

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

March 18, 2025, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

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

LOCATION:

Whittier Senior Center: 13225 Walnut St., Whittier, CA 90602.

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

Members of the public may provide electronic comments by Monday, March 17, 2025, by 4:00 p.m. to info@habitatauthority.org. Please label the email in the subject heading as “Public Comments.” Public comments may also be verbally heard during item III of the meeting.

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Pursuant to Section 54954 of the Government Code, the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Authority) will hold a regular meeting of the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) at the above time and location for the purpose of:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order.
- II. Roll call.
- III. Public comments.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for the January 14, 2025 Advisory Committee Meeting.
- V. Standing Reports:

- a) Report by the Board Liaison on previous Authority's Board of Directors meeting.
- b) Committee Member feedback from the public as it relates to the Authority.
- VI. Discussion, receive and file the Authority's fiscal year 2024-25 mid-year budget report.
- VII. Discussion and recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into a contract with North Star Land Care for the annual fuel clearance within the Authority's Preserve in Whittier and Hacienda Heights, in an amount of \$100,000 for a possible five-year total of \$552,563.13, and to amend the Authority budget accordingly.
- VIII. Discussion regarding possible planning for Authority Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- IX. Review, receive and file an update on the completed 60-acre Southern California Edison Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Off-Site Mitigation Restoration.
- X. Review, receive and file an update on the completed 15-acre Monterey Park Market Place Off-site Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration Project, Puente Hills Preserve, La Habra Heights, Los Angeles County.
- XI. Review, receive and file an update on an article to be published in September 2025 in The Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society regarding the effects of goat grazing on invasive plant cover and fuel loads.
- XII. Closing remarks (Comments/questions from Committee Members and/or Executive Director).
- XIII. Adjournment and announcement of the next meeting.

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

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Minutes

PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY
CITIZENS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2025

The meeting of the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut Ave, Whittier, CA 90602.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Andros called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL.

A roll call was taken, and there was a quorum at this time.

Members Present:

Matthew Liang	County of Los Angeles
Bryan Coreas*	County of Los Angeles
Catherine Houwen, Vice Chair	La Habra Heights
Adam Nazaroff	La Habra Heights
Shelley Andros, Chair	Whittier
Michelle Pekko-Seymoure	Whittier

*Arrived after roll call

Members Absent:

Vacant	County of Los Angeles
Roy Francis	La Habra Heights
Dr. Janis Cavanaugh	Whittier

Authority Representatives Present:

Ivan Sulic, Chair of the Board of Directors
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director
Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Steve Huber from Whittier Area Audubon shared information regarding their last monthly hike conducted at Sycamore Canyon including that there were over 40 species of birds, the highlight being a Green-tailed Towhee which is the first sighting of this species in the canyon to date.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR, AND SELECTION OF BOARD LIAISON.

Executive Director Gullo explained the rotation of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Board Liaison.

Vice Chair Houwen motioned to nominate Member Nazaroff as Chair. Chair Andros seconded the motion and, in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Coreas motioned to nominate Member Liang as Vice Chair. Member Pekko-Seymoure seconded the motion and, in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Andros motioned to nominate Member Houwen as Board Liaison. Vice Chair Liang seconded the motion and, in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 19, 2024, ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.

Vice Chair Liang motioned to approve the November 19, 2024 minutes as drafted. Member Houwen seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. STANDING REPORTS:

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

Member Houwen, Board Liaison, provided the report for the November Board meeting.

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

Member Houwen provided information at the La Habra Heights City Council Meeting regarding recent trail closures due to red flag conditions.

Given the heightened state of anxiety over the wildfires in other areas of the County, Member Coreas complimented agency staff on the recent social media messaging with information on red flag conditions.

Chair Navaroff expressed concern that e-dirt bikes may be negatively impacting the recently repaired Worsham Canyon Trail.

VII. DISCUSSION, RECEIVE AND FILE THE AUTHORITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 END OF THE YEAR BUDGET REPORT.

There was discussion, and the item was then received and filed.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT IT AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP (LSL) FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,200, AND AMEND THE AUTHORITY BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

Vice Chair Liang motioned to recommend to the Board of Directors to authorize Executive Director Gullo to execute a contract with Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP for accounting services in the amount of \$11,200, and amend the Authority budget accordingly. Member Coreas seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IX. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT IT ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL TAX ELECTION, DETERMINING THE VALIDITY OF PRIOR PROCEEDINGS, AND DIRECTING THE RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX LIEN; AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2024-01 (PUENTE HILLS PRESERVE PROTECTION).

Blair Aas from SCI Consulting Group provided a verbal overview.

Member Coreas motioned to recommend to the Board of Directors to adopt Resolution No. 2025-01 and introduce Ordinance No. 2025-01. Member Andros seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

X. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT IT AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH SCI CONSULTING GROUP FOR FIVE-YEAR TERM ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2024-01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,200.

Blair Aas from SCI Consulting Group answered Committee Member questions.

Member Coreas motioned to recommend to the Board of Directors to authorize Executive Director Gullo to execute a contract with SCI Consulting Group in the amount of \$176,200. Member Pekko-Seymoure seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

XI. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEND THE DRAFT LETTER TO THE LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT REGARDING REGIONAL FIRE SAFETY.

Member Andros motioned to recommend to the Board of Directors to send the draft letter to the La Habra Heights County Water District regarding regional fire safety. Member Houwen seconded the motion, and in a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Member Coreas reiterated that he liked the fire education posts the Authority has put out on social media and felt they were responsive to current events. He mentioned that sharing additional information on fire prevention activities the Authority has conducted would be good information to add to the website.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING.

There being no further comments or business to discuss, Chair Navaroff adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on February 18, 2025.

