

Castellammare Mesa Home Owners NEWSLETTER April, 2015



Dear Neighbor: This newsletter updates you on the community news and the results of the Annual General Meeting which was held on February 24.

Reminder: If you have paid your annual HOA dues of \$85 and have not received your Getty Villa walk-in card, please make arrangements to pick it up from Kim: kimjdave@msn.com; 310-230-8041.

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- **BOARD ELECTIONS:** You elected the following 2015 board members. Officers were appointed by the Board at its first meeting on March 31:
 - Kim Clary, President
 - Mike Lofchie, Vice President
 - Muriel Janes, Secretary
 - Doug McCormick, Treasurer
 - John Cordic

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Mo Sahebi

- The Board appointed the following to the Architectural Committee (the AC):
 - Mo Sahebi, Chair
 - Kim Clary, Vice-Chair
 - Margaret Churchill, Secretary
 - Flora Cordic
 - Bob Marrs*
 - Marlena Newmark*
 - Anthony Punnett*
 - Reuel Sutton(*Denotes alternate)
- The Board appointed David Morena, Mike Lofchie and Muriel Janes to the Professional Services Committee. Kelly Comras and Kim Clary were reappointed to the Getty Villa Community Relations Committee. Bob Marrs will continue to be our Records Custodian.
- **COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT 11-MIKE BONIN:** Introduced Senior Council for CD 11 and Liaison & Field Deputy for Pacific Palisades and Brentwood, Norman Kulla. Mike praised the CMHO and others for their work on the homeless survey. He commented on many issues, including:
 - ✓ Re our infrastructure, especially water and electric. It is long-neglected and in need of repair. The DWP needs reform and the new General Manager, Marcie Edwards is the person who can get that done.
 - ✓ The hope is to improve and modernize City government and cut City structural deficit.
 - ✓ Use better transportation options such as ride share and bike share.
 - ✓ Mass transportation will be connecting to the airport, which is being modernized.
 - ✓ A lawsuit alleging that the disrepair of LA City sidewalks violates the ADA is being settled and should result in funding to repair the sidewalks.
 - ✓ The Light Rail Expo line should be completed in six to seven months and up and running for the public in a year. Unfortunately, there will be no free park and rides.
 - ✓ Re DWP distribution site. He was asked if he supported the use of public parkland (Los Liones Canyon) as a possible site. He did not commit to support for any site at this time. All options are open.
 - ✓ Re the homeless issue. There are many factors to consider - Veterans, runaways, mentally ill. LA County's flexible housing program is a good intervention. The portal system is being looked at.
 - ✓ Bill Rosendahl has had a relapse of cancer but is fighting it. Mark Antonio Grant, Special Project Liaison, is recovering from a debilitating accident.
- **SAFETY DISCUSSION:**
 - ✓ LAPD Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore said that Castellammare is doing better in regard to crime than the rest of the Palisades, due to the preventive measures we took after a rash of burglaries we experienced. He said professional patrols and neighborhood watch programs, both of which we now have, are useful in preventing crime. Well-lit homes

deter criminals. There has been a 185% increase in vehicle break-ins in the Palisades. Lock vehicles and leave **nothing** in sight.

