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Los Angeles River Recreation Zone Report, 2015

Sepulveda:

Total Participants: 2,193

Youth: 717

Adults: 1,276

Non program participants: 200

Elysian Valley:

Total Participants: 1,781

Youth: 304

Adults: 1,327

Non program participants: 150

Grand Total: 3,974. Lower than previous year.

Points of Interest:

* Three 72 hours closures of both Recreation Zones.

Elysian Valley:

*Boat Race attracted approximately 140 people (Approx 60 kayaker) the others supporting. From Clear Water to Marsh and second part the entire stretch of the Recreation Zone. Many spectators along the bike path.

*Two Free Community Evening Paddle events. The third was closed due to previous rain event.

* New Access opened by the Frog Spot, allowed for a mid-point exit/entry for a kayaker that had limitations.

Sepulveda Basin:

*Kayakers were redirected around the "Grand Canyon" due to possible slide in the SB.

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- * Clean-ups in and around the River throughout the season. Some were planned and others informal which the public brought out on their own. MRCA removed trash/debris left at the exit.

- * Several vegetation fires outside the Recreation Zone in the SB and a small spot within the Recreation Zone.

- * Small portion of concrete was removed from the SB during a clean-up with the help of community members and Bridge to Parks youth members.

Injuries:

- * Scrapes and bruises and fatigue

- * One broken fibula on a vendor's trip. It was reported a few days after the occurrence, nothing further.

- * Zero Calls to the 911 system. Rangers continued to provide service and patrols.

Media:

- * A variety of media reports were conducted during the season.

- * PBS, LA Weekly, Comedy Central, YTravel, German Documentary filmmaker

Funding:

- * Last season both DWP and Bureau of Sanitation provided \$50K each which helped with ranger patrols and maintenance. A funding source needs to be identified this season. We have not heard if DWP and BOS will be committing as they have done in the past two seasons. CD13 was going to follow up.

- * Two full time Rangers were assigned and backed up by others during the season. We had over 200 hours of river patrols (kayak and bike) from our volunteer River Safety Unit.

Upcoming Season:

- * We are on schedule to open both Recreation Zones on Memorial Day. EV will remain open until September 25th and SB until the end of September.

- * Issuing a multi-year permit for vendors.

Hesco Barriers:

The Barriers are outside of the Recreation Zone and do not expect any River Access issues.