



## **The Los Angeles River Recreation Zone Closes for the Season**

***Kayaking, fishing, and walking in the two sections of the river managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority are not permitted until the next Recreation Zone Season begins on Memorial Day, 2019***

LOS ANGELES (September 30, 2018) — The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) announced today that the Los Angeles River Recreation Zones in Elysian Valley and the Sepulveda Basin have closed for the season.

For the sixth year in a row, the L.A. River Recreation Zones have provided summer access to recreate and explore the Los Angeles River in two different parts of the river that are still in a natural state. Activities include steerable boating such as kayaking and canoeing, fishing and bird watching. The River Recreation Zones are managed by the MRCA in coordination with the City of Los Angeles and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the County of Los Angeles.

"We look forward to opening again next Memorial Day," said MRCA Chief Ranger, Fernando Gomez. "We urge everyone to check out the Los Angeles River Recreation website, [www.lariverrecreation.org](http://www.lariverrecreation.org) to find out information about the program."

The Sepulveda Basin Recreation Zone is a gentle, two-mile up river and back trip with braided channels, wildlife, and tranquil pools. Of the two Recreation Zones, the Sepulveda Basin offers easy paddling, and less natural obstacles.

The Elysian Valley kayak experience is a five mile one-way trip with braided channels and abundant wildlife in the middle of the city. The kayak experience includes strong currents and a few rapids.

In addition to managing the Recreation Zones, this summer the MRCA continued its tradition of working with local nonprofits such as Community Nature Connection and Mujeres de la Tierra to provide free kayak trips to underserved youth and adults.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is a local public park agency dedicated to the preservation and management of open space, urban parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat. The MRCA manages more than 75,000 acres of public parkland and provides natural resources and scientific expertise, critical regional planning services, operations, fire prevention and ranger services, as well as education and leadership programs for thousands of youth each year. It is one of the lead agencies revitalizing the Los Angeles River.