- ✓ ACS Representatives, Charles and Clint said they are providing 24/7 patrols in our area, making 9 per 24 hour period. They were hoping to get more people to sign up in the three HOAs; Castellammare, Sunset Mesa and Pacific View Estates, and sign-ups are continuing. It takes 2 hours to make the circuit of all three tracts. Call ACS to check the patrols as their GPS can be tracked. Vacation watch was explained.
- ✓ ONLERT Neighborhood Watch System was reviewed by Bart Young, who developed it. If you have not yet signed up for this, you should. It is a community alert system which alerts neighbors via email, text and phone. Contact Cindy Young at cindi@onlert.com for more information and to sign up. Bart also updated us on the resident survey done in December, 2014 regarding safety questions. 28% returned the survey. Most were not willing to pay more than \$100 per month for any type of security.
- REAL ESTATE REPORT-JUDY ORSINI: Overall, this has been a good year. Sales increased 14-17% in the Palisades last year. However, there is still little inventory. Detailed report is attached.
- PP COMMUNITY COUNCIL, AREA 1 REPRESENTATIVE-KELLY COMRAS: Reported that the Caruso Company is removing contaminated soil in the village in preparation for the construction on Swarthmore. A haul route has been established. A draft of the design of the buildings will be available by the end of May for the public to comment on. Regarding Los Liones Park, it has been 40 years since the process began to make upper and lower Los Liones canyon a public park. Kelly also acknowledged the Garennares who take care of the landscaping near Fire station 23.
- THE HOMELESS COUNT-KIM CLARY AND DOUG MCCORMICK: The count was done in the early morning of January 29. It was very well organized thanks to great teamwork and eager volunteers. There were 70 volunteers. 12 teams walked the count, with LAPD and Palisades Patrol counting a dangerous area. But the count is only the first step in the process. Individuals will be assessed with an attempt at building a relationship with them in order to get them into housing and services. Outreach teams will refer those who qualify to non-profit agencies. We are getting proposals from two agencies and we will choose one to work with. Fundraising will be necessary to fund this effort.
- CMHO BUSINESS:
 - ✓ Financial Report-Doug McCormick: Currently we have total cash reserves of \$40,367.10. Of this total, \$26,131.63 is in the checking account and \$14,235.47 is in the money market account. End of year financial report is attached. Paid membership last year, 2014, was at 148 members. To date this year, we have 123. We expect more members to pay as the year progresses.

- ✓ Castellammare Stairway Restoration-John Cordic: The Board thought that rebuilding some of the stairways would be a good project and would enhance the community for years to come. John, who is an architect and contractor, took the project on and over the last year has been contacting City staff to see how the Revello stairs could be repaired and railings added. The process was going slowly and it got very involved due to insurance and liability issues.

This recent update from John: "After receiving no response for months from the city to our initial request to repair the Revello stairs, I went to the West Los Angeles Office of Building and Safety and Public Works. There I met with a staff member who informed me that all I had to do was file for a "Sidewalk Repair Permit." He said that we could complete the repairs with our own contractor and as long as the city performed the inspection, then the city would maintain full liability as it is city property. He further explained that this is how city sidewalk repairs are handled when home owners ask to repair the sidewalks in front of their homes. This sounded great, and I happily reported this news to the Board last month." (John said his crew could do the work for about \$2,000). But the saga continues..."After the last Board meeting, I was contacted by an estimator from the city. He had gotten around to our original request. I met him at the site (Revello stairs) on April 13 and he measured and took notes and said that he would write up the estimate which would then go through two supervisors for approval. When I offered the possible procedure as outlined by the previous staff person re sidewalk repair, he informed me that this was incorrect as the stairs are a city Right-Of-Way and the city had to complete the repair themselves. Now, I don't drink, but if I did, this seems a good time for a tall glass of rum."

We will keep you informed as to how the saga continues...

At the meeting, a resident advised that the CMHO ask for donations from the residents for the stair restoration, rather than using money from the treasury. The Board approved that idea at a later meeting.

- ✓ Architectural Committee Report- Kim Clary: Six remodeling or new construction projects were assessed or approved by the AC in 2014. One property was asked to clean their debris from a City easement and complied. Remember, the AC has Architectural Guidelines available upon request if you are considering remodeling, and the CC&R's are on our website.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS:

- STREET LIAISON-CLIFF HAUSER: Repaving/Slurrying/Repairing

- ✓ **General.** If the city is late starting a project, technically they have to go back to DOT (Department of Transportation) for permission to repost signs. This could take several weeks. The same would be true if they show up and there are vehicles in the way. If it's a short street (like Sabbiadoro, for example) they might knock on doors—but they might

not. **Quadro Vecchio's** full repave completed. Slurry is a different department. Pothole repair is yet a different department.

