



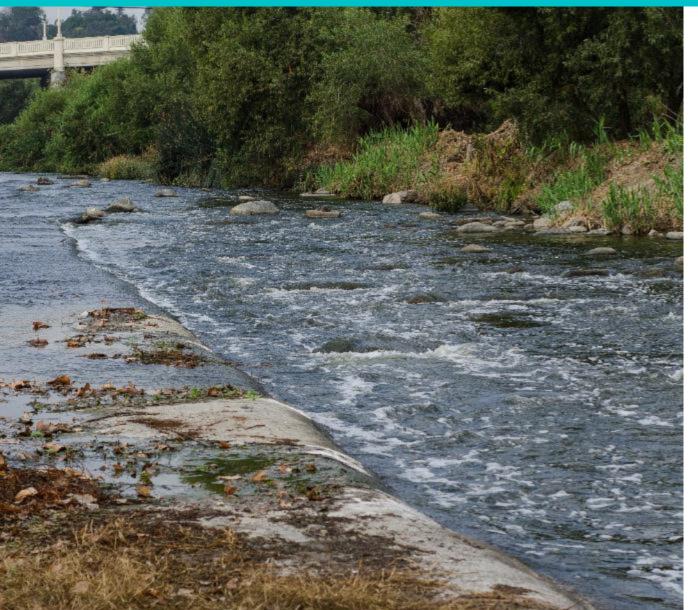


# AB 466: Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan

Water and Environment Committee

April 25, 2019

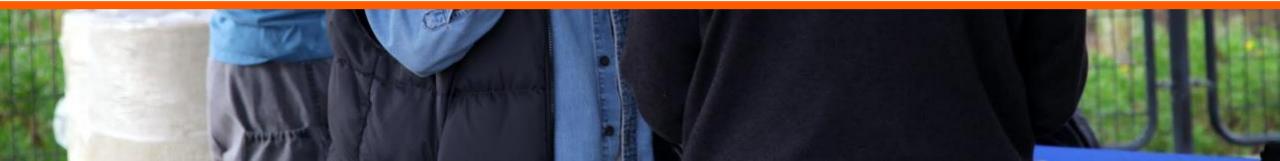
### Meeting Agenda



- 1. Call to order
- 2. Roll call
- 3. Approval of minutes
- 4. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items
- 5. Staff update
- 6. Polling activity regarding project improvement prioritization
- 7. Review of overall project framework
- 8. Overview of preliminary project opportunity screening process and sites
- 9. Committee member comments on matters not on the agenda
- 10. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment



Item 4. Comments from Members of the Public

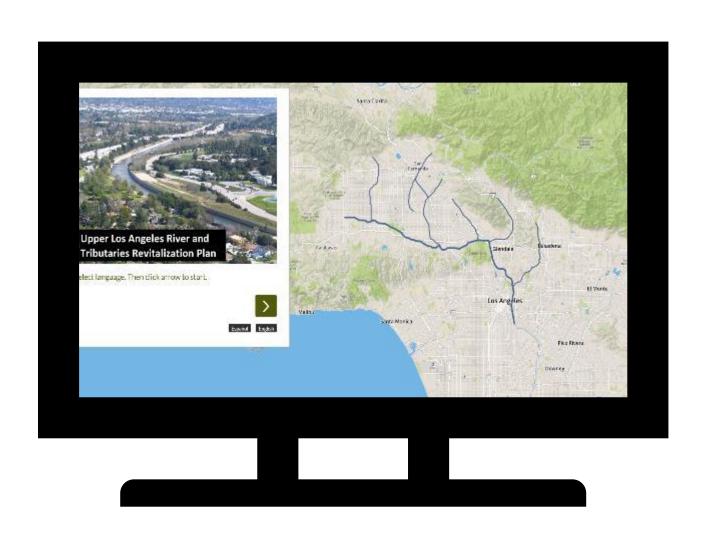


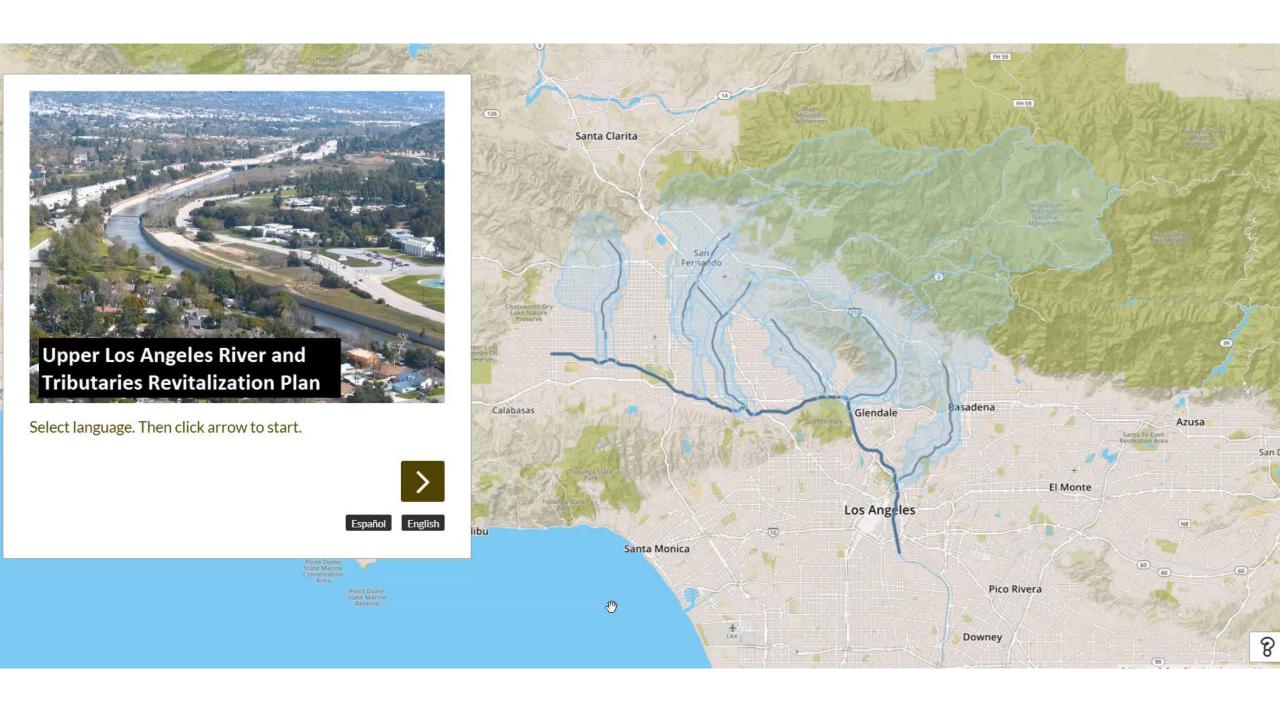


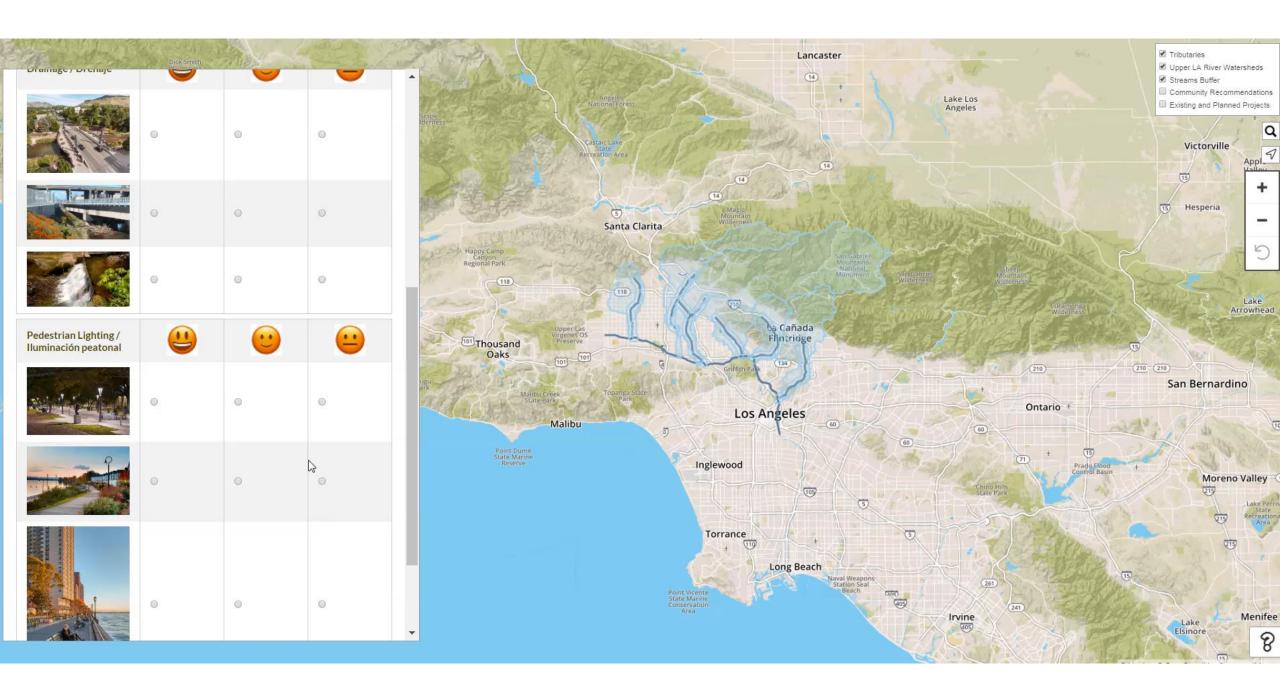
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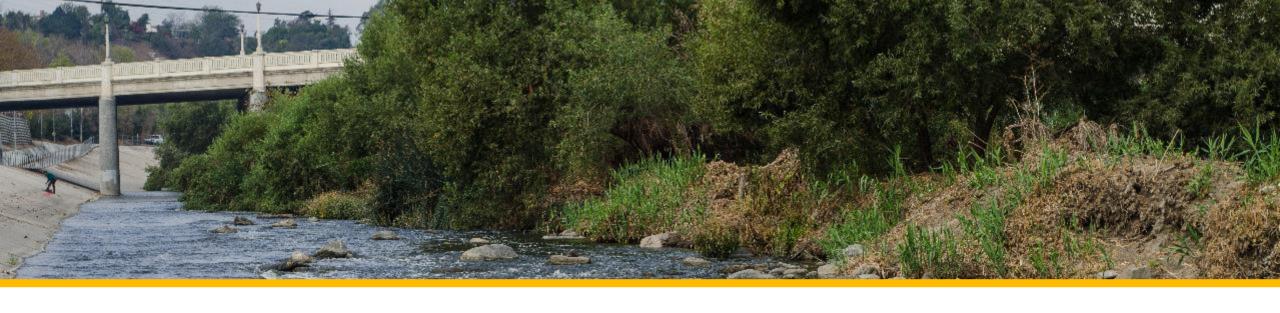


### WEB SURVEY TOOL









Item 6. Polling activity regarding project improvement prioritization



### ITEM GOAL

Understand the factors your community wants to focus on in the first round of opportunity sites.

# CALENVIRO SCREEN

CalEnviroScreen uses environmental, health, and socioeconomic information to identify California communities that are especially vulnerable to pollution's effects

OEHAA (Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment) defines disadvantaged communities as those with a CalEnviroScreen of 75% or more. A HIGHER score indicates more disadvantage.

### **AB466**

Assembly Bill (AB) 466 was created to appoint a Working Group for the Upper LA River and Its Tributaries and develop a community-centric, watershed based revitalization plan.

Emphasis was placed on

- Addressing communities around the Upper LA River and her tributaries
- Recognizing the value of the waterways through watershed education programs
- Disadvantaged communities

### **KEY THEMES**

- Watershed Health
- Water Supply
- Water Quality



- Emphasis on underserved areas
- Community and local culture
- Local business and vendors

Reduction and management of existing flood risks







- Education
- Recreation

Ecosystem

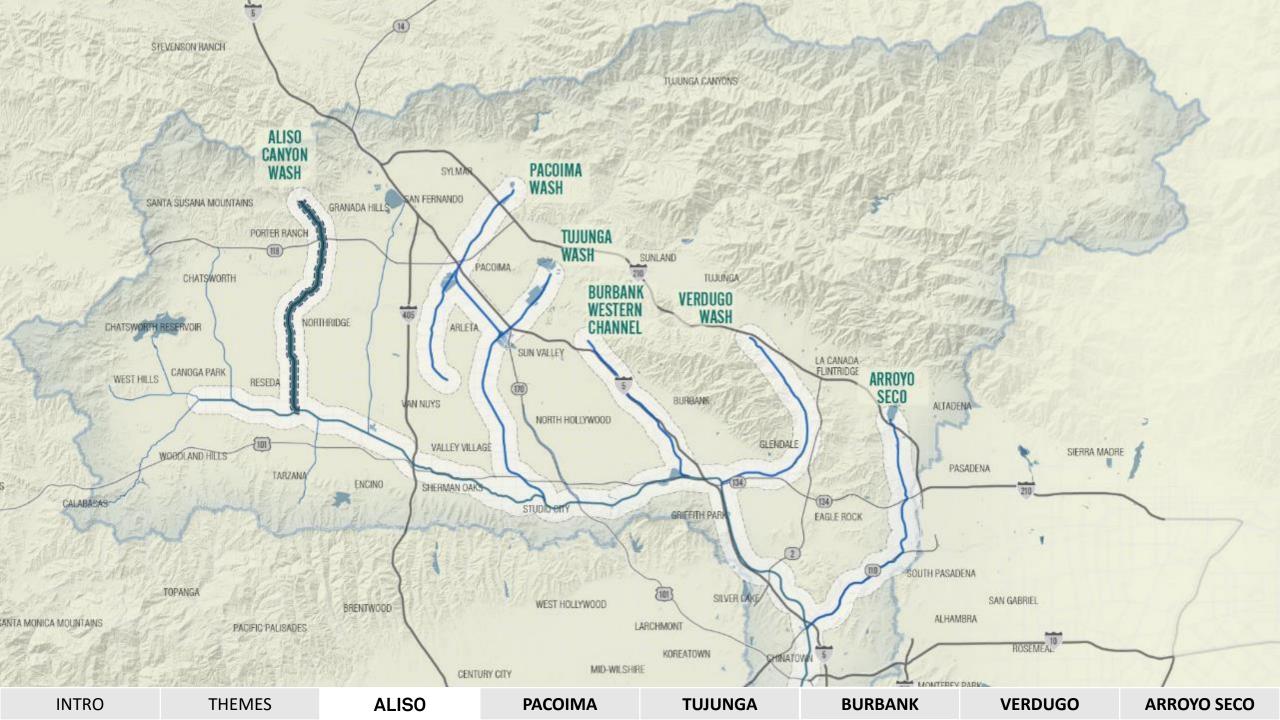
- Habitat
- Biodiversity





Improved access and connectivity to public space, the river and tributaries

# TRIBUTARY REVIEW & POLLING



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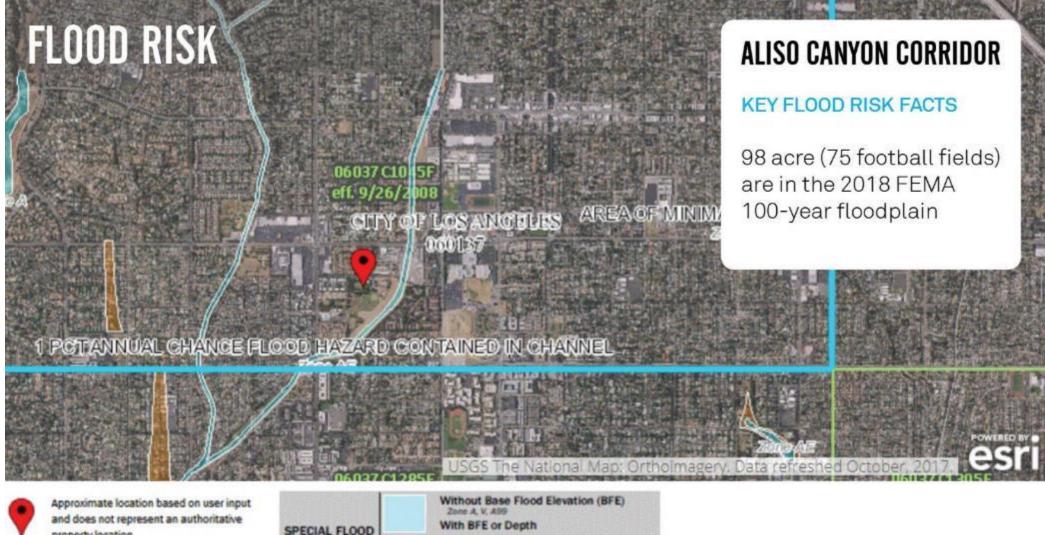
Mountain Lion Kitten tagged in Santa Susana Mountains

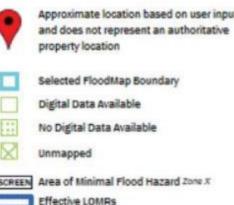
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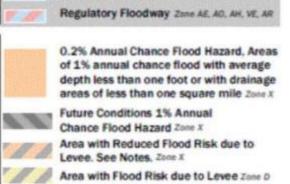


