Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy will be held
Friday, August 10, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
Community Center
4100 South La Cienega Blvd.
Phone (323) 298-3660

Teleconference Location:
Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, 13th Floor
Conference Room 1305
Sacramento, CA 95814

MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE CALLED PRIOR TO ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment and Time Limits: If you wish to speak on an agenda item cards are available near the door to the meeting room. Individuals wishing to comment will be allowed up to three minutes to speak. Speaker times may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chair

2. Roll Call – Gloria Dangerfield, Executive Secretary

3. Approval of Minutes (May and July) – Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chair

4. Presentation on Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project, a model for compatible land use between public parks and industrial operations – Jim Trout, Former Executive Director, State Lands Commission

5. Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant of up to $2 million in BHC Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority for the Milton Street Park Project improvements at the Ballona Creek Trail and Marina Del Rey Middle School – David McNeill, Executive Officer

6. Consideration of a resolution to rescind resolution 12-05 and authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into a new interagency agreement, in an amount not to exceed $465,000 in BHC Prop 40 funds, with the Department of Toxic Substances Control for environmental review, construction monitoring, soil management, grading oversight and as needed remediation activities at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

7. Ad Hoc Committee Reports –Starlett Quarles, Fundraising

8. Executive Officer Report – BHC Staff Representatives

9. Board Member announcements or agenda items for future meetings

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for *September 14, 2012.*

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
MAY 18, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Dr. Allan Boodnick, at 10:12 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:
Julie Alvis, Chair Allan Boodnick, Lloyd Dixon, Vice Chair Allan Kingston, Craig Sap, Sara Amir, Sara Amir, Patrick Reynolds, Robert Jones, Jason Marshall, Marina Voskanian. Starlett Quarles and John Wicker arrived after roll call.

Members Absent:
Karen Finn, Bobbie Parks, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Joan Cardellino, Barbara Romero, and Patricia O'Toole.

Staff Present:
David McNeill, Gail Krippner, Gloria Dangerfield, and Rosana Miramontes.

III. Oaths of Office

Deputy Attorney General Rosana Miramontes administered the Oath of Office to re-appointed board member Starlett Quarles and newly appointed member Jason Marshall (designee of the State Department of Conservation).

IV. Approval of Minutes (April) – Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chair

The Chair asked if there were any comments or changes to minutes. Hearing none, he called for the vote to approve April's meeting minutes; all ayes, motion caries.

Before moving to the next agenda item, the Chair commented on Earth Day thanking David McNeil, Gail Krippner, and Sean MacAdory (who set up the arrangements for the ceremonies at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area). Three state legislators, local students, and the turnout of community members for volunteering were much appreciated. Assemblymember Holly Mitchell is working on taking Governor Brown on a tour of the park. She also affirmed pending BHC appointments she had promised to look into for Members Lloyd Dixon, Allan Kingston, and Robert Jones. Also, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy is at its ten year mark and a BHC newsletter is in the works. He asked the members to give any suggestions or contribute articles about the Conservancy to the staff.

V. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Amend the Performance Period for Agreement #BHC07007 with the Department of Toxic Substance Control – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Ms. Krippner stated staff is asking the board to approve an extension of the agreement with the Department of Toxic Substance Control to coincide with the development of the Eastern Ridgeline project. The agreement was originally approved in 2007 by the board as three-year agreement to conduct environmental soil investigations and grading oversight. Member Kingston brought up that the resolution did not name the length of time for the performance period and felt an amendment be made in the resolution to include a time to the extension language. Member Amir suggested extending the term to five

years. Member Kinston made a motion to approve the resolution with additional language to extend the period to at least three years. Motion seconded. Member Dixon stated that the language should state up to three years. The Chair called for the vote with the motion and the addition reads "extend the agreement for up to three years." All ayes, motion carries.

VI. Presentation on Models for Compatible Land Use Between Urban Parks and Industrial Operations - David McNeill, Executive Officer

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Mr. McNeill's presentation consisted of examples of how other cities around the world have successfully interfaced with or converted brownfields into parklands in urban areas. Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area' s first 150 acres of land purchased by the State of California at one time had actively producing oil wells on the land but is now beautiful park. Throughout Southern California there are active oil fields and Los Angeles County has a long history of oil production. With oil exploration increasing, finding ways of creating compatible urban uses adjacent to operations will be important for stakeholders. Research from the non-profit organization, Center for Land Use Interpretation, shows a wide range of examples from Bakersfield to Huntington Beach where homes, beaches, parks, wetlands and businesses continue to seek innovative solutions to successfully coexist. Member Marina Voskanian (State Lands Commission) mentioned work done at the Bolsa Chica property in the South Coast and has scheduled former Commission member Mr. Trout to speak about the wetlands project at the oil field he helped develop.

VII. Public Comment

Liz Gosnell, representative for Cone Fee Trust, brought up the issue that most of the projects discussed are on public land and that her land is private property and not open space. She voiced concerns about the continued inclusion of their private property and house believing they are being misrepresented as public land.

Mr. McNeill went over property ownership in the Baldwin Hills explaining the public does own surface rights to approximately 120 acres of land as well as an option for 150 acre surface conservation easement all within the BHC territory. He explained the 270 acres have active oil operations on them and there has been no negative impact on oil production activities as a result of this arrangement. Member Dixon asked if studies for consolidation operations for the publicly held lands could be done.

Laura Vlk (PXP) reiterated she agreed the land is private property and not designated open space by the County of Los Angeles. Also the projects discussed today, specifically Bolsa Chica, that was an active field (with compensation for the reserves that was left) and the company that was operating still had the rights to produce, which would be the same for PXP's field here.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committees Report

Member Quarles stated that she met with David McNeill earlier this week to discuss fundraising strategies working with youth. They are developing a letter of support from Nestle based on the foundation's grant criteria for working with youth. They are also developing a health and fitness grant concept for exercise enthusiasts within the Baldwin Hills Parklands.

IX. Executive Office Report

Mr. McNeill asked Gail Krippner to give the project status update report. Ms. Krippner went over the project status update sheet contained in the members' package on the following: 1) La Cienega Bridge decorative fence fabrication is moving forward and she met with County Parks to view samples of fence sections; 2) DTSC and Eastern Ridge development were discussed earlier; 3) Milton Park design grant is nearly closed pending certification; 4) City of Los Angles Norman O. Houston Park Improvements kickoff meeting was on May 1, the city is gathering their project team; 6) Baldwin Hills Parkland Habitat Restoration Program had the Earth Day volunteer event to perform invasive plant removal and to plant native species; 7) Jefferson Blvd. Streetscape and Access Improvements are in the permit stage for construction and expect to go to bid soon.

Executive Officer Report (cont'd)

Mr. McNeill then gave his report on Attachment II, which goes over the Baldwin Hills Conservancy budget and support funds. He stated that the Conservancy was on track for budgeted expenditures this year.

- Line Item, PCA 10009 remains at $103,000 for the Park and Recreation Specialist, as the position has not been filled.
- The bond cash balance (which a number of grants operate) is adequate for current projects
- City of Culver City's is posting public announcement on the Jefferson Blvd. Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvement construction timeline
- Filed letter from the Senate Rules Committee announcing reappointment of Member Starlett Quarles and the new appointment of Jason Marshall from the Department of Conservation.
- Green Space Plan by City of Culver City will have more public meetings in July.
- On June 23, the Relay for Life cancer walk sponsored by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' office will be held at the soccer fields.
- Spring Garden Tour and Vendor Fair in View Park will be held on Saturday, May 20.
- He will be making a presentation on the park's updates at the Baldwin Hill Village Homeowners Association's annual meeting on Saturday, May 20.

