

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

**The regular meeting of the Board of Directors, March 19, 2026, 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, March 18, 2026, before the meeting to [info@HabitatAuthority.org](mailto: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, Vice Chair	MARTINEZ
Hacienda Heights	GARCIA	MONARES
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	FERRANTE	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](http://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 Carlos Zelaya 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 on the agenda.
2. Report by Authority's Citizens Technical Advisory Committee liaison.
3. Consent Calendar:
  - a. Approval of Authority Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2026.
  - b. Receive and file Authority's Portfolio Earnings Report and Custom by Instrument Type for December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026 prepared by the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector.
  - c. Receive and file Receipts and Disbursements for the Authority for the quarters ending December 31, 2025, as submitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Auditor-Controller.
  - d. Receive and file mid-year Authority budget report for fiscal year 2025-26.
4. Appointment of recommendations on the Authority's Advisory Committees.
  - A. Measure PH, Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee:
    1. From Supervisor Solis: Christopher Luna from Hacienda Heights (three-year term); Bala Venkataraman from Hacienda Heights (two-year term), and Shawn Murray from Rowland Heights (two-year term);
    2. From the City of Whittier: Rick Gonzalez (one year term); Andrew Moraga (two-year term); and Alexander Merkel (three-year term); and
    3. From Supervisor Hahn: Manuel Urteaga from the Workman Mill Area (three-year term).
  - B. Citizens Technical Advisory Committee
    1. From the City of Whittier: Laura Krueger (four-year term).
5. Discussion regarding adding headshots for Board and staff on the agency website.
6. Discussion regarding updated agency logo and decals added to Authority vehicles and equipment.
7. Ratify, receive and file comment letters regarding a) Orange County General Plan Update and b) City of Whittier draft Hazards Mitigation Plan.
8. Pending litigation – Initiation of litigation in two cases. A closed session will be held, because the Board of Directors has decided or is deciding whether to initiate litigation. (This item can be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c), (d)(4).)

9. Instruction to negotiators on property negotiations for Assessor Parcel Number 8267-017-907. Negotiating parties include Board Chair, Executive Director, and Los Angeles County. (This item can be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding real estate negotiations.)
10. Board Members' statements, responses, questions or directions to staff, and Executive Director's comments.
11. Adjournment and announcement of next meeting.

# **Consent Calendar Agenda Item A**

**DRAFT Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 15, 2026**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY**

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This meeting was held at the Joint Administration Office of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County: 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601

And remotely for members of the public via Zoom at this address:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3397206095>, Zoom ID 339 720 6095

At 3:16 p.m., the meeting was called to order and a roll call was taken.

From Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County:

Present: Robert Ferrante, Director

From County of Los Angeles

Present: Ivan Sulic, Chair

From City of Whittier:

\*Present: Councilmember Mary Ann Pacheco, Vice Chair

From Hacienda Heights:

Present: Cassandra Garcia, Director

\*Arrived after roll-call

Authority representatives present:

Andrea Gullo, Authority Executive Director

Michelle Mariscal, Authority Ecologist

Carlos Zelaya, Authority Program Analyst

Elena Gerli, Esq., Burke, Williams, Sorensen LLP, Authority Counsel

Cathy Houwen, CTAC's Board Liaison

**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.**

Janis Cavanaugh congratulated Board Chair Sulic for his and Executive Directors Gullo's presentation at the recent 1/13/26 Whittier City Council meeting.

Steve Huber from Whittier Area Audubon shared information regarding the last monthly hike conducted at Sycamore Canyon. Participation in the hikes has increased and the recent hike was well-attended. Audubon member Jim McNamara continues to share his photos with the Habitat Authority for social media. This month a Townsend's Solitaire was observed in the canyon, a bird usually found at higher elevations.

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**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECOGNITION OF ROY FRANCIS, MATTHEW LIANG AND SHELLEY ANDROS FOR THEIR SERVICE ON THE AUTHORITY’S CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Chair Sulic and Executive Director Gullo acknowledged and recognized Roy Franics, Matthew Liang and Shelley Andros. Board Members also expressed gratitude.

Matthew Liang thanked the Supervisor’s office and Board for allowing him the opportunity to serve.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECOGNITION OF LEE WILLARD, THE AUTHORITY’S VOLUNTEER TRAIL WATCHER OF THE YEAR.**

Chair Sulic and Executive Director Gullo acknowledged and recognized Lee Willard with a certificate for Trail Watcher of the Year. Board Members also commented.

Lee Willard addressed the Board with comments about looking to the future now that the Authority has secured Measure PH funding. He provided a handout highlighting goals and ideas he has for the Habitat Authority volunteer program.

Additional certificates were presented to Lee from the Offices of Supervisor Hilda Solis, Supervisor Janice Hahn, and State Assemblywoman Lisa Calderon.

**4. ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Director Ferrante nominated to re-elect Ivan Sulic as Chair and MaryAnn Pacheco as Vice Chair. Director Garcia seconded the motion. Both nominees accepted. In a vote, the motioned passed unanimously.

**5. REPORT BY AUTHORITY’S CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Liaison to the Board, Cathy Houwen, provided a report based on the November meeting.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Approval of Authority Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2025.
- B. Receive and file Authority’s Portfolio Earnings Report and Custom by Instrument Type for November 2025 prepared by the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector.
- C. Receive and file end of the year Authority budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.
- D. Appointment of recommendations on the Authority’s Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee each for a three-year term, from Supervisor Solis of Bryan Coreas from Rowland Heights; and the City of La Habra Heights of Mayor Brian Bergman.
- E. Receive and file appointment status on Citizens Technical Advisory Committee.
- F. Receive and file Authority’s Wells Fargo account reconciliation quarterly report.

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

- 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING LETTER OF SUPPORT ADDRESSED TO THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION FOR LISTING A DISTINCT POPULATION SEGMENT OF MOUNTAIN LION IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL COASTAL CALIFORNIA AS A THREATENED SPECIES UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.**

Ecologist Michelle Mariscal provided an overview and update.

Director Ferrante motioned to approve and send the letter of support. Vice Chair Pacheco seconded the motion and, in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 8. AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE) OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL GRANT AGREEMENT 5GG25218 BETWEEN CALFIRE AND THE AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT “PUENTE HILLS FUELS REDUCTION – MAINTENANCE” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$168,000 AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED GRANT-RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

Vice Chair Pacheco motioned that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the grant and any other required grant-related documents. Director Garcia seconded the motion and, in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (A15-128) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND THE AUTHORITY, AS WELL AS ENTER INTO AN ENCROACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WHITTIER TO FACILITATE WROUGHT IRON FENCING PROJECTS IN WHITTIER AS A PART OF THE WILDFIRE RESILIENCY GRANT FROM THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY.**

Vice Chair Pacheco motioned that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to management agreement A15-128. Director Ferrante seconded the motion and, in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Closed Session Items:**

At 3:55 p.m. Chair Sulic moved to continue the discussion of items 10 and 11 in Closed Session.

- 10. PENDING LITIGATION – INITIATION OF LITIGATION IN TWO CASES. A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD, BECAUSE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS DECIDED OR IS DECIDING WHETHER TO INITIATE LITIGATION. (THIS ITEM CAN BE HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(C), (D)(4).)**
  
- 11. INSTRUCTION TO NEGOTIATORS ON PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8267-017-907. NEGOTIATING PARTIES INCLUDE BOARD CHAIR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY. (THIS ITEM CAN BE HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 REGARDING REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS.)**

At 5:02 p.m. Chair Sulic moved to end the Closed Session and the Open Session recommenced. Items 10 and 11 were discussed, and no reportable action was taken.

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

Director Ferrante introduced the Public Information Staffer - Robert Kovacs, who will support future meetings.

Executive Director Gullo announced receiving the first installation of Measure PH funding.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT IN HONOR OF YOSHIO "YOSH" NAKAMURA, A DECORATED WORLD WAR II VETERAN, U.S. ARMY VETERAN, AND BELOVED WHITTIER EDUCATOR, WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 21, 2025, AT THE AGE OF 100, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING.**

Vice Chair Pacheco shared stories and memories honoring Mr. Nakamura. Director Ferrante shared news of the passing of Steve Maguin, a former Habitat Authority Board Member. It was announced that the Board may not meet in February.

Approved:

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Ivan Sulic, Board Chair

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Carlos Zelaya, Program Analyst, Board Secretary

# **Consent Calendar Agenda Items B**



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January 7, 2026

Andrea Gullo, Executive Director  
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Dear Andrea Gullo:

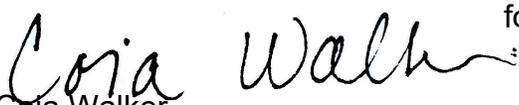
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Very truly yours,

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# Income Report - PHHPA

12/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

## Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 01/02/2026

### SPI

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821801198	FED FARM CR BNKS 2.500 07/29/41 '25	3133EMW65	2.500	22,675,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,239.58	0.00	47,239.58
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# Custom Position Report - PHHPA

As of 12/31/2025

# Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 01/02/2026

## SPI

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821801198	FED FARM CR BNKS 2.500 07/29/41 '25	3133EMW65	2.500	07/29/2041	2.500	22,675,000.00	22,675,000.00	22,675,000.00	0.00
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# Purchase Detail Report - PHHPA

## Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

12/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

Dated: 01/02/2026

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# Chronological Report - PHHPA

12/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

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February 5, 2026

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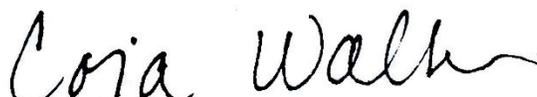
**PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY  
MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS**

Enclosed are the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority Portfolio Income Report (Earnings Report), Custom Position Report, Purchase Detail Report, and Chronological Report for the month ended February 28, 2026, for your review and reference.

Should you have questions, please contact Sona Kyupelyan, Assistant Operations Chief, at (213) 584-1269, or [skyupelyan@ttc.lacounty.gov](mailto:skyupelyan@ttc.lacounty.gov)

Very truly yours,

**ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG**  
Treasurer and Tax Collector

  
Coia Walker  
Operations Chief

CW:SK:az

Enclosures

c: [czelaya@habitatauthority.org](mailto:czelaya@habitatauthority.org)



# Income Report - PHHPA

02/01/2026 - 02/28/2026

# Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 03/02/2026

**SPI**

Original Lot ID	Detailed Description	CUSIP	Coupon Rate	PAR Value	Interest/Dividend Received	Accretion Income	Amortization Expense	Interest Income	Net Gain/Loss	Net Income
821801196	FREDDIE MAC 2.000 08/27/43 '26 MTN	3134GWSD9	2.000	9,500,000.00	95,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,833.33	0.00	15,833.33
821801198	FED FARM CR BNKS 2.500 07/29/41 '25	3133EMW65	2.500	22,675,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,239.58	0.00	47,239.58
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\* Grouped by: Aggregate Accounts. \* Groups Sorted by: Aggregate Accounts. \* Filtered By: LA Fund Number = "PHHPA". \* Weighted by: Ending Market Value + Accrued. \* Holdings Displayed by: Lot Consolidated without MMF Collapse.



# Custom Position Report - PHHPA

As of 02/28/2026

# Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 03/02/2026

**SPI**

Original Lot ID	Detailed Description	CUSIP	Coupon Rate	Final Maturity	Purchase Yield	PAR Value	Amortized Cost	Historical Cost	Net Accumulated Amortization/Accretion
821801198	FED FARM CR BNKS 2.500 07/29/41 '25	3133EMW65	2.500	07/29/2041	2.500	22,675,000.00	22,675,000.00	22,675,000.00	0.00
821801196	FREDDIE MAC 2.000 08/27/43 '26 MTN	3134GWSD9	2.000	08/27/2043	2.000	9,500,000.00	9,500,000.00	9,500,000.00	0.00
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\* Grouped by: Aggregate Accounts. \* Groups Sorted by: Aggregate Accounts. \* Filtered By: LA Fund Number = "PHHPA". \* Weighted by: PAR Value. \* Holdings Displayed by: Lot Consolidated without MMF Collapse.



# Purchase Detail Report - PHHPA

## Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

02/01/2026 - 02/28/2026

Dated: 03/02/2026

<i>LA Fund Number</i>	<i>Original Lot ID</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Settle Date</i>	<i>Final Maturity</i>	<i>Coupon Rate</i>	<i>PAR Value</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Purchased Accrued Income</i>	<i>Settlement Amount</i>
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\* Grouped by: Aggregate Accounts. \* Groups Sorted by: Aggregate Accounts. \* Filtered By: Settle Date  $\geq$  02/01/2026 and Settle Date  $\leq$  02/28/2026 and LA Fund Number = "PHHPA". \* Weighted by: Ending Market Value + Accrued. \* Holdings Displayed by: Lot.

\* Purchased Accrued Income = -[Purchased Accrued Income], Summary Calculation: Sum. \* Settlement Amount = [Ending Original Cost]+(-[Purchased Accrued Income]), Summary Calculation: Sum.



# Chronological Report - PHHPA

02/01/2026 - 02/28/2026

## Specific Purpose Invest Agg (299402)

Dated: 03/02/2026

LA Fund Number	Original Lot ID	Detailed Description	Settle Date	Final Maturity	Change In Current FV	Purchases	Maturities/Redemption	Purchased Accrued Interest	Coupon Payment
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\* Filtered By: LA Fund Number = "PHHPA" and Cash Affecting Amount = 0.00. \* Weighted by: Absolute Value of Principal Amount. \* MMF transactions are collapsed. \* Trade transactions are expanded. \* Cash Entry transactions are expanded.

\* Change In Current FV = (IF([Transaction Type]=Buy),[Original Units],0)+(IF([Transaction Type]=Maturity),[Original Units],0), Summary Calculation: Sum. \* Purchases = IF([Transaction Type]=Buy),[Original Units],0, Summary Calculation: Sum. \* Maturities/Redemption = IF([Transaction Type]=Maturity),[Original Units],0, Summary Calculation: Sum.

# **Consent Calendar Agenda Item C**



**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

**OSCAR VALDEZ**  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

**CONNIE YEE**  
CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

ASSISTANT AUDITOR-CONTROLLERS

**MAJIDA ADNAN  
RACHELLE ANEMA  
ROBERT G. CAMPBELL**

February 3, 2026

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 December 31, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Oscar Valdez  
Auditor-Controller

**Elaine Wu** Digitally signed by Elaine Wu  
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Elaine Wu  
Chief Accountant

OV:CY:RA:EW:LN:JS:ES:kl

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Attachment

c: Jeremy Freelove, Los Angeles County Sanitation District

LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
 PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY  
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 2ND QUARTER OCTOBER 1, 2025 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2025

Cash Balance, October 1, 2025

Fund V80  
 \$ 9,411,269.04

Receipts:

Description	Req. №	Unit №	Rev / Obj Code	Record Date	Amount	
<b>Interests:</b>						
INTEREST ALLOCATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEP 30, 2025		53874	8605	10/01/2025	29,633.29	
INTEREST ALLOCATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCT 31, 2025		53874	8605	11/01/2025	29,885.89	
INTEREST ALLOCATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOV 30, 2025		53874	8605	12/01/2025	24,040.42	
<b>Total Interests:</b>						\$ 83,559.60
<b>Coupon Calls Interests:</b>						
<b>Total Coupon Calls Interests:</b>						-
<b>Other Revenues:</b>						
MATRIX OIL CORPORATION		53874	8363	10/14/2025	1,378.57	
MATRIX OIL CORPORATION		53874	8363	10/14/2025	4,039.45	
STATE COMP INS FUND		53889	9952	10/30/2025	834.45	
DONATION		53874	9686	11/18/2025	125.01	
MATRIX OIL CORPORATION		53874	8363	11/18/2025	1,451.75	
MATRIX OIL CORPORATION		53874	8363	11/18/2025	4,253.77	
MATRIX OIL CORPORATION		53874	8363	12/10/2025	1,406.29	
MATRIX OIL CORPORATION		53874	8363	12/10/2025	4,120.64	
VALENCIA BRANCH TRUST ACCOUNT		53874	9731	12/22/2025	2,642.49	
<b>Total Other Revenues:</b>						20,252.42
<b>Total Receipts:</b>						103,812.02
<b>Total Cash Balance and Receipts</b>						\$ 9,515,081.06

Disbursements:

Vendor Payments:

C2 REM INC	2026-078	53874	3580	10/02/2025	4,830.00
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-084	53874	3580	10/07/2025	394.77
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-085	53874	3580	10/07/2025	406.15
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-086	53888	3580	10/07/2025	493.95
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-087	53888	3580	10/07/2025	735.40
DEWEY PEST CONTROL	2026-095	53874	3580	10/08/2025	78.30
SOCAL GAS	2026-091	53874	5222	10/08/2025	24.40
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY	2026-092	53880	5222	10/08/2025	120.14
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY	2026-092	53932	5222	10/08/2025	257.63
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY	2026-094	53874	5222	10/08/2025	237.43
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-089	53874	5222	10/08/2025	193.79
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-090	53874	5222	10/08/2025	115.08
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-093	53932	5222	10/08/2025	336.02
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-093	53881	5222	10/08/2025	336.03
IRRI-CARE PLUMBING AND BACKFLOW TESTING, INC	2026-088	53880	3580	10/08/2025	115.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-096	53874	3587	10/15/2025	50,244.81
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-097	53874	3587	10/15/2025	7,977.82
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-098	53888	5222	10/15/2025	157.71
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-098	53888	5222	10/15/2025	157.71
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-098	53888	5222	10/15/2025	157.71
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-099	53874	5222	10/15/2025	157.71
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-100	53874	5222	10/15/2025	370.81
SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS	2026-104	53888	5222	10/15/2025	481.23
DEWEY PEST CONTROL	2026-101	53874	3580	10/15/2025	85.00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2026-109	53874	5222	10/15/2025	358.03
VALEW QUALITY TRUCK BODIES	2026-083	53935	6049	10/15/2025	45,580.00
LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP dba LSL CPAs	2026-106	53874	3580	10/15/2025	3,589.00
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-102	53874	3580	10/15/2025	976.58
REPUBLIC SERVICES	2026-103	53874	3580	10/15/2025	284.21
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-108	53874	5222	10/15/2025	418.16
VALLEY VISTA SERVICES	2026-107	53874	3580	10/15/2025	153.91
IRRI-CARE PLUMBING AND BACKFLOW TESTING, INC	2026-105	53881	3580	10/15/2025	115.00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2026-075	53874	5222	10/22/2025	876.55
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2026-076	53874	5222	10/22/2025	419.92
AT&T MOBILITY	2026-073	53874	5222	10/22/2025	178.54
LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP dba LSL CPAs	2026-074	53874	3580	10/22/2025	389.00
THOMPSON & THOMPSON REAL ESTATE VALUATION	2026-110	53874	3580	10/23/2025	6,771.00
WYATT TRAPP INC	2026-123	53935	3580	10/28/2025	92,870.84
WYATT TRAPP INC	2026-123	53874	3580	10/28/2025	19,968.09
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-130	53888	5222	10/29/2025	165.59
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-130	53888	5222	10/29/2025	161.65
AT&T MOBILITY	2026-113	53874	5222	10/29/2025	180.68
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-125	53888	3580	10/29/2025	735.40
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-126	53874	3580	10/29/2025	394.77
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-127	53930	3580	10/29/2025	406.15
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-128	53888	3580	10/29/2025	493.95
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	2026-121	53874	5222	10/29/2025	106.25
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-120	53935	3717	10/29/2025	2,536.50
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-120	53874	3717	10/29/2025	12,493.20
SUBURBAN PROPANE	2026-129	53874	5222	10/29/2025	610.25

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Description	Req. №	Unit №	Rev / Obj Code	Record Date	Amount
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-122	53935	3580	10/29/2025	675.00
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-124	53874	3580	10/29/2025	4,125.00
FRIENDLY HILLS ESTATES HOA C/O LORDON MANAGEMENT	2026-131	53874	3580	10/29/2025	318.00
FRIENDLY HILLS ESTATES HOA C/O LORDON MANAGEMENT	2026-131	53874	3580	10/29/2025	3,922.00
ICON TECH	2026-114	53874	5222	10/29/2025	88.44
ICON TECH	2026-115	53874	3580	10/29/2025	374.73
ICON TECH	2026-115	53874	3580	10/29/2025	214.83
LAND IQ, LLC	2026-116	53880	3580	10/29/2025	1,280.90
LAND IQ, LLC	2026-117	53932	3580	10/29/2025	560.00
LAND IQ, LLC	2026-118	53881	3580	10/29/2025	994.50
AUDITOR CONTROLLER	2026-119	53874	3672	10/30/2025	28,808.24
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-139	53935	3580	11/03/2025	925.00
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-140	53935	3580	11/03/2025	13,105.00
NORTH STAR LAND CARE	2026-138	53935	3580	11/03/2025	9,980.00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2026-111	53874	5222	11/04/2025	519.34
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2026-112	53874	5222	11/04/2025	256.00
SOCAL GAS	2026-133	53874	5222	11/05/2025	22.52
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY	2026-132	53880	5222	11/05/2025	120.14
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY	2026-132	53932	5222	11/05/2025	366.30
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY	2026-134	53874	5222	11/05/2025	237.43
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-135	53874	5222	11/05/2025	125.25
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-136	53874	5222	11/05/2025	193.79
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-137	53881	5222	11/05/2025	336.03
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-137	53932	5222	11/05/2025	336.02
DEWEY PEST CONTROL	2026-142	53874	3580	11/06/2025	85.00
DEWEY PEST CONTROL	2026-144	53874	3580	11/06/2025	78.30
DEWEY PEST CONTROL	2026-145	53874	3580	11/06/2025	78.30
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-143	53874	3580	11/06/2025	976.58
VALLEY VISTA SERVICES	2026-141	53930	3580	11/06/2025	153.91
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	2026-148	53874	2302	11/11/2025	389.41
SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS	2026-146	53888	5222	11/12/2025	278.88
M PUBLIC RELATIONS INC	2026-147	53874	3580	11/12/2025	5,000.00
ATHENS SERVICES	2026-150	53888	3580	11/13/2025	282.34
WYATT TRAPP INC	2026-154	53884	3580	11/13/2025	86,886.10
WYATT TRAPP INC	2026-154	53935	3580	11/13/2025	12,187.04
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2026-153	53874	5222	11/13/2025	413.94
LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP dba LSL CPAs	2026-151	53874	3580	11/13/2025	5,320.50
ASSURED PARTNERS OF CALIFORNIA INS SERVICES LLC	2026-149	53874	2302	11/13/2025	895.20
PSOMAS	2026-152	53932	3580	11/24/2025	11,360.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-162	53874	3580	11/24/2025	108.09
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-162	53874	3556	11/24/2025	62.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-162	53874	5110	11/24/2025	54.16
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-162	53874	3280	11/24/2025	26.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-162	53874	3587	11/24/2025	36,179.23
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-162	53874	3202	11/24/2025	20.76
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-162	53874	3240	11/24/2025	136.05
AT&T MOBILITY	2026-155	53874	5222	11/24/2025	178.66
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-156	53935	3580	11/24/2025	1,925.00
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES, INC	2026-161	53880	3580	11/24/2025	10,098.81
LAND IQ, LLC	2026-157	53881	3580	11/24/2025	5,582.50
LAND IQ, LLC	2026-158	53932	3580	11/24/2025	3,629.80
LAND IQ, LLC	2026-159	53880	3580	11/24/2025	920.50
TAO KWAN	2026-160	53874	3556	11/24/2025	157.50
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	2026-164	53874	5222	11/30/2025	106.25
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-163	53935	3580	11/30/2025	650.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-170	53874	5222	12/02/2025	404.31
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-171	53874	5222	12/02/2025	157.71
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-172	53888	5222	12/02/2025	157.71
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-172	53888	5222	12/02/2025	157.71
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-172	53888	5222	12/02/2025	157.71
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-166	53888	3580	12/02/2025	735.40
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-167	53888	3580	12/02/2025	493.95
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-168	53874	3580	12/02/2025	394.77
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-169	53930	3580	12/02/2025	406.15
STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	2026-165	53874	2302	12/02/2025	389.41
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-181	53874	5222	12/08/2025	415.35
DEWEY PEST CONTROL	2026-173	53874	3580	12/08/2025	85.00
DEWEY PEST CONTROL	2026-174	53874	3580	12/08/2025	78.30
DEWEY PEST CONTROL	2026-175	53874	3580	12/08/2025	78.30
DIAMOND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2026-176	53874	3580	12/08/2025	976.58
SOCAL GAS	2026-180	53874	5222	12/08/2025	14.35
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY	2026-179	53874	5222	12/08/2025	237.43
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-183	53935	3717	12/08/2025	142.50
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-183	53874	3717	12/08/2025	5,301.00
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-183	53874	3717	12/08/2025	4,735.17
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-183	53874	3717	12/08/2025	2,171.00
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-183	53874	3717	12/08/2025	260.72
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-177	53874	5222	12/08/2025	193.79
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-178	53874	5222	12/08/2025	121.86
ICON TECH	2026-182	53874	5222	12/08/2025	88.44
ATHENS SERVICES	2026-187	53888	3580	12/15/2025	284.18

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Description	Req. №	Unit №	Rev / Obj Code	Record Date	Amount
M PUBLIC RELATIONS INC	2026-193	53874	3580	12/15/2025	5,000.00
LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP dba LSL CPAs	2026-192	53874	3580	12/15/2025	2,800.50
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY	2026-194	53932	5222	12/15/2025	118.71
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY	2026-194	53880	5222	12/15/2025	118.72
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-191	53881	5222	12/15/2025	336.03
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CO WATER DISTRICT	2026-191	53932	5222	12/15/2025	336.02
VALLEY VISTA SERVICES	2026-195	53930	3580	12/15/2025	153.91
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES, INC	2026-184	53887	3580	12/15/2025	3,035.00
NAKAE & ASSOCIATES, INC	2026-185	53881	3580	12/15/2025	1,842.75
LAND IQ, LLC	2026-188	53881	3580	12/15/2025	3,198.60
LAND IQ, LLC	2026-189	53932	3580	12/15/2025	775.00
LAND IQ, LLC	2026-190	53880	3580	12/15/2025	6,156.50
ASSURED PARTNERS OF CALIFORNIA INS SERVICES LLC	2026-186	53874	2302	12/15/2025	206.36
SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS	2026-201	53888	5222	12/16/2025	97.39
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-198	53935	3580	12/16/2025	2,200.00
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-199	53935	3580	12/16/2025	1,250.00
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-200	53935	3580	12/16/2025	2,200.00
NORTH STAR LAND CARE	2026-197	53935	3580	12/16/2025	7,600.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-196	53874	3587	12/21/2025	36,284.28
WARE DISPOSAL	2026-209	53874	3580	12/21/2025	131.67
STATE FARM	2026-203	53874	2302	12/21/2025	1,559.58
STATE FARM	2026-203	53874	2302	12/21/2025	2,449.21
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2026-204	53874	5222	12/21/2025	473.30
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	2026-207	53874	5222	12/21/2025	63.79
ICON TECH	2026-210	53874	5222	12/21/2025	88.44
ICON TECH	2026-211	53874	3580	12/21/2025	436.40
ICON TECH	2026-211	53874	3580	12/22/2025	448.53
PSOMAS AND ASSOCIATES	2026-205	53932	3580	12/22/2025	28,155.00
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-213	53888	5222	12/22/2025	165.59
CITY OF WHITTIER	2026-213	53888	5222	12/22/2025	165.59
AT&T MOBILITY	2026-202	53874	5222	12/22/2025	179.08
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-214	53874	3717	12/23/2025	901.80
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-214	53874	3717	12/23/2025	2,969.16
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-214	53874	3717	12/23/2025	1,331.10
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP	2026-214	53935	3717	12/23/2025	212.87
CAL ARBORIST COMPLETE TREE CARE INC	2026-212	53935	3580	12/23/2025	2,000.00
CREPES & GRAPES CAFE, LLC	2026-216	53874	5110	12/23/2025	4,852.96
PAUL JACOBSON - DIGITAL SERVICES	2026-215	53874	3580	12/23/2025	1,275.00
RANCH WORKS INC	2026-206	53935	2363	12/23/2025	26,519.98
AUDITOR CONTROLLER	2026-208	53874	3529	12/26/2025	587.00
<b>Total Vendor Payments:</b>					679,117.71
<b>Investment Purchases Management Fees by Treasurer Tax Collector:</b>					
MANAGEMENT FEES SEP 2025		53874	3856	10/29/2025	1,322.26
MANAGEMENT FEES OCT 2025		53874	3856	11/22/2025	1,366.34
MANAGEMENT FEES NOV 2025		53874	3856	12/11/2025	1,322.26
<b>Total Investment Purchases Management Fees by Treasurer Tax Collector:</b>					4,010.86
<b>Total Disbursements</b>					\$ 683,128.57
<b>Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 2025</b>					\$ 8,831,952.49

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# **Consent Calendar Agenda Item D**

Puente Hills  
Habitat Preservation Authority

Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3D

MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 19, 2026

**To:** Board Members

**From:** *Andrea Gullo*  
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

**Subject:** Receive and file mid-year Authority budget report for fiscal year 2025-26.

Recommendation:

That the Board receive and file the Authority fiscal year 2025-26 mid-year budget report.

Background:

Mid-Year Budget 2025-26

Attached is the Authority's fiscal year 2025-26 mid-year budget report for expenses and revenues posted through the end of December prepared by the Authority consultant for accounting services, LSL. The operating budget was approved by the Board in June 23, 2025 in the amount of \$1,205,408 for revenue and \$ 1,205,408 for expenses. Two amendments were approved which are reflected in the budget. New totals are \$1,205,408 for revenue and \$1,278,280.26 for expenditures.

As of December 31, 2025, \$441,102.54 for operations has been recorded as expended. The mid-year expended amount may seem low because many of the expenses have not been processed and/or invoices received, such as ranger costs, maintenance and technical services. As with every year, many expenditures will occur within the next few months including open space management and maintenance services (contract with MRCA), annual fuel modification, agency insurance, etc. The revenue received totaled \$376,870.95.

The mitigation restoration budget for FY 25-26 is \$498,680 and \$165,580.78 had been expended as of the end of December 2025.

The grants expenditure budget for FY 25-26 is \$3,244,363 and \$1,943,701.60 has been expended. \$1,560,000 of the expenditure budget represents budgeted costs for acquisition of capital assets. As the funds were transferred from the State to the escrow company, the costs are not reflected as part of the expenses at December 31, 2025. The grant funds are provided by state agencies, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, on a reimbursable basis, as well as Caltrans, which provided the funding upfront and is not on a reimbursement basis. The majority of the work will occur in the spring and be invoiced thereafter.

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The budget for Measure PH for FY 25-26 is \$1,199,228 and \$12,900 has been expended. The cash received was \$470,936. \$1.2 million was reported as revenue, as it has been earned at December 31, while the remaining \$706 thousand was reported as a receivable at the end of the period.

The beginning cash (not accrual) balance at the start of this fiscal year was \$9.6 million. As of the end of December 2025, the cash balance of agency funds in the County pool was \$8.8 million and \$0.5 million for Measure PH. At least \$4.7 million of the balance is restricted for projects such as the habitat restoration mitigation projects. The remaining funds are to cover the operating budget and provide for an emergency reserve.

Attachment:

FY 25-26 Mid-year budget report

**Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: - FY26 Adopted Vs. Actual - Operating**  
 July 2025 - December 2025

	<b>53874 - Main</b>			
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>				
SPI-3301	756,875.00	263,987.50	492,887.50	34.88%
8605 Interest from Treasury Pool	265,000.00	85,145.90	179,854.10	32.13%
8363 Oil	55,000.00	22,966.96	32,033.04	41.76%
2000-2 Transfer of Mitigation Ranger Services	34,945.00	0.00	34,945.00	0.00%
2000-4 Transfer LTMP Ranger Time	30,400.00	0.00	30,400.00	0.00%
2000-1 Transfer of Mitigation Personnel	27,338.00	0.00	27,338.00	0.00%
9681 MRCA Tickets/Educational Programs	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00%
2000-3 Transfer LTMP Personnel Time	11,350.00	0.00	11,350.00	0.00%
9731 Reimbursement of County	9,500.00	3,476.94	6,023.06	36.60%
9679 Miscellaneous- Ongoing	0.00	1,032.00	-1,032.00	
9686 Donations	0.00	261.65	-261.65	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,205,408.00</b>	<b>\$ 376,870.95</b>	<b>\$ 828,537.05</b>	<b>31.27%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 1,205,408.00</b>	<b>\$ 376,870.95</b>	<b>\$ 828,537.05</b>	<b>31.27%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
3587 Personnel - General Services	490,000.00	203,362.88	286,637.12	41.50%
3580 Consultant Services				
Tech and Property Management	302,579.26	109,626.95	120,080.05	47.72%
3580-6 TECH	209,500.00	61,780.05	147,719.95	29.49%
<b>Total 3580 Consultant Services</b>	<b>\$ 432,379.26</b>	<b>\$ 109,626.95</b>	<b>\$ 249,880.05</b>	<b>30.49%</b>
2302 Other Insurance Premiums	93,000.00	8,963.38	84,036.62	9.64%
3672 Fiscal Agent Services	80,000.00	28,808.24	51,191.76	36.01%
3717 Legal Services	80,000.00	46,158.39	33,841.61	57.70%
<b>Total 5222 Utilities</b>	<b>37,200.00</b>	<b>14,271.68</b>	<b>22,928.32</b>	<b>38.36%</b>
3856 Treasurer & Tax Collector Services	18,000.00	6,743.54	11,256.46	37.46%
3529 Audit Fees	11,000.00	587.00	10,413.00	5.34%
3265 Computers, Personal-Accessories	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%
5992 Taxes & Assessments	5,953.00	6,011.54	-58.54	100.98%
4612 Education & Training (Prof Dev)	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00%
3240 Office Supplies- General	4,000.00	597.56	3,402.44	14.94%
3556 Educational Services	3,672.00	1,016.50	2,655.50	27.68%
2363 Automotic Maintenance	1,650.00	0.00	1,650.00	0.00%
2780 Signs & Related Supplies	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%
3182 Miscellaneous Expense	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00	0.00%
4102 Publications & Legal Notices	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
4786 Printing Services	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
3202 Postage	500.00	20.76	479.24	4.15%
5098 Auto Service	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%

<b>5092 Auto Mileage</b>	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00%
<b>3280 Publications &amp; Periodicals</b>	225.00	26.00	199.00	11.56%
<b>4550 Permit &amp; License Fees</b>	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00%
<b>5110 Traveling Expense</b>	200.00	4,907.12	-4,707.12	2453.56%
<b>4422 Building Rentals</b>	1.00	1.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>6007 Escrow Deposit</b>		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,278,280.26</b>	<b>\$ 441,102.54</b>	<b>\$ 764,305.46</b>	<b>36.59%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 72,872.26</b>	<b>-\$ 64,231.59</b>	<b>\$ 64,231.59</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 72,872.26</b>	<b>-\$ 64,231.59</b>	<b>\$ 64,231.59</b>	

**Two budget amendedments:**

9.18.25, \$42,372.26

11.20.25, \$30,500

**Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: - FY26 Adopted Vs. Actual - Mitigation Activities**  
**July 2025 - December 2025**

**53880-Olinda**

	Budget	Actual	Remaining	% of Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Total 3580 Consultant Services	86,183.00	22,341.61	63,841.39	25.92%
3587 Personnel - General Services	11,503.00		11,503.00	0.00%
Total 5222 Utilities	\$ 0.00	\$ 873.74	-\$ 873.74	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 97,686.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,215.35</b>	<b>\$ 74,470.65</b>	<b>23.77%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 97,686.00</b>	<b>-\$ 23,215.35</b>	<b>-\$ 74,470.65</b>	<b>23.77%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 97,686.00</b>	<b>-\$ 23,215.35</b>	<b>-\$ 74,470.65</b>	<b>23.77%</b>

**53881-SCE**

	Budget	Actual	Remaining	% of Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Total 3580 Consultant Services	0.00	1,144.60	-1,144.60	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,144.60</b>	<b>-\$ 1,144.60</b>	
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 1,144.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,144.60</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 1,144.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,144.60</b>	

**53881-City of Brea**

	Budget	Actual	Remaining	% of Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Total 3580 Consultant Services	31,661.00	16,540.77	15,120.23	52.24%
3587 Personnel - General Services	12,255.00		12,255.00	0.00%
Total 5222 Utilities	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,860.17	-\$ 1,860.17	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 43,916.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,400.94</b>	<b>\$ 25,515.06</b>	<b>41.90%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 43,916.00</b>	<b>-\$ 18,400.94</b>	<b>-\$ 25,515.06</b>	<b>41.90%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 43,916.00</b>	<b>-\$ 18,400.94</b>	<b>-\$ 25,515.06</b>	<b>41.90%</b>

**53887 - Turnbull Mitigation**

	Budget	Actual	Remaining	% of Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Total 3580 Consultant Services	7,303.00	6,070.00	1,233.00	83.12%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 7,303.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,070.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,233.00</b>	<b>83.12%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 7,303.00</b>	<b>-\$ 6,070.00</b>	<b>-\$ 1,233.00</b>	<b>83.12%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 7,303.00</b>	<b>-\$ 6,070.00</b>	<b>-\$ 1,233.00</b>	<b>83.12%</b>

**53932 - Metro Heights**

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	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Total 3580 Consultant Services	231,972.00	103,527.80	128,444.20	44.63%
3587 Personnel - General Services	3,580.00	0.00	3,580.00	0.00%
Total 5222 Utilities	16,521.00	3,264.96	13,256.04	19.76%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 252,073.00</b>	<b>\$ 106,792.76</b>	<b>\$ 145,280.24</b>	<b>42.37%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 252,073.00</b>	<b>-\$ 106,792.76</b>	<b>-\$ 145,280.24</b>	<b>42.37%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 252,073.00</b>	<b>-\$ 106,792.76</b>	<b>-\$ 145,280.24</b>	<b>42.37%</b>

**53933 - Puente Tehachapi**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Total 3580 Consultant Services	15,000.00	6,305.50	8,694.50	42.04%
3587 Personnel - General Services	5,989.00		5,989.00	0.00%
Total 5222 Utilities	33,764.00	0.00	33,764.00	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 54,753.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,305.50</b>	<b>\$ 48,447.50</b>	<b>11.52%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 54,753.00</b>	<b>-\$ 6,305.50</b>	<b>-\$ 48,447.50</b>	<b>11.52%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 54,753.00</b>	<b>-\$ 6,305.50</b>	<b>-\$ 48,447.50</b>	<b>11.52%</b>

**53934 - Puente-Monterey**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Total 3580 Consultant Services	15,400.00	3,651.63	11,748.37	23.71%
3587 Personnel - General Services	5,360.00		5,360.00	0.00%
Total 5222 Utilities	22,189.00	0.00	22,189.00	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 42,949.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,651.63</b>	<b>\$ 39,297.37</b>	<b>8.50%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 42,949.00</b>	<b>-\$ 3,651.63</b>	<b>-\$ 39,297.37</b>	<b>8.50%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 42,949.00</b>	<b>-\$ 3,651.63</b>	<b>-\$ 39,297.37</b>	<b>8.50%</b>

**Total**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Total 3580 Consultant Services	387,519.00	159,581.91	227,937.09	41.18%
3587 Personnel - General Services	38,687.00	0.00	38,687.00	0.00%
Total 5222 Utilities	72,474.00	5,998.87	66,475.13	8.28%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 498,680.00</b>	<b>\$ 165,580.78</b>	<b>\$ 333,099.22</b>	<b>33.20%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 498,680.00</b>	<b>-\$ 165,580.78</b>	<b>-\$ 333,099.22</b>	<b>33.20%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 498,680.00</b>	<b>-\$ 165,580.78</b>	<b>-\$ 333,099.22</b>	<b>33.20%</b>

**Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: - FY26 Adopted Vs. Actual - Grants**  
 July 2025 - December 2025

**53884-Caltrans**

	Budget	Actual	Remaining	% of Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Total 3580 Consultant Services</b>	218,000.00	91,422.10	126,577.90	41.94%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 218,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 91,422.10</b>	<b>\$ 126,577.90</b>	<b>41.94%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 218,000.00</b>	<b>-\$ 91,422.10</b>	<b>-\$ 126,577.90</b>	<b>41.94%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 218,000.00</b>	<b>-\$ 91,422.10</b>	<b>-\$ 126,577.90</b>	<b>41.94%</b>

**53888-City M&S**

	Budget	Actual	Remaining	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>8831 State- Other</b>	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Total 3580 Consultant Services</b>	55,000.00	9,171.97	45,828.03	16.68%
<b>Total 5222 Utilities</b>	5,000.00	3,887.34	1,112.66	77.75%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,059.31</b>	<b>\$ 46,940.69</b>	<b>21.77%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 13,059.31</b>	<b>\$ 13,059.31</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 13,059.31</b>	<b>\$ 13,059.31</b>	

**53889-Turnbull M&S**

	Budget	Actual	Remaining	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>8831 State- Other</b>	144,000.00	0.00	144,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 144,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 144,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Total 3580 Consultant Services</b>	144,000.00	12,625.01	131,374.99	8.77%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 144,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,625.01</b>	<b>\$ 131,374.99</b>	<b>8.77%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 12,625.01</b>	<b>\$ 12,625.01</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 12,625.01</b>	<b>\$ 12,625.01</b>	

**53930-Sycamore M&S**

	Budget	Actual	Remaining	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>8831 State- Other</b>	121,263.00		121,263.00	0.00%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 121,263.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 121,263.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				

<b>Total 3580 Consultant Services</b>	121,263.00		1,526.27	119,736.73	1.26%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 121,263.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,526.27</b>	<b>\$ 119,736.73</b>	<b>1.26%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>1,526.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,526.27</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>1,526.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,526.27</b>	

**53931-Other M&S**

	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
8831 State- Other	11,100.00		0.00	11,100.00	0.00%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 11,100.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,100.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Total 3580 Consultant Services	11,100.00		0.00	11,100.00	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 11,100.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,100.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	

**53935 RMC Fire Resiliency Grant**

	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
8831 State- Other	2,690,000.00			2,690,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,690,000.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,690,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Total 3580 Consultant Services	2,690,000.00		189,193.56	2,500,806.44	7.03%
3717 Legal Services	0.00		3,775.37	-3,775.37	
6049 - Vehicles and Transportation Equipment	0.00		72,099.98	-72,099.98	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,690,000.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>265,068.91</b>	<b>\$ 2,424,931.09</b>	<b>9.85%</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>265,068.91</b>	<b>\$ 265,068.91</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>265,068.91</b>	<b>\$ 265,068.91</b>	

**Total**

	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
8831 State- Other	3,026,363.00		0.00	3,026,363.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,026,363.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,026,363.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
2363 Automotic Maintenance	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Total 3580 Consultant Services	3,239,363.00		303,938.91	2,935,424.09	9.38%
3717 Legal Services	0.00		3,775.37	-3,775.37	
Total 5222 Utilities	5,000.00		3,887.34	1,112.66	77.75%
6049 - Vehicles and Transportation Equipment	0.00		72,099.98	-72,099.98	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,244,363.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>383,701.60</b>	<b>\$ 2,860,661.40</b>	<b>11.83%</b>

<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 218,000.00</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>383,701.60</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>165,701.60</b>	<b>176.01%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 218,000.00</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>383,701.60</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>165,701.60</b>	<b>176.01%</b>

## Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority

### Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY26\_P&L-Opening - FY26 P&L Locations July 2025 - December 2025

	Measure PH		
	Budget	Actual	Remaining
<b>Revenue</b>			
8605 Interest from Treasury Pool	23,514.00	0.00	23,514.00
Special Assessments *	1,175,714.00	1,177,340.10	-1,626.10
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,199,228.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,177,340.10</b>	<b>\$ 21,887.90</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 1,199,228.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,177,340.10</b>	<b>\$ 21,887.90</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
3548 - Auditor Controller Services	0.00	12,900.00	-12,900.00
<b>3580 Consultant Services</b>			
3580-4 MRCA	684,000.00	0.00	684,000.00
3580-6 TECH	76,500.00	0.00	76,500.00
<b>Total 3580 Consultant Services</b>	<b>\$ 760,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 760,500.00</b>
3587 Personnel - General Services	142,132.00	0.00	142,132.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 902,632.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 889,732.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 296,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,164,440.10</b>	<b>-\$ 867,844.10</b>
<b>Other Expenditures</b>			
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	296,596.00	0.00	296,596.00
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 296,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 296,596.00</b>
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 296,596.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 296,596.00</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,164,440.10</b>	<b>-\$ 1,164,440.10</b>

\* Special assessment revenue of \$1,177,340 represents the accrual for the amount earned and expected to be received, not the amount actually received in cash. At December 31, 2025, the Cash received totalled \$470,936. The remaining \$706,404 is recorded as a receivable at 12/31.

