



Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority

Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill



Preserving and Protecting Local Open Space

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (“the Habitat Authority”) manages approximately 3,886 acres of public open space, the Puente Hills Preserve, which includes Turnbull Canyon, Hacienda Hills, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero and Powder Canyon. The Habitat Authority works to assist with wildfire preparedness efforts and emergency response in its service area and contracts with three Rangers who provide patrol services.

Additional Funding Required to Meet Current Operations and Needs

The Habitat Authority currently faces an ongoing structural deficit. In order to maintain the financial health of the Habitat Authority, budgetary reductions have been made in recent years. Positions have been left unfunded and many services and programs have been cut.

Remaining program and service levels do not meet current needs, even as lengthening fire seasons and neighborhood safety concerns increase the need for services. Without an additional stable funding source, the Habitat Authority will be forced to make additional cuts, which could include eliminating Ranger staff and limiting access for individuals and families.

A Community Facilities District

Although no final decisions have been made, the Habitat Authority is considering forming a legal entity called a Community Facilities District (CFD). This CFD would allow the Habitat Authority to explore local funding options, including a special tax on real property in the designated geographic area. The top priorities for the measure include the security and cleanliness of the Preserve, preventing wildfires and maintaining and protecting natural lands and habitats. Key projects would include:



Clearing brush from emergency access roads for first responders



Protecting local natural lands by prevent homeless encampments, vandalism and illegal dumping



Maintaining natural habitats, including the Hacienda Hills, Turnbull Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero and Powder Canyon



Maintaining park ranger patrols for fire safety, keeping our hills and trails safe and providing emergency response

Strict Accountability Required

A potential measure would include strict fiscal accountability provisions, including:

- All funds would be locally controlled and could not be taken by the State or used for other purposes
- Annual audits and public financial disclosures would ensure proper use of funds

Learn More

As the Habitat Authority continues to evaluate options for preserving and protecting our natural areas and increasing community safety, we want to hear from you. To learn more, please visit www.habitatauthority.org.

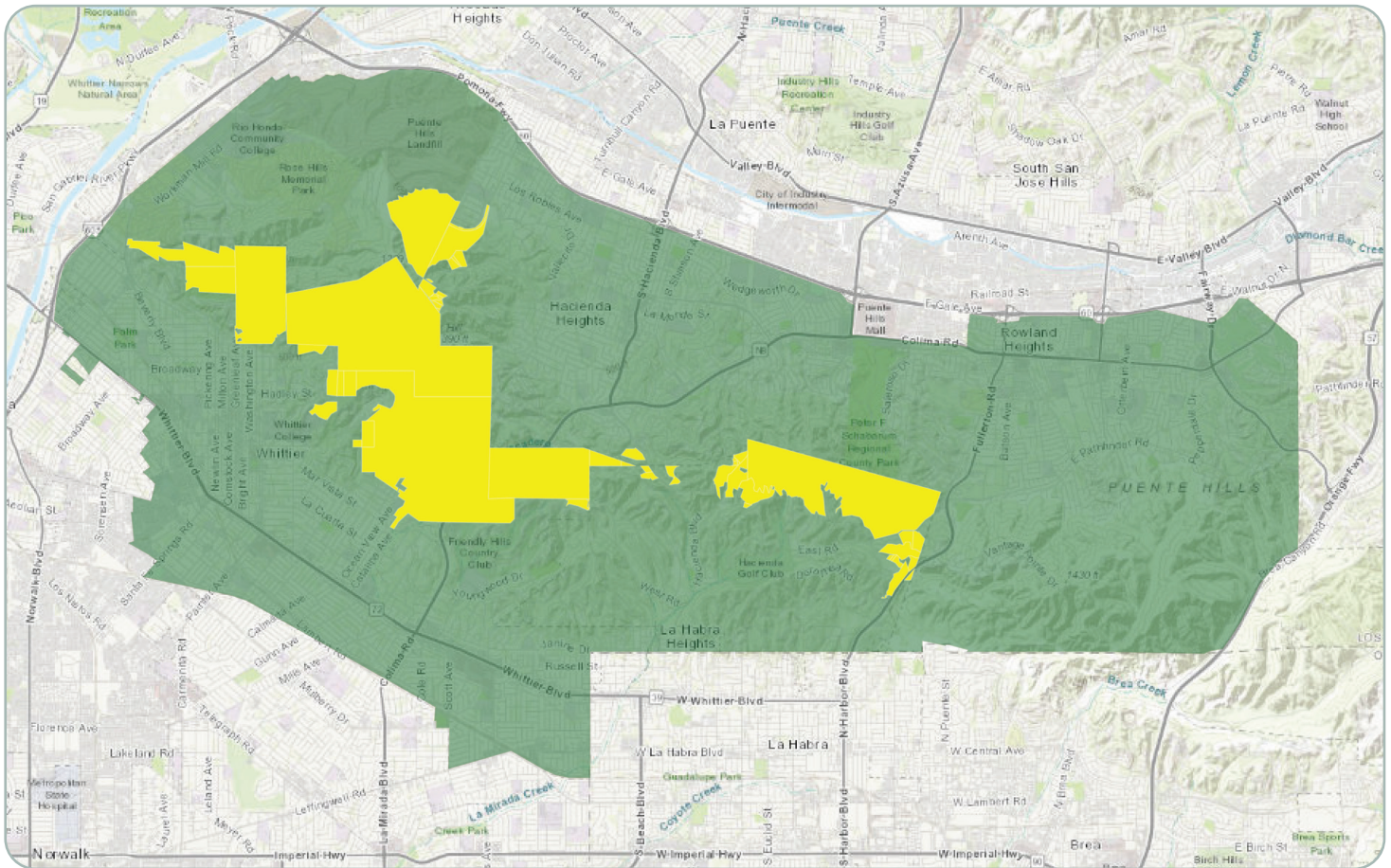




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Proposed CFD area

The current CFD boundaries being considered would include the entirety of the cities of Whittier and La Habra Heights as well as part of the communities of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights and Workman Mill.



-  Puente Hills HPA Land Owned/Managed
-  Proposed Boundary

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