- ✓ **Harry** is our contact in the slurry department. He is currently checking the whole hill for anything scheduled and will get back to us
- ✓ **Bellino** is on the schedule for a full repave next year. Financing is not yet cleared. They double book streets—literally twice as many as they can actually do. This because if there is new construction or new utility work scheduled, the project gets moved to the bottom of the schedule rotation..
- ✓ **Porto Marina** is also on the schedule for a full repave next year.
- ✓ **Tramonto/Los Liones**. This was among the spot repairs that we requested and was performed. The large pothole going fully across the eastbound Tramonto lane caused by the heavy trucks going in by the Ocean Woods Condominiums has been repaired, but a new one is starting right next to it (the chain's weakest link.) I'm going to go back and find out if that is not the contractor's responsibility, and whether the city can get on them about that. The Westbound pothole (smaller) as you turn from Los Liones onto Tramonto was missed by the crew, although it was on the list.
- ✓ **Tranquillo** was "withdrawn from public use." This can happen for a variety of reasons, but when it does, that street is removed from the rolls for repair/repaving. Councilman's office was contacted and this is now back on the rolls.
- ✓ **Revello** is obviously a mess. We have requested that it also get on the list.
- ✓ **Street Patching** attempted or completed
 - 17518 Castellamare Dr
 - 17615 Tramonto Dr
 - 209 Quadro Vecchio Dr
 - 252 Bellino Dr
 - 221-211 Bellino Dr
 - 255 Notteargenta Dr at Sabbiadoro Wy
 - 204 Monte Grigio Dr
 - 17907 Vicino Wy
 - 17337 Tramonto Dr at Los Liones
- ✓ **Street Cleaning:**
 - **City responsibility.** This used to be performed on a monthly basis, but with city cutbacks, they've cut it out entirely for our neighborhood. I've asked that it be reinstated at least quarterly (hoping for at least twice a year) but so far, no positive reply. I did further hear from a different department that funding has been increased for the street cleaning department and they are hiring, so perhaps that can change later.
Obviously, if we do get them to come, it would be ideal to coordinate so that we can move vehicles, but the communication has not been very good. I will continue to

pursue, and also to pursue improving communication from the city to us so that we can make sure that we are out of the way when they come through. Ideally, it would be an "alternative side of the street" situation, and they'd come through on two consecutive days. But good luck with that!

▪ **Contractor's Responsibility**

○ I was told by one department that it is each contractor's responsibility to clean public streets if they make a mess. This is yet another city department, and I was not directed to them but could only communicate through the first department. I requested a followup as to whether or not they were successful and what other action we could take. No such luck, but did notice that a contractor dispatched an employee to clean up the mess at the Tramonto/Bellino intersection. Unfortunately, it looks like they just spread it to the West side of Tramonto, although the intersection itself is now clean. Again, I will follow up through the remote contact and attempt to get the contractor to finish the job.

○ After the paving of Quadro Vecchio, I noticed that the intersection of Quadro Vecchio and Tramonto is now experiencing debris challenges again. This unfortunately would seem to be the first city department's issue, so I will try to get to them and see if anything can be done—at least we got it paved!

○ The architectural committee can be very helpful here if/when they have a good working relationship with contractors on the hill. Rather than the months long process to go through two different city departments, a friendly contact to a known contractor to cheerfully remind them of their cleanup responsibilities will likely be the fastest way to keep the neighborhood clean from construction debris/overflow.

- **Association Pays for street cleaning?** One of our members mentioned that he had been told that city crews are available to be paid after hours and weekends to street clean. Personally, I think this is a terrible idea—we are just telling the city that we're willing to pay extra for what we've already paid. I did request a contact number, but then was told via neighbors by a supervisor that we cannot in fact hire city employees to do so but would have to find a private contractor. So let's see, now we pay DWP separately for solid waste collection (look at your DWP bill carefully and you'll see it) and we should provide our own street cleaning as well...hmmmm. Well, they are repaving the streets—that's good!

Sincerely, Cliff Hauser

- **LETTER FROM STATE PARKS AND RECREATION TO DWP REGARDING LOS LIONES STATE PARK:** Please see the attached and recently made public letter from California State Parks and Recreation to DWP. On January 12, 2015, DWP renewed their request to purchase a portion of Topanga State Park in Los Liones Canyon for using upper Los Liones as a possible site for their distributing station. This letter states all of the reasons that State Parks will not and cannot give up any part of the park to DWP.

