

The ENC Parks and Environment Committee recommends that ENC Board support CF [20-1205](#), a motion to consider a new master Plan for the Sepulveda Basin, if amended, as follows: We applaud the stated purposes of the proposal for a new master plan for the Sepulveda Basin. However, exactly what areas are referred to as “undeveloped and underutilized” needs to be clarified. Proper maintenance of all areas of the Sepulveda Basin must be an intrinsic part of the new plan. We are especially concerned that the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve be respected as an essential part of Sepulveda Basin. Its potential as a world class nature reserve should be enhanced under the new plan and proper maintenance must be a priority. Already an important magnet for birdwatchers, photographers, nature lovers, and educational field trips, it needs proper attention to enhance its recovery from recent devastating fires. Once the COVID situation is under control it will again serve as an outdoor science classroom for thousands of LAUSD students in San Fernando Valley Audubon’s Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Program, as well as for youth groups and biology and ecology classes at higher grade levels through university. Community ideas and wishes must be considered in drafting and implementing the plan. Provision needs to be made for timely notification of the community about significant maintenance issues or planned actions or events. Accordingly, the Encino Neighborhood council supports the motion to consider a new master plan for Sepulveda Basin, but on the condition that it includes provision for informing and consulting with community groups including the Encino and Lake Balboa Neighborhood Councils and the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee.