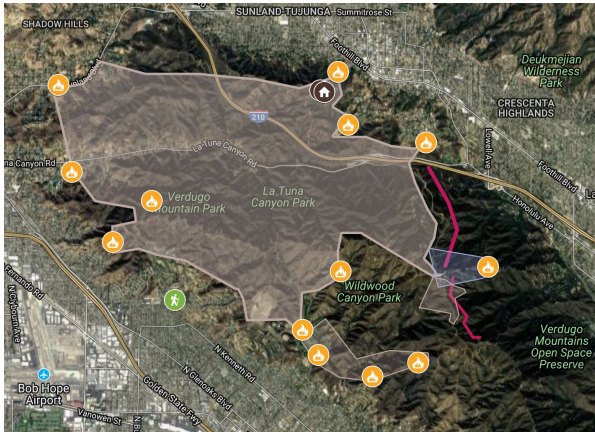


# Hillside Federation Newsletter September 2017



## Wildfire Season Begins with Historic LA Fire

The fire season got off to a dramatic start Friday. As of Saturday night, the La Tuna Fire, the largest wildfire in LA City history had burned almost 6,000 acres and was only 10% contained. Mayor Garcetti declared a local emergency Saturday afternoon, calling on Governor Brown to declare a state emergency so state and federal resources would be available. Three structures were destroyed, including two homes. Fortunately, no injuries have been reported.



This month the Hillside Federation will receive an update on the Harvard-Westlake expansion, discuss a City proposal to dramatically increase the cost of land use appeals, learn about AB 1000 (the California Desert Protection Act, see p.2), and learn about a proposed project in Studio City that would result in removal of 21 protected trees.

### Agenda

September 6, 2017

7:00 pm

Pinz Bowling Center, 2nd Floor  
12655 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

#### I. Call to Order

##### Guests:

Fernando Morales—Supervisor Kuehl's office

Seamus Garrity—Asm Laura Friedman's office

#### II. Approval of minutes

#### III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report—Charley Mims

B. Treasurer's Report

#### IV. Old Business

A. Harvard-Westlake School Expansion—  
Suellen Wagner

#### IV. New Business

A. AB1000: California Desert Protection Act

B. Proposed Increase in LA Appeal Fees

C. 11580 Sunshine Terrace—Diana Zogran

D. 3915 Hollyline Ave. - Neil Newman

#### VI. Adjournment

Next meeting October 4, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

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**Hillside Federation mission:** *To protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.*

## AB 1000 – California Desert Protection Act

*The following was adapted from information provided by Assemblymember Laura Friedman (District 43), who introduced AB 1000. For more information visit: <https://a43.asmdc.org/news/science-desert-water>. The bill text is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/y75lpo6n>.*

**Summary:** AB 1000 would ensure that any future water transfers from groundwater basins underlying desert lands do not adversely affect the California desert’s natural or cultural resources, including groundwater resources or habitat.

**Background:** The California desert is home to unique scenic, historical, archeological, ecological, wildlife, cultural, scientific, educational, and recreational values used and enjoyed by millions of Americans for hiking and camping, scientific study and scenic appreciation. Through acts of Congress and designations by past Presidents, the California desert is home to national parks, preserves, monuments and wilderness areas that preserve the unique values and history of the California desert including but not limited to: Mojave National Preserve, Mojave Trails National Monument, Joshua Tree National Park, Sheephole Valley Wilderness, and Clipper Mountains Wilderness.

These unique lands support wildlife and sustain tourism economies, but face increasing threats from ongoing development and the effects of climate change. President Trump’s Administration and the United States Congress has signaled a series of direct challenges to protections previously provided by the federal government to the California desert, including national monuments. Further, President Trump’s administration has prioritized environmentally harmful groundwater extraction located within the California desert.

**Existing Law:** Current law requires that a bona fide transferor of water cannot be denied the use of a water conveyance facility with unused capacity. The use of a water conveyance facility is to be made without unreasonably affecting fish, wildlife, or the environment.

**AB 1000:** Will require that a transferor of water shall not use a water conveyance facility with unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin underlying desert lands near federal or state protected lands unless the State Lands Commission makes a finding, in consultation with the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, that the transfer will not cause adverse effects.

**Support:** National Parks Conservation Association (sponsor); Defenders of Wildlife; Natural Resources Defense Council; The Nature Conservancy; California League of Conservation Voters; Environment California; Vet Voice Foundation; Morongo Basin Conservation Association; Native American Land Conservancy; 29 Palms Inn; Orange County Coastkeeper Inland Empire Waterkeeper; Center for Biological Diversity; Coalition to Protect America’s National Parks; Hispanic Access Foundation; Sierra Club California; Audubon California

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**UPDATE:** On Friday, September 1, the California Senate Appropriations Committee held the bill in committee. Assemblymember Friedman issued a statement expressing disappointment, but hopes that the Senate will “reconsider and join Governor Brown, Lieutenant Governor Newsom, Senator Feinstein, and our broad coalition of advocates in supporting AB 1000 and protecting California’s resources from corporate greed seeking to drain the life from the desert. The entire statement is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/ybx3y7qv>.