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

Prepared by: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item VI. Discussion, receive and file the Authority's fiscal year 2024-25 mid-year budget report.

Background:

Attached is the Authority's fiscal year 2024-25 mid-year budget report for expenses and revenues posted through the end of December. The operating budget was approved by the Board on June 12, 2024 in the amount of \$1,184,521 for revenue and \$1,184,521 for expenses. Several amendments were approved which are reflected in the budget. New totals are \$1,184,521 for revenue and \$1,288,656 for expenditures.

As of December 31, 2024, \$396,021 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 \$632,347.

The mitigation restoration budget for FY 24-25 is \$862,368 and \$320,140 had been expended as of the end of December 2024. The grants expenditure budget for FY 24-25 is \$578,255 and \$161,675 has been expended. These funds are provided by state agencies, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and CalFire on a reimbursable basis, as well as Caltrans which is not on a reimbursable basis. The Caltrans funding was provided upfront. The majority of the work will occur in the spring and be invoiced thereafter.

The beginning cash (not accrual) balance at the start of this fiscal year was \$6.2 million. As of the end of December 2024, the cash balance of agency funds in the County pool was \$9.7 million. The increase is because the six-month \$3.9 million investment in the agency portfolio was called. At least \$6.4 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.

Recommendation:

Receive and file the Authority fiscal year 2024-25 mid-year budget report.

Attachment:

FY 24-25 Mid-year budget report.

FY 2024-2025 Budget
Mid-Year

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		Approved FY 24-25 Budget			Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Projected Actuals				
				A	B	C	D = B+C	E = B/A	D = D/A
		APPROVED FY 24/25 Budget	Budget Amendments	FINAL AMENDED FY 24/25 BUDGET	YTD Actuals (as of December 2024)	Additional Projected through 06/30/25	Forecasted 2025	YTD Actuals % of FY 2025 Budget Rev	Forecasted FYE % of FY 2025 Budget Rev
Operating Budget:									
SPI earnings (endowment)	53874	\$ 858,000		\$ 858,000	484,978	\$ 373,022	\$ 858,000	57%	100%
Interest from Treasury Pool Deposits	53874	177,483		177,483	125,813	51,670	177,483	71%	100%
La Habra Heights historic oil	53874	70,000		70,000	19,655	40,000	59,655	28%	85%
MRCA tickets /educational program	53874	15,000		15,000	-	15,000	15,000	0%	100%
Reimbursement of Expense	53874	7,761		7,761	522	-	522	7%	7%
Donations	53874	-		-	1,378		1,378	0%	0%
Transfer of Mitigation Personnel	53874	28,858		28,858	-	28,858	28,858	0%	100%
Transfer of Mitigation Ranger Services	53874	27,419		27,419	-	27,419	27,419	0%	100%
Total Revenue		\$ 1,184,521	\$ -	\$ 1,184,521	\$ 632,347	\$ 535,969	\$ 1,168,316	53%	99%
Expenses:									
Ranger Services and Property Management	53874	\$ 396,395	\$ 20,720	\$ 417,115	\$ 10,785	\$ 385,610	\$ 396,395	3%	95%
Payroll (Personnel - General Services)	53874	429,062		429,062	213,835	215,228	429,062	50%	100%
Site Mitigation/Access Fees - Use of Restricted Reserves	53874	-	83,415	83,415	55,671	27,744	83,415	67%	100%
Other Insurance Premiums	53874	93,000		93,000	6,047	86,953	93,000	7%	100%
Legal Services	53874	84,460		84,460	25,330	59,130	84,460	30%	100%
Fiscal Agent Services	53874	32,000		32,000	8,000	24,000	32,000	25%	100%
Utilities (water, phones, internet, etc)	53874	40,557		40,557	13,213	14,000	27,213	33%	67%
Treas-Tax Collector Services	53874	18,000		18,000	8,816	9,184	18,000	49%	100%
Office Rent (Building Rentals)	53874	1		1	1	-	1	100%	100%
Technical	53874	65,210		65,210	40,363	24,847	65,210	62%	100%
Audit Fees	53874	5,500		5,500	510	4,991	5,500	9%	100%
Street bond	53874	5,836		5,836	5,836	0	5,836	100%	100%
Educational Services	53874	3,600		3,600	1,669	5,008	6,677	46%	185%
Office Supplies-General	53874	3,100		3,100	1,997	3,993	5,990	64%	193%
Printing Services	53874	1,000		1,000	-	1,000	1,000	0%	100%
Signs & Related Supplies	53874	1,500		1,500	161	1,339	2,500	11%	167%
Automotive Maintenance	53874	1,500		1,500	1,785	-	1,785	119%	119%
Permit & License Fees	53874	200		200	-	200	200	0%	100%
Auto Mileage	53874	250		250	-	250	250	0%	100%
Miscellaneous (GIS, Resr. Misc.)	53874	1,050		1,050	-	1,050	1,050	0%	100%
Postage	53874	500		500	2	498	500	0%	100%
Traveling Expense (local meetings)	53874	150		150	65	195	260	43%	173%
Publications & Legal Notices	53874	1,000		1,000	-	1,000	1,000	0%	100%
Auto Service	53874	500		500	303	303	607	61%	121%
Publications & Periodicals	53874	150		150	70	80	150	47%	100%
Computers	53874	-		-	1,562	-	1,562	0%	0%
Total Expenses		\$ 1,184,521	\$ 104,135	\$ 1,288,656	\$ 396,021	\$ 866,601	\$ 1,263,622	31%	98%
Change In Position		\$ (0)		\$ (104,135)	\$ 236,326	\$ (330,632)	\$ (95,306)	-227%	92%

