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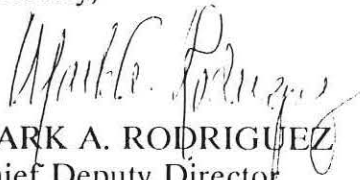
Mr. Rodney E. Cooper
Director
Parks and Recreation Department
433 S. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Effective March 1, 1991, the Natural History Museum's Education Division will take over responsibility for the administration and day-to-day operation of the Hart Ranch Museum.

Attached for your information is the letter forwarded to Mr. Dave Peterson, President Friends of Hart Park.

Sincerely,


MARK A. RODRIGUEZ
Chief Deputy Director

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Attachment



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Mr. Dave Peterson
Newhall Land and Farming Company
23823 Valencia Blvd.
Valencia, CA 91365

Dear Mr. Peterson:


This is to inform you that the Museum's Board of Trustees and Governors have recently approved a Museum program reorganization that places the administration and day-to-day operation of our Hart Park facility under the leadership of the Museum's Education Division.

Effective March 1, 1991, the Education Division will assume from the History Division all responsibility for historical interpretation and collection care. This shift in responsibility is due to reformulated priorities of the curatorial divisions. The History Division will offer full cooperation to staff, volunteers and the public by depositing all research and administrative records associated with Hart Park in the Seaver Center for Western History Research. The History Division will continue to preserve and make available to responsible investigators the William S. Hart papers in the Seaver Center until a properly equipped and staffed research library is established at the Hart Park Museum facility.

It is the intent of this reorganization to better utilize Museum staff in areas of critical shortage while at the same time allowing for greater community participation at our various satellite facilities. **Additionally, this reorganization will allow the Museum to install a site administrator at the Hart Park facility who will oversee operations and serve as liaison with the Friends of Hart Park and the community at large.** With this in mind, Mrs. Joan Grasty, Chief of Education, will soon be contacting you to discuss the Hart Park transition from the History Division to the Education Division of the Natural History Museum.

We look forward to the continuing working relationship we have with you and the Friends of Hart Park.

Sincerely,


MARK A. RODRIGUEZ
Chief Deputy Director

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