 3 (includes remedial seeding)</i>	\$	101,595.00
<i>Maintenance Year 4</i>	\$	81,420.00
<i>Maintenance Year 5</i>	\$	49,200.00
<i>Temporary Irrigation Removal</i>	\$	37,520.00
Mitigation Subtotal	\$	1,558,282.00

II. BUFFER AREAS IMPLEMENTATION & MAINTENANCE

Site Preparation Clearing Weed Buffer.....	\$	53,163.00
2 Year Buffer Weed Control During Mitigation Grow & Kill	\$	187,110.00
Maintenance Year 1 Buffer Weed Control	\$	44,847.00
Maintenance Year 2 Buffer Weed control	\$	43,065.00
Maintenance Year 3 Buffer Weed Control	\$	41,877.00
Maintenance Year 4 Buffer Weed Control	\$	31,482.00
Maintenance Year 5 Buffer Weed Control	\$	30,294.00
Thatch Removal Prior to Hand Seeding.....	\$	12,075.00
Hand Seed Weed Buffer (end of maintenance year 5).....	\$	52,845.00
Buffer Areas Subtotal.....	\$	496,758.00

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Time & Material Cost for Maintenance of Yellow Rope & T-Posts Due to Vandalism, Wear & Tear, Damage, Etc.....	\$	15,000.00
2% Contingency	\$	41,400.00
Performance / Payment Bond.....	\$	37,710.00
Miscellaneous Subtotal.....	\$	94,110.00

TOTAL BASE BID\$2,149,150.00

Notes

This job has been bid with California Prevailing Wage Rate Determinations for “Landscape / Irrigation Laborer / Tender” (Determination # SC-102-X-14-2023-2 and 2A), “Landscape Operating Engineer” (Determination # SC-63-12-33-2023-1), and “Landscape Maintenance Laborer” (Determination # SC-LML-2023-1).

There is a ‘Predetermined Increase’ of \$3.30 per hour for the “Landscape / Irrigation Laborer / Tender” effective August 1, 2024, and an additional ‘Predetermined Increase’ of \$3.40 per hour effective August 1, 2025. These wage increases have been included herein.

There is a ‘Predetermined Increase’ of \$4.00 per hour for the “Landscape Operating Engineer” effective November 1, 2024. This wage increase has been included herein.

Notes (continued)

There may be a significant deduct in cost if the 'buffer' areas are able to be sprayed in lieu of weed-eating and hand weeding, and if the seeding of these areas at the end of the 5-year maintenance period is deleted from the scope of work.

Specific Exclusions

- Permits and fees.
- Federal / Davis-Bacon Wage requirements.
- Repair or replacement due to force majeure, vandalism or negligent acts by others, detrimental soil conditions.
- Biological monitoring or reports.
- Survey and / or staking.
- Pedestrian control.
- Erosion control.
- Erosion repairs.
- SWPPP (plan or implementation).
- Grading.
- Road repair.
- Import and / or export of soil.
- Soils analysis / tests.
- Removal of concrete and / or asphalt.
- Tree removal.
- Removal of rootballs and / or stumps.
- Clean-up and haul-off of debris due to illegal dumping by others.
- Soil amendments / fertilizer (except for mycorrhizal inoculum to be applied with seed mixes and inoculation with container plants).
- Removal or thinning of native vegetation.
- Root guards for plants.
- Caging around plants for foliage protection from browsing animals.
- Plant basin mulch.
- Irrigation plans.
- Irrigation plan submittal(s) to the water district or city.
- Buried irrigation systems. All irrigation systems will be installed on grade.
- Cost of water.
- Cost of water meters.

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- Haul-off of cut vegetation in 'Higher Native Weed' buffer areas during the 2 year grow & Kill program. (cut vegetation from the initial site preparation operation in these areas will be hauled to an offsite legal landfill).
- Haul-off of cut vegetation in 'Higher Native Weed' buffer areas during the 5 year maintenance period (cut vegetation from the thatch removal prior to buffer seeding will be hauled to an offsite legal landfill).
- Removal of yellow rope and t-posts at the end of the 5-year maintenance period.
- Delineation (such as staking, flagging, painting, etc.) of habitat types.
- 'Yelomine' mainline pipe, 'Yelomine' pipe fittings, valves and impact sprinkler heads are the property of Nakae & Associates, Inc. and shall be used for the sole purpose of temporary irrigation. Once the native seed and plants have been established and no longer require supplemental irrigation to survive, the irrigation components mentioned above will be removed and taken to Nakae & Associates, Inc. construction yard.
- Chain link fencing for the 'barrier' at Powder Canyon is the property of Nakae & Associates, Inc. and shall be used for the sole purpose of a temporary barrier in order to deter pedestrian access into the mitigation areas until vegetation has become established. Once the native seed and plants have grown and upon direction from the project biologist, the chain link fencing will be removed and taken to Nakae & Associates, Inc. construction yard.
- Repairs to chain link fencing due to damage from vandalism or negligent acts by others.
- Reducing seed spread by collecting seeds from the ground and placing them in containers per HMMP page 34, "Biosecurity Measures During Control Activities" under Item 2. If this is needed at any time, this can be done for an additional cost submitted as a additive change order.
- The pricing on this proposal is valid for 60 days.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal at (949) 786-0405.

Sincerely,



Reid Dowden

Attachment(s)

**12-Acre Metro Heights Off-Site Coastal Sage Scrub Habitat Restoration
Mitigation Project within the Puente Hills Preserve**

BID SHEET

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	UNIT COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Protective Fencing	LF	\$ 1.30	4,720	\$ 6,136.00
Decommissioning Social Trail	LF	\$ 5.50	730	\$ 4,015.00
Install 6' Tall Chain Link Fencing Barrier w/ Posts In-Ground	LF	\$ 57.50	400	\$ 23,000.00
Remove 6' Tall Chain Link Fencing Once CSS Vegetation has Grown	LF	\$ 13.50	400	\$ 5,400.00
Project Signage – Large Explanatory Signs	EA	\$ 850.00	6	\$ 5,100.00
Project Signage – Small signs placed on Yellow Rope at 100 Foot Intervals	EA	\$ 21.00	48	\$ 1,008.00
Time and Material Cost for Maintenance of Yellow Ropes and T-bar Posts due to Vandalism, Wear and Tear, Damage, etc.	NTE	\$ 15,000.00	1	\$ 15,000.00
Cross Ripping to a Depth of 18"	AC	\$1,760	0.75	\$ 1,320.00
Site Preparation Clearing	AC	\$ 5,950.00	12	\$ 71,400.00
Site Preparation Clearing Weed Buffer	AC	\$ 8,950.00	5.94	\$ 53,163.00
Pumps, Booster Pumps	LS	\$ 37,550.00	1	\$ 37,550.00
Mainline Irrigation and Installation	LF	\$ 21.20	5,200	\$ 110,240.00
Temporary Irrigation System and Installation	AC	\$ 11,820.00	12	\$ 141,840.00
Irrigated Grow-and-Kill - Year 1	AC	\$ 7,350.00	12	\$ 88,200.00
Weed Control – Weed Buffer	AC	\$ 15,750.00	5.94	\$ 93,555.00
Irrigated Grow-and-Kill - Year 2	AC	\$ 7,350.00	12	\$ 88,200.00
Weed Control – Weed Buffer	AC	\$ 15,750.00	5.94	\$ 93,555.00
Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Inoculum to be Added to the Hydroseed	EA	\$ 7.80	720	\$ 5,616.00
Fertilizer packet – Container Plants	EA	\$ 0.25	3,732	\$ 933.00
Container Plant Costs ^[1]	EA	\$ 7.25	3,732	\$ 27,057.00
Seed Mix Cost - 12-acre Restoration Area ^[2]	LS	\$ 95,715.00	1	\$ 95,715.00
Plant Thatch Removal Prior to Hydroseeding	AC	\$ 3,210.00	12	\$ 38,520.00
Two Step Hydroseeding	AC	\$ 4,970.00	12	\$ 59,640.00
Container Plant Installation	EA	\$ 28.50	3,732	\$ 106,362.00
120-day Plant Establishment Period (PEP)	AC	\$ 6,795.00	12	\$ 81,540.00
Maintenance – Year 1	AC	\$ 10,600.00	12	\$ 127,200.00
Weed Control – Weed Buffer	AC	\$ 7,550.00	5.94	\$ 44,847.00
Remedial Hand-seeding	AC	\$ 3,025.00	0.6	\$ 1,815.00
Maintenance – Year 2	AC	\$ 13,395.00	12	\$ 160,740.00
Weed Control – Weed Buffer	AC	\$ 7,250.00	5.94	\$ 43,065.00
Remedial Hand-seeding	AC	\$ 3,025.00	0.6	\$ 1,815.00
Maintenance – Year 3	AC	\$ 8,315.00	12	\$ 99,780.00
Weed Control – Weed Buffer	AC	\$ 7,050.00	5.94	\$ 41,877.00
Maintenance – Year 4	AC	\$ 6,785.00	12	\$ 81,420.00
Weed Control – Weed Buffer	AC	\$ 5,300.00	5.94	\$ 31,482.00
Maintenance – Year 5	AC	\$ 4,100.00	12	\$ 49,200.00
Weed Control – Weed Buffer	AC	\$ 5,100.00	5.94	\$ 30,294.00
Plant Thatch Removal Prior to Hand-seeding Weed Buffer	AC	\$ 3,450.00	3.5	\$ 12,075.00
Seed Mix Cost - Weed Buffer ^[3]	LS	\$ 37,795.00	1	\$ 37,795.00
Hand-seed Weed Buffer ^[4]	AC	\$ 4,300.00	3.5	\$ 15,050.00
Temporary Irrigation Removal	LS	\$ 37,520.00	1	\$ 37,520.00
Performance/Payment Bond	LS	\$ 37,710.00	1	\$ 37,710.00
2% Contingency	LS	\$ 41,400.00	1	\$ 41,400.00
TOTAL BASE BID				\$ 2,149,150.00