Mitigation Costs	Unit #	Proposed FY 24-25 Budget	Budget Amendments	FINAL AMENDED FY 24/25 BUDGET	YTD Actuals (as of December 2024)	Additional Projected through 06/30/25	Forecasted 2025	YTD Actuals % of FY 2025 Budget Rev	Forecasted FYE % of FY 2025 Budget Rev
Consultant Services (Mitigation) SCE	53879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,203	\$ -	\$ 18,203	100%	100%
Consultant Services (Mitigation) OLINDA	53880	87,497		87,497	46,918	40,579	87,497	54%	100%
Consultant Services (Mitigation) Brea 57/Lambert	53881	31,451		31,451	11,250	20,201	31,451	36%	100%
Consultant Services (Mitigation) Turnbull Enhancement	53874	11,773		11,773	-	11,773	11,773	0%	100%
Consultant Services (Mitigation) Metro Heights	53932	669,992		669,992	232,449	437,543	669,992	100%	100%
Utilities (mitigation) SCE	53879	-		-	5,561	5,561	11,122	100%	0%
Utilities (mitigation) OLINDA	53880	-		-	1,242	1,242	2,484	100%	100%
Utilities (mitigation) Brea 57/Lbt	53881	-		-	1,101	1,101	2,202	100%	100%
Utilities (mitigation) Metro Heights	53932	5,377		5,377	3,416	3,416	6,831	0%	0%
Transfers - Personnel (Olinda)	53880	12,462		12,462	-	12,462	12,462	0%	100%
Transfers - Personnel (Brea 57)	53881	11,965		11,965	-	11,965	11,965	0%	100%
Transfers - Personnel (Mitigation) Metro Heights	53932	4,432		4,432	-	4,432	4,432	0%	100%
Transfers - Ranger Services (Olinda)	53880	12,251		12,251	-	12,251	12,251	0%	100%
Transfers - Ranger Services (Brea 57)	53881	8,167		8,167	-	8,167	8,167	0%	100%
Transfers - Ranger Services (Metro Heights)	53932	7,001		7,001	-	7,001	7,001	0%	100%
Total Mitigation Expenses		\$ 862,368	\$ -	\$ 862,368	\$ 320,140	\$ 577,694	\$ 897,834	37%	104%

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FY 24/25 Grants:									
CalFire Grant (multi-year)									
CalFire Grant Revenue	53882	\$ 240,000.00	\$ -	\$ 240,000.00	-	240,000	240,000	0%	100%
CalFire Grant Expenditure									
Goats and Fuel Reduction	53882	(20,000.00)		(20,000.00)	(20,390)	-	(20,390)	102%	102%
Payroll Costs (Overhead)	53882	(3,944.00)		(3,944.00)	(6,560)	-	(6,560)	166%	166%
RMC Grant Round 2									
RMC Grant Revenue	53883	\$ 64,910.00		\$ 64,910.00	-	64,910	64,910	0%	100%
RMC Grant Expenditure									
Payroll Costs (Overhead)	53883	-		-	(4,588)	-	(4,588)	100%	100%
Fuel Reduction	53883	(43,710.00)		(43,710.00)	(36,883)	(6,827)	(43,710)	84%	100%
Caltrans									
Caltrans Grant Revenue	53884	\$ -		\$ -	-	-	-	0%	0%
Caltrans Grant Expenditure									
Ranger and associated costs	53884	(130,601.00)		(130,601.00)	-	(130,601)	(130,601)	0%	100%
Property Management		(200,000.00)		(200,000.00)	(12,217)	(187,783)	(200,000)	6%	100%
Utilities		(10,000.00)		(10,000.00)	(4,436)	(5,564)	(10,000)	44%	100%
City M&S									
City M&S Revenue	53888	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 60,000.00		60,000	60,000	0%	100%
City M&S Grant Expenditure									
City M&S Property Management	53888	(54,307.00)		(54,307.00)	(10,768)	(43,539)	(54,307)	20%	100%
City M&S Utilities		(5,693.00)		(5,693.00)	(2,592)	(3,101)	(5,693)	46%	100%
Turnbull M&S									
Turnbull M&S Revenue	53889	\$ 90,000		\$ 90,000.00	13,644	76,356	90,000	15%	100%
Turnbull M&S Grant Expenditure									
Turnbull M&S Property Management	53889	(90,000.00)		(90,000.00)	(62,168)	(27,832)	(90,000)	69%	100%
Sycamore M&S									
Sycamore M&S Revenue		\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000.00	-	20,000	20,000	0%	0%
Sycamore M&S Property Management	53930	(20,000.00)		(20,000.00)	(1,072)	(18,928)	(20,000)	0%	0%
Total Revenue		\$ 474,910	\$ -	\$ 474,910	\$ 13,644	\$ 461,266	\$ 474,910	3%	100%
Total Expenses		\$ (578,255)	\$ -	\$ (578,255)	\$ (161,675)	\$ (424,174)	\$ (585,849)	28%	101%

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

Prepared by: Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist

Through: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item: **VII. Discussion and recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into a contract with North Star Land Care for the annual fuel clearance within the Authority's Preserve in Whittier and Hacienda Heights, in an amount of \$100,000 for a possible five-year total of \$552,563.13, and to amend the Authority budget accordingly.**

Background:

In February, the Authority solicited proposals for fuel modification (weed abatement) services for the properties managed in Whittier and Hacienda Heights with the contract term starting on April 1. This solicitation was specifically for hand clearance services, as the mechanical clearance work for these properties is contracted separately. The solicitation advertised for a contract term of one year, plus the option to renew annually up to five years total. A mandatory video call and job walk were held, resulting in the following three proposals that were received by the March 6th deadline:

Company	Year 1 \$	Hourly crew \$	Total 5 Years \$
Mariposa Tree Management, Inc.	191,700	340*	1,027,985.00
North Star Land Care	100,000	222**	552,563.13
California Arborist Complete Tree Care, Inc.	64,800 [§]	88 [†]	344,031.00 [§]

*Three-member crew (\$85/hr) + one supervisor (\$85/hr).