- **PACIFIC PALISADES TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS:** The task force continues to meet and work on the issue of the homeless in our city. As mentioned earlier, the Palisades took part for the first time in the City-wide homeless count in January. About 185 homeless individuals were counted in the Palisades. That was just the start. After reviewing and working with service providers for the homeless, two providers were asked to give the task force proposals. The proposals would provide outreach teams dedicated to our city to engage and assess the homeless with the goal of linking them to services and into permanent housing. The task force is now in the process of choosing which of the providers to contract with, and then fundraising will start to fund this long-term project.

Cal-Trans cleaned out the many homeless encampments along PCH on April 20. Please refer to the email sent to you on that date for more information and pictures.

- **NEW CITY REGULATIONS REGARDING INVOLVING ANIMALS INVOLVED IN BITES AND/OR ATTACKS:** The LA Department of Animal Services has recently developed new directives on dealing with dangerous animals. Some of the directives are: the animal will be impounded immediately if a) the animal has a history of prior bites and/or attacks; b) the human victim requires hospital transport due to the injury; c) the animal has killed or inflicted a life-threatening or serious injury to a dog, cat, horse or other domestic animal....etc. The letter from the Department of Animal Services which gives more detailed information is attached. Sent to us via Norman Kulla, Senior Counsel to Bonin.
- **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT AND CURRENT PROJECTS:** One of the CMHO's primary responsibilities, through your Architectural Committee (AC), is to uphold the CC&R's. Property owners are required, as per the CC&R's, to bring their construction projects, no matter how small, to the AC early in their process to save time and money. Generally speaking, any project outside of the envelope of your house should be discussed with the AC.

Current Projects:

- ✓ 204 Coperto Dr. - After some revisions asked for by the AC, plans for a one story house with an under story have been recently approved.
- ✓ 231 Monte Grigio The owner is planning to build a pool in the back yard. The AC has received plans and is going through the process of approval.
- ✓ 257 Monte Grigio - The owner is planning to build a pool and a pergola in the back yard. The AC has received plans and is working with the owner and architect and going through the process.
- ✓ 269 Monte Grigio - The owner has given the AC plans for a rooftop deck in the rear of his house. The AC met on site and asked that story poles be placed to show the deck on the roof. After the poles are up, neighbors will be notified.

KEEP US UPDATED: Please remember to give us your email address if it has changed!

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Other Important Numbers:

LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Michael Moore: 1-310-444-0737; 27995@lapd.lacity.org

For non-emergency immediate service: (877) 275-5273

Fire Dept. 911 Brush Clearance: (818) 374-1111

City Services and Building & Safety: 311 or <http://www.lacity.org/boss/request.htm>

Note: This number is for any kind of question or concern re the City (graffiti removal, pot-hole repair, brush clearance, code violations, tree removal, etc.)

City Council Office: Mike Bonin, Councilman, District 11, mikebonin@gmail.com

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Remember to conserve water & to recycle!!

CMHO Financial Report -- 12/31/14

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>
ORDINARY RECEIPTS					
1 Dues	13,120.00	13,005.00	13,555.00	13,285.00	13,090.00
2 Architectural Committee Fees	1,800.00	2,750.00	2,125.00	850.00	500.00
3 Interest/Refund/Reimb/Fund-raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4 Legal Defense Fund donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
5 House Tour & Posters	1,068.00	151.00	1,750.00		3,000.00
6 Total Receipts	15,988.00	15,906.00	17,430.00	14,135.00	16,590.00
ORDINARY DISBURSEMENTS					
7 Director, Officer, Gen'l Liability Insur	(5,770.42)	(5,303.08)	(4,604.52)	(5,261.52)	(5,500.00)
8 Legal Expenses	0.00	(3,649.65)	(6,383.69)	(6,426.29)	(6,000.00)
9 Legal Defense Fund expenses	(287.50)	(975.00)	(350.00)	(200.00)	(500.00)
10 Printing, Processing, Office	(1,623.81)	(845.02)	(967.83)	(769.81)	(1,000.00)
11 Annual Meetings	(763.41)	(1,844.21)	(2,352.72)	(1,915.08)	(2,500.00)
12 Projects, Community Service	(1,400.00)	0.00	(300.00)	0.00	(1,300.00)
13 House Tour & Posters	(561.57)	(222.28)	(522.12)		
14 Total Disbursements	(10,406.71)	(12,839.24)	(15,480.88)	(14,372.70)	(16,800.00)
15 Net Receipts/(Disbursements)	5,581.29	3,066.76	1,949.12	(237.70)	(210.00)
16 PAID MEMBERSHIPS	152	155	158	152	154

