

City of Culver City, California  
**City Council Agenda Item Report**

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| Meeting Date: 05/29/07                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | Item Number: <u>A-8</u>                                                                           |  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM: Discussion of a City Council Position on AB 3 (Bass) Baldwin Hills Conservancy: Repeal.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Contact Person/Dept.: Shelly Wolfberg,<br>Intergovernmental Relations Officer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Phone Number: (310) 253-6008                                                                      |  |
| Fiscal Impact: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | General Fund: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                 |  |
| Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Action Item: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Public Notification:<br>Assemblymember Karen Bass, Baldwin Hills Conservancy Board of Directors, David McNeill, and Master Notification List (5/24/07)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                   |  |
| Department Approval:<br>Martin R. Cole (05/23/07)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | City Attorney Approval:<br>Carol Schwab (by H. Iker) (05/22/07)                                   |  |
| City Controller Approval:<br>Marlee Chang (05/23/07)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | City Manager Approval:<br>Jerry B. Fulwood (05/23/07)                                             |  |
| <p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u></b></p> <p>Staff recommends the City Council discuss AB 3 and determine whether it chooses to take a position on this bill.</p> <p><b><u>BACKGROUND:</u></b></p> <p>Existing law establishes the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) to acquire and direct the management of public lands within the Baldwin Hills area of Los Angeles County, as defined, and prescribes the management, powers, and duties of the BHC. Existing law repeals the provisions establishing the conservancy on January 1, 2008.</p> <p>On December 4, 2006, Assemblymember Karen Bass, of the 47<sup>th</sup> District, which includes Culver City, introduced "AB 3: Baldwin Hills Conservancy: repeal" (Attachment 1). This bill, as it is currently written, would delete the repeal date, thereby continuing the existence of the BHC indefinitely. On April 9, 2007, AB 3 passed out of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.</p> <p><b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b></p> <p>Currently AB 3 is in the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File. The City's lobbyist, Joe A. Gonsalves and Son, indicates that it is on the Suspense File due to the fiscal impacts and is currently checking to see if any amendments are pending for AB 3. Attached are two helpful analyses, dated April 9, 2007 (Attachment 2) and April 18, 2007 (Attachment 3). Among other comments on the bill found in the Analyses, the</p> |  |                                                                                                   |  |

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Legislative Analyst's Office is cited as releasing a report in March 2007 which "supports continued operation of the BHC, (and) it also recommends a new five-year sunset date to be set at January 1, 2013, preceded by a review of the conservancy's performance."

The City Council may choose to formally support, oppose, or watch AB 3 in its current form or recommend amendments or policy guidelines for AB 3. The discussion of AB 3 is relevant to the following two elements in the City Council adopted Legislative Program for 2007:

- Support legislation and grants to fund parks and recreation, capital improvements, and programs to increase the quality of life for Culver City residents.
- Explore legislation and seek grants that are intended to serve dense urban areas.

City Council discussion of AB 3 will provide staff direction regarding any advocacy efforts to be pursued.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

There is no fiscal impact to have the City Council adopt a position on AB 3. The City currently has a Professional Services Agreement with Joe A. Gonsalves and Son to provide advocacy services in Sacramento, should the Council direct staff to proceed with advancing a City position on this bill.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. AB 3 Baldwin Hills Conservancy: repeal.
2. AB 3 Bill Analysis-Assembly Natural Resources Committee.
3. AB 3 Bill Analysis-Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**MOTION:**

That the City Council:

1. Take a position on AB 3; or
2. Propose amendments to AB 3; or
3. Provide other direction to staff.