**Five-member crew (\$35/hr) + one supervisor (\$47/hr).

[†]This number was provided by the contractor; should be **\$211** based on the crew member rates provided for a four-member crew (\$41/hr) + one supervisor (\$47/hr).

[§]Quote is missing costs for four exhibits (i.e., clearance areas).

All proposals received met the minimum contractor qualifications set forth in the solicitation, including five years of experience conducting fuel abatement work at the urban-wildland interface for contract amounts of \$50,000 or more, or other similar demonstrable experience (references were required); ability to conduct tree removal work or subcontract for such work; ability to meet minimum limits of insurance coverage; experience with prevailing wage; compliance with all California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) requirements; and possession of appropriate licenses. The lowest cost proposal did not demonstrate a clear understanding of the scope of work as evidenced by the absence of quotes provided for four of the exhibits and an inaccurate crew rate (see chart above). The mid-cost proposal submitted by North Star Land Care is recommended.

According to Section 2-1 of the Authority's Purchasing Policy, contracts over \$25,000 need Board approval. According to Section 4-2, the procurement of services such as maintenance shall be based on demonstrated competence, the professional qualifications necessary for satisfactory performance of the required services, and a fair and reasonable price.

North Star Land Care holds the current fuel modification hand clearance contract for the Whittier and Hacienda Heights properties which expires on March 31, 2025. Staff have been satisfied with the services that they have provided over the term of the contract, and they have stayed within budget. If renewed, the new contract amount would increase 5% annually for a five-year total amount of \$552,563. Upon execution of the contracts, work is expected to begin no earlier than the last week of April/first week of May.

Additional Background:

The Authority Board has made a commitment to conduct fuel clearance on properties it owns and manages. All clearance is between 100 to 200 feet from adjacent structures, and along emergency access routes. The vast majority of clearance efforts are over 150 feet. Clearance is inspected by the County of Los Angeles' Agricultural Weights and Measures Department, Weed Abatement Division. The goal with the annual clearance efforts is to minimize fire hazards, especially ladder fuels. Wildfire prevention is multifaceted involving many agencies and efforts of private residences (ignition prevention, fuel management, modeling, evacuation plans, local and regional wildfire/hazard plans, water infrastructure, development standards/codes, home hardening, financial support, etc.).

Attached is a map of the overall clearance area for the Whittier and Hacienda Heights area of the Authority's Puente Hills Preserve. The scope of work this year has been expanded from the previous year by Authority staff at eight locations to address specific areas that need additional clearance efforts.

Fiscal Impact:

The current Authority operating budget allocated \$200,000 for fuel modification services. Approval of this contract would bring the annual fuel clearance costs to \$210,000. An amendment to the budget to cover these costs using Caltrans grant funds is requested.

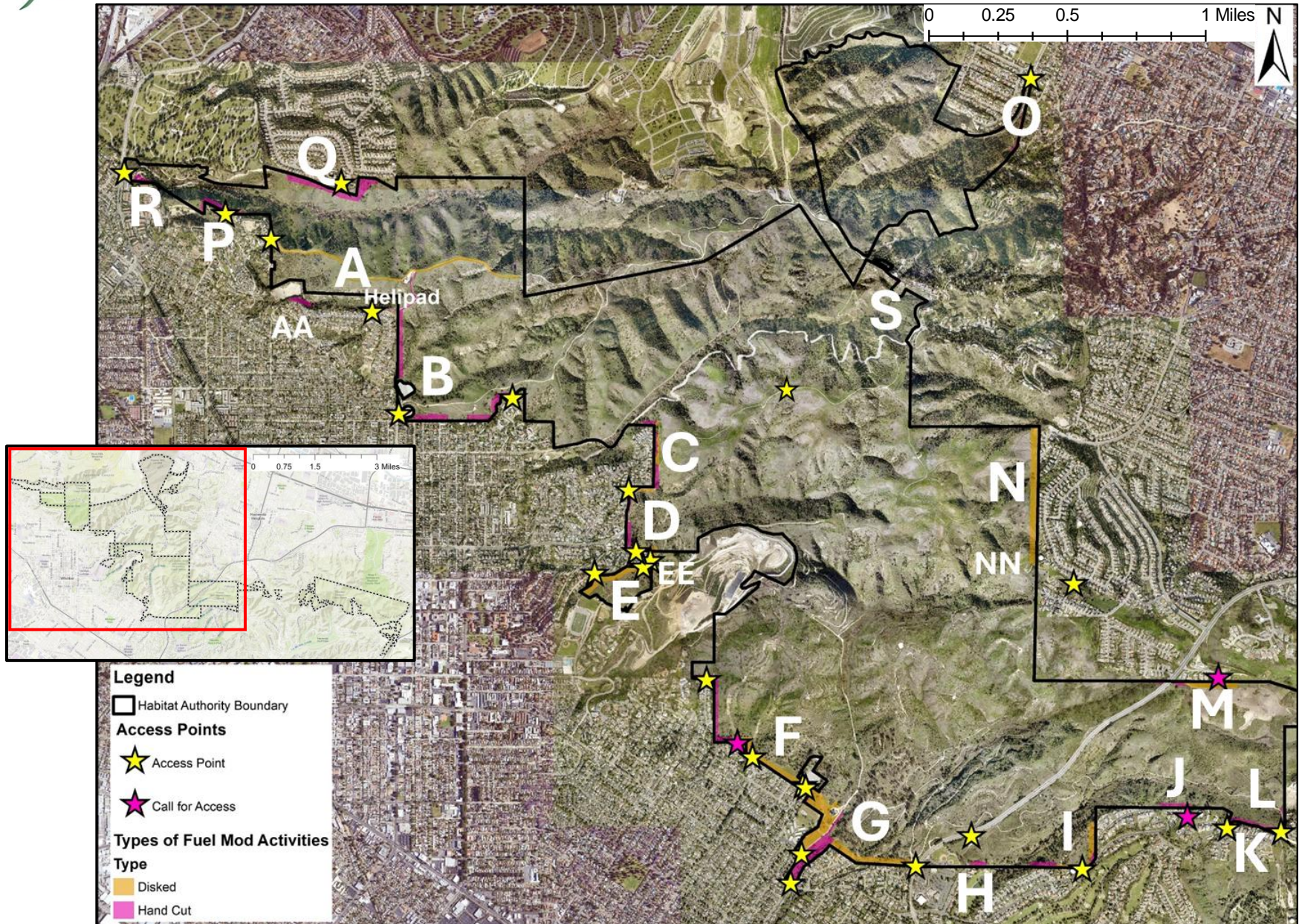
Recommendation:

That the Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that they authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with North Star Land Care in the amount of in an amount of \$100,000 for a possible five-year total of \$552,563.13, and to amend the Authority budget accordingly.

Whittier/Hacienda Heights Fuel Modification Zones

Puente Hills Preserve

CTAC item VII



MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

Prepared by: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item VIII. Discussion regarding possible planning for Authority Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Background:

Staff have been investigating development of the Authority's first Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), in response to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). DMA 2000 requires state and local governments (including joint powers authorities) to prepare mitigation plans to document their mitigation planning process, and identify hazards, potential losses, mitigation needs, goals, and strategies.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide, a LHMP provides a foundation of a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction and repetitive damage. FEMA supports local mitigation planning to achieve the following:

- Foster partnerships among all levels of government.
- Develop and strengthen non-governmental and private partnerships.
- Promote more disaster-resilient and sustainable communities.
- Reduce the costs associated with disaster response and recovery by promoting mitigation activities.

Additionally, having a LHMP could allow for grant funding to address hazard preventions such as wildfire cameras and mitigation activities such as habitat restoration after a fire. Federal regulations require public jurisdictions to maintain a FEMA-approved LHMP in order to be eligible for post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds.

On February 25, staff solicited proposals from three reputable companies for services to develop a FEMA-approved HMP and one company replied. The cost would be \$60,000 to develop a plan. The plan is required to be updated every five years. Staff continues to research and explore the benefits of a LHMP relevant to the Authority, as well as grants to pursue development of a LHMP should the Board of Directors chose to move forward with one. More information is expected to be provided for discussion at the CTAC meeting.

Recommendation:

None. This is a discussion item.

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

Prepared by: Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist

Through: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item: **IX. Review, receive and file an update on the completed 60-acre Southern California Edison Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Off-Site Mitigation Restoration.**

Background:

In 2009, the Habitat Authority retained legal counsel, Johnson and Hanson LLP, in attempts to have Southern California Edison's (SCE) environmental document address impacts to the Preserve from installation of new transmission lines, removal or upgrading of existing lines, and other construction activities to support the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Project). Attempts to change the environmental document were not successful. Shortly thereafter, conversations with SCE began that involved consolidating most of their habitat mitigation requirements from Project segments 7 and 8 onto the Habitat Authority's Puente Hills Preserve.

During meetings that occurred in the later part of 2013, SCE offered several options to mitigate impacts related to their Project with the Habitat Authority. Based on guidance from the Board, Habitat Authority staff communicated their preference to have all the compensatory mitigation conducted on Habitat Authority land rather than land donation.

In December 2015, the Authority entered into an agreement with SCE to restore 60 acres of native habitat on Authority-owned land in Powder Canyon within La Habra Heights. Of those 60 acres, 53 acres are Coastal Sage Scrub habitat, 3.5 acres are walnut woodland, and 3.5 acres are oak woodland. The restoration project also involved tree mitigation for blue elderberry, coast live oak, holly-leaved cherry, Southern California black walnut, and toyon. Placement of a conservation easement on the Coastal Sage Scrub mitigation areas was completed prior to restoration commencement and was

finalized between the Habitat Authority, the Watershed Conservation Authority, and the

United States Fish and Wildlife Service in 2016. Site preparation activities, including irrigated grow-and-kill weed management, were conducted for two years (September 2016 to December 2018) prior to plant installation. The majority of container plants and seed were installed between November 2018 and January 2019, with additional purple sage plants being installed in April 2019. Regular maintenance occurred following plant installation and included weeding of nonnative species as needed. The site was irrigated until spring 2022 to ensure successful plant establishment.

In September 2024, Land IQ, the restoration project's contracted ecological consulting firm, prepared the fifth annual monitoring report which documented the establishment of the habitat and conformance with all established performance standards based on vegetation data collected in the restoration areas. The Authority and SCE submitted this report to the regulatory agencies involved with oversight, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and USFWS, with a request for project sign-off. Later that month, Authority staff coordinated a site visit with SCE and USFWS staff, at which time they were pleased with the success of the site. The Authority received sign-off letters from CPUC in December 2024 and USFWS in January 2025 confirming that all mitigation terms and conditions have been met, and both agencies deemed the mitigation successful. Therefore, there are no further monitoring obligations related to this site, the project has been successfully completed, and long-term management of the site will commence following guidelines outlined in the Long-term Management Program developed for the project.

Fiscal Impact:

Costs for this mitigation project remained within the anticipated budget. The Authority received \$6.9 million from SCE to complete the restoration project which included restoration costs, funding for staff time, contingency funds for unforeseen risks and liabilities, and a conservation easement fee. A federally regulated long-term endowment, funded by SCE, for management of the 53 acres of Coastal Sage Scrub habitat associated with this project in perpetuity is held by the San Diego Foundation (SDF) in favor of the Habitat Authority. It is expected to annually generate \$39,877 plus projected inflation. The project budget is being finalized while the remaining invoices are being processed.

