

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

**AD HOC RIVER COMMITTEE**

**reports as follows:**

AD HOC RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the eradication and loss of habitats in the San Fernando Valley Sepulveda Basin.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Perry – LaBonge):

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation and Planning Department, in coordination with the Chief Legislative Analyst, and in consultation with the City Attorney, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, the Audubon Society, and Friends of the Los Angeles River, and any other pertinent entity, to prepare a report that explains the recent loss of 43 acres of bird, mammal, and reptile habitat in the San Fernando Valley's Sepulveda Basin without preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.
2. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation and Planning Department to include in the report if any endangered species were compromised, and whether there will be any detrimental impacts to air quality, and if any improvements were paid for with public funds or charitable contributions, and information as to which departments, if any, are responsible for overseeing projects that the Federal government is involved within City boundaries.
3. REQUEST the Commander of the Los Angeles District of the Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps), present to the City Council their Vegetation Management Plan as well as a summary of additional community input they receive from follow-up meetings, and the results of the investigation of the loss of the 43 acres habitat.
4. REQUEST the Army Corps to work with the Bureau of Sanitation to come up with a collaborative agreement that meets the Army Corps' needs, the community's concerns, and addresses the Regional Water Quality Board's requests.
5. DIRECT the Bureau of Sanitation to act as the City lead, to provide support so that all interested parties can create a next phase mitigation plan that will be well received.
6. REQUEST the Army Corps and the Bureau of Sanitation to come back with a plan within four to five months and provide a status report on the coordinated effort.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For Proposal: Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On February 25, 2013, your Committee considered Motion (Perry – LaBonge) relative to the eradication and loss of habitats in the San Fernando Valley Sepulveda Basin.

After providing the opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained in this report. This matter is now submitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

AD HOC RIVER COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| REYES:        | YES         |
| LABONGE:      | YES         |
| HUIZAR:       | ABSENT      |

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