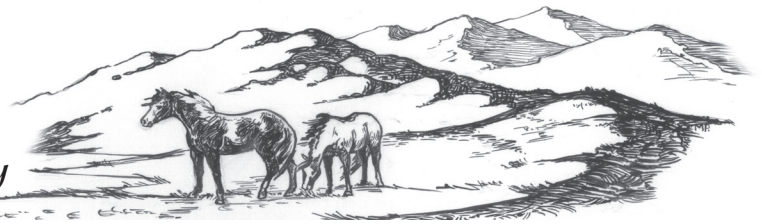


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Remember the “Train Wreck” Meeting of January, 2015?

**THE HIGH SPEED TRAIN THREAT
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“UNITY MEETING”—YOUR ATTENDANCE
IS CRUCIAL!
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018,
6:30 P.M., ALL NATIONS CHURCH
By Dave DePinto**



That January 2015 meeting, attended by more than 2,300 local residents, broke all the records for community turnout and involvement in the northeast San Fernando Valley. It set the course for our strong educational and informational campaign to rid this area of the threat of high speed trains. We have become one of the most respected opponents of the \$64 billion project’s local route proposals, which puts us in a fight with the Governor, many in the legislature, strong labor unions, newspaper editorial boards and many elected officials statewide. We must be strong, stay committed and, as community leaders, think long-term...we can’t let this project destroy our communities!

Our meeting will provide updates on our progress and what still needs to be done. It’s critical that we have a strong turnout because the issues are coming to a head with the Authority’s preparation of its 2018 Business Plan.

ALL OF SHADOW HILLS IS NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY THIS PROJECT. WE NEED ALL RESIDENTS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING! PLEASE RSVP TODAY TO: safe@dontrailroad.us. THANK YOU.



Message to Fire Victims

From SHPOA Board of Directors

God bless you all and we are thankful that no people in our community lost their lives or were severely injured by the fire. Our hearts and prayers go out to those who lost property, and the horses and other animals/wildlife that perished or were hurt. We sympathize with all those who suffered property damage, business disruptions, and the stress of evacuations, sirens, smoke, helicopters and more.

We thank the many volunteers and first responders for their compassion, care and service, which prevented a far worse disaster. SHPOA was pleased, on behalf of its members, to provide service and financial assistance to

a number of impacted families here and in neighboring communities. If you were impacted by the fires, and need any assistance, please contact SHPOA at shpoa@shpoa.us.



Protecting Horse-Keeping Rights in Shadow Hills By Stacey Rigney

There is a new threat upon Shadow Hills that we all—especially equestrians—need to be made aware of quickly.

Assembly Bill No. 2299 was approved by Governor Brown, along with Senate Bill 1069, and took effect on January 1, 2017. This bill allows Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs or guest houses) of up to 1,200 square feet to be built on residential property in the City of Los Angeles. A minimum setback of 35 feet from any equine keeping enclosure (space where a horse is allowed to
(Please See “Horse-Keeping Rights” on p.3.)

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By Jacqy Gamble

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Playing with Fire:

Stop Electrified, High-Speed Trains in High-Speed Flame Areas!

Speedy Path of Creek Fire Mirrors Proposed High-Speed Train Routes!

By Dave DePinto

More than 330,000 people live in the northeast San Fernando Valley. The region suffered massive damage during the La Tuna and Creek fires: loss of life and work-related income, evacuations and damage to property and the environment. Per Governor Brown, severe fires are the “new normal.”

The region is already overburdened with multiple landfills, rock quarries, airports, junk yards and freeways, along with a DWP power plant and Metrolink and Union Pacific rail lines. For more than three years, stakeholders have been universally opposed, not to the high-speed train project overall, but to proposed, above-ground route alternatives that threaten to permanently alter the character of communities and assets such as the Big Tujunga Wash and Angeles National Forest.

On a timeline, the project will require 5-7 more years of environmental study and 10 years of construction before above-ground 220 mph trains speed through every

(Please See “Playing With Fire” on pp. 4-5)

("Horse-Keeping Rights" cont'd from p.1)

roam without supervision) is required. The owner of the rental property is not required to live onsite, so this could potentially turn the property next to yours into a multi-family rental property.

AB 2299 gravely threatens the lifestyle that many of us live here to enjoy: a relatively low-density community where one can live with or near livestock. If an ADU takes up enough space on a lot, thereby not leaving room to legally keep livestock, that lot will permanently lose its RA-1-K overlay zoning and will no longer be allowed to keep horses. In addition, more tenants living on a property next to livestock will undoubtedly bring complaints about smell, dust and flies. It will also bring more traffic to our local streets, making it even more challenging and dangerous to go on trail rides.

The City of Burbank acted quickly and put an interim ordinance in place to establish development controls of new ADUs. The ordinance limits the size of new ADUs to 500 square feet, and prohibits them from being built on existing equine property. The City of LA has done nothing to help preserve horse-keeping rights, so it's up to us as a community to take action to protect our environment and quality of life.

Unfortunately, there is at least one realtor who lives locally who has taken advantage of AB 2299 and is building an ADU on property that formerly housed horses. While this is legally allowable, it is not being done with any consideration of the quality of life that Shadow Hills residents cherish. If you are interviewing realtors for your own sale or purchase, please keep the rest of the community in mind when you make a realtor selection. Some realtors may not have the community's best interests at heart, and your horse-keeping rights could suffer the consequence. Ask your realtor if they support keeping horses in Shadow Hills so you know where they stand.

It is SHPOA's intention to petition the City of Los Angeles to follow Burbank's lead and prohibit ADUs from being built on RA-1-K overlay properties so that Shadow Hills and its surrounding horse-keeping communities may continue to be a rare and cherished area to live with livestock. This issue will be discussed at upcoming SHPOA meetings. If we are to protect horse-keeping rights in our community, we must unite and demand that ADUs over 500 square feet are not allowed on RA-1-K zoned properties. 🐾



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- ✓ Support equestrians and equestrian organizations
- ✓ Advocacy with government and law enforcement agencies
- ✓ Assisting families impacted by fires or other natural disasters

Protect Public Safety, the Environment and Property Values

- ✓ Initiate Neighborhood Watch groups
- ✓ Liaison to local police and fire departments
- ✓ Assist animal health and care
- ✓ Reduce speeding, unsafe driving and trash truck traffic
- ✓ Community beautification and clean-ups
- ✓ Partner with real estate community

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5 minutes from 5 a.m. until midnight (audible/visible to Sylmar, Kagel Canyon, Lake View Terrace, Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills, La Tuna Canyon, Pacoima, San Fernando and Sun Valley). The California High Speed Rail Authority continues to ignore our warnings that an electrified, high-speed train system will increase fire risk exponentially.

The system would be powered by miles of elevated, exposed high-voltage wires ("catenaries"). Train industry studies show that catenaries and pantographs, steel wheels on steel tracks, locomotives, and trains' braking systems cause sparks and fires. High-speed trains around the world have experienced dozens of crashes. This past December, a new, high-speed Amtrak train traveling at only 80mph, compared to the proposed 220 mph train here, derailed near Seattle resulting in fatalities and injuries. Couple any kind of train-caused spark with the combustible Santa Ana winds and we'd face another Creek Fire disaster. There is no mitigation against such forces and no benefit that justifies imposing such risks on our traumatized communities.



Enter Mother Nature. The path of the Creek Fire ominously mirrored proposed train routes: it erupted along Little Tujunga Canyon Road, ravaged portions of Sylmar and Kagel Canyon adjacent to Angeles National Forest, spread across Lake View Terrace, leaped across Foothill



Boulevard and the 210 Freeway, decimated the Big Tujunga Wash, and then burned into Shadow Hills.

Damage from the fire includes 7 human injuries, 30+ horse fatalities, more than 120 residences and properties destroyed and 15,000+ acres burned. More than 100,000 people were evacuated. 18 schools were closed. The 210 freeway was closed, impacting hundreds of thousands of commuters. Smoke, sirens, helicopters, power outages

and cable/internet disruptions increased the physical and mental toll.

