



Date: June 15, 2018
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PH West*
From: Stephen Scott, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine *SS*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **REVISED - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the DeForest Park Wetlands**

Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, Eighth District Councilmember Al Austin and the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works invite you and your staff to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the DeForest Wetlands. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the wetlands entrance located at end of Chestnut Avenue where it meets DeForest Avenue as indicated on the attached invitation.

The DeForest Wetlands project opens 34 acres of land for public use. Once overgrown with exotic vegetation or completely devoid of vegetation, the area has been transformed into a river parkway with freshwater wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, native plants, and interpretive signage, while retaining flood control and management properties. Public uses include bird watching, walking, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

The total project cost was approximately \$8.5 million. It was made possible using Los Angeles County Proposition A Funds, as well as contributions from the California Resources Agency, California Coastal Conservancy, and San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event. For more information, please call Gladys Kaiser, Manager of Community Recreation Services, at (562) 570-3150.

SS:gk

Attachment

cc: Charles Parkin, City Attorney
Laura Doud, City Auditor
Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Jackson, Deputy City Manager
Rebecca Garner, Assistant to the City Manager
Department Heads
Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services

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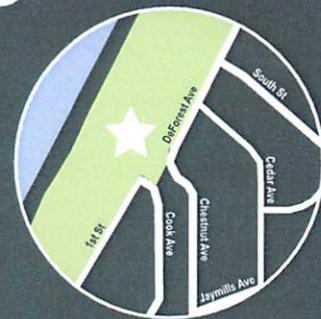
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562.570.3150 for more information



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