

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

December 16, 2021

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, General Manager



SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904I	Referred to General Manager
2) Tom Marble comments regarding Debs Park	#8937z	Referred to General Manager
3) Sandy Huse comments regarding Debs Park	#8937aa	Referred to General Manager
4) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#9049	Referred to General Manager
5) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Park	#9049a	Referred to General Manager
6) Gregory Askey comments regarding Balboa Tennis Courts	#9050	Referred to General Manager
7) Laura Fisher comments regarding Pershing Square	#9051	Referred to General Manager
8) Debra Huston comments regarding Pershing Square	#9052	Referred to General Manager
9) Farnaz Tamjid comments regarding Balboa Park	#9053	Referred to General Manager
10) Kathy Schramm comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054	Referred to General Manager

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11) Alexandira McCardell comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054a	Referred to General Manager
12) Falling James comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054b	Referred to General Manager
13) Kamal Prasad comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054c	Referred to General Manager
14) David Tang comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054d	Referred to General Manager
15) Elizabeth Porcheddu comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054e	Referred to General Manager
16) Holly Freeling comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054f	Referred to General Manager
17) Leslie Davies comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054g	Referred to General Manager
18) Maria Amaral comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054h	Referred to General Manager
19) Fujimorimichael comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054i	Referred to General Manager
20) J Kim comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054j	Referred to General Manager
21) Arame Mirzakhianian comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054k	Referred to General Manager
22) Theresa Elizabeth comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054l	Referred to General Manager
23) Katherine Kean comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054m	Referred to General Manager
24) Bruce R comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054n	Referred to General Manager

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25) Daniela Castillo comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054o	Referred to General Manager
26) Michell May comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054p	Referred to General Manager
27) Melinda Amato comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054q	Referred to General Manager
28) Michael Hegger comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054r	Referred to General Manager
29) Tiffany Johnson comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054s	Referred to General Manager
30) Elvia Sedona comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054t	Referred to General Manager
31) Lori Vincent comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054u	Referred to General Manager
32) Kbloger1 comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054v	Referred to General Manager
33) Matthew Duncan comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054w	Referred to General Manager
34) Ahzahid Yousufzai comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054x	Referred to General Manager
35) Scott Beckstead comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054y	Referred to General Manager
36) Mary Pierce comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054z	Referred to General Manager
37) Sarah Diaz comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054aa	Referred to General Manager

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38) Alison Levy comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ab	Referred to General Manager
39) Mars Green comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ac	Referred to General Manager
40) Bryan Monell comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ad	Referred to General Manager
41) Ginny Rankin comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ae	Referred to General Manager
42) Charlie Bond comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054af	Referred to General Manager
43) Courtney Atienza comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ag	Referred to General Manager
44) Andrew Sabat comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ah	Referred to General Manager
45) Leslie Randall comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ai	Referred to General Manager
46) Kathleen Cullen comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054aj	Referred to General Manager
47) KJett comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ak	Referred to General Manager
48) Dave Santucci comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054al	Referred to General Manager
49) Jeremiah Benjamin comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054am	Referred to General Manager
50) Kristie Middleton comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054an	Referred to General Manager
51) Matt Braun comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ao	Referred to General Manager

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52) Nicole Bovigny comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ap	Referred to General Manager
53) Lindsey Baker comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054aq	Referred to General Manager
54) Andrea Rose comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054ar	Referred to General Manager
55) Ellen Kroninger comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054as	Referred to General Manager
56) Sandra Bell comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054at	Referred to General Manager
57) Georja Umano comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054au	Referred to General Manager
58) Shemirah Brachah comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054av	Referred to General Manager
59) Deane Thomsen comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo	#9054aw	Referred to General Manager
60) Allison Oliver comments regarding Harrassment of Children at Griffith Park Pony Ride	#9054ax	Referred to General Manager
61) Zohta Fahim comments regarding Harrassment of Children at Griffith Park Pony Ride	#9054ay	Referred to General Manager
62) William Moran comments regarding Potrero Canyon Park	#9055	Referred to General Manager
63) Jen Ritchkoff comments regarding Westwood Park	#9056	Referred to General Manager
64) Debra Huston comments regarding Park Curfew at Westchester park	#9057	Referred to General Manager

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65) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Highland Park	#9058	Referred to General Manager
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Prepared by Jessica Martinez, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Enforcement of park closure times

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Nov 19, 2021 at 2:01 PM

To: Debra Huston <

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Cc: Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Sophia Castaneda <35080@lapd.online>, 30093@lapd.online

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Nov 19, 2021 at 1:10 PM Debra Huston <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

CM Bonin has said through staff that vehicles in the parking lots of Westchester Park after closing time will not be towed if that vehicle is used as a dwelling or it appears the vehicle is used as a dwelling.

CM Bonin has based this refusal to enforce on a Covid-related moratorium signed by the Mayor. LAPD and RAP employees have informed us vehicles in which a person is dwelling or in which it appears a person may be dwelling will not be towed by LADOT.

We have been informed that Port Police and LAPD have been enforcing the closure time at Cabrillo Beach and Point Ferman Park in another district since the start of the pandemic. LAMC 63.44 (parks code) is still in effect, and is what allowed enforcement and closure at Echo Park Lake, and ultimately, at Ocean Front Walk in Venice Beach.

The mayor's emergency order was only to suspend PARKING enforcement by LADOT - it did not suspend enforcement of park closure times by LAPD. If closure time of Westchester Park is consistently enforced, there is no need for towing. If a person refuses to leave the park's parking lot at closing time, that person would be subject to citation or arrest under park ordinances. This is how enforcement of park closing time happens at Cabrillo Beach and Point Ferman Park, and also along the Ocean Front Boardwalk in Venice.

If homeless people are living in Westchester Park, children are not safe playing sports there and seniors are not safe going to the senior center. LAPD records bear this out.

Based on the foregoing, we believe park closure times can be enforced and must be enforced. It is imperative that enforcement of park closure times begin at the earliest possible time.

Thank you.

Debra Huston

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Another case for a more robust fence at Debs

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 11:54 AM

To: Tom Marble <1 >

Cc: Frank Barron <frank.barron@lacity.org>, Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org>, Pae White

"Bill.Cody@lacity.org" <bill.cody@lacity.org>, Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Jose Rodriguez <Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org>, Kevin de Leon <kevin.deleon@lacity.org>, Larry Kuo <larry.khou@lacity.org>, David Ebner <david.ebner@lacity.org>, Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>

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Re: Another case for a more robust fence at Debs

1 message

Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online> Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 3:42 PM

To: Pae White
Cc: Sweet P Vaughn <bill.cody@lacity.org>, Patrick Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Gi <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, "ralph.terrazas@lacity.org" <ralph.terrazas@lacity.org>, "joe.losorelli@lacity.org" <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Gil <gilcedillo45@gmail.com>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org" <Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org>, Kevin de Leon <kevin.deleon@lacity.org>, Nate Hayward <Nate.Hayward@lacity.org>, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Larry Kuo <larry.khou@lacity.org>, David Ebner <david.ebner@lacity.org>, Ricardo Huerta <34863@lapd.online>, German Hurtado <34865@lapd.online>, Gabriel Buelna com>, Thomas F Marble <Johnny Altamirano <38828@lapd.online>

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Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 12:33:58 PM
To: Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>
Cc: Sweet P Vaughn < ; Sandy Huse Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>; Patrick Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>; Gil <emilianogil@verizon.net>; Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>; ralph.terrazas@lacity.org <ralph.terrazas@lacity.org>; joe.losorelli@lacity.org <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>; Gil ; Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org <Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org>; Kevin de Leon <kevin.deleon@lacity.org>; Nate Hayward <Nate.Hayward@lacity.org>; Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>; Larry Kuo <larry.khou@lacity.org>; David Ebner <david.ebner@lacity.org>; Ricardo Huerta <34863@lapd.online>; German Hurtado <34865@lapd.online>; Gabriel Buelna ; Thomas F Marble Johnny Altamirano <38828@lapd.online>
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Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 12:24 PM
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12/2/21, 12:00 PM

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Thank you

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Thanks Bill

Looking forward to learning more about replacing the flimsy patched chainlink fence with something more robust that equals that of other parks - including those on the West Side.

Best

pae

On Nov 30, 2021, at 5:02 PM, Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi everyone,

Today's meeting was an internal meeting to go over communications between the Park Rangers, LAPD, the City Attorney and outreach as we are putting together a more comprehensive plan going forward to solve the issues in the park long term.

It was a very productive meeting and our office will provide a more detailed briefing for the community shortly.

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Re: Another case for a more robust fence at Debs

Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org> Wed, Dec 1, 2021 at 6:35 AM
To: Tom Marble <tom.marble@lacity.org>, Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>, Theodore Garcia <theodore.garcia@lacity.org>
Cc: Frank Barron <frank.barron@lacity.org>, Pae White <pae.white@lacity.org>, Sweet P Vaughn <sweet.p.vaughn@lacity.org>, Sandy Huse <sandy.huse@lacity.org>, "Bill.Cody@lacity.org" <bill.cody@lacity.org>, Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Jose Rodriguez <Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org>, Kevin de Leon <kevin.deleon@lacity.org>, Larry Kuo <larry.khou@lacity.org>, David Ebner <david.ebner@lacity.org>, Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>

Yovonte / Theodore

Please submit a job order for a homeless encampment clean up and for the graffiti at the upper restroom near the pond today.

Anthony Bagnerise
Recreation & Parks Dept. City of Los Angeles
Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor
Metro Region - Central Area
(213) 485 - 4833
Fax (213) 847 - 7129

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Re: Ongoing filth at Debs Park Homeless encampments

1 message

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Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 11:20 AM

To: Sandy Huse <

Cc: Tom Marble <>, Frank Barron <frank.barron@lacity.org>, Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org>, Pae White <>, Sweet P Vaughn <>, Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>, Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Jose Rodriguez <Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org>, Kevin de Leon <kevin.deleon@lacity.org>, Larry Kuo <larry.khou@lacity.org>, David Ebner <david.ebner@lacity.org>, Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>

Good morning,

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On Wed, Dec 1, 2021 at 4:23 PM Sandy Huse

> wrote:

This mornings disgusting event concerns the entrenchments at the pedestrian bridge on Griffin. As you can see, we were treated to the sight of a person dumping his honey bucket directly into the arroyo water. Yummy. You can also see that they have built a dam there, I assume to catch bathing water, which is just upstream of their special sewer.

You can't say they don't understand good sanitation.

Are we ever going to get these folks into those new little homes CD1 has been touting for months? Just curious. No rush or anything.

Sandy.
Sandy Huse

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On Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 4:26 PM Sandy Huse

> wrote:

I'd like to add the ever-expanding Pedestrian Bridge Camp on Griffin to the list. On Monday, I witnessed a fistfight there along with a large dog that seemed invested in biting the participant

In addition, the "extended street parked vehicle camping" situation on Griffin is again out of control with junk vehicles and garbage on the east side of the street nestled up against the fence just waiting to go off...but we ALL KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

Hey Bill--Aren't the little homes all open now? Aren't these the folks you promised to specifically target for them? Have we just decided to not follow ANY law anymore? Because I can cit

I am sick of the continued degradation of the priceless natural resources, the trash, the "humanure", the danger and my city officials continuing to ignore our pleas. FIX THIS.

Sandy

Sandy Huse

From: Pae White <

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 2:20 PM

To: Bill Cody <Bill.Cody@lacity.org>

Cc: Patrick Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>; Gil

; Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>; ralph.terrazas@lacity.org; joe.losorelli@lacity.org; Gil <gilcedillo

com>; Sweet P Vaughn

>; Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>

Subject: Another case for a more robust fence at Debs

Hello

This stolen vehicle (with handicap plates) was driven all the way to the top of Debs, stripped of it's contents, then abandoned. What's it going to take to get through?

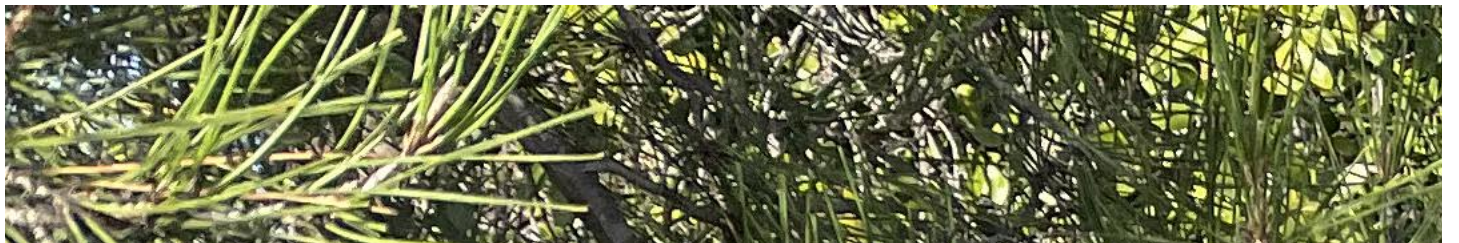
Furthermore, Camp A grows and grows and GROWS. Even Melissa from Parks & Rec was surprised when we pointed it out. It's extremely well concealed. Please let us know when we can

CAMP A IS NOT ABANDONED. DEBS PARK IS A VHFHSZ

Pae White

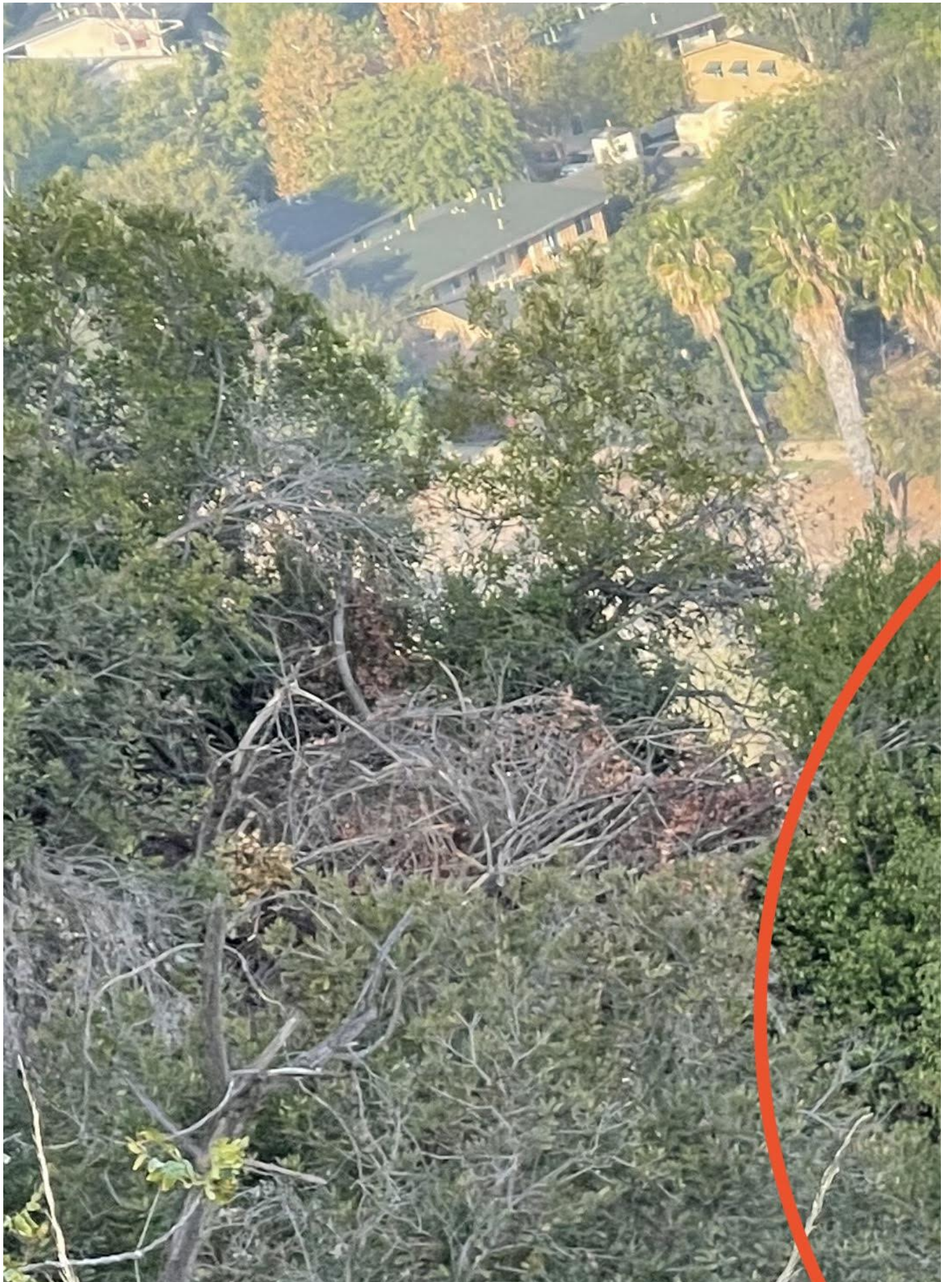


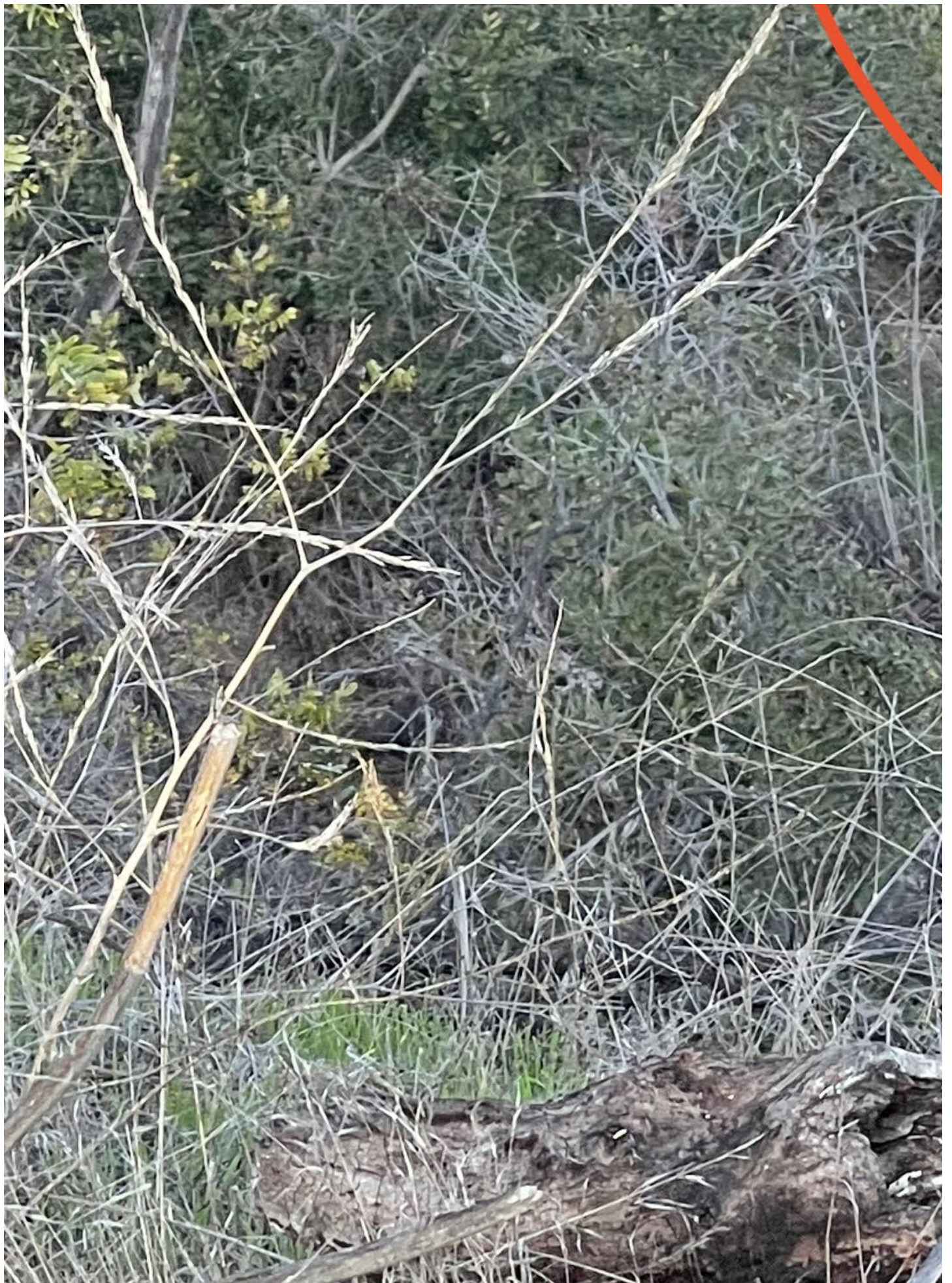














On Oct 21, 2021, at 1:00 PM, Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online> wrote:

Hello All,

I have CC'd and I would like to introduce Captain German Hurtado, Serial No. 34865 who is handling Hollenbeck Division for now.

I have also CC'd Sgt Dana Grant, Serial No. 34715, who is the supervisor for the Senior Lead Office. Your Senior Lead Officer is Officer Huerta.

Captain Hurtado has reviewed your concerns and emails, some protocols are being put in place to make sure we can provide to you some informa

My Vice unit will be in the area beginning on Sunday. Today I have been assigned to Dodgers.

Sergeant II Alejandra Fiallos, Serial No. 31770

Hollenbeck Area Vice

323-342-8920

From: Pae White

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:08 AM

To: Bill.Cody@lacity.org <Bill.Cody@lacity.org>; Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>; Patrick Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>; Richard Stabile <26260@lapd.online>; Gil <emiliano@38828@lapd.online>; Frank Barron <frank.barron@lacity.org>; Larry Kuo <larry.khou@lacity.org>; David Ebner <david.ebner@lacity.org>; Ricardo Huerta <34863@lapd.online>

Cc: Yves Spinelli ; Bryan Volk < >; Dwyer Kilcollin ; Chantal Thomas < >

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Subject: another murder in Debs Park

ATTENTION: This email originated outside of LAPD. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Here we are again with another murder in our neighborhood and no communication with our community from LAPD. We are still wa

What is the mechanism within LAPD or the City that will extend the courtesy to our community about killings that are hap

What is the story with the drug dealing camps on Griffin? What is the story with Camp A and Camp B that still remain robust and pr

QUESTION: Are multiple murders and numerous fires enough of a case for a new fence that is more robust than a failing chainlink f

Someone PLEASE update us. We are still waiting.....

<Screen Shot 2021-10-18 at 9.46.14 AM.png>



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Ongoing filth at Debs Park Homeless encampments

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 11:20 AM

To: Sandy Huse <

Cc: Tom Marble < , Frank Barron <frank.barron@lacity.org>, Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org>, Pae White , Sweet P Vaughn < , Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>, Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Jose Rodriguez <Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org>, Kevin de Leon <kevin.deleon@lacity.org>, Larry Kuo <larry.khou@lacity.org>, David Ebner <david.ebner@lacity.org>, Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Dec 1, 2021 at 4:23 PM Sandy Huse <

> wrote:

This mornings disgusting event concerns the entrenchments at the pedestrian bridge on Griffin. As you can see, we were treated to the sight of a person dumping his honey bucket directly into the arroyo water. Yummy. You can also see that they have built a dam there, I assume to catch bathing water, which is just upstream of their special sewer.

You can't say they don't understand good sanitation.

Are we ever going to get these folks into those new little homes CD1 has been touting for months? Just curious. No rush or anything.

Sandy.
Sandy Huse

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12/3/21, 11:20 AM

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Garcia Incareal <

Thu, Nov 18, 2021 at 7:13 AM

Good morning,

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On Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 9:43 AM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:

NOVEMBER 16

Councilmember Gill Cedillo

The Sycamore Grove Park has gan graffiti.

Attach picture

The Trash on the road next to 137 South Ave 49 LA 90065 has not been cleaned.

Mauro Garcia

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AVS943 Fuck rats

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 9:55 AM

To: Garcia Incareal < >

Cc: Ackley Padilla <ackley.padilla@lacity.org>, Debby Kim <debby.kim@lacity.org>, Councilmember Lee <councilmember.lee@lacity.org>, Councilmember Raman <contactCD4@lacity.org>, Solomon Rivera <Solomon.rivera@lacity.org>, Karo Torossian <karo.torossian@lacity.org>,

Yovonte Robinson

<yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Reported.

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SYCAMORE GROVE PARK Gan GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Garcia Incareal <incareal@juno.com>

Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 9:54 AM

To:

yovonte.robinson@lacity.org

rap.commissioners@lacity.org,

DECEMBER 6

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2 attachments



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12-4-21b (1).JPG

5429K



Handwritten graffiti in blue paint on the building's exterior wall. The graffiti consists of several large, stylized, and somewhat illegible characters and symbols, including a large 'A' on the left, a series of loops and curves in the center, and a downward-pointing arrow on the right.



Handwritten graffiti in blue paint on the white corrugated metal roll-up door. The graffiti consists of stylized, overlapping letters and symbols, including what appears to be 'JANUARY' and other illegible characters.

Handwritten text on the back of an orange plastic chair: "FINAL PARTY"



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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK Gan GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 10:34 AM

To: Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>

Cc: Garcia Incareal <incareal@juno.com> ,

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> ,

Thank you! I'll submit the job order.

Best regards

On Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 10:14 AM Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org> wrote:

Reported to Rec and Parks.

On Mon, Dec 6, 2021, 9:56 AM Garcia Incareal <incareal@juno.com> wrote:

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Re: Public Comment - Re, Nov 18 Commissioners' Webinar Meeting

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Greg A < >

Thu, Nov 18, 2021 at 7:19 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. Thank you

On Wed, Nov 17, 2021 at 6:48 PM Greg A < > wrote:

I've been a resident of Reseda in the San Fernando Valley for 32 years. As an avid tennis player, it's been extremely frustrating that, since COVID, new restrictions were added to the online tennis reservation system that – in effect – eliminate the ability to practice on the city's pay tennis courts.

Specifically, being prohibited from having more than 6 TENNIS BALLS on a reserved tennis court prevents serve and stroke practice – PRACTICE IS AN INTEGRAL ROUTINE OF ALL SERIOUS TENNIS PLAYERS!

I was accosted by Balboa Park Tennis Facility personnel, because I was practicing my serve with a basket of balls. PLEASE NOTE THAT I WAS BY MYSELF – so, the purported rationale that I was given of protecting teaching concessionaires should not apply – AS, CLEARLY, I WAS NOT TEACHING ANYONE!

Also note that, historically, and as per signage on some of the other non-pay, open city tennis courts, a single player can't hold a court if 2 or more players are waiting. – which is a major reason to reserve pay court time in order to block off PRACTICE TIME.

For over 30 years, the Los Angeles pay Tennis Courts operated, consistent with the sport of tennis. The new reservation restrictions are not supportive of the sport AND SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ALLOW PRACTICE WITH MULTIPLE BALLS AND EQUIPMENT BY A SINGLE PLAYER, RENTING THE COURT.

I'm certain that you are losing rental revenue of single players, who would be practicing on pay courts but can't.

Lastly, unlike the LA City Golf Courses, it doesn't appear that the tennis court rental revenue is being used to maintain the playing condition of the tennis courts. Regarding the Balboa Park courts in the Sepulveda Dam Recreation Area, some of the court surfaces are in such bad shape that chunks are missing – which renders those courts useless for serious tennis. WHEN WILL THEY BE RESURFACED VS JUST PATCHED?

Thank You

Gregory Askey

11/17/2021

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Re: Pershing Square concerts are too loud

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 10:33 AM

To: Laura Fisher <

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Nov 20, 2021 at 11:31 PM Laura Fisher < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

The events policy at Pershing Square needs immediate review. It is currently 11:30p, and there is a music event which is still going at this hour, generating noise at approximately 60db levels. It is literally rattling the windows in my apartment.

The area around Pershing Square used to be strictly commercial, but it currently contains many residential buildings. And as such, events booked at Pershing Square should not be allowed to run past 10:00p, as per city noise ordinances.

I can only assume that whatever guidelines for allowable events at Pershing Square were made at a time when there were not many residences nearby. As there are many residents - your constituents! - in the area now, it is time to revisit what kind of events can be allowed here. The current rules or guidelines are simply not acceptable.

Sincerely,

Laura Fisher

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Re: Question about enforcement of 63.44 in parking lots of parks

1 message

Debra Huston < > Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 9:16 AM

To: Claudia Martin <claudia.martin@lacity.org>

Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Ms. Martin,

Thank you. Are park rangers who work for Rec and Parks considered to be an investigatory agency under your criteria?

Also, whom with the City Attorney's office would you suggest I contact about a legal interpretation of whether LAMC 63.44 can be enforced in the parking lots of parks in the City of Los Angeles?

Thank you.

Debra

On Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 8:38 AM Claudia Martin <claudia.martin@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

As a criminal prosecutor I can not provide an opinion to the questions you pose. However, I can say that as always if we receive reports from an investigatory agency we will review them for potential criminal filing.

On Mon, Nov 22, 2021, 6:52 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:

Ms. Martin,

I understand you are our District Attorney for the Westchester/PDR area.

I am a resident of Westchester and I am with a large coalition of Westchester/PDR residents who are working to make Westchester Park usable by our youth athletic leagues, our seniors, and others. During the covid shutdown, the park was taken over by encampments and no longer safe for anyone.

CM Bonin just completed his "Encampment to Home" program in the park and enforcement is ongoing in the park to ensure encampments are not reestablished. However, Bonin will not allow enforcement in the three parking lots of the park. Just in the last week or so, the number of vehicles in which people are living has increased. Our youth athletes and seniors need these parking lots, and they cannot safely return to the park if the parking lots are occupied by dwellers.

Bonin contends that enforcement cannot happen with respect to vehicles in which a person is dwelling, or in which it appears a person may be dwelling.

We believe the mayor's emergency order was only to suspend PARKING enforcement by LADOT - and that it did not suspend enforcement of park closure times by LAPD.

If the closure time of Westchester Park is consistently enforced, there is no need for towing. If a person refuses to leave the park's parking lot at closing time, that person would be subject to citation or arrest under park ordinances.

Do you agree with the above? We would like to make the park safe for residents, and would like to have your opinion as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Debra Huston



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Emergency Situation at Balboa Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 10:24 AM

To: g < >

Cc: "rap.publicinfo@lacity.org" <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Nov 26, 2021 at 8:38 PM g <

> wrote:

11/25/2021

Topic: Balboa Lake Emergency Situation

I am writing this letter to notify authorities about the emergency situation at Balboa Park located at 6300 Balboa Blvd, Van Nuys, CA, 91406

Having Fishing allowed, caused injuries to wildlife and visitors and children. Fishers leave their hooks and fishing lines behind which get stuck on waterfowl's leg/wings or visitors' shoes which is capable to travel from shoes to skin and feet and cause injuries. We have evidences, videos and pictures of above incidents (see attachment).

Unfortunately, no one take responsibilities for these incidents. We are only 4 individuals who are trying to picking up the hooks but its not enough. Balboa Lake is very big and large area are covered with bushes and greens that is hard to find transparent fishing lines and small hooks. Also, we don't have fond to treat the injured wildlife. Fishing lines are made from elastic that can easily get wrapped around legs of waterfowl and stops the circulation. The result of it is many coots, ducks and goose now have one leg. Metal hooks are so sharp can easily get stuck to body.

Balboa Lakes' water is contaminated and fishers can not eat and consume the fish they catch. However, they let them out to die. There are many fishes in different kind and sizes left to die and the bodies remain

in the park for weeks. Animal Cruelty is now recognized as a felony and let animals suffocate to death is also known as animal cruelty/felony.

Another situation currently we are dealing with is that some fisherman are threatening now. In fact in one incident I was attacked by a fisherman and his dog. I have filled with police department. Please note we barely interact with them or show our frustration.

Balbo Park has 4-5 Life guard that shows no sign of care to the current situations. We are in need of help to possibly assign guard/ranger to observe the fishers and go around the lake and warn them in case of incidents.

We also need help with treating wounded and injured animals to get the medical attention they need. We don't have the fond to get the treatment for them. Rescue Centers only take few cases such as California Wildlife Center. We currently have so many injured waterfowl that is beyond our jobs.

Balboa Lake is home of variety of animals and species. Ducks, Goose, Coot, Pelican, Pigeons, Tern, Crane, Seagal, Racoon, Squirrel, Rabbits and etc. Some of this wildlife are protected and are special concern species in United Sated by department of Wildlife now being injured or dies by fisherman. Some of them get eaten by homeless population and some are being chased by dogs/visitors and get injured or their neck get broken and they die. There are absolutely no sing no laws to protect the animals at Balboa Park.

Balboa Park is Closed on sunset around 530 pm. However, Fishers are fishing 24 hours and is allowed. This is another level of danger and problem. Everywhere else there is rules and policies for fishing. However, Balboa Park has no rules for fishers, no time limit or no safety policy.

Balbo Park with thousands of waterfowl and other unique sensitive wildlife is not really designed to have fishing allowed. The cost of joy from fishing for few caused significant harm and injuries to both animals and visitors.

Please don't ignore this letter. We are all part of these sad situation if we don't do anything.

Farnaz Tamjid

Balboa Park Rescue Team

Phone:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Kathy Schramm <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:24 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 1:15 PM Kathy Schramm < > wrote:

Dear Michael,

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<https://youtu.be/0XydAbh0GI4>

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Thank you,
Kathy Schramm

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 1:17 PM alexandra mccardell < > wrote:
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Sincerely,

Alexandra McCardell

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

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To: Falling James <

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1 message

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To: Kamal Prasad <>

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 1:55 PM Kamal Prasad <> wrote:

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To: David Tang < >

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:26 AM

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 2:02 PM David Tang < > wrote:

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Elizabeth Porcheddu <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:26 AM

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 2:05 PM Elizabeth Porcheddu <

> wrote:

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To: Holly Freeling <>

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:27 AM

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 2:18 PM Holly Freeling <> wrote:

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Best,
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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:30 AM

To: leslie davies <

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 2:22 PM leslie davies <

> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Maria Amaral <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:31 AM

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 2:27 PM Maria Amaral < > wrote:

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To:

Cc: Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Mayor Helpdesk <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>

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Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:32 AM

To: J Kim <

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Cc: "michael.a.shull@lacity.org" <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, "mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org" <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>

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To: "Bruce R." <

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 3:47 PM Bruce R. < > wrote:

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To: Daniela Castillo <

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 3:55 PM Daniela Castillo <

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As a licensed veterinarian and resident of California I feel it is my duty to speak up for these animals. Please I beg you to consider this letter.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,
Daniela Castillo DVM

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To: Michelle May <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:35 AM

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 3:57 PM Michelle May < > wrote:

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To: Melinda Amato <

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 4:09 PM Melinda Amato <

> wrote:

Dear Michael,

Please consider exercising default provisions towards Griffith Park and Pony Rides. They are cruel and it is dangerous to show our children that some are ok with animal abuse. You have the great opportunity to bring this to an end and protect our children and the horses. My two year old deserves to only see animals in loving homes, as do his contemporaries.

Thank you,
Melinda Amato

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Michael Hegger

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 4:22 PM Tiffany Johnson <> wrote:

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Via iPhone

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> wrote:

Dear Michael,

I am a lifelong horse owner and an expert in equine care and welfare. As part of my work I provide training to law enforcement agencies on proper handling of equines and investigating equine abuse and neglect. I am also an adjunct professor of law at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where I teach classes in animal law.

I have observed video of the conditions under which the ponies are expected to work at the Griffith Park pony ride attraction. Based on those observations it is clear to me that the owner of that facility is not attending to the basic welfare needs of the animals in his or her care. I am particularly concerned about a small spotted white pony with an irregular gait that could indicate either pronounced musculoskeletal injuries or neurological disease, such as stringhalt. This animal must be immediately removed from work and put under the care of an equine veterinarian. I am also concerned that the animals appeared to be working on hot summer days where they were clearly fatigued and sluggish in their movements.

Because these appear to be chronic and ongoing problems, I would expect immediate action by the city, including revoking the facility's permit and shutting it down so the animals can be placed in more humane living conditions.

Thank you for considering my views and please advise if you have any questions or I can be of further assistance.

Scott Beckstead
Sutherlin, Oregon

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Mary Pierce <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:40 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 5:38 PM Mary Pierce < > wrote:

Dear Michael,

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Sincerely,
Mary Pierce

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: "Diaz, Sarah" <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:41 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 5:55 PM Diaz, Sarah < > wrote:
Dear Michael,

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: "alison.b.levy" <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:41 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 6:02 PM alison.b.levy < > wrote:

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Kind regards,

Alison Levy

Sent from my Galaxy

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 6:03 PM Mars Green < > wrote:

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To: Bryan Monell <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:42 AM

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 6:44 PM Bryan Monell < > wrote:

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To: ginny <

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 6:45 PM ginny <

> wrote:

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Please help,
Ginny Rankin

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To: Charlie Bond <

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 7:59 PM Charlie Bond <

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Best,
Charlie

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To: Courtney Atienza <

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 8:24 PM Courtney Atienza <

> wrote:

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To: Andrew Sabat <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:43 AM

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 8:39 PM Andrew Sabat <

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Leslie Randall <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:45 AM

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 9:50 PM Leslie Randall <

> wrote:

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Kathleen Cullen <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:45 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 10:07 PM Kathleen Cullen <

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Sincerely,
Kathy Cullen

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1 message

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To: KJett <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:45 AM

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On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 10:57 PM KJett < > wrote:

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Sent from Jett's iPhone

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

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To: Dave Santucci <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:46 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Thu, Nov 25, 2021 at 12:20 AM Dave Santucci <

> wrote:

Dear Michael,

Thank you for all that you do in our community. As the General Manager of Department of Recreation and Parks I am kindly requesting that you consider exercising default provisions towards Griffith Park and Pony Rides for violating their contract.

In July, 2021 a child was injured:

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This is a breach of the contract as this concessionaire has mistreated and endangered livestock, and not ensured the safety of children. We call on you to do the right thing. This attraction should be shut down immediately. There are other places children can experience animals locally (i.e. animal sanctuaries) and there are other ways to be entertained that don't involve mistreating animals and putting children at risk. Like riding the train at Griffith Park!

Thank you.

David Santucci

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

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To: Jeremiah Benjamin <

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On Thu, Nov 25, 2021 at 3:07 AM Jeremiah Benjamin <

> wrote:

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Kristie Middleton <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:46 AM

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On Thu, Nov 25, 2021 at 3:22 PM Kristie Middleton <

> wrote:

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

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To: Matt Braun <

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Nicole Bovigny <>

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:47 AM

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On Thu, Nov 25, 2021 at 8:52 PM Nicole Bovigny <> wrote:

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On Fri, Nov 26, 2021 at 7:52 AM Marie A. Baker <

> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: KURT & ELLEN KRONINGER < >

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:48 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Nov 26, 2021 at 11:26 AM KURT & ELLEN KRONINGER < > wrote:

Dear Michael,

Thank you for all that you do in our community. As the General Manager of Department of Recreation and Parks I am kindly requesting that you consider exercising default provisions towards Griffith Park and Pony Rides. July, 2021 a child was injured

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Kind regards,
Ellen Kroninger

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To: Sandra Bell <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:49 AM

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On Sat, Nov 27, 2021 at 7:46 PM Sandra Bell < > wrote:
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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Georja Umano <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:49 AM

Good morning,

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On Sat, Nov 27, 2021 at 10:39 PM Georja Umano < > wrote:

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Sent with good cheer

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Shemirah Brachah <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:49 AM

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Good morning,

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On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 7:52 AM Shemirah Brachah <

> wrote:

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Re: Urgent-Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Deanne Thomsen <

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 9:41 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Nov 24, 2021 at 6:33 PM Deanne Thomsen <

> wrote:

Hi Michael,

Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you for all that you do in our community. As the General Manager of Department of Recreation and Parks, I am kindly requesting that you consider exercising default provisions towards Griffith Park and Pony Rides. On July, 2021 a child was injured, and numerous horses are being overworked and neglected.

On Sunday, November 13th, 2021 an equine expert and equine veterinarian confirmed that a horse has a medical condition (gait issues). Animal Services has investigated, however the horse has been seen on November 20th to continue to work several weeks after our concerns were raised. This geriatric horse should not be placed to work, and needs rest and retirement. This poses a risk to children as this horse is unstable. This is a breach of the contract as this concessionaire has mistreated and endangered livestock, and not ensured the safety of our children. We call on you to do the right thing.

Thank you and God bless you,

Deanne

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Harassment of children at the Griffith park ponies

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Allison Oliver <

Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 12:13 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 5:52 PM Allison Oliver <

> wrote:

Hello Los Angeles commissioners,

My name is Allison. I am writing to you about my experience at the Griffith park ponies. I just learned this is a common issue with protesters for the ponies but I'd like to write from the other side of this situation at the Griffith park ponies.

I took my daughter to her classmates 5th birthday party yesterday 11/28 and was harassed by animal protesters for three hours. From the moment the party started until it ended we were harassed by the Animal rights protesters. They were right there at the gate to the party. It started with just holding signs but quickly escalated to screaming at the kids while they rode the pony.

My 5 year old daughter was yelled at by several people, one specifically name Peter Lecki while another man smiled and recorded it. This yelling went on for two straight hours. I politely walked up to Peter and asked if he could please stop yelling at my child and was ignored. I called the park rangers hoping they could do something about the harassment but was told that they have their hands tied. I was told these protesters are expressing their rights to freedom of speech but it is clear this is a abuse to that privilege. Yelling at a child while she's on a pony and recording it is beyond freedom of speech and it is harassment to a child.

I feel completely violated that my child was exploited by this group. I was able to look them up on both Facebook and Instagram and my child is on both of their sites already. Without my consent. My daughter said she doesn't want to go back "because the angry man that yelled at me was really scary".

Regardless of their point of view, mine, or anyone else's about the ponies, when children are present there needs to be stricter rules and boundaries for protesters. These people are trying to advocate for the animals while harassing and traumatizing the kids. Something has to be done with how they are allowed to protest here. In my search on their many social media accounts this is now going to be a weekly thing for them until the ponies are free.

I personally don't know if the ponies are being abused or not but what I do know is that the Griffith park ponies is a place that parents bring their children to and we should have a safe place for the kids where grown adults are not yelling at our children less than 6 feet away.

These people should not be allowed to protest so close to the children and I ask you all to put some safety in place for the children. After the year and half all our children have had to go through and then have to experience this just really sickening.

I appreciate all your time reading my lengthy email and I really hope someone can help out!
Thanks,
Allison

Sent from my iPhone

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11/30/21, 12:29 PM

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Harassment of children at the Griffith park ponies

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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides welfare check 11/30 at 2:42 pm

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 12:14 PM

To: Zohra Fahim <com>

Cc: "Ani.nocfield@lacity.org" <Ani.nocfield@lacity.org>, "Oscar.peregrina@lacity.org" <Oscar.peregrina@lacity.org>, "mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org" <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, "annette.ramirez@lacity.org" <annette.ramirez@lacity.org>, "

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 2:50 PM Zohra Fahim <

> wrote:

Hi Lieutenant Peregrina,

Thank you for your hard work and dedication towards the protection of our animals. I understand your plate is full, so I thank you in advance for attention on this issue.

I would like to submit a welfare check to the below items:

- On Saturday 11/27, at 1:00 pm I observed a tan pony on the turnstile with difficulty walking, as there was a long line of families waiting to ride the pony. **The same turnstile that I submitted video footage to your agency where horses and ponies were working and did not receive a drop of water in almost seven hours in 90 F, with no violations from Los Angeles Animal Services.** I submitted the same footage to an equine expert. It was observed that the level of thirst, and in that heat, it was definitely at risk of colic for drinking so much so quickly, cold or not. **The most important thing to remember is that colic can kill a horse very quickly.** I spoke to Officer Rios who mentioned that the investigating officer would need to come to continue the investigation, and check on the horse on the turnstile that had difficulty walking. When I asked Officer Rios how long it would take for the investigating officer to arrive on site, and if this officer was working on Saturday he mentioned to me he did not know. I expressed to him the level of urgency, and that this pony could collapse at any moment. He then responded with, I do not know when the officer will arrive, and I do not know if the officer is working. I remained on site for the next four hours waiting for an animal control officer, and did not observe an animal control officer to arrive.

- On Saturday 11/27 at 12:30 I observed a sheep panting, and was concerned for the health of this sheep, as I felt that this sheep was dealing with heat stress.

I am **respectfully urging you** to please enforce the following law:

Penal Code 597

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (a) or (c), every person who overdrives, overloads, drives when overloaded, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, drink, or shelter, cruelly beats, mutilates, or cruelly kills any animal, or causes or procures any animal to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, drink, shelter, or to be cruelly beaten, mutilated, or cruelly killed; and whoever, having the charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, subjects any

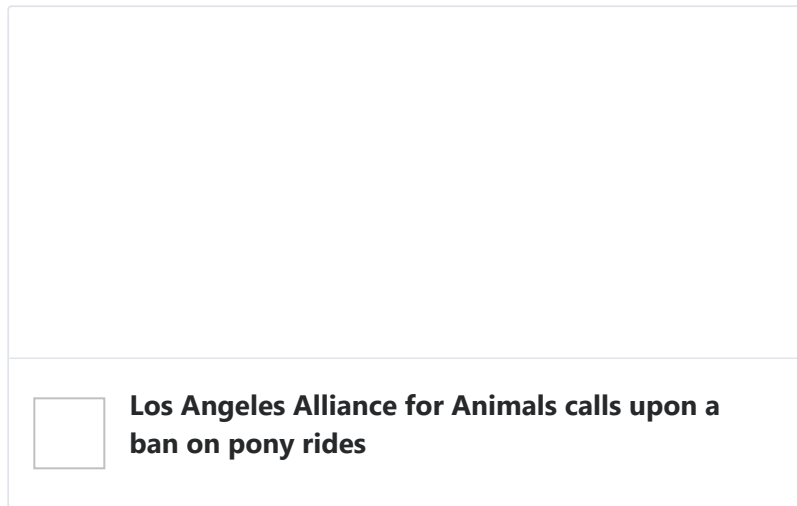
animal to needless suffering, or inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon the animal, or in any manner abuses any animal, or fails to provide the animal with proper food, drink, or shelter or protection from the weather, or who drives, rides, or otherwise uses the animal when unfit for labor, is, for each offense, guilty of a crime punishable pursuant to subdivision (d).

I **respectfully am urging you** to advocate for the retirement of the white horse that has lameness, and should not be working. I am **respectfully urging you** to have animal cruelty charges filed against this concessionaire for allowing a white horse to work for almost seven hours (on multiple days while having workers chase after this animal), when this horse has gait issues.

· Saturday 11/27, from 10:00 am-5:15 pm. White horse spotted with lameness, appeared to be fatigued, chased by workers for almost seven hours on this day. I understand that you're still investigating, however I have observed this horse to be working on this day, and this horse should not be working, rather be resting. This issue is garnering national attention, (please refer to letter below from horse expert who trains law enforcement agencies on proper handling of equines and investigating equine abuse).

On 11/27 ABC7 and three other news media outlets visited our weekly peaceful protest at Griffith Park and Pony Rides, due to our deep concerns that animal welfare laws are not being followed by this concessionaire. See story clip below:

[Los Angeles Alliance for Animals calls upon a ban on pony rides](#)



Dear Michael Shull,

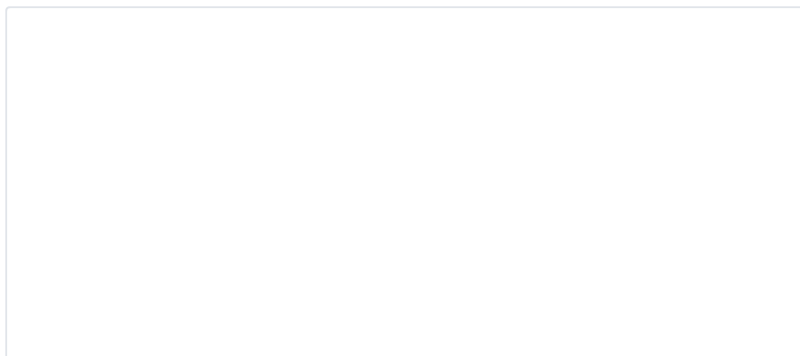
I **respectfully am urging you** to exercise default provisions towards the operator Griffith Park and Pony Rides, Stephen Weeks for not upholding the contract. Placing a child on a unstable pony to provide rides poses a huge safety risk to children, and this can cause an injury to a child. This can also poses a huge lawsuit against the city if a child is injured. In addition, allowing for a horse to be overworked with no water for almost seven hours in 90 F is endangering livestock.

Please refer to below of the contract:

R. Care of Livestock
CONCESSIONAIRE shall strictly observe all requirements and directives of the Department of Animal Services of the City of Los Angeles. If CONCESSIONAIRE or his employees appear to have mistreated or endangered any livestock, after a review by a licensed equine veterinarian, the DEPARTMENT may immediately exercise default provisions.

A child was injured on July, 2021 of this year (please refer to video below), as I have deep concern for the children that visit this park as we have observed the saddle to continue to slip.

[Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo: Girl trampled and dragged when saddle slips. July 2021](#)



Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo: Girl trampled and dragged when ...

Thank you for all the hard work you do in our community. It is greatly appreciated.

All my best to you,

Zohra

Griffith Park Pony Ride and Petting Zoo Contract

Nov 24 at 5:34 PM

Scott Beckstead

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To: michael.a.shull@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Dear Michael,

I am a lifelong horse owner and an expert in equine care and welfare. As part of my work I provide training to law enforcement agencies on proper handling of equines and investigating equine abuse and neglect. I am also an adjunct professor of law at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where I teach classes in animal law.

I have observed video of the conditions under which the ponies are expected to work at the Griffith Park pony ride attraction. Based on those observations it is clear to me that the owner of that facility is not attending to the basic welfare needs of the animals in his or her care. I am particularly concerned about a small spotted white pony with an irregular gait that could indicate either pronounced musculoskeletal injuries or neurological disease, such as stringhalt. This animal must be immediately removed from work and put under the care of an equine veterinarian. I am also concerned that the animals appeared to be working on hot summer days where they were clearly fatigued and sluggish in their movements.

Because these appear to be chronic and ongoing problems, I would expect immediate action by the city, including revoking the facility's permit and shutting it down so the animals can be placed in more humane living conditions.

Thank you for considering my views and please advise if you have any questions or I can be of further assistance.

Scott Beckstead

Sutherlin, Oregon

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Griffith Park Pony Contract

1 message

Zohra Fahim <

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Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 10:04 PM

To: Park and Rec commision <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Dear Commissioners,

Can you please provide me with a status of the Griffith Park and Pony contract?

Thank you very much.

All my best to you,

Zohra



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fw: ADDENDUM TO POTRERO CANYON PARK EIR (Sch No. 84091901)

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 12:15 PM

To: Sunset Blvd <

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Cc: "gary.l.moore@lacity.org" <gary.l.moore@lacity.org>, William Moran <

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 4:43 PM Sunset Blvd <

> wrote:

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Sunset Blvd <

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To: "maria.martin@lacity.org" <maria.martin@lacity.org>**Cc:** William Moran <**Sent:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021, 05:52:23 PM PST**Subject:** ADDENDUM TO POTRERO CANYON PARK EIR (Sch No. 84091901)

RE: Interdepartmental Correspondence, City of Los Angeles

Date: November 19, 2020

To: Patrick Schmidt, Manger Geotechnical Engineering Division

Attn: Pedro Garcia, Project Manager

From: Maria Martin, Manager Environmental Management Group

Subject: ADDENDUM TO POTRERO CANYON PARK EIR (SCH NO. 84091901) -
PREPARED PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15162 AND 15164

Dear Ms Martin,

This correspondence is a DEMAND LETTER. This letter represents a formal notification to the Environmental Management Group that statements on Page 3 of the above referenced Interdepartmental Correspondence are verifiably false/inaccurate and must be retracted immediately. When they are retracted, the landscaping work in progress must be immediately halted until this situation is resolved. Landscapers are currently operating under an incorrect authorization. All work thus far completed on the DG path is to be 100% removed and the land put back to its original natural condition. A serious error has taken place and I am requesting your assistance in quickly rectifying it.

Page 3 -- Inaccurate Statements:

"The Following Landscaping Activities Were Addressed in the Certified EIR and Do Not Require Additional CEQA Analysis"

- o "Construction of a DG path connecting the entrance at Friends Street to park trails (Section II and IV.I).

"Each of the activities listed above has been discussed and evaluated in the previously certified EIR (in the referenced sections) and therefore, pursuant to Section 15164(a), they do not require

any additions or changes to the EIR. Thus, they have been fully evaluated in the certified EIR and no additional CEQA analysis is needed."

Sections II and IV.I DO NOT contain any discussions or evaluation of Construction of a DG path connecting the entrance of Friends Street to park trails. Consequently, due to the enormous negative impact that very high park traffic would imposed upon the Via Mesa neighborhood (Potrero Canyon/Temescal Canyon/ Sunset Blvd/ Via de las Olas) additional CEQA Analysis is needed and is absolutely required. A full EIR of this neighborhood's impact from park entering/exiting traffic must be completed prior to any authorization for any entrance to the park via Friends Street.

The above mentioned Addendum must be retracted, modified to eliminate the reference to the Friends entrance to the park, and reissued. The landscaping contract must be appropriately modified and work thus far completed reversed. You must proceed with haste and complete these tasks prior to December 10, 2021. If not accomplished by Dec 10, 2021 I will have an attorney file for an injunction to halt ALL work on the Protrero Canyon Park until after this is resolved. That is not what I wish to have happen. The Park is an admirable project that has been ongoing for over 25 years and the City has spent over \$25M to date to complete.

At this point there are only two options. The easy way is for the Environmental Management Group to rescind their earlier (Nov 19, 2020) Memo, modify it by deleting the Friends entrance item, continue with the balance of the landscaping and open the park as scheduled. The hard way is for the City of Los Angeles to have to attempt to block an injunction, and argue in court trying to convince a judge that a false statement should be allowed to remain and used as the basis for proceeding. If I have to pay an attorney to file for and obtain an injunction I will request that the entire Potrero Park Project be halted until a new EIR study is completed. If that is successful it may be 5 or 10 years before one is completed and the project completed. Easier way is to immediately exclude the Friends entrance to park item of the landscaping work and have only that specific item be included in a new EIR study. Many, many interested parties will then have an opportunity to give input and after that input the City of Los Angeles can appropriately decide whether to have a Friends park entrance or not.

The impact of the traffic going to/from a Friends St park entrance will potentially ruin an entire neighborhood of 600 single family residences and affect the lives of over 1000 resident of Pacific Palisades. One way to Friends is by Via de las Olas which is a street that in the 1950's was withdrawn from public use by the City of Los Angeles -- therefore an completely unacceptable way for a potential 3,000,000 residents of Los Angeles to access their park. The other way is either by Friends or Lombard. Both streets are narrow to begin with, allow parking on both sides and in many situations have only single lane access/egress for a vehicle (not one vehicle in each direction -- ONE vehicle). This is currently the situation with only the neighborhood vehicles using the streets. Imagine the traffic if a few hundred or thousand park users vehicles arrive on any given day.

Initially I have sent this email to only you. I will be forwarding it to Michael Shull, L A Recreation and Parks Commissioners, and Gary Lee Moore as soon as I can locate their emails.

I can be contacted at: _____ or: _____

Please deal with this immediately - within the next day or two.

Thank you,
William Moran



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

ADDENDUM TO POTRERO CANYON PARK EIR (Sch No. 84091901)

1 message

Sunset Blvd <

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Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 5:49 PM

To: maria.martin@lacity.org

Cc: "michael.a.shull@lacity.org" <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, gary.l.moore@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Martin,

On 11/24/2021 @ 5:52 pm I emailed you concerning the Potrero Canyon Park Project. Attached, for your convenience are three files. First one is my original email to you. Second one contains the full copy of the Addendum and sections II and IV from the original EIR. These are the documents you require to verify the information in my email. Read through sections II and IV of the original EIR and let me know exactly where it addresses the Friends access gate. I am unable to locate any references in either section.

One additional piece of information about the proposed Friends gate. In addition to the increased volume of traffic, the issue of parking must be addressed. There is no Potrero Canyon Park parking anywhere near the proposed Friends access gate. All park visitors would have to park on the street. As I previously mentioned, Friends is basically three vehicle widths wide. When both sides of Friends become filled with parked vehicles there is only a single lane for two directional traffic. The end of Friends is essentially a dead end -- it turns into Via de las Olas at its most western point. Via de las Olas has been withdrawn from public use (and should not be considered an outlet for Friends vehicles) and therefore vehicles that go onto Friends to get to the park access gate will have to turn around using private driveways. This is not appropriate and certainly requires a new EIR report to analyze.

Please call me to discuss at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,
William Moran

3 attachments **Potrero Canyon Park EIR 11 30 2021 C.pdf**
154K **Potrero Canyon Park EIR 11 30 2021 A.pdf**
3302K **Potrero Canyon Park EIR 11 30 2021 B.pdf**
1563K

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: November 19, 2020

To: Patrick Schmidt, Manager
Geotechnical Engineering Division

Attn: Pedro Garcia, Project Manager



Digitally signed by Maria Martin
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From: Maria Martin, Manager
Environmental Management Group

Subject: **ADDENDUM TO POTRERO CANYON PARK EIR (SCH NO. 84091901) –
PREPARED PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15162 AND
15164**

This document is an Addendum to the previously certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Potrero Canyon Park project (Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). **The purpose of this Addendum is to determine if proposed landscaping activities require additional CEQA analysis and, if so, to perform the required analysis.**

Project Overview and History

Potrero Canyon was originally purchased by the City of Los Angeles in the 1960's. The City subsequently transferred jurisdiction of the property to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). When completed, the canyon portion of the Project will serve as a City park, operated and maintained by RAP. The Potrero Canyon Park will encompass approximately forty-eight (48) acres and will be a passive-use park with walking trails, a riparian zone, and a grassy meadow area.

Throughout its history, Potrero Canyon has experienced numerous landslides, due to the instability of its canyon walls, resulting in damage to many homes and properties. From 1964 to 1975, RAP purchased properties along the canyon rim, with the goal of stabilizing the canyon and extending the Palisades Recreation Center. Due to litigation settlement, the City was later obligated to purchase an additional twenty-two (22) properties along the canyon rim.

In 1986, RAP authorized a comprehensive study by Kovacs Byer, Inc., (later J. Byer Group) to evaluate proposed plans to fill the canyon in order to stabilize it and to create a park. The Project began in 1988 and consisted of multiple phases. The first phase, completed in 1990, consisted of cleaning out the canyon and installing a storm drain. The second phase consisted of large-scale import and compaction of fill in the canyon. It also included removal of landslide debris and benching of stabilizing fill-slopes into the

canyon walls. Numerous sub-drains were installed. In 2004, grading stopped due to a lack of funding, leaving the canyon grading approximately 35% incomplete.

On October 27, 2004, the City Council adopted a motion (Council File 04-1587) which instructed RAP and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering's Geotechnical Engineering Division (GED) to complete the Project. As part of this process, GED evaluated the existing canyon conditions, prepared a scope of work and schedule, and prepared preliminary grading plans for the canyon. GED was also instructed to review the geotechnical conditions of the twenty-two (22) City-owned lots and to prepare real estate disclosure reports for the lots to be sold. All of these properties have now been sold. The proceeds of those sales are being used to complete the Project, including slope stabilization, grading, landscaping and park development.

The Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee was formed in 2007 to solicit the community's questions, concerns, and suggestions, and to ensure that they were addressed and incorporated into the Project design. Regular meetings were held with the Committee throughout the design process.

In December 2010, MARRS Services Inc. was retained to produce final grading and landscaping plans to complete the Project. MARRS Services, Inc. prepared the plans and specifications under the direction of GED. In April 2018, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved the advertising and award of the grading contract for the park, which was subsequently awarded to OHL USA, Inc (RAP Board Report No. 18-124). Construction of the grading phase of the project was completed in August 2020. The landscaping plans for the park are now complete and ready to be advertised for construction.

Previous Environmental Documentation

The Project was previously evaluated for environmental impacts in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 84091901) for the Project was certified by the Board of Recreation and Parks on June 28, 1985. Work completed to date (importation of fill, placement of fill, grading to stabilize slopes) has been done pursuant to this certified EIR. As project mitigation, the EIR required restoration of the riparian area that had existed prior to the Project and development of the site as a park.

Current Approval Action

At an upcoming meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Recreation and Parks will consider the approval of the landscaping plans for the Project and will authorize the advertising of a contract for bid and award.

The Following Landscaping Activities Were Addressed in the Certified EIR and Do Not Require Additional CEQA Analysis

The landscaping activities listed below were addressed and evaluated in the previously certified EIR; the sections of the EIR where these are discussed are referenced in parentheses.

- Clearing and grubbing (discussed in Sections II and IV.A of the EIR).
- Reconstruction of the Palisades Recreation Center parking lot; including paving, striping of parking stalls, installation of ADA signage and paths, and planting of trees and shrubs in the center parking lot island (Sections II and IV.F).
- Minor grading – cut and fill from existing stockpiles; including buttressing of over-steepened slopes at the mouth of the canyon nearest to Pacific Coast Highway (Sections II, IV.A and IV.B).
- Installation of irrigation systems throughout the canyon (Sections II and IV.D).
- Installation of landscaping; including plants, decorative boulders and informational signs (Sections II and IV.D).
- Construction of a new Pre-fabricated restroom at the top of the canyon including; construction of restroom foundation pad, installation of restroom model and connection to utilities, and planting along the exterior walls (Section II and IV.I).
- Construction of perimeter fencing around the entire canyon (Section II and IV.I).
- Construction of fencing around riparian zones and paths (Section II and IV.D).
- Construction of soil cement access road (Section II and IV.I).
- Construction of scenic overlooks; including benches, trash cans and DG paths to the overlooks (Section II and IV.I).
- Construction of approximately 700-LF of 12" to 24" storm drain line (Section II and IV.C).
- Construction of a DG path connecting the entrance at Friends Street to park trails (Section II and IV.I).
- Erosion control / SWPPP implementation (Section II and IV.B).

The threshold question in evaluating whether the above activities require additional analysis under CEQA is determining whether the proposed activities are such that they would require additions or changes to the EIR (CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(a)).

Each of the activities listed above has been discussed and evaluated in the previously certified EIR (in the referenced sections) and therefore, pursuant to Section 15164(a), they do not require any additions or changes to the EIR. Thus, they have been fully evaluated in the certified EIR and no additional CEQA analysis is needed.

The Proposed Construction of a Pump Station and Force Main Does Require Additional CEQA Analysis and This Addendum is the Appropriate Document for that Analysis

In addition to the activities discussed above, the landscaping plans also include the following:

- Construction of a pump station to recycle stormwater runoff into the riparian system.
- Construction of approximately 700-LF 6" PVC force main to supply water for riparian zone.

As discussed above, the previously certified EIR required construction of a riparian zone as mitigation and the proposed landscaping work includes activities to complete construction of the riparian zone. The pump station and PVC force main will carry water from the mouth of Potrero Canyon (adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway) to the top of the canyon (near the Recreation Center) and deliver the water to the riparian zone. The pump station and force main are needed to construct the riparian zone required by the EIR. Though the EIR requires the establishment of a riparian zone, it does not specify the means for carrying the continuous supply of water that is necessary to sustain a riparian area. During project design it was determined that a pump station and force main would be an effective means of providing water to the riparian zone.

Since the EIR did not include construction of a pump station and force main as part of the riparian restoration, these project elements were not specifically addressed or evaluated in the EIR. Thus, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(a), the construction of the pump station and force main are additions to the project and will require additional analysis under CEQA. If a project activity requires additions to the EIR, these additions may be made either through an addendum or through a subsequent EIR.

Sections 15162 and 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines establish the procedure for determining whether an addendum or a subsequent EIR is the appropriate document to make additions to the EIR. Section 15164(a) states: "The lead agency or responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred."

As discussed above, the proposed construction of a pump station and a force main is an addition to the project for the purposes of Section 15164(a). Whether an addendum or subsequent EIR should be prepared is determined by the conditions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162.

Section 15162 calls for the preparation of a subsequent EIR (rather than an addendum) when any of the following have occurred:

- Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR;
- Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR; or

- New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified, such as:
 - One or more significant effects was not discussed in the previous EIR;
 - Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe;
 - Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project; or
 - Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects.

The pump station and force main are not substantial changes to the project and do not require major revisions of the certified EIR. The pump station and force main are the means for providing a water supply to the riparian zone, which the EIR requires as project mitigation. The purpose of the force main is to convey water and deliver it to the required riparian area. As such, the pump station and force main are functionally equivalent to the storm drain pipes for delivery of water to the riparian area that are part of the Project as evaluated in the EIR.

There have been no substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken. Most of the project has been completed since the EIR was certified. The current circumstances under which the landscaping activities will take place are a result of the Project work that has been completed so far. The landscaping activities are the last steps needed to complete the Project described in the EIR.

No new information of substantial importance is available which shows that the pump station or force main would have significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or would increase the severity of previously examined effects. The environmental effects from construction of the pump station and force main are no more severe than the effects from the construction of storm drain pipes. These effects were evaluated in the EIR and we found to be less-than-significant. Similarly, the environmental effects of the pump station and force main are also less-than-significant.

Since the impacts from the pump station and force main are less than significant, there is no need to add or change any of the mitigation measures included in the EIR.

Conclusion

This Addendum is the appropriate CEQA document to assess and disclose the effects of constructing a pump station and force main for the following reasons:

- No substantial changes are proposed to the Project which will require major revisions of the previously certified EIR;
- No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is being undertaken; and

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- No new information of substantial importance relating to significant effects has been identified.

The analysis in this Addendum has shown that the environmental impacts of the construction of the pump station and force main are less-than-significant.

If you have questions about this document, please contact Norman Mundy of my staff at (213) 485-5737 or Norman.Mundy@lacity.org.

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II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. LOCATION

Potrero Canyon is located in the Pacific Palisades community of the City of Los Angeles (Figures II-1 and II-2). It is generally bounded by the Palisades Recreation Center and La Cruz Drive to the north and by the Sunspot Motel and Pacific Coast Highway on the south. Single family residences abut the canyon's rim to the east and west.

The canyon covers an area of approximately forty acres of very steep terrain with 1.5:1 or steeper slopes and extends for about a mile to the north. Canyon depths average from 150 to 200 feet and from 125 feet to more than 500 feet in width.

B. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

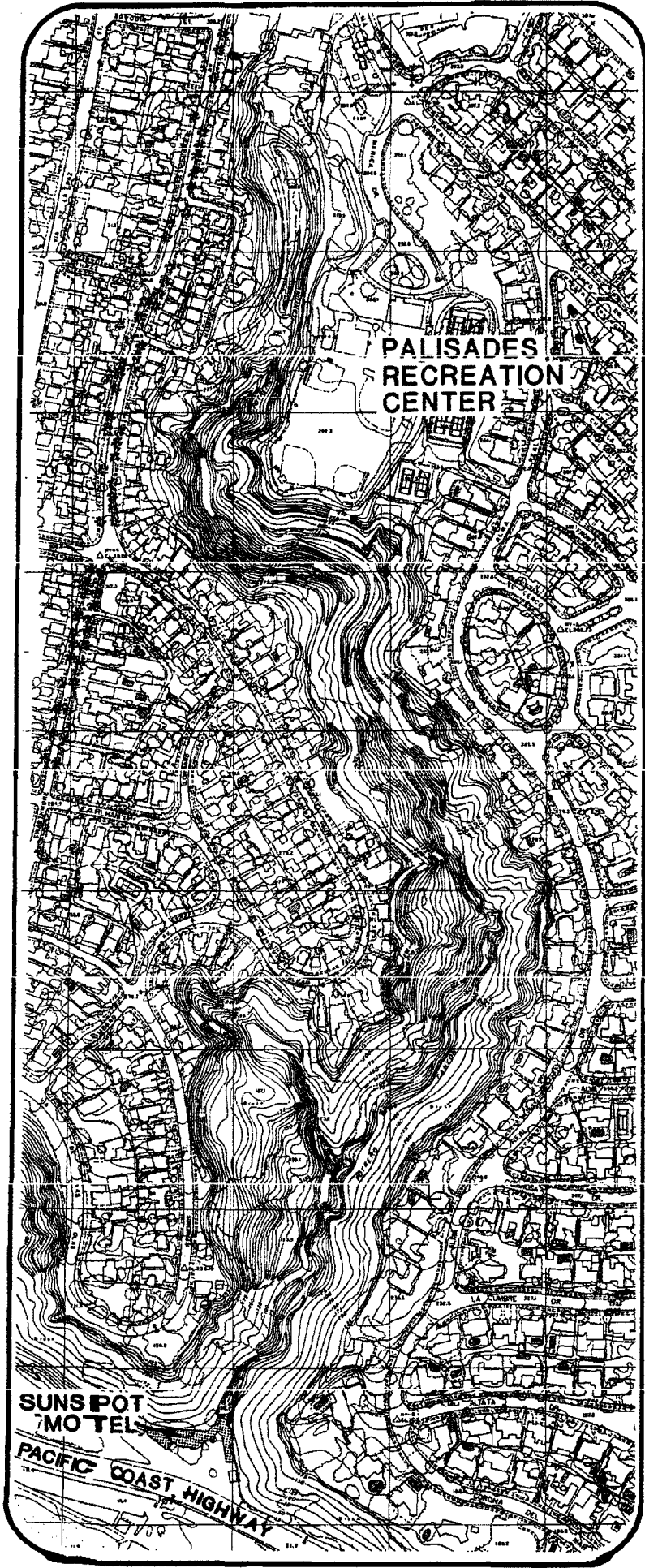
Potrero Canyon was purchased by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks between 1964 and 1975 with the goal of developing it as a recreational adjunct to the Palisades Recreation Center.

Principal objectives to meet in the development of Potrero Canyon Park are as follows:

- o Provide community residents with additional areas for outdoor recreational opportunities and activities.
- o Develop a link between community and regional recreational facilities.
- o Preserve the canyon's intrinsic open space and aesthetic character.
- o Maintain a balance between recreational and environmental values.
- o Develop the facility within a reasonable time-frame in order to reduce the period of experiencing adverse environmental impacts.
- o Limit park development to passive recreational activities.
- o Integrate public safety and convenience with recreational uses.
- o Restore and maintain the riparian habitat as a distinctive, natural element of the park landscape.

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SITE MAP



SCALE: 1" = 500'

FIGURE II-2

C. PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

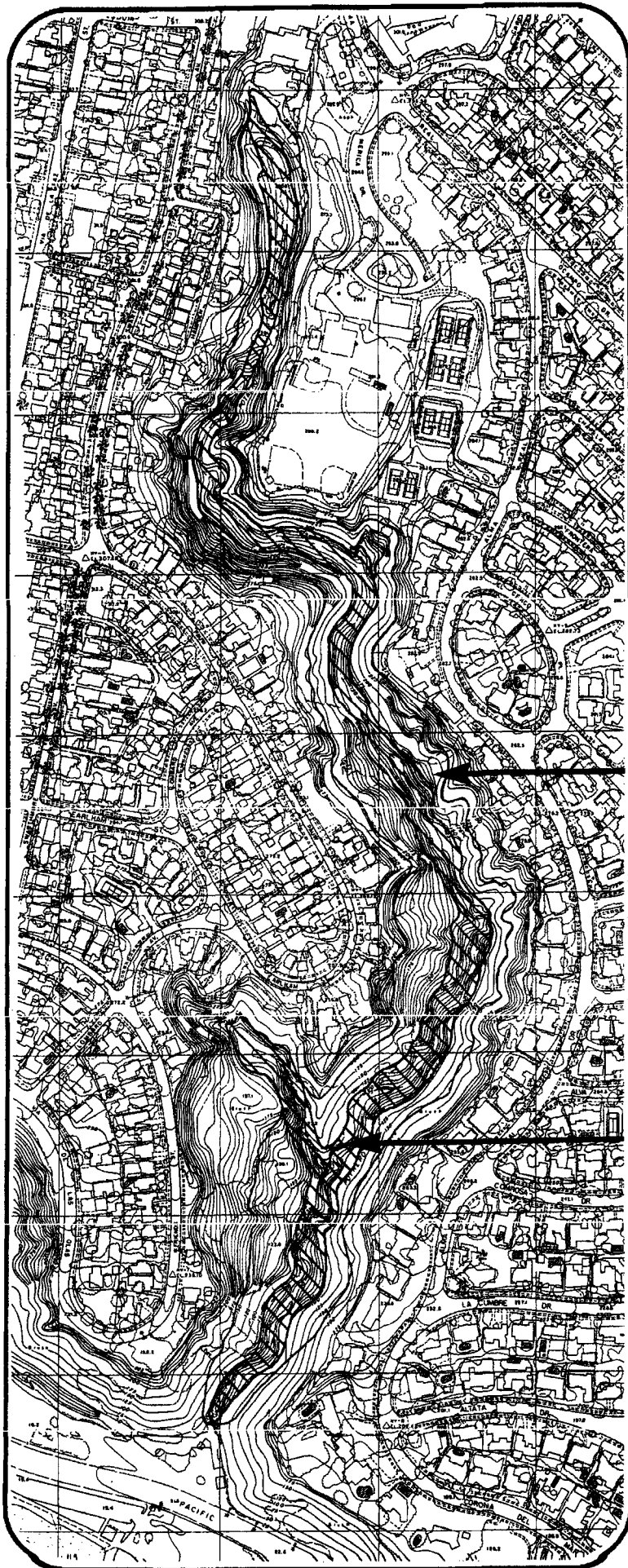
As a means of developing Potrero Canyon for public recreation use the project will involve the conversion of the canyon into a pedestrian accessway for passage to Will Rogers Beach State Park from the Palisades Recreation Center. The extent of physical development of the park area will be limited to such passive recreational features as walking trails, picnic facilities and vista points. A pedestrian overpass from the canyon mouth over the Pacific Coast Highway to the State Park is also proposed for construction.

In order to accomplish the park development plan, a multiphased canyon fill operation is proposed. Under the 1972 and 1984 design alternatives evaluated to undertake the project, the placement of fill would also provide sufficient support to the base of existing slide materials to minimize future earth movement. However, the deeper fill proposed in the 1972 plan would provide a relatively greater degree of stabilization. The extent of canyon filling under these alternative plans is shown on Figure II-3. Unlike the 1972 alternative, however, which proposes the use of buttress fills to be constructed only at the upper portions of known landslides, the 1984 alternative proposes the installation of soldier piles at selected properties adjacent to the canyon rim determined to be at a high risk of damage. Soldier pile systems are typically steel reinforced concrete pins placed in a row of bore holes drilled into competent earth material and connected at the surface by a grade beam. The appropriate depth to which piles would be installed will be determined by geotechnical analysis of site-specific data. An example of a soldier pile installation is shown in Figure II-4.

Although the environmental effects during the canyon filling phases of the alternative plans are similar, the 1984 alternative is preferred and has been selected for more detailed analysis due to its ability to meet the objectives of the project in a more cost and time effective manner. As a result, the adverse environmental impacts generated during construction of this alternative will be experienced for a shorter period of time since substantially less fill material is required.

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EXTENT OF PROPOSED CANYON FILL



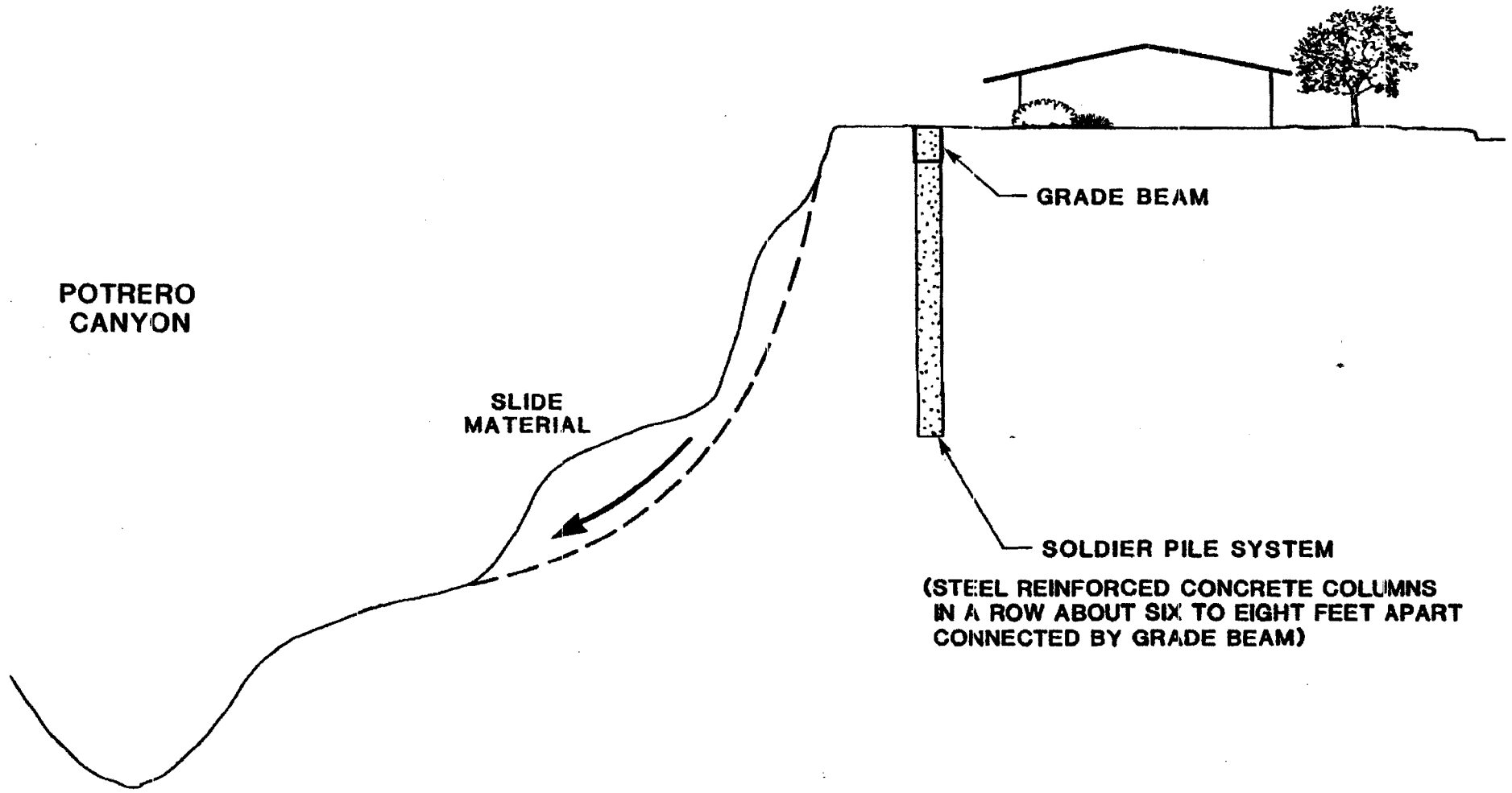
1972 ALTERNATIVE
FILL MATERIAL REQUIRED:
2.3 MILLION CUBIC YARDS

1984 ALTERNATIVE
FILL MATERIAL REQUIRED:
230,000 CUBIC YARDS



SCALE: 1" = 500'

FIGURE 11-3



POTRERO CANYON PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
TYPICAL SOLDIER PILE INSTALLATION

FIGURE II-4

Filling of the canyon under the preferred alternative would be implemented in the following phased sequence:

- o Clearing and grubbing vegetation from the bottom of the canyon. A bulldozer would be used to limit disturbance of the canyon slopes. The cleared material would be disposed of at an approved disposal site. Installation of soldier pile systems would begin at selected properties on the canyon rim.
- o A subdrain system will be installed at the bottom of the main and side canyons with construction beginning at the mouth of the canyon. The system would consist of a perforated drain pipe placed in a granular drainage bedding material and wrapped with a filter cloth blanket. The subdrainage system will extend the entire length of the canyon.
- o As soon as a sufficient length of the subdrain is installed, construction of a 30 foot wide access road will begin from the mouth of the canyon. Construction of the access road will require the emplacement of approximately 30,000 cubic yards of fill material to a depth of 8 to 10 feet. Sequential construction of the subdrain system and the access road would continue in this same fashion.
- o A large diameter subsurface storm drain pipe will be installed along the east side of the canyon. This drain pipe would extend the length of the canyon and accept storm water from: the existing storm drains from Earlham Street, Frontera Drive and Hampden Place; runoff from the canyon sidewalls; and runoff from the new fill surface diverted into the storm drain via manholes/drop inlet structures placed at approximately 1,000 foot intervals.
- o Complete filling of the canyon in 5 to 10 foot deep lifts building northward from the north to a proposed depth of 35 to 40 feet. Approximately 200,000 cubic yards of fill will be required to reach this depth. Potential sources of fill include inert waste materials from flood control facilities and major construction sites in the area.

- o A lined surface channel will be constructed along the east side of the canyon to collect on-site runoff. This runoff will be periodically diverted into the main storm drain.

It is estimated that the first four phases of the filling operation will be completed within one year from commencement of the project. Depending upon the availability of fill material, filling to the proposed final depth would take up to two additional years assuming an average of about 100,000 cubic yards of material being place annually.

After the installation of the drainage systems and completion of the fill operation, the landscape development phase of the project will begin. Establishment of a landscape theme for the canyon will be governed by the physical, natural and aesthetic considerations and the character of the project site itself.

SECTION III
ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING AND OVERVIEW

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING OVERVIEW

Potrero Canyon is a north-south trending coastal canyon located in the Pacific Palisades Community of the City of Los Angeles. The narrow canyon is undeveloped and comprises more than forty acres of steep to very steep terrain. It is approximately one mile long, averaging 150 to 200 feet in depth and from 125 to more than 500 feet in width. The existing flora in the canyon consist of both riparian and coastal sage scrub vegetation and the predominant wildlife in the canyon include small mammals (i.e., raccoons, ground squirrels); reptiles and amphibians; and a variety of bird species.

The canyon is bounded by the Palisades Recreation Center, Pacific Palisades Library, commercial offices and La Cruz Drive on the north and the Sunspot Motel and the Pacific Coast Highway on the south. Single family residential units are located around the entire rim of the canyon.

The steep-walled canyon has been modified by natural geologic processes throughout its history. These processes include: soil creep, slope erosion, landslides and other forms of mass wasting. Naturally occurring runoff in the canyon tends to erode exposed slopes and removes landslide debris which may be blocking the channel bottom. Subsequent episodes of sliding occur once the lateral support produced by the earlier landslide debris is removed by erosion. This type of retrogressive failure gradually encroaches into the rim of the canyon especially on the canyon's west slopes. Residential development on the Palisades mesa, starting in the early 1920's, has probably contributed to occurrences of landsliding as landscape watering increased and as drainage patterns or flow concentrations were altered by development.

SECTION IV
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

A. TOPOGRAPHY AND LANDFORMS

Existing Conditions

The project area is characterized by a mile-long, deeply incised, south-draining coastal canyon between Sunset Boulevard and the Pacific Coast Highway. The steep canyon walls, ranging up to about 200 feet high, were formed by erosional and mass-wasting processes mainly as a result of a gradual lowering of sea level, and/or rising of the land mass. The plateau formed at the top of the Pacific Palisades represents a former sea level, probably a few hundred thousand years old.

The coastal bluffs above the Pacific Coast Highway, east and west from the mouth of Potrero Canyon, comprise the steepest and highest slopes of the Pacific Palisades. Except for residential construction along the rim of the canyon, and the existing motel at the mouth of the canyon, the project site is relatively unaltered from a natural state. Several storm drains and some yard drains from the adjoining developed areas, however, discharge into the canyon. Native brush, shrubs and trees cover essentially all of the canyon slopes.

Environmental Impacts

The principal topographic and landform impacts resulting from the project will be as follows:

- o A reduction in the depth of the canyon by up to 40 feet and creation of a contoured canyon bottom for park purposes.
- o Retardation of potential slope alterations resulting from landslide activity will result from the buttressing effect of the canyon filling and soldier-pile construction activities.

Mitigation Measures

Inasmuch as the impacts are primarily positive, the necessity of special mitigation measures are not anticipated. The proposed fill plan incorporates several features which reduce the extent of the topographic and visual changes which would result from the alternative fill plan. These include significantly less filling of the canyon, and no buttress fill construction, which would alter the presently natural slopes above the level of the canyon fill.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

The unavoidable adverse impacts which will result from undertaking the proposed project is the alteration of the natural landform and the change in the canyon's natural drainage pattern.

Cumulative Impacts

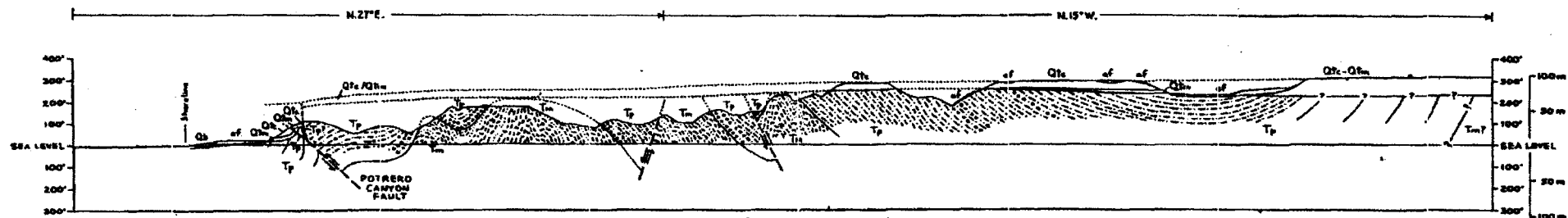
No cumulative impacts have been identified.

