

Statement to be read into record – PLUM Item 6 (2/26/19)

“Consistent with Sec. 22.171.11, “the Commission shall take all steps necessary to preserve Monuments *not in conflict with the public health, safety and general welfare, powers and duties of the City of Los Angeles, or its several boards, officers or departments. . . .*” The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) either owns or has an interest in a significant portion of the real property along the Trail. This includes underground water conveyance structures and their associated above-ground appurtenances owned within, and adjacent to, the trail as well as those leased from the Metropolitan Water District. LADWP has the powers and duties under the Los Angeles City Charter to operate and maintain the water and power systems for the benefit of the residents of Los Angeles. The infrastructure located in the vicinity of the Trail is necessary to provide reliable water supply to the entire western San Fernando Valley

The operation of the water and power systems requires LADWP to regularly access its infrastructure in the vicinity of the Trail and to occasionally construct new facilities on its property along, and in the vicinity of the Trail. Inherent in the exercise of these duties, LADWP reserves the right to occasionally interrupt public access where and when deemed appropriate for reasons of public safety, or security of its utility systems. Such actions are necessary for public health, safety and general welfare and nothing in this designation is intended to interfere with these powers and duties. **Nothing in the preceding paragraphs is intended to relieve LADWP from complying with applicable local, state or federal requirements involving the Trail.**

At present, LADWP has three individual projects scheduled to be constructed over the next decade in, or within the vicinity of the Trail, including: (1) De Soto Tanks and Pump Station Project; (2) Rinaldi Trunk Line Replacement Project; and (3) Granada Trunk Line Replacement Project. These projects will not interfere with the designation of the Trail as a Monument and are recognized by this Committee and the Council as necessary infrastructure improvements and solely under the purview of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.”

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