^[1] Shall include cost of arbuscular mycorrhizal inoculum for inoculation of container plants

^[2] Shall include cost for CSS restoration seed mix and 5% extra seed for remedial seeding

^[3] Shall include cost of arbuscular mycorrhizal inoculum to be applied during seeding

^[4] Seeding of the weed buffer area to be completed during the Maintenance Phase of the Project after sufficient weed control is achieved

LF = linear foot

EA = each

NTE = not to exceed

AC = acre

LS = lump sum

Exhibit B

Budget Unit Code #53932

Fiscal Year starting July 1

Metro Heights MITIGATION

Contracted	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032	* Contracted Total	Estimated
Restoration Contractor**		\$ 613,652.00	\$ 190,705.00	\$ 484,918.00	\$ 283,465.00	\$ 182,246.00	\$ 134,979.00	\$ 103,898.00	\$ 155,287.00		\$ 2,149,150.00	\$ 2,102,957.00
Land IQ - Restoration Ecologist	\$ 25,305.25	\$ 22,331.61	\$ 27,423.87	\$ 48,995.15	\$ 32,234.55	\$ 41,048.45	\$ 42,193.21	\$ 39,292.25	\$ 35,192.99	\$ 16,907.88	\$ 330,925.21	
Irrigation Water/Utilities***	\$ 3,004.53	\$ 5,376.86	\$ 16,521.04	\$ 17,615.48	\$ 55,797.13	\$ 41,135.74	\$ 3,025.63	\$ 3,088.26			\$ 145,564.67	
Misc. (fencing, easement, etc.)****		\$ 50,000.00									\$ 73,600.00	\$ 73,600.00
Staff/ranger Time	\$ 10,067.20	\$ 11,433.14	\$ 17,862.60	\$ 18,291.45	\$ 18,731.75	\$ 19,028.93	\$ 19,183.82	\$ 19,486.96	\$ 14,603.63		\$ 148,689.49	
Total per fiscal year	\$ 38,376.98	\$ 702,793.61	\$ 252,512.51	\$ 569,820.08	\$ 390,228.43	\$ 283,459.12	\$ 199,381.66	\$ 165,765.47	\$ 205,083.62		\$ 2,847,929.37	