The cost to taxpayers included 2,000+ personnel deployed, 800+ firefighters, 217 fire engines, 12 helicopters, 54 hand crews and 16 bulldozers. Emergency response was provided by LA County Fire, LA City Fire, LAPD, CalFire,

LA County Sheriff and the US Forest Service.

By law, environmental studies are supposed to remove infeasible project alternatives from

consideration as soon as convincing and irrefutable evidence exists. On several occasions, the SAFE Coalition has proposed safer, less damaging and less costly alternatives, only to have those suggestions rejected. With the Authority preparing its bi-annual Business Plan for approval by the Legislature, now is the time to eliminate these flawed routes. The Legislature should reject a Business Plan that does not take such action.

The SAFE Coalition will host a "Unity Meeting" on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at All Nations Church in Lake View Terrace, at 6:30 p.m., to inform, update and build consensus on next steps. The public is invited. Please e-mail your concerns to Dan Richard, Chairman, California High Speed Rail Authority, at both dan.richard@hsr.ca.gov and palmdale-burbank@hsr.ca.gov. 🐾



Nature and Volunteers Step Up for Trail Recovery

By Andrea and Jim Gutman

That invaluable recreational resource, the Hanson Dam basin, was converted into an eerie landscape mid-day, December 5. A charred skeleton of what had been a specialized biotic system of trees, shrubs, graceful vines and clear running streams, the voracious Creek Fire rolled through the lush basin so that one rider remarked "it's like riding in an ashtray."

Certainly riding through the burned area is disorienting. Trying to follow a trail that once had been a continuous and extensive system is a real challenge. Several days after the fire, while riding the interior trails, we found ourselves lost in a maze of deep ash and tall sticks. We felt as though we had been "robbed" of our natural gift.

What a treat when only a couple of weeks later we noticed the growth of green things, the majority of which, unfortunately, turned out to be mostly Orundo and palm trees. Both notorious invasive plants, they crowd out our native species, starving them of water and space. We met Bill Neil out that day. Bill is a dedicated volunteer who has worked with different agencies for the last 25 years or so to eradicate invasive species. He was in his pickup

(Please see "Trail Recovery" on p. 6)





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perusing the area for concentrations of target species that require chemical spaying to inhibit re-infestation. He anticipates new grant monies so that he can re-start the eradication program in the Dam. We look forward to the healthy re-emergence of our natural plant environment.

Shortly after leaving Bill, we had an encounter with a "group" of one—oops 2—oops 3 and finally four wily (no pun intended) coyotes. They teased and threatened Conrad (the dog) enough so that we decided to change course—at the trot—and head for home. Definitely intimidating as they escorted us to the gate screaming their displeasure at our intrusion. The experience was a wonderful reminder of how lucky we are that the natural world is still out there, that it continues to re-establish itself and that our community keeps on fighting for what is really important. 🐾

Addendum by Jacqy Gamble, SHPOA Membership Director and Equestrian:

Along with the devastation of the beautiful scenery of our open spaces, we have also had destruction to our infrastructure that allows us to enjoy our local scenic beauty. The local trails are protected from erosion with waterbars and trail edge supports. Many of these have been destroyed by the La Tuna and Creek fires and will need replacing. The PVC plumbing that feeds the spring water to the bath tub on the Doc Larsen Trail was melted in the Creek fire. Repair of this plumbing is already in the works. We will be calling for volunteers to help rebuild many sections our trail infrastructure. So check it out and let's start fixing these areas before we have more devastation. 🐾



SHPOA's Priorities for 2018

By Dave DePinto

The SHPOA board met late in the year to plan its priorities for 2018 and to guide the new board and committee members. After that discussion, the Board put the topic out for discussion at its December meeting. Lively discussion ensued, and the information that follows will be helpful in keeping the Board accountable and ensuring that our members' input is acted upon. Please attend our meetings and consider volunteering for any of the committees that are addressing these issues or issues of your choice. Contact anyone on the board or email us at shpoa@shpoa.us.

