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COUNCILMEMBER O'FARRELL, MOUNTAINS RECREATION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ANNOUNCE START OF LA RIVER RECREATION ZONES

Summer program opens the waterway to the public in Elysian Valley and the Sepulveda Basin

LOS ANGELES RIVER - Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, along with park rangers from the Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA), announced today the start of the LA River Recreation Zone beginning May 30.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers is permitting two recreation zones: one in the Glendale Narrows section in Elysian Valley (May 30 through September 25), and the other in the Sepulveda Basin at Lake Balboa (May 30 through September 30).

This is the third straight year for two separate recreation zones at the Los Angeles River, thanks in part to council action and support from Councilmember O'Farrell who chairs the City's Arts, Parks, and LA River Committee.

"The Los Angeles River is so much more than a concrete channel to the ocean," said Councilmember O'Farrell. "More people will enjoy the natural beauty of our urban waterway during the summer months, and I encourage Angelenos to become better acquainted with the river ecosystem and imagine its future possibilities as we prepare to restore the river to its original glory."

The river recreation zone allows independent, unscheduled, free boating and fishing access in the Los Angeles River to the general public, while private operators have received permits to operate guided excursions. The MRCA will manage the program in both the Glendale Narrows and the Sepulveda Basin.

"River conditions change regularly, and we want you to enjoy the opportunities the River has to offer in a safe manner," said Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger of the MRCA. "Check the www.lariverrecreation.org website before you go to find out about current weather conditions and possible closures."

The LA River Recreation Zone in Elysian Valley is in its fourth year. In the Summer of 2014, the Sepulveda Basin was added as a second Recreation Zone. The recreation zone in the Glendale Narrows runs a course of 2.5 miles. The Sepulveda Basin Recreation Zone is 2 miles in length.

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