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COMMUNITY TREE CARE DAY in Sunland-Tujunga WITH FREE ORGANIC WASTE PAILS C/O L.A. SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT

Saturday, June 24, 2023, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
DIY Home Center Parking Lot
6300 Foothill Boulevard, Tujunga, CA 91042

Come out and enjoy the sunshine and outdoors as we weed and water trees along our beautiful main corridor of Foothill Boulevard in Sunland-Tujunga. Participants will each get a free organic waste pail from LASAN which can be used to compost food scraps to improve your gardening.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WORK GLOVES AND WATER CONTAINERS!!!

No reservations are required – Just show up at 9 a.m.

Our objective is to weed and water 100 trees along Foothill Boulevard as we head into hotter temperatures.

- **Sponsored by the Sierra Club's Crescenta Valley Group**
- **Hosted by DIY Home Center with participation by**
- **STNC's Safe Traffic & Transportation (STAT) Committee**

For more information, please email Sierra Club CVG Program Chair Pat Kramer at:
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Crescenta Valley Group Management Committee

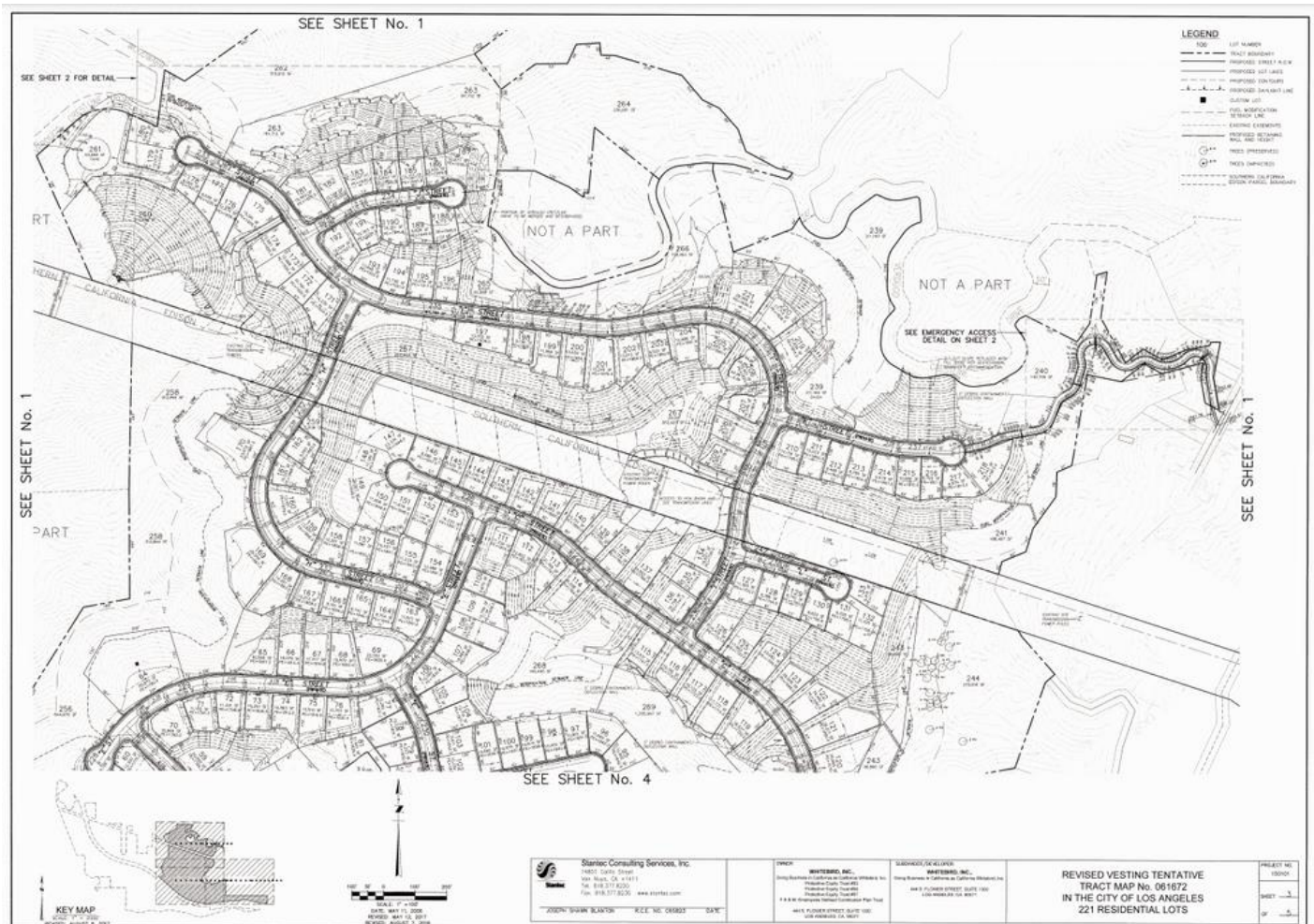
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No Canyon Hills