1. High Speed Train

a. Short-Term Priorities

- i. Plan "Unity Meeting" on February 22 to rival the January 2015 Train Wreck meeting; massive turnout required
- ii. Continue United Front effort to get all elected officials and community organizations (e.g. Neighborhood Councils) committed in writing to remove at-grade/ground level elements of all routes
- iii. LA City Council Motion re: E1 and E2
- iv. Continue outreach/outing of Monica Rodriguez

- v. Make case to either legitimize or debunk Metrolink Alternative
- vi. Make case about CHSRA spending in SoCal vs. NorCal
- b. Long-Term Priorities
 - i. Demand public meetings/hearings re: 2018 Business Plan
 - ii. Coordinate massive response to 2018 Business Plan

2. Land Use

- a. Top Priorities
 - i. Accessory Dwelling Unit – Granny Flats
 - ii. Tire property and its likely connection to the Creek Fire
 - iii. Studio project
 - iv. Preserve equestrian lifestyle
- b. Medium Priorities
 - i. Development of Wizmann property
 - ii. Development of top of Ormond Street
 - iii. Cannabis
 - iv. Garage/carport

3. Public Safety

- a. Top Priorities
 - i. Speeding and ignoring stop signs
 - ii. Transients
 - iii. "Road diet"
 - iv. Neighborhood Watch
- b. Medium Priorities
 - i. Street racing
 - ii. Mail/package theft
 - iii. Better equestrian safety lighting @ Wentworth & Wheatland

4. Post Creek Fire

- a. Top Priorities
 - i. Early detection system: SHPOA researching emergency alert system alternatives
 - ii. Money from govt. agencies to cover smoke/soot damage ("insurance"?)
 - iii. Provide funds to meet needs of fire victims
- b. Medium Priorities
 - i. Produce evacuation training videos tailored to Shadow Hills
 - ii. City Attorney
 - iii. Special Spirit

5. Volunteers

- a. Quarterly Event possibilities
 - i. Trim vegetation
 - ii. Fix trails
 - iii. Help seniors and veterans
 - iv. Yard cleanup
- b. Re-develop volunteer list

6. Communications

- a. "Welcome Wagon" for new residents
- b. Firm SHPOA calendar for board and general meetings
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Shadow Hills and Emergency Alert System Information

By Cindy Bloom

The recent La Tuna, Creek and Thomas Fires in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, and resulting mudslides, demonstrate the importance of (1) receiving; and (2) heeding evacuation and other warnings.

There is no single, universally accepted or effective warning system. Thus, you should consider one or more of these for you and your family and property. To receive free governmental agency alerts, please do the following (you will NOT receive notifications unless you do!) Since these are not necessarily geographically specific, you will get alerts outside of our area but a small annoyance is worth the benefit:

1. Voicemail, Email and/or Text Message Alert
 - City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department and Alert LA County: <http://www.cert-la.com/cert-la-news/alerts/> (you may sign up for either LA County, LA City or both at this website)
2. Text Alert
 - City of Los Angeles Fire Department: Text "FOLLOW LAFD" to 40404
 - Los Angeles County Sheriff: Text your zip code to 888777 (example: "91040")
3. Email Alert (for fire disasters and mudslides)
 - Los Angeles County Department of Public Works: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/fire/> (at top is the eNotify system. Click on where it says "here" and it will guide you through the set-up process)
4. Twitter Alert
 - Los Angeles Fire Department: follow @LAFD

Another option that SHPOA has researched is an alert system company. One such company is OneCall wherein community members with the passcode can record/initiate a message and send it out to subscribers. Outgoing Messages can be sent out via landline phone, cell phone, or tablet via the OneCall app. Incoming messages can be received by phone, text, email, and/or app push notifications. Messages can be sent out immediately or scheduled for a future date/time. People who have robocall-blocking would still receive the phone messages.

Unfortunately, the price is prohibitive—\$3 per household and SHPOA would have to guesstimate the number of subscribers and there is no credit for unused "spaces." Conversely, in the event more people sign up than what is allowed in the contract, additional households cannot be added until the next renewal period.

Kagel Canyon Civic Association has utilized OneCall for many years, but they are grandfathered into a relatively inexpensive contract that is no longer available. OneCall's current program is a much higher contract fee, but no usage charges. To serve all of Shadow Hills, it would cost about \$6,000 annually and the only means for funding would be individual assessments or a membership fee increase.

Between the free alert systems provided by our city

and county, and SHPOA monitoring and posting these alerts on social media and distributing them through our Daily Fodder system in a timely manner, we tried to keep Shadow Hills well informed during the recent fires and the mudslides.

Again, in order to receive city/county alerts on your devices and to receive Daily Fodder emails, you must sign up. If you do not currently subscribe to Daily Fodder, we strongly urge you to sign up for free at: www.shpoa.us. Click on the green button at the bottom right. Signing up for city/county alerts as referenced above will take only a few minutes of your time but could save you, your loved ones, and your pets from injury or death. 🐾



Farmer's Market Making Progress

By Luke Crowley

We had a great first 6 months as a market. We're so thankful for everyone in the community coming out every Saturday to faithfully support the Sunland Farmers Market, whether customer, volunteer, or vendor. We're eagerly looking forward to 2018 and increasing our vendor line up, product offerings, and events at the market. On Saturday, February 10th, we'll be featuring Villa Terraza Resturant's head chef, Jose Lopez. He'll be doing a sample booth and promoting the Villa Terraza specials. All customers who purchase \$25 in market tokens, will be entered to win a \$25 Valentines Day gift card to Villa Terraza. On Saturday, February 3rd, a few of our vendors will be offering SuperBowl weekend specials. Stay tuned to the Sunland Farmers Market Facebook for details. We've also got our 2nd Family Fun Day coming up on March 3rd. Family Fun Day is for everyone, but specifically the clients and families at Tierra del Sol. We'll have more specials, raffles, the petting zoo, live music, face painting, lawn games, and more. We're also just weeks away from being eligible to accept EBT & SNAP benefits at the market. We hope that this helps reach more of the community, and gives them access to premium fruits and vegetables.

To accomplish these events, we're actively looking for more volunteers to assist with the market. See our website, www.sunlandfarmersmarket.com/volunteers or email luke@sunlandfarmersmarket.com to sign up!

Again, thank you to the community who supports the market week in, week out. It's the faithfulness of our community that allows us to add vendors and grow the market. 🐾



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Trash, Trash Everywhere – Part 1

by Elektra Kruger

We have trash everywhere - on the streets, sidewalks, medians and in the alleys. Trash is consistently one of the top three issues reported to 311 with an average of 200 requests per day for illegal dumping, collected debris or other trash-related nuisances. Litter in our right-of-ways do not only pose safety concerns, but affects our quality of life as well. In 2015, the City established the Clean Streets Initiative with the goal of better maintaining our streets and sidewalks by creating a monitoring system and database for trash, increasing the number of trash receptacles available to the public, increasing the number of sanitation workers, etc.

Things have improved somewhat since implementation of Clean Streets LA but many commercial and even residential corridors continue to be impacted by trash. Currently, litter pick-up is a reactive service responding to trash-related requests from the public. Trained City employees are deployed on activities focused almost exclusively on bulky items and illegal dump sites, employees whose skills could best be directed toward more important jobs.

Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and Bob Blumenfeld feel that daily litter maintenance could be outsourced to social justice organizations that would not only meet one of the City's great needs, but would also assist "vulnerable" individuals. A Transitional Job Opportunities Program (TJOB) was established in 2005 giving preference in a bidding process to organizations that hire and provide services to transitional employees. With homelessness on the rise by 20% since 2016, initiatives like the TJOB can create job opportunities for the homeless. Services that social justice organizations like these may provide to transitional employees could include things such as shelter and housing assistance, educational and skill-building courses and others to help guide their transition out of homelessness and back into the workforce.