BALANCES (EXCLUDING PROJECTS)

	<u>Opening Bal</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Ending Bal</u>
17 General Account (Checking)	14,715.05	5,868.79	20,583.84
18 Legal Defense Fund	5,036.20	(287.50)	4,748.70
19 Money Market	14,232.41	3.06	14,235.47
20 Totals	33,983.66	5,584.35	39,568.01

***** PASS-THROUGH PROJECTS (NOT CMHO) *****

GARDEN PROJECT

19 Receipts	14,260.00
20 Disbursements	(12,228.45)
21	<u>2,031.55</u>

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2015 Real Estate Update for CMHO Tract 8923

Gibson International had the all-company 2014 Awards Meeting on February 23, 2015 and the featured speaker was Leslie Appleton-Young, the chief economist for the California Association of Realtors. Leslie indicated that we are at a 7 year high in consumer confidence from the low in January 2009. Lender performance is improving, but we are headed for a crisis in housing as there is simply not enough inventory to make a dent in pent-up demand for housing. We see this no more clearly than in Pacific Palisades.

As of February 21, 2015, there are 76 single family homes (exclusive of mobile/manufactured homes) for sale in Pacific Palisades, as compared to 75 homes for sale at this time last year. There are also 14 homes looking for a back-up offer, 21 pending sales, and 24 homes that have closed escrow since January 01, 2014. This is right on track to keep pace with last year's sales of 303 single family homes in Pacific Palisades, a 6.7 % drop in units sold in 2013.

In our tract, a total of 6 homes sold in 2014, ranging in price from \$1,886,550 to \$2,870,000. It is important to keep in mind that the low sale price for the prior year was \$1,270,000. There are currently two homes in escrow on the hill, one home in original condition on Notteargenta and another newer 3 level home at Tramonto and Revello. There were 5 properties that leased on our hill in 2014, ranging from \$5950 per month to \$7300 per month. There are currently no properties for lease in our tract per the Multiple Listing Service.

Currently the price range for those homes for sale in Pacific Palisades is \$995,000 to \$25,000,000. The entry level home is a 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow on a very small lot which is really more of a motor home, and the \$25,000,000 property is a 30 acre parcel with entrance off of Pacific Coast Highway which has been on and off of the market since 2007. They have not been able to sell the property since 2007 so they decided to raise the price from \$19,000,000 to \$25,000,000!

There are, as of this writing, there are 0 bank owned home in Pacific Palisades, 7 scheduled for auction and 5 single family homes and condominiums in some state of pre-foreclosure in Pacific Palisades, a marked improvement from last year at this time when there were 36 homes in some stage of foreclosure. At the peak, there were nearly 100 homes in Pacific Palisades in some stage of foreclosure. We are grateful that period of time in the real estate market is behind us for now.

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RE: Distributing Station 104 in the Pacific Palisades

Dear Mr. Moon:

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), Angeles District, is in receipt of your January 12, 2015, letter renewing the request by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to purchase a portion of Topanga State Park in Los Leones Canyon for the purpose of constructing a distributing station. We understand the great need for an upgrade of the power system in the Pacific Palisades, and we are aware of the community opposition to construction of a distributing station at the Marquez site, which LADWP purchased for this purpose in 1971.

As we stated in our October 4, 2010, letter to Mr. Reynan Ledesma, Manager of Real Estate at LADWP, and our February 5, 2013, letter to Mr. Craig Luna, Chief Real Estate Officer at LADWP, we cannot support the sale of this important parcel of state park land for the industrial use you have proposed. Before CDPR can dispose of any state park land, we are required to make a finding that the property is surplus. Due to the acquisition history of the Los Leones parcel, the subsequent intense community involvement in its restoration, and the significant investment we have made in improvement and development of the entire site from the end of Los Lions Drive to Sunset Boulevard, it is impossible for us to make that finding.