(This article and more information is available on the [NO Canyon Hills website](#).)

“In 2005, a proposal for a 200+ luxury gated housing development called 'Canyon Hills' was approved by LA City Council, based on an Environmental Impact Report conducted in 2003. Even back then, the project was controversial for its sweeping destruction of the Verdugo Mountains in Tujunga.”

“Now, almost 20 years later, the developer (Whitebird Inc.) wants to begin construction before the land-use agreement expires. Last month, residents learned that Whitebird Inc. had recently pulled a Grading Permit to begin gutting the mountain. This process entails grading the scenic hillsides, cutting some ridge-lines down 80 feet, paving over ecologically important mountain streams and ripping out hundreds of Coast Live Oak trees. The permit could be approved any day now.”



“But *the botanists are mobilizing*. A small but mighty group of plant and wildlife advocates have joined forces online and launched a campaign to protect this important wildland habitat. In less than two weeks, a petition to oppose the development has garnered more than 5000 signatures —and counting. Local residents have found the campaign and signed on to help. We are gaining momentum, and we plan to grow this effort all the way to the top.”

Note from Gerry Hans, Friends of Griffith Park:

The Revised Final EIR for the Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan is available for public review!

The City of Los Angeles (City) has prepared the Revised Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan (proposed Project), consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Focused sections of the Final EIR have been revised to incorporate Alternative 1.5 and address comments received in response to the Focused Recirculated EIR. The Focused Recirculated EIR was circulated during a 71-day public review period from **July 14, 2022** to **September 23, 2022**, and virtual public meetings were held on **August 15, 2022** and **September 12, 2022**. The City's responses to these comments can be found in Chapter 9.0 of the Revised Final EIR. The Revised Final EIR can be downloaded from the Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering's (BOE) website: <https://eng.lacity.org/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/los-angeles-zoo-vision-plan>.

The City Council's Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee will consider the certification of the Revised Final EIR at a special meeting on **June 28, 2023**. The official schedule and meeting agendas for the City Council and applicable Council Committees are available at: <https://clerk.lacity.org/calendar>.

For additional information on the environmental review process, please contact Norman Mundy, Environmental Supervisor II, City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, at norman.mundy@lacity.org.

Moments from the Chapter Awards Banquet Sunday, May 21, 2023, at FRANKIE LA



Members of the CV group attended and witnessed the 11 members receiving awards. (More about the awardees and award categories can be found on the Angeles Chapter website.) awards.

The event was held at FRANKIE LA, a modernized warehouse in the Arts District. In addition to the awards ceremony and luncheon (provided by Leaf over Beef), entertainment was provided by comedienne Kristina Wong. Sponsors were Beneficial State Bank, Parks Project Pop Up Shop, and Swell Energy. Throughout the day, attendees had the opportunity to bid on items at the silent auction and enter the raffle while enjoying music by emerging artist DJ Meatless Beats.

