

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Griffith Park Water System and grant opportunities for possible improvements.

Recommendation for Council Action:

NOTE and FILE the Motion (LaBonge - O'Farrell) relative to instructing the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to make a thorough assessment and report back to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee on the overall status of the Griffith Park Water System as well as Chief Legislative Analyst grant opportunities for possible improvements on the Griffith Park Water System in the next 45 days.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 28, 2014, your Committee considered a Motion (LaBonge - O'Farrell) relative to instructing the RAP to make a thorough assessment and report back to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee on the overall status of the Griffith Park Water System as well as Chief Legislative Analyst grant opportunities for possible improvements on the Griffith Park Water System in the next 45 days. According to the Motion, Griffith Park is the largest municipal park with urban wilderness area in the United States. With over 4,210 acres of both natural terrain and landscaped parkland and picnic areas, the park is situated in the eastern Santa Monica Mountain range.

With an arid climate, the Park's plant communities vary from coastal sage scrub, oak and walnut woodlands to riparian vegetation with trees in the Park's deep canyons. Over the years recreational attractions have been developed throughout the Park, however a large portion of the Park remains naturally untouched. Today, Griffith Park offers miles of trails, and is home to numerous natural habitats, recreational areas, terraces, viewpoints, terrains and groves. Amongst these areas, there are special locations in the Park that require a steady supply of water. The Roosevelt Golf Course, Dante's View, Captains Roost, the Bird Sanctuary, Fern Dell, and Western Canyon are just a few of those areas. Unfortunately, these key locations are suffering immensely due to aged water systems that are either not working or working improperly.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

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