For over four decades, the property in lower Los Leones Canyon has been the focus of efforts by the local community, CDPR, the California State Legislature, and the City of Los Angeles to acquire, protect, restore and develop this location for recreation and easy trail access into Topanga State Park. These efforts have resulted in a beautifully restored site with visitor amenities directly fronting on Sunset Boulevard, making it easily available via public transportation to the entire population of the City of Los Angeles. This site is the only access to Topanga State Park that is located on a major public road. Following is a brief chronology of these efforts.

- 1972: The Los Lions Botanical Garden Association formed to save Los Leones Canyon from development.
- 1973: The community urged CDPR to purchase Los Leones Canyon as a major access point for the newly-acquired Topanga State Park.

- 1974: Community demonstrations were held in support of saving Los Leones Canyon, culminating in a May 11 Field Day attended by over 500 participants.
- 1974 Ballot Proposition 1 provided \$3,125,000 for the purchase of 598 acres in upper Los Leones Canyon.
- 1975: The Los Angeles City Council adopted a motion on an 11-0 vote in support of acquisition of the lower 32 acres of Los Leones Canyon for "critically needed access routes to Topanga State Park without which it may be impossible or difficult to open the splendid upper canyon regions to more than a few hikers."
- 1975: AB 2920, authorizing the above purchase, was signed by Governor Ronald Reagan.
- 1975: The California State Legislature passed AB 701, approving \$1,000,000 for the acquisition of lower Los Leones Canyon. The legislation was signed by Governor Jerry Brown. An additional \$250,000 was provided by the General Fund for a final purchase price of \$1,250,000.
- 1977: Lower Los Leones Canyon was added to Topanga State Park.
- 1994: The California State Park and Recreation Commission reaffirmed the purpose of lower Los Leones as an entrance to Topanga State Park.
- 1997: The Brentwood – Pacific Palisades Community Plan, an element of the City of Los Angeles General Plan was adopted by the Los Angeles City Council. The plan map designates lower Los Leones Canyon as Open Space.
- 1999: CDPR-designed plans for the development of facilities at Los Leones, including parking lots, comfort stations, an amphitheater, trails and major native plant restoration, were approved by the California Coastal Commission. The project was funded by an Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) grant from the California Department of Transportation. The City of Los Angeles provided funding to transplant two coast live oak trees at the entrance to the site to mitigate the widening of Sunset Boulevard.
- 2001: The park facilities project was completed, and volunteers began an effort that is ongoing to this day to plant and maintain 12 acres of native plants. Assembly Member (now State Senator) Fran Pavley spoke at the dedication.
- 2006: An expansion of visitor facilities was initiated by CDPR, including accessible walkways, a comfort station, improved parking and a refurbished entrance to the upper canyon.
- 2009: The Los Angeles County Public Works Board approved \$1,000,000 to begin planning to redirect natural creek flows from upper Los Leones Canyon into the reconstructed channel CDPR created on the site in 2000. Proposition 1 funds are expected to augment this initial allotment.
- 2012: The California State Park and Recreation Commission approved an updated General Plan for Topanga State Park that designated lower Los Leones an important access point to the park from the City of Los Angeles.

At the same time that CDPR and the community were working to restore and develop the site as a park, numerous requests to acquire portions of lower Los Leones Canyon for non-park purposes were made. These include attempts by Temple Kehillat Israel Pacific Palisades and the Palisades-Malibu YMCA in 1991; the Four Square Church in

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1999; Chabad of Pacific Palisades in 2009; and the LADWP in 2010, 2013, and now again in 2015. The 1991 attempt resulted in an emotional community outcry that lasted three years until the California State Park and Recreation Commission reaffirmed the property's purpose in 1994. Each time our response has been that the property is not surplus and cannot be sold for any other purpose than that for which it was acquired: recreation and trail access.