B. SOILS AND GEOLOGY

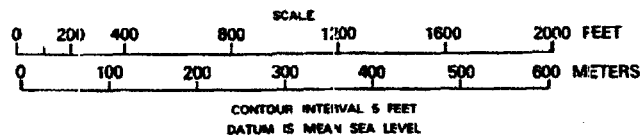
Existing Conditions

o Geologic Conditions

The characteristics of the bedrock formations and surficial soil deposits which underlie the project site, in combination with the steep topography and ground water conditions, are primary determinants in the occurrence of landslides, the most important geologic hazard affecting the area. The complex geologic structure and the distribution of the formations and landslides within the site are described in the Engineering Feasibility Report (Envirosphere, 1984) for this project. Figure IV-1 shows a typical geologic cross section along the length of the canyon. Several faults transecting the site, including



Modified from U.S. Geological Survey Map OFR 82-194 (McGill, 1982)



SURFICIAL DEPOSITS

- af Artificial Fill
- Qb Beach Deposits
- Qc Nonmarine Cover on Marine-Terrace Deposits or Platforms
- Qm Marine-Terrace Deposits
- Qy Younger Landslide Deposits

BEDROCK UNITS

- Tp Pliocene Sedimentary Rocks
- Tm Modelo Formation

LITHOLOGIC SYMBOLS

Structure Sections

- Conglomerate
- Sandstone
- Pebbly sandstone
- Siltstone
- Shale
- Sedimentary breccia
- Intrusive igneous rocks

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TYPICAL GEOLOGIC CROSS SECTION ALONG POTRERO CANYON

FIGURE IV-1

the Potrero Canyon fault, are not known to be active and, therefore, are not considered to be significant earthquake or ground rupture hazards.

The direction and inclination angle of the bedrock strata relative to existing slopes, especially the steeper ones, are particularly critical in evaluating the stability of a given slope. The shear strengths of the formations or soil materials (e.g., the presence of weak clay or shale) are also key factors in determining whether a slope will be stable.

Because the landslide debris is relatively loose and uncompacted, the canyon fill which is to be placed over it will be subject to differential settlement and subsidence. As a standard practice, the landslide debris is normally removed prior to the placement of fill. In the case of the subject landfill, however, such a procedure is considered too hazardous to the stability of the upslope properties.

o Regional Seismicity

Major active faults within the nearby region anticipated to produce significant earthquake ground shaking at the site are shown on Table IV-1 which also lists their principal seismic parameters:

TABLE IV-1
REGIONAL SEISMICITY

Active Fault	Distance From Site (Miles)	Maximum Probable Earthquake (Richter Magnitude)
Anacapa-Santa Monica	2-3	6.8
Newport-Inglewood	8	6.5
San Fernando-Sierra Madre	16	6.5
Whittier-Elsinore	31	6.7
San Andreas	43	8.3

The above faults, as well as other less significant active or potentially active faults, are shown on Figure IV-2. The latter faults, although they are major faults, are not expected to produce more intense ground shaking at the site than the Anacapa fault because of their greater distance. The San Andreas fault, however, could produce a relatively long duration of strong (but not greater intensity) ground shaking at the site.

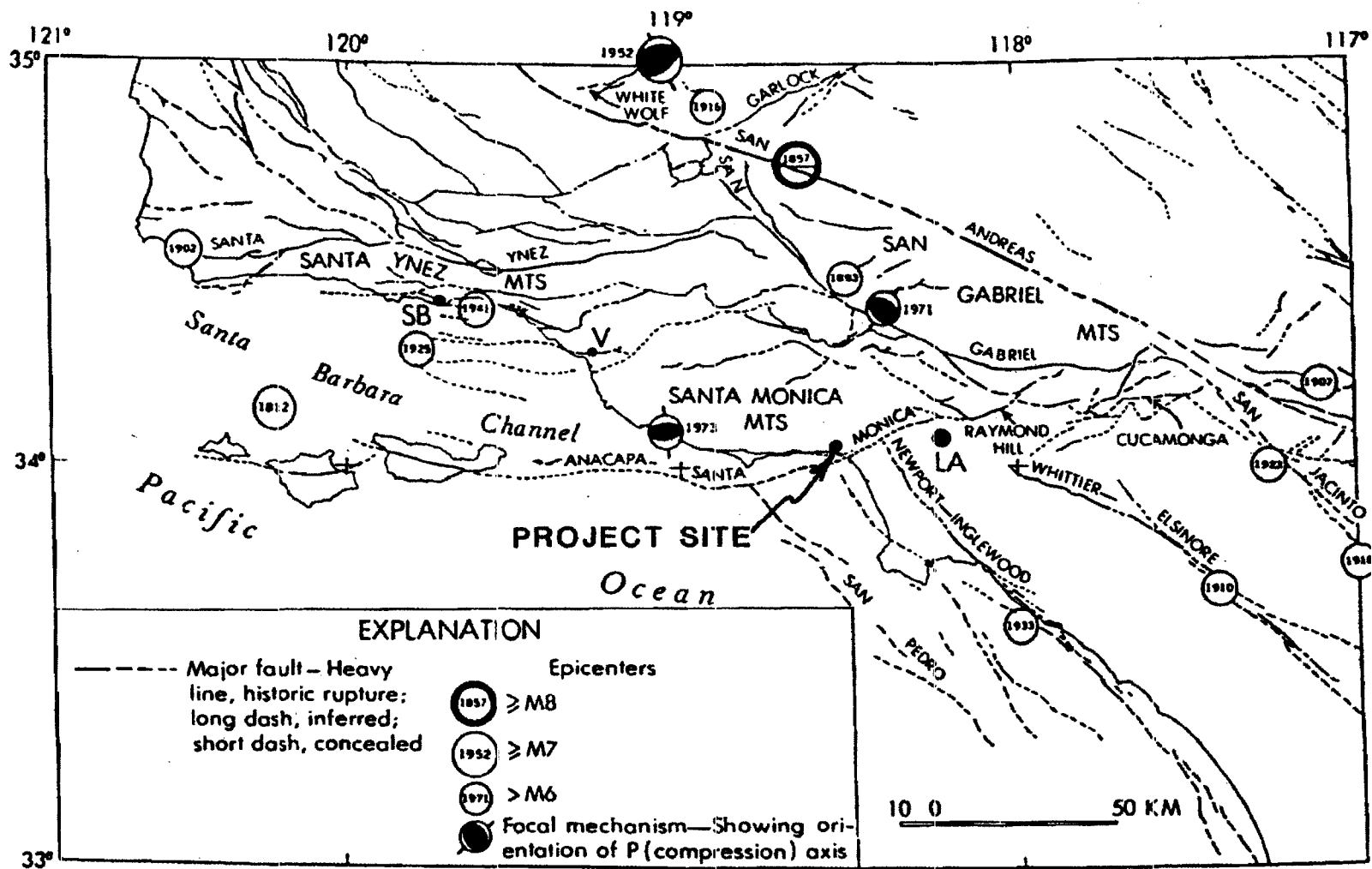
Environmental Impacts

Considering that one of the primary results of the park development project will be to mitigate landslide hazards, the major impact would be chiefly positive. Some attendant negative, although relatively minor, impacts are expected to result. These include differential settlement and subsidence of the canyon fill; a relatively greater amount of surface water infiltrating the proposed fill (not compacted to 90 percent minimum relative compaction); and ground vibration, dust and noise impacts from heavy construction equipment during the filling operations and soldier-pile installation. Although periodic earthquakes will produce significant ground shaking at the site, it should require no special design considerations because no significant structures are proposed on the canyon fill.

Mitigation Measures

The potential negative impacts resulting from the proposed canyon filling can be minimized by the following guidelines, procedures, or recommended actions:

- o Differential settlements and/or subsidence can be reduced by a higher degree of compaction, but not entirely eliminated, due to the infeasibility of significant removal of landslide debris. Placement of the storm drain on stable, natural ground under the fill on the east flank of the canyon is expected to mitigate settlement problems related to the proposed storm drain. However, special provisions for



Part of Southern California showing area investigated, and relations of western Transverse Ranges (bounded by Santa Ynez, San Gabriel, and Anacapa-Santa Monica faults) to major faults and epicenters of large earthquakes. SB, Santa Barbara; V, Ventura; LA, Los Angeles. Modified from Yerkes and Lee, 1979 (U. S. Geol. Survey Circular 799-B).

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REGIONAL FAULTS AND MAJOR EARTHQUAKE EPICENTERS**

FIGURE IV-2

sections crossing side canyons would be necessary to mitigate differential settlement where filling is required at those locations. Greater compaction of the fill or installation of a relatively impermeable membrane or fill layer beneath the surface drainage channel would reduce the amount of runoff penetrating the fill.

- o Anticipate the need for periodic repair of any access roads, paths, and surface drains affected by differential settlement, and for provision of catchment berms or fences in slide-prone areas above the fill.
- o Keep canyon slope clearing, benching and undercutting to a minimum in order to reduce the risk of slope failure during grading.
- o Equipment vibration, dust, and noise levels should be monitored on adjoining offsite properties so that appropriate abatement measures are implemented, as necessary.
- o Detailed hydrologic and geotechnical site investigations should be performed prior to finalizing grading and improvement plans. These investigations should verify the optimal fill height needed to improve the level of stability of major landslide areas. They should also determine, on a site-specific basis, the appropriate design and placement of the recommended protective soldier piles.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

No unavoidable adverse impacts have been identified.

Cumulative Impacts

No cumulative impacts have been identified.

C. HYDROLOGY

Existing Conditions

o Groundwater

Groundwater in the project area is in discontinuous, near-surface aquifers or perched lenses which are formed by infiltration of rainfall and irrigation water through the relatively permeable terrace deposits that overlie less permeable bedrock on the surrounding mesas. This groundwater flows in a southeasterly direction and tends to form seeps on the westerly flank of the canyon. Groundwater movement on the easterly mesa tends to travel away from the canyon.

Inasmuch as it is primarily a perched groundwater condition, the groundwater surface generally follows the zone of saturation within the near-surface, more permeable (weathered, fractured, or landslide-disturbed) bedrock formations. Consequently, the groundwater surface is steeper in the areas nearest to the canyon.

o Surface Water

The surface water drainage basin for Potrero Canyon consists of a 350-acre area. Potrero Canyon itself comprises approximately 40 acres of this drainage basin. Storm water from the upper reaches of the basin is collected in street storm drains, and is discharged at a minimum of three locations near the head of the canyon. These drains discharge from Hampden Place from the end of Frontera Drive and from Earlham Street. A culvert placed in the canyon bottom beneath a fill placed at the toe of the landslide below Hampden Place is presently blocked by debris. This has caused runoff from upstream to pond in the canyon north of the culvert.

Surface water also reaches Potrero Canyon by means of sheet flow of rainfall on the canyon slopes, and to a minor extent from the rear

yard areas of properties at the rim of the canyon, where the lots slope toward the canyon rather than toward the street. Locally, some developed lots are known to have yard drains which discharge onto the sides of the canyon.

All storm water entering Potrero Canyon eventually follows the canyon bottom (a natural drainage course) where it is diverted to an existing culvert opening at the mouth of the canyon. This culvert extends under Pacific Coast Highway and discharges into the Pacific Ocean.

Environmental Impacts

Potential impacts on local hydrology due to the proposed project are as follows:

- o The major drainage course in the canyon will be modified in that storm water will flow in an enclosed conduit and lined surface channels instead of along the canyon bottom. This will tend to mitigate the current undercutting of canyon side slopes by the stream channel.
- o During the clearing, grubbing, and initial filling operations prior to canyon filling, storm runoff would contain increased levels of silt. However, once the main storm drain is installed, siltation levels would decrease to below those presently encountered, since storm water would not carry soil deposits from the channel bottom. Runoff from the filled surfaces would contain low silt levels, since these surfaces will be landscaped and siltation settling basins will be provided for that purpose.
- o Flow from groundwater seeps which presently occur below the level of the proposed final fill surface could be impeded if the proposed drainage blankets clog up. This could lead to increased saturation of terrace deposits and result in soil instability and a possible increase in the occurrence of earth slides on the canyon walls above the final fill surface during the early phases of project development.

Mitigation Measures

Increased siltation of surface runoff due to project activities can be minimized by:

- o Keeping progressive areas of clearing and grubbing as small as practical.
- o Complete installation of deep subdrains and storm drains during the late spring to early fall when rainfall is minimal.
- o Installation and maintenance of temporary siltation basins below construction areas.

Impedance of groundwater seepage controls will be mitigated through the installation of a geotextile fabric around the wash rock blanket/subdrain pipe that is placed under the fill and along the canyon side walls. Further, the rock volume and the subdrain pipe diameter will be designed to provide additional capacity to handle approximately twice the anticipated seepage volumes.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

The construction of this project will cause the modification of the natural drainage course in the canyon and the removal of the riparian habitat associated with the drainage. Siltation downstream will result in temporary unavoidable adverse impacts during the canyon filling operations. However, there will be no significant impacts to marine habitats at the ocean outfall.

Cumulative Impacts

No cumulative impacts have been identified.

D. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Existing Conditions

o Vegetation

The natural vegetation of Potrero Canyon consists primarily of coastal sage scrub and south coast riparian plant communities (see Figure IV-3). The narrow canyon floor is covered with a thick growth of riparian vegetation of which willow trees are the dominant species. The canyon slopes are covered with coastal sage vegetation. Plants common to the coastal sage scrub community are adapted to geologically unstable areas and thus are able to survive frequent episodes of erosional events (Little, 1981). In southern California, the coastal sage scrub community occurs from near the coast to about 3000 feet (914 meters) in which little frost occurs and the rainfall ranges from 25.4 to 50.8 cm. (Munz, 1974). The dominant forms of vegetation in this community are low perennial shrubs such as coastal sagebrush, black sage, California buckwheat, and white sage.

In addition to the native vegetation there are various horticultural species which have become established (i.e. naturalized) in the canyon. The surrounding residential areas are the probable source of most of these species that are now found in the canyon. It appears that a large number of pine trees that are now growing in the canyon arrived there as part of a landslide from the De Pauw Street area.

Table IV-2 contains a list of the species found in Potrero Canyon during site visits conducted in September and October 1984. Additional species, consisting primarily of annual herbs and grasses, would probably be found during spring and early summer months.

Although not considered by Munz (1974) to be a community in the sense of coastal sage scrub, riparian areas are nevertheless extremely important habitats in southern California. For this reason, other workers consider riparian vegetation to constitute fairly distinct

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VEGETATION TYPES



— RIPARIAN VEGETATION

— COASTAL SAGE SCRUB



SCALE: 1" = 500'

FIGURE IV-3

TABLE IV-2
 POTRERO CANYON
 PLANT SPECIES LIST*

GENUS	SPECIES	COMMON NAME	WHERE FOUND ¹	NATIVE	ABUN ³
Agave	americana	Century plant	Css	No (Hort) ²	I
Artemisia	californica	Coastal sagebrush	Css	Yes	C
Artemisia	douglasiana	Mugwort	Rip	Yes	I
Arundo	donax	Giant reed	Css/Rip	No (Hort)	I
Atriplex	lentiformis ssp. breweri	Saltbush	Css	Yes	C
Carpobrotus	edulis	Hottentot-fig	Css	No (Hort)	I
Cortaderia	jubata?	Pampus grass	Css	No (Hort)	I
Cynodon	dactylon	Bermudagrass	Rip	Yes	I
Cyperus	eragrostis	Umbrella-sedge	Rip	Yes	I
Eriogonum	cinereum	Coastal buckwheat	Css	Yes	C
Eucalyptus	sp	Eucalyptus	Css	No (Hort)	C
Foeniculum	vulgare	Sweet fennel	Css	No (Weed)	C
Quercus	dumosa?	Shrub oak	Css	Yes	F
Heteromeles	arbutifolia	Toyon	Css	Yes	I
Malacothrix	saxatilis var. tenuifolia		Css	Yes	I
Nicotiana	glauca	Tree tobacco	Css	No (Weed)	C
Oxalis	pes-caprae	Bermuda buttercup	Rip	No (Weed)	F
Picris	echioides	Ox tongue	Rip	No (Weed)	F
Pinus	spp.	pine trees	Css	Yes (Hort)	I
Rhus	ovata	Sugar bush	Css	Yes	C
Rhus	laurina	Laural sumac	Css	Yes	I
Ricinus	communis	Castor bean	Rip	No (Weed)	C
Salix	laevigata	Willow	Rip	Yes	C
Salvia	mellifera	Black sage	Css	Yes	I
Sambucus	mexicana	Elderberry	Css	Yes	I
Schinus	terebinthifolius	Brazilian Pepper-tree	Rip	No (Hort)	F
Solanum	douglasii	Nightshade	Rip	Yes	F
Sonchus	oleraceus	Sow-thistle	Rip	No (Weed)	F
Toxicodendron	diversilobum	Poison-oak	Css/Rip	Yes	C
Washingtonia	filifera	Fan palm	Css	Yes (Hort)	I
Woodwardia	fimbriata	Chain fern	Rip	Yes	F

1. Css = Coastal Sage Scrub; Rip = Riparian.

2. Hort = A native or nonnative plant used horticulturally which has become established in Potrero Canyon.

3. Abun = Abundance; an estimation of the relative abundance of the species in Potrero Canyon. I = Infrequent; C = Common; F = Few.

*Collection Date: September 11, 1984

plant communities (Thorne, 1976; Griffin, 1977; Sands, 1980). California previously had several million acres of riparian forests but they are currently measured in the thousands (Roberts, et. al., 1980). The microclimate of riparian corridors is significantly different than the surrounding vegetation. The air is calm, temperatures are cooler during the summer, and the humidity is high.

There are 31 rare and endangered plants in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (CNPS 1984). Of these, three are known to occur within a 7 mile radius of the project area: Astragalus brauntonii, Astragalus tener var. titi, and Dithrea maritima. The two latter species occur in coastal strand habitats and would not be expected to occur in the canyon. There is a slight possibility that A. brauntonii could occur in the canyon because it is known from several locations north and west of the site, however, it is normally associated with chaparral species. Three other species, Centrostegia leptoceras, Chorizanthe parryi var. fernandina, and Dudleya multicaulis could potentially occur in the canyon because they occur in coastal sage scrub habitats and are known from a number of locations within the general region of the canyon. None of the species mentioned above were found in Potrero Canyon.

o Wildlife

The wildlife of Potrero Canyon consists of small mammals, birds, reptiles, and probably amphibians. Table IV-3 contains a list of species observed or reported in the canyon but additional species which could potentially be found in the area are listed in Table IV-4. Access by terrestrial (nonflying) animals to the canyon is somewhat restricted because of urban development surrounding of the canyon.

The populations of mammals and birds are probably composed of some residents as well as migratory and transient individuals. Birds common to urban areas and back yards (e.g. mockingbirds, scrub jays, house sparrows, etc.) were observed flying into and out of the canyon

TABLE IV-3

POTRERO CANYON

ANIMAL SPECIES LIST

Genus	Species	Common Name	Native	How Seen
<u>MAMMALS</u>				
Canis	latrans	Coyote	Yes	Reported
Procyon	lotor psora	Raccoon	Yes	Tracks
<u>BIRDS</u>				
Aphelocoma	coerulescens	Scrub jay	Yes	Observed
Calypte	anna	Anna's hummingbird	Yes	Observed
Mimus	polyglottos	Mockingbird	Yes	Observed
Passer	domesticus	House sparrow	No	Observed
Pipilo	fuscus	Brown towhee	Yes	Observed
Regulus	calendula	Ruby-crowned kinglet	Yes	Observed
Zenaidura	macroura	Mourning dove	Yes	Observed
<u>REPTILES</u>				
Sceloporus	occidentalis	Western fence lizard	Yes	Observed

TABLE IV-4
 POTRERO CANYON
 WILDLIFE SPECIES THAT COULD POTENTIALLY OCCUR IN THE PROJECT AREA

Genus	Species	Common Name
<u>MAMMALS</u>		
<u>Didelphis</u>	<u>virginiana</u>	Common Opossum
<u>Scapanus</u>	<u>latimanus</u>	Broad-footed Mole
<u>Myotis</u>	<u>californicus</u>	California Myotis
<u>Eptesicus</u>	<u>fuscus</u>	Big Brown Bat
<u>Eumops</u>	<u>perotis</u>	Western Mastiff Bat
<u>Sylvilagus</u>	<u>bachmani</u>	Brush Rabbit
<u>Sylvilagus</u>	<u>audubonii</u>	Desert Cottontail
<u>Spermophilus</u>	<u>beecheyi</u>	California Ground Squirrel
<u>Thomomys</u>	<u>bottae</u>	Botta's Pocket Gopher
<u>Perognathus</u>	<u>californicus</u>	California Pocket Mouse
<u>Dipodomys</u>	<u>agilis</u>	Agile Kangaroo Rat
<u>Reithrodontomys</u>	<u>megalotis</u>	Western Harvest Mouse
<u>Peromyscus</u>	<u>californicus</u>	California Mouse
<u>Peromyscus</u>	<u>maniculatus</u>	Deer Mouse
<u>Spilogale</u>	<u>gracilis</u>	Western Spotted Skunk
<u>Mephitis</u>	<u>mephitis</u>	Striped Skunk
<u>REPTILES</u>		
<u>Gerrhonotus</u>	<u>multicarinatus</u>	Southern Alligator Lizard
<u>Coleonyx variegatus</u>	<u>abbotti</u>	San Diego Banded Gecko
<u>Phrynosoma coronatum</u>	<u>blainvillei</u>	San Diego Horned Lizard
<u>Eumeces</u>	<u>skiltonianus</u>	Western Skunk
<u>Diadophis</u>	<u>punctatus</u>	Ringneck Snake
<u>Pituophis</u>	<u>melanoleucus</u>	Gopher Snake
<u>Thamnophis</u>	<u>sirtalis</u>	Common Garter Snake
<u>AMPHIBIANS</u>		
<u>Batrachoseps</u>	<u>attenuatus</u>	Garden Slender Salamander
<u>Taricha torosa</u>	<u>torosa</u>	Coast Range Newt

TABLE IV-4
(Continued)

Genus	Species	Common Name
<u>Bufo</u>	<u>boreas</u>	Western Toad
<u>Bufo</u>	<u>microscaphus</u>	Southwestern Toad
<u>Hyla</u>	<u>californiae</u>	California Treefrog
<u>Hyla</u>	<u>regilla</u>	Pacific Treefrog
<u>Rana</u>	<u>aurora</u>	Red-legged Frog
<u>Rana</u>	<u>catesbeiana</u>	Bullfrog

BIRDS

<u>Accipiter</u>	<u>cooperii</u>	Cooper's Hawk
<u>Buteo</u>	<u>lineatus</u>	Red-shouldered Hawk
<u>Falco</u>	<u>sparverius</u>	American Kestrel
<u>Callipepla</u>	<u>californica</u>	California Quail
<u>Columba</u>	<u>livia</u>	Rock Dove
<u>Zenaida</u>	<u>macroura</u>	Mourning Dove
<u>Calypte</u>	<u>coastae</u>	Costa's Hummingbird
<u>Selasphorus</u>	<u>sasin</u>	Allen's Hummingbird
<u>Sayornis</u>	<u>nigricans</u>	Black Phoebe
<u>Sayornis</u>	<u>saya</u>	Say's Phoebe
<u>Hirundo</u>	<u>pyrrhonota</u>	Cliff Swallow
<u>Corvus</u>	<u>brachyrhynchos</u>	American Crow
<u>Psaltriparus</u>	<u>minimus</u>	Bushtit
<u>Catherpes</u>	<u>mexicanus</u>	Canyon Wren
<u>Toxostoma</u>	<u>redivivum</u>	California Thrasher
<u>Lanius</u>	<u>ludovicianus</u>	Loggerhead Shrike
<u>Dendroica</u>	<u>petechia</u>	Yellow Warbler
<u>Aimophila</u>	<u>ruficeps</u>	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
<u>Zonotrichia</u>	<u>leucophrys</u>	White-crowned Sparrow
<u>Agelaius</u>	<u>phoeniceus</u>	Red-winged Blackbird
<u>Sturnella</u>	<u>neglecta</u>	Western Meadowlark
<u>Euphagus</u>	<u>cyanocephalus</u>	Brewer's Blackbird
<u>Molothrus</u>	<u>ater</u>	Brown-headed Cowbird
<u>Icterus</u>	<u>cucullatus</u>	Hooded Oriole

from the surrounding residential areas. An unidentified hawk species reportedly nests in the canyon (J. Clause, 1984, personal communication), although they were not observed during site visits. Raccoon tracks were observed in the canyon during a site visit in September, 1984. Although larger mammals such as coyotes have been reported to occur (J. Clause, 1984, personal communication), it is unlikely that such animals maintain resident populations in the canyon because of its small size.

A small amount surface water was present in the canyon during the September field visit indicating that water probably flowed year-round, at least in the uppermost part of the canyon. The presence of water in the canyon adds greatly to its value as an ecosystem and could serve to attract a variety of wildlife. However, the quality of the water was not assessed. The value to wildlife of riparian habitats is that riparian areas serve as corridors for season migration of animals such as birds, bats, deer, etc., and they provide cover and nesting sites for these and many other species. Riparian zones are used disproportionately more than any other type of wildlife habitat since the availability of surface water in these habitats is one of the most important benefits to wildlife.

No threatened or endangered wildlife species were observed in the canyon, and it is unlikely that such species are resident in the canyon (California Department of Fish and Game, 1980).

Environmental Impacts

o Vegetation

Impacts to vegetation can be considered in two categories: short-term (temporary) and long-term (usually permanent). Short-term impacts arise from construction and actions which result in temporary vegetation removal, habitat alteration, creation of dust, etc. Long-term impacts result when native vegetation is permanently destroyed (either directly or indirectly), when land is cleared for construction, when

rare or endangered species are threatened and when the integrity of a plant community is destroyed.

Significant short-term impacts could occur to vegetation under the alternatives considered from the formation of dust and destruction of vegetation during the years that the canyon is being filled. Long-term impacts will occur to vegetation in the canyon from implementation of the proposed project alternatives because a significant proportion of the existing vegetation will be permanently removed or covered with fill. Filling the canyon to the 35 to 40 foot depth will result in the loss of about six acres or 100 percent of riparian vegetation. Filling the canyon to the 125 foot depth would also result in the removal of approximately 17 acres of coastal sage scrub vegetation representing about 50 percent of this habitat type in the canyon. However, State or federally listed rare or endangered plant species are not expected to be affected by the proposed project.

o Wildlife

Impacts to wildlife can also be considered in the short- and long-term. Short-term impacts arise in the construction stage which result in the disruption of wildlife species, habitat alterations, animal displacements, dust, and noise. Long-term impacts arise when wildlife is destroyed or permanently displaced, or when their habitat is permanently altered.

Because of the narrow confines of the canyon, the short-term impacts of habitat disruption, noise, and dust are expected to result in significant impacts on some of the resident and transient populations of wildlife, particularly small mammals and bird species, under any canyon filling project. Construction can be expected to drive out most resident individuals, and to deter use by transient species that are currently accustomed to using the canyon for foraging, resting, or nesting. Animals which are driven out by construction activities will find it difficult to survive because the perimeter of the canyon consists of substantial residential areas.

Long-term impacts will also occur because historic and current wildlife use will be permanently altered or precluded. In filling the canyon to a depth of up to 40 feet, approximately six acres of riparian wildlife habitat will be removed. Should the canyon be filled to 125 feet, about 17 acres of the coastal sage scrub habitat will be lost. Under the higher fill alternative, much of the remaining 17 acres of coastal sage scrub habitat that would not be covered are situated on the steep, dry, uppermost slopes of the canyon and are therefore virtually unsuitable for most forms of wildlife.

Because of the disruption of wildlife habitat that will occur, in conjunction with the loss of a riparian corridor, the loss of nesting and breeding sites, and the potential for direct and indirect wildlife mortality, it is expected that the proposed project will also result in significant, long-term, wildlife impacts. With respect to threatened or endangered wildlife, the only species of concern was the Least Bell's Vireo (on the state endangered species list and is in the process of being placed on the Federal list), a bird that is known to frequent coastal riparian habitats. A bird survey (see Appendix F) was conducted and concluded that the Least Bell's Vireo would not be impacted by the Potrero Canyon project.

Mitigation Measures

Vegetation should not be removed except that which will be covered by fill. Appropriate native vegetation for the coastal area environment similar to that removed should be considered for landscaping the proposed park. For example, willows (Salix laevigata and S. lasiandra) and other appropriate riparian trees, e.g. native sycamore (Platanus racemosa); coast live oak (Quercus agrifolia); and big-leaf maple (Acer macrophyllum), should be considered for planting along a surface waterway which may be created as part of this project. Eucalyptus, acacia, tamarisk, and other such exotic, non-native species should not be used. The use of native plants will also help to reduce park maintenance by reducing the need to water the plants and will reduce the need to provide for pruning, mowing of grass, etc. A landscape architect

thoroughly familiar with California native plants should be retained to design the park plantings. Surface water flows should be maintained as great as possible in order to provide water for wildlife.

By using an "escape" corridor located behind the Sunspot Motel to an existing adjacent slide area below Via De Las Olas, passage for various resident and migratory wildlife species can be found offering shelter, cover and forage.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

The unavoidable adverse impacts associated with this project include the loss of about 6 acres of natural riparian vegetation and wildlife habitat under the preferred alternative and up to an additional 17 acres of coastal sage scrub under the 1972 alternative. The south coast riparian forest is a plant community and wildlife habitat which is rapidly disappearing in southern California because of urban encroachment and development. Other unavoidable impacts include the direct mortality of resident and transient wildlife which would be killed as a result of construction activities, and indirect mortality of animals which would be displaced and forced to migrate out of the canyon.

Cumulative Impacts

The proposed project will contribute to the cumulative elimination of riparian plant communities and associated wildlife habitat on a local and regional basis, because of the scarcity of undisturbed coastal canyon habitats in southern California.

E. CLIMATE AND AIR QUALITY

Existing Conditions

The climate in the project area is generally mild. July, August and September are the warmest months with daily maximum temperatures averaging 75°F. The coldest month is January with daily minimum

temperatures averaging 47°F. Average daily temperatures range from 56°F in January to 68°F in August. Nearly 90 percent of the annual precipitation falls in the six months between November and April and annual average rainfall is 12.5 inches.

Wind flow in the area is typified by a daytime sea breeze and a nighttime land breeze. This regime is broken by occasional winter storms and infrequent strong northeasterly Santa Ana winds. The annual average wind speed is about eight miles per hour. Because of the persistent low inversions and cool coastal waters, morning fog and low stratus clouds are common. On an annual average, there are 144 clear days (zero to 0.3 of the sky obscured by clouds), 113 partly cloudy days (0.4 to 0.7 cloud cover) and 108 cloudy days (0.8 to full cloud cover) (SCAQMD, 1980).

State and federal governments have each established ambient air quality standards for various air pollutants (see Appendix D, Table D-1). Each federal standard specifies a level not to be exceeded more than once per year or not to be exceeded at all in case of an annual standard. State standards are not to be equaled or exceeded. The period to which the standards apply vary with each air pollutant, and several air pollutants are regulated over more than one time period.

The proposed project is located in the South Coast Air Basin which is within the jurisdiction of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). Air pollutants in the Los Angeles County portion of the South Coast Air Basin are classified as either nonattainment or attainment for achieving National Ambient Air Quality Standards (California Air Resources Board, August 26, 1981). The County is currently designated attainment for sulfur dioxide. Ozone, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and total suspended particulates are designated nonattainment for achieving federal air quality standards.

The West Los Angeles-Robertson monitoring station is roughly nine miles east of the project site and has been used to describe air pollutant levels in the project area. This monitoring station provides a conservative estimate of the air quality in the project area because it is

TABLE IV-5

CONSTRUCTION EMISSIONS⁽¹⁾

Source	Air Contaminant				
	SO ₂ (lbs/day)	NO ₂ (lbs/day)	CO (lbs/day)	TSP (lbs/day)	HC (lbs/day)
Fugitive Dust				57.0	
Stage 1 ⁽²⁾	1.2	8.4	3.5	0.9	1.0
Stage 2 ⁽³⁾	0.6	4.7	1.3	0.5	0.3
Stage 3 ⁽⁴⁾	11.5	112.3	36.8	6.2	11.8
Stage 4 ⁽⁵⁾	2.2	36.4	6.6	2.2	2.6
Stage 5 ⁽⁶⁾	11.5	112.3	36.8	6.2	11.8
Stage 6 ⁽⁷⁾	1.1	18.2	3.3	1.1	1.3
Motor Vehicles ⁽⁸⁾	<0.1	0.5	2.3	0.1	0.2
Slope Stabilization ⁽⁹⁾	1.1	18.2	3.3	1.1	1.3

- (1) Refer to Appendix D for assumptions and calculations
(2) Clear and grub bottom of canyon
(3) Install subdrain
(4) Construction of access road
(5) Construct large diameter subsurface storm drain pipe
(6) Fill canyon to 40 ft depth
(7) Construct a lined surface channel
(8) Worst case construction worker vehicle emissions
(9) Soldier piles to protect upslope properties

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

No unavoidable adverse impacts have been identified.

Cumulative Impacts

The proposed project will contribute infinitesimally to the degradation of air quality in the South Coast Air Basin during the construction period.

F. TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

Existing Conditions

Potrero Canyon has two primary access points for vehicular traffic. The mouth of the canyon is served by Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) while the upper end of the canyon can be accessed from Sunset Boulevard via local residential streets. Regional access is provided by the Santa Monica Freeway (Interstate 10), an east-west facility, which terminates at Pacific Coast Highway approximately 2-1/2 miles south of Potrero Canyon.

Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) is a scenic north-south facility which generally runs parallel and adjacent to the Pacific Ocean coastline. Within the Potrero Canyon study area, PCH has six travel lanes, a painted median, and unpaved shoulders on both sides. There are three signalized intersections in the project vicinity on PCH: at the California Incline, at Chautauqua Boulevard/Entrada Drive, and at Temescal Canyon Road. The canyon mouth is located on PCH approximately midway between the Chautauqua Boulevard and Temescal Canyon Road intersections.

Sunset Boulevard is a four-lane, undivided facility serving as the major east-west arterial highway through the primarily residential Pacific Palisades community. The Palisades Recreation Center, which is located at the northern or upper end of Potrero Canyon, is easily accessible from Sunset Boulevard via local streets.

Temescal Canyon Road provides a connecting link between Sunset Boulevard and PCH. The Temescal Canyon Road intersection with Sunset Boulevard is located approximately 1/2 mile northwest of Potrero Canyon. Temescal Canyon Road has six lanes at the southern end and narrows to four lanes at the northern end of the link.

Average daily traffic (ADT) volumes and peak hour volumes during 1983 were obtained from Caltrans and the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation for PCH, Sunset Boulevard and Temescal Canyon Road. The daily and peak hour volumes are shown on Table IV-6. The daily traffic volume on PCH at the mouth of Potrero Canyon is 63,000 vehicles per day with a peak hour volume of 6,300 vehicles. These figures represent an average for the entire year. Actual traffic counts indicate that there are monthly variations in traffic volumes due primarily to the level of recreational traffic on the highways. Data obtained from Caltrans indicate that the daily traffic volume on PCH during the peak summer month is 67,000 vehicles on the segment of road adjacent to Potrero Canyon. As compared to the annual average volume of 63,000 vehicles, this represents a six percent increase.

Peak hour traffic volumes for the afternoon peak period were obtained for the three key intersections along PCH. The three intersections are:

PCH at California Incline
PCH at Chautauqua Boulevard
PCH at Temescal Canyon Road

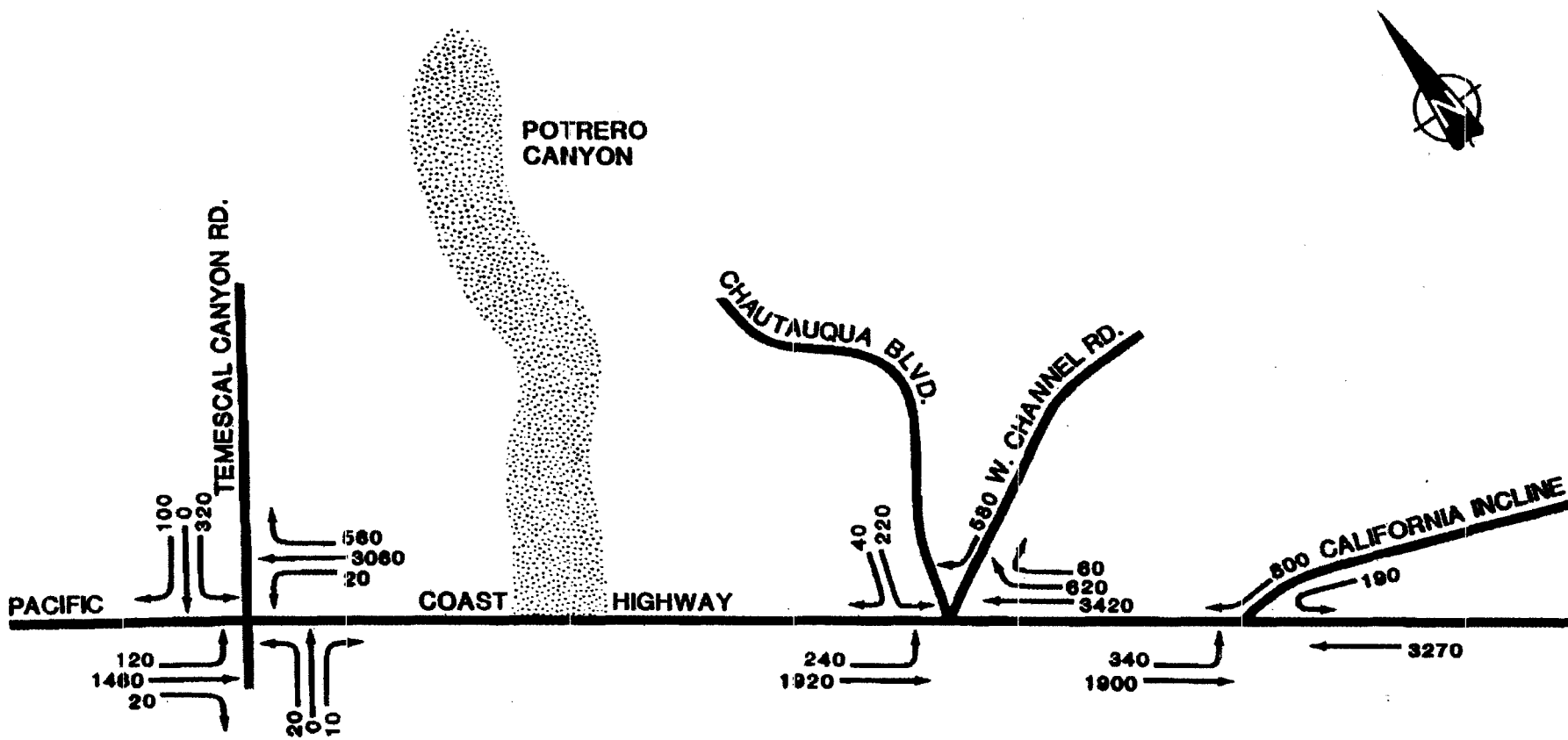
The peak hour traffic counts are illustrated on Figure IV-4.

Based upon these peak hour traffic volumes and turning movements, the intersection capacity utilization (ICU) values and levels of service were calculated, the results of which are shown in Table IV-7. Level of service is a qualitative measure of the mobility characteristics of an intersection, as determined by traffic volumes, vehicle delays, and the ICU value for the intersection. It is measured from A to F (best to worst conditions). A definition of each level of service is presented in

TABLE IV-6

1983 DAILY AND PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Location	ADT (Vehicles/Day)	Peak Hour Volume (Vehicles/Hour)
Pacific Coast Highway		
South of California Incline	60,000	5,400
California Incline to Chautauqua Blvd.	70,000	6,300
Chautauqua Blvd. to Temescal Canyon Road	63,000	6,300
Temescal Canyon Road to Sunset Blvd.	51,000	4,600
Sunset Boulevard		
Chautauqua Blvd. to Temescal Canyon Road	21,000	1,530
Temescal Canyon Road		
North of PCH	9,700	760



POTRERO CANYON PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
PM PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC VOLUMES

FIGURE IV-4

TABLE IV-7

INTERSECTION LEVELS OF SERVICE AND ICU* VALUES
EXISTING CONDITIONS

Intersection	ICU	Level of Service
PCH at California Incline	0.99	E
PCH at Chautauqua Blvd.	1.18	F
PCH at Temescal Canyon Road	0.94	E

*Intersection Capacity Utilization

Table IV-8. The intersection capacity utilization value indicates the ratio between the traffic volumes and the maximum theoretical capacity of the intersection. The ICU value for an intersection should theoretically be less than or equal to 1.00 if actual traffic counts are used in the calculations. The ICU calculations in this study, however, show a value of 1.18 at the PCH at Chautauqua Boulevard intersection for existing conditions. The explanation for this anomaly is that actual traffic counts, in fact, exceed the assumed capacity of 1,600 vehicles per hour for each through lane and 1,500 vehicles per hour for each turning lane.

It is expected that there will be some increase in traffic volumes by the time the Potrero Canyon project becomes active due to specific development in the vicinity as well as general, areawide growth. For this analysis, a 10 percent increase in traffic has been assumed to estimate future traffic volumes.

Environmental Impacts

The most significant traffic impacts related to the Potrero Canyon project will occur during the construction period. More than 200,000 cubic yards of fill material are required for the development and the material must be transported by truck to the site. There will, therefore, be an increase in truck volumes on the highways between the fill material sources and the entrance to the mouth of Potrero Canyon. The methodology for analyzing the traffic impacts is to assess the background traffic conditions, determine the level of truck activity necessary to transport the material, distribute the truck traffic onto the highway network, then re-evaluate the resulting traffic conditions. Construction worker and material delivery vehicles are also considered in the analysis.

o Traffic Generation During Construction

The volume of truck traffic generated by this project is dependent upon several variables including the total volume of required fill

TABLE IV-8

LEVEL OF SERVICE DEFINITIONS

Level of Service		Definition
A	<u>Excellent.</u>	No Vehicle waits longer than one red light and no approach phase is fully used.
B	<u>Very Good.</u>	An occasional approach phase is fully utilized; many drivers begin to feel somewhat restricted within groups of vehicles.
C	<u>Good.</u>	Occasionally drivers may have to wait through more than one red light; backups may develop behind turning vehicles.
D	<u>Fair.</u>	Delays may be substantial during portions of the rush hours, but enough lower volume periods occur to permit clearing of developing lines, preventing excessive backups.
E	<u>Poor.</u>	Represents the most vehicles intersection approach can accommodate; may be long lines of waiting vehicles through several signal cycles.
F	<u>Jammed.</u>	Back-ups from nearby locations or on cross streets may restrict or prevent movement of vehicles out of the intersection approaches.

material, the duration of the construction phase, the size of the trucks used for hauling, the number of days per week that the operations are in progress, and the scheduling of hours throughout the day which are appropriate for delivery.

Based upon the alternative of filling the canyon to approximately 40 feet the project would be implemented in two basic phases. The first phase includes clearing and grubbing, installation of the subdrain system and the subsurface storm drain pipe, and construction of an access road progressing northward from the mouth of the canyon, taking approximately one year. A total of 30,000 cubic yards of fill material would be required during this phase. The second basic phase includes completion of the filling operation taking approximately two additional years. A total of 200,000 cubic yards of fill material would be required (100,000 cubic yards per year).

Additional assumptions for determining the volume of trucks generated by the project include a hauling capacity of 12 cubic yards per truck, a five-day work week (250 working days per year), and an eight-hour work day. Using these assumptions, the number of trucks generated by the project for hauling fill material would be as follows:

TABLE IV-9
NUMBER OF ROUND TRIPS FOR FILL DELIVERY - RECOMMENDED PLAN

	Phase One (30,000 cu.yd-1 yr.)	Phase Two (200,000 cu.yd.-2 yrs.)
Total Trucks	2,500	16,670
Average Trucks Per Day	10	33
Average Trucks Per Hour	1-1/4	4

For the traffic analysis, these volumes have all been multiplied by a factor of 1.5 to allow for clustering of truck arrivals and the possibility of having some smaller capacity trucks in the fleet.

The total volume of traffic generated by the project during the construction phase is shown on Table IV-10 for Phase One and Phase Two. The tables include worker trips as well as the trucks delivering supplies, equipment, and materials. The table indicates the total number of vehicles which will be generated by the project on a daily and hourly basis. It also shows the number of passenger car equivalents (PCEs), which is determined by multiplying the trucks by a factor of two. This factor reflects the concept that each truck uses an equivalent amount of highway capacity as two passenger cars.

There is a possibility that the fill material for the early stage of construction will be obtained at the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Sullivan debris basin and the Temescal and Pulga check dams, which are all located north of Sunset Boulevard in the Santa Monica Mountains. If these facilities are used as the primary source of fill material, the truck activity during this phase may be condensed to a one-month duration because the facilities are typically cleared out within a one-month time frame. The material would have to be stockpiled near the base of Potrero Canyon. If this scenario is realized, the 2,500 truck trips would all occur in a month, resulting in approximately 120 round trips per day and 15 round trips per hour. The number of trips generated by this scenario are also shown on Table IV-10.

The location of the fill material sources are presently undesignated, therefore an exact distribution of truck trips cannot be specified. It is reasonable to assume that the trucks would be approaching Potrero Canyon on PCH from the south because of the restriction on PCH to through truck traffic north of Temescal Canyon Road. The exception would be the trucks hauling material from the LACFCD stormwater facilities. These trucks would use Sunset Boulevard and Temescal Canyon Road, then approach Potrero Canyon from the north.

TABLE IV-10

TRAFFIC GENERATION

Daily	PHASE ONE			PHASE TWO			Fill from LACFCD in One Month		
	Daily	PM Peak Hour		Daily	PM Peak Hour		Daily	PM Peak Hour	
		In	Out		In	Out		In	Out
Workers	30	0	10	30	0	10	30	0	10
Deliveries (Trucks)	10	2	2	10	2	2	10	2	2
Fill Materials (Trucks)	30	2	2	100	6	6	240	15	15
Total Vehicles	70	4	14	140	8	18	280	17	27
Passenger Car Equivalents*	110	8	18	250	16	26	530	34	44

*The computation for passenger car equivalents (PCE) assumes that each truck is equivalent to two passenger cars.

TABLE IV-11

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC IMPACTS - DAILY VOLUMES

Location	Daily Traffic Volumes		Generated by Potrero Canyon Construction		
	Existing	With Assumed Growth	Phase One	Phase Two	LACFD Fill Material
Pacific Coast Highway					
South of California Incline	60,000	66,000	110	250	50
Calif. Incline to Chautauqua Blvd.	70,000	77,000	110	250	50
Chatauqua Blvd. to Potrero Canyon	63,000	69,300	110	250	50
Potrero Canyon To Temescal Canyon Rd.	63,000	69,300	Neg	Neg	480
Temescal Canyon Rd. to Sunset Blvd.	51,000	56,100	Neg	Neg	Neg
Sunset Boulevard					
At Temescal Canyon Road	21,000	23,100	Neg	Neg	480
Temescal Canyon Road					
Between PCH and Sunset Blvd.	9,700	10,700	Neg	Neg	480

TABLE IV-13

INTERSECTION IMPACTS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Location	Existing	With Assumed Growth	With Potrero Canyon Construction Traffic		
			Phase One	Phase Two	LACFCD Fill Material
PCH at California Incline					
ICU*	0.99	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08
Level of Service	E	F	F	F	F
PCH at Chautauqua Blvd.					
ICU*	1.18	1.29	1.30	1.30	1.29
Level of Service	F	F	F	F	F
PCH at Temescal Canyon Road					
ICU*	0.94	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.04
Level of Service	E	F	F	F	F

*Intersection Capacity Utilization

TABLE IV-12

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC IMPACTS - PEAK HOUR VOLUMES

Location	Peak Hour Traffic Volumes		Generated by Potrero Canyon Construction		
	Existing	With Assumed Growth	Phase One	Phase Two	LACFCO Fill Material
Pacific Coast Highway					
South of California Incline	5,400	5,900	26	42	18
Calif. Incline to Chautauqua Blvd.	6,300	6,900	26	42	18
Chatauqua Blvd. to Potrero Canyon	6,300	6,900	26	42	18
Potrero Canyon To Temescal Canyon Rd.	6,300	6,900	Neg	Neg	60
Temescal Canyon Rd. to Sunset Blvd.	4,600	5,100	Neg	Neg	60
Sunset Boulevard					
At Temescal Canyon Road	1,530	1,700	Neg	Neg	60
Temescal Canyon Road					
Between PCH and Sunset Blvd.	7600	8400	Neg	Neg	60

by the project during construction would have negligible impacts on the three intersections. The intersections will, however, be operating at an undesirable level of service with or without the project traffic.

With regard to site access, there will be localized traffic problems at the Potrero Canyon site entrance on PCH due to the concentration of truck activity as the transport vehicles enter and leave the site. Because of the low acceleration and deceleration rates for large trucks, they will interfere with the normal flow of traffic along PCH as they slow down upon approaching the entrance or as they exit the site and gradually build-up speed. This situation would also increase the potential for accidents on PCH because of the conflict between high-speed through traffic and low-speed trucks making turning maneuvers. During the morning and afternoon peak periods, the trucks and other traffic entering and leaving the site will experience delays as they attempt to enter or cross the heavy traffic stream on PCH.

The more extensive canyon fill alternative would require 2.3 million cubic yards of fill material to be hauled to the site over an approximate eight year period. This would require approximately 192,000 truck loads to transport this quantity of material, assuming a truck capacity of 12 cubic yards. This translates to the following number of truck trips:

NUMBER OF ROUND TRIPS FOR FILL DELIVERY - EXTENDED CANYON FILL

Total Trucks Per Year	24,000
Average Trucks Per Day	96
Average Trucks Per Hour	12

This level of truck activity is approximately three times as great as the level required for the proposed plan. The impacts would be

similar to those described for the proposed plan, however, they would be more pronounced because of the larger volume of trucks which would be experienced over an eight year period.

o Traffic Impacts After Project Completion

After the completion of the project, there will be traffic associated with the use of the recreational facilities as people drive to the site to enjoy the walking trails, picnic facilities, vista points, etc. Parking will be available at the upper end of the park at the existing Palisades Recreation Center, therefore, there will be an increase in traffic on Sunset Boulevard and on the local residential streets providing access to the park. These streets include Swarthmore Avenue, Alma Real Drive, Toyopa Drive, La Cruz Drive, and Ocampo Drive. The increase in traffic, however, will be minimal as compared to the traffic which is currently generated by the recreation center.

Some of the users of the Potrero Canyon recreational facilities may be expected to park at the lower end of canyon at the Will Rogers State Beach parking lot. These drivers would use PCH to gain access to the facilities, however, the increase in traffic on PCH will be negligible as compared to the traffic currently generated by the beach facility.

Mitigation Measures

The ingress/egress point on PCH is the only location in the project area which would experience significant adverse impacts. Mitigation measures at other locations are not necessary since traffic impacts will be minimal.

The most significant traffic impact is the conflict between the PCH traffic stream and the heavy trucks entering and leaving the site. In order to minimize disruption for through traffic, northbound trucks should be provided with an exclusive right-turn lane for approaching the site from PCH. This would allow the trucks to decelerate without

interfering with the other traffic. Similarly, an acceleration lane should be provided in the median for southbound trucks leaving the site. This would allow the trucks to pick-up speed before entering the main stream of traffic. Should a significant quantity of fill material be transported from the LACFCD facilities, an acceleration and deceleration (left-turn) lane should be provided on PCH north of the site.

An alternative measure which could be used at the canyon entrance is to install a temporary traffic signal on PCH to allow trucks to leave the site unopposed. Such a signal would display a green or a flashing yellow light for PCH traffic except when activated by a truck leaving the site. Upon being triggered, the signal would turn red for PCH traffic and allow easy truck access onto the highway. An alternative to signal installation would be to have flagmen stop traffic when a truck needed to gain access to PCH. Such a measure may, however, be undesirable because of the high speeds and heavy traffic volumes of PCH.

Another mitigation measure for minimizing traffic impacts is to schedule truck arrivals and departures to avoid periods of peak traffic flow. This tactic would eliminate the truck-related impacts during the times of heaviest vehicular volumes. It was assumed for the traffic analysis that the trucking activity would occur only on weekdays. This policy would avoid disruption to traffic on the summer weekends when there are heavy recreational traffic volumes.

In order to reduce the potential for accidents at the entrance to Potrero Canyon, drivers on PCH must be warned of the truck activity. Warning signs and flashing lights should be installed to alert drivers to the possibility of encountering turning trucks and stopped traffic.

It must be ensured that construction activities do not interfere with normal traffic flow on PCH. This is especially applicable to the construction of a pedestrian overpass on PCH. Scheduling and construction techniques must be used which will avoid traffic delays.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

Development of the proposed project will create unavoidable impacts to traffic flow on the PCH at the site entrance during the period of canyon filling.

Cumulative Impacts

Cumulative impacts could be experienced to the traffic and circulation network along PCH during the construction period.

G. NOISE

Existing Conditions

The principal sources of existing noise in the project area are from vehicles, particularly from traffic along the Pacific Coast Highway. Measurements of noise levels were made at three nearby locations during day time and night time periods in the project area during 1979 (Occidental Petroleum Corporation EIR, 1982) in order to evaluate the noise impacts of an oil drilling project. Noise level measurements were taken at a station approximately 600 feet west of the Sunspot Motel adjacent to the Pacific Coast Highway. Other stations were located in the residential areas on the bluff at Via de las Olas overlooking the Pacific Coast Highway and at the intersection of Via de las Olas and Lombard Avenue. Results of the noise survey indicated that average highway noise levels were above 55 dBA* during both day and night measurement periods. The station furthest from the Highway site located at Lombard Avenue was not significantly affected by traffic on the Pacific Coast Highway and noise levels were below 45 dBA** during the day and nighttime periods.

* The dBA notation stands for A-weighted decibel. The A-weighted scale is designed to weight various components of noise according to the response of the human ear.

** City of Los Angeles minimum ambient noise level standard for a residential area is 50 dBA.

Environmental Impacts

Noise from the canyon filling operations will result from the use of a variety of mechanical equipment. During the site preparation period, clearing and grubbing of vegetation at the canyon bottom will be accomplished by a small bulldozer or similar type of equipment in addition to waste hauling trucks from the canyon. Installation of the storm drain and subdrainage systems and construction of an access roadway on the canyon bottom will also require the use of bulldozers, dump trucks bringing in approximately 30,000 cubic yards of fill and heavy machinery (i.e., grading and compaction equipment). Approximately four fill-hauling trucks per hour will be required for about a four month period depending on availability of material. This portion of the construction period is estimated to be completed within one year of commencement of the project and increases in existing noise levels in the canyon will be experienced. Activities, however, will be restricted to the daytime period and only during weekdays. During the early phase of the project, it is also expected that approximately eight properties located on the canyon rim will require the installation of soldier pile systems for additional slope stabilization purposes. Installing soldier piles will require that equipment such as a truck-mounted drill rig or bucket auger operate for about three days during daytime periods at each of the affected properties. This will also result in increased noise levels to residents on and adjacent to the drilling locations for a short-term period.

The remainder of the filling operation will be accomplished in one to two additional years depending on availability of materials if the canyon was filled to a depth of 35 to 40 feet. Filling the canyon to a depth of 125 feet would require a considerably longer time period, the length of which is dependent on the availability of fill materials. Construction related noise impacts would result from the operation of about four fill-hauling trucks per hour in addition to grading and compaction equipment for the duration of the filling operations. Typical noise level ranges from types of equipment which will be employed during park construction and soldier pile installation at a distance of 50 feet

is from 70-90 dBA (U.S. EPA, Noise from Construction Equipment, 1971). The City of Los Angeles has adopted a noise control ordinance (No. 144, 331 Chapter XI, January 1973) requiring mechanical, gas driven or electrical machinery to be operated in a manner not to increase the ambient noise level of residential properties by more than 5 decibels. Levels of noise generated by the project activities will be in compliance with the City's noise ordinance.

Construction activities in the canyon may be audible to residences on the rim. However, since the canyon bottom is approximately 150 feet distant from any of the residences under the 40 foot fill alternative, and the line-of-sight is obstructed by the rim, the increased noise levels are not expected to be significant or exceed city noise standards even as the fill increases in height. No adverse noise impacts would occur at night.

During the entire construction period, noise generated by construction equipment, especially the continual passage of fill-hauling trucks, will significantly impact guests at the Sunspot Motel-Restaurant during daylight hours. Operation of the motel or restaurant may, therefore, be severely restricted.

Noise will also result from use of the coastal access park by pedestrians and maintenance vehicles after project completion. Use of the area will be restricted to daylight hours and increased noise levels would not be significant since only passive recreational activities would be allowed in the park.

Mitigation Measures

The canyon fill construction activities would be restricted to daytime hours only during weekdays and conducted in compliance with the City of Los Angeles Noise Ordinances.

Ground vibration monitoring is recommended to be conducted during the construction period to assure that filling operations are not adversely impacting homes or properties on the canyon rim.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

Unavoidable adverse noise impacts will occur on a short-term basis to canyon rim residences and guests at the Sunspot Motel-Restaurant during the period of project construction.

Cumulative Impacts

No cumulative impacts have been identified.

H. LAND USE AND RELEVANT PLANNING

Existing Conditions

o Land Use

Potrero Canyon is currently owned by the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department and is zoned for Open Spaces as publicly owned land used for recreation or environmental protection (Los Angeles General Plan, 1973).

Land use surrounding the canyon is comprised predominately of single-family residences. At the canyon's northern end are various land uses including a public library, a community park and playground, and a commercial office building. Other nearby uses include a fire station and a public elementary school.

The residential area along the western side of the canyon is zoned for low density housing (3 to 7 dwelling units per acre). The eastern rim is zoned for very low (II) density (2 to 3 dwelling units per acre) and low (I) density (1 to 2 dwelling units per acre) housing (Brentwood-Pacific Palisades District Plan, 1977).

The Sunspot Motel is located at the Canyon's mouth, just north of Pacific Coast Highway. The motel has 12 rooms and is owned by the Department of Recreation and Parks and presently leased on a month-to-month basis by the Sungroup Corporation. Plans have been made to add a restaurant and nightclub to the motel (P. Dorian, October 1984, personal communication).

Adjacent to the Sunspot Motel is the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), designated in the 1978 Scenic Highways Plan as a scenic highway. Adjacent to PCH is the Will Rogers Beach State Park.

o Relevant Planning

City of Los Angeles General Plan

The Open Space Element of the General Plan and the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades District Plan identify Potrero Canyon as open space land used for recreation or environmental protection. The stated goals in the Open Space Element for coastal open space areas such as Potrero Canyon are to restrict development in order to protect coastal resources, use open space areas only for recreational and park-type uses, and to simply preserve areas of open space. More specifically, Brentwood-Pacific Palisades District Plan identifies a hiking or equestrian trail in the canyon extending from its northern end to Pacific Coast Highway. Under the Public Recreation Plan Element of the General Plan, the stated policy is to consider recreational use for open space lands particularly lands with potential for multiple uses.

California Coastal Act Policies and State and Regional Guidelines; California Coastal Commission

The California Coastal Act requires that proposed development activities within the coastal zone be reviewed for consistency with California Coastal Act policies. The policies are discussed in Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and address public access, recreation, protection of the marine environment, land resources, development and

industrial development of the coastal zone. If conflicts occur between one or more of the Coastal Act policies, conflicts are to be resolved in a manner which on the balance is most protective of significant coastal resources. Coastal development permits are granted to projects found consistent with the Coastal Act policies by the California Coastal Commission, local governments with Coastal Commission certified local coastal programs (LCP's), or local government with interim permitting authority granted prior to LCP certification. A LCP consists of a local government's land use plan, zoning ordinances, zoning district maps, and other implementing actions applicable to the coastal zone and consistent with the Coastal Act.

Although LCP's have been completed for several coastal areas within the City of Los Angeles, an LCP for the Pacific Palisades area has not yet been prepared. The Coastal Commission has delegated interim permitting authority to the City of Los Angeles, but in several areas of Los Angeles, the Coastal Act requires a dual permit. Potrero Canyon falls within such a dual permit area. The proposed project will therefore require a coastal development permit from both the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and the California Coastal Commission.

Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Plan;
California State Solid Waste Management Board and City of Los Angeles

The California State Solid Waste Management Board in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles regulates solid waste management and planning within city limits. The two agencies use the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Plan as their official planning document. The Plan defines types of solid waste, existing landfill locations, proposed landfill expansions or additions, and alternative methods of solid waste disposal. The two agencies together have authority to allow development of any new landfill sites, according to the Management Plan.

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

According to its water quality standards and basin management plan, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has authority to grant discharge permits for development located within its jurisdiction. Certain discharge criteria must be met prior to permit approval.

California Department of Fish and Game

The California Department of Fish and Game oversees the biological aspects of development. Their jurisdiction includes regulation of any project that would affect riparian areas and their biologic resources.

California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

CALTRANS maintains regulatory jurisdiction over state highways, including Pacific Coast Highway. Any alteration of Pacific Coast Highway would require prior approval by CALTRANS.

Corps of Engineers

The Corps regulates activities in three areas: discharge of dredged or fill material in coastal and inland waters and wetlands; construction and dredging in navigable waters of the United States; and transport of dredged material for dumping into ocean waters.

Local Subdivision Plans

The City of Los Angeles has approved a subdivision plan which allows 13 residential lots to be developed on land now owned by Mrs. Patterson (Wynegar). This parcel is within the proposed project area, for approximately 3 acres in the northern end of the canyon to a point roughly opposite the Hampden Place.

Environmental Impacts

o Land Use

Land use in Potrero Canyon will be altered from its present state as an undeveloped coastal canyon to a landscaped park used for hiking, picnicking and other passive recreational activities. The existing terrain will be modified to create these additional public recreational facilities which will also serve as a pedestrian link to the Will Rogers Beach State Park. When the fill operations are completed, a pedestrian bridge over Pacific Coast Highway, allowing safe access to Will Rogers State Beach, is required to be constructed by the Sunspot Motel concessionaire.

As part of the slope stabilization aspects of the proposed project, the City plans to protect those homes on the rim of the Canyon which currently are considered to have a high risk of being damaged and threatened by unstable slopes with soldier pile installation. In general, the more seriously affected properties are located on the western rim of the canyon. Permission for access for soldier pile installation and construction encroachment easements to allow fill to be placed in the canyon over adjacent private property will be required from property owners.

The proposed project will also require changes in the operation of the Sunspot Motel. To provide access for construction vehicles and equipment, the east wing of the motel building will be removed or relocated. All prospective operators of the motel, including the current concessionaire were informed of the proposed canyon filling project and the need for removal a portion of the motel prior to assuming operation (S. Ciccarelli, November 1984, personal communication). Construction related activities and noise, especially from fill hauling trucks, will be generated during the entire canyon filling period and will impact motel operations. These activities will, however, be conducted only during weekday daylight periods and would therefore not be expected to impact nighttime restaurant operations.

No significant land use impacts are anticipated to be experienced by any of the land use activities surrounding the canyon.

o Relevant Planning

City of Los Angeles General Plan

The proposed project will not require any zoning change or amendments to the City's General Plan. The proposed park development will meet the City's criteria for use of open space and recreational resources. The proposed park will permit park-like uses such as hiking and picnicking as allowed under the guidelines of the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades District Plan.

The project will require a Coastal Development Permit and a Conditional Use Permit from the City Planning Department. These must then be approved by the Los Angeles City Planning Commission.

California Coastal Act and Regional Guidelines;
California Coastal Commission

The project appears consistent with the Coastal Act policies to provide maximum public access and recreational opportunities within the coastal zone. However the Coastal Act also states that public access and recreational opportunities are to be provided consistent with the protection of natural resources. Construction of the park will significantly alter the natural landforms, vegetation and habitat of the Canyon.

Marine Environment Policies

Natural vegetation will be removed from much of the canyon during the construction period and the potential exists for significant impacts to adjacent coastal waters at the ocean outfall caused by heavily silted site runoff water. Impacts could be most significant during winter storm periods and a significant change in water quality may impact the biological productivity of marine habitats. Section 30231

of the Coastal Act states that the biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters and streams shall be protected and maintained at levels that will maintain optimum populations of marine organisms. As noted in Section IV-C the DEIR, site runoff control measures (i.e. - storm drains and siltation basins) are proposed as mitigation measures to improve quality of site runoff water. If these measures are implemented, the impacts of site runoff on marine habitats are not expected to be significant.

The long-term impacts of the project on marine habitat are not expected to be significant if landfill materials are adequately controlled to ensure that only inert materials are used for fill.

Section 30236 of the Coastal Act states that "channelizations, dams, or other substantial alterations of rivers and streams shall incorporate the best mitigation measures feasible and be limited to, 1) necessary water projects; 2) flood control projects where no other method for protecting the existing structures is feasible and where such protection is necessary for public safety as to protect existing development; and 3) development where the primary function is to improve fish and wildlife habitat". Because the project is not a water project or a fish and wildlife habitat improvement project, the project does not appear to be consistent with Section 30236 of the Coastal Act. However, it is technically a flood control project (D. Keene, Personal Communication, March 7, 1985) since it involves the modification of the canyon's natural drainage characteristics.