Karly Katona (Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas office) announced they are moving forward with the community outreach for the school site on Stoneview and a meeting will be held on May 30, 2012 in the evening. A flyer will be mailed out today to formally announce the meeting.

The Chair wanted to note a comment made by Member Dixon to create an ad hoc committee for developing public and private land; the committee will be chaired by Member Dixon.

X. Board Member Announcements or Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Jones thanked Chair Boodnick, David McNeill, Chair Boodnick, and Member Guiney, on their great work on the board appointment cycle to ensure that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy be staffed with the wonderful candidates and appointees.

Member Reynolds stated discussions of Culver City's activities in conjunction with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy focused on the Park to Playa Trail. They recently met with MRCA and the preliminary plans alignments are in review. The Jefferson crosswalk and signal at the BHSO are moving forward with a contract awarded and the plans approved. The North East Trees/Culver City Green Space plan will be reviewed by the advisory committee in June.

Newly appointed member, Jason Marshall, Chief Deputy Director for the State Department of Conservation, stated their department plans to bring to the conservancy their perspective on oil field operations. Within their department is the Division of Oil Gas and Geothermal Resources who are the regulators and permitters of well construction of any oil and gas wells in the State. They have people who can come and speak on technical, as well as bring in people to talk about well construction. On June 11, they will have a workshop in Culver City Chambers on the practice of hydraulic .fracturing; more information can be found on their website: www.conservation.ca.gov.

Member Kingston congratulated David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and the City of Culver City for really getting on the Jefferson Streetscape project and he also asked Member Marshall if they could bring someone to an upcoming meeting to speak on slant drilling.

Member Dixon thanked Chair Boodnick and David McNeill for getting the board appointments process moving and conveyed thanks to Member Marshall regarding the expertise his department will bring to the conservancy board and he looks forward to working with him.

Member Quarles announced her family would be hosting President Obama in View Park on Thursday, June 7, 2012. Anyone who is interested in obtaining more information on the fundraiser event, please contact her. She also mentioned her father, who is the president of the Bedford Group and their project on Santa Rosalia and Stocker (condos), contributed to the Quimby funds that will be used to do some of the Norman O. Houston park improvements.

Board Announce

Member Sap thanked Karly Katona (Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas office) for making the change in operations of the Stocker Corridor, which will now be operated by the County of Los Angeles. Work is being expedited to address the high traffic use of the State Park at the top of the hill and Hetzler Road and the new trail enhancements completed in April have been a success. Phase two of the Malibu Lagoon restoration project will start June 1. In response to Mr. McNeill's question of work on the Stocker Corridor trail, he stated the County is re-aligning the trail in the lower area and the work should be completed today; and State Parks will be doing the weed abatement along the trail.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved:

Dr. Allan Boodnick
Chairman

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
JULY 13, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Dr. Allan Boodnick, at 10:10 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:
Chair Allan Boodnick, Karen Finn (teleconference), Russ Guiney, Vice Chair Allan Kingston, Starlett Quarles, Sara Amir, Jason Marshall (teleconference) Patricia O'Toole, and Marina Voskanian. Bryan Cash (teleconference) arrived after roll.
Members Absent:
Lloyd Dixon, Robert Jones, Bobbie Parks, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Craig Sap, Joan Cardellino, Barbara Romero, and Patrick Reynolds..

Staff Present:
David McNeill, Gail Krippner, Gloria Dangerfield, and Rosana Miramontes.

III. Approval of Minutes (May) Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chair

There being no quorum, approval of the meeting minutes were deferred. The Chair noted that the June 29 meeting date was cancelled due to lack of a quorum and he has been on the telephone again with Sacramento on filling the vacant board seats. He was told the procedure had change; he recommended extension of those who had applied and was told the applicants would now have to be interviewed at two levels as a part of the appointments process.

IV. Ad Hoc Committees Reports - Allan Kingston, Grant Proposal Review
- Starlett Quarles, Fundraising

The Chair asked Member Quarles to give her committee's report first. Member Quarles stated that as part of their committee's fundraising efforts, a documentary film, California Forever, created by Backcountry Productions, a two-part film on California State Parks to be aired later this year on PBS, will have a private screening on July 25, 2012. If anyone has any VIP guests they would like to invite, please let her know. Also, she recommends turning future Conservancy newsletters into an e-blast. She has hired an assistant to assist her and they will be working on other activities as well as programming at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook.

Member Kingston reported on his committee's review of the grant proposal for the Milton Street Park project. They met and discussed, in some detail, the requirements of the local assistance grant project. Page 2 of 3 of their report gives a summary of their discussions. Of note, matching dollars from the State Coastal Conservancy, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, and the BHRCA; and the multiple benefit projects covered in Paragraph J. Their committee is recommending approval by the board.

V. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Up to $2 Million in BHC Proposition 84 Funds to the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority for the Milton Street Park Project Improvements at the Ballona Creek Trail and Marina Del Rey Middle School – David McNeill, Executive Officer

David McNeill stated Ana Petrilic, Project Manager for the Milton Street Planning effort and the applicant for the Prop 84 project would give a PowerPoint overview of the project. In her overview, Ms. Petrilic stated that the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) works on creating park projects with multiple benefits that includes improving existing public access, storm water treatment, habitat creation, and recreation and education through interpretative panels. She went over the Milton project goals as well as all the contiguous projects that will contribute to the larger vision along Ballona Creek.

Member Finn questioned the grant application process as BHC received the application from MRCA on June 1, signed; and the ad hoc committee met on June 11 or 12 to discuss it, which doesn't seem there was enough time to have reviewed it all. Mr. McNeill explained the project has been going on for four years and there has been considerable input and deliberation on developing the budget and project elements. Member Finn also felt the overhead was a bit high and asked who would oversee the contingency budget. Mr. McNeill stated that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy staff monitors the contingency budget and they receive quarterly reports from the grantees to determine the use or retention of contingency funds as needed.

Mr. McNeill also stated staff has received letters of support from Ballona Creek Renaissance, Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, and the City of Los Angeles for the project.

VI. Consideration of a Resolution Accepting up to $200,000 in Matching Funds from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Prop 84 Grant Program for Construction of Green Street Storm Water Best Management Practices at the Milton Street Project and Authorizing the Executive Officer to Enter into an Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for Management and Implementation of the Milton Street Match award – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill stated staff originally worked with Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission to help facilitate the funding match which led to some confusion as to who the grantee or applicant would be. Ultimately, it was more efficient for the MRCA to be the grant applicant as they were managing the overall project.

VII. Executive Officer Report – BHC Staff Representatives

Mr. McNeill stated updates on the expenditures and capital outlay projects status were included in his report. He announced that Gall Krippner would first give her updates on Prop 40 projects. Ms. Krippner reported 1) The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) La Cienega Bridge Enhancement Project – decorative fencing and landscaping is going on now and should be completed in mid September; 2) Department of Toxic Substances Control – the agreement expired and in last month's meeting staff asked for an amendment. After reviewing the agreement, staff decided a more appropriate approach would be to generate a new grant agreement to put before the board in the August meeting for approval; 3) MRCA agreement for Milton Street planning is complete and have 90% construction documents;4) Eastern Ridgeline Project - still awaiting item approved by the County Board of Supervisors; 5) Norman O. Houston Park Improvements – in the pre-design phase and the City is currently doing geo-tech investigation; 6) L. A. Infrastructure Academy – they officially changed their name to Generation Water and are currently concluding invasive GIS mapping; 7) City of Culver City Jefferson Blvd Streetscape Access Improvement – a pre-construction meeting will be held July 26.