Recommendation:

None. This is a receive and file item.

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

Prepared by: Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist

Through: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item: **X. Review, receive and file an update on the completed 15-acre Monterey Park Market Place Off-site Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration Project, Puente Hills Preserve, La Habra Heights, Los Angeles County.**

Background:

Fifteen acres of newly restored native habitat in Powder Canyon has been officially completed and approved by Authority staff and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). This 15-acre habitat site will be regulated in perpetuity by the USFWS as part of a project-specific long-term management program.

In February 2017, the Authority entered into an agreement with Monterey Park Retail Partners, LLC (MPRP) to finance the restoration of 15 acres of native Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS) habitat on Authority-owned land in Powder Canyon within La Habra Heights. This restoration was required of MPRP as mitigation for impacts to CSS habitat associated with the development of a 62-acre commercial retail development in the City of Monterey Park, California. Placement of a conservation easement on the restoration areas was completed prior to restoration commencement and was finalized between the Habitat Authority and the Watershed Conservation Authority (the conservation easement holder) in February 2019. Site preparation activities began in September 2017 and included eucalyptus tree removal and goat grazing. Irrigated grow-and-kill weed management was conducted for two years prior to plant installation. Container plants and seed were installed between March and April 2019, and remedial seed was applied to underperforming areas (approx. 3 ac) in February 2022. Regular maintenance occurred following plant installation and included weeding of nonnative species, as needed. To ensure successful plant establishment, the majority of the site was irrigated until December 2021 and the remedially seeded area was irrigated until April 2022. Annual reports generated by the project's contracted ecological consulting firm (LSA) detailing the project's status and compliance were reviewed and approved by Authority staff and the USFWS.

In November 2024, LSA prepared the fifth annual monitoring report which documented the establishment of the habitat and conformance with all established performance standards based on vegetation data collected in the restoration areas. After review and concurrence by the Authority and MPRP, the report was submitted in December to the regulatory agency involved with oversight, USFWS, with a request for project sign-off. The Authority received a formal sign-off letter from USFWS in February 2025 confirming that all mitigation terms and conditions have been met and releasing the site to the long-term stewardship of the Authority. Long-term management of the site will now commence following guidelines outlined in the Long-term Management Program developed for the project.

Fiscal Impact:

As this was a Permittee-Implemented Mitigation project, the restoration and contractor expenses were entirely financed and overseen by Monterey Park Retail Partners. The Authority initially received \$300,000 in access fees and \$115,000 for staff/ranger oversight from MPRP. A federally regulated long-term endowment, funded by MPRP, is held by the San Diego Foundation (SDF) in favor of the Habitat Authority. It is expected to annually generate \$27,153 plus projected inflation for site-specific management of the 15 acres of CSS habitat associated with this project as required by the long-term management program, in perpetuity. Going forward, the Authority will be generating annual reports for the USFWS, and the conservation easement holder will also be inspecting and reporting on the site annually.

Recommendation:

None. This is a receive and file item.

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

To: Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

Prepared by: Michelle Mariscal, Ecologist

Through: Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

Agenda Item: **XI. Review, receive and file an update on an article to be published in September 2025 in The Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society regarding the effects of goat grazing on invasive plant cover and fuel loads.**

Summary:

Authority staff partnered with Whittier College to produce a peer-reviewed article demonstrating that goat grazing leads to a short-term reduction in fuel loads for fire prevention and can help reduce invasive species cover when timed appropriately.

Background:

During fiscal year 2020-21, the Authority was awarded a \$617,862 grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Fire Prevention Grants Program to fund activities that would reduce the wildfire fuel load in the Puente Hills Preserve. Funding to introduce goat grazing to this site for two years was a component of that grant-funded work. Staff identified an area in the southern portion of Turnbull Canyon with an accumulation of dead thatch material and predominantly non-native weed cover that was suitable for goat grazing to reduce wildfire fuel load. Given this area's proximity to Turnbull Canyon Road and recreational trails, it had a history of being wildfire prone and several fires have occurred here over the past few decades. The proposed grazing project was reviewed for compliance with the Significant Ecological Areas Program by County of Los Angeles staff in May 2021.

The area was grazed by a herd of 75-200 goats during May-July 2022 and again during June-October 2023. The goats were contained within an electrified fence and excluded from any areas that were deemed ecologically sensitive. They were also accompanied by one pair of livestock guardian dogs for protection.

The deployment of goats on the Preserve provided an opportunity for staff to partner with Anna Bowen, PhD, from Whittier College, to assess the effects of goat grazing on invasive

plant cover and wildfire fuel loads. Dr. Bowen and her students collected vegetation data before and after goat grazing both years, as well as in adjacent control plots where grazing did not occur. They also collected goat pellets to assess, via a greenhouse trial, the potential for seeds of certain invasive plants to remain viable after passing through the goats' digestive system, which is a concern for the Authority and other land managers when contracting with goat herds that are moved between different areas.

The results of this study indicate that grazing during the first year was effective for reducing the cover of invasive species compared to the ungrazed control area, however this reduction did not carry over into the following spring when heavy rainfall and the presence of a significant weed seedbank resulted in rapid invasive species germination. There was limited evidence that two consecutive years of grazing, if not timed to occur prior to seed set, effectively reduced invasive cover. This suggests that multiple years of grazing with carefully controlled timing is necessary for effective invasive species control. While goats reduced fine fuel loads based on visual assessments, the data collected in the grazing areas did not support short-term grazing as a long-term solution for reducing wildfire fuel loads based on the height of standing dry vegetation and inconsistent reduction of litter biomass across the grazed area. This result is likely due to this grazing project's implementation and constraints (i.e., timing, stocking density, and active herd management). From the pellets collected to assess germination potential, only a single invasive species germinated, indicating low viability after digestion and thus low likelihood of invasive species being introduced from other locations when the herd is transported. Overall, goats proved to be beneficial for reducing invasive species cover, and they were positively viewed by Preserve visitors as a more environmentally friendly option than mechanical and manual clearance by hand crews. However, we learned that topography restricts where goats can realistically be deployed, despite marketing claims that promote them as a solution for brush clearance in steep terrain; timing of grazing is crucial if there is a habitat enhancement goal; and managing the logistics of goat deployment requires more staff resources than hand clearance.

A manuscript detailing the findings of this study was written by Whittier College researchers, who collected and analyzed the data, and Authority staff. It was submitted to the Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society, the oldest botanical journal of the Americas. A copy of the article will be provided to the Board once it is published in September. Adriana Cox-Gonzalez, a student from Whittier College and a co-author on the manuscript, will be presenting the results of this study at the upcoming Friends of the Whittier Hills annual meeting in April.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

None. This is a receive and file item.

Additional Materials

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January 22, 2025

Norma Edith García-Gonzalez, Director
County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation
and the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District
1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit #40
Alhambra, CA 91803

Dear Ms. Garcia-Gonzalez:

Our thoughts are with you and your department during the current wildfire emergency that the County of Los Angeles is experiencing. We are saddened to hear about the loss of your Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Farnsworth Park -Davies Community Center – on the National Historic Register, the Altadena Gold Course Club House, and other facilities that were destroyed in the Eaton fire. The impacts from the Eaton and other fires are devastating for so many organizations and families, and we stand united in our solidarity for containing the active fires and recovery from them.

In the Puente Hills areas, surrounding cities and communities are greatly disturbed, concerned and anxious about similar out-of-control wildfire emergencies happening in our area. We have been busy addressing these concerns and taking extra steps to prevent wildfires during these tenuous and difficult times. Currently, we are fluctuating between red flag warning conditions, and county and regional fire-fighting resources are focused on containing the current ongoing fires. On January 16, 2025, the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Authority) by action of the Board of Directors temporarily closed its trails to safeguard the public. Trails will remain closed through January 31, 2025 or until conditions are safe and healthy for the public from this natural disaster.

The Authority also respectfully requests that the County Parks Department consider closing or controlling access to its adjoining Schabarum Trail and/or Park, as they are intrinsically connected making it difficult for the Authority to effectively close its trails in a manner that is not confusing for the public. Having similar policies for trail access during times like these or throughout the year helps to enhance the public's experiences on these trails and keep everyone safe.

Again, best wishes to you and the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Regional Parks and Open Space District during these difficult times. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions at (562) 945-9003.

Sincerely,



Andrea Gullo
Executive Director

copy: Board & Advisory Committee

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January 17, 2025

Adrian Garcia
Government Relations Manager
Southern California Edison
Via email: Adrian1.Garcia@sce.com

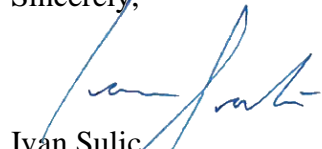
Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Authority) is a local government agency that manages the Puente Hills Preserve located in Whittier, La Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights. As you can imagine, during the current wildfire state of emergency in Los Angeles County, the Authority's surrounding cities and communities are greatly disturbed, concerned and anxious about similar out-of-control wildfire emergencies happening in our area. As an agency, we have been busy addressing these concerns and taking extra steps to prevent wildfires during these tenuous and difficult times.

As a part of our response with partners and community members, we are trying to gather information about what safety measures are in place regarding the operations of Southern California Edison (SCE). Can you please provide information as to when SCE distribution and transmission lines and towers are shut down? What triggers and/or factors are used to determine shutdowns to safeguard public safety from natural disasters such as fire and other safety threats? Any other information that you can provide about the maintenance and safety of SCE's facilities and its emergency capabilities and response plans would also be appreciated.

Thank you for your prompt response to our request. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions to me at (310) 507-5022 or to Executive Director Andrea Gullo at agullo@habitatauthority.org or (562) 945-9003.

Sincerely,



Ivan Sulic
Chair, Board of Directors

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Citizens Advisory Committee



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January 16, 2025

Board of Directors
c/o Brad Cooke, President of the Board
La Habra Heights County Water District
1271 N Hacienda Road
La Habra Heights, CA 90631

Prioritize Upgrades to Waterline to Heli-Tank for Fire Safety

Dear President Cooke and Board Members:

As you know, the heli-tank in La Habra Heights was the first in the County to be installed and is valued as a regional resource. The heli-tank was constructed and operational in 2021, and a dedication ceremony was held in 2023. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Habitat Authority, thank you for collaborating with our agency, the City and the County of Los Angeles for its establishment.

The heli-tank is a priority safety measure to protect the city of La Habra Heights and neighboring communities from wildfires. The heli-tank system features remote, radio-activated, helicopter pilot-controlled valves that fill the 8,600-gallon tank. When functioning as intended, the quick fill time effectively addresses a critical gap in response times for firefighting efforts.

Phase One of this project is completed and involved granting of an easement by the Habitat Authority to the City of La Habra Heights for its construction. Our property was identified as the most appropriate because of its strategic location, meeting all of LA County Fire Department's air operation safety requirements related to elevation, wind, water source, and absence of obstructing powerlines. The County, City, and Water District contributed funding and services for the implementation of the project.

