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# Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority

Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill

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## Citizens Technical Advisory Committee

### FACT SHEET

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) is dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, and management of open space in the Puente Hills for preservation of the land in perpetuity, with the primary purpose to protect the biological diversity. Additionally, the agency endeavors to provide opportunities for outdoor education and low-impact recreation. The Habitat Authority came into existence in 1994 as a condition of approval for the Puente Hills Landfill.

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

In 1997 the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 97-01, establishing a nine-member Citizens Advisory Committee, which is recognized as the Citizens Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) made up of representatives from the communities of Whittier, La Habra Heights, and the unincorporated areas of Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights in Los Angeles County.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Are recommended by their respective member agencies and appointed by the Habitat Authority Board for the purpose of acting as a liaison between the Habitat Authority and the residents of the communities within their subject jurisdiction (Whittier, La Habra Heights, and Los Angeles County) as well as advising the Board of Directors, at its express direction, on various parkland matters.
- Work on a variety of issues including community concerns, trails, and access; and work to preserve and protect in perpetuity the remaining habitat areas and secure tenuous wildlife crossing points.
- Should be interested and committed to preserving regional native habitat in line with the purpose of the Habitat Authority.
- Should have enthusiasm and a willingness to prepare and fully participate at each meeting.
- Any person with skills and/or talents in the areas of ecology, outdoor recreation, graphics, planning, environmental interpretation (education), landscape architecture, or any other applicable specific skill is welcomed and encouraged to apply.

#### CTAC MEETINGS:

- CTAC meetings will be held on the Tuesday before the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. These meetings will be held in person in accordance with state law.

#### VACANCIES

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

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