Mr. McNeill continued with his portion of the report. He stated that the summary sheet by fund (Attachment II) shows the support balance is consistent with expenditures. The Prop 84 support position is again hinging on approval of the budget which would extend the position for 3 years. The cash balance/cash bond funds – i.e. expenditures based on actual bond sales to date reflect eleven million dollars cash available for projects, of which six million dollars are encumbered and being spent down. He also reported that pursuant to the State's current fiscal year budget, there is a mandatory 4.62 % payroll reduction so staff will be taking one personal leave day per month through 2013. Activities: PBS screening at Sony Studios on July 25; Assemblymenber Holly Mitchell will hold their Christmas in July at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area on July 14, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Member O'Toole mentioned she heard on the radio there was a Bastille Day occurring in Kenneth Hahn Park on Sunday. Shawn McAdory (Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area) confirmed the event would take place Sunday, July 15, 2012, from noon – 5:00 p.m. and is a first time event at the park.

VIII. Board Member announcements or agenda items for future meetings

Mr. McNeill announced he would be attending the Greater Green Earth Conference in New York, Saturday, July 14, 2012 thru Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

Chair Boodnick announced an advisory committee has been convened after a two-year hiatus, based on the work done on La Cienega (off and on ramps, etc.). They have met once and will meet again the end of August. The committee is being represented by the State, County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, the City of Culver City, and other homeowner associations.

Member Kingston commented again on the Jefferson Blvd. improvements and the number of visitors using the Baldwin Scenic Overlook steps.

Member Guiney announced the County of Los Angeles' budget has been approved for 2013 and there's no cuts to any of the County Parks department.

Karly Katona (Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas) announced their office is hosting the second community meeting on August 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the school site.

Member Voskanian announced some government agencies, also industries and researchers, were invited by USC to attend a workshop to find independent funding for a research center type work at USC to evaluate the pros and cons of fracturing and its impact. It was very well attended and organized. Representatives from DOGGR were also in attendance.

Member Marshall announced on July 2, they had an informational seminar on the practice of hydraulic fracturing where they covered issues like geology of oil and gas, water issues, air issues, and well construction, with different experts. The recorded seminar is posted on their department's website. He noted interested board members should take a look at the first segment, which deals with geology.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved:

Dr. Allan Boodnick
Chairman

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Marina Voskanian, Ad Hoc Committee Member

Date: August 10, 2012

Re: Item 4: Presentation on Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project, a model for compatible land use between public parks and industrial operations – Jim Trout, Former Executive Director, State Lands Commission

Background: Members of the Ad Hoc Committee for negotiations requested staff conduct some research on park sites with challenges and opportunities based on their proximity to industrial operations.

Member Voskanian recommended a presentation by Mr. Jim Trout who worked at State Lands Commission as the lead project coordinator for the largest wetlands restoration project in Southern California's history. The presenter, Jim Trout, partnered with the California State Lands Commission, US EPA, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Army Corps of Engineers and the Coastal Commission to successfully manage a nearly 900-acre wetland restoration project on a former oil producing field in Huntington Beach. Mr. Trout will share the constraints and successes of implementing the project in a power-point presentation.

The committee recognizes geographic constraints such as safety and access issues can create unique challenges for each location presented in this discussion. No simple assumptions in terms of opportunities for emulating other models are being proposed. The information presented provides a snapshot of the current state of urban land use and could provide some insight into the future of coexistence.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: ~~June 29, 2012~~ August 10, 2012

Re: Item 5: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant of up to $2 million in BHC Proposition 84 funds to the Mountain Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the development of the Milton Street Park improvements at the Ballona Creek Trail and Marina Del Rey Middle School.

Recommendation: Consider the project criteria review and recommendation by the Ad Hoc Committee Chairman (Item 4) and approve Resolution 12-06, authorizing a grant in an amount not to exceed $2 million in BHC Prop 84 funds to the MRCA for development of the Milton Street Park improvements at the Ballona Creek Trail and Marina Del Rey Middle School.

Background: The Milton Street parcel was purchased in May of 2007 pursuant to Resolution 07-04 which provided a 50% matching grant with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for acquiring the site. After the acquisition, the Governing Board authorized a 25% matching grant in collaboration with the Coastal Conservancy for the planning and design of the Milton Street site. This month, the MRCA presented the final deliverable for the project which includes 90% Construction Drawings for improvements to the Milton Street parcel and street-side improvements. The estimated cost for the proposed improvements is $3 million.

The MRCA has submitted an application for $2 million in BHC Prop 84 funds for construction of the Milton Street Park Project (see Attachment A). The requested funds are to be leveraged by an existing $500K in Prop A Excess Funds from the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA), $200K in Prop 84 from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC), and an additional $300K from the Coastal Conservancy's Prop 84 fund. Currently, $700K of the $1 million match is already approved, with the remaining expected in October of this year.

The Project includes two key components. The first is the construction of a 1.2-acre "multi-benefit" park, called "Milton Street Park" adjacent to the Ballona Creek Trail and

Bike Path which is located across the street from the Marina Del Rey Middle School. On-site improvements include: an “off-bike” pedestrian pathway, stairs, ADA-accessible ramp, decorative gateway, irrigation and native plantings, seating, fencing, bike racks, interpretive panels, a small shade structure, grading, and retaining walls. The second component is the adjacent “green street” improvements. Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP’s) will be implemented including a new sidewalk on southern side of Milton Street, and Vegetated Stormwater Curb Extensions (VSCE’s) that will collect, treat, and filter runoff from the street and park site. Native trees and shrubs in the VSCEs will be a part of the overall project for habitat connectivity and neighborhood greening.

If the grant award is approved, the Milton Street Park Project would be another destination along the Park to Playa Trail providing an opportunity to showcase a green street and the Park’s low impact development designs as a new model for stormwater management in the region. It will also become a learning site for Middle Del Rey Middle School’s science department to learn about performance monitoring of BMP’s through protocols being implemented by the Santa Monica Bay and Restoration Commission.

Estimated Project completion is Fall 2013.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 12-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2-MILLION OF BHC PROP 84 FUNDS TO MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE MILTON STREET PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BALLONA CREEK TRAIL AND MARINA DEL REY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, under Division 22.7 of the California Public Resources Code, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was created to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the Conservancy territory; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code 32569 (a) states the Conservancy may award grants to local agencies for the purposes of its division; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority is a joint exercise of powers agency established pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 et seq., with experience in conducting planning and interpretation projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code 75060, funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 are available for projects in the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek Watershed to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the State; and to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has submitted an application for BHC's Prop 84 local assistance grant program for development of the Milton Street Park improvements at the Ballona Creek Trail and Marina Del Rey Middle School which are consistent with the funding source and grant requirements adopted by the BHC under resolution 10-06; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code 32565.5 (b) the Baldwin Hills Conservancy shall give priority to related projects that create expanded opportunities that provide recreation, aesthetic improvement, and wildlife habitat in the Baldwin Hills area; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impact requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will be completed on or before December 31, 2012; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE BHC GOVERNING BOARD:

1. AUTHORIZES A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,000,000 OF BHC PROP 84 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR DEVELOPMENT THE MILTON STREET PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BALLONA CREEK TRAIL AND MARINA DEL REY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

2. AFFIRMS THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS DATED JUNE 11, 2012 FOR THIS ITEM.

3. APPOINTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS AGENT TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO AGREEMENTS, PAYMENT REQUESTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT(S).