The comprehensive and passionate involvement of the local community in the restoration of this once weed-strewn property into a verdant native garden cannot be overestimated. Thousands of volunteer hours have been spent in removing trash and debris, planting and watering thousands of native trees and shrubs, and weeding. This work continues on a regular basis to this day. A partial list of groups includes: Los Liones Botanical Garden Association, the Sierra Club Trail Group, Temescal Canyon Association, Pacific Palisades Mormon Church, Temple Kehillat Israel Pacific Palisades, Self Realization Fellowship, Boy Scout Troop 23, Pacific Palisades Rotary Club, the Tree People, Pacific Palisades Community Council, Paseo Miramar Homeowners Association, Castellammare Mesa Homeowners Association, Marquez Canyon Association, Fire Station 23, the Getty Museum, Will Rogers Cooperative Association, AmeriCorps, Pacific Palisades Historical Society, and the Villa Aurora Institute. Many of the trees that have been planted, including on the portion of the property LADWP proposes to develop, were planted in memory of loved ones of the volunteers. Attached is a recent letter we received from Temescal Canyon Association, describing its involvement with the park. If CDPR were to consider sale of this property to LADWP as surplus, we would be casting aside the hard work of these volunteers and undermining the good will the people of the State have towards their parks department now and into the future. There are no land exchanges or new amenities that could mitigate that loss.

Even if CDPR were able to find the requested parcel to be surplus, the LADWP would still face many potentially insurmountable obstacles before the site could be developed into a distributing station. Subsequent steps in the process would include, but may not be limited to:

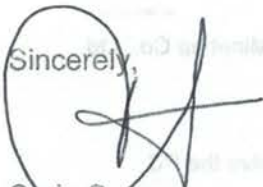
- State legislation authorizing the sale
- Amendment of the Topanga State Park General Plan, including an Environmental Impact Report and approval by the California State Park and Recreation Commission.
- Conveyance to CDPR of an equivalent site of the same size, habitat and recreational value.
- Amendment of the City of Los Angeles General Plan, removing the site from its current Open Space designation.
- Reimbursement to the California Department of Transportation for that portion of the EEMP grant that was used to restore and develop the site.
- An Environmental Impact Report, including geological studies of the two landslides adjacent to the site.

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- o A Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission, the application for which would have to justify the removal of public access in the Coastal Zone.

Finally, the community defenders of the site, of which there are many of great financial resources, would have the opportunity to litigate each of the above discretionary actions. Cumulatively, these steps could reasonably be expected to extend for many years.

In summary, CDPDPR will not entertain the sale of a portion of lower Los Leones Canyon in Topanga State to the LADWP. Any further exploration of this option by the LADWP would be counterproductive to your goal of expeditiously serving your community's energy needs.

Sincerely,

 Craig Sap
 Superintendent-Angeles District

Cc: Kathleen Amann, Deputy Director Park Operations
 Brian Ketterer, Southern Division Chief
 Tara Lynch, Chief Counsel

Attachment: January 15, 2015 letter from Temescal Canyon Association

Section	Content
1. Reason for the Dissolution	With Mindeco and Huan Nan both having been manufacturing PC keyboards in China since August 2003, both companies have recently dissolved and agreed to dissolve the joint venture business. As a result, Mindeco will be able to execute its corporate strategy and strengthen the level of management.
2. Method of the Dissolution	Mindeco will purchase all 21.5 million shares of Mindeco at US\$200.000.
3. Impact on Mindeco's Financial Results	The dissolution will have no material impact on Mindeco's financial results.
4. Outline of SOPL	<p>Company name: Mindeco (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.</p> <p>Representative: Tayyib Y. Almaghrabi (Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mindeco Co. Ltd.)</p> <p>Location of head office: 2 Selegie Road #12-00 The Arcade, Singapore 068702</p> <p>Date of establishment: August 21, 2003</p> <p>Capital: US\$ 22 million (Approx. US\$ 22 million as of March 31, 2005)</p> <p>Shareholders: Mindeco (60%) Huan Nan (40%)</p>



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES
INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE



GENERAL MANAGER DIRECTIVE 15-001

Date: February 23, 2015
To: All Animal Services Personnel
From: *Brenda F. Barnette*
Brenda F. Barnette, General Manager
Subject: IMPOUNDING ANIMALS INVOLVED IN BITES AND/OR ATTACKS

Purpose: The Department of Animal Services (Department) is responsible for public safety in all animal matters. The Mayor has directed that all City departments prioritize safety and livability for all City residents as important goals.

Procedures: All animal bites and/or attacks on a human or animal shall be taken seriously and investigated. Animal owners and/or custodians shall be cited or charged appropriately, including but not limited to a criminal filing. A Dangerous Animal Hearing shall be held for all owners and/or custodians of an animal that has bitten or attacked a person or animal, whether or not a complaint has been filed with the Department. The Department shall be the complainant when a member of the public refuses to file a complaint or attend the hearing.

The following protocols shall be used by the responding Animal Control Officer (ACO) first on-scene:

1. The ACO shall contact the shelter to confirm the animal's history before leaving the location.
2. The animal is to be impounded immediately** and without delay if one or more of the following conditions exist:
 - a. The animal has a history of prior bites and/or attacks.
 - b. The human victim requires immediate hospital transport due to the extent of the injury, whether or not by means of medical services such as a paramedic or ambulance.

- c. The animal has killed or inflicted a life-threatening or serious injury to a dog, cat, horse or other domestic animal which requires their immediate transport to a veterinarian clinic or animal shelter for medical treatment.
 - d. The responding officer believes that it is in the best interest of the animal and/or owner or custodian that the animal is impounded due to public threats or possible media attention which may place the animal's safety at risk.
 - e. The responding officer believes that the quarantine period, if applicable, might be at risk.
3. The animal is to be impounded immediately** and without delay when one or more of the following conditions with respect to the property* exist:
 - a. When the responding officer cannot verify that the owner's or custodian's property* can be immediately secured before the officer leaves the location to ensure that the animal cannot escape.
 - b. When the responding officer cannot verify that all access points to the property* can be immediately secured by child proof locking mechanisms, especially if either young children (under the age of 14 years) or any other person or persons requiring adult supervision reside at the property.
4. The animal is to be impounded immediately** and without delay when the ACO and/or supervisor deems the animal should be impounded for any other reason.
5. Should the General Manager permit the animal to be confined at the owner's or custodian's expense in a Department approved kennel or veterinarian facility within the City or at the owner's or custodian's residence in lieu of impoundment, the owner or custodian shall agree that they (a) shall not remove the animal from the kennel, veterinarian facility or residence without the prior written approval of the Department; and (b) shall make the animal available for observation and inspection by Department staff or LAPD.
6. If the owner and/or custodian fails or refuses to allow the animal to be impounded, the field supervisor shall ensure that a warrant is obtained without delay to seize and impound the animal.
7. A potentially dangerous animal can be seized pursuant to LAMC Section 53.34.2. Section 53.34.2 provides the Department with the authority to summarily and immediately** impound a dog or other animal where there is evidence it has attacked, bitten or injured any human being or other animal pending any court of dog license or animal permit revocation proceeding

arising from the attack, bite or injury, or a hearing pursuant to Section 53.34.4.

8. Within seven days after the impoundment, a notice shall be served on the owner or custodian pursuant to LAMC 53.34.4. The notice is to inform the owner or custodian of an administrative hearing pursuant to LAMC Section 53.34.4 to declare the animal dangerous. The hearing should be set within a short but reasonable time following the service of notice on the owner or custodian. The ACO shall also refer to any other Department procedures in place.
9. The Field and Shelter DFOs and the General Manager are to be notified by email from the field by the officer/supervisor as soon as possible each time a bite dog is impounded due to any of the above circumstances or when an owner or custodian refuses to allow an animal to be impounded. The email is to include the Activity Number, Animal ID Number, location where the bite occurred, animal type and breed, identity of the owner or custodian, victim(s) and/or other animal(s) involved with the extent of any injury(ies) and a brief narrative of what occurred.

* Property shall mean the animal owner's place of residence or business. Property shall not mean a vehicle or temporary holding location.

** Immediately shall mean without delay and before the officer leaves the location.