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REYES TO PRESENT 3rd ANNUAL LOS ANGELES RIVER AWARDS

Reyes, Ad Hoc River Committee, to recognize recipients Friday, June 9, in City Council Chambers

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, Chair of the L.A. River Ad Hoc Committee, will present the 3rd Annual Los Angeles River Awards on Friday, June 9, at 10 a.m. in City Council Chambers.

The event, which falls on Los Angeles River Appreciation Day, honors individuals, organizations and governmental bodies for their work with the City of Los Angeles to revitalize the Los Angeles River.

The awardees were selected by their peers for advancing knowledge, generating awareness and demonstrating responsible stewardship of the L.A. River. Reyes, with the L.A. River Ad Hoc Committee, will recognize recipients in the following categories:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/GROUP Category - employee or employee group that goes above and beyond standards in supporting the Los Angeles River, its watershed, and the principles of the Ad Hoc River Committee with vision, commitment and action:

Oscar Amaro, employee of the City's Public Works Department, whose work illustrates depictions of the river and the watershed, stormwater issues, and other watershed themes. His "Los Angeles River-Future is Now" banner has become a classic City poster symbolizing the hope of the River.

L.A. River City Department Taskforce for working closely together with various City Departments, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the County during the past four years to prioritize and facilitate the river's revitalization.

2. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE/GROUP Category - group that goes above and beyond in supporting the Los Angeles River, its watershed, and the principles of the Ad Hoc River Committee with vision, commitment, and action:

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Tree People, the Beverly Hills-based urban forestry advocates, for community work on the Sun Valley watershed management plan, an innovative project to solve chronic local flooding problems in underserved communities.

3. PROJECT/EVENT Category - river project that exemplifies the vision, commitment, passion, and the principles of the Ad Hoc River Committee - project completed:

10th Anniversary of the County's L.A. River Master Plan. The Plan laid the groundwork for the revitalization of the Los Angeles River.

Red Car Mural - “Reclaim, Respect, Revisit”, a vibrant mural that celebrates the Red Car and creates a source of hope for our neighborhood, the river and the cause of mass transit in Los Angeles.

Department of Water and Power, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and North East Trees for forging a partnership to create Crystal Street Park, on DWP property, to create open space amenities and a bike rest stop.

Friends of the Los Angeles River, for 20 years of dedication to protecting and restoring the Los Angeles River through education and awareness.

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