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Peter S. Silva
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Water (4101M)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Assistant Administrator Silva,

I am writing this letter to update you on our activities related to the successful navigation of the entire LA River and our plans to organize educational and recreational trips along the River. I send this update with regard to your impending determination of the navigability status of the LA River.

My last contact with the EPA was via the submission of a 30-page LA River Expedition report to Region IX chief David Smith, approximately one year ago. I refer you to that report for comprehensive details and imagery related to small watercraft navigation on the LA River. I organized and led that 3-day expedition in July 2008 along with Dr. Jeffrey Tipton. The trip included 15-20 other boaters.

Over the last three years I have boated portions of the LA River approximately two dozen times. Since our expedition, I have received requests from approximately 250 U.S. citizens and foreign visitors to participate in future river boating excursions. I have also received inquiries from schools and educators interested in education-related activities such as ours.

Partially because of this recreational boating interest, I have begun preparations for a safe, sanctioned recreational-educational boating program on the LA River. To accomplish this, one of the most important things I need is clean water, so that the river is not, in and of itself, a prohibitive hazard.

Perhaps it goes without saying, but I would like to see the Los Angeles River dramatically restored while continuing to provide adequate flood protection. I believe that a clean river combined with open public access (and with the public taking increasing responsibility for their river) is its best chance for revitalization.

The following are further details outlining our proposed program:

We plan to conduct a recreation-based education program on the Los Angeles River that will involve a participant fee as a central component of our business. LA River Expeditions' mission is to transform public perceptions about the Los Angeles River and expand possibilities for its use by leading guided recreational and educational boat trips down living sections of the LA River in order to provide a safe, fun and indelible personal experience through boating. Our program is intended to create legitimate local jobs through our business while supporting many of LA County's and the city of LA's river revitalization master plan goals, such as:

- Provide a safe environment for a variety of recreational opportunities along the river.
- Preserve, enhance and restore environmental resources along the river.
- Improve the appearance of the river and the pride of local communities in it.
- Ensure safe access to and compatibility between the river and other activity centers.
- Promote the river as an economic asset to the surrounding communities.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,



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