**Hillside Federation**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**July 5, 2017**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Guest**—Stephanie Cohen, West/Metro LA Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl’s Office

Stephanie is the District director of West/Metro Field Office for County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. She offered her assistance. Field Deputy Fernando Morales (email: [FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov)) is assigned to the Los Feliz and Hollywood area.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The June Minutes were approved as written.

**III. Officers’ Reports**

**A. President’s Report**—Charley Mims

Charley read a letter of appreciation from Jeff Franklin for our support in opposing the 10101 Angelo View Drive project.

The Tour Bus Bill continues through the legislative process.

“Citizen Jane: Battle for the City” will be shown at the Hammer Museum on Wednesday July 12, 7:30 PM.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) - We are waiting for the hearing at the City Council.

**B. Treasurer’s Report** - Charley Mims

The Federation has initiated the CD ladder system as discussed at the June meeting. Two organizations are still outstanding with their dues.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Coalition to Preserve LA**—Jill Stewart

**MOTION 1:** George Abrahams moved and Mary Ledding amended that: All City work group and task force meetings about the General Plan and its elements must be held with adequate public notice and allow for public input and consideration of such input. Meetings should be set at weekday evening or weekend hours, and should be fully transparent. Three additional public meetings should be scheduled to compensate for the three meetings that have already been held in private. The motion passed as amended.

**MOTION 2:** George Abrahams moved that: The Hillside Federation requests the addition of an

**Bringing an Issue to the Federation**

If your organization would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Federation, please complete a Request for Action form (available at [www.hillsidefederation.org](http://www.hillsidefederation.org)) and send it, along with supporting documents, to [RFA@hillsidefederation.org](mailto:RFA@hillsidefederation.org) no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation so that our meetings can flow efficiently, while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization’s request.

Urban Forest element to the General Plan, that pursues the need to rebuild and save our vanishing tree canopy, crucial to fighting Green House Gas emissions and the heat island effect and to preserving crucial habitat and community livability. The motion passed.

**B. Harvard-Westlake School expansion**—Suellen Wagner

The FEIR was released last Thursday. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 24, at 9 AM, at Van Nuys City Hall. The project includes a 4-story structure (3 stories of parking with a sports field on top) and many retaining walls, some greater than 90 feet. Save Coldwater Canyon! is requesting a 30-day extension for comments. They request continued support from the Federation.

**IV. New Business**

**A. 2937-45 Glendower**—Charley Mims (to ratify Executive Committee action).

The applicant’s grading request is for excavating and hauling 9,800 cubic yards, 3 pools and a spa, and 8,500 sq. ft. of livable space with a 5,000 sq. ft. basement requiring lots of excavation. Los Feliz residents met with Councilmember Ryu’s office last week requesting that this project be denied in its current form.

There is concern that the applicant, Chaz Dean, is building a compound for staff rather than for family. An overlay for this area was discussed.

**MOTION:** Gerry Hans moved that the Federation confirm the action of the Executive Committee to oppose the haul route and the project as currently proposed. The motion passed.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Hillside Federation's Annual Holiday Party will be held Thursday, December 14 at the Mulholland Tennis Club.

B. 6443-6459 Innsdale, York Vineyard–David Benz

The previously proposed, and opposed, project has been reduced somewhat. The applicant has eliminated the wine caves and tennis court. The current plan is to dump 33,000 cubic yards of excavated dirt (ten times the by-right amount) into a ravine on the property, thus eliminating the need for a haul route. Dumping the dirt in the ravine, however, would destroy a blue-line stream that provides valuable habitat. The excavation would also destroy a ridgeline within the viewshed of the Hollywood Sign.

The project is opposed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

**MOTION:** David Benz moved that the Hillside Federation submit a letter in support of Lake Hollywood HOA opposing the 6443 Innsdale project in its current form and requesting a full EIR considering the complexity and magnitude of the project. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Councilmember Koretz wrote a letter requesting the demolition of the Strada Vecchia Dr. project.

## VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Next meeting September 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Benson, Secretary

## Members Present:

Bel Air Hills Assn.	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny-Sunset Plaza	Yves Mieszala
Franklin Av/Hlwd Bl	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Hollywoodland	George Abrahams
Lake Hollywood	Sheila Irani
	David Benz
Los Feliz Improvement	Marian Dodge
N. Beverly/Franklin	Robert Levy
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen Wagner
	Heidi Mackay
Studio City Res. Assn.	Claudia Freedle

## Guests Present:

Sup. Kuehl's office	Stephanie Cohen
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Coalition 2 Preserve LA	Jill Stewart
	Ileana Wachtel
N. Beverly/Franklin	Connie Levy

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