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on _____, 2012.

_____
Dr. Allan Boodnick
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Rosana Miramontes
Deputy Attorney General

Attachment A

State of California — The Resources Agency
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Milton Street Park
PROJECT NAME

$ 2,000,000.00
GRANT AMOUNT

$3,000,000.00
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST
(State Grant and other funds)

GRANTEE (Agency and address-including zip code)

Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90065

Los Angeles
COUNTY

Los Angeles
NEAREST CITY

Milton Street Parcel- no address assigned to parcel
PROJECT ADDRESS

Mascagni Avenue and Milton Street
NEAREST CROSS STREET

28
SENATE DISTRICT NO.

53
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO.

Grantee's Representative Authorized in Resolution:

Cara Meyer	Contracts Officer	323-221-9944 x117
Name (type)	Title	Phone

Person with day-day responsibility for project (if different from authorized representative):

Ana Petrlic	**Project Manager**	**(323) 221-9944 ext 107**
Name (type)	Title	Phone

Brief description of project:

The project will include construction of a 1.2-acre park and a green street along Milton Street adjacent to the Ballona Creek Trail in the City of Los Angeles. On-site improvements include grading, gabion retaining walls, pedestrian pathways including stairs and an ADA-accessible ramp, new gateway, irrigation and native plantings, seating, fencing, bike racks, interpretive panels, and a small structure to provide shade. Green street improvements include a new sidewalk on southern side of the street, Vegetated Stormwater Curb Extensions (VSCEs) that will collect, treat, and infiltrate polluted dry and wet weather runoff from the street and park site, and native trees and shrubs in the VSCEs for water filtration and neighborhood "greening".

This new park along the Ballona Creek Bike Trail, and adjacent to Marina Del Rey Middle School, will increase much needed open space in the City and will serve as a gateway for trail users and students and a green space to enhance user's experience.

For Dev. projects Land Tenure – Project is: ____**1.2**____acres:

_____Acres owned in fee simple by Grant Applicant

_____Acres available under a_____year lease

____**1.2**_____Acres other interest (explain)_**BHRCA-owned**_

For Acquisition projects-Projects will be _____acres

_____Acquired in fee simple by Grant Applicant

_____Acquired in other than fee simple (explain)_____

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I certify that the information contained in this project application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signed Cara Meyer
Grantee's Authorized Representative as shown in Resolution

9/1/2012
Date

Attachment A

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

June 6, 2012 — Agenda Item X

Resolution No. 12-75

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY FOR PROPOSITION 84 FUNDING FOR THE BALLONA CREEK - MILTON STREET PARK PROJECT, CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

WHEREAS, The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, was adopted by California voters in the general election on November 7, 2006, which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the State for the purpose of preventing contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, protecting and restoring the natural habitat values of coastal waters and watersheds, promoting access to and enjoyment of coastal resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, The Baldwin Hills Conservancy has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, The Conservancy's procedures require Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority must comply with; and

WHEREAS, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will enter into and Agreement with the Conservancy to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) hereby:

1. FINDS that Ballona Creek - Milton Street Park will provide significant public benefits; and

2. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

3. CERTIFIES that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority understands the assurances and certification in the application form.

4. CERTIFIES that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; or has the right to assign maintenance to another agency.

5. APPOINTS the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's Executive Officer or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

6. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated June 6, 2012.

7. AUTHORIZES the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's Financial Officer to authorize payment requests.

8. AUTHORIZES the application for grant funds from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 84 funding for the Ballona Creek – Milton Street Park project, City of Los Angeles, in the amount of $2,000,000.

9. AUTHORIZES any budget amendments as necessary.

10. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer or his designee to do any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution and any recommendations made by the Governing Board.

Chair

AYES: Hasenauer, Daniel, Lange

NOS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Hayduk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the governing board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 6th day of June, 2012.

Date: 6/6/12

Executive Officer

Attachment A

Milton Street Planning and Design
NARRATIVE / SCOPE / TIMELINE (attached)

BACKGROUND:
Ballona Creek flows approximately seven miles through west Los Angeles into the Santa Monica Bay at Marina del Rey. Ballona Creek is part of a unique system of ecologies within a relatively small geographic area of the Los Angeles Basin. The Ballona Creek is one of few creeks where the entire biota exists above ground within the urban fabric of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Such close proximity of the natural and urban environments provides opportunities for the public to interact with the creek. The lower reaches of Ballona Creek support a diversity of wildlife, especially where tidal waters create brackish water that is critical for the vitality of estuaries. These estuaries occur both within the creek channel and the Ballona wetlands. The Milton Parcel is located on the north bank of Ballona Creek where these estuary conditions exist. The bike path currently serves to connect workplace, commercial, and recreation destinations including area schools, libraries, business offices, shopping centers, neighborhood and regional parks and natural resources such as the Creek, beaches, and Ballona Wetlands.

PURPOSE:
The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) requests funding support for the construction of a proposed 1.2-acre multiple-benefit park, called “Milton Street Park”, adjacent to the Ballona Creek.

The Milton Street Park Project (project) area is located in the City of Los Angeles and consists of a 1.2-acre vacant rectangular parcel owned by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA), a local parks agency. The project also includes off-site “green street” components within the public right-of-way (ROW) of the small residential street, Milton Street, adjoining the BHRCA property. Directly north of Milton Street is the ball fields of Marina Del Ray Middle School. To the east of the site is the Centinela Park, a rest area and access point to the bike/pedestrian path from Centinela Blvd. To the west a short distance are Ballona Wetlands, separated from the proposed park by a few homes and the bridge of the Route 90-Marina Freeway that acts as a threshold.

The capital improvements planned for Milton Street Park include grading, construction of gabion retaining walls to stabilize the slope, pedestrian pathways including stairs and an ADA-accessible ramp, new gateway, irrigation and native plantings, seating, fencing, bike racks, interpretive panels, and a small structure to provide shade.

The development of a park and green street at Milton Street has a great potential to increase much needed open space in Los Angeles. There are a variety of benefits that the project will produce: It will 1) provide a new recreational amenity (both active and passive) to the public, 2) provide a new and direct public access point to the bicycle path through the installation of gateways, 3) resolve user conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians through the creation of a separate pedestrian path through the park site, 4) incorporate interpretive elements to heighten awareness and education of the area’s natural resources, 5) offer new habitat for the area’s animal species through the installation of native grasses and shrubs, 6) improve water quality in Ballona Creek, and 7) promote infiltration and reduce impervious surfaces.

The park will be available to area schools to support and demonstrate related curriculum. Marina del Rey Middle School recently introduced a new “Marine Science Academy” to the

curriculum, and would be able to use this future park as a plant and wildlife learning tool, since it would provide an outdoor classroom, a place for bird and fish watching and studying, and an opportunity for other learning activities for the students. There will be educational panels permanently installed at the project site that will highlight the area's coastal resources and will be used by students and the general public, as well as the many community groups that lead tours along the Ballona Creek. The panels will allow for the public to become more educated on the BMPs in practice both on the street and on-site, and about local wildlife and habitats. The project's close proximity to both the natural and urban environments provides opportunities for the public to interact with the creek and to learn about the natural environment around them.

