



## San Fernando Valley Audubon Society

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*For the conservation of wildlife, natural resources, and nature education.*

March 15, 2013

Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
President  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street  
Suite 420  
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Re: File No. 13-0024  
Ad Hoc River Committee Report of Feb. 25, 2013  
Hon. Jan Perry Motion of January 4, 2013.

Dear Council President Wesson:


On behalf of the Board of Directors and the 1,800 members of the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society (SFVAS) I wish to encourage the Council to consider and approve all the recommendations of the Ad Hoc River Committee related to the remediation of the eradication and loss of habitats in the San Fernando Valley Sepulveda Basin caused by the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in December 2012.

Since our Conservation Chair, Kris Ohlenkamp, discovered the devastation on December 22, 2012, SFVAS has been instrumental in bringing awareness of the issue to the public and many governmental and community organizations throughout the Valley and all of Southern California. Along with those efforts we have led a broad coalition of community groups to work, cooperatively, with the Corps to construct plans, activities and various options to remediate the area for the short- and long-term. Our activities are on-going and appear to be encouraged by the Corps.

In furtherance of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc River Committee, we pledge to enthusiastically continue our planning, organizing, and other volunteer efforts, including and especially those which involve the City's Bureau of Sanitation.

Please feel free to call or write with questions or comments to the email address or phone number below:

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Weeshoff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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Mr. Kris Ohlenkamp, Chair, SFVAS Conservation Committee