



## Mayor's Help Desk (Los Angeles Mayor's Office)

Thank you for your comments. We appreciate your involvement in moving the City forward on these important issues regarding the Mulholland Scenic Parkway and environmental resources in our hillsides.

It's in recognition of the importance of these issues that the City has adopted a number of environmental regulations in the decades since the establishment of the Mulholland Parkway Specific Plan, such as the Protected Trees and Shrubs Ordinance updates and the Baseline Hillside Ordinance, as well as current efforts on the Wildlife Pilot Study and Ridgeline Protection Ordinance. Further, State law provides for project-specific environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, which is the most appropriate process for any environmental-related concerns to be evaluated.

Providing clarifications as to the application and implementation of this plan is within the Director of Planning's purview, which is why we respectfully cannot accommodate your request. While certain projects will no longer go to the Design Review Board per the memo, these projects will still undergo discretionary-level review by the Department of City Planning, and notification will be available to Neighborhood Councils and any public interested parties. They will also continue to include opportunities for public input as well as appeals, and will still require applicable review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Again, we appreciate your engagement and encourage you to take part in the City's ongoing discussions on environmental policies and initiatives to create a Citywide strategy to equitably address the protection and enhancement of natural areas and support local biodiversity.

If you need further assistance from the Mayor's Helpdesk please reply to this email.

-Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti