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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Maintenance of public areas of the Los Angeles River within the City of Los Angeles is currently fragmented among multiple entities and internal City departments. This fragmentation leads to inconsistent service levels, uneven cost distribution, and most critically, confusion and extreme dissatisfaction for community members.

The recently established LA River Rangers program, housed with the Department of Public Works's Office of Community Beautification, has demonstrated success in addressing routine maintenance needs. With initial funding from finite state grants, this program has partnered with the LA Conservation Corps to perform essential tasks, including routine landscaping, clean up, and other critical activities that support the river's revitalization.


To ensure consistent and effective maintenance, these daily activities should be consolidated under a permanent LA River Rangers Program. Internal consolidation of daily maintenance activities will also aid the City in its regular collaboration with Los Angeles County, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, US Army Corps, and other entities responsible for the Los Angeles River.

To effectuate the transition of duties and resources to the LA River Rangers Program, henceforth, any and all contracts or agreements for services along the LA RiverWay, LA River Greenway, river parks, or other City-maintained areas along the Los Angeles River, must be reviewed and considered for consolidation within the scope of the LA River Rangers Program. Furthermore, any and all upkeep work performed by City forces along the LA River and its nearby public spaces and rights-of-way must also be evaluated for consolidation under the LA River Rangers Program, for maximum efficiency and clarity.

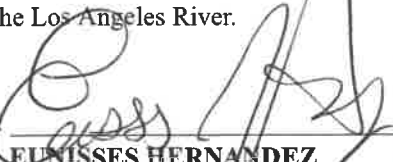
Ideally, the City should consolidate maintenance responsibilities in one City entity, i.e. the LA River Rangers. However, certain specialized scopes of operations & maintenance work, such as lighting, major repairs, homelessness services, and public safety, may not be appropriate for the LA River Rangers Program. Still, each topic of work should be evaluated for potential efficiencies and collaboration with the LA River Rangers program, if not for handoff.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, with assistance from the Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, Department of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Sanitation, and all other relevant agencies, to report back, within 60 days, with a report listing all current contracts (including their fees and term lengths), staff positions and costs, and other direct and indirect costs associated with Los Angeles River maintenance activities. The report should indicate which contracts and services could be performed by the LA River Rangers, and make recommendations for how the LA River Rangers take over said contracts and services. The report should also indicate full time and part time staff resources needed as well as any potential new contracts needed to holistically manage the daily maintenance needs of the LA RiverWay, LA River Greenway, river parks, or other City-maintained areas along the Los Angeles River.

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