**Statement of Financial Position - Measure PH**  
**Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority**  
As of December 31, 2025

Distribution account	53936 - V8B - Measure PH
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash	
1000 Cash - Measure PH	458,036.04
<b>Total for Cash</b>	<b>458,036.04</b>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	706,404.06
<b>Total for Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>706,404.06</b>
Other Current Assets	
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>1,164,440.10</b>
Fixed Assets	
Other Assets	
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>1,164,440.10</b>
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Balance	
Retained Earnings	
Net Income	1,164,440.10
<b>Total for Balance</b>	<b>1,164,440.10</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>1,164,440.10</b>

# **Agenda Item 4**

MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 19, 2026

**To:** Board Members

**From:** *Andrea Gullo*  
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

**Subject:** Appointment of recommendations on the Authority's Advisory Committees.

1. Measure PH, Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee:
  1. From Supervisor Solis: Christopher Luna from Hacienda Heights (three-year term); Bala Venkataraman from Hacienda Heights (two-year term), and Shawn Murray from Rowland Heights (two-year term);
  2. From the City of Whittier: Rick Gonzalez (one year term); Andrew Moraga (two-year term); and Alexander Merkel (three-year term); and
  3. From Supervisor Hahn: Manuel Urteaga from the Workman Mill Area (three-year term).
2. Citizens Technical Advisory Committee
  1. From the City of Whittier: Laura Krueger (four-year term).

Recommendation:

That the Board appoint the above recommended representatives with identified terms to the Measure PH Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee (FOAC) and Citizens Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC).

Background:

**FOAC**

In June 2025 the Board of Directors established a nine-member Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee (FOAC) in accordance with Measure PH funding. The nine-member Committee is designed to be comprised of:

- 3 members from the City of Whittier;
- 2 members from the Hacienda Heights community (Supervisorial District 1);
- 2 members from the Rowland Heights community (Supervisorial District 1);
- 1 member from the City of La Habra Heights; and
- 1 member from the Workman Mill/other Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 4 unincorporated communities within the Community Facilities District.

The number of committee members is roughly based on the number of taxable parcels in each

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community. Recommendations for appointments to the FOAC are made by the representative communities, and the final appointment is made by the Authority Board of Directors. Five members are needed for a quorum.

On August 1, 2025, Authority staff reached out to the various stakeholders for recommendations for appointments to the committee. In January, the Board appointed two community members to the committee.

Attached are the application cover pages and resumes, if available, of the candidates that are being recommended by their respective nominating party as listed in the agenda item. Also attached is the draft term schedule for the Committee, and recommendation letter from Supervisor Solis.

### **CTAC**

In 1997 the Board of Directors established a nine-member Citizens Advisory Committee, later to be known as the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC). Per the 97-01 Board resolution, it is made up of the following:

- 3 representatives from Whittier,
- 3 representatives from La Habra Heights, and
- 3 representatives from the unincorporated areas of Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights in Los Angeles County.

The resolution provides for the Board's ability to appoint CTAC members who have been approved and recommended by the respective city councils and the Supervisor representing the supervisorial district which includes the Subject Jurisdiction.

On June 6, 2025, Authority staff reached out to the various stakeholders for recommendations for (re)appointments to the CTAC.

Attached is the cover page of an application for the candidate as listed in the agenda item as being recommended by the City of Whittier. Also, attached for your reference is a term schedule.

#### Attachments:

FOAC term schedule

Sup. Solis recommendation letter

FOAC and CTAC Applications

CTAC term schedule

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**FISCAL OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEASURE PH**

**Members' Term Schedule**

**PROPOSED**

	<u>Member Start Date</u>	<u>Start Date of Current Term</u>	<u>End Date of Term</u>
<b><u>City of Whittier</u></b>			
Alexander Merkel - 3 year		1/1/26	12/31/2028
Andrew Moraga- 2 year		1/1/26	12/31/2027
Rick Gonzalez- 1 year		1/1/26	12/31/2026
<b><u>City of La Habra Heights</u></b>			
Brian Bergman	1/15/26	1/1/26	12/31/2028
<b><u>Workman Mill Rd./ other Sup. District 4 areas</u></b>			
Manuel Urteaga - 3 year		1/1/26	12/31/2028
<b><u>Hacienda Heights</u></b>			
Christopher Luna - 3 year		1/1/26	12/31/2028
Bala Venkataraman - 2 year		1/1/26	12/31/2027
<b><u>Rowland Heights</u></b>			
Bryan Coreas	1/15/26	1/1/26	12/31/2028
Shawn Murray- 2 year		1/1/26	12/31/2027

**First term schedule is staggered. Regular length of all terms is 3 years.**

*Mar-26*



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Telephone (213) 974-4111 / FAX (213) 613-1739

**HILDA L. SOLIS**

CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT



January 29, 2026

Andrea Gullo  
Executive Director  
Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority  
7333 Greenleaf Avenue  
Whittier, CA 90602

**RE: Appointment to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority - Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee, Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights**

Dear Andrea,

As the Los Angeles County Supervisor representing the district which geographically includes the unincorporated communities of Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights, I would like to appoint Christopher Luna and Bala Venkataraman as the Hacienda Heights members, and Shawn Murray as the Rowland Heights member of the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority - Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee.

Should you have any questions please contact my Chief of Staff, Cindy Chen, at 213-974-4111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilda L. Solis".

**HILDA L. SOLIS**  
Chair, First District



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Hacienda Heights

**FISCAL OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

Name: Christopher Luna

[Redacted] Hacienda Heights [Redacted]

Occupation: Publisher & CEO

Employer: California Leders

Preferred Daytime Phone Number [Redacted]

E-mail Address [Redacted]

Educational background / degree, licenses or special certificates:  
Master of Business Administration - MBA

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community service):

I am the Publisher & CEO of California Leaders, LLC, a leadership and civic media platform. I currently serve as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross

and as a board member of Maryvale, and I have participated in the CORO Southern California Board Leadership Training Accelerator.

What are your reasons for wanting to serve on this Advisory Committee? (Use additional paper, if necessary.) I bring a practical understanding of financial stewardship, governance, and accountability across both nonprofit and business environments.

I am particularly motivated by opportunities to serve the public by helping ensure resources are managed responsibly and sustainably

How did you find out about this position? Ryan Serrano  
Deputy District Director

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District

**Please include a résumé if available.**

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January 14, 2026

**Christopher Luna**  
Hacienda Heights, CA

**Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee**  
Puate Hills Habitat Preservation Authority

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee, and I am honored to be considered for appointment at the invitation of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. I welcome the opportunity to contribute my experience in governance, financial stewardship, and strategic oversight in service of the public interest.

Through my professional work and board service, I have engaged closely with budgeting, financial reporting, risk management, and long-term planning across both nonprofit and business environments. I currently serve as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross (San Gabriel & Pomona Valley Chapter) and as a board member of Maryvale, where fiduciary responsibility, transparency, and accountability are central to effective governance. These experiences have reinforced my belief in the importance of disciplined oversight and thoughtful decision-making to maintain public trust.

I am particularly motivated by opportunities to serve the public by helping ensure resources are managed responsibly and sustainably. I value the role of advisory committees in providing independent review and constructive guidance, and I would approach this responsibility with care, collaboration, and respect for the committee's mission.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to support the work of the Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee and am happy to provide any additional information if helpful.

Respectfully,



**Christopher Luna**



# Christopher Luna

Driving Public-Private Collaborations,  
Policy, Philanthropy & Leadership

## OBJECTIVE

To lead a mission-driven organization by leveraging a proven track record in strategic partnerships, fundraising, operations, and cross-sector collaboration while uniting stakeholders to deliver innovative solutions and lasting community impact.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Publisher & CEO | California Leaders**

*January 2025 - Present*

- Building California Leaders into a premier platform spotlighting business, civic, and community leadership across the state.
- Overseeing the launch of our magazine, podcast, leadership workshops, and annual summit, all centered on Real Stories. Real Leaders. Real Impact.
- Build and manage high-level relationships with executives, elected officials, agency leaders, and community influencers to curate content and strengthen platform credibility.
- Collaborate with contributing writers, interviewers, designers, and production partners to ensure high-quality content, editorial excellence, and brand consistency.
- Position California Leaders as a trusted statewide platform for thought leadership, civic engagement, and leadership storytelling.

### **Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce | Vice President of Strategic Partnerships**

*January 2025 - August 2025*

- Lead strategic planning and implementation of a value-based model, enhancing member engagement and driving organizational growth.
- Manage relationships with approximately 130 Board members, ensuring high-level engagement, fostering collaboration, and aligning their involvement with the Chamber's strategic initiatives.
- Forge and maintain high-impact partnerships, collaborating with business leaders and leveraging the Chamber CEO's network to strengthen member and board engagement.
- Collaborate across departments, including Policy, Membership, Events, and Marketing, to align member services with strategic goals, ensuring a unified approach to growth.
- Enhance member participation in policy councils, signature events, and advocacy efforts to support regional economic mobility and development.
- Oversee financial planning and revenue performance in partnership with the Chief Financial/Operating Officer, ensuring sustainable growth aligned with organizational objectives.
- Spearhead initiatives to position the Chamber as a leading advocate for a thriving Los Angeles region in preparation for global sporting events and beyond.

### **Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce | Member Relations** *August 2022 - December 2024*

- Foster relationships with large corporations, nonprofits, community leaders, and entrepreneurs
- Identify and cultivate new members, sponsors, and partners to expand the Chamber's reach and strengthen its impact in the community
- Develop customized sponsorship packages that align with the specific needs and goals of each member
- Attend corporate and community events on behalf of the Chamber

## EDUCATION

- **University of Phoenix**  
*Master of Business Administration*  
2024
- **University of Phoenix -  
Southern California Campus**  
*Bachelors of Science in Business  
Administration*  
2015

## PERSONAL SKILLS

- Fundraising & Business Development
- B2B Sales
- Relationship Building & Networking
- Servant Leadership Skills
- Negotiation
- Procurement
- Vendor Relations
- Supply Chain Management
- Financial Analysis
- Budgeting
- Team Building & Recruitment
- Presentations & Board Engagement
- Cultural Competence and Inclusivity
- Marketing & Communications
- Technology Integration

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Office365
- Google Workspace
- ERP Systems
- Salesforce
- Quickbooks
- Point of Sale Implementation
- Adobe Products
- BambooHR
- ADP & HRIS Softwares
- Shopify
- Godaddy
- Google Analytics
- Meta Business Suite
- Social Media Management & Marketing
- Project Management Softwares

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish

## AWARDS

- **Received Certificates of Excellence for Accounting 1, 2, & 3; Advance Computer Applications, Advance filing, & Advance 10 Key by Touch.**
- **Certificates of Achievement from Assemblyman Ron Calderon/58th District; Congresswoman Grace Napolitano/38th District; Senator Bob Margett/28th District; Assemblyman Bob Huff/60th District; Assemblyman Ed Chavez/57th District; State Senator Gloria Romero/24th District; Dickie Simmons/Chief Deputy for LA County Supervisor Don Knabe**

### **Business Consultant & Property Manager | RRL Enterprises, LLC.** *September 2012 – Present*

- Advise clients on strategic planning, operational improvements, and market positioning, resulting in enhanced profitability and sustainable business growth.
- Collaborating cross-functionally with outside teams to ensure seamless operations.
- External affairs, including specific services like liaison work, community engagement strategies, and relationship building.
- Providing valuable input for property investment decisions, leveraging insights into market trends and property performance metrics.
- Oversee construction projects: property renovations, restorations, new build, and additions.

### **Raquel's Candy N' Confections | President** *September 2012 – June 2023*

- Recruited, hired, trained, and managed a high-performing sales and operations team
- Negotiated compensation packages and led onboarding for all new hires
- Managed procurement, vendor negotiations, and attended national trade shows
- Drove revenue growth by analyzing P&L statements and optimizing cost structure
- Developed annual budgets and strategic plans through financial forecasting
- Surpassed sales targets by cultivating and expanding wholesale partnerships
- Secured and managed financing for equipment, real estate, and working capital
- Strengthened brand presence through civic engagement

### **JPMorgan Chase | Small Business Specialist** *2010 – 2011*

- Maintain and Expand Business Relationships
- Commercial Loan Processing
- Number 1 SBS in District in OC 1
- Number 2 out of 100 Bankers in OC 2
- Number 12 out of 575 Bankers in Inland Empire Market
- Consecutively received 100%-125% PVC Payout
- FINRA Series 6 & 63 Licensed
- Received MVP award during Banker Training

### **Farmers Insurance | Commercial Insurance Agent** *2006 – 2010*

- Course of Construction, Inland Marine, PUDs, HOAs, Apartment Buildings, Earthquake and Business Owner Policies.
- Received Blue Vase Sales Award
- Hire, Trained and Coach a Sales Team
- Property & Casualty / Life & Health Licensed
- Ambassador for Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

### **Wells Fargo | Personal Banker** *2005 – 2006*

- Offer Financial Services (Deposits and Loans)
- Super Banker Award given by region
- Consecutively Gold & Platinum Kicker Payout
- Community Representative

### **State Farm Insurance | Marketing Specialist** *2004 – 2005*

- Community Representative
- Public Relations
- Manage, Plan, and Maintain Community Event Booths



**BALA VENKATARAMAN**

Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Phone:

email:

**Summary of qualifications**

**Extensive financial analysis, budgeting and reporting experience.**

- Successfully managed the budgeting, planning, analysis and reporting functions for several major corporations.
- Worked in manufacturing, consumer packaged goods and technology companies.
- Proficient in setting up complex analytical and reporting models to facilitate management decision making.
- Familiar with several financial systems such as Oracle, Hyperion and SAP.
- Advanced Excel, Word, and PowerPoint user.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- MBA from the University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.

**Work Experience**

**BARKSDALE CONTROLS, Los Angeles, CA 90058**  
**(Manufacturer of control products – Revenues: \$80 million)**

**Aug 2009 – Dec 2022**

**Finance Manager**

- Report to the CFO - responsible for all internal reporting, forecasting, analysis and budgeting.
- Accomplishments
  - Manage the entire budgeting process for the division, including coordination with other overseas business units.
  - Designed key reports to analyze budget variances, calculate pricing efficiencies, forecast sales and others.
  - Prepare monthly and quarterly forecasts.
  - Trained and enforced capital expense request process to comply with corporate policy.
  - Evaluated payback analysis for capital project investments.
  - Participate in month end closing tasks.
  - Assist in the preparation of the 3-year strategic plans.
  - Increased efficiencies by creating templates in Hyperion Financial Management (HFM) to eliminate several hours of manual data entry.

**STREET SURFING, LLC, Newport Beach, CA 92660**  
**(Manufacturer of sporting equipment – Revenues: \$40million)**

**Dec 2008 – Aug 2009**

**Independent Consultant**

- Established the annual budgeting and planning process.
- Completed all ad-hoc analysis.
- Assisted with month end closing.
- Evaluated profitability of new product introductions

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**ORACLE CORP., Redwood Shores, CA**  
(Computer technology company – Revenues: \$20 billion)

July 1998 – Oct 2004  
May 2006 – Sep 2008

**Sr. Principal Consultant**

- Implemented the Public Sector Budgeting module for school districts, universities and other quasi-government entities.
- Clients were in the US and overseas.
- Responsibility included heavy interaction and communication with clients to gather data, evaluate and implement new process.
- Conducted Oracle budgeting classes and training for various clients.

**CONAGRA FOODS, Irvine, CA**  
(Consumer packaged goods industry – Revenues: \$15 billion)

Aug 2005 – Apr 2006

**Senior Financial Analyst**

- Responsible for budgeting, all periodic reporting and analysis.
- Created new consolidation models, resulting in a 30% reduction in manual labor.
- Developed, reviewed and analyzed product margins for pricing efficiency and profitability.

**GARDENBURGER, INC., Irvine, CA**  
(Consumer packaged goods industry – Revenues: \$60 million)

Nov 2004 – Jul 2005

**Manager, Business Systems and Analysis**

- Coordinated activities to document processes for Sarbanes Oxley Act Section 404 compliance.
- Conducted feasibility studies for new product introductions and line extensions.

**BESTFOODS BAKING BUSINESS, Montebello, CA**  
(Consumer packaged goods industry – Revenues: \$1 billion)

Jul 1987 – Jun 1998

**Financial Analyst, Sr. Financial Analyst, Finance Manager**

- Worked in progressively responsible positions from Junior Analyst to Finance Manager.
- Managed a staff of three analysts.
- Revamped the entire internal reporting process.
- Responsible for all aspects related to budgeting, reporting and analysis.
- Created various analytical and budgeting models, which were eventually adopted across all other divisions.
- Established the capital request policy, including payback analysis calculations.
- Analyzed and made recommendations for new product introductions, and marketing promotions.
- Assisted with month end closing tasks.
- Assigned to other divisions to assist in completing special projects.

**Other**

US citizen. References will be furnished upon request.



Andrea Gullo  
Executive Director



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Director  
Hacienda Heights

### FISCAL OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Name: Shawn Murray

Address: [Redacted] Rowland Heights [Redacted]

(Zip code)

Occupation: Account Manager

Employer: Allied Universal Event Services

Preferred Daytime Phone Number: [Redacted]

E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Educational background / degree, licenses or special certificates:

High school diploma 2008

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community service):

\_\_\_\_\_

What are your reasons for wanting to serve on this Advisory Committee? (Use additional paper, if necessary.) To make sure money is being spent wisely

\_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about this position? Ryan Serrano

\_\_\_\_\_

Please include a résumé if available.

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### FISCAL OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Name: Andrew J Moraga

Whittier

(Zip code)

Occupation: Educator

Employer: East Whittier City School District

Preferred Daytime Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Educational background / degree, licenses or special certificates:

MSEd, BA-Liberal Studies, Administrative Services Credential, Clear Multi Subjects Credential

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community service):

Trail Life Ca-0608 Troop Leader, Habitat Authority Trail Watcher and Docent

East Whittier Education Association

What are your reasons for wanting to serve on this Advisory Committee? (Use additional paper, if necessary.) As an avid runner and hiker of the Puente Hills trails,

I know how precious, yet delicate they are. Proper fiscal oversight is needed to preserve these hills for the next generation. They are the best gift we can give to the children of this area.

How did you find out about this position? City of Whittier email

**Please include a résumé if available.**

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CITY OF WHITTIER  
CITY CLERK

# ANDREW JOHN MORAGA

Highly experienced and dedicated educational leader with teaching and administrative experience, demonstrating expertise in multiple levels of education, instructional leadership, and technology integration. Proven ability to effectively manage programs, train staff, and contribute to organizational development. I am committed to solving problems, exceeding expectations and motivating students and staff to maintain high standards.

## **EDUCATION**

### **California State University-Fullerton**

MS, Educational Leadership and Administration  
Credential #090115728

### **California State University-Fullerton**

BA, Liberal Studies

### **California State Polytechnic University-Pomona**

Multiple Subject Teacher Credential #230141087

### **Fullerton College**

AA, Liberal Studies

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

### **East Whittier City School District**

#### **Summer Academy Administrative Designee** - Granada Middle School (2022-2025)

- Successfully managed all operations of a summer program, including enrollment and registration, classroom designation, emergency procedures, student safety strategies, nutrition services coordination and academic and behavioral counseling.
- Developed and implemented a Positive Behavioral Incentives System, including spirit days, daily drawings, and weekly Fun Fridays (carnival games, and incentive ticket redemptions).
- Coordinated the successful integration and multi-layered scheduling of the Summer Academy, along with the Boys and Girls Club, and Rio Hondo Math Academy, all operating on the same campus at the same time with up to four hundred middle schoolers from across the district.

#### **Administrative Designee** - Scott Avenue Elementary School, Granada Middle School, Hillview Middle School (2010-Present)

- Provided oversight of the entire school campus, including outside supervision, behavior investigations and behavior interventions, when Site Administrators were absent, or involved in district-level meetings.
- Attended IEP and 504 meetings as the designated administrator.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP**

### **Best Practices Instructional Coach** - District Level Program

- Coached teachers, during summer practicums, on how to best use multiple instructional practices, including Project GLAD, whole brain strategies, language and vocabulary development, technology integration, and total physical response methods.

- Organized and scheduled both observation and debriefing meetings with teachers across district campuses to provide feedback and continued support throughout the practicum.

**Site Technology Representative** - Scott Avenue Elementary School

- Collaborated with site representatives across the district to brainstorm appropriate classroom technology integration and implementation.
- Trained and supported teachers on technology supports, including digital grading, online assessing, Google Docs, Google Classroom, and educational support products.

**Instructional Leadership Team** - Granada Middle School, Hillview Middle School

- Participated in district-level Equitable Grading Strategies Committees, recommending practical grading reforms and strategies to ensure all students have multiple opportunities and formats to prove mastery of materials content.
- Proposed and implemented a novel middle school grading system separating academic standards mastery from scholarship work habits
- Maintained a communication bridge between the Instructional Leadership Team and Professional Learning Communities, ensuring that school wide proposals and instructional initiatives were being followed.

**Beginning Teacher (Induction) Support Provider** - Hillview Middle School and Granada Middle School

**Master Teacher (Student Teacher Program)** - Biola University via Scott Avenue Elementary School

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Elementary and Middle School Teacher** - East Whittier City School District

- Grade 7 Math and Science classroom teacher
- Grades 3, 4, and 5 Multiple Subjects classroom teacher

**High School Teacher** - California Youth Authority

- Taught mathematics and employability skills to incarcerated wards of the State of California.

**Interventionist** - Little Lake City School District

- Developed targeted mini lessons utilizing specific assessment data for K-5 students.

**Private Elementary School Teacher** - Whittier Christian Schools

- Sixth grade multiple subjects teacher, nature studies camp leader, and sports coach.

**EXTRACURRICULAR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

*School Site Council President*

*PTA Teacher Liaison*

*Middle School Sports Coach*



Andrea Gullo  
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### FISCAL OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Name: Alexander Merkel

Whittier,

Occupation: City Treasurer/Finance Director

Employer: City of Walnut

Preferred Daytime Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Educational background / degree, licenses or special certificates:

B.A. in Accounting, CSUF (see resume attached for details)

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community service):

California Society of Municipal Finance Officers; Calif. Municipal Treasurer's Assoc.

What are your reasons for wanting to serve on this Advisory Committee? (Use additional paper, if necessary.) Please see cover letter attached.

How did you find out about this position? Word of mouth.

**Please include a résumé if available.**

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## Alexander Merkel

### EXPERIENCE

City of Walnut January 2025-Present  
*Director of Finance & City Treasurer*

City of La Puente May 2019-January 2025  
*Finance Manager*

City of Palos Verdes Estates August 2018-January 2019  
*Senior Accountant*

City of Maywood September 2017-August 2018  
*Accountant*

### EDUCATION

California State University, Fullerton June 2017  
*Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, minor in Economics*

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

California Society of Municipal Finance Officers  
*Member*

California Municipal Treasurer's Association  
*Member*

### REFERENCES

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[blindsey@lapuente.org](mailto:blindsey@lapuente.org)

David E. Argudo  
Councilmember, City of La Puente  
(626) 483-1835  
[dargudo@lapuente.org](mailto:dargudo@lapuente.org)

Jamie Bumia  
Director of Community Services, City of Walnut  
(909) 595-7543  
[jbumia@cityofwalnut.org](mailto:jbumia@cityofwalnut.org)

August 25, 2025

Honorable Members of the Whittier City Council:

The purpose of this communication is to respectfully solicit your nomination for the Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee (FOAC) of the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. I am excited at the prospect of bringing my professional background to work for the Whittier community. My relevant experience includes:

- Over eight (8) years in local government accounting
- Currently serve as Director of Finance/City Treasurer for City of Walnut and the Walnut Housing Authority
- Well versed in audits, financial reporting, taxes, and budget matters
- Membership in California Society of Municipal Finance Officers and California Municipal Treasurer's Association

As a Whittier resident, I am passionate about preserving the Puente Hills as a vital natural space for current and future generations. I believe in protecting this unique environment while ensuring it remains an equal opportunity recreational area—accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to all. Fiscal oversight – especially of the Measure PH funds - is a critical aspect of maintaining this important resource in perpetuity.

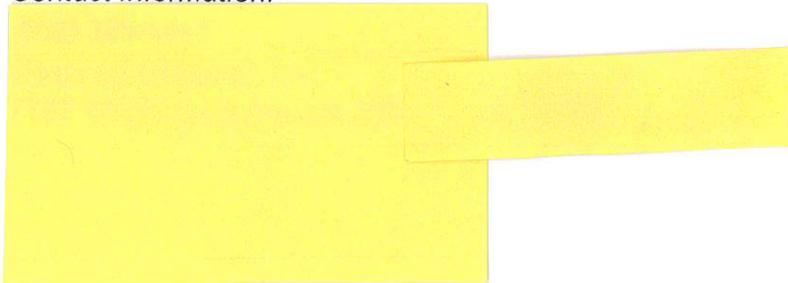
Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to discussing this matter in the near future!

Warmest regards,



Alexander Merkel Medina

Contact Information:





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### FISCAL OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Name: Rick Gonzalez

Whittier, [redacted]

(zip code)

Occupation: Self-employed as business consultant

Employer: RG Business Consultant

Preferred Daytime Phone Number: [redacted]

E-mail Address: [redacted]

Educational background / degree, licenses or special certificates:

Master in Business Administration (MBA)

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community service):

RG Business Consultant

What are your reasons for wanting to serve on this Advisory Committee? (Use additional paper, if necessary.) See attached response (additional paper)

How did you find out about this position? City of Whittier official website

**Please include a résumé if available.**

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Rick Gonzalez, MBA

I am eager to serve on this Advisory Committee because it aligns directly with my professional and academic background, personal values, and long-term commitment to driving strategic, data-informed decision-making. With a master's in business administration management (MBA) degree from California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) and fifteen years of professional business analysis experience, I have developed a deep understanding of organizational effectiveness, stakeholder engagement, and the importance of aligning operational goals with broader community or institutional missions.

A professional example, in my previous role at Gallo Wine Company, the largest family-owned wine company in the world, I led a cross-functional team tasked with streamlining our enterprise reporting processes. By facilitating collaboration among IT, finance, and operations stakeholders, we reduced reporting cycle times by 40% and improved data accuracy, which enabled leadership to make more informed decisions. This project not only delivered measurable results but also fostered a culture of transparency and continuous improvement across departments

As part of my culminating thesis for the MBA program at Cal State LA, I conducted a budget analysis of the City of Montebello Police Department, comparing it with the City of Whittier for the 2023 fiscal year. My research involved evaluating citizen satisfaction with police services, examining police officers' job satisfaction and operational efficiency, and assessing financial management practices along with the effective allocation of departmental resources.

What sets me apart is my ability to bridge diverse perspectives and drive consensus, even in complex or high-stakes environments. My experience facilitating stakeholder collaboration has resulted in sustainable solutions that balance operational efficiency with strategic goals. I am particularly motivated to advance initiatives that deliver measurable results for the community, such as optimizing resource allocation and strengthening governance structures. My expertise in analytical problem-solving and consensus-building will enable me to support the committee in developing actionable recommendations that reflect best practices and the unique needs of our stakeholders.

Equally important, I view advisory service as a way to give back, ensuring that decisions reflect not only best practices but also the needs and perspectives of the people they impact. I am committed, solutions-oriented, and can contribute with my professional experience, academic background, and dedication to advance the fiscal oversight committee's goals.

Best regards,

**Rick Gonzalez, MBA**





Andrea Gullo  
Executive Director



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Hacienda Heights

### FISCAL OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Name: Manuel Urteaga

Address: [Redacted] Whittier [Redacted]  
(Zip code)

Occupation: Chiropractor/Professor

Employer: Urteaga Chiropractic/Souther CA University of Health Sciences

Preferred Daytime Phone Number: [Redacted]

E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Educational background / degree, licenses or special certificates:  
Doctorate in CHiropractic, MS in Sports Medicine, Qualified Medical Evaluator.

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community service):  
Whittier Community Foundation, Rio Hondo Foundation

What are your reasons for wanting to serve on this Advisory Committee? (Use additional paper, if necessary.) I live adjacent to habitat and want to ensure funds and resources are being properly utilized and allocated.

How did you find out about this position? Ivan Sulic

**Please include a résumé if available.**

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**Manuel Urteaga, DC, CCSP, OME, CME, MS, RCEP-ACSM, CSCS**

Education:

- California State University, Long Beach
  - M.S. Kinesiology; Sports Medicine/Injury Studies March 2014
- Southern California University of Health Sciences
  - Doctor of Chiropractic December 2007
- California State University, Fullerton
  - B.S. Kinesiology; Exercise Science June 2004

Work Experience:

- Urteaga Chiropractic & Sports Medicine January 2008 - Present
  - Sports Medicine and Personal Injury Chiropractor
    - Diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal injuries with an emphasis in sports related injuries, as well as sciatica, headaches, low back pain, neck pain, osteo-arthritis, and carpal tunnel syndrome
    - Implementation of appropriate therapeutic exercises
    - Proper management, mitigation and documentation of auto collision patients
    - Thorough understanding of all matters related to auto injury claims
- Southern California University of Health Sciences September 2011 – Present
  - Assistant Professor
    - Lead Instructor: Exercise Physiology & Principles of Exercise, Clinical Reasoning 1 & 2, Clinical Orthopedic & Neurologic Evaluation, Neuromusculoskeletal Evaluation I, Practice Management: Risk Assessment
    - Supervision Clinician: Cerritos College Base Clinic (2012 – Present)
- Montebello High School January 1999 – Present
  - Strength & Conditioning Coach/Assistant Volleyball Coach/Football Team Chiropractic Sports Medicine Doctor
    - Strength & conditioning program design and supervision for high school athletes
    - Injury treatment and prevention for boys' and girls' volleyball teams
    - Supervision of athletic medical staff
    - On site treatment of sports related injuries
- Bell Gardens High School September 2013 – Present
  - Football Team Chiropractic Sports Medicine Doctor
- East Los Angeles College January 2011 – January 2012
  - Dance Team Doctor
    - Injury treatment and prevention for professional dance team
    - Prescription of rehabilitative and strengthening exercises for dancers

### Internship:

- California State University, Long Beach
  - Strength & Conditioning Complex
    - Implementation of strength & conditioning and program design for division I collegiate athletes
    - Exercise testing of athletes
  - Exercise Physiology Laboratory Graduate Assistant
    - Mentor and assist undergraduate students with anthropometric and physiological measurements in a laboratory setting
    - Teach various exercise testing methods including cardiac and pulmonary functions
  - Scientific Foundations of Locomotion
    - Generated new biomechanical assessment protocol with professor
    - Instructed undergraduate students on posture and locomotion mechanics and abnormalities

### Certifications:

- Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician October 2025 – Current
- Qualified Medical Examiner May 2025 – Current
- Certified Medical Examiner January 2021 – Current
- Registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist June 2014 - Current
- Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist March 2011 – Current
- California Basic Educational Skills Test (C-BEST) June 2004
- Basic Life Support & CPR January 1999 – Current

### Professional Association:

- California Chiropractic Association (Cal Chiro) May 2018 - Current
- American College of Sports Medicine January 2012 - Current
- National Strength & Conditioning Association March 2011 – Current
- Bright Health Physicians January 2009 – December 2011
- California Chiropractic Association January 2008 – Current
- American Chiropractic Association March 2005 – December 2010
- National Federation State High School Association August 2001 – Current

### Community Service:

- Rio Hondo Foundation Board Member February 2024-Current
- Whittier Community Foundation Board - President August 2017-Current
- PIH Circle of Excellence June 2016 - Current
- City of Whittier 5K Committee January 2014 – Current
- Activate Whittier Board January 2014 – December 2017
- Aids Lifecycle Ride to End AIDS June 2005 – June 2007
- Healing Hands for Humanity Mexico Outreach Program August 2005 – December 2007
- UCLA Latino Alumni Association Scholarship Committee May 1997 – May 2006

### Awards & Achievements:

- Graduate Student Honors, CSULB March 2014
- 4.0 Club, CSULB March 2014



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**CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

Name: Laura Krueger

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] Whittier [Redacted]  
(Zip code)

Occupation: Vector Ecologist

Employer: Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Preferred Daytime Phone Number: [Redacted]

E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Educational background / degree, licenses or special certificates:  
See attached

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community service):  
See attached

What are your reasons for wanting to serve on this Advisory Committee? (Use additional paper, if necessary.) See attached

How did you find out about this position? Social media.

**Please include a résumé if available.**

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Laura Krueger

My name is Laura Krueger and I am a City of Whittier resident interested in serving on the Puente Hills Native Landscape Authority Citizens Technical Advisory Committee. As a resident who lives near Penn Park I am lucky to regularly walk and explore the Puente Hills participating in two of my favorite hobbies; hiking and bird watching with friends and family (check out my observations on iNaturalist – link below). I am a mother to two children attending Whittier public schools and volunteer regularly with my kid's sports teams and extracurricular activities. We see the hills from our home and I find myself contemplating the public health and fire safety issues inherently present in the beautiful landscape. In 2010, I participated in the Habitat Authority Naturalist training and have since benefited from a better understanding of the wildlife and native habitat present in the hills. My regular walks in the preserve allow me to see the importance of habitat preservation, management, and native landscaping as well as the dangers from invasive plants and insects. I hope to contribute my expertise in public governance, entomology, public health, and urban and landscape pest management to protect and preserve the biodiversity of the Puente Hills.

Since 2008, I have served as a Vector Ecologist and Board Certified Entomologist for the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD). OCMVCD is a CA Special District and I regularly participate in the monthly Board of Trustee meetings. My leadership was instrumental in developing OCMVCD's Integrated Vector Management Plan, which resulted in the Agency receiving the California Department of Pesticide Regulation Excellence in Integrated Pest Management Award in 2018. For the past ten years, I have instructed pest control professionals on sustainable rodent management at the West Coast Rodent Academy. I am a dedicated advocate for sustainable practices and hold a Pest Control Adviser license to ensure public health responses, such as West Nile virus and Dengue control, remain compatible with organic agricultural standards. In 2024, I spoke at the California Association of Pest Control Advisers Annual Conference on the importance of collaboration between Mosquito Control Districts and production agriculture to keep people and food safe from pesticide exposures and vector-borne diseases. From 2024-2025 I served as Director of the Certification Corporation for the Entomological Society of America where I regularly collaborated with a diverse team to develop and fund mission critical projects.

I received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan and a Master of Public Health from Yale University. My resume details my career in pest management and publications on vector-borne diseases and insects in Southern California.

I believe effective collaboration is the key to advancing habitat restoration and preservation. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Habitat Authority's Citizen Technical Advisory Committee.

Linkedin profile for Laura Krueger: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lkrueger/>

Full List of Pest management and public health publications, Laura Krueger, 2007 to 2025: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=HTrWKAYAAAAJ&hl=en>

iNaturalist: <https://www.inaturalist.org/people/lmkento>

**CV excerpt for  
Laura M. Krueger, MPH**

**EDUCATION**

Masters Public Health (MPH), Microbial Disease Epidemiology, Yale University School of Public Health, New Haven, CT. 2005

Bachelor of Science, Biology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 1998

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Board Certified Entomologist, Medical & Veterinary Entomology Specialty, Entomological Society of America, expires December 2027

Vector Control Technician License 540003642, Categories A, B, C, D, State of California, Department of Public Health, expires July 2027

Agricultural Pest Control Adviser, License 138244, Categories A, D, State of California, Department of Pesticide Regulation, expires December 2026

Qualified Applicator License, License 151190 Categories A, K, State of California, Department of Pesticide Regulation, expires December 2026

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Vector Ecologist, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Garden Grove, CA. 2014-present

Pest Management Consultant & Expert Witness, Los Angeles, CA. 2005-present

Instructor, West Coast Rodent Academy, Irvine, CA. 2017-present

Assistant Vector Ecologist, Orange County Vector Control District, Garden Grove, CA. 2008-2014

Associate Public Health Biologist, California Department of Public Health, Ontario, CA. 2006-2008

Laboratory Assistant, Tsetse Fly Rearing Facility, Yale University, New Haven CT. 2003-2005

Quality Assurance Manager, Western Exterminator Co., Long Beach, CA. 2002-2003

Entomologist and Technical Trainer, Western Exterminator Co., Irvine, CA. 1998-2002

#### **AGENCY AWARDS**

University of California, Irvine, Program in Public Health, Excellence in Mentorship, April 2020  
California Department of Pesticide Regulation, Integrated Pest Management Achievement Award, 2018

#### **COMMITTEES**

Entomological Society of America, Director -Certification Committee, 2024-2025  
Municipal Rodent Control Task Force, 2021-present  
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California, Flea-borne Typhus Working Group, 2013-present  
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California, Integrated Vector Management Committee, 2008-2018

#### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

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Krueger, L., Cummings, R., Howard, R., Hyland, H., Nguyen, K., Rangel, D.F., Reyes, K., Ross, C., Shepherd, S., Sims, J., Young, L., Semrow, A. 2022. Response to Fleas and Flea-borne Typhus by the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District. Proceedings and Papers of the 90th Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California. 90:29-32.

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**CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Members' Term Schedule**

**PROPOSED**

<u>City of Whittier</u>	<u>Member Start Date</u>	<u>Start Date of Current Term</u>	<u>End Date of Term</u>
Michelle Pekko-Seymoure	8/17/23	2/1/25	2/1/2029
Laura Krueger		2/1/26	2/1/30
Janis Cavanaugh	8/17/23	2/1/23	2/1/27
 <u>City of La Habra Heights</u>			
Adam Nazaroff	1/21/21	2/1/25	2/1/2029
Catherine Houwen	3/22/12	2/1/26	2/1/30
Vacant		2/1/23	2/1/27
 <u>County of Los Angeles</u>			
Vacant		2/1/25	2/1/2029
Vacant		2/1/26	2/1/30
Bryan Coreas	1/19/23	2/1/23	2/1/27

Length of all terms is 4 years.  
*Revised MAR 2026*

# **Agenda Item 7**

MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 19, 2026

**To:** Board Members

**From:** *Andrea Gullo*  
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

**Subject:** Ratify, receive and file comment letters regarding a) Orange County General Plan Update and b) City of Whittier draft Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Recommendation:

That the Board ratify, receive and file the attached comment letters.

Background:

Staff was recently made aware of the two projects mentioned above with comment period deadlines prior to the scheduled Board meeting. With the Chair's approval, comments for both letters were drafted either to reflect positions the Board had previously taken and/or time-sensitive.

Attachments:

- a) Orange County General Plan Update (not including the 121 page Hills For Everyone letter previously provided to the Board and available upon request)
- b) City of Whittier draft Hazards Mitigation Plan
- c) Authority Correspondence Policy



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February 26, 2026

Comments Submitted via Email to: [PlanOC@ocpw.ocgov.com](mailto:PlanOC@ocpw.ocgov.com)

OC Public Works  
Development Services  
601 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

### RE: General Plan Update

Dear OC Public Works,

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Orange County General Plan Update. We learned about the release of this document on February 25, 2026, and respectfully request to be added to all future mailing lists on this and related matters.

The Habitat Authority is a joint powers authority established pursuant to California Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* with a Board of Directors consisting of members representing the City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and a public member from 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.

The Habitat Authority owns and/or manages over 3,880 acres which comprise the Puente Hills Preserve (Preserve) located within Los Angeles County. Over \$100 million of public funds have been invested in the Preserve and its sustainability is biologically dependent on the open space land to the east of its jurisdiction. The Preserve is located within the well-studied **Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor (PCHWC)** which is widely recognized as being regionally important for wildlife movement (Conservation Biology Institute 2005, and citations therein). Covering more than 30,000 acres of land, this wildlife corridor boasts a wide variety of habitats that support a unique assemblage of plants and animals and serves several ecological functions that contribute to ecosystem health. Connectivity among open space maintains the transfer of genetic material among generations of plants and animals, ensuring healthy and sustainable populations. Many agencies and jurisdictions over Los Angeles and Orange Counties have partnered during the past 30 years for the preservation of the PCHWC.

***We echo Hills For Everyone’s comment letter dated February 25, 2026, especially comment #7. Their comment letter is attached for reference.***

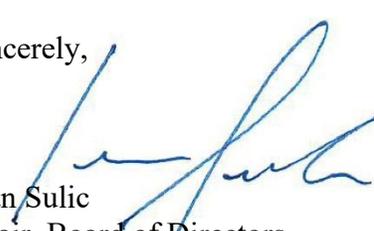
The General Plan Update has the potential to negatively impact the PCHWC with the proposed land use designation located on the Aera Energy/IKAV property near Tonner Canyon. Reportedly, the General Plan Update proposes to allow for an increased density of dwelling units per acre (duac) from 0.5 – 18 to 0.5 – 43.5 duac. This number would equate to 13,050 dwelling units.

The proposed land use designation for the Aera Energy/IKAV property would result in significant adverse impacts to the PCHWC. In addition to a plethora of other flora and fauna, the presence and use of this corridor by mountain lions—a wide-ranging and ecologically significant species—has been well documented. The sojourn of M317, a collared male mountain lion that traversed the corridor from Orange County to Los Angeles County in fall 2022<sup>1</sup> highlights the functionality of the corridor and the need to maintain connectivity to sustain wildlife populations in the Habitat Authority’s jurisdictional area. Notably, mountain lions were recently designated as a protected species by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission in February 2026. Given the ecological importance of this corridor and the protected status of mountain lions, careful reconsideration of the proposed land use designation is warranted to prevent potential disruption to critical habitat connectivity.

***We recommend that the Aera Energy/IKAV lands be reclassified as Open Space or as Rural Residential, 0.025 – 0.5 duac, which would have the potential to allow 150 units. This designation would be consistent with the Los Angeles County land use designation on adjoining Aera Energy/IKAV lands within the PCHWC to the north.***

Thank you for your consideration, and feel free to contact me ([ISulic@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ISulic@bos.lacounty.gov)), Ecologist Michelle Mariscal ([mmariscal@habitatauthority.org](mailto:mmariscal@habitatauthority.org)) or Executive Director Andrea Gullo ([agullo@habitatauthority.org](mailto:agullo@habitatauthority.org)) for further discussion.

Sincerely,



Ivan Sulic  
Chair, Board of Directors

Attachment: Hills For Everyone comment letter dated February 25, 2026

cc: Board of Directors  
Citizens Technical Advisory Committee  
Hills For Everyone  
Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority

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<sup>1</sup> Unpublished data via communications with Dr. Winston Vickers DVM, MPVM, UC Davis Wildlife Health Center CA mountain lion project ([twvickers@ucdavis.edu](mailto:twvickers@ucdavis.edu))



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March 6, 2026

Comments Submitted via Email to: [mgaribay@cityofwhittier.org](mailto:mgaribay@cityofwhittier.org),  
[ethan@dynamicplanning.co](mailto:ethan@dynamicplanning.co)

City of Whittier  
Monique Garibay, project contact  
13230 Penn Street  
Whittier, CA 90602

## RE: 2025 Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) for the City of Whittier

Dear Ms. Garibay and Project Team,

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft HMP. We learned about the release of this document on February 23, 2026, and respectfully request to be added to all future mailing lists on this and related matters using staff specific email addresses and [info@HabitatAuthority.org](mailto:info@HabitatAuthority.org).

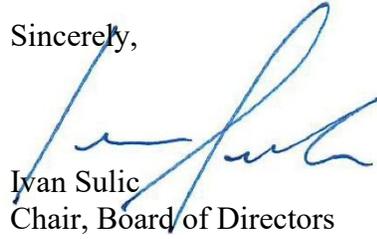
The Habitat Authority is a joint powers authority established pursuant to California Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* with a Board of Directors consisting of members representing the City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and a public member from the community of Hacienda Heights.

We have had limited time to review the draft HMP in-depth, but wanted to provide selected feedback as the land manager of the open space owned by the city of Whittier pursuant to Agreements A97-172 and A15-128 between the City of Whittier and the Habitat Authority. Overall, the document is a comprehensive accomplishment that captures the main essentials for planning and safeguarding the residents of the city from hazards. Please see more detailed feedback in the attached Exhibit A.

If we can be provided with more lead time in the future to respond to documents of mutual concern, we will have the opportunity for a more robust discussion among our staff and with our Board. We want to provide our best-thinking in our comments to you.

Thank you for your consideration, and feel free to contact me ([ISulic@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ISulic@bos.lacounty.gov)), Ecologist Michelle Mariscal ([mmariscal@habitatauthority.org](mailto:mmariscal@habitatauthority.org)) or Executive Director Andrea Gullo ([agullo@habitatauthority.org](mailto:agullo@habitatauthority.org)) for further discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Sulic', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Ivan Sulic  
Chair, Board of Directors

cc: Board of Directors & Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

P 3-80

In reference to the sentence, “This area, which includes parts of the City of Whittier, creates a high threat to life and property from wildfire. Specifically, subdivisions that were developed in or near the Puente Hills areas are at higher risk and often have only one narrow, two-lane access road with limited emergency water supplies. Some of these subdivisions were developed to include fire emergency access roads; however, many of these roads have not been adequately maintained and are overgrown to the extent that they are impassable.”

