



Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority

Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill

Guidelines for Proposed In-Lieu Fee Mitigation

Guidelines for In-Lieu Fee Mitigation with the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) A consultation, planning and administrative fee in the amount of \$5,000 is required at the time an agreed-upon mitigation area is found, and before a formal In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Agreement is finalized. This fee is non-refundable and takes care of Staff time, the preparation of cost estimates, the Right of Entry Agreement and any other contracts or agreements, and reserves the mitigation area for 12 months.
 - a. If the In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Agreement has not been finalized by the end of the first year, the Project Applicant will be required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$5,000 per acre in order to hold the mitigation area.
 - b. If the In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Agreement has not been finalized by the end of the second year, the Project Applicant will be required to pay an additional non-refundable fee of \$10,000 per acre in order to hold the mitigation area.
 - c. At the end of the third year, the Habitat Authority has the discretionary option to not reserve the proposed mitigation area any longer.
- 2) After these guidelines are agreed to with signatures (below), and after the initial \$5,000 administrative fee is accepted, the Habitat Authority will prepare cost estimates to implement the required mitigation per regulatory permit requirements and/or environmental documents. The Habitat Authority will then prepare a draft In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Agreement which will include the cost estimate for the in-lieu fee.
- 3) The Habitat Authority must receive copies of any regulatory permits and/or environmental documents which require the mitigation in order to develop the In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Agreement and associated in-lieu fee cost estimate.
- 4) The standard mitigation fee is \$20,000 per acre with the exception of riparian habitat, walnut woodland, and oak woodland at \$30,000 per acre, plus associated costs for implementing the restoration. This cost will be included in the in-lieu fee cost estimate.



