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March 25, 2011

Honorable Council of the City of Los Angeles
Ad Hoc River Committee
Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, Chair
c/o City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ad Hoc River Committee:

The Department of Recreation and Parks was tasked with the formulating recommendations for a non-motorized boating pilot program on the Los Angeles River. The attached Memo provides general information and guidelines for such a program.

Please feel free to contact Assistant General Manager Kevin Regan at (213) 202-2633 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

JON KIRK MUKRI
General Manager

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Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks
Lupe Vela, Policy Director, Ad Hoc River Committee



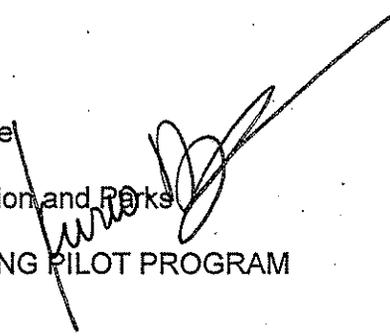
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
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DATE: February 28, 2011

TO: Lupe Vela, Policy Director, Ad Hoc River Committee

FROM: Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager, Recreation and Parks

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES RIVER NON-MOTORIZED BOATING PILOT PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS



The points outlined below constitute suggested guidelines for the program format, equipment and staffing of a pilot program that will determine the shape and viability of a longer-term, self-sustaining format including expeditionary and educational components.

Pending Administrative Requirements

- Receipt of all access permits.
- Assignment of secure storage site.
- Receipt of easement for entry across leased property for river access.

Proposed Elements of Initial Program

The initial program should be:

- A "dry" season (April-October) program of kayak touring within the Sepulveda Basin.
- The "course" should be designed to include attention to amenities: participant parking, access to restrooms, reasonable physical accessibility at entry and exit points.
- The paddler/guide ratio should be 12:2 or 18:3.
- Trip durations should be 3-4 hours including outfitting, paddling session, return to point of origin.
- Courses to be offered on weekends (potential secondary offering to students on weekdays).
- Use of novice paddler accessible equipment including sit-on-top kayaks, ventilated PFDs, and van transportation for return to point of origin.
- An educational component including tour chaperoning by environmental experts (hydrology, biology, natural history).
- Price to participants should balance public accessibility with development of self-sustaining structure.

Projected Program Provider Requirements

- Qualified guides in sufficient number to accommodate on-going classes. "Qualified guides" to be defined as having achieved a guide or instructor rating from a recognized small craft organization. Skills to include technical paddling knowledge and flat water paddler rescue techniques.