County of Los Angeles
Chief Executive Office

# COMMUNITY SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW MEETING

**DATE:** **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**
**TIME:** **3:30 p.m.**

FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Chief Executive Officer

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEES AS PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW.**
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## AGENDA

Members of the Public may address the Community Services Cluster on any agenda item by submitting a written request prior to the meeting. Two (2) minutes are allowed per person in total for each item.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):** [Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:

   **A.** Board Letter (Animal Care and Control) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
   DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE
   DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
   TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DOGS TRUST USA, INC.

   **B.** Board Letter (Los Angeles County Development Authority) for
   December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
   GAP FINANCING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

   **C.** Board Letter (LA County Library) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
   ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF $74,646 FROM THE
   CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR THE LIBRARY'S EMPOWERING
   OLDER ADULTS THROUGH MULTILINGUAL DIGITAL LITERACY PROJECT
   AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN TO ACCEPT
   GRANTS IN SUPPORT OF DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS

   **D.** Board Letter (LA County Library) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
   ACCEPT GRANT OF $9,018,250 FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY
   FOR LIFE-SAFETY AND CRITICAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AND
   AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS,
   AGREEMENTS OR AMENDMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACCEPTANCE
   AND USE OF THE GRANT

   **E.** Board Letter (Parks and Recreation) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
   APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT,
   OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ALONDRA, DIAMOND BAR, LA
   MIRADA, MARSHALL CANYON, AND NORWALK GOLF COURSES

**F.** Board Letter (Parks and Recreation) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
KENNETH HAHN OPERATION OF PEDESTRIAN GATES
AT CLOVERDALE AVENUE AND PADILLA PLACE PROJECT AND KENNETH HAHN FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT
NOTICES OF EXEMPTION
APPELLANT: BALDWIN VISTA HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
PROJECT LOCATION: KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA 4100 SOUTH LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056

**G.** Board Letter (Parks and Recreation - Regional Parks and Open Space District) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE CITY OF LA VERNE FOR THE LAS FLORES PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

**H.** Board Letter (Parks and Recreation - Regional Parks and Open Space District) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TO ALLOW FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM MEASURE A FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS INCURRED WITHOUT GRANT AGREEMENTS

**I.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACT
PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ASSET MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS

**J.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
CHANGE IN WORK
BIG DALTON DAM SLUICEWAY REHABILITATION
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001271
IN THE CITY OF GLENDORA

**K.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
SLAUSON BLUE LINE STATION INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016317
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF FIRESTONE AND FLORENCE-FIRESTONE

**L.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
RESOLUTION OF INTENTION AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A COUNTYWIDE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO WALNUT PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

**M.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
CERTIFY ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR VIEWRIDGE ROAD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

**N.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
REQUEST FOR CONTRACT EXTENSION AND AWARD OF ADDITIONAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS FOR THE NON-EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL FRANCHISE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED AREAS

**O.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
COUNTY LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE – FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

**P.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS
ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

**Q.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVAL OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF TARIFF RULE 20A FUNDS TO CITY OF ROLLING HILLS

**R.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PRAIRIE AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM
118TH STREET TO REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD
IN THE CITIES OF HAWTHORNE, LAWNDALE, AND TORRANCE AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EL CAMINO VILLAGE

**S.** Board Letter (Public Works) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 82836 AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND DEDICATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH IN UNINCORPORATED SAN JOSE HILLS

**T.** Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda (also on November 16, 2022 Public Safety Cluster Meeting):
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ELEVATORS PROJECT
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND BUDGET
APPROVE APPORPRIATION ADJUSTEMENT
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
SPECS. 7675; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87672

**U.** Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
PARAMOUNT LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT PROJECT
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
APPROVE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTING SPECS. 2074;
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87884

**V.** Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
BUENA VISTA SPS/SG ACQUISITION PROJECT
CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
UNITED ROCK QUARRY NO. 3 BUENA VISTA SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITE
AND SPREADING GROUNDS PROJECT
ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 70184
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
AND APPROVE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY
TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
IN THE CITIES OF IRWINDALE AND DUARTE

**W.** Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda (also on November 16, 2022 Health and Mental Health Services Cluster meeting):
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEDICAL CAMPUS
CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING CENTER PROJECT
APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER
CAPITAL PROJECT NOS. 69846, 69886, 69887, 69888, AND 69986

**X.** Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda (also on November 16, 2022 Health and Mental Health Services Cluster meeting):
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEDICAL CAMPUS
CLINICAL LABORATORY AND RED-BAG STORAGE PROJECT
APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69857

**Y.** Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for December 6, 2022 Board agenda:
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
ALONDRA PARK STORMWATER CAPTURE PILOT PROJECT
UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CERTIFY THE ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED FINAL
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND PROJECT BUDGET
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69841

**3. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**

**A.** Board Briefing (Public Works):
IMPACTS OF AB43 (SPEED LIMIT REGULATION)
Speaker: Mark Pestrella

**B.** Board Briefing (Parks and Recreation):
PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT PLUS
Speaker: Norma E. García-González

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 minutes each speaker)**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**CS-1** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – 1 CLAIM
Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

Clark Lunde v. County of Los Angeles et al.,
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV21838
Department of Beaches and Harbors

**CS-2** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – 1 CLAIM
Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association v. County of Los Angeles et al.,
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCP00558
Department of Parks and Recreation

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**BOARD LETTER/MEMO**
**CLUSTER FACT SHEET**

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 | |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 | |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☒ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th | |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Animal Care and Control | |
| **SUBJECT** | The Department of Animal Care and Control requests approval to delegate authority to the Director of Animal Care and Control or her designee to enter into an agreement with Dogs Trust USA, Inc., for the Department to participate in the DT Professional Development Program. | |
| **PROGRAM** | Community Services | |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT.** | ☒ Yes ☐ No | |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No | |
| | If Yes, please explain why: N/A | |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | none | |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $0<br><br>The Program will be provided as an in-kind service at no cost to the Department. | Funding source:<br><br>There is no impact on Net County Cost. |
| | TERMS (if applicable): n/a | |
| | Explanation: n/a | |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Once the Director is delegated authority, the Department will execute an agreement with DTUSA which will allow it to engage in the Program. The Department will designate at least one mentor from each animal care center who will participate in the Program and who will then deliver training to staff at all care centers. | |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | No anticipated internal or external issues are expected. | |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: | |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:<br><br>Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Board of Supervisors' Priority #7, Sustainability, focusing on workforce development. | |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br><br>Bradley Kim, Admin. Services Mgr. I, (562) 379-9722, BKim@animalcare.lacounty.gov | |

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL | redefining CARE

Marcia Mayeda, Director

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DOGS TRUST USA, INC. (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

The Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) requests approval to delegate authority to the Director of Animal Care and Control or her designee to enter into an agreement with Dogs Trust USA, Inc. (DTUSA), for the Department to participate in the DT Professional Development Program.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Animal Care and Control or her designee to enter into an agreement with DTUSA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to participate in the DT Professional Development Program. County Counsel approved as to form.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Behavioral assessment, training, and enrichment are key aspects of successful dog population management in animal care centers. Properly assessing, handling, and

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placing dogs into new homes is expected by the community and important in protecting public and animal safety. DTUSA is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to help as many dogs as possible in the United States to find loving homes and to live happy and healthy lives. DTUSA's Professional Development team offers free training in canine behavior, body language, and rehabilitation to animal welfare organizations. This program is known as the DT Professional Development Program (Program).

DTUSA has offered to provide the Program to the Department at no cost. This training will allow staff to improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities in animal behavior assessments. By utilizing this training, staff will be able to better identify and mitigate dog behavior problems in the animal care centers, teach the dogs acceptable behaviors to enhance their adoptability, provide behavioral enrichment in the animal care centers, and inform new adopters on the behaviors observed so that their new dog can successfully join their homes. The executed agreement would allow the Department to participate in the Program.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with County Strategic Plan Goal 2, Strategy II.2 – Support the Wellness of our Communities, by enhancing the Department's ability to effectively assess and work with dogs in its care and ensuring the safety of both the dog and potential adopters when a dog is adopted.

Approval of the recommended action also supports County Strategic Plan Goal 3, Strategy III.3 – Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, by leveraging external resources at no cost to benefit dogs and residents in unincorporated Los Angeles County and in cities that contract with the Department for animal sheltering services.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Program will be provided as an in-kind service at no cost to the Department. There is no impact on net County cost.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon approval of this board letter, the Department will execute an agreement with DTUSA which will allow it to engage in the Program. The Department will designate at least one mentor from each animal care center who will participate in the Program and who will then deliver training to staff at all care centers.

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As required by the County Fiscal Manual, Section 2.4.2, the Department will continue to file a quarterly report listing all gifts received based on the fair market value provided by the donor.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This agreement will enhance current services by allowing the Department to further develop its Behavior and Enrichment Team as well as any staff who may interact with dogs as part of their job duties. Assessing and modifying dog behavior is essential for ensuring the safety of the public when placing dogs into homes. The program will further develop staff's ability to make determinations in the behavior assessments and dog placement as well as provide behavioral enrichment for dogs in the Department's care.

## CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return one adopted copy of this board letter to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCIA MAYEDA
Director

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| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) |
| **SUBJECT** | APPROVE GAP FINANCING FOR SIX PROJECTS LOCATED IN THE CITIES OF EL MONTE AND LOS ANGELES AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF WALNUT PARK AND ALTADENA AND AUTHORIZE INCREASES TO THE ASSOCIATED APPROVED LOAN AMOUNTS |
| **PROGRAM** | Housing Development |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | N/A |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $8,120,000<br>Funding source: $5,000,000 in Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AHTF), $1,600,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds, and $1,520,000 in No Place Like Home (NPLH) funds<br>TERMS (if applicable):<br>Explanation: These funds will be incorporated into the LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget, and future Fiscal Year budgets, as needed. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | The six projects seeking additional funding through this action are affordable multifamily rental housing developments that will provide a total of 391 affordable housing units. As a result of current economic conditions affecting labor, materials, and the cost of construction and permanent financing from private lending institutions, six projects previously funded or approved for funding are experiencing project financing gaps in an aggregate amount of $8,120,000. Additional funding is needed to ensure the projects can begin construction, complete construction, or convert to permanent financing and begin operations. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | On November 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners approved the transfer of up to $5,000,000 to the LACDA, through a Funding Agreement with the CEO Affordable Housing Budget Unit, for the purpose of providing gap financing. In addition to the AHTF committed by the Affordable Housing Budget Unit, the LACDA identified available HOME funds and, in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health, which partners with the LACDA on the administration of NPLH funds, identified available NPLH funds that could be used for this purpose. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Lynn Katano, Director of Housing Investment and Finance, (626) 586-1806, Lynn.Katano@lacda.org<br>Matt Lust, Assistant Director, (626) 586-1809, Matt.Lust@lacda.org |

December 6, 2022

Honorable Board of Commissioners
Los Angeles County Development Authority
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

**APPROVE GAP FINANCING FOR SIX PROJECTS LOCATED IN THE CITIES OF EL MONTE AND LOS ANGELES AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF WALNUT PARK AND ALTADENA AND AUTHORIZE INCREASES TO THE ASSOCIATED APPROVED LOAN AMOUNTS (DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5) (3 VOTE)**

## SUBJECT

This letter recommends that the Board approve increases to approved loan amounts, totaling up to $8,120,000, for six affordable multifamily rental housing developments funded by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), which require additional funding due to financing gaps, and to use a combination of Affordable Housing Trust Funds, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds, and No Place Like Home (NPLH) funds for this purpose.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve increased loan amounts to the recommended developers identified in Attachment A, in an aggregate amount of up to $8,120,000, using up to a total of $5,000,000 in AHTF, $1,600,000 in HOME funds, and $1,520,000 in NPLH funds.

2. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to accept and incorporate, as needed, up to $5,000,000 in AHTF, $1,600,000 in HOME funds, and $1,520,000 in NPLH funds into the LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2022-

2023 budget, and future Fiscal Year budgets, as needed, for the purposes described herein.

3. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to reallocate the LACDA funding set aside for affordable housing at the time of project funding, as needed and within each project's approved funding limit, in line with each project's needs, and within the requirements for each funding source.

## PURPOSE /JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The six projects seeking additional funding through this action are affordable multifamily rental housing developments that will provide a total of 391 affordable housing units. As a result of current economic conditions affecting labor, materials, and the cost of construction and permanent financing from private lending institutions, six projects previously funded or approved for funding are experiencing project financing gaps in an aggregate amount of $8,120,000. Additional funding is needed to ensure the projects, which are identified in Attachment A, can begin construction, complete construction, or convert to permanent financing and begin operations. The LACDA is recommending approval of the funding increases and authority to amend existing loan documents, as needed, for the identified developments.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended increase in loan amounts to the developers identified in Attachment A will use a total amount of up to $8,120,000, comprised of $5,000,000 in AHTF, $1,600,000 in HOME funds, and $1,520,000 in NPLH funds. These funds will be incorporated into the LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget, and future Fiscal Year budgets, as needed, for the purposes described herein.

The recommended loan amounts are identified in Attachment A.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The identified developments were previously approved for funding as follows: Ramona Metro Point on October 1, 2019, through Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Round NPLH-1; Rosa de Castilla on June 19, 2018, through NOFA Round 23A; 5th and Central (formerly known as 803 5th Street) on May 26, 2020, through NOFA Round NPLH-1; Watts Works on March 10, 2020, through NOFA Round NPLH-1; Walnut Park Apartments on September 28, 2021, through NOFA Round 26; and Mirador (formerly Lincoln Avenue Senior Apartments) on May 4, 2021, through NOFA Round 26.

On November 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners approved the transfer of up to $5,000,000 to the LACDA, through a Funding Agreement with the Chief Executive Office's Affordable Housing Budget Unit, for the purpose of providing gap financing to projects financed under past Notice of Funding Availability

rounds. The LACDA was directed by the Affordable Housing Budget Unit to ensure no other funding options were available to projects seeking additional financing and to determine if other funding sources available to the LACDA could assist in closing the identified financing gaps. The LACDA has made this determination for all projects, with the exception of Mirador. The LACDA will continue to assess the Mirador project to determine if no other funding options are available but seeks approval at this time to ensure a mid-December 2022 construction start required by tax credit financing can be met if additional funding is needed.

In addition to the AHTF committed by the Affordable Housing Budget Unit, the LACDA identified available HOME funds and, in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health, which partners with the LACDA on the administration of NPLH funds, identified available NPLH funds that could be used for this purpose. HOME funds are allocated on a yearly basis to the LACDA by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and NPLH funds are allocated to the County through the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Of the six projects identified herein, two projects are currently in construction (Ramona Metro Point and 5th and Central) and need additional funds to complete construction activities, two projects have completed construction (Rosa de Castilla and Watts Works) and need additional funds to convert to permanent financing and begin operations, and two projects (Walnut Park Apartments and Mirador) are set to begin construction but lack sufficient funds to do so.

The loan agreements and related documents will incorporate affordability restrictions, target assisted populations, and contain provisions requiring the developers to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. Each loan will be evidenced by a promissory note and secured by a deed of trust, with the term of affordability enforced by a recorded regulatory agreement.

The loan agreements and related documents for these projects will reflect the respective tenant population set-asides and indicate that the assisted units will be affordable to households earning no more than 30% of the median income for the Los Angeles-Long Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area, adjusted for family size, as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The loan agreements will require that the affordable housing units be set aside for a period of 55 years. Subject to various underwriting requirements, the developers have or may be required by the LACDA or other lenders to create a single asset entity to designate ownership of the project. These “assignees” will be LACDA-approved single asset entities created by the developers prior to execution of the loan agreements and all related loan documents.

The Board previously authorized the Executive Director or his designee, to negotiate, execute, and if necessary, amend, or reduce the loan agreements with the developers identified in Attachment A, or their LACDA-approved assignees, and all related documents, including but not limited to documents to subordinate the loans to

construction and permanent financing, and any intergovernmental, interagency, or inter-creditor agreements necessary for the implementation of each development, following approval as to form by County Counsel.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed projects identified in Attachment A have been reviewed by the LACDA pursuant to the requirements of CEQA.

The Ramona Metro Point project was determined exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the City of El Monte in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15192, 15194, and 15195. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA, on October 1, 2019, the Board certified that the LACDA considered the exemption determination and found that this project will not cause a significant impact on the environment.

As a responsible agency, and in accordance with the requirements of CEQA, the LACDA reviewed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) prepared by the City of Los Angeles as lead agency for the Rosa de Castilla project and determined that this project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to the CEQA, on June 19, 2018, the Board certified that the LACDA considered the IS/MND for the Rosa de Castilla project, found that the mitigation measures identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan were adequate to avoid or reduce potential impacts below significant levels, and found that this project will not cause a significant impact on the environment.

The 5th and Central project (formerly 803 E. 5th St.) was determined categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA by the City of Los Angeles in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15332. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA, on May 26, 20202, the Board certified that the LACDA considered the exemption determination for the 5th and Central Project and found that this project will not cause a significant impact on the environment.

The Watts Works project was determined exempt from the requirements of CEQA by the City of Los Angeles in accordance with AB 2162 and Government Code section 65651. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA, on March 10, 2020, the Board certified that the LACDA considered the exemption determination for the Watts Works project and found that this project will not cause a significant impact on the environment.

The Walnut Park Apartments project was determined ministerially exempt from CEQA by the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning in accordance with AB 2162 and State CEQA Guidelines section 15268. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA, on September 28, 2021, the Board certified that the LACDA considered the exemption determination for the Walnut Park Apartments project and found that this project will not cause a significant impact on the environment.

The Mirador project (formerly Lincoln Avenue Senior Apartments) was determined ministerially exempt from CEQA by the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning in accordance with AB 2162 and Government Code section 65651. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA, the Board certified that the exemption determination for the Mirador project and found that this project will not cause a significant impact on the environment.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT PROGRAM**

The requested actions will provide needed financing to the identified projects and will increase the supply of Special Needs and affordable housing units in the County of Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILIO SALAS
Executive Director

Enclosures

**ATTACHMENT A**
**PROJECTS RECOMMENDED GAP FUNDING**

| | | | | | | Original Funding Amounts | | | | Additional Funding Requested | | | |
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| **Sup. Dist.** | **Jurisdiction** | **Development/ Applicant** | **Status** | **Type of Housing** | **Total Project Units** | **AHTF** | **HOME** | **No Place Like Home (NPLH)** | **Total LACDA Funding** | **AHTF** | **HOME** | **NPLH** | **Total LACDA Funding** |
| 1 | El Monte | Ramona Metro Point/Domus Development | Construction | Mixed Population | 51 | $0 | $0 | $5,520,000 | $5,520,000 | $0 | $0 | $1,120,000 | $6,640,000 |
| 1 | Los Angeles | Rosa de Castilla/East Los Angeles Community Corp. | Construction Complete | Mixed Population | 85 | $1,500,000 | $0 | $0 | $1,500,000 | $1,000,000 | $0 | $0 | $2,500,000 |
| 1 | Los Angeles | 5th and Central (fka 803 E. 5th St./ Coalition for Responsible Community Development | Construction | Special Needs | 95 | $0 | $0 | $14,500,000 | $14,500,000 | $2,100,000 | $0 | $400,000 | $17,000,000 |
| 2 | Los Angeles | Watts Works/Daylight Community Development | Construction Complete | Special Needs | 25 | $0 | $0 | $2,640,000 | $2,640,000 | $650,000 | $0 | $0 | $3,290,000 |
| 4 | Unincorporated Walnut Park | Walnut Park Apartments/Hollywood Community Housing Corp. | Starting Construciton March 2023 | Special Needs | 64 | $0 | $4,000,000 | $0 | $4,000,000 | $0 | $1,600,000 | $0 | $5,600,000 |
| 5 | Unincorporated Altadena | Mirador (fka Lincoln Avenue Senior Apts)/Affirmed Housing Group | Starting Construction December 2022 | Mixed Population | 71 | $5,000,000 | $0 | $5,000,000 | $10,000,000 | $1,250,000 | $0 | $0 | $11,250,000 |
| | | | | **Totals** | **391** | **$6,500,000** | **$4,000,000** | **$27,660,000** | **$38,160,000** | **$5,000,000** | **$1,600,000** | **$1,520,000** | **$46,280,000** |

*Note: Request for gap funding equals $8,120,000.*

# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter ☐ Board Memo ☐ Other

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 | |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 | |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☒ 1st ☒ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☒ 4th ☐ 5th | |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | LA County Library | |
| **SUBJECT** | Accept a Grant Award of $74,646 from the California State Library for the Library's Empowering Older Adults Through Multilingual Digital Literacy Project and Delegate Authority to the County Librarian to Accept Grants in Support of Digital Literacy Programs | |
| **PROGRAM** | Empowering Older Adults Through Multilingual Digital Literacy | |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No | |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No | |
| | If Yes, please explain why: | |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | | |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $74,646 | Funding source: California State Library |
| | TERMS (if applicable): The grant period is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 | |
| | Explanation: | |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Accept grant funding of $74,646 from the California State Library for the LA County Library's Empowering Older Adults Through Multilingual Digital Literacy Project; authorize the County Librarian to execute documents, agreements or amendments associated with the acceptance and use of the grant; and delegate authority to the County Librarian to accept grants in support of digital literacy programs. | |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | There are over 1.4 million older adults living in Los Angeles County that although may own a digital device, still lack digital literacy skills and are not comfortable with technology, which create barriers to social connectedness.<br><br>In 2019, LA County Library developed a pilot program that included digital literacy training for older adults. The program was set to launch in March 2020 but was shelved due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Portions of the curriculum were presented virtually, and in October 2021 the program was expanded to an ongoing series of virtual events focused on teaching digital literacy skills to older adults.<br><br>Acceptance of the grant will allow Library to host virtual and in-person classes on digital literacy skills for older adults and to purchase laptops and tablets for participants to use in the classes. | |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: | |

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| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #7: Sustainability: Approval of the grant award supports the vision of making the County more livable, economically stronger, more equitable, and more resilient, by |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Grace Reyes (Library), Administrative Deputy, (562) 940-8406, greyes@library.lacounty.gov |

**SKYE PATRICK**
*Library Director*

LA COUNTY LIBRARY

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF $74,646 FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR THE LIBRARY'S EMPOWERING OLDER ADULTS THROUGH MULTILINGUAL DIGITAL LITERACY PROJECT AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN TO ACCEPT GRANTS IN SUPPORT OF DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAMS**
**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

LA County Library (Library) is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept a grant award of $74,646 from the California State Library (CSL), funded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), for the Library's Empowering Older Adults Through Multilingual Digital Literacy Project and delegate authority to the County Librarian to accept future grants for digital literacy programs.
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## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378.

2. Accept grant funding of $74,646 from the California State Library for the Library's Empowering Older Adults Through Multilingual Digital Literacy Project.

3. Delegate authority to the County Librarian, or her designee, to execute documents

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agreements or amendments associated with the acceptance and use of the grant, County Counsel approved as to form.

4. Delegate authority to the County Librarian, or her designee, to accept and execute grants and awards from the California State Library, federal, State, and other public and private agencies in support of digital literacy programs, subject to review and approval to Board offices and the Chief Executive Office. County Counsel approved as to form.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

According to the US Census, there are over 1.4 million older adults living in Los Angeles County, including an estimated 374,913 Hispanic seniors, 72% of whom speak English less than "very well." While markers of digital adoption such as ownership of digital devices has grown dramatically for older adults over the past decade, lack of digital literacy skills and comfort with technology are still significant barriers. This fact has been brought to the forefront all the more with a pandemic that has made digital inclusion a prerequisite to social connectedness.

In 2019, LA County Library developed a pilot program to partner with senior centers, install book kiosks in low-income housing communities, and teach in-person classes on STEAM topics, including digital literacy for older adults, at library locations. The pilot program was set to launch in March 2020, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the program was shelved and only portions of the digital literacy curriculum were presented virtually. In October 2021, the curriculum was expanded to an ongoing series of virtual events focused specifically on digital literacy skills training for older adults.

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Library to teach digital literacy skills to older adults, virtually beginning in September 2022, and in-person from October 2022 through June 2023. In addition, the Library will be able to purchase laptops and tablets to allow for hands-on experience to support in-person and virtual instruction.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities, Objective II.2.2, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities, and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2 Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by equipping older adults with digital skills training and knowledge, and providing them access to technology, thereby,

empowering them to navigate the digital world and remain socially connected.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The $74,646 grant award is funded by the Library Services and Technology Act. There is no match requirement however, the Library will contribute staff time to supplement program needs.

The grant period is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The grant award will be used to fund staff and purchase the necessary supplies and materials for the Library's Empowering Older Adults Through Multilingual Digital Literacy Project. LA County Library's existing Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget has the appropriation to cover grant expenditures. Upon expiration of the grant funding, the Library is not obligated to continue with the program, and will eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, program costs funded by the grant.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

After applying for the LSTA grant, the Library was selected to receive a grant in the amount of $74,646.

County policy requires grant to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under $100,000.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to the CEQA requirements because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant will enable the Library to support and empower older adults through in-person and virtual digital literacy classes, in both English and Spanish.

## CONCLUSION

If there are any questions or there is a need for additional information, please contact Yolanda De Ramus, Chief Deputy, at (562) 940-8412.

Respectfully submitted,

Skye Patrick
County Librarian

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☒ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | LA County Library |
| **SUBJECT** | Accept 85 Grant Awards Totaling $9,018,250 from the California State Library for Library Facilities Life-Safety and Critical Maintenance Projects |
| **PROGRAM** | Library facilities life-safety and critical maintenance projects. |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Projects must be completed and funds expended by March 31, 2026. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $9,018,251 / Funding source: California State Library |
| | TERMS (if applicable): The grant period is from September 23,2022 through March 31, 2026 |
| | Explanation: The grant requires a dollar-for-dollar County match of up to $9,018,250. The Library has set aside funds that can only be utilized for Library infrastructure projects that will be used for the dollar-for-dollar match as follows: $1,988,910 from Library Facilities Mitigation Fees, $4,358,000 from Redevelopment Dissolution Act liquidation funds, $774,700 from one-time Utility User Tax carryover and $1,896,640 from Library Designation Funds. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Accept grant funding of $9,018,250 from the California State Library for life-safety and critical maintenance projects; and authorize the County Librarian to execute documents, agreements or amendments associated with the acceptance and use of the grant. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | The Budget Act of 2021 (SB 129) allocated $439 million in one-time funds to the California State Library to address life-safety and critical maintenance needs of public library facilities throughout California. $254 million in grants, the first round of the $439 million Building Forward Library Improvement Grant Program, were granted to public libraries to renovate and improve facilities across the state.<br><br>LA County Library submitted 85 individual applications for each of the 85 library facilities and was awarded a total of $9,018,250 in grant awards. Library will use these funds to install access control systems, security cameras and environmental sensors, replace roofing, improve walking paths, update automatic entry doors, and upgrade existing public restrooms to include ADA compliant plumbing fixtures and accessories. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #7: Sustainability: Approval of the grant award supports the vision of making the County more livable, economically stronger, more equitable, and more resilient, by investing in public |

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| | infrastructure that will enhance cultural, recreational, and learning opportunities for County residents and visitors. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Pat McGee, Administrative Deputy, (562) 940-4145, PMcGee@library.lacounty.gov<br>Grace Reyes, Administrative Deputy, (562) 940-8406, GReyes@library.lacounty.gov |

**SKYE PATRICK**
*Library Director*

LA COUNTY LIBRARY

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT 85 GRANT AWARDS TOTALING $9,018,250 FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR LIBRARY FACILITIES LIFE-SAFETY AND CRITICAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

LA County Library (Library) is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept 85 grant awards totaling $9,018,250 from the California State Library, funded by the Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant Program, for library facilities life-safety and critical maintenance needs of library buildings.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378.

2. Accept grant funding of $9,018,250 from the California State Library for life-safety and critical maintenance projects.

3. Delegate authority to the County Librarian, or her designee, to execute documents, agreements or amendments associated with the acceptance and use of the grant, and County Counsel's approval as to form.

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## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Library operates 85 library buildings within the cities and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. These library facilities are an asset to the community and provide critical and imperative services and resources to individuals and families, including school-aged children and aging adults. Library services extend beyond books and programs. As a respite from extreme weather conditions, library facilities also act as cooling and heating centers, this means that facilities must operate at optimal levels to provide comfort and safety to community members. Unfortunately, security, maintenance, and infrastructure needs have been deferred due to insufficient funds.

The Budget Act of 2021 (SB 129) allocated $439 million in one-time funds to the California State Library to address life-safety and critical maintenance needs of public library facilities throughout California. On September 12, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom announced $254 million in grants to public libraries in 172 cities across 34 counties to renovate and improve facilities across the state. This was the first round of the California State Library's $439 million Building Forward Library Improvement Grant Program. Library applied and was awarded a total of $9,018,250 in grants for library projects for the 85 library facilities. Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Library to address security, maintenance, and infrastructure needs of library facilities. The proposed projects will install access control systems, security cameras and environmental sensors, replace roofing, improve walking paths, update automatic entry doors, and upgrade existing public restrooms to include ADA compliant plumbing fixtures and accessories.

Library will work with the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and Internal Services Department on finalizing the scope of work and will return to the Board for approval of each project, as necessary.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities, Objective II.2.2, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities, and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2 Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance the recreational and cultural opportunities for County residents and visitors, and improve the operational effectiveness of an existing County asset.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total grant award of $9,018,250 is funded by the Library Infrastructure Grant Program. The grant requires a dollar-for-dollar County match of up to $9,018,250. The Library has set aside funds that can only be utilized for Library infrastructure projects that will be used for the dollar-for-dollar match as follows: $1,988,910 from Library Facilities Mitigation Fees, $4,358,000 from Redevelopment Dissolution Act liquidation funds, $774,700 from one-time Utility User Tax carryover and $1,896,640 from Library Designation Funds.

The grant period to complete all projects is from September 23, 2022 through March 31, 2026. The grant award will be used for life-safety and critical maintenance projects at the 85 library locations as identified in the project scope of work (Attachment A). LA County Library will work with the CEO to submit any budget adjustments necessary to ensure the Library's operating budget has the appropriation to cover grant expenditures. To meet grant requirements, Library is required to expend all funds and complete all projects by March 31, 2026.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

After applying for Library Infrastructure Grant Program grants the Library was selected to receive 85 grants totaling $9,018,250.

County policy requires grants to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management statement is required when the grant amount is $100,000 or more. (Attachment B).

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to the CEQA because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant will enable the Library to effectively address life-safety and critical maintenance needs of library facilities that have been deferred due to insufficient funding.

## CONCLUSION

If there are any questions or there is a need for additional information, please contact Yolanda De Ramus, Chief Deputy, at (562) 940-8412.

Respectfully submitted,

Skye Patrick
County Librarian

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department

Building Forward Library Infrastuctoure Grant
Project Scope

Attachment A

| SD | Library | Awarded Amount | Scope of Work |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Baldwin Park Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | Chet Holifield Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | Diamond Bar Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | Anthony Quinn Library | $ 311,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>ADA Restrooms<br>ADA Access - Entry Doors |
| 1 | El Monte Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | La Puente Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | Montebello Library | $ 691,800.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>Roofing/Lighting |
| 1 | Norwood Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | Rosemead Library | $ 37,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | City Terrace Library | $ 411,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>ADA Restrooms<br>ADA Access - Entry Doors<br>ADA Pathways |
| 1 | San Gabriel Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | South El Monte Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | East Los Angeles Library | $ 37,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | Walnut Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | West Covina Library | $ 1,632,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>Elevator<br>HVAC<br>Flooring |
| 1 | El Camino Real Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | Hacienda Heights Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | Rowland Heights Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 1 | Sunkist Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | A C Bilbrew Library | $ 37,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | East Rancho Dominguez Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Carson Library | $ 362,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>HVAC |
| 2 | Compton Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Culver City Julian Dixon Library | $ 37,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library | $ 361,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>ADA Restrooms<br>ADA Access - Entry Doors |
| 2 | Florence Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Gardena Mayme Dear Library | $ 361,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>HVAC<br>Flooring |
| 2 | Graham Library | $ 186,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>Roofing |
| 2 | Hawthorne Library | $ 361,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>ADA Restrooms<br>ADA Access - Entry Doors |
| 2 | Hermosa Beach Library | $ 477,595.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>ADA Restrooms<br>ADA Access - Entry Doors |
| 2 | Lawndale Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Manhattan Beach Library | $ 40,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Lennox Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Wiseburn Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Lloyd Taber-Marina Del Rey Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Masao W. Satow Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Willowbrook Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 2 | Woodcrest Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 3 | Agoura Hills Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 3 | Malibu Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 3 | San Fernando Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 3 | West Hollywood Library | $ 40,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 3 | Westlake Village Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 3 | Topanga Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Alondra Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Angelo M. Iacoboni Library | $ 262,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>ADA Restrooms |
| 4 | Artesia Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Avalon Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Bell Gardens Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |

Building Forward Library Infrastuctoure Grant
Project Scope

Attachment A

| SD | Library | Awarded Amount | Scope of Work |
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| 4 | Bell Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Clifton M. Brakensiek Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Cudahy Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | George Nye Jr. Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Hawaiian Gardens Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Hollydale Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Huntington Park Library | $ 40,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | La Mirada Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Leland R. Weaver Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Lomita Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Los Nietos Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Lynwood Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Maywood Cesar Chavez Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Norwalk Library | $ 37,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Paramount Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Pico Rivera Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | Rivera Library | $ 311,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>ADA Restrooms<br>ADA Access - Entry Doors |
| 4 | Sorensen Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 4 | South Whittier Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Acton Agua Dulce Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Castaic Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Charter Oak Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | La Crescenta Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Lake Los Angeles Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Littlerock Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Live Oak Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Quartz Hill Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Claremont Helen Renwick Library | $ 37,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Duarte Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | La Canada Flintridge Library | $ 449,855.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>ADA Restrooms<br>HVAC<br>Flooring |
| 5 | Stevenson Ranch Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | La Verne Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | Lancaster Library | $ 37,500.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| 5 | San Dimas Library | $ 261,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors<br>ADA Restrooms |
| 5 | Temple City Library | $ 36,000.00 | Security - Cameras, Access Control, PA System, Environmental Sensors |
| | Total | $ 9,018,250.00 | |

# Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

## Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

**Department**: LA County Library

**Grant Project Title and Description:** Building Forward Library Infrastructure Grant Program

The Budget Act of 2021 (SB 129) allocated $439 million in one-time funds to the California State Library to address life-safety and critical maintenance needs of public library facilities throughout California. LA County Library (Library) applied and was awarded grants for its 85 library facilities. Library will use the grant funds for security projects, ADA upgrades to public restrooms, roofing replacements, and updates to walking paths and automatic doors.

| Funding Agency | Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #) | Grant Acceptance Deadline |
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| California State Library | The Budget Act of 2021 (SB 129) | 09/23/2022 |

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| **Total Amount of Grant Funding: $9,018,250.00** | **County Match: $9,018,250.00** | |
| **Grant Period:** | **Begin Date: September 23, 2022** | **End Date: March 31, 2026** |
| **Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:** | **Full Time: 0** | **Part Time: 0** |

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

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| Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? | Yes___ | No__X__ |
| Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? | Yes___ | No__X__ |
| Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? | Yes___ | No__X__ |
| If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will: Project elements must be completed | | |
| a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services | Yes_X__ | No____ |
| b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below) _____ | Yes___ | No__X__ |
| c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. | Yes___ | No__X__ |

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:**

There is no impact.

**Other requirements not mentioned above:** No

Department Head Signature _____

Date: 10.20.22

**BOARD LETTER/MEMO**
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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☒ 1st ☒ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☒ 4th ☒ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Department of Parks and Recreation |
| **SUBJECT** | **APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ALONDRA, DIAMOND BAR, LA MIRADA, MARSHALL CANYON AND NORWALK GOLF COURSES** |
| **PROGRAM** | Lease Agreement |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Lease Agreement is set to commence on January 1, 2023, to allow for continuation of services. |
| **COST & FUNDING (REVENUE TO THE COUNTY)** | Total Annual Revenue: $ est. $1.7 million FY 2022-23 (six mo.); est. $3 million FY 2023-24 / Funding source: N/A |
| | TERMS (if applicable): The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is requesting the Board's approval and authorization to execute a fifteen-year Agreement, with one five-year option, for the management, operation and maintenance of the Alondra, Diamond Bar, La Mirada, Marshall Canyon and Norwalk Golf Courses. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting the Board's approval and authorization for the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to execute an Agreement with American Golf of Glendale for the management, operation and maintenance of the Alondra, Diamond Bar, La Mirada, Marshall Canyon and Norwalk Golf Courses to remain open, for continued and uninterrupted services to the public. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | In September 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a motion instructing the Department, in consultation with Chief Executive Office, to hire a golf industry consultant (Consultant) to examine and conduct a comprehensive analysis on all aspects of the County's golf course system and agreements, including contract solicitation, negotiation, structure, revenue sharing, monitoring and revenue collection and reporting. Additionally, the Consultant was to provide recommendations for the improved management of internal operations related to the golf course |

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| | operating agreements and for revisions to future contract solicitations and terms, based on industry best practices. The Consultant's analysis and report resulted in a total of 21 recommendations for improved golf course operations. These recommendations addressed the concerns identified in the September 2017 Board motion and provided the Department with the greatest opportunity to maximize revenues and provide quality golf play. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>RUBEN LOPEZ, CHIEF OF CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT DIVISION (626) 588-5300, rlopez@parks.lacounty.gov<br>SANDRA SALAZAR, CONTRACTS SECTION HEAD (626) 588-5266, ssalazar@parks.lacounty.gov |

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
*"Parks Make Life Better!"*
Norma E. García-González, Director Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ALONDRA, DIAMOND BAR, LA MIRADA, MARSHALL CANYON, AND NORWALK GOLF COURSES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1, 2, 4, and 5) (3-VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended action will award a 15-year lease agreement to American Golf of Glendale for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Alondra, Diamond Bar, La Mirada, Marshall Canyon, and Norwalk Golf Courses, located throughout the County of Los Angeles.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board Letter and the record.

2. Approve and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, to execute a 15-year Lease Agreement, effective January 1, 2023, with American Golf of Glendale for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Alondra, Diamond Bar, La Mirada, Marshall Canyon, and Norwalk Golf Courses in a form substantially similar to Attachment I and approved as to form by County Counsel. The Lease Agreement will result in an estimated $71 million benefit to the County over the 15-year term in the form of rental fees and capital improvement fund contributions.

3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to amend, suspend, terminate, or assign rights or delegation of duties should the recommended Lessee merge, be acquired, or otherwise change entities, if deemed necessary and in accordance with the approved terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement.

4. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to amend the agreements currently operated by American Golf Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary American Golf of Glendale, which include the Knollwood, Lakewood, Los Verdes, and Whittier Narrows Golf Courses, to allow for all capital improvement funds collected, effective with the execution of the amendments and until each agreement expires, to be deposited into the Department's Golf Capital Improvement Fund, which funds can be utilized at any County Golf Course currently included in the Department of Parks and Recreation's Capital Improvement Fund.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The County of Los Angeles' (County) golf course system is the largest municipal golf course system in the United States with 20 golf courses at 18 facilities from the San Gabriel Mountains to the cliffs of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. There are 1.8 million visitors and 1.2 million rounds of golf played at County golf facilities each year. Additionally, over 700 community members, including high school/college students, seniors, and retirees are employed by the golf course system.

Approval of the recommended actions will find that they are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will enable the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to provide continued and uninterrupted service at the Alondra, Diamond Bar, La Mirada, Marshall Canyon, and Norwalk Golf Courses, collectively known as the Golf Courses.

The Golf Courses are currently being operated pursuant to four leases and one management agreement. The agreement for each respective facility has expired and has been in month-to-month status for varying periods of time, as identified on Attachment II, Golf Course Terms.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority has begun improvements to the SR-57 and SR-60 freeways, which has caused the temporarily closure of the Diamond Bar Golf Course. The Diamond Bar Golf Course is being reconfigured and is scheduled to reopen in the Spring of 2023.

American Golf of Glendale (AGG) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Golf Corporation (AGC), the current operator of two of the golf courses in this Lease Agreement.

The Golf Courses have a long history of growing the game of golf, specifically in under-served communities. Additionally, the recommended Lease Agreement includes community outreach and programming requirements that continue to promote and encourage diversity and incubate local and underrepresented golf players.

In September 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a Motion instructing the Department, in consultation with the Chief Executive Office, to hire a golf industry consultant (Consultant) to examine and conduct a comprehensive analysis on all aspects of the County's golf course system and agreements, including contract solicitation, negotiation, structure, revenue sharing, monitoring and revenue collection, and reporting. Additionally, the Consultant was to provide recommendations for the improved management of internal operations related to the golf course operating agreements and for revisions to future contract solicitations and terms, based on industry best practices. The Consultant's analysis and report resulted in a total of 21 recommendations for improved golf course operations. These recommendations addressed the concerns identified in the September 2017 Board Motion and provided the Department with the greatest opportunity to maximize revenues and provide quality golf play.

Among the recommendations made by the Consultant were the development of a Golf Strategic Plan to address the findings of the Consultant's report, the pooling of Capital Improvement Funds for use at any golf facility the County determines is needed, and a Unitary Contract Structure, under which all facilities would eventually be under one agreement with one operator. Subsequently, the Department released a Request for Proposals (RFP) which incorporated the Golf Strategic Plan, included all the current golf facilities under a month-to-month status, and incorporated the other Consultant recommendations as applicable to the RFP process.

Amending the contracts for the other four golf courses operated by AGC/AGG to allow for the deposit of capital improvement funds collected as of the day of each amendment and moving forward into the Department's Golf Capital Improvement Fund will provide the Department with the flexibility to use such funds where the need is greater. This is in accordance with the Consultant's recommendations of pooling the Capital Improvement Funds. The amount in the Capital Improvement Funds for the Knollwood, Lakewood, Los Verdes, and Whittier Narrows Golf Courses prior to execution of the amendments will remain for the exclusive use in each of the respective golf courses.

The Department worked extensively with County Counsel and outside counsel to strengthen the Force Majeure Language included in the Lease Agreement. Through this language, no Force Majeure event shall excuse AGG of its obligations to maintain, repair, and keep the premises in good condition, or excuse AGG's obligation to pay utilities, other charges, and Percentage Rent. Further, AGG must show that any failure to perform due to a Force Majeure event is totally beyond its control and without any fault or negligence of AGG.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended Lease Agreement will further the County's Strategic Plan, Strategy II.2 Support the Wellness of Our Communities, Objective II.2.2 Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities, Strategy III.3 Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.1 Maximize Revenue, and Objective III.3.2 Manage and Maximize County Assets by expanding recreational opportunities and maximizing the effectiveness of processes, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Approval of the recommended actions will result in additional benefit to the County in the form of rental fees and Capital Improvement Funds for the Golf Courses in an estimated amount of $71 million over the proposed 15-year term of the recommended Lease Agreement, based on the rental fee schedule outline below:

- Green Fee, Cart Fee, Range, Senior Cards, and Tournament Fees 28%
- Sale, Repair, Rental of Golf Related Merchandise, Vending Machine, Sales and/or Commissions, Other Miscellaneous Sales 6%
- Food, Non-Alcoholic Beverage, and Banquet Service Charges 8%
- Liquor 10%
- All Rooms/Facility Rentals 25%

Of the total fee revenue of approximately $71 million, over the proposed 15-year term, an estimated amount of $51 million will be deposited into the Department’s Golf Operating Special Revenue Fund. An estimated amount of $20 million will be deposited into the Department’s Golf Capital Improvement Fund to be used for golf course improvements at any County Golf Course included in the Department’s Capital Fund. In addition, AGG shall contribute $750,000, which will be deposited into the Department’s Golf Course Capital Improvement Fund to be used for golf course improvements at the Golf Courses under this Lease Agreement.

AGG shall provide and pay for water, electricity, gas, telephone, and internet services needed to serve the Golf Courses, with the exception of the water costs at Alondra and Marshall Canyon Golf Courses. The Alondra and Marshall Canyon Golf Courses share a water meter with an adjacent County Park and the water costs for these facilities cannot be separated, as such the County is responsible for the water cost at these facilities.

## OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the terms of the recommended Lease Agreement, it is estimated that the Golf Operating Special Revenue Fund will realize estimated rent revenues of $1.7 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 (six months) and $3 million in FY 2023-24. The Department will work with the Chief Executive Office to adjust the revenue as part of the budget process in the appropriate fiscal year.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Board is authorized by the provision of Government Code Section 25907 to lease Department real property to any person, form, or corporation for concessions and services consistent with public Department purposes. The proposed Lease Agreement is consistent with said purpose.

The County maintains databases that track/monitor the contractor's performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes. No negative information was found for AGG.

The AGG will provide the required insurance policies prior to the start of the Lease Agreement, naming the County as additional insured.

County Counsel has approved the Lease Agreement as to form.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions are administrative activities of government and would create government funding mechanisms that do not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment or direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

On July 12, 2021, the Department released an RFP for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Golf Courses. A notice was posted on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website, including a link to download the RFP package and bilingual instructions on how to contact the Department regarding this RFP. Additionally, in conjunction with the Consultant, the Department compiled a list of golf course operators and sent an electronic mail to over 30 potential proposers nationwide. On September 29, 2021, the Department received five proposals; however, none of the proposals were determined to be viable. Therefore, in the best interest of the County, the RFP was cancelled. The Department in turn worked closely with County Counsel and the Consultant to revise the RFP's minimum requirements.

Subsequently, on December 14, 2021, the Department released a revised RFP and a new notice was posted on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website along with resending an electronic mail to potential proposers nationwide.

On February 1, 2022, the Department received three proposals. Each proposal was reviewed by the Department's staff to ensure compliance with mandatory minimum requirements outlined in the RFP. One proposal did not meet the minimum requirements of the RFP and was disqualified. The remaining two proposals moved on to the evaluation stage, which consisted of two phases. For phase I, the Evaluation Committee consisted of three members selected by the Department. For phase II, the Evaluation Committee consisted of three members of the Department's executive management.

Utilizing the Informed Averaging Scoring methodology, the Evaluation Committee for phase I evaluated the proposals based on the criteria identified in the RFP, which included: proposer's qualifications, quality of financial proposal, proposer's vision, operating model and capital plan, proposer's alignment of and support for strategic plan, and acceptance/exceptions to the terms and conditions of the Sample Lease Agreement. For phase II, Evaluation Committee evaluated the proposers through an interview that included a series of questions designed to evaluate the responsiveness of each proposer to the requirements of the RFP.

Based on the evaluation of proposals, it is recommended that the Lease Agreement for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Alondra, Diamond Bar, La Mirada, Marshall Canyon, and Norwalk Golf Courses be awarded to American Golf of Glendale.

The Department received one request for debriefing from the non-selected proposers; there was no protest resulting from this solicitation.

It should be noted that upon final analysis and award, American Golf of Glendale was selected without regard to gender, race, creed, or color.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no impact on current public services.

**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that three adopted copies of the action taken by your Board be forwarded to the Department.

Should you have any questions please contact Ms. Sandra Salazar at (626) 588-5266 or via email at ssalazar@parks.lacounty.gov, Mr. Ruben Lopez at (626) 588-5278 or rlopez@parks.lacounty.gov, or Ms. Kimberly Rios at (626) 588-5368 or krios@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma E. García-González
Director

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**BOARD LETTER/MEMO**
**CLUSTER FACT SHEET**

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 | |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 | |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☒ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th | |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Parks and Recreation | |
| **SUBJECT** | APPEALS OF NOTICES OF EXEMPTION FOR OPERATION OF PEDESTRIAN GATES AT CLOVERDALE AVENUE AND PADILLA PLACE PROJECT AND FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA | |
| **PROGRAM** | N/A | |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No | |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No | |
| | If Yes, please explain why: | |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | | |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $ | Funding source: |
| | TERMS (if applicable): | |
| | Explanation: | |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | To deny appeals of the Department's Notices of Exemption (NOEs) for the Fence Project and the Gates Project at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA), and affirm the Department's decisions that the two projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). | |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | Appeals by the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association (Appellant) of: (1) a decision by the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) that the installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place (the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project (Fence Project)) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and (2) a decision by the Department that the Department's operation of two pedestrian gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide public access to the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) during regular park hours (Gates Project) is exempt from CEQA. The Department filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Fence Project on February 24, 2022, and for the Gates Project on March 29, 2022.<br><br>Appellant filed an appeal to the NOE for the Fence Project on March 10, 2022, and an appeal to the NOE for the Gate Project on April 12, 2022. On May 19, 2022, the County invited Appellant to submit any other written argument or materials in support of their appeals identifying all grounds for the appeals and specifying why Appellant contends the CEQA exemption determinations do not comply with CEQA. The grounds for appeal shall be limited to whether the projects conform to the requirements for a CEQA exemption. Any issue not raised in the submitted materials shall be deemed waived. On | |

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| | June 15, 2022, Appellant submitted a letter, including four exhibits, in support of its appeals. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: The recommended actions further the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved County Strategic Plan Goals to: Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities (Goal 2) by expanding access for all County residents who have traditionally underutilized the County's museums, theatres, beaches, parks, and other recreational facilities; and Realize Tomorrow's Government Today (Goal 3) by managing the use of County assets, including parks and recreational facilities, in ways that are fiscally responsible. |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Jill Sourial, DPR, jsourial@parks.lacounty.gov, (626) 588-5322<br><br>Sonia Chan, County Counsel, schan@counsel.lacounty.gov, (213) 974-1948 |

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**KENNETH HAHN OPERATION OF PEDESTRIAN GATES AT CLOVERDALE AVENUE AND PADILLA PLACE PROJECT AND KENNETH HAHN FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT NOTICES OF EXEMPTION APPELLANT: BALDWIN VISTA HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PROJECT LOCATION: KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA 4100 SOUTH LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056 (SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the appeals by the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association, of a decision by the Department of Parks and Recreation that the installation of six-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place (the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project) and a decision by the Department of Parks and Recreation that its operation of two pedestrian gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide public access to the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area during regular park hours, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The Department of Parks and Recreation filed a Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project on February 24, 2022, and for the Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project on March 29, 2022.

The Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association filed an appeal to the Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project on March 10, 2022, and an appeal to the Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project on April 12, 2022. On May 19, 2022, the County of Los Angeles invited the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association to submit any other written argument or materials in support of their appeals identifying all grounds for the appeals and specifying why the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association contends the California Environmental Quality Act exemption determinations do not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act . The grounds for appeal shall be limited to whether the two projects conform to the requirements for a California Environmental Quality Act exemption. Any issue not raised in the submitted materials shall be deemed waived. On June 15, 2022, the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association submitted a letter, including four exhibits, in support of its appeals.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Affirm the decision of the Department of Parks and Recreation that the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Facilities); and Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

2. Affirm the decision of the Department of Parks and Recreation that the Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land); Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures); and Section 15323 (Class 23, Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).

3. Direct Department of Parks and Recreation staff to file revised Notice of Exemption’s reflecting the Board’s actions.

4. Deny the appeal of the Department of Parks and Recreation's February 24, 2022 Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project.

5. Deny the appeal of the Department of Parks and Recreation's March 29, 2022 Notice of Exemption for the Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles County (County) Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) operates the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) located at 4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056. KHSRA is owned by the State of California and includes large areas of native coastal sage scrub habitat, lawns and landscaped areas, picnic sites, tot lots, fishing lake, lotus pond, community center, athletic fields, and five miles of trails.

### Fence Project

On May 25, 2021, the Department sent letters to five property owners adjacent to KHSRA, who have unauthorized private access gates from their properties to KHSRA. The letters requested that the gates be permanently removed or shuttered by July 1, 2021 and indicated that failure to comply would result in the Department taking steps to install a fence or barricade on KHSRA property to prevent any continued unauthorized access from the private residences.

The Department did not receive any responses to the May 25, 2021 letters. Due to a lack of response from the property owners, the Department decided to proceed with the installation of a fence within the portion of KHSRA which abuts the private residences. Specifically, the Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project (Fence Project) calls for the installation of six-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place. The Department filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Fence Project (Attachment B-1) on February 24, 2022.

### Gates Project

In addition to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, KHSRA offers pedestrian entrances at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea, which are free and open to the public at all times.

For many years, preexisting vehicular gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place have provided certain surrounding homeowners with ingress and egress through KHSRA via existing easement rights. This access has only been available to those persons with the key and/or code to the locked vehicular gates. The easement, created in 1946, reserved a non-exclusive easement for a 28-foot wide road for ingress and egress across a parcel of land connecting a number of residential tracts to La Brea Avenue. At the time the easement was created, KHSRA did not exist and was instead a planned reservoir dam. However, after the land was converted into a park, the easement was unchanged and continued to provide for ingress and egress across a parcel of the park connecting the residential neighborhood and La Brea Avenue. The new pedestrian gates are located directly adjacent to the preexisting vehicular gates.

Residents of neighborhoods north of KHSRA that do not have the key and/or code to the vehicular gates do not currently have pedestrian access to the park and must either drive two to three miles to the KHSRA's main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, or walk along busy La Brea Avenue to existing pedestrian access points at the south end of the KHSRA. The lack of sidewalks and safe pathways on South La Brea Avenue have contributed to a decades-long disconnection between KHSRA and community members living north of the KHSRA. Consistent with the Department's mission to serve as stewards of public parklands and to advance social equity and cohesion, the Department wishes to provide pedestrian public access at these park entrances (Gates Project) to avoid the inequity of permitting only those with key and/or code access to the park at these locations.

On August 16, 2021, and January 12, 2022, the Department held virtual community meetings regarding park access through the gates.

On February 16, 2022, prior to filing this California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) appeal with the Board, the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association (Appellant) filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court, which alleges violation of CEQA, unconstitutional taking of property, and unconstitutional denial of due process. (*BVHNA v. County of Los Angeles et al.*, LASC Case No. 22STCP0058.) The lawsuit is pending.

On March 15, 2022, the Department released a "Park Update" explaining that an opening date for the gates is yet to be determined and that it would provide advance notice of the opening date.

On March 25, 2022, the Department completed an internal CEQA Evaluation Document (Attachment A) to explain the evidence supporting its determination that the Gates Project is exempt from CEQA. The CEQA Evaluation Document concludes that the installation and operation of the gates are exempt from CEQA under categorical exemptions for existing facilities (Class 1), new construction or conversion of small structures (Class 3), minor alterations to land (Class 4), accessory structures (Class 11), and normal operations of facilities for public gatherings (Class 23). This analysis also identifies the specific facts that support the use of the claimed categorical exemptions, as well as provides an explanation of why none of the exceptions to the exemptions applied. Based on these conclusions, the Department filed an NOE from CEQA with the County Clerk on March 29, 2022 (Attachment B-2).

On March 31, 2022, the Department posted notices on the two pedestrian gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place stating that they would be open for public access to KHSRA during regular park hours starting on April 4, 2022. As stated, the gates have been open during regular park hours since April 4, 2022.

On April 12, 2022, and June 15, 2022, Appellant, through its attorneys, sent letters to the Board appealing the NOE (Attachments C-1, C-2, and C-3) alleging (1) the project description in the NOE is misleading and incomplete; (2) the Gates Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in the NOE; (3) the exemptions are inapplicable because the Gates Project will have a significant effect on the environment; and (4) lack of notice for the Department's decision to operate the gates. The June 15, 2022 letter also states that it incorporates Appellant's appeal of the Fence Project.

The Department has prepared a written response to the allegations in Appellant's June 15, 2022, letter. (Attachment D.)

For the reasons stated in the record, including, but not limited to the Appellant's CEQA appeal letters, dated March 10, 2022, April 12, 2022, and June 15, 2022, along with Exhibits submitted by Appellant in support of its appeal (Attachments C-1, C-2, and C-3), the CEQA evaluation conducted by the Department (Attachment A), the Department's response to CEQA appeals (Attachment D), the public comments/correspondences received by the Department related to the Projects (Attachment E), and this Board letter, the Department recommends the Board deny the Appellant's appeals and affirm the Department's decisions that the Gates Project and Fence Project are categorically exempt from CEQA.

There is no connection between the Gates Project and the Fence Project that would require these activities to be analyzed as part of a single "project." Unlike the Gates Project, the Fence Project does not include any new public access to KHSRA. Instead, the Fence Project limits unlawful access. Further, the Fence Project is proceeding independently of the Gates Project and is neither a consequence of the Gates Project nor would it change the nature or scope of the Gates Project.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Gates Project furthers the Board of Supervisors-approved County Strategic Plan goal to "Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities" (Goal 2) by expanding access for all County residents, particularly those in unincorporated and high-needs areas, who have traditionally underutilized the County's parks and other recreational facilities.

The Fence Project furthers the Board of Supervisors-approved County Strategic Plan goal to "Realize Tomorrow's Government Today" (Goal 3) by managing the use of County assets, including parks and recreational facilities, in ways that are fiscally responsible.

## Implementation of County Sustainability Goals

The Gates Project implements Board of Supervisors-approved County Sustainability Plan goal of "accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities" (Goal 6) by making parks and public lands more accessible and inclusive.

The Fence Project also implements this goal by managing parks and other public lands carefully so that all residents may enjoy their benefits.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions do not have a fiscal impact.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under CEQA, if a non-elected decision-making body of a local lead agency determines a project is exempt from CEQA, that determination may be appealed to the agency's elected decision-making body. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21151, subd. (c).) With regard to the Department's CEQA determinations, the Board is the elected decision-making body. The grounds for appeal are limited to whether the Projects conform to the requirements for a CEQA exemption. Other than the Department's determination of exemption from CEQA, none of the Department's actions related to the Gates Project or Fence Project are appealable to the Board.

The Board's decision on the appeal must be based on its own independent judgment and consideration of the materials in the administrative record before it, including, but not limited to the March 10, 2022, April 12, 2022, and June 15, 2022 letters along with Exhibits (Attachments C-1, C-2, and C-3), the Department's response to the appeal letters (Attachment D), the CEQA evaluation conducted by the Department (Attachment A), the public comments/correspondences received by the Department related to the Projects (Attachment E), and this Board letter.

The Department has not received any correspondence regarding the Fence Project other than the CEQA Appeal from Appellants.

The Department received 65 e-mails/letters in support of the Gates Project, stating that opening the gates will improve public access to the park. Many of the letters are from members of the Village Green community north of the KHSRA who stated that opening the gates would enable them to walk to the park instead of driving to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, which is two to three miles away from Village Green.

The Department also received 20 e-mails/letters in opposition of the Gates Project. These letters were from Baldwin Vista residents who expressed that allowing the general public to access the park through the neighborhood would bring traffic, noise, trash, loitering, intruders, and crime to the area and negatively impact the peace and enjoyment of their community.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Department determined that the Fence Project, which involves installing a six-foot high fence between the Bowl Loop and the KHSRA property line, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15302 (Class 2(c), Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Facilities); and Section 15303 (Class 3(e), Construction and Location of New, Small Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines based upon the Fence Project record.

Further, the Department determined that the Gates Project, which involves the operation of two pedestrian gates to KHSRA, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land); Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures); and Section 15323 (Class 23, Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) of the CEQA Guidelines based upon the Gates Project record.

In addition, based on the Gates and Fence Project records, the Projects will comply with all applicable regulations and are not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5 or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There are no known impacts on current services or projects.

**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office and the Department Parks and Recreation.

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**Attachment A**

# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Evaluation of

# Pedestrian Access from Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area

March 2022

County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation

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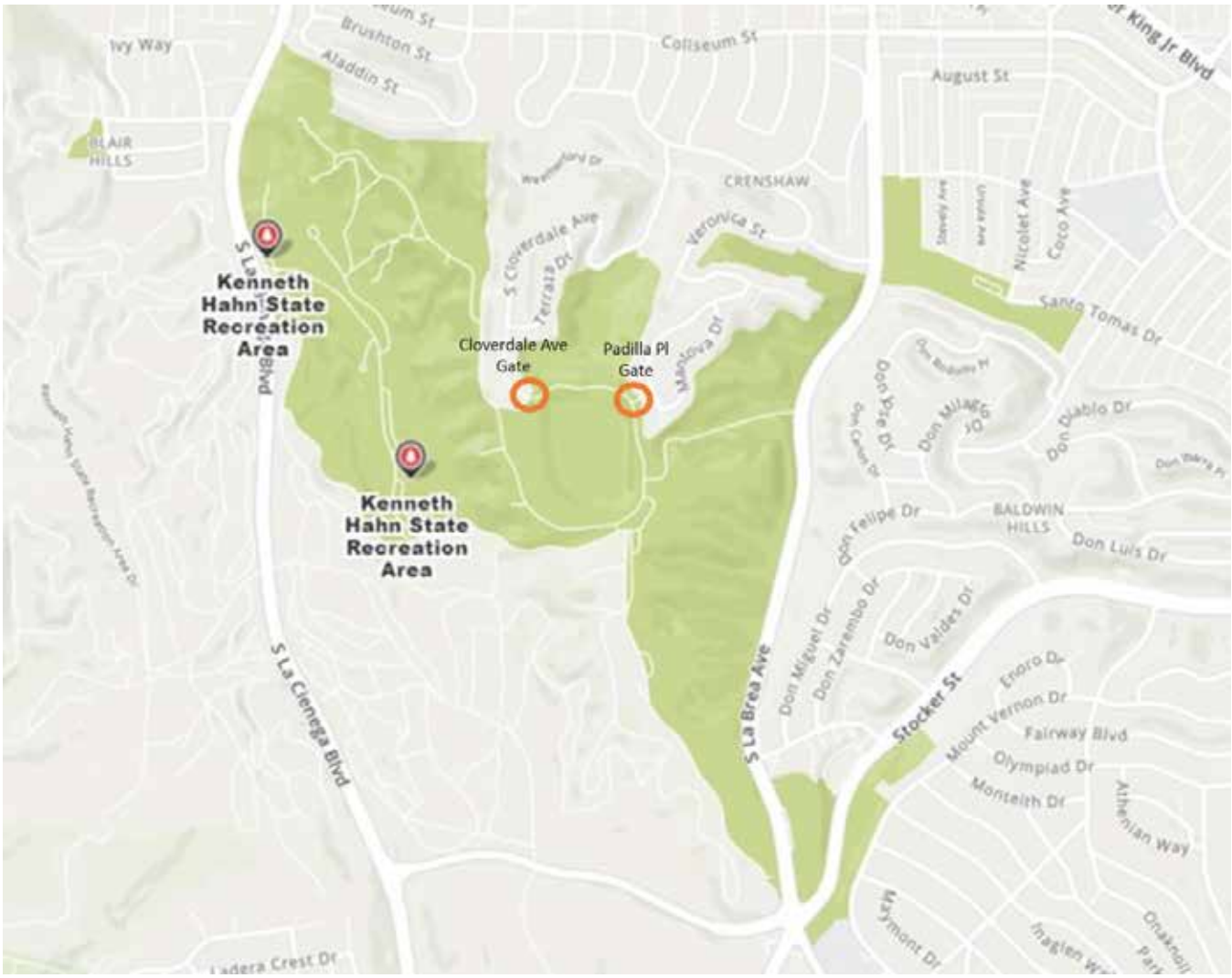
# 1. California Environmental Quality Act Compliance

## 1.1 Background

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (the “Department”) has prepared this document to explain the evidence supporting its determination that the operation of two pedestrian gates (the “Gates”) constructed at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place, which would provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (the "Park"), is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).

The location of the Gates is shown below:

**Figure 1 – Location of Pedestrian Gates**



The Department plans to operate the pedestrian Gates for public access to the Park during regular Park hours.[1] For many years, preexisting vehicular gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place have provided certain surrounding homeowners with ingress and egress through the Park via existing easement rights. This access has only been available to those persons with the key and/or code to the locked vehicular gates. The easement, created in 1946, reserved a non-exclusive easement for a 28' wide road for ingress and egress across a parcel of land connecting the residential neighborhood and La Brea Avenue. At the time the easement was created, the Park did not exist and was instead a planned reservoir dam. However, after the land was converted into a Park, the easement was unchanged and continued to provide for ingress and egress across a parcel of the Park connecting the residential neighborhood and La Brea Avenue.

Correspondence between the Department and local residents suggests that the 28' wide easement was originally granted to provide the surrounding homeowners with an emergency evacuation route to La Brea Avenue in the event of fire, earthquake, or other natural disaster. Over the years, however, the vehicular gates have been used by key and/or code holders for recreational use of the Park.

Residents of neighborhoods north of the Park that do not have the key and/or code to the vehicular gates do not currently have pedestrian access to the Park and must either drive two to three miles to the Park's main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, or walk along busy La Brea Avenue to existing pedestrian access points at the south end of the Park. The lack of sidewalks and safe pathways on South La Brea Avenue have contributed to a decades long disconnection between the Park and community members living north of the Park.[2] Consistent with the Department's mission to serve as stewards of public parklands and to advance social equity and cohesion, the Department wishes to provide pedestrian public access at these Park entrances to avoid the inequity of permitting only those with key and/or code access to the Park at these locations.[3] This access is also in alignment with the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation General Plan.[4] The new pedestrian Gates are located directly adjacent to the

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[1] From March 1st to October 31st, Park hours are from 6:00am to 8:00pm. From November 1st to February 28th, Park hours are from 6:00am to 6:00pm. More information on Park hours and Holiday hours can be found at https://parks.lacounty.gov/kenneth-hahn-state-recreation-area/.

[2] See La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 78 ("Currently, pedestrian and bike access to open space is limited along the South La Brea Ave. corridor. At this time surrounding community members can access Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area at only three locations. The La Cienega entrance is only accessible by automobile or bus; there are no existing pedestrian or bike paths along this fast moving Class II Highway. The two pedestrian/bike access points into the park are located along KHSRA's southeast boundary at Don Lorenzo Dr. and at Stocker Street. Lack of sidewalks and safe pathways on South La Brea Ave. between Rodeo Rd. and Don Lorenzo Dr. have contributed to a decades long disconnection along this heavily used corridor, especially for community members living north of KHSRA. All three of the entrances make it extremely difficult and nearly impossible for anyone on foot or riding a bike to enter KHSRA.")

[3] See *Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation: Department Operations Plan* http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dpr/1108547_DPROperationsPlan2021-22_06102021_Final.pdf at p. 2 ("LA County Parks Operations Plan for fiscal year 2021/2022 was developed with centering equity, access and commitment to programming.").

[4] See *Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area General Plan Amendment* http://bhc.ca.gov/webmaster/arc/documents/thePlan.pdf at p. 3-15 ("Public access shall be a primary consideration for all park design and shall take into consideration coordination with public transit, on-site and off-site parking, connections to local parks, greenways, trails and trailheads. Pedestrian and bicycle access at key

preexisting vehicular gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place, which will remain available for use by easement holders. (See Appendix A, *Location of Pedestrian Gates in relation to Park Amenities at KHSRA*.)

### 1.1.1 California Environmental Quality Act Application

A "Project" is an activity subject to CEQA. Section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines, Preliminary Review, states that the lead agency must first determine if the action or activity is a Project as defined by CEQA. Section 15060, paragraph (c) states:

> An activity is not subject to CEQA if:
>
> (1) The activity does not involve the exercise of discretionary powers by a public agency;
>
> (2) The activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; or
>
> (3) The activity is not a Project as defined in Section 15378.

Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines gives further definition to determine if the discretionary action is in fact a Project. Section 15378 states:

> (a) "Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and that is any of the following:
>
> (1) An activity directly undertaken by any public agency including but not limited to public works construction and related activities clearing or grading of land, improvements to existing public structures, enactment and amendment of zoning ordinances, and the adoption and amendment of local General Plans or elements thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 65100–65700.
>
> (2) An activity undertaken by a person which is supported in whole or in part through public agency contacts, grants, subsidies, loans, or other forms of assistance from one or more public agencies.
>
> (3) An activity involving the issuance to a person of a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use by one or more public agencies.

The Department has determined that operation of the constructed pedestrian Gates, which has some potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment is a Project as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

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public access points will be a top priority, and all trails, trailheads, greenways, park entrances, park facilities and parking will incorporate pedestrian and bicycle needs. All park sites should be managed to maximize non-vehicular access, and safe and accessible connections to trails shall be emphasized.").

### 1.1.2 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS

When an agency determines that a proposed activity is a project under CEQA, the next step is determine whether the project falls under a statutory or categorical exemption from CEQA. Because the Department considers operating the pedestrian Gates to be a project subject to CEQA, the Department has considered whether operating the pedestrian Gates is exempt from CEQA review under one or more of CEQA's categorical exemptions. Section 15061 of the CEQA Guidelines states that a project is exempt from CEQA if:

> (1) The project is exempt by statute (see, e.g. Article 18, commencing with Section 15260).
>
> (2) The project is exempt pursuant to a categorical exemption (see Article 19, commencing with Section 15300) and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.
>
> (3) The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.
>
> (4) The project will be rejected or disapproved by a public agency. (See Section 15270(b)).
>
> (5) The project is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Article 12.5 of this Chapter.

Section 15300 et seq. of the CEQA Guidelines identifies classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and that are exempt from the provisions of CEQA, provided that none of the exceptions in Section 15300.2 apply.

As further explained below, the Department has determined that operation of the constructed pedestrian Gates is exempt from CEQA under one or more of the following categorical exemptions: Class 1, Class 3, Class 4, Class 11 and Class 23:

#### (a) Class 1. Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. …. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301.) The County of Los Angeles also lists County Categorical Exemptions similar to the CEQA Guidelines.[5] County Categorical Exemption Class 1: Existing Facilities includes the above-mentioned Section 15301 language and also applies here.

The operation of the pedestrian Gates would qualify as a minor alteration of an existing public structure, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The existing vehicular gates are currently used by key holders for recreational use of the Park, and there is no

[5] See https://planning.lacounty.gov/view/ceqa_guidelines.

evidence to suggest opening the pedestrian Gates will significantly increase that existing use, either by these key holders or other members of the public for the following reasons:

1) The Department does not expect the new Gates to attract a significant number of new users based on the fact that the vast majority of current Park visitors currently opt to access the park via the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard where there is convenient parking, despite the existence of other pedestrian entrances to the Park, all of which experience minimal use according to recent studies and Park staff. Specifically, according to a 2017 study of the Baldwin Hills Parklands by Loyola Marymount University (LMU)**,** most visitors currently drive to the Park and enter through the main entrance.[6] In terms of parking availability, the Park offers a total of 560 parking spaces, including 400 regular parking spaces, 100 legal curbside parking spaces, and 60 overflow parking spaces. According to 2021 – 2022 data collected by Park staff, Park vehicle entry in March through October was approximately 300 to 450 vehicles per day on weekdays and 400 to 500 vehicles per day on weekends and holidays.[7] That total number of cars lowered to approximately 250 to 300 vehicles per day on weekdays and 300 to 350 vehicles per day weekends and holidays from November through February. Because the total amount of vehicles entering the Park on weekdays and weekends does not exceed the total number of available parking spaces, it is unlikely that Park visitors would look elsewhere for parking.

Further, in addition to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard, the Park offers pedestrian entrances similar to the pedestrian Gates at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea which are free and open to the public.[8] Photos of the entrances are shown below:

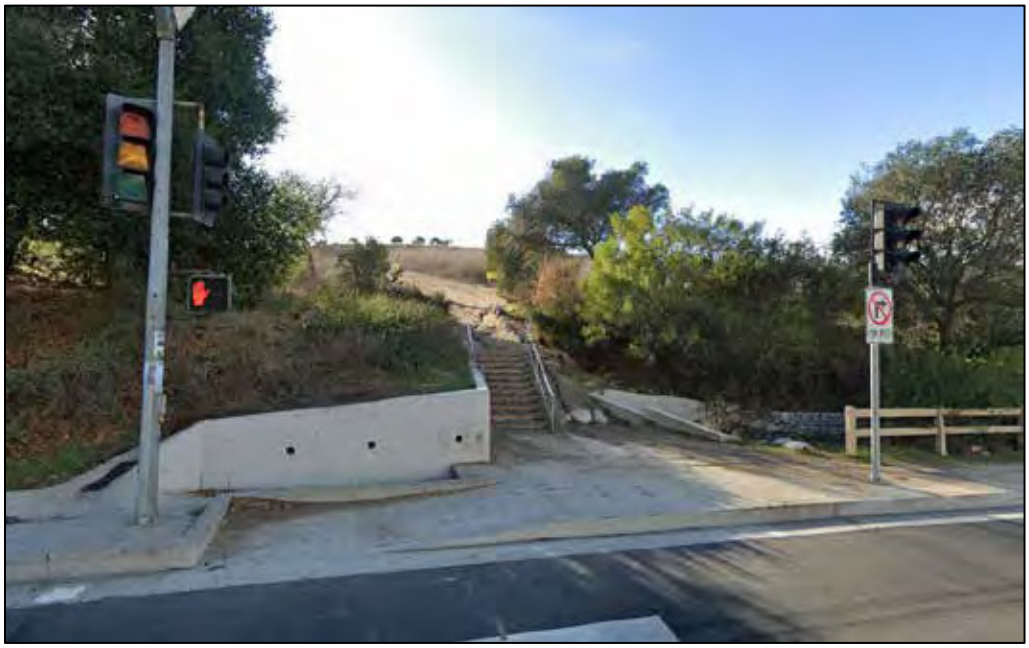
[6] The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 64 [“an overwhelming majority (84%) of users drove to get to the park, entering through the main entrance (88%) and finding it very convenient (72%) to park”].

[7] Vehicle counts on weekdays are based on Park staff observations and visual surveys of parking lot capacity conducted multiple times per day by Park staff. Vehicle counts on weekends and holidays are based on the actual number of vehicles paying to enter the Park.

[8] Pedestrian entry to the main La Cienega entrance is also free, and it is free to park at the main entrance on weekdays. There is a vehicle entrance fee of $7/day on weekends and holidays ($5/day for senior citizen or disabled).

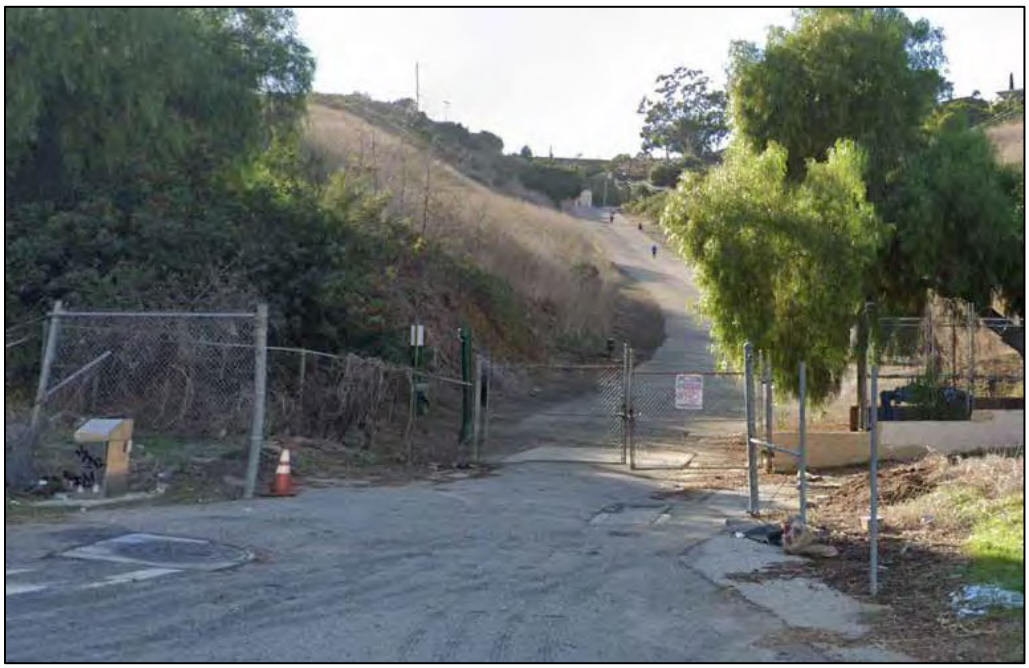
**Figure 2** – Stocker/La Brea Pedestrian Entrance to the Park

**Figure 3** – Don Lorenzo/La Brea Pedestrian Entrance to the Park



There is also another unofficial pedestrian access point on La Brea (shown in Figure 4 below) through which visitors can enter the Park by stepping over a low cinder block wall next to the vehicular access gate.

**Figure 4** – Additional La Brea Access Point



According to the LMU study**,** few visitors have been observed using these access points.[9] Staff expect to see similar results at the pedestrian Gates, with a limited number of visitors using them as access points to enter the Park. Staff expect that these entrances will be primarily used by pedestrian visitors located in the surrounding neighborhoods, who currently are unable to conveniently access the Park from their neighborhoods because only a limited number of people currently have keys to the existing vehicular gates. Thus, any increase in use of the Park entrances at Coverdale and Padilla Avenues is likely to come from a small number of neighbors, who, under current conditions, can only access the Park by driving around to the main entrance or risk walking by traffic on the highway to use one of the other pedestrian entrances.[10] The Department received a number of letters from non-key-holding neighbors who currently drive or walk to other Park entrances and would welcome the opportunity to simply walk from their homes into the Park through the new pedestrian Gates.

[9] The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 8 [Stocker and Don Lorenzo pedestrian entrances removed from pedestrian counts due to volunteers "encountering very few people"].

[10] La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 30 ["One of the main obstacles to accessing open space and outdoor recreational activities for residents within these particular communities is the lack of pedestrian and bike infrastructure along city streets."] and p. 78 ["Lack of sidewalks and safe pathways on South La Brea Ave. between Rodeo Rd. and Don Lorenzo Dr. have contributed to a decades long disconnection along this heavily used corridor, especially for community members living north of KHSRA."]; see also, La Brea Avenue & La Cienega Boulevard Greening Study, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) (2021), p. 31, Figure C-1, Existing Sidewalks & Trails (available at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a-8p-gn5I97sdRQHtw7GLaMFHQKtwt0b/view).

For example, residents of Village Green in Baldwin Hills[11] have noted that opening the pedestrian Gates would enable them to walk to the park "without having to drive round to the entrance on La Cienega," and that opening the Gates "would really support the health of residents in this area." (See Appendix B, *Public Comments in Support of Opening Pedestrian Gates*.) The Department is not aware of anyone other than local neighbors who would be likely to use the new gates.

2) Most of the active recreational Park amenities are located approximately one-mile or 25 to 30-minute hike away from the new Gates. (See Appendix A.)

Park amenities include the following active recreation facilities:

- Four playgrounds
- One half basketball court
- One fishing lake
- Two lighted baseball diamonds
- One lit multi-purpose field
- One sand volleyball court
- One visitor center

Passive recreation amenities includes eight picnic rental shelters and 100 picnic tables throughout the park. There are also eight large barbecue pits and 60 small ones dispersed throughout the park.

[11] See La Brea Avenue & La Cienega Boulevard Greening Study, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) (2021), Figures A-1, A-2, and A-3 [showing location of Village Green in relationship to Park].

**Figure 5** – Picnic Areas at the Park

As shown in Appendix A, none of these amenities are directly adjacent to the proposed pedestrian Gates. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that people coming to use these amenities would access them by way of the Gates. This is particularly true of activities that require equipment that would have to be carried long distances and families with children.[12] Pedestrian visitors looking to partake in most Park amenities will likely enter the Park from a location in closer proximity to those amenities, such as the main entrance, rather than using the Gates. (See Appendix A*: Location of Pedestrian Gates in Relation to Park Amenities at KHSRA* Map.)

The Park also includes a variety of footpaths and trails. One of these trails is accessible from the Gates. (See Appendix A*: Location of Pedestrian Gates in Relation to Park Amenities*

[12] See also La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 270 ["While it is true that neighborhood parking is limited to street parking, it is also true that the distance from the proposed entry to the picnic areas in KHSRA is nearly three quarters of a mile, making it unlikely that people coming to the park for a BBQ or other social event would try to park at the trail entry and carry all their food and supplies that distance just to avoid the relatively small parking fee assessed at the La Cienega entry to KHSRA".]

*at KHSRA* Map.) However, the Department does not expect a significant number of new users to access this trail via the new Gates due to the availability of numerous other access points. Additionally, the Gates would merely provide access to existing recreational amenities at the Park; they do not create new features that would draw additional visitors. Thus, the pedestrian Gates would result in negligible to no expansion of the existing use, and the CEQA Class 1 exemption applies.

### (b) Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Class 3 consists of "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. … Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to:

…

(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

…" (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303.)

County Categorical Exemption Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures includes the above-mentioned Section 15303 language and also applies here.

The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies under this exemption. The pedestrian Gates are small new facilities along an existing fence line and are directly adjacent to other existing gates. Their construction and operation involved only minor modifications, including:. cutting and removing a section of the fencing, adding hinges and installing the pedestrian Gates, adding a locking mechanism to the Gates, adding a concrete transition to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance, and patching small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance. (See Figures 6 and 7, below). Due to the minor nature of the modifications, the Class 3 exemption applies.

### (c) Class 4. Minor Alterations to Land

Class 4 consists of "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

…

(e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment...;

…" (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304.)

County Categorical Exemption Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land includes the above-mentioned Section 15304 language and also applies here.

The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as a minor alteration to land. The Department anticipates that any alterations to the condition of the land would be minor because, as discussed above, the number of people using the Park would not substantially increase as a result of the pedestrian Gates. This is consistent with data from similar pedestrian entrances at the Park.

As stated above, there are other free pedestrian entrances to the Park. These include pedestrian entrances at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea. Similar to the Gates, these pedestrian entrances are free and open to the public. However, few visitors have been observed using these access points.[13] Staff expected to see similar results at the proposed Gates, with limited number of visitors using them as access points to enter the Park. Because of limited number of visitors using the Gates, no permanent environmental effects are expected.

Additionally, no trees will be removed. Thus the CEQA Class 4 exemption applies.

### (d) Class 11. Accessory Structures

Class 11 consists of "construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311.) County Categorical Exemption Class 11: Accessory Structures includes the above-mentioned Section 15311 language and also applies here.

The pedestrian Gates qualify as accessory structures under this exemption. The Gates are minor structures accessory to the Park. The pedestrian Gates were constructed within the existing fencing/vehicular gates at both locations. Each pedestrian Gate is approximately 3' 6" (42 inches) in width and 6' 8" (80 inches) in height as shown in the photos below. A concrete transition was added to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance and small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance were patched. Institutional facilities include government operated facilities for public purposes, including public parks. Thus, the CEQA Class 11 exemption applies.

[13] The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 8.

**Figure 6** – Padilla Place Access Point

Padilla Place Prior to Installation of Pedestrian Gate:

Padilla Place After Installation of Pedestrian Gate:

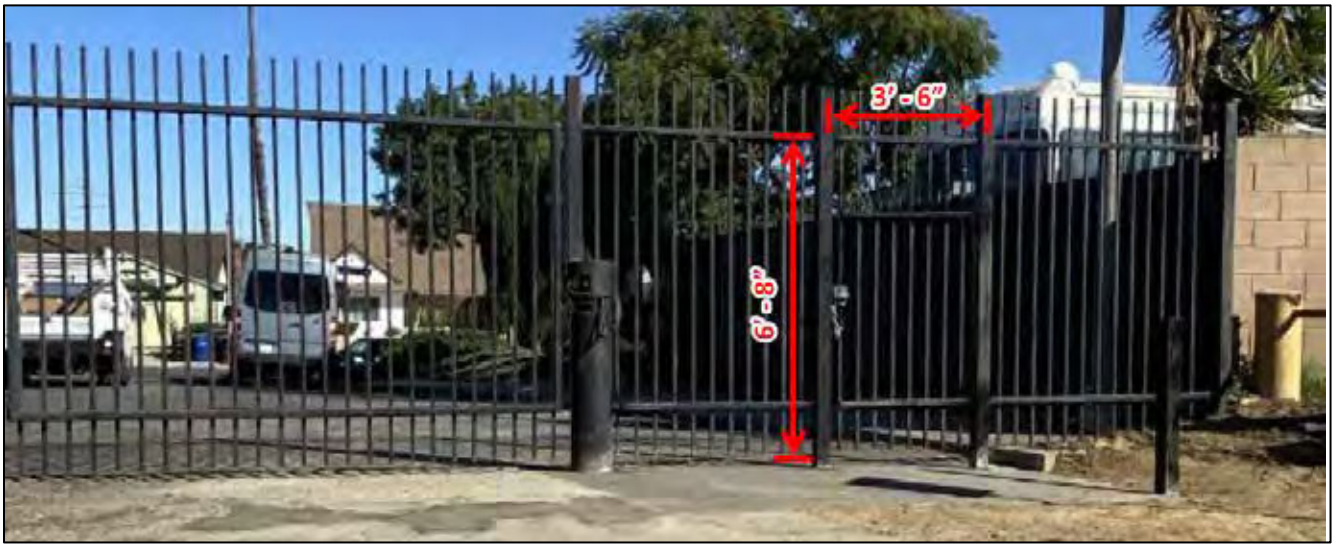


**Figure 7** – Cloverdale Avenue Access Point

Cloverdale Avenue Prior to Installation of Pedestrian Gate:

Cloverdale Avenue After Installation of Pedestrian Gate:

(e) Class 23. Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings

Class 23 consists of "the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For purposes of this section, 'past history' shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15323.) County Categorical Exemption Class 23: Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings includes the above-mentioned Section 15323 language and specifically identifies "parks" as falling under this exemption. Thus, County Categorical Exemption Class 23 also applies here.

The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as normal operation of existing facilities under this exemption. The entrances at these locations have been used by pedestrians for at

least three years. Specifically, adjacent property owners with gate keys have accessed the Park from these locations for nearly 75 years. Future operation of the Gates will continue to allow for pedestrian access the Park and does not represent a change in the operation of the Park. Additionally, the number of Park visitors is not expected to increase as a result of the operation of the Gates. The Department expects these entrances will be used by people living in the surrounding neighborhoods, who currently are unable to access the Park from their neighborhoods because only a limited number of people currently have keys to the existing vehicular gates. As evidenced by commenters that live in the surrounding neighborhood, the Gates would provide this limited number of pedestrian visitors access to the Park through a nearby, safe entrance, rather than driving around to the main entrance or risk walking by traffic on the highway to use one of the other pedestrian entrances. The Department is not aware of anyone other than local neighbors who would be likely to use the new pedestrian Gates. Therefore, no change in operation is expected.

### 1.1.3 Exceptions to the Use of Categorical Exemptions

CEQA identifies certain exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions. All of the potential exceptions to the use of Categorical Exemptions, identified in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines were examined and determined to not apply to the proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates. Each exception is discussed below:

**Location.** Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant.

The proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates falls under the Class 3, Class 4, and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions. There is no particularly sensitive environment in the vicinity of the pedestrian Gates. There are no environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The Park lies within the Baldwin Hills area which is not located in a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), as designated by the County of Los Angeles. The Baldwin Hills are also not located within the boundaries of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) or Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP).[14] Thus, the “location” exception does not apply to the pedestrian Gates.

**Cumulative Impact.** Categorical exemptions are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The Department has no planned future proposals to operate publicly-accessible pedestrian gates in the same location as the pedestrian Gates, and there have been no past proposals for similar publicly-accessible pedestrian gates at these locations.[15] Thus, there is

[14] Park to Playa Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (2013), p. 4-33.

[15] The Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project (“Fence Installation Project”) located at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area involves the installation of a 6-foot-high fence between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place. The Notice of Exemption for the Fence Installation Project was filed on February 24, 2022. The Fence Installation Project is a separate, independent project from the pedestrian Gates. The Fence Installation Project will not provide new public access to the Park and does not involve installation of publicly-accessible pedestrian Gates.

no possibility of a significant cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place.

**Significant Effect.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

There is nothing unusual about the size, scale or scope of the pedestrian Gates as compared to other projects that typically fall within the CEQA exemptions identified above. Based on all available information regarding potential for environmental resources, no site conditions have been identified that are unusual, or that would cause or contribute to an unusual circumstance, and there is no evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

For example, the Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea pedestrian entrances and the unofficial pedestrian access point on La Brea are similar to the proposed pedestrian Gates as they provide pedestrian access away from the Park's main entrance. Few visitors have been observed using these access points,[16] further evidencing that there will likely be few visitors using the pedestrian Gates, and there is no evidence of any significant effect on the environment from the use of these other pedestrian gates.

These pedestrian entrances are similar to the proposed Gates and support the finding that there are no unusual circumstances associated with the Project that would cause environmental impacts.

In fact, operation of the Gates may have a beneficial impact on vehicle miles travelled ("VMT") and associated impacts on air quality and noise, since neighbors who currently drive to the main entrance of the Park for access would be able to walk to the Gates from their homes.

Thus, the project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

**Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

There are no officially designated scenic routes/highways proximate to the Park.[17] Thus, the proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates would not damage such a resource.

[16] The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 8 [Stocker and Don Lorenzo pedestrian entrances removed from pedestrian counts due to volunteers "encountering very few people"].

[17] Addendum No. 2 to the KHSRA General Plan Amendment Final EIR Kenneth Hahn Eastern Ridgeline Project Phase 2 (2012), p. 3-2.

**Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The opening of the pedestrian Gates would not involve construction or ground disturbance. There are no locations within the Park, including the pedestrian Gates area, included on the California Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.[18]

**Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

There are no historic resources within the geographic boundaries of the pedestrian Gates area. The Gates are located at an area of the Park where there are no existing buildings and there are no historic structures. The nearest historic structures to the Park, the Village Green multi-family residential community (5300 Rodeo Road) and the Collins-Furthmann Mansion (3691–3801 Lenawee Avenue), are located over 1.5 miles away and would not be affected by the opening of the pedestrian Gates.[19] Therefore, the proposed pedestrian Gates would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

## 1.2 Consideration of Community Concerns

The Department is aware of concerns from Baldwin Vista residents that allowing the general public to access the Park through the neighborhood would bring traffic, noise, trash, loitering, intruders, and crime to the area and negatively impact the peace and enjoyment of their community. Each of these concerns is addressed in detail below:

### Traffic

The Department does not anticipate a significant increase in vehicular traffic in the surrounding neighborhood, because the proposed project would provide access to existing recreational amenities at the Park rather than create new features that would draw additional visitors. As discussed above, most visitors enter through the main entrance, even though there are numerous other free pedestrian entrances already available.[20] Further, the Gates are not directly adjacent to any active Park feature, and similar pedestrian gates at other parks have not attracted a significant number of new users.

As discussed above, any new use of the Park through the pedestrian Gates would likely come from existing neighbors who would walk to the Gates. Residents expressed in writing and at the two community workshops held on August 16, 2021 and January 12, 2022 that

[18] Addendum No. 2 to the KHSRA General Plan Amendment Final EIR Kenneth Hahn Eastern Ridgeline Project Phase 2 (2012), p. 3-34.

[19] Segment C of the Park to Playa Trail Revised Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (2016), pp. 4-44, 4-45.

[20] The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 64.

opening the Gates would enable them to more easily access the Park *on foot* rather than drive around to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard. (See Appendix B.)

The Department anticipates that opening the gates could actually decrease vehicular traffic around the Park and surrounding neighborhood and lower VMT from the surrounding neighborhood. VMT measures the per capita number of car trips generated by a project and distances cars will travel to and from a project.[21] This tool is used to assess a project's greenhouse gas emissions ("GHG"), air quality, and energy use. The Department expects that residents in the surrounding neighborhood who would usually drive to the Park, would now be able to walk to the pedestrian Gates instead. This is supported by letters from members of Village Green community north of the Park who stated that they would walk to the Park instead of driving to the main entrance, which is two to three miles away from the Village Green community. (See Appendix B.) Thus, vehicular traffic and VMT could potentially be reduced by operating the pedestrian Gates.

Furthermore, because Baldwin Vista is in the City of Los Angeles, any traffic issues that might arise are within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) which oversees transportation planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operations, and addresses issues such as parking management, regulations, and enforcement, as well as traffic control. Therefore, the Department will cooperate/collaborate with LADOT on these issues if requested by the City of Los Angeles.

**Parking**

The Department does not anticipate a significant increase in parking demand in the surrounding neighborhood. This is based on the fact that operation of the gates is unlikely to attract a significant number of new users to the Park for the reasons explained above. These include, but are not limited to: the availability of ample parking at the Park's main entrance, which most visitors use despite the existence of other pedestrian access points at the Park[22]; the fact that the proposed project would provide access to existing recreational amenities at the Park rather than create new features that would draw additional visitors; the fact that many of the Park's main amenities are located far away from the pedestrian Gates; and the fact that other similar pedestrian gates at other parks have not resulted in a significant increase in use of those parks.[23]

Opening the Gates during Park operating hours will enable nearby residents to more easily access the Park on foot rather than drive their cars around to the La Cienega and La Brea entrances. Because Baldwin Vista is in the City of Los Angeles, any parking issues that might arise would also need to be handled by LADOT. LADOT administers parking permits for

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[21] See CEQA Guidelines, § 15064.3

[22] The Value of Urban Parklands: A User Study of the Baldwin Hills by Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience (2017), p. 64.

[23] See also La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 270 ["While it is true that neighborhood parking is limited to street parking, it is also true that the distance from the proposed entry to the picnic areas in KHSRA is nearly three quarters of a mile, making it unlikely that people coming to the park for a BBQ or other social event would try to park at the trail entry and carry all their food and supplies that distance just to avoid the relatively small parking fee assessed at the La Cienega entry to KHSRA. Local residents will comprise the majority of trail users, and those community members are already parking in the neighborhood."]

preferential parking districts which are areas with posted regulations limiting parking by vehicles without permits in order to reduce the impact of non-resident parking. Residents of the area are allowed to purchase permits exempting their vehicles and those of their visitors from posted preferential parking restrictions. Therefore, the Department will cooperate/collaborate with LADOT on these issues if requested by the City of Los Angeles.

**Noise**

For all of the reasons discussed above, the Department does not anticipate a significant increase in use of the Park via the pedestrian Gates. Therefore, the Department does not anticipate a significant increase in noise from the Gates. Under current conditions, noise in the area from Park users consists primarily of human conversation and footsteps. The operation of the Gates is unlikely to increase the existing noise levels due to the limited numbers of people expected to use these Park entrances and that fact that users will be on any one segment of the trail next to the Gates for short periods of time and on an irregular basis.[24] Audible noises from these users would also be infrequent.[25] Thus, the potential increase in the frequency of hearing voices from users of the pedestrian Gates would not result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels.

**Safety/Security**

The Department does not anticipate a significant increase in crime-related issues. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would continue to provide police protection services at the Park, and enforce County regulations on the use of the Park, trails, and adjacent public areas in the unincorporated County areas and areas under County management. Users of the Park are required to comply with Title 17, Parks, Beaches and Other Public Areas, of the Los Angeles County Code, which details the activity restrictions and regulations at parks and public areas, including hours of operation, prohibited activities, use and access restrictions, and fines and penalties.[26]

Furthermore, neighbors near the Stoneview Nature Center had similar concerns during the nature center's construction. However, none of their safety concerns have been realized. Staff at the Stoneview Nature Center (located less than a mile away from the Park and just a few feet from a residential neighborhood) confirmed that there has not been any loitering or intruder issues since the opening of the Nature Center. Because of the Stoneview Nature Center's similar proximity to a residential neighborhood and its similar location as the Park, the Department anticipates the similar results at the Park, with limited safety and security issues.[27]

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[24] Park to Playa Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (2013), p. 4-88.

[25] Ibid, p. 4-88

[26] Ibid, p. 4-94.

[27] See also La Brea Corridor Planning Study, North East Trees (2014), p. 270 ["With respect to security, the intent is to have an automated entry gate open only during designated hours such as from 7:00 am to sunset; the City of Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks is already using these gates successfully at several of their parks. The existing fencing would remain in place and could be strengthened if deemed advisable by community consensus. Recent studies have concluded, moreover, that residential neighborhoods like this one tend to have lower crime rates than either commercial districts or mixed use developments (Paulsen, 2012)."]

## Trash

For all of the reasons discussed above, the Department does not anticipate a significant increase in use of the Park via the pedestrian Gates. Therefore, the Department does not anticipate a significant increase in trash. Trash receptables are available at and/or near the pedestrian Gates and would be subject to regular maintenance, including the collection of trash for off-site disposal.[28]

## Similarly-situated neighborhoods

In addition to the information gathered above, similar concerns were raised by neighborhood residents when the nearby Stoneview Nature Center (located at 5950 Stoneview Dr. Culver City, CA 90232) was proposed. However, none of these issues materialized and the facility has been very well-received by the community since it opened in April 2017. Despite the neighborhood residents initial concerns about traffic, parking, and other issues, the neighborhood residents now regularly use the Nature Center as a meeting and gathering space, and some residents even serve as volunteers at the Nature Center.

[28] Park to Playa Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (2013), p. 4-19.

# Appendix A: Location of Pedestrian Gates in relation to Park Amenities at KHSRA

Parking

Pedestrian Access Point

1:8,500

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0 0.13 0.25 0.5 km

# Appendix B: Public Comments in Support of Opening Pedestrian Gates

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Kenneth Hahn Access meeting comments
**Date:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:51:05 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Shannon Bellanca [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:32 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Access meeting comments

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Hi, and thank you so much for holding a public meeting about the Kenneth Hahn access points at Coverdale and Punta Alta.

I fully support the proposal that LA County Department of Parks & Recs presented in the zoom meeting tonight. Keeping the existing gates for fire access and adding public access gates that will be unlocked during park hours seems like a great option. It satisfies the complaints of the neighbors who want to keep their fire access and the call to have more equitable access to the park for the general public.

I wonder if there are any case studies that have been done or examples in LA county of having park access through neighborhoods and how that can positively and negatively affect the residents. It might be helpful, since most of the arguments against public access are fears of increased crime and liter, but no concrete proof that it would actually happen. It seems like these are existing problems in the neighborhood that are unrelated to access to the park. I wonder if the public park access might even help mitigate these problems.

I live in Baldwin Vista, so I understand it may add some more traffic to the neighborhood as a whole, but I think having equitable access is more important.

I am happy and impressed by the time and thoughtfulness put into this decision. I also am thrilled at the possibility of public access through the neighborhood, as there is no safe, walkable access point via the North side of the park.

Thanks again for your time and consideration in this matter!

Please keep me informed about any more meetings or information regarding the access points to Kenneth Hahn.

Thanks again,
Shannon

Shannon Bellanca
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Julie Yom; Clement Lau |
| **Subject:** | FW: Kenneth Hahn Park Access |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:59:58 PM |

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**From:** Johnny Blades [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:02 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Park Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I wanted to write and say **thank you** again for the presentation you & your colleague gave regarding those Baldwin Vista gates which have long impeded public access to a precious park. Countless neighbors - even if they do not opt to show up to each and every townhall to rant and rave - are expressing appreciation for the work you all have been doing to generate a sound, sensible solution like last night's proposal.

Your agency's aim to promote equitable access to the entire community-at-large is very valuable (not to mention *timely)*. I'm sure your office knows well how much KH park is being utilized as the community seeks relief from the woes of the pandemic, and I'd say the winds seem to be blowing in a way that will help support this removal of remaining obstacles to access. Please let me know how I can stay apprised of future meetings, etc., or assist in providing voices of support for your proposal to share parks with more people.

Hope I remembered your email address correctly,

Johnny Blades
[redacted]
*@ Village Green*

p.s. - I'll be using KH park a great deal more when it won't require wasting gasoline or eroding unmarked hillsides just to access it, and if you have any suggestions for discovering volunteer opportunities- to take care of the park, host events, or otherwise bring more members of the community there, I'm all ears! There's the miraculous multiplier effect of opening up access for all

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: KHSRA Padilla Place & Cloverdale Gate |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:44:57 PM |

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**From:** ROSANNA BEAUMONT [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:41 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** KHSRA Padilla Place & Cloverdale Gate

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am a resident of the Baldwin Vista community on Punta Alta Drive. Thank you for granting the opportunity for various citizens to voice concerns and solution options during the August 16, 2021, Zoom Virtual Meeting regarding access to KHSRA via the Baldwin Vista residential community. Given the time limits and number of participants speaking during the meeting, I ask that you accept my remarks via email.

With respect to concerns for equitable access to KSRA through the Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue gates, I am among those who prefer **addition of pedestrian gates at both residential entrances (Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue) to be open during park hours,** for walkable access by all to whom these points of entry are most reasonable and convenient. Such access would be inclusive of resident foot traffic from Village Green *and* Baldwin Village (also referred to as "the Jungle"), and beyond. As you proposed during the meeting, it is reasonable that locking/unlocking of the added pedestrian gates would be done by park officials, within parameters of KHSRA hours.

In addition to equity of access ("shared access"), I appreciated Julia Cohen's point about ***equity of responsibility*** ("shared responsibility"). This aspect of equity merits further consideration for a balanced perspective and balanced conversation about equity.

With respect to our community's safety, vehicle traffic, residential congestion, littering and other concerns, these may be mitigated by ***litter-fines*** signage and posting of a requirement of ***residential parking permits*** along Punta Alta, Mantova, El Mirador, Veronica, and Cloverdale (at least). Such requirements would likely engender more ***revenue*** than cost to the city/county.

For those of us with safety concerns related to "street lock" (residents on Punta Alta, Mantova, El Mirador, and Cloverdale), those needing ***emergency exit through KHSRA*** in times of fire, earthquake, or other natural disaster--we appreciate being able to retain our gate key to access critical ingress/egress points at Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue. We must outreach to assure all current Baldwin Vista street locked households have a gate key for emergencies.

Again, thank you inviting our voices into the conversation and giving our concerns just consideration.

Sincerely,

*Rosanna Beaumont*

Rosanna Beaumont,

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Hahn Access for All question
**Date:** Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:47:25 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Daniel Millner [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Access for All question

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Sean

Thank you for your outreach on the Access for All proposal to open the gates on Cloverdale and Padilla Place

A group of community members are interested in showing support and I wanted to let you know. I anticipate about 15 to 25 people will be sending you emails over the next week or so, expressing appreciation for your work and supporting the proposal to provide equitable access to Hahn.

If you have suggestions on best practices here please let me know and l'll try make it happen

Thank you
Daniel Millner
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: « Access for all » Kenneth Hahn Park |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:38 PM |

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**From:** Alexandre Vodovar [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:44 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** « Access for all » Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Alex Vodovar
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Email : [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Access for All / Kenneth Hahn Park |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:44 PM |

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**From:** Felipe Tewes [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:48 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Access for All / Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Felipe Tewes

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Access for All Initiative
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:56 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Gianna Moncada [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access for All Initiative

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative.

I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Moncada

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:39 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Rita Moncada [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative.

I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Rita Moncada Bini

Sent from my iPhone

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Access to Kenneth Hahn |
| **Date:** | Monday, September 27, 2021 7:25:15 AM |

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**From:** Nick Carmona [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:41 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Mr. Woods,

I'm sending this email to voice my support of opening the gates to Kenneth Hahn via the "access for all" initiative.

I was a resident of the Baldwin hills from 2019-2021, during which time I've personally encountered a lack of access via the Cloverdale and Padilla gates. Access to green space is tremendously important, and this effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits all members of the community.

Thank you for a great proposal, I look forward to hearing great work being done in Kenneth Hahn.

Sincerely,
Nick Carmona

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:19 PM |

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**From:** phoebe webster [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 12:51 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. It is a great solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Warm regards, Phoebe Webster

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn |
| **Date:** | Monday, September 27, 2021 9:15:17 AM |

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**From:** John Zinonos [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 9:11 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am writing to voice my support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort very much aligns with the goals in incentivizing exercise that the Department wishes to support, as well as most importantly promoting equity.

Thank you for this great proposal—which I, and many others of the community, support.

Best,
John Zinonos

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Kenneth Hahn Access
**Date:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:26:33 AM

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**From:** Kyle Pfister [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 4:56 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I've been a resident of the VIllage Green for 14 years and have always had the combo to one or both entrances, it has only been recently that the residents who have appointed themselves gatekeepers have been unwilling to share access with those of us at the Green.

I was at the town hall and would also like to add my perspective on some of the comments made by the neighbors:

1. Concerns of people parking by the gates are legitimate but the neighbors can easily solve this by getting permit restrictions in their neighborhood and directing their security company to enforce parking restrictions just like we do at the green.

2. Concerns about trash and crime are misleading, the problems the neighbors reported occur entirely lower down the hill where you get spectacular views of downtown and the moon rising over the hills, I myself have gone up there in my car with my wife and had a quarantine date, we of course didn't leave our trash but on my walks up the hill I have def seen evidence of this, however in all my comings and goings at the gate I have never noticed any litter or folks lingering in their cars, up there, these complaints will not go away or get worse with pedestrian access.

3. It is quite a hike up that hill so I would not think that there would in fact be much of an uptick in people coming into the neighborhood, and of course if it becomes a problem the county could of course simply stop unlocking the gate.

Kyle Pfister
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau |
| **Cc:** | Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Kenneth Hahn state Recreation Area Padilla Place & Cloverdale Ave Gates |
| **Date:** | Monday, August 30, 2021 3:34:00 PM |

**From:** Stephanie Nordlinger [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2021 3:30 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn state Recreation Area Padilla Place & Cloverdale Ave Gates

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods:

I attended most of your community meeting on August 16. I have lived at my home on Sycamore Avenue in Baldwin Vista since January 1989 – over 32 years. I walk around the neighborhood a lot and have also visited the park many times. I have also attended numerous Veronica-Sanchez-Sycamore Block Club meetings and CAP meetings in the park.

**I strongly support your proposal to put pedestrian gates at these two locations.** I would use them, and I would not have to park my car near these gates since I walk up the hill and past the existing vehicle gates frequently for exercise.

