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REYES, COUNCIL EXTEND LA RIVER COMMITTEE DEADLINE - *Extension allows committee to oversee LA River Revitalization Plan, LA River projects*

At the request of Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, the City Council today unanimously extended the deadline of the Los Angeles River Ad Hoc Committee's effective date to June 30, 2009. The extension allows the committee to oversee the Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan, a two-year project that begins August 1.

The Council action followed a presentation by Reyes detailing the Committee's accomplishments, the status of ongoing LA River projects and future river plans.

"Neighborhood redevelopment, environmental protection and increased park space are all real efforts that begin to change the LA River not just physically, but personally as well," said Reyes, who chairs the Committee. "They make people identify the City with the beauty of the LA River and the people who have come together to make the River Revitalization possible."

During his presentation, Reyes presented the following Committee accomplishments:

- The selection of Tetra Tech, Inc., Civitas and Wenk to begin work on the LA River Revitalization Plan beginning August 1.
- The Los Angeles River campaign "The Future is Now" involved more than 40 events throughout the City during a two-month period to generate public awareness.
- Identification of more than 28 river projects costing more than \$139 million for the 2005-2006 budget.
- In 2004, the Los Angeles River website www.lariver.org received more than 35,000 hits.

"There is no better word than 'visionary' to describe Councilmember Reyes' leadership on the Los Angeles River Committee," said Councilmember Eric Garcetti, vice-chair of the Committee. "He has led a team of dreamers, and now we are prepared together to draw the future landscape of our city."

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