*From actual contract amounts (including any subsequent change orders or contract deviations)

**Final contracted amount increased from originally budgeted amount (\$2,102,957) due to HRP changes; includes 2% contingency, two years of grow-kill cycles, seed collection, and plant propagation cost

***FY breakdown derived from water budget estimate provided by Nakae (see 'Irrigation calcs' tab)

****Includes 10% overhead

Fiscal Year starting July 1

ACTUAL Spent	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031	Spent Total [†]	REMAINING (contracted minus spent)
Restoration Contractor - Nakae										\$ -	\$ 2,149,150.00
Land IQ - Restoration Ecologist	\$ 17,440.00	\$ 4,480.00								\$ 21,920.00	\$ 309,005.21
Irrigation Water/Utilities										\$ -	\$ 145,564.67
Misc. (fencing, easement, etc.)	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 449.65								\$ 12,249.65	\$ 61,350.35
Staff/ranger Time										\$ -	\$ 148,689.49
Total per fiscal year	\$ 29,240.00	\$ 4,929.65	\$ -	\$ -						\$ 34,169.65	\$ 2,813,759.72

Total Remaining to Date (funds contracted minus spent to date)

\$ 2,813,759.72

[†]SPENT TOTAL DOES NOT INCLUDE RETENTION TO BE BILLED FOR CURRENT FY

Funds Anticipated to be Contracted	\$ 2,801,736
Anticipated Contingency (20%)	\$ 558,627
(Proposed) Committed Contingency	\$ (46,193)
RESTORATION TOTAL	\$ 3,314,170
Access Fee	\$ 240,000
Admin fee	\$ 5,000
Funds Provided by Agreement	\$ 3,605,363
Total Remaining (Funds provided minus access fee and funds spent on committed contracts)	\$ 3,280,000

Additional Materials

Minutes
PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 11, 2024

The meeting of the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut Ave, Whittier, CA 90602.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Vice Chair Houwen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL.

A roll call was taken, and there was a quorum at this time.

Members Present: Bryan Coreas	County of Los Angeles
Adam Nazaroff	La Habra Heights
Roy Francis	La Habra Heights
Catherine Houwen, Vice Chair	La Habra Heights
Michelle Pekko-Seymour	Whittier
Dr. Janis Cavanaugh	Whittier

Members Absent: Shelley Andros	Whittier
John Ford	County of Los Angeles
Matthew Liang	County of Los Angeles

Authority Representatives Present:

Andrea Gullo, Executive Director
Marlyn Barajas, Program Analyst
Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist
Kenn Hughes, MRCA Deputy Chief Ranger

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Steve Huber, Vice President of Whittier Area Audubon, mentioned sightings of roughly 39 new bird species during their last monthly bird walk. He also announced that the Whittier Area Audubon takes a break in July and August due to the warm weather and will return to its regular Sycamore Canyon bird walks in September.

Friends of Whittier Hills, Lee Willard and Judy Ennis, introduced themselves.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 15, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING.

Member Francis motioned to approve these minutes as drafted. Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motioned passed unanimously.

V. STANDING REPORTS:

a. REPORT BY BOARD LIAISON ON PREVIOUS MONTH'S AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

Vice Chair Houwen, Board Liaison, provided this report.

b. SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT.

Program Analyst Barajas provided this report. There was mention of continued growth on some social media platforms.

c. COMMITTEE MEMBER FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC AS IT RELATES TO THE AUTHORITY.

Member Pekko-Seymoure highlighted the Habitat Authority's Earth Day event on April 20th. Executive Director Gullo thanked the Committee Members who attended the event for their support.

It was mentioned that the Habitat Authority participated in this year's Whittier's Founders Day hosted by the Whittier Museum.

Ecologist Mariscal, along with Bob Henderson, former Chair of the Habitat Authority, spoke at the Friends of the Whittier Hills annual membership meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION, RECEIVE AND FILE MARCH AND APRIL 2024 MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (MRCA) RANGER REPORTS.

Ranger Hughes provided this report. There was discussion, and the reports were received and filed.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR A) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 APPROVING LOCAL GOALS AND POLICIES FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS; B) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04 DECLARING INTENTION TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT, COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT

**NO. 2024-01 (PUENTE HILLS PRESERVE PROTECTION); AND C)
SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 18, 2024, AT 3:00 P.M.**

Executive Director Gullo introduced consultants Joy Kummer from TeamCivX LLC and Blair Aas from SCI Consulting Group who gave a presentation on the timeline of a Community Facilities District establishment. After the presentation, the Committee took the opportunity to ask questions and discuss.

Member Nazaroff arrived during this item.

Member Nazaroff motion to approve to recommend to the Board to a) Adoption of a Resolution No. 2024-03 Approving Local Goals and Policies for Community Facilities Districts; b) Adoption of a Resolution No. 2024-04 Declaring Intention to Establish Community Facilities District, Community Facilities District No. 2024-01 (Puente Hills Preserve Protection); and c) Schedule a Public Hearing for July 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Member Pekko-Seymoure seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05 DECLARING JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH.

There was a discussion.

Member Cavanaugh motioned to approve to recommend to the Board of Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-05 Declaring June as Pride Month. Member Coreas seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed. Member Nazaroff opposed the motion, and Member Francis abstained.

IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06 DECLARING JULY AS PARKS MONTH.

Member Cavanaugh motioned to approve to recommend to the Board of Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-06 Declaring July as Parks Month. Member Francis seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TEAMCIVX LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,108.40 TO FUND THE FULL TERM OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT.

Executive Director Gullo provided background on the matter.

Member Nazaroff motion to approve to recommend to the Board to authorize Executive Director Gullo to enter into a contract amendment with TeamCivX LLC in the amount of \$16,108.40 to fund the full term of the existing contract. Member Francis seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE THIRTY-FOURTH 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 7/1/24 TO 6/30/25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \$494,000.

Executive Director Gullo provided background.

Member Cavanaugh motioned to approve to recommend to the Board to execute the Thirty-fourth 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 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 in the amount of \$ \$494,022. Member Coreas seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BELLFREE CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,513.00 FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE REIMBURSABLE THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE A MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING FUNDS.

Ecologist Mariscal provided this report and her report identified areas on the Preserve that need repairs.

Member Nazaroff motioned to recommend to the Board to authorize Executive Director Gullo to execute a contract with Bellfree Contractors in the amount of \$60,513.00 for trail maintenance reimbursable through Los Angeles County Measure A Maintenance and Servicing funds. Member Francis seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

XIII. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD REGARDING AUTHORITY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25, AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDING BUDGETS.

Executive Director Gullo provided this report. Her report noted that the Habitat Authority hopes for a grant from the RMC for next year and is in its last year with CalFire. There was discussion on the matter.

Member Nazaroff commended the Habitat Authority for staying afloat during financial challenges.

Member Nazaroff motion to recommend that the Board the Authority approve the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2024-25. Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

XIV. CLOSING REMARKS (COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR).

Member Nazaroff asked about orange plastic barriers on Fullerton Road near the parking lot in Powder Canyon and whether they will be removed. Executive Director Gullo explained that they belong to the City of La Habra Heights.

Member Coreas asked about the recent Public Records Requests regarding the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan to the Authority. Executive Director Gullo responded that all documents pertaining to that request have been submitted.

Member Pekko-Seymoure mentioned seeing a white "x" mark labeled on Rattlesnake Ridge Trail. Authority staff were not aware of the "x" mark.

XV. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING.

There being no further comments or business to discuss, Vice Chair Houwen adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on July 16, 2024.



