

Hillside Federation Newsletter May 2019



Mountain Lion Dies From Rodenticide Poison Exposure

The National Park Service announced a 3-year-old mountain lion had died due to anticoagulant rodenticide exposure. (LA Times 4/30 story: <https://tinyurl.com/y37h7usd>). Six rodenticides were identified in P-47's system. The California Assembly recently passed AB 1788, which would ban second generation anticoagulants, and restrict first generation anticoagulants on state land. It is now pending in two senate committees.

In happier news, on April 19 the LA Times reported the birth of four bobcats whose mother survived the Woolsey Fire (<https://tinyurl.com/yy7usdn3>).

SB 50 Shelved Until 2020

As widely reported May 16, SB 50 (Wiener) was held up in the Senate Appropriations Committee last week. When asked if he was responsible for shelving the bill, Senator Anthony Portantino, chair of the Appropriations Committee, replied, "I'm the chair of the committee." (LA Times article: <https://tinyurl.com/y6hvpclp>.)

While SB 50 author Senator Scott Wiener cited a poll showing 2/3 of voters support the bill via his Twitter account Friday, he has also recently acknowledged that "everyone hates SB50." (MotherJones article: <https://tinyurl.com/yysert4c>.)

Though shelved, SB 50 is not going away. The Federation will monitor developments.

Agenda

May 21, 2019

7:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City
12355 Moorpark Street, Studio City

I. Call to Order

Guests:

County Office of Emergency Management:
Regional Emergency Plans – Jeanne O'Donnell

Fernando Morales – Sup. Kuehl's Office

II. Approval of minutes

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

Installation of Officers

– Patricia Bell Hearst

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

IV. Old Business

A. SB 50 update – Charley Mims

B. Protected Tree Ord. update – John Given

IV. New Business

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting: June 18, 2019, 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.*

Hillside Federation
April 16, 2019
Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of minutes

The March minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy added two parcels contiguous to Fossil Ridge and Oak Forest Canyon Parks. Arnie Newman wrote a note thanking the Federation for its support.

In the York vineyard case in Lake Hollywood, the Court of Appeal affirmed the trial court's opinion denying 80,000 cu. yds of grading where only 3,300 cu. yds. of grading are permitted.

The Federation sent a letter in support of AB 1788 (Bloom) banning the use of second generation rodenticides.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

Forty-one members have paid their dues; there is one check in the mail. We are operating within our budget. All expenses are paid.

IV. Old Business

A. Report of Nominating Committee – Jay Weitzler

The current officers have been re-nominated by the Nominating Committee. There were no nominations from the floor.

B. Election of Officers

The slate of officers was approved.

President	Charley Mims
Chairman	Marian Dodge
Vice Pres.	Mark Stratton
Vice Pres.	John Given
Secretary	Stephen Benson
Treasurer	Don Andres

C. Bel Air Country Club Tree Removal

This item was reported in February.

D. Burbank flight path update

Suellen Wagner was absent, but submitted a written report that Marian read in her absence. The FAA will conduct an Environmental Assessment of the flight path over the Santa Monica Mountains. The Mayor and City Attorney wrote letters regarding the increased noise. A new terminal at Burbank Airport will make it 50% larger with more flights.

Benedict Canyon has been fighting the flight paths for about 10 years. Benedict Hills sued, and the FAA may have required the airport to pay for replacement windows in the affected homes. For more information see:

www.quietskiesnow.org or
studiocityforquietskies.com

V. New Business

A. SB 50 – Steve Twining, Jay Weitzler

Nickie Miner reported that Councilmember Koretz's (CD 5) motion to oppose SB 50 passed unanimously in City Council today.

Steve Twining presented information that SB 50 would force cities to allow residential towers in areas of single-family residential zones if it is within 1/4 mile of a bus stop or 1/2 mile of a rail station. Only a small number of units would need to be provided for low income housing. The bill would take planning decisions away from local planning departments. Steve read former LA City Planner Dick Platkin's article on SB 50's faults, noting that the bill would benefit developers.

Jay Weitzler added that people may email comments about SB 50 to:

anton.favorini-csorba@sen.ca.gov.

Cheryl Gaskill noted there is an interactive map to see the potential impact of SB 50 on your neighborhood at 2PreserveLA.org.

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) and send it to RFA@hillsidefederation.org along with supporting documents no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

MOTION: Steve Twining moved that the Hillside Federation oppose SB 50. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Steve Twining raised the issue of Measure EE regarding a school parcel tax.

Patricia Bell Hearst noted that Bob Anderson presented information to the Bel Air Transportation Committee regarding Metro’s Sepulveda Transit Corridor project and noted people may sign up to get Bob Anderson’s article and other information about the project.

Krista Michaels raised the issue of e-scooters

Patricia Bell Hearst shared a brochure on “monarch way stations” and plants that attract monarch butterflies, which have been in decline.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Dodge, Acting Secretary

Members in Attendance:

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| Argyle Civic Assn. | Cheryl Gaskill |
| | Stephen Krawchuk |
| Bel Air Hills Assn | Robin Greenberg |
| | Steve Twining |
| Bel Air Skycrest POA | Mark Stratton |
| Benedict Cyn Assn | Nickie Miner |
| Brentwood Hills HOA | John Given |
| Cahuenga Pass POA | Krista Michaels |
| Canyon Back Alliance | Lois Becker |
| Franklin/Hlwd Bl West | Don Andres |

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| Franklin Hills Res Assn | Yvonne Hessler |
| Hollywood Dell Civic | Charley Mims |
| Kagel Cyn Civic Assn | Mary Ledding |
| Laurel Canyon Assn | Kit Paull |
| LFIA | Cathy Wayne |
| | Dennis Chew |
| Oaks HOA | Marian Dodge |
| Sherman Oaks HOA | Bob Young |
| Studio City Res Assn | Jay Weitzler |
| Upper Nichols Cyn | Joann Deutch |
| | Joan Cashel |

Guests:

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| Chair Emeritus | Patricia Bell Hearst |
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Los Angeles Wildlife Study Area Set to Receive Funding

The Hillside Federation has been an enthusiastic supporter of wildlife corridors in Los Angeles, especially after the Planning Department made a presentation on its proposed Wildlife Study Area. The City Council’s Budget and Finance Committee recommended adoption of the City’s Chief Legislative Analysts 2019-20 City budget, which includes significant funding (more than \$600k) for 4 positions in the Department of City Planning. (See p. 11 of the CLA report, available here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxthdj8j>.)

The full City Council is scheduled to vote on the recommendation on May 23.

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CHAIRMAN Marian Dodge			CHAIRPERSONS EMERITUS Shirley Cohen Jerome C. Daniel Patricia Bell Hearst Alan Kishbaugh Steve Twining
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TREASURER Don Andres			
SECRETARY Stephen Benson			