

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a request from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for re-authorization to manage the Los Angeles River Recreational Zone Program (Program) for the Summer 2015 Season, to extend the 2015 Season, to consider making the Program permanent and granting the MRCA authority to manage the recreational zone for a five year period.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the MRCA to conduct the Program for the 2015 Season consistent with the following conditions:
 - a. Grant the MRCA authority to manage the designated recreational zone area and utilize the MRCA Park Ordinance to regulate park and public trust doctrine activities, subject to City Attorney review.
 - b. Establish the boundaries of the Program to consist of Fletcher Avenue/Rattlesnake Park to the north and the Confluence Park/Egret Park to the south along the Los Angeles River.
 - c. Establish the Program Season from Memorial Day - May 25, 2015 to October 1, 2015 with hours of operation from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week.
 - d. Grant the MRCA the ability to make minor river alterations, subject to authorization by the appropriate regulatory agency; such as debris/hazard removal, small rock relocations, and non-native foliage trimming.
 - e. Grant the MRCA the ability to install temporary and removable launch and safety devices subject to the authorization by the appropriate regulatory agency.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks, in conjunction with the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to report in 45 days on the feasibility of granting the MRCA authority to manage the designated recreational zone area and utilize the MRCA Park Ordinance, as part of the Program, for a five year period starting summer 2016.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:


On April 13, 2015, the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee considered Motion (O'Farrell - LaBonge - Martinez) relative to a request from the MRCA for re-authorization to manage the Program for the Summer 2015 Season, to extend the 2015 Season from May 25 to October 1, 2015, to consider making the Program permanent and granting the MRCA

authority to manage the recreational zone for a five year period. During the discussion of this item, a representative from the MRCA provided an overview of the Program and responded to various related questions from the Committee members.

After additional discussion and providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as reflected above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
O'FARRELL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
PRICE:	YES

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