**Puente Hills
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**Habitat Authority's 30th Anniversary
Celebration**

*Please
join us!*



**Saturday,
September | 21, | 2024**

**1 PM - 3 PM
1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier**

**The following special recognitions &
acknowledgements will be made at the event:**

- **Founder's Award**
- **Legacy Awards**
- **Volunteer Stewardship Awards**



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 28, 2024

Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority Celebrates 30 Years of Preservation and Community Engagement

Whittier, CA — The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) is thrilled to announce its 30th Anniversary Celebration, a landmark event honoring three decades of dedicated preservation efforts and community involvement. The celebration will take place on **September 21st at the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts office (1955 Workman Mill Rd, Whittier, CA 90601) from 1pm to 3pm**. The event is free and open to the public, and those interested can RSVP at bit.ly/30YR_PHHPA.

Since its establishment in 1994, Habitat Authority has been committed to preserving and protecting the open space and natural habitats of the Puente Hills area. Over the past three decades, Habitat Authority has safeguarded over 3,800 acres of vital habitat, including Hacienda Hills, Turnbull Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero, and Powder Canyon. The Habitat Authority offers vital environmental and community benefits by preventing wildfires, preserving natural habitats, and providing recreational opportunities.

The Habitat Authority's work has been made possible by the collaboration and support of its partners, volunteers, and the local community. The 30th Anniversary Celebration will feature several guest speakers from our local community, including Habitat Authority founders, local environmental leaders, and public officials who have supported the preservation mission over the years. This anniversary event serves as a testament to what can be achieved through shared commitment and passion for the environment.

"The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority was founded with a vision to protect this incredible natural landscape for future generations, and we are immensely proud of the progress we have made over the past 30 years," said Ivan Sulic, Chair of the Habitat Authority's Board of Directors.

"This milestone anniversary is not only a celebration of our achievements but also an opportunity to thank the community for their unwavering support. We look forward to continuing our mission of preservation and stewardship in the years to come," said Andrea Gullo, Executive Director of Habitat Authority.

Admission to the 30th Anniversary Celebration is free, and all are welcome. For more information about the event, volunteer opportunities, or the work of the Habitat Authority, please visit www.HabitatAuthority.org.

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Join Our Open House!

The Open House will focus on the Habitat Authority's recent work around preservation and wildfire preparedness as well as a discussion of the Board's decision to place Measure PH on the ballot and form the Community Facilities District.

WHERE:

Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Ave

WHEN:

Thursday, October 3rd, 2024
From 6-8 pm

There will be a short presentation starting at 6:30 pm, followed by an opportunity to mingle and speak with our volunteers, rangers and staff members one-on-one.

Scan here to RSVP!



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August 13, 2024

Jeffery Nordschow
Rose Hills Memorial Park
3888 Workman Mill Rd
Whittier, CA 90601

