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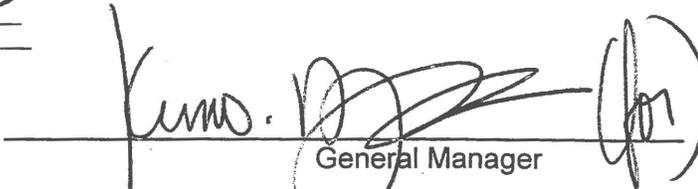
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SUBJECT: RUNYON CANYON - TEMPORARY CLOSURE

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve a four (4) month closure of Runyon Canyon Park, from April 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

SUMMARY:

Runyon Canyon is a popular local park used for hiking and off leash dog walking by a large number of residents and tourists each week. It is ranked as one (1) of the top five (5) locations for hiking in the Greater Los Angeles Area. This 137 acre park is located in the densely populated Hollywood Hills, bordered by Mulholland Highway to the north, Franklin Avenue to the south, and Nichols Canyon to the west.

The Department of Water and Power (DWP) has determined that a one (1) mile stretch of pipeline which was installed in the 1930's, has deteriorated to a level that is of serious concern. A break in the line would probably cause major damages, not only in the park but also to properties surrounding the park.

DWP has obtained approved designs and permits to replace this existing line with a new one. This will not only improve the water system, but also add new valves and upgrade the fire system.

Due to the severity of the current condition of the pipeline, DWP is requesting a four (4) month closure of the park. This temporary closure will reduce the project timeline from eight (8) months if the park remains open, to four (4) months if the park is closed. Closing the park will reduce safety concerns with hikers walking next to open trenches. DWP will conduct an extensive outreach prior to the start of construction to ensure that all residents and park users are notified of this temporary closure. Signs containing detailed information will be installed at all entrances to the park several weeks prior to the start of construction.

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Council District Four and the Friends of Runyon Canyon are in support of this temporary closure.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Joe Salaices, Griffith Region Superintendent.