- Please clarify if this statement. Is it referring to privately owned roads or public streets, or both, or some other route. Are they impassable to emergency vehicles only or for passenger vehicles? All emergency access routes in the hills are maintained.

P 3-82

We recommend not using abbreviations as the paragraph header (e.g., “PSPS Events”).

P 3-84, paragraphs 3 and 4

We recommend including information about building composition as it relates to ability to withstand fire, as this factor can influence the risk of urban conflagrations. Given the age of the subdivisions in northern Whittier, it’s likely that most buildings were constructed with less fire-resistant materials compared to those that are standard in newer developments. This is touched upon in other areas (e.g., P 3-105), but would be appropriately mentioned here, as well.

P 3-89

In reference to the sentence, “To date, the Authority manages approximately 3,870 acres of preserved public open space, of which 1,878 is owned by the Authority.”

- The acreage has been updated and is approximately 3,892 acres, of which Approximately 1,903 is owned by the Authority.

In reference to the heading “Collaborative Forest Management “:

- The Puente Hills are not typically considered a forest ecosystem, but a diverse mosaic of mediterranean shrubland and woodland ecosystems.

This sentence is unclear, “Since 2007, PHHPA has led the stewardship of the Puente Hills Native Habitat Preserve, managing approximately 300 acres of publicly accessible land along the city’s northern edge.” Below are clarifications for your consideration:

- The PHHPA has been managing the City's open space since 1997
- The PHHPA adopted the Resource Management Plan in 2007.
- Which 300 acres is this sentence referring to? More than 300 acres is publicly accessible. Roughly 800 acres of Whittier owned property is publicly accessible.
- "Puente Hills Native Habitat Preserve" should be "Puente Hills Preserve"

Page 3-94, paragraph 2

The documents states, "After decades of fire suppression, "dog-hair" thickets have accumulated in Whittier's WUI areas, which enable high intensity fires to flare and spread rapidly." Please define the term "dog-hair thicket" for clarity, or consider replacing this expression with more precise, technical terminology.

Page 3-94, paragraph 3

The document states, "Chaparral is the primary fuel type found in Whittier and Los Angeles County, especially in and abutting the Puente Hills. Chaparral communities are well-adapted to fire and contain some of the most flammable types of vegetation found in the United States. Chaparral plants sprout and spread quickly, experience long dry summers, and receive most of their annual precipitation from winter rains. Although chaparral is often considered as a single species, there are two distinct types: hard chaparral and soft chaparral. Within these two types are dozens of different plants, each with its own particular characteristics such as the ceanothus plant which has leaves coated with flammable resins and requires intense heat for seed germination. (NPS, 2025)"

- This section would greatly benefit from some site-specific tailoring to more accurately reflect conditions in the Whittier area, per our comments below:
  - Please delete or cite the information source for the first sentence in this paragraph.
  - This section identifies chaparral as the primary fuel source within Whittier and introduces the two types of chaparral (hard and soft chaparral) which are both being described as "well-adapted to fire". We assume that "soft chaparral" is referring to coastal sage scrub, which has a different physical structure (shorter, semi-woody, semi-deciduous shrubs and grows less densely than hard-leaved chaparral) and would therefore act differently from

a “fuel” perspective than hard-leaved chaparral communities. We recommend that a distinction be made between the chaparral vegetation community and the coastal sage scrub vegetation community. For your reference, according to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority’s Resource Management Plan (RMP, which the document mentions on P 3-89), the primary vegetation types on the entire Puente Hills Preserve at the time the RMP was prepared were as follows:

- **Coastal Sage Scrub: 845.31 acres**
- **Chaparral: 975.91 acres**
- **Grassland: 1,224.19 acres**
- **Riparian: 143.55 acres**
- **Woodland: 296.85 acres**
- **Cliff and Rock: 0.58 acre**
- **Agriculture: 15.54 acres**
- **Developed and Disturbed: 299.23 acres**

Also for your information, the other “hard chaparral” components on the Preserve, as also outlined in the RMP, are below. The chaparral composition found in the Puente Hills is more transitional with Coastal Sage Scrub, and different composition than typical chaparral found in the Santa Monica Mountains and Chino Hills (e.g., chamise, ceanothus, redshanks, manzanitas are not found or are uncommon in the Puente Hills).

<b>Chaparral</b>	
3.12: Toyon-sumac chaparral	874.78
3.12/2.3.1: Toyon-sumac chaparral/Sagebrush-buckwheat scrub	13.00
3.12/2.3.3: Toyon-sumac chaparral/Purple sage scrub	5.51
3.12/2.3.4: Toyon-sumac chaparral/Black sage scrub	8.05
3.12/2.3.6: Toyon-sumac chaparral/Sagebrush scrub	15.86
3.12/4.1: Toyon-sumac chaparral/Annual grassland	57.80
3.12/15.5: Toyon-sumac chaparral/Ornamental plantings	0.91
<b>Subtotal Chaparral</b>	<b>975.91</b>

- This section mentions *Ceanothus* and cites it as containing highly flammable resins; however, species of this genus do not naturally occur within the Puente Hills. No occurrences were documented on the Preserve at the time the Resource Management Plan was prepared, and iNaturalist data show only a few nearby observations, which are likely of planted individuals. The

Puente Hills Preserve is not dominated by the more resinous, oily chaparral plants species (e.g., chamise, ceanothus, redshanks, manzanitas) that are fire-adapted. Of those species, only chamise was identified as occurring, or having the potential to occur, on the Preserve at the time the RMP was prepared. If it does occur on the Preserve, it is rare.

- The NPS 2025 citation that is referenced describes chaparral that is a different composition than what occurs in the Puente Hills.

P 3-179

The document states “The area in and around the Puente Hills is highly susceptible to wildfire, with steep slopes, canyons, fire dependent ecology, and the presence of humans.”

- Per our other comments, please remove the term “fire-dependent ecology” when describing the Puente Hills. Since the vegetation is susceptible to fire, we suggest replacing this term with “fire-susceptible vegetation” or similar. The vegetation in the Puente Hills is not composed of the fire-adapted or fire-dependent chaparral dominated by species such as chamise, redshanks, ceanothus, or manzanita. “Fire dependent” implies that fire is needed to reproduce and is appropriately used when plants will only reproduce if fire is applied, however the species in the Puente Hills will reproduce on their own in the absence of fire.

P 4-203, under “ma-AH-WT-7”

“Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Authority” should be “Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority”

P 3-187, chart

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority is identified as a “Local Citizen Groups That Communicate Hazard Risks”. The agency is a local public government agency. Please consider reclassifying the agency as, “Local Government Agency That Communicates Hazard Risks”.

P 3-191

Measure PH is identified as local funding source in the document. Please note that Measure PH is not a grant source as is the other sources listed in the chart. Measure PH was approved by voters for the Habitat Authority to maintain adequate management levels

for its existing responsibilities for all properties in the hills at the discretion of its Board of Directors. However, if the city would like to partner on a project together, the Habitat Authority's funds may be able to be leveraged as matching or existing investments in the hills.

Mitigation Chart starting on p 4-199

Please consider the following ideas relating to general mitigation measures for this or future plans:

- Coordinating with the Habitat Authority for improved emergency notification and responses including firefighting and evacuation
- Improve public notices, infrastructure and non-internet/wireless as well as internet/wireless supported driven communication strategies regarding emergency evacuations (a concern expressed by some Eaton Fire survivors was that they did not have adequate notifications and some recommended outdoor warning systems such as sirens.)
- Improve education for residents regarding their defensible space clearing and low-cost retrofits to make homes safer. This may already be addressed in mitigation ma-WF-WT-39, "Development outreach program to push information to owners/tenants located in the Very High Fire Hazard Zone."
- Investigate installation of infrastructure or employing services to improve monitoring for structure fires and wildfires
- Investigate installation of water infrastructure including but not limited to hydrants, sprinklers and tanks, or equipment for fire-fighting capabilities along the WUI

## **Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority Correspondence Policy**

The following Authority Correspondence Policy formalizing existing practice and addressing time-sensitive matters is for consideration:

In the cases of routine correspondence, being those pertaining to operations or functioning of the Authority, and letters written after the Authority Board approves the general position regarding an issue, the Chair or Executive Director can proceed without having a draft approved by all Authority Directors. However, formal comment letters to any public agency or letters that address policy issues on which the Authority Directors have not yet taken a general position should be reviewed by the Authority Directors prior to the letter being sent.

The Executive Director with Chair approval, or the Chair, has the authority to send letters of support to public and private organizations on time-sensitive matters that support the mission of the Authority without having a draft approved by all Authority Directors. These letters should be consistent with the mission of the Authority and include, but are not limited to, comments on developments, policies or legislation that could affect the Authority.

# Additional Materials



Andrea Gullo  
Executive Director



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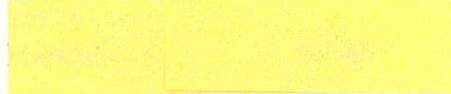
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February 10, 2026

Matthew Liang



Dear Mr. Liang:

The Habitat Authority would like to thank you for serving as a Citizens Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) member.

Your contribution of approximately three and one-half years of service is deeply valued! Your volunteerism, professionalism, support and dedication over these many years have helped the Habitat Authority with its continued efforts in preserving the local hills for wildlife and providing quality recreational opportunities for people. We'd especially like to recognize your commitment, engagement with the local community and contributions to the Committee discussions in furthering the agency's mission.

Thank you again. You will always be a part of the Habitat Authority family, and we hope our paths allow us to collaborate again.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sulic  
Chair, Board of Directors

cc: Board of Directors  
CTAC



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Shelley Andros

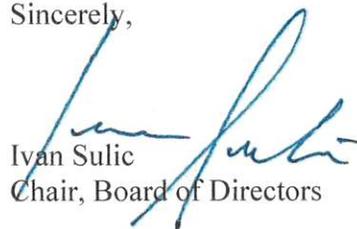
Dear Ms. Andros:

The Habitat Authority would like to thank you for serving as a Citizens Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) member.

Your contribution of approximately 16 years of service over a 23-year time-span is deeply valued! Your volunteerism, support and dedication over these many years have helped the Habitat Authority with its continued efforts in preserving the local hills for wildlife and providing quality recreational opportunities for people. We'd especially like to recognize your involvement with the foundational documents and processes of the agency. You attended many meetings representing the agency, assisted with quality checks of trailhead horse stepovers, volunteered for many events, and were a critical member of the subcommittee that advised on the Trails Plan. Your leadership, dedication, and contributions to the Committee in furthering the agency's mission is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again. You will always be a part of the Habitat Authority family, and we hope our paths allow us to collaborate again.

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February 17, 2026

John and Laurie Peel



Dear John and Laurie,

Thank you very much for your tax-deductible donation of \$500.00 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority.

On behalf of the Habitat Authority, I want to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generous contribution. Your support will help us address important unfunded needs, such as the purchase of wildlife cameras.

Your gift plays an important role in advancing the Habitat Authority's mission to preserve and protect the Puente Hills Preserve. Contributions like yours help ensure that the hills remain a thriving place for wildlife, their habitats, and the people who enjoy them.

We are truly grateful for your support. Thank you again for helping us continue this important work.

All the best,

**original signed**

Andrea Gullo  
Executive Director

## Daily Inspiration: Meet Ivan Sulic



Today we'd like to introduce you to Ivan Sulic.

**Alright, so thank you so much for sharing your story and insight with our readers. To kick things off, can you tell us a bit about how you got started?**

My path to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority really began through public service. I was appointed to the Habitat Authority by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who I've worked for for more than 14 years. When Supervisor Hahn was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2016, she asked me to serve as her Field Deputy for the Whittier area, where the majority of the Puente Hills Preserve is located.

The Habitat Authority itself was created over 30 years ago as a Joint Powers Authority, with the County of Los Angeles playing a key role in its formation. Through my work representing the Supervisor, I became deeply involved with the agency and its mission. In the early years, it was very much a learning experience, understanding the history of the Preserve, the vision of its founders, and the importance of habitat preservation in a region as urbanized as Los Angeles County.

Managing nearly 4,000 acres of open space comes with a unique responsibility. It requires balancing public access, thousands of residents use the trails every year, with the need to protect sensitive habitat, wildlife, and native plant species. Over time, that work became incredibly meaningful to me. When longtime leaders stepped away, I was honored to be asked to serve as Chair of the Board, a role I continue to take very seriously.

**Would you say it's been a smooth road, and if not what are some of the biggest challenges you've faced along the way?**

It definitely hasn't always been a smooth road. Personally, one of my biggest challenges early on was simply learning—learning the agency's history, its relationships with surrounding cities like Whittier, La Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights, and Rowland Heights,

and understanding what it truly means to be a habitat preservation agency rather than a traditional park.

From an organizational standpoint, funding has been one of our greatest challenges. Like many public agencies, our costs were increasing while revenues were not keeping pace. That reality pushed us to think differently. I championed placing Measure PH on the ballot, which ultimately passed with over 68% voter approval. That measure created a stable funding source to support fire prevention, ranger programs, and long-term stewardship of the Preserve.

Another major challenge has been balancing access and preservation, especially as trail usage surged, even before COVID. During the pandemic, outdoor spaces became one of the few places people could safely gather, which led to unprecedented use of the Preserve. While we want people to enjoy this open space, increased traffic also has real impacts on our local wildlife and habitat. Navigating that balance thoughtfully has been one of our most ongoing and important challenges while creating an opportunity to teach others how to be good stewards of the Preserve.

**Thanks – so what else should our readers know about your work and what you’re currently focused on?**

In addition to serving as Chair of the Habitat Authority, my primary role with Los Angeles County is as Supervisor Hahn’s Homeless and Housing Deputy. I work closely with colleagues across the county to address homelessness and housing affordability, two of the most complex challenges facing our region.

I also serve as an alternate board member for the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACASA) and sit on the Southeast Social Services Funding Authority, which oversees workforce development services for the greater Whittier area. I currently serve as Chair of that board as well.

Throughout my career, I’ve worn many hats, but the common thread has always been public service, working collaboratively, managing complex issues, and trying to make thoughtful decisions that improve quality of life for residents across our communities.

**Are there any important lessons you’ve learned that you can share with us?**

One of the most important lessons I’ve learned is the value of taking time before making decisions, especially when managing large, sensitive open spaces. Decisions made today can have ripple effects on wildlife, habitat, and surrounding communities for years to come.

I've learned that it's essential to look at all sides, listen carefully, and find balance rather than rushing to quick solutions. That mindset applies whether we're evaluating trail access, habitat restoration, or public safety measures.

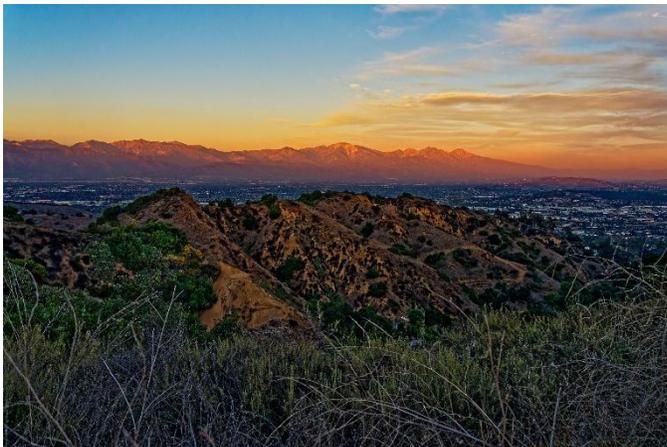
Coming from San Pedro, an area shaped by heavy industry like the Port of Los Angeles, stepping into the role of stewarding nearly 4,000 acres of preserved open space was eye-opening. It reinforced for me just how critical protected open spaces are not only for local communities, but for the health and resilience of the entire region. Preserving these lands for future generations is a responsibility I am honored to have.