Dear Mr. Nordschow,

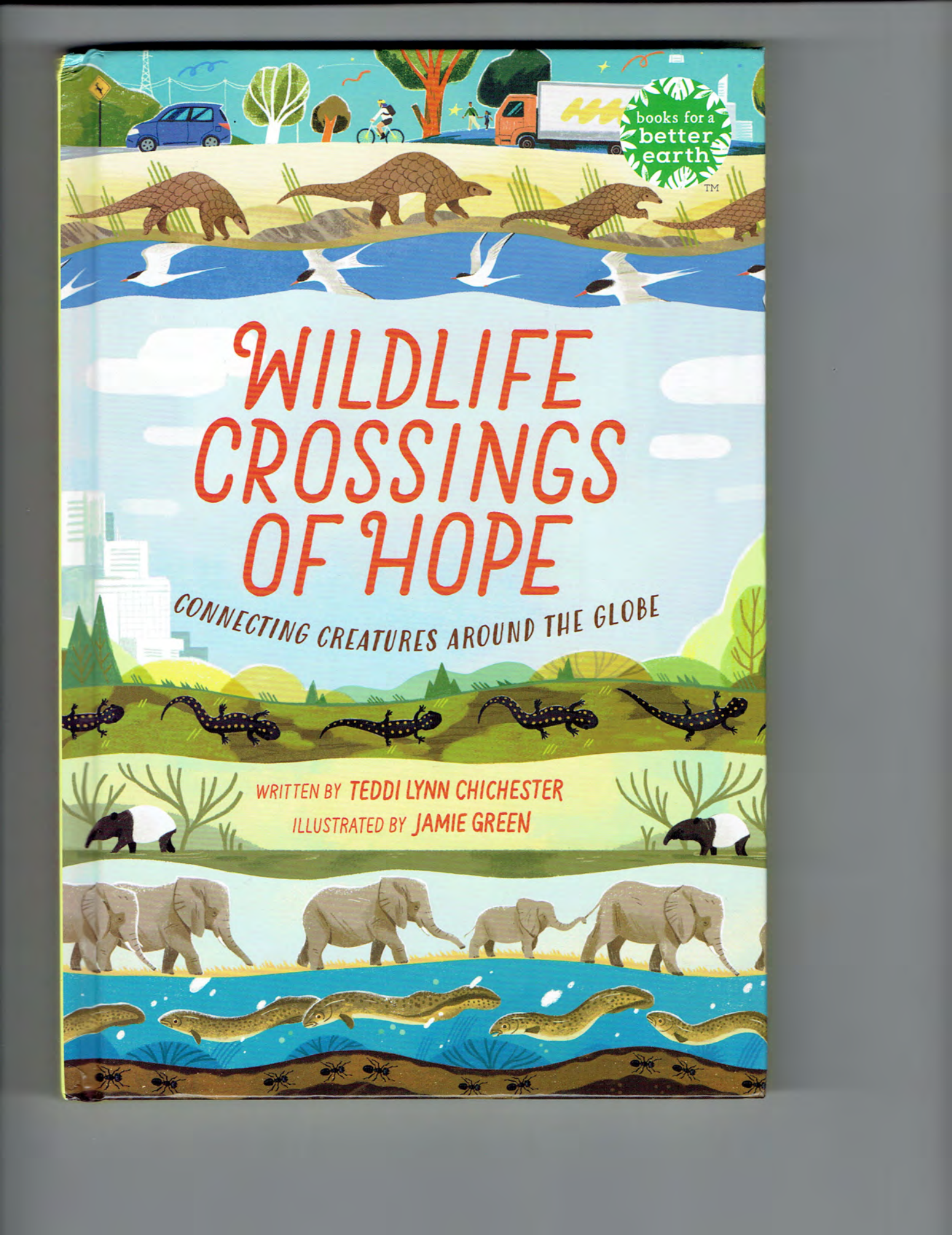
Thank you for the generous tax-deductible donation of \$1,000.00 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. Your donation is very appreciated.

This gift contributed to the Habitat Authority's mission of preserving and protecting the Puente Hills Preserve. Contributions like this help our agency to continue to safeguard the hills for the benefit of wildlife, their habitat, and people. Your support and partnership mean a great deal to us.

Sincerely,

Andrea Gullo
Executive Director

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WILDLIFE CROSSINGS OF HOPE

CONNECTING CREATURES AROUND THE GLOBE

WRITTEN BY TEDDI LYNN CHICHESTER

ILLUSTRATED BY JAMIE GREEN

PAW PRINTS AND DEER SELFIES IN A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UNDERPASS: AN UP-CLOSE LOOK

If Mount Kenya has its rambling elephant herds and the Hollywood Hills their international celebrity mountain lion, Puente Hills Preserve, several miles southeast of Griffith Park, boasts its own wild feline star. When gracing the Preserve with his presence, ZEK the bobcat ranges a roomy landscape: 4,000 acres (1,619 hectares) of oak groves and flowering buckwheat that's nestled amid freeways, subdivisions, and mini-malls.

As traffic increased on Harbor Boulevard, a major Southern California thoroughfare, ZEK and his bobcat cousins found their range shrinking and their lives threatened when they tried to ford the endless stream of cars. Just as P-22 became the poster cat for what will be the world's largest green bridge, ZEK helped inspire Los Angeles County's first dedicated wildlife underpass. And like all the best critter crossings, this cavernous tunnel, completed in 2006 for \$1.4 million, links protected open space on each side of the road, 4,600 acres (1,862 hectares) to the west and, to the east, an impressive 14,000 acres (5,666 hectares). Stretching 160 feet (49 meters) beneath the road, comparable to the length of the overpasses we've just viewed, the structure is four times longer than Tony the elephant's much cozier culvert.

