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Ms. Kaplan:

Mr. Hildebrand:

Thank you for your letters of comment regarding the proposed Los Angeles River Recreation Zone. After review of the letters and except for the items outlined below, none of the comments were in conflict with the program proposal dated February 25, 2013 (attached). In addition, based on our joint staff follow-up telephone conversation of March 06, 2013, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, the US Army Corps- LA District Office, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, and the City of Los Angeles have mutually agreed to all conditions that satisfy all concerns for the operation of the pilot recreational zone program.

The following conditions were revised per mutual agreement:

- 1) The standards defined under "Notification for Thunderstorms/Flash Floods/Dam Releases" (Department of Public Works letter) are affirmed with the following exceptions:
 - a) that the City of Los Angeles will not participate in dam release notifications.
 - b) that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) agrees to responsibly exercise due diligence in "notifying the users of any unexpected or sudden events...." rather than "be responsible for" such notifications.
- 2) The standards defined under "Other Recreational Uses" (Department of Public Works letter) are amended to include the following public trust doctrine activities in addition to steerable non-motorized boating: fishing, bird watching, traveling/hiking/walking.
- 3) In regard to concerns identified under "Scope of Proposal" (USACE letter), it is agreed that festivals and performance art will be excluded from consideration as permitted activities during the 2013 pilot

program, while educational activities such as "MRCA's planned school outreach paddling workshops or FOLAR's planned walking tours" would remain viable events subject to coordination with USACE.

Thank you for your partnership role in this historic program. We look forward to its success with your support. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Kopitzke, Aquatics Director with the Department of Recreation and Parks and Walt Young, Chief of Operations at MRCA.

Sincerely,

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