Recognizing the potential value of establishing a program like this, in late September 2017, Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and Bob Blumenfeld co-presented a Motion to City Council asking that it instruct the City Administrative Officer along with the Department of Public Works, the Bureau of Sanitation and the Office of Community Beautification to prepare a report with recommendations for a framework for a pilot program that would employ homeless individuals to proactively clean litter from public right-of-ways on a regular, on-going basis. 🐾



Trash, Trash Everywhere - Part 2

by Elektra Kruger

In late September 2017, Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and Bob Blumenfeld co-presented a Motion to City Council asking that it instruct the City Administrative Officer, along with the Department of Public Works, the Bureau of Sanitation and the Office of Community Beautification to prepare a report with recommendations for a framework for a pilot program that would employ homeless "transitional" individuals to proactively clean litter from public right-of-ways on a regular, ongoing basis.

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The Motion was brought before the City Council's Public Works Committee in early November 2017. The Public Works Committee approved the Motion with the following amendment "..... on a regular, ongoing basis in coordination and conjunction with the City's Targeted Local Hire Program". The Motion was then referred to the City Council's Environmental Justice Committee for its review and recommendation.

In late November 2017, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council praised the proposal as having the opportunity to expand local future employment, however, made note that the current framework proposed would give the pilot program contract outright to an organization known as Chrysalis. The Neighborhood Council would much rather have seen the contract for such an innovative initiative be made public for other organizations to have had the opportunity to bid on and that preference to receive the pilot program contract should be given to non-profits as this would be more cost-effective. They felt that there are a multitude of organizations that would be able to run the pilot as well as or better than Chrysalis. 🐾



Public Lands Should Mean Public

By Elektra Kruger

The Republican Congressional leadership and President Trump have made little secret of their disdain for our nation's environmental laws and regulations and for our public lands which they would gladly sell off to third parties for resource or housing development. California, with its 45.8% federal public landmass and its concentrated wildlife would have a lot to lose if the federal government were to sell off federal lands to private third-party entities to do with as they wished.

State Senator Allen has presented a bill, SB 50, that if approved would void any conveyance of federal public land in the State of California unless the California State Lands Commission (SLC) has not first been offered the "right of first refusal" or itself been offered the option to transfer the property to a third-party entity of its own choosing. Both the State Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee and the State Senate Judiciary Committee approved the Bill. In early May 2017, it came before the State Senate's Appropriations Committee – the Committee that evaluates the possible fiscal impacts of a proposed Bill. Currently the Federal Bureau of Land Management makes about 5-10 federal public land conveyances in California annually.

The fear is that this may notably increase under the Trump Administration. But if all proposed conveyances must first be assessed by the SLC, the workload of the SLC would definitely increase and could incur a significant increase in cost of operation. In addition to cost increases in just the day-to-day operation of this new program, there could also be legal costs incurred by the SLC if it found it necessary to pursue lengthy legal action if there was a need to contest conveyances made to entities outside the provisions of this Bill.

However, the State Senate Appropriations Committee approved the Bill by a vote of 5-2. By the time the

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proposed Bill found its way to the Senate Rules Committee, 58 public organizations pledged support for SB 50 including such organizations as the California Park and Recreation Society, Defenders of Wildlife and the Endangered Habitats League. 5 organizations pledged opposition including the California Cattlemen's Association, the California Forestry Association and the California Chamber of Commerce. To be continued in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter. 🐾



Rollback of Clean Air/Water Measures

By Elektra Kruger

Historically, baseline federal environmental protections have fostered California's economic growth and progress for decades by protecting the public from health crises, sustaining a vibrant recreation and tourism economy and being a driving force for innovations of clean technology. Retaining these federal safeguards is essential if California wishes to remain a global environmental and economic leader.

However, in the early months of the Trump Administration there have been numerous efforts to undermine these basic protections. State Senator De Leon has presented a Senate Bill SB 49 which, if passed, would safeguard existing federal protections by establishing strong, enforceable STATE regulations. There are, however, those in opposition to SB 49 like the California Chamber of Commerce which has labeled SB 49 a "job killer".

While appreciating California's concerns regarding the uncertainty at the federal level regarding environmental laws and responding to things that may happen in the future, SB 49 would create uncertainty for businesses in the present and increase the potential for costly litigation. The position of those supporting SB 49 is that it would prohibit California Baseline Standards from falling below federal standards that were in effect on January 1, 2016 or January 1, 2017 – whichever were the more stringent.