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## MSN, 2.3.26

### Catalina Island's deer will be killed to restore its ecosystem

Story by Lila Seidman



One of Catalina's mule deer, brought to the island in the 1930s for game hunting. Under a new plan, all the deer will be killed in what conservationists say will help restore ecology on the island. ((Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times))

California wildlife officials [have approved a plan](#) to eradicate Catalina's entire deer population as part of a broader effort to restore the island ecosystem, sparking fierce opposition from an unusual coalition of hunters and animal welfare advocates.

Per the plan conceived by the Catalina Island Conservancy, professional hunters will shoot the island's non-native mule deer on the ground over four to five years.

The conservancy, which owns and manages 88% of the island, says getting rid of the deer is necessary to bring back the island's unique plants — including the [Catalina Island Mountain Mahogany](#), which may be the rarest tree in North America. That in turn would reduce wildfire risk, restore groundwater and allow other animals to thrive, according to the nonprofit.



A mule deer doe licks its fawn at a feral cat feeding station behind the Descanso Beach Club in Catalina Island's Avalon in 2023. ((Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times))© (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

"Nobody wants to kill animals. Obviously, that's not why we get into conservation work," said Lauren Dennhardt, the conservancy's senior director of conservation. "But we know

what's at stake here, and it's important for us to essentially do the right thing, to make sure that this island stays and gets even better for the future."

Despite the shift away from hunting from the air, many still don't want to see the deer culled. Last week, L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who represents much of the island, urged the California Fish and Wildlife Department to deny the permit needed to carry it out.

"This plan disregards the deeply held values of many Catalina residents and visitors," [Hahn said in a Jan. 26 letter](#). She called it "a drastic and inhumane approach" and said many who live on the island "cherish these deer."

She also highlighted a concern by L.A. County Fire Chief Anthony Marrone that killing off the deer — which reduce flammable material through grazing — could increase wildfire risk.



A Catalina Island fox stares at a mule deer fawn. ((Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times))© (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

"If we could direct the deer to just eat invasives, we would love to do that but, obviously, deer eat all vegetation," said Pepe Barton, communications director for the conservancy.

According to Barton, when deer munch on native plants, the plants are replaced by invasive grasses that dry out quickly and burn easily. Then, when a wildfire comes through and natives begin to regrow, they're chopped back down, creating a vicious cycle.

Hunting groups like Safari Club International and the California Rifle and Pistol Assn., as well as animal rights groups In Defense of Animals and the Humane Society, also oppose the hunt.

The deer have "provided a really great hunting opportunity in an area of Southern California where there's not a lot of big game hunting opportunities," said Regina Lennox, senior litigation counsel for Safari Club. "So this is really important to us."

She said there's "middle ground" where the deer are perhaps reduced, but not eliminated, so people can hunt and enjoy them. The group is exploring its legal options.

On Friday, a few days after Supervisor Hahn's request, the state wildlife department granted the conservancy's permit.



In 2023, a mule deer fawn watches its mother drink water at a feral cat feeding station behind the Descanso Beach Club in Avalon. ((Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times))© (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

In a statement, Jen Benedet, the department's acting deputy director of public affairs, said the decision was "based on a scientific and legal review of the application." The work is "intended to support the recovery and long-term health of native and endemic California species."

Catalina is part of the [Channel Islands archipelago](#), sometimes called the Galapagos of North America. Removing invasive species, including deer, has led to recovery on other islands, according to the conservancy's Dennhardt.

Unlike the other islands, owned by the federal government, Catalina is all state land. That means the state wildlife department is responsible for managing the deer. But it won't carry out the hunt.

Dennhardt said restoring the island will also involve ripping out invasive plants, cloning rare plant species and seeding the landscape with natives.

"The thing that we have to do before any of this is feasible at scale is to remove the mule deer," she said.

This story originally appeared in [Los Angeles Times](#).

## Habitat Authority purchases 5.5-acre open parcel in Heights to enhance wildfire safety efforts

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority completed the purchase in December of a 5.5-acre parcel of open space in La Habra Heights. The acquisition ensures permanent preservation and protection of the land and enhancement of critical wildfire resilience measures for surrounding communities.

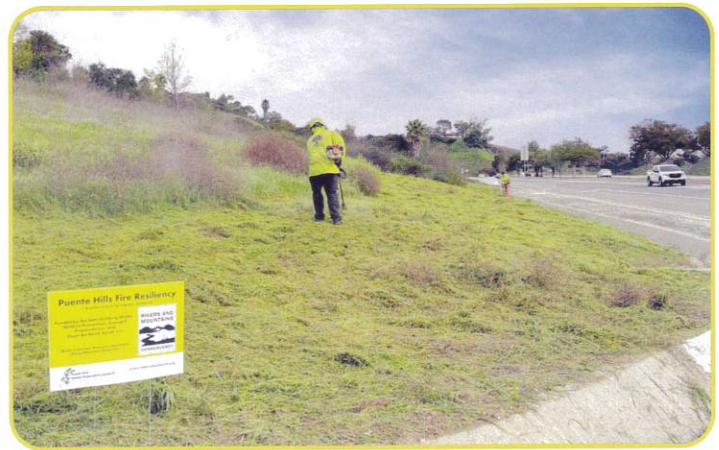
The parcel (in light green in the photo above) is just southeast of Fullerton Road. This acquisition adds to the Habitat Authority's Puente Hills Preserve and preserves the land as open space. The Habitat Authority plans to further protect the hills and surrounding communities with the development of a permanent strategic firebreak in the form of a trailhead on this parcel. The land will also serve as an emergency staging area.

The purchase was made possible with recent funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), a state agency. The funding supports the Habitat Authority's Puente Hills Fire Resiliency project, which enhances wildfire safety for the Puente Hills Preserve and the surrounding communities of Whittier, La Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights.

"This acquisition is a powerful example of what local and state partnerships can achieve for our communities," said Ivan Sulic, Chairperson of the Habitat Authority's board of directors. "By protecting this land forever, we're strengthening wildfire resilience, preserving critical habitat and ensuring that future generations can experience the beauty and natural diversity of the Puente Hills."

The state funding originates from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024. The three-year grant agreement, executed in August 2025, supports wildfire prevention and protection, wildfire prevention planning, biological consulting and contractor oversight, and land acquisition.

"This purchase represents a major step forward in our long-term strategy to safeguard both the Puente Hills Preserve and the people who live around it," said Andrea Gullo, Habitat Authority Executive Director. "With this new land, we're not only expanding protected open space, we're building real, lasting wildfire defenses that benefit the local community."



The Habitat Authority conducts annual targeted vegetation management and fuel reduction in the wildland-urban interface, areas where preserved open space meets residential neighborhoods. These efforts provide defensible space for first responders. This winter, the Habitat Authority has been using RMC grant funds to clear targeted areas throughout La Habra Heights to increase wildfire safety and preparedness in the community. This work is focused on long-term solutions that reduce fire danger while preserving the natural rural landscape that defines the community.

The Habitat Authority is also working on several other grant projects, including ordering a tactical 2,000 gallon firefighting water tender, home-hardening an Authority facility and long-term strategic fuel-management planning.

These wildfire resiliency efforts are not just about land stewardship, they are about protecting people, homes and critical infrastructure. Proactive land management helps firefighters do their jobs more safely and effectively while providing surrounding communities with greater peace of mind.

Since its establishment in 1994, the Habitat Authority has been preserving and protecting more than 3,800 acres of natural habitats of the Puente Hills area—including Hacienda Hills, Turnbull Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero and Powder Canyon—while also providing important recreational opportunities. Learn more at [habitatauthority.org](http://habitatauthority.org).

## WHITTIER DAILY NEWS

### Habitat Authority receives first Measure PH funds, dedicated to fire prevention, habitat protection

More than \$588, 500 will pay for a myriad projects in the Puente Hills Preserve



*Hiker walk on the Arroyo San Miguel trail in the Puente Hills Preserve. The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority, which manages the area, received the first of Measure PH funds on Jan. 20, the agency announced Monday, Feb. 2. The initial \$588,670 will go toward habitat protection, wildfire prevention, and rangers and trails support. (Photo courtesy of James Ellison/Habitat Authority)*

By [Anissa Rivera](#) | [arivera@scng.com](mailto:arivera@scng.com)

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The [Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority](#) received the first half of annual funding from voter-approved [Measure PH](#) on Jan. 20, the agency announced Monday, Feb. 2.

A total of \$588,670.05 has been collected to date, with the remaining expected to be collected between April and June.

The funds will go toward efforts to prevent wildfires, support ranger patrols, protect wildlife habitat and maintain trails for the more than 3,880 acres of open space the [Habitat Authority](#) manages.



“We know visitors cherish recreational areas like Turnbull Canyon, Hacienda Hills, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero, and Powder Canyon,” said Ivan Sulic, chair of the Habitat Authority’s board of directors. “With voters’ support, these beloved trails will continue to be responsibly cared for.”

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*A ranger goes over safety protocols along the Arroyo Pescadero with hikers in the Puente Hills Preserve in January 2024. (Photo courtesy of the Habitat Authority)*

Sulic hailed the funds disbursement as a major step toward protecting and preserving the Puente Hills, which more than two-thirds of voter supported in the November 2024 general election. Measure PH established a 1-cent per building square foot special tax, or about \$18 per year for the average homeowner.

The funds will pay for core safety and conservation services, including adding park ranger patrols for fire safety and emergency response, clearing hazardous brush, improving emergency access roads, reducing ignition sources related to illegal encampments and dumping, protecting sensitive habitats and restoring native species and repairing and maintain trailheads such as the Hacienda Hills, Turnbull Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero and Powder Canyon.

Andrea Gullo, executive director for the Habitat Authority, said the money will allow the agency to accomplish the measure’s goals.

“These dollars will let us facilitate the work voters said matters most: wildfire prevention clearance, keeping the Puente Hills a safe home for wildlife, and preserving open scenic spaces our children and grandchildren will inherit.”

Residents can further support the Habitat Authority’s work by joining a newly-established citizens’ Fiscal Oversight Advisory Committee, whose job it will be to verify funds are spent as promised. Applicants can find more information on the Habitat Authority’s website.

The new committee will review annual audits of the funds as well as public financial disclosures.

“With the collection of the Measure PH funding, resources for ranger services and our annual comprehensive wildland-urban vegetation clearance for wildfire prevention throughout the entire preserve is now secured,” Sulic said. “It will enable us to protect dozens of species that depend on the preserve, from mule deer and red-tailed hawks to

salamanders, along with the native plants that define this landscape, and support the work that voters clearly said they value.”

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority was established in 1994, and manages more than 3,800 acres of natural habitats of the Puente Hills area, including Hacienda Hills, Turnbull Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero, and Powder Canyon. As a Joint Powers Authority, it has a board of directors made up of the city of Whittier, Los Angeles County, the sanitation districts of Los Angeles County, and a member representing Hacienda Heights who is a member of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association.

## Mountain lions in Southern California get permanent, protective status from state commission

For the first time, puma populations, mostly in the south, are being listed as "threatened" by the California Fish and Game Commission



Mountain lion P-54's litter as seen in the Santa Monica Mountains in this undated photo. (photo by National Park Service).

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The imperiled mountain lions of Central and Southern California were granted permanent protection on Thursday, Feb. 12, by the California Fish and Game Commission.

By deeming six populations of pumas as "threatened" under the California Endangered Species Act, it will mean any entity proposing new developments or roads near mountain lion habitat must formulate a plan to mitigate the harm to these big cats.

It could also bring in funds for additional wildlife crossings to increase the mobility and safety of wildlife movement.

Already, the nearly \$100 million [Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing](#) being built over the 101 Freeway in Agoura Hills with mostly private dollars will enable penned-in mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains to cross safely into northern ranges. This will enable them to roam in a more expansive area, for food and to find mates in order to perpetuate the species.

Biologists are examining the possibility of building another crossing over the 5 Freeway in the area between Kern and northern Los Angeles County. Also, the status could generate dollars and support to help keep the wild cats [off the toll roads in Orange County and off I-15](#), where many are struck and killed by vehicles every year.

Two environmental groups, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Mountain Lion Foundation, [received a positive response to their nearly seven-year-old petition for more](#)

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[protections for six subsets of mountain lions](#). These cougars are located in the Santa Cruz Mountains, the Central Coast, Santa Monica Mountains, San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains, Santa Ana Mountains and Eastern Peninsular range in San Diego County.

Mountain lions need wide ranges to hunt, usually for deer, and for males to find unrelated females for breeding. These large felines are boxed in by freeways and when they dart across lanes of speeding traffic, they are usually killed, making vehicle strikes the leading cause of death. Secondly, they can get sick with weakened immune systems that can lead to death from eating small prey such as rats, mice and squirrels that have ingested rat poison left outside near wildlands, as the poison transfers into their systems.

This marks the first time California has recognized pumas as a threatened species. That presents a legal mandate for all state agencies to protect these six pockets of cougar populations, according to the Center for Biological Diversity.

“This is a major milestone for a California icon,” said Tiffany Yap, urban wildlands science director at the Center for Biological Diversity.

“Mountain lions are a marvel but too many across the Golden State and are struggling in the diminished and fractured wild places where they live. This state isn’t willing to stand back and watch our precious wildlife vanish forever,” Yap added.

The new status is a bittersweet development, signaling [these animals are in danger of extinction due to inbreeding](#) if nothing is done. But it also brings more attention to their plight and possibly more help.

“This is an epic win for California’s iconic big cats,” said Katie Nolan, Wild Animals campaigner for In Defense of Animals, an international animal protection group based in Marin County. Nolan, who spoke at the meeting Thursday, said in a statement: “Not only will protection give inherently valuable individuals a much-needed lifeline, it will have a cascading impact that will improve biodiversity.”

Mountain lions in these locations face multiple threats, from badly planned development, widespread use of rat poison, car strikes when crossing highways, wildfire and disease.



### **National Park Service**

This November 2014 photo provided by the National Park Service shows the Griffith Park mountain lion known as P-22. He died on Dec. 17, 2022. (National Park Service, via AP, File)

Southern Californians fell in love with P-22, a mountain lion that crossed two freeways, only to end up in Griffith Park, a city of Los Angeles park with trails, wild areas, but also with playgrounds, kitty rides and the Griffith Observatory.

P-22 was the only wild cat to live in a city park. He lived there for 10 years, until disease and being hit by a car caused him to be so ill that [he was euthanized on Dec. 17, 2022. A celebration of his life was held at the Greek Theater in Griffith Park](#) a few months later, the first public memorial service for a wild animal in Los Angeles history.

“I’m celebrating this vote as a new chapter for pumas and I hold so much hope for their future,” said Yap.