The park's location is also significant because it provides a large opportunity to implement stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs), and implement "green techniques" through recycling of existing concrete retaining wall materials on-site by re-using them in the new gabion walls. Stormwater on the project site currently drains as sheet flow either towards Milton Street or Ballona Creek and polluted runoff from the street (from the surrounding neighborhood) flows into large 20-foot-wide storm drains located on both the east and west sides of Mascagni Street and Westlawn Avenue near their intersections with Milton Street. This runoff enters directly into the Ballona Creek untreated. As part of the proposed park plan, future stormwater that falls on-site shall drain via new parkway drains beneath the sidewalk into Vegetated Stormwater Curb Extensions (VSCEs) along the southern portion of Milton Street. The planted slopes on-site will provide a degree of vegetated treatment of the runoff prior to discharge to the VSCEs (where the runoff will receive further treatment and infiltrate).

Milton Street is an asphalt-paved, two-lane street, with parallel parking available along both sides and a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the north side. There are no street trees or other vegetation. MRCA's plan is to transform Milton Street (approx. 1000 linear feet) into an active green street. The design calls for VSCEs located on both sides of the street. The vegetation in these curb extensions will consist of native trees and shrubs. The VSCEs are designed to capture, treat, and infiltrate the wet and dry weather runoff from the street as well as runoff from the park. They will remove various pollutants including trash, metals, bacteria, organics, oil, and grease from the water before they reach the Creek. This will significantly reduce the amount of pollutants presently being expelled directly into Ballona Creek and thus improve the habitat potential and water quality in the Ballona Creek, the Santa Monica Bay, and Pacific Ocean. The green street will help increase green space by acting as an extension of the park and will promote infiltration.

This site is identified as a priority project in the City of Los Angeles' adopted TMDL Implementation Plan for the Creek. This project will help with the TMDL plan goals to clean the currently polluted runoff and trash entering our waterbodies.

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APPLICANT BACKGROUND & RELATED EXPERTISE

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a joint powers entity that was established in 1985 and is comprised of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and two local park districts. The mission of the MRCA is to complement the work of other agencies in protecting land and developing natural parks in southern California's mountains, along rivers, and within underserved Cities. The MRCA currently manages over 65,000 acres of parkland and holds fee title to approximately 10,000 acres. The overall goal for MRCA's urban parklands program is to "integrate nature into the urban environment". The completion of this Project represents one additional step toward that goal.

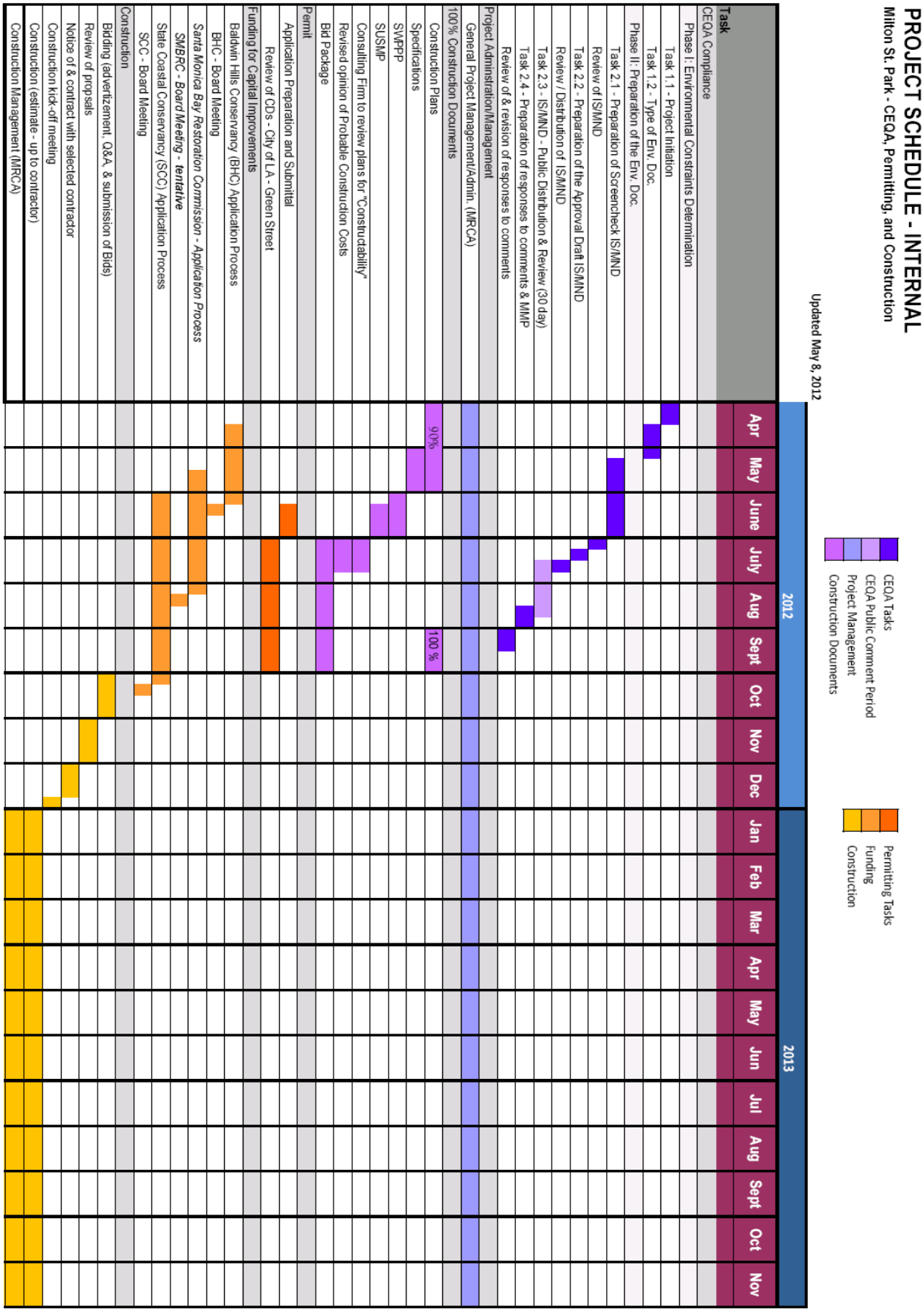
The MRCA has created numerous "pocket parks", gateways, and greenways along the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek. MRCA's Ballona Creek projects include Gateway improvements at Centinela Blvd., Sepulveda Blvd., McConnell Ave., Inglewood Blvd., and Duquesne Ave. These improvements all include the transformation of existing, deteriorated, and uninviting bike path access points with improvements such as native plant landscaping, decorative entry gates and fencing, drinking fountains, bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, interpretive displays, and entry signage. They are relatively small projects but have had a huge impact on the quality, safety, and use of the bike path.

Additionally, MRCA is currently working on developing the Ballona Creek Greenway. The Greenway is located between the existing Inglewood Boulevard Gateway improvement and the 405 freeway and will create the first .5 mile continuous greenway along the Ballona Creek bike path. The project entails improving existing portions of vacant land adjacent to the bike path with native plant landscaping, a separate pedestrian path, and interpretive & wayfinding signage. Construction of the Greenway is scheduled to begin June 2012. Los Angeles Conservation Corps is the project contractor so that the project may utilize and promote at-risk youth employment.

Since its inception, the MRCA has constructed scores of small-scale and large-scale natural park projects. MRCA's most recent larger-scale park project experience is with the design, construction, and operation of the 10.5-acre Vista Hermosa Park in downtown Los Angeles. Vista Hermosa Park was a joint-use project with the Los Angeles Unified School District's Edward R. Roybal Learning Center and was completed in 2008.

Attachment A

(See attached project Timeline & Photos/Designs document)



Attachment A

Milton Street Planning and Design
PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT ELEMENT	Total Amount	Total Grant Amount (BHC)	Match Amount BHRCA (Prop. A)	Match Amount SCC	Match Amount Other
	$	$2,000,000	$500,000	$300,000	$200,000
1 Planning, Design, and Project Management					
CEQA Notice of Exemption filing	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interpretive Sign Design, Writing	$ 2,700	$ 2,700	$ -	$ -	$ -
Project Management	$ 175,000	$ 117,250	$ 57,750	$ -	$ -
Subtotal Task 1	**$ 177,800**	**$ 120,050**	**$ 57,750**	**$ -**	**$ -**
2 Permitting, Bidding, Consulting					
Permitting / City of LA On-site	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Permitting / City of LA Green Street	$ 77,000	$ 77,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Bidding	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Engineering (Civil, Electrical, Structural, etc.)	$ 95,000	$ 95,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
CEQA (BonTerra) - Mitigated Negative Declaration	$ 31,810	$ 31,810		$ -	$ -
Subtotal Task 2	**$ 218,810**	**$ 218,810**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
3 Construction - Park					
Site Demo	$ 140,806	$ 140,806	$ -	$ -	$ -
Site Prep & BMP	$ 436,156	$ 407,707	$ 28,433	$ -	$ -
Fencing, Gates, Railings	$ 88,125	$ 88,125		$ -	$ -
Retaining Walls	$ 85,400	$ 85,400	$ -	$ -	$ -
Stone Paving, Concrete, Decomposed Granite	$ 289,525	$ 289,525	$ -	$ -	$ -
Signage - Materials & Printing	$ 5,400	$ 5,400	$ -	$ -	$ -
Site Amenities, Storage Shed, & Shade Structure	$ 179,330	$ 179,330	$ -	$ -	$ -
Softscape & Irrigation	$ 340,617	$ 34,897	$ 122,117	$ 183,619	$ -
Construction Observation & Administration	$ 75,000	$ -	$ -	$ 75,000	$ -
Geotechnical - Const. Observation & Support (Shannon & Wilson)	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other - Construction Consultation (SWA, etc.)	$ 75,000	$ 75,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Electrical Connection	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Subtotal Task 3	**$ 1,760,359**	**$ 1,351,190**	**$ 150,550**	**$ 258,619**	**$ -**
4 Construction - Green Street					
Green Street	$ 187,150	$ -	$ 187,150	$ -	$ -
Street VSCEs	$ 140,250	$ -	$ 35,587	$ -	$ 104,663
Softscape & Irrigation	$ 95,337	$ 28,965	$ -	$ -	$ 66,372
Bollards	$ 6,500	$ 6,500	$ -	$ -	$ -
Subtotal Task 4	**$ 429,237**	**$ 35,465**	**$ 222,737**	**$ -**	**$ 171,035**
5					
Contingency 10%	$ 258,621	$ 171,048	$ 43,102	$ 25,862	$ 18,103
Bonds 1%	$ 25,862	$ 17,240	$ 4,310	$ 2,586	$ 1,810
Overhead 5%	$ 129,310	$ 86,198	$ 21,551	$ 12,931	$ 9,052
Subtotal Task 5	**$ 413,793**	**$ 274,486**	**$ 68,963**	**$ 41,379**	**$ 28,965**
Grand Total	**$ 2,999,998**	**$ 2,000,000**	**$ 500,000**	**$ 299,998**	**$ 200,000**

Attachment A

Milton Street Planning and Design
PROJECT LOCATION (MAP / DESIGN / DRAWING)

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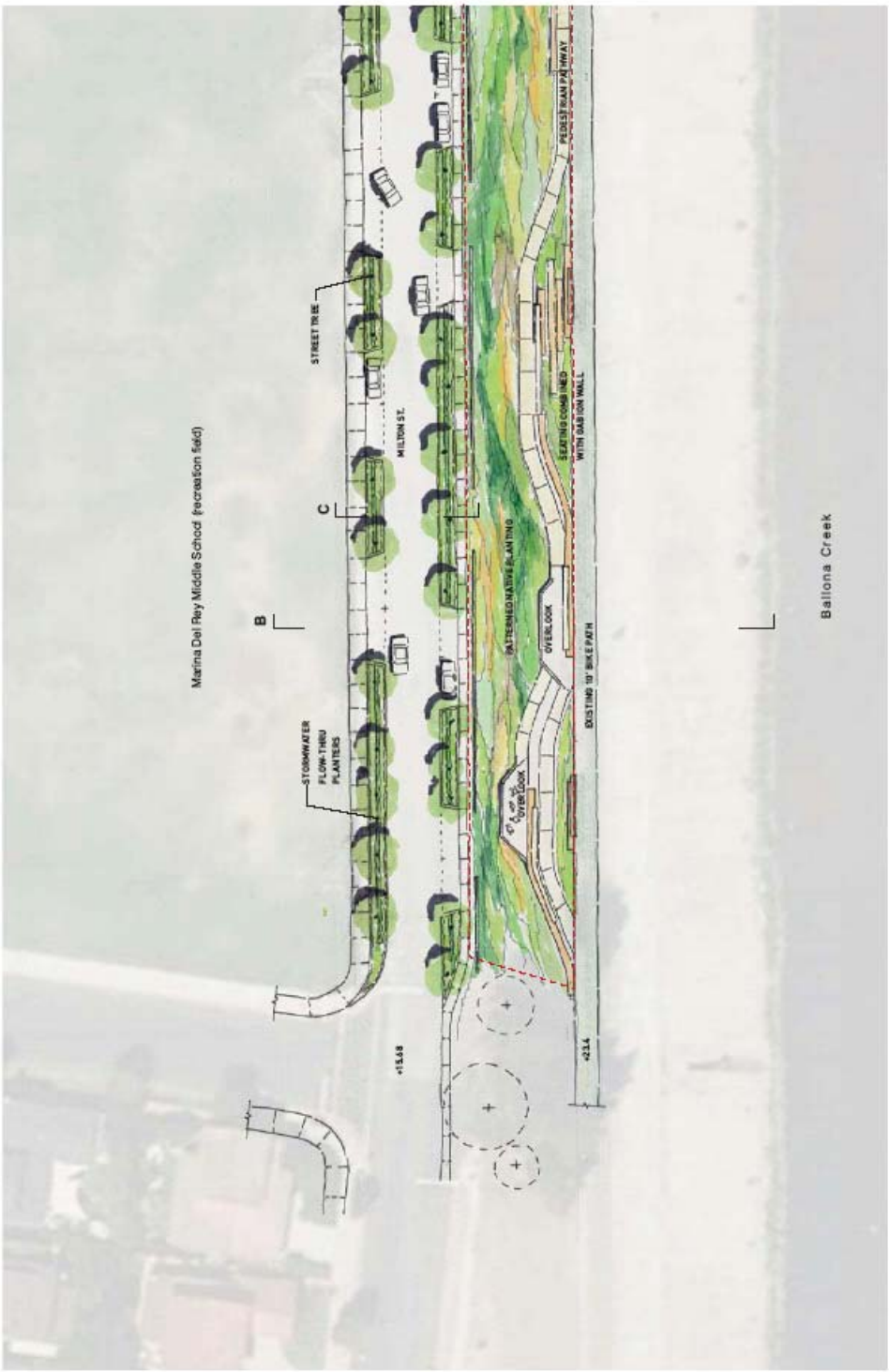
PHOTOS / DESIGNS
Ballona Creek - Milton Street Park

Mitlon Street Park Site (Ballona Creek on left)

Milton Street

Final Conceptual Design – Milton Park and Green Street

Attachment A



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Los Angeles, California

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ILLUSTRATIVE MASTER PLAN

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Attachment A

MEMORANDUM

May 7, 2012

To:
Ana Petrlic
Urban Projects and Watershed Planning Division
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

From:
Tom Smith
Principal

Subject: Recommended CEQA Documentation for the Proposed Milton Park Project

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a recommendation for preparation of environmental documentation pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in support of the proposed Milton Park Project (Project). On April 20, 2012, a BonTerra Consulting Environmental Planner performed a site reconnaissance to document existing conditions at the site and surrounding areas and obtain photographic documentation. Based on the site visit, the 50% Design was reviewed in light of the observed site conditions. Based on this preliminary review, BonTerra Consulting recommends preparation of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) as the appropriate CEQA documentation. The results of the site reconnaissance and Project review are summarized below.