Phase Two of the project has been to increase the water volume to the tank to enable faster fill-ups during emergencies. During the planning stages, we were informed by partners that the tank would take 2 minutes to fill when activated remotely by helicopters; however, according to your office the current water volume results in the tank reportedly taking over 20 minutes to fill. To mitigate the long fill time, the City of La Habra Heights proposed preemptively filling the tank on red flag (high fire danger) days. This proposal undermines the original intent of the tank as a quick response tool and presents risks, as it could leave the city and region vulnerable to unexpected fire events on non-red flag days. Additionally, filling the tank quickly as originally planned would conserve water by eliminating the need for regularly draining after red flag warning days.

We were informed by partners during the planning stages of this project that the initial timeline for upgrading the necessary water distribution lines would approximately take up to one year following the tank's installation – it has now been over 3 years. We are requesting that your agency prioritize these upgrades immediately, allowing for a greater volume of water to quickly fill the heli-tank thus reducing the fill time to approximately 2 minutes, ensuring the safety of residents and regional areas.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions to me at (310) 507-5022 or to Executive Director Andrea Gullo at agullo@habitatauthority.org or (562) 945-9003.

Sincerely,



Ivan Sulic
Chair, Board of Directors

Copy:
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January 31, 2025

Mr. Ivan Sulic,
Chair, Board of Directors
Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority

Dear Mr. Sulic,

La Habra Heights County Water District (District) acknowledges your concern and thanks you for the opportunity to discuss the water availability on East Skyline Drive. During the Heli-Hydrant initial planning stages our engineer estimated a flow rate of 280 gallons per minute (GPM), which would fill a planned 5,000 gallon tank in a little under 18 minutes. The installed tank is now 8,600 gallons, and the location of the Heli-Hydrant requires 2,200 feet of 8-inch pipeline to fill the tank at the vendor's suggested flow rate of 1,000 GPM. Ultimately the District's flow rate of 394 GPM filled the larger tank in under 23 minutes. The District has shared these concerns and the need for funding from the onset of the Heli-Hydrant project.

Whether a 5,000 or 8,600-gallon tank was installed, the tank could never be able to fill in two minutes as suggested in the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority's letter presented to our Board of Directors. A two-minute fill time equates to 4,300 GPM, which would require installing 8,570 linear feet of 16-inch pipeline, an option never discussed by the District. In 2021, the District addressed the incorrect assumption that the pipeline would be installed the year following the Heli-Hydrant installation. The District had no financial means or funding for such a substantial project.

In response to your request to prioritize upgrading our watermain to the Heli-Hydrant, the District shares your opinion that such a high priority upgrade can strongly improve the operation of the Heli-Hydrant. However, as discussed heavily with partners during the planning stages of the Heli-Hydrant design and installation, the District lacked the financial resources for such a project. In addition, the District was denied requests for funding assistance from other sources within our region. Unfortunately, other large financial obligations have now been imposed upon the District since that time. Making the decision to finance any project of this scope is unrealistic until it is financially attainable. However, the District gladly supports any funding opportunities to complete the project that the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority is willing to provide or seek from others through its own financial resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Matthews", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Joe Matthews, General Manager
La Habra Heights County Water District



Andrea Gullo
Executive Director



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February 20, 2025

Board of Directors
c/o Brad Cooke, President of the Board
La Habra Heights County Water District (LHHCWD)
1271 N Hacienda Road
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Response to PHHPA's Request to Prioritize Waterline Upgrades to Heli-Tank for Fire Safety

Dear President Cooke and Board Members:

In a letter dated January 16, 2025, the Habitat Authority requested that the La Habra Heights County Water District prioritize upgrades to the waterline to the heli-tank for public fire safety. We had been informed by your Board over a year ago that this project was on your organization's list of future projects, possibly in the queue for implementation of five to eight years.

We are in receipt of your response letter dated January 31, 2025. The letter explains that the LHHCWD was unsuccessful in attaining financial funding for upgrades to the waterline, and has no plans to upgrade the system unless funding is attained. We are available to collaborate with partner efforts in finding outside funding from possibly grants to upgrade your system and to ensure the safety of the community.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions to me at (310) 507-5022 or to Executive Director Andrea Gullo at agullo@habitatauthority.org or (562) 945-9003.

Sincerely,



Ivan Sulic
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February 5, 2025

Arthur Niell and LeRae

La Habra Heights

Via email [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Niell,

It was lovely speaking with you the other day about many topics including your experiences as a La Habra Heights resident enjoying the Puente Hills Preserve. Thank you so much for the tax-deductible donation of \$1,030.26 made to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. Your donation is generous and very appreciated.

This gift will contribute towards the Habitat Authority's mission of preserving and protecting the Preserve. In particular, we hope to target it for maintenance along emergency access routes and trails in Powder Canyon. Contributions like this help our agency to continue to preserve the hills for the benefit of wildlife, their habitat, and people. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gullo

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February 1, 2025

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

Thank you, Whittier Area Audubon Society, for the tax-deductible donation of \$150 made on behalf of Bruce Everett to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority. Your donation is generous and very appreciated.

This gift will contribute towards the Habitat Authority's mission of preserving and protecting the Puente Hills Preserve. Contributions like this help our agency to continue to preserve the hills for the benefit of wildlife, their habitat, and people. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Original signed

Andrea Gullo
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February 1, 2025

Claire Schlotterbeck
Hills For Everyone
P.O. Box 9835
Brea, CA 92822-1835

Dear Claire,

Thank you, Hills For Everyone, for the tax-deductible donation of \$9,000 made in regards to the HFE-SCE grant project. These grant funds will be put to good use reducing fuels in the hills for community safety and seeding with native vegetation. We value the fiscal partnership shared between our organizations.

These grant funds will contribute towards the Habitat Authority's mission of preserving and protecting the Puente Hills Preserve. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Original signed

Andrea Gullo
Executive Director