**I would also support a trail up the west end of Baldwin Vista under the existing power lines.** I visited a lovely trail near Altadena or Bradbury many years ago as a member of Footloose LA (a walking group). It ran next to nice homes, but it was fenced and well landscaped. It was also used enough to discourage any criminal behavior. I tried to find that trail for you, but I am not sure which one it was.

For decades the people who live at the top of the hill (who often have key access to the park) have opposed any other access to the park's southern boundary. These entrances would not be major entrances for the park. They are not advantageous to non-neighbors except to avoid weekend parking fees, but other entrances on the East, South and West also have free parking. I am 81 and still drive, but I prefer to walk most of the time. For those who cannot drive, these pedestrian gates would be very convenient.

I don't think the pedestrian gates would have any significant effect on burglaries. I read the weekly local police report, and home burglaries are rare in Baldwin Hills except in the Dons. Thefts from autos are mostly on Jefferson near the Outlook, and commercial thefts are on or near La Brea. The Sheriff's station in the park is staffed and could react quickly to any current burglary report. A burglar bringing anything large through a pedestrian gate would be noticed.

He would need a car parked IN the park, so why not park there instead of in the neighborhood. Most burglars do not like dead-end streets where they can be trapped. As the neighborhood gets noticeably richer, it may attract more burglars, but it won't be due to anything at the park.

As to trash, it occurs everywhere. My friend and I pick up and recycle numerous soft drink and alcoholic beverage bottles and cans when we walk from Sanchez to the top of either hill. I and other homeowners pick up trash on or near our homes. The people nearest the gates can ask for 2-hour or other restricted parking, but I think it is unnecessarily expensive. This community has very large lots, and there's always plenty of parking unless a neighbor has a very large party (which is rare).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best,

*Stephanie Nordlinger*
[redacted]
[redacted]
Telephone: [redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Safe access to Kenneth Hahn Park |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:28 PM |

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**From:** Haleh Shoa [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:27 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Safe access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Many thanks,
Haleh
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for "Access for All" |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:29 PM |

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**From:** Susan Stoebner [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 9:43 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for "Access for All"

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I really appreciate all the work you're doing to make access to Kenneth Hahn Park fair and equitable. I'm writing in support of the effort to provide pedestrian access to the park via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. It would be enormously beneficial to all who live in the area, making it easy for everyone to enjoy the fresh air and open green space that the lovely park provides. I heartily endorse your Access for All initiative.

Sincerely,
Susan Stoebner
Village Green resident

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: SUPPORT for ACCESS to ALL proposal into Kenneth Hahn Park |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:48:06 AM |

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**From:** michal shechtman [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:04 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** SUPPORT for ACCESS to ALL proposal into Kenneth Hahn Park

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Dear Mr Woods-

I attended the forum hosted on zoom and was excited to hear that the County is interested in increasing pedestrian access into the park. I am in full support of your plan to open gates. I am opposed to the privileged access into the park through their locked private use gates that the 50 to 100 homes have. I believe that the concerns of those living at "the top of the hill" about traffic and crime can be addressed by restricting parking in the area to be "permitted only" as most neighborhoods in LA have done. Citizens of LA should be able to walk into their parks safely and your proposal meets this need.

Please move the access to all proposal you presented ahead so that we citizens and community members of the Baldwin Hills neighborhood can enjoy pedestrian access into the park.

Thank you,

Michal Shechtman

Resident, 90016

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Michal Hannah Shechtman

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn park |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:01 PM |

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**From:** isabel tewes [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 7:40 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Isabel Tewes

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for equitable access to Hahn Park
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:05 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Susan Zhang [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for equitable access to Hahn Park

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Susan Zhang

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:02:22 PM

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**From:** Elizabeth Whittaker [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:55 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.
Thank you for a great proposal, which I support. I am a 75 plus woman who walks up to the Cloverdale gate and would love to extend my exercerise into the park. It is so important for those of us who value outdoor exercise and live close by.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth Whittaker

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:57:14 PM

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**From:** Zanna Gilbert [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:56 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Zanna Gilbert
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:48 PM |

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**From:** Natalie M [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:47 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Nataile Matutschovsky

[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:31 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Bob McGinness [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Robert McGinness

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:04 PM |

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**From:** Lisa E [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:00 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole-hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Lisa Esselstein
Village Green

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:14 PM |

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**From:** Adrienne Beitcher [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 8:39 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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**Dear Mr. Woods,**
**Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.**
**Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.**
**Sincerely,**

**Adrienne Beitcher**

**Visitor on Tongva, Chumash and Kizh homelands. For more information please visit: native-land.ca**

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:39 PM |

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**From:** Tina LeBrun [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 10:06 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

To: Sean Woods, Chief of Planning for the County Dept.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours..

This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Tina LeBrun

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:11 PM |

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**From:** Ellie Song [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 8:23 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Ellie

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:02 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Rick Miller [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:13 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,
Joel Miller

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:44 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Jessa Chisari - [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 7:06 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,
Jessa Chisari

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:18 PM |

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**From:** Sophie Lesinska [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 5:32 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my sincere support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals to promote healthy lifestyles and exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, practical solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.
Thank you for a great proposal, which I embrace.

Yours truly,

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Sophie Lesinska, Ph.D.
Head, Doheny Memorial Library
USC Libraries

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:52:54 PM |

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**From:** ldierck [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 4:16 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Leigh Dierck

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:13 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Antonino Scaglione [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Antonino Scaglione

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO KENNETH HAHN PARK |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:57:21 PM |

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**From:** Kristen Laskaris [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:11 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO KENNETH HAHN PARK

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole-hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.
Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,
Kristen Laskaris

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Hahn Access for All question
**Date:** Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:47:25 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Daniel Millner [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Access for All question

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Sean

Thank you for your outreach on the Access for All proposal to open the gates on Cloverdale and Padilla Place

A group of community members are interested in showing support and I wanted to let you know. I anticipate about 15 to 25 people will be sending you emails over the next week or so, expressing appreciation for your work and supporting the proposal to provide equitable access to Hahn.

If you have suggestions on best practices here please let me know and l'll try make it happen

Thank you
Daniel Millner
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Supporting Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
**Date:** Monday, September 27, 2021 7:25:06 AM
**Attachments:** smime.p7s
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ATT00002.htm

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-----Original Message-----
From: Bjorn Thoresen [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:18 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Supporting Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Bjorn Thoresen

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: "ACCESS FOR ALL" PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE GATE TO KENNETH HAHN PARK AT CLOVERDALE
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:24 AM

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**From:** Robb Hart [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:24:44 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** "ACCESS FOR ALL" PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE GATE TO KENNETH HAHN PARK AT CLOVERDALE

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

To Sean Woods,

I am a resident of Village Green and I would like t add my support to the initiative to open up the gates each day to allow access to Kenneth Hahn Park from the gates located on the streets of Cloverdale and Padilla Place. The Cloverdale entrance would be fantastic for us, since it would mean that we could visit the park without having to drive round to the entrance on La Cinenega. Anything that can reduce the use of fossil fuels, encourage healthy exercise and maximize the usage of the county parks has to be a good idea!

Many Thanks,

***Robb Hart***
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Access For All!
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:47 AM

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**From:** Adrienne Beitcher [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:40:49 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Access For All!

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi there,

I just wanted to reach out and let you know that I am in support of the Access For All Plan. I live at Village Green and would love to have access to Kenneth Hahn by walking. It is such a shame that it is so close to me but I need to get into my car to go enjoy it. I think that it would greatly benefit the neighborhood and LA in general because it will allow people to enjoy nature and get outside/exercise!

I would also love to set up some trash clean up days there because there is so much litter. Do you know who I could reach out to with regard to this?

Thank you!
Adrienne Beitcher

Visitor on Tongva, Chumash and Kizh homelands. For more information please visit: native-land.ca

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**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Access to Kenneth Hahn park from Village Green
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:24:37 AM

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**From:** Eileen And Michael D W [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 7:59:18 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Access to Kenneth Hahn park from Village Green

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr Woods:

I am writing to you to express my heartfelt desire as a member of Baldwin Hills to have pedestrian access to Kenneth Hahn Park. Currently the gates at cloverdale that would enable pedestrian access have been limited to those folks owning a lock or having lock combination knowledge, leaving out a large segment of the community who would much rather not drive to access public lands. We are in the middle of a worsening climate crisis and relegating our large community to use cars to gain access to a park seems counter to a lot of betterment of community, and the planet goals that we hopefully all share.

To that end I write to convey my heartfelt support for community wide park-hours non restricted access via Padilla Place and/or Cloverdale for those of us living within walking distance of the park.

Thank you,

Eileen Dorn
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:07:50 AM

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**From:** Jennifer Velazquez [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:50:31 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr Woods,

I am writing to you as a resident of Village Green in Baldwin Hills, in support of the new plan to provide local gate access to Kenneth Hahn park via the existing Cloverdale and Padilla Place gates. For years I have enjoyed walking up the hill, saying hello to neighbors along the way. I love nothing more than the times I am able to continue my walk into the park, especially as I do not have regular access to a car, and walking to Kenneth Hahn along La Cienega and La Brea feels risky, at best. Since the gates have become permanently locked, it feels like a huge waste not to be able to enjoy the park that's literally right next door, unless I have a car and cash on hand to park.

Since the bridge and Park to Playa project has opened, I have brought friends from other parts of the city to visit and enjoy the park with its gardens and geese, the bridge, the Nature Center and the Overlook. They've been surprised and have mentioned their desire to return. It has literally put the park - and our neighborhood - on the map for them.

With local gate access I can enjoy the park and its initiatives even more. I very much hope the County approves the opening of the back gates to the public during park business hours so that the neighborhood can enjoy the jewel in our backyard (and show it off to friends!).

Thank you,

Jennifer Velazquez

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: In Support of "Access for All" at Kenneth Hahn County Park
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:24:57 AM

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**From:** Michael L. Schiavoni Jr. [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:31:03 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** In Support of "Access for All" at Kenneth Hahn County Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Mr. Woods,

I am contacting you to strongly support the county's proposal to increase local accessibility to Kenneth Hahn park. I live within walking distance of the park, and I have always found it frustrating that I am forced to drive my car in a roundabout route and pay for parking just to enjoy this public land. Because of this, I only visit the park about once per year. If instead I were able to walk from my home in the Village Green up the hill and into the park, I would be motivated to visit much more often - and my well-being would presumably improve due to the positive health effects of this additional exercise.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Schiavoni
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: In support of access to Kenneth Hahn
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:22 AM

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**From:** Cynthia [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 5:59:12 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** In support of access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi,
I'm writing in support of access to Kenneth Hahn park from Cloverdale. I'm a resident of Village Green and my husband and my family and I would access the park through the gate at the top of Cloverdale until it was locked. Now, we get in our car and have to drive to the park via La Cienega. This is really unfortunate given that we're within walking distance of it. Please allow access through Cloverdale again so we can enjoy the park and probably visit more often than we do now since now we have to drive there.

Thank you,
Cynthia
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Kenneth Hahn Access for All
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:09:20 AM

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**From:** Rick Miller [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 6:51:53 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Access for All

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Dear Sean and all members of the Parks Department,
First, I'd like to offer a heart-felt thank you for pushing to open Kenneth Hahn Park to walkers, joggers, and hikers from around the area who wish to use the park to exercise, relax, enjoy the views and the greenery.
Having this space in the heart of the Baldwin Hills is truly an asset, and one that I believe should be available. Especially to those who would prefer to leave their cars behind and be able to walking up the hill and into the park. With the recently opened park-to-playa trail, it's been amazing to have a way to roam across the very top of Los Angeles, watching the planes float into LAX to the south or the hawks riding the thermals from the ridge overlooking La Cienega.
This is such a remarkable opportunity for more people to be able access all that is available up here, I do hope it will be made available to people during the daylight operations of the park.
Thank you!
Rick Miller

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Kenneth Hahn Regional Park - Gate from Baldwin Hills
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:06 AM

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**From:** Charlie Unkeless [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:59:35 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Regional Park - Gate from Baldwin Hills

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To: Sean Woods

Chief of Planning

Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation

I would like to voice my support of the proposal to open the gates to access the park from the gates at Cloverdale and the Padilla gate for residents who walk in those neighborhoods. I do not mind if the residents closest to the gate restrict street parking but I strongly think that residents who walk up from Baldwin Terrace or the Village Green should have access to the park. Being able to enter the park without driving seems to be a sensible solution and however, you adjudicate a solution along those lines would be a great solution.

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Cheers,

Charlie Unkeless
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Please Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access
**Date:** Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:51:54 PM

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**From:** Colombene Gorton [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:06:03 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Please Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Sean Woods,

I am writing to express strong support to increase access to Kenneth Hahn Park from the north at S. Cloverdale Ave. and/or at Padilla Pl. This would make a big difference for my family and increase our use of the park. It would help us get more exercise while reducing our dependence on cars to do so.

My husband, son and I live in Village Green in Baldwin Hills. We have used the park for years. We use the playgrounds, the exercise equipment, the tracks and hiking trails. Even though it's just a mile away, there is no safe pedestrian or even bike access from where we live. We are disappointed and frustrated that we have to use a car to get there - adding to traffic and burning gas. We have also walked up to Cloverdale and Padilla and see the park through the locked gates that apparently only certain people can access. This situation feels inequitable, ecologically burdensome and illogical.

I heard about this initiative from my neighbors but would love to stay updated on this process and learn more about the specific plans. Please let me know if there's a way to do that.

Thank you for your work. I've often felt disappointed about this situation and was so happy to hear these plans were being proposed.

Sincerely,
Amy Colombene Gorton

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for County"s Kenneth Hahn Park proposal
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:25:10 AM

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**From:** Elizabeth Song [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:44:00 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for County's Kenneth Hahn Park proposal

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Dear Mr. Woods,

I am a resident of Village Green and write to support the county's plan for fair and increased access to Kenneth Hahn Park. My family and I would spend many cherished weekends in the park when the Cloverdale gates we're open by walking up the hill. The current option to drive in is unworkable on weekends given the limited parking and snarl of traffic just to enter and exit.

I and many other residents look forward a day when the gates can be opened up again to pedestrians.

Thank you for your support,

Ellie

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for Hahn Equitable Access
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:00 AM

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**From:** Daniel Millner [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:20:53 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Hahn Equitable Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work on increasing equity and access to Hahn.
Your "Proposal to Provide Equitable Access" to Hahn by opening the gates at Cloverdale and Padilla Place is fantastic. It encourages physical activity, decreased need to drive cars, and establishes equity in the broad community.
Bravo!
Sincerely,
Daniel Millner

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for Neighborhood Pedestrian Access to Kenneth Hahn Regional Park
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:43 AM

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**From:** Chinh Nguyen [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 6:19:39 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Neighborhood Pedestrian Access to Kenneth Hahn Regional Park

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Hi Mr. Woods,

As a fairly new resident of the Village Green, I am writing in support for local pedestrian access to Kenneth Hahn Park for several reasons.

1. I, along with several of my neighbors, absolutely cherish our proximity to Kenneth Hahn Park and all that it has to offer. On a weekly basis, I go on jogs around the park which I use to access through the gate at the end of Cloverdale. Ever since the locks have been changed, I now access the park by walking along the dirt path adjacent to speeding cars along La Brea, which I find dangerous, but I also often see many other residents doing the same. If the pedestrian gates to the park are kept locked to local residence, I believe that people will find other means to access this park – such as this dangerous dirt path along La Brea.

2. This park represent diversity to me. When I go on jogs or workout at Kenneth Hahn, there's a sense of motivation I find with the strangers who are also sharing the same activities. "Keep it up…You got this," are phrases which are said to one another around this park, many of which are from different ethnic backgrounds. As an Asian American (once minority), I feel like I am part of the local diversity that Kenneth Hahn Park represents – once which is uniquely different than the previous Santa Monica neighborhood I previously lived in. It would be wonderful to have such a sacred and culturally diverse park within easy pedestrian access to all of it's local residents, particularly at these gates.

3. It can be argued that anyone can access the park if they drive there, but that would exclude the park from those who don't drive. I've made concerted effort to reduce driving in response to today's environmental climate. I've come to appreciate a lot of what Baldwin Hills has to offer for walkability. Without a car, I feel more engaged with Baldwin Hills. Although Kenneth Hahn is just a viewing distance away from our back patio, the locked gates to the park are a reminder that we're not welcomed if we try to walk there.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.
I hope that there can be a common resolution to access Kenneth Hahn Park.

Best and kind regards,

Chinh Nguyen
Resident of the Village Green
Los Angeles, CA 90016

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| **From:** | Nancy Lepe |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Sean Woods |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:07 AM |
| **Attachments:** | West Adams & Kenneth Hahn by foot (2).pdf |

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**From:** Patricia Bijvoet [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:34 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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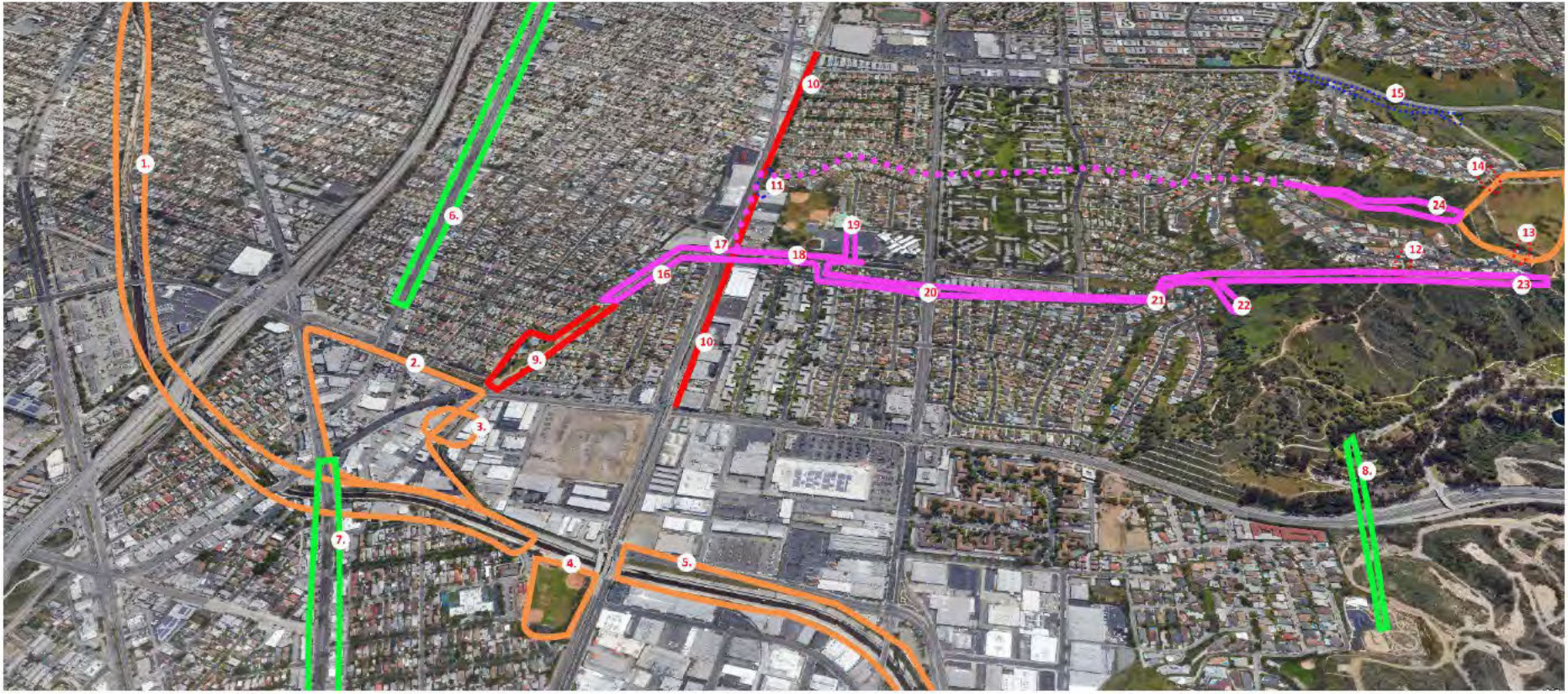
I attach the map I recently made with barriers and opportunities.

Thank you,
Patricia Bijvoet
[redacted]
[redacted]
90016




**Projects on the way**
1. Extension Ballona Creek bike path east
2. Redcar Masterplan
3. John Favaro Housing Blackwelder
4. Sid Kronenthal /Adams stormwater capture
5. Revitalization Ballona Creek BHC

**Realized projects**
6. West Adams protected bike lanes
7. Washington blvd. Protected bike lanes
8. Park to Play: bridge btw Baldwin Hills- KH

**Barriers**
9. West side N.Park, 1 entrance
10. Metrorail + industrie prevent neighborhood connections
11. Unofficial pedestrian connection (=opportunity)
12. Permanently locked entrance KH
13.-14. Entrance KH Neighbors only
15. Unofficial pedestrian connection (= opportunity).

**Opportunities: use of ROW LADWP power lines**
16. Neighborhood land trust park
17. Ped. Crossing over Jefferson
18. Pedestrian connector w/ use of existing roads
19. Connecting east-side elementary school
20. Existing pedestrian connector or use Hauser Blvd
21. LADWP entrance to powerlines
22. Connecting with existing trails westside KH (city trail, forest trail)
23.using ROW powerline for separate entrance to KH
24. Green route using cloverdale to KH

# West Adams - Kenneth Hahn State Park by foot… how would you get there?

Currently many barriers to enter KH Park by foot if you live in West Adams and not in the Baldwin Hills.

Comprehensive approach is needed and might easily fall through the cracks

Many project in the making that contribute or could contribute to safer, healthier connections

Big developments like Cumulus, the Wrapper, Self-storage, Jefferson (not yet listed) for $

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:14 AM

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Good Morning Clement & Sean,

I will be sending over 20+ emails per Kevin Regan request, below is the first.

Thank you,

Nancy Lepe
County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
1000 S Fremont Ave, A-9 West Building 3rd Floor
Alhambra, CA 91803 ☎ 626.588.5364
***Please note this office is closed on Fridays.***

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**From:** Machiko Yasuda [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:04 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Machiko Yasuda

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:28 AM

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**From:** Andrew Reich [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:05 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Andrew Reich
[redacted]

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:39 AM

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**From:** Amelie Cherlin [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:10 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Amelie Cherlin
90027
[redacted]

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:56 AM

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**From:** Michael Siegel [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:14 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Michael Siegel
LA 90065

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:31:07 AM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Adam Linder [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:16 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,

Adam Linder
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Nancy Lepe |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Sean Woods |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:31:43 AM |

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**From:** Chih-Wei Hsu [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:26 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Chih-Wei Hsu
90016

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Sean Woods; Clement Lau
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:27 AM

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**From:** Eli Lipmen [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:36 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Cc:** O'Brien, Lilly <LOBrien@bos.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,

Eli Lipmen (nearby resident)
90016

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Sean Woods; Clement Lau
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:43 AM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Divya Maus Gmail [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:42 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Hi!
I love Kenneth Hahn, it's one of my favorite parks in LW. Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,
Divya Maus
Los Angeles, 90039

Sent from my iPhone

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| **From:** | Nancy Lepe |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Sean Woods |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:58 AM |

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**From:** Ed Costello [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:58 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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**Please open the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park.**

**This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.**

**Thank you,**
**Ed Costello**
**90402**

Edward J. Costello

"For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong." H. L. Mencken

The author of this Email is suffering from TPD (Temporary Pandemic Derangement) Please excuse dangling participles, split infinitives, and other offen . . .

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:30 AM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Casey Law [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:01 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Casey Law
91030

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Sean Woods; Clement Lau
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:44 AM

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**From:** Kasia J [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:02 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. In a city that is so park-poor in relation to the number of residents, it's critical that we provide more access to nature. We need to reduce car dependency and allow every resident an option to enter parks by bus, bike or foot. This is one step in the right direction- an easy and inexpensive way to give more people the ability to enjoy green space. Small design changes like this make a big difference. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA, as there aren't many nearby options outside of Kenneth Hahn. Parks for everyone!

Thank you,
Kasia J
90066

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:55 AM

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**From:** Hannah Gibson [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:44 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Hannah Gibson
90032

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:07 AM
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Lionel Mares [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:27 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Importance:** High

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Re: **County Parks to Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access**

Hello **Los Angeles County Parks**:

Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn Park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,

Lionel Mares**, MPA**
**Zip-code: 91352**

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:37 AM

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**From:** David Fenn [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:49 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
David Fenn
90014

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| **From:** | Nancy Lepe |
| **To:** | Sean Woods; Clement Lau |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:48 AM |

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**From:** Wesley Reutimann [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:32 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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To whom it may concern,

Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Wes, Kristin, Jasper, and Max Reutimann

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| **From:** | Nancy Lepe |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Sean Woods |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:58 AM |

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**From:** Kelly Wright [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:12 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Kelly Wright, MD
90035

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:35:11 AM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Andre Villasenor [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 9:21 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Ross Rivas
90035

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Sean Woods; Clement Lau
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:35:36 AM

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**From:** David Michel [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:51 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
David Michel
90011

**Attachment B-1**

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** County of Los Angeles
County Clerk
Environmental Filings
Attn: Ms. Darla Neal
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2001
Norwalk, California 90650
(562) 462-2122

**From:** County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Planning & CEQA Section
1000 South Fremont Avenue Unit #40
A-9 West, Third Floor
Alhambra, California 91803

**Project Title:** Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056

**Project Location - City:** Los Angeles

**Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project involves the operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates"), during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Los Angeles County

**Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Los Angeles County

**Exempt Status** (check one):

**Categorical Exemptions**

- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15301 (Class 1); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 1
- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15303 (Class 3); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 3
- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15304 (Class 4); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 4
- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15311 (Class 11); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 11
- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15323 (Class 23); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 23

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1 which consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. .... The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301.) The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is

consistent with the County Class 1 Exemption which provides operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. The operation of the pedestrian Gates would qualify as a minor alteration of an existing public structure, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The existing vehicular gates are currently used by key holders for recreational use of the Park, and there is no evidence to suggest opening the pedestrian Gates will significantly increase that existing use, either by these key holders or other members of the public because: 1) similar public Park entrances are used infrequently; and 2) most of the active recreational Park amenities are located approximately one-mile or 25 to 30-minute hike away from the new Gates. It is expected the Gates would be primarily used by existing neighbors who are not key holders and, currently, can only access the Park by driving or walking to other entrances two to three miles away.

The project is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which consists of "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. ... Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

..." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303.). The project is consistent with the County Class 3 Exemption which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. The pedestrian Gates are small new facilities along an existing fence line and are directly adjacent to other existing gates. Their construction and operation involved only minor modifications, including: cutting and removing a section of the fencing, adding hinges and installing the pedestrian Gates, adding a locking mechanism to the Gates, adding a concrete transition to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance, and patching small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance.

The project is consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which consists of "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment...;

..." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304.) The project is consistent with the County Class 4 Exemption which provides for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as a minor alteration to land. The Department anticipates that any alterations to the condition of the land would be minor because the number of people using the Park would not substantially increase as a result of the pedestrian Gates.

The project is consistent with Section 15311 Class 11 which consists of "construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311.) The project is consistent with the County Class 11 Exemption which provides for construction of replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. The pedestrian Gates qualify as accessory structures under this exemption. The Gates are minor structures accessory to the Park. The pedestrian Gates were constructed within the existing fencing/vehicular gates at both locations. Each pedestrian Gate is approximately 3' 6" (42 inches) in width and 6' 8" (80 inches) in height. A concrete transition was added to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance and small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance were patched. Institutional facilities include government operated facilities for public purposes, including public parks.

The project is consistent with Section 15311 Class 23 which consists of "the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For purposes of this section, 'past history' shall

mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15323.) The project is consistent with the County Class 23 Exemption which provides for normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same kind of purpose, including parks. The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as normal operation of existing facilities under this exemption. The entrances at these locations have been used by pedestrians for at least three years. Specifically, adjacent property owners with gate keys have accessed the Park from these locations for nearly 75 years. Future operation of the Gates will continue to allow for pedestrian access the Park and does not represent a change in the operation of the Park. Additionally, the number of Park visitors is not expected to increase as a result of the operation of the Gates. The Department expects these entrances will be used by people living in the surrounding neighborhoods, who currently are unable to access the Park from their neighborhoods because only a limited number of people currently have keys to the existing vehicular gates.

As discussed below, the proposed use of the Class 1, 3, 4, 11, and 23 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. The proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates falls under the Class 3, Class 4, and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions. There is no particularly sensitive environment in the vicinity of the pedestrian Gates. There are no environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The Park lies within the Baldwin Hills area which is not located in a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), as designated by the County of Los Angeles. The Baldwin Hills are also not located within the boundaries of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) or Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP). Thus, the "location" exception does not apply to the pedestrian Gates.

Categorical exemptions are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. The Department has no planned future proposals to operate publicly-accessible pedestrian gates in the same location as the pedestrian Gates, and there have been no past proposals for similar publicly-accessible pedestrian gates at these locations. Thus, there is no possibility of a significant cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. There is nothing unusual about the size, scale or scope of the pedestrian Gates as compared to other projects that typically fall within the CEQA exemptions identified above. Based on all available information regarding potential for environmental resources, no site conditions have been identified that are unusual, or that would cause or contribute to an unusual circumstance, and there is no evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. There are no officially designated scenic routes/highways proximate to the Park. Thus, the proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates would not damage such a resource.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The opening of the pedestrian Gates would not involve construction or ground disturbance. There are no locations within the Park, including the

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pedestrian Gates area, included on the California Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. There are no historic resources within the geographic boundaries of the pedestrian Gates area. The Gates are located at an area of the Park where there are no existing buildings and there are no historic structures. The nearest historic structures to the Park, the Village Green multi-family residential community (5300 Rodeo Road) and the Collins-Furthmann Mansion (3691–3801 Lenawee Avenue), are located over 1.5 miles away and would not be affected by the opening of the pedestrian Gates. Therefore, the proposed pedestrian Gates would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

**Lead Agency Contact Person: Sean Woods** **(Area Code) Telephone/Ext. (626) 588-5345**

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**From:** County of Los Angeles
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**Project Title:** Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056

**Project Location - City:** Los Angeles

**Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project involves the installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Los Angeles County

**Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Los Angeles County

**Exempt Status** (check one):

**Article 19. Categorical Exemptions**

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- ☑ Categorical Section 15302 Class 2 (c)
- ☑ Categorical Section 15303 Class 3 (e)

- ☑ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 2 (e)
- ☑ County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 3 (b)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15302 Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (c) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

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The project is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (e) for new accessory structures.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is consistent with Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (e) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The project is consistent with Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (b) for accessory structures.

The proposed use of Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Jui Ing Chien **(Area Code) Telephone/Ext.** (626) 588-5317

**If Filed by Applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public Agency approving the project? **Yes** No

Jui Ing Chien
*Signature, Jui Ing Chien*

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**Re: CEQA APPEAL / Public Resources Code § 21151(c)**
**Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project**

Dear Hon. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association ("BVHNA"), please accept this letter as a formal appeal of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's Notice of Exemption ("NOE"), dated March 29, 2022, and issued in connection with the following project description: "[T]he operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates") during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area ["Park"]." (the "Project") A copy of the subject NOE is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

As the County does not specify a formal appeal process in connection with this NOE, we bring this appeal directly to the Board of Supervisors pursuant to California Public Resources Code § 21151(c), which affords the public the right to appeal California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") determinations to the County's "elected decision-making body." (See PRC § 21151(c).)[1] This appeal contends that this NOE was issued incorrectly and in violation of local and state law, based on the following:

1. **Misleading Project Description:** At minimum, a project description should address a Project's location, objectives, and all associated components. The project description must also include all elements and phases of the project that are known at the time of the analysis. As this Project description fails to include *other* related County activities proposed in connection with the construction of this fence (i.e., installation of *new* gates, associated construction, construction of new fences restricting access from certain properties, County plans for public parking for these

[1] On March 10, 2022, our office contacted the County's appeals coordinator to inquire as to the procedures for bringing an appeal against an NOE, absent an underlying determination. We were advised that no such process exists.

new entrances, increased security patrols, etc.), the NOE's Project description is both inaccurate, and constitutes unlawful piecemealing.[2]

2. **Inapplicable Exemptions:** The Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in its NOE. Specifically, it fails to qualify for any of the exemptions based on the following:

**Class 1:** A Class 1 exemption is inapplicable because it applies only to alterations to existing facilities that involve no expansion of use. Here, the County is proposing new gates, and an expansion of their use (i.e., two new public entrances). Accordingly, a Class 1 exemption does not apply to this Project.

**Class 3:** A Class 3 exemption is inapplicable because the County's new policy of establishing two new public access points into the Park does not relate to the construction of a small facility. Moreover, park entrance gates are not the types of accessory structures covered by the Class 3 exemption.

**Class 4:** A Class 4 exemption is inapplicable because, once again, it has no relevance to the construction of a new gate, or the County's decision to establish two new public entrances as part of this Project.

**Class 11:** A Class 11 exemption is inapplicable because the new gates are not seasonal in nature, and because this exemption does not cover the County's decision to establish two new public entrances to the Park as part of this Project.

**Class 23:** A Class 23 exemption is inapplicable because the existing gates were not designed to accommodate public access, and the new public entrances proposed in the Project would represent a change in the operation of the Gates and the Park.

Additionally, exceptions provided in CCR § 15300.2 also make these identified exemptions inapplicable. For instance, this Project will have a significant environmental impact due to its conflict with the applicable general plan restrictions, which clearly specify that these Gates may not be used for general public access to avoid parking, traffic, noise, and light impacts. As a result of this conflict, and the associated impacts, none of the above exceptions may be used. The Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Additional information relating to these exceptions, as well as others, will be provided prior to the County Board of Supervisor's hearing on this appeal.

[2] This includes improper piecemealing of this Project from the related "access equity" project detailed in the Notice of Exemption ("NOE"), dated February 24, 2022, and issued in connection with the "[t]he installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place."

3. **Lack of Notice.** It is also important to note that the County failed to provide any notice of this determination when it was made, nor was the community provided any further explanation of the true scope of the proposed Project. Given the controversial nature of this Project, some notice should have been provided to inform interested parties as to when the final decision had been made, and whether or not it was appealable. Additionally, the Project will have an impact on private property rights (easement holders), and those interested parties should have been made aware of this determination at the time it was made.

We reserve the right to supplement this appeal with additional arguments and grounds in support of this appeal. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to being provided an opportunity to present this appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN M. REZNIK and
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# EXHIBIT A



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**Article 19. Categorical Exemptions**

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Class 2 (c)
☑ Categorical Section 15303
Class 3 (e)

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Class 3 (b)

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The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 2 & 3 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Jui Ing Chien **(Area Code) Telephone/Ext.** (626) 588-5317

**If Filed by Applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public Agency approving the project? **Yes** No

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**Re: CEQA APPEAL / Public Resources Code § 21151(c)**
**Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project / Equal Access Project**
**New Public Entrances to Park at Cloverdale Ave. and Padilla Pl.**

Dear Hon. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

This firm has been retained by the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association (the "BVHNA") in response to the Department of Parks and Recreation ("County Parks") proposal to open two previously locked vehicular access gates within the Baldwin Vista residential community (the "Vehicular Access Gates") and add two new pedestrian entrances ("Pedestrian Gates") to allow for general public access to the Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area (or "Park"). In essence, the County is turning what was previously an emergency access road, into a new regional state-park entrance, without considering how doing so will impact the neighborhood, our clients' rights as easement holders, or how it will impact community safety, traffic management, crowd control, noise, security, parking or trash management. Considering that this Park is a regional park that attracts millions of visitors per year, our clients' concerns are both serious and legitimate, and it is unclear why County Parks continues to refuse to acknowledge them.

Even more concerning than this lack of acknowledgment, is that County Parks took these actions without performing any environmental review in connection with its decision to create these new Park entrances. Not until our client brought a lawsuit demanding some action, did County Parks issue an after-the-fact Notice of Exemption attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. We submit this letter to supplement the information set forth in BVHNA's original April 12, 2022, appeal of this NOE (**Exhibit B**), and to once again demand County Parks to return the Vehicular

Access Gates to their original operations until such time as County Parks performs an adequate environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").[1]

**BACKGROUND**

Since the establishment of the Park, the Vehicular Access Gates located at the terminus of Padilla Street and Cloverdale Avenue in the Baldwin Vista community, have been uses solely by the Park and the Baldwin Vista community emergency ingress and egress, and for limited access to neighboring residences that held private ingress/egress easement rights along and through the service road. The Vehicular Access Gates were intended to be used for general public access to the Park. Rather, they were created by a conveyance to the governmental agency in a Grant Deed from the original Grantor with a "reservation" to the Baldwin Vista properties of an ingress/egress access easement. After the reservoir failed in 1963, the City's land was repurposed into the current Park, and County Parks continued to fully respect the recorded access easements and the historical use of the Vehicular Access Gates. In fact, these gates have always been locked to the general public, and the County has assured the Baldwin Vista community on numerous occasions over many years that they would always remain so. For instance, in August of 1989, County Parks assured the community that the gates would remain closed to the general public, because "the security of [the] residents had clear priority over requests from hikers and joggers." This commitment has also been memorialized in the Park's Master Plan, including the current Master Plan that remains in effect to this day.

Without explanation, last year County Parks attempted to revoke the local resident's historical right of access by demanding they turn in their keys that afford them their access to the easement right-of-way through the Vehicular Access Gates. After the community vigorously objected, County Parks pivoted – again without an honest explanation - and decided to instead to install two new Pedestrian Gates to convert these limited Vehicular Access Gates to full-fledged public entrances. County Parks argued it was required to do so under the guise of "equal access," but at the same time, has yet to explain why the Park's prior operations was denying anyone of equal access; Which obviously it was not.

Significantly. there was an important reason why Vehicular Access Gates were not made into public access points: the entire park was designed around a primary entrance from La Cienega Boulevard, which provides all of the public access to parking facilities, public restrooms, the visitor center, vending machines, picnic areas, playgrounds, water, trash bins, and barbeque areas. The public's primary means of accessing the park is via personal vehicle which may be parked for free on weekdays, and for a fee of $7 per day on weekends and holidays. Now, 75 years after the Vehicular Access Gates were installed, the park's operator—County Parks—has converted these limited access ways through our client's single-family residential neighborhood

[1] Attached as **Exhibit C** is a January 25, 2022, letter sent to the Board of Supervisors about this issue, and raising these concerns before the Pedestrian Gates were installed.

into full-fledged regional park entrances, without providing for any of the amenities typically required to accommodate public entrance into a state park.

It is obvious that the ramifications of County Parks' proposal is far more serious than it appreciates. On weekends, a visitor to the Park who uses the main entrance is required to pay $7 to park, but a visitor that uses the new public access way will be able to park in the residential streets of Baldwin Vista free of charge. When the public realizes it can access the Park through our client's residential community for free, instead of paying a fee, these pedestrian gates will quickly become the public's preferred option for accessing the Park with free parking along residential streets. Attached as **Exhibit D** are several images taken of the new operations, illustrating how this is already becoming a major issue for the community.

## THE AFTER-THE-FACT NOE

As noted above, this appeal concerns an after-the-fact NOE adopted by County Parks as an attempt to avoid performing a substantive CEQA review of the Project. The NOE's project description provides as follows: "[T]he operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates") during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area ["Park"]." (the "Project") As noted in the original appeal, this NOE contains a misleading project description and applies five (5) different categorical exemptions, all of which are not applicable to the Project as described. Some of these concerns are outlined below, and we reserve the right to supplement these and other arguments with additional information and evidence prior to the yet to be scheduled appeal hearing.

1. **Misleading Project Description:** As detailed in the original appeal, the Project description contained in this NOE is both inaccurate and incomplete. For instance, the description describes the Project as the "operation of two pedestrian gates," but fails to explain what specifically the "operations" are, and how these operations are different than before. This is of particular significance in this case, because a major part of this so-called project is to *modify* and *expand* the decades of operations of the Vehicular Access Gates by opening them up to the public at large, and yet there is no explanation of what those new operations will entail, and absolutely no acknowledgement that the new operations are designed to and will attract park users to these gates. For example, the NOE fails to state the hours of operations, the means of enforcement, and/or whether new or additional facilities are expected to be constructed (e.g. new rest areas, trash bins, fountains, parking restrictions, bicycle parking) in connection with these operations. This Project description is therefore insufficient to inform the analysis the NOE attempts to perform.

   The Project description is also incomplete because it improperly segments this specific "project" from the County's broader project of modifying public access to the Park through a variety of different measures currently being evaluated. County records reveal that County Parks is currently evaluating a suite of measures and

Park improvements that it plans to pursue under its "Access for All" initiative. This includes efforts to review and modify vehicle and pedestrian access into the Park from La Cienega, La Brea, and at Coliseum Street, and to identify new access measures that can be integrated into an updated Park master plan.

County Parks provides no explanation as to why it moved forward with this one aspect of its effort without environmental review and without analyzing the entirety of its Access for All initiative. In doing so, it has piecemealed the County's larger efforts to modify access to the Park, and has burdened the Baldwin Vista neighborhood with all of the impacts that would have otherwise been dispersed by the imposition of other new access measures/entry points. As this Project description fails to include *other* related County activities proposed in connection with this Access for All initiative (i.e., installation of ***new*** gates, associated construction, construction of new fences restricting access from certain properties, plans to accommodate parking at new entrances, increased security patrols, etc.), the NOE's Project description is both inaccurate, and constitutes unlawful piecemealing under CEQA.[2]

2. **Inapplicable Exemptions:** The Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in the NOE. Specifically, it fails to qualify for any exemptions based on the following:

**Class 1:** A Class 1 exemption is inapplicable to this Project because it applies only to alterations to existing facilities that involve no expansion of use. Here, the County is proposing new gates, and an expansion of their use (i.e., two new public entrances to a regional park). Nonsensically, the NOE claims that these new gates – which are specifically intended to *increase* public access to the park through an entirely residential neighborhood – will not in fact result in increased public use of the park. This is obviously disingenuous and untrue, and if it is true, it begs the question as to why the County is taking any action at all. The fact is, that the new gates will absolutely result in an expansion of the public's use of these park entrances, and this is directly evidenced by the substantial testimony provided to the County as to this specific point. The NOE fails to provide any credible evidence that this is not the case, and it disregards the voluminous records in the County's possession that specifically support the obvious fact that these "operations" will significantly increase the public's use of these Gates and the park as a whole. Accordingly, this Project fails to qualify for a Class 1 exemption.

[2] This includes improper piecemealing of this Project from the related "access equity" project detailed in the Notice of Exemption, dated February 24, 2022, and issued in connection with the "[t]he installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place." This appeal is also incorporated by reference hereto.

**Class 3:** A Class 3 exemption may be applied to the simple construction of small structures (e.g., a fence.). It is not applicable in this instance, however, where the Project also involves a new "*operations"* that result in the creation of new public access points into one of the state's largest urban regional parks. The actual "structure" improvement is secondary to the primary change being made to Park "operations," which is now treating these two Gates as new public entrances. The NOE asserts that, notwithstanding these operational changes, the increased usage by the public would be "minor because the number of people using the Park would not substantially increase as a result of the pedestrian Gates." As noted above, this conclusion is contradicted by the County's own records, which includes ample testimony from the County and the public alike, that the whole point of this Project was to *expand* access to the park. It is also in conflict with the actual impacts on the ground, as use of these gates by the public has drastically increased since these new operations went into effect earlier in the year. Accordingly, even accepting the incomplete Project description included in the NOE, this Project does not qualify for a Class 3 exemption.

**Class 4:** A Class 4 exemption applicable to minor alterations to land is inapplicable because, once again, it has no relevance to the construction of the Gates or the County's decision to permanently change its *operations* of the Gates so they may function as new public entrances to the Park. Moreover, to the extent this exemption is applicable, the NOE fails to actually describe what "minor alteration of land" is involved in this Project.

**Class 11:** A Class 11 exemption applies to Projects that involve the construction, or replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities (e.g., signs, small parking areas, and seasonal improvements.). Once again, this exemption is inapplicable because the new gates are not seasonal in nature, and because it does not apply to the County's decision to change its *operations* of the Gates - the primary aspect of the Project.

**Class 23:** A Class 23 exemption may be applied to a Project that involves the normal operations of existing facilities for which the facilities were designed, and where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. Again, this exemption does not apply, as the Gates were never designed nor intended to accommodate general public access into the Park, a fact unquestionably recognized by the County's own records and the Park's Master Plan. The entire purpose of this Project is to change the operations of these entrances, and therefore this exemption is inapplicable.

Additionally, exceptions provided in CCR § 15300.2 also make these identified exemptions inapplicable. For instance, this Project will have a significant environmental impact due to its conflict with the applicable general plan

restrictions, which clearly specify that these Gates may not be used for general public access to avoid parking, traffic, noise, and light impacts. As a result of this conflict, and the associated impacts, none of the above exceptions may be used. The Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Additional information relating to these exceptions, as well as others, will be provided prior to the County Board of Supervisor's hearing on this appeal.

The exemptions listed above are also inapplicable because of unusual circumstances. These Gates have a long history of being used for limited access for private easement holders, for service vehicles and for emergency vehicles, and this Project will have a significant impact on the Gates' usage. Moreover, because the County cannot regulate the public's use of the streets immediately adjacent to the Gates, this condition constitutes an unusual circumstance. Finally, the NOE's analysis of the cumulative impacts caused by this Project is nonsense. It fails to even acknowledge the suite of actions being conducted by the County to regulate access to the Park through its "Access for All" initiative, including the installation of new fencing and gates, and its consideration of alternative public entrances to the Park. These likely projects should have been considered in the County's cumulative impact analysis, but they were not.

3. **Lack of Notice.** It is also important to note that the County failed to provide any notice of this determination when it was made, nor was the community provided any further explanation of the true scope of the proposed Project. Given the controversial nature of this Project, some notice should have been provided to inform interested parties as to when the final decision had been made, and whether or not it was appealable. Additionally, the Project will have an impact on private property rights (easement holders), and those interested parties should have been made aware of this determination at the time it was made.

We reserve the right to supplement this appeal with additional arguments and grounds in support of this appeal. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to being provided an opportunity to present this appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

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# Exhibit A

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From:** County of Los Angeles
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**Project Title:** Kenneth Hahn Operation of Pedestrian Gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
4100 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056

**Project Location - City:** Los Angeles

**Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project involves the operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates"), during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Los Angeles County

**Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Los Angeles County

**Exempt Status** (check one):

**Categorical Exemptions**

- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15301 (Class 1); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 1
- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15303 (Class 3); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 3
- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15304 (Class 4); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 4
- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15311 (Class 11); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 11
- ☑ State CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption, Section 15323 (Class 23); County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 23

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1 which consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. .... The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301.) The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is

consistent with the County Class 1 Exemption which provides operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. The operation of the pedestrian Gates would qualify as a minor alteration of an existing public structure, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The existing vehicular gates are currently used by key holders for recreational use of the Park, and there is no evidence to suggest opening the pedestrian Gates will significantly increase that existing use, either by these key holders or other members of the public because: 1) similar public Park entrances are used infrequently; and 2) most of the active recreational Park amenities are located approximately one-mile or 25 to 30-minute hike away from the new Gates. It is expected the Gates would be primarily used by existing neighbors who are not key holders and, currently, can only access the Park by driving or walking to other entrances two to three miles away.

The project is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which consists of "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. ... Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

..." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303.). The project is consistent with the County Class 3 Exemption which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. The pedestrian Gates are small new facilities along an existing fence line and are directly adjacent to other existing gates. Their construction and operation involved only minor modifications, including: cutting and removing a section of the fencing, adding hinges and installing the pedestrian Gates, adding a locking mechanism to the Gates, adding a concrete transition to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance, and patching small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance.

The project is consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which consists of "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

...

(e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment...;

..." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304.) The project is consistent with the County Class 4 Exemption which provides for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as a minor alteration to land. The Department anticipates that any alterations to the condition of the land would be minor because the number of people using the Park would not substantially increase as a result of the pedestrian Gates.

The project is consistent with Section 15311 Class 11 which consists of "construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311.) The project is consistent with the County Class 11 Exemption which provides for construction of replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. The pedestrian Gates qualify as accessory structures under this exemption. The Gates are minor structures accessory to the Park. The pedestrian Gates were constructed within the existing fencing/vehicular gates at both locations. Each pedestrian Gate is approximately 3' 6" (42 inches) in width and 6' 8" (80 inches) in height. A concrete transition was added to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance and small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance were patched. Institutional facilities include government operated facilities for public purposes, including public parks.

The project is consistent with Section 15311 Class 23 which consists of "the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For purposes of this section, 'past history' shall

mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15323.) The project is consistent with the County Class 23 Exemption which provides for normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same kind of purpose, including parks. The operation of the pedestrian Gates qualifies as normal operation of existing facilities under this exemption. The entrances at these locations have been used by pedestrians for at least three years. Specifically, adjacent property owners with gate keys have accessed the Park from these locations for nearly 75 years. Future operation of the Gates will continue to allow for pedestrian access the Park and does not represent a change in the operation of the Park. Additionally, the number of Park visitors is not expected to increase as a result of the operation of the Gates. The Department expects these entrances will be used by people living in the surrounding neighborhoods, who currently are unable to access the Park from their neighborhoods because only a limited number of people currently have keys to the existing vehicular gates.

As discussed below, the proposed use of the Class 1, 3, 4, 11, and 23 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. The proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates falls under the Class 3, Class 4, and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions. There is no particularly sensitive environment in the vicinity of the pedestrian Gates. There are no environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The Park lies within the Baldwin Hills area which is not located in a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), as designated by the County of Los Angeles. The Baldwin Hills are also not located within the boundaries of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) or Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP). Thus, the "location" exception does not apply to the pedestrian Gates.

Categorical exemptions are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. The Department has no planned future proposals to operate publicly-accessible pedestrian gates in the same location as the pedestrian Gates, and there have been no past proposals for similar publicly-accessible pedestrian gates at these locations. Thus, there is no possibility of a significant cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. There is nothing unusual about the size, scale or scope of the pedestrian Gates as compared to other projects that typically fall within the CEQA exemptions identified above. Based on all available information regarding potential for environmental resources, no site conditions have been identified that are unusual, or that would cause or contribute to an unusual circumstance, and there is no evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. There are no officially designated scenic routes/highways proximate to the Park. Thus, the proposed operation of the pedestrian Gates would not damage such a resource.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The opening of the pedestrian Gates would not involve construction or ground disturbance. There are no locations within the Park, including the

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pedestrian Gates area, included on the California Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. There are no historic resources within the geographic boundaries of the pedestrian Gates area. The Gates are located at an area of the Park where there are no existing buildings and there are no historic structures. The nearest historic structures to the Park, the Village Green multi-family residential community (5300 Rodeo Road) and the Collins-Furthmann Mansion (3691–3801 Lenawee Avenue), are located over 1.5 miles away and would not be affected by the opening of the pedestrian Gates. Therefore, the proposed pedestrian Gates would not cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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**Re: CEQA APPEAL / Public Resources Code § 21151(c)**
**Kenneth Hahn Fence Installation Project**

Dear Hon. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association ("BVHNA"), please accept this letter as a formal appeal of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's Notice of Exemption ("NOE"), dated March 29, 2022, and issued in connection with the following project description: "[T]he operation of two pedestrian gates (the "Gates") during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area ["Park"]." (the "Project") A copy of the subject NOE is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

As the County does not specify a formal appeal process in connection with this NOE, we bring this appeal directly to the Board of Supervisors pursuant to California Public Resources Code § 21151(c), which affords the public the right to appeal California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") determinations to the County's "elected decision-making body." (See PRC § 21151(c).)[1] This appeal contends that this NOE was issued incorrectly and in violation of local and state law, based on the following:

1. **Misleading Project Description:** At minimum, a project description should address a Project's location, objectives, and all associated components. The project description must also include all elements and phases of the project that are known at the time of the analysis. As this Project description fails to include *other* related County activities proposed in connection with the construction of this fence (i.e., installation of *new* gates, associated construction, construction of new fences restricting access from certain properties, County plans for public parking for these

[1] On March 10, 2022, our office contacted the County's appeals coordinator to inquire as to the procedures for bringing an appeal against an NOE, absent an underlying determination. We were advised that no such process exists.

new entrances, increased security patrols, etc.), the NOE's Project description is both inaccurate, and constitutes unlawful piecemealing.[2]

2. **Inapplicable Exemptions:** The Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in its NOE. Specifically, it fails to qualify for any of the exemptions based on the following:

**Class 1:** A Class 1 exemption is inapplicable because it applies only to alterations to existing facilities that involve no expansion of use. Here, the County is proposing new gates, and an expansion of their use (i.e., two new public entrances). Accordingly, a Class 1 exemption does not apply to this Project.

**Class 3:** A Class 3 exemption is inapplicable because the County's new policy of establishing two new public access points into the Park does not relate to the construction of a small facility. Moreover, park entrance gates are not the types of accessory structures covered by the Class 3 exemption.

**Class 4:** A Class 4 exemption is inapplicable because, once again, it has no relevance to the construction of a new gate, or the County's decision to establish two new public entrances as part of this Project.

**Class 11:** A Class 11 exemption is inapplicable because the new gates are not seasonal in nature, and because this exemption does not cover the County's decision to establish two new public entrances to the Park as part of this Project.

**Class 23:** A Class 23 exemption is inapplicable because the existing gates were not designed to accommodate public access, and the new public entrances proposed in the Project would represent a change in the operation of the Gates and the Park.

Additionally, exceptions provided in CCR § 15300.2 also make these identified exemptions inapplicable. For instance, this Project will have a significant environmental impact due to its conflict with the applicable general plan restrictions, which clearly specify that these Gates may not be used for general public access to avoid parking, traffic, noise, and light impacts. As a result of this conflict, and the associated impacts, none of the above exceptions may be used. The Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Additional information relating to these exceptions, as well as others, will be provided prior to the County Board of Supervisor's hearing on this appeal.

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We reserve the right to supplement this appeal with additional arguments and grounds in support of this appeal. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to being provided an opportunity to present this appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

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**Re: Project Modifying Access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area**
**Our Client: Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association**

Dear Hon. County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

This firm has been retained by the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association (the "BVHNA") in response to the Department of Parks and Recreation ("County Parks") proposal to develop two new public entrances into the Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area (or "park") at two presently locked gates within the Baldwin Vista residential community. In essence, the County is turning our client's neighborhood into state-park entrances, without considering how doing so will impact the neighborhood, our clients' rights as access easement holders, or how it will impact community safety, traffic management, crowd control, noise, security, parking or trash management. County Parks' proposal would be a clear violation of our clients' rights as easement holders. Even if the County had the authority to open the entrance to the park in our client's neighborhoods, County Parks' proposal amounts to a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and therefore would require review and action under CEQA prior to implementation. We therefore demand that the Board of Supervisors direct County Parks to immediately cease further efforts to open the existing closed gates pending a complete environmental review.

BVHNA is an unincorporated association formed by the homeowners and residents of the Baldwin Vista community in order to oppose this County Parks proposal and protect their neighborhood. This residential community includes, but is not limited to, homeowners and residents along S. Cloverdale Avenue, Terraza Drive, Punta Alta Drive, Mantova Drive, Veronica Street, and El Mirador Drive--streets that are surrounded on three sides with different segments of the park. The streets climb up the Baldwin Hills area and end at cul-de-sacs located at the park's northern boundaries at Padilla Place and S. Cloverdale Avenue. The communities are entirely within the City of Los Angeles, as are the locked gates that provide controlled access for BVHNA homeowners that own recorded ingress and egress easement rights to the portion of the park.

The access ways served by the gates were never intended to provide access to the park by the general public. Rather, they were created by a conveyance to the governmental agency in a Grant Deed from the original Grantor with a "reservation" to the Baldwin Vista properties of an ingress/egress access easement. This limited access to the Baldwin Hills reservoir pursuant to these recorded documents are part of the property rights benefitting the Baldwin Vista properties. After the reservoir failed in 1963, the City's land was repurposed into the current park with no changes made to the recorded access easements. Hence, to this day the properties within Baldwin Vista have continued to enjoy this private property right. In fact, when the reservoir was changed into a public park, the Baldwin Vista community was assured that the gates placed at the Cloverdale and Padilla streets would remain closed to public access. Accordingly, throughout their existence, the gates have always been locked to the general public and accessible by the residents of the Baldwin Vista community whose properties included the easement. In fact, the entire park was designed around a single primary entrance for the public from La Cienega Boulevard, which provides public access to parking facilities, public restrooms, the visitor center, vending machines, picnic areas, playgrounds, water, trash bins, and barbeque areas. The public's primary means of accessing the park is via personal vehicle which may be parked for free on weekdays, and for a fee of $7 per day on weekends and holidays.

Now, 75 years after the easements were created giving the local residents limited use of the gates for ingress and egress onto City lands, the park's operator—County Parks—seeks to convert the private access ways into public entrances without any public hearing, environmental review, appeal, or sign-offs by the parties to the easement. It is obvious that the ramifications of County Parks' proposal is far more serious than it appreciates. On weekends, a visitor to the park who uses the main entrance is required to pay $7 to park, but a visitor that uses the new public access way will be able to park in the residential streets of Baldwin Vista free of charge. When the public realizes it can access the park through our client's community for free, instead of paying a fee, these gates will quickly become the public's preferred entrance. This will have significant impacts on our client's community, and as the creation of these new public entrances is a "project" under CEQA - i.e., it is both discretionary and requires the exercise judgment - some environmental review is required to analyze these impacts under CEQA. (*Friends of Juana Briones House v City of Palo Alto* (2010) 190 CA4th 286, 301.)

Moreover, County Parks' proposal also violates the easement rights owned by our client's members, which were always intended to provide our clients limited and restricted ingress and egress rights through the gates. By opening the access ways to the general public, the County would be frustrating the limited purpose of the easements and over-burdening them. (*Scruby v Vintage Grapevine, Inc*. (1995) 37 CA4th 697, 702, the servient owner may not unreasonably interfere with the use of the easement by the easement holder.) Our client's members valued and purchased their home, in part, in reliance on the existence of the easements. County Parks' proposal would therefore undermine their property rights and amount to a public taking of their



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private easement rights without compensation in violation of the California and United States Constitutions. [1]

Finally, County Park's claim that it is required to open the gates to the public because the current arrangement creates an "equity issue" is absurd. We are aware of no evidence whatsoever suggesting that the current entrance works to restrict classes of individuals from accessing the park. County Parks has cited no evidence that anybody who wishes to use the park is unable to do so or is somehow burdened by using a public entry way served by major highways. The private access ways serving the members of our client's properties serve to provide private, pedestrian access to residents who live in the immediate area and do not, therefore, drive to the park. (*Cf, Cooley v. Superior Court* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 228, 253, the initial inquiry in an equal protection inquiry is not whether persons are similarly situated for all purposes, but "whether they are similarly situated for purposes of the law challenged.") Thus, it is County Parks' proposal that creates an "equity issue" because it would cause the residents of Baldwin Vista who live adjacent to the park to bear the traffic, noise, parking, and other neighborhood intrusion impacts that do not exist today.

In summary, we hope we can assist the County to bring a reasonable resolution to this issue, and we have every reason to believe the County can preserve adequate public access to the park without harming or destroying our client's community or violating their property rights. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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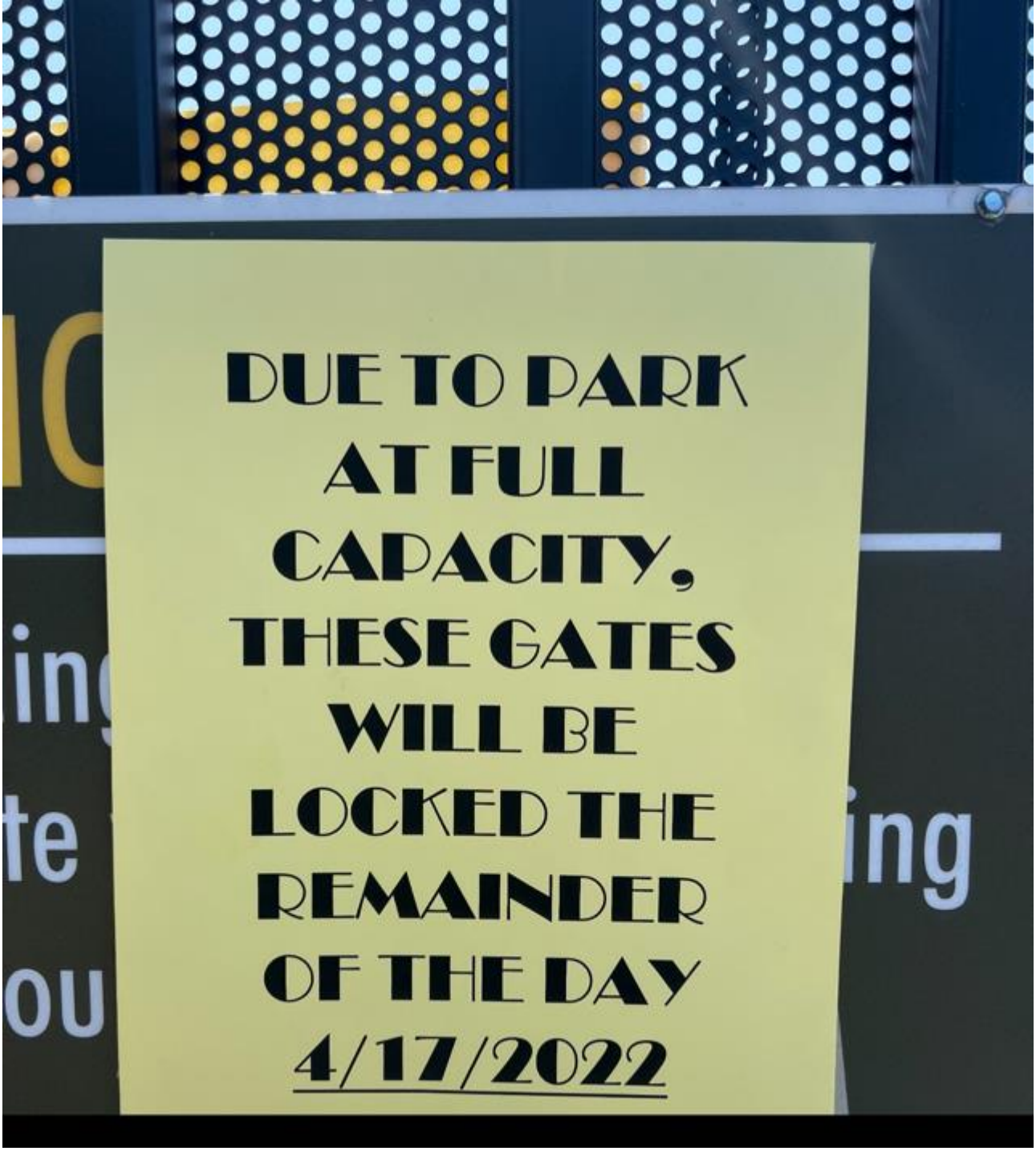
[1] As this segment of the park is owned by the City of Los Angeles, and only operated by County Parks, it is likely that County Parks lacks the authority as the operator to establish new public entrances to the park in the City of Los Angeles without at minimum the approval of the City Council. Without such authority, we contend the County may not modify access to these gates.

# Exhibit D

Unmanaged and disorganized parking on residential streets after new gate operations went into effect.




Existing Park parking cannot accommodate existing needs. Vehicles turned away from parking lot will use Baldwin Vista residential streets as alternative parking.

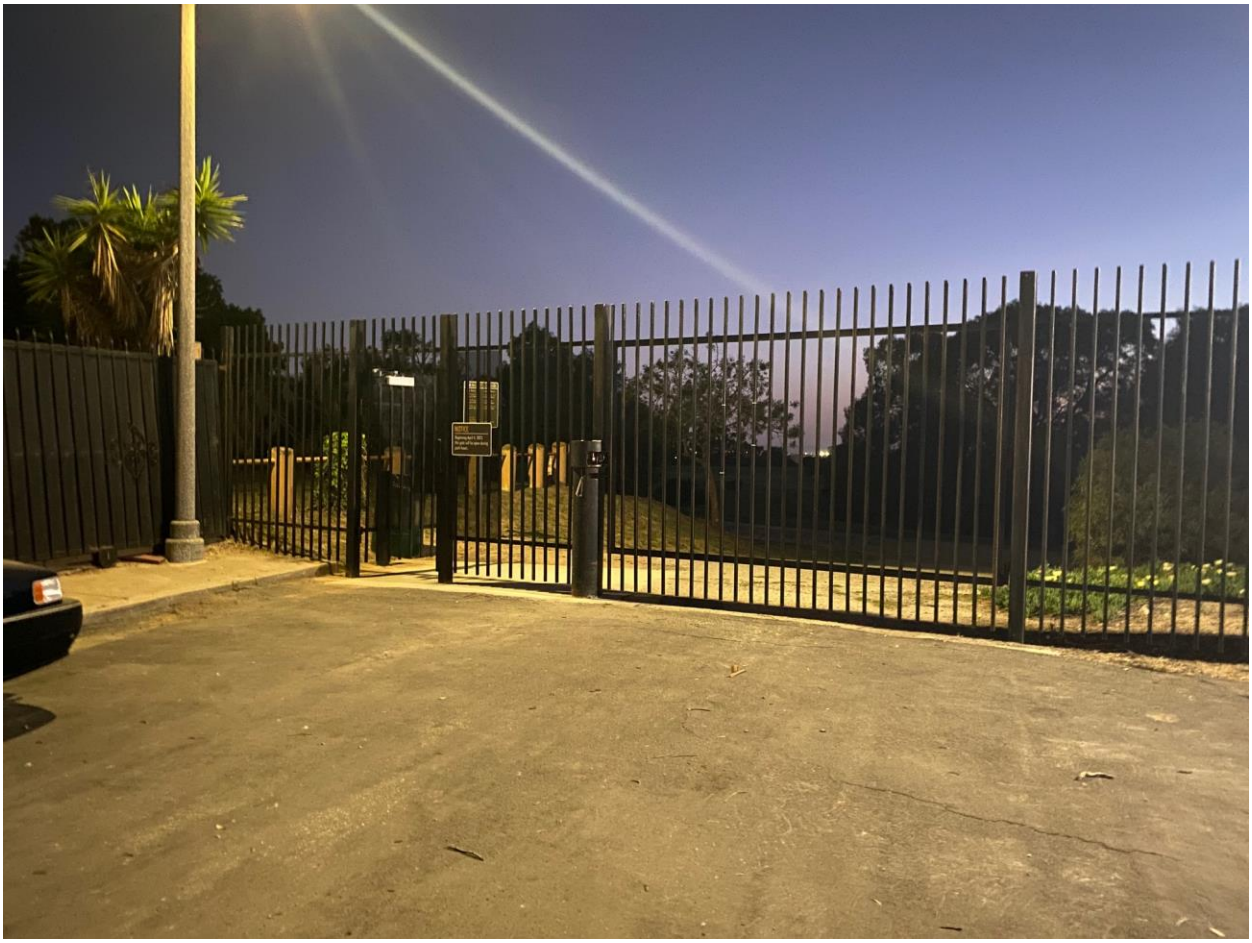


Photo showing pedestrian gate left open after Park hours and after 8:00pm.

Park visitors climbing gates to avoid parking in main lot.

# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RESPONSE TO CEQA APPEALS OF KENNETH HAHN FENCE INSTALLATION PROJECT AND THE OPERATION OF PEDESTRIAN GATES AT CLOVERDALE AVENUE AND PADILLA PLACE PROJECT

## I. APPELLANTS' STATED BASIS FOR APPEAL

On March 10, 2022, Appellants Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association ("Appellants") appealed the February 24, 2022, Notice of Exemption ("NOE") from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") filed by County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation ("Department") for the installation of 6-foot-high fencing at Kenneth Hahn State Park ("Park") between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place ("Fence Project").

On April 12, 2022, Appellants appealed the March 28, 2022 NOE the Department filed for the operation of two pedestrian gates providing access into the Park at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place ("Gates Project") in the City of Los Angeles.

According to the June 15, 2022, CEQA Appeal letter from Benjamin Reznik of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP ("CEQA Appeal"), Appellants allege (1) the project description in the NOE for the Gates Project is misleading and incomplete; (2) the Gates Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in the NOE; (3) the exemptions are inapplicable because the Gates Project will have a significant effect on the environment; and (4) lack of notice for the Department's decision to operate the gates. (See CEQA Appeal, pp. 3-6.) Appellants also incorporate by reference their CEQA appeal of the Fence Project. (*Id.*, p. 4, FN 2.)

## II. FACTUAL MISSTATEMENTS IN CEQA APPEAL

This response to the CEQA Appeal incorporates by reference the facts set forth in the December 6, 2022, letter to the Honorable Board of Supervisors ("CEQA Appeal Board Letter") and does not repeat those here. The CEQA Appeal, however, misstates a number of facts, which require further response and clarification.

First, Appellants assert their appeal responds to the Department's "proposal to open two previously locked vehicular access gates within the Baldwin Vista residential community (the 'Vehicular Access Gates') and add two new pedestrian entrances ('Pedestrian Gates') to allow for general public access to [the Park]." (CEQA Appeal, p. 1.) In fact, the Gates Project NOE did not address any proposal to open the two locked vehicular access gates, and the Department is not proposing to open these two locked vehicular access gates. It is, therefore, incorrect that installation of the new pedestrian gates would "convert these limited Vehicular Access Gates to full-fledged public entrances" as Appellants claim. (See *id.*, p. 2.) It is similarly inaccurate that the Gates Project would "modify and expand the decades of operations of the Vehicular Access Gates by opening them up to the public at large." (See *id.*, p. 3.) As described in the Gates Project NOE and discussed throughout this response, as well as in the Department's March 2022 CEQA Evaluation of the Gates Project ("CEQA Evaluation"), the two preexisting vehicular access gates located at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place will remain undisturbed, locked to the public, and only available for use by easement holders.

Second, Appellants claim the Department created the new Park entrances "without performing any environmental review." (CEQA Appeal, p. 1.) That is incorrect. The Department opened the

gates for operation on April 4, 2022. In the months before it decided to open the pedestrian gates, the Department prepared an internal evaluation, which documents the evidence supporting its determination that the operation of the two pedestrian gates is exempt from CEQA. (See CEQA Evaluation, Attachment A to CEQA Appeal Board Letter.) Once the Department made this determination, it filed the Gates Project NOE on March 29, 2022, six days before opening the gates for operation. Thus, the Department appropriately considered whether CEQA applied to the gates before opening them for operation, and Appellants' characterization of the NOE as "after-the-fact" is inaccurate.

Third, Appellants state "the entire park was designed around a primary entrance from La Cienega Boulevard, which provides all of the public access to parking facilities, public restrooms, the visitor center, vending machines, picnic areas, playgrounds, water, trash bins, and barbeque areas." (CEQA Appeal, p. 2.) This is incorrect. While the Park's main entrance is on La Cienega Boulevard, the Park offers pedestrian entrances at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea, which are free and open to the public. There is also another unofficial pedestrian access point on La Brea through which visitors can enter the Park by stepping over a low cinder block wall next to the vehicular access gate. These additional entrances provide alternative access to the Park's amenities.

Fourth, Appellants allege the Department "is currently evaluating a suite of measures and Park improvements that it plans to pursue under its 'Access for All' initiative" including, "efforts to review and modify vehicle and pedestrian access into the Park from La Cienega, La Brea, and at Coliseum Street, and to identify new access measures that can be integrated into an updated Park master plan." (CEQA Appeal, pp. 3-4.) Appellants claim this initiative also includes "installation of new gates, associated construction, construction of new fences restricting access from certain properties, plans to accommodate parking at new entrances, increased security patrols, etc.)." (*Ibid.*) These claims are incorrect. While the Department promotes equitable public access to the County's parks, it is not pursuing a formal "Access for All" initiative, nor is the Department pursuing the specific efforts Appellants allege, with the exception of the Fence Project, further discussed below.

Finally, Appellants refer to "substantial testimony" and evidence they allege prove the gates have created a "major issue for the community" and that use of the pedestrian gates has "drastically increased since these new operations went into effect…" (CEQA Appeal, pp. 3, 4, 5.) The only "evidence" submitted in support of these claims are four photographs included as Exhibit D to the CEQA Appeal. Department staff have reviewed the four photographs. The photographs cannot be relied upon as evidence for several reasons. First, none of the photographs are dated, making it impossible to verify when they were taken. Second, none of the photographs include any geographic location, making it impossible to verify where they were taken. Nor do Appellants provide any information in their CEQA Appeal that would prove the reliability of these photographs. Thus, the photographs lack foundation, reliability, and credibility as evidence.

For example, Appellants allege that the first photograph shows "[u]nmanaged and disorganized parking on residential streets after new gate operations went into effect." As a preliminary matter, it is not clear to an objective observer that the parking depicted in the photographed is either "unmanaged" or "disorganized." To the contrary, the six cars depicted in the photograph appear to be parked in an orderly fashion. There is also no evidence that this photograph was taken after April 4, 2022 when gate operation commenced. Even if the photograph was taken after April 4, 2022, there is no evidence that any of the six cars depicted in the photograph are there as a result

of the pedestrian gates and not for some other reason. Thus, the photograph does not, and cannot, provide evidence about parking-related effects of the pedestrian gates.

The second image depicts a sign that notifies Park visitors that "[d]ue to Park at full capacity, these gates will be locked the remainder of the day 4/17/2022". Appellants claim this sign shows "[e]xisting Park parking cannot accommodate existing needs. Vehicles turned away from parking lot will use Baldwin Vista residential streets as alternative parking." Appellants' assumptions are incorrect. In fact, the Department posted this sign at the Cloverdale and Padilla Place pedestrian gates on Easter weekend to notify Park visitors that the *pedestrian gates themselves* would be locked for the remainder of the day because the Park was at full capacity. Easter is the busiest day at all Los Angeles County parks. As expected, the Park reached capacity on the afternoon of April 17, 2022. At that point, the Department took the extraordinary measure of closing all gates and posted the sign shown in the second photograph. Thus, it is not the case that vehicles turned away at the main gate could have accessed the Park via the pedestrian gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place. To the contrary, the sign was posted at the pedestrian gates to prevent park visitors from parking in the residential streets and accessing the Park from the gates.

The third photograph purports to be a "[p]hoto showing pedestrian gate left open after Park hours and after 8:00pm." Similar to the first photograph, it is impossible to verify the location, date, or time the photo was taken. As a result, the photograph does not, and cannot, provide evidence. Appellants claim the fourth photograph shows "[p]ark visitors climbing gates to avoid parking in main lot." Once again, it is impossible to verify the location, date, or time the photo was taken. Furthermore, if this photo was taken during Park hours at one of the pedestrian gates, the gates would have been unlocked, making it unnecessary for any Park visitors to climb the gates to access the Park. Thus, this photo is not credible or reliable and cannot provide evidence.

Moreover, the Department's records demonstrate that since the opening of the Gates staff have not observed any excessive trash and litter, large loitering groups, graffiti, or vandalism in or around the pedestrian gates or adjacent residential streets.

## III. DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE STATED BASIS FOR APPEAL

The Department has carefully reviewed the CEQA Appeal, including the specific concerns with the NOEs Appellants assert, and has found that none of these concerns have merit, as explained below.[1]

### A. "Misleading Project Description"

Appellants claim that the "Project description contained in the [Gates Project] NOE is both inaccurate and incomplete." (CEQA Appeal, p. 3.) Specifically, Appellants allege the description of the Gates Project fails to explain what "operations" for the Gates Project includes and how these operations differ from pre-existing conditions. Appellants further allege "the NOE fails to state the hours of operations, the means of enforcement, and/or whether new or additional facilities are expected to be constructed (e.g. new rest areas, trash bins, fountains, parking

[1] Appellants' June 15, 2022 CEQA Appeal does not identify any specific concerns related to the Fence Project NOE. However, Appellants' March 10, 2022 appeal of the Fence Project raised similar issues Thus, all further references to the NOE are to the Gates Project NOE.

restrictions, bicycle parking) in connection with these operations." (*Ibid.*) Appellants also allege the Gates Project is related to other projects as part of the County's "Access for All" initiative and that the Gates Project should have included those other projects, including "[t]he installation of 6-foot-high fencing between the Bowl Loop and the property line, near Padilla Place." (*Id.*, pp. 3-4.)

As a preliminary matter, when an agency determines a project is exempt from CEQA, it may, but is not required to, file an NOE. (CEQA Guidelines, § 15062, subd. (a).) When, as here, the agency decides to file an NOE, it must include, among other things, a "brief description of the project." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15062, subd. (a)(1).) In compliance with this requirement, the NOE the Department filed for the Gates Project describes it as "the operation of two pedestrian gates (the 'Gates'), during park hours, constructed at Cloverdale Avenue and Padilla Place to provide non-exclusive public access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area." (NOE, Attachment B-2 to CEQA Appeal Board Letter.) This description accurately describes the Gates Project, including hours of operation. Appellants' fault the NOE for failing to describe "whether new or additional facilities are expected to be constructed (e.g. new rest areas, trash bins, fountains, parking restrictions, bicycle parking) in connection with these operations," but CEQA does not require a lead agency to speculate about future, unplanned facilities. (CEQA Guidelines, § 15144 ["foreseeing the unforeseeable is not possible"].) There is no evidence that the examples of facilities Appellants' lists are expected to be constructed, and the Department had no obligation to describe speculative, unplanned additional facilities. The NOE's project description was accurate.

Regarding Appellants' claim that the project description "improperly segments" what Appellants' allege is a broader public access initiative, as explained above the Department it is not pursuing a formal "Access for All" initiative or any of the specific efforts Appellants allege, with the exception of the Fence Project, further discussed below. Moreover, Appellants' provide no explanation or legal context for what they allege is improper. Appellant appears to be alleging a piecemealing claim. For purposes of a CEQA, a "project" includes "the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15378, subd. (a).) The failure to consider "the whole of the action" is a CEQA violation referred to as "piecemealing." (*Banning Ranch Conservancy v. City of Newport Beach* (2012) 211 Cal.App.4th 1209, 1222 ("*Banning Ranch I*").) The California Supreme Court has adopted the following test for such claims: a CEQA analysis "must include an analysis of environmental effects of future expansion or other action if: (1) it is a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the initial project; and (2) the future expansion or action will be significant in that it will likely change the scope or nature of the initial project or its environmental effects." (*Laurel Heights Improvement Assn. v. Regents of University of California* (1988) 47 Cal.3d 376, 396.) The key words in this test are "reasonably foreseeable consequence": the second activity must be a "reasonably foreseeable consequence" of the first activity for CEQA to require the agency to review them together. (*Banning Ranch I*, *supra*, 211 Cal.App.4th at p. 1225.) Here, there is no evidence that any of the activities Appellants allege is a reasonably foreseeable consequence of operating the pedestrian gates at the Park, or that it would change the scope or nature of operating the pedestrian gates at the Park. Thus, Appellants' allegations are entirely speculative and should be rejected. (See, e.g., *Berkeley Keep Jets Over the Bay Com. v. Board of Ports Cmrs.* (2001) 91 Cal.App.4th 1344, 1361 [airport EIR could omit future projects that "existed only as concepts in long-range plans that were subject to constant revision"].)

Similarly, there is no connection between the Gates Project and the Fence Project that would require these activities to be analyzed as part of a single "project." Unlike the new pedestrian

gates, the Fence Project does not include any new public access to the Park. Instead, the Fence Project limits unlawful access. Further, the Fence Project is proceeding independently of the Gates Project and is neither a consequence of the pedestrian gates project nor would it change the nature or scope of the Gates Project. There is no improper piecemealing.

### B. Applicability of Categorical Exemptions to Gates Project

Appellants claim the "[Gates] Project fails to qualify for the categorical exemptions identified in the NOE." (CEQA Appeal, p. 4.) As discussed in the CEQA Appeal Board letter dated December 6, 2022, Department staff reviewed Section 15300 et seq. of the CEQA Guidelines and determined that operation of the Gates Project is exempt from CEQA under the following categorial exemptions: Class 1, Class 3, Class 4, Class 11 and Class 23. Appellants argue all of these are inapplicable. As explained below, Appellants are incorrect, and the Gates Project qualifies for the cited exemptions.

#### *1. Class 1*

Class 1 consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. …. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301.)

Appellants allege the Class 1 exemption is inapplicable because "it applies only to alterations to existing facilities that involve no expansion of use." (CEQA Appeal, p. 4.) Appellants incorrectly assume that providing public access at the pedestrian gates will increase use of the Park.

To the contrary, and as further demonstrated in the CEQA Evaluation document, the existing vehicular gates are currently used by key holders for recreational use of the Park, and there is no evidence to suggest that the Gates Project will significantly increase use of this area, either by these key holders or other members of the public. (CEQA Evaluation, pp. 5-11.) The Department does not expect the new Gates to attract a significant number of new users based on the fact that the vast majority of current Park visitors currently opt to access the park via the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard where there is convenient parking, despite the existence of other pedestrian entrances to the Park, all of which experience minimal use according to recent studies and Park staff. Moreover, most of the active recreational Park amenities are located 25 to 30 minutes away from the new Gates. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that people coming to use these amenities would access them by way of the Gates. This is particularly true of activities that require equipment that would have to be carried long distances and families with children. Pedestrian visitors looking to partake in most Park amenities will likely enter the Park from a location in closer proximity to those amenities, such as the main entrance, rather than using the Gates. Any new use of the Park through the pedestrian Gates would likely come from existing neighbors who would walk to the Gates. Residents expressed in writing and at the two community workshops held on August 16, 2021 and January 12, 2022 that opening the Gates would enable them to more easily access the Park on foot rather than drive around to the main entrance on La Cienega Boulevard.

### *2. Class 3*

Class 3 consists of "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. … Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to:

…

(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

…" (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303.)

Appellants claim that the Class 3 exemption is inapplicable because the Gates Project involves new operations that result in the creation of new public access points, and that the structural improvement discussed in the Class 3 exemption is "secondary to the primary change being made to Park 'operations…'". (CEQA Appeal, p. 5.)

Appellants are incorrect. An agency may combine several exemptions to find an entire project exempt. (*Surfrider Found. v California Coastal Comm'n* (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 151, 155.) The pedestrian Gates are small new facilities along an existing fence line and are directly adjacent to other existing gates. Their construction and operation involved only minor modifications, including: cutting and removing a section of the fencing, adding hinges and installing the pedestrian Gates, adding a locking mechanism to the Gates, adding a concrete transition to the existing sidewalk at the Cloverdale entrance, and patching small holes in the asphalt path to the Padilla entrance. The CEQA Evaluation Document found that, due to the minor nature of the modifications, the Class 3 exemption applies. (CEQA Evaluation, p. 11.) This is correct.

### *3. Class 4*

The Class 4 exemption consists of "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

…

(e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment...;

…" (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304.)

Appellants claim that the Class 4 exemption is inapplicable because "it has no relevance to the construction of the Gates or the County's decision to permanently change it *operations* of the Gates so they may function as new public entrances to the Park." (CEQA Appeal, p. 5.) Appellants also claim that the NOE fails to state what minor alteration of land the Gates Project involves.

As discussed in the CEQA Evaluation Document, the Department anticipates that any alterations to the condition of the land would be minor because the number of people using the Park would

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not substantially increase as a result of the Gates Project, which is consistent with data from similar pedestrian entrances at the Park. As stated above, there are other free pedestrian entrances to the Park. These include pedestrian entrances at Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea. Similar to the Gates, these pedestrian entrances are free and open to the public. However, few visitors have been observed using these access points. Staff expected to see similar results at the proposed Gates, with limited number of visitors using them as access points to enter the Park. Because of limited number of visitors using the Gates, no permanent environmental effects are expected. (CEQA Evaluation, pp. 11-12.)

### *4. Class 11*

Class 11 consists of "construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311.)

Appellants claim that the Class 11 exemption is inapplicable because "the new gates are not seasonal in nature, and because it does not apply to the County's decision to change its operations of the Gates." (Appeal, p. 5.)

The CEQA Evaluation document found that Gates Project constitutes minor structures accessory to the Park because the Project's gates were constructed within the existing fencing/vehicular gates at both locations. Furthermore, institutional facilities include government operated facilities for public purposes, including public parks. (CEQA Evaluation, p. 12.) Thus, the exemption applies.

### *5. Class 23*

Class 23 consists of "the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For purposes of this section, 'past history' shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15323.) County Categorical Exemption Class 23: Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings includes the abovementioned Section 15323 language and specifically identifies "parks" as falling under this exemption.

Appellants claim that the Class 23 exemption is inapplicable because "the Gates were never designed nor intended to accommodate general public access into the Park." (CEQA Appeal, p. 5.)

Appellants' reference to "the Gates" is unclear. The Project gates were designed and are specifically intended to provide public access, making Appellants' statement inaccurate to the extent it applies to the new pedestrian gates. To the extent "the Gates" refers to the pre-existing, locked, vehicular gates, the Gates Project does not include any change to those gates, as explained above.

Further, operation of the Gates Project qualifies as normal operation of existing facilities under this exemption. The entrances at these locations have been used by pedestrians for much longer than three years. Specifically, adjacent property owners with gate keys have accessed the Park

from these locations for nearly 75 years. Future operation of the pedestrian gates will continue to allow for pedestrian access the Park and does not represent a change in the operation of the Park. Additionally, the number of Park visitors is not expected to increase as a result of the operation of the Gates Project, as explained above. (CEQA Evaluation, pp. 14-15.) Thus, the exemption applies.

### C. Applicability of Categorical Exemptions to Fence Project

Appellants' March 10, 2022 appeal of the Fence Project NOE claims the Fence Project does not qualify for exemptions identified in the NOE, alleging that the Fence Project includes the "installation of *new* gates and *new* access policies." (March 10, 2022 Letter, p. 2.) As explained above, the Fence Project is separate from the Gates Project and does not include any new gates or access policies. Thus, the Fence Project qualifies for a Class 3 exemption which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, including new accessory structures.

### D. Exceptions to the Exemptions

CEQA identifies certain exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions. As discussed in the CEQA Appeal Board Letter dated December 6, 2022, the CEQA Evaluation Document examined all of the potential exceptions to the use of Categorical Exemptions, identified in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines and determined none of them apply to the Gates Project.

Appellants claim exceptions to the exemptions "provided in CCR § 15300.2 also make these identified exemptions inapplicable." (CEQA Appeal, p. 5.) Specifically, Appellants claim that the Gates Project "will have a significant environmental impact due to its conflict with the applicable general plan restrictions, which clearly specify that these Gates may not be used for general public access to avoid parking, traffic, noise, and light impacts." (*Id.*, pp. 5-6.) Appellants also claim "the Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment." (*Id.*, p. 6.) Appellants further claim the limited used of the preexisting vehicular gates, as well as the Department's inability to regulate the public's use of the streets, create "unusual circumstances." (*Ibid.*)

Appellants do not cite any evidence in support of these claims, nor do Appellants identify any specific "applicable general plan restrictions" with which the Gates Project is allegedly in conflict.

Notably, the CEQA Evaluation Document found that the access provided by the Gates Project is in alignment with the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation General Plan, which states that "[p]ublic access shall be a primary consideration for all park design .... Pedestrian and bicycle access at key public access points will be a top priority, and all trails, trailheads, greenways, park entrances, park facilities and parking will incorporate pedestrian and bicycle needs. All park sites should be managed to maximize nonvehicular access, and safe and accessible connections to trails shall be emphasized.".[2] Furthermore, the CEQA Evaluation Document evaluated Appellants' resource areas of concern, and found them to be without cause. (See Appendix A, pp. 17-20.)

[2] See Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area General Plan Amendment http://bhc.ca.gov/webmaster/arc/documents/thePlan.pdf at p. 3-15.

Regarding Appellants' claim that "the Project will also have a significant impact on recreation resources, which will have an adverse physical effect on the environment," Appellants do not provide any evidence of these alleged impacts on recreation resources or their connection to environmental impacts. Contrary to Appellants' claim, the Department does not anticipate an increase in use of recreational resources. This is because the Gates Project would merely "provide access to existing recreational amenities at the Park rather than create new features that would draw additional visitors; the fact that many of the Park's main amenities are located far away from the pedestrian Gates; and the fact that other similar pedestrian gates at other parks have not resulted in a significant increase in use of those parks." (CEQA Evaluation, p. 18.) Further, any new use of the Park through the pedestrian Gates would likely come from existing neighbors who welcome the opportunity to walk to the Gates.

Regarding Appellants' claim that the exemptions are inapplicable because of unusual circumstances, there is nothing unusual about the size, scale or scope of the Gates Project as compared to other projects that typically qualify for the cited categorical exemptions. As discussed in the CEQA Evaluation, and based on all available information regarding potential for environmental resources, no site conditions have been identified that are unusual, or that would cause or contribute to an unusual circumstance, and there is no evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment. (CEQA Evaluation, p. 16.)

For example, the Stocker/La Brea and Don Lorenzo/La Brea pedestrian entrances and the unofficial pedestrian access point on La Brea are similar to the Gates Project as they provide pedestrian access away from the Park's main entrance. Few visitors have seen observed using these access points, further evidencing that there will likely be few visitors using the pedestrian Gates, and there is no evidence of any significant effect on the environment from the use of these other pedestrian gates. These pedestrian entrances are similar to the proposed Gates and support the finding that there are no unusual circumstances associated with the Gates Project that would cause environmental impacts.

In fact, operation of the Gates may have a beneficial impact on vehicle miles travelled ("VMT") and associated impacts on air quality and noise, since neighbors who currently drive to the main entrance of the Park for access would be able to walk to the Gates from their homes. Thus, the Gates Project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

Appellants also claim the NOE's analysis of cumulative impacts is inadequate and fails to acknowledge the proposed actions under the "Access for All"" initiative. As explained above, the Department is not pursuing a formal "Access for All" initiative or any of the specific efforts Appellants allege, with the exception of the Fence Project, discussed above. The Department also has not proposed any additional publicly-accessible pedestrian gates in the same location as the pedestrian Gates, and there have been no past proposals for similar publicly-accessible pedestrian gates at these locations. Thus, there is no possibility of a significant cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place.

Regarding the Fence Project, Appellants' March 10, 2022 letter claims "multiple exceptions apply" to the exemptions identified in in the Fence Project NOE, but does not identify any specific exception, and the June 15, 2022 CEQA Appeal does not further address this claim. Thus, the argument is waived. Additionally, the Fence Project NOE describes the evidence supporting the

Department's determination that none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply to the Fence Project.

### E. Lack of Notice

Appellants claim "the County failed to provide any notice of this determination when it was made, nor was the community provided any further explanation of the true scope of the proposed Project" and that notice should have been provided to the interested parties. (CEQA Appeal, p. 6.)

A notice of exemption is a notice filed "when a public agency decides that a project is exempt from [CEQA]." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15062.) As mentioned above, filing the notice is voluntary. (*Ibid.*) In this case, the County filed the NOE on March 29, 2022. The County provided special notice of the NOE to Appellants' counsel on March 30, 2022.

No other notice was required.[3] Nevertheless, as discussed in the CEQA Appeal Board Letter, the Department held community meetings discussing the pedestrian gates throughout 2021 and 2022. Additionally, it released a "Park Update" regarding the status of the Gates Project on March 15, 2022. Further, on March 31, 2022, the Department posted notices at the pedestrian gates stating that they would be open for public access to the Park during regular park hours starting on April 4, 2022.

Thus, Appellants' claims regarding lack of notice are without merit.

## IV. CONCLUSION

The Gates Project NOE and the Fence Project NOE complied with CEQA in all respects. Substantial evidence in the administrative record demonstrates that the description of the Projects is accurate and complete, that the claimed classes of exemption apply to the Projects, that none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply, and, while not required, sufficient notice was provided.

In light of all the materials in the administrative record before it, the Department respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors deny the Appeal of the February 24, 2022 NOE for the Fence Project; deny the Appeal of the Department's March 29, 2022 NOE for the Gates Project; affirm the decision of the Department that the Fence Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Facilities); and Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); affirm the decision of the Department that the Gates Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities); Section 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land); Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures); and Section 15323 (Class 23, Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings), and find that the photos in Exhibit D to the CEQA Appeal, lack credibility and cannot be considered as evidence.

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[3] Similarly, no notice was required of the Fence Project NOE.

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Kenneth Hahn Access meeting comments
**Date:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:51:05 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Shannon Bellanca [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:32 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Kenneth Hahn Access meeting comments

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi, and thank you so much for holding a public meeting about the Kenneth Hahn access points at Coverdale and Punta Alta.

I fully support the proposal that LA County Department of Parks & Recs presented in the zoom meeting tonight. Keeping the existing gates for fire access and adding public access gates that will be unlocked during park hours seems like a great option. It satisfies the complaints of the neighbors who want to keep their fire access and the call to have more equitable access to the park for the general public.

I wonder if there are any case studies that have been done or examples in LA county of having park access through neighborhoods and how that can positively and negatively affect the residents. It might be helpful, since most of the arguments against public access are fears of increased crime and liter, but no concrete proof that it would actually happen. It seems like these are existing problems in the neighborhood that are unrelated to access to the park. I wonder if the public park access might even help mitigate these problems.

I live in Baldwin Vista, so I understand it may add some more traffic to the neighborhood as a whole, but I think having equitable access is more important.

I am happy and impressed by the time and thoughtfulness put into this decision. I also am thrilled at the possibility of public access through the neighborhood, as there is no safe, walkable access point via the North side of the park.

Thanks again for your time and consideration in this matter!

Please keep me informed about any more meetings or information regarding the access points to Kenneth Hahn.

Thanks again,
Shannon

Shannon Bellanca
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Julie Yom; Clement Lau |
| **Subject:** | FW: Kenneth Hahn Park Access |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:59:58 PM |

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**From:** Johnny Blades [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:02 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Park Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I wanted to write and say **thank you** again for the presentation you & your colleague gave regarding those Baldwin Vista gates which have long impeded public access to a precious park. Countless neighbors - even if they do not opt to show up to each and every townhall to rant and rave - are expressing appreciation for the work you all have been doing to generate a sound, sensible solution like last night's proposal.

Your agency's aim to promote equitable access to the entire community-at-large is very valuable (not to mention *timely)*. I'm sure your office knows well how much KH park is being utilized as the community seeks relief from the woes of the pandemic, and I'd say the winds seem to be blowing in a way that will help support this removal of remaining obstacles to access. Please let me know how I can stay apprised of future meetings, etc., or assist in providing voices of support for your proposal to share parks with more people.

Hope I remembered your email address correctly,

Johnny Blades
[redacted]
*@ Village Green*

p.s. - I'll be using KH park a great deal more when it won't require wasting gasoline or eroding unmarked hillsides just to access it, and if you have any suggestions for discovering volunteer opportunities- to take care of the park, host events, or otherwise bring more members of the community there, I'm all ears! There's the miraculous multiplier effect of opening up access for all

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: KHSRA Padilla Place & Cloverdale Gate |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:44:57 PM |

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**From:** ROSANNA BEAUMONT [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:41 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** KHSRA Padilla Place & Cloverdale Gate

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am a resident of the Baldwin Vista community on Punta Alta Drive. Thank you for granting the opportunity for various citizens to voice concerns and solution options during the August 16, 2021, Zoom Virtual Meeting regarding access to KHSRA via the Baldwin Vista residential community. Given the time limits and number of participants speaking during the meeting, I ask that you accept my remarks via email.

With respect to concerns for equitable access to KSRA through the Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue gates, I am among those who prefer **addition of pedestrian gates at both residential entrances (Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue) to be open during park hours,** for walkable access by all to whom these points of entry are most reasonable and convenient. Such access would be inclusive of resident foot traffic from Village Green *and* Baldwin Village (also referred to as "the Jungle"), and beyond. As you proposed during the meeting, it is reasonable that locking/unlocking of the added pedestrian gates would be done by park officials, within parameters of KHSRA hours.

In addition to equity of access ("shared access"), I appreciated Julia Cohen's point about ***equity of responsibility*** ("shared responsibility"). This aspect of equity merits further consideration for a balanced perspective and balanced conversation about equity.

With respect to our community's safety, vehicle traffic, residential congestion, littering and other concerns, these may be mitigated by ***litter-fines*** signage and posting of a requirement of ***residential parking permits*** along Punta Alta, Mantova, El Mirador, Veronica, and Cloverdale (at least). Such requirements would likely engender more ***revenue*** than cost to the city/county.

For those of us with safety concerns related to "street lock" (residents on Punta Alta, Mantova, El Mirador, and Cloverdale), those needing ***emergency exit through KHSRA*** in times of fire, earthquake, or other natural disaster--we appreciate being able to retain our gate key to access critical ingress/egress points at Padilla Place and Cloverdale Avenue. We must outreach to assure all current Baldwin Vista street locked households have a gate key for emergencies.

Again, thank you inviting our voices into the conversation and giving our concerns just consideration.

Sincerely,

*Rosanna Beaumont*

Rosanna Beaumont,

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Hahn Access for All question
**Date:** Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:47:25 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Daniel Millner [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Access for All question

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Sean

Thank you for your outreach on the Access for All proposal to open the gates on Cloverdale and Padilla Place

A group of community members are interested in showing support and I wanted to let you know. I anticipate about 15 to 25 people will be sending you emails over the next week or so, expressing appreciation for your work and supporting the proposal to provide equitable access to Hahn.

If you have suggestions on best practices here please let me know and l'll try make it happen

Thank you
Daniel Millner
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: « Access for all » Kenneth Hahn Park |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:38 PM |

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**From:** Alexandre Vodovar [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:44 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** « Access for all » Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Alex Vodovar
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Email : [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Access for All / Kenneth Hahn Park |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:44 PM |

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**From:** Felipe Tewes [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:48 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Access for All / Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Felipe Tewes

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Access for All Initiative
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:56 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Gianna Moncada [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access for All Initiative

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative.

I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Moncada

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:39 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Rita Moncada [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative.

I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Rita Moncada Bini

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Access to Kenneth Hahn |
| **Date:** | Monday, September 27, 2021 7:25:15 AM |

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**From:** Nick Carmona [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:41 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Mr. Woods,

I'm sending this email to voice my support of opening the gates to Kenneth Hahn via the "access for all" initiative.

I was a resident of the Baldwin hills from 2019-2021, during which time I've personally encountered a lack of access via the Cloverdale and Padilla gates. Access to green space is tremendously important, and this effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits all members of the community.

Thank you for a great proposal, I look forward to hearing great work being done in Kenneth Hahn.

Sincerely,
Nick Carmona

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:19 PM |

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**From:** phoebe webster [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 12:51 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. It is a great solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Warm regards, Phoebe Webster

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn |
| **Date:** | Monday, September 27, 2021 9:15:17 AM |

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**From:** John Zinonos [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 9:11 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am writing to voice my support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort very much aligns with the goals in incentivizing exercise that the Department wishes to support, as well as most importantly promoting equity.

Thank you for this great proposal—which I, and many others of the community, support.

Best,
John Zinonos

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Kenneth Hahn Access
**Date:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:26:33 AM

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**From:** Kyle Pfister [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 4:56 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I've been a resident of the VIllage Green for 14 years and have always had the combo to one or both entrances, it has only been recently that the residents who have appointed themselves gatekeepers have been unwilling to share access with those of us at the Green.

I was at the town hall and would also like to add my perspective on some of the comments made by the neighbors:

1. Concerns of people parking by the gates are legitimate but the neighbors can easily solve this by getting permit restrictions in their neighborhood and directing their security company to enforce parking restrictions just like we do at the green.

2. Concerns about trash and crime are misleading, the problems the neighbors reported occur entirely lower down the hill where you get spectacular views of downtown and the moon rising over the hills, I myself have gone up there in my car with my wife and had a quarantine date, we of course didn't leave our trash but on my walks up the hill I have def seen evidence of this, however in all my comings and goings at the gate I have never noticed any litter or folks lingering in their cars, up there, these complaints will not go away or get worse with pedestrian access.

3. It is quite a hike up that hill so I would not think that there would in fact be much of an uptick in people coming into the neighborhood, and of course if it becomes a problem the county could of course simply stop unlocking the gate.

Kyle Pfister
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau |
| **Cc:** | Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Kenneth Hahn state Recreation Area Padilla Place & Cloverdale Ave Gates |
| **Date:** | Monday, August 30, 2021 3:34:00 PM |

**From:** Stephanie Nordlinger [redacted]
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2021 3:30 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn state Recreation Area Padilla Place & Cloverdale Ave Gates

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods:

I attended most of your community meeting on August 16. I have lived at my home on Sycamore Avenue in Baldwin Vista since January 1989 – over 32 years. I walk around the neighborhood a lot and have also visited the park many times. I have also attended numerous Veronica-Sanchez-Sycamore Block Club meetings and CAP meetings in the park.

**I strongly support your proposal to put pedestrian gates at these two locations.** I would use them, and I would not have to park my car near these gates since I walk up the hill and past the existing vehicle gates frequently for exercise.

**I would also support a trail up the west end of Baldwin Vista under the existing power lines.** I visited a lovely trail near Altadena or Bradbury many years ago as a member of Footloose LA (a walking group). It ran next to nice homes, but it was fenced and well landscaped. It was also used enough to discourage any criminal behavior. I tried to find that trail for you, but I am not sure which one it was.

For decades the people who live at the top of the hill (who often have key access to the park) have opposed any other access to the park's southern boundary. These entrances would not be major entrances for the park. They are not advantageous to non-neighbors except to avoid weekend parking fees, but other entrances on the East, South and West also have free parking. I am 81 and still drive, but I prefer to walk most of the time. For those who cannot drive, these pedestrian gates would be very convenient.

I don't think the pedestrian gates would have any significant effect on burglaries. I read the weekly local police report, and home burglaries are rare in Baldwin Hills except in the Dons. Thefts from autos are mostly on Jefferson near the Outlook, and commercial thefts are on or near La Brea. The Sheriff's station in the park is staffed and could react quickly to any current burglary report. A burglar bringing anything large through a pedestrian gate would be noticed.

He would need a car parked IN the park, so why not park there instead of in the neighborhood. Most burglars do not like dead-end streets where they can be trapped. As the neighborhood gets noticeably richer, it may attract more burglars, but it won't be due to anything at the park.

As to trash, it occurs everywhere. My friend and I pick up and recycle numerous soft drink and alcoholic beverage bottles and cans when we walk from Sanchez to the top of either hill. I and other homeowners pick up trash on or near our homes. The people nearest the gates can ask for 2-hour or other restricted parking, but I think it is unnecessarily expensive. This community has very large lots, and there's always plenty of parking unless a neighbor has a very large party (which is rare).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best,

*Stephanie Nordlinger*
[redacted]
[redacted]
Telephone: [redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Safe access to Kenneth Hahn Park |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:28 PM |

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**From:** Haleh Shoa [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:27 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Safe access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Many thanks,
Haleh
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for "Access for All" |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:29 PM |

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**From:** Susan Stoebner [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 9:43 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for "Access for All"

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I really appreciate all the work you're doing to make access to Kenneth Hahn Park fair and equitable. I'm writing in support of the effort to provide pedestrian access to the park via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. It would be enormously beneficial to all who live in the area, making it easy for everyone to enjoy the fresh air and open green space that the lovely park provides. I heartily endorse your Access for All initiative.

Sincerely,
Susan Stoebner
Village Green resident

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: SUPPORT for ACCESS to ALL proposal into Kenneth Hahn Park |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:48:06 AM |

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**From:** michal shechtman [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:04 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** SUPPORT for ACCESS to ALL proposal into Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr Woods-

I attended the forum hosted on zoom and was excited to hear that the County is interested in increasing pedestrian access into the park. I am in full support of your plan to open gates. I am opposed to the privileged access into the park through their locked private use gates that the 50 to 100 homes have. I believe that the concerns of those living at "the top of the hill" about traffic and crime can be addressed by restricting parking in the area to be "permitted only" as most neighborhoods in LA have done. Citizens of LA should be able to walk into their parks safely and your proposal meets this need.

Please move the access to all proposal you presented ahead so that we citizens and community members of the Baldwin Hills neighborhood can enjoy pedestrian access into the park.

Thank you,

Michal Shechtman

Resident, 90016

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Michal Hannah Shechtman

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn park |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:01 PM |

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**From:** isabel tewes [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 7:40 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative.

I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Isabel Tewes

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for equitable access to Hahn Park
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:05 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Susan Zhang [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for equitable access to Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Susan Zhang

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:02:22 PM

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**From:** Elizabeth Whittaker [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 6:55 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.
Thank you for a great proposal, which I support. I am a 75 plus woman who walks up to the Cloverdale gate and would love to extend my exercerise into the park. It is so important for those of us who value outdoor exercise and live close by.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth Whittaker

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:57:14 PM

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**From:** Zanna Gilbert [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:56 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Zanna Gilbert
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:48 PM |

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**From:** Natalie M [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:47 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Nataile Matutschovsky

[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:31 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Bob McGinness [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Robert McGinness

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:04 PM |

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**From:** Lisa E [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:00 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole-hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Lisa Esselstein
Village Green

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:55:14 PM |

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**From:** Adrienne Beitcher [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 8:39 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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**Dear Mr. Woods,**
**Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.**
**Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.**
**Sincerely,**

**Adrienne Beitcher**

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:39 PM |

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**From:** Tina LeBrun [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 10:06 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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To: Sean Woods, Chief of Planning for the County Dept.

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours..

This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Tina LeBrun

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:11 PM |

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**From:** Ellie Song [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 8:23 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Ellie

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:54:02 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Rick Miller [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:13 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,
Joel Miller

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:44 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Jessa Chisari - [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 7:06 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,
Jessa Chisari

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53:18 PM |

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**From:** Sophie Lesinska [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 5:32 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my sincere support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours. This effort aligns with the Department's goals to promote healthy lifestyles and exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, practical solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.
Thank you for a great proposal, which I embrace.

Yours truly,

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Sophie Lesinska, Ph.D.
Head, Doheny Memorial Library
USC Libraries

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: Support for Equitable Access to Hahn |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:52:54 PM |

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**From:** ldierck [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 4:16 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Equitable Access to Hahn

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Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the "Access for All" initiative. I'm writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department's goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,

Leigh Dierck

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
**Date:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:56:13 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Antonino Scaglione [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

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Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area. Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,

Antonino Scaglione

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| **From:** | Sean Woods |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Julie Yom |
| **Subject:** | FW: SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO KENNETH HAHN PARK |
| **Date:** | Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:57:21 PM |

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**From:** Kristen Laskaris [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:11 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** SUPPORT FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO KENNETH HAHN PARK

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole-hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.
Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.
Sincerely,
Kristen Laskaris

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Support for Hahn Access for All question
**Date:** Sunday, August 29, 2021 4:47:25 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Daniel Millner [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hahn Access for All question

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Sean

Thank you for your outreach on the Access for All proposal to open the gates on Cloverdale and Padilla Place

A group of community members are interested in showing support and I wanted to let you know. I anticipate about 15 to 25 people will be sending you emails over the next week or so, expressing appreciation for your work and supporting the proposal to provide equitable access to Hahn.

If you have suggestions on best practices here please let me know and l'll try make it happen

Thank you
Daniel Millner
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** FW: Supporting Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
**Date:** Monday, September 27, 2021 7:25:06 AM
**Attachments:** smime.p7s
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-----Original Message-----
From: Bjorn Thoresen [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:18 PM
To: Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Supporting Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

Dear Mr. Woods,

Thank you for your work to promote equitable access to Kenneth Hahn Park through the “Access for All” initiative. I’m writing to voice my whole hearted support for pedestrian park access via Cloverdale and Padilla Place during regular park hours.. This effort aligns with the Department’s goals in incentivizing exercise while promoting equity. It is a wonderful, inexpensive, no-nonsense solution that benefits the diverse stakeholders in the area.

Thank you for a great proposal, which I support.

Sincerely,
Bjorn Thoresen

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: "ACCESS FOR ALL" PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE GATE TO KENNETH HAHN PARK AT CLOVERDALE
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:24 AM

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**From:** Robb Hart [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:24:44 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** "ACCESS FOR ALL" PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE GATE TO KENNETH HAHN PARK AT CLOVERDALE

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To Sean Woods,

I am a resident of Village Green and I would like t add my support to the initiative to open up the gates each day to allow access to Kenneth Hahn Park from the gates located on the streets of Cloverdale and Padilla Place. The Cloverdale entrance would be fantastic for us, since it would mean that we could visit the park without having to drive round to the entrance on La Cinenega. Anything that can reduce the use of fossil fuels, encourage healthy exercise and maximize the usage of the county parks has to be a good idea!

Many Thanks,

***Robb Hart***
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Access For All!
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:47 AM

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**From:** Adrienne Beitcher [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:40:49 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Access For All!

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi there,

I just wanted to reach out and let you know that I am in support of the Access For All Plan. I live at Village Green and would love to have access to Kenneth Hahn by walking. It is such a shame that it is so close to me but I need to get into my car to go enjoy it. I think that it would greatly benefit the neighborhood and LA in general because it will allow people to enjoy nature and get outside/exercise!

I would also love to set up some trash clean up days there because there is so much litter. Do you know who I could reach out to with regard to this?

Thank you!
Adrienne Beitcher

Visitor on Tongva, Chumash and Kizh homelands. For more information please visit: native-land.ca

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**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Access to Kenneth Hahn park from Village Green
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:24:37 AM

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**From:** Eileen And Michael D W [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 7:59:18 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Access to Kenneth Hahn park from Village Green

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr Woods:

I am writing to you to express my heartfelt desire as a member of Baldwin Hills to have pedestrian access to Kenneth Hahn Park. Currently the gates at cloverdale that would enable pedestrian access have been limited to those folks owning a lock or having lock combination knowledge, leaving out a large segment of the community who would much rather not drive to access public lands. We are in the middle of a worsening climate crisis and relegating our large community to use cars to gain access to a park seems counter to a lot of betterment of community, and the planet goals that we hopefully all share.

To that end I write to convey my heartfelt support for community wide park-hours non restricted access via Padilla Place and/or Cloverdale for those of us living within walking distance of the park.

Thank you,

Eileen Dorn
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:07:50 AM

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**From:** Jennifer Velazquez [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:50:31 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Equitable Access to Kenneth Hahn Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr Woods,

I am writing to you as a resident of Village Green in Baldwin Hills, in support of the new plan to provide local gate access to Kenneth Hahn park via the existing Cloverdale and Padilla Place gates. For years I have enjoyed walking up the hill, saying hello to neighbors along the way. I love nothing more than the times I am able to continue my walk into the park, especially as I do not have regular access to a car, and walking to Kenneth Hahn along La Cienega and La Brea feels risky, at best. Since the gates have become permanently locked, it feels like a huge waste not to be able to enjoy the park that's literally right next door, unless I have a car and cash on hand to park.

Since the bridge and Park to Playa project has opened, I have brought friends from other parts of the city to visit and enjoy the park with its gardens and geese, the bridge, the Nature Center and the Overlook. They've been surprised and have mentioned their desire to return. It has literally put the park - and our neighborhood - on the map for them.

With local gate access I can enjoy the park and its initiatives even more. I very much hope the County approves the opening of the back gates to the public during park business hours so that the neighborhood can enjoy the jewel in our backyard (and show it off to friends!).

Thank you,

Jennifer Velazquez

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: In Support of "Access for All" at Kenneth Hahn County Park
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:24:57 AM

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**From:** Michael L. Schiavoni Jr. [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:31:03 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** In Support of "Access for All" at Kenneth Hahn County Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Mr. Woods,

I am contacting you to strongly support the county's proposal to increase local accessibility to Kenneth Hahn park. I live within walking distance of the park, and I have always found it frustrating that I am forced to drive my car in a roundabout route and pay for parking just to enjoy this public land. Because of this, I only visit the park about once per year. If instead I were able to walk from my home in the Village Green up the hill and into the park, I would be motivated to visit much more often - and my well-being would presumably improve due to the positive health effects of this additional exercise.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Schiavoni
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: In support of access to Kenneth Hahn
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:22 AM

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**From:** Cynthia [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 5:59:12 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** In support of access to Kenneth Hahn

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi,
I'm writing in support of access to Kenneth Hahn park from Cloverdale. I'm a resident of Village Green and my husband and my family and I would access the park through the gate at the top of Cloverdale until it was locked. Now, we get in our car and have to drive to the park via La Cienega. This is really unfortunate given that we're within walking distance of it. Please allow access through Cloverdale again so we can enjoy the park and probably visit more often than we do now since now we have to drive there.

Thank you,
Cynthia
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Kenneth Hahn Access for All
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:09:20 AM

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**From:** Rick Miller [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 6:51:53 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Access for All

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Sean and all members of the Parks Department,
First, I'd like to offer a heart-felt thank you for pushing to open Kenneth Hahn Park to walkers, joggers, and hikers from around the area who wish to use the park to exercise, relax, enjoy the views and the greenery.
Having this space in the heart of the Baldwin Hills is truly an asset, and one that I believe should be available. Especially to those who would prefer to leave their cars behind and be able to walking up the hill and into the park. With the recently opened park-to-playa trail, it's been amazing to have a way to roam across the very top of Los Angeles, watching the planes float into LAX to the south or the hawks riding the thermals from the ridge overlooking La Cienega.
This is such a remarkable opportunity for more people to be able access all that is available up here, I do hope it will be made available to people during the daylight operations of the park.
Thank you!
Rick Miller

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Kenneth Hahn Regional Park - Gate from Baldwin Hills
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:06 AM

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**From:** Charlie Unkeless [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:59:35 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Regional Park - Gate from Baldwin Hills

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

To: Sean Woods

Chief of Planning

Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation

I would like to voice my support of the proposal to open the gates to access the park from the gates at Cloverdale and the Padilla gate for residents who walk in those neighborhoods. I do not mind if the residents closest to the gate restrict street parking but I strongly think that residents who walk up from Baldwin Terrace or the Village Green should have access to the park. Being able to enter the park without driving seems to be a sensible solution and however, you adjudicate a solution along those lines would be a great solution.

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Cheers,

Charlie Unkeless
[redacted]

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Please Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access
**Date:** Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:51:54 PM

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**From:** Colombene Gorton [redacted]
**Sent:** Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:06:03 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Please Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Sean Woods,

I am writing to express strong support to increase access to Kenneth Hahn Park from the north at S. Cloverdale Ave. and/or at Padilla Pl. This would make a big difference for my family and increase our use of the park. It would help us get more exercise while reducing our dependence on cars to do so.

My husband, son and I live in Village Green in Baldwin Hills. We have used the park for years. We use the playgrounds, the exercise equipment, the tracks and hiking trails. Even though it's just a mile away, there is no safe pedestrian or even bike access from where we live. We are disappointed and frustrated that we have to use a car to get there - adding to traffic and burning gas. We have also walked up to Cloverdale and Padilla and see the park through the locked gates that apparently only certain people can access. This situation feels inequitable, ecologically burdensome and illogical.

I heard about this initiative from my neighbors but would love to stay updated on this process and learn more about the specific plans. Please let me know if there's a way to do that.

Thank you for your work. I've often felt disappointed about this situation and was so happy to hear these plans were being proposed.

Sincerely,
Amy Colombene Gorton

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for County"s Kenneth Hahn Park proposal
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:25:10 AM

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**From:** Elizabeth Song [redacted]
**Sent:** Saturday, September 11, 2021 9:44:00 AM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for County's Kenneth Hahn Park proposal

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Mr. Woods,

I am a resident of Village Green and write to support the county's plan for fair and increased access to Kenneth Hahn Park. My family and I would spend many cherished weekends in the park when the Cloverdale gates we're open by walking up the hill. The current option to drive in is unworkable on weekends given the limited parking and snarl of traffic just to enter and exit.

I and many other residents look forward a day when the gates can be opened up again to pedestrians.

Thank you for your support,

Ellie

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for Hahn Equitable Access
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:06:00 AM

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**From:** Daniel Millner [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:20:53 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Hahn Equitable Access

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Mr. Woods,
Thank you for your work on increasing equity and access to Hahn.
Your "Proposal to Provide Equitable Access" to Hahn by opening the gates at Cloverdale and Padilla Place is fantastic. It encourages physical activity, decreased need to drive cars, and establishes equity in the broad community.
Bravo!
Sincerely,
Daniel Millner

**From:** Sean Woods
**To:** Clement Lau; Julie Yom
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for Neighborhood Pedestrian Access to Kenneth Hahn Regional Park
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 7:08:43 AM

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**From:** Chinh Nguyen [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 6:19:39 PM
**To:** Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** Support for Neighborhood Pedestrian Access to Kenneth Hahn Regional Park

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi Mr. Woods,

As a fairly new resident of the Village Green, I am writing in support for local pedestrian access to Kenneth Hahn Park for several reasons.

1. I, along with several of my neighbors, absolutely cherish our proximity to Kenneth Hahn Park and all that it has to offer. On a weekly basis, I go on jogs around the park which I use to access through the gate at the end of Cloverdale. Ever since the locks have been changed, I now access the park by walking along the dirt path adjacent to speeding cars along La Brea, which I find dangerous, but I also often see many other residents doing the same. If the pedestrian gates to the park are kept locked to local residence, I believe that people will find other means to access this park – such as this dangerous dirt path along La Brea.

2. This park represent diversity to me. When I go on jogs or workout at Kenneth Hahn, there's a sense of motivation I find with the strangers who are also sharing the same activities. "Keep it up…You got this," are phrases which are said to one another around this park, many of which are from different ethnic backgrounds. As an Asian American (once minority), I feel like I am part of the local diversity that Kenneth Hahn Park represents – once which is uniquely different than the previous Santa Monica neighborhood I previously lived in. It would be wonderful to have such a sacred and culturally diverse park within easy pedestrian access to all of it's local residents, particularly at these gates.

3. It can be argued that anyone can access the park if they drive there, but that would exclude the park from those who don't drive. I've made concerted effort to reduce driving in response to today's environmental climate. I've come to appreciate a lot of what Baldwin Hills has to offer for walkability. Without a car, I feel more engaged with Baldwin Hills. Although Kenneth Hahn is just a viewing distance away from our back patio, the locked gates to the park are a reminder that we're not welcomed if we try to walk there.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.
I hope that there can be a common resolution to access Kenneth Hahn Park.

Best and kind regards,

Chinh Nguyen
Resident of the Village Green
Los Angeles, CA 90016

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| **From:** | Nancy Lepe |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Sean Woods |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:07 AM |
| **Attachments:** | West Adams & Kenneth Hahn by foot (2).pdf |

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**From:** Patricia Bijvoet [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:34 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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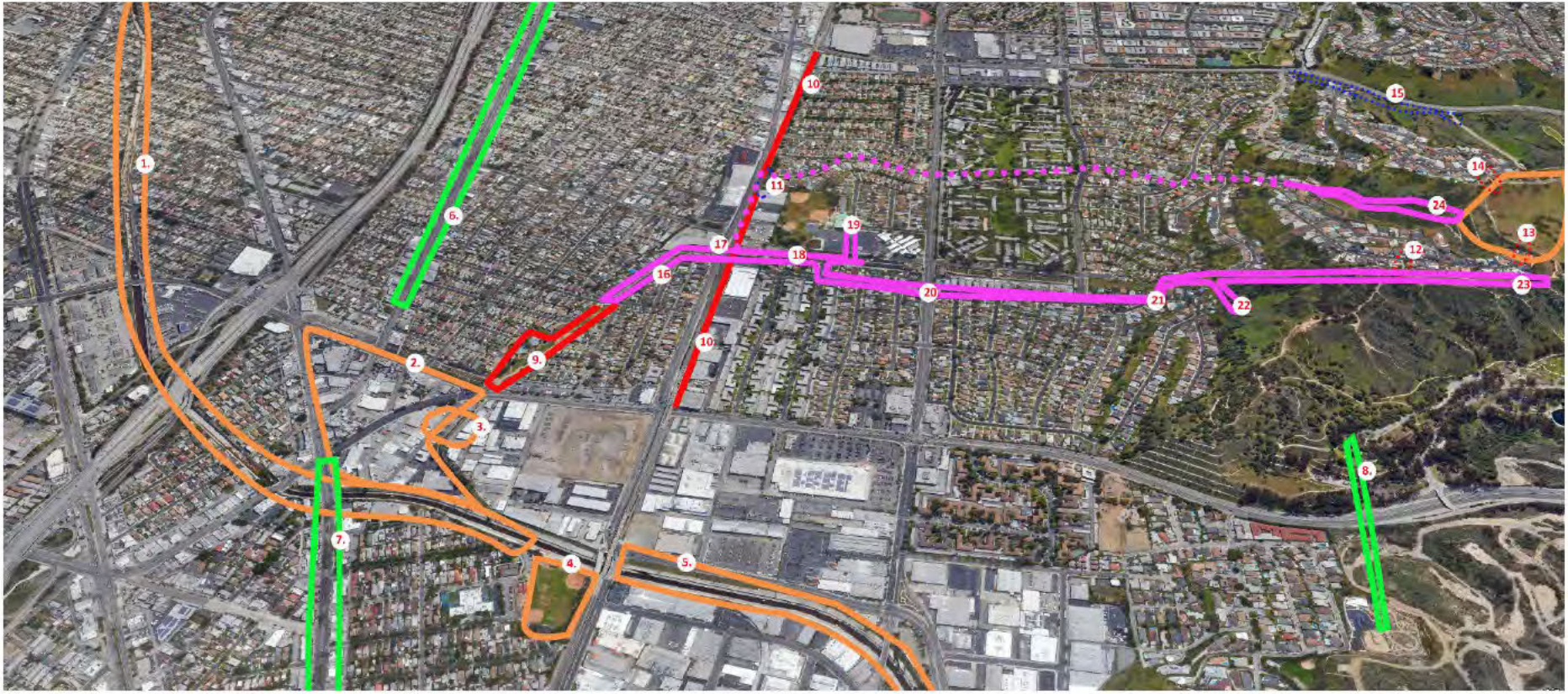
I attach the map I recently made with barriers and opportunities.

Thank you,
Patricia Bijvoet
[redacted]
[redacted]
90016




**Projects on the way**
1. Extension Ballona Creek bike path east
2. Redcar Masterplan
3. John Favaro Housing Blackwelder
4. Sid Kronenthal /Adams stormwater capture
5. Revitalization Ballona Creek BHC

**Realized projects**
6. West Adams protected bike lanes
7. Washington blvd. Protected bike lanes
8. Park to Play: bridge btw Baldwin Hills- KH

**Barriers**
9. West side N.Park, 1 entrance
10. Metrorail + industrie prevent neighborhood connections
11. Unofficial pedestrian connection (=opportunity)
12. Permanently locked entrance KH
13.-14. Entrance KH Neighbors only
15. Unofficial pedestrian connection (= opportunity).

**Opportunities: use of ROW LADWP power lines**
16. Neighborhood land trust park
17. Ped. Crossing over Jefferson
18. Pedestrian connector w/ use of existing roads
19. Connecting east-side elementary school
20. Existing pedestrian connector or use Hauser Blvd
21. LADWP entrance to powerlines
22. Connecting with existing trails westside KH (city trail, forest trail)
23.using ROW powerline for separate entrance to KH
24. Green route using cloverdale to KH

# West Adams - Kenneth Hahn State Park by foot… how would you get there?

Currently many barriers to enter KH Park by foot if you live in West Adams and not in the Baldwin Hills.

Comprehensive approach is needed and might easily fall through the cracks

Many project in the making that contribute or could contribute to safer, healthier connections

Big developments like Cumulus, the Wrapper, Self-storage, Jefferson (not yet listed) for $

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:14 AM

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Good Morning Clement & Sean,

I will be sending over 20+ emails per Kevin Regan request, below is the first.

Thank you,

Nancy Lepe
County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
1000 S Fremont Ave, A-9 West Building 3rd Floor
Alhambra, CA 91803 ☎ 626.588.5364
***Please note this office is closed on Fridays.***

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**From:** Machiko Yasuda [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:04 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Machiko Yasuda

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**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:28 AM

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**From:** Andrew Reich [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:05 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
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Thank you,
Andrew Reich
[redacted]

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:39 AM

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**From:** Amelie Cherlin [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:10 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
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Thank you,
Amelie Cherlin
90027
[redacted]

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:30:56 AM

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**From:** Michael Siegel [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:14 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
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Thank you,
Michael Siegel
LA 90065

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:31:07 AM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Adam Linder [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:16 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,

Adam Linder
[redacted]

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| **From:** | Nancy Lepe |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Sean Woods |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:31:43 AM |

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**From:** Chih-Wei Hsu [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:26 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Chih-Wei Hsu
90016

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Sean Woods; Clement Lau
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:27 AM

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**From:** Eli Lipmen [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:36 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Cc:** O'Brien, Lilly <LOBrien@bos.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,

Eli Lipmen (nearby resident)
90016

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Sean Woods; Clement Lau
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:43 AM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Divya Maus Gmail [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:42 AM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Hi!
I love Kenneth Hahn, it's one of my favorite parks in LW. Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,
Divya Maus
Los Angeles, 90039

Sent from my iPhone

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| **From:** | Nancy Lepe |
| **To:** | Clement Lau; Sean Woods |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:32:58 AM |

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**From:** Ed Costello [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:58 AM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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**Thank you,**
**Ed Costello**
**90402**

Edward J. Costello

"For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong." H. L. Mencken

The author of this Email is suffering from TPD (Temporary Pandemic Derangement) Please excuse dangling participles, split infinitives, and other offen . . .

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:30 AM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Casey Law [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 2:01 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
Casey Law
91030

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Sean Woods; Clement Lau
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:44 AM

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**From:** Kasia J [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:02 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to the Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn park. In a city that is so park-poor in relation to the number of residents, it's critical that we provide more access to nature. We need to reduce car dependency and allow every resident an option to enter parks by bus, bike or foot. This is one step in the right direction- an easy and inexpensive way to give more people the ability to enjoy green space. Small design changes like this make a big difference. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA, as there aren't many nearby options outside of Kenneth Hahn. Parks for everyone!

Thank you,
Kasia J
90066

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:33:55 AM

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**From:** Hannah Gibson [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:44 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
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Thank you,
Hannah Gibson
90032

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:07 AM
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Lionel Mares [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:27 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Importance:** High

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Re: **County Parks to Expand Kenneth Hahn Park Access**

Hello **Los Angeles County Parks**:

Please consider opening the gates at Cloverdale Avenue and Punta Alta Drive to Janice's Green Valley area at Kenneth Hahn Park. This park is the major open space recreation area serving South LA and other nearby historic communities of color, so expanding car-free access is a matter of transportation and environmental justice for the whole county.

Thank you,

Lionel Mares**, MPA**
**Zip-code: 91352**

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:37 AM

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**From:** David Fenn [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 4:49 PM
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Thank you,
David Fenn
90014

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| **From:** | Nancy Lepe |
| **To:** | Sean Woods; Clement Lau |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:48 AM |

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**From:** Wesley Reutimann [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:32 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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To whom it may concern,

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Wes, Kristin, Jasper, and Max Reutimann

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| **To:** | Clement Lau; Sean Woods |
| **Subject:** | FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA! |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:34:58 AM |

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**From:** Kelly Wright [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:12 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
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Thank you,
Kelly Wright, MD
90035

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Clement Lau; Sean Woods
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:35:11 AM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Andre Villasenor [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 9:21 PM
To: DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
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Thank you,
Ross Rivas
90035

**From:** Nancy Lepe
**To:** Sean Woods; Clement Lau
**Subject:** FW: I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!
**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 8:35:36 AM

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**From:** David Michel [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:51 PM
**To:** DPR-Parks Public Email <info@parks.lacounty.gov>
**Subject:** I support opening the pedestrian gates to Kenneth Hahn SRA!

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Thank you,
David Michel
90011

Re: Baldwin Vista Hillside Community Co... Download Save to OneDrive

# Re: Baldwin Vista Hillside Community Concerns

MD McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:50 AM
To: ROSANNA BEAUMONT [redacted]
Cc: Laura Muraida; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; Sean Woods

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**Good Morning Ms. Beaumont,**

**I appreciate your email regarding the gates and the County's intent to allow for equitable public access. We are aware of the concerns raised by some members of the Baldwin Vista community as well as the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association. The Conservancy is a partner and funder agency with the park operator, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation We also acknowledge that as a recipient of public funding for improvements and/or acquisitions at Kenneth Hahn, the County is prohibited from discriminating or granting preferential treatment to use the facility based upon an individual's place of residence or membership in an organization. This prohibition is also consistent with the State's policy of non-discrimination and equal access**

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**I am forwarding your recommendations to LA County Parks so it can be added to the written recommendations they have received to date.**

**Sincerely,**

David McNeill
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4859 West Slauson Ave #364
Los Angeles 90056

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**From:** ROSANNA BEAUMONT [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:41 AM
**To:** HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty gov>
**Cc:** LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov <LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Baldwin Vista Hillside Community Concerns

Dear Honorable Supervisor Mitchell:

As residents of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Community we implore your attention and action related to our concerns for the safety and integrity of our diverse Los Angeles City community within the County of Los Angeles. Our representatives, Benjamin Reznik and Daniel Freeman of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP, outline the core of our concerns in the letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors dated January 25, 2022 (sent via email).

County Parks' representatives have failed to provide us, the community, evidence of any environmental or community impact studies to assuage our concerns, while County Parks unilaterally moves forward on the pretext of *access equity*. This contradicts logic that County officials (including County Parks) and State officials in fact did design access to the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) with equity in mind. This is reflected in existing public entries on the west side of KHSRA (for vehicle and foot traffic via LaCienega), and the east side of KHSRA for foot traffic (via LaBrea and Don Lorenzo Drive) which is an ungated/unlocked FREE entrance without fee.

We greatly appreciate your considerate attention to the 1/25/22 emailed document from Mr. Reznik and Freeman regarding the community's concerns.

Sincerely,
*Rosanna Beaumont*
*Michael Beaumont*
Rosanna and Michael Beaumont
Baldwin Vista Hillside Community Residents

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# Re: Baldin Vista Gate Proposal

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McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:51 AM
To: John Caruso [redacted]
Cc: Sean Woods

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**From:** John Caruso [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:33 AM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Baldin Vista Gate Proposal

Dear Mr McNeil

I am writing as a resident of Baldwin Vista and a member of BVHNA. Our attorney has encapsulated what most of we who live here feel. That this plan is incredibly short-sighted, that no research has been done on it, and that it is not about equity in any sense of that word, as it would change the character of a neighborhood forever.
When I moved here, after living in Santa Monica for over 15 years, what struck me me was what a neighborhood this was. In a week I knew the names of more of my neighbors than I did in 15 years in Santa Monica. I was invited into more homes, and people showed up to welcome me with everything from plants to a bottle of wine. They waved hello when they saw me, and they looked out for each other.
There are two closed gates that allow restricted access to the park. There was a brief period when Waze or Google had identified those as entrances, when walking my dog I cannot tell you how many cars would come up the hill asking where the entrance was after they arrived at the closed gate.
We live in a time of the internet and quick and accessible information. In the last online meeting the qualities of the park were being extolled and one of the architects behind the Baldwin Hills Overlook was also extolling the virtues of that. I was wondering if he considered how crowded the parking is on Jefferson Blvd. as he was comparing it. Jefferson Blvd. is a huge street with tons of available parking and it is zoned commercial. The park charges people to park on weekends. Why would someone pay $7 to park when they can park for free on a residential street? Has the impact that would have on the residents been considered? It's not just that.... the city does not sweep the streets here. We residents clean up garbage and condoms from people who park at night to do whatever they choose to do in their cars as they look down at the amazing view of our city. Multiply that garbage by a factor of 10 within 18 months if this were to become a publics entrance.
That this is being spoken of as an equity issue is nonsense. The park has several means of access, and they all have some available parking, some of which you have to pay for. No one is being denied access to the park, they are being denied access to an easement that has been in place for 75 years, and they are being denied because it was never intended to be a public access gate to the park.
I'm reminded of the quote No one's life, liberty, or property is safe when the legislature is in session.
Please do not act in such a way that the cynicism and nihilism of that quote becomes what you serve.

Respectfully

John C Caruso

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# Re: Baldwin vista attorney letter

MD McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:54 AM
To: Felice Chan [redacted]
Cc: Sean Woods

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**From:** Felice Chan [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:55 PM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Baldwin vista attorney letter

Dear David McNeill,

I am a resident of Baldwin Vista and wanted to bring to light the letter regarding the new entrance being built in our neighborhood to Kenneth Hahn state park. This entrance will cause increased safety concerns, traffic, crowds, and unregulated trash and parking. Please take the time to look at the letter written by our attorney Mr. Reznik and Mr. Freeman. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Felice

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# Re: Baldwin Vista / Kenneth Hahn Gate Access

MD McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:39 AM
To: shauna clark [redacted]
Cc: Laura Muraida; Sean Woods

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**From:** shauna clark [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:19 PM
**To:** LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov <LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: Baldwin Vista / Kenneth Hahn Gate Access

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From: **shauna clark** [redacted]
Date: Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 11:15 PM
Subject: Baldwin Vista / Kenneth Hahn Gate Access
To: <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>

I am a resident of the Baldwin Vista neighborhood and am very concerned as well as frightened by the decision of the Parks and Rec Department to open the Kenneth Hahn park gates at the Padilla Place and Cloverdale entrances . The increase in traffic on the narrow streets of this area will only bring trash and increased crime to our community. Not to mention the parking nightmare that will ensue as a result of this park access. This area was not designed for public parking for entrance to this park . Consider installing sidewalks on LaBrea and/or La Cienega to obtain Access For All. That would be a safer solution for all involved.
Please refer to the letter sent by Attorney Benjamin Reznik.
Thank You for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Shauna M. Clark

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# Re: Kenneth Hahn Public Access

MD McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:53 AM
To: Christopher Connors [redacted]
Cc: Sean Woods

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**From:** Christopher Connors [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:21 AM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Public Access

My wife and I are greatly concerned about the proposed new public access to Kenneth Hahn through our residential neighborhood.

These new access points will increase crime, traffic and trash for an area that was never designed to be public.

This is a quiet, small residential area that will be impacted greatly with one road in and one road out.

We also don't understand why the existing public access areas on both La Cienega and La Brea are not sufficient and equitable, with parking already available.

Thank you.

Chris Connors and Kathryn Lundeen

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# Re: Proposed gate changes to Kenneth Hahn Park

MD McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:47 AM
To: Gail Garcia [redacted]
Cc: Sean Woods

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**From:** Gail Garcia [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:46 AM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Proposed gate changes to Kenneth Hahn Park

Dear Mr. McNeill,
We are writing to call your attention to the letter from our attorney, Benjamin Resnik, regarding the legality of the proposed gate changes and its impact on our neighborhood and our street.
Gail and Harold Garcia
[redacted]

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# Re: Access ot Kenneth Hahn Park

MD McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:52 AM
To: Joe Grauman [redacted]
Cc: HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; Sean Woods

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**From:** Joe Grauman [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:06 AM
**To:** HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty gov>; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Access ot Kenneth Hahn Park

Good Morning,

My name is Joe Grauman and I am a member of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association. I am writing to you today as a follow up to the letter sent to you by our attorney, Benjamin Reznik.

I am full support of this letter. The Department of Parks and Recreation is attempting to trample on our rights as homeowners and taxpayers under the false pretense of social and environmental justice. There is not only designated access to the park off La Cienega as Mr. Reznik mentioned but also at the intersection of La Brea and Don Lorenzo Drive. As Mr. Rezn k has stated, the gates at Cloverdale and Padilla Place were never built for the purpose of public access to the park.

Thank you in advance for helping us preserve our neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Joe Grauman

[redacted]

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# Re: URGENT, Access to Kenneth Hahn State Park

MD McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:43 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Laura Muraida; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; Sean Woods

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Good Morning Ms. Hines,

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**From** [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 2:13 PM
**To:** HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty gov>
**Cc:** LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov <LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** URGENT, Access to Kenneth Hahn State Park

Courtney Hines
[redacted]

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# Re: Project Modifying Access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area & Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association

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McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:49 AM
To: Sandy Iverson [redacted]
Cc: bmr@jmbm.com; Angela Baber [redacted]; 5227_Veronica [redacted] **+4 others**

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**Good Morning Ms. Iverson,**

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**From:** Sandy Iverson [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:59 AM
**To:** HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty gov>; LMuraida@bos.lacounty gov <LMuraida@bos.lacounty gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Cc:** [redacted]
**Subject:** Project Modifying Access to Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area & Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association

With regard to the above mentioned subject, please know that as a resident in the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association, I am extremely alarmed at the way the County has proceeded in the opening of existing closed residential gates. Please see the attached letter from our Attorney Benjamin Reznik to immediately cease and desist.

We will not accept the County's decision on this matter.

Sincerely,
Cassandra Iverson, homeowner
[redacted]

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**From:** Jack Choate [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:54 AM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Cc:** Caitlin Choate [redacted]
**Subject:** Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association - Kenneth Hahn Park Access Gates

Dear David,

My family lives at 4125 Punta Alta Dr., three doors down from the Padilla Pl gate into Kenneth Hahn Park. We have recently moved into the neighborhood and love the quiet, the lack of street cleaning as well as other parking restrictions on the street. We of course love the PEDESTRIAN access that we and our neighbors enjoy to Kenneth Hahn, until now.

The unilateral decision that LA County Parks has made based upon the veil of equitable access is not only a bad decision and unfair, but dangerous and short sighted. The attorneys for our neighborhood association have laid out the legal reasons in the attached letter which in and of itself is enough to stop the current disassembling of the gate and reverse the decision, but the logistical and safety reasons not considered or listened to when voiced by our neighborhood should most definitely be.

Our neighborhood streets are too narrow and already too pedestrian to add the additional vehicle load that this decision will bring. There is plenty of access to the park for all Angelenos through the current entrances off of La Cienega & La Brea. This decisive action by LA County Parks is illegal, unprofessional and the result of a minority complaining that "they don't have". We did not buy our house on Punta Alta for the gate access, we are fortunate that it was legally granted to us through actions taken over 50 years ago. That said, we would rather do without our access entirely than open it willy nilly to the public.

If additional public access is deemed necessary, we would hope that a full review would take place where all sides were able to present their points of view to then be considered by the proper authorities. Not just a unilateral decision based off of a few people stirring up a ruckus. If public gate access is the outcome then we would hope all of the appropriate measures would be put in place ie park ranger gatehouse, parking restrictions as well as street cleaning, and regular police monitoring before any open access occurs.

At the end of the day if it comes down to open to all or closed to all (for emergency use only), we choose the latter. Close it to all. Imagine if your family lived in my house.

Caitlin, Jack, Red (age three) and Steve (the dog).

Jack Choate
[redacted]

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**Subject: Fwd: Baldwin Vista- Gate Opening at Kenneth Hahn Park**

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**From:** Cora Johnson Johnson [redacted]
**Date:** January 27, 2022 at 9:51:44 AM PST
**To:** HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov
**Subject: Baldwin Vista- Gate Opening at Kenneth Hahn Park**

Dear Mr. David Mc Neil

I have been a home owner in the Baldwin Vista community for the past 18 years . Almost daily, my dog and I visit the Kenneth Hahn Park. As someone very familiar with the dynamics of the close proximity of the park activity, and the Baldwin Vista neighborhood, I am extremely disturbed by action taken by the county of Los Angeles, granting public assess to the park through the two residential access gates.
If the county supervisors, had conducted a thorough review of this action, they would have recognized the following critical implications for Baldwin Vista residents and park visitors.

1. Increase in Crime in the park-
By opening multiple avenues for exiting the Kenneth Hahn Park, securing the park will be far more difficult. Deterring crime was the primary reason the gates were installed over 40 years ago.
I have personally witnessed a round up of the Bloods /gang members, meeting in the park by LAPD. And, the Kenneth Hahn Park single exit layout allowed for expedient mobilization of this gang activity and other criminal behavior on the park grounds.
2. Trespassing-
The access gates will be locked at a certain time each day. And it should be anticipated, that frequently, park goers who intend to exit the park, will fail to leave in time to pass through the open gate before closure. Those visitors locked inside the park, will likely resort to cutting through yards of surrounding homes to have access to the street after the gate has been locked.
3. Trash and Littering-
Litter should be an expected consequence of foot traffic through the gate and increase parking around it. The Baldwin Vista neighborhood has never been provided with city street sweepers. Who has been assigned to address the clean-up duty around the neighborhood when this gate is utilized by the public?
4. Challenge the peace and safety of the Baldwin Vista community-
Particularly on holidays, residences around the gate, should expect an increase in: noise, thief, parking issues, and traffic. In addition, the smoking of various substances and drinking by park visitors , prohibited in the park; will go undetected by the Kenneth Hahn Park security outside these unsupervised gates.

All of the items listed, are problems the Baldwin Vista neighborhood has been regularly challenged by on a small scale throughout the years. Introducing an open, unsupervised entrance to the park, is cause for extreme concern. Offering park goers, some kind of short cut to Kenneth Hahn Park, without examining the implications for the adjacent residential area that is to absorb the intrusion, is totally irresponsible.

If you were to attempt this same drastic exposure, having park goers, trampling through Hancock Park or Cheviot Hills, you can be sure, more prior consideration would have been given.

Please respect the peace and safety of home owners of the Baldwin Vista community. Please resend the implementation of the open access gates in Baldwin Vista.

Sincerely,
Cora Johnson
[redacted]
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# Re: Stoppage of Pedestrian Gates Opening Baldwin Vista

MD McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:54 AM
To: Janice Jones [redacted]
Cc: Sean Woods

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**From:** Janice Jones [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:03 PM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Stoppage of Pedestrian Gates Opening Baldwin Vista

As a member of the Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association, I request the stoppage of the opening of the gates at Padilla and Cloverdale as referenced by our attorney on the environmental and easement violations that have not been addressed by the board of supervisors.

Janice and Vertis Hayes
[redacted]

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# Re: Baldwin Hills Neighborhood Legal Action

MD McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
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Cc: Sean Woods

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David McNeill
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**From:** Jeff Lancaster [redacted]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:37 PM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Baldwin Hills Neighborhood Legal Action

Mr. McNeill,
We are very much opposed to the opening of the Baldwin Hills gates to Kenneth Hahn Park and would refer you to letter from Mr. Benjamin Reznik regarding the procedures that should have taken place and the highly negative impact this will have on this neighborhood. Currently we suffer from lack of police support and there are people out on the street in front of our homes smoking cannabis sitting on the hoods of their cars, leaving their trash and used condoms behind for us to clean up and racing their cars up and down the street as they drive under the influence. But never will you see the LAPD here in our neighborhood. Opening the gates opens the door to more problems.

Regards,
Jeff Lancaster and Pam Fujimoto
[redacted]

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# Re: Baldwin Vista- New Kenneth Hahn Pedestrian Gate

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McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:42 AM
To: Kay Payne [redacted]
Cc: Sean Woods

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**From:** Kay Payne [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 3:09 PM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Baldwin Vista- New Kenneth Hahn Pedestrian Gate

Hello David,

On behalf of the residents of Baldwin Vista, I wanted to join in and express my concern about opening up the gate at Padilla Court (off Punta Alta Dr.) to the public. There is much concern that our street/neighborhood could turn into a Runyon Canyon situation where all types of people and animals are now overcrowding our peaceful neighborhood, littering, setting up lemonade stands, and increasing parking in the area.

Please see attached letter from our attorney and reconsider this project. There is no need for another entry point to the park when EVERYONE can enter off of Lacienaga and we residents only have access as a safety precaution in case we cannot drive down the hill.

I am actually curious to know why this gate is being opened to the public now when it never has been opened before.

Thank you,
Kay Payne
(Baldwin Vista Resident)

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# FW: Kenneth Hahn Park Access Modification

## Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>

Mon 1/31/2022 7:12 AM

To: Jill Sourial <JSourial@parks.lacounty.gov>; Clement Lau <clau@parks.lacounty.gov>; Julie Yom <jyom@parks.lacounty.gov>
Cc: Sonia Chan <SChan@counsel.lacounty.gov>; Rory Allen <RAllen@counsel.lacounty.gov>

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**From:** Anthony Hunter [redacted]
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2022 10 18 PM
**To:** david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov; Sean Woods <SWoods@parks.lacounty.gov>; Joe Grauman [redacted]; Joel Richardson [redacted]; Angela Baber [redacted]; Robin Hunter [redacted]; Leonard Maddox [redacted]; HollyJMitchell@bos lacounty gov
**Subject:** Kenneth Hahn Park Access Modification

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David McNeil,

It is very disappointing how the rhetoric has changed relative to entrances to the park through neighborhoods with single roadway access and narrow streets. When initial discussions on the park development (mid 1970's) were ongoing, the key concern then, as it is today, was access through the confined neighborhoods that border the park development. At one of the community meetings, prior to the park development, I distinctly recall a county official stating "it would be ridiculous to have public access to the park via the boarding neighborhoods, that's what the major thoroughfares are for (La Cienega & La Bera). The city and county officials initial "promises and guarantees" that there would be no public park access through the bordering neighborhoods was the primary reason these neighborhoods supported the park development and the city and county officials. In those days the elected city and county officials actually attended the meetings and encouraged dialog through comments and feedback (unlike the last web meeting on this matter where no comments or questions were allowed). There should be no mystery why there is apprehension and misgivings with our elected officials.

Access to the park area (dam area at the time), for those residing in the bordering neighborhoods, was provided out of necessity as a result of an emergency where the roadway/street was blocked with no access in or out. Access through the dam/park area was made available to residents to mitigate any potential emergency and allow for police, fire, utility crews, etc. entry and egress.

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Tony Hunter

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**From:** Barry Sullivan [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:04 AM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Baldwin Vista -- no public access to Kenneth Hahn

Hello,

I'm writing as a homeowner in the Baldwin Vista neighborhood.

My wife and I have been shocked by the process to date and proposed outcomes wrt providing public park access to Kenneth Hahn thru our neighborhood.

We and our neighbors have secured legal counsel to help voice our concern.

Please hear us -- we are property owners that will be (deeply) impacted, and we have not been consulted. We've been ignored at best and dismissed at worst. Our current position is summarized in the attached letter from our counsel.

Take care, stay healthy, and best for 2022

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...from my personal account
Barry Sullivan
[redacted]

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I am forwarding your recommendations to LA County Parks so it can be added to the written recommendations they have received to date.

Sincerely,

David McNeill
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Baldwin Hills Conservancy
4859 West Slauson Ave #364
Los Angeles 90056

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**From:** Kathy Ward [redacted]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 6:42 AM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Baldwin Visa Community Gate Opening

Hello my name is Kathy Ward
I am a a homeowner of the the Baldwin Visa neighborhood. I am writing you to voice some of my concerns about the opening of the gate in my community.

The issue That I will like for you to consider is public parking.
The entrance on the East has adjacent public parking.
The entrance on the west has public parking throughout the park.
However, the new proposed entrance does not have any public parking.
Park guest will be compelled to park on the residential streets eliminating parking for residents

Sincerely
Kathy Ward
[redacted]

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# Re: KENNETH HAHN PARK ACCESS FROM

MD

McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:41 AM

To: Jeffery Whitmore [redacted]
Cc: Laura Muraida; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; Sean Woods

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**From:** Jeffery Whitmore [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 5:17 PM
**To:** HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty gov>; LMuraida@bos.lacounty gov <LMuraida@bos.lacounty gov>; McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** KENNETH HAHN PARK ACCESS FROM

At this time you are in receipt of a letter from the attorney retained by our home owners association outlining our concerns and the legalities supporting our position regarding opening access to Kenneth Hahn Park via the gates at Padilla Ct. and Cloverdale Dr. I am pledging my time and money to fight this action until its reversal.

I am dismayed at the tack and approach taken by your office in this matter. You have to realize that opening these gates will create havoc in our neighborhood. Traffic, trash, noise and crime will be an increasing problem, and you don't seem to care. Further, these decisions are being made with little input from the people who will be most affected.

I strongly encourage you to reverse your position in this matter. I'd rather have access to the gates closed completely than to have people running amok in our neighborhood.

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# Re: Park Gate in Baldwin Vista

MD

McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
Fri 1/28/2022 7:40 AM
To: Kathleen Wilson [redacted]
Cc: Sean Woods

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**While this matter is presently in the hands of the County and its legal counsel, we will continue to monitor the situation. We are confident the situation will be managed in a manner that adheres to the lawful rights of all parties and impacted stakeholders.**

**I am forwarding your recommendations to LA County Parks so it can be added to the written recommendations they have received to date.**

**Sincerely,**

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**From:** Kathleen Wilson [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 5:51 PM
**To:** McNeill, David@BHC <david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Park Gate in Baldwin Vista

Dear Mr. McNeil:

Regarding Baldwin Vista Hillside Neighborhood Association

I am a resident of Baldwin Vista, adjacent to Kenneth Hahn Park.
I agree with the letter sent to you from Attorney Reznik which addresses
the concerns of the community over public access of the gate into the Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathleen A. Wilson
[redacted]

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**BOARD LETTER/MEMO**
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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☒ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Regional Park and Open Space District |
| **SUBJECT** | Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed $650,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition A), to the City of La Verne (City) for the Las Flores Park Improvements Project (Project). |
| **PROGRAM** | Not Applicable |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: Not Applicable |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Not Applicable |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $650,000 / Funding source: Not Applicable |
| | TERMS (if applicable): Not Applicable |
| | Explanation: Not Applicable |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed $650,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition A), to the City of La Verne (City) for the Las Flores Park Improvements Project (Project).<br><br>The proposed Project consists of the installation of a restroom facility, resurfacing of the tennis courts, and replacement of fencing along the tennis courts. The total estimated cost of these improvements is $650,000. If the total cost for these improvements exceeds $650,000, the City will use its funds to cover any additional costs for the Project.<br><br>It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or her designee, in her capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of 1996 Proposition A, and the grantee agreement with CEQA requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual previously approved by your Board. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist** | Not Applicable |

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| **including any related motions)** | |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: Not Applicable |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Not Applicable |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Karla Perez, Management Analyst, 626-588-5032, kperez@rposd.lacounty.gov |

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December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE CITY OF LA VERNE FOR THE LAS FLORES PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (FIFTH DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed $650,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of La Verne for the Las Flores Park Improvements Project.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.

2. Allocate $650,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District to the City of La Verne, for the Las Flores Park Improvements Project. And,

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, in her capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Proposition A Grants Administration Manual for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed $650,000 in Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition A), to the City of La Verne (City) for the Las Flores Park Improvements Project (Project).

The proposed Project consists of the installation of a restroom facility, resurfacing of the tennis courts, and replacement of fencing along the tennis courts. The total estimated cost of these improvements is $650,000. If the total cost for these improvements exceeds $650,000, the City will use its funds to cover any additional costs for the Project.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or her designee, in her capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of 1996 Proposition A, and the grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual previously approved by your Board.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities by improving parkland serving area residents in the Fifth District.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation, in the amount of $650,000, is budgeted in the RPOSD Available Excess Fund.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition includes a method and process for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District. The available Excess Funds in the Fifth Supervisorial District comes from prior years as no Excess Funds were declared in Fiscal Year 2021-22.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City meets this requirement.

On March 19, 2019, your Board approved the Proposition A Grants Administration Manual to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Grants Administration Manual will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities of government grants.

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for its project. The City is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual approved by your Board in 2019 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended project will improve public parkland in the Fifth District.

**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma E. García-González
Director

CA:AJ

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

**BOARD LETTER/MEMO**
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| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☒ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Regional Park and Open Space District |
| **SUBJECT** | Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) to enter into grant agreements with the City of Long Beach to allow for reimbursement from Measure A for eligible project costs incurred without grant agreements for five (5) completed park projects. |
| **PROGRAM** | Not Applicable |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: Not Applicable |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Not Applicable |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: Not Applicable / Funding source: Not Applicable |
| | TERMS (if applicable): Not Applicable |
| | Explanation: Not Applicable |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Director or her designee to enter into grant agreements with the City of Long Beach (City) to allow for reimbursement from the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 (Measure A) for eligible project costs incurred prior to the execution of grant agreements for five (5) completed park projects. Measure A Annual Allocation funding from Category 1 is allocated annually to each of the 188 Study Areas in Los Angeles County. Category 2 funding is allocated each year to Study Areas with a park need level of High Park Need and Very High Park Need. The City has five qualifying Study Areas, all five of them receive Category 1 funding and three of them also receive Category 2 funding.<br><br>The City intended to use its combined Annual Allocation funding as a funding source for five (5) park projects. However, due to a miscommunication between RPOSD and the City on the Measure A granting processes, the City did not execute grant agreements prior to initiating, and then completing, the projects.<br><br>RPOSD has delegated authority from your Board to implement Measure A and to enter directly into grant agreements utilizing Measure A funds without additional Board approval. However, since the City completed the projects without executing grant agreements, RPOSD is without a mechanism to reimburse the City for what otherwise would have been eligible incurred expenses on the projects. Accordingly, RPOSD requests the authority to execute grant agreements with the City to allow for |

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| | reimbursement from Measure A for eligible costs incurred prior to the execution of agreements.<br><br>The next section includes the list of the completed park projects and Measure A fund amounts:<br><br>1. Tanaka Park Acquisition<br>The project is located in Study Area No. 154, per the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (Long Beach West) and the park need level is Very High Need. The project includes the acquisition of approximately 1.4 acres of land. The property was privately owned and was under a lease agreement with the City of Long Beach for use as a park. The property owners made the property available for purchase in 2019. The total cost of the acquisition is $1.1 million. The City earmarked an amount not to exceed $764,455 of its Measure A Annual Allocation Funds for the acquisition. The acquisition was completed in August of 2019.<br><br>2. Lincoln Park<br>The project is located in Study Area No. 188, per the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (Long Beach South). The park need level is High Need. The project included development of a new park with several amenities including a dog park, fitness equipment, children's play, reading area, lawn space for games, programming and special events. The total cost of park development is $19,460,000. The City earmarked an amount not to exceed $754,948 of its Measure A Annual Allocation Funds for the project. The project was completed in February of 2022.<br><br>3. Houghton Park Community Center Improvements<br>The project is located in Study Area No. 123, per the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (Long Beach North). The park need level is High Need. The project includes a new community center addition, realignment of the front lobby to improve integration with the new addition, electrical upgrades and new irrigation controllers. The total cost of the project is $7,328,971. The City earmarked an amount not to exceed $782,613 of its Measure A Annual Allocation Funds for the project. The project was completed June of 2020.<br><br>4. Bixby Park Parcel 1<br>The project is located in Study Area No. 188, per the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (Long Beach South). The park need level is High Need. The project includes the demolition of walkways, planters, wood shade structures and outdated fitness equipment. These items will be replaced with new walkways, curb ramps, fountain, planters, lighting, and cladding around the existing utility shed. The total project cost is $762,101. The City earmarked an amount not to exceed $90,000 of its Measure A Annual Allocation Funds for the project. The project was completed in October of 2020.<br><br>5. Scherer Park Improvements<br>The project is located in Study Area No. 97, per the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (Long Beach Central). The park need level is Low Need. The project is for improvements to the Scherer Park Community Center including the replacement of the roof, lighting to improve energy efficiency, windows and the HVAC system. Additional improvements include work related to the interior spaces, improvements to enhance accessibility and improvements to the restrooms. The total project cost is $1.6 million. The City earmarked an amount not to exceed $235,627 of its Measure A Annual Allocation Funds for the project. The project was completed in October of 2021. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | Not Applicable |

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| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: Not Applicable |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Not Applicable |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Karla Perez, Management Analyst, 626-588-5032, kperez@rposd.lacounty.gov |

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December 6, 2022

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Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TO ALLOW FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM MEASURE A FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS INCURRED WITHOUT GRANT AGREEMENTS (FOURTH DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Regional Park and Open Space District to enter into grant agreements with the City of Long Beach to allow for reimbursement from the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 for eligible project costs incurred without grant agreements for five (5) completed park projects.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons cited herein. And,

2. Authorize the Director to execute grant agreements with the City of Long Beach to allow for reimbursement from the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 for eligible project costs incurred without grant agreements for five (5) completed park projects in the combined amount of $2,627,643.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or her designee, to enter into grant agreements with the City of Long Beach (City) to allow for reimbursement from the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 (Measure A) for eligible project costs incurred prior to the execution of grant agreements for five (5) completed park projects. Measure A Annual Allocation funding from Category 1 is allocated annually to each of the 188 Study Areas in Los Angeles County. Category 2 funding is allocated each year to Study Areas with a park need level of High Park Need and Very High Park Need. The City has five qualifying Study Areas, all five of them receive Category 1 funding and three of them also receive Category 2 funding.

The City intended to use its combined Annual Allocation funding as a funding source for five (5) park projects. However, due to a miscommunication between the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) and the City on the Measure A granting processes, the City did not execute grant agreements prior to initiating, and then completing, the projects.

RPOSD has delegated authority from your Board to implement Measure A and to enter directly into grant agreements utilizing Measure A funds without additional Board approval. However, since the City completed the projects without executing grant agreements, RPOSD is without a mechanism to reimburse the City for what otherwise would have been eligible incurred expenses on the projects. Accordingly, RPOSD requests the authority to execute grant agreements with the City to allow for reimbursement from Measure A for eligible costs incurred prior to the execution of agreements.

The next section includes the list of the completed park projects and Measure A fund amounts:

### Tanaka Park Acquisition

The project is located in Study Area No. 154, per the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (Long Beach West) and the park need level is Very High Need. The project includes the acquisition of approximately 1.4 acres of land. The property was privately owned and was under a lease agreement with the City of Long Beach for use as a park. The property owners made the property available for purchase in 2019. The total cost of the acquisition is $1.1 million. The City earmarked an amount not to exceed $764,455 of its Measure A Annual Allocation Funds for the acquisition. The acquisition was completed in August of 2019.

Lincoln Park

The project is located in Study Area No. 188, per the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (Long Beach South). The park need level is High Need. The project included development of a new park with several amenities including a dog park, fitness equipment, children's play area, reading area, lawn space for games, programming, and special events. The total cost of park development is $19,460,000. The City earmarked an amount not to exceed $754,948 of its Measure A Annual Allocation Funds for the project. The project was completed in February of 2022.

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Bixby Park Parcel 1

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Scherer Park Improvements

The project is located in Study Area No. 97, per the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (Long Beach Central). The park need level is Low Need. The project is for improvements to the Scherer Park Community Center including the replacement of the roof, lighting to improve energy efficiency, windows, and the HVAC system. Additional improvements include work related to the interior spaces, improvements to enhance accessibility, and improvements to the restrooms. The total project cost is $1.6 million. The City earmarked an amount not to exceed $235,627 of its Measure A Annual Allocation Funds for the project. The project was completed in October of 2021.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities by adding and improving parkland to serve area residents in the Fourth District.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Measure A Fund for each of the City of Long Beach's Study Areas.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 9(h) of Measure A, adopted by your Board, requires RPOSD to ensure that grant recipients enter into a contract with the County whereby the recipient agrees to comply with all terms of the Measure A Resolution and any other terms deemed necessary by RPOSD for the effective administration and implementation of the Resolution. The Resolution does not require the contract to be entered into at a particular time. However, the Measure A Grants Administration Manual (GAM), approved by your Board in 2019, allows for RPOSD to reimburse only for expenses incurred after a grant agreement is executed.

RPOSD has delegated authority from your Board to administer grants pursuant to the Resolution and subject to your Board's adopted policies and procedures. Due to the miscommunication between the City and RPOSD, the City neglected to formally apply for grant funds in advance of initiating and completing the park projects. RPOSD is requesting authority to enter into grant agreements with the City as these projects would have been eligible for Annual Allocation funds had the City timely applied. In the alternative, the City will not be reimbursed for the completed projects but its Annual Allocations funds will remain accessible for use to fund future Measure A park projects that comply with the GAM.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities of government grants.

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for its project. The City is the lead agency for the projects.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

The City moved forward and completed the five projects prior to entering into grant agreements with RPOSD. With your approval, the City and RPOSD will enter into grant agreements to allow for reimbursement from Measure A for eligible project costs incurred. The grant agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual approved by the Board in 2019 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Grant Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will allow for the City to be reimburse with Measure A funds for public parkland improvements within the City of Long Beach in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

## CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma E. García-González
Director

CA:AJ

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

**BOARD LETTER/MEMO**
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| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☒ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | On-Call Architectural/Engineering and Support Services |
| **PROGRAM** | |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | None |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $122,500,000 / Funding source: Appropriate capital, refurbishment, infrastructure, various Public Works Funds, or various operating and special funds |
| | TERMS (if applicable): These consultant services agreements will be for a 3-year term plus two 1-year extension options |
| | Explanation: |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Approval of the recommended actions will award and authorize Public Works to execute 22 consultant services agreements to provide on-call architectural/engineering and support services for various County and capital projects and find that the recommended actions in this Board letter are not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | Public Works is currently managing active capital projects that are in various stages of feasibility analysis, programming, design, and construction. Public Works is requesting on-call architectural/engineering and support services to ensure the availability of adequate consultant resources with the appropriate level of training and experience to execute work on schedule, within budget, and without loss of continuity. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please explain how:<br><br>On every contract solicitation, Public Works notifies over 25,000 subscribers in our "Do Business with Public Works" website. Public Works also notifies all small businesses registered with Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services and advertise in regional and small newspapers in each Supervisorial District. Public Works follows Federal contracting laws where applicable, State laws, Public Contract Code, and all Board contracting policies. |

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|---|---|
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:<br><br>Priority No. 7 Sustainability. The architectural/engineering and support services contracts will support the delivery of County capital improvement and infrastructure projects to sustain and improve County facilities and services for County residents and visitors. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & E-mail:<br><br>Vincent Yu, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4010, cell (626) 614-7217, vyu@pw.lacounty.gov |

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REFER TO FILE:

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACT**
**PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ASSET MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**
**AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS**
**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**
**(3 VOTES)**

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## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to execute 22 consultant services agreements to provide on-call architectural/engineering and support services on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. Award and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute consultant services agreements with the following firms under Category 1 - Medical Projects: two medium-sized firms (C│A Architects, Inc., and RBB Architects, Inc.), and three large-sized firms (HMC Group; NAC, Inc.; and Perkins Eastman Architects, D.P.C) for a not-to-exceed contract amount of $7,500,000 for each agreement for the entire 3-year term plus two 1-year extension options if exercised. These consultant services agreements will be subject to the additional extension provisions specified below.

3. Award and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute consultant services agreements with the following firms under Category 2 - General Projects: six small-sized firms (John T. Chan Architects, Inc.; Onyx Architects, Inc.; Paul Murdoch Architects, A Professional Corporation; PBWS Architects, LLP; RAW International, Inc.; and Viniegra & Viniegra Architecture, LLP), three medium-sized firms (Gonzalez/Goodale Architects; Gruen Associates; and SVA Architects, Inc.), and three large-sized firms (M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc.; NAC, Inc.; and Stantec Architecture, Inc.) for a not-to-exceed contract amount of $5,000,000 for each agreement for the entire 3-year term plus two 1-year extension options if exercised. These consultant services agreements will be subject to the additional extension provisions specified below.

4. Award and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute consultant services agreements with the following firms under Category 3 - Renovation Projects: three small-sized firms (John T. Chan Architects, Inc.; RAW International, Inc.; and Viniegra & Viniegra Architecture, LLP), one medium-sized firm (Gruen Associates), and one large-sized firm (NAC, Inc.) for a not-to-exceed contract amount of $5,000,000 for each agreement for the entire 3-year term plus two 1-year extension options if exercised. These consultant services agreements will be subject to the additional extension provisions specified below.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee for each of the 22 agreements to authorize additional services and extend the contract expiration dates as necessary to complete those additional services when those additional services are: (1) previously unforeseen, (2) related to a previously assigned scope of work on a given project, and (3) are necessary for the completion of that given project.

6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to supplement the initial not-to-exceed contract amount of $7,500,000 for Category 1 - agreements, the initial not-to-exceed contract amount of $5,000,000 for Category 2 agreements, and the initial not-to-exceed contract amount of $5,000,000 for Category 3 agreements by up to 25 percent of the original contract amount based on workload requirements.

7. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to administer the agreements and at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or his designee to exercise the options extending these agreements for the two 1-year extension options based upon project demands and the level of satisfaction with the services provided with no change to initial not-to-exceed contract amount for each category.

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## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will award and authorize Public Works to execute consultant services agreements with 22 consultants for on-call architectural and engineering services due to the large number of projects currently under construction and those anticipated to be under construction by Public Works. These consultant services are used to augment Public Works' staff and expertise to rapidly provide on-call architectural/engineering and support services on various capital improvement projects located throughout the County of Los Angeles.

In addition, the recommended consultant services agreements will expand Public Works' ability to deliver any new improvements or renovations to various County buildings, such as fire stations, sheriff stations, probation camps, park facilities, various Public Works facilities including infrastructure and maintenance projects, and health services facilities.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.3, Make Environmental Sustainability our Daily Reality, Objective II.3.2, Foster a Cleaner, More Efficient, and More Resilient Energy System; Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by contracting the contractors that have the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost of the on-call consultant services shall not exceed a total of $122,500,000 plus a 25 percent supplement (totaling $30,625,000) for a maximum of $153,125,000 for all 22 consulting firms over a 3-year period with two optional 1-year extensions for a maximum duration of 5 years subject to the additional extension provisions specified below. It is expected the initial 3-year term of the agreements will start in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 and conclude in FY 2025-26. The two 1-year extension options, if exercised, would be operative through FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28. When the 25 percent supplement is exercised by Public Works, a notification will be made to the Board on as-needed basis.

Sufficient funding to finance work orders for these agreements will be financed through the appropriate capital, refurbishment, infrastructure, or various operating and special fund(s). For capital projects and refurbishments, no work will be assigned to these consultants without prior review and funding verification from the Chief Executive Office. For Public Works' infrastructure and maintenance projects, no work will be assigned to these consultants without the appropriate funding authorization.

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Expenditures for the subject services incurred by Public Works' Internal Service Fund-Capital Project Management Program (B04) will be reimbursed through approved individual project budgets.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The consultant services agreements contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements. The consultant services agreements also include a provision requiring the consultant firms track subcontractors' utilization of Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, and Social Enterprise businesses.

The term of each consultant services agreement shall commence on the date of the full execution of the agreement and shall extend for a period of 3 years from such commencement date, plus two 1-year extension options for each firm, for a maximum agreement duration of 5 years. The expiration of each of the consultant services agreements is subject to the following condition: where services for a given project have been authorized in writing by the County but are not completed by the consultant prior to the stated expiration date, the expiration date will be automatically extended solely to allow for the completion of such services.

Enclosure A reflects each consultant's minority participation and the Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) participation data.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action to award on-call architectural/engineering and support services is an administrative activity of the government, which will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment. We will return to the Board as necessary for consideration of appropriate environmental documentation prior to the approval of any activities that constitute a project under CEQA.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

On November 16, 2021, a notice of the Request for Proposals (RFP) was placed on the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" website (Enclosure B) and Public Works' "Do Business with Public Works" website, and advertisements were placed in the *Daily Breeze, La Opinión, Long Beach Press-Telegram, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Sentinel, Pasadena Star News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Santa Monica Daily Press, The Signal, and World Journal*. Also, Public Works informed 1,630 Local Small Business Enterprises, 187 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises, and 191 Social

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Enterprises about this business opportunity. Eighty-two firms registered on Public Works website for this RFP.

The RFP allowed firms to compete as primes in one of nine categories: Category 1 - Medical Projects, small-sized firms (with 25 or fewer personnel), medium-sized firms (with 26 to 75 personnel), or large-sized firms (with over 75 personnel), Category 2 - General Projects, small-, medium-, or large-sized firms, and Category 3 - Renovation Projects, small-, medium-, or large-sized firms. Each firm was requested to certify its own size based on number of personnel for competition with other firms in the same size category. The RFP stated that a total of 22 firms would be awarded contracts as follows: Category 1 - 1 small-sized firm, 1 medium-sized firm, and 3 large-sized firms, Category 2 - 6 small-sized firms, 3 medium-sized firms, and 3 large-sized firms, and Category 3 - 3 small-sized firms, 1 medium-sized firm, and 1 large-sized firms. The RFP also stated that prior to the award, the County reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of selected firms in any size category or the total number of contracts. Due to no firms submitting proposals under Category 1, small-sized firms, Public Works has opted to increase the number of Category 2, medium-sized contracts by two.

On December 22, 2021, a total of 68 proposals were received. Twelve proposals were received for Category 1 - Medical Projects, zero small-sized firm, two medium-sized firms, and ten large-sized firms. Thirty-six proposals were received for Category 2 - General Projects, 15 small-sized firms, 5 medium-sized firms, and 16 large-sized firms. Twenty proposals were received for Category 3 - Renovation Projects, 13 small-sized firms, 2 medium-sized firms, and 5 large-sized firms.

Evaluation committees, each consisting of Public Works' staff, evaluated the proposals based on criteria described in the RFP, including technical expertise, experience, personnel, qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. Based on the evaluation of the proposals, the following firms were selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender: Category 1 - Medical Projects, two medium-sized firms (C│A Architects, Inc., and RBB Architects, Inc. [CBE]), and three large-sized firms (HMC Group; NAC, Inc.; and Perkins Eastman Architects, D.P.C), Category 2 - General Projects, six small-sized firms (John T. Chan Architects, Inc. [LSBE, CBE]; Onyx Architects, Inc. [LSBE]; Paul Murdoch Architects, A Professional Corporation [SBE]; PBWS Architects, LLP [SBE]; RAW International, Inc. [LSBE, CBE]; and Viniegra & Viniegra Architecture, LLP [LSBE, CBE], three medium-sized firms (Gonzalez/Goodale Architects [SBE]; Gruen Associates [SBE, CBE]; and SVA Architects, Inc.), and three large-sized firms (M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc.; NAC, Inc.; and Stantec Architecture, Inc.); and Category 3 - Renovation Projects, three small-sized firms (John T. Chan Architects, Inc. [LSBE, CBE]; RAW International, Inc. [LSBE, CBE]; and Viniegra & Viniegra Architecture, LLP [LSBE, CBE], one medium-sized firm (Gruen Associates [SBE, CBE]), and one large-sized firm (NAC, Inc.).

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The firms selected represent the best-qualified firms to provide the required services. Public Works has determined that the firms' proposed rates for performing the services are reasonable. Three-year contracting history for the selected firms is on file with Public Works.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program) does not apply to the recommended agreements. These agreements are exempt from the requirements of Proposition A because the services are required on a part-time and intermittent basis.

The consultant services agreements include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with the Board Policy No. 5.070 – Multi-Year Services Contract Cost-of-Living Adjustments.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no impact on current County services or projects as a result of authorizing the recommended consultant services agreements. These consultant services agreements will provide necessary on-call architectural/engineering and support services to assist various County projects in an efficient manner, enhancing the delivery of Public Works and County projects.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Business Relations and Contracts Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosures
c: Chief Executive Office (Community Services Division, Capital Programs Division)
County Counsel
Executive Office

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**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES CATEGORY 1 - MEDICAL PROJECTS**

**SELECTED FIRMS**

| | Small-Sized Business Category Proposer Name | Local SBE | SBE | Minority | Women | Disadvantaged | DisabledVet | LGBTQQ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **None** | | | | | | | |
| | **Medium-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
| **1** | **C\|A Architects, Inc.** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | AG Design Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Allegion, PLC | | | | | | | |
| 3 | AWC West, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 4 | Bogaard Group International | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Brightworks Sustainability | | | | | | | |
| 6 | California Consulting and Inspection Services | | | | | | | |
| 7 | C.P. O'Halloran Associates | | | | | | | |
| 8 | CSDA Design Group, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 9 | Cummings Curley and Associates, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 10 | Degenkolb Engineers | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Exante 360 Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 12 | Heliplanners Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | IMEG Corp. | | | | | | | |
| 14 | John A. Martin & Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Kitchen Professionals, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 17 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Myers Houghton & Patners, Inc. dba MHP Structural Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 19 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 20 | Optimum Energy Design | | | | | | | |
| 21 | P2S, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Pivot Interiors | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Q1stCM | | x | | | | | |
| 24 | Salas O'Brien Orange County | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Tait & Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Terracon Consultants | | | | | | | |

**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**
**CATEGORY 1 - MEDICAL PROJECTS**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | Unified Modular Corporation | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **2** | **RBB Architects, Inc.** | | | **x** | | | | |
| 1 | Allegion, PLC | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Calvada Surveying, Inc. | | x | x | | | x | |
| 3 | Coffman Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Degenkolb Engineers | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Exante 360, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 6 | GEM Specifications, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Heliplanners, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | KPFF, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Mazzetti | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Mark G. Anderson Consultants, Inc. dba MGAC | | | | | | | |
| 13 | MECA Consulting, Inc. dba Millennium Consulting Associates | | x | | | | | |
| 14 | Montanio Design Group | | | | x | | | |
| 15 | RF 10 Inspection, Inc. | x | x | | | | | |
| 16 | RS Acoustics, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Stephen Billings Landscape Architecture | | x | | | | | |
| 18 | TK1SC | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Verdical Group, LLC | x | x | | | | | |
| 20 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultant, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| 21 | Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | **Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | **HMC Architects** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Calvada Surveying, Inc. | | x | x | | | x | |
| 2 | Chambers Equipment Consulting, Inc. | | | | x | | | |
| 3 | C.P. O'Halloran Associates | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Cumming Management Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Design West Engineering | | | | | | | |
| 6 | EPT Design, Inc. | | | | | | | |

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**CATEGORY 1 - MEDICAL PROJECTS**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | Finish Hardware Technology | | | x | x | x | | |
| 8 | Heliplanners, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Ian Davidson, Landscape Architecture | | | | | | | |
| 10 | IMEG Corp | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Jensen Hughes | | | | | | | |
| 12 | KPFF, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 15 | ME Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Mark G. Anderson Consultants, Inc. dba MGAC | | | | | | | |
| 17 | P2S, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Saiful Bouquet, Inc. | | x | x | | | | |
| 19 | Syska Hennessy Group | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Thornton Tomasetti, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Veneklasen Associates, Inc. | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 22 | Wagner Engineering & Survey, Inc. | x | x | | x | x | | |
| 23 | Watearth, Inc. | x | x | | x | x | | x |
| 24 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| 25 | Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **2** | **NAC, Inc.** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Chambers Equipment Consulting, Inc. | | | | x | | | |
| 2 | Coast Surveying, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 3 | Cornerstone Studios, Inc. | | x | x | | x | | |
| 4 | Crimson IT Services, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Cumming Management Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 6 | DTR Consulting Services, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 7 | Exante 360, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 8 | Gehry Partners, LLP | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Historic Resources Group, LLC | x | x | | x | | | |
| 10 | OMB Electrical Engineers, Inc. dba Idibri, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 11 | KOA Corporation | x | x | | | | | |
| 12 | KPFF, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | LG2WB Engineers dba Linscott Law & Greenspan Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 14 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 15 | North Star Alliances | x | x | | | x | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | Olin Partnership, Ltd. Dba OLIN | | | | x | | | |
| 17 | P2S, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Rincon Consultants, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Salas O'Brien orange County | | | | | | | |
| 20 | SALT Landscape Architects | x | x | | | | | |
| 21 | SWA Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Chee Salette Architecture Office dba Tina Chee Landscape Studio | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 23 | Vantage Technology Consulting Group | x | x | | | | | |
| 24 | Verdical Group, LLC | x | x | | | | | |
| 25 | Watearth, Inc. | x | x | | x | x | | x |
| 26 | Waveguide, LLC | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| 28 | Yuang Tai, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **3** | **Perkins Eastman Architects, DPC** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Cini-Little International | | | | | | | |
| 2 | C.P. O'Halloran Associates | | | | | | | |
| 3 | CSDA Design Group, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 4 | Cumming Management Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Degenkolb Engineers | | | | | | | |
| 6 | E2DI, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 7 | Heliplanners, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 8 | IMEG Corp. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Jensen Hughes | | | | | | | |
| 10 | John A. Martin & Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | KPFF, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | LG2WB Engineers dba Linscott Law & Greenspan Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 14 | Mazzetti | | | | | | | |
| 15 | ME Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 16 | MIG, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Newson Brown Acoustics, LLC an RWDI Company | x | x | | | | | |
| 18 | NUVIS | | x | x | | x | | |
| 19 | P2S, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Pamela Burton & Company | x | x | | x | | | |

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**CATEGORY 1 - MEDICAL PROJECTS**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | Pickett Design Associates | x | x | | x | | | |
| 22 | Saiful Bouquet, Inc. | | x | x | | | | |
| 23 | Vantage Technology Consulting Group | x | x | | | | | |
| 24 | VCA Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 25 | VDA, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. | | | | | | | |

**NON-SELECTED FIRMS**

| | **Small-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | None | | | | | | | |
| | **Medium-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
| 1 | None | | | | | | | |
| | **Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
| 1 | Huitt-Zollars, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Harley Ellis Devereaux Corporation | | | | | | | |
| 3 | HKS Architects, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 4 | M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc. dba Gensler | | | | | | | |
| 5 | SmithGroup, Inc. (dba SmithGroup Architects and Engineers) | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Stantec Architecture, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 7 | The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc. (SLAM) | | | | | | | |

*Information provided by proposers in response to the Request for Proposal. On final analysis and consideration of award, vendors were selected without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**
**CATEGORY 1 - MEDICAL PROJECTS**

| FIRM INFORMATION* | | MEDIUM FIRMS | | LARGE FIRMS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | C\|A Architects, Inc. | RBB Architects, Inc. | HMC Architects | NAC, Inc. | Perkins Eastman Architects, DPC |
| **BUSINESS STRUCTURE** | | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation |
| **CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION** | | **NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP** | | | | |
| **OWNERS/PARTNERS** | Black/African American | | | N/A: Employee Owned | 1/2% | 1/.56% |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | 2/82.8% | | 1/2% | 7/1.59% |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 1/27.75% | | | 5/8% | 15/6.4% |
| | American Indian | | | | | |
| | Filipino | | | | | 2/0.15% |
| | White | 6/72.25% | 4/17.2% | | 52/88% | 129/89.08% |
| | *Female (included above)* | 1/27.75% | 2/26.5% | | 18/31% | 42/18.07% |
| | | **NUMBER** | | | | |
| **MANAGER** | Black/African American | | | 3 | | 5 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 2 | 1 | 12 | | 6 |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | | | 9 | | 7 |
| | American Indian | | | 2 | | |
| | Filipino | 1 | | | | |
| | White | 6 | 3 | 57 | 3 | 58 |
| | *Female (included above)* | 2 | 2 | 29 | 2 | 36 |
| **STAFF** | Black/African American | | | 4 | 6 | 41 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 7 | 9 | 61 | 25 | 73 |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 3 | 7 | 49 | 32 | 135 |
| | American Indian | | | 4 | 1 | |
| | Filipino | 5 | | | | 9 |
| | White | 10 | 14 | 95 | 100 | 372 |
| | *Female (included above)* | 11 | 8 | 98 | 102 | 285 |
| Total No. of Employees | | 34 | 34 | 296 | 167 | 706 |
| **COUNTY CERTIFICATION** | | | | | | |
| | CBE | N/A | Y | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | LSBE | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| **OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY** | | N/A | City of Los Angeles | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES CATEGORY 2 - GENERAL PROJECTS**

**SELECTED FIRMS**

| | Small-Sized Business Category Proposer Name | Local SBE | SBE | Minority | Women | Disadvantaged | DisabledVet | LGBTQQ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **John T. Chan Architects, Inc. dba JTC Architects, Inc.** | x | x | x | | | | |
| 1 | A SustainAble Production, LLC | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Allegion, PLC | | | | | | | |
| 3 | American Air Balance Co., Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 4 | Calvada Surveying, Inc. | | x | x | | | x | |
| 5 | Civiltec Engineering, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 6 | Converse Consultants | x | x | x | | | | |
| 7 | dHA+CALPEC | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 8 | Geotechnical Professionals, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 9 | Innovave, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 10 | Jensen Hughes | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Landscape Dynamics | | x | | | | | |
| 12 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | MHP Structural Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 14 | Michael Ni & Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 15 | TK1SC | | | | | | | |
| 16 | TRC Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Veneklasen Associates, Inc. | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 18 | Watearth, Inc. | x | x | | x | x | | x |
| 19 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| 20 | Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Yael Lir Landscape Architects | | x | | x | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **2** | **Onyx Architects, Inc.** | **x** | **x** | | | | | |
| 1 | Brandow & Johnston Structural Consulting Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 2 | C.P. O'Halloran and Associates | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Coffman Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Converse Consultants | x | x | x | | | | |
| 5 | Dci Engineering | | | | | | | |
| 6 | E2DI, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 7 | Finish Hardware Technology | | | x | x | x | | |
| 8 | IMEG Corp. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | JTL Consultants | x | x | | x | x | | |
| 10 | Korn Randolph | | | | | | | |

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**CATEGORY 2 - GENERAL PROJECTS**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | MIG, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Pamela Burton & Company | x | x | | x | | | |
| 14 | Salamoff Design Studio, LLC dba Design Syndicate | | x | | | x | | |
| 15 | Troller Mayer Associates | | | | | | | |
| 16 | VCA Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 17 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | **Paul Murdoch Architects, A Professional Corporation** | | **x** | | | | | |
| 1 | Alta Planning | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Barbara L. Hall, P.E. | | | | x | | | |
| 3 | Budlong & Associates | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 4 | Cumming Management Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Englekirk Institutional | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Eric Staudenmaier Photography | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Horton Lees Brogden Lighting dba HLB Lighting Design | x | x | | x | x | | |
| 8 | Katherine Padilla & Associates | | x | x | x | x | | |
| 9 | Linespace, LLC | x | x | | | | | |
| 10 | Marx\|Okubo Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 11 | MIG, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 13 | Sapphos Environmental, Inc. | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 14 | Stansen Specifications | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Sweeney & Associates | | x | | | | | |
| 16 | The Mod Shop | | | | | | | |
| 17 | VCA Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 18 | Veneklasen Associates, Inc. | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 19 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| 20 | Zinner Consultants | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **4** | **PBWS Architects, LLP** | | **x** | | | | | |
| 1 | Acentech Incorporated | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Albert A. Webb Associates | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Assa Abloy | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Astral Engineers | | x | x | | | | |
| 5 | Barbara L. Hall, P.E. | | | | x | | | |
| 6 | Bogaard Group International | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Cumming Management Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |

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**CATEGORY 2 - GENERAL PROJECTS**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Door+Hardware Consulting, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | E2DI, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 10 | Englekirk Institutional | | | | | | | |
| 11 | IMEG Corp. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Integral Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | James Cass Structural Engineering | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Jensen Hughes | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Landshapes | | x | | | | | |
| 16 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 17 | ME Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 18 | MIG, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 19 | MLA Green, Inc. dba Studio-MLA | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 20 | Mollenhauer Group | | x | | | | | |
| 21 | MTGL, Inc. | | x | x | x | x | | |
| 22 | Nabih Youssef Structural Engineers | | | | | | | |
| 23 | PlanNet Consulting, LLC | | x | | | | | |
| 24 | Psomas | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Turpin & Rattan Engineering, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 26 | VCA Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 27 | Verdical Group, LLC | x | x | | | | | |
| 28 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **5** | **RAW International, Inc.** | **x** | **x** | **x** | | **x** | | |
| 1 | Allegion, PLC | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Antonio Acoustics | | x | | | x | | |
| 3 | C2S | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Cini-Little International | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Code Consultants, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Exante 360, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 7 | Geocon West, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 8 | IMEG Corp. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Jacobus & Yuang, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 10 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 11 | MLA Green, Inc. dba Studio - MLA | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 12 | Myers Houghton & Patners, Inc. dba MHP Structural Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 13 | Psomas | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **6** | **Viniegra & Viniegra Architecture, LLP** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | | |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | alliancePROJECT, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 2 | American Air Balance Co., Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 3 | Barbara L. Hall, P.E. | | | | x | | | |
| 4 | Civiltec Engineering, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 5 | Cornerstone Studios, Inc. | | x | x | | x | | |
| 6 | CSDA Design Group, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 7 | E2DI, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 8 | Exante360, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 9 | HKA Elevator Consulting, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 10 | John A. Martin & Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Lee & Lee Structural Engineering, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | MTGL, Inc. | | x | x | x | x | | |
| 13 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 14 | Spire Structural Engineering, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 15 | The American Engineers | | x | x | | x | | |
| 16 | Yorke Engineering, LLC. | | x | | | | | |
| 17 | Yuang Tai, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | **Medium-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
| **1** | **Gonzalez/Goodale Architects** | | **x** | | | | | |
| 1 | Allegion, PLC | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Architectural Resources Group | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Brandow & Johnston Structural Consulting Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 4 | Budlong & Associates | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 5 | CSDA Design Group, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 6 | Cumming Management Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 7 | dHA+CALPEC | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 8 | E2DI, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 9 | Englekirk Institutional | | | | | | | |
| 10 | EPT Design, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Geocon West, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Hongjoo Kim Landscape Architects, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 13 | KPFF, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 14 | McKay, Conant, Hoover | | | | | | | |
| 15 | MLA Green, Inc. dba Studio - MLA | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 16 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | Office42 Architecture | x | x | | x | x | | |
| 18 | MIG, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 19 | P2S, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Psomas | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Roshanian & Associates | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Saiful Bouquet, Inc. | | x | x | | | | |
| 23 | SALT Landscape Architects | x | x | | | | | |
| 24 | Sapphos Environmental, Inc. | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 25 | SWA Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Syska Hennessey Group | | | | | | | |
| 27 | TK1SC | | | | | | | |
| 28 | Vantage Technology Consulting Group | x | x | | | | | |
| 29 | VCA Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 30 | VDA, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 31 | View Design Studio | | | | | | | |
| 32 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| 33 | Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) | | | | | | | |
| 34 | Yuang Tai, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **2** | **Gruen Associates** | | **x** | **x** | | | | |
| 1 | Brandow & Johnston Structural Consulting Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 2 | Brightworks Sustainability | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Building Networks | | x | x | | x | | |
| 4 | Cini-Little International | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Davison Associates | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Englekirk Institutional | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Finish Hardware Technology | | | x | x | x | | |
| 8 | JCE Structural Engineers | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 9 | Leland Saylor Associates | | x | | | | x | |
| 10 | Lenax Construction Services | x | x | | x | x | | |
| 11 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 12 | Sapphos Environmental, Inc. | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 13 | Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Syska Hennessey Group | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | TK1SC | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Transtech Systems | x | x | | | | | |
| 17 | VCA Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **3** | **SVA Architects, Inc.** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Acoustical Engineering Services (AES) | x | x | | | | | |
| 2 | AlfaTech | | | | | | | |
| 3 | EQS Consultants | | x | x | | x | | |
| 4 | HKA Elevator Consulting, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 5 | MIG, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 7 | Partner Energy | | | | | | | |
| 8 | PlanNet Consulting, LLC | | x | | | | | |
| 9 | VCA Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 10 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

| | **Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc. dba Gensler** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Allegion, PLC | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Cumming Management Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Heliport Consultants | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Historic Resources Group, LLC | x | x | | x | | | |
| 5 | KGM Architectural Lighting | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Kitchen Professionals, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 7 | Kleinfelder, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 8 | KPFF, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 10 | MIG, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Newson Brown Acoustics, LLC an RWDI Company | x | x | | | | | |
| 12 | P2S Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Parking Design Associates, Inc. | | x | x | x | | | |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | PlanNet Consulting, LLC | | x | | | | | |
| 15 | Saiful Bouquet, Inc. | | x | x | | | | |
| 16 | Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 17 | TK1SC | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Vantage Technology Consulting Group | x | x | | | | | |
| 19 | Waveguide, LLC | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **2** | **NAC, Inc.** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Brandow & Johnston Structural Consulting Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 2 | Chee Salette Architecture Office dba Tina Chee Landscape Studio | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 3 | Coast Surveying, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 4 | Cornerstone Studios, Inc. | | x | x | | x | | |
| 5 | Crimson IT Services, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Cumming Management Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 7 | DTR Consulting Services, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 8 | Englekirk Institutional | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Exante 360, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 10 | Gehry Partners, LLP | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Henderson Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Historic Resources Group, LLC | x | x | | x | | | |
| 13 | KOA Corporation | x | x | | | | | |
| 14 | KPFF, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 15 | LG2WB Engineers dba Linscott Law & Greenspan Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 16 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 17 | North Star Alliances | x | x | | | x | | |
| 18 | Olin Partnership, Ltd. Dba OLIN | | | | x | | | |
| 19 | OMB Electrical Engineers, Inc. dba IDIBRI | | | | | | | |
| 20 | P2S, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Rincon Consultants, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 22 | SALT Landscape Architects | x | x | | | | | |
| 23 | SWA Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 24 | The American Engineers | | x | x | | x | | |
| 25 | Vantage Technology Consulting Group | x | x | | | | | |
| 26 | VCA Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | Verdical Group, LLC | x | x | | | | | |
| 28 | Watearh, Inc. | x | x | | x | x | | x |
| 29 | Waveguide, LLC | | | | | | | |
| 30 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| 31 | Yuang Tai, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **3** | **Stantec Architecture, Inc.** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Cini-Little International | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Coast Surveying, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 3 | Diaz-Yourman & Associates | | x | x | | x | | |
| 4 | Hongjoo Kim Landscape Architects, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 5 | Jacobus & Yuang, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 6 | Jensen Hughes | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Newson Brown Acoustics, LLC an RWDI Company | x | x | | | | | |
| 9 | PacRim Engineering, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 10 | PBS Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 11 | Vantage Technology Consulting Group | x | x | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

**NON-SELECTED FIRMS**

| | **Small-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Altoon + Porter Architects, LLP dba STIR Architecture | **x** | **x** | | | | | |
| 2 | FSY Architects, Inc. | | | **x** | | | | |
| 3 | H.H. Fremer Architects, Inc. | **x** | **x** | | | | | |
| 4 | Joncich Sturm & Associates, Inc. dba AWu Government Services | **x** | **x** | | | | | |
| 5 | KAL Architects, Inc. | | **x** | **x** | **x** | | | |
| 6 | Lehrer Architects LA, Inc. | | **x** | | | | | |
| 7 | Mark Anderson Architects, Inc. dba Pacific Rim Architects | | **x** | | | | | |
| 8 | RACAIA Inc. | | **x** | **x** | | | | |
| 9 | SMA, Inc. dba Sparano + Mooney Architecture | **x** | **x** | | | | | |
| | **Medium-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | J.C. Chang & Associates, Inc. | x | x | | | | | |
| 2 | Langdon Wilson International | | | | | | | |
| | **Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
| 1 | AECOM Technical Services, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Cannon/Parkin, Inc. dba Cannon Design | | | | | | | |
| 3 | DLR Group Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 4 | HLW International LLP | | | | | | | |
| 5 | IBI Group, A California Partnership | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Kitchell/CEM, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Owen Group, Inc., a Bureau Veritas North American, Inc. company | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Perkins Eastman Architects, D.P.C. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill LLP (SOM) | | | | | | | |
| 10 | SmithGroup, Inc. (dba SmithGroup Architects and Engineers) | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Steinberg Hart | | | | | | | |
| 12 | STV Incorporated | | | | | | | |
| 13 | The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc. (SLAM) | | | | | | | |

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| FIRM INFORMATION* | | SMALL FIRMS | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | John T. Chan Architects, Inc. | Onyx Architects, Inc. | Paul Murdoch Architects, A Professional Corporation | PBWS Architects, LLP | RAW International, Inc. | Viniegra & Viniegra Architecture, LLP |
| **BUSINESS STRUCTURE** | | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation |
| **CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION** | | **NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP** | | | | | |
| **OWNERS/PARTNERS** | Black/African American | | | | | 2/100% | |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | | | | | |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 1/44.2% | | | 1/27.5% | | 2/100% |
| | American Indian | | | | | | |
| | Filipino | 2/55.8% | | | | | |
| | White | | 3/100% | 2/100% | 3/72.5% | | |
| | *Female (included above)* | 1/44.2% | | | 2/20% | | 1/55% |
| | | **NUMBER** | | | | | |
| **MANAGER** | Black/African American | | | | 1 | | |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | 1 | | | | |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | American Indian | | | | | | |
| | Filipino | 1 | | | | | |
| | White | | 1 | 1 | 4 | | |
| | *Female (included above)* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 2 |
| **STAFF** | Black/African American | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 7 | | | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | American Indian | | | | | | |
| | Filipino | 1 | | | | | |
| | White | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | |
| | *Female (included above)* | 5 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Total No. of Employees | | 14 | 11 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 4 |
| **COUNTY CERTIFICATION** | | | | | | | |
| | CBE | Y | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y | Y |
| | LSBE | Y | Y | N/A | N/A | Y | Y |
| **OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY** | | Supplier Clearinghouse | CA Dept. of General Services | N/A | CA Dept. of General Services | Metro | City of Los Angeles |

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**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES CATEGORY 2 - GENERAL PROJECTS**

| FIRM INFORMATION* | | MEDIUM FIRMS | | | LARGE FIRMS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Gonzalez/ Goodale Architects | Gruen Associates | SVA Architects, Inc. | M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc. dba Gensler | NAC, Inc. | Stantec Architecture, Inc. |
| **BUSINESS STRUCTURE** | | Corporation | Partnership | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation |
| **CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION** | | **NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP** | | | | | |
| **OWNERS/PARTNERS** | Black/African American | | | | 1/4% | 1/2% | |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | | 2/50% | 1/12% | 1/2% | |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | | 2/51.02% | | 7/40% | 5/8% | |
| | American Indian | | | | | | |
| | Filipino | | | | | | |
| | White | 4/100% | 2/48.98% | 2/50% | 26/44% | 52/88% | 6/100% |
| | *Female (included above)* | 1/25.22% | 1/23.5% | | 8/47% | 18/31% | 1/17% |
| | | **NUMBER** | | | | | |
| **MANAGER** | Black/African American | | 3 | 2 | 3 | | 3 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | 1 | 9 | 7 | | 6 |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 2 | 4 | 5 | 39 | | 11 |
| | American Indian | | | | | | |
| | Filipino | | 1 | | | | 6 |
| | White | 2 | 15 | 8 | 70 | 3 | 194 |
| | *Female (included above)* | 2 | 13 | 8 | 50 | 2 | 72 |
| **STAFF** | Black/African American | | 6 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 25 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 11 | 10 | 7 | 55 | 25 | 107 |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 6 | 15 | 6 | 166 | 32 | 97 |
| | American Indian | | | | 3 | 1 | |
| | Filipino | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | 63 |
| | White | 11 | 15 | 11 | 140 | 100 | 555 |
| | *Female (included above)* | 15 | 21 | 11 | 195 | 102 | 393 |
| Total No. of Employees | | 36 | 71 | 51 | 500 | 167 | 1,067 |
| **COUNTY CERTIFICATION** | | | | | | | |
| | CBE | N/A | Y | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | LSBE | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| **OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY** | | N/A | City of Los Angeles | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES CATEGORY 3 - RENOVATION PROJECTS**

**SELECTED FIRMS**

| | Small-Sized Business Category Proposer Name | Local SBE | SBE | Minority | Women | Disadvantaged | DisabledVet | LGBTQQ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **John T. Chan Architects, Inc. dba JTC Architects, Inc.** | x | x | x | | | | |
| 1 | A SustainAble Production, LLC | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Allegion, PLC | | | | | | | |
| 3 | American Air Balance Company, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 4 | Calvada Surveying, Inc. | | x | x | | | x | |
| 5 | Civiltec Engineering, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 6 | Converse Consultants | | | x | | | | |
| 7 | dHA+CALPEC | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 8 | Geotechnical Professionals, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 9 | Innovave, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 10 | Jensen Hughes | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Landscape Dynamics | | x | | | | | |
| 12 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | MHP Structural Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 14 | Michael Ni & Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 15 | TK1SC | | | | | | | |
| 16 | TRC Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Veneklasen Associates, Inc. | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 18 | Watearth, Inc. | x | x | | x | x | | x |
| 19 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultant, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| 20 | Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Yael Lir Landscape Architects | | x | | x | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **2** | **RAW International, Inc.** | **x** | **x** | **x** | | **x** | | |
| 1 | Allegion, PLC | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Antonio Acoustics | | x | | | x | | |
| 3 | C2S | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Cini-Little International | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Code Consultants, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Exante 360, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 7 | Geocon West, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 8 | IMEG Corp. | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Jacobus & Yuang, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 10 | Lerch Bates, Inc. | | | | | | | |

**PROPOSERS' UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**
**CATEGORY 3 - RENOVATION PROJECTS**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | MLA Green, Inc. dba Studio - MLA | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 12 | Myers Houghton & Patners, Inc. dba MHP Structural Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 13 | Psomas | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| **3** | **Viniegra & Viniegra Architecture, LLP** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | | |
| 1 | alliancePROJECT, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 2 | American Air Balance Co., Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 3 | Barbara L. Hall, P.E. | | | | x | | | |
| 4 | Civiltec Engineering, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 5 | Cornerstone Studios, Inc. | | x | x | | x | | |
| 6 | CSDA Design Group, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 7 | E2DI, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 8 | Exante360, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 9 | HKA Elevator Consulting, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 10 | John A. Martin & Associates, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Lee & Lee Structural Engineering, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | MTGL, Inc. | | x | x | x | x | | |
| 13 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 14 | Spire Structural Engineering, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 15 | The American Engineers | | x | x | | x | | |
| 16 | Yorke Engineering, LLC. | | x | | | | | |
| 17 | Yuang Tai, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | **Medium-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
| **1** | **Gruen Associates** | | **x** | **x** | | | | |
| 1 | Brandow & Johnston Structural Consulting Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 2 | Brightworks Sustainability | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Building Networks | | x | x | | x | | |
| 4 | Cini-Little International | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Davison Associates | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Englekirk Institutional | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Finish Hardware Technology | | | x | x | x | | |
| 8 | JCE Structural Engineers | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 9 | Leland Saylor Associates | | x | | | | x | |
| 10 | Lenax Construction Services | x | x | | x | x | | |

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**CATEGORY 3 - RENOVATION PROJECTS**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 12 | Sapphos Environmental, Inc. | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 13 | Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Syska Hennessey Group | | | | | | | |
| 15 | TK1SC | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Transtech Systems | x | x | | | | | |
| 17 | VCA Engineers, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | **Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
| **1** | **NAC, Inc.** | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Chee Salette Architecture Office dba Tina Chee Landscape Studio | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| 2 | Crimson IT Services, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Coast Surveying, Inc. | x | x | x | | x | | |
| 4 | Cornerstone Studios, Inc. | | x | x | | x | | |
| 5 | Cumming Management Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 6 | DTR Consulting Services, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 7 | Exante 360, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 8 | Gehry Partners, LLP | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Henderson Engineers, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Historic Resources Group, LLC | x | x | | x | | | |
| 11 | KOA Corporation | x | x | | | | | |
| 12 | KPFF, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 13 | LG2WB Engineers dba Linscott Law & Greenspan Engineers | | x | | | | | |
| 14 | Ninyo & Moore | | | x | | | | |
| 15 | North Star Alliances | x | x | | | x | | |
| 16 | Olin Partnership, Ltd. Dba OLIN | | | | x | | | |
| 17 | OMB Electrical Engineers, Inc. dba IDIBRI | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Rincon Consultants, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 19 | SALT Landscape Architects | x | x | | | | | |
| 20 | SWA Group, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Vantage Technology Consulting Group | x | x | | | | | |
| 22 | Verdical Group, LLC | x | x | | | | | |

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**CATEGORY 3 - RENOVATION PROJECTS**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | Watearh, Inc. | x | x | | x | x | | x |
| 24 | Waveguide, LLC | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Webb Foodservice Design Consultants, Inc. | | x | | x | | | |
| 26 | Yuang Tai, Inc. | | x | | | | | |

**NON-SELECTED FIRMS**

| | **Small-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Altoon + Porter Architects, LLP dba STIR Architecture | x | x | | | | | |
| 2 | H.H. Fremer Architects, Inc. | x | x | | | | | |
| 3 | Joncich Sturm & Associates, Inc. dba AWu Government Services | x | x | | | | | |
| 4 | KAL Architects, Inc. | | x | x | x | | | |
| 5 | Lehrer Architects LA, Inc. | | x | | | | | |
| 6 | Lewis Schoeplein Architects | | x | | x | | | |
| 7 | Mark Anderson Architects, Inc. dba Pacific Rim Architects | | x | | | | | |
| 8 | PBWS Architects, LLP | | | | | | | |
| 9 | RACAIA Inc. | | x | x | | | | |
| 10 | SMA, Inc. dba Sparano + Mooney Architecture | x | x | | | | | |
| | **Medium-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
| 1 | J.C. Chang & Associates, Inc. (JCCA) | x | x | | | | | |
| | **Large-Sized Business Category Proposer Name** | **Local SBE** | **SBE** | **Minority** | **Women** | **Disadvantaged** | **DisabledVet** | **LGBTQQ** |
| 1 | Huitt-Zollars, Inc. | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Owen Group, Inc., a Bureau Veritas North American, Inc. company | | | | | | | |
| 3 | SmithGroup, Inc. dba SmithGroup Architects and Engineers | | | | | | | |
| 4 | STV Incorporated | | | | | | | |

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**CATEGORY 3 - RENOVATION PROJECTS**

| FIRM INFORMATION* | | SMALL FIRMS | | | MEDIUM FIRM | LARGE FIRM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | John T. Chan Architects, Inc. | RAW International, Inc. | Viniegra & Viniegra Architecture, LLP | Gruen Associates | NAC, Inc. |
| **BUSINESS STRUCTURE** | | Corporation | Corporation | Corporation | Partnership | Corporation |
| **CULTURAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION** | | **NUMBER / % OF OWNERSHIP** | | | | |
| **OWNERS/PARTNERS** | Black/African American | | 2/100% | | | 1/2% |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | | | | 1/2% |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 1/44.2% | | 2/100% | 2/51.02% | 5/8% |
| | American Indian | | | | | |
| | Filipino | 2/55.8% | | | | |
| | White | | | | 2/48.98% | 52/88% |
| | *Female (included above)* | 1/44.2% | | 1/55% | 1/23.5% | 18/31% |
| | | **NUMBER** | | | | |
| **MANAGER** | Black/African American | | | | 3 | |
| | Hispanic/Latino | | | | 1 | |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| | American Indian | | | | | |
| | Filipino | 1 | | | 1 | |
| | White | | | | 15 | 3 |
| | *Female (included above)* | 0 | | 2 | 13 | 2 |
| **STAFF** | Black/African American | | 1 | | 6 | 6 |
| | Hispanic/Latino | 1 | 1 | | 10 | 25 |
| | Asian or Pacific Islander | 7 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 32 |
| | American Indian | | | | | 1 |
| | Filipino | 1 | | | 1 | |
| | White | 1 | 4 | | 15 | 100 |
| | *Female (included above)* | 5 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 102 |
| Total No. of Employees | | 14 | 10 | 4 | 71 | 167 |
| **COUNTY CERTIFICATION** | | | | | | |
| | CBE | Y | Y | Y | Y | N/A |
| | LSBE | Y | Y | Y | N/A | N/A |
| **OTHER CERTIFYING AGENCY** | | Supplier Clearinghouse | Metro | City of Los Angeles | City of Los Angeles | N/A |

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## Solicitation Information

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| **Solicitation Number:** | BRC0000298 | | |
| **Title:** | On-Call Architectural/Engineering and Support Services | | |
| **Department:** | Public Works | | |
| **Bid Type:** | Service | **Bid Amount:** | $122,500,000.00 |
| **Commodity:** | ARCHITECT SERVICES, PROFESSIONAL | | |
| **Description:** | The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) is inviting proposals from qualified firms to provide On-Call Architectural/Engineering and Support Services for various projects located throughout County of Los Angeles.<br>This RFP consists of three categories:<br>Category 1: Medical Projects<br>Category 2: General Projects<br>Category 3: Renovation Projects<br>An optional virtual pre-proposal conference to answer questions concerning the project will be held on December 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Attendance is optional but encouraged. Please use the link below to download this Request for Proposals and for information and link to the virtual preproposal conference. It is strongly recommended that you register for this solicitation to ensure you receive Notices to Proposers when any update to this solicitation is made.<br>To view, print, or download bid documents, please visit the following site;<br>http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities/<br><br>Proposals must be addressed and submitted to the Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803, Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine Level, on/or before 4:00 p.m., December 20, 2021. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted. Only electronic submission (via Bid Express or USB flash drive) will be accepted). Proposers may submit proposals in person.<br><br>If you have any questions regarding this Request for Proposals, you may contact Ms. Marika Medrano at (626) 458-5114, or by e-mail at mmedrano@dpw.lacounty.gov. Proposers must submit questions in writing and request information for this solicitation two weeks prior to the proposal due date.<br><br>Notice to Proposers A posted on 11/18/21.<br>Notice to Proposers B posted 11/29/21.<br>Notice to Proposers C posted 12/9/21. - EXTENDED DUE DATE TO 12/28/21 by 4pm.<br>Notice to Proposers D posted 12/17/21.<br>Less | | |
| **Open Day:** | 11/16/2021 | **Closed Date:** | 12/28/2021 4:00:00 PM |
| **Contact Name:** | Marika Medrano | **Contact Phone:** | (626) 458-5114 |
| **Contact Email:** | mmedrano@dpw.lacounty.gov | | |
| **Notice of Intent to Award (0) :** | Click here to view notice intent to award list. | | |
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# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter ☐ Board Memo ☐ Other

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|---|---|
| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☒ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | Big Dalton Dam Sluiceway Rehabilitation Project |
| **PROGRAM** | Flood Control District Fund |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: N/A |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Construction activities are finished; however, authorization is needed to complete the closeout of the project. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $927,582 / Funding source: Flood Fund (B07 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure) |
| | TERMS (if applicable): N/A |
| | Explanation: This action would approve the change in work for an increase of $927,582, for a revised total contract amount of $11,818,799.61. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | To obtain Board approval for a change in work and the increased contract amount for a construction contract for the Big Dalton Dam Sluiceway Rehabilitation Project in the City of Glendora. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | The scope for the Big Dalton Dam Sluiceway Rehabilitation Project included the rehabilitation of the existing sluiceway, dam maintenance, and utility upgrades at Big Dalton Dam in the City of Glendora. This change in work is necessary to compensate the contractor for delay costs incurred while design modifications were being made by Public Works to meet State standards and reviewed by the California Department of Water Resources – Division of Safety of Dams and for additional costs to remobilize and complete the project. The additional work will increase the contract amount by $927,582. The project was completed in April 2022. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: N/A |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #7: Sustainability. This project will improve resiliency, longevity, and operational effectiveness of the existing infrastructure. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Keith Lilley, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4012, cell (626) 320-9841, klilley@pw.lacounty.gov |

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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**MARK PESTRELLA, Director**

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

P.O. BOX 1460


December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA**
**CHANGE IN WORK FOR A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**BIG DALTON DAM SLUICEWAY REHABILITATION**
**PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001271**
**IN THE CITY OF GLENDORA**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval for a change in work and an increased contract amount for the Big Dalton Dam Sluiceway Rehabilitation Project in the City of Glendora.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS A GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Find that the recommended actions are within the scope of the previously approved exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.

2. Approve the change in work of $927,582 for delay costs, remobilization, and other necessary work to complete Project ID No. FCC0001271, Big Dalton Dam Sluiceway Rehabilitation, in the City of Glendora, with Kiewit Infrastructure West Company.

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## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the change in work is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to compensate Kiewit Infrastructure West Company for delays associated with design modifications to the sluiceway structure, remobilization, and completion of other necessary work.

The scope of work for the Big Dalton Dam Sluiceway Rehabilitation Project included the rehabilitation of the existing sluiceway, dam maintenance, and utility upgrades at the Big Dalton Dam in the City of Glendora. The Board approved the project on August 6, 2019, and the construction contract was executed on October 24, 2019, for a total contract sum of $10,219,330.

This change in work is necessary to compensate the contractor for delay costs incurred while design modifications to the sluiceway inlet structure were being completed by Public Works to meet State standards and review by the California Department of Water Resources – Division of Safety of Dams. While these design changes were being finalized, work on the project was delayed. When the other contract work was completed, the contractor demobilized for storm season, leading to additional costs being incurred by the contractor to remobilize and finish the project. This change also includes costs for hauling excess sediment and for minor revisions to the vent piping, which were necessary to complete the project.

Approval of this change in work will increase the contract amount by $927,582 and will add nine contract working days. The project was completed in April 2022.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, and Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended action supports ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This change in work will have no impact on the County General Fund.

The original contract was approved for $10,219,330. Since that time, an additional amount of $671,887.61 was approved through Public Works' delegated authority.

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This action would approve the change in work for an increase of $927,582 for a revised total contract amount of $11,818,799.61 (see Enclosure).

Funding is included in the Flood Control District Fund (B07 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure) Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract for construction of this improvement was awarded on October 15, 2019, to Kiewit Infrastructure West Company in accordance with the State Public Contract Code and the Board's directives.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed change in work falls within the scope of the Big Dalton Dam Sluiceway Rehabilitation Project previously determined to be exempt from CEQA by the Board on August 6, 2019, pursuant to Sections 15301 (c), (d), and (m) and 15302 (d) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (c), (l), (o), (w), and (x) and Class 2 (f) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

The construction contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from a change to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The cost is negotiated as allowed under the provisions of the contract specifications.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the requested change by the Board will ensure the timely completion and closeout of the project.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

MP:RLG:dw

Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide Contract Compliance)

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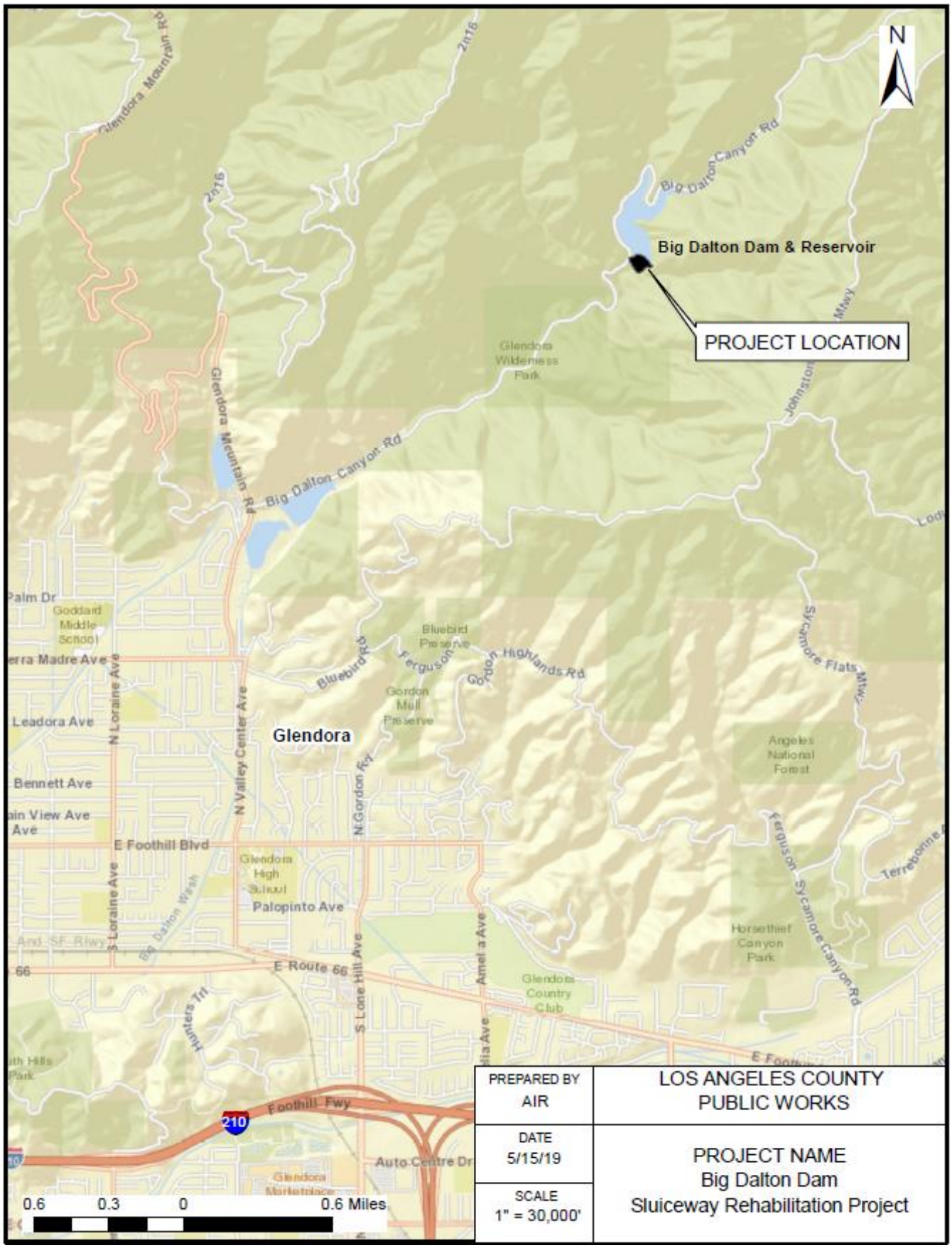
**BIG DALTON DAM SLUICEWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT**
**PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001271**

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| PREPARED BY<br>AIR | LOS ANGELES COUNTY<br>PUBLIC WORKS |
| DATE<br>5/15/19 | PROJECT NAME<br>Big Dalton Dam<br>Sluiceway Rehabilitation Project |
| SCALE<br>1" = 30,000' | |

**ENCLOSURE**
**December 6, 2022**

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA**
**CHANGE IN WORK FOR A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**BIG DALTON DAM SLUICEWAY REHABILITATION**
**PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001271**
**IN THE CITY OF GLENDORA**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)**
**(3 VOTES)**

Project Description:

Rehabilitation of the existing sluiceway, dam maintenance, and utility upgrades at the Big Dalton Dam in the City of Glendora.

Contractor:

Kiewit Infrastructure West Company

Change in Work:

Delay costs and remobilization $927,582

Description of Change:

The proposed change in work is to compensate the contractor for delay costs incurred while design modifications were made to the sluiceway inlet structure by Public Works to meet State standards and review by the California Department of Water Resources – Division of Safety of Dams, and for additional costs to remobilize and complete the project. Additional costs for hauling excess sediment and for minor revisions to the vent piping that were necessary to complete the project are also included.

The costs for this work shall be based on Section 7-4 of the contact specifications.

Nine additional days will be added to the contract time as a result of this change.

Revised Contract Amount:

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| Original contract amount | $10,219,330.00 |
| Changes in work approved under delegated authority | $671,887.61 |
| Change in work to be approved | $927,582.00 |
| Revised contract amount | $11,818,799.61 |
| Percent total change to original contract amount | 16% |

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**BOARD LETTER/MEMO**
**CLUSTER FACT SHEET**

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☒ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | Slauson Blue Line Station Intersection Improvements Project |
| **PROGRAM** | Second Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure R Local Return Fund (CN5 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain why: N/A |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Project must be advertised as soon as possible to meet the grant deadline to award the project no later than February 17, 2023. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $3,100,000<br>Funding source: State Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Second Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure R Local Return Fund (CN5 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies)<br>TERMS (if applicable): N/A<br>Explanation: N/A |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Board approval to procure a construction contract for the Slauson Blue Line Station Intersection Improvements Project in the unincorporated communities of Firestone and Florence-Firestone. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | Federal funds will be used to improve intersections adjacent to existing transit stations that serve the Metro A (Blue) Line. Proposed improvements include curb extensions, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps, high visibility crosswalks, and upgraded pedestrian signals. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how:<br>N/A |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #7: Sustainability. The project will improve access for pedestrians and transit users to five stations that service the Metro A (Blue) Line. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Steve Burger, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4018, cell (626) 476-9847 sburger@pw.lacounty.gov |

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA**
**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD**
**SLAUSON BLUE LINE STATION INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**
**PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016317**
**IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF FIRESTONE**
**AND FLORENCE-FIRESTONE**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to procure a construction contract for the Slauson Blue Line Intersection Improvements Project in the unincorporated communities of Firestone and Florence-Firestone.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions are within the scope of a previously approved exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.

2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Project Management Division III of Public Works for the Slauson Blue Line Intersection Improvements Project at an estimated construction contract cost between $1,400,000 and $2,100,000.

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3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on January 10, 2023, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Slauson Blue Line Intersection Improvements Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of $1,400,000 and $2,100,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent if additional and appropriate funds have been identified.

6. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code; (4) accept the project upon its final completion; and (5) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to install curb extensions (bulb-outs), curb ramps, countdown signal heads, enhanced crosswalks, and advanced stop bars at five intersections in the unincorporated communities of Firestone and Florence-Firestone (see Enclosure).

The project will further enhance walking and safety benefits for pedestrians and bicyclists while maintaining surface flow around bulb-outs. The improvements will also improve accessibility to alternate modes of transportation, such as buses and rail transit.

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It is anticipated the work will start in July 2023 and be completed in December 2023.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by supporting ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of $1,400,000 to $2,100,000. The total project cost is estimated to be $3,100,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, environmental clearance, right-of-way and utility clearances, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project will be administered utilizing Federal-aid funding in the amount of $1,465,000 under the State Active Transportation Program covered by existing County-State Agreement 78542. Under the Active Transportation Program, Federal-aid funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the qualifying project cost. The remaining project cost, estimated at $1,635,000, is funded with the Second Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program Measure R Local Return funds.

Funding for this project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure R Local Return Fund (CN5 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with

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these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

This project contains Federal funding prohibiting the application of preferences, included within the Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy. Accordingly, a Local and Targeted Worker Hire clause is not included for this project. Additionally, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requires an award to the lowest bidder to be eligible for Federal funding; therefore, the County Local Small Business Enterprise preference will not be applied to this project.

Documents related to award of this contract will be available at Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Board previously approved an exemption pursuant to Section 15301 (c) of State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (x) Subsections 4, 14, 18, 19, and 22 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, on August 10, 2021, for Slauson Blue Line Intersection Improvement Project. These recommendations are within the scope of the previously approved exemption from CEQA.

Public Works filed a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the time of approval.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

https://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county

http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities

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Also, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including Twitter.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by further enhancing walking and safety benefits for pedestrians and bicyclists while maintaining surface flow around bulb-outs. The improvements will also improve accessibility to alternate modes of transportation, such as buses and rail transit.

## CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide Contract Compliance

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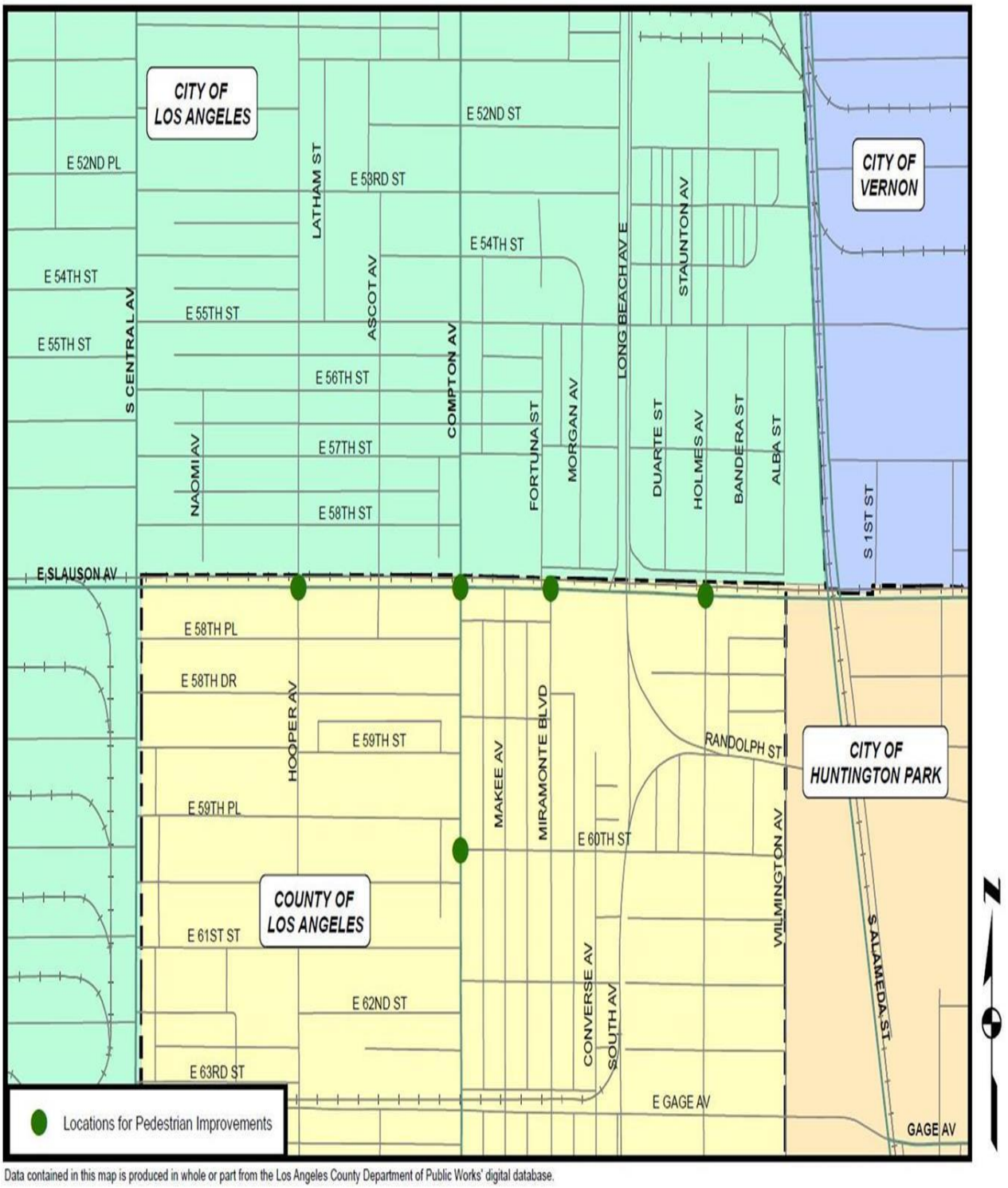
# Slauson Blue Line Station Intersection Improvements Project

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# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☒ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA<br>RESOLUTION OF INTENTION AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE<br>TO GRANT A COUNTYWIDE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE<br>TO WALNUT PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY<br>(3 VOTES) |
| **PROGRAM** | None |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $10,000 \| Funding source: County General Fund |
| | TERMS (if applicable):<br>Upon the Board of Supervisors' adoption of the 15-year term, the franchise will become operative on February 23, 2023, and will terminate on February 22, 2038. |
| | Explanation: Walnut Park Mutual Water Company will pay the County of Los Angeles $10,000 within 30 days of the adoption of the franchise and will continue to pay the County an annual franchise fee of 2 percent of the gross annual receipts of the franchisee arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise, but not less than 1 percent of the gross annual receipts from the sale of water in the service areas of the County. These amounts will be deposited into the County General Fund Non-Departmental Revenue. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Walnut Park requires this franchise in order to continue providing water to their constituents within the Walnut Park service area of the County. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | On November 12, 2007, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2007-0087F granting a 15-year Countywide water pipeline franchise to Walnut Park, which expired on November 11, 2022. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:<br><br>Sustainability–The revenues received from this transaction will help promote fiscal responsibility while providing continuous water utility services to the residents of the County. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Shari Afshari, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4008, safshari@pw.lacounty.gov |

# Walnut Park Mutual Water Company
# Water Pipeline Franchise

Water Service Area Boundary
City Boundary Line
Supervisorial District

Public Works
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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This map shows only pipelines available in Public Works database. The County of Los Angeles and its Department of Public Works do not represent or warrant that the information on this map is error-free, accurate, current, or complete. The County of Los Angeles and its Department of Public Works are not liable for any errors or omissions on this map.

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December 6, 2022

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE: SMP-6

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA**
**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**
**TO GRANT A COUNTYWIDE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE**
**TO WALNUT PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY**
**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**
**(3 VOTES)**

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## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to grant a Countywide water pipeline franchise to Walnut Park Mutual Water Company.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.

2. Approve the Resolution of Intention to grant a 15-year Countywide water pipeline franchise to Walnut Park Mutual Water Company; set the matter for a public hearing on January 24, 2023, or the next available hearing date within 60 days from the date of adoption of the Resolution of Intention; and instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to publish a Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Section 6232 of the California Public Utilities Code.

## AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Adopt the ordinance to grant a 15-year Countywide water pipeline franchise to Walnut Park Mutual Water Company.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the Board of Supervisors to approve the enclosed Resolution of Intention (Enclosure A), schedule a public hearing, and publish a Notice of Public Hearing to adopt the enclosed ordinance (Enclosure B), which will grant a 15-year Countywide water pipeline franchise to Walnut Park Mutual Water Company.

On November 12, 2007, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2007-0087F granting Walnut Park a 15-year Countywide water pipeline franchise, which expired on November 11, 2022. Adopting the ordinance will allow Walnut Park's continued use of the County's right of way and will obligate Walnut Park to comply with the terms of the franchise.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.1., Drive Economic and Workforce Development in the County, Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities, and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, because revenue received from this transaction will help promote fiscal responsibility while providing continuous water utility services to the residents of County.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Walnut Park will pay the County a granting fee of $10,000 and will continue to pay the County an annual franchise fee of 2 percent of the gross annual receipts of the Franchisee arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise, but not less than 1 percent of the gross annual receipts from the sale of water in the service area of the County. These amounts will be deposited into the County General Fund Non-Departmental Revenue.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The water pipeline in the franchise area is owned and operated by Walnut Park. The franchise will become operative on February 23, 2023, and will terminate on February 22, 2038.

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Division 3 of the California Public Utilities Code authorizes the Board to grant a franchise associated with a water pipeline. County Counsel prepared and approved the accompanying Resolution of Intention and the ordinance.

Pursuant to Section 6232 of the California Public Utilities Code, the Executive Officer of the Board shall arrange for the publishing of a Notice of Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least once within 15 days after the Board's adoption of the Resolution of Intention.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project, which is to grant a 15-year Countywide water pipeline franchise, is exempt from CEQA. The granting of the franchise will allow the operation and maintenance of utility systems and is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the project records, the project will comply with all applicable regulations and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, or listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will not have a significant impact or adversely affect any current services or future County projects.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return adopted copies of this letter, the adopted ordinance, and the adopted Resolution of Intention to the attention of Dr. Mike R. Gomez, President and Comanager, Walnut Park Mutual Water Company, 2460 East Florence Avenue, Walnut Park, CA 90255; the office of County Counsel; and Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division–Asset Management)
Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office

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# Enclosure A

**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION**
**TO GRANT A COUNTYWIDE WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE**
**TO WALNUT PARK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California:

A. Walnut Park Mutual Water Company, a California corporation, hereinafter referred to as Franchisee, has applied to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, for a franchise for a period of fifteen (15) years beginning on February 23, 2023, the effective date of the franchise, and terminating on February 22, 2038, to lay, construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, renew, repair, change the size of, and remove or abandon in place pipes and pipelines for the transportation and distribution of water, waste water, mud, and other liquid substances, including those substances that are generally accepted as appropriate for the treatment of water, excluding any hazardous substances or hazardous waste within the meaning of the "Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980," 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq., and amendments thereto (provided, however, that this exclusion shall not apply to substances in such amounts as are generally accepted as appropriate for the treatment of water), together with all manholes, valves, cathodic protection systems, appurtenances, and connections necessary or appropriate for the operation of said pipes or pipelines, adjunct communications lines, including poles, conduits, wire, cables, and other appurtenances and equipment for telegraph or telephone lines, or both, necessary or appropriate for the Franchisee's operations in, under, along, or across any and all highways as defined in Section 16.36.080 of the Los Angeles County Code, now or hereafter dedicated to public use in the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, for the Franchisee's water service area and any unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that may be added to the Franchisee's water service area during the term of the franchise.

B. It is the intention of the Board of Supervisors to grant the franchise applied for upon the terms and conditions herein mentioned. The Franchisee and its successors and assigns will, during the life of the franchise, pay annually to the County of Los Angeles, State of California, the amount specified in the proposed ordinance from the operative date of the franchise and in the event such payment is not made, the franchise will be forfeited.

C. The franchise described in the ordinance attached hereto is a franchise for water transportation and distribution purposes.

D. That on January 24, 2023, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. of said day, a day not less than twenty (20) or more than sixty (60) days after the date of the passage of this Resolution of Intention, in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012, all persons having any objection to the granting of the franchise hereinabove described may appear before the Board of Supervisors and be heard thereon.

E. The Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors shall cause notice of said hearing to be published in accordance with Section 6232 of the California Public Utility Code at least once within fifteen (15) days after adoption of this Resolution of Intention in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

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The foregoing resolution was adopted on the ____ day of _____ 2023, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and ex officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By_____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

By_____
Deputy

## ANALYSIS

This ordinance grants a water pipeline franchise to Walnut Park Mutual Water Company, a California corporation ("Franchisee") to collect, transport, and distribute water for a period of fifteen (15) years beginning on February 23, 2023, and expiring on February 22, 2038, in the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles. The base annual fee payable to the County of Los Angeles by Franchisee will be determined according to a formula contained in Section 2 of this franchise ordinance. Franchisee will also pay a granting fee of ten thousand dollars ($10,000).

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

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By GRACE V. CHANG

Principal Deputy County Counsel
Public Works Division

**ORDINANCE NO. _____**

An ordinance granting a water pipeline franchise to Walnut Park Mutual Water Company, a California corporation, for the transportation and distribution of water for a period of fifteen (15) years beginning on February 23, 2023, and expiring on February 22, 2038.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**Section 1. Franchise Term; Grant.**

The right, privilege, and franchise is granted to Walnut Park Mutual Water Company ("Franchisee"), and its successors and assigns, for the period of fifteen (15) years beginning on February 23, 2023, to lay, construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, renew, repair, change the size of, remove, or abandon in place, pipes and pipelines for the collection, transportation, or distribution of water, mud, steam, wastewater, and other liquid substances, excluding any hazardous substances or hazardous waste within the meaning of the "Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980," 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., as it may hereafter be amended, and the "Federal Water Pollution Control Act," 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq., as it may hereafter be amended, together with all manholes, valves, cathodic protection systems, appurtenances, and connections necessary or appropriate for the operation of said pipes or pipelines, including poles, conduits, wire, cables, including adjunct communications lines, and other appurtenances and equipment for telegraph or telephone lines, or both, necessary or appropriate solely for Franchisee's operations in, under, along, or across any and all highways, as defined in Section 16.36.080 of the

Los Angeles County Code, now or hereafter dedicated to public use within the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles ("County"), State of California, for Franchisee's water service area and any additional unincorporated territory of the County that may be added to the Franchisee's water service area during the term of the franchise.

**Section 2. Consideration; Payment of Fees.**

During such time as Franchisee's operations and rates for transportation are considered to be subject to the provisions of section 6231.5 of the California Public Utilities Code, the consideration shall be calculated pursuant to said section or other maximum amount permitted by law.

A. Granting Fee. As consideration for the Franchise granted, transferred, extended or otherwise amended, Franchisee shall pay the County a fee of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) within thirty (30) days after the adoption of this ordinance.

B. Annual Franchise Fee. As additional consideration for a franchise granted or extended, Franchisee shall pay annually in arrears, on or before April 15 following the end of each calendar year ("Fee Payment Date"), for each year during the life of the franchise, to the County, in lawful money of the United States, a franchise fee computed annually ("Annual Franchise Fee"), as set forth below:

Two percent (2%) of the gross annual receipts of the Franchisee arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise; provided, however, that such payment shall in no event be less than one percent (1%) of the gross annual receipts of the

Franchisee derived from the sale within the franchise area of the commodity or service for which the franchise is awarded. Such percentage shall be paid annually during the life of the franchise, including the year of granting of the franchise. In the event this amount is increased by federal or state law or the County is empowered to increase the rate, the County reserves the right to increase the rate to the maximum amount permitted by federal, state, or local law.

C. In addition to the foregoing Annual Franchise Fee, Franchisee shall also pay to:

1. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works ("Public Works"), or before the Fee Payment Date, for each year of the life of the franchise, an initial construction charge calculated at a rate of one hundred dollars ($100) per mile or fraction thereof for all new main lines laid during that preceding calendar year; and

2. The County Auditor-Controller, on or before the Fee Payment Date, for each year during the life of the franchise, an annual fee of twenty-five dollars ($25) per pole-mile or portion thereof for aerial or above-ground lines, and twenty-five dollars ($25) per mile, or portion thereof, for underground conduits for wires, cables, or telephone or telegraph lines maintained under the franchise during the preceding calendar year.

3. Public Works, any application fees, administrative fees, processing fees, late charges, accrued interest, and penalties required in connection with this franchise, all of which may be charged at the then-current applicable rates.

**Section 3. Reports.**

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B. In the event full payment of any rate, payment, or fee, including the ten percent (10%) late charge, is not received within ninety (90) days after the due date, an assessment of interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance at ten percent (10%) per month, beginning on the ninety-first (91st) day after the due date until full payment is received. Should the franchise payment not be provided to the County, County reserves the right to terminate the franchise. Upon termination of this franchise, operation of the facilities covered by the franchise would no longer be authorized, and Franchisee will be liable for costs associated with such termination, including but not limited to the costs of abandonment and/or removal of Franchisee's facilities. This term shall survive the expiration of this franchise.

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environmental compliance, relating to, arising from, or involving the franchise, or Franchisee's use or exercise thereof, including, but not limited to, any Claims arising from or relating to any threatened, actual, or alleged discharge, dispersal, release, or escape of any substance, including, but not limited to, any pollutant or contaminant of any kind, into or upon any person, thing, or place, including the land, soil, atmosphere, man-made structure, and/or any above or below ground watercourse or body of water.

B. Public Works shall be immediately notified by Franchisee of any discharge, release, or escape of any water, steam, wastewater, mud, or other substances from Franchisee's pipelines and appurtenances within the franchise area. All actions to investigate, remove, or remediate any substance reasonably demonstrated to be discharged, dispersed, released, or escaped from Franchisee's pipelines, and to repair or restore Franchisee's pipelines and appurtenances shall be the sole responsibility of Franchisee and shall be conducted by Franchisee or Franchisee's agents, in conformance with any and all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, requirements, and orders whatsoever, present or future, of the federal, State, County, or other applicable local government at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, and shall be immediately undertaken by Franchisee or Franchisee's agents. If Franchisee fails to take any action required pursuant to this Section, the County may, but shall not be obligated to, take all actions it deems appropriate at Franchisee's sole expense. Upon written demand by the County, Franchisee shall reimburse the County for all County expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the County's actions,

including, but not limited to, all direct and indirect costs relating to investigation, remediation, and removal.

C. Without limiting Franchisee's indemnification of the County or the County's Agents, Franchisee shall provide and maintain at its own expense, during the term of this franchise, the following programs of insurance. Such programs and evidence of insurance are required to be satisfactory to the County, and shall be primary to, and not contributing with, any other insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the County.

1. Certificate(s) or other evidence of coverage satisfactory to the County shall be delivered to Public Works on or before the operative date of this franchise ordinance, and on or before the expiration date of each term of insurance. Such certificates or other evidence of coverage shall:

a. Specifically identify this franchise ordinance;

b. Clearly evidence all insurance required in this franchise ordinance;

c. Contain the express condition that the County is to be given written notice by registered mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of any modification, non-renewal, cancellation, or termination of any program of liability insurance, and at least thirty (30) days in advance of any modification, non-renewal, cancellation, or termination of any program of Workers' Compensation or other insurance required by this Section;

d. Include a copy of the additional insured endorsement to the commercial general liability policy, adding the County and County's Agents as additional insureds for all activities arising from this franchise; and

e. Show Franchisee's insurance as primary to the County's insurance and self-insurance programs. This may be evidenced by adding a statement to the additional insured endorsement required in subsection (d) stating: "It is further agreed that the insurance afforded by this policy is primary to any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the additional insureds, and the additional insureds' insurance and self-insurance programs are excess and non-contributing to Named Insured's insurance."

2. The County reserves the right to require copies of Franchisee's insurance policies at the County's request.

3. Insurance is to be provided by an insurance company with an A. M. Best rating of not less than A:VII, unless otherwise approved by the County.

4. Franchisee agrees to release the County and the County's Agents and waive its rights of recovery against them under the insurance policies specified in this franchise ordinance.

5. Such insurance shall be endorsed naming the County and the County's Agents as additional insureds, and shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Commercial General Liability insurance written on a commercial general liability form (ISO policy form CG 00 01, or its equivalent, unless

otherwise approved by the County), with a combined single limit of not less than five million dollars ($5,000,000) per occurrence, fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) policy aggregate, and fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) products/completed operations aggregate.

i. If written on a claims-made form, such insurance shall be endorsed to provide an extended reporting period of not less than two (2) years following termination or cancellation of this franchise.

b. Comprehensive Auto Liability insurance (written on ISO policy form CA 00 01, or its equivalent, unless otherwise approved by the County), endorsed for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with a limit of not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence.

c. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance covering Franchisee’s liability arising from or related to this Franchise, with limits of not less than $3 million per claim and $5 million aggregate. Further, Franchisee understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement’s expiration, termination, or cancellation.

6. A program of Workers' Compensation insurance in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the California Labor Code and the "Longshoreman and Harbor Worker Compensation Act," (33 U.S.C. § 901 et seq., as it may hereafter be amended, including Employer's Liability with not less than a one

million dollars ($1,000,000) limit, covering all persons providing services on behalf of Franchisee and all persons Franchisee is legally required to cover.

D. Franchisee shall furnish Public Works, within thirty (30) days of the operative date of this ordinance, and within thirty (30) days of the expiration date of each term of insurance, either certified copies of the policies required by subsection 5.C. or a certificate of insurance for each of said policies executed by Franchisee's insurance agent, or by the company issuing the policy, certifying that the policy is in force.

E. Within thirty (30) days following the operative date of this ordinance, Franchisee shall provide to Public Works a faithful performance bond in the sum of not less than fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) payable to the County of Los Angeles and executed by a corporate surety, acceptable to the County and licensed to transact business as a surety in the State of California. Such bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance by Franchisee of the terms and conditions of this franchise and shall provide that, in case of the breach of any condition of this franchise, the whole amount of the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000), or any portion thereof, shall be deemed to be liquidated damages and shall be immediately payable to the County by the principal and surety(ies) of the bond.

1. Throughout the term of this franchise, Franchisee shall maintain the faithful performance bond in the amount specified herein. Within ten (10) business days

after receipt of notice from the County that any amount has been withdrawn from the bond as provided in this section, Franchisee shall immediately restore the bond to the full amount specified herein.

2. The faithful performance bond shall continue to exist for one year following the County's approval of any sale, transfer, assignment, or other change of ownership of the franchise, or following the expiration or termination of this franchise. The County, in its sole discretion, may release said bond prior to the end of the one-year period upon satisfaction by Franchisee of all the obligations under the franchise.

3. At its sole option, the County may accept Certificates of Deposit, Cash Deposits, irrevocable letters of credit, or U.S. Government Securities in lieu of, or in addition to, commercial bonds to meet the above bonding requirements. Such alternative instruments shall be made payable to the County and shall be deposited with the County's Auditor-Controller and/or Treasurer and/or Treasurer Tax Collector, as applicable.

F. The types and amounts of said insurance coverage and bonding shall be subject to review and reasonable adjustment by the County, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of the franchise. In the event of such adjustment, Franchisee agrees to obtain said adjusted insurance coverage and bonding, in type(s) and amount(s) determined by the County, within thirty (30) days after written notice from the County.

G. Failure on the part of Franchisee to procure or maintain the required insurance and bonding, or to provide evidence of current insurance and bonding, shall constitute a material breach of the terms of this franchise upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this franchise.

H. It is the obligation of Franchisee to provide evidence of current insurance policies and bonding. Any franchise operations shall not commence until Franchisee has complied with the provisions of this Section, and any operations shall be suspended during any period that Franchisee fails to obtain or maintain the insurance and bonding required hereunder.

**Section 6. Transfers and Assignments.**

A. Franchisee shall not sell, transfer (including stock transfer), exchange, assign, lease, or divest itself of the franchise or any part thereof (each of which is hereinafter referred to as an "Assignment"), to any other person or entity ("Transferee"), except as provided in this section and after payment of a transfer fee as detailed in subsection 6.G., below.

B. Franchisee shall inform Public Works of any pending Assignment, except as excluded in subsection 6.E., and shall provide all documents requested by the County, as set forth in subsection 6.F. Consent to any such Assignment shall only be refused if the County finds that Franchisee is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the franchise and/or that the proposed Transferee, as applicable, is lacking in sufficient experience and/or financial ability to meet the franchise obligations.

Consent shall be conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Assignment documents delivered to Public Works, the assumption by the Transferee, as applicable, of all Franchisee's covenants and obligations under the franchise, and all information provided to the County under subsection 6.F., below, being true and correct as of completion of the Assignment. Upon receipt of such consent from the County, Franchisee may proceed to consummate the Assignment.

C. Franchisee shall file with Public Works, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of any Assignment, certified copies of the duly executed instrument(s) that officially evidence(s) such Assignment. If any such duly executed instrument is not filed with Public Works within thirty (30) days after the effective date of such proposed assignment, or if any condition to consent by the County has not been met, then the County may determine, and then notify Franchisee and the proposed Transferee, that the Assignment has no force or effect and/or that the franchise is forfeited.

D. As a condition to granting consent to such Assignment, the County may impose such additional terms, and conditions upon the proposed Transferee as the Board deems to be in the public interest. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to grant Franchisee the right to complete an Assignment except in the manner aforesaid, whether by operation of law, by voluntary act of Franchisee, or otherwise.

E. Notwithstanding the foregoing, shareholders, partners, and/or any other person or entity owning an interest in Franchisee may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein without the consent of the

County so long as such sale, transfer, exchange, Assignment, divestment, or other change, including a merger, does not result in giving majority control of Franchisee to any person or persons, corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the person or entity with the controlling interest in Franchisee on the effective date of the franchise or the effective date of the last approved Assignment. Otherwise, consent thereof shall be required as otherwise provided in this Section.

F. Except for any Assignments made pursuant to subsection 6.E., upon notice by Franchisee of any proposed Assignment, the proposed Transferee shall submit an Assignment application to Public Works, which shall contain at a minimum:

1. Identification of the proposed Transferee which indicates the corporate or business entity organization, including the submission of copies of the corporate or business formation papers (e.g., articles of incorporation and by-laws, limited partnership agreements, operating agreements), and the names and addresses of any parent or subsidiary of the proposed Transferee(s), or any other business entity owning or controlling the proposed Transferee in part or in whole.

2. A current financial statement, which has been audited by a certified public accountant, demonstrating conclusively to the satisfaction of the County that the proposed Transferee has all of the financial resources necessary to carry out all of the terms and conditions of the franchise. The financial statement shall include a balance sheet, a profit and loss statement for at least the three (3) most recent years, and a

statement of changes in financial position; however, if the proposed Transferee has been in existence for less than three (3) years, then for such period of existence.

3. A copy of the proposed agreement of sale, letter of understanding, or other documentation which details the proposed Assignment ("Assignment Documents").

4. Other information that may be required by the County to assess the capability of the proposed Transferee to operate and maintain the franchise.

G. The transfer fee of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) shall be submitted with Franchisee's request for the County's consent to any Assignment described in subsection 6.A., and pay the County's actual costs to process the proposed Assignment application, including any consultant's fees incurred by the County to assist in evaluating the application, exceed the fees detailed above, Franchisee and the proposed Transferee may be required to pay any additional costs incurred by the County in processing the request for Assignment. Such additional costs shall be paid by Franchisee and the proposed Transferee, or either, prior to final consideration of the request by the County or the Board, as applicable.

**Section 7. Removal or Abandonment of Facilities.**

A. At the time of expiration, revocation, or termination of this franchise or of the permanent discontinuance of the use of its pipes and appurtenances, Franchisee shall, within 30 days thereafter, make a written application to Public Works for permission to engage in one of the following in accordance with applicable federal,

state, and local laws and regulations: (1) abandon all, or a portion, of such pipes and appurtenances in place; or (2) remove all, or a portion, of such pipes and appurtenances. Such application will describe the pipes and appurtenances desired to be abandoned by reference to the map or maps required by this Franchise and will describe with reasonable accuracy the relative physical condition of the pipes and appurtenances. Public Works will determine whether any abandonment, removal or transfer that is proposed may be effected without detriment to the public interest or under what conditions the proposed abandonment, removal or transfer may be safely effected and will then notify the Franchisee of any such requirements and to either remove all, or a portion of such pipes and appurtenances, or abandon in place all, or a portion, of such pipes and appurtenances. If, for any reason, Franchisee suspends operations of any of the pipes and appurtenances contained in this Franchise for a period more than 90 days, Franchisee will notify Public Works. During this period of suspended operations, the Franchisee will maintain said pipes and appurtenances in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

B. If any pipes and appurtenances to be abandoned in place subject to prescribed conditions are not abandoned in accordance with all such conditions, then Public Works may make additional appropriate orders at its sole discretion, including, an order that the Franchisee remove all such pipes and appurtenances in accordance with applicable requirements. In the event the Franchisee fails to remove any pipes and appurtenances which it is obligated to remove in accordance with such applicable

requirements within such time as may be prescribed by Public Works, then Public Works may remove such pipes and appurtenances at the Franchisee's expense and the Franchisee will pay to the County within 60 days after delivery of an itemized bill the cost of removal including, but not limited to, reasonable overhead expenses in the sum no greater than an additional 30% of the actual cost of such work.

C. Abandoned pipelines on County highways remain property of the Franchisee. Should the abandoned pipelines interfere with future utility or underground facility said pipelines would be removed by others as necessary.

D. For the purposes of the payment of fees provisions in Section 2 of this franchise, facilities shall exist as such until (1) inspection reports of Public Works indicate the work of removal has been done to its satisfaction or (2) in the case of facilities to be abandoned in-place.

E. This Section will survive the termination or expiration of this Franchise.

**Section 8. Relocation of Pipelines.**

In the event Franchisee receives notice from the County, a city, or any other public entity to relocate its pipelines and appurtenances, if Franchisee neglects or fails to relocate its facilities in a timely manner and in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations after receipt of any such notice, Franchisee shall be solely responsible for, and shall reimburse the County, city, and any other applicable public entities, any and all costs or expenses incurred by the County, city, and other

applicable public entities, due to, or resulting from, such neglect or failure with respect to relocation of the facilities.

**Section 9. Pipeline Franchise Ordinance.**

Franchisee acknowledges that it must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including the County Code, as may be amended hereafter, to the extent Franchisee continues to conduct activities within the County's right-of-way, and/or Franchisee's facilities continue to occupy the County's right-of-way, following the termination or expiration of this franchise.

**Section 10. County Addresses.**

All fee payments and reports required hereunder, except those expressly directed to be sent to Public Works, shall be sent to the County and addressed as follows:

Franchise/Concessions Section
County of Los Angeles
Office of the Auditor-Controller
Administrative Services, Room 515
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012-2713

Applications, reports, notices, and other documents and information referenced in this franchise shall be sent to the County, at the same address referenced above, with a copy to:

Los Angeles County Public Works
Attn: Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California 91803

Any notice, request, instruction, or other document to be given to Franchisee shall be addressed as follows:

Walnut Park Mutual Water Company
2460 East Florence Avenue
Walnut Park, CA 90255
Attn: Mike R Gomez, President and Co-Manager.

**Section 11.** Franchise **Ordinance Operative Date.**

The operative date of this franchise ordinance shall be February 23, 2023.

**Section 12. Termination.**

If Franchisee fails to comply with any of the requirements of the franchise, the County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the franchise and/or seek any and all available remedies at law or in equity.

# Enclosure B

## ANALYSIS

This ordinance grants a water pipeline franchise to Walnut Park Mutual Water Company, a California corporation ("Franchisee") to collect, transport, and distribute water for a period of fifteen (15) years beginning on February 23, 2023, and expiring on February 22, 2038, in the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles. The base annual fee payable to the County of Los Angeles by Franchisee will be determined according to a formula contained in Section 2 of this franchise ordinance. Franchisee will also pay a granting fee of ten thousand dollars ($10,000).

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Principal Deputy County Counsel
Public Works Division

**ORDINANCE NO. _____**

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**Section 1. Franchise Term; Grant.**

The right, privilege, and franchise is granted to Walnut Park Mutual Water Company ("Franchisee"), and its successors and assigns, for the period of fifteen (15) years beginning on February 23, 2023, to lay, construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, renew, repair, change the size of, remove, or abandon in place, pipes and pipelines for the collection, transportation, or distribution of water, mud, steam, wastewater, and other liquid substances, excluding any hazardous substances or hazardous waste within the meaning of the "Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980," 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., as it may hereafter be amended, and the "Federal Water Pollution Control Act," 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq., as it may hereafter be amended, together with all manholes, valves, cathodic protection systems, appurtenances, and connections necessary or appropriate for the operation of said pipes or pipelines, including poles, conduits, wire, cables, including adjunct communications lines, and other appurtenances and equipment for telegraph or telephone lines, or both, necessary or appropriate solely for Franchisee's operations in, under, along, or across any and all highways, as defined in Section 16.36.080 of the

Los Angeles County Code, now or hereafter dedicated to public use within the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles ("County"), State of California, for Franchisee's water service area and any additional unincorporated territory of the County that may be added to the Franchisee's water service area during the term of the franchise.

**Section 2. Consideration; Payment of Fees.**

During such time as Franchisee's operations and rates for transportation are considered to be subject to the provisions of section 6231.5 of the California Public Utilities Code, the consideration shall be calculated pursuant to said section or other maximum amount permitted by law.

A. Granting Fee. As consideration for the Franchise granted, transferred, extended or otherwise amended, Franchisee shall pay the County a fee of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) within thirty (30) days after the adoption of this ordinance.

B. Annual Franchise Fee. As additional consideration for a franchise granted or extended, Franchisee shall pay annually in arrears, on or before April 15 following the end of each calendar year ("Fee Payment Date"), for each year during the life of the franchise, to the County, in lawful money of the United States, a franchise fee computed annually ("Annual Franchise Fee"), as set forth below:

Two percent (2%) of the gross annual receipts of the Franchisee arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise; provided, however, that such payment shall in no event be less than one percent (1%) of the gross annual receipts of the

Franchisee derived from the sale within the franchise area of the commodity or service for which the franchise is awarded. Such percentage shall be paid annually during the life of the franchise, including the year of granting of the franchise. In the event this amount is increased by federal or state law or the County is empowered to increase the rate, the County reserves the right to increase the rate to the maximum amount permitted by federal, state, or local law.

C. In addition to the foregoing Annual Franchise Fee, Franchisee shall also pay to:

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Franchisee shall, during the life of the franchise:

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environmental compliance, relating to, arising from, or involving the franchise, or Franchisee's use or exercise thereof, including, but not limited to, any Claims arising from or relating to any threatened, actual, or alleged discharge, dispersal, release, or escape of any substance, including, but not limited to, any pollutant or contaminant of any kind, into or upon any person, thing, or place, including the land, soil, atmosphere, man-made structure, and/or any above or below ground watercourse or body of water.

B. Public Works shall be immediately notified by Franchisee of any discharge, release, or escape of any water, steam, wastewater, mud, or other substances from Franchisee's pipelines and appurtenances within the franchise area. All actions to investigate, remove, or remediate any substance reasonably demonstrated to be discharged, dispersed, released, or escaped from Franchisee's pipelines, and to repair or restore Franchisee's pipelines and appurtenances shall be the sole responsibility of Franchisee and shall be conducted by Franchisee or Franchisee's agents, in conformance with any and all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, requirements, and orders whatsoever, present or future, of the federal, State, County, or other applicable local government at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, and shall be immediately undertaken by Franchisee or Franchisee's agents. If Franchisee fails to take any action required pursuant to this Section, the County may, but shall not be obligated to, take all actions it deems appropriate at Franchisee's sole expense. Upon written demand by the County, Franchisee shall reimburse the County for all County expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the County's actions,

including, but not limited to, all direct and indirect costs relating to investigation, remediation, and removal.

C. Without limiting Franchisee's indemnification of the County or the County's Agents, Franchisee shall provide and maintain at its own expense, during the term of this franchise, the following programs of insurance. Such programs and evidence of insurance are required to be satisfactory to the County, and shall be primary to, and not contributing with, any other insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the County.

1. Certificate(s) or other evidence of coverage satisfactory to the County shall be delivered to Public Works on or before the operative date of this franchise ordinance, and on or before the expiration date of each term of insurance. Such certificates or other evidence of coverage shall:

a. Specifically identify this franchise ordinance;

b. Clearly evidence all insurance required in this franchise ordinance;

c. Contain the express condition that the County is to be given written notice by registered mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of any modification, non-renewal, cancellation, or termination of any program of liability insurance, and at least thirty (30) days in advance of any modification, non-renewal, cancellation, or termination of any program of Workers' Compensation or other insurance required by this Section;

d. Include a copy of the additional insured endorsement to the commercial general liability policy, adding the County and County's Agents as additional insureds for all activities arising from this franchise; and

e. Show Franchisee's insurance as primary to the County's insurance and self-insurance programs. This may be evidenced by adding a statement to the additional insured endorsement required in subsection (d) stating: "It is further agreed that the insurance afforded by this policy is primary to any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the additional insureds, and the additional insureds' insurance and self-insurance programs are excess and non-contributing to Named Insured's insurance."

2. The County reserves the right to require copies of Franchisee's insurance policies at the County's request.

3. Insurance is to be provided by an insurance company with an A. M. Best rating of not less than A:VII, unless otherwise approved by the County.

4. Franchisee agrees to release the County and the County's Agents and waive its rights of recovery against them under the insurance policies specified in this franchise ordinance.

5. Such insurance shall be endorsed naming the County and the County's Agents as additional insureds, and shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Commercial General Liability insurance written on a commercial general liability form (ISO policy form CG 00 01, or its equivalent, unless

otherwise approved by the County), with a combined single limit of not less than five million dollars ($5,000,000) per occurrence, fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) policy aggregate, and fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) products/completed operations aggregate.

i. If written on a claims-made form, such insurance shall be endorsed to provide an extended reporting period of not less than two (2) years following termination or cancellation of this franchise.

b. Comprehensive Auto Liability insurance (written on ISO policy form CA 00 01, or its equivalent, unless otherwise approved by the County), endorsed for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with a limit of not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence.

c. Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance covering Franchisee’s liability arising from or related to this Franchise, with limits of not less than $3 million per claim and $5 million aggregate. Further, Franchisee understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement’s expiration, termination, or cancellation.

6. A program of Workers' Compensation insurance in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the California Labor Code and the "Longshoreman and Harbor Worker Compensation Act," (33 U.S.C. § 901 et seq., as it may hereafter be amended, including Employer's Liability with not less than a one

million dollars ($1,000,000) limit, covering all persons providing services on behalf of Franchisee and all persons Franchisee is legally required to cover.

D. Franchisee shall furnish Public Works, within thirty (30) days of the operative date of this ordinance, and within thirty (30) days of the expiration date of each term of insurance, either certified copies of the policies required by subsection 5.C. or a certificate of insurance for each of said policies executed by Franchisee's insurance agent, or by the company issuing the policy, certifying that the policy is in force.

E. Within thirty (30) days following the operative date of this ordinance, Franchisee shall provide to Public Works a faithful performance bond in the sum of not less than fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) payable to the County of Los Angeles and executed by a corporate surety, acceptable to the County and licensed to transact business as a surety in the State of California. Such bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance by Franchisee of the terms and conditions of this franchise and shall provide that, in case of the breach of any condition of this franchise, the whole amount of the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000), or any portion thereof, shall be deemed to be liquidated damages and shall be immediately payable to the County by the principal and surety(ies) of the bond.

1. Throughout the term of this franchise, Franchisee shall maintain the faithful performance bond in the amount specified herein. Within ten (10) business days

after receipt of notice from the County that any amount has been withdrawn from the bond as provided in this section, Franchisee shall immediately restore the bond to the full amount specified herein.

2. The faithful performance bond shall continue to exist for one year following the County's approval of any sale, transfer, assignment, or other change of ownership of the franchise, or following the expiration or termination of this franchise. The County, in its sole discretion, may release said bond prior to the end of the one-year period upon satisfaction by Franchisee of all the obligations under the franchise.

3. At its sole option, the County may accept Certificates of Deposit, Cash Deposits, irrevocable letters of credit, or U.S. Government Securities in lieu of, or in addition to, commercial bonds to meet the above bonding requirements. Such alternative instruments shall be made payable to the County and shall be deposited with the County's Auditor-Controller and/or Treasurer and/or Treasurer Tax Collector, as applicable.

F. The types and amounts of said insurance coverage and bonding shall be subject to review and reasonable adjustment by the County, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of the franchise. In the event of such adjustment, Franchisee agrees to obtain said adjusted insurance coverage and bonding, in type(s) and amount(s) determined by the County, within thirty (30) days after written notice from the County.

G. Failure on the part of Franchisee to procure or maintain the required insurance and bonding, or to provide evidence of current insurance and bonding, shall constitute a material breach of the terms of this franchise upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this franchise.

H. It is the obligation of Franchisee to provide evidence of current insurance policies and bonding. Any franchise operations shall not commence until Franchisee has complied with the provisions of this Section, and any operations shall be suspended during any period that Franchisee fails to obtain or maintain the insurance and bonding required hereunder.

**Section 6. Transfers and Assignments.**

A. Franchisee shall not sell, transfer (including stock transfer), exchange, assign, lease, or divest itself of the franchise or any part thereof (each of which is hereinafter referred to as an "Assignment"), to any other person or entity ("Transferee"), except as provided in this section and after payment of a transfer fee as detailed in subsection 6.G., below.

B. Franchisee shall inform Public Works of any pending Assignment, except as excluded in subsection 6.E., and shall provide all documents requested by the County, as set forth in subsection 6.F. Consent to any such Assignment shall only be refused if the County finds that Franchisee is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the franchise and/or that the proposed Transferee, as applicable, is lacking in sufficient experience and/or financial ability to meet the franchise obligations.

Consent shall be conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Assignment documents delivered to Public Works, the assumption by the Transferee, as applicable, of all Franchisee's covenants and obligations under the franchise, and all information provided to the County under subsection 6.F., below, being true and correct as of completion of the Assignment. Upon receipt of such consent from the County, Franchisee may proceed to consummate the Assignment.

C. Franchisee shall file with Public Works, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of any Assignment, certified copies of the duly executed instrument(s) that officially evidence(s) such Assignment. If any such duly executed instrument is not filed with Public Works within thirty (30) days after the effective date of such proposed assignment, or if any condition to consent by the County has not been met, then the County may determine, and then notify Franchisee and the proposed Transferee, that the Assignment has no force or effect and/or that the franchise is forfeited.

D. As a condition to granting consent to such Assignment, the County may impose such additional terms, and conditions upon the proposed Transferee as the Board deems to be in the public interest. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to grant Franchisee the right to complete an Assignment except in the manner aforesaid, whether by operation of law, by voluntary act of Franchisee, or otherwise.

E. Notwithstanding the foregoing, shareholders, partners, and/or any other person or entity owning an interest in Franchisee may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein without the consent of the

County so long as such sale, transfer, exchange, Assignment, divestment, or other change, including a merger, does not result in giving majority control of Franchisee to any person or persons, corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the person or entity with the controlling interest in Franchisee on the effective date of the franchise or the effective date of the last approved Assignment. Otherwise, consent thereof shall be required as otherwise provided in this Section.

F. Except for any Assignments made pursuant to subsection 6.E., upon notice by Franchisee of any proposed Assignment, the proposed Transferee shall submit an Assignment application to Public Works, which shall contain at a minimum:

1. Identification of the proposed Transferee which indicates the corporate or business entity organization, including the submission of copies of the corporate or business formation papers (e.g., articles of incorporation and by-laws, limited partnership agreements, operating agreements), and the names and addresses of any parent or subsidiary of the proposed Transferee(s), or any other business entity owning or controlling the proposed Transferee in part or in whole.

2. A current financial statement, which has been audited by a certified public accountant, demonstrating conclusively to the satisfaction of the County that the proposed Transferee has all of the financial resources necessary to carry out all of the terms and conditions of the franchise. The financial statement shall include a balance sheet, a profit and loss statement for at least the three (3) most recent years, and a

statement of changes in financial position; however, if the proposed Transferee has been in existence for less than three (3) years, then for such period of existence.

3. A copy of the proposed agreement of sale, letter of understanding, or other documentation which details the proposed Assignment ("Assignment Documents").

4. Other information that may be required by the County to assess the capability of the proposed Transferee to operate and maintain the franchise.

G. The transfer fee of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) shall be submitted with Franchisee's request for the County's consent to any Assignment described in subsection 6.A., and pay the County's actual costs to process the proposed Assignment application, including any consultant's fees incurred by the County to assist in evaluating the application, exceed the fees detailed above, Franchisee and the proposed Transferee may be required to pay any additional costs incurred by the County in processing the request for Assignment. Such additional costs shall be paid by Franchisee and the proposed Transferee, or either, prior to final consideration of the request by the County or the Board, as applicable.

**Section 7. Removal or Abandonment of Facilities.**

A. At the time of expiration, revocation, or termination of this franchise or of the permanent discontinuance of the use of its pipes and appurtenances, Franchisee shall, within 30 days thereafter, make a written application to Public Works for permission to engage in one of the following in accordance with applicable federal,

state, and local laws and regulations: (1) abandon all, or a portion, of such pipes and appurtenances in place; or (2) remove all, or a portion, of such pipes and appurtenances. Such application will describe the pipes and appurtenances desired to be abandoned by reference to the map or maps required by this Franchise and will describe with reasonable accuracy the relative physical condition of the pipes and appurtenances. Public Works will determine whether any abandonment, removal or transfer that is proposed may be effected without detriment to the public interest or under what conditions the proposed abandonment, removal or transfer may be safely effected and will then notify the Franchisee of any such requirements and to either remove all, or a portion of such pipes and appurtenances, or abandon in place all, or a portion, of such pipes and appurtenances. If, for any reason, Franchisee suspends operations of any of the pipes and appurtenances contained in this Franchise for a period more than 90 days, Franchisee will notify Public Works. During this period of suspended operations, the Franchisee will maintain said pipes and appurtenances in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

B. If any pipes and appurtenances to be abandoned in place subject to prescribed conditions are not abandoned in accordance with all such conditions, then Public Works may make additional appropriate orders at its sole discretion, including, an order that the Franchisee remove all such pipes and appurtenances in accordance with applicable requirements. In the event the Franchisee fails to remove any pipes and appurtenances which it is obligated to remove in accordance with such applicable

requirements within such time as may be prescribed by Public Works, then Public Works may remove such pipes and appurtenances at the Franchisee's expense and the Franchisee will pay to the County within 60 days after delivery of an itemized bill the cost of removal including, but not limited to, reasonable overhead expenses in the sum no greater than an additional 30% of the actual cost of such work.

C. Abandoned pipelines on County highways remain property of the Franchisee. Should the abandoned pipelines interfere with future utility or underground facility said pipelines would be removed by others as necessary.

D. For the purposes of the payment of fees provisions in Section 2 of this franchise, facilities shall exist as such until (1) inspection reports of Public Works indicate the work of removal has been done to its satisfaction or (2) in the case of facilities to be abandoned in-place.

E. This Section will survive the termination or expiration of this Franchise.

**Section 8. Relocation of Pipelines.**

In the event Franchisee receives notice from the County, a city, or any other public entity to relocate its pipelines and appurtenances, if Franchisee neglects or fails to relocate its facilities in a timely manner and in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations after receipt of any such notice, Franchisee shall be solely responsible for, and shall reimburse the County, city, and any other applicable public entities, any and all costs or expenses incurred by the County, city, and other

applicable public entities, due to, or resulting from, such neglect or failure with respect to relocation of the facilities.

**Section 9. Pipeline Franchise Ordinance.**

Franchisee acknowledges that it must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including the County Code, as may be amended hereafter, to the extent Franchisee continues to conduct activities within the County's right-of-way, and/or Franchisee's facilities continue to occupy the County's right-of-way, following the termination or expiration of this franchise.

**Section 10. County Addresses.**

All fee payments and reports required hereunder, except those expressly directed to be sent to Public Works, shall be sent to the County and addressed as follows:

Franchise/Concessions Section
County of Los Angeles
Office of the Auditor-Controller
Administrative Services, Room 515
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012-2713

Applications, reports, notices, and other documents and information referenced in this franchise shall be sent to the County, at the same address referenced above, with a copy to:

Los Angeles County Public Works
Attn: Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California 91803

Any notice, request, instruction, or other document to be given to Franchisee shall be addressed as follows:

Walnut Park Mutual Water Company
2460 East Florence Avenue
Walnut Park, CA 90255
Attn: Mike R Gomez, President and Co-Manager.

**Section 11.** Franchise **Ordinance Operative Date.**

The operative date of this franchise ordinance shall be February 23, 2023.

**Section 12. Termination.**

If Franchisee fails to comply with any of the requirements of the franchise, the County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the franchise and/or seek any and all available remedies at law or in equity.

# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter ☐ Board Memo ☐ Other

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☒ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | Certify Addendum to the Adopted Final Program Environmental Impact Report for Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project in the Unincorporated Community of Topanga |
| **PROGRAM** | Stormwater Quality Program |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | This action meets a State grant requirement and maintains the funding award status for this project. This action must be completed by January 2023 therefore it is necessary to obtain the Board's approval in December 2022. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $95,000 \| Funding source: Public Works General Fund<br>TERMS (if applicable):<br>Explanation:<br>The cost and fees for preparing, filing, processing, and management of the subject addendum were incurred in Fiscal Year 2021-22 in Public Works General Fund. The recommended action will secure grant funds, leverage resources, and will have no further fiscal impact. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | The purpose of the recommended action will approve the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project Addendum to the previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | Implementation of the proposed project would not result in substantial changes requiring major revisions to the previously certified PEIR. Further, the proposed project would not result in any environmental impacts that have not already been addressed in the PEIR or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts. No new mitigation measures are required for the proposed project. Since only minor additions and clarifications are required to the PEIR, and none of the conditions described in Public Resources Code Section 21166 or California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162 requiring preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred, the County finds that the preparation of an addendum to the PEIR is the appropriate CEQA documentation for the proposed project. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:<br>Board Priority No. 5: Environmental Health Oversight and Monitoring. The proposed project address pollutants from stormwater and urban runoff currently discharging, untreated, into Topanga Canyon Creek. Implementation of the proposed project aims to improve water quality to Topanga Canyon Creek and ultimately the Santa Monica Bay. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Keith Lilley, Deputy Director, Office (626) 458-4012, Cell (626) 320-9841, klilley@pw.lacounty.gov |

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA**
**CERTIFY ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED FINAL**
**PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR**
**VIEWRIDGE ROAD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
**IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF TOPANGA**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the recommended action that will certify the addendum to the proposed Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project located in the unincorporated Los Angeles County community of Topanga.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Certify that the addendum to the previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County; find that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained within the addendum, together with the previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report; and approve the addendum for the proposed Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project Addendum to the previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMP).

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Project Description and Background

The proposed project, as analyzed in the addendum, is comprised of several water quality elements in the vicinity of Viewridge Road between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Summit Pointe Drive in the unincorporated community of Topanga in western Los Angeles County. All project components will be located within the existing road rights of way along Viewridge Road, Hodler Drive, Chagall Road, and Voltaire Drive.

The proposed project will help improve stormwater quality by reducing pollutants found in urban and stormwater runoff from local unincorporated communities and returning cleaner flows to Topanga Canyon Creek and ultimately the North Santa Monica Bay. This will help the County address Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria and Debris Total Maximum Daily Load regulations.

The proposed project will construct an approximately 850-feet-long, drought tolerant landscaped, raised median with 18 underground biofiltration units along Viewridge Road from east of Heidi Lane to west of Summit Pointe Drive. A new diversion junction will convey stormwater flows from the existing storm drain at Bellini Drive and Heidi Lane to a pretreatment system, which will remove trash, sediment, and debris. Flows would then enter the underground biofiltration units and return to Topanga Canyon Creek. At-grade cabinets would also be installed to house electrical, mechanical, and temporary monitoring equipment. Additional biofiltration units will be installed at identified parkway locations along Hodler Drive, Chagall Road, and Voltaire Drive. Routine maintenance includes periodic inspection, system cleanout, and landscaping.

Approval of the subject addendum will satisfy a condition of tentatively approved grant funding from the State that will help fund the project.

Once design of the project is complete, the County will return to the Board to request authorization to adopt, advertise, and award the project. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in late 2023 and be completed by mid-2025.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.3, Make Environmental Sustainability our Daily Reality, Objective II.3.1, Improve Water Quality, Reduce Water Consumption, and Increase Water Supplies, and Objective II.3.3, Address the Serious Threat of Global Climate Change. The recommended actions are consistent with the County's mission to provide essential services and improve the quality of life for

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residents by enhancing recreational opportunities and providing environmentally sustainable practices by reducing stormwater pollution.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost and fees for preparing, filing, processing, and management of the subject addendum were incurred in Fiscal Year 2021-22 in Public Works General Fund.

The recommended action will secure grant funds, leverage resources, and will have no further fiscal impact.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Facts and provisions/legal requirements will be established upon return to the Board to approve and award the subject project and total proposed budget.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On May 26, 2015, the Board, acting as the governing board of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, certified the Final PEIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2014081106) for the EWMP pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The PEIR analyzed the general effects due to the proposed structural and nonstructural best management practices identified in the EWMPs.

The addendum to the previously certified PEIR was completed for the project in compliance with CEQA and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County. The proposed project would be within the assumptions for construction and operation analyzed in the 2015 Final PEIR. The proposed project has been reviewed by the County in light of Sections 15162, 15163, and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines. As the CEQA lead agency, the County has determined that none of the conditions in the CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162, 15163, and 15164 would require preparation of a subsequent or supplemental PEIR application and that an addendum to the certified Final PEIR is the appropriate environmental documentation under CEQA for the proposed project. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted with the 2015 PEIR would continue to apply to the proposed project to ensure all impacts remain less than significant.

There are no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require further review under CEQA. Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works, on behalf of the County, will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Sections 21152(a) of the California

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Public Resources Code. The required fee, if any, to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife was paid for by the previously certified PEIR.

The addendum and PEIR are publicly available online and can be viewed at https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wmd/stwq/Viewridge.aspx. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board decision is based in this matter can be viewed online at https://dpw.lacounty.gov/lacfcd/ewmppeir/ or in person at Public Works Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of this recommended action will have no impact on current services and/or projects.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Stormwater Quality Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel (Laura Jacobson)
Executive Office

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# Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project

## Addendum to the
## Enhanced Watershed Management Program
## Program Environmental Impact Report

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

| | |
|---|---|
| AB | Assembly Bill |
| AQMP | Air Quality Management Plan |
| BMP | Best Management Practice |
| CAAQS | California Ambient Air Quality Standards |
| CalFIRE | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection |
| Caltrans | California Department of Transportation |
| CCAP | County of Los Angeles Community Climate Action Plan |
| CDFW | California Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| CEQA | California Environmental Quality Act |
| CESA | California Endangered Species Act |
| CFGC | California Fish and Game Code |
| CNDDB | California Natural Diversity Data Base |
| CNPS | California Native Plant Society |
| CO | carbon monoxide |
| $CO_2$ | carbon dioxide |
| County | Los Angeles County Public Works |
| CRHR | California Register of Historical Resources |
| EWMP | Enhanced Watershed Management Program |
| FESA | federal Endangered Species Act |
| GHG | greenhouse gas |
| I-405 | Interstate 405 |
| IPaC | Information for Planning and Conservation |
| LACFCD | Los Angeles County Flood Control District |
| LACFD | Los Angeles County Fire Department |
| LARWQCB | Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board |
| LST | localized significance threshold |
| MBTA | Migratory Bird Treaty Act |
| MS4 | Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System |
| $MTCO_2e$ | metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents |
| NAAQS | National Ambient Air Quality Standards |
| NAHC | Native American Heritage Commission |
| $NO_X$ | nitrogen oxides |
| NPDES | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System |
| NRHP | National Register of Historic Places |
| NSMBCW | North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds |
| $O_3$ | ozone |
| PEIR | Program Environmental Impact Report |
| $PM_{2.5}$ | fine particulate matter 2.5 microns or less in diameter |
| $PM_{10}$ | respirable particulate matter ten microns or less in diameter |
| proposed project | Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project |
| Regional Board | Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board |
| ROW | right(s)-of-way |
| RTP/SCS | Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy |
| SCAB | South Coast Air Basin |
| SCAG | Southern California Association of Governments |
| SCAQMD | South Coast Air Quality Management District |
| SMMNAP | Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan |

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| $SO_2$ | sulfur dioxide |
| $SO_X$ | sulfur oxides |
| SR 1 | State Route 1 or Pacific Coast Highway |
| SSC | CDFW species of special concern |
| TMDL | Total Maximum Daily Load |
| US 101 | U.S. Route 101 |
| USFWS | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| VOC | volatile organic compound |
| WL | CDFW Watch List |

# CHAPTER 1
# PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Los Angeles County Public Works (County) has prepared this addendum to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR or program) (State Clearinghouse No. 2014081106) (LACFCD, 2015) to address the potential site-specific environmental impacts associated with the proposed Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project (proposed project). This addendum is prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) (Cal. Public Resources Code § 21000, et. seq., as amended) and its implementing guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Section 15000 et. seq., 2016).

The proposed project would implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified to achieve and maintain water quality objectives and protect beneficial uses pursuant to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit applicable to the project site. The BMPs identified for the proposed project focus on capture and treatment of urban and stormwater runoff along and near Viewridge Road between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Summit Pointe Drive in the unincorporated community of Topanga in western Los Angeles County.

## 1.1 Applicability and Use of an Addendum

The County's intent through preparation of this addendum is to demonstrate whether the previously adopted CEQA document (PEIR 2015), including mitigation measures, remains adequate and valid for the proposed project. Pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, the County, as the lead agency, must conduct an evaluation of proposed changes to the project in order to determine whether further environmental analysis is required, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. For a proposed modified project, CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164 provide that an Addendum to an adopted Final EIR may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary, or none of the following conditions calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;

2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or

3. New information of substantial importance which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:

    a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;

b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;

c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measures or alternative; or

d. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

## 1.2 Format of This Addendum

The previously certified PEIR serves as the primary environmental compliance document for the project, and this addendum provides additional clarification and information about the proposed project. This addendum should be read together with the full text of the previously certified PEIR (2015). All applicable mitigation measures from the PEIR would be applicable to the proposed project and, therefore, are incorporated by reference into this addendum. This addendum relies on the use of an Environmental Checklist Form (Checklist), as suggested in Section 15063(d)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

## 1.3 Summary of Findings

Based upon the Checklist prepared for the proposed project and supporting responses (see Chapter 3), implementation of the modified project would not result in substantial changes requiring major revisions to the previously certified PEIR. Further, the proposed project would not result in any environmental impacts that have not already been addressed in the PEIR or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts. No new mitigation measures are required for the proposed project. Since only minor additions and clarifications are required to the PEIR, and none of the conditions described in Public Resources Code Section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred, the County finds that the preparation of an addendum to the PEIR is the appropriate CEQA documentation for the proposed project.

## 1.4 Lead Agency and Discretionary Approvals

This addendum and the previously certified PEIR are intended to serve as the environmental documentation for the changes being proposed under the modified project. The County is the lead agency under CEQA and maintains authority to approve the addendum.

# CHAPTER 2
# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

## 2.1 Introduction

On May 26, 2015, the County certified the LACFCD EWMP PEIR. The PEIR analyzed the potential effects of implementing the structural and non-structural BMPs identified in the 12 EWMPs submitted to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB or Regional Board). As a component of the PEIR, potential BMPs were identified for the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds (NSMBCW), including Topanga Canyon as one of the BMPs identified as a regional structural project in the PEIR – denoted as a priority project. The PEIR analyzed the general effects of the BMPs and identified program mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts; however, site-specific environmental analysis was not completed.

The purpose of this Addendum to the PEIR is to evaluate the site-specific environmental effects associated with the proposed project and determine whether these impacts are consistent with the evaluation presented in the PEIR in compliance with CEQA (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.).

## 2.2 Background

Many of the waterbodies in the County have been identified as impaired for not meeting water quality standards and are listed in Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. As a result, the Regional Board developed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limits for a number of pollutants originating from urban and stormwater runoff on the watersheds throughout the County. Among those impaired waterbodies with TMDLs is the Santa Monica Bay, which is subject to several TMDLs including the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria TMDL, Nearshore and Offshore Debris TMDL, and the Santa Monica Bay TMDL for Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (commonly known as DDTs) and Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs).

In December 2012, the Regional Board adopted the MS4 Permit for the County to regulate stormwater discharges and achieve water quality objectives. The 2012 MS4 Permit provides Permittees an innovative approach to TMDL compliance through the development and implementation of EWMPs. The LACFCD joined the City of Malibu to form the NSMBCW Group in the development of an EWMP plan. The EWMP plan was approved in April 2016 by the Regional Board. The EWMP plan identified a suite of institutional and structural control measures, including multi-benefit regional projects to demonstrate Permittees' ultimate compliance with TMDLs. As part of the EWMP plan development process, various parcels were evaluated and ranked based on their technical feasibility and site ownership. Through this screening process, the proposed project was determined to be a priority multi-benefit regional project.

The proposed project would treat flows that drain to Topanga Canyon Creek, which drains to the North Santa Monica Bay. The proposed project would help address the TMDLs in the Santa Monica Bay by capturing and treating runoff from the developed tributary area to the proposed project, thereby reducing pollutants from reaching Topanga Canyon Creek and ultimately the North Santa Monica Bay.

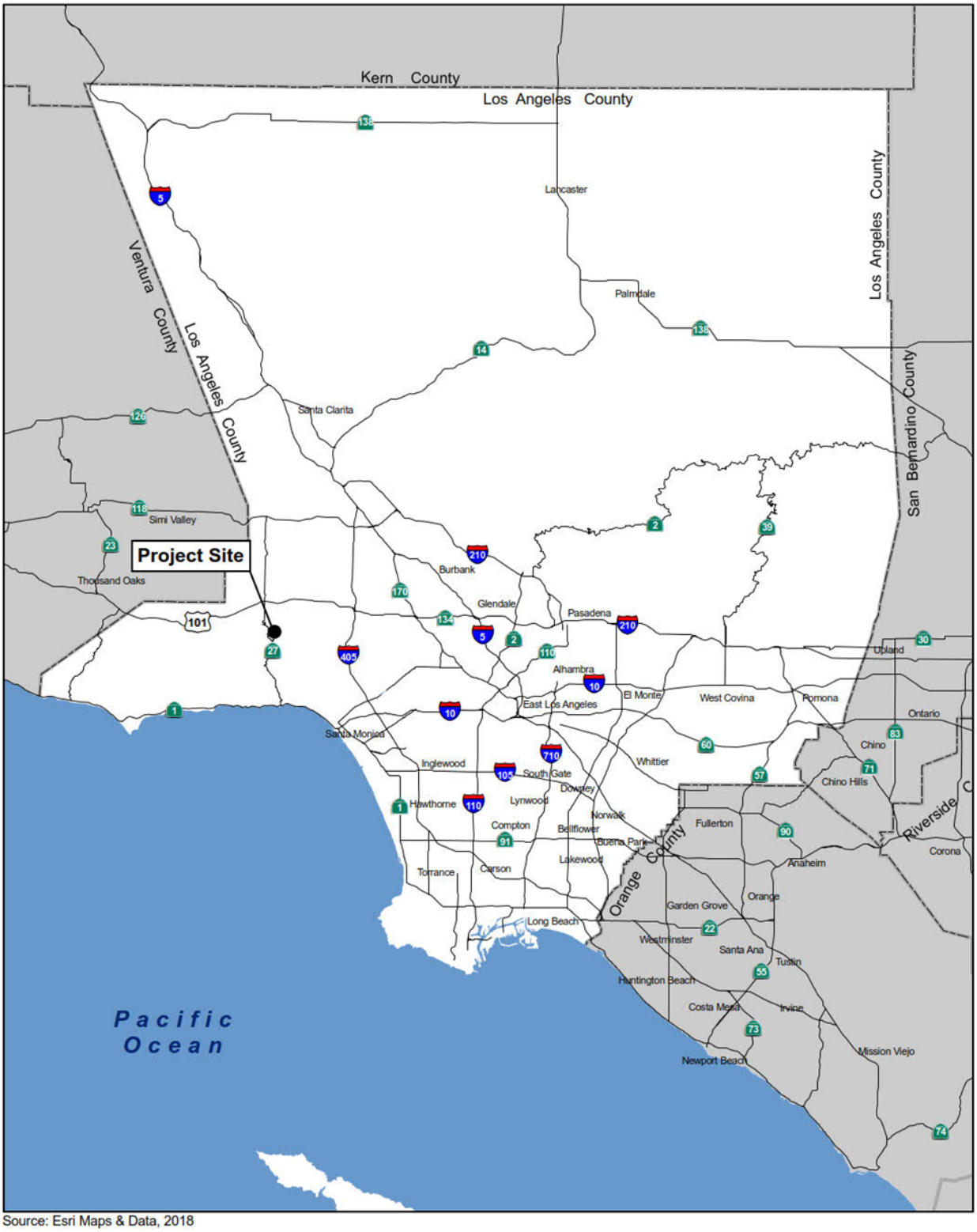
## 2.3 Project Location and Setting

The project site comprises several locations along and near Viewridge Road between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Summit Pointe Drive in the unincorporated community of Topanga in western Los Angeles County. Work associated with the proposed project would occur on Viewridge Road, Hodler Drive, Chagall Road, and Voltaire Drive. In the project area, Viewridge Road contains an existing landscaped median between Hodler Drive and just west of Heidi Lane. The remainder of the roadways contain landscaped parkways. All project components would be located within the existing road rights-of-way (ROW) and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways. All portions of the project site are owned and maintained by the County, with the exception of the temporary construction staging along the east shoulder of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, which is California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) ROW.

Regional access to the project site is provided via Topanga Canyon Boulevard adjacent to the western boundary of the project; U.S. Route 101 (US 101), approximately 2.3 miles north of the project sites; State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway, SR 1), approximately 6.6 miles south of the project site; and Interstate 405 (I-405), approximately 6.8 miles east of the project site. Figure 1 shows the project location within the region and Figure 2 shows an aerial view of the project site.

The proposed project is located in the Topanga Canyon subwatershed, which is the largest subwatershed within the NSMBCW EWMP Area. It is a 12,611-acre subwatershed that is mostly undeveloped. There is little development near the shoreline other than Topanga Beach Park, a small commercial area, and a small (2-acre) maintenance facility zoned as industrial land use. The central and eastern areas of the subwatershed consist of undeveloped land, rural residential, low-density residential, commercial, public, equestrian, educational, and mixed urban land uses.

The project site is located within a low-density residential neighborhood characterized by single-family homes. Additionally, there are open space areas on the west side of Topanga Canyon Boulevard and to the south of Viewridge Road east of Heidi Lane. These open space areas provide recreational opportunities with hiking/walking trails.




Source: Esri Maps & Data, 2018

**Figure 1**
**Regional Vicinity Map**

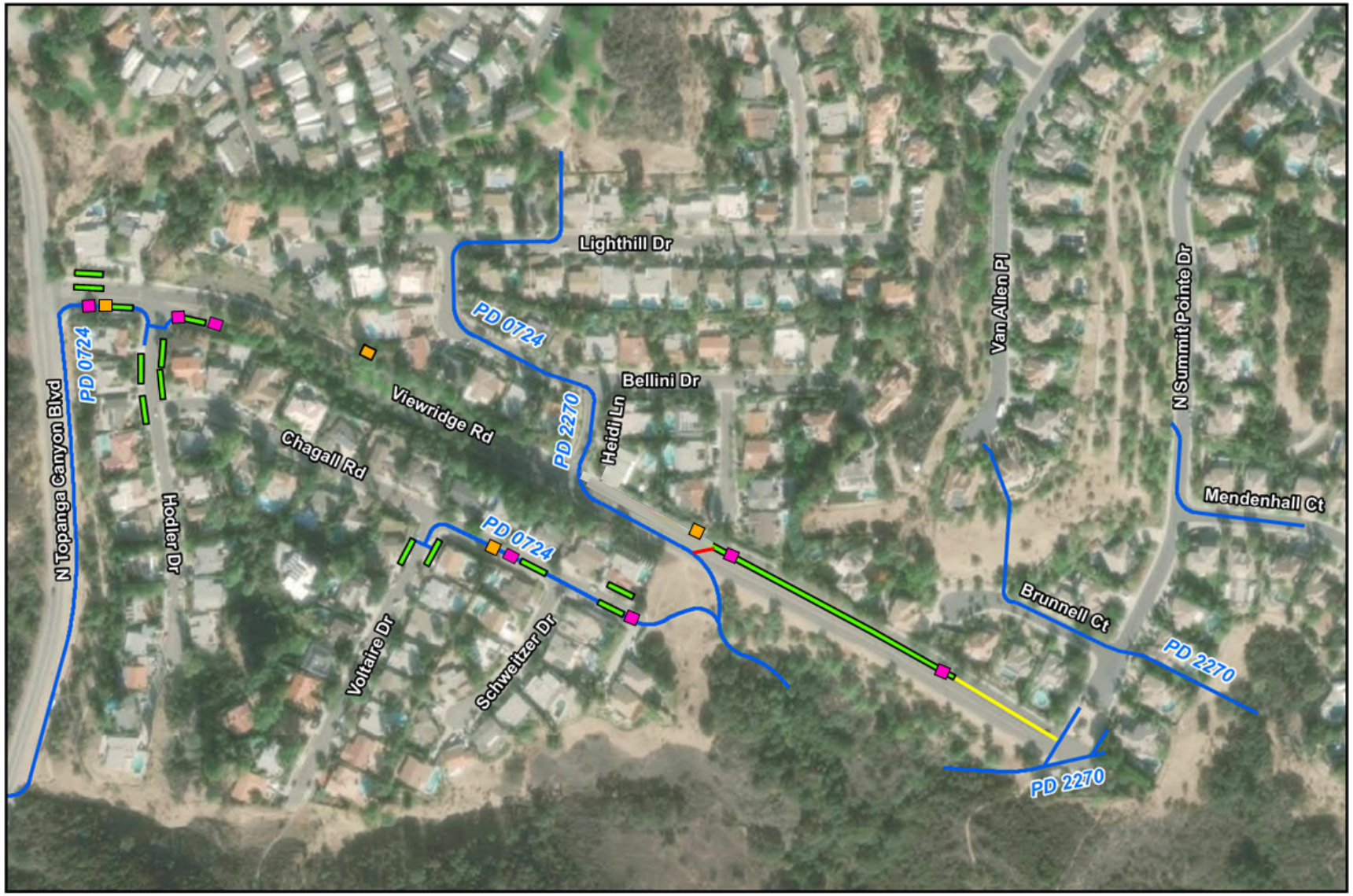



**Figure 2**
**Project Location Map**

## 2.4 Project Objectives

The primary goals and objectives identified in the 2015 PEIR include:

- To collaborate among agencies (Permittee jurisdictions) across the watershed to promote more cost-effective and multi-beneficial water quality improvement projects to comply with the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Permit.
- To develop watershed-wide EWMPs that will, once implemented, remove or reduce pollutants from dry- and wet-weather urban runoff in a cost-effective manner.
- To reduce the impact of stormwater and non-stormwater on receiving water quality.

In accordance with these goals and objectives, the proposed project, which would utilize BMPs designed to capture stormwater for treatment, would comply with the MS4 Permit through the following:

- Water Quality: treat 33.46 acre-feet of stormwater per year.
- Environment: improve habitat by reducing discharged pollutants and reducing the effects of hydromodification.

## 2.5 Description of the Proposed Project

As previously discussed, the proposed project was identified by the EWMP Group as a priority regional project to reach permit compliance. The proposed project would help achieve permit compliance for TMDLs, Receiving Water Limitations, and Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations through implementation of BMPs designed to capture stormwater for treatment. The proposed project is designed to capture stormwater for treatment and discharge to the existing storm drain at the project site. The proposed project would capture stormwater runoff from an 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event, and would divert urban and stormwater runoff from local unincorporated communities for flow-through treatment and discharge to the existing storm drain. The proposed project would also include Low Impact Development landscaping features and educational signage. The BMP components identified as part of the proposed project are described below.

***Viewridge Road Median***

As previously discussed, Viewridge Road currently contains an existing landscaped median between Hodler Drive and just west of Heidi Lane. The proposed project would create a new, approximately 850-foot-long raised median starting east of Heidi Lane to just west of Summit Pointe Drive. Some breaks may occur along the new median to allow for ease of access and maintenance. The number and location of breaks in the median would be determined during final design. Approximately 18 biofiltration units would be incorporated into the proposed median to capture runoff and stormwater, but the total number may change during final design but would not extend beyond the 850-foot median length. Water from the existing approximate 55-acre tributary area would reach the new median via a new diversion pipeline that would convey flows from the existing storm drain along Bellini Drive and Heidi Lane via a connection to the existing drain on Viewridge Road just east of its intersection with Heidi Lane. The new diversion line would convey water via gravity to a pretreatment system that would be installed

on the west end of the new median to pretreat the water by removing trash, sediment, and debris. Water would then flow through the biofiltration units to an 18-inch high density polyethylene pipe via gravity and discharge into an existing MS4 storm drain system located at the east end of Viewridge Road. Two electrical cabinets would be installed on the north side of Viewridge Road. The electrical cabinet located on the north side of Viewridge Road, east of Heidi Lane, would control the mechanical equipment in the new median, which includes a trash rack, slide gates, etc. The electrical cabinet located on the north side of Viewridge Road, west of Heidi Lane, would provide power to the electrical cabinet that controls the mechanical equipment. All components of this portion of the proposed project would be installed below ground with the exception of the median structure itself (curbs, etc.), electrical cabinets, and the landscaping elements (i.e., vegetation). To support monitoring equipment for sampling, two temporary cabinets would be installed aboveground within the new median, one of which will be equipped with a pole containing a rain gage and solar panel, and flow sensors and pressure transducers will be installed below ground. Temporary monitoring activities would occur during the first 3 to 5 years of project operations and monitoring will only be conducted for wet weather (storm) events. Routine maintenance activities would include periodic system cleanout activities, as well as landscaping maintenance, which would be conducted by the County.

***Biofiltration Units – Viewridge Road, Hodler Drive, Chagall Road, and Voltaire Drive***

Approximately 22 biofiltration units would be installed below ground at identified locations on the parkways along Viewridge Road, Hodler Drive, Chagall Road, and Voltaire Drive. One of the proposed 22 biofiltration units will be installed in the road ROW on Viewridge Road just east of Topanga Canyon Boulevard. Runoff and stormwater entering these units would flow into a pretreatment chamber that would separate larger sediments and debris before entering a filtration chamber which would reduce the target pollutants before discharging from the unit via gravity into the existing storm drain system. Existing landscaping would be replaced with new drought tolerant landscaping once the biofiltration units are installed. Temporary monitoring cabinets for stormwater sampling equipment would be installed at four locations, as shown on Figure 2: one approximately 6-foot long by 3-foot wide and 3-foot high cabinet would be installed on the southeast corner of Viewridge Road and Hodler Drive; one approximately 4-foot long by 3-foot wide and 4-foot high cabinet on the south side of Viewridge Road just east of Topanga Canyon Boulevard; one approximately 4-foot long by 3-foot wide and 4-foot high cabinet on the south side of Chagall Road just west of Schweitzer Drive; and one approximately 4-foot long by 3-foot wide by 4-foot high cabinet would be installed on the south side of Chagall Road just east of Schweitzer Drive. These cabinets would be removed by the County after the monitoring activities are completed (3 to 5 years). In addition, two permanent electrical cabinets would be installed to provide power for the temporary monitoring cabinets: one electrical cabinet would be installed on the south side of Viewridge Road just east of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, and one electrical cabinet would be installed on the south side of Chagall Road just west of Voltaire Drive. Maintenance of the biofiltration units would require routine system cleanout activities and periodic replacement of the filter cartridges, which would be conducted by the County.

## 2.6 Construction Schedule and Procedures

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2022 and take up to nine months to complete, concluding spring 2023. Construction is anticipated to occur Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (one shift per day). No construction is expected on weekends or holidays. This construction schedule may differ from the selected contractor's

schedule depending on the contractor's equipment and personnel resources, and the construction contractor would be responsible for coordinating with County prior to and during construction.

The proposed project would be constructed completely within the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways. All portions of the project site are owned and maintained by the County, with the exception of landscaped parkways, which are owned by the County but may be maintained by the homeowners. Construction staging is expected to occur on the east shoulder of Topanga Canyon Road within Caltrans ROW. The project footprint is estimated to be approximately 0.50 acres.

***Viewridge Road Median***

Installation of the new median on Viewridge Road would occupy a space in the road currently demarcated as a median with striping. The existing asphalt would be removed, and the area would be excavated up to approximately 20 feet below the ground surface to accommodate the installation of the pretreatment unit, the biofiltration units, and associated connecting drains.

The approximately 18-inch diversion pipeline would require excavation of a trench approximately 5 feet wide by 20 feet deep within the existing ROW on Viewridge Road. As partial lane closures would be needed to install the diversion line and construct the new median, development and implementation of a traffic control plan would be required.

***Biofiltration Units – Viewridge Road, Hodler Drive, Chagall Road, and Voltaire Drive***

Approximately 22 biofiltration units would be installed at various locations on Viewridge Road, Hodler Drive, Chagall Road, and Voltaire Drive. Installation of these units would require excavation of pits. Final BMP dimensions would be determined during final design; however anticipated dimensions are provided below. The proposed locations and dimensions of the BMPs from west to east within the project footprint are as follows:

Viewridge Road:

- North side of Viewridge Road just east of Topanga Canyon Boulevard: 2 units – approximately 10 feet wide by 26 feet long by 10 feet deep
- South side of Viewridge Road just west of Hodler Drive: 1 unit – approximately 5 feet wide by 20 feet long by 6 feet deep
- South side of Viewridge Road just east of Hodler Drive: 1 unit - approximately 5 feet wide by 30 feet long by 8 feet deep

Hodler Drive:

- East side of Hodler Drive between Viewridge Road and Chagall Road: 5 units – approximately 5 feet wide by 22 feet long by 8 feet deep
- West side of Hodler Drive between Viewridge Road and Chagall Road: 1 unit – approximately 5 feet wide by 20 feet long by 6 feet deep

- West side of Hodler Drive across from the corner of Chagall Road and Hodler Drive: 1 unit – approximately 5 feet wide by 20 feet long by 6 feet deep

Voltaire Drive:

- West side of Voltaire Drive just south of Chagall Road: 3 units (at 2 locations) – approximately 5 feet wide by 22 feet long by 8 feet deep

- East side of Voltaire Drive south of Chagall Road: 2 units (at 2 locations) – 1 unit approximately 5 feet wide by 20 feet long by 5 feet deep; and 1 unit approximately 5 feet wide by 22 feet long by 8 feet deep

Chagall Road:

- South side of Chagall Road just west of Schweitzer Drive (2 units): 1 unit approximately 5 feet wide by 16 feet long by 6 feet deep; and 1 unit approximately 5 feet wide by 18 feet long by 6 feet deep

- North side of Chagall Road at its eastern terminus just west of the cul-de-sac: 2 units approximately 5 feet wide by 14 feet long by 6 feet deep

- South side of Chagall Road at its eastern terminus just west of the cul-de-sac: 2 units- 1 unit approximately 5 feet wide by 20 feet long by 6 feet deep, and 1 unit approximately 5 feet wide by 22 feet long by 6.5 feet deep

Existing landscaping and/or vegetation in the parkways would be removed prior to excavation. The biofiltration units would connect to the existing storm drain system or adjacent catch basin. A hatch would be installed at grade level above the unit to provide access for maintenance purposes. Once the biofiltration units are installed, existing landscaping on the parkway would be replaced with new drought tolerant landscaping. No permanent modifications to the roads, sidewalks, or curbs would be required for this component of the proposed project.

***Best Management Practices***

An appropriate combination of monitoring and resource impact avoidance would be employed during all the construction activities, including implementation of the following BMPs:

- The proposed project would implement Rule 403 fugitive dust control measures required by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), which requires reasonable precautions to be taken to prevent visible particulate matter from being airborne, under normal wind conditions, beyond the property from which the emission originates. Reasonable precautions include, but are not limited to the following:
    1. Application of water on dirt roads, material stockpiles, and other surfaces that can give rise to airborne dusts; and
    2. Maintenance of roadways in a clean condition.

- The proposed project would implement erosion control BMPs where necessary that may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Minimizing the extent of disturbed areas and duration of exposure
2. Stabilizing and protecting disturbed areas
3. Keeping runoff velocities low
4. Retaining sediment within the construction area
5. Use of silt fences or straw wattles
6. Temporary soil stabilization
7. Temporary drainage inlet protection
8. Temporary water diversion around immediate work area
9. Minimizing debris from construction vehicles on roads providing construction access

- The proposed project would implement Rule 402 measures required by the SCAQMD, which prohibits the discharge from any source whatsoever, such quantities of air contaminants or other materials that cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons or to the public or which endanger the comfort, repose, health, or safety of any such persons or the public or that cause or have a natural tendency to cause injury or damage to business or property.

- The County would ensure all construction crews have fire-suppression equipment (such as fire extinguishers) on site to respond to the accidental ignition of a fire.

- Spill kits will be available onsite for potential leaks or spills of hazardous materials.

- Per Municipal Code Section 12.08.570(H), the improvements proposed for the project would be exempt from the County's noise ordinance. Nonetheless, the County would minimize short-term construction noise through: (1) proper maintenance and tuning of all construction equipment engines to minimize noise emissions; and (2) proper maintenance and functioning of the mufflers on all internal combustion and equipment engines.

- The County would coordinate with emergency response agencies, including but not limited to the Los Angeles County Fire Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, during final design to ensure that emergency access is maintained during implementation of the proposed Project.

# CHAPTER 3
# EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The certified 2015 PEIR prepared for the overall program included analyses consistent with the checklist contained in Appendix G of the 2015 version of the CEQA Guidelines. The CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist was subsequently updated in 2019, and now includes new and/or revised thresholds, as well as additional environmental topics to be assessed. This chapter is organized to include analyses consistent with those environmental topics presented in the 2015 PEIR, as well as new environmental topics that were added in the 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G update. Section 3.1 presents the analyses of the 2015 PEIR environmental topics and Section 3.2 presents analyses of the new environmental topics added in the 2019 CEQA Guidelines update that were not previously covered in the PEIR, including tribal cultural resources and wildfire.

## 3.1 2015 PEIR Environmental Topics

The following evaluation assesses the project-specific impacts of the proposed project in light of the analysis completed in the 2015 PEIR. Determinations are made as to whether the proposed project would result in new significant impacts or substantially more severe effects, which trigger the need for a Subsequent or Supplemental EIR. As the checklist contained in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines was updated in 2019 after the release of the 2015 PEIR, the analysis in this section includes an assessment of the project based on the checklist in the PEIR, and is then followed by a discussion of new or updated impact thresholds found in the current checklist and a determination of the proposed project's impacts regarding these changes.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **I. AESTHETICS.** Would the project: | | | | | |
| a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality the site and its surroundings? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

The project site is located in the unincorporated community of Topanga in western Los Angeles County, in the North Santa Monica Bay EWMP and Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan (SMMNAP) area.[1] The SMMNAP area encompasses 32.2 square miles that consists of a group of communities surrounded by steep mountains, rolling hills, canyons, streams, and oak woodlands. The Santa Monica Mountains are recognized as one of the area's natural scenic resources. There are also a number of local and regional recreation trails and scenic driving routes in the area, including three County Scenic Highways: Mulholland Highway, Malibu Canyon-Las Virgenes Road and Topanga Canyon Boulevard. The portion of Topanga Canyon Boulevard near the project site is an Eligible State Scenic Highway; however, it has not been officially designated by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).[2]

The project area is generally characterized by low-density residential uses and open spaces on the west side of Topanga Canyon Boulevard and to the south of Viewridge Road east of the Heidi Lane. Viewridge Road contains a landscaped median between Hodler Drive and just west of Heidi Lane. All project components would be located within the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways. All portions of the project site are owned and

1 Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. Draft Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan, October 2018. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/smmnap_plan-20181001.pdf, accessed July 8, 2019.

2 State of California Department of Transportation. *State Scenic Highway Program*. Available at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/scenic_highways/scenic_hwy.htm, accessed May 6, 2019.

maintained by the County with the exception of the construction staging area on the east side of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, which is located on Caltrans ROW. The project area is located in a rural outdoor lighting district,[3] which regulates uses of outdoor lighting for safety and security, promotes dark skies for enjoyment and health of humans and wildlife, and conserves energy and resources.[4]

## PEIR Checklist Analysis

### a. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

Scenic vistas are typically categorized as either panoramic views (visual access to a large geographic area) or focal views (visual access to a particular object, scene, setting, or feature of interest). The PEIR determined that impacts related to scenic vistas would be less than significant with mitigation, which requires aboveground structures be designed to be consistent with local zoning codes and minimize features that contrast with neighboring development.

As described above, the area surrounding the community which the project site is located in is characterized by scenic vistas that include the Santa Monica Mountains. However, the project site itself is not located within a scenic vista, and all construction activities would be located in the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways. Construction equipment may be staged along Topanga Canyon Boulevard along the east side adjacent to the existing wall but will not impede any homeowner or driver views which are located to the west of Topanga Canyon Boulevard. Further, given the temporary nature of construction, any construction-related impacts to scenic vistas would be considered less than significant, similar to the PEIR. The proposed project involves the installation of water quality BMPs and associated landscaping features in the project area. The only permanent above-ground components of the project would be a new landscaped median and two electrical cabinets that would house electrical equipment. Additionally, two temporary monitoring cabinets would be installed above ground to house monitoring equipment. These temporary cabinets would be removed after 3 to 5 years by County. The electrical and temporary monitoring cabinets would not block views of or toward the nearby canyon. Nonetheless, the proposed project would comply with mitigation measure AES-1 for the approved program, which requires aboveground structures be designed to be consistent with local zoning codes and minimize features that contrast with neighboring development. Similar to the approved program, impacts to scenic vistas would be less than significant with mitigation measure AES-1. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

AES-1 Aboveground structures shall be designed to be consistent with local zoning codes and applicable design guidelines and to minimize features that contrast with neighboring development.

[3] Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, GIS-NET, available online at: http://rpgis.isd.lacounty.gov/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=GISNET_Public.GIS-NET_Public, accessed July 8, 2019.

[4] Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. Overview of Rural Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/ord_outdoor-lighting-overview.pdf, accessed July 8, 2019.

**b. Would the project substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to scenic resources would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measure AES-1, which requires aboveground structures be designed to avoid obstructing scenic vistas or views from public vantage points. As described above, Topanga Canyon Boulevard is a County scenic highway; however, no construction would occur on Topanga Canyon Boulevard and although equipment will be staged within the Caltrans ROW, it will be located along the east side of the roadway and adjacent to an existing wall, and will not impede any homeowner or driver views towards the west. Further, given the temporary nature of construction, any construction-related impacts to scenic resources would be considered less than significant, similar to the PEIR. None of the roadways within the project site, including Viewridge Road, Hodler Drive, Voltaire Drive, or Chagall Road are designated state scenic highways. Therefore, no impact to scenic highways would occur. No mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to visual character and quality would be less than significant with mitigation which requires aboveground structures be designed to be consistent with local zoning codes and minimize features that contrast with neighboring development, and BMP maintenance plans be developed. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would introduce construction equipment to the project site, which would introduce contrasting features to the visual landscape. However, construction activities would be temporary and would result in less than significant impacts to visual character and quality. As previously discussed, the only permanent above-ground components of the proposed project would be a new landscaped median, two electrical cabinets that would house electrical equipment, and two temporary cabinets to house monitoring equipment. These temporary cabinets would be removed after 3 to 5 years. As discussed in the PEIR, small aboveground supporting ancillary facilities would have no significant effect on the visual character of the area. The proposed project would not block views of or toward the nearby canyon. Once operational, the County would maintain the BMPs. Consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure AES-2, which requires the development of a BMP maintenance plan that includes measures to ensure functionality of the structural BMPs for the life of the BMP. Similar to the approved program, impacts to visual character or scenic quality would be less than significant with mitigation measure AES-2. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

AES-2 Implementing agencies shall develop BMP maintenance plans that are approved concurrently with each structural BMP approval. The maintenance plans must include measures to ensure functionality of the structural BMPs for the life of the BMP. These plans may include general

maintenance guidelines that apply to a number of smaller distributed BMPs.

**d. Would the project create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?**

The PEIR determined that impacts associated with light and glare would be less than significant. Consistent with the approved program, no nighttime work is anticipated that would require nighttime lighting during construction outside of the hours established by the County's noise ordinance (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). The proposed project would not include new street lighting along the roadways. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts associated with light and glare, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

Under the 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist, threshold (c) of the 2015 checklist has been expanded to consider a project's potential to conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality if the project is located in an urbanized area. As previously discussed in Section 2.3, the project site is located in a low-density residential neighborhood surrounded by open space areas used for recreation, and is within the Topanga Canyon subwatershed, which is largely undeveloped. Nonetheless, there is some low-density residential development in the project area. The locations of the project components would be limited to the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways. As discussed in the above assessment, mitigation measure AES-1 would ensure that aboveground structures proposed by the project be consistent with local zoning codes and applicable design guidelines and designed in a manner which minimizes features that contrast with neighboring development. Therefore, impacts related to scenic quality under the updated Appendix G checklist would be less than significant with implementation of the proposed project. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on aesthetics, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

AES-1 Refer to mitigation measure language above.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **II. AIR QUALITY.** Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the Project: | | | | | |
| a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the Project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

This analysis is based on the Air Quality Impact Assessment prepared for the proposed project (Appendix A). Air quality is characterized by ambient air concentrations of seven specific pollutants identified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to be of concern with respect to health and welfare of the general public. These specific pollutants, known as "criteria air pollutants," are pollutants for which the federal and State governments have established ambient air quality standards, or criteria, for outdoor concentrations to protect public health. The federal ambient concentration criteria are known as the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and the California ambient concentration criteria are referred to as the California Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS). Federal criteria air

pollutants include ground-level ozone ($O_3$), nitrogen oxides ($NO_X$), carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur oxides ($SO_X$), respirable particulate matter ten microns or less in diameter ($PM_{10}$), fine particulate matter 2.5 microns or less in diameter ($PM_{2.5}$), and lead (Pb).

The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over a total area of 10,743 square miles, consisting of the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB), which comprises 6,745 square miles including Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, and the Riverside County portion of the Salton Sea and Mojave Desert Air Basins.

The project site is located in the unincorporated community of Topanga, which is situated in the SCAB portion of Los Angeles County and is within the jurisdiction of the SCAQMD. Sensitive receptors within the project area include single-family residences located adjacent to proposed construction activities.

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to consistency with air quality plans would be less than significant. The following analysis addresses the consistency with applicable SCAQMD and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) policies, including the SCAQMD's 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and growth projections within the SCAG's 2016–2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). In accordance with the procedures established in the SCAQMD's CEQA Air Quality Handbook, the following criteria are required to be addressed in order to determine the consistency with applicable SCAQMD and SCAG policies:

- Would the project result in any of the following?
  - An increase in the frequency or severity of existing air quality violations; or
  - Cause or contribute to new air quality violations; or
  - Delay timely attainment of air quality standards or the interim emission reductions specified in the AQMP.
- Would the project exceed the assumptions utilized in preparing the AQMP?
  - Is the project consistent with the population and employment growth projections upon which AQMP forecasted emission levels are based;
  - Does the project include air quality mitigation measures; or
  - To what extent is project development consistent with the AQMP land use policies?

With respect to the first criterion, as discussed below, localized concentrations of nitrogen dioxide as $NO_X$, CO, $PM_{10}$, and $PM_{2.5}$ have been analyzed for the proposed project. Sulfur dioxide ($SO_2$) emissions, assessed as $SO_X$ within the SCAQMD thresholds, would be negligible during construction, and, therefore, would not have the potential to cause or affect a violation of the $SO_2$ ambient air quality standard. Since volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are not a criteria pollutant, there is no ambient standard or localized threshold for VOCs. Due to the role VOCs play in ozone

formation, it is classified as a precursor pollutant, and only a regional emissions threshold has been established.

$NO_2$, CO, $PM_{10}$, and $PM_{2.5}$ emissions were analyzed in order to: (1) ascertain potential effects on localized concentrations; and (2) determine if there is a potential for such emissions to cause or affect a violation of the ambient air quality standards. Localized emissions would not exceed the SCAQMD-recommended localized thresholds.

With respect to the determination of consistency with AQMP growth assumptions, the projections in the AQMP for achieving air quality goals are based on assumptions in SCAG's 2016–2040 RTP/SCS regarding population, housing, and growth trends. Determining whether or not a project exceeds the assumptions reflected in the AQMP involves the evaluation of three criteria: (1) consistency with applicable population, housing, and employment growth projections; (2) project mitigation measures; and (3) appropriate incorporation of AQMP land use planning strategies. The following discussion provides an analysis with respect to each of these three criteria.

- Is the project consistent with the population, housing, and employment growth projections upon which AQMP forecasted emission levels are based?

Implementation of the proposed project would not introduce new land uses to the project area, and therefore population, housing, and employment projections for the region would not be affected. The proposed project would not have any potential to result in growth that would exceed the projections incorporated into the AQMP or the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS.

- Does the project implement feasible air quality mitigation measures?

The proposed project would comply with all applicable regulatory standards (e.g., SCAQMD Rules 402 and 403) as required by the SCAQMD. As demonstrated in this analysis, the proposed project would not result in significant air quality impacts and no mitigation measures are required to reduce emissions. As such, the proposed project meets this AQMP consistency criterion.

- To what extent is project development consistent with the land use policies set forth by the County of Los Angeles?

The proposed project would be consistent with the Los Angeles County 2035 General Plan, which does not address air quality emissions associated with stormwater infrastructure improvements. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would not interfere with air pollution control measures listed in the 2016 AQMP and would not conflict with the goals of the General Plan Air Quality Element.

Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**b. Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or project air quality violation?**

The PEIR determined that, for BMPs that may result in significant air emissions, mitigation measures AIR-1 and AIR-2 would be required to reduce construction emissions to less than significant levels. As discussed in the PEIR, impacts from construction emissions would remain significant and unavoidable for some of the larger projects as there are no other feasible mitigation measures available to reduce these impacts at this program level; impacts from operational emissions would be less than significant.

Construction of the proposed project would have a potentially significant air quality impact under this criterion if maximum daily emissions of any regulated pollutant exceeded the applicable SCAQMD air quality significance thresholds presented in Table 1. Daily emissions of regulated pollutants were quantified for each phase of construction activity. The estimate of fugitive dust emissions account for Rule 403 compliance. Examples of Rule 403 compliance include: a) All exposed areas will be frequently watered to reduce the generation of dust, and b) Vehicle speed of construction vehicles/equipment in exposed areas (i.e., unpaved access) shall be reduced to reduce the generation of dust.

**Table 1. SCAQMD Air Quality Significance Thresholds – Mass Daily Emissions**

| Pollutant | VOC | $NO_X$ | CO | $SO_X$ | $PM_{10}$ | $PM_{2.5}$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Regional Threshold (lb/day) | 75 | 100 | 550 | 150 | 150 | 55 |
| Localized Threshold (lb/day) | -- | 147 | 827 | -- | 6 | 4 |

Note: LST values selected for two-acre daily disturbance based on equipment inventory and 25-meter receptor distance in SRA 2.
Source: SCAQMD, 2019.

Table 2 shows a comparison of the maximum daily emissions during each phase of construction to the applicable SCAQMD air quality significance thresholds. Maximum daily emissions of air pollutants that would be generated by proposed project construction activities would not exceed any applicable regional or localized threshold values.

**Table 2. Estimated Daily Construction Emissions**

| Phase | Daily Emissions (Pounds Per Day) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | VOC | $NO_X$ | CO | $SO_X$ | $PM_{10}$ | $PM_{2.5}$ |
| **Site Preparation** | | | | | | |
| On-Site Emissions | 0.6 | 6.1 | 7.0 | <0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Off-Site Emissions | 0.2 | 5.9 | 1.7 | <0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| *Total* | *0.9* | *12.0* | *8.7* | *<0.1* | *0.9* | *0.5* |
| **Grading** | | | | | | |
| On-Site Emissions | 1.0 | 10.9 | 5.3 | <0.1 | 3.8 | 2.2 |
| Off-Site Emissions | 0.2 | 5.9 | 1.9 | <0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| *Total* | *1.2* | *16.8* | *13.1* | *<0.1* | *1.1* | *0.8* |
| **Building Construction** | | | | | | |
| On-Site Emissions | 1.3 | 10.6 | 11.2 | <0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Off-Site Emissions | 0.3 | 5.9 | 1.9 | <0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| *Total* | *1.6* | *16.5* | *13.1* | *<0.1* | *1.1* | *0.8* |

**Table 2. Estimated Daily Construction Emissions**

| Phase | Daily Emissions (Pounds Per Day) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | VOC | $NO_X$ | CO | $SO_X$ | $PM_{10}$ | $PM_{2.5}$ |
| **Regional Analysis** | | | | | | |
| Maximized Regional Daily Emissions | **1.6** | **16.8** | **13.1** | **<0.1** | **4.3** | **2.3** |
| Regional Significance Threshold | 75 | 100 | 550 | 150 | 150 | 55 |
| Exceed Regional Threshold? | **No** | **No** | **No** | **No** | **No** | **No** |
| **Localized Analysis** | | | | | | |
| Maximized Localized Daily Emissions | **--** | **10.9** | **11.2** | **--** | **3.8** | **2.2** |
| Localized Significance Threshold | -- | 147 | 827 | -- | 6 | 4 |
| Exceed Localized Threshold? | **--** | **No** | **No** | **--** | **No** | **No** |

Source: TAHA, 2019.

The proposed project would result in less than significant impacts, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the Project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?**

The PEIR determined a significant and unavoidable impact related to cumulative emissions even with implementation of mitigation measures AIR-1 and AIR-2. Mitigation measure AIR-1 requires the use of low-emission equipment meeting Tier II emissions standards at a minimum, and mitigation measure AIR-2 requires contractors use lower-emission equipment where appropriate.

The SCAB is designated as nonattainment of the CAAQS and NAAQS for $O_3$, $PM_{10}$, and $PM_{2.5}$. Therefore, there is an ongoing regional cumulative impact associated with these air pollutants. Taking into account the existing environmental conditions, the SCAQMD propagated guidance that an individual project can emit allowable quantities of these pollutants on a regional scale without significantly contributing to the cumulative impacts. As discussed above and shown in Table 2, air pollutant emissions associated with construction of the proposed project would not exceed any applicable SCAQMD air quality thresholds of significance. Despite the region being in nonattainment of the ambient air quality standards for $O_3$, $PM_{10}$, and $PM_{2.5}$, the SCAQMD does not consider individual project emissions of lesser magnitude than the mass daily thresholds to be cumulatively considerable. The proposed project would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of nonattainment pollutants. Therefore, the impact would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?**

The PEIR determined that for large construction efforts, impacts related to sensitive receptors would be less than significant with mitigation, which requires a project-specific localized significance threshold (LST) analysis to be conducted where

necessary to determine local health impacts to neighboring land uses. The mitigation further requires that the project reduce its daily construction intensity to a level where the project's construction emissions would no longer exceed the SCAQMD's LST or result in pollutant emissions that would cause or contribute to an exceedance of the most stringent applicable federal or state ambient air quality standards.

The SCAQMD devised its LST values to prevent the occurrence of localized hot spots of criteria pollutant concentrations at sensitive receptor locations surrounding the project site. The LST values were determined using emissions modeling based on ambient air quality measured throughout the SCAB. If maximum daily emissions remain below the LST values during construction activities, it is highly unlikely that air pollutant concentrations in ambient air would reach substantial levels sufficient to create public health concerns for sensitive receptors. As shown in Table 2, maximum daily emissions of criteria pollutants and $O_3$ precursors from sources located on the project site would not exceed any applicable LST values. Therefore, construction of the proposed project would not result in exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial concentrations of criteria pollutants.

With regards to emissions of air toxics, carcinogenic risks, and non-carcinogenic hazards, the use of heavy-duty construction equipment and haul trucks during construction activities would release diesel PM to the atmosphere through exhaust emissions. Diesel PM is a known carcinogen, and extended exposure to elevated concentrations of diesel PM can increase excess cancer risks in individuals. However, carcinogenic risks are typically assessed over timescales of several years to decades, as the carcinogenic dose response is cumulative in nature. Short term exposures to diesel PM would have to involve extremely high concentrations in order to exceed the SCAQMD Air Quality Significance Threshold of 10 excess cancers per million.

Over the course of construction activities, average diesel PM emissions from on-site equipment would be approximately 0.52 pounds per day on workdays, and 0.38 pounds per day including non-workdays. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that diesel PM concentrations would be of any public health concern during the nine-month construction period, and diesel PM emissions would cease upon completion of construction activities. Therefore, the impact would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**e. Would the project create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to odors would be less than significant with mitigation, which requires agencies to prepare and implement maintenance plans for all BMPs installed (refer to mitigation measure AES-2 in the Aesthetics section), and assess the potential for nuisance odors. The analysis contained herein is consistent with mitigation measure AIR-4 of the PEIR, which requires an assessment for the potential for nuisance odors, and prioritizes BMPs that minimize odors when in close proximity to sensitive receptors. Potential sources that may emit odors during construction activities include equipment exhaust. Odors from these sources would be localized and generally confined to the immediate area surrounding the proposed project. The proposed project would utilize typical construction techniques, and the

odors would be typical of most construction sites and temporary in nature. During operation, the proposed project is not anticipated to generate odors. Therefore, similar to the approved program, impacts related to odors would be less than significant with mitigation measures AES-2 and AIR-4. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

AES-2 Refer to mitigation measure AES-2 in Section I - Aesthetics.

AIR-4 During planning of structural BMPs, implementing agencies shall assess the potential for nuisance odors to affect a substantial number of people. BMPs that minimize odors shall be considered the priority when in close proximity to sensitive receptors.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist no longer includes threshold (b) of the 2015 checklist as part of the impact analysis for air quality. All other thresholds remain as written in the 2015 checklist version and no new thresholds have been added to this checklist section. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on air quality, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **III. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **III. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

This analysis is based on the Biological and Water Resources Reviews prepared for the proposed project (Appendix B). The California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB)[5] and the California Native Plant Society's (CNPS) on-line Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California[6] were reviewed for the most recent distribution information for special-status plant and wildlife species and sensitive natural communities within the Canoga Park quadrangle and surrounding eight quadrangles. Additionally, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC) on-line environmental review process[7] was queried for the project area. On April 30, 2019, a field assessment of the project site was conducted to review the locations of the proposed project elements and document existing biological resources that occur or have the potential to occur on-site.

*Environmental Setting:*

The project site comprises several locations along and near Viewridge Road between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Summit Pointe Drive. Work associated with the proposed project would occur on Viewridge Road, Hodler Drive, Chagall Road, and Voltaire Drive. Topanga Canyon Creek and riparian habitat along it occur approximately 150 feet south of

5 CDFW. 2019. California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB). Full condensed report for Canoga Park, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, San Fernando, Malibu Beach, Topanga, Santa Susana, Oat Mountain, and Van Nuys quadrangles. Generated July 26, 2019.

6 CNPS. 2019. Rare Plant Program. Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants (online edition, v8-02). California Native Plant Society. Sacramento, CA. Available at http://www.cnps.org/inventory. Accessed July 26, 2019.

7 USFWS. 2019. Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC). Available at https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/. Accessed November 28, 2018.

Viewridge Boulevard; however, no elements of the project coincide with the stream and riparian habitat.

Vegetation Communities and Plants. No native plant communities occur where proposed project elements would be installed. Plants occurring around the project elements are generally common southern California ornamental species associated with residential development, including native and nonnative trees and shrubs such as pine, palm, eucalyptus, cypress, olive, oak, pepper, and bottle-brush trees.

Wildlife. Wildlife species observed within the project site and surrounding area included California towee (*Melozone crissalis*), house finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*), house wren (*Troglodytes aedon*), collared dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*), rock pigeon (*Columba livia*), western gull (*Larus occidentalis*), Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), red-shouldered hawk (*Buteo lineatus*), turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*), desert cottontail (*Sylvilagus audubonii*), western fence lizard (*Sceloporus occidentalis*), and alligator lizard (*Elgaria multicarinata*).

Wildlife Corridors. The project site is located in a developed area and does not coincide with an established regional wildlife corridor, nor does the project area likely serve as a significant local corridor. Riparian habitat occurring along Topanga Canyon Creek south of Viewridge Road may provide a corridor for local movement between the project area and the coastline approximately 6.5 miles to the south, and open/green space between the project and coastline. The riparian corridor likely provides suitable opportunities for wildlife cover, resting, foraging, and nesting. Ornamental trees surrounding the project elements may also provide some opportunities for cover, resting, foraging, and nesting to localized bird populations; however, they do not provide functions as a significant wildlife movement corridor.

Special-Status Plant Species.

A total of 54 special-status plant species were identified from a search of the CNDDB[8] (CDFW 2019a) and CNPS[9] databases for the Canoga Park and surrounding eight quadrangles, and from the IPaC environmental review.[10] Fifteen plant species identified from the CNDDB, CNPS inventory, and IPaC are protected under Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) and/or California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

No historical records of any special-status plant species coincide directly with the project; however, two records in the CNDDB coincide with Topanga Canyon Creek, which lies just west of the project, along the west side of Topanga Canyon Road. Included are a record of Braunton's milk-vetch and white-veined monardella (*Monardella hypoleuca ssp. hypoleuca*; CRPR 1B.3), both of which stretch along Topanga Canyon Creek from the project area south for approximately 6.5 miles to the canyon's estuary at the coastline. Records of Santa Monica dudleya and slender mariposa-lily (*Calochortus clavatus var. gracilis*; CRPR 1B.2) also

8 CDFW. 2019. California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB). Full condensed report for Canoga Park, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, San Fernando, Malibu Beach, Topanga, Santa Susana, Oat Mountain, and Van Nuys quadrangles. Generated July 26, 2019.

9 CNPS. 2019. Rare Plant Program. Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants (online edition, v8-02). California Native Plant Society. Sacramento, CA. Available at http://www.cnps.org/inventory. Accessed July 26, 2019.

10 USFWS. 2019. Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC). Available at https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/. Accessed November 28, 2018.

coincide with Topanga Canyon Creek; however, these occurrences are from four miles south of the project.

No USFWS-designed critical habitat for plants listed under the FESA coincide with the project site. The nearest critical habitat is for Braunton's milk-vetch, which lies nearly 4 miles southeast of the project, in the vicinity of Santa Ynez Reservoir. Additional critical habitat areas for the species occurs 7 plus miles to the northwest, in the Simi Hills. Additionally, numerous critical habitat areas for Lyon's pentachaeta occur 10 plus miles west of the project, in the vicinity of the unincorporated community of Cornell.[11]

No plant species listed under FESA or CESA, or any non-listed special-status plants were observed during the survey. Cooper's hawk, observed flying over the project area during the field survey, is designated by CDFW as a Watch List species. No other special-status wildlife species were observed during the survey.

Special-Status Wildlife Species.

A total of 52 special-status wildlife species were identified from a search of the CNDDB[12] database for the Canoga Park and surrounding eight quadrangles, and the IPaC.[13] Fifteen wildlife species identified during reviews of the CNDDB and IPaC are protected under FESA and/or CESA.

No historical records of any special-status wildlife species coincide directly with the project site; however, wildlife records from within Topanga Canyon, from approximately three miles downstream of the project site south to the coastline, were identified in the CNDDB. Included are records of southern California steelhead (federally-listed endangered), western pond turtle (*Emys marmorata*; SSC), two-striped garter snake (*Thamnophis hammondii*; SSC), Crotch bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*; tracked in CNDDB), San Bernardino ringnecked snake (*Diadophis punctatus modestus*; tracked in CNDDB), and Gertsch's socalchemmis spider (*Socalchemmis gertschi*; tracked in CNDDB).

No USFWS-designated critical habitat for wildlife listed under FESA coincides with the project. Critical habitat occurs approximately 3.5 miles south of the project along Topanga Canyon Creek for southern California steelhead Distinct Population Segment and approximately 6.5 miles south of the project within the canyon's estuary for tidewater goby (federally-listed endangered).[14]

No wildlife species listed under FESA or CESA were observed during the survey. Cooper's hawk, observed flying over the project area during the field survey, is designated by CDFW

[11] USFWS. 2018. Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS). Critical Habitat Portal. Available at http://ecos.fws.gov/crithab/. Accessed November 28, 2018.
[12] CDFW. 2019. California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB). Full condensed report for Canoga Park, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, San Fernando, Malibu Beach, Topanga, Santa Susana, Oat Mountain, and Van Nuys quadrangles. Generated July 26, 2019.
[13] USFWS. 2019. Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC). Available at https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/. Accessed November 28, 2018.
[14] USFWS. 2018. Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS). Critical Habitat Portal. Available at http://ecos.fws.gov/crithab/. Accessed November 28, 2018.

as a Watch List species. No other special-status wildlife species were observed during the survey.

Sensitive Natural Communities. Sensitive natural communities are those that are designated as rare in the region by the CNDDB, support special-status plant or wildlife species, or receive regulatory protection (i.e., §404 of the Clean Water Act and/or §1600 et seq. of the California Fish and Game Code [CFGC]). Rare communities are given the highest inventory priority.[15,16] (Holland 1986, CDFW 2010). Thirteen sensitive natural communities have been documented in the Canoga Park and surrounding eight quadrangles,[17] including: California Walnut Woodland, Riversidian Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub, Southern California Coastal Lagoon, Southern California Steelhead Stream, Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest, Southern Mixed Riparian Forest, Southern Willow Scrub, Cismontane Alkali Marsh, Southern Coastal Salt Marsh, Southern Sycamore Alder Riparian Woodland, Southern Cottonwood Willow Riparian Forest, Valley Needlegrass Grassland, and Valley Oak Woodland.

Based on the field survey, these communities, or any other sensitive natural communities, do not coincide with the project site. Natural habitats have been disturbed by urban development and are no longer present. Sensitive riparian habitat in the form of Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest occurs outside the project footprint along Topanga Canyon Creek, approximately 150 feet south of Viewridge Road.

No streams or wetlands coincide directly with the project footprint; however, as previously introduced, Topanga Canyon Creek occurs just south of Viewridge Road. The creek lies within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area and has a Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) of 180701040401, which is contained in the Watershed Boundary Dataset, the most recent HUC delineation effort completed by the US Geological Survey.[18] With direct hydrology to the Pacific Ocean, the creek falls under the jurisdiction of the US Army Corps of Engineers, with CDFW and the LARWQCB exert State jurisdiction over the creek.

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to special status species would be less than significant with mitigation. Mitigation measure BIO-1 for the approved program requires that implementing agencies evaluate the suitability of potential BMP sites for their potential to impact valued habitats such as oak woodland and riparian willow forests. Mitigation measures BIO-2 through BIO-8 for the approved program require

15 Holland, R. 1986. Preliminary Descriptions of the Terrestrial Natural Communities of California. California Department of Fish and Game, The Resources Agency. 156 pp.

16 CDFW. 2010. List of California Terrestrial Natural Communities Recognized by the Natural Diversity Data Base. Natural Heritage Division. The Resources Agency. September. Available at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/vegcamp/pdfs/natcomlist.pdf. Accessed July 18, 2016.

17 CDFW. 2019. California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB). Full condensed report for Canoga Park, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, San Fernando, Malibu Beach, Topanga, Santa Susana, Oat Mountain, and Van Nuys quadrangles. Generated July 26, 2019.

18 U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). 2018. Hydrologic Unit Maps. Available at https://water.usgs.gov/GIS/huc.html. Accessed December 3, 2018.

impact characterization, minimization and compensation for impacts to highly valued habitats in consultation with the USFWS and CDFW.

Special-Status Plant Species. Individual special-status plant species could be damaged or destroyed from crushing or trampling during construction activities; however, no federal or State-listed plant species were identified within the project site and the proposed project would be implemented within the footprint of existing paved roadways. As a result, special-status plants are not expected to coincide with project elements due to a lack of suitable habitat. Since no special-status plants were observed during the field survey and the site is not suitable for them, significant direct impacts to special-status plants are not anticipated.

Indirect impacts to special-status plant species occurring outside the project site could result from construction-related habitat loss and modification of sensitive natural communities related to dust, noise, stormwater runoff, and through the potential spread of noxious and invasive plant species into these communities. Such impacts would be considered significant. The riparian habitat south of Viewridge Road may provide suitable habitat for special-status plants; however, by implementing the BMP outlined above in Section 2.6, Construction Schedule and Procedures, related to fugitive dust and erosion control, the potential for indirect impacts to special-status plants occurring in the riparian habitat would be reduced. As a result, indirect impacts to special-status plants would be less than significant.

Special-Status Wildlife Species. The proposed project would be implemented within the footprint of existing paved roadways surrounded by residential development with ornamental vegetation. No native vegetation communities that may provide potentially suitable habitat for special-status wildlife species coincide with the project site. Southern Live Oak Riparian Forest habitat along Topanga Canyon Creek is potentially suitable for special-status wildlife species; however, no project activities would occur within the riparian habitat, and as a result, direct impacts to special-status wildlife and habitat that potentially supports such species would be avoided.

Four raptor species including, Cooper's hawk, red-tailed hawk, red shouldered hawk, and turkey vulture, were detected flying over the project area during the field visit. Trees potentially suitable for nesting raptors would not be removed by the project. However, similar to the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure BIO-5, requiring a qualified biologist conduct a pre-construction survey for breeding and nesting birds and raptors. With adherence to mitigation measure BIO-5, direct impacts to special-status and common raptor species during project implementation would be less than significant. Construction noise may, however, indirectly affect raptor species if they are present in the vicinity, causing them to change their behavior and move out of the area. If raptors are detected nesting in the vicinity of the project prior or during construction, noise-reduction measures may need to be implemented to reduce construction noise levels to acceptable levels, or work discontinued until the young have fledged. As discussed in the Noise section below, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure NOISE-1, which requires implementation of noise-reducing measures as well as notification to sensitive receptors. Similar to the approved program, by implementing BMPs presented in Section 2.6 above and adhering to avoidance and minimization measure BIO-5, indirect impacts to special-status and common raptor species are not anticipated and would be less than significant.

Ornamental trees in areas surrounding the project site provide potentially suitable nesting habitat for bird species. As a result, birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the CFGC have the potential to nest in the vicinity of where project elements would be constructed. Although no vegetation would be removed by the project, should construction occur during the nesting bird season, indirect impacts from construction noise, dust, increased human presence, and vibrations could significantly impact birds protected by the MBTA and CFGC Code, causing them to change their behavior and potentially move out of the area. Increased nestling mortality due to nest abandonment or decreased feeding frequency could occur, resulting in significant indirect impacts. By implementing the BMP presented in Section 2.6 above and by avoiding project construction during the nesting bird season, or adhering to mitigation measure BIO-5, the indirect impacts of construction on nesting birds and their associated habitat would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measure BIO-5. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

BIO-5 If construction and vegetation removal is proposed between February 1 and August 31, a qualified biologist shall conduct a pre-construction survey for breeding and nesting birds and raptors within 500-feet of the construction limits to determine and map the location and extent of breeding birds that could be affected by the project. Active nest sites located during the pre-construction surveys shall be avoided until the adults and young are no longer reliant on the nest site for survival as determined by a qualified biologist.

- *The pre-construction nesting survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within 3 days prior to the start of construction activities to determine whether active nests are present within or directly adjacent to the construction zone. All nests found shall be recorded.*

- *If construction activities must occur within 300 feet of an active nest of any passerine bird or within 500 feet of an active nest of any raptor, with the exception of an emergency, a qualified biologist shall monitor the nest on a weekly basis, and the activity shall be postponed until the biologist determines that the nest is no longer active.*

- *If the recommended nest avoidance zone is not feasible, the qualified biologist shall determine whether an exception is possible and obtain concurrence from the resource agencies before construction work can resume within the avoidance buffer zone. All work shall cease within the avoidance buffer zone until either agency concurrence is obtained or the biologist determines that the adults and young are no longer reliant on the nest site.*

The text in *italics* represent project-specific control measures tiered from Mitigation Measure BIO-5 in the PEIR.

**b. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to riparian habitat or other sensitive natural communities would be less than significant with mitigation. The proposed project would be implemented within the footprint of existing paved roadways surrounded by residential development with ornamental vegetation. Based on the Biological and Water Resources Reviews prepared for the proposed project, no native vegetation communities, sensitive natural communities, or sensitive aquatic habitats occur within or coincide with the project site. Additionally, no vegetation would be removed during project construction. Riparian habitat in the form of Southern Live Oak Riparian Forest occurs along Topanga Canyon Creek, approximately 150 feet south of Viewridge Road. The project would utilize existing stormwater outfalls that occur within the riparian habitat and discharge into Topanga Canyon Creek; however, no work associated with the project would occur at the discharge points. As a result, no direct impacts to natural vegetation communities would occur.

Indirect impacts to vegetation surrounding project elements and riparian habitat along Topanga Canyon Creek could include the accumulation of fugitive dust, and the colonization of nonnative, invasive plant species. Other indirect impacts could include an increase in the amount of compacted or modified surfaces that, if not controlled, could increase the potential for surface runoff, increased erosion, and sediment deposition beyond the proposed project's footprint. With implementation of the BMPs outlined in Section 2.6 above, related to fugitive dust and erosion control, potential significant indirect impacts to vegetation and riparian habitat are not anticipated. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?**

The PEIR determined that, for projects impacting native vegetation within jurisdictional drainages, impacts related wetland habitats would be less than significant with mitigation, which would ensure compliance with state and federal regulations relating to potentially jurisdictional features, including wash habitat vegetation that may fall under CDFW jurisdiction. As previously discussed, no streams or wetlands coincide directly with the project footprint; as such, no direct impacts to wetlands or riparian habitat would occur. The project would utilize existing stormwater outfalls that occur within the riparian habitat and discharge into Topanga Canyon Creek, just south of Viewridge Road; however, no work associated with the project would occur at the discharge points. As such, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Would the project interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to the implementation of the EWMP would be less than significant as they are not be expected to interfere with wildlife movement or any migratory corridor/linkage and would not be constructed within a native wildlife nursery site. The project area does not serve as a regional wildlife corridor. As a result, direct impacts to a regional wildlife movement corridor would not occur. Potential direct and indirect impacts related to birds protected by the MBTA and CFGC are discussed in threshold (a). Similar to the approved program, impacts related to wildlife movement corridors would be less than significant. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**e. Would the project conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources would be less than significant with mitigation requiring oak trees and other protected trees be avoided to the extent feasible, and obtaining required County or City permits if necessary. The project does not coincide with a SEA and no trees would be removed by the project. As such, the proposed project would not conflict with any local policies and ordinances that protect biological resources. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**f. Would the project conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?**

The PEIR determined that impacts regarding conflict with habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans would be less than significant. The proposed project is not located within a habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan area. As such, no impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist does not include any new or updated thresholds for biological resources in comparison to the 2015 checklist used to analyze the program in the PEIR. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on biological resources, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **IV. CULTURAL RESOURCES.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |

**Discussion:**

This analysis is based on the Cultural Resources Assessment prepared for the proposed project (Appendix C). The project site is located in an unincorporated area of Topanga in Township 1 North, Range 16 West, Section 30 on the Canoga Park (1952) 1:24000 U.S. Geologic Survey topographic map.

A records search was conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center on December 5, 2018, to evaluate the archaeological sensitivity of the project area for cultural resources. The purpose of this records search was to review previously recorded cultural resources and previous investigations completed within a 0.5-mile search radius of the project area. Information reviewed included location maps for all previously recorded trinomial and primary prehistoric and historic archaeological sites and isolates, site record forms and updates for all cultural resources previously identified, previous investigation boundaries and National Archaeological Database citations for associated reports, technical reports, historic maps, and historic addresses. The search reviewed lists of California Points of Historical Interest, California Historical Landmarks, and local city and county registries of historic properties. In addition, the Caltrans Historic Highway Bridge Inventory, the Historic Resources Inventory, the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR), and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) were consulted.

*Environmental Setting:*

The records search revealed that 17 archaeological studies have been undertaken within a 0.5-mile radius of the project area. Approximately 60 percent of the project footprint has been surveyed in previous studies. The records search identified 13 archaeological sites and five isolates within 0.5 mile of the project footprint. Ten of the resources are prehistoric sites, one site includes both prehistoric and historic components, and two sites are historic sites. The remaining five resources are prehistoric isolates.

Study of the California Office of Historic Preservation's Historic Resources Inventory focused on resources located within Woodland Hills. The Historic Resources Inventory lists no historic resources within 0.5 mile of the project footprint within Woodland Hills. A listing of California Points of Historical Interest identified no historic landmarks within 0.5 mile of the project footprint. A listing of California Historical Landmarks identified no historic landmarks within 0.5 mile of the project footprint. Study of the Caltrans Historic Bridge Inventory revealed that no historic state or local agency bridges are located within 0.5 mile of the project area (Caltrans 2015). Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments are sites that have been designated by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission as worthy of preservation based on their architectural, historic, and cultural merits. A search of the Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments found no monuments within 0.5 mile of the project area.

A Sacred Lands File search was conducted for the project area, and that the result of the search was negative. Additionally, a Native American contact program was conducted as part of the proposed project, which involves contacting Native American representatives identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) as potentially having knowledge about the project area, in order to solicit comments and concerns regarding the proposed project. Several Native American representatives stated that the area is sensitive for tribal cultural resources and recommended Native American and archaeological monitoring.

A field survey was conducted on July 23, 2019, as part of this assessment to identify the presence of any cultural resources in the proposed project area and to help determine the archaeological sensitivity for the project area. The majority of the project area is located on ridgetops. Geologically, these ridgetops have erosional regimes, and there is little visible naturally deposited soil. The entire project area shows numerous signs of recent disturbances including roadbuilding and the installation of utilities. No cultural resources were observed in any of the planned work locations.

The cultural resources archival research and survey did not identify any archaeological materials or historic buildings or structures within the project site. Based on the results of the archival research and survey, there is low potential that archaeological resources will be encountered during ground disturbing activities for the proposed project.

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to historic resources may be significant and unavoidable even with implementation of mitigation measures as it is possible that no mitigation may be available to maintain the historic integrity of the affected resource or its surroundings. The cultural resources archival research and survey conducted for

the proposed project indicated that there are no known historical resources coinciding with or in the vicinity of the project site. As such, no impact to historic built environment resources would occur.

The PEIR also determined that the proposed program has the potential to adversely affect archaeological resources and other cultural resources that qualify as historical resources. The cultural resources archival research and survey did not identify any archaeological materials within the project site. Nonetheless, the proposed project involves ground disturbance, which has the potential to impact previously undiscovered archaeological resources or other cultural resources. As such, the proposed project would implement mitigation measures CUL-2, CUL-3, and CUL-4. Mitigation measure CUL-2 requires projects with ground disturbance to conduct a Phase I cultural resources inventory by a qualified archaeologist and in consultation with the local Native American representatives expressing interest, and that archaeological resources encountered during the pedestrian archaeological survey be evaluated by the qualified archaeologist for their eligibility for listing in the CRHR and for significance as a historical resource or unique archaeological resource per CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. Mitigation measure CUL-3 requires archaeological monitors during ground disturbing activities that have the potential to impact archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources, as determined by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with the implementing agency, and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in the project. Mitigation measure CUL-4 requires construction work to stop in the vicinity should subsurface archaeological resources be discovered, and a qualified archaeologist be contacted to assess the significance of the find according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5, and in consultation with any local Native American groups expressing interest. As such, impacts related to historic resources would be less than significant with mitigation. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

CUL-2 Implementing agencies shall ensure that individual EWMP projects that require ground disturbance shall be subject to a Phase I cultural resources inventory on a project-specific basis prior to the implementing agency's approval of project plans. The study shall be conducted or supervised by a qualified archaeologist, defined as an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology, and shall be conducted in consultation with the local Native American representatives expressing interest. The cultural resources inventory shall include a cultural resources records search to be conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center; scoping with the NAHC and with interested Native Americans identified by the NAHC; a pedestrian archaeological survey where deemed appropriate by the qualified archaeologist; and formal recordation of all identified archaeological resources on California Department of Parks and Recreation 523 forms and significance evaluation of such resources presented in a technical report following the guidelines in Archaeological Resource Management Reports (ARMR): Recommended Contents and Format, Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation, State of California, 1990.

If potentially significant archaeological resources are encountered during the survey, the implementing agency shall require that the resources are evaluated by the qualified archaeologist for their eligibility for listing in the CRHR and for significance as a historical resource or unique archaeological resource per CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. Recommendations shall be made for treatment of these resources if found to be significant, in consultation with the implementing agency and the appropriate Native American groups for prehistoric resources. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3), preservation in place shall be the preferred manner of mitigation to avoid impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources. Methods of avoidance may include, but shall not be limited to, project reroute or redesign, project cancellation, or identification of protection measures such as capping or fencing. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C), if it is demonstrated that resources cannot be avoided, the qualified archaeologist shall develop additional treatment measures, which may include data recovery or other appropriate measures, in consultation with the implementing agency, and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in prehistoric or tribal resources. If an archaeological site does not qualify as an historical resource but meets the criteria for a unique archaeological resource as defined in Section 21083.2, then the site shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 21083.2.

CUL-3 The implementing agency shall retain archaeological monitors during ground-disturbing activities that have the potential to impact archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources, as determined by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with the implementing agency, and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in the project. Native American monitors shall be retained for projects that have a high potential to impact sensitive Native American resources, as determined by the implementing agency in coordination with the qualified archaeologist.

CUL-4 During project-level construction, should subsurface archaeological resources be discovered, all activity in the vicinity of the find shall stop and a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to assess the significance of the find according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. If any find is determined to be significant, the archaeologist shall determine, in consultation with the implementing agency and any local Native American groups expressing interest, appropriate avoidance measures or other appropriate mitigation. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3), preservation in place shall be the preferred means to avoid impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources. Methods of avoidance may include, but shall not be limited to, project reroute or redesign, project cancellation, or identification of protection measures such as capping or fencing. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C), if it is demonstrated that resources cannot be avoided, the qualified archaeologist shall develop additional treatment measures, such as data recovery or other appropriate measures, in consultation with the implementing agency and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in prehistoric or tribal resources. If an archaeological

site does not qualify as an historical resource but meets the criteria for a unique archaeological resource as defined in Section 21083.2, then the site shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 21083.2.

**b. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to archaeological resources would be less than significant with mitigation measures as known archaeological resources, as well as unknown and unrecorded archaeological resources may be unearthed during construction activities associated with implementation of structural BMPs. As such, the proposed project would implement mitigation measures CUL-3, and CUL-4, as further described in threshold (a) above. Consistent with mitigation measure CUL-1, a cultural resources inventory was conducted for the proposed project. The cultural resources archival research and survey did not identify any archaeological materials within the project site. Nonetheless, the proposed project would implement mitigation measures CUL-3 and CUL-4, as unknown and unrecorded archaeological resources may be unearthed during construction activities. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant with mitigation measures CUL-3 and CUL-4. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

CUL-3 Refer to mitigation measure language above.

CUL-4 Refer to mitigation measure language above.

**c. Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to inadvertent discovery of paleontological resources would be less than significant with mitigation measures, which require evaluation of the sensitivity of the project site for paleontological resources and paleontological monitoring during construction, if necessary. No unique geologic features are located within the project site.[19] Additionally, no known paleontological resources are located within the project site and the area has been previously disturbed with development along the Viewridge Road ROW and surrounding roadways in the project area.[20] Although not expected to occur, the proposed project would implement mitigation measures CUL-5, requiring evaluation of the sensitivity of the project site for paleontological resources, and CUL-6, requiring paleontological monitoring during construction, if necessary, consistent with the approved program. Similar to the approved program, impacts to paleontological resources would be less than significant with mitigation measures CUL-5 and CUL-6. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

19 Los Angeles County Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division. *Geotechnical Investigation for the Topanga Viewridge Super Greenstreets Project*, August 2016.

20 County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning. County of Los Angeles General Plan, Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan. 2000. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/pd_smm.pdf, accessed May 7, 2019.

CUL-5 For individual structural BMP projects that require ground disturbance, the implementing agency shall evaluate the sensitivity of the project site for paleontological resources. If deemed necessary, the implementing agency shall retain a qualified paleontologist to evaluate the project and provide recommendations regarding additional work, potentially including testing or construction monitoring.

CUL-6 In the event that paleontological resources are discovered during construction, the implementing agency shall notify a qualified paleontologist. The paleontologist will evaluate the potential resource, assess the significance of the find, and recommend further actions to protect the resource.

**d. Would the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to the discovery of human remains would be less than significant with mitigation, which requires that work in the vicinity of the find shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted to evaluate the remains. No known burial sites are located within the project site and the area has been previously disturbed with development along the Viewridge Road ROW and surrounding roadways in the project area. Although not expected, human remains could be encountered during construction. Consistent with mitigation measure CUL-7 in the PEIR, in the event that any human remains or related resources are discovered, such resources would be treated in accordance with state and local regulations and guidelines for disclosure, recovery, relocation, and preservation, as appropriate, including CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(e)(1). If human remains are discovered, they will require evaluation by the county coroner as to the nature of the remains. If the remains are determined to be of Native American origin, the NAHC shall be contacted and a Most Likely Descendent identified. Similar to the approved program, impacts related to the discovery of human remains would be less than significant with mitigation measure CUL-7. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

CUL-7 The implementing agency shall require that, if human remains are uncovered during project construction, work in the vicinity of the find shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted to evaluate the remains, following the procedures and protocols set forth in Section 15064.5 (e)(1) of the CEQA Guidelines. If the County Coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the Coroner will contact the Native American Heritage Commission, in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5, subdivision (c), and Public Resources Code 5097.98 (as amended by AB 2641). The NAHC will then designate a Most Likely Descendant of the deceased Native American, who will engage in consultation to determine the disposition of the remains.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist no longer includes threshold (c) of the 2015 checklist as part of the impact analysis for cultural resources; rather, this threshold is analyzed in regard to Geologic and Mineral Resources and a discussion of the threshold is included in Section V below. All other thresholds are unchanged and no new thresholds have been added to the current checklist regarding cultural resources. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on cultural resources, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **V. GEOLOGIC AND MINERAL RESOURCES.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| ii. Strong seismic ground shaking? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| iv. Landslides? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the Project, and potentially result in on-or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **V. GEOLOGIC AND MINERAL RESOURCES.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| f. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state or a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local General Plan, Specific Plan, or other land use plan? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

The project site is located in the unincorporated community of Topanga surrounded by steep mountains, rolling hills, and canyons. The Santa Monica Mountains is a major topographical feature of the area. The common rock types underlying the surface soil in the area are poorly-cemented sedimentary rock, and fine-grained or indurated (cemented) soil and bedrock formations. These common rock units are unstable, particularly in earthquakes and under wet conditions. Clay rich soils found throughout the Santa Monica Mountains are subject to shrink-swell behavior, which has implications for the structural integrity of slopes, buildings, and foundations.[21] Based on the geotechnical investigation conducted for the project site, the geologic units observed in the area of the proposed project include artificial fill and siltstone and sandstone bedrock. The siltstone and sandstone bedrock is a member of the upper Miocene Monterey Formation, which is also known as the Modelo Formation (bedrock). [22]

[21] Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. Draft Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan, October 2018. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/smmnap_plan-20181001.pdf, accessed July 19, 2019.

[22] Los Angeles County Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division. *Geotechnical Investigation for the Topanga Viewridge Super Greenstreets Project*, August 2016.

The project site and all of southern California is considered to be a seismically active region. The region has numerous active, potentially active, and inactive faults. California Geological Survey's Earthquake Zones of Required Investigation of the Canoga Park Quadrangle that includes the project site, shows Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones and Seismic Hazards Zone. The Project site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Special Study Zone Area.[23] The Santa Monica Fault and Malibu Coast Fault is located to the south of the project site and the Chatsworth Fault is to the north.

In the event of an earthquake, fault rupture and seismic groundshaking could be experienced in the project area, as is typical throughout Southern California. The seismic groundshaking could trigger seismically induced liquefaction, landslides, or other slope failure.

Liquefaction involves the sudden loss in strength of saturated, cohesionless soil caused by the build-up of pore water pressure during cyclic loading, such as produced by an earthquake. Liquefaction can cause vertical and lateral ground displacements, slope instability, lateral spreading, and bearing failure. The project site and surrounding area are not located within an area determined to be susceptible to liquefaction.[24]

Strong ground shaking can cause the densification of soils, resulting in local or regional settlement of the ground surface. During strong ground shaking, soil grains may become more tightly packed due to the collapse of voids or pore spaces. This type of failure typically occurs in loose, granular, cohesionless soil and can occur in either wet or dry conditions. As the project site is not located in an area identified as being susceptible to liquefaction, the risk of seismically-induced settlement at the project site is considered low.

Landslides occur when masses of rock, earth, or debris move down slope. Landslides are caused by disturbances in the natural stability of a slope. They can accompany heavy rains or follow droughts, earthquakes, or volcanic eruptions. A small area in the western portion of the Project site is located within an Earthquake-Induced Landslide Zone.[25]

Collapsible soils consist of loose dry materials that collapse and compact under the addition of water or excessive loading. Collapsible soils are prevalent throughout the southwestern United States, specifically in areas of young alluvial fans. Soil collapse occurs when the land surface is saturated at depths greater than those reached by typical rain events. As previously discussed, the project site is primarily underlain by artificial fill and siltstone and sandstone bedrock.

Land subsidence is the loss of surface elevation due to the removal of subsurface support. Land subsidence is caused by activities that contribute to the loss of support materials within the underlying soils, such as agricultural practices or the overdraft of an aquifer. The uses at the project site do not include the types of activities that would contribute to the loss of subsurface support.

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23 State of California Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey. Seismic Hazard Zone Report for the Canoga Park 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, 1997. Available at: https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/regulatorymaps/, accessed May 1, 2019.

24 State of California Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey. Seismic Hazard Zone Report for the Canoga Park 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, 1997. Available at: https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/regulatorymaps/, accessed May 1, 2019.

25 State of California Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey. Seismic Hazard Zone Report for the Canoga Park 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, 1997. Available at: https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/regulatorymaps/, accessed May 1, 2019.

Mineral resources include commercially viable oil and gas deposits, and nonfuel mineral resources deposits. Nonfuel mineral resources include metals such as gold, silver, iron, and copper; industrial metals such as boron compounds, rare-earth elements, clays, limestone, gypsum, salt, and dimension stone; and construction aggregate, including sand, gravel, and crushed stone. Mineral resource zones are mapped by the County in the Los Angeles County General Plan; the North Santa Monica Bay EWMP does not contain any mineral resources zones.[26]

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:**

**(i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to seismic hazards would be less than significant. The Project site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Special Study Zone Area.[27] Nonetheless, the proposed project would be designed and constructed in accordance with the latest version of the applicable federal, state, and local codes relative to seismic criteria, including the current California Building Code and County of Los Angeles Low Impact Development Standards. Furthermore, the proposed project does not include the development of any habitable structures. Similar to the approved program, compliance with existing regulations would ensure a less than significant impact related to fault rupture, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**(ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to seismic hazards would be less than significant. The project site is located within the seismically active southern California region, and like all locations within the area, is subject to strong seismic ground shaking. However, as discussed in Section (a)(i) above, the proposed project would be designed and constructed in accordance with the latest version of the applicable federal, state, and local codes relative to seismic criteria. Additionally, the proposed project does not include the development of any habitable structures. Similar to the approved program, compliance with existing regulations would ensure a less than significant impact from strong seismic ground shaking, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR;

[26] Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. Figure 9.6, Mineral Resources. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp_2035_2014-FIG_9-6_mineral_resources.pdf, accessed July 19, 2019.

[27] State of California Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey. Seismic Hazard Zone Report for the Canoga Park 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, 1997. Available at: https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/regulatorymaps/, accessed May 1, 2019.

no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**(iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to seismic hazards would be less than significant. The project site and surrounding area are not located within an area determined to be susceptible to liquefaction.[28] Additionally, the proposed project does not include the development of any habitable structures. As such, implementation of the proposed project would not expose people or structures to adverse effects due to seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**(iv) Landslides?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to seismic hazards would be less than significant. A small area in the western portion of the Project site is located within an Earthquake-Induced Landslide Zone.[29] All proposed BMP facilities would be constructed to meet county standards for slope stability factors of safety.[30] Similar to the approved program, compliance with existing regulations would ensure a less than significant impact, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**b. Would the project result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to soil erosion would be less than significant with compliance with BMPs identified in the Los Angeles County MS4 permit. Construction activities for the proposed project would expose soils for a limited time, allowing for possible erosion. During construction, transport of sediments from the project site would be prevented through the use of appropriate erosion control BMPs, as listed in Section 1.6, including implementation of Rule 403 dust control measures, as required by SCAQMD. Similar to the approved program, implementation of erosion control BMPs would ensure that soil erosion impacts during construction of the proposed project would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

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28 State of California Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey. Seismic Hazard Zone Report for the Canoga Park 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, 1997. Available at: https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/regulatorymaps/, accessed May 1, 2019.

29 State of California Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey. Seismic Hazard Zone Report for the Canoga Park 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, 1997. Available at: https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/regulatorymaps/, accessed May 1, 2019.

30 Los Angeles County Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division. *Geotechnical Investigation for the Topanga Viewridge Super Greenstreets Project*, August 2016.

**c. Would the project be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the Project, and potentially result in on-or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to soil stability would be less than significant with mitigation, which requires a geotechnical investigation of each infiltration BMP site to evaluate infiltration suitability. As discussed in Sections (a)(iii) and (a)(iv) above, the project site is not located within a liquefaction zone; however, a small area on the western portion of the project site is identified as being at risk for earthquake-induced landslides. The proposed BMP facilities would be constructed to meet county standards for slope stability factors of safety and adhere to the latest version of the applicable federal, state, and local codes relative to landslide criteria.

The project site is primarily underlain by artificial fill and siltstone and sandstone bedrock. As such, susceptibility to failure from collapsible soils is low. However, consistent with mitigation measure GEO-1 for the approved program, a site-specific geotechnical investigation was conducted for the proposed project. The proposed project would be constructed in accordance with the latest version of the applicable federal, state, and local codes, as well as site-specific design measures, to ensure safe construction.

Subsidence is the lowering of surface elevation due to changes occurring underground, such as the extraction of large amounts of groundwater, oil, or gas. When groundwater is extracted from aquifers at a rate that exceeds the rate of replenishment, overdraft occurs, which can lead to subsidence. However, the proposed project does not include the extraction of any groundwater, oil, or gas. Therefore, subsidence would not occur. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to expansive soils would be less than significant. Expansive soils are clay-based soils that tend to expand (increase in volume) as they absorb water and shrink (lessen in volume) as water is drawn away. If soils consist of expansive clays, foundation movement and/or damage can occur if wetting and drying of the clay does not occur uniformly across the entire area. As the project site is already developed, it is primarily underlain by artificial fill and siltstone and sandstone bedrock. Due to the mix of earth materials underlying the project site, these soils are not expected to be high clay bearing. Furthermore, the proposed project would be constructed in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local building codes. Therefore, the proposed project would not create a substantial risk to life or property resulting from expansive soils. Similar to the approved program, impacts related to expansive soils would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**e. Would the project have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?**

The PEIR determined that no impact would occur related to soil suitability for septic or alternative wastewater disposal systems. The project site is connected to City sewer and storm drains, and septic tanks or alternative wastewater systems are not proposed as part of the project. Therefore, similar to the approved program, no impact associated with the use of such systems would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**f. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state or a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local General Plan, Specific Plan, or other land use plan?**

The PEIR determined that compliance with the County of Los Angeles General Plan would ensure that impacts to mineral resources would be less than significant. There are no known mineral resources in the project area and the project site is not delineated as a locally-important mineral resource recovery site on any land use plan.[31,32] Additionally, the proposed project components would be installed within existing roadways and adjacent parkways. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state or a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local General Plan, Specific Plan, or other land use plan. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist does not include any revisions or new thresholds for mineral resources. The 2019 update does include assessment criteria within the geology and soils section for potential impacts to unique paleontological resources or sites or unique geologic features. Previously, this threshold was included under cultural resources. The PEIR determined that impacts related to inadvertent discovery of paleontological resources would be less than significant with mitigation measures, which require evaluation of the sensitivity of the project site for paleontological resources and paleontological monitoring during construction, if necessary. No unique geologic features are located within the project site.[33] Additionally, no known paleontological resources are located within the project site and the area has been previously disturbed with development along the Viewridge

31 County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning. County of Los Angeles General Plan, Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan, 2000. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/pd_smm.pdf, accessed May 7, 2019.

32 County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning. County of Los Angeles General Plan, Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan, 2000. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/pd_smm.pdf, accessed May 7, 2019

33 Los Angeles County Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division. *Geotechnical Investigation for the Topanga Viewridge Super Greenstreets Project*, August 2016.

Road ROW and surrounding roadways in the project area.[34] Although not expected to occur, the proposed project would implement mitigation measures CUL-5, requiring evaluation of the sensitivity of the project site for paleontological resources, and CUL-6, requiring paleontological monitoring during construction, if necessary, consistent with the approved program. Similar to the approved program, impacts to paleontological resources would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures CUL-5 and CUL-6. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on geology and soils, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

CUL-5 For individual structural BMP projects that require ground disturbance, the implementing agency shall evaluate the sensitivity of the project site for paleontological resources. If deemed necessary, the implementing agency shall retain a qualified paleontologist to evaluate the project and provide recommendations regarding additional work, potentially including testing or construction monitoring.

CUL-6 In the event that paleontological resources are discovered during construction, the implementing agency shall notify a qualified paleontologist. The paleontologist will evaluate the potential resource, assess the significance of the find, and recommend further actions to protect the resource.

[34] County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning. County of Los Angeles General Plan, Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan. 2000. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/pd_smm.pdf, accessed May 7, 2019.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **VI. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| **a.** Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| b. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

This analysis is based on the Greenhouse Gas Impact Assessment prepared for the proposed project (Appendix D). Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions refer to a group of emissions that are generally believed to affect global climate conditions. The greenhouse effect compares the Earth and the atmosphere surrounding it to a greenhouse with glass panes. The glass panes in a greenhouse let heat from sunlight in and reduce the amount of heat that escapes. GHGs, such as carbon dioxide ($CO_2$), methane ($CH_4$), and nitrous oxide ($N_2O$), keep the average surface temperature of the Earth close to 60°F. Without the natural greenhouse effect, the Earth's surface would be about 61°F cooler.

In addition to $CO_2$, $CH_4$, and $N_2O$, GHGs include hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulfur hexafluoride ($SF_6$), black carbon (black carbon is the most strongly light-absorbing component of particulate matter emitted from burning fuels such as coal, diesel, and biomass), and water vapor. $CO_2$ is the most abundant pollutant that contributes to climate change through fossil fuel combustion. The other GHGs are less abundant but have higher global warming potential than $CO_2$. To account for this higher potential, emissions of other GHGs are frequently expressed in the equivalent of $CO_2$, denoted as $CO_2e$. $CO_2e$ is a measurement used to account for the fact that different GHGs have different potential to retain infrared radiation in the atmosphere and contribute to the greenhouse effect. This potential, known as the global warming potential of a GHG, is dependent on the lifetime, or persistence, of the gas molecule in the atmosphere.

The LACFCD has not adopted any thresholds for GHG emissions. Additionally, while SCAQMD has issued proposed standards and guidelines, there is no adopted state or local standard for determining the significance of the proposed project's GHG emissions on global climate change. In December 2008, SCAQMD adopted an annual interim quantitative threshold value of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide ($CO_2$) equivalents ($MTCO_2e$)/year for industrial facilities, but only with respect to projects where SCAQMD is the lead agency. Additionally, SCAQMD has proposed, but not adopted, a 3,000 $MTCO_2e$/year threshold for

mixed use developments, a 3,500 $MTCO_2e$/year threshold for residential developments, and a 1,400 $MTCO_2e$/year threshold for commercial developments. As an alternative to the aforementioned proposed thresholds for residential, commercial, and mixed-use developments, SCAQMD has also recommended the use of a single numerical threshold of 3,000 $MTCO_2e$/year for all non-industrial projects. For the purposes of this analysis, because the BMPs (structural and non-structural) associated with the proposed program are not residential, commercial, mixed-use, or industrial projects, the most appropriate threshold that would apply to the proposed program would be, although not formally adopted, the 3,000 $MTCO_2e$/year criteria recommended by SCAQMD.

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to generation of greenhouse gas emissions would be less than significant. The proposed project would generate GHG emissions from construction equipment and vehicular traffic. California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod) was used to prepare estimates of annual GHG emissions. Construction of the proposed project would produce approximately 180.0 $MTCO_2e$, or 6.0 $MTCO_2e$ annually over a 30-year period. This mass rate is substantially below the most applicable quantitative draft interim threshold of 3,000 $MTCO_2e$ per year as recommended by the SCAQMD, representing only 0.2 percent of the limit designed to capture 90 percent of CEQA projects within the SCAQMD jurisdiction. Therefore, similar to the approved program, implementation of the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact related to GHG emissions. No mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**b. Would the project conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to conflict with applicable plans, policies, or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of GHGs would be less than significant. The analysis for the proposed project is consistent with the PEIR, which includes a discussion of Assembly Bill (AB) 32, the California Air Resources Board Scoping Plan, and the County of Los Angeles Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP).

As discussed in threshold (a), GHG emissions would not exceed the SCAQMD's recommended threshold of 3,000 $MTCO_2e$/year for non-industrial projects. GHG emissions would occur only during construction, which would be temporary in nature. Consequently, the implementation of these structural BMPs in the EWMP areas under the program would not generate substantial amounts of GHG emissions that would hinder the State's ability to achieve AB 32's goal of achieving 1990 levels of GHG emissions by 2020.

Out of the Recommended Actions contained in the California Air Resources Board Scoping Plan, the actions that are most applicable to the proposed project would be Action W-4 (Reuse Urban Runoff), which aims to reduce urban runoff by capturing and treating the runoff. The proposed project would contribute to reducing and treating

urban runoff throughout the County of Los Angeles to comply with the MS4 Permit. Implementation of the proposed project would serve as GHG emission reduction measures that are consistent with this recommended action from the Scoping Plan. Therefore, the program would not conflict with the CARB scoping plan.

The County of Los Angeles CCAP serves to mitigate and avoid GHG emissions associated with community activities in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The CCAP establishes a GHG reduction target that is consistent with AB 32. As part of the CCAP, 26 local actions have been identified to reduce GHG emissions in the unincorporated areas of the County. In particular, Mitigation Measure WAW-2 (Recycled Water Use, Water Supply Improvement Programs, and Stormwater Runoff) from the CCAP specifically aims to promote recycled water use and policies to better manage stormwater to protect local groundwater supplies. A part of the goal for this measure is to manage stormwater and protect local groundwater supplies. A specific implementation step associated with this measure identified in the CCAP is to expand the Low Impact Development stormwater catchment to more facilities where feasible in the County. The proposed project would be consistent with this GHG reduction measure of the CCAP. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with the County's CCAP.

Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist does not include any new or updated thresholds related to greenhouse gas emissions in comparison to the 2015 checklist. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on greenhouse gas emissions, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

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| **VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| e. Be located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, or for a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

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| **VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| f. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| g. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

A hazardous material is defined as any material that, because of quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment (Health and Safety Code §25501(o)). The term "hazardous materials" refers to both hazardous substances and hazardous wastes. Under federal and state laws, any material, including wastes, may be considered hazardous if it is specifically listed by statute as such or if it is toxic (causes adverse human health effects), ignitable (has the ability to burn), corrosive (causes severe burns or damage to materials), or reactive (causes explosions or generates toxic gases).

Hazardous wastes are hazardous substances that no longer have practical use, such as materials that have been spent, discarded, discharged, spilled, contaminated, or are being stored until they can be disposed of properly (22 CCR Section 66261.10). Soil that is excavated from a site containing hazardous materials is a hazardous waste if it exceeds specific 22 CCR criteria. While hazardous substances are regulated by multiple agencies, cleanup requirements of hazardous wastes are determined on a case-by-case basis according to the agency with lead jurisdiction over the project.

Stormwater and urban runoff may also pick up hazardous pollutants, including but not limited to, fuels, oils, grease, and chemicals from motor vehicles and mechanized equipment; fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides from landscaping and gardens; viruses, bacteria, and nutrients from pet waste and septic systems; road salts; and heavy metals from various sources.

The project site consists of existing roads and parkways. There are no hazardous materials sites,[35] schools, or airports located within a quarter mile of the project site. The project site is located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.[36] Fire protection in the region is provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD); however, mutual aid is also given by the Ventura County Fire Department, City of Los Angeles, and California Department of Forestry. The nearest fire station to the project site is LACFD Station 84 (21050 Burbank Blvd. Woodland Hills, CA 91367), which is approximately 4.1 miles north of the project site. Topanga Canyon Boulevard, which provides regional access to the project site and is adjacent to the western boundary of the project site, is considered a freeway disaster route. Additionally, the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness, a non-governmental organization that gathers and disseminates information to the local population near the project site, identifies Viewridge Road as a Public Safe Refuge Area, which is an area where evacuees may be redirected if evacuation is not possible due to traffic gridlock.[37]

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials would be less than significant. Construction activities for the proposed project would include ground-disturbing activities such as excavation, and would use hazardous materials typical of construction (i.e., fuel for construction equipment, materials for road construction). However, the transport, use, and disposal of construction-related hazardous materials would comply with applicable laws and regulations for such activities. Once operational, the proposed project would primarily use passive treatment techniques that capture stormwater and then reduce pollutant loads and stormwater volumes through containment, filtration, infiltration, and/or treatment techniques. Operation of the proposed project would not require the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Similar to the approved program, impacts related to the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials would be less than significant. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**b. Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to the accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment would be less than significant with mitigation, which requires the development of a BMP maintenance plan that addresses the potential accumulation of contaminants from migrating into sub-soils and groundwater. Construction activities for the proposed project would involve the limited transport, storage, use, or disposal of hazardous materials, such as fuel for construction

35 California Environmental Protection Agency. Cortese List Data Resources. Available at: https://calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/corteselist/, accessed July 18, 2019.
36 Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor. GIS Viewer. Available at: http://egisgcx.isd.lacounty.gov/slv/?Viewer=GISViewer, accessed July 18, 2019.
37 Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness, Public Safe Refuges and Public Temporary Refuge Areas. Available at: PSRTRA1Page (t-cep.org), accessed August 12, 2021.

equipment and materials for road construction. These types of materials, however, are not acutely hazardous, and all storage, handling, and disposal of these materials would comply with existing regulations. Compliance with regulations would ensure a less than significant impact related to creating a significant hazard to the public through reasonably foreseeable upset or accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment with regard to construction of the proposed project.

Operation of the proposed project would not increase the potential for accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment. During operation, implementation of the proposed project would serve to add protection against accidental spills and urban runoff. Contaminants in runoff water from accidental spills or urban runoff may accumulate in the soils and vegetation of the biofiltration units. As such, consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure HAZ-1. Mitigation measure HAZ-1 would address the accumulation of contaminants in soil at BMPs through the development of operations and maintenance plans for BMPs that include periodic removal and replacement of these potentially impacted surface materials to reduce the potential for long-term loading leading to hazardous concentrations in soils and groundwater. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation measure HAZ-1. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

HAZ-1 Implementing agencies shall prepare and implement maintenance practices that include periodic removal and replacement of surface soils and media that may accumulate constituents that could result in further migration of constituents to sub-soils and groundwater. A BMP Maintenance Plan shall be prepared by Implementing Agencies upon approval of the BMP projects, that identifies the frequency and procedures for removal and/or replacement of accumulated debris, surface soils and/or media (to depth where constituent concentrations do not represent a hazardous conditions and/or have the potential to migrate further and impact groundwater) to avoid accumulation of hazardous concentrations and the potential to migrate further to sub-soils and groundwater. The Maintenance Plan shall include vector control requirements. The BMP Maintenance Plan may consist of a general maintenance guideline that applies to several types of smaller distributed BMPs. For smaller distributed BMPs on private property, these plans may consist of a maintenance covenant that includes requirements to avoid the accumulation of hazardous concentrations in these BMPs that may impact underlying subsoils and groundwater. Structural BMPs shall be designed to prevent migration of constituents that may impact groundwater.

**c. Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?**

The PEIR determined that some structural BMPS may be installed within one-quarter mile of a school, and potentially involve hazardous materials during construction and operation. However, compliance with regulations governing the use, transport, and

disposal of hazardous materials would ensure a less than significant impact. The PEIR further determined that structural BMPs constructed on school properties may collect spills from off-site sources or accumulate contaminants from urban runoff in soil in the BMPs over time. However, with implementation of mitigation measure HAZ-1, as described in Section (b) above, impacts related to handling hazardous materials within one-quarter mile of a school would be less than significant with mitigation.

There are no schools located within one-quarter mile of the project site. Additionally, as discussed in Sections (a) and (b) above, construction of the proposed project would involve the limited use of hazardous materials, and would be handled in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations regarding storage, use, and disposal. No impact would occur related to hazardous emissions or the handling of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing school. As the proposed project would not be constructed on school facilities or within school sites, no impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Would the project be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?**

The PEIR determined that some structural BMPs may be located on a hazardous materials site, which would be considered significant impact requiring mitigation as contaminated soils and/or groundwater could be encountered during ground-disturbing activities. The proposed project would not be located on or near a hazardous materials site. As the construction of the proposed project would not expose workers or the public to hazardous materials. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**e. Would the project be located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, or for a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?**

The PEIR determined that, for projects located within an airport land use plan or within 2 miles of a public airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip, impacts related to safety hazards for people residing and working in the area would be less than significant with mitigation. There are no airports or private airstrips located within 2 miles of the project site.[38] As such, the proposed project would not create a safety hazard for people residing or working in or adjacent to the project site. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

[38] AirNav. Search by location. Available at: http://www.airnav.com/, accessed May 1, 2019.

**f. Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?**

The PEIR determined that impacts associated with impairing or interfering with an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan would be less than significant. During construction of the proposed project, partial road closures would be necessary along the Viewridge Road ROW as well as areas along Hodler Drive, Voltaire Drive, Chagall Road, Heidi Lane, and Bellini Drive. These partial closures would be temporary, occurring only for the duration of construction activities. However, these temporary closures could affect emergency response and/or evacuation plans. No partial closures would occur on Topanga Canyon Boulevard, a freeway disaster route. However, partial closures would be required on Viewridge Road, which is identified as a local Public Safe Refuge Area. These areas are identified by the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness as areas where evacuees may be redirected if evacuation is not possible due to traffic gridlock.[39] Consistent with the approved program, as discussed further in Section XII (a) below, mitigation measure PS-1 would require the advance notification to emergency services providers and homeowners and residents within the project area to ensure that emergency responsiveness was not impaired during construction work. Additionally, as further discussed in Section XIII (a), consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure TRAF-1, which includes the preparation of a traffic control plan during construction. No long-term impacts would result from operation of the proposed project. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures PS-1 and TRAF-1, and no new mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**g. Would the project expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires would be less than significant. Portions of the project site are located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as identified by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire).[40] However, the proposed project would be implemented within existing ROW's and adjacent parkways. Additionally, as discussed in Section 1.6 of the Chapter 1, Project description, the construction crews would have fire suppression equipment to respond to accidental ignition of fire. Adherence to the requirements of the Department of Transportation and California Vehicle Code for spark arrester protection on vehicles would reduce the potential risk. Furthermore, the proposed project does not include any habitable structures. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

[39] Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness, Public Safe Refuges and Public Temporary Refuge Areas. Available at: PSRTRA1Page (t-cep.org), accessed August 12, 2021.

[40] California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Fire and Resource Assessment Program, Los Angeles County Fire Hazard Severity Map, November 2007. Available at: http://frap.fire.ca.gov/webdata/maps/los_angeles/fhszs_map.19.pdf, accessed May 1, 2019.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist does not include any new or updated thresholds for hazards and hazardous materials. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on hazards and hazardous materials, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **VIII. HYDROLOGICAL RESOURCES.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **VIII. HYDROLOGICAL RESOURCES.** Would the Project: | | | | | |
| f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure or a levee or dam? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| j. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

The climate of the project area is Mediterranean, characterized by warm, dry summers and wet, cool winters with average precipitation of 12 inches per year.[41] The project site is located in the NSMBCW EWMP area, which encompasses 55,121 acres including portions of six HUC-12 watersheds, 18 subwatersheds, and 28 freshwater coastal streams as defined by the Los Angeles Basin Plan.[42] The area is characterized by lower-density development along the

41 Los Angeles County Public Works. 2010 Urban Water Management Plan for Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu and the Marina Del Rey Water System. Available at: https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wwd/web/Documents/2010%20Urban%20Water%20Management%20Plan%20for%20District%20No.%2029%20and%20the%20Marina%20del%20Rey%20Water%20System.pdf, accessed July 22, 2019

42 California Water Boards, Los Angeles. North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Group. Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) Work Plan for North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds EWMP Group, June 2014. Available at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed_mana

coast and the larger creeks with greater open space and park areas inland. The NSMBCW subwatersheds are tributary to Santa Monica Bay.

This project is located in the Topanga Canyon subwatershed, which is the largest subwatershed within the NSMBCW EWMP Area. It is a 12,611-acre subwatershed that is mostly undeveloped. There is little development near the shoreline other than Topanga Beach Park, a small commercial area, and a small (2-acre) maintenance facility zoned as industrial land use. The central and eastern areas of the subwatershed consist of undeveloped land, rural residential, commercial, public, equestrian, educational, and mixed urban land uses.

The eastern portion of the project site is located in an area currently designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Zone D, areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.[43]

Water quality priorities for the watershed include bacteria, toxics, trash, and nutrients as well as benthic community impairments. The primary benefit of the proposed project is water quality. By treating the 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event, the proposed project would reduce bacteria, metals, nutrients, trash, and other pollutants of concern potentially being discharged into Topanga Canyon Creek and Santa Monica Bay, and would assist in addressing the County's TMDL compliance efforts.

Based on the geotechnical report conducted for the proposed project, groundwater was not encountered in any of the exploratory borings. Based on review of the California Department of Conservation Seismic Hazard Zone Report for the Canoga Park Quadrangles, the historical high groundwater level for the project area is at a depth of 10 feet.[44]

The nearest reservoirs to the project site are the Encino Reservoir and Franklin Canyon Reservoirs, both located to the east; additionally, there is a dam located south of the project site. The project site is not located within a tsunami inundation area.[45]

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to water quality standards or waste discharge requirements would be less than significant. Construction activities have the potential to degrade water quality through the exposure of surface runoff to exposed soils, dust, and other debris, as well as from runoff from construction equipment. However, consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II requirements and implement construction BMPs. As the proposed project would install pretreatment

gement/santa_monica/north_santamonicabay/North%20Santa%20Monica%20Bay%20Coastal%20Watersheds%20WMG_WP.pdf, accessed July 22, 2019.

43 FEMA. Flood Insurance Rate Map, Los Angeles County and Incorporated Areas, Panel 1290 of 2350, December 2018. Available at http://pw.lacounty.gov/des/NAS/FEMA_FIRM_Sept2008/06037C1288G.pdf, accessed July 22, 2019.

44 Los Angeles County Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division. *Geotechnical Investigation for the Topanga Viewridge Super Greenstreets Project*, August 2016.

45 Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. Figure 12.3, Tsunami Hazard Areas. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp_2035_2014-FIG_12-3_la_co_tsunami_hazard_areas.pdf, accessed July 22, 2019.

and biofiltration units to improve the quality of stormwater runoff entering the existing storm drain system, it would minimize the off-site transport of typical urban runoff pollutants during operation. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts related to water quality standards or waste discharge requirements, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**b. Would the project substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to groundwater supplies would be less than significant with mitigation for areas with shallow groundwater, soils, and aquifers. The proposed project would capture runoff and stormwater, which would be pretreated to remove sediments and debris, before being returned to the storm drain. The project site is currently developed with roadways and adjacent parkways consisting of impervious surfaces. Following completion of construction activities, the project site would slightly increase permeable surface with the addition of a new median that would capture and pre-treat stormwater flows. Groundwater would not be extracted during construction or operation of the proposed project. Therefore, the impact to groundwater recharge would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?**

The PEIR determined that the proposed structural BMPs would reduce the potential for erosion or siltation within existing streams or river, and impacts would be less than significant with mitigation that requires evaluation of potential hydromodification impacts from the structural BMPs. The proposed project would capture runoff and stormwater, which would be pretreated to remove sediments and debris, before being returned to the storm drain. As such, it is anticipated that the proposed project would be effective in minimizing erosion or transport of sedimentation into receiving waters. Under existing conditions, flows from Heidi Lane and Bellini Drive are discharged into the existing storm drain system just east of the Chagall Road eastern terminus. The proposed project would divert flows from Heidi Lane and Bellini Drive to the proposed new median on Viewridge Road, which would discharge flows into the existing drainage system at the eastern terminus of Viewridge Road. However, it is not anticipated that the change in discharge locations would result in impacts to erosion or siltation. Nonetheless, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure HYDRO-4, which requires evaluation of potential hydromodification impacts from the structural BMPs, similar to the approved program, to ensure that impacts related to flooding, erosion, and/or scour would be less than significant. No additional mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the

PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

HYDRO-4 Prior to approving a structural BMP, the implementing agencies shall conduct an evaluation of the potential hydromodification impacts of the project. The evaluation shall recommend design measures necessary to prevent or minimize any identified impacts, including flooding, erosion and/or scour. Design measures could include velocity dissipaters and bank re-enforcement components. Implementing agencies shall include these measures in project designs.

**d. Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to alteration of drainage patterns resulting in flooding would be less than significant. The proposed project would be designed to handle stormwater runoff from an 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event, and divert urban and stormwater runoff from local unincorporated communities for flow-through treatment and discharge to the existing storm drain. By retaining stormwater flows and either infiltrating or releasing these flows closer to the natural hydrograph, the change in drainage patterns would result in reduced peak flows and as a result a reduced potential for flooding on- or off-site. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**e. Would the project create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to stormwater drainage systems would be less than significant. The proposed project would capture stormwater from local unincorporated communities for treatment and returned to the existing storm drain system. The proposed project would improve the quality of stormwater runoff entering the existing storm drain system. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**f. Would the project otherwise substantially degrade water quality?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to substantially degrading water quality would be less than significant. Other than the sources described for construction activities (i.e., potential soil erosion and fuels for construction equipment), the proposed project does not include other potential sources of contaminants that could potentially degrade water quality. Consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would comply with NPDES Phase II requirements and implement construction BMPs. Once constructed, the proposed project would reduce bacteria, metals, nutrients, trash, and other pollutants of concern potentially being discharged into

Topanga Canyon Creek and Santa Monica Bay, and would assist in addressing the County's TMDL compliance efforts. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts related to substantially degrading water quality, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**g. Would the project place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?**

The PEIR determined that no impact would occur related to placing housing within a 100-year flood hazard area. The proposed project does not include any housing or habitable structures. Therefore, the proposed project would not place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**h. Would the project place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?**

The PEIR determined that less than significant impacts would occur related to placing structures within a 100-year flood hazard area. The project site is not located within a 100-year flood hazard area. Therefore, no impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**i. Would the project expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure or a levee or dam?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to failure of a levee or dam would be less than significant. The nearest reservoirs to the project site are the Encino Reservoir and Franklin Canyon Reservoirs, both located to the east; additionally, there is a dam located south of the project site. The proposed project would consist of features with a very low profile and would be designed to aid in the conveyance of runoff and high flows. Additionally, the proposed project does not include any housing or habitable structures. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**j. Would the project expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?**

The PEIR concluded that impacts related to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow would be less than significant. The project site is not located in a coastal zone and, thus, is not susceptible to tsunami. Furthermore, the project site is not located in proximity to an enclosed body of water that could produce a seiche. The proposed project consists of subterranean improvements and low profile features that are

generally not considered susceptible to substantive damage from these hazards. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

While the 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist has reorganized the thresholds contained in the 2015 checklist regarding hydrological resources, thresholds (a) through (d) of the current checklist are addressed within the 2015 checklist. However, under threshold (e), the current checklist now includes assessment criteria for potential conflicts with or obstructions to implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan. As previously stated in Sections 2.4 and 2.5 of the Project Description, the proposed project has been identified by the EWMP Group as a priority regional project that addresses the goals and objectives of the PEIR regarding MS4 permit compliance. The proposed project would help achieve permit compliance for TMDLs, Receiving Water Limitations, and Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations through implementation of BMPs designed to capture stormwater for treatment. The proposed project is designed to capture stormwater for treatment and discharge to the existing storm drain at the project site. As such, the proposed project would not conflict with or obstruct a water quality control or sustainable groundwater management plan; rather, the implementation of the proposed project would aid in achieving compliance with the MS4 permit and improve water quality and groundwater sustainability. No impacts would occur in light of this new threshold. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on hydrological resources, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **IX. LAND USE AND AGRICULTURE.** Would the project: | | | | | |
| a. Physically divide an established community? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| d. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| e. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

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| **IX. LAND USE AND AGRICULTURE.** Would the project: | | | | | |
| f. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| g. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| h. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

The project site is located in the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds EWMP area within an unincorporated community of the County of Los Angeles. The North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds EWMP area encompasses 55,121 acres and is comprised of over 93 percent of vacant land.

Land use decisions in the County of Los Angeles is governed by the Land Use Element of the Los Angeles County General Plan.[46] The Land Use Element provides strategies and planning tools to facilitate and guide future development and revitalization efforts for unincorporated areas. The project site is located in the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan area, which refines the policies of the County's General Plan as applicable to the area.[47]

The proposed project would be constructed completely within the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways. All portions of the project site are owned and maintained by the County, with the exception of the temporary construction staging along the east shoulder of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, which is Caltrans ROW. Surrounding the project site is a low-density residential neighborhood characterized by single-family homes. Additionally, there are open space areas on the west side of Topanga Canyon Boulevard and to the south of Viewridge Road east of the Heidi Lane.

The project site is not located within a habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan area.

The County of Los Angeles contains very little agricultural or forest land, as the majority of the land is urbanized with some adjacent rural areas. The watersheds in the northwestern corner of the County along the coast contain land designated as Farmland of Local Potential by the California Department of Conservation. This type of land is primarily located in the North Santa Monica Bay Coastal and the Malibu Creek Watersheds. However, the project site is located within an area designated as Urban and Built-Up Land by the California Division of Land Resource Protection Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program,[48] and the area surrounding the project site is currently zoned R-1 and developed with single-family residences. The only Williamson Act contracts in effect in Los Angeles County are for land on Santa Catalina Island, which is not located within the EWMP group areas.[49]

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project physically divide an established community?**

The PEIR determined that no impact would occur associated with physically dividing an established community. The proposed median, diversion line, and biofiltration units would be located entirely within the existing roadway and/or adjacent parkways. Following installation of these facilities, all roadways would be returned to their existing condition. The electrical cabinets and temporary monitoring equipment cabinets would not block off access along the sidewalks, and no streets or sidewalks would be permanently closed as a result of the proposed project. No separation of uses or disruption of access between land use types would occur. Similar to the approved

46 County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, County of Los Angeles General Plan, Chapter 6: Land Use Element. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp_final-general-plan-ch6.pdf, accessed July 16, 2019.

47 County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning. County of Los Angeles General Plan, Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan. 2000. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/pd_smm.pdf, accessed July 16, 2019.

48 State of California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, Farmland Mapping & Monitoring Program. *Important Farmland in California, 2016* map. Website: ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/FMMP/pdf/2016/los16.pdf, accessed July 12, 2019.

49 California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection. Los Angeles County Williamson Act FY 2015/2016 Map. Available at: ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/wa/LA_15_16_WA.pdf, accessed April 26, 2019.

program, the proposed project would not divide an established community. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**b. Would the project conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?**

The PEIR determined that no impact would occur related to conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation. The area surrounding Viewridge Road east of Topanga Canyon Boulevard is designated as U4-Residential in the Los Angeles County General Plan. Additionally, the area surrounding Viewridge Road is zoned R-1, for Single Family Residences. The proposed project would implement biofiltration units and associated infrastructure within existing roadways and adjacent parkways, and would not change the existing land use at the project site or in the surrounding area. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in no impact, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?**

The PEIR determined that impacts regarding conflict with habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans would be less than significant. The proposed Project is not located within a habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan area. As such, no impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?**

The PEIR determined that there would be no impact to farmland. The proposed project would not convert farmland to non-agricultural uses. The project site is located within an area designated as Urban and Built-Up Land by the California Division of Land Resource Protection Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. The area surrounding the project site is currently zoned R-1 and developed with single-family residences. Therefore, no impact to Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance would occur. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in no impacts to agricultural and forestry resources, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**e. Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?**

The PEIR determined that there would be no impact to existing agricultural zoning or land under the Williamson Act contract. The project site is located entirely within the existing road ROW and/or parkways, and the adjacent parcels are not zoned or developed for agricultural use. Furthermore, the only land in Los Angeles County currently under a Williamson Act contract is located on Santa Catalina Island, approximately 47 miles southeast of the project site. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with existing zoning or a Williamson Act contract. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in no impacts, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**f. Would the project conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?**

The PEIR determined that no impact on forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production would occur. The area surrounding the project site is zoned R-1 and OS, for residential and open space uses. No portion of the project site is zoned for or developed as forest land or timberland as defined in Pub. Res. Code Section 12220(g) and Government Code Section 4526, respectively.[50] Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with existing zoning or cause the rezoning of forest or timberland areas. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in no impacts, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**g. Would the project result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?**

The PEIR determined that no impact on forest land would occur. The area surrounding the project site is zoned R-1 and OS, for residential and open space uses. No portion of the project site or adjacent properties are zoned or developed for a forest land use.[51] Therefore, the proposed project would not result in loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in no impacts, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

50 Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. GIS-NET. Available at: http://rpgis.isd.lacounty.gov/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=GISNET_Public.GIS-NET_Public, accessed December 4, 2018.
51 Ibid.

**h. Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?**

The project site and adjacent properties are designated as Urban and Built-Up Land, and no portion of the project site or surrounding area is identified as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance.[52] Additionally, no forest lands exist on or adjacent to the project site. Therefore, the proposed project would not change the existing environment resulting in the conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or forest land to non-forest use. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in no impacts, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist does not include any new or updated thresholds for agriculture in comparison to the 2015 checklist used to analyze the PEIR. However, the 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist no longer includes threshold (c) of the 2015 checklist as part of the impact analysis for land use and planning. Prior to 2019, threshold (c) under land use and planning was similar to threshold (f) from the biological resources analysis. Therefore, the 2019 update eliminated that redundancy, but the topic remains covered in the biological resources analysis. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on land use and planning, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

[52] State of California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, Farmland Mapping & Monitoring Program. *Important Farmland in California, 2016* map. Website: ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dlrp/FMMP/pdf/2016/los16.pdf, accessed May 1, 2019.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **X. NOISE.** Would the project result in: | | | | | |
| a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| f. For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

This analysis is based on the Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment prepared for the proposed project (Appendix E). The project site is located within a low-density residential neighborhood characterized by single-family homes. Additionally, there are open space areas on the west side of Topanga Canyon Boulevard and to the south of Viewridge Road east of the Heidi Lane. Existing noise sources in the area are those typically associated with urbanized environments, including vehicles and human activities, such as lawn mowing or playing music. Sensitive receptors within the project area include single-family residences located adjacent to proposed construction activities.

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project result in exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to construction noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance would be significant and unavoidable. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2022 and take up to nine months to complete, concluding in spring 2023. The County of Los Angeles Municipal Code allow construction activity to occur Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Daily construction would not likely occur after 6:00 p.m. No construction activities are expected to take place on Sundays or federal holidays, and no construction would occur during prohibited hours. Per County of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.08.570(H), the improvements proposed for the project would be exempt from the Noise Ordinance.

Nonetheless, construction noise was assessed at sensitive receptors near the project site per the County of Los Angeles construction noise limits in the noise technical memorandum prepared for the proposed project (Appendix E). When considered as an entire process with multiple pieces of equipment, the loudest construction phase for the proposed project is anticipated to be site preparation, which typically generates a noise level of 83.5 dBA $L_{eq}$ at 50 feet. Residences would typically be located approximately 50 feet from construction activity related to the Viewridge Road median. Biofiltration unit installation along Viewridge Road, Holder Drive, Chagall Road, and Voltaire Drive, and on Viewridge Road just east of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, would typically occur approximately 15 feet from residences. Electrical cabinet installation along Viewridge Road would typically occur approximately 15 feet from residences. Construction noise levels would exceed the 60 dBA daytime construction noise limit established for single-family residences in the Noise Ordinance. Consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure NOISE-1, which requires implementation of noise-reducing measures as well as notification to sensitive receptors. Additionally, project-specific control measures are tiered from mitigation measure NOISE-1 in the PEIR.

The project-specific control measures are designed to reduce construction noise levels. The equipment mufflers associated with Mitigation Measure NOISE-1a would reduce construction noise levels by approximately 3 dBA. The sound blankets

associated with Mitigation Measure NOISE-1b would reduce construction noise levels by approximately 35 dBA at locations with equipment activities lasting more than one month at the same location. Mitigation measures NOISE-1c and NOISE-1d, although difficult to quantify, would also reduce and/or control construction noise levels. Similar to the approved program, construction related noise would be reduced to the maximum extent feasible, but mitigated equipment noise levels would still exceed the County of Los Angeles Municipal Code's noise standard of 60 dBA for residential uses. Therefore, similar to the PEIR, the proposed project would result in a significant and unavoidable impact related to construction noise.

The PEIR determined that impacts related to operational noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance would be less than significant with mitigation requiring mechanized stationary equipment that generate noise levels comply with the applicable noise standards established by the implementing agency with jurisdiction over the structural BMP site. Upon project operation, the only project component that may generate noise are the electrical and mechanical equipment associated with operation of the slide gates and pretreatment unit under the proposed new median, and the monitoring equipment. Of these components, only the electrical and temporary monitoring cabinets would be installed above ground, and the noise levels would be negligible. The proposed project would be consistent with mitigation measure NOISE-2 to comply with the applicable established noise standards as the mechanized equipment would be installed underground and the electrical cabinets would be enclosed. Sound blankets may also be installed in the monitoring cabinets to provide additional noise reduction. As such, the operational noise levels associated with the proposed project would not exceed or violate noise standards and regulations established by implementing agencies. Similar to the PEIR, impacts would be less than significant with mitigation measures NOISE-1 and NOISE-2. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

NOISE-1 The implementing agencies shall implement the following measures during construction as needed:

- Include design measures necessary to reduce the construction noise levels to where feasible. These measures may include noise barriers, curtains, or shields.

  *(a) Construction equipment shall be properly maintained and equipped with mufflers; and*

  *For equipment activities lasting more than one month in one location and within 500 feet of a sensitive receptor, temporary barriers (e.g., noise blankets) shall be placed between the equipment and sensitive receptor. The barriers shall be at least six feet tall and capable of attenuating noise levels by 35 dBA.*

- Place noise-generating construction activities (e.g., operation of compressors and generators, cement mixing, general truck idling) as far as possible from the nearest noise-sensitive land uses.

*(b) Equipment shall be located on portions of Viewridge Road and Topanga Canyon Road that do not abut residential properties, if allowed by the construction needs.*

- Locate stationary construction noise sources as far from adjacent noise-sensitive receptors as possible.

*(c) Equipment shall be located on portions of Viewridge Road and Topanga Canyon Road that do not abut residential properties, if allowed by the construction needs.*

- If construction is to occur near a school, the construction contractor shall coordinate the with school administration in order to limit disturbance to the campus. Efforts to limit construction activities to non-school days shall be encouraged.

- For the centralized and regional BMP projects located adjacent to noise-sensitive land uses, identify a liaison for these off-site sensitive receptors, such as residents and property owners, to contact with concerns regarding construction noise and vibration. The liaison's telephone number(s) shall be prominently displayed at construction locations.

*(d) Because residences would be located adjacent to construction activities, the construction area shall display the name and phone number of a liaison to contact with concerns regarding construction noise and vibration.*

- For the centralized and regional BMP projects located adjacent to noise-sensitive land uses, notify in writing all landowners and occupants of properties adjacent to the construction area of the anticipated construction schedule at least 2 weeks prior to groundbreaking.

NOISE-2 All structural BMPs that employ mechanized stationary equipment that generate noise levels shall comply with the applicable noise standards established by the implementing agency with jurisdiction over the structural BMP site. The equipment shall be designed with noise-attenuating features (e.g., enclosures) and/or located at areas (e.g., belowground) where nearby noise-sensitive land uses would not be exposed to a perceptible noise increase in their noise environment.

The text in *italics* represent project-specific control measures tiered from Mitigation Measure NOISE-1 in the PEIR.

**b. Would the project result in exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to vibration would be less than significant. Construction activity can generate varying degrees of vibration, depending on the

procedure and equipment. Operation of construction equipment generates vibrations that spread through the ground and diminish in amplitude with distance from the source. The effect on buildings located in the vicinity of a construction site often varies depending on soil type, ground strata, and construction characteristics of the receiver building(s). The results from vibration can range from no perceptible effects at the lowest vibration levels, to low rumbling sounds and perceptible vibration at moderate levels, and to slight damage at the highest levels. In most cases, the primary concern regarding construction vibration relates to damage. The proposed project would require equipment similar to bulldozers and excavators, in addition to equipment with smaller engines. All portions of the project site are owned and maintained by the County, with the exception of the temporary construction staging along the east shoulder of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, which is Caltrans ROW. Therefore, the significance threshold established in the Noise Ordinance is 0.01 inches per second at 150 feet. Bulldozers and excavators generate vibration levels of approximately 0.089 inches per second at 25 feet. At 150 feet, the vibration level from bulldozers and excavators would be approximately 0.006 inches per second. As such, project-related vibration levels would not exceed the standard in the Noise Ordinance. Similar to the PEIR, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact related to vibration. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to a permanent increase in ambient noise levels would be less than significant with mitigation requiring implementation of noise-reducing measures as well as notification to sensitive receptors, and all structural BMPs that employ mechanized stationary equipment that generate noise levels comply with the applicable noise standards established by the implementing agency with jurisdiction over the structural BMP site. The proposed project involves the installation of biofiltration units within the existing roadways and/or adjacent parkways to capture and treat stormwater runoff in the project area. Upon project operation, the only project component that may generate noise is the electrical and mechanical equipment associated with operation of the slide gates and pretreatment unit under the proposed new median. Of these components, only the electrical cabinets would be installed above ground, and the noise levels would be negligible. The proposed project would be consistent with mitigation measure NOISE-2 to comply with the applicable established noise standards as the mechanized equipment would be installed underground and the electrical cabinets would be enclosed. With implementation of mitigation measure NOISE-2, the proposed project would not result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels. Similar to the PEIR, the impact would be less than significant with mitigation. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to construction noise levels would be significant and unavoidable. As previously discussed in threshold (a), nearby sensitive

receptors would experience increased noise levels associated with construction. Construction noise would be temporary but would exceed the standards established in the Los Angeles County Noise Ordinance. Mitigation measures would reduce noise levels, but not to below the County standards. Therefore, similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in a significant and unavoidable impact related to temporary and periodic construction activity. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?**

The PEIR determined that, for projects located within an airport land use plan or within 2 miles of a public airport, impacts related to exposure to airport noise would be less than significant. There are no airports located within 2 miles of the project site. As such, the proposed project would not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**f. For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?**

The PEIR determined that, for projects located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, impacts related to exposure to airport noise would be less than significant. No private airstrip is located in the vicinity of the project site. As such, the proposed project would not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist has reorganized and condensed the thresholds contained within the 2015 checklist used in the PEIR to assess impacts to noise; however, the 2015 checklist encompasses the analyses for all current thresholds, and no additional thresholds have been added. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on noise, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **XI. POPULATION AND HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.** Would the project: | | | | | |
| a. Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| d. Affect the health or environment of minority or low income populations disproportionately? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

The project site is located in the unincorporated community of Topanga in Los Angeles County. The estimated population of the Topanga census-designated place is 7,705.[53] The proposed project involves installation of a new median and biofiltration units and associated facilities to improve water quality in the project area. It would not construct additional housing units, nor would it remove any existing housing units from the available supply.

[53] U.S. Census Bureau. 2013-2017 ACS 5-Year Estimate for Topanga CDP. Available at: https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml, accessed July 16, 2019.

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?**

The PEIR determined that there would be no impact on population growth, either directly or indirectly. The proposed project would involve installation of a new median and biofiltration units and associated facilities to improve water quality in the project area. Construction of the proposed project would be short-term and temporary, and it is assumed that construction personnel would come from Los Angeles County or adjacent areas, which would not generate a permanent increase in the population. The proposed project would not induce population growth either directly or indirectly. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in no impacts on population growth, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**b. Would the project displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?**

The PEIR determined that no impacts to existing housing would occur. No housing currently exists on the project site and the proposed project would not displace any housing. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in no impacts on existing housing, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?**

The PEIR determined that no impacts associated with displacing housing would occur. No housing currently exists on the project site and the proposed project would not displace any people. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in no impacts related to displacing housing, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Would the project affect the health or environment of minority or low income populations disproportionately?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to disproportionately affecting the health or environment of minority or low-income populations would be less than significant. The proposed project is located in an area with a primarily White population, with a median household income of $120,404, which is significantly higher than the County average of $61,015. The proposed project would not disproportionately impact the health or environment of minority or low-income populations. No impact would occur. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist has reorganized and condensed the thresholds contained within the 2015 checklist used in the PEIR to assess impacts to population and housing; however, the 2015 checklist encompasses the analyses for all current thresholds, and no additional thresholds have been added. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on population and housing, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

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| **XII. PUBLIC SERVICES AND RECREATION.** Would the Project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: | | | | | |
| a. Fire protection? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| b. Police protection? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Schools? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| d. Parks? | No | No | No | No | N/A |
| e. Other public facilities? | No | No | No | No | N/A |
| f. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| g. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

The Santa Monica Mountains is designated by the LACFD as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Fire protection in the region is provided by the LACFD; however, mutual aid is also given by the Ventura County Fire Department, City of Los Angeles, and CalFIRE. The nearest fire station to the project site is LACFD Station 84 (21050 Burbank Blvd. Woodland Hills, CA 91367), which is approximately 4.1 miles north of the project site.[54]

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LACSD) provides law enforcement services to the County's unincorporated communities. The nearest sheriff's station is LACSD

[54] County of Los Angeles Fire Department. Fire Station Locator. Available at: https://locator.lacounty.gov/fire, accessed July 12, 2019.

Malibu/Lost Hills Station (27050 Agoura Rd. Agoura Hills, CA 91301), located approximately 9.4 miles to the west.[55]

The nearest school to the project site is Alice C. Stelle Middle School (22450 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA 91302), located approximately 3 miles driving northwest. The nearest library is Topanga Library (122 N Topanga Canyon Blvd, Topanga, CA 90290), located approximately 4.5 miles south of the project site.

As previously stated, the project site is located in the SMMNAP area. Approximately 7,400 acres, or 35 percent of the SMMNAP area is public open space.[56] Regional parks include the Summit Valley Edmund D. Edelman Park to the south of the project site and Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park to the east. Recreation in the area primarily consists of hiking trails. There are no County-owned or operated parks located in the North Santa Monica Bay EWMP.

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**Would the Project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:**

**a. Fire protection?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to the provision of fire services would result in a less than significant impact with mitigation that requires advance notification to service providers such as fire, police, and emergency medical services. The proposed project would not result in an increase in population, and thus, would not generate a need for new or altered fire protection facilities. The proposed project would be constructed in accordance with all applicable fire codes set forth by the State Fire Marshall and LACFD. In addition, the County would ensure all construction crews have fire-suppression equipment (such as fire extinguishers) on site to respond to the accidental ignition of a fire. Therefore, the proposed project would not be considered a fire hazard and would not exceed the capacity of the LACFD to serve the site or other areas with existing fire protection services.

As previously discussed, during construction of the proposed project, partial road closures would be necessary along the Viewridge Road ROW as well as areas along Hodler Drive, Voltaire Drive, Chagall Road, Heidi Lane, and Bellini Drive. These partial closures would be temporary, occurring only for the duration of construction activities. However, these temporary closures could affect emergency response. No partial closures would occur on Topanga Canyon Boulevard, a freeway disaster route. However, partial closures would be required on Viewridge Road, which is identified as a local Public Safe Refuge Area where evacuees may be redirected if evacuation is

[55] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Station Location. Available at: https://lasd.org/stations/, accessed July 12, 2019.

[56] Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. Draft Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan, October 2018. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/smmnap_plan-20181001.pdf, accessed July 16, 2019.

not possible due to traffic gridlock.[57] Consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure PS-1, which would provide advance notice to local fire responders, as appropriate, of construction activities so as to coordinate emergency response routing during construction work. Additionally, as discussed in the BMPs listed in Section 2,6, the County would coordinate with emergency response agencies during final design to ensure that emergency access is maintained during implementation of the proposed Project. Furthermore, as discussed in Section XIII (a), consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure TRAF-1, which includes the preparation of a traffic control plan during construction. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation related to the provision of fire services. No new mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

PS-1 The Permittee implementing the EWMP project shall provide reasonable advance notification to service providers such as fire, police, and emergency medical services as well as to local businesses, homeowners, and other residents adjacent to and within areas potentially affected by the proposed EWMP project about the nature, extent, and duration of construction activities. Interim updates should be provided to inform them of the status of the construction activities.

**b. Police protection?**

The PEIR determined that structural BMPs associated with the program would not result in the need for new or physically altered police protection facilities, as there would be no increase in the demand for police protection services. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would not result in an increase in population, and thus, would not generate a need for new or altered police protection facilities. The proposed project would not require additional police protection beyond what is currently provided. As previously discussed, temporary lane closures could affect emergency response. Consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure PS-1, which would provide advance notice to local police responders, as appropriate, of construction activities so as to coordinate emergency response routing during construction work. Additionally, as discussed in the BMPs listed in Section 2,6, the County would coordinate with emergency response agencies during final design to ensure that emergency access is maintained during implementation of the proposed Project. Furthermore, as discussed in Section XIII (a), consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure TRAF-1, which includes the preparation of a traffic control plan during construction. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts with mitigation related to the provision of police protection services. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

[57] Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness, Public Safe Refuges and Public Temporary Refuge Areas. Available at: PSRTRA1Page (t-cep.org), accessed August 12, 2021.

PS-1 Refer to mitigation measure language above.

**c. Schools?**

The PEIR determined that impacts to existing school facilities would be less than significant because some of the structural BMPs may be installed on school facilities, on or under large grassy fields typically found on school sites. The proposed project would be constructed entirely within the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways. Similar to the approved program, construction activities would not be anticipated to significantly affect the operation of existing school facilities such that new or physically altered facilities would be required. The proposed project would not induce employment or population growth, either directly or indirectly, and would therefore not increase the demand for schools in the area. As the proposed project would not be constructed on school facilities or within school sites, no impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Parks?**

Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would not result in an increase in population, and thus, would not increase the demand for park facilities. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**e. Other public facilities?**

Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would not result in an increase in population, and thus, would not increase the demand for other public facilities. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**f. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to the substantial physical deterioration of recreational facilities would be less than significant as some of the structural BMPs associated with the proposed program are anticipated to be located on existing parkland. All construction equipment and activities would be located in the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways. The proposed project would not result in an increase in population that would increase the use of existing recreational facilities. As the proposed project would not be constructed in existing parklands, no impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**g. Would the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to construction or expansion of recreational facilities would be less than significant. The proposed project does not include new or require the expansion of existing recreational facilities. No impact would occur, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist does not include any new or updated thresholds for public services and recreation in comparison to the 2015 checklist used to analyze the PEIR. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on public services and recreation, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **XIII. TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION.** Would the project: | | | | | |
| a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| e. Result in inadequate emergency access? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **XIII. TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION.** Would the project: | | | | | |
| f. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

This analysis is based on the Construction Traffic Evaluation prepared for the proposed project (Appendix F). The project site comprises several locations along and near Viewridge Road between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Summit Pointe Drive in the unincorporated community of Topanga in western Los Angeles County. In the project area, Viewridge Road contains a landscaped median between Hodler Drive and just west of Heidi Lane. The remainder of the roadways contain landscaped parkways. All project components would be located within the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways.

Viewridge Road: Viewridge Road connects the neighborhood to Topanga Canyon Boulevard, the main thoroughfare in the area. Viewridge Road is generally a 60-foot wide, two lane roadway in the vicinity of the project. A landscaped median is currently present between Hodler Drive and Heidi Lane, while a painted median exists from Heidi Lane to the easterly terminus of the project. The posted speed limit is 40 miles per hour. Translutions staff visited the area and traffic volumes on Viewridge Road during the p.m. peak hour was approximately 200 vehicles. Using the capacity of a two-lane roadway (2,500 vehicles per hour using a 70-30 directional split) from the Traffic Impact Analysis Report Guidelines, County of Los Angeles Public Works, January 1, 1997, Viewridge Road currently operates at level of service (LOS) A.

Hodler Drive: Hodler Drive is a 30-foot wide residential street and connects to Viewridge Road. It provides access to approximately 60 homes via Chagall Road, Voltaire Drive and Schweitzer Drive.

Chagall Road and Voltaire Drive: Chagall Road and Voltaire Drive are approximately 33-foot wide residential streets.

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to construction traffic would be less than significant with mitigation, which requires all construction activities to be conducted in accordance with an approved construction traffic control plan. During construction, construction workers, equipment and haul trucks would travel to and from the site. Table 3 shows the anticipated number trips based on the number of workers and equipment during each phase of construction.

**Table 3. Construction Workers and Equipment Trip Estimates**

| Construction Phase | Classification | Vehicle Type | PCE Factor | Daily Trip Generation | | | AM/PM Peak Hour | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Trip | PCE Trips | Total PCE for Phase | Trip | PCE Trips | Total PCE for Phase |
| *Site Preparation* | Employees | Automobile | 1 | 14 | 14 | **32** | 7 | 7 | **16** |
| | Excavator* | Truck | 3 | 2 | 18 | | 1 | 9 | |
| | Tractor/ Loaders/ Backhoes* | Truck | | 2 | | | 1 | | |
| | Other General Industrial Equipment | Truck | | 2 | | | 1 | | |
| Grading | Employees | Automobile | 1 | 14 | 14 | **92** | 7 | 7 | **25** |
| | Graders* | Truck | 3 | 2 | 78 | | 1 | 18 | |
| | Rubber Tired Dozers* | Truck | | 2 | | | 1 | | |
| | Tractor/ Loaders/ Backhoes* | Truck | | 2 | | | 1 | | |
| | Haul Trips | Truck | | 20 | | | 3 | | |
| *Construction* | Employees | Automobile | 1 | 14 | 14 | **44** | 7 | 7 | **22** |
| | Forklifts* | Truck | 3 | 2 | 30 | | 1 | 15 | |
| | Generator Sets* | Truck | | 2 | | | 1 | | |
| | Tractor/ Loaders/ Backhoes* | Truck | | 4 | | | 2 | | |
| | Welders* | Truck | | 2 | | | 1 | | |

* Likely to be stored on site. However, trips have been included to provide a worst-case evaluation
PCE = Passenger Car Equivalents
Source: Translutions, 2019

As seen in Table 3, the site preparation phase is anticipated to generate 6 daily truck trips and 14 passenger car trips (32 PCE trips), of which 16 PCE trips are anticipated during the peak hours. The grading phase is anticipated to generate 26 daily truck trips and 14 passenger car trips (92 PCE trips), of which 25 PCE trips are anticipated during the peak hours. The construction phase is anticipated to generate 10 daily truck trips and 14 passenger car trips (44 PCE trips), of which 22 PCE trips are anticipated during the peak hours.

During construction, lane narrowing, temporary blockages, and driver behavior reduce the carrying capacity of roadways. Based on research conducted by the Transportation Research Board, the saturation flow rate during construction is approximately 10 percent lower than under normal operations. Since the carrying capacity of Viewridge Road is currently 2,500 passenger cars per hour, this would be reduced to 2,250 vehicles per hour. Even assuming this reduced capacity, the level of service is anticipated to remain at (Level of Service) A. Furthermore, utilizing the impact criteria for two-lane roadways from the *Traffic Impact Analysis Report Guidelines, County of Los Angeles Public Works, January 1, 1997*, a project under LOS C conditions is allowed to increase the vehicle to capacity ratio by 4 percent. There are no thresholds for LOS A conditions since roadways are underutilized at less than LOS C conditions. The highest project-related increase of 25 PCE trips during grading, as shown in Table 3, would result in a volume-to-capacity increase of 1.11 percent, which is significantly lower than the allowed threshold of 4 percent under LOS C conditions. Therefore, the project would result in a less than significant impact during construction. Nonetheless, as the proposed project requires partial lane closures during construction, consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure TRAF-1, which includes the preparation of a traffic control plan during construction. Potential project-specific elements for the traffic control plan could reduce traveler delay and enhancing traveler safety: Public Awareness Campaign; Motorist Information Strategies; and Incident Management. No additional mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

TRAF-1 For projects that may affect traffic, implementing agencies shall require that contractors prepare a construction traffic control plan. Elements of the plan should include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Develop circulation and detour plans to minimize impacts to local street circulation. Use haul routes minimizing truck traffic on local roadways to the extent possible.
- To the extent feasible, and as needed to avoid adverse impacts on traffic flow, schedule truck trips outside of peak morning and evening commute hours.
- Install traffic control devices as specified in Caltrans' Manual of Traffic Controls for Construction and Maintenance Work Zones where needed to maintain safe driving conditions. Use flaggers and/or signage to safely direct traffic through construction work zones.
- Coordinate with facility owners or administrators of sensitive land uses such as police and fire stations, hospitals, and schools. Provide

advance notification to the facility owner or operator of the timing, location, and duration of construction activities.

**b. Would the project conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?**

The PEIR states that the County of Los Angeles level-of-service standards and congestion management program are intended to monitor and address long-term traffic impacts resulting from future development, but do not apply to temporary impacts associated with construction projects. The proposed project involves the installation of a new median and biofiltration units to improve stormwater runoff quality in the project area, and as such would not generate many trips during operations. It is anticipated that routine maintenance activities would include periodic system cleanout activities, as well as landscaping maintenance, which would either be conducted by the resident/property owner or by the County. Maintenance activities would result in a few trips every few months and operational impacts from the project would be negligible. As such, the proposed project would not conflict with an applicable congestion management program. No impact would occur. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?**

The PEIR determined that no impact would occur related to air traffic patterns. The proposed project involves the installation of a new median and biofiltration units to improve stormwater runoff quality in the project area. Similar to the approved program, there would be no impact to air traffic patterns. No impact would occur. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Would the project substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment?)**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to hazardous design features would be less than significant. The proposed project would involve installation of a new median and biofiltration units and associated facilities to improve water quality in the project area. There would be no introduction of inconsistent land uses as there would be no change to the existing roadway. A new median would be installed on Viewridge Road east of Heidi Lane; however, the new raised median would occupy a space in the road currently demarcated as a median with striping. Thus, the existing roadway alignment would not be altered. Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to generate any hazards from design features that would result in a safety hazard to pedestrians, personnel, visitors, or nearby neighbors. Similar to the approved program, the impact would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**e. Would the project result in inadequate emergency access?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to inadequate emergency access would be less than significant. During construction activities, temporary partial closures on roadways within the project area would be necessary. As described in threshold (a), the project is anticipated to generate up to 25 PCE trips during peak construction. There is sufficient capacity on the area roadways to accommodate construction traffic. Nonetheless, similar to approved program, the nearest local fire responders and police station would be notified, as appropriate, of traffic control plans during construction so as to coordinate emergency response routing during construction work. Upon completion of construction activities, access to the roadways would be fully restored. Therefore, similar to the approved program, the impact would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**f. Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, programs, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?**

The PEIR determined that implementation of the proposed program would not directly or indirectly eliminate existing or planned alternative transportation corridors or facilities (bicycle paths, lanes, bus turnouts, etc.), include changes in policies or programs that support alternative transportation, or construct facilities in locations in which future alternative transportation facilities are planned. There are no bus routes or existing or planned bicycle paths in the vicinity of the project site. Therefore, similar to the proposed project, no impact would occur. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist now includes assessment criteria for potential impacts related to CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3. CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3 establishes vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the most appropriate measure of transportation impacts. VMT refers to the amount and distance of automobile travel attributable to a project. The County establishes instructions and standards for preparation of a transportation impact analysis (TIA) in the project vicinity.[58] The VMT assessment is intended to focus on the long-term, permanent transportation impacts related to the generation of automobile trips and the opportunities for alternative modes of transportation (public transit, walking, bicycling) associated with a development project. Due to the temporary and relatively low-level nature of traffic generated by the proposed project's construction, VMT assessments are not relevant for the project, especially since the project creates negligible post-construction operational trips. As such, neither construction nor operation of the proposed project would conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b). No impact would occur. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on transportation and circulation, and no new mitigation measures are

[58] Los Angeles County Public Works, Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines, September 2020, available at: https://dpw.lacounty.gov/traffic/trafficreportmsg.cfm, accessed August 5, 2021.

required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **XIV. UTILITIES, SERVICE SYSTEMS, AND ENERGY.** Would the project: | | | | | |
| a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board or result in the construction of new treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities if the wastewater treatment provider has inadequate capacity to serve the proposed project? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| b. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Require new or expanded water supply resources or entitlements, or require or result in the construction of new water facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| d. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs, or comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **XIV. UTILITIES, SERVICE SYSTEMS, AND ENERGY.** Would the project: | | | | | |
| e. Require additional energy use that could result in wasteful consumption, affect local and regional energy supplies, or conflict with applicable energy efficiency policies or standards? | Yes | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

The Los Angeles County Waterworks District (LACWD) serves the project site. The project site is located specifically within District 29, serving the Malibu and Topanga area, and currently serves approximately 22,300 people through 7,500 metered connections. The LACWD purchases nearly 100 percent of its water supply from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) through an intermediary wholesaler, the West Basin Municipal Water District.[59] Surface and groundwater quality in the project area is under the jurisdiction of the LARWQCB

The Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District of Los Angeles County, administered by Los Angeles County Public Works, serves the unincorporated areas of the County. The Districts system includes over 4,600 miles of sanitary sewers, 155 pump stations, and 4 wastewater treatment plants.

The LACFCD is responsible for flood control, water conservation, and drainage infrastructure within the County. It encompasses more than 2,700 square miles and approximately 2.1 million land parcels within 6 major watersheds. It includes drainage infrastructure within 86 incorporated cities as well as the unincorporated County areas, which includes 3,330 miles of underground storm drains and an estimated 82,000 catch basins. Within the project area, there are several existing drains, as depicted in Figure 2.

The County is served by various landfills and recycling centers operated by cities, the County, and private facility operators. The Calabasas landfill is located approximately 9.8 miles driving west of the project site. As of 2012, the Calabasas landfill had a remaining permitted disposal capacity of 5.51 million tons and accepts a maximum of 3,500 tons daily.[60]

[59] Los Angeles County Public Works, Los Angeles County Waterworks District. District Overview. Available at: https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wwd/web/About/Overview.aspx, accessed July 17, 2019.

[60] County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, County of Los Angeles General Plan, Chapter 13: Public Services and Facilities Element. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp_final-general-plan-ch6.pdf, accessed July 19, 2019.

Energy for the project site is supplied by Southern California Edison (SCE). SCE serves approximately 15 million people in a 50,000-square-mile service area. In 2018, Los Angeles County used approximately 67,856 million kilowatt-hours.

**PEIR Checklist Analysis**

**a. Would the project exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board or result in the construction of new treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities if the wastewater treatment provider has inadequate capacity to serve the proposed project?**

The PEIR determined that impacts associated with the construction or expansion of new wastewater treatment facilities would be less than significant with mitigation, which requires a search for local utilities above and below ground that may be impacted by the project. The implementation of the proposed program would comply with the MS4 Permit issued by the LARWQCB. The main functions of the structural BMPs would be to infiltrate, treat, and store runoff to help reduce the impact of stormwater and non-stormwater discharges on receiving water quality, which would not produce wastewater during operation. Therefore, the structural BMPs, including the proposed project, would be designed to meet wastewater treatment requirements of the LARWQCB permit.

As part of the approved program, the proposed project would install biofiltration units to capture existing runoff and stormwater, which would be pretreated to remove sediments and debris, before being returned to the storm drain. The proposed project would generate a nominal amount of wastewater from construction activities. Runoff would be captured and treated through a pretreatment system and/or filtration/biofiltration unit from operation of the proposed project, thereby improving water quality. As such, the proposed project would not generate additional wastewater that would exceed existing capacity, requiring new or expanded treatment facilities. However, the proposed project would require ground disturbance that may encounter buried utilities that may be impacted by construction. As such, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure UTIL-1 and conduct a search for local utilities above and below ground. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant with mitigation measure UTIL-1. No new mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

UTIL-1 Prior to implementation of BMPs, the implementing agency shall conduct a search for local utilities above and below ground that could be affected by the project. The implementing agencies shall contact each utility potentially affected to address relocation of the utility if necessary to ensure access and services are maintained.

**b. Would the project require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?**

The PEIR analyzed impacts associated with improvements to existing storm drainage facilities as well as new storm drain facilities within the EWMP program areas. The

PEIR determined that individual projects would improve existing storm drainage facilities, and impacts would be less than significant.

The proposed project is designed to capture stormwater for treatment and discharge to the existing storm drain at the project site. The proposed project would divert urban and stormwater runoff from local unincorporated communities for flow-through treatment. Additionally, the proposed biofiltration units would direct the pretreated flows to the existing storm drain system in the project area. The proposed project does not include any modifications to existing storm drains. However, the proposed project would divert flows from Heidi Lane and Bellini Drive to the proposed new median on Viewridge Road, which would discharge flows into the existing drainage system at the eastern terminus of Viewridge Road, resulting in a change to the discharge location of those flows. It is not anticipated that the change in discharge locations would result in impacts to the storm drain infrastructure at the new discharge location. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant, and no new mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project require new or expanded water supply resources or entitlements, or require or result in the construction of new water facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?**

The PEIR determined that impacts associated with new or expanded water supply resources or entitlements, or the construction or expansion of new water facilities would be less than significant with mitigation, requiring evaluation of the potential for impacts to downstream beneficial uses, and a search for local utilities above and below ground that could be affected by the project. The proposed project would divert urban and stormwater runoff from local unincorporated communities for treatment and discharge to the existing storm drain Construction of the majority of the structural BMPs would require some minor water usage for dust control and concrete washout activities; however, water use would be short-term and is not substantial enough to require new or expanded water facilities. Similar to the approved program, any detention of storm flows upstream would not substantially reduce storm flows downstream or significantly impede access to storm flow. Dry-weather flows in the foothills are largely fed by groundwater seepage or wastewater discharges, and these flows would not be affected by infiltration BMPs. Nonetheless, consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure UTIL-2 to ensure that downstream water rights would not be affected by upstream diversions. Additionally, construction of the proposed project would require ground disturbing activities. Due to the potential for encountering buried utilities, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure UTIL-1, which requires a search for local utilities above and below ground that could be affected by the project. Similar to the approved program, impacts associated with water supply would be less than significant with mitigation measure UTIL-1 and UTIL-2, and no new mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

UTIL-1 Refer to mitigation measure language above.

UTIL-2 Prior to approval of BMPs, implementing agencies shall evaluate the potential for impacts to downstream beneficial uses, including surface water rights. Implementing agencies shall not approve BMPs that result in preventing access to previously appropriated surface water downstream.

**d. Would the project be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs, or comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to landfill capacity and federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste would be less than significant with mitigation, which requires contractors to recycle construction materials as feasible. Construction activities associated with the proposed project would generate construction debris and waste, including excavated soils, asphalt, and concrete. Clean soil would be recycled, reused offsite, or stockpiled and reused as backfill, and any contaminated soil would be disposed of in the nearest landfill. Consistent with the approved program, mitigation measure UTIL-3 would be implemented, requiring demolition debris be recycled where feasible to reduce solid waste generation per the Los Angeles County Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling and Reuse Program. Following construction, the project would generate a nominal amount of solid waste from routine system cleanout activities and periodic replacement of the filter cartridges. As of 2012, the Calabasas landfill had a remaining permitted disposal capacity of 5.51 million tons. It is anticipated that the quantities of solid waste generated by the proposed project would not result in an exceedance of the permitted capacity of local landfills. Therefore, similar to the approved program, the impact would be less than significant with mitigation measure UTIL-3. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

UTIL-3 Implementing agencies shall encourage construction contractors to recycle construction materials and divert inert solids (asphalt, brick, concrete, dirt, fines, rock, sand, soil, and stone) from disposal in a landfill, where feasible.

**e. Would the project require additional energy use that could result in wasteful consumption, affect local and regional energy supplies, or conflict with applicable energy efficiency policies or standards?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to energy use, supply, and policies or standards would be less than significant. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would require the use of non-renewable energy in the form of gasoline and diesel for construction equipment and vehicle trips. Construction would last approximately 9 months. Limitations on idling of vehicles and equipment and requirements that equipment be properly maintained would result in fuel savings. Additionally, California regulations limit idling from both on-road and off-road diesel-powered equipment. Given the cost of fuel, contractors and owners have a strong financial incentive to avoid wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary consumption of energy during construction. Due to the temporary nature of construction and the financial incentives for developers and contractors to use energy-consuming resources in an efficient manner, the construction phase of the proposed project would not result in wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary consumption of energy.

During operation, the biofiltration units would primarily be a passive use, conveying water via gravity. However, the proposed project would install two electrical cabinets to control the mechanical equipment in the new median, which includes a pretreatment unit, slide gates, etc. Energy for the mechanical equipment would be provided by SCE. Additionally, similar to the approved program, the proposed project would include implementation of energy efficient equipment to minimize energy requirements. Similar to the approved program, the use of energy anticipated for the proposed project is considered minor when compared to the County-wide use of electricity. As such, the proposed project would not result in wasteful consumption, affect local and regional energy supplies, or conflict with applicable energy efficiency policies or standards. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**Updated CEQA Checklist Analysis**

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist has altered the 2015 checklist either by rewording and reorganizing, expanding upon, or adding new thresholds for utilities and service systems. The current CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist now includes assessment criteria for potential impacts related to the relocation or construction of new or expanded electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities. Specifically, as detailed in threshold (e) above, the proposed project would install two electrical cabinets to control the mechanical equipment in the new median, which includes a pretreatment unit, slide gates, etc. Energy for the mechanical equipment would be provided by SCE. Natural gas and telecommunications services for the proposed project are not anticipated. As detailed in threshold (a) of the above assessment, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure UTIL-1 and conduct a search for local utilities above and below ground. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measure UTIL-1. All other thresholds for utilities and service systems within the 2015 checklist encompass the thresholds within the current checklist. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on utilities and service systems, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

UTIL-1 Refer to mitigation measure language above.

Additionally, the 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist now includes thresholds for the assessment of impacts related to wasteful energy use and conflict with state or local plans related to renewable energy or energy efficiency. Although these thresholds were added in the 2019 checklist update, the 2015 PEIR included an analysis of impacts related to energy use under threshold (e) in the utilities, service systems, and energy section. As discussed under threshold (e) above, similar to the approved program, the proposed project would not result in wasteful consumption, affect local and regional energy supplies, or conflict with applicable energy efficiency policies or standards. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required. As such, the proposed project would not have any additional impacts on energy, and no new mitigation measures are required. The findings for the proposed project remain consistent with the impact determinations identified in the PEIR for the approved program.

## 3.2 New 2019 Checklist Environmental Topics

The 2019 CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist includes additional environmental resources not addressed in the 2015 version of the checklist. The current checklist provides thresholds for tribal cultural resources and wildfire, the impacts related to which were not previously assessed in the 2015 PEIR (please see discussion of energy in utilities section above). The following discussion analyzes the proposed project's potential impacts on these resources in order to determine if a Subsequent or Supplemental EIR is required.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **XV. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES.** Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is: | | | | | |
| a. Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| b. A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe? | No | No | No | No | Yes |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

This analysis is based on the Cultural Resources Assessment prepared for the proposed project (Appendix C). A records search was conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center on December 5, 2018, to evaluate the archaeological sensitivity of the project area for cultural resources. The search reviewed lists of California Points of Historical Interest, California Historical Landmarks, and local city and county registries of historic properties. In addition, the Caltrans Historic Highway Bridge Inventory, the Historic Resources Inventory, the CRHR, and the NRHP were consulted.

The records search identified 13 archaeological sites and five isolates within 0.5 mile of the project footprint. Ten of the resources are prehistoric sites, one site includes both prehistoric and historic components, and two sites are historic sites. The remaining five resources are prehistoric isolates. The cultural resources archival research and survey did not identify any archaeological materials or historic buildings or structures within the project site. Based on the results of the archival research and survey, there is low potential that archaeological resources will be encountered during ground disturbing activities for the proposed project.

Study of the California Office of Historic Preservation's Historic Resources Inventory focused on resources located within Woodland Hills. The Historic Resources Inventory lists no historic resources within 0.5 mile of the project footprint within Woodland Hills. A listing of California Points of Historical Interest identified no historic landmarks within 0.5 mile of the project footprint. A listing of California Historical Landmarks identified no historic landmarks within 0.5 mile of the project footprint. Study of the Caltrans Historic Bridge Inventory revealed that no historic state or local agency bridges are located within 0.5 mile of the project area (Caltrans 2015). Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments are sites that have been designated by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission as worthy of preservation based on their architectural, historic, and cultural merits. A search of the Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments found no monuments within 0.5 mile of the project area.

A Sacred Lands File search was conducted for the project area, and that the result of the search was negative. Additionally, a Native American contact program was conducted as part of the proposed project, which involves contacting Native American representatives identified by the NAHC as potentially having knowledge about the project area, in order to solicit comments and concerns regarding the proposed project. Several Native American representatives stated that the area may be sensitive for tribal cultural resources and recommended Native American and archaeological monitoring.

**Analysis**

**Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:**

**a. Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k)?**

Tribal cultural resources include sites, features, places, cultural landscapes, sacred places, and objects with cultural value to a California Native American tribe. The PEIR determined that impacts related to historic resources may be significant and unavoidable even with implementation of mitigation measures as it is possible that no mitigation may be available to maintain the historic integrity of the affected resource or its surroundings. The PEIR also determined that the proposed program has the potential to adversely affect archaeological resources and other cultural resources that qualify as historical resources.

Consistent with PEIR mitigation measure CUL-1, a cultural resources inventory was conducted for the proposed project. No cultural resources were identified at the project site that are listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources or local register. No potential tribal cultural resources were identified at the project site based on the Sacred Lands File search conducted by the NAHC, archival research, the field survey, or during consultation with Native American tribal representatives as part of the Native American contact program conducted for the project. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource that is listed or eligible for listing in a state or local register of historical resources. Additionally, as discussed in Section 3.4 (a) above, the proposed project would implement mitigation measures CUL-2, CUL-3, and CUL-4, which require consultation with Native American representatives, to further minimize impacts to historical resources. With implementation of mitigation measures CUL-2, CUL-3, and CUL-4, impacts related to tribal cultural resources would be less than significant. This finding is consistent with the impact determinations in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

CUL-2 Implementing agencies shall ensure that individual EWMP projects that require ground disturbance shall be subject to a Phase I cultural resources inventory on a project-specific basis prior to the implementing agency's approval of project plans. The study shall be conducted or supervised by a qualified archaeologist, defined as an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology, and shall be conducted in consultation with the local Native American representatives expressing interest. The cultural resources inventory shall include a cultural resources records search to be conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center; scoping with the NAHC and with interested Native Americans identified by the NAHC; a pedestrian archaeological survey where deemed appropriate by the qualified archaeologist; and formal recordation of all identified archaeological

resources on California Department of Parks and Recreation 523 forms and significance evaluation of such resources presented in a technical report following the guidelines in ARMR: Recommended Contents and Format, Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation, State of California, 1990.

If potentially significant archaeological resources are encountered during the survey, the implementing agency shall require that the resources are evaluated by the qualified archaeologist for their eligibility for listing in the CRHR and for significance as a historical resource or unique archaeological resource per CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. Recommendations shall be made for treatment of these resources if found to be significant, in consultation with the implementing agency and the appropriate Native American groups for prehistoric resources. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3), preservation in place shall be the preferred manner of mitigation to avoid impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources. Methods of avoidance may include, but shall not be limited to, project reroute or redesign, project cancellation, or identification of protection measures such as capping or fencing. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C), if it is demonstrated that resources cannot be avoided, the qualified archaeologist shall develop additional treatment measures, which may include data recovery or other appropriate measures, in consultation with the implementing agency, and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in prehistoric or tribal resources. If an archaeological site does not qualify as an historical resource but meets the criteria for a unique archaeological resource as defined in Section 21083.2, then the site shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 21083.2.

CUL-3 The implementing agency shall retain archaeological monitors during ground-disturbing activities that have the potential to impact archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources, as determined by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with the implementing agency, and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in the project. Native American monitors shall be retained for projects that have a high potential to impact sensitive Native American resources, as determined by the implementing agency in coordination with the qualified archaeologist.

CUL-4 During project-level construction, should subsurface archaeological resources be discovered, all activity in the vicinity of the find shall stop and a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to assess the significance of the find according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. If any find is determined to be significant, the archaeologist shall determine, in consultation with the implementing agency and any local Native American groups expressing interest, appropriate avoidance measures or other appropriate mitigation. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3), preservation in place shall be the preferred means to avoid impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources. Methods of avoidance may include, but shall not be limited to, project reroute or redesign, project cancellation, or identification of protection measures such

as capping or fencing. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C), if it is demonstrated that resources cannot be avoided, the qualified archaeologist shall develop additional treatment measures, such as data recovery or other appropriate measures, in consultation with the implementing agency and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in prehistoric or tribal resources. If an archaeological site does not qualify as an historical resource but meets the criteria for a unique archaeological resource as defined in Section 21083.2, then the site shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 21083.2.

**b. A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe?**

The PEIR determined that impacts related to archaeological resources would be less than significant with mitigation measures as known archaeological resources, as well as unknown and unrecorded archaeological resources may be unearthed during construction activities associated with implementation of structural BMPs. As discussed in Section 3.15 (a) above, no tribal cultural resources were identified within the project area and no specific tribal cultural resources were identified during the Native American contact program. Nonetheless, during construction of the proposed project, unknown tribal cultural resources could potentially be encountered, particularly during ground-disturbing activities. As discussed in Section 3.4 (b) above, the proposed project would implement mitigation measures CUL-3 and CUL-4, both of which require consultation with Native American representatives. Additionally, with the proposed project would implement mitigation measure CUL-7, in the event that any human remains or related resources are discovered. With implementation of mitigation measures CUL-3, CUL-4, and CUL-7, impacts related to tribal cultural resources would be less than significant. This finding is consistent with the impact determinations in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

CUL-3 Refer to mitigation measure language above.

CUL-4 Refer to mitigation measure language above.

CUL-7 The implementing agency shall require that, if human remains are uncovered during project construction, work in the vicinity of the find shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted to evaluate the remains, following the procedures and protocols set forth in Section 15064.5 (e)(1) of the CEQA Guidelines. If the County Coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the Coroner will contact the Native American Heritage Commission, in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5, subdivision (c), and Public Resources Code 5097.98 (as amended by AB 2641). The NAHC will then designate a Most Likely Descendant of the deceased Native American, who will engage in consultation to determine the disposition of the remains.

| Issues and Supporting Data Sources | Was Impact Analyzed Prior Environmental Document(s)? | Do Project Modifications Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? | Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? | Prior Environmental Document's Mitigations Implemented or Address Impact? |
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| **XVI. WILDFIRE.** If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project: | | | | | |
| a. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | No | No | No | No | N/A |
| b. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire? | No | No | No | No | N/A |
| c. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment? | No | No | No | No | N/A |
| d. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes? | No | No | No | No | N/A |

**Discussion:**

*Environmental Setting:*

The project site is located in the unincorporated community of Topanga in western Los Angeles County, in the North Santa Monica Bay EWMP and SMMNAP area.[61] The SMMNAP area encompasses 32.2 square miles that consists of a group of communities surrounded by steep mountains, rolling hills, canyons, streams, and oak woodlands.

The project site is located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.[62] Fire protection in the region is provided by the LACFD; however, mutual aid is also given by the Ventura County Fire Department, City of Los Angeles, and California Department of Forestry. The nearest fire station to the project site is LACFD Station 84 (21050 Burbank Blvd. Woodland Hills, CA 91367), which is approximately 4.1 miles north of the project site. Topanga Canyon Boulevard, which provides regional access to the project site and is adjacent to the western boundary of the project site, is considered a freeway disaster route. Additionally, the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness, a non-governmental organization that gathers and disseminates information to the local population near the project site, identifies Viewridge Road as a Public Safe Refuge Area.[63]

**Analysis**

**a. Would the project substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?**

The PEIR determined that impacts associated with impairing or interfering with an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan would be less than significant. During construction of the proposed project, partial road closures would be necessary along the Viewridge Road ROW as well as areas along Hodler Drive, Voltaire Drive, Chagall Road, Heidi Lane, and Bellini Drive. These partial closures would be temporary, occurring only for the duration of construction activities. However, these temporary closures could affect emergency response and/or evacuation plans. No partial closures would occur on Topanga Canyon Boulevard, a freeway disaster route. However, partial closures would be required on Viewridge Road, which is identified as a local Public Safe Refuge Area. These areas are identified by the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness as areas where evacuees may be redirected if evacuation is not possible due to traffic gridlock.[64] Consistent with the approved program, as discussed further in Section 3.12 (a) below, mitigation measure PS-1 would require the advance notification to emergency services providers and homeowners and residents within the project area to ensure that emergency responsiveness was not impaired during construction work. Additionally, as further discussed in Section 3.13 (a), consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure TRAF-1, which includes the preparation

61 Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. Draft Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan, October 2018. Available at: http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/smmnap_plan-20181001.pdf, accessed July 8, 2019.

62 Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor. GIS Viewer. Available at: http://egisgcx.isd.lacounty.gov/slv/?Viewer=GISViewer, accessed July 18, 2019.

63 Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness, Public Safe Refuges and Public Temporary Refuge Areas. Available at: PSRTRA1Page (t-cep.org), accessed August 12, 2021.

64 Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness, Public Safe Refuges and Public Temporary Refuge Areas. Available at: PSRTRA1Page (t-cep.org), accessed August 12, 2021.

of a traffic control plan during construction. No long-term impacts would result from operation of the proposed project. Similar to the approved program, impacts would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures PS-1 and TRAF-1, and no new mitigation measures are required. This finding is consistent with the impact determinations in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

PS-1 The Permittee implementing the EWMP project shall provide reasonable advance notification to service providers such as fire, police, and emergency medical services as well as to local businesses, homeowners, and other residents adjacent to and within areas potentially affected by the proposed EWMP project about the nature, extent, and duration of construction activities. Interim updates should be provided to inform them of the status of the construction activities.

TRAF-1 For projects that may affect traffic, implementing agencies shall require that contractors prepare a construction traffic control plan. Elements of the plan should include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Develop circulation and detour plans to minimize impacts to local street circulation. Use haul routes minimizing truck traffic on local roadways to the extent possible.
- To the extent feasible, and as needed to avoid adverse impacts on traffic flow, schedule truck trips outside of peak morning and evening commute hours.
- Install traffic control devices as specified in Caltrans' Manual of Traffic Controls for Construction and Maintenance Work Zones where needed to maintain safe driving conditions. Use flaggers and/or signage to safely direct traffic through construction work zones.
- Coordinate with facility owners or administrators of sensitive land uses such as police and fire stations, hospitals, and schools. Provide advance notification to the facility owner or operator of the timing, location, and duration of construction activities.

**b. Would the project, due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?**

The proposed project would occur within the existing ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadway. The eastern end of Viewridge Road is located above a vegetated hillside slope with more undeveloped slope areas occurring further to the south and southeast. Like most areas of southern California, the project area may be susceptible to Santa Ana winds. During construction activities, there is the risk of potential accidental ignition of fire, which could cause a wildland fire as there is abundant vegetation nearby. If accidental ignition of fire occurs, the construction of the project could, due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks. However, the proposed project would comply with the Los Angeles County Fire Code related to fire safety during construction. Additionally, as discussed in Section 1.6 of the Chapter 1, Project description, the construction crews would have fire suppression equipment to respond to accidental ignition of fire. With adherence to existing

regulations, construction of the proposed project would not exacerbate wildfire risks. Following installation of the proposed project, the project site would be restored similar to its existing conditions, which would not increase wildfire risk. The impact would be less than significant. As such, no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**c. Would the project require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?**

No roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, or power lines would be installed as part of the proposed project. No impact would occur. As such, no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

**d. Would the project expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?**

Although a small area in the western portion of the Project site is located within an Earthquake-Induced Landslide Zone,[65] as discussed in Section 2.5, an erosion control plan would be implemented to control runoff from the project site during construction. As discussed in Section 3.8 (c) above, the proposed project would divert flows from Heidi Lane and Bellini Drive to the proposed new median on Viewridge Road, which would discharge flows into the existing drainage system at the eastern terminus of Viewridge Road. However, it is not anticipated that the change in discharge locations would result in impacts to erosion. Nonetheless, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure HYDRO-4, which requires evaluation of potential hydromodification impacts from the structural BMPs, similar to the approved program, to ensure that impacts related to flooding, erosion, and/or scour would be less than significant. Additionally, as discussed in Section 3.8 (d), By retaining stormwater flows and either infiltrating or releasing these flows closer to the natural hydrograph, the change in drainage patterns would result in reduced peak flows and as a result a reduced potential for flooding. With implementation of mitigation measure HYDRO-4, the impact related to risk of downslope flooding, landslide, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes would be less than significant. As such, no new or intensified impacts would occur, and no new mitigation measures are required.

HYDRO-4 Prior to approving a structural BMP, the implementing agencies shall conduct an evaluation of the potential hydromodification impacts of the project. The evaluation shall recommend design measures necessary to prevent or minimize any identified impacts, including flooding, erosion and/or scour. Design measures could include velocity dissipaters and bank re-enforcement components. Implementing agencies shall include these measures in project designs.

[65] State of California Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey. Seismic Hazard Zone Report for the Canoga Park 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, 1997. Available at: https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/regulatorymaps/, accessed May 1, 2019.

# CHAPTER 4
# MITIGATION MEASURES

A listing of applicable mitigation measures from LACFCD EWMP PEIR is presented below. The mitigation measures listed are the same as the measures in the Final EIR and would be applicable to the proposed project. No new mitigation measures are required as a result of implementing the proposed project. The County, as the CEQA lead agency, is responsible for adopting and implementing the approved mitigation.

**Aesthetics**

AES-1 Aboveground structures shall be designed to be consistent with local zoning codes and applicable design guidelines and to minimize features that contrast with neighboring development.

AES-2 Implementing agencies shall develop BMP maintenance plans that are approved concurrently with each structural BMP approval. The maintenance plans must include measures to ensure functionality of the structural BMPs for the life of the BMP. These plans may include general maintenance guidelines that apply to a number of smaller distributed BMPs.

**Air Quality**

AIR-4 During planning of structural BMPs, implementing agencies shall assess the potential for nuisance odors to affect a substantial number of people. BMPs that minimize odors shall be considered the priority when in close proximity to sensitive receptors.

**Biological Resources**

BIO-5 If construction and vegetation removal is proposed between February 1 and August 31, a qualified biologist shall conduct a pre-construction survey for breeding and nesting birds and raptors within 500-feet of the construction limits to determine and map the location and extent of breeding birds that could be affected by the project. Active nest sites located during the pre-construction surveys shall be avoided until the adults and young are no longer reliant on the nest site for survival as determined by a qualified biologist.

- *The pre-construction nesting survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within 3 days prior to the start of construction activities to determine whether active nests are present within or directly adjacent to the construction zone. All nests found shall be recorded.*

- *If construction activities must occur within 300 feet of an active nest of any passerine bird or within 500 feet of an active nest of any raptor, with the exception of an emergency, a qualified biologist shall monitor the nest on a weekly basis, and the activity shall be postponed until the biologist determines that the nest is no longer active.*

- *If the recommended nest avoidance zone is not feasible, the qualified biologist shall determine whether an exception is possible and obtain concurrence from the resource agencies before construction work can resume within the avoidance buffer zone. All work shall cease within the avoidance buffer zone until either agency concurrence is obtained or the biologist determines that the adults and young are no longer reliant on the nest site.*

The text in *italics* represent project-specific control measures tiered from Mitigation Measure BIO-5 in the PEIR.

**Cultural Resources**

CUL-2 Implementing agencies shall ensure that individual EWMP projects that require ground disturbance shall be subject to a Phase I cultural resources inventory on a project-specific basis prior to the implementing agency's approval of project plans. The study shall be conducted or supervised by a qualified archaeologist, defined as an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology, and shall be conducted in consultation with the local Native American representatives expressing interest. The cultural resources inventory shall include a cultural resources records search to be conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center; scoping with the NAHC and with interested Native Americans identified by the NAHC; a pedestrian archaeological survey where deemed appropriate by the qualified archaeologist; and formal recordation of all identified archaeological resources on California Department of Parks and Recreation 523 forms and significance evaluation of such resources presented in a technical report following the guidelines in Archaeological Resource Management Reports (ARMR): Recommended Contents and Format, Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation, State of California, 1990.

If potentially significant archaeological resources are encountered during the survey, the implementing agency shall require that the resources are evaluated by the qualified archaeologist for their eligibility for listing in the CRHR and for significance as a historical resource or unique archaeological resource per CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. Recommendations shall be made for treatment of these resources if found to be significant, in consultation with the implementing agency and the appropriate Native American groups for prehistoric resources. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3), preservation in place shall be the preferred manner of mitigation to avoid impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources. Methods of avoidance may include, but shall not be limited to, project reroute or redesign, project cancellation, or identification of protection measures such as capping or fencing. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C), if it is demonstrated that resources cannot be avoided, the qualified archaeologist shall develop additional treatment measures, which may include data recovery or other appropriate measures, in consultation with the implementing agency, and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in prehistoric or tribal resources. If an archaeological site

does not qualify as an historical resource but meets the criteria for a unique archaeological resource as defined in Section 21083.2, then the site shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 21083.2.

CUL-3 The implementing agency shall retain archaeological monitors during ground-disturbing activities that have the potential to impact archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources, as determined by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with the implementing agency, and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in the project. Native American monitors shall be retained for projects that have a high potential to impact sensitive Native American resources, as determined by the implementing agency in coordination with the qualified archaeologist.

CUL-4 During project-level construction, should subsurface archaeological resources be discovered, all activity in the vicinity of the find shall stop and a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to assess the significance of the find according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. If any find is determined to be significant, the archaeologist shall determine, in consultation with the implementing agency and any local Native American groups expressing interest, appropriate avoidance measures or other appropriate mitigation. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3), preservation in place shall be the preferred means to avoid impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources. Methods of avoidance may include, but shall not be limited to, project reroute or redesign, project cancellation, or identification of protection measures such as capping or fencing. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C), if it is demonstrated that resources cannot be avoided, the qualified archaeologist shall develop additional treatment measures, such as data recovery or other appropriate measures, in consultation with the implementing agency and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in prehistoric or tribal resources. If an archaeological site does not qualify as an historical resource but meets the criteria for a unique archaeological resource as defined in Section 21083.2, then the site shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 21083.2.

CUL-5 For individual structural BMP projects that require ground disturbance, the implementing agency shall evaluate the sensitivity of the project site for paleontological resources. If deemed necessary, the implementing agency shall retain a qualified paleontologist to evaluate the project and provide recommendations regarding additional work, potentially including testing or construction monitoring.

CUL-6 In the event that paleontological resources are discovered during construction, the implementing agency shall notify a qualified paleontologist. The paleontologist will evaluate the potential resource, assess the significance of the find, and recommend further actions to protect the resource.

CUL-7 The implementing agency shall require that, if human remains are uncovered during project construction, work in the vicinity of the find shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted to evaluate the remains, following the procedures and protocols set forth in Section 15064.5 (e)(1) of the CEQA

Guidelines. If the County Coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the Coroner will contact the Native American Heritage Commission, in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5, subdivision (c), and Public Resources Code 5097.98 (as amended by AB 2641). The NAHC will then designate a Most Likely Descendant of the deceased Native American, who will engage in consultation to determine the disposition of the remains.

**Geologic and Mineral Resources**

GEO-1 Prior to approval of infiltration BMPs, implementing agencies shall conduct a geotechnical investigation of each infiltration BMP site to evaluate infiltration suitability. If infiltration rates are sufficient to accommodate an infiltration BMP, the geotechnical investigation shall recommend design measures necessary to prevent excessive lateral spreading that could destabilize neighboring structures. Implementing agencies shall implement these measures in project designs.

**Hazards and Hazardous Materials**

HAZ-1 Implementing agencies shall prepare and implement maintenance practices that include periodic removal and replacement of surface soils and media that may accumulate constituents that could result in further migration of constituents to sub-soils and groundwater. A BMP Maintenance Plan shall be prepared by Implementing Agencies upon approval of the BMP projects, that identifies the frequency and procedures for removal and/or replacement of accumulated debris, surface soils and/or media (to depth where constituent concentrations do not represent a hazardous conditions and/or have the potential to migrate further and impact groundwater) to avoid accumulation of hazardous concentrations and the potential to migrate further to sub-soils and groundwater. The Maintenance Plan shall include vector control requirements. The BMP Maintenance Plan may consist of a general maintenance guideline that applies to several types of smaller distributed BMPs. For smaller distributed BMPs on private property, these plans may consist of a maintenance covenant that includes requirements to avoid the accumulation of hazardous concentrations in these BMPs that may impact underlying subsoils and groundwater. Structural BMPs shall be designed to prevent migration of constituents that may impact groundwater.

PS-1 The Permittee implementing the EWMP project shall provide reasonable advance notification to service providers such as fire, police, and emergency medical services as well as to local businesses, homeowners, and other residents adjacent to and within areas potentially affected by the proposed EWMP project about the nature, extent, and duration of construction activities. Interim updates should be provided to inform them of the status of the construction activities.

TRAF-1 For projects that may affect traffic, implementing agencies shall require that contractors prepare a construction traffic control plan. Elements of the plan should include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Develop circulation and detour plans to minimize impacts to local street circulation. Use haul routes minimizing truck traffic on local roadways to the extent possible.
- To the extent feasible, and as needed to avoid adverse impacts on traffic flow, schedule truck trips outside of peak morning and evening commute hours.
- Install traffic control devices as specified in Caltrans' Manual of Traffic Controls for Construction and Maintenance Work Zones where needed to maintain safe driving conditions. Use flaggers and/or signage to safely direct traffic through construction work zones.
- Coordinate with facility owners or administrators of sensitive land uses such as police and fire stations, hospitals, and schools. Provide advance notification to the facility owner or operator of the timing, location, and duration of construction activities.

**Hydrology and Water Quality**

HYDRO-4 Prior to approving a structural BMP, the implementing agencies shall conduct an evaluation of the potential hydromodification impacts of the project. The evaluation shall recommend design measures necessary to prevent or minimize any identified impacts, including flooding, erosion and/or scour. Design measures could include velocity dissipaters and bank re-enforcement components. Implementing agencies shall include these measures in project designs.

**Noise**

NOISE-1 The implementing agencies shall implement the following measures during construction as needed:

- Include design measures necessary to reduce the construction noise levels to where feasible. These measures may include noise barriers, curtains, or shields.

  *(d) Construction equipment shall be properly maintained and equipped with mufflers; and*

  *For equipment activities lasting more than one month in one location and within 500 feet of a sensitive receptor, temporary barriers (e.g., noise blankets) shall be placed between the equipment and sensitive receptor. The barriers shall be at least six feet tall and capable of attenuating noise levels by 35 dBA.*

- Place noise-generating construction activities (e.g., operation of compressors and generators, cement mixing, general truck idling) as far as possible from the nearest noise-sensitive land uses.

*(e) Equipment shall be located on portions of Viewridge Road and Topanga Canyon Road that do not abut residential properties, if allowed by the construction needs.*

- Locate stationary construction noise sources as far from adjacent noise-sensitive receptors as possible.

  *(f) Equipment shall be located on portions of Viewridge Road and Topanga Canyon Road that do not abut residential properties, if allowed by the construction needs.*

- If construction is to occur near a school, the construction contractor shall coordinate the with school administration in order to limit disturbance to the campus. Efforts to limit construction activities to non-school days shall be encouraged.

- For the centralized and regional BMP projects located adjacent to noise-sensitive land uses, identify a liaison for these off-site sensitive receptors, such as residents and property owners, to contact with concerns regarding construction noise and vibration. The liaison's telephone number(s) shall be prominently displayed at construction locations.

  *(e) Because residences would be located adjacent to construction activities, the construction area shall display the name and phone number of a liaison to contact with concerns regarding construction noise and vibration.*

- For the centralized and regional BMP projects located adjacent to noise-sensitive land uses, notify in writing all landowners and occupants of properties adjacent to the construction area of the anticipated construction schedule at least 2 weeks prior to groundbreaking.

NOISE-2 All structural BMPs that employ mechanized stationary equipment that generate noise levels shall comply with the applicable noise standards established by the implementing agency with jurisdiction over the structural BMP site. The equipment shall be designed with noise-attenuating features (e.g., enclosures) and/or located at areas (e.g., belowground) where nearby noise-sensitive land uses would not be exposed to a perceptible noise increase in their noise environment.

The text in *italics* represent project-specific control measures tiered from Mitigation Measure NOISE-1 in the PEIR.

**Public Services and Recreation**

PS-1 The Permittee implementing the EWMP project shall provide reasonable advance notification to service providers such as fire, police, and emergency medical services as well as to local businesses, homeowners, and other residents adjacent to and within areas potentially affected by the proposed EWMP project about the nature, extent, and duration of construction activities.

Interim updates should be provided to inform them of the status of the construction activities.

**Transportation and Circulation**

TRAF-1 For projects that may affect traffic, implementing agencies shall require that contractors prepare a construction traffic control plan. Elements of the plan should include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Develop circulation and detour plans to minimize impacts to local street circulation. Use haul routes minimizing truck traffic on local roadways to the extent possible.
- To the extent feasible, and as needed to avoid adverse impacts on traffic flow, schedule truck trips outside of peak morning and evening commute hours.
- Install traffic control devices as specified in Caltrans' Manual of Traffic Controls for Construction and Maintenance Work Zones where needed to maintain safe driving conditions. Use flaggers and/or signage to safely direct traffic through construction work zones.
- Coordinate with facility owners or administrators of sensitive land uses such as police and fire stations, hospitals, and schools. Provide advance notification to the facility owner or operator of the timing, location, and duration of construction activities.

**Utilities and Service Systems**

UTIL-1 Prior to implementation of BMPs, the implementing agency shall conduct a search for local utilities above and below ground that could be affected by the project. The implementing agencies shall contact each utility potentially affected to address relocation of the utility if necessary to ensure access and services are maintained.

UTIL-2 Prior to approval of BMPs, implementing agencies shall evaluate the potential for impacts to downstream beneficial uses, including surface water rights. Implementing agencies shall not approve BMPs that result in preventing access to previously appropriated surface water downstream.

UTIL-3 Implementing agencies shall encourage construction contractors to recycle construction materials and divert inert solids (asphalt, brick, concrete, dirt, fines, rock, sand, soil, and stone) from disposal in a landfill, where feasible.

**Tribal Cultural Resources**

CUL-2 Implementing agencies shall ensure that individual EWMP projects that require ground disturbance shall be subject to a Phase I cultural resources inventory on a project-specific basis prior to the implementing agency's approval of project plans. The study shall be conducted or supervised by a qualified archaeologist, defined as an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology, and shall be conducted in consultation with the local Native American representatives

expressing interest. The cultural resources inventory shall include a cultural resources records search to be conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center; scoping with the NAHC and with interested Native Americans identified by the NAHC; a pedestrian archaeological survey where deemed appropriate by the qualified archaeologist; and formal recordation of all identified archaeological resources on California Department of Parks and Recreation 523 forms and significance evaluation of such resources presented in a technical report following the guidelines in ARMR: Recommended Contents and Format, Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation, State of California, 1990.

If potentially significant archaeological resources are encountered during the survey, the implementing agency shall require that the resources are evaluated by the qualified archaeologist for their eligibility for listing in the CRHR and for significance as a historical resource or unique archaeological resource per CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. Recommendations shall be made for treatment of these resources if found to be significant, in consultation with the implementing agency and the appropriate Native American groups for prehistoric resources. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3), preservation in place shall be the preferred manner of mitigation to avoid impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources. Methods of avoidance may include, but shall not be limited to, project reroute or redesign, project cancellation, or identification of protection measures such as capping or fencing. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C), if it is demonstrated that resources cannot be avoided, the qualified archaeologist shall develop additional treatment measures, which may include data recovery or other appropriate measures, in consultation with the implementing agency, and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in prehistoric or tribal resources. If an archaeological site does not qualify as an historical resource but meets the criteria for a unique archaeological resource as defined in Section 21083.2, then the site shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 21083.2.

CUL-3 The implementing agency shall retain archaeological monitors during ground-disturbing activities that have the potential to impact archaeological resources qualifying as historical resources or unique archaeological resources, as determined by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with the implementing agency, and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in the project. Native American monitors shall be retained for projects that have a high potential to impact sensitive Native American resources, as determined by the implementing agency in coordination with the qualified archaeologist.

CUL-4 During project-level construction, should subsurface archaeological resources be discovered, all activity in the vicinity of the find shall stop and a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to assess the significance of the find according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. If any find is determined to be significant, the archaeologist shall determine, in consultation with the implementing agency and any local Native American groups expressing interest, appropriate avoidance measures or other appropriate mitigation. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3), preservation in place shall be the preferred means to avoid impacts to archaeological resources qualifying as

historical resources. Methods of avoidance may include, but shall not be limited to, project reroute or redesign, project cancellation, or identification of protection measures such as capping or fencing. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C), if it is demonstrated that resources cannot be avoided, the qualified archaeologist shall develop additional treatment measures, such as data recovery or other appropriate measures, in consultation with the implementing agency and any local Native American representatives expressing interest in prehistoric or tribal resources. If an archaeological site does not qualify as an historical resource but meets the criteria for a unique archaeological resource as defined in Section 21083.2, then the site shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section 21083.2.

CUL-7 The implementing agency shall require that, if human remains are uncovered during project construction, work in the vicinity of the find shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted to evaluate the remains, following the procedures and protocols set forth in Section 15064.5 (e)(1) of the CEQA Guidelines. If the County Coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the Coroner will contact the Native American Heritage Commission, in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5, subdivision (c), and Public Resources Code 5097.98 (as amended by AB 2641). The NAHC will then designate a Most Likely Descendant of the deceased Native American, who will engage in consultation to determine the disposition of the remains.

**Wildfire**

PS-1 The Permittee implementing the EWMP project shall provide reasonable advance notification to service providers such as fire, police, and emergency medical services as well as to local businesses, homeowners, and other residents adjacent to and within areas potentially affected by the proposed EWMP project about the nature, extent, and duration of construction activities. Interim updates should be provided to inform them of the status of the construction activities

TRAF-1 For projects that may affect traffic, implementing agencies shall require that contractors prepare a construction traffic control plan. Elements of the plan should include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Develop circulation and detour plans to minimize impacts to local street circulation. Use haul routes minimizing truck traffic on local roadways to the extent possible.
- To the extent feasible, and as needed to avoid adverse impacts on traffic flow, schedule truck trips outside of peak morning and evening commute hours.
- Install traffic control devices as specified in Caltrans' Manual of Traffic Controls for Construction and Maintenance Work Zones where needed to maintain safe driving conditions. Use flaggers and/or signage to safely direct traffic through construction work zones.

- Coordinate with facility owners or administrators of sensitive land uses such as police and fire stations, hospitals, and schools. Provide advance notification to the facility owner or operator of the timing, location, and duration of construction activities.

HYDRO-4 Prior to approving a structural BMP, the implementing agencies shall conduct an evaluation of the potential hydromodification impacts of the project. The evaluation shall recommend design measures necessary to prevent or minimize any identified impacts, including flooding, erosion and/or scour. Design measures could include velocity dissipaters and bank re-enforcement components. Implementing agencies shall include these measures in project designs.

# CHAPTER 5
# RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE PEIR

The Addendum to the PEIR was distributed for public review on October 15, 2021 through November 15, 2021, and was extended until December 7, 2021, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15105 (although a public review period is not required for an Addendum). A total of 23 comment letters, including one duplicate letter, were received. According to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088(a), "the Lead Agency shall respond to comments raising significant environmental issues received during the noticed comment period and any extensions and may respond to late comments." This chapter provides response to written environmental comments received during and after the public comment period.

Written responses are presented for all comment letters received during and after the public review period, including comment letters from agencies, organizations, and individuals. Each letter has been assigned a number code, and individual comments in each letter have also been coded to facilitate responses. For example, the letter from the Homeowner Association Viewridge Estate (H.A.V.E) is identified at Comment Letter 16, with comments noted as 16-1, 16-2, etc. Copies of each comment letter are provided prior to each response. The comment letters are organized chronologically. Comments that present opinions about the project or that raise issues not directly related to the substance of the environmental analysis in the Addendum are noted but, in accordance with CEQA, are not required to receive a detailed response.

## 5.1 Responses to Written Comments Received That Address Environmental Issues Raised in the Addendum to the PEIR

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**Subject:** Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project
**Date:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 2:04:50 PM Pacific Daylight Time
**From:** Thomas DuKet
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

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I own the home at the corner of Chagall and Hodler. I received a notice with a map of the project today. The map shows BMP locations on Hodler all the way up to the corner of Chagall and Hodler. I talked to a representative of the project two weeks ago and expressed my desire that the project would not disturb the parkway from the intersection down 40 feet in order to preserve existing vegetation and landscaping. 1-1

It makes more sense to install collection equipment as close to Viewridge road as possible in order to maximize the collection of road runoff. Can the project be modified to put the BMPs as far north on Hodler as possible to preserve my landscaping and collect more water?

Also, the map shows a BMP located right where our electrical sewage pump facilities are located on the north corner of Viewridge and Topanga Canyon Boulevard. If this pump facility is compromised sewage will back up in the entire neighborhood, especially affecting my house which is at a low point in the neighborhood. 1-2

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Thomas P. DuKet
Topanga, CA 90290

**Comment Letter 1: DuKet, Thomas**

**Response 1-1**

The commenter expresses a preference for the proposed locations of project BMP's so as to not disturb the commenter's home landscaping. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 1-2**

The commenter expresses concern regarding the location of a BMP adjacent to an electrical sewage pump facility and the potential for that pump to be compromised. As discussed in Section XIV(a), Utilities, Service Systems, and Energy, of the Addendum, "the proposed project would require ground disturbance that may encounter buried utilities that may be impacted by construction. As such, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure UTIL-1," which details that, "prior to implementation of BMPs, the implementing agency shall conduct a search for local utilities above and below ground that could be affected by the project. The implementing agencies shall contact each utility potentially affected to address relocation of the utility if necessary, to ensure access and services are maintained." As such, impacts would be less than significant. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Requesting an extension on comment period for Viewridge Stormwater addendum (until December 7, 2021)

**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:19:39 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Carrie Carrier

**To:** Bruce Hamamoto, Grace Komjakraphan

**CC:** Charnofsky, Tessa, Smith, Drew, Alberto Grajeda, Allen Ma, Stacy Sledge, Roger Pugliese, liz herron, Lynn Levitt, robert dampf, Sue Waller, Chris Herron, Joseph Rosendo, Ron Fomalont, Alisa Land Hill

**Attachments:** Public Works FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (2).pdf

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To whom it may concern,

The Topanga Town Council has just learned about the Oct 15th - Nov. 15th comment period for the addendum to the PEIR for the Viewridge Stormwater Improvement project, which was initially certified in 2015. Since that time, the project has evolved, and as a result of these modifications, an addendum to the original PEIR was issued. I do not believe the Topanga Town Council was notified about this project addendum, and if we were, it seems to have escaped all of our highly attentive members' attention. As a result of our late notice about this addendum, we are requesting an extension of the comment period until December 7, 2021, so that we have sufficient time to review the addendum and prepare comments. In particular, we would like to evaluate potential traffic impacts, as this is one of the most critical issues to residents. We would also like to gain more insight into potential fire risk issues, noise concerns, and the extent of current and future construction along Topanga Canyon Blvd. (and other residential enclaves in the community) related to this project. 2-1

**COMMUNITY-WIDE CONCERNS:** Based on the attached notice, we can see that the current project site comprises several locations along and near *View*ridge Road between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Summit Pointe Drive in Topanga. Work associated with the proposed project would occur on **Chagall Road**, **Hodler Drive**, **Viewridge Road,**, and **Voltaire Drive,**, with temporary construction staging on **Topanga Canyon Boulevard**.

**COMMUNITY ROAD-CLOSURE FATIGUE:** Residents in the Canyon have been subjected to an inordinate number of road closures, lane winnowing, and construction noise on account of multiple projects along Topanga Canyon Blvd (and other local roads). over the past couple of years. Residents are currently enduring road closures and power shut-offs due to undergrounding work being performed by SCE and Public Works. Further, Caltrans plans to re-pave the entire road from the PCH up to the 118 beginning in 2022. Residents are exhausted, and businesses are reeling. We need more time to review this addendum and seek residents' input before this addendum is finalized. 2-2

We also ask that we (the Topanga Town Council) be included on any/all future correspondence and notifications about this project. Our email for such notifications is:

contact@topangatowncouncil.org. The Topanga Chamber of Commerce (Joseph Rosendo, Community Liaison) and Topangans for a Scenic Community (TASC Chair, Roger Pugliese) should also be notified.

Z-5 Cont'd

Kind regards,
Carrie L. Carrier

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Carrie L. Carrier
Topanga Town Council, President
NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat - Topanga Leader
Topanga Creek Watershed Committee, Chair
Email: contact@topangatowncouncil.org
Web: onetopanga.com

**Comment Letter 2: Topanga Town Council *(Signed: Carrier, Carrie)***

**Response 2-1**

The commenter states that the Topanga Town Council was not made aware of the public review and comment period for the project and requests an extension to the period; the commenter summarizes anticipated impact topics for discussion and acknowledges the project location. It should be noted that in light of this comment letter, the public review and comment period was extended from November 15, 2021 to December 7, 2021. Otherwise, this comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum.

**Response 2-2**

The commenter states the presence and impact of ongoing road closures in the Viewridge community due to various construction projects in the area. Mitigation Measure TRAF-1 from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMP) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) would require the preparation of a construction traffic control plan to minimize impacts to local street circulation. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 2-3**

The commenter reiterates and concludes that more time is needed to review and comment on the project and provides additional contact information for future notifications related to the project. It should be noted that in light of this comment letter, the public review and comment period was extended from November 15, 2021 to December 7, 2021. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum.

**Subject:** Re: Requesting an extension on comment period for Viewridge Stormwater addendum (until December 7, 2021)

**Date:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 11:19:37 AM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Liz Herron

**To:** Carrie Carrier, Len Lanzi, Jay Butterfield

**CC:** Bruce Hamamoto, Grace Komjakraphan, Charnofsky, Tessa, Smith, Drew, Alberto Grajeda, Allen Ma, Stacy Sledge, Roger Pugliese, Lynn Levitt, robert dampf, Sue Waller, Chris Herron, Joseph Rosendo, Ron Fomalont, Alisa Land Hill

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Carrie,

Thank you so much for this update and for requesting this extension.
In future emails could you please include two additional Viewridge residents:
Len Lanzi - President: Viewridge Homeowners Association
llanzi@stubbsalderton.com
and
Jay Butterfield
jay.butterfield@gmail.com

I have included them in the address To: bar above.

Best,
Liz Herron
Viewridge Resident

Sent from my iPhone

**Comment Letter 3: Herron, Liz**

**Response 3-1**

The commenter thanks a previous sender in the email thread for requesting an extension to the public review period and provides contact information for other participants for future communication. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project
**Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 4:59:23 PM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Herbert Petermann
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan
**Attachments:** Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project, 11-12-2021.doc

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Dear Ms. Grace Kromjakraphan-Tek,

Our homeowners group named VOICE (Viewridge Owners Involved in the Community and Environment) is submitting a comment letter regarding the proposed **Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project – see attachment.**

We greatly appreciate the thoughtful work that went into the design phase of this project. You addressed several issues in your latest design addendum such as what to expect during the construction phase of the project, including turn around access for fire trucks, etc. We think it is a well thought out project and will greatly reduce the pollution flowing into Topanga Creek. 4-1

Also, the project would greatly reduce the heat island effect of the paved segment of Viewridge Road between Heidi Lane and Summit Pointe entrance by planting trees in the median.

Best regards,
Herbert Petermann, VOICE Chair

ENCLOSURE

**Viewridge Owners Involved in the Community and Environment**
3185 Rossini Place, Topanga, CA 90290, Tel: (818) 888-0209
email: hpetermann@charter.net

November 12, 2021

Grace Komjakraphan-Tek
County of Los Angeles Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

**Re: Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project**

Dear Ms. Grace Komjakraphan-Tek,

I am writing you to express my support for the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project as it is presently designed. I have read the design addendum and it appears the changes are minor in comparison to the initial proposal that was presented to our community in February 2020. The new proposal addresses the construction of the project and how it impacts any disruption this may cause during the building process.

Once completed, the project would greatly improve the water quality for Topanga Creek and ultimately Topanga Beach at the ocean. I went to two meetings at the Topanga Library that Public Works arranged to describe in detail the project and its many environmental benefits to our community. Also, I wrote a letter on August 18th, 2020 to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl in support of the project. 4-1 Cont'd

I am chair of a homeowners group in the Viewridge area of Topanga and our group **strongly** supports this project. There is another homeowners group called HAVE (Homeowners Association of Viewridge Estates) that opposes the project. I think the reasons they give to oppose it are misleading and unfounded. 4-2

We think the Stormwater Improvement Project project should be implemented as it is proposed. It would create a healthier environment that will benefit the residents of our community. 4-3

Yours sincerely

Herbert Petermann

Herbert Petermann, VOICE Chair

**Comment Letter 4: VOICE *(Signed Petermann, Herbert)***

**Response 4-1**

The commenter expresses support for the project and proceeds to elaborate on that support in an attached formal letter, specifically acknowledging that the project design described in the Addendum are minor changes from the initial design proposal shared to the community in February 2020, and acknowledges the addendum addresses potential construction impacts and the project will reduce pollution from flowing into Topanga Creek.. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 4-2**

The commenter mentions that while the homeowners' group supports the project, there is an opposing homeowners' group in the community that opposes the project, but that their justifications for opposition are unfounded. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 4-3**

The commenter concludes by reiterating their support for the project as proposed, citing that it would make improvements to the environment and community. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Comment Submission: Safety Concerns Re: Viewridge Stormwater Project
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 8:30:48 AM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Eve Wagner
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan
**CC:** Nicholas Rumanes, SUZETTE WALLER, viewridgeLen@gmail.com, Alberto Grajeda, Regina Quan, samantha bryant, harlan dworsky
**Attachments:** image001.png, image002.png, image003.png, image004.png, Storm drain _11162021175100.PDF

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I am the president of the Summit Pointe HOA. We were extremely disappointed to receive the Notice of Addendum to the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (copy attached), which does not reflect the agreement made after numerous emails were sent to LA County Public Works and a meeting was held at the Topanga library (which was attended by residents from both our neighborhood and the adjoining development). At that time, the agreement was the Viewridge Road Medium would NOT be raised and it would be substantially smaller (among other things). I do not recall any discussion about electrical cabinets being located on the north side of Viewridge Road or some of the other items listed in the notice. 5-1

Below are some of the emails that both Nicholas Rumanes (who is also a board member) and I sent back in 2019 outlining several of our concerns.

In short, we are vehemently opposed to the project as outlined in the recent notice. Please include this and the emails below as part of the public record. And, please have someone contact us asap.

Thank you,
Eve Wagner
President, Summit Pointe HOA

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**From:** Nicholas Rumanes <rumanes@gmail.com>
**Date:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 7:20 PM
**To:** ALGRAJEDA@dpw.lacounty.gov <ALGRAJEDA@dpw.lacounty.gov>
**Cc:** RQuan@dpw.lacounty.gov <RQuan@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Eve Wagner <ewagner@summitresolution.com>
**Subject:** Safety Concerns Re: View Ridge Stormwater Project

Mr. Alberto Grajeda, P.E

Firstly, thank you for your time and our calls today.

While I am sending you this email as an individual, please know Summit Pointe Estate's HOA Board, which I am a member, will be formally addressing their concerns at the appropriate time.

I am unable to attend the Oct 29th meeting and respectfully request we can arrange for another time to connect.

In the meantime, I would like to highlight some of the concerns I have. Please also know my concerns may likely be very similar to those concerns of **Summit Pointe Estates**, the **View Ridge Community** and the **Top-O-Topanga** community.

May I begin with stating my true appreciation of Public Works' efforts with respect to the storm water quality projects. However, we have grave concerns with the proposed project at View Ridge.

As a quick background, my family and I are “life-long-Topangan’s” and have firsthand experience and been impacted by fires in the Santa Monica mountains over the years.

I sit on the HOA Board as the member responsible for Safety and Security concerns for our neighborhood. I also sit on the LAFD Foundation Board and liaise with the County and other governmental agencies, as appropriate, for our communities’ safety and security interests.

After reviewing the diagram in your email, I would like to bring the following points to your attention. Since Public Works is planning to install a BMP and raised, curbed median with landscaping along View Ridge, you should be aware of serious safety concerns. View Ridge cannot accommodate any impediments such as those proposed. Even the slightest modifications by introducing impediments to this roadway may prove detrimental to the community.

- The entire View Ridge Road is designated by the County as a Permanent **PUBLIC SAFE REFUGE (PSR) AREA.** In the event of evacuation View Ridge is the SPR designated for our neighborhoods.

- Additionally, this area is **TACTICAL ZONE 1 COMMUNITY SAFETY AREA;** A pre-identified geographical area used by emergency responders to improve coordination and span of control during a disaster.

- This strategic strip of road is also utilized as a **Fire Staging Location** by emergency responders to enable prevention of fire spread in the canyon and to neighboring structures of **Summit Pointe**, **View Ridge** and **Top-O-Topanga**.

- The **View Ridge Staging Location** also anticipates for mobile command centers and communication rigs and planned to accommodate a variety of emergency apparatus to include aero units for times of emergency.

- LA COUNTY 69 also conducts practical application training exercises along View Ridge with their trucks and engines.

For these bullet points alone any impediments to View Ridge, such as a median should be seriously reconsidered. I prefer that View Ridge stay a PSR and Staging Location Area. If this project is introduced, it will greatly hamper the safety features of our community.

Most likely County Fire will need to permit this effort. LA County Fire may not be supportive for impediments to View Ridge. While I have not addressed this officially to County Fire, please know how sensitive this issue truly is.

As I detail the significance of View Ridge, I am hopeful you can relate to our safety concerns with respect to fire prevention and community refuge.

Additionally, a landscaped median may negatively impact our neighborhood by contributing to reduced lateral vehicular mobility and poor pedestrian visibility. According to national traffic guidelines such as Vision Zero we believe having high visibility for motorists and ease of movement for pedestrians is preferred for safety precautions.

This strip of land is highly utilized by cyclists, dog walkers and children, and recreational folks such as hikers and other leisure and sporting activities.

View Ridge has only one narrow strip of sidewalk on the north end and most people mostly walk on the edge of this southern street. Maintaining this strip of road as-is is not only a safety concern, but that of a usage and lifestyle preference. Our community values the ability to walk side-by side along the 'view ridge' where the street has so fittingly been named after.

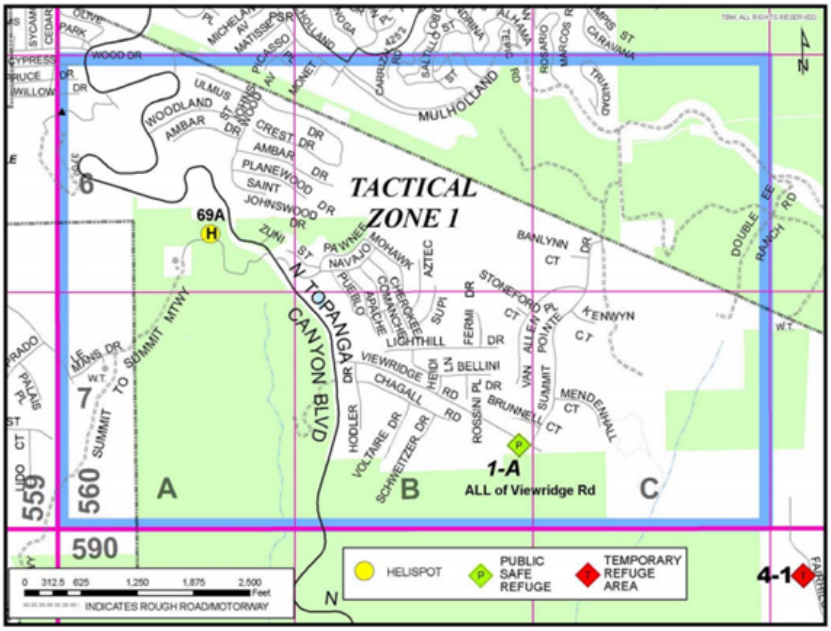
I hope this email and the items I've referenced are just a start of a discussion my community would like to have with your office.

I again thank you for your time and understanding in this sensitive matter.

Enclosed are exhibits from Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (TCEP) mapping the significance of View Ridge with respect to safety and security in our community.

https://onetopanga.com/maps/zone-map

## TOPANGA TACTICAL ZONE 1




| PUBLIC SAFE REFUGES (PSRs)* | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1-A | Viewridge Street | Entire street, preferably along the wall |

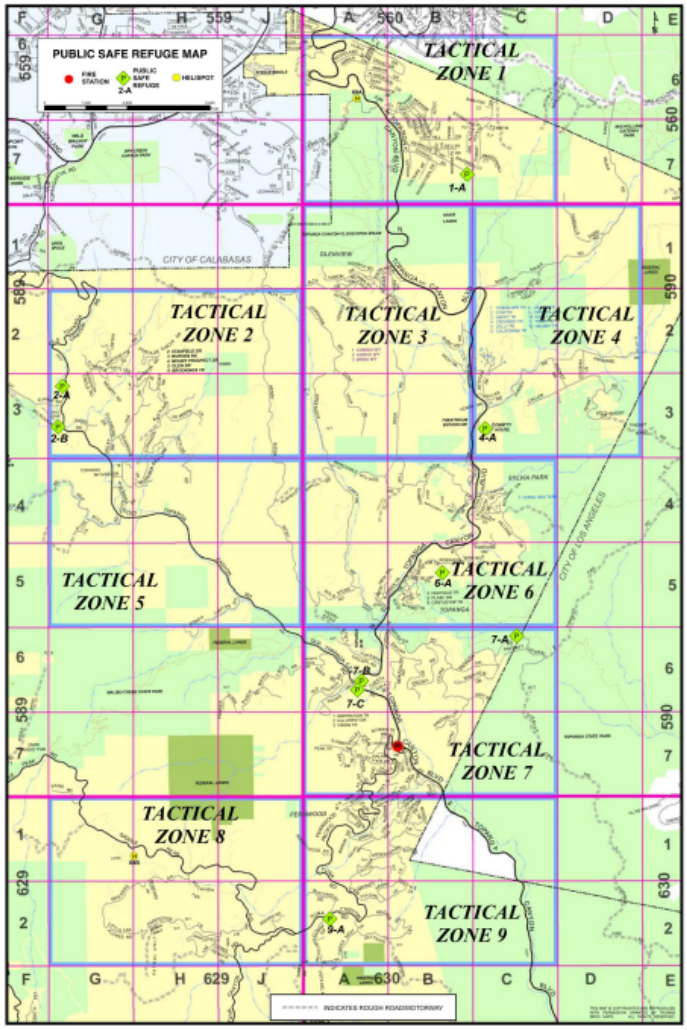
| TEMPORARY REFUGE AREAS (TRAs)** | | |
|---|---|---|
| | None | |

| PUBLIC SAFE REFUGES (PSRs)* | | |
|---|---|---|
| **ZONE** | **NAME/ADDRESS** | **NOTE:** |
| 1-A | Viewridge Street | Entire street, preferably along the wall. |
| 2-A | Mill Creek Ranch (1881 Old Topanga) | 2 open space areas left of entrance, on either side of the bridge; 1 open space area right of entrance towards rear past the stables. Stay away from tall trees and horses. |
| 2-B | Cali Camp (1717 Old Topanga) | Primary: parking lot away from eucalyptus trees; Secondary: upper corrals. |
| 4-A | Topanga Community House | Shelter area is the ball field. |
| 6-A | Robinson Road (Old Elysium) | Large, grassy open area. |
| 7-A | Entrada Road (State Parks Parking Lot) | Parking Lot. |
| 7-B | Pine Tree Circle | Fire engine NOT present: stay in large, open space Areas of parking lot. Fire engine IS present: follow instructions. |
| 7-C | Topanga Center | Parking lot between the Post Office and the landscaping. |
| 9-A | 2300 Tuna Canyon (Water Tank) | Open space nearest the water tank. |

*Formerly known as Community Safety/Survival Areas (CSAs). In the event of a real fire and evacuation order, at some point evacuation may be impossible due to traffic gridlock and you may then be redirected to the closest Public Safe Refuge.

County of Los Angeles
**Fire Department**

## TOPANGA TACTICAL ZONE MAP



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Nicholas G. Rumanes
Rumanes@Gmail.com

**From:** Nicholas Rumanes <rumanes@gmail.com>
**Date:** Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 10:19 AM
**To:** Eve Wagner <ewagner@summitresolution.com>, RQuan@dpw.lacounty.gov <RQuan@dpw.lacounty.gov>
**Cc:** Alberto Grajeda <ALGRAJEDA@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Herbert Peterman <hpetermann@charter.net>, Philip Jobe <philip.jobe@jobecorp.com>, Riccardo Olcese <rolcese@ucla.edu>, Ronald Fomalont <law@fomalont.com>, Sam Bryant <sam@bryantbrown.com>, Stephen (Bruns2009@gmail.com) <Bruns2009@gmail.com>, Sue Waller <sdwall925@aol.com>, edwin ellis <ehe3@msn.com>, jay@butterfield.net <jay@butterfield.net>, viewridgeLen@gmail.com <viewridgeLen@gmail.com>
**Subject:** Re: Viewridge Community Meeting

Alberto,

You and Public Works are making our community unsafe!

We can not understand why you have settled on plans which will make our community unsafe when there are better ways to accomplish your goals.

We realize that your budget is important to you, but the safety of our community should be your priority.

As you have been made aware and were surprised to hear that this is a PUBLIC SAFE REFUGE AREA. This is also a designated FIRE STAGING AREA for emergency responders.

Why would Public Works spend so much time, effort and costs to hamper our community's safety?

I agree with Eve that you have not given us enough notice. Please note that this is the second time you have sprung this on us, not allowing us to properly prepare. In addition, you sent this notice via email on the eve of the busiest travel day of the year. This is simply unacceptable. This appears a cheap tactic to ramrod your project through an approval process.

Additionally, we would expect Public Works to offer a much wider distribution for this meeting and not just to us on this email chain. Many Topangans benefit from this safety infrastructure. Therefore, you should broaden this meeting's invite list.

Below is my email sent you in October for the benefit of those may not have seen our previous correspondence.

Happy Thanksgiving

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**From:** Nicholas Rumanes <rumanes@gmail.com>
**Date:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 7:20 PM
**To:** ALGRAJEDA@dpw.lacounty.gov <ALGRAJEDA@dpw.lacounty.gov>
**Cc:** RQuan@dpw.lacounty.gov <RQuan@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Eve Wagner <ewagner@summitresolution.com>
**Subject:** Safety Concerns Re: View Ridge Stormwater Project

Mr. Alberto Grajeda, P.E

Firstly, thank you for your time and our calls today.

While I am sending you this email as an individual, please know Summit Pointe Estate's HOA Board, which I am a member, will be formally addressing their concerns at the appropriate time.

I am unable to attend the Oct 29th meeting and respectfully request we can arrange for another time to connect.

In the meantime, I would like to highlight some of the concerns I have. Please also know my concerns may likely be very similar to those concerns of **Summit Pointe Estates**, the **View Ridge Community** and the **Top-O-Topanga** community.

May I begin with stating my true appreciation of Public Works' efforts with respect to the storm water quality projects. However, we have grave concerns with the proposed project at View Ridge.

As a quick background, my family and I are "life-long-Topangan's" and have firsthand experience and been impacted by fires in the Santa Monica mountains over the years.

I sit on the HOA Board as the member responsible for Safety and Security concerns for our neighborhood. I also sit on the LAFD Foundation Board and liaise with the County and other governmental agencies, as appropriate, for our communities' safety and security interests.

After reviewing the diagram in your email, I would like to bring the following points to your attention. Since Public Works is planning to install a BMP and raised, curbed median with landscaping along View Ridge, you should be aware of serious safety concerns. View Ridge cannot accommodate any impediments such as those proposed. Even the slightest modifications by introducing impediments to this roadway may prove detrimental to the community.

- The entire View Ridge Road is designated by the County as a Permanent **PUBLIC SAFE REFUGE (PSR) AREA.** In the event of evacuation View Ridge is the SPR designated for our neighborhoods.

- Additionally, this area is **TACTICAL ZONE 1 COMMUNITY SAFETY AREA;** A pre-identified geographical area used by emergency responders to improve coordination and span of control during a disaster.

- This strategic strip of road is also utilized as a **Fire Staging Location** by emergency responders to enable prevention of fire spread in the canyon and to neighboring structures of **Summit Pointe**, **View Ridge** and **Top-O-Topanga**.

- The **View Ridge Staging Location** also anticipates for mobile command centers and communication rigs and planned to accommodate a variety of emergency apparatus to include aero units for times of emergency.

- LA COUNTY 69 also conducts practical application training exercises along View Ridge with their trucks and engines.

For these bullet points alone any impediments to View Ridge, such as a median should be seriously reconsidered. I prefer that View Ridge stay a PSR and Staging Location Area. If this project is introduced, it will greatly hamper the safety features of our community.

Most likely County Fire will need to permit this effort. LA County Fire may not be supportive for impediments to View Ridge. While I have not addressed this officially to County Fire, please know how sensitive this issue truly is.

As I detail the significance of View Ridge, I am hopeful you can relate to our safety concerns with respect to fire prevention and community refuge.

Additionally, a landscaped median may negatively impact our neighborhood by contributing to reduced lateral vehicular mobility and poor pedestrian visibility. According to national traffic guidelines such as Vision Zero we believe having high visibility for motorists and ease of movement for pedestrians is preferred for safety precautions.

This strip of land is highly utilized by cyclists, dog walkers and children, and recreational folks such as hikers and other leisure and sporting activities.

View Ridge has only one narrow strip of sidewalk on the north end and most people mostly walk on the edge of this southern street. Maintaining this strip of road as-is is not only a safety concern, but that of a usage and lifestyle preference. Our community values the ability to walk side-by side along the 'view ridge' where the street has so fittingly been named after.

I hope this email and the items I've referenced are just a start of a discussion my community would like to have with your office.

I again thank you for your time and understanding in this sensitive matter.

Enclosed are exhibits from Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (TCEP) mapping the significance of View Ridge with respect to safety and security in our community.

https://onetopanga.com/maps/zone-map

**From:** Nicholas Rumanes <rumanes@gmail.com>
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:44 PM
**To:** Alberto Grajeda <ALGRAJEDA@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Eve Wagner <ewagner@summitresolution.com>
**Subject:** Re: Viewridge Community Outreach

Thank you Alberto for your email.

We live here every day. We know the importance of having strategic safety and staging zones with refuge areas. We are not NIMBYS. We simply want a safe community. We have experienced too many fires in our community to sit silent on such an important matter.

LA no longer has a "Fire Season." Fire season is 365 days a year now. What was a once-in-a-while event to be evacuated; now, we evacuate multiple times a year. **Any impediment on View Ridge by Public Works will negatively impact our safety.** Unfortunately, its as simple as that.

Have you thought about other methods or ways to implement your plan without disturbing the street? Can you build it in the sloped part of the southern ridge were there is no sidewalk?

Additionally, the entire length of Viewridge has been marked with survey spraypaint and other markings. Are these markings related to your plans?

Please see to it that this project is cancelled in its current form. We believe you have the influence and ability to make the argument that safety should be Public Works' primary mission.

We truly appreciate your outreach and thank you for your responsiveness.

I have to work on the 12th however, i will take your offer to get a copy of the PowerPoint. Preferably, in advance of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Rumanes

**From:** Eve Wagner <ewagner@summitresolution.com>
**Date:** Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 5:39 PM
**To:** Alberto Grajeda <ALGRAJEDA@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Sue Waller <sdwall925@aol.com>, viewridgeLen@gmail.com <viewridgeLen@gmail.com>, jay@butterfield.net <jay@butterfield.net>, Nicholas Rumanes <rumanes@gmail.com>, Philip Jobe <philip.jobe@jobecorp.com>, Stephen (Bruns2009@gmail.com) <Bruns2009@gmail.com>, Sam Bryant <sam@bryantbrown.com>, Herbert Peterman <hpetermann@charter.net>, 'edwin ellis' <ehe3@msn.com>, 'Riccardo Olcese' <rolcese@ucla.edu>, 'Ronald Fomalont' <law@fomalont.com>
**Subject:** Re: Viewridge Community Meeting

Hi Alberto -- I sincerely hope you are not ignoring the serious concerns that our community has already raised regarding putting any kind of new divider on Viewridge, particularly since this ia staging area for the fire department. Please let me know if you need us to resend the emails.

We will do our best to have a representative of Summit Pointe attend the meeting but this is short notice given the holidays.

Happy Thanksgiving to you as well.

Eve Wagner

**From:** Eve Wagner <ewagner@summitresolution.com>
**Date:** Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 11:50 AM
**To:** Alberto Grajeda <ALGRAJEDA@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Sue Waller <sdwall925@aol.com>, viewridgeLen@gmail.com <viewridgeLen@gmail.com>, jay@butterfield.net <jay@butterfield.net>
**Cc:** Kevin Chang <KChang@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Allen Ma <AMA@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Regina Quan <RQuan@dpw.lacounty.gov>, Nicholas Rumanes <rumanes@gmail.com>, Philip Jobe <philip.jobe@jobecorp.com>, Stephen (Bruns2009@gmail.com) <Bruns2009@gmail.com>, Sam Bryant <sam@bryantbrown.com>
**Subject:** Re: Viewridge Stormwater Project

Hi Alberto,

I will try to attend the meeting on Mon but will be coming from downtown so may not be able to make it. I understand from another board member that you were under the impression that I had told your predecessor that I had approved this project. Let me assure you that is NOT the case. All that was agreed upon was that we would be happy to have you make a presentation to our HOA board and members. That meeting was discussed in the first part of the year but never transpired.

Also, now that I have a better understanding of what is intended, please be advised that we are vehemently opposed to any additional divider or obstruction being added to Viewridge. As you may not know, Viewridge has been designated as a staging area and Public Safe Refuse Area by the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. in the unfortunately event of a fire. We live in a high fire area and given what has been occurring over the past several years, we simply cannot risk making it any harder for the fire dept. to use that area, including turning around their trucks etc. Please see the email from my co-board member Nicholas Rumanes, sent to you on 10/22/19, for additional details.

In short, in case our board cannot be represented there in person, please do NOT go forward with any work, including a curbed median, in this area.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Eve Wagner
310-601-0037

**Comment Letter 5: Summit Point HOA *(Signed: Wagner, Eve)***

**Response 5-1**

The commenter expresses general opposition to the project, including that the Summit Point HOA has voiced opposition throughout the life of the project planning process (this correspondence occurred outside of the public review period, but is included with the comment letter as part of the public record); the commenter voices that they were under the impression that certain design elements would be changed based on recommendations from the opposing group. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Topanga Viewridge storm drain project
**Date:** Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 8:34:36 PM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Joseph Helfer
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I am an environmentally-concerned resident of the Topanga Community- specifically Viewridge Estates and have looked at this project and all that it entails and find it unnecessary and a disruptive waste of taxpayers dollars. Count me among those opposed. 6-1

**Comment Letter 6: Helfer, Joseph**

**Response 6-1**

The commenter expresses opposition to the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Viewridge Estates - Water Project
**Date:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 8:42:47 AM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Alison Baugh
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan
**CC:** Susan Du Brin

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.
Hello Grace,

I have lived in Topanga Canyon my entire life and have been a resident in Viewridge Estates now for over twenty-seven years. As an environmentally-concerned resident, I have looked at this project and all that it entails and find it unnecessary and a disruptive waste of taxpayers dollars. Count me among those opposed. 7-1

Thank you,

Alison Baugh

**Alison Baugh**
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**Ethan Christopher, LLC**
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**(818) 986-9174 x6 office**
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**Comment Letter 7: Baugh, Alison**

**Response 7-1**

The commenter expresses opposition to the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** FW: Viewridge Estates - Water Project
**Date:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 8:49:02 AM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Susan Du Brin
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Grace,

I have lived in Topanga Canyon for 35 years and have been a resident in Viewridge Estates now for over twenty-seven years. As an environmentally-concerned resident, I have looked at this project and all that it entails and find it unnecessary and a disruptive waste of taxpayers dollars. Count me among those opposed. 8-1

Thank you,

Susan Du Brin
21209 Bellini Drive
Topanga, CA 90290

**Comment Letter 8: Du Brin, Susan**

**Response 8-1**

The commenter expresses opposition to the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** I am resident in Viewridge Estates
**Date:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 1:25:11 PM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Gary Shar
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi,

Regarding: The project proposes to place a raised median with 18 biofiltration systems in the center of Viewridge Blvd. 850 feet long ( approximately 2 1/2 football lengths) just east of Heidi Lane to just west of Summit Point. It will place additional filtration systems in the storm drains at Heidi and Viewridge, Topanga and Viewridge, Hodler, Voltaire and Chagall.

I am an environmentally-concerned resident of the Topanga Community- specifically Viewridge Estates and have looked at this project and all that it entails and find it unnecessary and a disruptive waste of taxpayers dollars. Count me among those opposed. 9-1

Please do not waste millions of dollars on a plan that is doomed to fail before it starts will NOT achieve its goals.

Sincerely,

Gary Shar
Topanga Community Resident

**Comment Letter 9: Shar, Gary**

**Response 9-1**

The commenter summarizes the project description and expresses opposition to the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Viewridge Stormwater Project
**Date:** Thursday, November 25, 2021 at 9:01:38 AM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** SUZETTE WALLER
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I am an environmentally concerned resident of the Topanga community, specifically the Viewridge community, and I have a looked at this project and all that it entails and find it unnecessary and destructive WASTE of taxpayer dollars. Those $$$ would be better utilized elsewhere. 10-1

Count me among those OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT.

Suzette Waller
21429 Lighthill Dr
Topanga

Sent from my iPad

**Comment Letter 10: Waller, Suzettle**

**Response 10-1**

The commenter expresses opposition to the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** GREEN STREETS STORM DRAIN PROJECT - VIEWRIDGE ESTATES, TOPANGA
**Date:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 4:03:26 PM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Mary Benjamin
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am Mary Benjamin, a resident for 20 years on Voltaire Drive in Viewridge and a member of the Viewridge Homeowner's Association.

I, like the HOA Committee of the Viewridge Homeowner's Association, am strongly OPPOSED to the GREEN STREETS STORM DRAIN PROJECT that is being proposed by Public Works.

Members of our committee, HOA President Len Lanzi, Treasurer Sue Waller and residents, Jay Butterfield, Bob Dampf, previous resident Lynn Levitt and Liz Herron have been in endless hours of communication and correspondence with Public Works regarding this matter for the past two years. 11-1

WE ALL FEEL THE PROJECT IS ILL CONCEIVED AND A WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS.
IT IS ESTIMATED TO COST 7-8 MILLION DOLLARS AND TAKE AT LEAST A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

Not only that, but I am appalled at the potential for environmental damage of this misguided project and the blatant ignoring of the realities of the drought we are confronting and the negative repercussions with regard to climate change that this proposal represents. 11-2

These aspects of the proposed project are deeply upsetting to me as a citizen, a Viewridge resident and the mother of 20 year-old son.

Every decision we make at this critical time must be made first and foremost with an eye on the effects any environmental action will have on CLIMATE CHANGE. This project seems to turn a blind eye to this larger and most urgent concern that we as environmentally-minded Viewridge residents and parents and grandparents share. 11-3

I want to let my voice be heard to join my neighbors in STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE GREEN STREETS STORM DRAIN PROJECT.

Sincerely,
Mary Benjamin
Academy Award-Nominated Documentary Filmmaker (Feature documentary: EIGHT MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT: A PORTRAIT OF DR. HELEN CALDICOTT)
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Mary Benjamin/Producer
1895 FILMS
Cell: 310 403-3891

**Comment Letter 11: Benjamin, Mary**

**Response 11-1**

The commenter introduces themselves as a member of the Viewridge HOA, and strongly opposes the project. The opposition is based on the alleged expense of the project, which would be funded by taxes. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 11-2**

The commenter states that the project would cause environmental damage and does not address local drought conditions or address the larger issue of climate change. As was justified in Section 1.3, Summary of Findings, of the Addendum, "implementation of the modified project would not result in substantial changes requiring major revisions to the previously certified PEIR. Further, the proposed project would not result in any environmental impacts that have not already been addressed in the PEIR or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts. No new mitigation measures are required for the proposed project." Further, as listed in Chapter 4, Mitigation Measures, of the Addendum, "the mitigation measures listed are the same as the measures in the Final EIR and would be applicable to the proposed project. No new mitigation measures are required as a result of implementing the proposed project." The mitigation measures provided would ensure that no significant impacts to the environment would occur. As discussed in Section 2.4 of the Addendum, the project would both improve water quality by reducing pollutants and improve habitat by reducing discharged pollutants and reducing the effects of hydromodification. Regarding climate change, the project does not specifically claim to address the causes or propose the solutions to climate change and is not obligated to. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. Further, the Addendum concludes that with implementation of mitigation measures, project impacts to air quality, energy, and greenhouse gas emissions – the environmental resources attributed to climate change – would be less than significant. Finally, regarding local drought, as discussed in Section 2.5 of the Addendum, Description of the Proposed Project, the project would install biofiltration units where stormwater and runoff would flow into a pretreatment chamber that would separate larger sediments and debris before entering a filtration chamber which would reduce the target pollutants before discharging from the unit via gravity into the existing storm drain system; this is a flow-through system that would reduce peak flow rates to prevent flooding and erosion. It would improve the quality of water discharged, not reduce the amount of discharge. Existing landscaping would be replaced with new drought tolerant landscaping once the biofiltration units are installed, and new vegetation will be planted in the new median on Viewridge Road. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 11-3**

The commenter reiterates their role within the Viewridge community as well as their opposition to the project and recommends that projects in the community solely focus on addressing climate change. Refer to response 11-2 regarding the project's relationship to climate change. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Viewridge Estates Filtration project
**Date:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 11:31:11 AM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Roger Robindore
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Ms. Komjakraphan-Tek,

Understand that as a resident of Viewridge Estates in Topanga Canyon, I am AGAINST the proposed filtration system proposed for our neighborhood.

After informing myself about the details, the project seems like a complete waste of taxpayer money. While I certainly support the idea to eliminate rain runoff to the Santa Monica bay, it makes no sense that this project will help achieve this goal at all. 12-1

Viewridge being the only Topanga community with a sewer system, one would expect that we contribute the least to ocean pollution, given that all other Topanga communities are on septic systems. Also, there's evidence that water entering the ocean at PCH is actually rather clean - it defies common sense that filtration done at the peak of Topanga Canyon would remain clean all the way to the shoreline, if indeed it ever reached it. 12-2

Please stop this project that clearly has wide opposition in the Viewridge/Summit Points neighborhoods. 12-3

Regards,

Roger Robindoré
3115 Voltaire Dr, Topanga, CA 90290

**Comment Letter 12: Robindore, Roger**

**Response 12-1**

The commenter expresses opposition to the project, claiming that it would not aid in reducing runoff to the Santa Monica Bay. As discussed in Section 2.5 of the Addendum, Description of the Proposed Project, the project would install biofiltration units where stormwater and runoff would flow into a pretreatment chamber that would separate larger sediments and debris before entering a filtration chamber which would reduce the target pollutants before discharging from the unit via gravity into the existing storm drain system; this is a flow-through system that would reduce peak flow rates to prevent flooding and erosion. The project does not propose to install additional storm drains. It would improve the quality of water discharged, not reduce the amount of discharge. No changes to the Addendum are needed and the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 12-2**

The commenter claims that the Viewridge community is not the source of ocean water pollution, and that water entering the ocean from Topanga Canyon is relatively clean. As discussed in the Addendum in Section 2.2, Background, and Section 2.5, Project Description, the proposed project location was identified by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) Group as a priority multibenefit regional location to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to achieve and maintain water quality objectives and protect beneficial uses pursuant to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The proposed project would treat flows that drain to Topanga Canyon Creek, which in turn drains to the North Santa Monica Bay – an impaired waterbody assigned Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limits for a number of pollutants originating from urban and stormwater runoff pursuant to the Clean Water Act. Per Section 2.3 of the Addendum, the project would install biofiltration units within the existing storm drain system; the Topanga Canyon watershed is mostly undeveloped other than Topanga Beach Park, a small commercial area, and a small (2-acre) maintenance facility zoned as industrial land use. The central and eastern areas of the subwatershed consist of undeveloped land, rural residential, commercial, public, equestrian, educational, and mixed urban land uses. However, the project location within the Viewridge community provides one of the only locations with a developed right of way (ROW) and existing storm drain systems, making it the optimal location for the project. As part of the EWMP plan development process, various parcels were evaluated and ranked based on their technical feasibility and site ownership. Through this screening process, the proposed project was determined to be a priority multibenefit regional project. No changes to the Addendum are needed and the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 12-3**

The commenter concludes by reiterating general opposition to the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements - Addendum to the Final PEIR (LASD Review Comments)
**Date:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 1:45:25 PM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Campomanes, Rochelle E.
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan
**Priority:** High
**Attachments:** image.png, Final Program Environmental Report Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project.pdf

Dear Ms. Komjakraphan-Tek:

Please find the attached file for the project mentioned above. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions. Thank you very much. 13-1

**Rochelle Campomanes, LEED AP**
**Departmental Facilities Planner I**
**Facilities Planning Bureau**
**Tel: 323-526-5614**

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## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## HALL OF JUSTICE

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

December 1, 2021

Ms. Grace Komjakraphan-Tek
Los Angeles County Public Works
Stormwater Quality
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California 91803

Dear Ms. Komjakraphan-Tek:

**REVIEW COMMENTS**
**NOTICE OF ADDENDUM TO THE**
**ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS**
**FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**
**VIEWRIDGE ROAD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
**(SCH. NO. 2014081106)**

Thank you for inviting the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to review and comment on the October 2021 Addendum to the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Addendum FPEIR) for the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project (Project). The proposed Project is located along and near Viewridge Road between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Summit Pointe Drive in the unincorporated community of Topanga in western Los Angeles County. The proposed Project consists of two parts: Viewridge Road Median which involves construction of an approximately 850-foot-long raised median with approximately 18 biofiltration units, installation of new underground diversion pipeline, installation of a new 18-inch high density polyethylene discharge pipeline, installation of new electrical cabinets, and installation of temporary monitoring cabinets including one rain gage and solar panel; and Biofiltration Units – Chagall Road, Hodler Drive, Viewridge Road and Voltaire Drive which involves installation of approximately 22 biofiltration units below ground and replacement of existing landscaping with new drought tolerant landscaping once the biofiltration units have been installed. The proposed Project is designed to capture stormwater for treatment and discharge to the

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existing storm drain at the Project site. The proposed Project would capture stomwater runoff from an 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event, and would divert urban and stormwater runoff from local unincorporated communities for flow-through treatment and discharge to the existing storm drain.

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The proposed Project is located within the service area of the Department's Malibu-Lost Hills Sheriff's Station (Station). The proposed Project, as it is described in Section XII Public Services and Recreation on page 3-71 of the Addendum FPEIR, is not expected to significantly impact the current level of service provided by the Station. However, the Station recommends additional mitigation measure such as installation of temporary construction fencing with fence screens and low-level security lighting at areas where construction vehicles, trucks, and equipment are expected to be stored at the Project site as indicated on Table 3 Construction Workers and Equipment Trip Estimates of the Addendum FPEIR on page 3-76 would also deter potential vandalism and theft.

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Per Section XIII (a) Transportation and Circulation on pages 3-76 to 3-78, a Traffic Control Plan would be prepared by contractors as required by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LADPW) and other implementing agencies as part of the proposed Project to address construction-related traffic congestion and emergency access issues. If temporary lane closures are necessary for the installation of utilities, emergency access should be maintained at all times. Flag persons and/or detours shall be provided as needed to ensure safe traffic operations, and construction signs should be posted to advise motorists of reduced construction zone speed limits. LADPW and its contractors shall coordinate with the Station for proposed emergency access routes for use during the construction activities. The Station also recommends LADPW and its contractors to coordinate with other local agencies for compliance with applicable local and regulatory laws regarding trips for construction haul trucks and sediment transportation.

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For future reference, the Department provides the following updated address and contact information for all requests for review comments, law enforcement service information, California Environmental Quality Act documents, and other related correspondence:

Tracey Jue, Director
Facilities Planning Bureau
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
211 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Planning Section

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (323) 526-5657, or your staff may contact Ms. Rochelle Campomanes of my staff, at (323) 526-5614.

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Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

Tracey Jue, Director
Facilities Planning Bureau

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Attachment

c: Salvador Becerra, Captain, Malibu-Lost Hills Station (LHS)
Ashley Turner, Operations Sergeant, LHS
Sergio V. Escobedo, Captain, Contract Law Enforcement Bureau (CLEB)
Bryan Aguilera, Lieutenant, CLEB
Julie Lowe, Sergeant, CLEB
Meghan Wang, Supervising Facilities Project Manager, (FPB)
Rochelle Campomanes, Departmental Facilities Planner I, FPB
Chrono
(EIR-Viewridge Road Stromwater Improvements Project)

**Comment Letter 13: Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department Facilities Planning Bureau *(Signed: Campomanes, Rochelle)***

**Response 13-1**

The commenter provides an introduction to an attached letter elaborating on comments to the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 13-2**

The commenter summarizes the project, including the location, components, and objectives. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 13-3**

The commenter summarizes the finding that the project would not significantly impact the level of service of police protection but recommends that the project include security measures such as fencing, lighting, and surveillance during the construction phase in order to deter theft and vandalism. Regarding impacts to police protection, the stance that the project would not require either new or improved facilities or additional personnel as discussed in Section XII(b) of the Addendum, Public Services and Recreation, is maintained, as the project would not result in an increase in population; as such, the existing police protection facilities and personnel would be adequate to service the project during both construction and operation. Additionally, as discussed in this section and in Section 2.6, Construction Schedule and Procedures, as part of the project's BMPs, "[the] County would coordinate with emergency response agencies, including but not limited to the Los Angeles County Fire Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, during final design to ensure that emergency access is maintained during implementation of the proposed project." During construction, security measures such as fencing would be utilized around any open excavations, and any additional site security measures would be at the sole discretion of the contractor. It should be noted, as discussed in Section I, Aesthetics, that "[the] project area is located in a rural outdoor lighting district, which regulates uses of outdoor lighting for safety and security, promotes dark skies for enjoyment and health of humans and wildlife, and conserves energy and resources." In order to ensure less than significant impacts to Aesthetics, any lighting used for security would need to comply with this ordinance. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 13-4**

The commenter recommends that if temporary lane closures are necessary during the construction phase of the project, that the County coordinate with applicable agencies

regarding congestion, emergency access, haul truck trips, and sediment transportation, and makes further recommendations for practices to be implemented as part of the traffic control plan. As discussed in Section XIII(a) of the Addendum, Transportation and Circulation, similar to the approved PEIR, the modified project would implement mitigation measure TRAF-1, which includes the preparation of a traffic control plan during construction. Potential project-specific elements for the traffic control plan could reduce traveler delay and enhancing traveler safety: Public Awareness Campaign; Motorist Information Strategies; and Incident Management.

TRAF-1 For projects that may affect traffic, implementing agencies shall require that contractors prepare a construction traffic control plan. Elements of the plan should include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Develop circulation and detour plans to minimize impacts to local street circulation. Use haul routes minimizing truck traffic on local roadways to the extent possible.
- To the extent feasible, and as needed to avoid adverse impacts on traffic flow, schedule truck trips outside of peak morning and evening commute hours.
- Install traffic control devices as specified in Caltrans' Manual of Traffic Controls for Construction and Maintenance Work Zones where needed to maintain safe driving conditions. Use flaggers and/or signage to safely direct traffic through construction work zones.
- Coordinate with facility owners or administrators of sensitive land uses such as police and fire stations, hospitals, and schools. Provide advance notification to the facility owner or operator of the timing, location, and duration of construction activities.

This finding is consistent with the impact determination in the PEIR; no new or intensified impacts would occur, no new mitigation measures are required, and impacts would remain less than significant.

Additionally, as discussed in Section V(b), Geologic and Mineral Resources, "[during] construction, transport of sediments from the project site would be prevented through the use of appropriate erosion control BMPs, as listed in Section 1.6, including implementation of Rule 403 dust control measures, as required by SCAQMD."

No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 13-5**

The commenter provides contact information should further correspondence be required and closes the letter. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Opposition to "Viewridge Storm Drain Project"
**Date:** Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 12:05:28 PM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Paul Davis
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan
**CC:** Paul K Davis Ph.D.
**Attachments:** Signature 4.8.21.png

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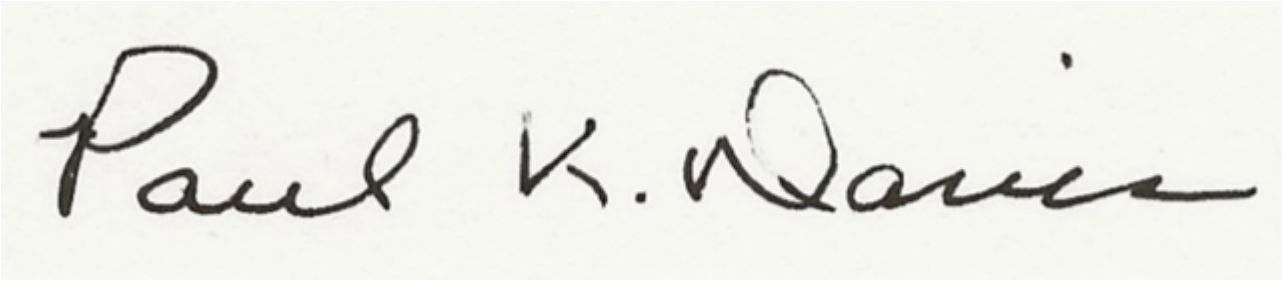
The proposed project to install a raised median strip and a series of biofiltration systems in the middle of Viewridge Blvd. appears to be ill-conceived and would likely be very disruptive. The project of installing it would surely be lengthy and disruptive. I can imagine that something similar would make sense in some areas, but it makes no sense to me for Viewridge. I strongly oppose the project altogether. 14-1

Sincerely,



Paul K. Davis, Ph.D.

**Comment Letter 14: Davis, Paul**

**Response 14-1**

The commenter expresses opposition to the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project
**Date:** Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 7:05:01 PM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** judy richards
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

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Dear Ms. Grace Komjakraphan-Tek,

I am vehemently opposed to the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project. It does not really impact the quality of the water going into the Topanga Creek because the filtered water is going to be dumped into a cesspool of filth at the end of Chagall Road. They have not addressed this at all and because the water is going to be immediately contaminated, I think this project is a complete and total waste of my taxpayers dollars! 15-1
If the desired impact is to make the water clean, as it empties into the ocean, why not cleanup the lagoon area?
Please do not go forward with this ill conceived project and waste money, money which could and should be put to better use.

Sincerely,
Judith Richards
3160 Voltaire Dr, Topanga Canyon, Ca 90290
609-273-3255

**Comment Letter 15: Richards, Judy**

**Response 15-1**

The commenter expresses opposition to the project, claiming that the water treated by the project's proposed components would inevitably become contaminated once it reaches the lagoon area at the end of Chagall Road, concluding that funds should instead be utilized to clean the lagoon area. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. Nevertheless, it should be noted that as discussed in the Addendum, Sections 2.2 and 2.5, the proposed project location was specifically identified by the LACFCD EWMP Group as a priority multibenefit regional location to implement BMPs to achieve and maintain water quality objectives and protect beneficial uses pursuant to the MS4. The proposed project would treat flows that drain to Topanga Canyon Creek, which drains to the North Santa Monica Bay. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project
**Date:** Monday, December 6, 2021 at 12:15:21 AM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Riccardo Olcese, PhD
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan
**CC:** 'MICHELA OTTOLIA', Riccardo Olcese
**Attachments:** Viewridge Stormwater Improvement_submitted 2021.pdf

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Re: Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project

Dear Ms. Grace Komjakraphan-Tek,

We are writing to express our strongest and enthusiastic support in favor of the Viewridge Green Street Stormwater Improvement Project.
(https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wmd/stwq/Viewridge.aspx).

Please, help us to support the project.

We are residents of the Viewridge Estates community and members of H.A.V.E. (Home owner Association Viewridge Estate).
While a few H.A.V.E. members oppose the project, we are fully supportive of this improvement for its undeniable environmental benefits, impact on road safety and enrichment of the neighborhood's character.
A letter of support is attached. 16-1

Thank you for your attention,

Riccardo Olcese
Michela Ottolia

3184 Hedi lane
Topanga, CA 90290

**Comment Letter 16: Viewridge Estates HOA *(Signed Olcese, Riccardo)***

**Response 16-1**

The commenter expresses full support for the project, despite opposition from other members of the organization. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project - Support
**Date:** Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:59:21 AM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** Robert Wallsgrove
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

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Hello Ms. Komjakraphan -

I'm writing in response to the recent Notice of Addendum to the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs Final Program Environmental Impact Report addressing the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project.

As a resident of the Topanga community directly impacted by the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvement Project, I've thoughtfully considered the costs and benefits of the project. I find the positive impacts on environmental health, road safety, and neighborhood character to be compelling. I'm writing to express my support for the project.

Several of my neighbors have organized a committee to engage with the planning process for the project, and they have generated opposition among the Viewridge Estates community that may have resulted in several emails or letters from residents expressing opposition. In some correspondence, that committee may have claimed that they represent our housing association. Their stance does not represent a consensus among our housing association or our community, but rather the amplified voice of a small, vocal minority. 17-1

Over the past couple years, the opposition committee has raised some valid concerns to the project team and county points of contact, and I feel that the county has done a reasonably good job of addressing those concerns. The outstanding concerns cited by the committee relate primarily to (a) the validity of environmental benefits from the project, and (b) concern over temporary disruptions caused by construction of the new filtration units. I find that these lingering concerns lack merit, so I support the project as it stands.

The project would garner even more support from our community if the following valid concerns could be addressed as part of - or in addition to - the proposed project:

1) Remediation of the stagnant degraded area at the bottom of the gully below the north side of Viewridge Road. The point where the new filtration units will release runoff to the steam system is currently in a heavily degraded state, with rampant invasive species and stagnant water. Anything the county can do to help clean up that area - before, during, or after construction of the new filters - would be very valuable. 17-2

2) Local water quality testing. It has been difficult to build resident support for the project in large part because there isn't much data on the local water quality in the upper watershed near our community. The impacts of the new filtration units are hard to quantify. It would be great if a more robust testing program could be established to measure the long-term impacts of the project. That would require measurements prior to construction to establish a baseline, followed by periodic testing over several years. 17-3

I will be reaching out to my local Resource Conservation District and environmental nonprofits to explore options to address the two items above, and I hope to help coordinate community volunteers and resources to help get that done. If there is anything the county can do to support those efforts, my neighbors and I will greatly appreciate it. 17-4

Thanks for your consideration.

Robert Wallsgrove
3118 Hodler Dr., Topanga 90290
512-228-9472

**Comment Letter 17: Wallsgrove, Robert**

**Response 17-1**

The commenter expresses full support for the project, despite opposition from other members of the organization. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 17-2**

The commenter implies that those opposed to the project may change to a supportive stance if the County also provided cleanup of allegedly degraded areas and sources of runoff adjacent to the project site. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 17-3**

The commenter implies that those opposed to the project may change to a supportive stance if more data were provided to show the necessity of the project as well as its positive long-term impacts. As discussed in the Addendum in Section 2.2, Background, and Section 2.5, Project Description, the proposed project location was identified by the LACFCD EWMP Group as a priority multi-benefit regional location to implement BMPs to achieve and maintain water quality objectives and protect beneficial uses pursuant to the MS4. The proposed project would treat flows that drain to Topanga Canyon Creek, which drains to the North Santa Monica Bay – an impaired waterbody assigned TMDL limits for a number of pollutants originating from urban and stormwater runoff pursuant to the Clean Water Act. Additionally, as discussed in Section 2.4, Project Objectives, the project would potentially treat up to 33 acre-feet of stormwater per year. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 17-4**

The commenter concludes that they will do independent outreach with environmental organizations to address the requests of Comment 17-2 and Comment 17-3 but will continue to support the project in the meantime. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

## Grace Komjakraphan

**From:** Liz Herron <herronsintopanga@yahoo.com>
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 10:03 PM
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan
**Cc:** Liz Herron
**Subject:** Liz Herron/ HOA Opposition/Viewridge Storm Drain Project/ Petitions

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Los Angeles County Public Works

December 6, 2021

Grace Komjakraphan-Tek,

My name is Liz Herron and I have been a resident of the Viewridge Estates neighborhood in Topanga Canyon for 33 years. I am a member of the Homeowner's Association and am writing on behalf of the Viewridge Estates HOA Committee that represents many of the neighbors that are concerned and opposed to the Green Streets Storm Drain Project being proposed by Public Works. We have conducted endless hours of research and analysis and have been in communication and correspondence with Public Works regarding this matter for the past two years but to no avail. It seems our concerns are falling on deaf ears as this project just keeps moving forward. This project is funded by public money and we, the public, are, now, reaching out to our public representatives for assistance.

Basically, the project proposes to place filtration systems in the storm drains in various locations in Viewridge neighborhood, at the entrance near Topanga Canyon Blvd as well as a raised median filtration system- approximately the length of 2 1/2 football fields in the middle of Viewridge Road just East of Heidi Lane towards the entrance of the gated community of Summit Pointe.

The project's intention is to filter and clean the water from this one, single Topanga neighborhood with the hope that by the time it travels nine miles down the Topanga Creek, reaches the Topanga Lagoon and deposits into the Santa Monica Bay- it will be clean.

Originally, and for the past two years of communication with Public Works, this project was estimated to take 1 1/2 -2 years but with this recent Addendum, that number has been reduced to approximately one year. We are skeptical.

We believe that it makes more sense to have a filtration system closer to or near the ocean to better maximize the outcome of having clean water as it exits the Lagoon and is deposited into the ocean.

We feel the proposal is ill conceived and a waste of tax payer dollars ( estimated to be $7-8 million).

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Here's why:

1) The proposed filtered water would immediately be dumped into three areas. The first depositing on the west side of Topanga Canyon. The other two areas on the south side of Viewridge Road: the first having stagnant contaminated water in its creek bed along with an extensive area of fallen trees and branches on land owned by Summit Pointe that Public Works cannot legally access and the second being a very dry, drought impacted creek down the slope near the trailhead at the end of Viewridge Road. This supposed filtered clean water will never reach the ocean. The water will be either absorbed by the dry creek bed or further re-contaminated by animal urine and feces, litter, and debris as it travels nine miles to the beach.

2) Viewridge has the only storm drain system in Topanga. Therefore, our water would be the only water being filtered in the canyon. At inception, it will be immediately mixed with the storm drain water of Summit Pointe which does NOT have this elaborate filtration system and is not part of the project and then join the rest of the canyon's unfiltered water. This seems counterproductive.

3) Rose Dagit, a well known and respected fellow Topangan, and Senior Conservation Biologist with the Resources Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM), along with a team of researchers, conducted studies on the contaminants of the Topanga Creek. Their findings demonstrated that the water from Topanga IS clean when it reaches the Topanga Lagoon. Apparently, cleansing takes place as the water travels from the town of Topanga to the Lagoon, making us question the necessity of filtering the water nine miles up at Viewridge. Her findings revealed that It is AT the Lagoon where the seagulls, bird life, dogs, other animals, and human urine and feces contaminate the water before it goes into the ocean. This suggests that a filtration system should be placed at the beach in order to maximize the effectiveness before the water is deposited into the Santa Monica Bay.

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4) We had an opportunity to meet with Bruce Hamamoto and Melina Watts from Public Works to walk our neighborhood and review these concerns with them last Spring. We shared with them that we were aware that Public Works acquires points or credits for the manner in which they design a system which garners them more credibility and opportunity to be funded for future projects. It raises the question whether a project is being done wisely and correctly or designed to fulfill these requirements and why there may be incentive to do the project whether it's justified or not.
They were forthcoming in admitting that our neighborhood was chosen because it is the "low lying fruit with storm drains already on site, easy access- directly off the canyon boulevard- and a wide street to accommodate their construction vehicles.

5) California has been designated as a National emergency with the drought and we do not receive a lot of annual rainfall. In the LA Times on November 10, 2021 there was an insert of an issue of a special 15 page magazine from the Southern California Water Coalition discussing the drought and "all things water" titled California Water 2021. One article mentions the goal of collecting water and re-purposing it. Public Works' project isn't even allowing us to re-purpose this water to water our already established median of large trees and ground cover at the entrance on Viewridge or utilize the water for the recently planted trees by Public Works or to serve the neighborhood but rather deposits it back into the canyon where it will be, immediately, further contaminated.

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6) This project has the potential to disrupt traffic at the Topanga and Viewridge intersection, create noise for day residents and people working out of their homes ( especially since Covid), interfere with the width and length of Viewridge Road that has always served as a staging area for the Fire Department and the fire

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engines during time of fire and evacuation, be an impediment for fire safety during construction and disrupt day hikers, walkers and bicyclists that utilize Viewridge Road for recreation and access to the trailhead. 18-4 Cont'd

Taking all of this into account, if the goal of Public Works is to have the water clean when it enters the Santa Monica Bay- is our money not better spent with a filtration system AT the beach? The majority of all the BMP's in the LA Basin are near to the beach and ocean. Or, perhaps, a better use of these tax payer's dollars would go towards funding for the Topanga Lagoon at PCH and Topanga Blvd.

It is important to note that the members of the HOA at Summit Pointe have expressed their opposition and concerns as well to Public Works. 18-5
We have presented our concerns to the Topanga Town Council on November 10, 2021. Carrie Carrier, President of the Topanga Town Council, Roger Pugliese, Chair of the Topangans for a Scenic Community (TASC) and Ron Fomalont, an Attorney, all attended and expressed their sympathy and support.

In the Viewridge community, we are environmentally minded BUT this project does not make sense to us. There are plenty of reasons NOT to do this project and not enough reasons to do it. We are concerned that our officials and representatives may not have a full understanding of the scope of this project and its futility.

We implore you to reconsider this project. 18-6

Please see the attached Petition with a list of signatures of 64 residents opposed to this project.

Thank you for your time.

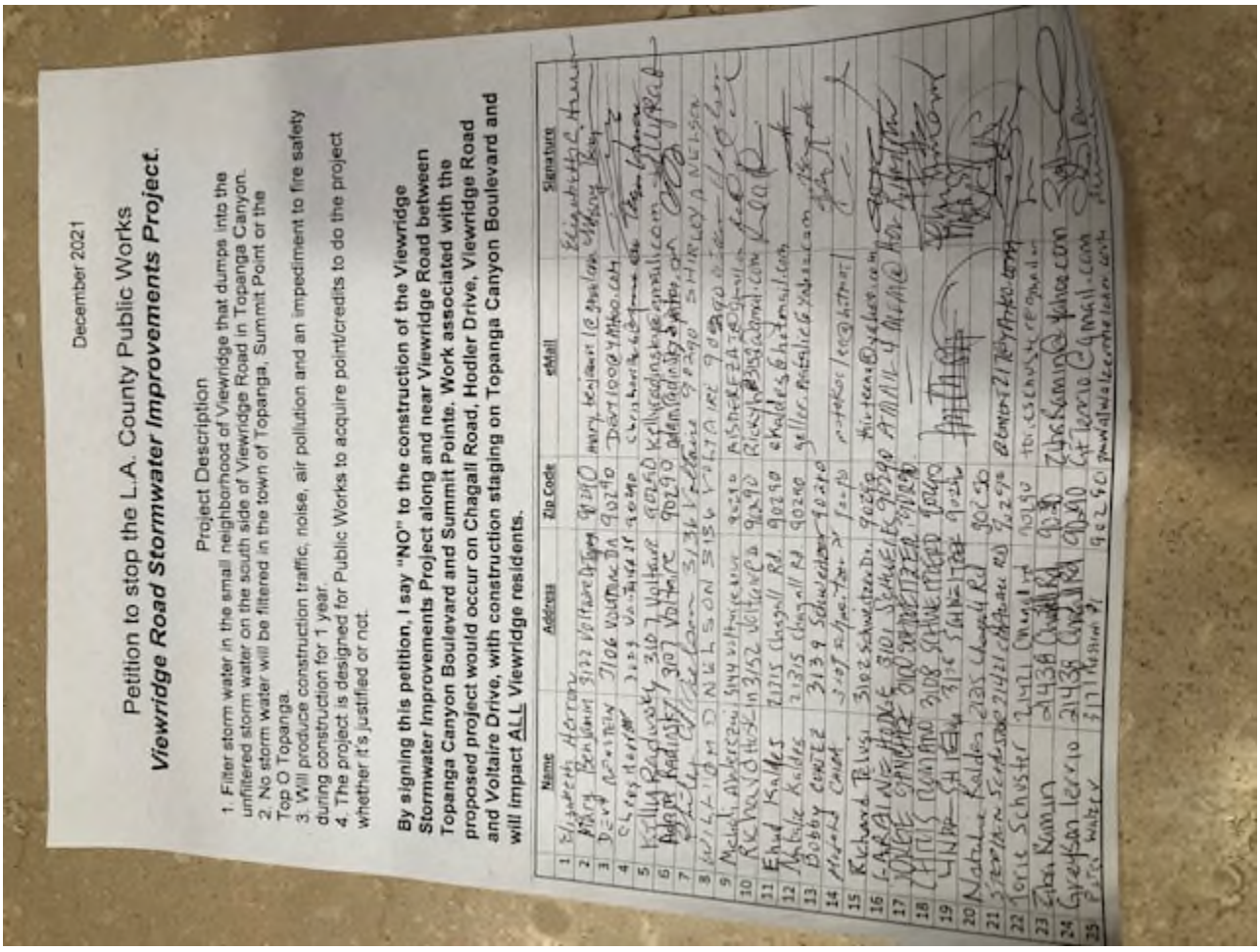
Liz Herron D.D.S.
A resident of Viewridge for 33 years and member of the Homeowner's Association Committee opposed to the project.
3123 Voltaire Drive
Topanga, Ca 90290
Cell- 818-515-2458
Home- 818-887-2456

Len Lanzi- President of the Viewrdige HOA

Sue Waller- Treasurer of the Viewridge HOA

Jay Butterfield- Secretary of the Viewridge HOA

Bob Dampf- Resident for 20 years



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| | Name | Address | Zip Code | eMail | Signature |
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| 2 | Mary Benjamin | 3122 Voltaire Dr | 90290 | mary.benjamin18@yahoo.com | |
| 3 | Dena Newman | 3106 Voltaire Dr | 90290 | Dena1001@yahoo.com | |
| 4 | Cindy Herron | 3123 Voltaire Dr | 90290 | cindyherron@gmail.com | |
| 5 | Kathy Radzinsky | 3107 Voltaire | 90290 | kathyradzinsky@gmail.com | |
| 6 | Roger Radzinsky | 3107 Voltaire | 90290 | rogerradzinsky@yahoo.com | |
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| 8 | Kelly Dawson | 3136 Voltaire | 90290 | dawsonfamily9@yahoo.com | |
| 9 | Neil Akkerman | 3144 Voltaire | 90290 | Akkerman@gmail.com | |
| 10 | Richard Hesslein | 3132 Voltaire | 90290 | Rickyh855@gmail.com | |
| 11 | Khaled Kaldas | 2215 Chagall Rd. | 90290 | khaledskaldas@gmail.com | |
| 12 | Mahale Kaldas | 2235 Chagall Rd | 90290 | | |
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| 21 | Stephen Semerdjian | 2141 Chagall Rd | 90290 | | |
| 22 | Irene Schuster | 2421 Chagall Rd | 90290 | | |
| 23 | Ellen Newman | 2436 Chagall Rd | 90290 | | |
| 24 | Greyson Lerner | 2438 Chagall Rd | 90290 | | |
| 25 | Peter Walker | 2117 Hodler Pl | 90290 | | |

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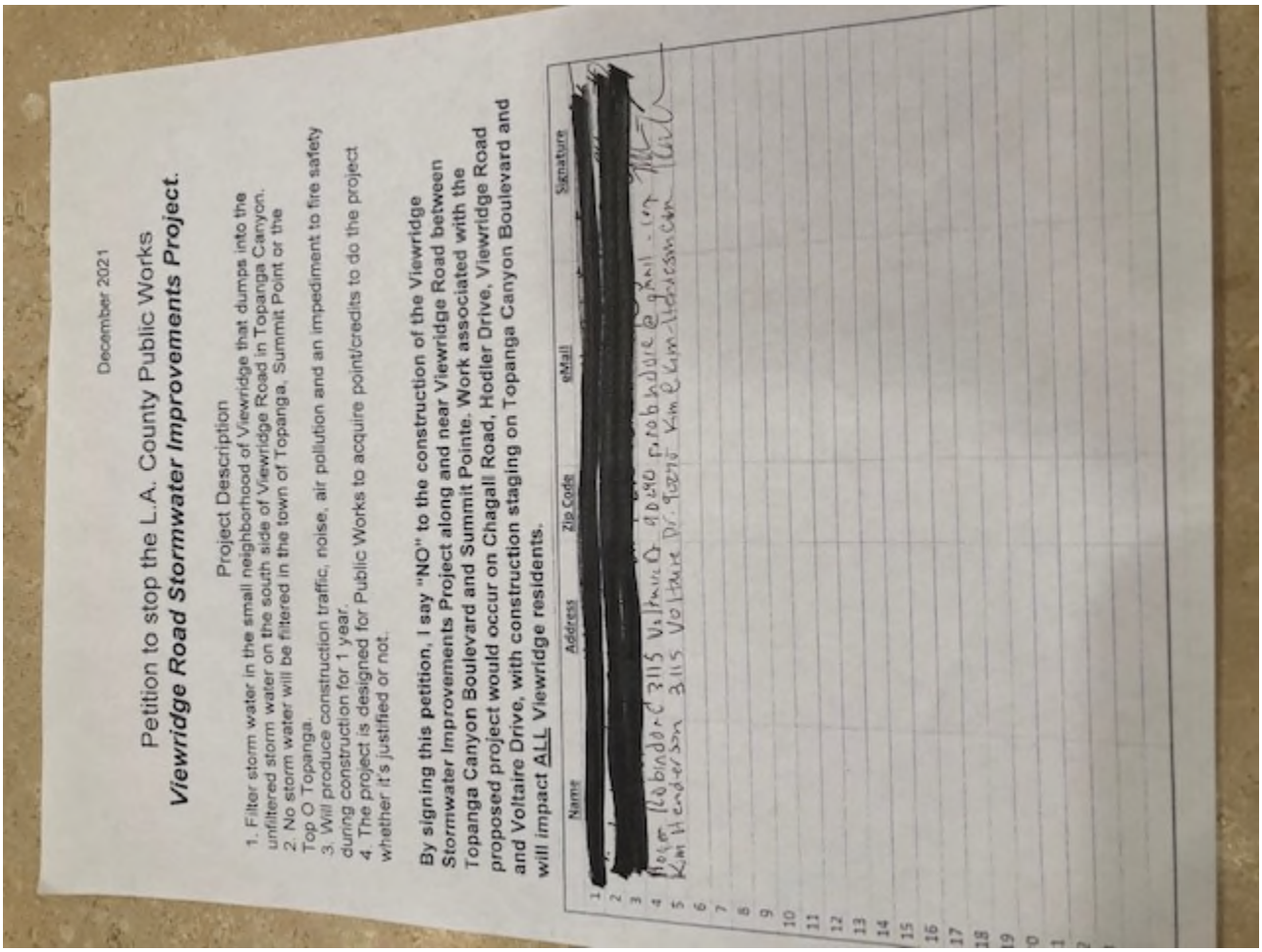

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**Comment Letter 18: Herron, Liz**

**Response 18-1**

The commenter expresses opposition to the project with the backing of the Viewridge HOA, summarizes the perceived objectives of the project, and introduces the reasons for opposition to further be discussed in the letter. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 18-2**

The commenter states that the location of the project would not achieve the objective of treating water that drains into the ocean and that other locations with higher sources of pollutants would be more ideal for a project of this scope. As discussed in the Addendum in Section 2.2, Background, and Section 2.5, Project Description, the proposed project location was identified by the LACFCD EWMP Group as a priority multibenefit regional location to implement BMPs to achieve and maintain water quality objectives and protect beneficial uses pursuant to the MS4. As discussed in Section 2.3, Project Location and Setting, the Topanga Canyon watershed is mostly undeveloped other than Topanga Beach Park, a small commercial area, and a small (2-acre) maintenance facility zoned as industrial land use. The central and eastern areas of the subwatershed consist of undeveloped land, rural residential, commercial, public, equestrian, educational, and mixed urban land uses. However, the project location within the Viewridge community provides one of the only locations with a developed right of way (ROW) and existing storm drain systems, making it the optimal location for the project. As part of the EWMP plan development process, various parcels were evaluated and ranked based on their technical feasibility and site ownership. Through this screening process, the proposed project was determined to be a priority multi-benefit regional project. No changes to the Addendum are needed and the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 18-3**

The commenter states that the project does not provide the opportunity to repurpose the treated water to hydrate the planted medians in the community. As discussed in Section 2.5 of the Addendum, Description of the Proposed Project, existing landscaping would be replaced with new drought tolerant landscaping once the biofiltration units are installed and new vegetation will be planted in the new median on Viewridge Road. The Project considered an irrigation reuse feature for the existing and new median along Viewridge Road. Unfortunately, the requirements to treat water for spray irrigation uses are stringent and would render the project infeasible from a cost benefit standpoint. The project now features drip irrigation and removes the necessity to incorporate additional mechanical equipment, such as pumps. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 18-4**

The commenter suggests that the project would have negative impacts on traffic in the community, including obstruction to emergency access. As discussed in Section VII(f), Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Section XII(a), Public Services and Recreation, and Section XVI(a), Wildfire, of the Addendum, "[d]uring construction of the proposed project, partial road closures would be necessary along the Viewridge Road ROW as well as areas along Hodler Drive, Voltaire Drive, Chagall Road, Heidi Lane, and Bellini Drive. These partial closures would be temporary, occurring only for the duration of construction activities. However, these temporary closures could affect emergency response and/or evacuation plans. No partial closures would occur on Topanga Canyon Boulevard, a freeway disaster route, although flaggers may be used temporarily to assist with equipment mobilization. However, partial closures would be required on Viewridge Road, which is identified as a local Public Safe Refuge Area. These areas are identified by the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness as areas where evacuees may be redirected if evacuation is not possible due to traffic gridlock. Consistent with the approved program, as discussed further in Section XII (a)…mitigation measure PS-1 would require the advance notification to emergency services providers and homeowners and residents within the project area to ensure that emergency responsiveness was not impaired during construction work. Additionally, as further discussed in Section XIII (a), consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure TRAF-1, which includes the preparation of a traffic control plan during construction. No long-term impacts would result from operation of the proposed project." No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the proposed Project.

