

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

DATE: September 23, 2002

THROUGH: Legislative Committee (September 19, 2002)

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: H.R. 2534 (Solis), *San Gabriel River Watersheds Study Act of 2002*, with amendments

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

Take a neutral position on H.R. 2534 (Solis), *San Gabriel River Watersheds Study Act of 2002*, with amendments.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

On November 5, 2001, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted to support H.R. 2534 as originally introduced. However, on September 10, 2002, the Recreation and Parks Commission changed their position to neutral position due to the amendments made to this bill.

BACKGROUND

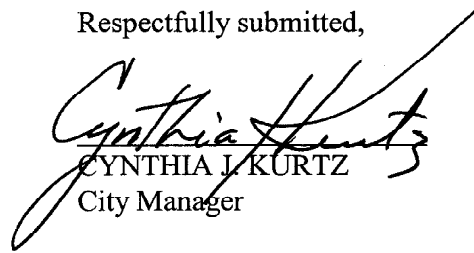
As originally introduced, this bill directed the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River, the Lower Los Angeles River, and much of the San Gabriel Mountains, to determine whether these areas should become part of the national park system. The study area included the Lower Arroyo Seco which is located within the City of Pasadena. If this bill is passed and the study is completed, the Secretary would send the study to Congress, ranked in priority order along with other completed studies of potential national park system additions.

On July 25, 2002, this bill was amended to remove the Lower Los Angeles River portion of this bill which includes the areas from East Los Angeles to the Long Beach Harbor and Santa Fe Springs to Long Beach, including the portion in the Pasadena City limits. A companion bill in the Senate S. 1865 (Boxer) has also been amended accordingly. The bills are now limited to the San Gabriel watershed north from Santa Fe Springs to the river's source in the San Gabriel Mountains and no longer include any portion of Pasadena (see attached map).

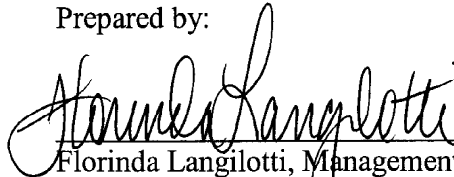
FISCAL IMPACT

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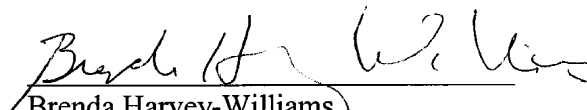
Respectfully submitted,


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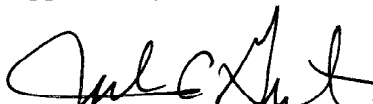
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