

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
REPORT relative to efforts for enforcement and improvements to the Pacoima Wash.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rodriguez - O'Farrell):

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and all other relevant City Departments, with the cooperation of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, the City of San Fernando, and the California Department of Transportation to report on the following:
 - a. Current responsibilities for and efforts to enforce trespassing laws through Pacoima Wash and recommendations for coordinating and strengthening enforcement capabilities and efforts within the Pacoima Wash.
 - b. The status of existing fencing and other safety infrastructure intended to deter trespassers, as well as details regarding the agencies or entities responsible for the installation and maintenance of such infrastructure.
 - c. Recommendations to implement a multi-jurisdictional effort to fund, install, and maintain fencing needed to keep the public out of the flood control channels.
 - d. The status of City infrastructure located throughout the Pacoima Wash and an assessment of any necessary repairs or improvements required to address damage caused by trespassing in the Pacoima Wash.
2. INSTRUCT the BOS and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify and report on available funding sources to address these issues, including an analysis of the feasibility of utilizing Measure W funds.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Sylmar Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on September 17, 2019, the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee considered Motion (Rodriguez - O'Farrell) relative to efforts for enforcement and improvements to the Pacoima Wash.

According to the Motion, unsecured access points along the Pacoima Wash, especially at both Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard have led to a series of increasing problems in Council District 7, such as trespassing, illicit activity, water quality concerns, illegal dumping,

homeless encampments, and harm to City infrastructure. Despite frequent warnings during recent rainstorms, people often trespass into the Pacoima Wash leading to life threatening situations. Recently, the Los Angeles Fire Department rescued two people from the Pacoima Wash who entered near Foothill Boulevard. Beyond the immediate safety threat, trespassers gain full access to the Pacoima Wash creating water quality concerns and in some situations, threatening City owned infrastructure.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES

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