Environmental Setting

The project site is located in the City of Los Angeles and consists of a 1.2-acre linear parcel owned by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA). The project site currently functions as the north side levee of a portion of Ballona Creek, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) facility. The Project would also involve off-site components within the public right-of-way (ROW) of Milton Street adjoining the BHRCA parcel.

The project site is currently vacant. The southern and eastern ends are bound by a five-foot-high chain-link fence, the northern side is bound by Milton Street, and the western end is not physically demarcated. Based on a review of site photographs by a BonTerra Consulting Biologist, the project site consists of ornamental, ruderal (i.e., weedy and disturbed), disturbed, and developed vegetation types. There is one eucalyptus tree on the site, and, depending on the precise location of the western site boundary, one or two eucalyptus trees are adjacent to the western boundary. The disturbed area consists of a walking trail, and the developed area contains intervals of chain-link fence installed on a concrete block retaining wall along the northern portion of the BHRCA parcel. Exhibit 1 presents photographs of the project site and surrounding area.

While the project site is private land, it is accessible at the western end and an informal trail along the length of the parcel has been developed through public use of the site, which was observed during the site reconnaissance. The site slopes gently to steeply towards the south; however, the east-west elevations along the length of the site appear relatively consistent. Stormwater on the project site appears to drain as sheet flow either towards Milton Street or Ballona Creek; runoff flowing into Milton Street drains into large (i.e., 20-foot-wide) curb drains located on both the east and west sides of Mascagni Street and Westlawn Avenue near their

intersections with Milton Street. Milton Street is an asphalt-paved, two-lane street, with parallel parking available along both sides and a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the north side. There are widely spaced street lights on the north side, and there are no street trees or other vegetation.

The Marina del Rey Middle School and Performing Arts Magnet is located on the north side of Milton Street; the playground of the school abuts the Milton Street sidewalk. The Ballona Creek Bike Path and Ballona Creek, respectively, are located adjacent to the site to the south. Centinela Park and a dead-end dirt road extending from Centinela Avenue to the northern terminus of the site are located to the east. Single-family-residential land uses are located to the northwest and northeast of the site, and further south beyond Ballona Creek. State Route 90 is located approximately 0.15-mile to the south, and the South Centinela Avenue overpass for Ballona Creek is located approximately 0.1-mile to the east (i.e., upstream) of the northern terminus of the BHRCA parcel.

Anticipated Environmental Impacts

Based on the above-described observations and review of the 50% Design, as well as the community outreach performed to date to achieve the current site design, BonTerra Consulting recommends preparation of an IS/MND as the appropriate CEQA documentation. Further, the proposed approach to the IS/MND described in our approved Scope of Work remains appropriate for the proposed Project at this time. It is anticipated that analysis of certain environmental topics addressed in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines will be of particular concern to the community and agencies, and potential impacts identified during the CEQA analysis may require mitigation measures to avoid or reduce them to a less than significant level. These environmental focus areas to be addressed in the IS/MND for the proposed Project are summarized below.

- Aesthetics – The change in visual quality and to views of and through the site, while expected to be improved, is anticipated to be a primary concern of the community. A detailed discussion, including exhibits, of the proposed condition of the site and Milton Street, is recommended.

- Air Quality – Due to (1) proximity to sensitive land uses (i.e., a school, residences, and public recreation features); the operation of construction equipment; and the extent of earth-moving required to implement the proposed Project, both local and regional construction-period criteria pollutant emissions will be a primary concern. Long-term operational emissions are not anticipated to be significant, based on the assumption of minimal to moderate traffic generation and the absence of Project-related stationary sources.

- Biological Resources – As discussed above, this preliminary review did not identify any sensitive vegetation types, or sensitive plant or wildlife species, on or near the site. However, as described in the approved Scope of Work, a biological resources literature review and general survey will be performed. Although the proposed Project would be expected to have a beneficial impact on biological resources, this topic is expected to be of concern to the public. Therefore, a detailed description of the existing resources and disclosure of the proposed alterations is recommended.

- Hydrology and Water Quality – Similar to the discussion of biological resources above, although the proposed Project would likely result in a beneficial impact to surface drainage and water quality, this topic is expected to be of concern both to the public and to relevant agencies. This is largely due to the site's proximity to Ballona Creek, and, by extension, the Ballona Wetlands and the Pacific Ocean. Therefore, a detailed description of the changes to hydrology and water quality with the proposed Project is recommended.

- Noise – Similar to the discussion of air quality above, due to the proximity of sensitive land uses, construction-period noise levels will be a primary concern. Long-term noise related to vehicle traffic is not expected to be significant.

- Recreation – During construction of the proposed Project, the project site would not be available as an informal recreation destination. Similarly, it is assumed that the adjacent portion of the Ballona Creek Bike Path would be closed during certain construction activities to ensure public safety. These would both be temporary impacts; however, the availability of heavily-used recreation features in the community is a likely concern. Therefore, a detailed discussion of where, and for how long, such closures would be necessary is recommended.

The analysis of all other topics identified in Appendix G, including cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems, are not expected to result in significant impacts and/or require the detailed analysis recommended for the topics discussed above.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Date: August 10, 2012

Re: Agenda Item 6: Consideration of a resolution to rescind Resolution 12-05 and authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into a new agreement, in an amount not to exceed $465,000 in BHC Prop 40 funds, with the Department of Toxic Substances Control for environmental review, construction monitoring, grading oversight, and as needed remediation activities at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area

Recommendation: Staff recommends adopting Resolution 12-07, rescinding Res. 12-05 and authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into a new agreement, in an amount not to exceed $465,000 in BHC Prop 40 funds, with the Department of Toxic Substances Control for environmental review, construction monitoring, grading oversight, and as needed remediation activities at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area

Background:

In May 2012, the Governing Board approved Resolution 12-05, authorizing the Executive Officer to extend the performance period of agreement #BHC07007 with the Department of Toxic Substances Control for a period of up to three (3) years.

The interagency agreement was originally initiated at the request of Jan Takata who represents the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office (CEO). One of the key objectives of the agreement was to address environmental oversight and potential soil clean-up liabilities that could hamper construction of proposed improvements within Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA).

During January – February 2012, DTSC conducted the final soil sampling investigation of the Eastern Ridgeline Project site. DTSC engineers produced a Soil Investigation and Management Report for the Eastern Ridgeline Project along with a Soil

Management Plan to address soil impacted by hydrocarbons. The report's findings were used in the recently approved Addendum to the Eastern Ridgeline Project EIR which covered the trail extension down to the five-points intersection for alignment with the newest portion of the Park to Playa Trail.

