

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 07-1342-S5

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER ED P. REYES, CHAIR
AD HOC RIVER COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, AD HOC RIVER COMMITTEE relative to Los Angeles River access and uses, the establishment of the Watershed Infiltration for Supply and Environmental Restoration Committee and identification of resources for maintenance and access to the Los Angeles River.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the September 28, 2010 report from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the September 9, 2010 report from the Department of General Services (GSD), the June 8, 2010 report from the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the June 4, 2010 report from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
2. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering to incorporate security agency input and concerns in the early phases of the projects.
3. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department, the GSD, and the LAFD to incorporate the Los Angeles River in future funding requests for expanded safety and security services.
4. INSTRUCT the City Department Taskforce to seek funding for signage, mileage markers, and emergency response program for the Los Angeles River.
5. REQUEST the River Cooperation Committee to review, evaluate, and advise on river access programs, security, and safety efforts; and to seek funding for a public education program on water safety, flood management, and water quality.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 15, 2010, your Committee Chair considered reports from the LAFD, GSD, Recreation and Parks, and Water and Power relative to Los Angeles River access and uses, the establishment of the Watershed Infiltration for Supply and Environmental Restoration Committee and identification of resources for maintenance and access to the Los Angeles River. The reports, attached to the Council file, provide details on this subject. During the discussion of this matter, the representatives from the above-referenced departments provided an overview of these reports and responded to several related questions posed by the Committee Chair.

After additional discussion and offering the opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair recommended that Council approve the recommendations reflected above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ED P. REYES, CHAIR
AD HOC RIVER COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
REYES	YES
LABONGE	ABSENT
HUIZAR	ABSENT

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