

# WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## Los Angeles County 2013 Draft of General Plan 2035

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

Dear Ms. Menke:

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The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) was created to provide for the proper planning, conservation, environmental protection and maintenance of the habitat and wildlife corridor between the Whittier-Puente Hills, Chino Hills, and the Cleveland National Forest in the Santa Ana Mountains. WCCA has been following closely changes to the proposed General Plan, Hillside Management Area (HMA) Ordinance, Significant Ecological Area (SEA) boundaries, and SEA regulations. WCCA has provided numerous comment letters to Los Angeles County (County) on these topics over the years. In letters dated July 20, 2011, December 17, 2008, September 27, 2007, July 7, 2004, and December 20, 2002, WCCA provided comments on earlier versions of the General Plan. The most recent letter is attached and is incorporated by reference into this current letter. We also would like to extend our support for a letter from the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority dated November 7, 2013 (attached) in regards to recommendations for natural resource protection and wildlife management components in the proposed General Plan.

The County is in a unique and timely position to develop a General Plan with enduring public benefits, including the protection of native habitat, watershed integrity, and scenic views. Such natural resources can be further protected in perpetuity through open space dedications. Policies found in the Conservation and Natural Resources Element and the Parks and Recreation Element encourage and facilitate efforts for acquisition and conservation of land, but lack stringent requirements and guidelines on acquiring and protecting such lands. As stated in our previous letters (e.g., July 20, 2011), we recommend that additional policies and/or implementation measures be included to specifically encourage or require dedications of land on future development projects where feasible. This would ensure that natural resources will not be further degraded by future development projects. A policy or implementation action for trail dedications should also be included in the General Plan.

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Although we commend and support the newly proposed boundaries of the Puente Hills SEA, we recommend the boundaries to be expanded (e.g., see attached letters).

We look forward to continued collaboration with the County as the General Plan process moves forward. Please continue to maintain our agency on your email/ mailing lists for the General Plan, HMA Ordinance, SEA Ordinance, and related documents. If you have any questions, please contact Judi Tamasi of our staff by phone at (310) 589-3230, ext. 121, or by email at [judi.tamasi@mrca.ca.gov](mailto:judi.tamasi@mrca.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Parker", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Glenn Parker  
Chairperson

Attachments:

- November 7, 2013 letter from Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority to County of Los Angeles, Comments on Revised Draft Los Angeles County General Plan 2035 (rev. 10/2013)
- July 20, 2011 letter from Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority to County of Los Angeles, Comments on Los Angeles County Draft 2035 General Plan Response to