The new Interagency Agreement is needed due to three (3) primary factors:

- Provides for the implementation of the Soil Investigation and Management Plan (DTSC 2012)

- Increases the scope of the original agreement to include other portions of the Park to Playa Trail project within the park territory

- Provides a project performance period of up to three (3) years

The Governing Board's approval of Resolution 12-07 will provide the soil management program needed to implement the Eastern Ridgeline Project as well as other Park to Playa planned improvement projects in the territory.

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY (BHC)

RESOLUTION 12-07

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 12-05 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $465,000 IN BHC PROP 40 FUNDS , WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, CONSTRUCTION MONITORING, GRADING OVERSIGHT AND AS NEEDED SOIL REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA.

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was created to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the Conservancy territory; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy may undertake development activities with bond funds including, but not limited to, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, preservation, protection and interpretation of land and water resources pursuant to Public Resources Code 5096.650(b) of the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office has recommended funds be available for environmental oversight and possible removal of contaminated soil; and

WHEREAS, DTSC is a state agency that has produced a soil investigation and management plan for addressing hydrocarbon impacted soil identified from borings within Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy may initiate, negotiate, and participate in agreements for the management of land under its ownership or control with local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, individuals, or other entities and may enter into any other agreements authorized by state or federal law pursuant to Chapter 428 of Division 22.7 section 32570 of the California Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, planned park and trail expansion improvements requiring grading and earth-moving activities within Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area will include ongoing oversight and possible soil remediation; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $465,000 IN BHC PROP 40 FUNDS , WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC) FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, CONSTRUCTION MONITORING, GRADING OVERSIGHT AND AS NEEDED SOIL REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES AT KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

on _____, 2012.

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Allan Boodnick
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Rosana Miramontes, Deputy Attorney General

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: Starlett Quarles, Ad Hoc Committee Chairman

Date: August 10, 2012

Re: Item 7: Fundraising

Update: Over 60 people attended the California Forever screening at Sony Pictures last month. Assembly District 47 presented a certificate of recognition to the Baldwin Hills Greenhouse Program and L.A. Audubon provided greetings and thanks to local stakeholders including Culver City Councilman Jim Clarke. Twelve students from Leo-Politi Elementary and Dorsey High School joined special guests for the viewing and subsequent discussion about stewardship and the environment. Approximately 20 event tickets were sold to private supporters by Los Angeles Audubon Society raising nearly $1,000 for the greenhouse internship program.

The committee will be researching new online grant opportunities forwarded by Chairman Boodnick to determine compatibility and timing for projects consistent with the park related needs.

Work on the electronic newsletter continues as a template is being developed and the database of email recipients is compiled into the proper distribution software. A final format for print and electronic distribution should be ready this month with draft content being developed over the course of the next two weeks.

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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

Fr: David McNeill

Date: August 10, 2012

Re: Item 8: Executive Officer Report

Projects Status Report

Please see the attached updated BHC Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report (Attachment #1).

Fiscal Update

Please see BHC Summary Expenditure Sheet by Fund (Attachment #2) and the BHC Prop 40 & Prop 84 Bond Cash Funds (Attachment #3). Both reports correspond with the end of month eleven (11) of the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Attachment #1

Baldwin Hills Conservancy
Local Assistance / Capital Outlay Projects Status Report
08/10/12

Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Encumbrance and Liquidation Dates	PROJECT STATUS
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)	Enhancements at La Cienega entrance to KHSRA	BHC07003	Prop 40	$900,000	Enc. 6/30/14 (liq. 6/30/15)	**Installation started July 2012; landscaping planned for August 2012; Project completion expected in the Fall of 2012.**
California Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC)	Environmental Monitoring	BHC07007	Prop 40	$500,000	Enc. 6/30/14 (liq. 6/30/15)	**Project complete; Soil management plan delivered Feb. 28, 2012**
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)	Milton Street Park Planning (Matching Grant)	BHC07011	Prop 40	$75,000	Enc. 6/30/13 (liq. 6/30/15)	**90% Construction docs & cost estimate received June 2012; Project due for completion June 2012.**
Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office	Eastern Ridgeline Development at KHSRA	BHC07012	Prop 40	$2,971,900	Enc. 6/30/14 (liq. 6/30/16)	**LA County BOS approved budget augmentation July 31, 2012; Project to go out to bid late August or early Sept. 2012.**
City of Los Angeles	Outdoor Improvements at Norman O. Houston Park	BHC11002	Prop 40	$1,800,000		**"Pre-Design" phase, currently site survey and geotechnical investigation work is in progress.**
Los Angeles Infrastructure Academy	Baldwin Hills Parklands Habitat Restoration	BHC11000	Prop 84	$400,000	Enc. 6/30/12 (liq. 6/30/14)	**Mapping Round 3 and aerial mapping for the rest of the project area underway; staff trainings are on-going.**

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Capital Outlay Grantee/Administrator	Project Title	ContractID	Fund Source	Funds Allocated	Encumbrance and Liquidation Dates	PROJECT STATUS
City of Culver City	Park to Playa Trail - Jefferson Blvd Streetscape and Access Improvements	BHC11001	Prop 84	$570,000	Enc. 6/30/12 (liq. 6/30/14)	**Pre-Construction mtg. held July 26, 2012; Construction expected to begin August 20, 2012.**

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2011/12 Summary Sheet by Fund

FUND	PCA #	Original Appropriation	EXP + ENC	BALANCE
Support				
2011 Budget Act Item 3835-001-0140	**10001**	$ 348,000.00	$ 320,856.82	$ 27,143.18
2011 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6029	**10005**	$ 117,000.00	$ 77,899.77	$ 39,100.23
2011 Budget Act Item 3835-001-6051	**10009**	$ 103,000.00	$ -	$ 103,000.00
		Total Support Balance:		**$ 169,243.41**
Capital Outlay				
2009 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	**30002**	$ 3,050,000.00	$ 970,000.00	$ 2,080,000.00
2008 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	**30001**	$ 3,050,000.00	$ -	$ 3,050,000.00
2007 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6051	**30000**	$ 3,050,000.00	$ -	$ 3,050,000.00
2005 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	**20003**	$ 8,648,000.00	$ 2,253,388.19	$ 6,394,611.81
2004 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	**20002**	$ 7,200,000.00	$ 3,848,335.14	$ 3,351,664.86
2003 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	**20001**	$ 7,200,000.00	$ 2,334,996.11	$ 4,865,003.89
2002 Budget Act Item 3835-301-6029	**22000**	$ 15,000,000.00	$ 11,721,166.59	$ 3,278,833.41
		Total Cap Outlay Balance:		**$ 26,070,113.97**

ATTACHMENT #3 BHC Prop 40 Prop 84 BOND CASH FUNDS Fiscal Month 11

		CASH ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
2010 SPRING BAB SALE				
	PROP 40:	$579,277.00	214,294.93	$364,982.17
	PROP 84:	$2,137,455.25	39,536.00	$2,097,919.25
2010 DECEMBER BAB SALE				
	PROP 40:	$603,452.18	0	$ 603,452.18
2010 DECEMBER TE SALE				
	PROP 40:	$60,547.82	0	$ 60,547.82
2010 SPRING TE SALE				
	PROP 40:	$1,415,869.68	0	$1,415,869.68
	PROP 84:	$2,473,145.41	0	$2,473,145.41
2009 OCTOBER TE SALE				
	PROP 40:	$1,089,020.23	154,750.77	$934,269.46
	PROP 84:	$197,000.00	39,254.99	$157,745.01
2009 MARCH SALE				
	PROP 40:	$4,159,594.83	865,072.60	$ 3,294,522.23
			Total Bond Cash	$11,402,453.21