One sunny August morning, Michelle Mariscal, ecologist with the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority, meets me just inside the Preserve. Mariscal knows these hills as well as anyone: grassland for burrowing spadefoot toads, hardy chaparral where coyotes stalk their prey, and coastal sage scrub,

perfect nesting grounds for one of the the region's most threatened birds, the coastal California gnatcatcher.

Studying, restoring, and protecting the ecosystem: add to Mariscal's enviable job description the one "duty" (she clearly doesn't see it as such) that brings me to the park today. Every week or so, she visits the underpass to retrieve the SD (secure digital) card from the trail camera and to investigate footprints. Since people aren't allowed in the crossing, she hopes to see only paw and hoof marks!

We climb into Mariscal's truck and head out of the tranquil Preserve, entering Harbor Boulevard and a completely different world—of buildings, power lines, and noise. In a few minutes, Mariscal pulls over near a brushy hillside. We've arrived at the underpass, but I never would have known it was there. And that's just how Mariscal and her fellow scientists want it. We scramble down a steep ravine, and there it is: a large, corrugated metal tube, plugged into the road's concrete foundation and surrounded by dry foliage (it's summer in SoCal, after all). A commemorative plaque doubles as a stern Keep-Out sign, both warning and educating would-be trespassers that human scent can deter wildlife.

As Mariscal opens the thick lock on the camera trap installed at the entrance, she gives me the go-ahead for a quick walk inside. The highly insulated structure keeps out traffic noise, so I hear only the soft crunch of my hiking boots on the sandy ground. The tunnel feels both spacious and secure, and I imagine the soft pads of a slinky bobcat or the spiky feet of a greater roadrunner, another native species, pressing into the earth. The far side of the tunnel opens into a vista that includes

oil wells, concrete walls, houses, and those ubiquitous power lines. Yet I can see a clear path through a deep, vegetated arroyo that animals can follow. This arroyo, or gully, is a segment of the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor that regained wholeness with the completion of the underpass.

When I return to the entrance, Mariscal kneels down to show me some prints. Deer, bobcat, coyote, none of which I could have identified without her keen eye. Thankfully, no boots or tennis shoes! Just before we go—we don't stay long in a place not meant for us—Mariscal secures the camera. So sensitive that even butterflies can trigger it, this device captures ten thousand images a week that she and a whole army of volunteers comb through. Handsome ZEK and other bobcats, I learn, have shown up on film a number of times, confirming that the underpass is connecting members of this keystone carnivore species with one another and with needed habitat.

On the drive back to the Preserve parking lot, Mariscal and I talk about how, more and more, wildlife are forced into smaller spaces, living near and even in disturbed landscapes such as those encircling the Preserve. Yet we also both find hope in people's willingness to set aside land just for wild creatures, like the coyotes and cactus wrens, skunks and gopher snakes that make their home in the Puente Hills Preserve, and that commute through the Harbor Boulevard Wildlife Underpass.

When I get home, I pore over a sampling of camera trap snapshots that Mariscal has emailed me. A coyote pup with outsize ears gazes soulfully into the lens. A mother mule deer and her fawn nibble on the grass edging the tunnel entrance. A bobcat (not ZEK, as this one isn't wearing a radio collar)

poses confidently, her spotted coat and dignified profile creating a striking portrait. Clearly this roomy underpass in the heart of ultra-developed Southern California feels like a real refuge for them. They're not hurrying through, but lingering, taking a breath and a maybe bite to eat—sheltered from the traffic above, free to continue on their own travels, when they're good and ready.

As we continue our tour of vegetated bridges and secluded tunnels, we'll travel to some truly ambitious crossing projects to get a closer look at how an incredibly varied group of species is making its way across and under urban expressways and rural roads. And we'll check in on the historic Liberty Canyon project, which promises to link two struggling populations of mountain lions, patiently awaiting their bridge to a brighter future, and to one another.