Land Resources Policies

The California Coastal Commission considers riparian habitats to be environmentally sensitive habitat areas as defined by the California Coastal Act (Statewide Interpretive Guidelines, December 16, 1981). Because of its position as one of the last coastal canyons in the Los Angeles area, Potrero Canyon could also be considered an environmentally sensitive habitat area. Section 30240 of the Act states that environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be protected

against significant disruption of habitat values and that only uses dependent on such resources shall be allowed with such areas. In addition, the Coastal Act states that development in areas adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade habitat areas. The project appears to be inconsistent with the policies stated in Section 30240 of the Act. Although the canyon will be landscaped and revegetated for use as a park, habitat areas will be altered and riparian habitat will be permanently lost.

Development Policies

Section 30251 of the Coastal Act specifies in part, that the scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance, and that development should be sited and designed to minimize the alteration of natural landforms. Because the proposed project will result in a significant alteration of the canyon landform and natural vegetation, the project appears to be inconsistent with Section 30251 of the Coastal Act. However, the park will be naturally landscaped to minimize the visual impacts of the alteration.

Section 30253 of the Coastal Act states that new development shall minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood and fire hazard. The Coastal Act also states that new development shall assure stability and structural integrity but shall not in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landform along bluffs and cliffs. Although the proposed project will substantially alter the natural landforms of Potrero Canyon, the project will minimize risks to life and property within the canyon and along the canyon rim. The project is therefore both consistent and inconsistent with Section 30253 of the Act.

Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Plan;
California State Solid Waste Management Board and City of Los Angeles

The construction phase of the proposed Potrero Canyon project will be managed as a grading operation (using inert fill materials), and not

as a sanitary landfill for the disposal of municipal refuse. Before the project can be implemented a grading permit will be required from the City of Los Angeles Building and Safety Department (Municipal Code, Chapter IX, Article 1, Division 30).

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

The proposed project will require a Discharge to Land Permit from the Board, according to the Board's water quality standards and basin management plan.

California Department of Fish and Game

The proposed project will require a Stream Alteration Agreement from the Department of Fish and Game, as it will alter an existing drainage course and potentially affect biologic resources of the area.

California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

The proposed project will require an Encroachment Permit from CALTRANS, because of the access required from Pacific Coast Highway into the Canyon by construction vehicles and equipment. Other permits from CALTRANS will also be required for any PCH roadway improvements related to traffic mitigation measures identified in Section IV-F of the EIR.

Corps of Engineers

Before the project can be implemented, a permit must be obtained from the Corps Regulatory Branch.

Mitigation Measures

o Land Use

No mitigation measures are planned

o Relevant Planning

Specific mitigation measures for the project will be incorporated within each permit obtained by the City from each relevant permitting agency.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

Unavoidable adverse impacts caused by implementation of the project will be experienced in the operations of the Sunspot Motel and Restaurant.

Cumulative Impacts

The proposed project will have a cumulative impact upon the community through the addition of useable park space.

1. RECREATION AND AESTHETICS

Existing Conditions

The Palisades Recreation Center is located at the northern end of Potrero Canyon and serves a part of the recreational needs of the Pacific Palisades area. The facility has a community building and gymnasium, eight surfaced tennis courts, four ball fields, basketball courts, and a children's playground. The principal parking facilities are located on Merica Drive off Alma Real Drive and a small parking area is situated near Alma Real Drive and Frontera Drive.

The Will Rogers Beach State Park, a state-owned facility, is located opposite the mouth of Potrero Canyon on the south side of Pacific Coast Highway and is about 3.2 miles in length. The facility is operated by the County of Los Angeles' Department of Beaches and Harbors which provides lifeguard and maintenance services. Parking is available at this facility for 1,700 cars (County of Los Angeles, 1984).

Environmental Impacts

The conversion of the canyon environment into useable parkland is expected to have positive impacts in the area. The development of Potrero Canyon Park will serve as an pedestrian link from the Palisades Recreation Area to Will Rogers Beach State Park and will also provide for an expansion of recreational activities to community residents in the area. Park development in the canyon also is in conformance with the City's policy of creating recreational use on available land having the potential for multiple uses. The park concept envisioned in the canyon will be limited to passive recreational activities including walking, jogging, and picnicking. Access to the canyon will also afford pedestrians opportunities for experiencing dramatic scene changes such as open vistas of the ocean to closed canyon views on the walks to and from the existing recreation facilities. However, short-term visual disruption in the canyon will occur during the construction period. The development concept also envisions that the canyon fill surface will not be flat but interesting with undulating and irregular landscaping incorporating appropriate vegetative plantings. The nature of the limited canyon park development concept will also maintain the existing physical separation between canyon residents and those using the park facility since the park will remain from 110 to 75 feet below the rim depending upon the ultimate filling program developed by the City.

Direct access to the beach from the canyon park will be by a pedestrian overpass over the Pacific Coast Highway. Short-term, but not significant impacts to traffic are expected to occur on the Highway during the overpass construction period. Over the long-term, public safety for recreationists will be significantly increased in this area since there are no traffic controls in this area.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are planned.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

No unavoidable adverse impacts have been identified.

Cumulative Impacts

The proposed project will result in the cumulative addition of recreational facilities in the Pacific Palisades community.

J. PUBLIC SAFETY

Existing Conditions

Potrero Canyon has a history of landslides caused by naturally occurring runoff and the contribution from landscape watering and drainage pattern alterations caused by surrounding residential development. These landslide hazards are a continued threat to human health, safety and property as this activity threatens to cause damage and new distress to existing residential properties on the canyon rim.

Environmental Impacts

A major beneficial impact of the park development project will be to provide some degree of slope stabilization in the canyon which will minimize future movement of existing slide material.

The southern portion of the project site is adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and access to and egress from the site during the filling operations will be from this road. Traffic at the site will generally be comprised of large-capacity (12 cubic yards) truck and trailer rigs hauling fill.

Fill materials brought to the canyon will be spread and compacted by track-type loaders. When the filling operation is completed, pedestrian access to the recreational area will be from both the existing Palisades Recreation Center at the head of the canyon and either PCH at the mouth

of the canyon or from an overpass from the Will Roger Beach State Park.

Other impacts to public safety due to project construction and post-construction park use include:

- o Traffic safety. Truck traffic entering and leaving the site will create an increased accident risk for vehicles using PCH.
- o Pedestrian safety. Persons attempting to cross Pacific Coast Highway after exiting the canyon will be in danger of being struck by passing vehicles.
- o Accident hazards for on-site traffic could be significant considering the narrow working area expected in the canyon.
- o Due to greater slope exposure above the fill under the 1984 plan, park users could be subject to a greater degree of danger from landslides because of unstable earth conditions, especially during and immediately after rainy periods. During the early phases of project development and prior to completion of the park, site workers would be exposed to these risks.

Mitigation Measures

Installation of temporary traffic control system (e.g., traffic light or a left-hand turn lane) would reduce the possibility of traffic accidents on PCH due to truck traffic entering and leaving the site. Installation of a permanent pedestrian bridge over PCH would eliminate traffic dangers to pedestrians when crossing to the beach area facilities. A traffic signal could also reduce pedestrian risk but would further impede traffic flow on already congested PCH. A full time spotter/traffic director at the site during site construction hours should minimize on site accident hazards due to traffic. Traffic and circulation mitigation measures are also discussed in Section IV-F of this EIR.

Installation of soldier pile systems at steep headscarp locations would serve to retard landslide activity.

If warranted, pedestrian access to the canyon bottom should be restricted during high runoff and rainy periods.

Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

There will exist potential safety risks to construction workers and park users from landslides caused by unstable earth conditions above the fill areas not controlled by soldier pile systems.

Traffic safety hazards will increase during the period of canyon filling.

Cumulative Impacts

No cumulative impacts have been identified.

K. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Existing Conditions

A preliminary data search was conducted to evaluate the potential that significant remains of the archaeological, paleontological, or historical past might be present within those areas of Potrero Canyon which would be affected by the proposed project. A literature search for either recorded archaeological sites or other investigations and surveys which might have been done in this vicinity was undertaken by the local repository of the State file, at the Archaeological Survey, Institute of Archaeology, University of California. No surveys within the Canyon had been recorded at UCLA, and there were no previously known archaeological sites.

Landmark lists of the Los Angeles (City) Cultural Heritage Board, California State Historical Resources Commission, and the National Register of Historic Places were reviewed, but there is none within Potrero Canyon. Material related to the founding, early days, and settlement pattern of Pacific Palisades as a community was reviewed in

the collections of the Pacific Palisades Historical Society, files of the local newspaper and its predecessors, and of immediate relevance, by personal interview with Mrs. Martha Patterson on November 3, 1984.

A surface survey was conducted on November 1, 1984, with particular attention to the extent of fill of alternatives. Little, if any, intact surface was observed during the cultural resources survey. The slopes have been affected by landslides, and further modified by grading and retaining walls in efforts to stabilize the rims. The Canyon floor has been both scoured and subject to filling. The mouth of the Canyon, which would be the most likely place for Indian utilization, was greatly disturbed by use of the area for a locomotive roundhouse and turntable in the 1890s, and later by other construction by Anderton prior to 1949 (Patterson, 1984 personal communication).

No cultural resources, of either prehistoric or historical origin, were observed during the survey. Although visibility was poor, there is good confidence in the reliability of the negative results because of both the nature of the Canyon formation and the documented and observed evidence for lack of integrity of surface. Potrero Canyon is very narrow at the base, with steep sidewalls. Within living memory, it did not contain a perennial water source, but merely carried seasonal run-off (Patterson, 1984 personal communication). Although some of the identified native plants were species utilized by the Indians, they are also present, in environments more favorable to prehistoric habitation, in the broader adjacent canyons. It is certainly likely that Potrero Canyon was a route of travel from the bluffs to the coast, but any evidence for this, or of a collecting camp at the mouth, has been destroyed by the various modifications.

Potrero Canyon is known to contain fossil seashells in Pleistocene deposits. These have been exposed in the fault, mapped by USGS in great detail, which swings from Potrero over into Rustic Canyon. Where the west side has been uplifted, these materials have been observed in the

lower, dark gray stratum below the level which contains red pebbles of terrestrial origin (Valentine, 1956). Fossils were collected below the present Post Office on La Cruz Avenue, and the deposit has been recorded as UCLA Locality 3225 (Wilson, 1984 personal communication).

Environmental Impacts

There are no archaeological resources which will be affected by the project. Although none could be seen because of vegetation which has obscured both the slopes and Canyon bed surfaces, a fossil locality has previously been discovered in Potrero Canyon. Grading, brushing, or the installation of the proposed drain might disturb paleontological deposits within the fill zone.

A residential structure of historical interest and perhaps of architectural significance as well (the May mansion), is located near the extent of the proposed alternative. Either of the alternatives is likely to have an indirect adverse impact on the May mansion which would include such effects as noise, dust, damage to setting and yard, etc., and direct loss of one outbuilding if the higher fill level incorporated in the 1972 City plan was implemented.

Mitigation Measures

Paleontology. If or when implementation of the project involves clearing or cutting of the canyon sidewalls, or modifications or disturbance below the present grade on the Canyon floor, qualified paleontologists should be provided notice and the opportunity to collect significant fossil material. Those who have research interests in the recorded locality include Dr. Edward Wilson or Dr. Laurence Barnes, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, and Dr. Loretta Saul, Department of Geology, University of California at Los Angeles.

Privately Owned Historic Structure. Potential indirect impacts may be avoided by creation of a buffer zone, or other special concern during design, engineering, and development, in the vicinity of this adjacent private residence which has historical and architectural values.

SECTION V
LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

ADDENDUM TO POTRERO CANYON PARK EIR (Sch No. 84091901)

From: Sunset Blvd (william.moran@yahoo.com)

To: maria.martin@lacity.org

Cc: william.moran@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, November 24, 2021, 05:52 PM PST

RE: Interdepartmental Correspondence, City of Los Angeles

Date: November 19, 2020

To: Patrick Schmidt, Manger Geotechnical Engineering Division

Attn: Pedro Garcia, Project Manager

From: Maria Martin, Manager Environmental Management Group

**Subject: ADDENDUM TO POTRERO CANYON PARK EIR (SCH NO. 84091901) -
PREPARED PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15162 AND 15164**

Dear Ms Martin,

This correspondence is a DEMAND LETTER. This letter represents a formal notification to the Environmental Management Group that statements on Page 3 of the above referenced Interdepartmental Correspondence are verifiably false/inaccurate and must be retracted immediately. When they are retracted, the landscaping work in progress must be immediately halted until this situation is resolved. Landscapers are currently operating under an incorrect authorization. All work thus far completed on the DG path is to be 100% removed and the land put back to its original natural condition. A serious error has taken place and I am requesting your assistance in quickly rectifying it.

Page 3 -- Inaccurate Statements:

"The Following Landscaping Activities Were Addressed in the Certified EIR and Do Not Require Additional CEQA Analysis"

o "Construction of a DG path connecting the entrance at Friends Street to park trails (Section II and IV.I).

"Each of the activities listed above has been discussed and evaluated in the previously certified EIR (in the referenced sections) and therefore, pursuant to Section 15164(a), they do not require any additions or changes to the EIR. Thus, they have been fully evaluated in the certified EIR and no additional CEQA analysis is needed."

Sections II and IV.I DO NOT contain any discussions or evaluation of Construction of a DG path connecting the entrance of Friends Street to park trails. Consequently, due to the enormous negative impact that very high park traffic would imposed upon the Via Mesa neighborhood (Potrero Canyon/Temescal Canyon/ Sunset Blvd/ Via de las Olas) additional CEQA Analysis is needed and is absolutely required. A full EIR of this neighborhood's impact from park

entering/exiting traffic must be completed prior to any authorization for any entrance to the park via Friends Street.

The above mentioned Addendum must be retracted, modified to eliminate the reference to the Friends entrance to the park, and reissued. The landscaping contract must be appropriately modified and work thus far completed reversed. You must proceed with haste and complete these tasks prior to December 10, 2021. If not accomplished by Dec 10, 2021 I will have an attorney file for an injunction to halt ALL work on the Potrero Canyon Park until after this is resolved. That is not what I wish to have happen. The Park is an admirable project that has been ongoing for over 25 years and the City has spent over \$25M to date to complete.

At this point there are only two options. The easy way is for the Environmental Management Group to rescind their earlier (Nov 19, 2020) Memo, modify it by deleting the Friends entrance item, continue with the balance of the landscaping and open the park as scheduled. The hard way is for the City of Los Angeles to have to attempt to block an injunction, and argue in court trying to convince a judge that a false statement should be allowed to remain and used as the basis for proceeding. If I have to pay an attorney to file for and obtain an injunction I will request that the entire Potrero Park Project be halted until a new EIR study is completed. If that is successful it may be 5 or 10 years before one is completed and the project completed. Easier way is to immediately exclude the Friends entrance to park item of the landscaping work and have only that specific item be included in a new EIR study. Many, many interested parties will then have an opportunity to give input and after that input the City of Los Angeles can appropriately decide whether to have a Friends park entrance or not.

The impact of the traffic going to/from a Friends St park entrance will potentially ruin an entire neighborhood of 600 single family residences and affect the lives of over 1000 resident of Pacific Palisades. One way to Friends is by Via de las Olas which is a street that in the 1950's was withdrawn from public use by the City of Los Angeles -- therefore an completely unacceptable way for a potential 3,000,000 residents of Los Angeles to access their park. The other way is either by Friends or Lombard. Both streets are narrow to begin with, allow parking on both sides and in many situations have only single lane access/egress for a vehicle (not one vehicle in each direction -- ONE vehicle). This is currently the situation with only the neighborhood vehicles using the streets. Imagine the traffic if a few hundred or thousand park users vehicles arrive on any given day.

Initially I have sent this email to only you. I will be forwarding it to Michael Shull, L A Recreation and Parks Commissioners, and Gary Lee Moore as soon as I can locate their emails.

I can be contacted at: _____ or: _____

Please deal with this immediately - within the next day or two.

Thank you,
William Moran



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Westwood Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 10:12 AM

To: Jen Ritchkoff < >

Cc: Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Jasmine Shamolian <jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org>, Kortley <kortley.norris@lacity.org>, Eric Park Director <Eric.Mellem@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 8:34 PM Jen Ritchkoff < > wrote:

Thank you for getting back to me. But why does it take an assessment just to clean up trash? And next week is too far away. And for an assessment which means it won't be cleaned up for 2 weeks after that. It should not be allowed to get like this, and needs to be tended to every day. Would you want to live across the street from that mess? Or to try to enjoy a park that looks like this?

I didn't get the picture clear enough but there is one more of a mattress that seems to have been pulled apart in a pile of trash in the middle of the park on the Veteran side. And there are more that are not pictured. Is someone going through the grounds and taking note on a daily basis? And scheduling more cleanups rather than monthly? Or however often you "assess?" It's really disgusting.

And I know that maintenance doesn't want to touch trash that looks like it's part of an encampment, but you can see clearly from the pictures that there is plenty of trash that is far away from tents.

Please it's just so gross. I'm not doing any more clean-ups in the park again. And it shouldn't be up to the neighbors to report the park trash.

I even tried to get more garbage cans and was told that you wouldn't do that. You got the soccer field that you all desperately wanted to spend 2 million dollars on, now spend some money on cleaning up the park please. We've had enough.

Thank you,
Jen

----- Original message -----

From: Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>

Date: 11/30/21 7:44 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Jen Ritchkoff < >

Cc: Jasmine Shamolian <jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org>, Kortley <kortley.norris@lacity.org>, Eric Park Director <Eric.Mellem@lacity.org>, Shull <Michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: Westwood Park

Thank you, this location is already in the process of being assessed and posted for cleaning next week.

On Tue, Nov 30, 2021, 7:39 PM Jen Ritchkoff < > wrote:
| Veteran Avenue

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Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
Figueroa Plaza



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Park curfew time is being enforced in Point Ferman Park, but not in Westchester Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Debra Huston <

Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 11:32 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 7:21 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners,

We have received information from an official source that the park curfew time is being enforced by LAPD in Point Ferman Park, which is an LA City park.

We need to know why the park curfew time is being enforced by LAPD in Point Ferman Park, but not in Westchester Park.

I am copying on this email the league presidents who need the park to be safe for their young athletes who will be using the ball fields when the renovation is completed within a few months. We have a documented history since early 2020 of homeless people in the park following children, trying to engage children in conversation, exposing themselves to children, attacking one child in the only public restroom in the park which is the restroom used by the ball fields, injecting drugs out in the open when children are present, and more. Our league presidents are very concerned about homeless people living in the parking lots of the park for the very same reasons they were concerned about people living in tents in the park.

I'm also copying people who are interested in this issue because the use of the Westchester Park parking lots as living areas makes it unsafe for seniors to use the senior center. In the last year, three elders in Venice have been knocked down by homeless people and died as a result of their injuries. This is a very real concern for seniors.

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There is no street parking near the ballfields. Lincoln Blvd is a very busy street with a lane for traffic where parking would normally be. It is unsafe for families to park in the nearby neighborhood and cross Lincoln on foot because of the heavy and high-speed traffic on Lincoln.

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Debra Huston



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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1 message

Chris Spitz < > Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 8:10 AM
 To: Debra Huston < >, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>
 Cc: Paula Gerez < >, Julie Ross < >, "30093@lapd.online" <30093@lapd.online>, Sophia Castaneda <35080@lapd.online>, Tom Brewster < >, Lucy Han < >, Chip Mallek < >, Julie Zaller < >, Beth O'Rourke < >, Rory Kaclik < >, Bernard Robins < >, dan thomason < >, Dan Mohler < >, "

Thank you Debra.

All: Please note that at the November 18th public board meeting of Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), in response to a question about a homeless individual who had been accosting people in the area and also sleeping in Rustic Canyon Park, our Senior Lead Officer indicated that the park curfew of 10:30pm is posted on signage and is used as a tool for enforcement; that particular individual was eventually arrested. He also explained that park curfew enforcement is normally a responsibility of City Park Rangers, but as there is no Park Ranger assigned to the Westside, LAPD can be called (at least in our area) for enforcement. However, we were cautioned that LAPD can only respond as they are able to non-emergency calls (such as park curfew violations).

Best,
 Chris Spitz
 PPCC Secretary

From: Debra Huston < >
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 7:21 AM
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Re: Green Canopy in Highland Park/Poppy Peak

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Garcia Incareal >

Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 11:41 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Dec 3, 2021 at 10:23 AM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:
Bill Cody you and Cedillo have been asked several months ago about this issue and now you come with another reply. When we the voters in the community ask for a service from council Gill Cedillo we expect him to take care of it. Otherwise why did we elected him.
Mauro Garcia
Broker-Notary

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Private person denying access at Spring St Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 2:06 PM

To: Levi Zollinger <

Good afternoon,

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On Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 11:55 AM Levi Zollinger <

> wrote:

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1 message

Raul Leon <raul.leon@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 9:57 AM

To: Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Cc: Jose Monge <jose.monge@lacity.org>, Ramona Solorzano <ramona.solorzano@lacity.org>

Good morning,

This was not authorized by anyone in maintenance. Maintenance staff will remove the caution tape, and chain from the RAP park property today.

Thank you,

On Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 9:44 AM Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org> wrote:

Jose

Check with Ramona about this individual.

Anthony Bagnerise
Recreation & Parks Dept. City of Los Angeles
Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor
Metro Region - Central Area
(213) 485 - 4833
Fax (213) 847 - 7129

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Date: Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 9:41 AM

Subject: Fwd: Private person denying access at Spring St Park

To: Anthony Bagnerise <anthony.bagnerise@lacity.org>, Juan Benitez <juan.benitez@lacity.org>, Melissa Rivas <melissa.rivas@lacity.org>

Good morning all,

Please the email received in Board office regarding Spring Street Park and advise. Thank you.

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