


Puente Hills  
Habitat Preservation Authority  
Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill

MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 16, 2020

**To:** Board Members

**From:**   
Andrea Gullo, Executive Director

**Subject:** Agenda Item No. 7) Discussion and possible action regarding the feasibility of pursuing a financing mechanism for the Authority such as a benefit assessment district or community facility district.

Recommendation:

That the Board discuss and take appropriate action.

Background:

At the June Authority Advisory Committee and Board meetings there was interest in exploring the feasibility of the Authority pursuing a financing mechanism to generate revenue for the agency. The Authority has projected a 20% decrease in revenue, and a significant deficit in its general operating budget for this fiscal year 2020-21 and most likely for several years thereafter given the uncertain economic environment. This item is being presented to the Board for consideration to recuperate part of the Authority's annual costs for the fuel clearance which it is not legally required to provide. The funds could also be used for other critical services or functions. Also, contact with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District staff indicated that they do not see a conflict with a mechanism such as an assessment district and the Authority's annual Measure A funds, as long as the Authority would not ask for Measure A funds to cover costs that the assessment district would cover.

Attached is a report by Authority legal counsel presenting the feasibility of the available financing options.

Fiscal Impact:

Moving forward with a financing mechanism could guarantee that the Authority continue to provide annual fuel clearance, as well as other basic services to protect the land and provide adequate public service.