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Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee

FACT SHEET

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (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 will endeavor to provide opportunities for outdoor education and low-impact recreation. The Habitat Authority came into existence in 1994 as a condition of approval for the Puente Hills Landfill.

The Board of Directors consists of four members: City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and a public member from the Hacienda Heights community.

On July 18, 2024, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-07 entitled "Resolution to Form a Community Facilities District and to Levy Special Taxes Within" ("Resolution of Formation"), which established the CFD and authorized the placement of Measure PH on the November 5, 2024 ballot, to levy a Special Tax within the CFD. See the attached map for reference. Exhibit C of Resolution 2024-07 is the Rate and Method of Apportionment of CFD No. 2024-01. Per the Rate and Method of Apportionment: "...a citizens advisory committee may report annually to the Board and the public regarding the expenditure of such funds to show that the Special Tax proceeds are spent for their authorized purposes."

Measure PH was approved by the voters on November 5, 2024. On January 16, 2025, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-01, declaring the results of a special tax election, determining the validity of prior proceedings, and directing the recording of the notice of special tax lien.

On February 20, 2025, the Board adopted Ordinance 2025-01, which authorizes and levies special taxes within the CFD pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Gov't Code § 53311 et seq., at the rate of 1¢ per building square footage per parcel with annual adjustments of up to 3% on all taxable developed real property, and in accordance with formulas set forth in the Rate and Method of Apportionment of Special Tax, provided in the Resolution of Formation (2024-07).

On June 23rd, 2025, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2025-04, establishing a nine-member Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee (FOAC) made up of representatives from the communities of Whittier, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, La Habra Heights, and

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unincorporated areas within Supervisorial District 4 within the CFD area. Terms are for three years.

PURPOSE

The CFD Fiscal Oversight Committee's role is to provide advice and report annually to the Board and the public regarding the expenditure of the CFD funds, to show that the Special Tax proceeds are spent for their authorized purposes.

The Committee will review the annual budget and periodic budget reports or updates presented by Habitat Authority staff for review and feedback.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Are approved for recommendation by their respective entities and appointed by the Habitat Authority for the purpose of advising the Board of Directors regarding fiscal oversight of Measure PH expenditures.
- Should be interested and committed to public fiscal responsibility and advisement on expenditures in accordance with the voter approved Measure PH.
- Should be interested and committed to the Habitat Authority's purpose and mission, including preserving regional habitat and open spaces.
- Should have enthusiasm and a willingness to prepare for and fully participate in each meeting.
- Any person with skills and/or talents in the areas of finances, accounting, ecology, wildfire management, outdoor recreation, planning, recreational programming (including outdoor education), or any other applicable specific skill is welcomed and encouraged to apply.

MEETINGS

• FOAC meetings will be held quarterly at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays (same week as the Board of Directors meeting). These meetings will be held in person in accordance with state law.

VACANCIES

• Committee members shall automatically forfeit their place on the committee upon 3 unexcused absences in a 12-month period. An unexcused absence occurs when a committee member does not inform the committee chair and the Habitat Authority's Executive Director or not attend a meeting and does not provide cause for not attending the meeting in a timely fashion. The Executive Director shall notify a committee member and the Recommending Party who has been removed from the committee due to 3 unexcused absences. The committee member who has been removed may request that the decision be appealed to the Board at their next available meeting.

If you are interested in applying to be considered for the Advisory Committee please contact us at info@HabitatAuthority.org, or for Whittier residents email ccd@cityofwhittier.org, for La Habra Heights residents email info@lhhcity.org, or for County (Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights) residents contact Supervisorial District 1 at FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov.