**Response 18-5**

The commenter reiterates the opposition to the project felt by the Viewridge HOA and others in the community and reestablishes that such a project would be better served in a different location. Refer to Response 18-2. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the proposed Project.

**Response 18-6**

The commenter states that a petition with the signatures of others opposing the project is included as part of the comment letter. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Comment Letter 19: Herron, Liz (Duplicate of Comment Letter 18)**

**Response 19-1**

This comment letter, including attached petition, is a duplicate of Comment Letter 18. See Responses to Comment Letter 18 above.

## Grace Komjakraphan

**From:** Liz Herron <herronsintopanga@yahoo.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 2:28 PM
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan
**Subject:** Viewridge neighbors's petition signature

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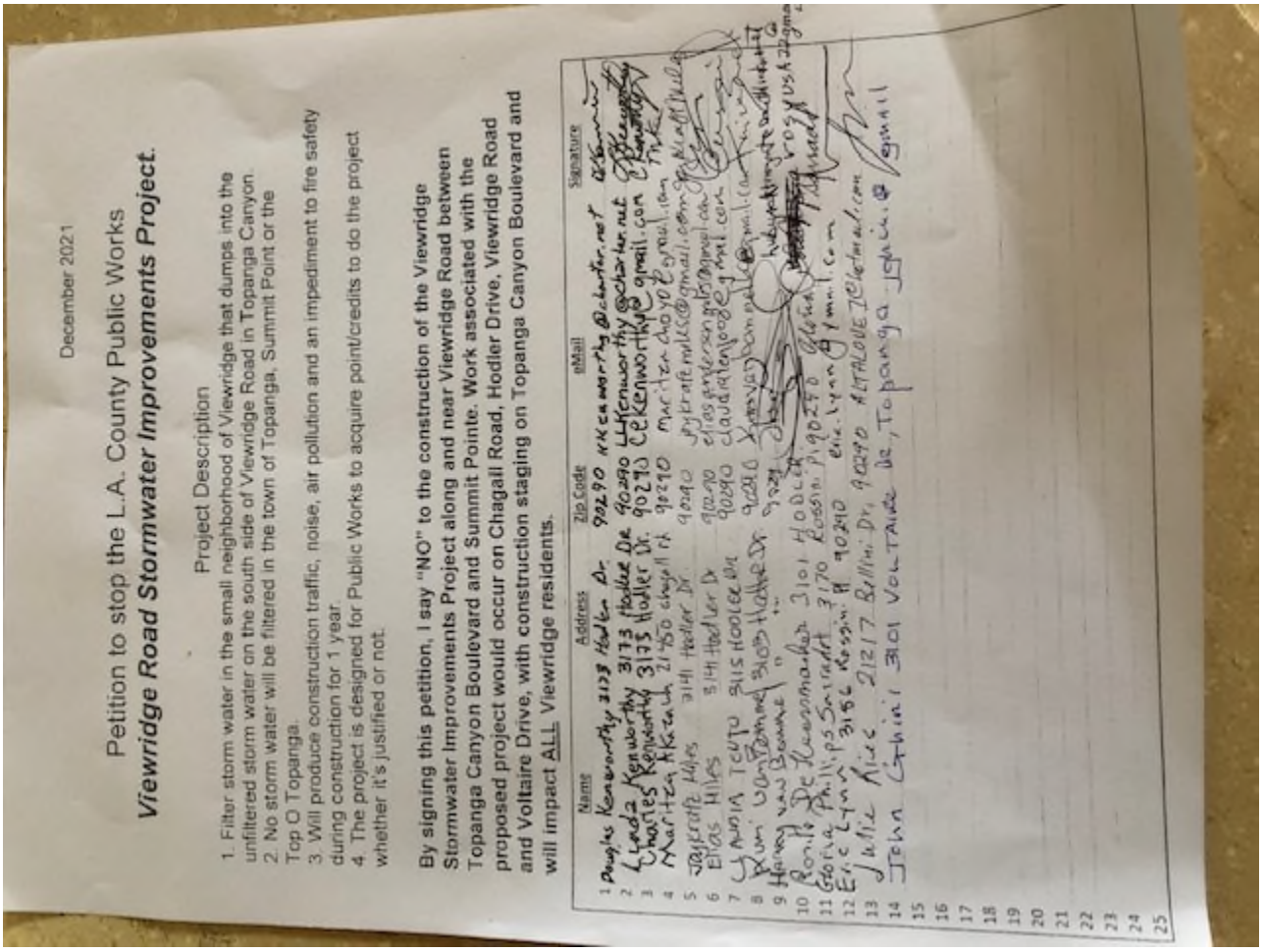
Grace,

An additional neighbor requested signing the petition today and asked me to send it to you. His name is John Ghini on Voltaire Drive. His name is on line # 14. You have already received the rest of the names #1-13 on the previous petition sent with my letter and other signatures on other petition sheets last night. 20-1
Thank you,
Liz Herron
Viewridge HOA Committee



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**Comment Letter 20: Herron, Liz**

**Response 20-1**

The commenter, who previously provided a comment letter with a petition attached, provides an additional signature to the petition. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Grace Komjakraphan**

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**Attachments:** img20211207_13054098.pdf

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Good afternoon Grace,

Attached are two petitions with signatures of neighbors opposed to the project. 21-1

Thank you,
Suzette Waller
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**Comment Letter 21: Waller, Sue**

**Response 21-1**

The commenter provides a petition with signatures of those opposing the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project
**Date:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 4:50:32 PM Pacific Standard Time
**From:** rg@richardgottfried.net
**To:** Grace Komjakraphan

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Ms Komjakraphan-Tek, Los Angeles County Public Works, and County Supervisors:

Allow me to voice my opposition to the proposed Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project.

I am unconvinced that the short and long term benefits of the project outweigh the disruption to the community the project will cause. I question whether there is really a need for this Project. 22-1

Disruption to the Community: It's my understanding that construction will take at least a year. I was told that the original estimate was closer to two years. This is a neighborhood where a considerable number of residents, seniors such as my wife and myself, other adult residents, and families with children, take daily walks or are at play in the area where construction is planned. To be prevented from enjoying the needed exercise, esthetic pleasure, and neighborly interactions for a year or two would be a significant loss and detriment. 22-2

In addition, many of us are retired and are at home most of the day, every day. And some of us work from our homes, more so than before because of the logistic changes brought on by COVID and the emphasis on tele-commuting. The expected increase in noise and air pollution brought on by construction would probably be quite disruptive over the years it takes. Just how disruptive it would be is a question I have. 22-3

Marginal Benefits: Reducing pollutants that are carried from our streets by storm water and deposited into the creeks of Topanga seems like a worthy goal. We live in Topanga because we care about nature and want to preserve it. So I have a bias in favor of such Projects. Yet our neighborhood seems like a relatively low polluting sub-urban area. It is not "industrial," nor "urban" which I understand are the primary target localities for remediation projects. Yes, there probably is a very modest deposit on the streets by the use of our automobiles, along with that of delivery and maintenance vehicles that service us. And there are a few dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs as well as they should. But the rest of us often do it for them. So I am not clear that the problem is serious enough to warrant the remedy. 22-4

I also imagine that whatever pollutants and sediments that occur in the neighborhood are absorbed into the creek beds (following the infrequent rains we have) long before they reach the ocean. And to my knowledge and experience over thirty-five years as a Topanga resident, twenty of which have been in Viewridge, we continue to have a robust watershed and

which have been in Viewridge, we continue to have a robust watershed and healthy animal population in the vicinity. I hear the frogs in season, and see the wildlife daily. I suppose that by the time the water of our Viewridge tributaries reach the main Topanga Canyon Creek, the water is fairly clean. Would the Project result in even cleaner water reaching the main Creek? That's debatable in my mind. Is the danger to habitat of not doing the Project real?

22-4 Cont'd

The planned center divider median for the part of Viewridge Drive nearest Summit Pointe neighborhood is attractive and might be welcome after completion. Yet it may also interfere with the fire department's planned use of the Drive as a staging area and the neighbor's use of it as a safe emergency refuge as planned for in the Topanga Township emergency evacuation guidebook. The construction of the median would hamper use of the Drive as our primary walking path for the year(s) it would take to complete. And the median is planned not merely as a stand alone esthetic improvement, but as an integral part of the entire elaborate Stormwater construction Project that I am opposed to.

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It makes me wonder: if cleaner water in the Creek is the goal, why aren't the funds being made available to homeowners along the Creek who need to upgrade their septic systems and filter or alter their grey water systems so the Creek isn't adversely affected. In other words, focus attention and funds to the worse offenders first.

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I've also learned that as the Creek water enters the Topanga Lagoon at the Ocean, the water is actually in pretty good shape. Perhaps there is a natural cleaning process at work as the water flows down the Canyon.

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Please know that I appreciate your attention and efforts to help our local environment. It just seems like it would be more disruptive than it's worth given the marginal benefits it would produce. If it wasn't so, then I would not be against it.

22-9

Sincerely,

Richard Gottfried
3122 Voltaire Dr.
Topanga, CA 90290
310-612-5742

**Comment Letter 22: Gottfried, Richard**

**Response 22-1**

The commenter expresses opposition for the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 22-2**

The commenter expresses that the construction period would be disruptive to recreational opportunities in the neighborhood. As discussed in Section XII. Public Services and Recreation, impacts related to the substantial physical deterioration of recreational facilities would be less than significant as all construction equipment and activities would be located in the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways, and would be temporary in duration. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 22-3**

The commenter suggests that the construction phase of the project would increase air and noise pollution in the neighborhood. As discussed in Section II, Air Quality, and Section X, Noise, while the project may increase air and noise pollution during construction, with implementation of mitigation measures, impacts to these environmental resources would be less than significant. The construction phase would be temporary in duration and no long-term impacts are anticipated. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 22-4**

The commenter suggests that the location of the project is not appropriate, stating that runoff and pollution sourced from the area, as well as the amount that reaches the ocean, is minimal. As discussed in the Addendum in Section 2.2, Background, and Section 2.5, Project Description, the proposed project location was identified by the LACFCD EWMP Group as a priority multibenefit regional location to implement BMPs to achieve and maintain water quality objectives and protect beneficial uses pursuant to the MS4. The proposed project would treat flows that drain to Topanga Canyon Creek, which drains to the North Santa Monica Bay – an impaired waterbody assigned TMDL limits for a number of pollutants originating from urban and stormwater runoff pursuant to the Clean Water Act. Additionally, as discussed in Section 2.4, Project Objectives, the project would potentially treat up to 33 acre-feet of stormwater per year. As discussed in Section 2.3 of the Addendum , Project Location and Setting, the Topanga Canyon watershed is mostly undeveloped other than Topanga Beach Park, a small commercial area, and a small (2-acre) maintenance facility zoned as industrial land use. The

central and eastern areas of the subwatershed consist of undeveloped land, rural residential, commercial, public, equestrian, educational, and mixed urban land uses. However, the project location within the Viewridge community provides one of the only locations with a developed ROW and existing storm drain systems, making it the optimal location for the project. As part of the EWMP plan development process, various parcels were evaluated and ranked based on their technical feasibility and site ownership. Through this screening process, the proposed project was determined to be a priority multibenefit regional project. No changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 22-5**

The commenter suggests that the planned median would interfere with emergency access to the area. As discussed in the Addendum in Section VII(f), Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Section XII(a), Public Services and Recreation, and Section XVI(a), Wildfire, "[during] construction of the proposed project, partial road closures would be necessary along the Viewridge Road ROW as well as areas along Hodler Drive, Voltaire Drive, Chagall Road, Heidi Lane, and Bellini Drive. These partial closures would be temporary, occurring only for the duration of construction activities. However, these temporary closures could affect emergency response and/or evacuation plans. No partial closures would occur on Topanga Canyon Boulevard, a freeway disaster route. However, partial closures would be required on Viewridge Road, which is identified as a local Public Safe Refuge Area. These areas are identified by the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness as areas where evacuees may be redirected if evacuation is not possible due to traffic gridlock. Consistent with the approved program, as discussed further in Section XII (a)…mitigation measure PS-1 would require the advance notification to emergency services providers and homeowners and residents within the project area to ensure that emergency responsiveness was not impaired during construction work. As further discussed in Section XIII (a), consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure TRAF-1, which includes the preparation of a traffic control plan during construction. No long-term impacts would result from operation of the proposed project." No changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the proposed project.

**Response 22-6**

The commenter expresses that the construction period would be disruptive to recreational opportunities in the neighborhood. As discussed in Section XII. Public Services and Recreation, impacts related to the substantial physical deterioration of recreational facilities would be less than significant as all construction equipment and activities would be located in the existing road ROW and/or parkways adjacent to the roadways, and would be temporary in duration. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 22-7**

The commenter states that funding for remediation projects should be used for septic system upgrades in other areas along the Topanga Canyon Creek. Refer to Response 22-4. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 22-8**

The commenter expresses belief that the water flowing through Topanga Canyon Creek into the lagoon and ocean is clean. Refer to Response 22-4. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 22-9**

The commenter offers concludes the letter by reiterating opposition to the project. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Subject:** Topanga Town Council comments on the Green Streets Storm Drain Project Planned for Viewridge Estates in Topanga

**Date:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:49:49 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Carrie Carrier

**To:** Bruce Hamamoto, Grace Komjakraphan

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Los Angeles County Public Works Department and Relevant Agencies,

The Topanga Town Council has reviewed the addendum to the PEIR for the Viewridge Stormwater Improvement project, which was initially certified in 2015. This addendum was brought to our attention by a group of concerned residents living in the Viewridge area who will be significantly impacted by this project for 1-2 years as it is being constructed. In addition, traffic along Topanga Canyon Boulevard (TCB), which serves as a transportation corridor for roughly 20,00-30,000 vehicles per day, will be impeded for an unknown period of time as this project proceeds. Any lane closures along TCB could pose a serious risk to public safety because this road serves as the main evacuation route for the majority of residents in the event of a wildfire or other disaster. It is unclear to us how often and for how long TCB may need to be winnowed or closed. The current estimated timeframe for implementation of the entire project is approximately one year. Based on our experience with other public agency projects along TCB, the actual time to complete the project could be double to triple the expected duration. 23-1

## SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION in VIEWRIDGE

It must be noted that there is considerable local community opposition to this project in the area where it has been proposed. This opposition appears to have grown over time rather than diminished as more information has become available. The residents of Viewridge have performed extensive research and engaged intensively with Public Works and its consultants over the past two years. The Topanga Town Council has not been present for the majority of this outreach and engagement. We are relying on information provided to us by both Public Works and residents in formulating our own comments and concerns now. It is clear that several Viewridge residents feel that their concerns and objections have not been sufficiently acknowledged or addressed. Because this project is publicly funded and shall be implemented, for the most part, in the public domain, we feel that it is critical to obtain community buy-in and support before proceeding. We shall highlight a few of the issues that seem to be unresolved in the eyes of Viewridge residents and/or the Topanga Town Council. 23-2

## NEED for the PROJECT is NOT WELL ESTABLISHED

First and foremost, all of us support and encourage infrastructure that will produce clean water. In general, we are avid supporters of green infrastructure and like the concept of capturing and cleaning contaminated stormwater before it enters the ocean. At the same time, we believe in focusing our limited resources on areas that truly need rehabilitation 23-3

or restoration. We do not feel that the need for this project at this location has been adequately established to justify the cost or disruption to residents. Perhaps we do not fully understand the scope or breadth of the project, but installing a few storm drains in an area where there does not appear to be a contamination issue or risk makes little sense to us. Based on research by the RCDSMM, it would appear that the area where the water pollution is originating occurs much further down the boulevard. Please provide additional evidence to residents of Viewridge that demonstrates why storm drains are needed in their area.

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**WHAT COMES NEXT?**

To that end, it would seem that the only way for this Viewridge project to make any sense would be if it were to connect to a much more extensive network of storm drains along most of the length of TCB. On that note, we would like an indication of just how many more storm drains might be in the works and when they might be installed. Among the hundreds of pages we reviewed, there was one map from roughly 5 years ago that depicted a whole series of storm drains along TCB. The map was very bare-bones and did not provide any details into which other types of infrastructure might be installed along with the storm drains. The community is extremely sensitive to anything that might be development-inducing, so we ask for full transparency on any and all infrastructure elements planned for TCB as part of this overarching project. In addition, the map did not indicate how long it might take to implement each potential phase of the TCB storm drain network or how much it might cost. We would like clarification on each of these points.

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**COMMUNITY ROAD-CLOSURE FATIGUE**

As we stated in our last email about this issue, residents in the Canyon have been subjected to an inordinate number of road closures, lane winnowing, and construction noise on account of multiple projects along Topanga Canyon Blvd over the past couple of years. Residents are currently enduring road closures and power shut-offs due to undergrounding work being performed by SCE and Public Works. Further, Caltrans plans to re-pave the entire road from the PCH up to the 118 beginning in 2022. Residents are exhausted, and businesses keenly feel the impact of every road closure since they are largely reliant on commuters and visitors from outside the Canyon.

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As stated at the beginning of this email, the community also has extremely limited ingress and egress options in the event of an emergency. TCB is the main evacuation route for much of the community. Depending on where a fire originates, TCB may be *the only* option for some. Any project that could restrict access to the roadway at any time should be carefully vetted before it is allowed to proceed. We heard from one Viewridge resident that a representative from the Fire Department claimed that they could mitigate fire risk during the construction period with a special "foam" to reduce the chances that a fire would spread rapidly if one were to ignite. That does not sound like a sufficient or palatable mitigation strategy to us. First, the foams may not even work to prevent a fire or slow its spread. The manufacturers of these chemicals tend to wildly overestimate the efficacy of their products while significantly underestimating their toxicity. The majority of these foams are made by a company called Perimeter Solutions-an offshoot of

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Monsanto- and their products have been shown by NOAA research studies to be lethal to multiple species of fish at concentrations well below the prescribed mix ratio. The human health assessment for these products is also woefully incomplete. How ironic would it be to rely on foams [as a mitigation measure] that will contaminate our waterways in the name of trying to purify said waterways?

23-7 Cont'd

**PLEASE CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE MEASURES**

While we know a lot of work has already gone into proposing and developing this project, we believe that more thought should be given to placing these storm drains, where they are deemed truly necessary, in alternative locations that will not significantly disturb residents or pose emergency evacuation risks. Under no circumstances should fire-fighting foams/retardants/"prevention" chemicals be used as a mitigation measure to greenlight this project. Instead, we ask that you find a way to implement this project in an area that will not block traffic along a major roadway. Much of the land in the Canyon is owned by Conservancies, State Parks, and absentee land-owners who might not object to the installation of such drains on their land, especially if there is some sort of benefit to doing so. Perhaps it is not possible to change course at this juncture, but we are asking you to please consider alternatives that would address some of the points that have been raised by concerned residents and the Town Council.

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Respectfully,
Carrie L. Carrier

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Carrie L. Carrier
Topanga Town Council, President
NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat - Topanga Leader
Topanga Creek Watershed Committee, Chair
Email: contact@topangatowncouncil.org
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**Comment Letter 23: Topanga Town Council** *(Signed Carrier, Carrie)*

**Response 23-1**

The commenter states that concerned citizens of the Viewridge community introduced the project to the Topanga Town Council, generally citing apprehensions related to the construction timeline and how this would impact local traffic and evacuation routes; the commenter summarizes these concerns in the form of an introduction to the discussion to follow in the remainder of the letter. As discussed in the Addendum in Section VII(f), Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Section XII(a), Public Services and Recreation, and Section XVI(a), Wildfire, "[during] construction of the proposed project, partial road closures would be necessary along the Viewridge Road ROW as well as areas along Hodler Drive, Voltaire Drive, Chagall Road, Heidi Lane, and Bellini Drive. These partial closures would be temporary, occurring only for the duration of construction activities. However, these temporary closures could affect emergency response and/or evacuation plans. No partial closures would occur on Topanga Canyon Boulevard, a freeway disaster route, although flaggers may be used temporarily to assist with equipment mobilization. However, partial closures would be required on Viewridge Road, which is identified as a local Public Safe Refuge Area. These areas are identified by the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness as areas where evacuees may be redirected if evacuation is not possible due to traffic gridlock. Consistent with the approved program, as discussed further in Section XII (a)…mitigation measure PS-1 would require the advance notification to emergency services providers and homeowners and residents within the project area to ensure that emergency responsiveness was not impaired during construction work. As further discussed in Section XIII (a), consistent with the approved program, the proposed project would implement mitigation measure TRAF-1, which includes the preparation of a traffic control plan during construction. No long-term impacts would result from operation of the proposed project." No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 23-2**

The commenter relays the feelings of opposition to the project expressed by some members of the Viewridge community. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 23-3**

The commenter questions if the project is justified; the commenter believes that the project location is not a source of contamination and asks for clarification regarding the need for new storm drains. As discussed in the Addendum in Section 2.2, Background, and Section 2.5, Project Description, the project location was identified by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) Group as a priority multi-benefit regional location to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to achieve and maintain water quality objectives and protect beneficial uses pursuant to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The project would treat flows that drain to Topanga Canyon Creek, which drains to the North Santa Monica Bay – an impaired waterbody

assigned Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limits for a number of pollutants originating from urban and stormwater runoff pursuant to the Clean Water Act. Further, the project would capture and divert urban and stormwater runoff within the project location for flow-through treatment and discharge to the existing storm drain; no new storm drains are proposed. No changes to the Addendum are needed and the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 23-4**

The commenter inquires about the location of new storm drains. As discussed in Section 2.5 of the Addendum, Project Description, the project would capture and divert urban and stormwater runoff within the project location for flow-through treatment and discharge to the existing storm drain; this would include the installation of biofiltration systems solely within the local streets of the Viewridge community, which would intercept and treat urban and stormwater flows from an existing underground storm drain and return cleaner flows to Topanga Creek. This project would not include construction of any new storm drains within Topanga Canyon Boulevard (TCB). No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 23-5**

The commenter states the presence and impact of ongoing road closures in the Viewridge community due to various construction projects in the area. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 23-6**

The commenter states that TCB is a primary evacuation route for the Viewridge community and opposes restricting access to it. As discussed in Section VII(f), Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Section XVI(a), Wildfire, of the Addendum, “no partial closures would occur on Topanga Canyon Boulevard” under the project. Further, this comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 23-7**

The commenter discusses the use of potential fire hazard mitigation measures used during construction activities, as relayed to the commenter by a representative of local fire services. The commenter claims such practices use toxic materials. As discussed in Section 2.6 of the Addendum, Construction Schedule and Procedures, “the County would ensure all construction crews have fire-suppression equipment (such as fire extinguishers) on site to

respond to the accidental ignition of a fire." Further, as discussed in Section VII(a) and Section VII(g), Hazards and Hazardous, "the transport, use, and disposal of construction-related hazardous materials would comply with applicable laws and regulations for such activities," and "the proposed project would be implemented within existing ROW's and adjacent parkways…Adherence to the requirements of the Department of Transportation and California Vehicle Code for spark arrester protection on vehicles would reduce the potential risk. Furthermore, the proposed project does not include any habitable structures. Similar to the approved program, the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts, and no mitigation measures are required." No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. Notwithstanding, the comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

**Response 23-8**

The commenter summarizes the statements made throughout the letter which oppose the project; the commenter suggests looking at other locations to install new storm drains. As previously discussed, no new storm drains are proposed. This comment does not identify specific environmental impacts or address the adequacy or accuracy of the Addendum. No further response to this comment is required and no changes to the Addendum are needed. The comment is acknowledged for the record and will be provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for consideration as part of the Final Addendum for the project.

# CHAPTER 6
# LIST OF PREPARERS

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# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter ☐ Board Memo ☐ Other

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☒ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | Extend Agreements for the Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise and Award Additional Agreements in Various Unincorporated Areas of Los Angeles County |
| **PROGRAM** | Extension of Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Current agreements will expire on December 31, 2022. It is critical to extend the agreements to provide solid waste collection service for compliance with State laws and regulations. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $0 \| Funding source: N/A |
| | TERMS (if applicable): Contracts will be for an initial term of 1 year, with 1-year renewal options up to no later than December 31, 2032. |
| | Explanation: Authorized waste haulers bill customers directly. The necessary funds to administer the NECF contracts are included in the Solid Waste Management Fund (GD1, Revenue Source 8355) Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget and included annually in the budget process. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | To extend contracts and continue providing standardized high-quality refuse, recycling, and organic waste collection services to commercial customers not serviced by Exclusive Commercial Franchise Waste Collection Services or Garbage Disposal Districts; allow new or previously unauthorized waste haulers to provide service. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | • Since 2012, the existing Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise (NECF) provided solid waste collection services to commercial customers, multifamily complexes of 5 units or more, and single-family residences that request dumpster service in the unincorporated communities excluding Garbage Disposal Districts.<br>• There are 27 waste haulers with active NECF contracts. Extending the agreements ensures NECF customers not already serviced by exclusive waste haulers receive quality standardized refuse, recycling, and organic waste collection services. NECF services the Antelope Valley, Acton, Agua Dulce, and NBC Universal as well as construction and demolition debris collection for the entire unincorporated County. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: Continuing the NECF ensures all commercial customers receive standardized high-quality services at competitive rates. Services, programs, and assistance are focused on areas that are historically underserved. |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Sustainability, by supporting the above-listed program and Senate Bill 1383 organic waste collection services requirements. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Coby Skye, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4016, cell (562) 212-9500, cskye@pw.lacounty.gov |

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REFER TO FILE:

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA**
**REQUEST FOR CONTRACT EXTENSION AND AWARD OF**
**ADDITIONAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS FOR THE NON-EXCLUSIVE**
**COMMERCIAL FRANCHISE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**
**FOR VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED AREAS**
**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to extend the term of the Non-Exclusive Solid Waste Collection Franchise agreements, as well as to award and execute new additional agreements for a term of up to 1 year, plus additional 1-year renewal options up to no later than December 31, 2032, for continued refuse, recyclables, and organic waste collection services to commercial, multifamily, and certain residential properties with dumpster and/or roll-off services within the applicable unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Determine that the recommended actions are within the scope of the Non-Exclusive Solid Waste Collection Franchise project impacts analyzed in the Negative Declaration previously adopted by the Board.

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2. Find that the public health, safety, and welfare require that the County award Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise agreements for solid waste handling services for all applicable unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, excluding services provided within the Exclusive Commercial Franchise, Garbage Disposal Districts, or any other areas designated as exclusive by the Director of Public Works. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to grant temporary exceptions to service exclusivity within the Exclusive Commercial Franchise, Garbage Disposal Districts, or any other designated exclusive areas during a transition period (i.e., the inception of new exclusive service areas or transition of customers between waste haulers).

3. Approve amendments to 27 Non-Exclusive Solid Waste Collection Franchise agreements to extend the term of the agreements by up to 1 year, commencing on January 1, 2023, or upon execution by each party, whichever occurs last, and expiring on December 31, 2023, with 1-year renewal options until December 31, 2032.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute these amendments; execute future agreements under this program to additional contractors that meet all the requirements described in a Request for Statement of Qualifications for an initial term, not to exceed a contract period commencing on January 1, 2023, or upon execution by each party, whichever occurs last, and ending on December 31, of the same year of execution, with 1-year renewal options, not to exceed a final option term expiring on December 31, 2032, if exercised; renew the agreements for each additional renewal option and extension period if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works or his designee, the contractors have successfully performed during the previous contract period and the services are still required; approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work; and suspend work if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to terminate any future Non-Exclusive Solid Waste Collection Franchise agreements for convenience upon written request by a franchise waste hauler and when the Director or his designee determines that such termination is in the best interest of the County; and authorize the Director to implement all necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate the termination, including execution of an agreement to terminate for convenience, of any such franchise agreement.

6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to terminate for default any future Non-Exclusive Solid Waste Collection Franchise

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agreement with a franchise waste hauler that the Board has debarred; and authorize the Director or his designee to determine the effective termination date and to implement all necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate such termination, all in accordance with the terms of the Non-Exclusive Solid Waste Collection Franchise agreement and the Los Angeles County Code, as referenced. The Director or his designee will notify the Board and the Chief Executive Office 10 business days prior to such termination for default.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions would comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to extend the term of the current Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise (NECF) agreements to continue to provide quality solid waste collection services and execute new agreements in compliance with organic waste regulations adopted by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery under Senate Bill 1383 (2016). The regulations require the County to have contracts with waste haulers that provide organic waste collection service and to impose and enforce specific Senate Bill 1383 requirements. Additionally, the extended agreements will ensure all commercial customers not already serviced by exclusive waste haulers in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County receive quality standardized refuse, recycling, and organic waste collection services. The authority to execute new additional agreements allow for new or previously unauthorized waste haulers to have the opportunity to provide service in the County.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities; Objective II.1.2, Support Small Businesses and Social Enterprises; Strategy II.3, Make Environmental Sustainability our Daily Reality; and Objective II.3.4, Reduce Waste Generation and Recycle and Reuse Waste Resources. The recommended actions improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of our communities by reducing greenhouse gases, recycling construction and demolition debris, and composting food waste.

The recommended actions improve the environment, economy, and social well-being of our communities by providing solid waste collection services, which includes the collection of refuse, recyclables, and organic waste, which protects the environment and improves the quality of life of the residents and businesses within the franchise and surrounding areas.

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## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Upon approval by the Board, NECF customers may utilize authorized waste haulers for solid waste collection services, which will be provided at a specified service rate by the authorized waste hauler. Service rates will be billed directly to customers by the authorized waste haulers. Waste haulers will pay a franchise fee to the County. The necessary funds to administer the NECF contracts are included in the Solid Waste Management Fund (GD1, Revenue Source 8355) Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget and will be included through the annual budget process for the remaining contract years.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the existing NECF contracts, any private waste hauler that has a contract with Los Angeles County can offer solid waste collection and recycling services to businesses, multi-family complexes (of 5 units or more), and single-family residences that request dumpster service. There are 27 waste haulers with active contracts. Each waste hauler can offer different rates for different customers and schedule waste collection pickup at varying times and days.

On August 2, 2022, the Board approved the establishment of an exclusive commercial franchise system with eight geographic areas where commercial waste and recycling services would be provided by one waste hauler in each area; however, many waste-related services can more effectively be provided through a more competitive and decentralized non-exclusive system, such as for roll off bins, construction and demolition debris collection, and other specialized services. Additionally certain communities in Los Angeles County remain outside of the exclusive commercial franchise areas, including the Antelope Valley, Acton, Agua Dulce, and NBC Universal. Until a new collection system is established in those areas, the recommended actions will allow for the continuation of the NECF in order to ensure quality solid waste collection services and compliance with State laws and regulations.

Title 20, Section 20.70.020 of the Los Angeles County Code authorizes the Board to award a non-exclusive, partially exclusive, or wholly exclusive franchise for certain solid waste handling services for unincorporated County areas. The proposed NECF contracts will allow the County to develop programs, records, and reports required under Assembly Bills 939 and 341, Senate Bill 1383, and other applicable laws and regulations.

Upon Board approval, the County may award waste haulers to begin or continue solid waste collection service. The current 27 NECF contracts set to expire on

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December 31, 2022, will receive contract extensions upon mutual agreement. The County will also allow additional waste haulers to submit Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) to potentially enter into new contracts for NECF service. All extensions and new contract terms will be for 1 year, with 1-year renewal options to no later than December 31, 2032.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

An Initial Study of Environmental Factors was prepared for the award of NECF agreements for commercial solid waste collection services to bin or dumpster and roll-off customers within the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County. The Initial Study showed that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, the enclosed Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted by the County on April 10, 2012. The Initial Study/Negative Declaration was adopted in compliance with CEQA and reflected the independent judgment and analysis of the County.

The recommended actions are within the scope of the project in the previously adopted Initial Study/Negative Declaration because the recommended actions merely extend the term of the existing agreements. There is no change in the scope of the existing activities proposed during the extension period. In addition, based on the records of the project, the activities will not be located in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5, or any potential to cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

There are no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require further review under CEQA.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which, your Board decision is based in this matter is Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division at 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803. The custodian of such documents and records is Mr. Ed Dingman, Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Public Works

Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

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## CONTRACTING PROCESS

A notice of a Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFSQ) will be released to the public and it will be kept open continuously. A notice of the RFSQ will be posted on both the "Doing Business With Los Angeles County" and "Do Business With Public Works" websites and Twitter. In addition, advertisements will be placed in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Sentinel, La Opinión, The Daily Breeze, The Signal (Santa Clarita), World Journal, Watts Times, Malibu Times, Press Telegram, and Pasadena Star News*. Also, Public Works will inform 1,458 Local Small Business Enterprises; 166 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises; 160 Social Enterprises; 876 Community Business Enterprises; and 193 independent contractors, various business development centers, and municipalities about this business opportunity.

The SOQs will be first reviewed to ensure they meet the mandatory requirements outlined in the RFSQ. With the Board's delegated authority, Public Works will award contracts to those vendors whose SOQs meet the mandatory requirements outlined in the RFSQ.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the agreements will continue the current contracts services without disruption to the public and reopening of the RFSQ will enhance and expand County services and projects, resulting in a positive impact to the environment and quality of life.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office

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January 11, 2012

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL FRANCHISE SERVICES (2012-FA001)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Public Works requests Statements of Qualifications for the Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise Services (2012-FA001). The Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) with contract specifications, forms, and instructions for preparing and submitting proposals may be accessed at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts or may be requested from Mr. Jesus Castillo at (626) 458-4055, jcastill@dpw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Effective July 1, 2012, State law requires all applicable bin (or dumpster)/roll-off customers to subscribe to recycling services. As a result, a Draft Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise Agreement (Agreement) has been completed. The Board of Supervisors (Board) will consider adoption of the Agreement in spring 2012. Once adopted, all waste haulers operating within the unincorporated areas of the County (excluding the County's Garbage Disposal Districts and cities) must sign the Agreement in order to provide services to properties that utilize bins (or dumpsters) and roll-off boxes.**

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR ANY CHANGES TO THIS SOLICITATION. ALL ADDENDA AND INFORMATIONAL UPDATES WILL BE POSTED AT http://dpw.lacounty.gov/asd/contracts. PROPOSERS MUST ACCESS THE RFSQ AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LINK AND DOWNLOAD A COPY FOR THEIR USE. A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LINK.**

Proposers' workshops will be held at Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803. Please contact Mr. Castillo via e-mail at jcastill@dpw.lacounty.gov, or Mr. Benjamin Sandoval via e-mail at bsandoval@dpw.lacounty.gov, to schedule an appointment. The workshops will be held on the following days and times:

- **Friday, January 20, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.**
- **Friday, January 27, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.**

The workshops will be on a first-come, first-served basis, unless an appointment was previously scheduled. All scheduled appointments will be assisted prior to any walk-ins. It is advised that Proposers come to the workshops with a completed proposal. Representatives from Public Works will review the completed proposals with the Proposers at the workshop.

**Minimum Requirement(s):** Proposers must meet all minimum requirements set forth in the RFSQ document including, but not limited to, possessing a valid and active Waste Collector Permit issued by the County Department of Public Health naming the Proposer as the permittee at the time of proposal submission, and must complete Forms PW-1 through PW-20 to the satisfaction of the County. Please direct your questions to Mr. Castillo at the number listed on the previous page.

**This RFSQ process may take several months to process before Franchise Agreements can be fully executed by the Board and collection services can commence. Therefore, it is imperative that Proposers return all proposal materials no later than January 31, 2012, for a service commencement date of July 1, 2012, as anticipated to be authorized by the Board. Proposals will be reviewed in the order they are submitted to Public Works based on the time indicated by the Public Works time stamp.**

The conference facility complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). With four business days notice, Public Works will make all reasonable efforts to provide information in alternate formats and other accommodations for people with disabilities. For the ADA Coordinator, please call (626) 458-4081 or TDD at (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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********** IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ **********

January 11, 2012

To: Los Angeles County Permitted Waste Haulers

**CURRENT COMMERCIAL OPEN-MARKET SYSTEM TO BE REPLACED WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL FRANCHISE SYSTEM**

Effective July 1, 2012, State law requires all applicable bin (or dumpsters) and roll-off customers to subscribe to recycling services and imposes new requirements on local jurisdictions. As a result, Public Works is proposing to implement a new Non-Exclusive Commercial Solid Waste Collection Franchise System within the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles, excluding the Garbage Disposal Districts and cities. The Board of Supervisors will be considering adoption of a Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise Agreement (Agreement) in Spring 2012 with an effective date of July 1, 2012.

Once adopted, permitted waste haulers who currently provide service or plan to provide service in bins or dumpsters and roll-off boxes to residential, multifamily, commercial, industrial, and institutional properties in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles **will be required** to submit all documents and forms as specified in the enclosed Request For Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) and sign the Agreement with the County of Los Angeles. Additionally, this requirement applies to all permitted waste haulers providing roll-off and construction and demolition handling services in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles.

Background

Currently, commercial solid waste collection services in bins (or dumpsters) and roll-off boxes within the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles are provided by private waste haulers through an open-market system where customers directly arrange for services with waste haulers and not with the County of Los Angeles. However, the open-market system has been unable to meet demands due to changes in State laws,

public attitudes towards protecting the environment, and customers' desire for enhanced recycling and collection services.

Pursuant to State law (Assembly Bill 341 and Assembly Bill 32) the County of Los Angeles must implement mandatory commercial recycling and waste reduction programs by July 1, 2012. In order to comply with these mandates and enhance trash collection and recycling services, Public Works is proposing to implement a new Non-Exclusive Commercial Franchise System starting July 1, 2012, for all of the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles, excluding Garbage Disposal Districts and cities. The Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the Agreement in Spring 2012 with an effective date of July 1, 2012.

Past Actions and Existing Ordinances

In June 1998, Public Works issued a five-year notice to all permitted solid waste collectors serving the unincorporated areas of the County. The letter notified the waste haulers of the County's intent to provide or authorize solid waste handling services for residential, commercial, institutional or industrial premises within the unincorporated areas of the County. The notice was issued after numerous customer service complaints, consolidations in the industry, and to better position the County in meeting the State's waste reduction mandates.

In 2001, Public Works prepared a comprehensive report evaluating various trash collection system options. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the report to move forward in the direction of franchising in 2002. Between 1999 and 2004, Public Works worked with the waste industry to develop a residential model franchise agreement. To date, 21 residential franchises have been implemented.

In September 2004, the BOS adopted County Code Chapter 20.70 which authorizes the County of Los Angeles Director of Public Works to require franchises in any part of the unincorporated territory of the County that is not served by a Garbage Disposal District and, as consideration for the grant of a franchise, payment of a franchise fee in an amount as may be determined by the BOS. Also, County Code Chapter 20.70.60 states that no person other than the holder of a franchise may provide solid waste handling services within the granted franchise area, in this case, the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles. A violation of this code constitutes an infraction and any person who conducts solid waste handling services in violation of this code shall be subject to civil penalty.

In May 2011, a draft model Agreement was developed in cooperation with County Counsel. In June 2011, Public Works assembled a Working Group comprised of industry stakeholders to provide feedback regarding the Agreement. Three meetings were held, with the final meeting conducted on September 29, 2011. At the conclusion of the last meeting, Working Group members expressed their appreciation to the County for our flexibility in incorporating their comments, ensuring a level playing field, and fostering competition. As a result, a final version of the Agreement was drafted for inclusion within the RFSQ package.

**We cannot stress enough how important it is that you submit all of the required documents and forms as explained in the RFSQ by the required deadlines. Once the Agreement is adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Public Works will work with you to ensure the transition from the open market to the commercial franchise goes smoothly and without any service interruption. We thank you for your current service and look forward to working with you in providing quality commercial franchise services to the County of Los Angeles' unincorporated area customers.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Alva of this office at (626) 458-3573, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☒ 1st ☐ 2nd ☒ 3rd ☐ 4th ☒ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | County Landscaping Maintenance Districts Landscaping and Lighting Act District 1, 2, and 4 Annual Assessment – Fiscal Year 2023-24 |
| **PROGRAM** | Landscape Maintenance District |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | The purpose of the recommendations set in this Board letter is to direct Public Works to prepare and file the Engineer's Report for the annual levy of assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-24 pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Streets and Highways Code of California. Any delay in the process will jeopardize the establishment and collection of fees required to maintain the LMD zones. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $0 / Funding source: Landscape Maintenance Districts and LLA District Fund (various) |
| | TERMS (if applicable): |
| | Explanation: The Engineer's Report allows the County to file another Board letter to establish assessment rates for each zone, which provide funding for the operation and maintenance of landscape improvements. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | The purpose of the recommendations set in this Board letter is to designate the Director of Public Works or his designee as the Engineer for purposes of implementing this procedure and instruct the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare and file the Engineer's Report for the annual levy of assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-24 pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Streets and Highways Code of California. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | • Public Works administers the County Landscape Maintenance Districts that collect benefit assessments to fund the operation and maintenance of the landscape maintenance zones in Supervisorial Districts 1, 3, and 5.<br>• The adoption of a resolution by the Board is required to renew the landscaping maintenance assessments in Fiscal Year 2023-24. Per the California Streets and Highways Code, an annual Engineer's Report must be prepared for each fiscal year for which assessments are to be levied and collected for the cost of the landscaping maintenance described in the report.<br>• The second Board action will be to file the Engineer's Report and request the Board to set a public hearing date for the adoption of a resolution ordering the levying of assessments in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The Engineer's Report will establish the recommended assessment rates. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Sustainability, because levying the LMDs annually keeps the program and therefore the County economically sound. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Steve Burger, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4018, sburger@pw.lacounty.gov |

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December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA**
**COUNTY LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS**
**LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4**
**ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE – FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 3, AND 5)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt a Resolution Initiating Proceedings to levy the annual assessments for landscape maintenance purposes in Landscaping and Lighting Act Districts 1, 2, and 4 and zones therein pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.

2. Designate the Director of Public Works or his designee as the Engineer for purposes of implementing this procedure.

3. Adopt the resolution instructing the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare and file the Engineer's Report for the annual levy of assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-24 pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Streets and Highways Code of California.

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## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopt the enclosed Resolution Initiating Proceedings directing the Director of Public Works to prepare the annual Engineer's Report for the levying of annual assessments for landscape maintenance purposes for all zones within the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (LLA) Districts 1, 2, and 4.
On July 12, 1979, August 10, 1995, and July 22, 1997, the Board approved the formation of LLA Districts 1, 2, and 4, and zones therein, respectively, pursuant to the LLA and Division 15, Part 2, Section 22500 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code in order to collect assessments to pay for the costs of maintaining landscaping benefiting the subject properties.

The proposed project initiates the annual process for levying assessments and does not establish any assessment rates. In accordance with Proposition 13, assessments cannot be based on property values. Each LLA district and zone therein is obligated to establish a benefit formula by which assessments are set according to the benefit received from the service or improvement, as set forth in the Engineer's Report.

As the governing body, the Board is responsible for approving the levying of annual assessments for landscape purposes. Board adoption of the resolution initiating proceedings initiates the annual assessment process for the renewal or increase of existing annual assessments and the establishment of new assessments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24.

Once the Engineer's Report is complete, Public Works will return to the Board for approval of a resolution of intention in accordance with Section 22624 of the California Streets and Highways Code setting the public hearing date to establish the assessments for FY 2023-24 in accordance with the LLA.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended action ensures the continuation of services to maintain the landscaped areas and appurtenant improvements that benefit those who live within the LLA districts and zones.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

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All services administered by Public Works and provided in the LLA districts and zones therein are funded by the assessments established by the Board. The forecasted assessments based on the existing rates will generate approximately $6.73 million in total revenue in LLA Districts 1, 2, and 4, and zones therein for FY 2023-24.

Funding for the preparation of the annual Engineer's Report is included in the Landscape Maintenance Districts and LLA Districts Fund FY 2022-23 budget.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The LLA sets forth procedures that must be followed for any fiscal year during which assessments levied in a prior fiscal year are to be continued. Section 22622 of the California Streets and Highway Code requires the Board to adopt an initial resolution (the resolution initiating proceedings) that generally describes any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements, and to order the Engineer to prepare and file an Engineer's Report in accordance with Sections 22565 and 22622 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

Public Works will return to the Board with a recommendation to file and approve the Engineer's Report and to approve a resolution of intention in accordance with the California Streets and Highways Code, Section 22624. This will set the public hearing date to establish the assessments for FY 2023-24 pursuant to the LLA. Any new or increased assessments must also comply with the requirements of Proposition 218, set forth in article XIII D of the California Constitution and Section 53753 of the Government Code that requires notices and ballots to be mailed to the affected property owners regarding any proposed new assessment or assessment increase greater than allotted in the zone-specific engineer's report, and a public hearing to receive ballots in support of or opposition to the new assessment or assessment increase greater than allotted in the zone-specific engineer's report for tabulation.

The resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the CEQA. The project, which includes initiation of proceedings for the levying of annual assessments for landscape maintenance purposes is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(h) and 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(x)(27) and 6 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

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The project provides for information collection for the LLA districts and zones, as well as maintenance of existing landscaping and will not involve any expansion of an existing use or the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. In addition, based on the proposed project records it will comply with all applicable regulations and it is not in a sensitive environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of this action will cause no impact on current services or programs.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and a copy of the signed resolution to Public Works, Traffic Safety and Mobility Division. Also, please forward one adopted copy of the letter and resolution to the Assessor, Ownership Services Section, and one to the Auditor-Controller, Tax Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

Enclosure

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cc: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
**RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS**
**FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4 AND ZONES THEREIN FOR THE 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR;**
**AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT**

WHEREAS, on July 1979; August 10, 1995; and July 22, 1997; the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles approved the formation of Landscaping and Lighting Act (LLA) Districts 1, 2, and 4, respectively, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the LLA districts and zones therein within Los Angeles County pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (the Act), Section 22500 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, within the LLA District 1 there are two (2) established, separate zones, within the LLA District 2 there are fifteen (15) established, separate zones, and within LLA District 4 there are eleven (11) established, separate zones; and each zone consists of territory that receives substantially similar and proportional special benefits from the improvements provided in the zone; and

WHEREAS, each of the two (2), fifteen (15), and eleven (11) zones within LLA Districts 1, 2, and 4, respectively, retain separate budgets, trust accounts, and unit numbers established by Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously approved the formation of LLA districts and zones therein for the purpose of providing funds for landscape maintenance services located therein pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby proposes to levy annual assessments for existing LLA Districts 1, 2, and 4 and zones therein, and to levy and collect assessments against the lots and parcels of land within such LLA districts and zones therein to pay for the costs and expenses of the landscape improvements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending through June 30, 2024, pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the general location and boundaries of the LLA Districts 1, 2, and 4 and zones therein are shown on maps on file in the office of Los Angeles County Public Works and are incorporated herein by reference and open to public inspection; and

WHEREAS, provisions of the Act require the Board to adopt a resolution initiating proceedings, to generally describe any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and to order the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to prepare and file an Engineer's Report in accordance with Sections 22565 and 22622 of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that:

Section 1. The Board proposes to establish assessments for landscape maintenance purposes for Fiscal Year 2023-24 pursuant to the provisions of the Act, to be used for the maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrades to planted and irrigated slopes, turf areas, parkway panels, medians, automated irrigation system components, and related appurtenances within LLA Districts 1, 2, and 4 and zones therein, in compliance with the procedures set forth in the Act.

Section 2. The Director of Public Works or his designee is hereby ordered to prepare and file the Engineer's Report in accordance with Sections 22565 and 22605 of the Act.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the ____ day of _____ 2022, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

By _____
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Senior Associate County Counsel
Public Works Division

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# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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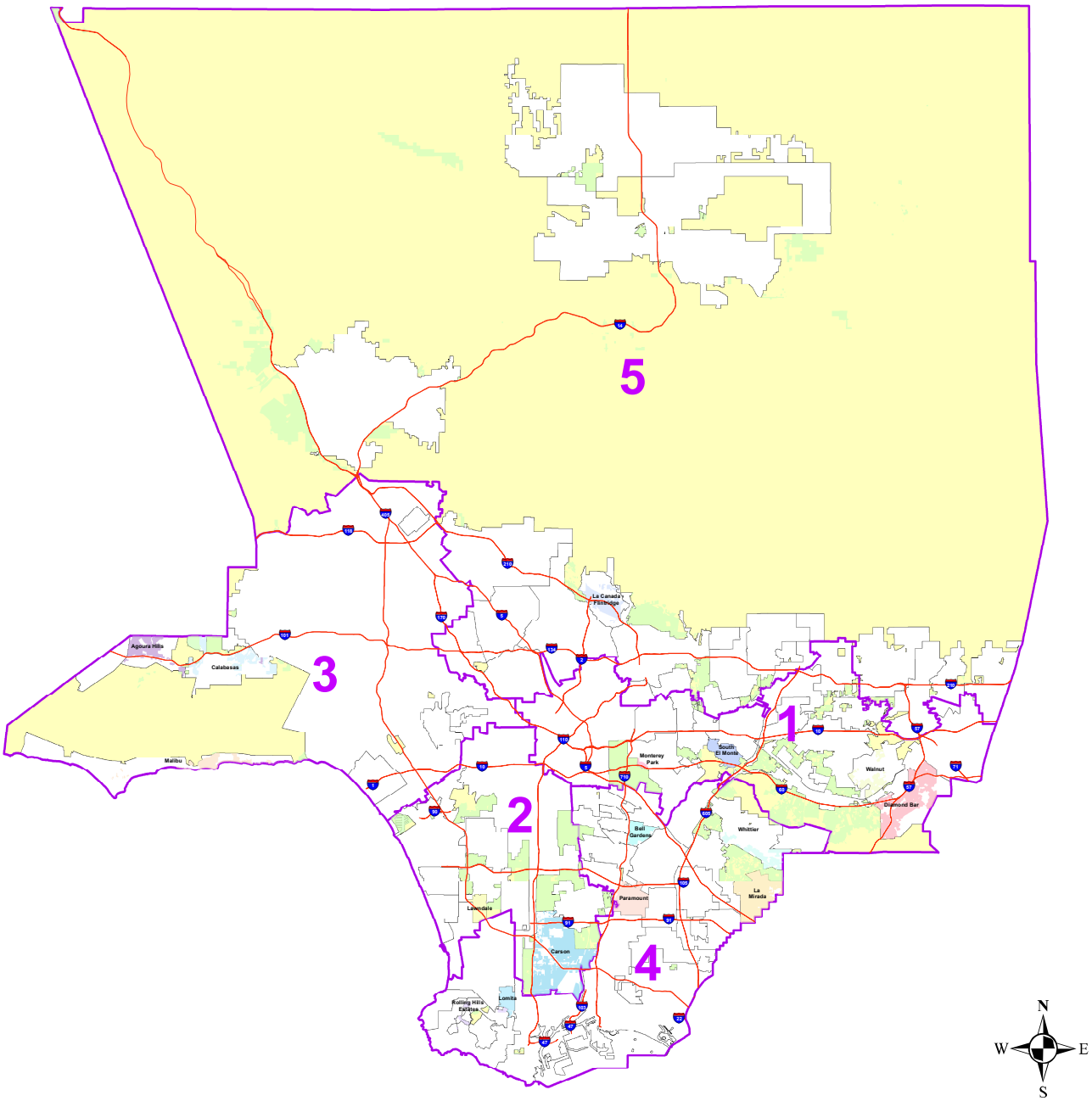
| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☒ All ☐ **1st** ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | County Lighting Districts Annual Assessments – Fiscal Year 2023-24 |
| **PROGRAM** | County Lighting Districts |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ **No** |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ **No**<br>If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Preparation of the annual Engineer's Report can't start until the Board takes action ordering the Director or his designee to do so. Board action in December 2022 is needed to ensure sufficient time to prepare the Engineer's Report in time to return to the Board for the two additional actions that needs to occur before June 30, 2023. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: No additional costs. \| Funding source: County Lighting Maintenance Districts (F46, F59, FB8, FF9, FJ5, FK1, FK6, FL1, FN5, FP5, FP4, F24, E01, E02, E07, E44, F28, E41)<br>TERMS (if applicable):<br>Explanation: Sufficient funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 County Lighting Maintenance Districts' Budget for preparation of the annual Engineer's Report. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Public Works is seeking the Board's adoption of a resolution to prepare and file an annual Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24. This is the first step in the three-step process to renew the annual street lighting assessments to provide supplemental funds to keep all streetlights in operation. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | • Public Works administers 14 zones within County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, comprised of one Unincorporated Zone and 13 City Zones. This is an assessment district that collects benefit assessments to supplement the general property tax levy to fund the operation and maintenance of streetlights.<br>• The adoption of a resolution by the Board to prepare and file an Engineer's Report is required by law to renew the street lighting assessments each fiscal year.<br>• Upon the Board's approval of this first step, Public Works will proceed to the second step to file the Engineer's Report and request the Board to set a public hearing date in April/May 2023 for the adoption of a resolution ordering the levying of assessments in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The Engineer's Report will establish the recommended assessment rates. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ **No**<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ **Yes** ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:<br>Sustainability: Assessment to provide supplemental funding necessary for the operation and maintenance of streetlights. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Steve Burger, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4018, sburger@pw.lacounty.gov |

Public Works
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

# County Lighting Districts




## Legend

**Zones**

- Unincorporated County Area
- City of Agoura Hills
- City of Bell Gardens
- City of Calabasas
- City of Carson
- City of Diamond Bar
- City of La Canada Flintridge
- City of La Mirada
- City of Lawndale
- City of Lomita
- City of Malibu
- City of Monterey Park
- City of Paramount
- City of Rolling Hills Estates
- City of South El Monte
- City of Walnut
- City of Whittier

**City Boundary**

**Unincorporated Areas**

**SUP District Boundary**

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December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA**
**COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS**
**ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**
**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**
**(3 VOTES)**

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## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare and file the annual Engineer's Report to renew the annual street lighting assessments for all zones within County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the action set forth in this Board letter is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. Designate the Director of Public Works or his designee, as the Engineer, under Section 22523 of Article 2, Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 22520).

3. Adopt the Resolution Ordering Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24 pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code Section 22622, which orders the Director or his designee, as the Engineer, to prepare and file the required annual Engineer's Report in accordance with Section 22565 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code and Section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to adopt the enclosed resolution ordering the Director to prepare the required annual Engineer's Report to renew the annual street lighting assessments for all zones within the County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 (Enclosure A). This is an assessment district that collects benefit assessments to supplement the general property tax levy to fund the operation and maintenance of the streetlights in the unincorporated County areas and 13 cities (map enclosed). This action only initiates the Engineer's Report and does not establish any assessment rates.

### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. Renewing the annual levy of assessments will provide the supplemental funding necessary to ensure continuation of street lighting services for the convenience and safety of the motoring public, as well as the safety and security of people and property, which will improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Sufficient funds are included in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 County Lighting Maintenance Districts' Budget for preparation of the annual Engineer's Report.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On July 24, 1979, the Board approved the formation of the assessment district to provide supplemental funds for the operation of streetlights in the existing County Lighting Maintenance Districts pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code. For each subsequent year, the Board has renewed annual street lighting assessments for all zones within the assessment district for supplemental funds. The recommended actions are the initial step to authorize the assessments for FY 2023-24.

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The Landscaping and Lighting Act and the California Constitution (Article XIII D) set forth procedures that must be followed for any fiscal year during which an assessment is to be levied. The Landscaping and Lighting Act requires that the legislative body adopt a resolution generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements. The Board must also order an Engineer, designated pursuant to Section 22523 of the California Streets and Highways Code, to prepare and file the Engineer's Report in accordance with Section 22565 et seq. of Article 4, Chapter 1, of the California Streets and Highways Code and Section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Following this, Public Works will submit for the Board's consideration the Engineer's Report and resolution that are required to establish the assessments for FY 2023-24 and to request the Board to set a date for a public hearing and to consider the adoption of a resolution ordering the levy of assessments. The assessment rates shall be supported by the Engineer's Report. If any future increase in assessment rates is needed, Public Works will comply with all legal requirements under Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218).

The resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action to authorize the Director to prepare and file the required annual Engineer's Report to renew the annual street lighting assessments is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Preparing the Engineer's Report is consistent with the current services regularly conducted by Public Works.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and a copy of the signed resolution to Public Works, Traffic Safety and Mobility Division. Also, please forward one adopted copy of the letter and resolution to the Assessor, Ownership Services Section (Attention Sonia Carter Baltazar), and one to the Auditor-Controller, Tax Division (Attention Grace Kinoshita).

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office

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**ENCLOSURE A**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
**RESOLUTION ORDERING ENGINEER'S REPORT**
**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**
**CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22622**

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1979, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles approved the formation of County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 (Lighting District) to provide supplemental funds for the operation of streetlights in County Lighting Maintenance Districts pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Act), Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, under the California Streets and Highways Code Section 22622 of the Act, the Board must adopt a resolution generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements within the Lighting District, and order the Director of Public Works or his designee, as the Engineer, to prepare and file a report in accordance with Section 22565 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution requires assessments to be supported by a detailed Engineer's Report prepared by a registered professional engineer certified by the State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that:

SECTION 1. The Lighting District will include the following improvements:

a. Additional street lights installed within the existing County Lighting Maintenance Districts and assessment zones, in compliance with procedures set forth in the California Streets and Highways Code.

b. New street lighting systems installed in response to property owner petitions filed and processed in compliance with procedures set forth in the California Streets and Highways Code.

c. New street lighting systems installed in new land developments pursuant to the requirements of Titles 21 and 22, Los Angeles County Code, the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances, and processed in compliance with procedures set forth in the California Streets and Highways Code.

d. Repair or replacement of obsolete street lighting equipment within County Lighting Maintenance Districts and assessment zones.

SECTION 2. The Director of Public Works or his designee as the Engineer, is hereby ordered to prepare and file a report in accordance with Section 22565 et seq.

of Article 4, Chapter 1, of the California Streets and Highways Code and Section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

The foregoing Resolution Ordering Engineer's Report was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2022, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

By Talin Halabi
Acting Deputy County Counsel

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| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☒ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | Public Works is seeking Board approval to assign California Public Utilities Commission Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to the City of Rolling Hills for the city's proposed undergrounding of overhead utilities. |
| **PROGRAM** | N/A |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | None |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $0 \| Funding source: N/A<br>TERMS (if applicable): N/A<br>Explanation: N/A |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the County of Los Angeles to assign the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to the City of Rolling Hills to underground overhead utilities and find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | The CPUC makes Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations available to local jurisdictions for undergrounding of utilities within underground utility districts. Southern California Edison (SCE) administers the undergrounding program, including assigning the allocations to local agencies, and performs the construction work. A portion of the Fourth Supervisorial District's currently allocated Tariff Rule 20A funds will be assigned to the City of Rolling Hills.<br><br>The City of Rolling Hills was awarded Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds for two electrical underground projects on Crest Road East from Wideloop Road to the eastern city limits and on Eastfield Drive from Outrider Road to Hackamore Road.<br><br>The County supports the City of Rolling Hills' Crest Road East and Eastfield Drive projects, which will provide public benefit, and will assign $1,000,000 of its Rule 20A work credit allocation to the City. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:<br>**Board Priority #7: Sustainability** – The project will deliver a more livable and economically stronger community. |

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| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Rossana D'Antonio, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4004, cell phone (626) 476-4234, rdanton@pw.lacounty.gov. |

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA**
**APPROVAL OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF TARIFF RULE 20A FUNDS TO**
**CITY OF ROLLING HILLS**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to assign California Public Utilities Commission Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to the City of Rolling Hills for the city's proposed undergrounding of overhead utilities.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.

2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to assign California Public Utilities Commission Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, in the total amount of $1,000,000, to the City of Rolling Hills for the city's proposed future undergrounding of overhead utilities on Crest Road East and Eastfield Drive in the City of Rolling Hills.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the County of Los Angeles to assign the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to the City of Rolling Hills to underground overhead utilities and find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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The CPUC makes Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations available to local jurisdictions for undergrounding of utilities within underground utility districts. Southern California Edison (SCE) administers the undergrounding program, including assigning the allocations to local agencies, and performs the construction work. A portion of the Fourth Supervisorial District's currently allocated Tariff Rule 20A funds will be assigned to the City of Rolling Hills.

The City of Rolling Hills was awarded Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds for two electrical underground projects on Crest Road East from Wideloop Road to the eastern city limits and on Eastfield Drive from Outrider Road to Hackamore Road.

The County supports the City of Rolling Hills' *Crest Road East* and *Eastfield Drive* projects, which will provide public benefit, and will assign $1,000,000 of its Rule 20A work credit allocation to the City.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended action ensures that resources are expended in a responsible, efficient, and strategic manner.

**IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no adverse impact to the County General Fund. CPUC Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, in the amount of $1,000,000, will be utilized for two undergrounding projects in the City of Rolling Hills. The cost of the proposed undergrounding of other existing overhead utility lines within the street right of way would be borne by the affected utilities. The County of Los Angeles will assign the City of Rolling Hills $1,000,000 from its available Rule 20A Tariff work credit allocation.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Under the CPUC Tariff Rule 20A Program, the County is allowed to assign its Rule 20A work credit allocations to cities within the County for their Rule 20A projects. The City of Rolling Hills formed Underground Utility District No. 1 on June 14, 2021, for its Crest Road East project, will form an Underground Utility District for its Eastfield Drive project, and has determined that the projects qualify to be funded by Rule 20A funds. The City of Rolling Hills is currently working with SCE to implement their projects. Upon allocation of the CPUC Tariff Rule 20A funding to the City of Rolling, SCE will begin design services for the proposed undergrounding of its overhead utility lines. SCE will manage the design and construction of this work, utilizing the available Rule 20A work credit allocations available to the city, including the contribution from the County.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action of assigning CPUC Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the County, to the City of Rolling Hills for their undergrounding projects is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City of Rolling Hills' project to provide undergrounding of existing overhead electrical and communication facilities is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment, meeting the criteria set forth in Section 15302(d) of the CEQA Guidelines. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with applicable regulations; there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled, pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5; or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inappropriate.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of assigning CPUC Tariff Rule 20A work credit allocations, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to the City of Rolling Hills.

## CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Land Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office

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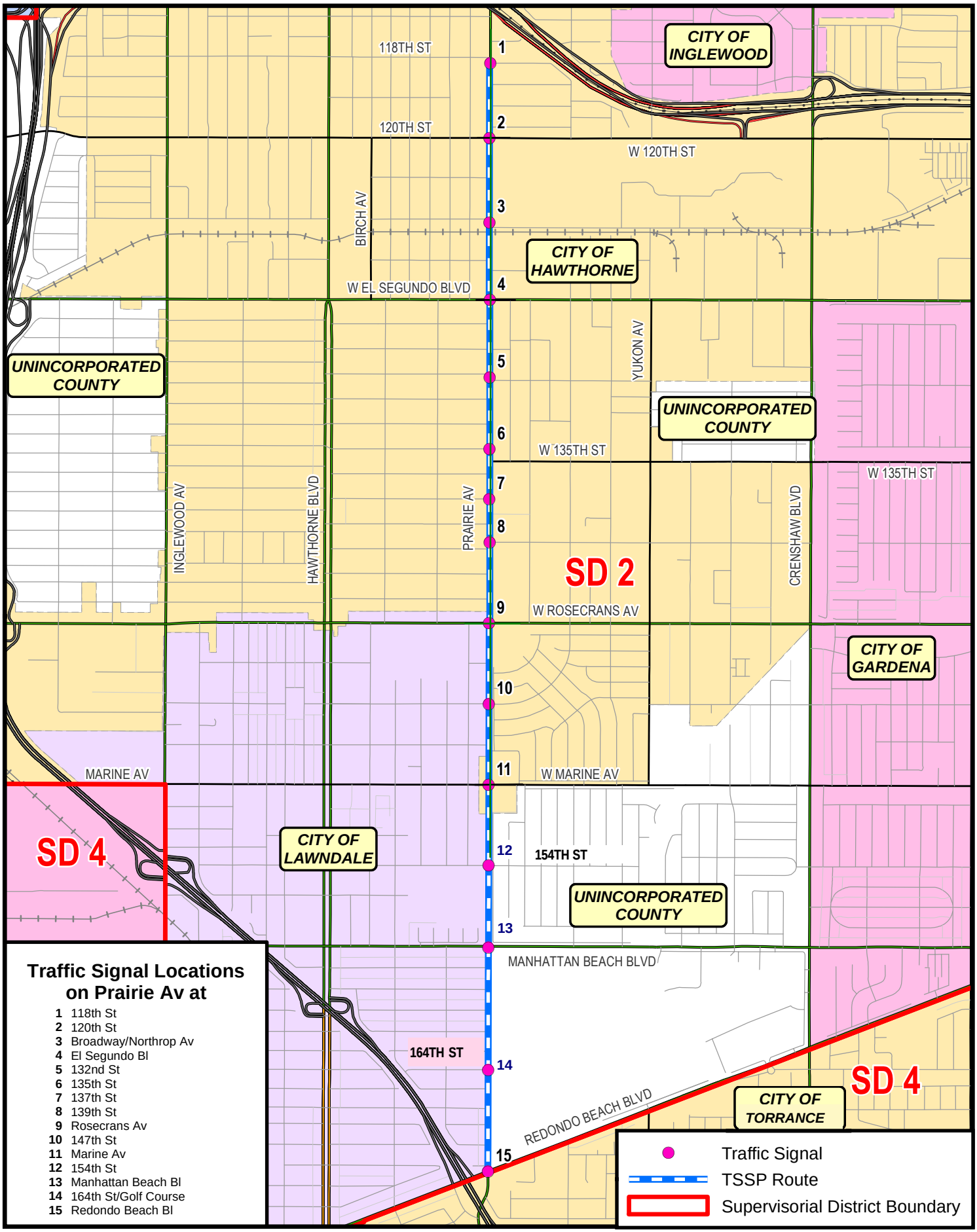
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works | |
| **SUBJECT** | Construction contract for Prairie Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – 118th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard | |
| **PROGRAM** | Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program | |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No | |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No | |
| | If Yes, please explain why:<br>N/A | |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Grant expires February 28, 2024. Grant agency (Metro) requests construction contract be awarded no later than June 30, 2023. | |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost:<br>$1,480,900 | Funding source:<br>Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds; Highways-Through-Cities Funds; and Proposition C Local Return Funds |
| | TERMS (if applicable):<br>N/A | |
| | Explanation:<br>N/A | |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Request Board to adopt plans and allow Public Works to deliver the project. | |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | This project is part of the Countywide Traffic Signal Synchronization Program. Traffic signal improvements will be made on Prairie Avenue from 118th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard to improve traffic flow and safety. | |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how:<br>N/A | |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #7: Sustainability. This project will modify and synchronize traffic signals, which results in less vehicular stops and reduces fuel consumption and air emissions. | |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Steve Burger, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4018, cell (626) 476-9847, sburger@pw.lacounty.gov | |

**ENCLOSURE A**
**December 6, 2022**

# PRAIRIE AVENUE – 118TH STREET TO REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT




**Traffic Signal Locations on Prairie Av at**

1. 118th St
2. 120th St
3. Broadway/Northrop Av
4. El Segundo Bl
5. 132nd St
6. 135th St
7. 137th St
8. 139th St
9. Rosecrans Av
10. 147th St
11. Marine Av
12. 154th St
13. Manhattan Beach Bl
14. 164th St/Golf Course
15. Redondo Beach Bl

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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA**
**ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3987 FOR HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING**
**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD**
**PRAIRIE AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM**
**118TH STREET TO REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD**
**PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010284**
**IN THE CITIES OF HAWTHORNE, LAWNDALE, AND TORRANCE AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EL CAMINO VILLAGE**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4)**
**(4 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt Resolution No. 3987 providing Highways-Through-Cities Funds to the Cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Torrance and to procure a construction contract for the Prairie Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – 118th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard Project in the Cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Torrance and in the unincorporated community of El Camino Village.

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**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 3987 finding that the modification and synchronization of traffic signals in the Cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Torrance and the unincorporated community of El Camino Village is of general County interest and that Los Angeles County aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities Funds in the amount of $714,400 shall be provided to the Cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Torrance to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds and Proposition C Local Return Funds.

3. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file with Public Works Project Management Division III for the Prairie Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – 118th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard Project at an estimated construction contract cost between $500,000 and $750,000.

4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement and that are to be received before 11 a.m. on January 10, 2023, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

5. Find pursuant to State Public Contract Code Section 3400 (b) that it is necessary to specify the designated items by specific brand name in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.

6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.

7. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Prairie Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – 118th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of $500,000 and $750,000, or that exceeds the estimated

cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional and appropriate funds have been identified.

8. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code; (4) accept the project upon its final completion; and (5) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopt a resolution that the project is of general County interest and that aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities Funds in the amount of $714,400 shall be provided to the Cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Torrance, and allow Public Works to construct the Prairie Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – 118th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard Project in the Cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Torrance and in the unincorporated community of El Camino Village (see Enclosure A).

The project includes upgrading traffic signal equipment, pedestrian enhancements, and various other intersection safety improvements along the corridor. The project will modify and synchronize traffic signals on Prairie Avenue from 118th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard.

The Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) Program is a County program that was initiated to assist cities in developing a fully coordinated arterial system throughout the County recognizing that many small cities do not have the funds to complete their portion of the County's Highway Plan. Under the HTC program, cities receive assistance for the construction of specific highway projects. The HTC Funds are allocated on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Supervisor in whose district the project is located.

Board adoption of the Resolution (see Enclosure B) approves the County's contribution of HTC Funds in the amount of $714,400 to finance the Cities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Torrance's jurisdictional shares of the project cost (see Enclosure C).

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any County may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor.

It is anticipated the work will start in August 2023 and be completed in December 2023.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by supporting ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of $500,000 to $750,000. The total project cost is estimated to be $1,480,900 with the County's jurisdictional share being $766,500; the City of Lawndale's share being $495,400; the City of Torrance's share $153,200; and the City of Hawthorne's share being $65,800. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services agreement, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental compliance, and other County services.

The project cost will be financed with $626,500 in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the Prairie Avenue Corridor Improvement Project, and $854,400 in County Proposition C Local Return Funds.

In addition, the Board has established a $2,500,000 top-of-pot annual allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget from the Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program. The remaining $854,400 will be funded from this top-of-pot

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allocation, of which $415,700 will be used for the Cities of Lawndale, Torrance, and Hawthorne's shares in HTC Funds and $438,700 for the County's share of Proposition C Local Return Funds.

Funding for this project is included in the Proposition C Local Return Fund (CN9 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

State Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion, if the awarding authority makes a finding and language is included in the Notice Inviting Bids. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

A list of specific brand names and qualified purposes in accordance with the State Public Contract Code is provided in Enclosure C.

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

Documents related to award of this contract will be available at Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor Alhambra, CA 91803.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed traffic signal synchronization project is exempt from CEQA. The project to improve traffic signal operations is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(x) Subsections 4, 14, and 22 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents will include a best efforts goal that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents. The Targeted Worker component will not be included as part of the project.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

https://lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county/

http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities

Also, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including Twitter.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach, as well as offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises, Social Enterprises, and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code; Chapters 2.204, 2.205, and 2.211.

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## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving traffic flow and safety for motorists and pedestrians thereby benefiting the cities and the community.

## CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter and one signed copy of the resolution to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

MP:RLG:dw

Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide Contract Compliance)

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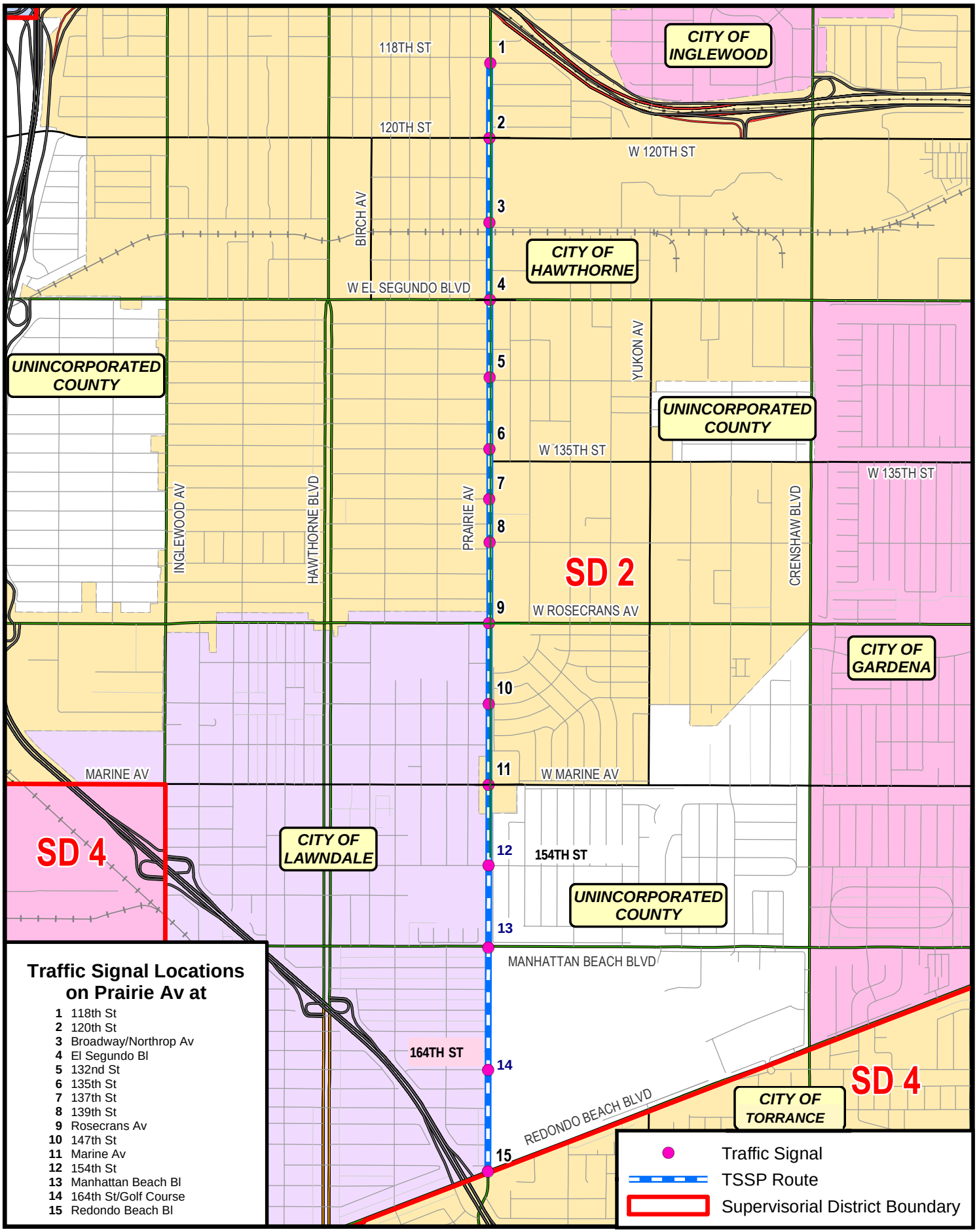
**ENCLOSURE A**
**December 6, 2022**

# PRAIRIE AVENUE – 118TH STREET TO REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT




**Traffic Signal Locations on Prairie Av at**

1. 118th St
2. 120th St
3. Broadway/Northrop Av
4. El Segundo Bl
5. 132nd St
6. 135th St
7. 137th St
8. 139th St
9. Rosecrans Av
10. 147th St
11. Marine Av
12. 154th St
13. Manhattan Beach Bl
14. 164th St/Golf Course
15. Redondo Beach Bl

Data contained in this map is produced in whole or part from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' digital database.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3987 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE CITIES OF HAWTHORNE, LAWNDALE, AND TORRANCE FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the CITIES OF HAWTHORNE, LAWNDALE, AND TORRANCE, hereinafter referred to as CITIES and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to modify and synchronize the traffic signals along Prairie Avenue from 118th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to construct PROJECT at no cost to CITIES; and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT is located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITIES; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITIES and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY AND CITIES previously executed or will execute cooperative agreements which outline the roles and responsibilities associated with the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT is currently estimated to be One Million Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($1,480,900); and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Forum, and COUNTY'S Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, the total PROJECT cost will be financed with Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($626,500) in LACMTA Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Forum and Eight Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($854,400) in Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, a Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($2,500,000.00) top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget has been established for COUNTY'S Traffic Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Eight Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($854,400) will be funded from this TOP allocation; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITIES pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Number P00F1311 between COUNTY and LACMTA; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT roles and responsibilities between CITIES and COUNTY are described in the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program cooperative agreements; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The PROJECT is of general COUNTY interest and County aid shall be extended therefore.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Streets and Highways Code sections 1680-1683, to extend aid to CITIES in the amount of Seven Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars ($714,400.00) for PROJECT from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of the COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from LACMTA pursuant to MOU Number P00F1311 between COUNTY and LACMTA.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the _____day of_____, 2022, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By_____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

By_____
Deputy

**ENCLOSURE C**
**December 6, 2022**

**PROJECT NAME:** **PRAIRIE AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM 118TH STREET TO REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD**
**PROJECT ID NO.:** **TSM0010284**

**List of specific brand names in accordance with State Public Contract Code Section 3400:**

| | Item/Category | Manufacturer | Model | PCC 3400 Justification* | Detailed Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Traffic Signal Controller Software | Fourth Dimension Traffic | D4 Firmware (Version 1.5L-39) | (2) | D4 Firmware in the 2070 Advanced Traffic Controller is necessary to maintain compatibility with the current traffic control system used in Public Works' Traffic Management Center. |
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*(1) In order that a field test or experiment may be made to determine the product's suitability for future use. (2) In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion. (3) In order to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source. (4) (A) In order to respond to an emergency declared by a local agency, but only if the declaration is approved by a four-fifths vote of the governing board of the local agency issuing the invitation for bid or request for proposals. (B) In order to respond to an emergency declared by the State, a State agency, or political subdivision of the State, but only if the facts setting forth the reasons for the finding of the emergency are contained in the public records of the authority issuing the invitation for bid or request for proposals.

# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☒ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | Public Works is seeking Board approval of the final map for Tract 82836 in the County unincorporated community of San Jose Hills and acceptance of grants and dedications as indicated on the final map. |
| **PROGRAM** | N/A |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | None |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $0 / Funding source: N/A |
| | TERMS (if applicable): N/A |
| | Explanation: N/A |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the final map for Tract 82836 (enclosed). The proposed final map consists of 1.6 acres and will create 56 condominium units. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | The Regional Planning Commission approved a tentative tract map for this subdivision on November 30, 2021. The subdivider has complied with all requirements imposed as a condition of the approval of the tentative map, and the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.<br><br>Pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act, a local agency must approve a final map if the subdivider has complied with all applicable requirements of State and local law and the legislative body finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.<br><br>The grants and dedications, as indicated on the final map, are necessary for construction and maintenance of public infrastructure required by the County for this development. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: This Board agenda items supports the Board Priority of Sustainability/Homelessness by creating needed housing in the San Jose Hills area and generates future property tax revenue. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Rossana D'Antonio, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4004, cell phone (626) 476-4234, rdanton@pw.lacounty.gov. |

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA**
**APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 82836 AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND DEDICATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**
**IN UNINCORPORATED SAN JOSE HILLS**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the final map for Tract 82836 in the County unincorporated community of San Jose Hills and acceptance of grants and dedications as indicated on the final map.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the approval of the final map for Tract 82836 is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.

2. Make findings as follows:

    a. That the proposed subdivision complies with the applicable requirements and conditions imposed pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act (Government Code Section 66410, et seq.) and the County of Los Angeles Subdivision Ordinance (Title 21) and is in substantial conformance with the Vesting Tentative Tract Map 82836 previously approved by your Board on November 30, 2021.

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b. That division and development of the property, in the manner set forth on the approved tentative map for this subdivision, will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any rights of way or easements owned by any public entity and/or public utility in accordance with Government Code Section 66436(a)(3)(a)(i) of the State Subdivision Map Act.

3. Approve the final map for Tract 82836.

4. Accept grants and dedications as indicated on the final map for Tract 82836.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the final map for Tract 82836 (enclosed). The proposed final map consists of 1.6 acres and will create 56 condominium units.

The Hearing Officer approved an Amendment to Vesting Tentative Tract Map 82836 for this subdivision on September 20, 2022. The subdivider has complied with all requirements imposed as a condition of the approval of the tentative map, and the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.

Pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act, a local agency must approve a final map if the subdivider has complied with all applicable requirements of State and local law and the legislative body finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the approved tentative map.

The grants and dedications, as indicated on the final map, are necessary for construction and maintenance of public infrastructure required by the County for this development.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended action allows the County to record the final map, which will maximize property tax revenue.

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## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no adverse impact to the County General Fund. The 56 condominium units created by the recordation of this final map will generate additional property tax revenue that is shared by all taxing entities.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The approval of the final map is subject to provisions of the State Subdivision Map Act [Government Code Sections 66410, et seq.; 66458(a); 66473; 66474.1; 66436(a)(3)(A)(i); and 66427.1(A)], which states that a legislative body shall not deny approval of a final map if it has previously approved a tentative map for the proposed subdivision and finds that the final map is in substantial conformance with the previously approved tentative map.

The final map has been reviewed by Public Works for mathematical accuracy, survey analysis, title information, and for compliance with local ordinances and the State Subdivision Map Act. Public Works' review indicates that the subdivision is substantially the same as it appears on the approved tentative map, that all State and local provisions and legal requirements have been met on this final map, and that the final map is technically correct.

All agreements and improvement securities, which were required as a condition of the approval of the final map, have been accepted on behalf of the County by the appropriate official.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On November 30, 2021, the Board certified the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Vesting Tentative Tract Map 82836, which was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and County CEQA guidelines and found no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

The proposed actions to approve the final subdivision map are ministerial actions and are thereby exempt from CEQA by Section 15268(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and 21080(b)(1) of the Public Resources Code.

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## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of approving the final map for Tract 82836.

## CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Land Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

MP:AVV:kt

Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Department of Regional Planning

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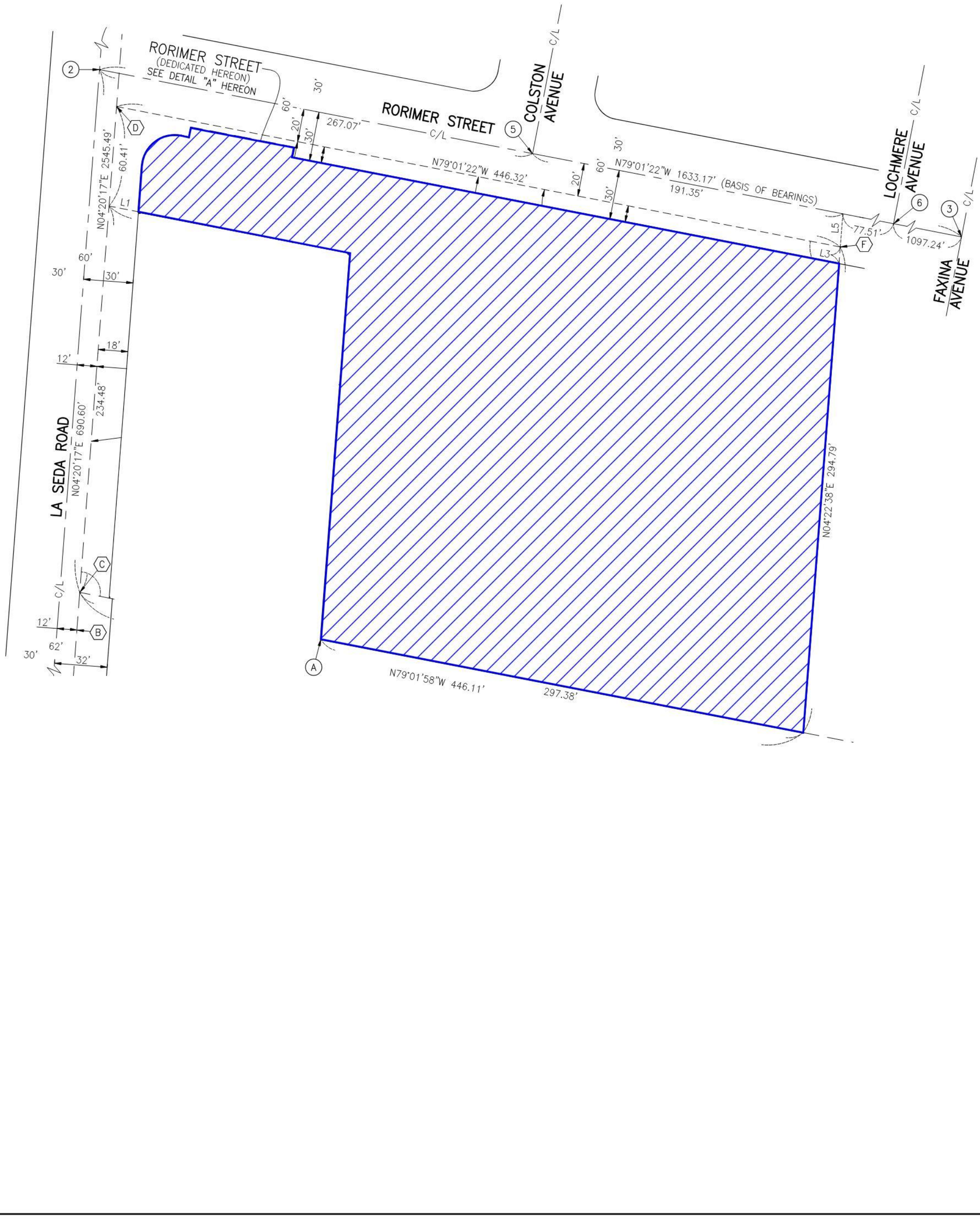
SCALE: 1" = 40'

# TRACT NO. 82836



IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES
BOUNDARY ESTABLISHMENT AND MONUMENTS



# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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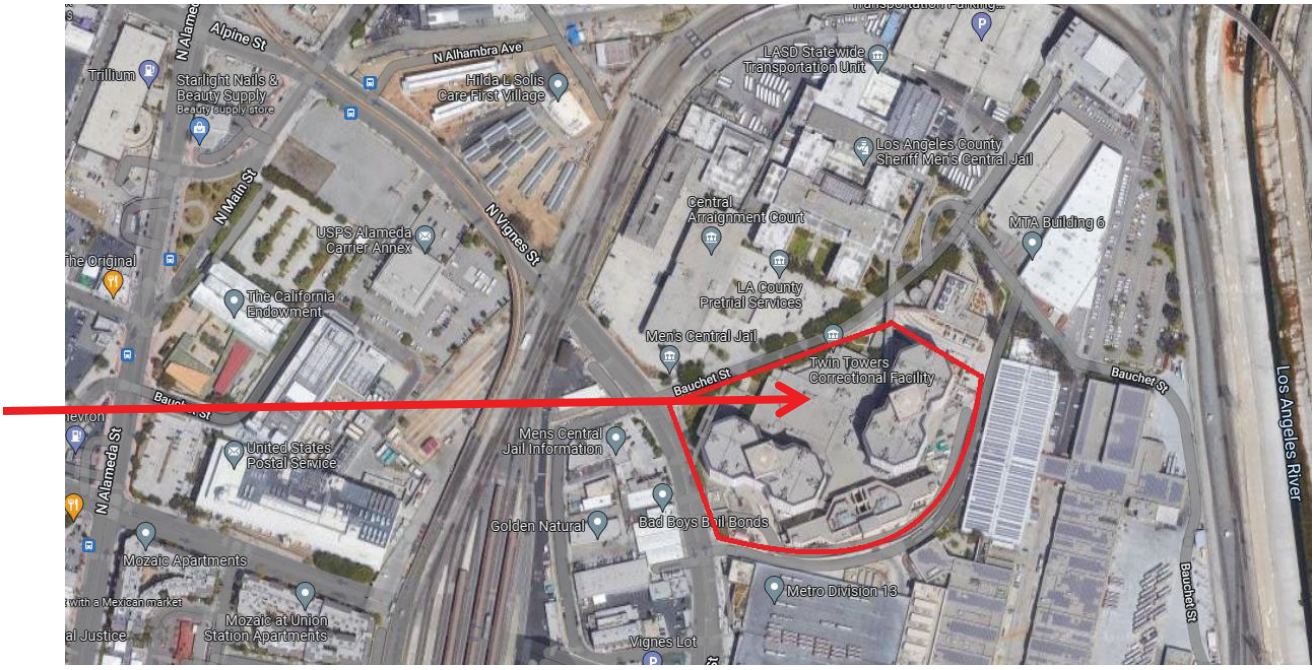
| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☒ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | Twin Towers Correctional Facility Elevators Project |
| **PROGRAM** | Facility Reinvestment Program |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | The Twin Towers Correctional Facility elevators are frequently out of order, and support and replacement parts are not available from the obsolete manufacturer. This prevents the Sheriff's Department and Department of Health Services (DHS) from providing necessary services. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $44,841,000 \| Funding source: Facility Reinvestment Program<br>TERMS (if applicable): N/A<br>Explanation: |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt, advertise, and award the construction contract for the Twin Tower Correctional Facility (TTCF) Elevators Project for a total budget of $44,841,000; and to authorize the use of Low Bid with Qualification Contracting as a delivery method. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | TTCF is located at 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. This project is part of the County's Facility Reinvestment Program. It includes the replacement of building systems that have exceeded their expected service life. The scope includes refurbishment of all the traction and hydraulic elevators.<br><br>TTCF is a midrise facility and when elevators are nonfunctional, the ability of the Sheriff's Department and DHS to provide the necessary services, such as food, trash removal, court appearances, and visitation requirements are severely restricted. If all elevators are nonfunctional, the Sheriff's Department and DHS must move staff, supplies, and inmates using the stairs. This is labor intensive and poses a security hazard for staff and inmates. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority No. 7: Sustainability. The project incorporates infrastructure improvements by replacement of outdated building systems to keep public buildings operational and safe for the public. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Vincent Yu, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4010, cell (626) 614-7217, vyu@pw.lacounty.gov |

## Twin Towers Correctional Facility Elevators Project Site




450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ELEVATORS PROJECT**
**APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND BUDGET**
**APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**
**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD**
**SPECS. 7675; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87672**
**(FISCAL YEAR 2022-23)**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (Elevators eBR) Project, find that the recommended actions are within the previous findings of exemption for the project, adopt plans and specifications, direct the advertising for construction bids, approve an appropriation adjustment, and authorize Public Works to award and execute a construction contract for the project.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions are within the previous findings of exemption for the project for the reasons stated in the Board letter and in the record of the previously approved project.

2. Adopt the plans and specifications that are on file with Public Works for the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (Elevators eBR) Project, Capital Project No. 87672.

3. Approve the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (Elevators eBR) Project, Capital Project No. 87672, with a total project budget of $44,841,000.

4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise the project for bids to be received and opened on February 15, 2023, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

5. Approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer $41,795,000 from the Extraordinary Maintenance Budget to the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (Elevators eBR) Project, Capital Project No. 87672, to fully fund the project.

6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a Consultant Services Agreement with the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule for a $10,000 not-to-exceed amount funded by the project funds.

7. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to make the determination that a bid is nonresponsive and to reject a bid on that basis; to award to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder; to waive inconsequential and nonmaterial deficiencies in bid submitted; and to determine, in accordance with the applicable contract and bid documents, whether the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder has timely prepared a satisfactory baseline construction schedule and satisfied all conditions for contract award. Upon such determination, authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute the construction contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, to the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder if the low bid can be awarded within the approved total project budget. Establish the effective date of the contract upon receipt of acceptable performance bonds, payment bonds, and required contractor insurance by Public Works, and to take all other actions necessary and appropriate to deliver the project.

8. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to use Low Bid with Qualification Contracting as the preferred delivery method for the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (Elevators eBR) Project. Find that the Low Bid with Qualification Contracting will enable Public Works to provide the most qualified contractors with the workforce needed to expedite the delivery of the project and reduce potential construction escalation costs. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to advertise the project and proceed with the prequalification of contractors.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that they are within the previous findings of exemption for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); adopt plans and specifications; authorize the use of Low Bid with Qualification Contracting to deliver the project; approve an appropriation adjustment; direct the advertising for construction bids; and authorize Public Works to award and execute a construction contract for the project.

Project Description and Background

The Twin Towers Correctional Facility (Elevators eBR) Project, hereinafter referred to as the TTCF Elevators Project, includes, but is not limited to, replacement of all machinery, controllers, hoistway equipment, cab finishes, and signaling systems for 24 elevators at the facility. Repair and replacement of supporting mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire life safety systems required to support the replacement elevator systems are also included as part of the project.

On December 17, 2019, the Board approved the TTCF Elevators Project with a total budget of $50,693,000 to be delivered using Job Order Contracts.

On January 5, 2021, the Board approved the TTCF Elevators Project, Capital Project No. 87672, to be delivered using Best Value Selection and decreased the previously approved budget to $44,841,000.

On November 30, 2021, the Board approved Public Works to evaluate various delivery methods, including Job Order Contracts, Design-Bid-Build, Design-Build, and Best Value Selection for the delivery of the larger, and more technically complex maintenance projects, of which TTCF would fall under. Based on this evaluation, Public Works is recommending the use of Low Bid with Qualification Contracting as the preferred delivery method.

TTCF was built in the mid-1990s, and the elevators are original to the building. Due to the age and high-use demand, which entails a 24/7 operation, the elevators have exceeded their useful life and are frequently breaking down. Furthermore, no support or replacement parts are available from the elevator manufacturer who is no longer in business. The Sheriff's Department Facilities Services Bureau (FSB), tasked with the day-to-day maintenance and repairs for all Sheriff facilities, have sourced custom-made replacement parts and/or fabricated parts to maintain the elevators in service. Despite the efforts by Sheriff's Department FSB, several elevators are consistently out of order, which impacts operations and service delivery at TTCF.

TTCF is a multilevel facility with eight floors. When elevators are nonfunctional, the ability of the Sheriff's Department Custody Division and Department of Health Services – Inmate Correctional Health Services to provide the necessary programmatic and medical/mental health services are severely restricted and compromised. The elevators are the main building infrastructure system needed to facilitate inmate and staff movement, including services and supplies. If all elevators are nonfunctional, the Sheriff's Department and Department of Health Services must move staff, supplies, and inmates using the stairs. Inmate movement via the stairwell is labor intensive, inefficient,

and poses a security hazard and health risks for staff and inmates. The additional time needed to safely move inmates through the stairwells shortens available time for programming and medical/mental health services and is not desirable nor sustainable for long periods of time.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets by investing in public infrastructure that will improve the operational effectiveness of an existing County asset.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project budget is $44,841,000 as approved by the Board on January 5, 2021, and includes plans and specifications, jurisdictional approval, construction, escalation, change orders, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services (see Enclosure A).

The project is currently funded with $3,046,000 in net County cost from the Extraordinary Maintenance Budget. Approval of the appropriation adjustment (Enclosure B) will authorize the transfer of $41,795,000 from the Extraordinary Maintenance Budget to the TTCF (Elevators eBR) Project, Capital Project No. 87672, to fully fund the project.

Operational Impacts

Support is limited for the elevators at TTCF via elevator service companies and suppliers due to the elevator manufacturer being out of business. The lack of available parts increases the operating costs for TTCF as Sheriff's Department FSB must rely on either refurbished or customized parts that are difficult to locate and fabricate. When Sheriff's Department FSB custom fabricate parts, these specialized employees are unable to simultaneously service the elevators at TTCF, which in turn leads to more downtime at the facility. One-time and ongoing costs associated with elevator maintenance is anticipated once the project is completed. Sheriff's Department is anticipating that these costs will be covered in their existing maintenance and operating budget.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard construction contract, in a form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used that contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to, County's Greater Avenues for Independence

and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs, Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, and Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015).

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making an award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions and material requirements necessary for the project and are on file with Public Works' Business Relations and Contracts Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803-1331.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004, and last amended on August 4, 2020, repair and building system replacement projects are exempt from requirements of the policy.

In accordance with the Board's Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy updated on June 11, 2019, the project with a total project budget greater than $2,500,000 will have a mandatory hiring goal of at least 30 percent California construction labor hours be performed by local residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On December 17, 2019, the Board approved the project as one of the Facility Reinvestment Plan Projects and found that those projects were exempt from CEQA. These previously approved projects include the repair and building system replacement projects and were determined to be within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a), (d), and (l); 15302 (b) and (c); and 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (c), (d), (h), (i), (j), (l), and (m); 2 (a), (b), and (e); and 3 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The categorically exempt projects provide for repair of existing facilities and structures with negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The current recommended actions are within the scope of the previous findings of exemption. There have been no

changes to the project since approval, and no further CEQA findings are required under CEQA.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with California Public Resources Code 21152 and will post the Notice of Exemption to the County's website pursuant to Section 21092.2.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

Advertising for construction bids will be in accordance with the County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements (see Enclosure C).

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County's "Doing Business with Us" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids.

In addition, to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach, as well as offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204.

Participation in Public Works' Community Business Enterprises Outreach Program is encouraged for this project. Public Works monitors good faith efforts of bidders to utilize Community Business Enterprises.

An award by Public Works will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board, the State Public Contract Code, and the project's specific technical qualification requirements.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

TTCF will continue to remain operational during the elevators' replacement. Public Works will coordinate with operations at the facility and the contractors to phase and schedule the work to minimize disruption to facility operations.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

MP:SK:cl

Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**ENCLOSURE A**
December 6, 2022

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ELEVATORS PROJECT**
**APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND BUDGET**
**APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**
**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD**
**SPECS. 7675; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87672**
**(FISCAL YEAR 2022-23)**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

| Project Activity | Completion Date |
|---|---|
| Design | 10/11/2022* |
| Jurisdictional Approval | 10/11/2022* |
| Construction Bid | 05/22/2023 |
| Construction | |
| Substantial Completion | 11/26/2026 |
| Project Acceptance | 02/25/2027 |

*Indicates a completed activity.

## II. PROJECT BUDGET

| Budget Category | Budget |
|---|---|
| Construction | |
| Construction | $26,820,000 |
| Design Contingency | $803,000 |
| Escalation | $1,657,000 |
| Change Orders (15%) | $4,143,000 |
| Subtotal | $33,423,000 |
| Plans and Specifications | $2,008,000 |
| Consultant Services | $2,044,000 |
| Miscellaneous Expenditures | $71,000 |
| Jurisdictional Reviews | $678,000 |
| County Services | $6,617,000 |
| **Total** | **$44,841,000** |

ENCLOSURE B

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December 06, 2022

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**
**FY 2022-23**
**3 - VOTES**

| SOURCES | | USES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | SHERIFF DEPARTMENT | |
| **EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE** | | **TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (ELEVATORS EBR)** | |
| A01-CF-2000-12810 | | A01-CP-6014-65046-87672 | |
| SERVICES & SUPPLIES | | CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **41,795,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **41,795,000** |
| **SOURCES TOTAL** | **$ 41,795,000** | **USES TOTAL** | **$ 41,795,000** |

**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects the transfer of $41,795,000 net County cost from the Extraordinary Maintenance budget to Capital Assets-Building and Improvements under Capital Project No. 87672, to fully fund the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (Elevators eBR) project.

James Yun Digitally signed by James Yun Date: 2022.09.27 13:54:30 -07'00'

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** JAMES YUN, MANAGER, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

☐ ACTION

☒ RECOMMENDATION

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY

B.A. NO. 037 DATE 09/29/2022

☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED

☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BY Matthew J. Diaz Digitally signed by Matthew J. Diaz Date: 2022.10.05 13:31:43 -07'00'

DATE 10/05/2022

**ENCLOSURE C**
December 6, 2022

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ELEVATORS PROJECT**
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PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: In accordance with the State of California Public Contract Code Section 20125, you may publish once a week for two weeks in a weekly newspaper or ten times in a daily newspaper. Forward three reprints of this advertisement to Public Works Business Relations and Contracts Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803-1331.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF**
**INVITING BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Public Works will receive sealed bids for furnishing all materials, labor, and equipment required to complete construction for the following project:

| SD | SPECS | PROJECT | DATE OF BID OPENING |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7675 | Twin Towers Correctional Facility Elevators Project | February 15, 2023 |

Copies of the project manual and drawings may be downloaded free of charge from the Public Works website http://pw.lacounty.gov/go/constructioncontracts. For bid information, please contact Ms. Cheryl Wong of Business Relations and Contracts Division at (626) 344-4537. Each bid shall be submitted electronically through Bid Express, on or before 11:00 a.m. on the bid opening date. Bids will be publicly opened, examined, and declared by Public Works at 3:00 p.m. on this date using Microsoft Teams Live Meeting platform.

The information and link to access the bid opening will be posted on the Public Works website on the project information link. Bidders may participate in the public bid opening by visiting the Los Angeles County Public Works Business Opportunities Website at pw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities.com, selecting the project, and clicking on the bid opening link. Once the bid submittal time has closed, the solicitation may be viewed by applying the Status: Closed filter on the Public Works website. This project requires

the general contractor firm to possess an A or B license classification at the time of bid.

The contractor and all its subcontractors of any tier shall be required to pay prevailing wages to all workers employed in the execution of the work of improvement in accordance with the Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. Copies of prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Public Works' Business Relations and Contracts Division, which shall be made available to any interested party upon request.

## PRE-BID CONFERENCE

Public Works, Project Management Division II, will hold an optional prebid conference on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 to provide information on the project, bidding process, and project walk and answer any questions that the potential bidders may have. Detailed questions or additional information must be submitted in writing to Ms. Wong at cwong@pw.lacounty.gov. The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting. The contractor shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Section 2000 of the Public Contract Code, to contract with Community Business Enterprises. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive technical or inconsequential errors and discrepancies in bids submitted in the public's interest.

### Americans with Disabilities Act Information

Individuals requiring reasonable accessibility accommodations may request written materials in alternate formats, physical accessibility accommodations, sign language interpreters, or other reasonable accommodations by contacting our departmental Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (626) 458-4081, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make contact by first dialing the California Relay Service at 7-1-1. Requests should be made at least one week in advance to ensure availability. When making a reasonable accommodation request, please reference [PMII-1].

### Información sobre la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades

Individuos que requieran acomodamiento razonable pueden solicitar materiales escritos en formatos alternativos, acomodamiento físico, intérpretes en lenguaje de señas Americano ú otros acomodamientos razonables comunicándose con nuestro Coordinador Departamental de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades al (626) 458-4081, de 7:30 a.m. a 5 p.m., lunes a jueves (excluyendo días festivos). Personas con problemas auditivos pueden comunicarse primero marcando al Servicio de Difusión de California al 7-1-1. Solicitudes pueden hacerse por lo menos una semana antes para asegurar disponibilidad. Cuándo se haga una petición razonable para acomodo, por favor mencione [PMII-1].

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, dated December 6, 2022.

CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter ☐ Board Memo ☐ Other

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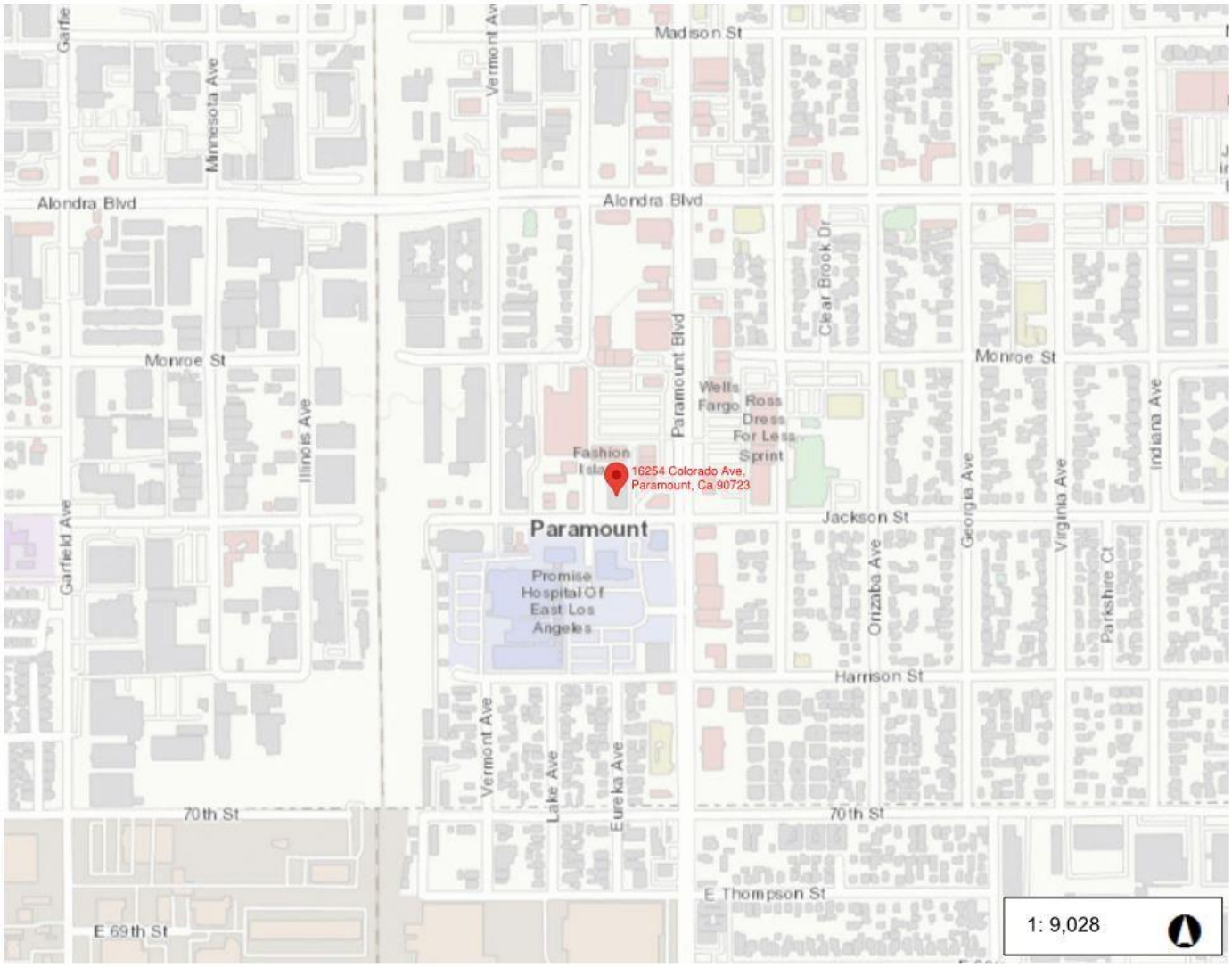
| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 | |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 | |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☒ 4th ☐ 5th | |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works | |
| **SUBJECT** | Paramount Library Refurbishment Project | |
| **PROGRAM** | N/A | |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No | |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No | |
| | If Yes, please explain why:<br>N/A | |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | N/A | |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost:<br>$4,600,000 | Funding source:<br>Fourth Supervisorial District Community Programs Budget |
| | TERMS (if applicable):<br>N/A | |
| | Explanation:<br>N/A | |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Approve the proposed capital project and authorize Public Works to deliver the project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract. | |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | The proposed project will remodel and refurbish the Paramount Library. The refurbished library will include a customer service desk, an adult reading area, a teen area, a children's area with a homework center, an enlarged community room, two group study rooms, express-service self-checkout machines, public access computers, and Wi-Fi internet access. | |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how:<br>N/A | |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: The project supports Board Priority No. 7, Sustainability, by investing in County buildings to provide improved public services and workforce environments that will lead to increased productivity. | |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Vincent Yu, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4010, cell (626) 614-7217, vyu@pw.lacounty.gov | |

Paramount Library Refurbishment Project




16254 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**PARAMOUNT LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**
**APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT**
**APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**
**APPROVE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTING**
**SPECS. 2074; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87884**
**(FISCAL YEAR 2022-23)**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)**
**(4 VOTES)**

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**SUBJECT:**

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the Paramount Library Refurbishment Project, approval of an appropriation adjustment, and authorization to deliver the proposed project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed Paramount Library Refurbishment Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.

2. Approve the proposed Paramount Library Refurbishment Project, Capital Project No. 87884, with a project budget of $4,600,000.

3. Approve the appropriation adjustment in the total amount of $4,380,000 to transfer $280,000 in residual design funds from the Project and Facility Development budget to the Paramount Library Refurbishment Project, Capital Project No. 87884, and $4,100,000 from the Board of Supervisors Fourth District Community Programs budget as follows: $3,600,000 to the Paramount Library Refurbishment Project, Capital Project No. 87884, and $500,000 to the LA County Library Operating budget, to fully fund the proposed project.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the proposed project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will find the Paramount Library Refurbishment Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); approve the capital project, project budget, and associated appropriation adjustment; and authorize Public Works to deliver the proposed project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

The Paramount Library is located at 16254 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA, 90723. The single-story, approximately 8,750-square-foot building was built in 1967 and consists of a community room, an adult reading area, a teen area, a children's area, and a staff work area.

The proposed project will remodel and refurbish the interior of the library. The work will include repair and remodel of the building's electrical, mechanical, plumbing, low voltage, information technology, and telecommunication systems and interior finishes; replacement of the interior lighting, signage, bookshelves, and furniture; and refurbishment of the public restrooms to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines. The refurbished library will include a customer service desk, an adult reading area, a teen area, a children's area with a homework center, an enlarged community room, two group study rooms, express-service self-checkout machines, public access computers, and Wi-Fi internet access.

Public Works utilized a Board-approved on-call consultant to prepare the design and is seeking approval from the Board to carry out the construction using a Board-approved JOC. It is anticipated that construction will begin in February 2023 and be completed by December 2023.

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

The project will support the Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design Program by incorporating water and energy efficient plumbing, mechanical, and electrical equipment and fixtures as part of the project.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County's Strategic Plan: Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities, Objective II.2.2, Expand Access to Recreational and

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Cultural Opportunities; and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance recreational and cultural opportunities for County residents and visitors and improve the operational effectiveness of an existing County asset.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The project budget is estimated at $4,600,000 and includes design, plan check, consultant services, construction, change order contingency, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and County services. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Enclosure A.

The design phase funding of $500,000 was derived from Various Fourth District Improvements, CP No. 77046, transferred to the Project and Facility Development Budget, and $220,000 was expended in Fiscal Year 2021-22. Approval of the enclosed appropriation adjustment (Enclosure B) in the total amount of $4,380,000 will transfer the $280,000 in residual design funds from the Project and Facility Development Budget to the Paramount Library Refurbishment Project, Capital Project No. 87884, and $4,100,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial District Community Programs budget as follows: $3,600,000 to the Paramount Library Refurbishment Project, Capital Project No. 87884, and $500,000 to the LA County Library Operating Budget for procurement of furniture, fixtures, and equipment to fully fund the proposed project.

Operating Budget Impact

Following completion of the project, LA County Library will fund the additional associated maintenance and operational costs for the facility with existing budgetary resources from its Operating Budget.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed project budget includes 1 percent of the eligible design and construction costs for the Civic Art Allocation, which is estimated at $30,000.

In accordance with Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy adopted on September 6, 2016, the project will require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

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LA County Library will work with the Internal Services Department, as the County's purchasing agent, to process a Purchase Order through a master vendor agreement for the furniture, fixtures, and equipment procurement and installation.

The Internal Services Department managed the design of the upgraded low voltage, information technology, and telecommunication systems and will carry out the installation through a Telecommunications Equipment and Services Master Agreement.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project consists of refurbishing the interior of a library building and is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. The project meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a) and (d); 15302 (c), and 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (c), (d), (h), and (i); 2; and 3 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project provides for repair, refurbishment, and alterations of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use and where replacement features will have the same purpose and capacity.

Additionally, the proposed project will comply with all applicable regulations, is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the Notice to its website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

Public Works utilized a Board-approved, on-call consultant to prepare the design and is requesting Board authorization to carry out the construction using a Board-approved JOC.

The project scope includes substantial remodeling, alteration, and refurbishment work, and Public Works has made the determination that the use of a JOC is the most appropriate contracting method to deliver the project.

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## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on current County services or projects. The Paramount Library will be closed during construction. The LA County Library will provide temporary library services during construction at other nearby libraries and other suitable location.

## CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosures

c: Department of Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)
County Counsel
Executive Office
LA County Library

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**ENCLOSURE A**
December 6, 2022

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**(4 VOTES)**

## I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

| Project Activity | Scheduled Completion Date |
|---|---|
| Construction Documents | 05/31/2022* |
| Jurisdictional Approvals | 10/30/2022* |
| Construction Award (Job Order Contract) | 01/19/2023 |
| Construction Start | 02/06/2023 |
| Substantial Completion | 12/31/2023 |
| Project Acceptance | 02/29/2024 |

*****Actual Completion Date

## II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

| Project Activity | Proposed Budget |
|---|---|
| Construction | $2,552,000 |
| Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment | $ 500,000 |
| Telecommunication Systems | $ 365,000 |
| Civic Art | $ 30,000 |
| Plans and Specifications | $ 425,000 |
| Consultant Services | $ 40,000 |
| Miscellaneous Expenditures | $ 21,000 |
| Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permits | $ 55,000 |
| County Services | $ 612,000 |
| **TOTAL** | **$4,600,000** |

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**
**FY 2022-23**
**4 - VOTES**

| SOURCES | | USES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | LA COUNTY LIBRARY | |
| **PROJECT AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT** | | **PARAMOUNT LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT PROJECT** | |
| A01-CF-2000-10190 | | A01-CP-6014-65044-87884 | |
| SERVICES & SUPPLIES | | CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **280,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **3,880,000** |
| **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** | | **LA COUNTY LIBRARY** | |
| A01-BS-2000-10010 | | B06-PL-2000-41200 | |
| SERVICES & SUPPLIES | | SERVICES & SUPPLIES | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **4,100,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **500,000** |
| **SOURCES TOTAL** | **$ 4,380,000** | **USES TOTAL** | **$ 4,380,000** |

**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects the transfer of $280,000 from the Project and Facility Development Budget to the Paramount Library Refurbishment Project, Capital Project No. 87884, and transfer $4,100,000 from the Board of Supervisors 4th District Community Programs budget as follows: $3,880,000 to the Paramount Library Refurbishment Project, Capital Project No. 87884, and $500,000 to the LA County Library Operating Budget, to fully fund the proposed project.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---
☐ ACTION
☐ RECOMMENDATION

☐ APPROVED AS REQUESTED
☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BY

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# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter ☐ Board Memo ☐ Other

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☒ 1st ☐☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☒ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works |
| **SUBJECT** | WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA<br>BUENA VISTA SPS/SG ACQUISITION PROJECT<br>CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR<br>UNITED ROCK QUARRY NO. 3 BUENA VISTA SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITE<br>AND SPREADING GROUNDS PROJECT<br>ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 70184<br>APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT<br>AND APPROVE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY<br>TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT<br>IN THE CITIES OF IRWINDALE AND DUARTE<br>(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5)<br>(3 VOTES) |
| **PROGRAM** | Stormwater Planning |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | The Board of Supervisors' approval of the transaction must be completed no later than December 6, 2022, to meet United Rock Products Corporation's condition of sale to close escrow by end of calendar year 2022. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $75,000,000 / Funding source: Flood Control District Fund |
| | TERMS (if applicable): |
| | Explanation: The total cost of $75 million represents the acquisition price plus financial assurances as required under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act or other costs related to the transfer of regulatory permits and related administrative costs. |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for United Rock Quarry No. 3 Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site and Spreading Grounds Project, establish the Buena Vista SPS/SG Acquisition Project, approve the proposed budget and related appropriation adjustment, and approve the acquisition of real property. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | With California facing longer and more frequent emergency drought conditions and imported water supplies becoming more unreliable due to climate change, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District recognizes the increasing importance of local underground aquifers as a source of reliable potable water for the Los Angeles region. The District must remove sediment that accumulates in its dams, reservoirs, debris basins, and other facilities to maintain the capacity of those facilities to provide for flood protection and water conservation and recognizes the importance of increasing the current number of sediment placement sites for the placement of this sediment, which Public Works' estimates will be exhausted within the next 20 years. In addition to |

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| | sediment placement, the United Rock Quarry No. 3 Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site and Spreading Grounds Project will also include groundwater recharge operations at Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site, Parcels 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, and 5F during the reclamation process. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:<br>Sustainability–The acquisition will allow the increase of local underground aquifers as a source of reliable potable water for the Los Angeles region. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Keith Lilley, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4012, klilley@pw.lacounty.gov |

# BUENA VISTA SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITE
# IN THE CITIES OF IRWINDALE AND DUARTE

Public Works
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

**Legend:**

Proposed Acquisition (Fee)
Parcel Nos. 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, & 5F

Supervisorial District Boundary

Feet
0 500

DATE: Jul 21, 2022

Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, Right of Way Engineering Section

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA**
**BUENA VISTA SPS/SG ACQUISITION PROJECT**
**CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR**
**UNITED ROCK QUARRY NO. 3 BUENA VISTA SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITE**
**AND SPREADING GROUNDS PROJECT**
**ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 70184**
**APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**
**AND APPROVE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**
**TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**
**IN THE CITIES OF IRWINDALE AND DUARTE**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5)**
**(3 VOTES)**

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## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval for the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the United Rock Quarry No. 3 Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site and Spreading Grounds Project, establishment of the Buena Vista SPS/SG Acquisition Project, approval of the proposed budget and related appropriation adjustment, and approval of the acquisition of real property known as Assessor's Identification Nos. 8531-032-009, 8531-032-010, 8531-033-007, 8531-034-026, and 8531-034-032, also referred to as Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site, Parcels 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, and 5F, in the Cities of Irwindale and Duarte.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Certify that the Final Environmental Impact Report for the United Rock Quarry No. 3 Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site and Spreading Grounds Project has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and that it reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County of Los Angeles; find that the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report prior to approving the project; adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

as applicable, finding that it is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and determine that the significant adverse effects of the project have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by the specific overriding considerations of the project as outlined in the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, which findings and statement are adopted and incorporated herein by reference as applicable.

2. Establish and approve the United Rock Quarry No. 3 Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site and Spreading Grounds Project, Capital Project No. 70184 for the Buena Vista SPS/SG Acquisition Project, and approve a budget of $75 million for the acquisition of real property consisting of a purchase price of $55 million plus financial assurances as required under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act or other costs related to the transfer of regulatory permits and related administrative costs.

3. Approve an Appropriation Adjustment to increase the appropriation in Capital Project No. 70184, Buena Vista SPS/SG Acquisition Project, in the amount of $75 million from the Flood Control District Fund Budget to fully fund the acquisition of the property for the project.

4. Approve the acquisition of fee title to land known as Assessor's Identification Nos. 8531-032-009, 8531-032-010, 8531-033-007, 8531-034-026, and 8531-034-032, also referred to as Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site, Parcels 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, and 5F, located in the Cities of Irwindale and Duarte, from United Rock Products Corporation and delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to open, oversee escrow, and execute any required documentation necessary to complete the acquisition and the transfer of regulatory permits as may be required.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the United Rock Quarry No. 3 Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site and Spreading Grounds Project (Buena Vista Project), make other environmental findings, and allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to acquire fee title to land necessary to implement the Buena Vista Project known as Assessor's Identification

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Nos. 8531-032-009, 8531-032-010, 8531-033-007, 8531-034-026, and 8531-034-032, also referred to as Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site, Parcels 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, and 5F (URP Pit 3), in the Cities of Irwindale and Duarte, as shown on the enclosed map (Enclosure A).

With California facing longer and more frequent emergency drought conditions and imported water supplies becoming more unreliable due to climate change, the District recognizes the increasing importance of local underground aquifers as a source of reliable potable water for the Los Angeles region.

In addition, the District must remove sediment that accumulates in its dams, reservoirs, debris basins, and other facilities to maintain the capacity of those facilities to provide for flood protection and water conservation and recognizes the importance of increasing the current number of sediment placement sites for the placement of this sediment, which Public Works estimates will be exhausted within the next 20 years.

URP Pit 3 is a 101-acre parcel of land located on Buena Vista Street in the Cities of Irwindale and Duarte that is currently the site of an approximately 350 feet deep, former surface mining pit. The Buena Vista Project involves the reclamation of URP Pit 3 for ultimate use as a multi-use spreading ground facility. Reclamation will involve the creation of a sediment placement site at URP Pit 3 for the placement of material removed from the District's reservoirs, debris basins, and other facilities. In addition to sediment placement, the Buena Vista Project will also include groundwater recharge operations at URP Pit 3 during and following the reclamation process. Due to the large size of URP Pit 3, the reclamation process will occur progressively over an estimated 50-year period.

Acquisition of URP Pit 3 and its conversion to the Buena Vista Project will help the District enhance its sediment management capabilities by increasing the District's total available capacity for sediment placement, increasing groundwater recharge in the Main San Gabriel Basin, and returning URP Pit 3 to a productive use.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, and Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. Completing the acquisition of URP Pit 3 will secure a long-term site for sediment disposal and water conservation, which will allow the

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District to better serve its core mission of reducing community flood risk and enhancing sustainable local water supplies, thereby improving the quality of life for the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Public Works obtained an appraisal of URP Pit 3 by an independent appraiser and also conducted its own analysis of the value of URP Pit 3. The recommended purchase price of $55 million is representative of a reasonable negotiated purchase price for URP Pit 3 plus financial assurances as required under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) or other costs related to the transfer of regulatory permits and related administrative costs, including escrow fees and closing costs for a total project budget not to exceed $75 million.

Approval of the enclosed Request for Appropriation Adjustment (Enclosure B) will transfer $75 million from Fiscal Year 2022-23 Flood Control District Fund Budget, Services and Supplies to Capital Assets–Land, Capital Project No.70184, for the acquisition of Buena Vista SPS/SG Acquisition Project.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Buena Vista Project includes the purchase of and reclamation of URP Pit 3 through conversion of the property and the adjacent District-owned Buena Vista Spreading Basin into a sediment placement site and spreading grounds facility. Due to the large volume of material needed to fill the existing inoperative surface mining pit, the Buena Vista Project would be implemented in stages over approximately 50 years. The District will use the converted site as a permanent sediment placement location. Concurrently with sediment placement operations, a portion of the site will be reserved for use as an interim groundwater recharge basin. Once URP Pit 3 gets completely reclaimed (in approximately 50 years) and filled to nearly street level, the District will convert the property into a permanent multi-use spreading grounds facility for ongoing groundwater recharge and passive recreational uses.

The Buena Vista Project will include a project construction phase, a project operations phase, and a spreading ground phase. Construction activities will include necessary improvements to URP Pit 3 site, the Buena Vista Spreading Basin site, and the surrounding vicinity to enable the District to place material in the Buena Vista Project and operate the site as spreading grounds. The Buena Vista Project will assist the District in

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maintaining facilities to provide flood protection and water conservation through sediment removal capacity and concurrent, interim groundwater recharge operations for the next 50 years and for permanent groundwater recharge at the site thereafter.

The terms of the Buena Vista SPS/SG Acquisition Project include the following:

- Purchase price of $55 million.
- Close of escrow no later than December 31, 2022, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

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- The District will acquire the property in an as-is condition.
- The District will assume responsibility for compliance with reclamation activities required by SMARA.
- The District shall allow United Rock Products Corporation (Seller) to retain an existing dredge at the URP Pit 3 for up to 2 years and an existing conveyor system on URP Pit 3 for 1 year at no cost to the Seller.
- Reciprocal access rights for both the District and the Seller to access monitoring wells located at URP Pit 3 and the Seller's neighboring properties for water sampling purposes as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- If available, Seller to provide supplemental material to the District at no charge when requested by the District for groundwater recharge, slope stability, and/or compliance with SMARA.
- Any material placed by the District other than from District-related facilities or from the Seller beyond 875,000 tons annually is subject to a royalty payment of $2 per ton to the Seller.

Pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 65402, Public Works submitted the location, purpose, and description of the Buena Vista Project to the respective planning agencies of the Cities of Irwindale and Duarte for review as to conformity with the respective Cities' General Plans. The City of Duarte did not provide a report. The City of Irwindale provided a report, which states that the City of Irwindale is unable to find that the Buena Vista Project is consistent with the City of Irwindale's General Plan until

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additional information, including a detailed description of the Buena Vista Project, is submitted to the City of Irwindale. Public Works provided additional information about the Buena Vista Project to the City of Irwindale. Public Works has not received any further reports from the City of Irwindale. The City of Irwindale's current General Plan indicates that URP Pit 3 will be reclaimed as a groundwater recharge basin.

Certification of the FEIR is required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prior to the Board of Supervisors' approval of the project and acquisition of the property. If the recommended actions are approved by the Board, Public Works will proceed with all activities necessary to complete the acquisition of URP Pit 3 and prepare design plans for the Buena Vista Project.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

An Initial Study (IS) was prepared for the project in compliance with CEQA. The IS concluded that there is substantial evidence that the Buena Vista Project may have a significant impact on the environment in the following areas: air quality, geology, soils and seismicity, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, mineral resources, noise and vibration, and transportation and traffic. The IS determined that an Environmental Impact Report would be required.

The FEIR for the Buena Vista Project has been prepared in compliance with CEQA and is on file with the Clerk of the Board. Public notice of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune pursuant to the California Public Resources Code, Section 21092, and posted pursuant to Section 21092.3. Comments were received from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the California Department of Transportation, and the Cities of Irwindale and Duarte on the DEIR and one oral comment was submitted at the DEIR public meeting. The comments in general requested compliance with environmental guidelines and standards. The City of Irwindale recommended that the District include a City Ownership/Operation Alternative that would provide a high-quality developable site as the end use. Responses to this and all other comments are included in the FEIR. Responses to all comments received from public agencies were sent pursuant to Section 21092.5 of the California Public Resources Code. In addition, all tribal cultural resources consultation requirements of CEQA have been met and documented.

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The FEIR includes the DEIR responses to comments and related sections. Except for unavoidable significant impacts to air quality, all identified significant environmental effects of the Buena Vista Project can be avoided or reduced to a level of insignificance through the implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the FEIR. As stated in the FEIR and Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, the project will result in unavoidable significant impacts on air quality in that the proposed Buena Vista Project's construction related to NOx emissions will exceed South Coast Air Quality Management District's standards resulting in a potentially significant impact. Such impacts have been reduced to the extent feasible and the benefits of the proposed project, which include the following, outweigh the unavoidable adverse impacts:

- The Buena Vista Project will enable the District to maintain the District's standards for flood protection throughout the Los Angeles and San Gabriel River watersheds by assisting the District in restoring capacity to its reservoirs and basins to capture stormwater and debris.

- The Buena Vista Project will result in the conservation of additional stormwater, imported water, and other surface waters by assisting the District in increasing recharge capacity.

- The Buena Vista Project will allow the District to maintain the integrity of its entire flood control system by providing a centralized sediment placement site that can be used for deposition of materials captured in the District-operated reservoirs and debris basins. This solution to sediment disposal on a regional basis will benefit all the communities protected by the District's flood control infrastructure. Many of the District's sediment disposal sites are full or have expansion constraints due to land use and habitat impacts. The use of existing mining pits minimizes impacts of expanding the local deposition sites.

- The deposition of sediment into the existing mining pit is consistent with the reclamation plan required by the SMARA and benefits the facility through providing a reliable sediment source to reclaim the site.

- The Buena Vista Project will support the District's operations to manage increased sediment loads resulting from recent wildfires.

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- The Buena Vista Project will benefit the entire region through increased groundwater recharge and augmenting local water supplies. The recharged groundwater will augment a potable water source compared with existing conditions contributing to the water reliability of the Los Angeles region.

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter is at Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 2nd Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803. The custodian of such documents and materials is Stormwater Engineering Division, Postfire and Drainage Section, and they are also available at the following Public Works' website:

https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/Projects/RockQuarry3/index.cfm

The Buena Vista Project is not exempt from payment of a fee to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code to defray the cost of fish and wildlife protection and management incurred by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Upon the Board's certification of the FEIR, Public Works will also file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in compliance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will improve flood protection and water conservation. There will be no impact to current services or projects.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division–Asset Management)
Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen, James Yun)
County Counsel
Executive Office

bc: Stormwater Engineering
Stormwater Planning

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# Enclosure A

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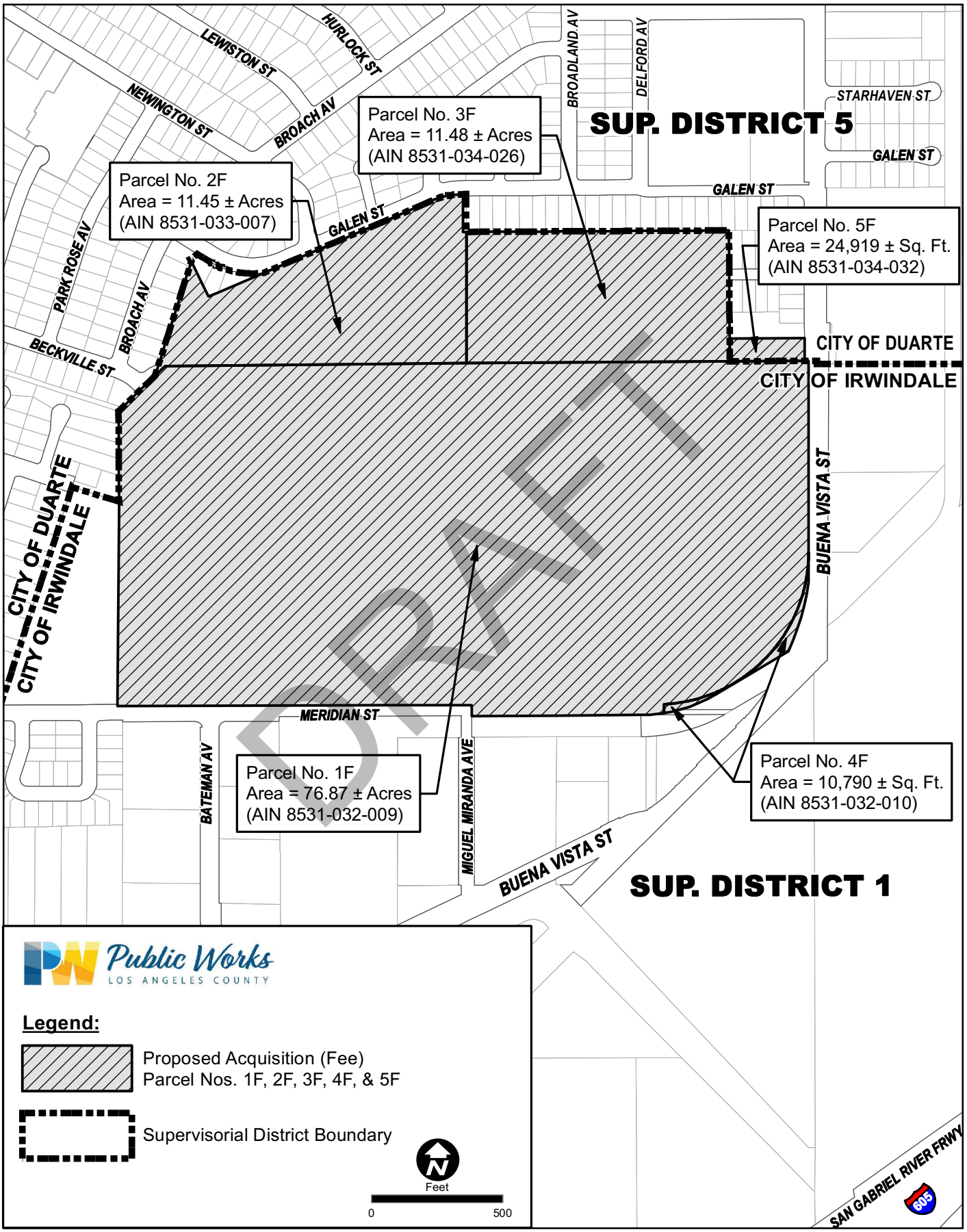
# BUENA VISTA SEDIMENT PLACEMENT SITE
# IN THE CITIES OF IRWINDALE AND DUARTE




Public Works
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

**Legend:**

Proposed Acquisition (Fee)
Parcel Nos. 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, & 5F

Supervisorial District Boundary

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DATE: Jul 21, 2022

Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, Right of Way Engineering Section

# Enclosure B

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October 18, 2022

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**
**FY 2022-23**
**3 - VOTES**

| SOURCES | | USES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | PUBLIC WORKS - FLOOD | |
| **PUBLIC WORKS - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** | | **BUENA VISTA SPS/SG ACQUISITION** | |
| B07-PW-2000-47000 | | B07-CP-6006-65032-70184 | |
| SERVICES & SUPPLIES | | CAPITAL ASSETS - LAND | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **75,000,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **75,000,000** |
| **SOURCES TOTAL** | **$ 75,000,000** | **USES TOTAL** | **$ 75,000,000** |

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**JUSTIFICATION**

The appropriation adjustment will provide funding for land acquisition for the Buena Vista Sediment Placement Site and Spreading Grounds Acquisition Project (CP 70184) in the amount of $75,000,000, from the Flood Control District Fund Services & Supplies budget.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** CLAUDIA PIROTTON, CHIEF, B/FMD

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

☐ ACTION

☒ RECOMMENDATION

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☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED

☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY James Yun — Digitally signed by James Yun Date: 2022.11.08 16:54:34 -08'00'

DATE November 8, 2022

# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter ☐ Board Memo ☐ Other

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| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☒ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works, Health Services |
| **SUBJECT** | Martin Luther King, Jr. Child and Family Wellbeing Center Project |
| **PROGRAM** | N/A |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain why: N/A |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Funding is required to complete the project in late 2022. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: Increase of $2,000,000 for a revised total project budget of $56,267,000<br>Funding source: The additional funding of $2,000,000 will be provided by each participating department based on the program and space allocation, with the following breakdown: $457,000 from Department of Health Services; $761,000 from Department of Mental Health; $157,000 from Department of Children and Family Services; $13,000 from Department of Public Health; and $612,000 from the Capital Project/Refurbishment Fund.<br>TERMS (if applicable): N/A<br>Explanation: N/A |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Public Works is seeking Board approval for the revised project budget of $56,267,000, which is an increase of $2,000,000 from the previous Board approved amount of $54,267,000, and to execute a construction change order with gkkworks Construction Services. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | On October 1, 2019, the Board approved the total project budget of $51,540,000 for the MLK CFWC Project, and authorized Public Works to execute a design-build agreement to the best-value and most qualified bidder, gkkworks, to provide design and construction services for a maximum contract sum of $25,757,945.<br><br>The project is composed of prefabricated modular buildings procured by the Department of Mental Health, which were assembled by gkkworks through a Design-Build contract with Public Works. During installation of the modules, gkkworks encountered unforeseen electrical deficiencies requiring additional work. The proposed budget adjustment will cover the added costs associated with these unforeseen conditions, sewer upgrades, relocation of the trash enclosure; access to atrium balconies; and additional contingency for Phase II construction. |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please explain how:<br>The project will ensure that medical health services continue to be provided to a community that has been historically underserved. |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:<br>These recommendations support Board Priority No. 2 - Health Integration/Alliance for Health Integration by Providing Prevention, Treatment, and Healing Services. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Vincent Yu, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4010, cell (626) 614-7217, vyu@pw.lacounty.gov. |

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEDICAL CAMPUS**
**CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING CENTER PROJECT**
**APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET**
**APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**
**APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER**
**CAPITAL PROJECT NOS. 69846, 69886, 69887, 69888, AND 69986**
**(FISCAL YEAR 2022-23)**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**
**(4-VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to revise the project budget and execute a construction change order with gkkworks Construction Services for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Child and Family Wellbeing Center Project.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions, including the activities resulting in the recommended increase in budget, are within the scope of the environmental impacts analyzed in the previously certified Environmental Impact Report and Addendum for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Child and Family Wellbeing Center Project.

2. Approve the revised project budget of $56,267,000, an increase of $2,000,000 from the previous Board-approved amount of $54,267,000, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Child and Family Wellbeing Center Project.

3. Approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriation adjustment to reallocate a combined total of $2,000,000 to fund the remaining project expenditures of the

Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Child and Family Wellbeing Center Project.

4. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to finalize and execute a change order with gkkworks Construction Services for a $840,000 not-to-exceed amount for mitigation of electrical deficiencies in the prefabricated modular units.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that they are within the scope of the environmental impacts analyzed in the previously certified Addendum and the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR); approve the revised project budget and associated appropriation adjustment; and authorize Public Works to execute a change order with gkkworks Construction Services (gkkworks) for unforeseen electrical deficiencies in the modular units encountered during construction of the project.

Background

On December 18, 2018, the Board established the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Child and Family Wellbeing Center (MLK CFWC) Project and on April 23, 2019, approved the project and the use of Board approved Job Order Contract to deliver the make-ready work. On October 1, 2019, the Board approved the total project budget of $51,540,000 for the MLK CFWC Project and authorized Public Works to execute a Design-Build agreement with gkkworks to provide design and construction services for a maximum contract sum of $25,757,945.

On July 21, 2020, the Board approved a change order for $410,000 to gkkworks to mitigate unforeseen saturated soil conditions found on site. On April 5, 2022, the Board approved a revised project scope and budget of $54,267,000 and authorized Public Works to execute two change orders with gkkworks to address structural deficiencies with the modular units.

Construction of the MLK CFWC Project is approximately 90 percent complete and is expected to be substantially completed in late December 2022.

Additional Unforeseen Conditions with Modular Units

The MLK CFWC Project's structure is composed of prefabricated modular units that were purchased by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) through Internal Services

Department. The units were delivered and assembled on site by the vendor and gkkworks, through a Design-Build agreement with Public Works. During the electrical and low-voltage systems commissioning carried out by floor, gkkworks encountered unforeseen electrical deficiencies, including incorrectly installed and/or missing wiring/cabling, sensors, electrical whips, junction boxes, and data outlets.

The proposed change order with gkkworks for a $840,000 not-to-exceed amount will cover the cost of the electrical deficiency mitigation, including troubleshooting lighting control panels; testing and tracing all circuits; relabeling wires and circuits; removing and/or relocating floor outlets; removing and replacing electrical whips to light fixtures; and install missing Category 5 cabling, backbone and homerun wiring/cabling and sensors, wiring to the rooftop air handling units and boiler, junction boxes, and data outlets to workstation areas.

Sewer Upgrade

After the Design-Build contract was awarded, the jurisdictional agency required that the sewer lateral serving the building, located at 118th Avenue and Holmes Avenue, be upsized prior to obtaining Certificate of Occupancy for the project. The cost of this additional work is estimated at $400,000. Public Works will implement this work internally through Public Works Sewer Maintenance Division.

Relocation of Trash Enclosure

At the request of Charles Drew University, the project's trash enclosure, which was originally planned to be placed in the project's parking lot, will be relocated to Holmes Avenue. Additionally, the asphalt parking lot will be replaced with concrete to match the architectural finishes of the university's Grand Entry Project. The cost to move the trash enclosure and replace the asphalt with concrete is estimated at $140,000. This work will be carried out through a change order issued under the Director's delegated authority.

Access to Atrium Balconies

The atrium balconies on the Second and Third Floors are currently inaccessible, which will make it difficult for the areas to be cleaned and inaccessible for the installation of plants and/or artwork. To address this issue, doors will be provided to access the balconies and railings installed for safety. These doors will be locked at all times to prevent the public from accessing the balconies. The estimated cost for this scope of work is $65,000. This work will be carried out through a change order issued under the Director's delegated authority.

Contingency for Phase II

The MLK CFWC Project was planned and approved to be carried out in two sequential phases. Phase I consists of construction of the new building and the movement of staff from the existing Hub Clinic. Phase II consists of the demolition of the Hub Clinic and construction of a 35-stall parking lot, including installation of a new Low-Impact-Development retention basin. During the construction of Phase I, unsuitable soil conditions were encountered, which led to cost and schedule impacts. Since Phase II is directly adjacent to Phase I, Public Works is anticipating similar soil conditions and is carrying a contingency budget for potential change orders in the amount of $520,000.

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

On December 20, 2016, the Board adopted a new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design policy. The project is designed to achieve the United States Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold level and Envision Silver level certifications by incorporating sustainable design features to optimize energy and water use efficiency, enhance the sustainability of the site, improve indoor environmental quality, and maximize the use and reuse of sustainable and local resources.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.1, Drive Economic Development in the Community; Strategy II.2, Support Wellness of Our Communities; and Strategy II.1.3, Coordinate Workforce Development by supporting the wellness of our communities and enhancing the delivery of healthcare services that will in turn benefit the common good by driving the development of the workforce and the economic development of the County.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will increase the previous Board approved project budget from $54,267,000 to $56,267,000, an increase of $2,000,000. The revised project budget includes programming, predevelopment activities, make-ready work, scoping documents, plans and specifications, permit fees, construction, construction change order allowance, Civic Art fee, consultant services, inspection services, and County services. The revised project budget of $56,267,000 also includes the $18,201,000 cost of the modular units purchased by DMH with State Mental Health

Services Act funds. The revised project budget and schedule are included in Enclosure A.

The proposed budget increase in the amount of $2,000,000 will provide additional funding to cover the cost of the proposed change order with gkkworks for a not-to-exceed amount of $840,000; the change orders that will be executed under Public Works' delegated authority for a $205,000 not-to-exceed amount, the sewer upgrade work performed under Public Works' Sewer Maintenance Division in the amount of $400,000; contingency for Phase II in the amount of $520,000; and an increase in the Civic Art Fund allowance of $35,000.

Funding is being provided by each participating department based on their specific allocation of space programmed within each floor of the facility. Based on the program and space allocation, the percentage of costs for the First Floor is as follows: Department of Health Services (DHS) – 53.3 percent; (DMH) – 26.9 percent; Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) – 18.3 percent; and Department of Public Health (DPH) – 1.5 percent.

The Second Floor will be occupied by two nonprofit organizations, the Special Needs Network and St. John's Well Child Center. A portion of the capital costs funded by Tobacco Settlement funds will be offset through the collection of lease revenue from the two nonprofit organizations.

Under a separate project, DMH proposes to occupy and renovate the Third Floor to house the Children's Outpatient Services currently located in the Hawkins Building and a new Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit Program funded by a California Health Facilities Financing Authority grant.

Approval of the enclosed Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriation adjustment (Enclosure B) will reallocate a total of $2,000,000 as follows: $457,000 from DHS' Enterprise Fund-Committed for DHS to MLK MC CFWC-DHS, CP No. 69846; $761,000 from the Mental Health Services Act Committed for Capital Facilities & Technological Needs account to MLK MC CFWC-DMH, CP No. 69886; $157,000 from DCFS' Administration Services and Supplies to MLK MC CFWC-DCFS, CP No. 69888; $13,000 from DPH's completed capital projects savings, CP No. 87426 to MLK MC CFWC-DPH, CP No. 69986; and $612,000 from the Capital Projects/Refurbishment Budget Fund, CP No. 86613 to MLK MC CFWC-CEO, CP No. 69887, to fully fund the remaining project expenditures for the MLK CFWC Project.

Operating Budget Impact

Following completion of the project, the respective departments will fund the ongoing annual operating costs as follows:

- DHS will fund the associated ongoing annual maintenance and operational costs with departmental resources, as needed, in future budget phases.

- DMH will fund the associated ongoing annual maintenance and operational costs with departmental resources, as needed, in future budget phases.

- DCFS will fund the associated maintenance and operational costs with existing budgetary resources from its operating budget.

- Ongoing operational costs for DPH will be funded by DCFS through intradepartmental transfer.

Funding will be requested through the annual budget process. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, the project budget includes 1 percent of the design and construction costs to be allocated to the Civic Art fund. The eligible allocation is revised from $297,000 to $332,000.

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the project continues to require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

Public Contract Code Section 20137 allows the Board, with a four-fifths vote, to authorize an individual change order to a construction contract that is 10 percent or less of the original contract amount without having to obtain bids for the work. The proposed change order is less than 10 percent of the original contract sum and are, therefore, within the statutory threshold.

Los Angeles County Code Section 2.18.050 and Public Contract Code Section 20145 authorize the Director to execute change orders to original contracts entered into by the Board where an individual change order does not exceed 10 percent of the amount of the

original contract or $330,000, whichever is less. The aggregate total amount of those changes or alterations to an original contract may not exceed 25 percent of the amount of the original contract. The remainder of the change orders discussed above are within the monetary limits set forth in the County Code and Public Contract Code.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On October 11, 2011, the Board certified the FEIR for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus Redevelopment Project. On April 23, 2019, the Board certified an Addendum to the FEIR for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus Redevelopment Project when it approved the MLK CFWC Project. The recommended actions are within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the previously certified FEIR and Addendum to the FEIR, and there have been no substantial changes to the project or to the circumstances under with it will be undertaken that require further review under the California Environmental Quality Act. The recommended change order consists of repair and remediation of the building electrical system. This is consistent with what was approved and analyzed in the previous Addendum to the FEIR. The previously certified Addendum to the FEIR also requires that a sewer study be performed and, if required, the sewer trunk be upgraded to accommodate the proposed project. This is consistent with the proposed sewer upgrade. The previously certified Addendum to the FEIR requires space be provided for solid waste management as part of the project. This is consistent with the relocation of the proposed trash enclosure on the project site. The scope for a door and railing on two interior balconies are part of the construction of the building. The construction of the building was approved and analyzed in the previous Addendum to the FEIR. The added contingency for the potential soil issues for Phase II of the project is within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the previous environmental documents. The previously approved Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations will continue to apply.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, including the activities resulting in the recommended increase in budget, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 (a) of the California Public Resources Code and will post the Notice of Determination to its website pursuant to Section 21092.2.

The previously certified Environmental Impact Report, Addendum, and related environmental documentation are available and can be viewed online at https://ftp.pw.lacounty.gov:8443/pub/pmd/MLK_CFWC_EIR. The location of the environmental documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings

upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter is with Public Works Project Management Division I, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Fifth Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

On October 1, 2019, the Board authorized the award of a Design-Build agreement to gkkworks for a $24,757,945 not-to-exceed amount, plus a $500,000 design completion allowance, and a $500,000 ground lease allowance for a maximum not-to-exceed contract sum of $25,757,945. On April 5, 2022, the Board approved a revised project budget of $54,267,000 for a revised maximum not-to-exceed contract sum of $27,917,270. To date, Public Works has executed 6 design completion allowance and ground lease allowance contract amendments in the amount of $461,675, 2 change orders approved by the Board in the amount of $2,748,283; and 27 change orders under delegated authority in the amount of $546,225 for a combined total amount of $3,756,184 or 15.2 percent of the original contract sum.

The proposed change order for $840,000 not-to-exceed amount represents 3 percent of the original contract sum of $24,757,945, when executed, will increase the contract sum to $32,513,453.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on current services at the campus. Patient care services on campus will remain fully operational during construction.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)
Department of Children and Family Services
County Counsel
Executive Office
Department of Health Services (Capital Projects Division)
Department of Mental Health
Department of Public Health

**ENCLOSURE A**
December 6, 2022

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEDICAL CAMPUS**
**CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING CENTER PROJECT**
**APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET**
**APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**
**APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER**
**CAPITAL PROJECT NOS. 69846, 69886, 69887, 69888, AND 69986**
**(FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023)**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**
**(4 VOTES)**

## I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY

| Project Activity | Previously Scheduled Completion Date | Scheduled Completion Date |
|---|---|---|
| **Make-Ready** | | |
| Construction Documents | 05/28/2019 (actual) | 05/28/2019 (actual) |
| Jurisdictional Approvals | 06/25/2019 (actual) | 06/25/2019 (actual) |
| Construction Award | 06/26/2019 (actual) | 06/26/2019 (actual) |
| Substantial Completion | 11/13/2019 (actual) | 11/13/2019 (actual) |
| **Design-Build Construction** | | |
| Scoping Documents | 04/15/2019 (actual) | 04/15/2019 (actual) |
| Design-Build Award | 10/24/2019 (actual) | 10/24/2019 (actual) |
| Jurisdictional Approvals | 04/01/2020 (actual) | 04/01/2020 (actual) |
| Modular Units Completion | 11/17/2020 (actual) | 11/17/2020 (actual) |
| Substantial Completion | 08/13/2022 | 12/31/2022 |
| Project Acceptance | 10/13/2022 | 02/17/2022 |

## II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

| Project Budget Category | Board Approved Budget | Changes Since Previous Board Approved Budget | Revised Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hard Costs | | | |
| Design-Build Construction | $22,184,000 | $ 0 | $22,184,000 |
| Make Ready/Utilities Construction | $ 964,000 | $ 0 | $ 964,000 |
| Contingency/Allowances | $ 5,162,000 | $1,565,000 | $ 6,727,000 |
| Construction Subtotal | $28,310,000 | $1,565,000 | $29,875,000 |
| Civic Art | $ 297,000 | $ 35,000 | $ 332,000 |
| Plans and Specifications (Scoping Documents) | $ 834,000 | $ 0 | $ 834,000 |
| Plans and Specifications (Design Build Design Fee) | $ 2,574,000 | $ 0 | $ 2,574,000 |
| Consultant Services | $ 1,330,000 | $ 0 | $ 1,330,000 |
| Miscellaneous Expenditures | $ 80,000 | $ 0 | $ 80,000 |
| Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permits | $ 440,000 | $ 0 | $ 440,000 |
| County Services | $ 2,201,000 | $ 400,000* | $ 2,601,000 |
| **SUBTOTAL (excluding modular)** | **$36,066,000** | **$2,000,000** | **$38,066,000** |
| Prepurchased Modules (Department of Mental Health) | $18,201,000 | $ 0 | $18,201,000 |
| **TOTAL PROJECT COST** | **$54,267,000** | **$2,000,000** | **$56,267,000** |

* Sewer Upgrades.

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February 07, 2023

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**
**FY 2022-23**
**4 - VOTES**

| SOURCES | USES |
|---|---|
| **BA DETAIL - SEE ATTACHMENT PAGE 1** | **BA DETAIL - SEE ATTACHMENT PAGE 1** |
| **SOURCES TOTAL $ 3,675,000** | **USES TOTAL $ 3,675,000** |

**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects an increase in appropriation partially offset by revenue to fund a budget shortfall totaling $2,000,000 for the MLK Jr. Medical Campus Child and Family Wellbeing Center, funded from the following: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fund - Committed for Capital Facilities & Technological Needs, DHS Enterprise Fund-Committed for DHS, DCFS Administration-Services and Supplies, DPH Capital Project savings (CP No. 87426), and the Capital Projects/Refurbishment Fund (CP No. 86613).

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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** JAMES YUN, MANAGER, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

☐ ACTION
☒ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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DATE 11/04/2022

☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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DATE 11/07/2022

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

**FY 2022-23**

**4 - VOTES**

| SOURCES | | USES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) FUND** | | **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) FUND** | |
| BT1-304M | | BT1-MH-6100-41189 | |
| COMMITTED FOR CAPITAL FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS | | OTHER FINANCING USES | |
| **DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE** | **761,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **761,000** |
| MENTAL HEALTH | | MENTAL HEALTH | |
| **MLK MC CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING CENTER - MH** | | **MLK MC CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING CENTER - MH** | |
| A01-CP-96-9919-65039-69886 | | A01-CP-6014-65039-69886 | |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS IN - CAPITAL PROJECTS | | CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | |
| **INCREASE REVENUE** | **761,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **761,000** |
| **DHS ENTERPRISE FUND** | | **DHS ENTERPRISE FUND** | |
| MN2-3078 | | MN2-HS-6100-60070 | |
| COMMITTED FOR DHS | | OTHER FINANCING USES | |
| **DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE** | **457,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **457,000** |
| **HARBOR CARE SOUTH ENTERPRISE FUND** | | **HARBOR CARE SOUTH ENTERPRISE FUND** | |
| MN1-HH-96-9911-60020 | | MN1-HH-96-9912-60020 | |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS IN | | OPERATING SUBSIDY - GENERAL FUND | |
| **INCREASE REVENUE** | **457,000** | **DECREASE REVENUE** | **457,000** |
| | | MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OUTPATIENT CENTER | |
| **ENT SUB - HARBOR CARE SOUTH** | | **MLK JR MC CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING CENTER** | |
| A01-AC-6100-21200-21226 | | A01-CP-6014-64020-69846 | |
| OTHER FINANCING USES | | CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **457,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **457,000** |
| | | HEALTH SERVICES | |
| **CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION** | | **MLK MC CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING CENTER - DCFS** | |
| A01-CH-2000-26200 | | A01-CP-6014-65036-69888 | |
| SERVICES & SUPPLIES | | CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **157,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **157,000** |
| PUBLIC HEALTH | | PUBLIC HEALTH | |
| **VARIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS REFURBISHMENT** | | **MLK MC CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING CENTER - DPH** | |
| A01-CP-6014-65058-87426 | | A01-CP-6014-65058-69986 | |
| CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | | CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **13,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **13,000** |
| VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS | | HEALTH SERVICES | |
| **VARIOUS-RFURB-GEN REFURBISHMENTS** | | **MLK MC CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING CENTER - CEO** | |
| A01-CP-6014-65099-86613 | | A01-CP-6014-65036-69887 | |
| CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | | CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **612,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **612,000** |
| **SOURCES TOTAL** | **$ 3,675,000** | **USES TOTAL** | **$ 3,675,000** |

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**BOARD LETTER/MEMO**
**CLUSTER FACT SHEET**

☒ Board Letter ☐ Board Memo ☐ Other

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|---|---|
| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☒ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works, Health Services |
| **SUBJECT** | Martin Luther King, Jr. Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project |
| **PROGRAM** | N/A |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| | If Yes, please explain why: |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | Funding is required to complete the project in early 2023. |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: Increase of $1,350,000 for a total of revised budget of $15,900,000 — Funding source: The additional funding of $1,350,000 will be provided by the Department of Health Services Enterprise Fund-Committed for Department of Health Services. |
| | TERMS (if applicable): N/A |
| | Explanation: N/A |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | Public Works is seeking Board approval for the revised project budget of $15,900,000, which is an increase of $1,350,000 from the previous Board-approved amount of $14,550,000 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Clinical Laboratory and Red-bag Storage Project. |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | On June 11, 2019, the Board established and approved the MLK Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project. On February 23, 2021, the Board approved the total project budget of $14,550,00 and authorized Public Works to award and execute a construction contract with AWI Builders, Inc., for a not-to-exceed amount of $8,486,500.<br><br>Construction of the MLK Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project is ongoing and scheduled to be substantially complete in April 2023. During grading and excavation for utilities and foundations, unforeseen conditions were encountered that required additional design, jurisdictional agency review, and construction work. Additionally, changes to the laboratory equipment required to meet the operational and programmatic needs were identified by the tenant department during equipment validation phase which resulted in changes to various building systems. The additional funding will cover costs associated with this additional work |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please explain how:<br>The project will ensure that medical health services continue to be provided to a community that has been historically underserved. |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:<br>These recommendations support Board Priority No. 2 - Health Integration/Alliance for Health Integration by Providing Prevention, Treatment, and Healing Services. |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Vincent Yu, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4010, cell (626) 614-7217, vyu@pw.lacounty.gov. |

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEDICAL CAMPUS**
**CLINICAL LABORATORY AND RED-BAG STORAGE PROJECT**
**APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET**
**APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**
**CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69857**
**(FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023)**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**
**(4 VOTES)**

1670 East 120th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90059

December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEDICAL CAMPUS**
**CLINICAL LABORATORY AND RED-BAG STORAGE PROJECT**
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**CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69857**
**(FISCAL YEAR 2022-23)**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**
**(4 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to revise the project budget for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions are within the scope of the exemption finding by the Board for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.

2. Approve the revised project budget of $15,900,000, an increase of $1,350,000 from the previous Board-approved amount of $14,550,000, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project, Capital Project No. 69857.

3. Approve the Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriation adjustment to reallocate $1,350,000 from the Department of Health Services' Enterprise Fund-Committed for the Department of Health Services to fund the remaining project expenditures of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Campus Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project, Capital Project No. 69857.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that they are within the within the scope of the previous exemption finding by the Board from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approve the revised project budget and associated appropriation adjustment for the Martin Luther King, (MLK) Jr. Medical Campus Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project.

Background

On June 11, 2019, the Board established and approved the MLK Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project and the make-ready work using a Board approved Job Order Contract as part of the various related projects for the MLK Behavioral Health Center Renovation Project.

On February 23, 2021, the Board approved the total project budget of $14,550,000 for the MLK Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project, and authorized Public Works to award and execute a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, AWI Builders, Inc., for a not-to-exceed amount of $8,486,500.

Construction of the MLK Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project is approximately 70 percent complete and is expected to be substantially completed in April 2023.

Unforeseen Underground Conditions/Jurisdictional Review

During grading and excavation for utilities and foundations, unforeseen conditions were encountered, including unsuitable native soils that had to be excavated, removed, and replaced with import soil, existing asbestos-cement pipes that had to be abated and disposed; and existing concrete caissons that had to be removed due to conflicts with the new work. Additionally, a conflict between the new utilities and existing subgrade was identified, requiring redesign of the backfill for pipe trenches and resubmittal for plan check.

These unforeseen conditions are outside of the original scope of work and will result in both cost and schedule impacts to the project. Public Works estimates the cost of this additional work at $1,200,000, and the additional time required to address these unforeseen conditions will delay substantially completion from September 2022 to April 2023.

Laboratory Equipment Changes

Changes to both the owner-furnished and contractor-furnished laboratory equipment were identified by the tenant department during equipment validation phase. The changes are required to meet the operational and programmatic needs for clinical staff and for laboratory operations. The equipment changes will result in modifications to structural supports, electrical and low voltage cabling and outlets, plumbing, mechanical ductwork, and casework. These equipment changes are outside of the original scope of work and will result in cost impacts to the project. Public Works estimates the cost of this additional work at $150,000.

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

On December 20, 2016, the Board adopted a new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) policy, requiring all new County buildings greater than 10,000 square feet in size, to achieve LEED Gold Certification. The MLK Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project's new laboratory building is less than 10,000 square feet; therefore, it is exempt from achieving LEED certification. However, the project will continue to support the Board's policy for Green Building/Sustainable Design Program by recycling disposable material, incorporating energy efficient products during construction, and by incorporating water and energy conservation features.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.1, Drive Economic Development in the County; Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities; and Strategy III.3, Coordinate Workforce Development. Strategic Plan supports the wellness of our communities and enhances the delivery of comprehensive and seamless healthcare services to the residents of the County seeking healthcare assistance.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will increase the previous Board approved project budget from $14,550,000 to $15,900,000, an increase of $1,350,000. The revised project budget includes programming, predevelopment activities, make-ready work, scoping documents, plans and specifications, permit fees, construction, construction change order allowance, consultant services, inspection services, and County services. The revised project budget and schedule are included in Enclosure A.

The proposed budget increase in the amount of $1,350,000 will provide additional funding to cover the cost of unforeseen underground conditions, additional jurisdictional review, and changes to the laboratory equipment.

Board approval of the enclosed Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriation adjustment (Enclosure B) will reallocate $1,350,000 from the Department of Health Services Enterprise (DHS) Fund-Committed for DHS to fund the projected Fiscal Year 2022-23 expenditures for the MLK Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project, Capital Project No. 69857.

Operating Budget Impact

Following completion of the projects, DHS will fund the associated ongoing maintenance and operational costs with the departmental resources in future budget phases. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy amended on August 4, 2020, the project budget includes one percent of the design and construction costs to be allocated to the Civic Art fund. If approved, this budget increase will increase the eligible Civic Art allocation from $117,000 to $145,000.

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy adopted on September 6, 2016, the project continues to require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On June 11, 2019, the Board found the MLK Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project categorically exempt from CEQA. A Notice of Exemption was filed on June 18, 2019. The project remains within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (l) (3) and (4); 15303 (c); and 15304 (a) and (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (h) (3) and (4); 3 (k); and 4 (a) and (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project continues to provide for demolition of individual small structures and construction of small buildings not exceeding 10,000 square feet with negligible or no expansion of

use. The currently recommended actions are within the scope of the previous finding of exemption, and there are no changes that require additional findings under CEQA.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21152 and will post the Notice of Exemption to its website pursuant to Section 21092.2.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

On July 12, 2021, Public Works entered into low-bid agreement for construction services with AWI Builders Inc., for an $8,486,500. To date, Public Works has executed 16 change orders under delegated authority in the amount of $572,304.26 or 6.74 percent of the original contract sum. Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Works to execute construction change orders under delegated authority to address the unforeseen underground conditions, additional jurisdictional reviews and laboratory equipment changes.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on current services at the MLK Medical Campus. There are no anticipated impacts to laboratory testing during equipment relocation. All patient care services on campus will remain fully operational during construction.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

MP:LR:jc

Enclosures

c: Department of Arts and Culture
Auditor-Controller
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)
Department of Children and Family Services
County Counsel
Executive Office
Department of Health Services (Capital Projects Division)

**ENCLOSURE A**
November 1, 2022

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA**
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEDICAL CAMPUS**
**CLINICAL LABORATORY AND RED-BAG STORAGE PROJECT**
**APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET**
**APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**
**CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69857**
**(FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023)**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**
**(4 VOTES)**

## I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY

| Project Activity | Scheduled Completion Date | Revised Scheduled Completion Date |
|---|---|---|
| **Make-Ready** | | |
| Construction Documents | 07/19/2019 (Actual) | |
| Jurisdictional Approvals | 09/23/2019 (Actual) | |
| Construction Award | 08/06/2020 (Actual) | |
| Substantial Completion | 11/13/2020 (Actual) | |
| **Low-Bid Construction** | | |
| Construction Documents | 06/26/2020 (Actual) | |
| Jurisdictional Approvals | 02/09/2021 (Actual) | |
| Construction Award | June 2021 | July 2021 (Actual) |
| Substantial Completion | September 2022 | April 2023 |
| Project Acceptance | November 2022 | May 2023 |

## II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

| Project Budget Category | Proposed Budget | Changes Since Previous Board Approved Budget | Revised Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Hard Costs** | | | |
| Low-Bid Construction | $ 8,500,000 | | $ 8,500,000 |
| Make-Ready Construction | $ 1,040,000 | | $ 1,040,000 |
| Change Order Contingency | $ 996,000 | $1,582,000 | $ 2,578,000 |
| Utility Connections | $ 10,000 | ($ 10,000) | $ 0 |
| Construction Subtotal | $10,546,000 | $1,572,000 | $12,118,000 |
| Civic Art | $ 117,000 | $ 28,000 | $ 145,000 |
| Hard Costs Subtotal | $**10,663,000** | **$1,6000,000** | $**12,263,000** |
| **Soft Costs** | | | |
| Plans and Specifications | $ 2,314,500 | ($ 75,000) | $ 2,239,500 |
| Consultant Services | $ 911,000 | ($ 25,000) | $ 886,000 |
| Miscellaneous Expenditures | $ 20,000 | | $ 20,000 |
| Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permits | $ 305,000 | | $ 305,000 |
| County Services | $ 336,500 | ($ 150,000) | $ 186,500 |
| Soft Costs Subtotal | $ **3,887,000** | **($ 250,000)** | $ **3,637,000** |
| **TOTAL PROJECT COST** | **$14,550,000** | **$1,350,000** | **$15,900,000** |

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November 07, 2022

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**
**FY 2022-23**
**4 - VOTES**

| SOURCES | | USES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **DHS ENTERPRISE FUND** | | **DHS ENTERPRISE FUND** | |
| MN2-3078 | | MN2-HS-6100-60070 | |
| COMMITTED FOR DHS | | OTHER FINANCING USES | |
| **DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE** | **1,350,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **1,350,000** |
| **HARBOR CARE SOUTH ENTERPRISE FUND** | | **HARBOR CARE SOUTH ENTERPRISE FUND** | |
| MN1-HH-96-9911-60020 | | MN1-HH-96-9912-60020 | |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS IN | | OPERATING SUBSIDY - GENERAL FUND | |
| **INCREASE REVENUE** | **1,350,000** | **DECREASE REVENUE** | **1,350,000** |
| | | MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OUTPATIENT CENTER | |
| **ENT SUB - HARBOR CARE SOUTH** | | **MLK CLINICAL LABORATORY AND RED-BAG STORAGE** | |
| A01-AC-6100-21200-21226 | | A01-CP-6014-64020-69857 | |
| OTHER FINANCING USES | | CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **1,350,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **1,350,000** |
| **SOURCES TOTAL** | **$ 4,050,000** | **USES TOTAL** | **$ 4,050,000** |

**JUSTIFICATION**

This budget adjustment of $1,350,000 is necessary to fund Capital Project No. 69857, MLK Clinical Laboratory and Red-Bag Storage Project, from DHS Enterprise Fund-Committed for DHS for anticipated expenditures in FY 2022-23.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** JEAN LO, CHIEF, CONTROLLER'S DIVISION

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

☐ ACTION

☐ RECOMMENDATION

☐ APPROVED AS REQUESTED

☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY

B.A. NO. DATE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BY

DATE

# BOARD LETTER/MEMO
# CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter ☐ Board Memo ☐ Other

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|---|---|---|
| **CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE** | 11/16/2022 | |
| **BOARD MEETING DATE** | 12/6/2022 | |
| **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED** | ☐ All ☐ 1st ☒ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th | |
| **DEPARTMENT(S)** | Public Works | |
| **SUBJECT** | Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project | |
| **PROGRAM** | Safe Clean Water | |
| **AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT** | ☒ Yes ☐ No | |
| **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** | ☐ Yes ☒ No | |
| | If Yes, please explain why: N/A | |
| **DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS** | N/A | |
| **COST & FUNDING** | Total cost: $60,300,000 | Funding source: Net County cost, Safe Clean Water Regional Program; Safe Clean Water Municipal Program; State of California Proposition 1; and the Cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach. |
| | TERMS (if applicable): N/A | |
| | Explanation: N/A | |
| **PURPOSE OF REQUEST** | To obtain Board approval to procure a construction contract for the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project. | |
| **BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)** | This project, formerly known as the Alondra Park Stormwater Capture Pilot Project, will reduce trash and pollutants in County floodways by constructing a stormwater capture system at Alondra Park. Recreational enhancements are also included. Several community engagement events have taken place at the park to educate the community of the benefits of the project. A community event was held for this project on October 28, 2021. A follow up community meeting will be scheduled before the start of construction to update the community on the project. | |
| **EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED** | ☐ Yes ☒ No<br>If Yes, please explain how: N/A | |
| **SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES** | ☒ Yes ☐ No<br>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: This project supports Board Priority No. 7: Sustainability, by improving water quality and increasing local water supply by diverting and treating stormwater runoff at a wastewater treatment plant and removing trash and pollutants from stormwater. | |
| **DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS** | Name, Title, Phone # & Email:<br>Keith Lilley, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4012, cell (626) 320-9841 klilley@pw.lacounty.gov | |

# ALONDRA PARK MULTI-BENEFIT STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT

3850 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Lawndale, CA 90260

= Project area

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**MARK PESTRELLA, Director**

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

P.O. BOX 1460


December 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA**
**ALONDRA PARK MULTI-BENEFIT STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT**
**UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY**
**CERTIFY THE ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED FINAL**
**PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**
**APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND PROJECT BUDGET**
**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD**
**CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69841**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the proposed Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project, formerly known as the Alondra Park Stormwater Capture Pilot Project, delegate authority to adopt the plans and specifications, and procure and execute a construction contract for the proposed project located in the unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Certify that the Addendum to the previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Enhanced Watershed Management Programs has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and reflects the independent judgement and analysis of the County, as the lead agency; find that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained within the Addendum, with the together previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report; and approve the Addendum for the proposed project.

2. Approve the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project, Capital Project No. 69841, and the total proposed project budget of $60,322,000.

3. Approve the appropriation adjustment to transfer $752,000 from the Unincorporated Area Stormwater Quality Improvements, Capital Project No. 87195, to the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project, Capital Project No. 69841, to fully fund the proposed project.

4. Find pursuant to State Public Contract Code Section 3400 that the product items may be designated by specific brand name in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement, either completed or in the course of completion, for the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications for the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project.

6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement with the Notice Inviting Bids when ready to advertise this project.

7. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to make the determination that a bid is nonresponsive and to reject a bid on that basis; to award to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder; waive inconsequential and nonmaterial deficiencies in bids submitted; and to determine, in accordance with the applicable contract and bid documents, whether the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder has satisfied all conditions for contract award.

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8. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute the construction contract in the form previously approved by County Counsel to the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder if it can be awarded within the approved total budget; to establish the effective date of the contract upon receipt by Public Works of acceptable performance and payment bonds and evidence of required contractor insurance; and to take all other actions necessary and appropriate to deliver the project.

9. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to undertake all actions to carry out the construction of the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project, including any amendments, extensions of time, and minor changes in the project scope.

10. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to approve and execute individual change orders up to a value of $400,000 each without the need for further Board approval.

11. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a Build-Over Agreement with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts containing standard provisions required by Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to allow the construction of the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project to encroach over a permanent easement held by Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts for sanitary sewer purposes.

12. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to enter into Partnership Agreement with the Cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach related to the planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance costs of the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will approve an Addendum to a previously certified Final Program Environmental Impact Report and allow Public Works to execute a Build-Over Agreement with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD), enter into a partnership agreement with the Cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach to construct a stormwater capture system with recreational and aesthetic improvements at Alondra Park, in substantially the same form as Enclosure A, and designate products for use on the project by specific brand name as listed in Enclosure B.

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Project Description and Background

The proposed project is located at Alondra Park (3850 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Lawndale, CA 90260) in the unincorporated area of El Camino Village in Los Angeles County. The proposed project will be constructed within the northwest corner of Alondra Park located at the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue.

The proposed improvements at the park will construct underground storage galleries below Alondra Park to capture urban and stormwater runoff from a 4,945-acre drainage area. The proposed project will have the capacity to capture 40 acre-feet of stormwater and urban runoff into underground storage with options to divert for sanitary sewer treatment or treat and release back into Dominguez Channel.

The proposed project will also include aboveground park improvements, including drought tolerant landscaping, low-impact development features, educational signage, permeable parking pavers, new softball/baseball fields, field lighting improvements, multiuse turf, and walking paths.

The proposed project will improve stormwater quality by preventing stormwater pollutants from ultimately discharging into the Dominguez Channel and assist the County toward compliance with its stormwater permit requirements. The project will also restore and enhance existing park amenities and provide educational and outreach opportunities.

Delegating to the Director of Public Works the authority to adopt the plans and specifications will allow Public Works to deliver the project in an expedited manner as soon as the request for proposal documents are finalized. By doing so, the project will be better able to meet the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) funding requirements and deadlines.

Plan check is anticipated to be completed December 2022. Construction is anticipated to start in summer 2023 and be completed in summer 2025.

Project Partnerships

A partnership agreement for the project has been drafted to outline each partners' roles and obligations pertaining to the project. The agreement lays out partner responsibilities, financial obligations, and commitment to enter into a separate agreement to fund the operations and maintenance of the project once constructed. Project partners include the Cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach.

The agreement identifies each city's funding contribution from the Safe Clean Water Regional Program (South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area) associated to the planning, design, and construction costs of the project. In addition, the Cities of Hawthorne and Redondo Beach will contribute up to $1,000,000 and $500,000, respectively, from its Safe Clean Water Municipal Program for project construction costs. The agreement is expected to be finalized and signed by all parties later this year.

Each project partner will receive stormwater capture credit to help with their compliance efforts towards their corresponding stormwater permit. All project partners will contribute funds towards the operations and maintenance of the proposed project for its useful life. The estimated total cost for operations and maintenance is $500,000 per year.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities, Objective II.2.2, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities, and Objective II.2.4, Promote Active and Healthy Lifestyles; and Strategy II.3, Make Environmental Sustainability our Daily Reality, Objective II.3.1, Improve Water Quality, Reduce Water Consumption, and Increase Water Supplies. The recommended actions are consistent with the County's mission to provide essential services and improve the quality of life for residents by enhancing recreational opportunities and providing environmentally sustainable practices by reducing stormwater pollution.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total estimated project cost for the proposed Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project is $60,322,000, which includes plans and specifications, jurisdictional approvals, construction, change orders, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services.

The current project budget of $60,322,000 is funded by the Caltrans Cooperative Implementation Agreement in the amount of $15,000,000 ($9,700,000 has been reimbursed by Caltrans and $5,300,000 was approved in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Supplemental Budget); Safe Clean Water Regional Program in the amount of $20,000,000 ($10,000,000 approved in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Supplemental Budget and $10,000,000 to be received upon California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approval); Safe Clean Water Municipal Program County Unincorporated Area Fund (CM1) in the amount of $5,600,000; the State of California Proposition 1 in the amount of $2,101,061; net County cost allocated for Unincorporated Area Stormwater Quality

Improvement in the amount of $15,368,939; the City of Hawthorne in the amount of $1,000,000; and the City of Redondo Beach in the amount of $500,000. Approval of the appropriation adjustment (see Enclosure C) will transfer $752,000 from the Unincorporated Area Stormwater Quality Improvements, Capital Project No. 87195, to the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project, Capital Project No. 69841, to fully fund the proposed project.

Operating Budget Impact

The Department of Parks and Recreation will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the recreational amenities within the park including, but not limited to, the landscaping, irrigation, bioswales, and ball fields. The Department of Parks Recreation will submit to the Chief Executive Office a funding request for one-time and ongoing costs through the budget process.

Public Works will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the stormwater facilities within in the park, Los Angeles County Flood Control District right of way, and public right of way, which includes the diversion structure, storage galleries, storm drainpipes, pretreatment system, manholes, and water-quality monitoring equipment. Public Works will work with the project partners, except Caltrans, to enter into a separate agreement related to operations and maintenance costs of the stormwater facilities for the project's useful life. Public Works will work with the Chief Executive Office to determine the appropriate level of funding and, if necessary, will request additional ongoing funds in a future budget request.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20125 of the California Public Contract Code. The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract and the consultant services agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

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The plans and specifications, including the contractual provisions and material requirements necessary for the project, will be on file with Public Works' Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

The California Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for any of the following purposes: to determine the product's suitability for future use, to match other products in use on a completed public improvement, to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source, or to respond to an emergency declared by the State or local agency.

Enclosure B details items designated by specific brand name that are referenced in the project plans and specifications and purposes in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 3400. The Notice of Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004, and amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed project includes a contribution of one percent of eligible design and aboveground construction costs in the amount of $85,000 to be allocated to the Civic Art Fund.

State Senate Bill 1473 (2020) included changes to Public Contract Code Section 20124, allowing the Board to delegate approval of plans and specifications to the Director of Public Works on a project-by-project basis. This became effective on January 1, 2021. By delegating approval of plans and specifications, Public Works will be able to expedite the project schedule and will be better able to meet Caltrans' funding requirements and deadlines.

State Assembly Bill 712 (2021) included changes to Public Contract Code Section 20142, which became effective on January 1, 2022. These changes allow the Board to delegate additional change order authority to the Director of Public Works on a project-by-project basis for contracts whose original cost exceeds $25,000,000 provided the added cost of such change orders are within the approved total budget. Pursuant to this code revision, the Board may delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to approve change orders up to a value of $400,000 per change order, rather than the previous limit of $210,000 per change order. By allowing change orders up to $400,000 per change order, Public Works will be able to expedite unexpected change orders exceeding $210,000 and will be better able to meet Caltrans' funding requirements and deadlines.

An existing sanitary sewer easement, dedicated to and held by LACSD, meanders through the park site between the two proposed underground galleries. The proposed project requires new storm drainpipe and utility lines to be built across an existing 24-inch sewer trunk line located within this easement. A standard Build-Over Agreement between LACSD and Public Works must be executed before work within the easement can proceed.

Pursuant to Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.18.070, the Director of Public Works will maintain, as a public record, documentation of staff recommendations and support materials for all delegated actions. Reports listing all delegated actions will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On May 26, 2015, the Board, acting as the governing board of the District, certified the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (State Clearinghouse No. 2014081106) pursuant to the CEQA. The PEIR analyzed the general effects due to the proposed structural and nonstructural best management practices identified in the Enhanced Watershed Management Plans.

The addendum to the previously certified PEIR was completed for the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project in compliance with the CEQA and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County as the lead agency. The proposed project to construct underground storage galleries to capture urban and stormwater runoff, as well as aboveground park improvements as described above, would be within the assumptions for construction and operation analyzed in the 2015 Final PEIR. The proposed project has been reviewed by the County pursuant to Sections 15162, 15163, and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines. As the CEQA lead agency, the County has determined that none of the conditions in the CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162, 15163, and 15164 would require preparation of a subsequent or supplemental Environmental Impact Report application and that an Addendum to the certified Final PEIR is the appropriate environmental documentation under CEQA for the proposed project. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted with the 2015 PEIR would continue to apply to the proposed project to ensure all impacts remain less than significant.

There are no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require further review under the CEQA.

Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works, on behalf of the County, will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 (a) of the California Public Resources Code. The required fee, if any, to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife was paid for by the previously certified Environmental Impact Report.

The Addendum and PEIR are publicly available online and can be viewed at pw.lacounty.gov/WMD/STWQ/AlondraPark.aspx. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board decision is based in this matter can be viewed online at https://pw.lacounty.gov/lacfcd/ewmppeir/ or in person at Public Works Project Management Division III.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

Advertising for construction bids will be in accordance with the County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents will require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" and "Public Works Business Opportunities" websites for open bids.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach, as well as offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring the good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBE.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

During construction of the proposed improvements, the northwest portion of Alondra Park will be secured with construction fencing and closed to the public. All park facilities, with the exception of the northwestern parking lot along Prairie Avenue, the western parking

lot on Manhattan Beach Boulevard, the baseball fields, restroom adjacent to the parking lot on Prairie Avenue, and adjacent areas, will remain open and available for park users. Temporary lane and sidewalk closures will occur along Prairie Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. These closures will temporarily reduce the capacity of roadways and could result in some traffic delays; however, the effects would be short-term. Public Works will monitor the traffic and take any necessary actions to alleviate the traffic delays. There will be no significant impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the proposed activities.

## CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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Enclosure

c: Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)
Auditor-Controller
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)

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# PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CITY OF LAWNDALE, CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, AND CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR ALONDRA PARK MULTI-BENEFIT STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT

This PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (AGREEMENT) is made and entered into as of the date of the last signature set forth below by and among the County of Los Angeles (COUNTY), a political subdivision of the State of California, City of El Segundo (EL SEGUNDO), City of Hawthorne (HAWTHORNE), City of Lawndale (LAWNDALE), City of Manhattan Beach (MANHANTTAN BEACH), and City of Redondo Beach (REDONDO BEACH), all municipal corporations in the County of Los Angeles (CITIES). Collectively, these entities shall be known herein as PARTIES or individually as PARTY.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, effective December 28, 2012, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (REGIONAL BOARD) issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Order No. R4-2012-0175 (MS4 Permit or Permit); and

WHEREAS, the MS4 Permit requires the COUNTY, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and 84 of the 88 cities (excluding Avalon, Long Beach, Palmdale, and Lancaster) within Los Angeles County to comply with the requirements of the MS4 Permit; and

WHEREAS, the MS4 Permit identified the PARTIES as MS4 permittees responsible for compliance with requirements pertaining to the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area; and

WHEREAS, the PARTIES who are members of the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group (DCWMG) have jointly prepared an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) plan as required by the MS4 Permit; and

WHEREAS, the DCWMG EWMP plan identified a suite of institutional and structural control measures, including multi-benefit regional projects to address the PARTIES' compliance; and

WHEREAS, the PARTIES propose to improve the water quality of stormwater and urban runoff form their respective land areas; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY proposes to design, construct, operate and maintain the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project (hereinafter referred to as PROJECT),

WHEREAS, the PROJECT is in the Dominguez Channel Watershed, and is identified in the DCWMG EWMP plan; and

WHEREAS, effective September 11, 2021, the REGIONAL BOARD issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Order No. R4-2021-0105 (Current MS4 Permit or Permit); and

WHEREAS, the DCWMG prepared and submitted a revised WMP to the REGIONAL BOARD; and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT is identified in the DCWMG revised WMP plan; and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT is anticipated to include below ground elements such as stormwater diversion structures, stormwater pretreatment systems, underground storage system, stormwater treatment system, and connection to sanitary sewer line (hereinafter referred to as WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS), and above ground improvements and recreational elements such as drought tolerant landscaping, restored baseball fields, soccer field, multi-purpose field, and interpretive signage;

WHEREAS, the PROJECT will be designed to provide treatment of 40 acre-feet of runoff volume through constructed WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS; and

WHEREAS, of the 40 acre-feet (AF) of runoff volume captured by the PROJECT, the County will be credited 2.00 AF for PROJECT management and administration, which is five (5) percent of the runoff volume captured by the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, 8.31 AF will be credited to the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) through a separate agreement with the County for their contribution of $15,000,000 to the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the remaining volume capture will be credited to the PARTIES as shown in Tables 1-3 of Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the PROJECT is sixty million three hundred twenty-two thousand dollars ($60,322,000); and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has received a total of thirty-two million one hundred one thousand sixty-one dollars ($32,101,061) of grant funding towards funding the PROJECT through two grants. Thirty million dollars ($30,000,000) of the grant funding is from the Safe Clean Water (SCW) Infrastructure Program and two million one hundred one thousand sixty-one dollars ($2,101,061) from Proposition 1 Stormwater Grant (PROP 1), referred to collectively as GRANTS; and

WHEREAS, each PARTY will be credited through the $30,000,000 from the SCW Infrastructure Program as shown on Table 2 of Exhibit A based on tributary area; EL SEGUNDO will be credited 4.36 AF; HAWTHORNE will be credited 3.23 AF; LAWNDALE will be credited 4.74 AF; MANHATTAN BEACH will be credited 1.47 AF; REDONDO BEACH will be credited 4.41 AF; COUNTY will be credited 1.44 AF; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY, REDONDO BEACH, and HAWTHORNE, will be credited additional runoff volume based on additional fund contributions as shown on Table 3 of Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, REDONDO BEACH agrees to fund an amount of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) of the PROJECT costs and will be credited an additional 0.38 AF, bringing REDONDO BEACH's total credit to 4.79 AF; and

WHEREAS, HAWTHORNE agrees to fund an amount of one million ($1,000,000) of the PROJECT costs and will be credited an additional 0.76 AF, bringing HAWTHORNE's total credit to 3.99 AF; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY agrees to fund the remaining amount of the PROJECT costs estimated at eleven million seven hundred twenty thousand nine hundred thirty nine dollars ($11,720,939) and will be credited an additional 8.90 AF, bringing COUNTY's total credit to 12.34 AF; and

WHEREAS, PARTIES agree to amend Exhibit A if PROJECT costs change to adjust runoff volume capture credits for each PARTY; and

WHEREAS, PARTIES agree to enter into a separate agreement for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for the PROJECT's useful life to maintain each PARTY's runoff volume capture credit shown in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this Agreement, the "useful life" of any constructed portions of the PROJECT begins upon completion of construction and continues until 50 years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, PARTIES desire to enter into this AGREEMENT to establish each PARTY's responsibilities and financial obligations for the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT is in the joint interest of PARTIES and will improve water quality and quality of life for residents and provide opportunities for water conservation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants set forth herein, PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

1. COUNTY AGREES:

    a. To prepare plans, specifications, and a cost estimate for the PROJECT.

    b. To utilize the combined thirty-two million one hundred one thousand sixty-one dollar ($32,101,061) in grant funding from GRANTS towards the construction of the PROJECT and to ensure all grant requirements are met.

    c. To prepare, as lead agency, and obtain approval of any necessary environmental documents as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the PROJECT.

    d. To obtain and comply with all applicable regulatory permits, approvals, and requirements for the PROJECT, including obtaining adequate right-of-way for the useful life of the PROJECT for any work to be carried out on property not owned by any of the PARTIES.

    e. To require each consultant or contractor retained to implement the PROJECT to obtain liability coverage PARTIES and their respective officers, agents, employees, and volunteers as additional insureds on such policy.

    f. To advertise the PROJECT for construction bids; to award and administer the construction contract; to modify approved plans and specifications for the PROJECT necessitated by unforeseen field conditions encountered

during construction as necessary to ensure the PROJECT is constructed as intended; and to cause the PROJECT to be constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

g. To prepare an O&M manual, a document that describes in detail the operation and maintenance requirements for all WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS based on the final PROJECT design, including, but not limited to, inspections, clean out of pretreatment devices and underground storage systems, and repairs.

h. Upon award of a construction contract by COUNTY for PROJECT, to notify PARTIES of any request for a change order related to the construction of the PROJECT that exceeds ten percent (10%) of the total contract amount within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request, and to further notify PARTIES of COUNTY's approval thereof, or if it does not so approve, the reasons therefor, within ten business days of receipt of the request. Any change order that will results in the total cost of the PROJECT to exceed $74,500,000 will require approval of all PARTIES prior to COUNTY's approval of the change order.

i. To invoice REDONDO BEACH and HAWTHORNE based on the payment schedule shown in Exhibit B. The total invoiced amounts shall not exceed $500,000 and $1,000,000 for REDONDO BEACH and HAWTHORNE, respectively. In the event the PROJECT costs increase after execution of this AGREEMENT, an amendment shall be required to provide for the increased cost and redistribution of the 40 acre-feet (AF) of runoff volume credit.

j. Upon completion of the PROJECT, to assume ownership, operation, and maintenance responsibilities for WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS and above ground improvements.

k. Upon completion of construction of PROJECT, to provide as-built plans to CITIES.

l. Upon completion of the PROJECT, to operate and maintain WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS pursuant to the O&M MANUAL.

m. Upon completion of the PROJECT, to provide CITIES with contact information for person(s) responsible for the operation and maintenance activities set forth in this MOU.

n. Upon completion of the PROJECT, to maintain and comply with all applicable regulatory permits and requirements associated with operation and maintenance of the PROJECT. COUNTY will maintain and operate the PROJECT throughout its useful life.

o. During construction and throughout the useful life of the PROJECT, COUNTY shall provide and maintain insurance against fire, vandalism and other loss, damage or destruction of the PROJECT.

p. COUNTY shall not abandon, discontinue use of, lease or dispose of the PROJECT or fail to maintain any significant part or portion of the PROJECT thereof during its useful life.

2. REDONDO BEACH AGREES:

a. To provide COUNTY with a not-to-exceed amount of $500,000 to finance the capital costs of the PROJECT per Exhibit B invoice schedule. In the event the PROJECT costs increase after execution of this AGREEMENT, an amendment shall be required to provide for the increased cost and redistribution of the 40 acre-feet (AF) of runoff volume credit.

b. At REDONDO BEACH'S discretion, to provide any necessary approvals, entitlements, and permits to provide adequate rights-of-way for the useful life of the PROJECT if the project is in CITIES' jurisdiction.

c. To approve or disapprove of any change order to the construction of the PROJECT requested by COUNTY within twenty-one (21) working days of receipt of written request from COUNTY. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event of a disagreement, the issue shall be mutually referred to sequentially higher administrative levels within the PARTIES until the issue is resolved. If the PARTIES are still unable to resolve their disagreement, COUNTY reserve all rights and remedies at law and in equity.

d. To pay COUNTY within sixty (60) days of receipt of invoice.

e. To provide COUNTY any comments to COUNTY's proposed O&M MANUAL within twenty-one (21) business days of receipt.

3. HAWTHORNE AGREES:

a. To provide COUNTY with a not-to-exceed amount of $1,000,000 to finance the capital costs of the PROJECT per Exhibit B invoice schedule. In the event the PROJECT costs increase after execution of this AGREEMENT, an amendment shall be required to provide for the increased cost and redistribution of the 40 acre-feet (AF) of runoff volume credit.

b. To provide any necessary approvals, entitlements, and permits to provide adequate rights-of-way for the useful life of the PROJECT if the project is in CITIES' jurisdiction.

c. To approve or disapprove of any change order to the construction of the PROJECT requested by COUNTY within twenty-one (21) working days of receipt of written request from COUNTY. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event of a disagreement, the issue shall be mutually referred to sequentially higher administrative levels within the PARTIES until the issue is resolved. If the PARTIES are still unable to resolve their disagreement, COUNTY reserve all rights and remedies at law and in equity.

d. To pay COUNTY within sixty (60) days of receipt of invoice.

e. To provide COUNTY any comments to COUNTY's proposed O&M MANUAL within twenty-one (21) business days of receipt.

4. EL SEGUNDO, LAWNDALE, AND MANHATTAN BEACH AGREE:

a. To, in good faith, consider approval and provision of any necessary approvals, entitlements, and permits to provide adequate rights-of-way for the useful life of the PROJECT if the project is in CITIES' jurisdiction.

b. To approve or disapprove of any change order to the construction of the PROJECT requested by COUNTY within twenty-one (21) working days of receipt of written request from COUNTY. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event of a disagreement, the issue shall be mutually referred to sequentially higher administrative levels within the

PARTIES until the issue is resolved. If the PARTIES are still unable to resolve their disagreement, COUNTY reserve all rights and remedies at law and in equity.

c. To provide COUNTY any comments to COUNTY's proposed O&M MANUAL within twenty-one (21) business days of receipt.

5. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

a. This AGREEMENT shall become effective on the last date of execution by a PARTY and shall remain in effect until CITIES have paid all outstanding invoices for costs associated with the PROJECT capital.

b. All PARTIES shall have suitable access to the PROJECT sites at all reasonable times during PROJECT implementation and thereafter for the useful life of the PROJECT.

c. If PROJECT costs increase and there are insufficient funds an amendment shall be required to provide for the increased cost and redistribution of the 40 acre-feet (AF) of runoff volume credit.

d. PARTIES shall have no financial obligation to any other PARTY under this AGREEMENT except as herein expressly provided.

e. PARTIES may elect to partner in the pursuit of grant funding opportunities for the PROJECT.

f. To maintain each PARTY's 24-hour runoff volume capture capacity credit, all PARTIES agree to enter into a separate agreement for O&M for the PROJECT that shall remain in effect until CITIES have paid all outstanding invoices for costs associated with PROJECT O&M for the useful life.

g. Each PARTY shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each other PARTY, including its special districts, elected and appointed, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, and designated volunteers from and against any and all liability, including, but limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorney's and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with the respective acts of each PARTY arising from or related to this AGREEMENT; provided,

however, that no PARTY shall indemnify another PARTY for the latter PARTY's own negligence or willful misconduct.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Cooperation. The PARTIES shall fully cooperate with one another to attain the purposes of the AGREEMENT.

Good Faith. Each PARTY shall use reasonable efforts and work in good faith for the expeditious completion of the purposes and goals of this AGREEMENT and the satisfactory performance of its terms.

Voluntary. This AGREEMENT is voluntarily entered into, to attain the purposes set forth in this AGREEMENT.

Relationship of PARTIES. The PARTIES are and shall remain at all times as to each other wholly independent entities. No PARTY to this AGREEMENT shall have power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of another PARTY unless expressly provided to the contrary by this AGREEMENT. No employee, agent, or officer of a PARTY shall be deemed for an y purpose whatsoever to be an agent, employee or officer of another PARTY.

Binding Effect. This AGREEMENT shall be binding upon, and shall be to the benefit of the respective successors, heirs, and assigns of each PARTY; provided, however, no PARTY may assign its respective rights or obligations under this AGREEMENT without prior written consent of the other PARTIES.

Amendment. The terms and provisions of this AGREEMENT may not be amended, modified or waived, except by an instrument in writing signed by all the PARTIES.

Waiver. Waiver by any PARTY to this AGREEMENT of any term, condition, or covenant of this AGREEMENT shall not constitute a waiver of any other term, condition, or covenant. Waiver by any PARTY to any breach of this provisions of this MOU shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision, nor a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of any provision of this AGREEMENT.

Governing Law. This AGREEMENT is made under and will be governed by the laws of the State of California. In the event of litigation between the PARTIES, venue in the state trial court shall lie exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

No Third Party Rights. The PARTIES to this AGREEMENT do not create rights in, or grant remedies to, any third party as a beneficiary of this AGREEMENT, or of the duty, covenant, obligation or undertaking established in this Agreement.

No Presumption in Drafting. All PARTIES have been represented by legal counsel in the preparation and negotiation of this AGREEMENT. Accordingly, this AGREEMENT shall be construed according to its fair language. Any ambiguities shall be resolved in a collaborative manner by the PARTIES.

Rights and Remedies are Cumulative. Except with respect to rights and remedies expressly declared to be exclusive in this AGREEMENT, the rights and remedies of the PARTIES are cumulative and the exercise by any party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same default, or any other default by the other PARTIES.

Legal Action. In addition to any other rights or remedies, any party may take legal action, in law or in equity, to cure, correct or remedy any default, to recover damages for any default, to complete specific performance of this AGREEMENT, to obtain declaratory or injunctive relief, or to obtain any other remedy consistent with the purposes of this Agreement.

Termination. The COUNTY reserves the right to terminate this AGREEMENT for any reason upon thirty (30) days' prior to written notice to CITIES. In the event of such termination, CITIES shall be entitled to a prorated portion of the PARTIES' annual contribution for the calendar year in which the COUNTY terminates the AGREEMENT hereunder.

Severability. The provisions of this AGREEMENT are severable, and the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any provision of this AGREEMENT will not affect the validity or enforceability of any provision. If any provision of this MOU is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the PARTIES shall endeavor to modify that clause in a manner which gives effect to the intent of the PARTIES in entering into this AGREEMENT.

Counterparts. This AGREEMENT may be executed in counterparts, which together shall constitute the same and entire AGREEMENT.

Notices. Any notices, bills, invoices, or reports relating to this AGREEMENT, and any request, demand, statement or other communication required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Representative of the PARTY at the address set forth below. PARTIES shall promptly notify each other of any change of contact information, including personnel changes. Written notice shall include notice delivered via email or fax. A notice shall be deemed to have been received on (a) the date of delivery, if delivered by hand during regular business hours, or by confirmed facsimile or by email; or (b) on the third (3) business day following mailing by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) to the address set forth below.

Administration. For purposes of this AGREEMENT, the PARTIES hereby designate as their respective PARTY Representatives the persons named below. The designated PARTY Representatives, or their respective designees, shall administer the terms and conditions of the AGREEMENT on behalf of their respective PARTY. Each of the persons signing below on behalf of a PARTY represents and warrants that they are authorized to sign this AGREEMENT on behalf of such PARTY.

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|---|---|
| COUNTY: | Mr. Mark Lombos<br>Assistant Deputy Director<br>Los Angeles County Department of Public Works<br>P.O. Box 1460<br>Alhambra, CA 91802-1460 |
| EL SEGUNDO: | Darrell George<br>City Manager<br>350 Main Street<br>El Segundo, CA 90245 |
| HAWTHORNE: | _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| LAWNDALE: | _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |

MANHATTAN BEACH: _____
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REDONDO BEACH: William C. Brand
Mayor
Mayor and City Council
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES hereto have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed by their duly authorized representative and affixed as of the date of signature of the PARTIES:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____ _____
Director of Public Works Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy

CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

By: _____ _____
City Manager Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK D. HENSLEY
City Attorney

By: _____

CITY OF HAWTHORNE

By: _____ _____
Date

Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

By: _____

CITY OF LAWNDALE

By: _____ _____
Date

Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

By: _____

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

By: _____ _____
Date

Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

By: _____

CITY OF REDONDO BEACH

By: _____ _____
WILLIAM C. BRAND Date
Title: MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL W. WEBB
CITY ATTORNEY

By: _____

# EXHIBIT A

## Table 1: Total Volume Credit

| Agency | Table 2 | Table 3 | Administration Credit (AF)[2] | Total Volume Credit (AF)[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| El Segundo | 4.36 | - | - | 4.36 |
| Hawthorne | 3.23 | 0.76 | - | 3.99 |
| Lawndale | 4.74 | - | - | 4.74 |
| Manhattan Beach | 1.47 | - | - | 1.47 |
| Redondo Beach | 4.41 | 0.38 | - | 4.79 |
| Unincorporated County | 1.44 | 8.90 | 2.0 | 12.34 |
| Caltrans | - | 8.31 | - | 8.31 |
| | | | **Total** | **40.00** |

[1]Total Volume Credit = Table 2 + Table 3 + Administration Credit
[2]Five Percent of Total Volume Credit (for project administration and management) = 5% x 40 AF = 2.0 AF

## Table 2: Volume Credit from Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP)

| Agency | Land Area (acres) | % of Area | $ from SCWP Regional Funding[1] | Volume Credit (AF)[2] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| El Segundo | 1,055.11 | 22% | $6,649,469 | 4.36 |
| Hawthorne | 783.84 | 16% | $4,939,921 | 3.23 |
| Lawndale | 1,148.76 | 24% | $7,239,688 | 4.74 |
| Manhattan Beach | 355.78 | 7% | $2,242,181 | 1.47 |
| Redondo Beach | 1,067.78 | 22% | $6,729,346 | 4.41 |
| Unincorporated County | 348.99 | 7% | $2,199,395 | 1.44 |
| | | | **Total** | **19.65** |

[1]$ from SCWP Regional = % of Area x $30,000,000
[2]Volume Credit = (Total Volume Capture – Administration Credit – Caltrans Credit) x [3]SCW Volume Credit x % of Area = (40 – 2.0 – 8.31) x 20.81 % of Area
[3]SCW Volume Credit = $30,000,000/(60,322,000-15,000,000)

## Table 3: Volume Credit from Contribution

| Agency | Contribution | Volume Credit (AF)[1] |
|---|---|---|
| Caltrans[2] | $15,000,000 | 8.31 |
| Hawthorne | $1,000,000 | 0.76 |
| Redondo Beach | $500,000 | 0.38 |
| Unincorporated County | $11,720,939 | 8.90 |
| | **Total** | **18.35** |

[1]Volume Credit = (40 AF – Caltrans Volume Credit – Unincorporated County Administration Volume Credit – Total Volume Credit from Table 2) * (Contribution/(Total Contribution-Caltrans Contribution)
[2]Caltrans volume credit through a separate agreement with the Unincorporated County

## EXHIBIT B

## ALONDRA PARK STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT INVOICE SCHEDULE

| Agency | Amount | Invoice Date |
|---|---|---|
| **Hawthorne** | $400,000 | 12/30/2022 |
| **Redondo Beach** | $500,000 | 12/30/2022 |
| **Hawthorne** | $300,000 | 7/1/2023 |
| **Hawthorne** | $300,000 | 7/1/2024 |

**ENCLOSURE B**
**December 6, 2022**

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**
**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA**
**ALONDRA PARK MULTI-BENEFIT**
**STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT**
**UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY**
**CERTIFY THE ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED FINAL**
**PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**
**APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND PROJECT BUDGET**
**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD**
**CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69841**
**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)**
**(3 VOTES)**

## LIST OF SPECIFIC BRAND NAMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 3400

| | Item/Category | Manufacturer | Model | Purpose |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Irrigation Controller and Enclosure/Landscape & Irrigation | Hydropoint | WeatherTRAK ET Pro3, ICA16+ICA16-HP3-96/SP/HP3SP-5//RSE | To ensure compatibility with the County's monitoring system. This product is used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, programming and training. |
| 2 | Pop-Up Spray Head and Tree Bubbler/Landscape & Irrigation | Rainbird | RD-Series (Spray Head)/RWS Series (Tree Bubbler) | This product is approved equipment per the Department of Parks and Recreation's 2017 Parks Design Guidelines and Standards and used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. |
| 3 | Remote Control Valve/Landscape & Irrigation | Rainbird | PEB-PRS-D | This product is a Department of Parks and Recreation approved standard for all parks, and it is used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. |
| 4 | Pressure Transducer/ Mechanical | Ametek | SDT | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |

| | Item/Category | Manufacturer | Model | Purpose |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Electric Motor Operator/ Mechanical | FLOWSERVE | Limitorque L-120 Series/V-Series | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 6 | Electric Motor Operator Control Station/Mechanical | FLOWSERVE | Limitorque SW320 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 7 | Rain Switch/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Jensen Instrument | JIC-RS100-B | In order to meet the requirements of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts' (LACSD) Industrial Wastewater Permit and to ensure compatibility with other County facilities that utilize the same software to create a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 8 | Magnetic Flow Meter/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Endress+Hauser | Proline Promag W400 Electromagnetic Flowmeter | In order to meet the requirements of LACSD Industrial Wastewater Permit and to ensure compatibility with other County facilities that utilize the same software to create a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 9 | Flow Meter Data Recorder/ Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Endress+Hauser | Memograph M, RSG45 Advanced Data Manager | In order to meet the requirements of LACSD Industrial Wastewater Permit and to ensure compatibility with other County facilities that utilize the same software to create a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |

| | Item/Category | Manufacturer | Model | Purpose |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Combustible Gas Sensor System/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Draeger | PIR7000 and Regard 1 Combustible Gas Sensor System | In order to meet the requirements of LACSD Industrial Wastewater Permit and to ensure compatibility with other County facilities that utilize the same software to create a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 11 | Programmable Logic Control/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Automation Direct | DirectLogic 205 Programmable Logic Controller | In order to meet the requirements of LACSD Industrial Wastewater Permit and to ensure compatibility with other County facilities that utilize the same software to create a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 12 | ISCO 6712FR Refrigerated Sampler/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 68-6710-072 | To ensure compatibility with other County facilities that utilize the same software to create a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 13 | ISCO Sensor Mounting Plate/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-3253-077 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 14 | ISCO Stainless Steel Strainer (3/8 inch)/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 69-2903-138 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |

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| 15 | ISCO Vinyl Suction Line (3/8 inch), SPA 491/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-5304-491 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 16 | ISCO Tubing Coupler (3/8 inch). One-piece, Clampless Coupler made of Stainless Steel/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-3709-002 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 17 | ISCO Signature Area-Velocity Flowmeter System, Signature Flow Meter and TIENET 350 Area-Velocity Sensor/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 68-4350-000 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 18 | ISCO Signature Desiccator Assembly with Desiccant and Air Fitting/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-4304-092 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 19 | ISCO TIENet Network Expansion Box with Desiccator/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-4357-018 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 20 | ISCO TIENet Bulk Cable | Teledyne ISCO | 60-4304-050 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |

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| 21 | ISCO 4 Bottle Config Kit for 6712FR/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-5304-606 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 22 | TIENet 304 Contact Output Option Card/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-4304-069 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 23 | ISCO Sampler To Flowmeter Connect Cable/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-300-4107 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 24 | ISCO Power Cord (8 ft)/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-4304-044 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 25 | LTE North America & International Cellular Modem for Signature Meter with Static IP Address/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Teledyne ISCO | 60-4307-105 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 26 | ISCO Refill Bottle of Desiccant (1lb) | Teledyne ISCO | 60-2004-233 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |

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| 27 | CR100X Data Logger/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Campbell Scientific | CR1000X | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 28 | RV50X Cell Modem-add Enc Mount/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Campbell Scientific | RV50X-NA | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 29 | 2 dBd 4G/3G Multiband Omnidirectional Antenna with Mounting Hardware/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Campbell Scientific | 32262 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 30 | Surge Protection Kit, Type N to SMA, 700 to 2700 MHz/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Campbell Scientific | 31317 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |

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| 31 | RG8 Antenna Cable with Type N Male Connectors/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Campbell Scientific | COAXNTN-L12 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 32 | Vac-to-Vdc Transformer (29796)/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Campbell Scientific | 29796 | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 33 | CS451 Stainless Steel SDI-12/RS-232 Pressure Transducer with SDI12 Cable/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Campbell Scientific | CS451-120-HA-2-SN | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 34 | 10 X 12 Enclosure for Data Logger and Modem/Water Quality Monitoring Instrumentation | Campbell Scientific | ENC10/12-DC-MM | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |

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| 35 | Compact Digital SDI-12 Weather Sensor | Campbell Scientific | ClimaVUE50-17-PW | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |
| 36 | ClriVUE10 Turbidity Sensor | Campbell Scientific | CLARIVUE10-99-PT | To ensure compatibility with the software used at other County facilities that are a part of a unified system. The existing software contains custom programming specifically to meet County data quality requirements for water quality monitoring and reporting. Other products are not compatible with the existing County software and would require changes throughout the system including, but not limited to, new software, programming, and training. |

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December 06, 2022

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**
**FY 2022-23**
**3 - VOTES**

| SOURCES | | USES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| STORMWATER PROJECTS | | STORMWATER PROJECTS | |
| **UA STORMWATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS** | | **ALONDRA PARK STORMWATER CAPTURE PILOT** | |
| A01-CP-6014-65075-87195 | | A01-CP-6014-65075-69841 | |
| CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | | CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I | |
| **DECREASE APPROPRIATION** | **752,000** | **INCREASE APPROPRIATION** | **752,000** |
| **SOURCES TOTAL** | **$ 752,000** | **USES TOTAL** | **$ 752,000** |

**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects the transfer of $752,000 from the UA Stormwater Quality Improvements, Capital Project No. 87195, to the Alondra Park Stormwater Capture Pilot Project, Capital Project No. 69841, to fully fund the proposed project.

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** JAMES YUN, MANAGER, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---
☐ ACTION
☐ RECOMMENDATION

☐ APPROVED AS REQUESTED
☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY

B.A. NO. DATE

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