

Fieldtrip at 6 p.m. 5040 Workman Mill Road, Whittier
Meeting at 7 p.m. 5703 Palm Ave, Whittier

**PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
*Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill***

December 19, 2023, Tuesday

The Committee's special meeting will take place at two different locations and with different start times.

First location 6:00pm. 5040 Workman Mill Road, Whittier. Field trip for tour of Sycamore Canyon Authority residence. The tour includes review of residence repairs and improvements needed. Parking is available on the street.

Second location 7:00 p.m., 5703 Palm Avenue, Whittier CA 90601 (Palm Park).

The special meeting will take place in-person. Members of the public can observe and participate in the meeting in person:

**7 p.m. LOCATION:
Palm Park 5703 Palm Avenue, Whittier CA 90601**

Catherine Houwen	La Habra Heights
Adam Nazaroff	La Habra Heights
Roy Francis	La Habra Heights
Shelley Andros, Vice Chair	Whittier
Janis Cavanaugh	Whittier
Michelle Pekko-Seymoure	Whittier
Matthew Liang, Chair	County of Los Angeles
John Ford	County of Los Angeles
Bryan Coreas	County of Los Angeles

Members of the public may provide electronic comments by Monday, December 18, 2023, by 4:00 p.m. to info@habitatauthority.org Please label the email in the subject heading as "Public Comments." Public comments may also be verbally heard during item III of the meeting.

72 hours prior to Citizens Technical Advisory Committee meetings, the entire Citizens Technical Advisory Committee agenda package is available for review, along with any meeting-related writings or documents provided to a majority of the Committee members after distribution of the agenda package, at the Authority's website, 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 54956 of the Government Code, the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Authority) will hold a special meeting of the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) at the above time and location for the purpose of:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order.
- II. Roll call.
- III. Public comments.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for the October 17, 2023, Regular Meeting.
- V. Standing Reports:
 - a) Report by Board Liaison on previous month's Authority Board of Directors meeting.
 - b) Social Media report.
 - c) Committee Member feedback from the public as it relates to the Authority.
- VI. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding sending a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors supporting the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan and the rezoning of the private Aera property within the Puente-Chino Hills Corridor.
- VII. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Directors authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract amendment with TeamCivX LLC in the amount of \$45,965 to facilitate a general informational mailer regarding the Authority, and amend the agency budget as appropriate.
- VIII. Progress update and discussion regarding revamping the Authority's website.
- IX. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract amendment renewing the annual fuel clearance contract for Whittier and Hacienda Heights with NorthStar Land Care extending the term an additional year (April 2024 through March 2025), and amending the contract in the amount of \$63,794.
- X. Announcement of Authority's Open House on January 24, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Parnell Park in Whittier.
- XI. Closing Remarks (Comments/questions from Committee Members and/or Executive Director).
- XII. Adjournment and announcement of the next meeting.

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority is a public entity established pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act by agreement between the City of Whittier, Los Angeles County, and Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. Regular meetings of the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee are scheduled for the Tuesday before the third Thursday of every month. Questions about any agenda item can be addressed to Andrea Gullo, Executive Director, 562.945.9003.

Minutes
PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee was held in-person at 7333 Greenleaf Ave, Whittier, CA 90602.

And remotely for members of the public via Teams at this address:
Meeting ID: 263 985 956 106 | Passcode: eoAaeo

Before the meeting began, Chair of the Habitat Authority, Ivan Sulic, administered the Oath of Office to Michelle Pekko-Seymour.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Vice Chair, Shelly Andros, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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
	Roy Francis	La Habra Heights
	Catherine Houwen	La Habra Heights
	Bryan Coreas	County of Los Angeles
	Shelley Andros, Vice Chair	Whittier
	Janis Cavanaugh	Whittier

Members Absent:	Matthew Liang, Chair	County of Los Angeles
	John Ford	County of Los Angeles
	Adam Nazaroff	La Habra Heights

Authority Representatives Present:
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director
Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist
Marlyn Barajas, Program Analyst
Joy Kummer, Consultant Team CivX

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Members of the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee introduced themselves.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Steve Huber, Vice President of Whittier Area Audubon, provided a brief introduction and an update regarding the group's monthly Saturday Bird Walks in Sycamore Canyon and announced the next Beginner Bird Walk is on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, REGULAR MEETING.

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

VI. STANDING REPORTS:

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

Member Houwen, Board Liaison, provided a report for the September Board meeting.

b. SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT.

Executive Director Gullo provided background on Loomly, the social media platform that the Habitat Authority has subscribed to help manage social media posts. There was discussion regarding the content of recent posts.

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

No feedback from the public was received.

VII. VERBAL REPORT AND UPDATES REGARDING COMMUNITY OUTREACH REGARDING POTENTIAL FUNDING OPTIONS.

Authority consultant Joy Kummer, with Team CivX, gave a PowerPoint presentation on community opinion survey data results collected in February 2023 regarding potential funding options. There was a discussion between Team CivX, CTAC, Authority staff, and Authority's Board Chair Ivan Sulic. Executive Director Gullo informed the CTAC that further outreach and education will continue.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUTHORITY OPEN HOUSE ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023 AT 6 PM. AT THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER.

Executive Director Gullo announced and invited CTAC and members of the public to the Habitat Authority's upcoming Open House on November 14, 2023, at 6 p.m.

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

Member Cavanaugh announced the passing of Friends of the Whittier Hills President Jim Kelly as well as the funeral date. Executive Director Gullo expressed her condolences and commented on support received from Jim Kelly to the Habitat Authority over the years.

Executive Director Gullo announced that the Habitat Authority may have a holiday gathering. Invited are the Authority Board, CTAC, Authority volunteers, and other groups. More information, such as date and time, will be given at a later date.

Chair Sulic announced a potential ceremony for the Habitat Authority's Heli-tank partnership. More information on this will be given at a later date.

X. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Executive Director Gullo mentioned that the Open House on November 14 is on the same date as CTAC's next regularly scheduled meeting. Due to this, the next CTAC meeting may be cancelled or postponed. The Habitat Authority will keep CTAC and members of the public updated.

There being no further comments, or business to be discussed, Vice Chair Andros adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: December 19, 2023
To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee
Prepared by: Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist
Through: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item: **VI. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding sending a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors supporting the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan and the rezoning of the private Aera property within the Puente-Chino Hills Corridor.**

Background:

The proposed East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Area Plan) 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. On August 9th the Regional Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Area Plan. The Authority submitted a letter prior to this meeting, specifically 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.

At its public hearing, the Regional Planning Commission recommended that the County Board of Supervisors adopt the Area Plan. The Board of Supervisor’s public hearing is anticipated to be held in January 2024. Please see the Authority’s attached draft comment letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors.

The 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:

Draft comment letter

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that they approve the attached comment letter.



Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority

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DRAFT

December 21, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 W Temple St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Project No PRJ2020-000612 / East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Horvath and Supervisors:

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Area Plan) and supports it.

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 Area Plan.

The Area Plan 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 public investment has been made to assemble and protect the wildlife corridor 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. **Given the significance of this area for wildlife movement, we applaud the proposed change of these parcel's Land Use**

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ESGVAP
Habitat Authority

**Designation from Transitional Open Space to the lowest housing density designation,
Rural Lands 40 and urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the document.**

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,

DRAFT

Ivan Sulic
Chair, Board of Directors

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

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: December 19, 2023
To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee
Prepared by: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item: **VII. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Directors authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract amendment with TeamCivX LLC in the amount of \$45,965 to facilitate a general informational mailer regarding the Authority, and amend the agency budget as appropriate.**

Background:

In March 2023, the Board approved a contract in the amount of \$102,231.42 with TeamCivX for specialized public outreach, communication and educational consulting services.

This includes the services of designing and mailing informational materials. This proposed amendment would fund this service. The new contract amount would be in the amount of \$148,196.42.

An informational jumbo postcard, sized at 8.5" x 13", in the amount of \$45,965 is proposed for mailing to 95,444 households within the communities of Whittier, Roland Heights, La Habra Heights and Hacienda Heights. The purpose of the mailer is to provide information to local households about the public services provided by this agency. As was discovered through informational gathering efforts of consultant FM3 last spring, the community is largely unaware of who the agency is and what it does.

Attached is the contract amendment for consideration.

Fiscal Impact:

The funding for this would be from the agency Access Fees funds from Powder Canyon.

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommend to the Board of Directors to authorize Executive Director to enter into a contract amendment with TeamCivX LLC in the amount of \$45,965, and amend the agency budget as appropriate.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO
PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
Habitat Communications and Outreach
Agreement 23-08B

This first amendment to that certain agreement entitled Habitat Communications and Outreach and numbered 23-08B (Agreement) is entered into on December 21, 2023 between the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (PHHPA) and TeamCivX (Consultant).

RECITALS

A. PHHPA and Contractor entered into the Agreement on December 1, 2022. Consultant agreed to provide professional services for specialized public outreach, educational services, and strategy consulting services related to a possible Community Financing District as a financing mechanism, for a Term ending November 2024, and total compensation in the amount of 102,231.42.

B. PHHPA now wishes to fund the services of designing and mailing informational materials in the amount of \$45,965. The new contract amount would be \$148,196.42.

AGREEMENT

1. PHHPA and Consultant agree to the following amendments (added text in ***bold italics***, deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~):

Section 1.01(d) is amended to read:

Public Information and Stakeholder Outreach. CONSULTANT shall perform any of the following services as needed to raise awareness of PHHPA, its funding needs and the Revenue Measure proposal, each of the services to be subject to PHHPA's approval:

- 1) Develop communication plan for PHHPA based on needs;
- 2) Develop informational fact sheets to be distributed at community functions;
- 3) Provide content related to the Revenue Measure to be added to PHHPA's website, included in email updates and added to newsletters;
- 4) Prepare PowerPoint presentations for community meetings;
- 5) Write, design, and produce mailings to educate, inform and engage voters, ***including 8.5 x 13 postcard mailer in January 2024 or February 2024 to the surrounding community of approximately 95,000 households***;
- 6) Develop strategies and plans to inform and engage key internal stakeholder groups;
- 7) Develop strategies and plans to inform and engage influential external groups including elected leaders, business leaders, city leaders, ethnic community leaders, faith community leaders, taxpayer groups, labor organizations, and others

Section 3.01 of the Agreement is amended to read:

The total payment for all services on a Time and Materials basis based on the rates as provided in Exhibit A and shall not exceed ~~\$102,231.42 (one hundred two thousand, two hundred thirty one Dollars and 42 cents)~~ **\$148,196.42 (one hundred forty eight thousand one hundred ninety six dollars and forty two cents)**, payable on receipt of invoices on no less than a monthly basis. Additional change orders for costs above the stated contract price need to be pre-approved by PHHPA in writing prior to work being conducted. Invoices shall include a summary of work completed, and shall be payable on a monthly basis. The Base Consulting Fee of \$7,200 per month as stated in Exhibit A shall be calculated on a pro-rata basis for the initial and/or final month of service if less than a full calendar month before and after contract pauses or when the contract ends. *As of the date of the First Amendment, the cost for services to include the mailer shall be \$45,965 which shall be added on a pro rata basis to the Base Consulting Fee.*

2. All other terms and provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

PUENTE HILLS
HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY

TEAM CIVX

By _____
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

By _____
Joy Kummer, Partner

Date

Date

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: December 19, 2023

To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

Prepared by: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item: **VIII. Progress update and discussion regarding revamping the Authority's website**

Background:

In accordance with the agency budget and workplan, priority 2, staff executed a contract in November with Digital Services in the amount of \$9,750 for website development. Digital Services has experience with several governmental agencies. At the Committee meeting, staff will present the proposed landing page of the website to showcase the proposed new look and feel of the website. Should the Committee have direction to staff regarding the content or look and feel of the website, please provide that so staff can complete the project by mid-February for launch.

The changes, in part, will bring the website into greater compliance with accessibility requirements and provide a multi-language translation feature. More detailed information will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and file, or provide feedback to complete the website.

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: December 19, 2023
To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee
Prepared by: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item: **IX. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of Directors authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract amendment renewing the annual fuel clearance contract for Whittier and Hacienda Heights with NorthStar Land Care extending the term an additional year (April 2024 through March 2025), and amending the contract in the amount of \$63,794.**

Background:

In April 2019, the Board of Directors approved a five-year contract in the amount of \$287,284.64, with NorthStar for annual fuel modification hand clearing work on Whittier and Hacienda Heights Authority-managed properties.

The current contract with NorthStar expires April 2024. The current workload of staff presents a challenge for effectively issuing a request for proposals to continue these services. An extension of the existing contract for an additional year would bring this contract in alignment with the timing of the current fuel modification contract for Authority properties in La Habra Heights with contractor California Arborist, which expires March 2025. Requests for proposals for these two contracts have been issued concurrently in the past.

This proposed amendment with contractor NorthStar would augment the contract an additional year at the current annual cost of \$63,793.91, and extend the term from 4/1/24 to 3/31/25, bringing it into alignment with another Authority fuel modification contract. Attached is the contract amendment for consideration.

Fiscal Impact:

None. The funding for this contract is from the agency CalFire grant agreement (#5GG20144).

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract with NorthStar by extending the term an additional year and increasing it in the amount of \$63,794.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO
PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
Fuel modification for Habitat Authority Properties,
Hand Clearing Whittier and Hacienda Heights
2019-01 Agreement

This first amendment to that certain agreement entitled Fuel modification for Habitat Authority Properties, Hand Clearing Whittier and Hacienda Heights and numbered 2019-01 (Agreement) is entered into on December 21, 2023 between the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (PHHPA or Habitat Authority) and NorthStar Land Care (Contractor).

RECITALS

A. PHHPA and Contractor entered into the Agreement on April 25, 2019. Contractor agreed to provide fuel modification services at designated locations within the Puente Hills Preserve, as directed by PHHPA, for a Term ending on March 31, 2024, and total compensation in the amount of 287,284.64.

B. PHHPA and Contractor wish to extend Contractor's services for an additional year, and increase compensation by \$63,794.

AGREEMENT

PHHPA and CONTRACTOR agree to the following amendments (added text in *bold italics*, deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~):

Section 3 of the Agreement is amended to read:

Compensation: HABITAT AUTHORITY shall pay the amount of \$53,017 (fifty-three thousand seventeen dollars) as specified by CONTRACTOR in Contractor's Proposal, and incorporated herein as Exhibit C as full compensation to CONTRACTOR for furnishing all materials and for doing all the WORK contemplated and embraced in this Contract, also for all loss or damage arising out of the nature of the WORK aforesaid, from the actions of the elements, from any unforeseen difficulties or obstructions which may arise or be encountered in the prosecution of the WORK until its acceptance by HABITAT AUTHORITY, and for all risks of every description connected with the WORK, also for all expenses incurred by or in consequence of the suspension or discontinuance of the WORK, for all well and faithfully completing the WORK, and the whole thereof, in the manner and according to the Contract Documents. The Contract may be extended annually up to four additional terms, totaling five consecutive years at the sole option of the HABITAT AUTHORITY by providing notice in writing to CONTRACTOR. Compensation for possible additional years are presented in Contractor's proposal (Exhibit C) are as follows: Year 2- \$54,607.51, Year 3- \$56,245.74, Year 4-\$59,620.48, ~~and~~ Year 5- \$63,793.91; **and Year 6 - \$63,794.**

Section 8 is amended to read:

Term and Contract Time: The term of this contract shall run from date of execution to March 31, 2020. The WORK called for herein shall be commenced within ten (10) days of the Notice to Proceed issued by HABITAT AUTHORITY and shall be fully completed by June 15, 2019, and every year thereafter by June 1st unless otherwise altered in writing. (Should there be a conflict of the TERM in the Bidding documents, the CONTRACT shall be the binding terms.) The contract time is up to 30 days consecutive calendar days commencing on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed (hereinafter CONTRACT TIME). If CONTRACTOR will require an extension of time for completion of WORK, such request shall be made in writing to HABITAT AUTHORITY and will be granted only upon written approval of HABITAT AUTHORITY in accordance with the General Conditions, Section 8.0, Exhibit D. The Contract TERM may be extended annually up to four additional terms, totaling five consecutive years at the sole option of the HABITAT AUTHORITY by providing notice in writing to CONTRACTOR on or before February 1, 2020 for the second term and on Feb. 1 for all other terms to follow. If authorized, the second term shall commence on April 1, 2020 and terminate on March 31, 2021. If authorized, the third term shall commence on April 1, 2021 and terminate on March 31, 2022. If authorized, the fourth term shall commence on April 1, 2022 and terminate on March 31, 2023. If authorized, the fifth term shall commence on April 1, 2023 and terminate on March 31, 2024. ***If authorized, the sixth term shall commence on April 1, 2024 and terminate on March 31, 2025.***

3. All other terms and provisions of the AGREEMENT shall remain in full force and effect.

PUENTE HILLS
HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY

NORTHSTAR LAND CARE

By _____
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

By _____
Jose Martinez, President

Date

Date

Additional Materials



City Manager resigns

In late September, City Manager Fabiola Huerta resigned, and Assistant City Manager Rafferty Wooldridge was appointed Interim City Manager of LHH.

It's worth remembering that only a few weeks after Fabi became city manager, she had to deal with the catastrophic Hacienda Road failure that kept that heavily-traveled road closed for a year.

Just a year later, she had to begin dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Not only was she able to keep the city functioning, she and her staff reached out to our most vulnerable residents to make sure that they had access to necessities and essential services. In many instances, staff members brought what was needed directly to these residents.

I thank Fabi and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Habitat Authority to hold Open House on Nov. 14

All residents of La Habra Heights are invited to attend an Open House to be held by the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority on Tuesday evening, November 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Rowland Heights Community Center at 18150 Pathfinder Road in Rowland Heights.

The Open House will focus on the Habitat Authority's recent work regarding preservation and wildfire preparedness and will also highlight long-term planning.

After a short presentation at 6:30 p.m., you'll have an opportunity to mingle and speak with volunteers, rangers and staff members—all of whom will welcome your input. Scan the QR code at the right to RSVP for the Open House.



For more information, visit habitatauthority.org.

Take the Habitat Authority online survey



The Habitat Authority is also currently conducting an online survey. Scan the QR code at the left to access the survey and provide your feedback about how the Habitat Authority is doing, especially with regard to La Habra Heights.

Complaints about farm animal noise



Our General Plan makes it clear that an integral part of our rural residential character is the "keeping of horses and farm animals." At a minimum, this means that life in La Habra Heights will necessarily include more farm animal noise than in most other cities.

During the last several months, some residents have complained about animal noise, and a few have even asked that all roosters

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

We delayed publication of this issue of *Heights Life* by a few days so that we could share Dan Stracner's photos from our 2023 LHHIA *Halloween Haunt* (see pages 8 and 9). We had a really great turnout this year!

Boardmember Angela Owen and I chaired this year's Haunt, and we offer our sincere thanks to all those who helped us transform the gym at The Park once again into "La Haunted Heights," including all our boardmembers and numerous friends.

Special thanks go to our sponsor, Ray Fernandez of Nextmove Real Estate, and to boardmember Diana Taylor and her friend Zaura Faulkner, who created a wonderfully spooky new entryway. We're also very grateful to all our volunteers from La Habra High School Associated Student Body and our friends from La Habra Christian Church, who have been helping us out for many years.

MORNING WITH SANTA



That big guy in the red suit will be coming to the gym at The Park on Saturday, December 9, at 9 a.m. for our annual *Morning With Santa* Christmas party (see page 5 for details)—so mark your calendar and get ready for some family holiday fun! We're going to delay publication of our December *Heights Life* for a few days so that we can bring you photos from this festive event.

PREMIUM MEMBERS TO BE RECOGNIZED

In our December issue of *Heights Life*, we'll be offering special recognition for our LHHIA Premium Members. The significant financial support that they generously provide helps make it possible for our 84-year-old volunteer organization to continue serving this unique rural community. To learn more, please see "Become a Member" on page 16.

—Lynn Kelley



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Cover photo of 2023 planet conjunction shot in La Habra Heights by resident Dan Stracner.



**Puente Hills
Habitat Preservation Authority**

Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill

November 15, 2023

Bruce Everett
14200 Skyline Dr
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Dear Bruce:

Thank you very much for the donation made by Whittier Audubon on your behalf in the amount of \$150.00 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority.

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!

All the best,

Andrea Gullo
Executive Director



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November 15, 2023

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

Dear Ms. Pearce:

Thank you very much to you and It's Garden Thyme Garden Club members 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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November 15, 2023

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

Thank you, Whittier Area Audubon Society, for the tax-deductible donation of \$150 made on behalf of Bruce Everett 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