



# Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority

Endowment Provided by the Puente Hills Landfill

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## Re: Comments on NOP of an EIR for the Brea Canyon Road Widening Project

Dear Mr. Shannon:

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Brea Canyon Road Widening Project (Project) released May 2, 2017.

The Habitat Authority is a joint powers authority established pursuant to California Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* with a Board of Directors consisting of the City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association. According to its mission, the Habitat Authority is dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, and management of open space in the Puente Hills for preservation of the land in perpetuity, with the primary purpose to protect the biological diversity. Additionally, the agency endeavors to provide opportunities for outdoor education and low-impact recreation. The Habitat Authority owns and or manages over 3,800 acres which lie within the Cities of Whittier and La Habra Heights, as well as in the County unincorporated area of the Puente Hills known as Hacienda Heights.

Comments on the NOP are below:

1. The Habitat Authority supports the comments made by Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger representing Hills for Everyone in their letter dated June 2, 2017.
2. The area of the Project is a very important wildlife movement area and increased development could potentially affect long term sustainability for wildlife associated with the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor. Although the project is not directly adjacent to land managed/owned by the Habitat Authority, we are a part of the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife



Corridor and are dependent on a viable connection to the east. This Project could further restrict that connection.

3. We recommend for the DEIR to examine project improvements that facilitate safe wildlife passage at this critical chokepoint.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments on the NOP. Feel free to contact me or Lizette Longacre, Ecologist, at (562) 945-9003 or [llongacre@habitatauthority.org](mailto:llongacre@habitatauthority.org) for further discussion. Also, please maintain our agency on the contact list for this planning process.

Sincerely,



Bob Henderson  
Chairman

cc: Board of Directors  
Citizens Technical Advisory Committee  
Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority  
Hills for Everyone