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AT TOP—Higher Verdugo Mountains will be surveyed and master plan for their development formu-

lated by city of Glendale, with help of private research firm, to ensure preservation of natural assets.

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Glendale Moves for Orderly Development in Verdugos

GLENDALE—A master plan for orderly development of higher elevations in the Verdugo Mountains is greatly needed, say city officials.

Commercial development in undeveloped areas above 1,500 feet has been frozen for a year by order of City Council.

During that time, City Hall has received scores of letters from citizens demanding action to conserve the natural beauty of the Verdugos.

Survey Ordered

For these reasons, the council has authorized city management to negotiate an agreement with a private firm to undertake an in-depth survey to determine a master plan.

The Los Angeles firm of Victor Gruen Associates is scheduled to appear before the council at 2 p.m. Tuesday to present a format for master planning the Verdugo Mountains.

C. E. Perkins, city manager, recommended the hiring of an outside specialist since the city lacked the

time and resources to undertake the vast survey.

All mountain land bounded by the Burbank border, Verdugo Road, Honolulu Ave. and Mountain Ave. would be surveyed, according to Perkins.

"A future guide for conservation and protection of the higher areas against fire and floods is a pressing need for the city of Glendale," he says.

"The designation, acquisition and retention of certain limited areas for recreation, scenic and esthetic purposes should be part of the city capital improvement program.

Cites Objectives

"The determination of appropriate locations for future streets should be made soon in order that whatever development occurs will be according to a pattern which will not leave us with a hodge-podge of inadequate width streets, excessive grades and substandard construction as found today in some of the older hill areas of Glendale."

It is estimated there are 3,700 un-

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*They are using our words and ideas
to save some areas for years*

VISITORS — Verdugo Mountains have hosted a number of city officials lately, all interested in their future. Among them were Dr. James Perkins, left, city councilman, and City Zoning Administrator Wylie Eaton. Master plan will be created for area.

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MOUNTAIN PLAN

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developed acres in the higher Verdugo Mountain.

Perkins explains his choice of the Gruen firm was based on the fact the company has recently completed similar major surveys for Monrovia, Pasadena and Alhambra.

Mayor William Howard Peters points out the survey would take many months to complete.

"Final development will take many years and a lot of money," the mayor says. "We should go slow and be sure we have the right master plan."

Councilmen Warren Haverkamp and Allan F. Daily Jr., emphasize they "do not want the city to acquire all the higher mountain acreage, but only certain areas needed for fire and flood protection."

Councilmen Herman Barnes and Dr. James Perkins agree a professional survey is a move in the right direction.

"We need to have roads and water in the higher Verdugos to save what's already in the hills," says Barnes. "We definitely need this survey."

Dr. Perkins says moun-

tain development must be done in an orderly fashion.

"The master plan is a first step," he says.

City Manager Perkins says a master plan for the city's other mountain area, the San Rafael Hills, has been on record for some time.

"Our various city departments have spent a great deal of time and effort in master planning the San Rafaeles, particularly in the area generally between Verdugo Road and Chevy Chase Canyon."

"Subdivision developments now planned for this area along with future Glendale Freeway construction through these mountains will result in almost complete development within the next few years."

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