Existing federal law:

1. Regulates air emissions from stationary and mobile sources through the establishment of National Ambient Air Quality Standards to protect public health and welfare
2. Regulates discharge of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulates quality standards for surface waters
3. Regulates the nation's public drinking water supply and requires the Environmental Protection Agency to establish mandatory nationwide drinking water standards

Existing federal law authorizes states to act either as delegates for implementing and enforcing these federal acts or to enact their own similar state statutes as long as the State laws are at least as stringent if not more stringent than the federal act. 🐾

To be continued in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter.



Current Call Load/Wait times - Dept. of Animal Services

by Elektra Kruger

Recent news stories have been reporting that the public is experiencing difficulty contacting the Department of Animal Services to request service.

An effective communications system has two primary components:

1. Adequate and well-trained staff to answer calls
2. A telecommunications system that can handle the workload and properly route the calls

A comprehensive analysis of both components is necessary to identify issues responsible for reported delays. In late September 2017 (following the recent La Tuna Canyon fire) Councilmember Paul Koretz presented a Motion to City Council asking that it instruct the City's Administrative Officer to review the staffing of the Department of Animal Services that is assigned to answer calls and log service requests, to analyze the current call load and wait times, to determine if assigned staffing is adequate to address the workload and to recommend adjustments to staffing levels as needed.

Additionally, the Motion requests that the City Council instruct the Information Technology Agency to review the telephone system currently in use at the Department to identify technological shortcomings that impact residents' ability to reach department staff to request service and to recommend improvements that could be made to the Department's communications system. 🐾

To be up-dated in future issues of the SHPOA newsletter.



Hydraulic Fracturing – Continued

by Elektra Kruger

Hydraulic Fracturing (AKA "fracking") has been associated with the threat of groundwater contamination. Currently, oil and gas companies utilizing the fracking process to increase productivity of an oil or gas extraction well is not even required to disclose the chemicals it uses in the process making it impossible for the DWP to monitor water quality in its routine testing cycle. A 2011 Congressional study found 13 different cancer-causing chemicals in the fracking fluids used by oil and gas companies between 2005 and 2009. For every barrel of oil extracted, California oil wells return five gallons of contaminated water.

Fracking is keeping us dependent on fossil fuels at a time we need to be moving towards clean energy. The California State Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) prepare regulations on fracking with restrictions so limited that they allow fracking essentially unimpeded throughout the State. They did nothing to assist residents of the University Park near downtown Los Angeles who began suffering from obvious ill health following a nearby 400% increase in oil drilling activities.

Senator Boxer had to intervene to put a moratorium

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What Does Permanent Supportive Housing Look Like?

By Cindy Bloom

A few months ago, a colleague and I had the opportunity to visit “The Louis,” a permanent supportive housing apartment building located in Tujunga. Its residents are formerly homeless/transient adults with mental illness, and low-income individuals and couples.

The developer of The Louis is LA Family Housing (LAFH), a non-profit organization that owns and operates bridge housing and permanently affordable apartment buildings. Currently, it is partnering with Many Mansions to develop the property at 11681 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, for an apartment building for homeless veterans.

The good: The Louis is an appealing 2-story building with attractive drought-resistant landscaping. If you drove by it, you would not know it was permanent supportive housing as it fits in perfectly with the surrounding neighborhood. Tenants are required to sign a lease and are evicted for non-compliance including non-payment of rent (if required).

The bad: Its construction cost of \$491 per square foot is nearly 2-1/2 times of what a typical apartment building in Los Angeles costs to construct. The reasons for the higher cost are: (1) Permanent supportive housing requires space be set aside for case managers and clinical staff, and (2) the requirements of public funding sources include prevailing wage, high-energy efficiency, and extra-large bathrooms for handicapped accessibility.

The Facility. The campus includes 39 on-site parking spaces. All units include full bath and kitchenette, free wi-fi, and meet accessibility requirements. It conforms to Platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification and is within walking distance of public transit, a commercial district, a park, and a library.

Amenities. Services include a full-time property manager, resident advocate, receptionist, on-site mental health staff, recovery support staff, and life-skills coordinator. Amenities include a community room, computer lab, business resources room, laundry facilities, ample parking, open courtyard with a BBQ, fruit trees, and a dog run. Tenants may take free yoga and/or art classes.

Recurring costs, including rent and utilities, are also funded through taxpayer dollars: Section 8 vouchers. Tenants who have some income, including those who hold part-time jobs, pay a small percentage of their income for rent.

ISSUES

Measure HHH’s \$1.2 Billion Bond Will Not Be Enough to Build a Sufficient Number of Housing Units Over 10 Years To House the Enormous Homeless/Transient Population. As of January 2017, there are at least 34,189 homeless/transients in the City of Los Angeles. Mayor Garcetti sold Los Angeles City voters his \$1.2 billion bond by promising it would be matched by California and the federal government, thus leveraging its value to \$3.6 billion. To-date, no matching funds have been secured. Garcetti also touted 13,000 units for permanent supportive housing and other types of housing would be built utilizing these funds.

The currently unmatched \$1.2 billion bond would help finance a mere 8,000 units for the 34,189 homeless/transient population. The bulk of building these units is borne by taxpayers through government grants and/or government-backed loans; and then the loans are repaid through more taxpayer monies, private donations, and a nominal amount of rent paid by tenants—if they pay any rent at all.

The Studio Apartment Configuration is Not Efficient. The permanent supportive housing construction cost is over twice the amount of normal apartment



“The Louis” —Permanent Supportive Housing/Apartments on Day Street, Tujunga.

construction. Surely, there is a more cost-efficient housing model, such as dormitory-type housing wherein tenants share rooms and share a common kitchen/living area. While BBQs, dog runs, and large parking lots are nice, should taxpayers be responsible for constructing, and then maintaining/repairing these extra amenities?

The Recurring Expenses, Also Paid for by Taxpayers, Offers No Incentive(s) for Tenants to Conserve. Free art and yoga classes? Free Wi-Fi? Free utilities? While most of us are diligently practicing water conservation and set our air conditioning thermostat to 82 degrees to mitigate our "now normal" \$1,200 bi-monthly DWP utility bills, these tenants have no incentives to conserve.

Mayor Garcetti's Goal of Permanently Housing 10,000-13,000 Homeless/Transients is Unrealistic. The Louis has 45 units. In the unlikely event that other proposed buildings could house twice that amount, it would take 111 buildings/sites to house 10,000 people—meanwhile, Los Angeles has identified a paltry 13 city-owned sites for potential homeless/transient housing developments. In order to house 10,000 people in a permanent supportive housing building at the 1 person/1 unit level, each of the 13 sites would need to have 769 units per building/site. Impossible!

The Louis is a great example of how permanent supportive housing provides needed services, is aesthetically pleasing, and fits in with the neighborhood. However, the cost:benefit needs to be thoroughly analyzed for future similar permanent supportive housing developments. ♣



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on drilling activities until operations were upgraded. DOGGR quite obviously does not provide adequate oversight of fracking operations. Environment California, an environmental advocacy group, is calling on Governor Brown to ban fracking in our State as soon as possible. In the meantime a moratorium in our own Los Angeles is vital as co-proposed by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Mike Bonin in 2013. They're asking that an Ordinance be drafted prohibiting all activity associated with well-stimulation activities such as hydraulic fracturing until such time as companies utilizing such procedures can provide proof of protection to the environment and natural resources, full disclosure of chemicals being used, and full disclosure of any and all proposed testing drill sites giving the public adequate time for input prior to consideration of the issuance of any permits to proceed with fracking activities.

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council filed a Community Impact Statement supporting the Councilmember's Motion to prohibit fracking and any other forms of well-stimulation within the City of Los Angeles unless and until it can be demonstrated that the City would be adequately protected from possible consequences concerning climate change, safety of our water supply, increased seismic activity and the possible financial liability that could fall on the people of Los Angeles. To be continued in a future issue of the SHPOA newsletter. ♣

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