

July 4, 2011

Lisa Sandoval  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Dear Ms. Sandoval:

Re. Proposed Los Angeles River Pilot Boating Program in Sepulveda Basin:

This proposal is likely to have significant impacts on birds nesting along this uniquely natural section of the Los Angeles River.

An assessment of biological impact must include surveys during the breeding season. A multi-month survey should be undertaken to determine what times of the year this proposed boating activity might take place without impacting birds nesting along the banks or above them. Such survey can clarify whether there are any dry-season periods where such impacts on nesting birds can be avoided, and what these periods are.

In addition, an evaluation should be made of the impacts on soil and vegetation at locations where the watercraft are put in, taken out and portaged. What will be the impacts on traffic from parked vans with trailers that will be used for transporting the participants and watercraft?

Please add me to the list of interested parties in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration,

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