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- Working Group Member



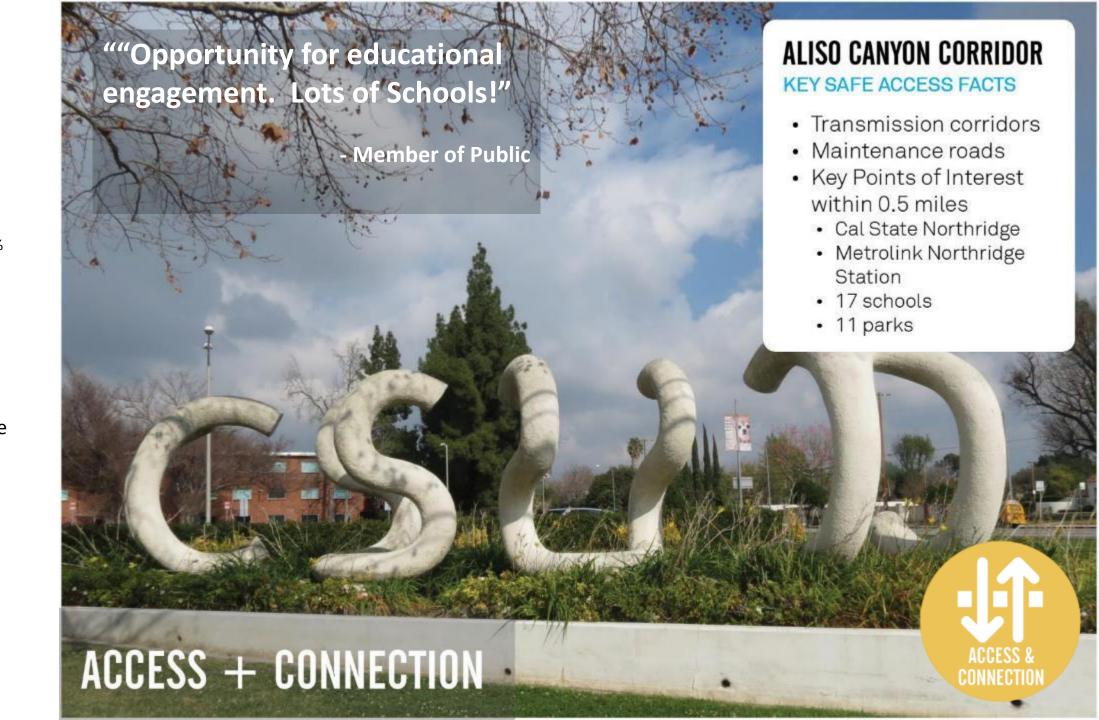


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Downtown Northridge

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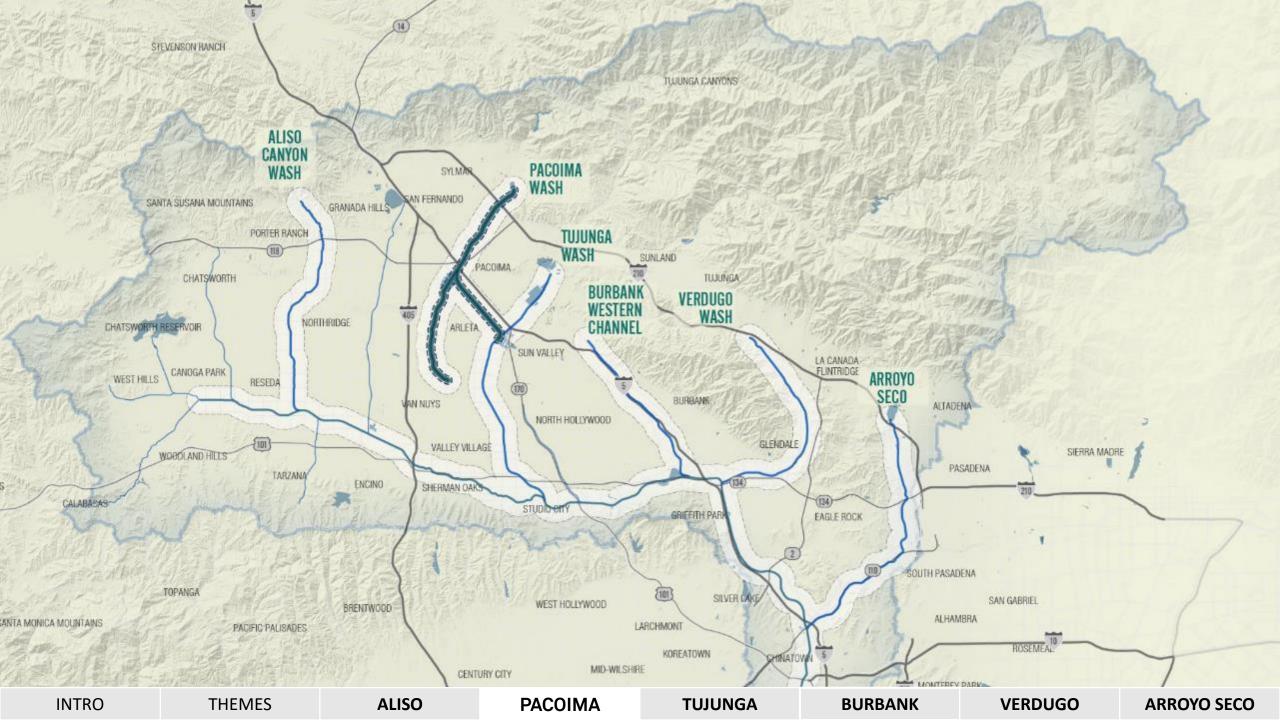
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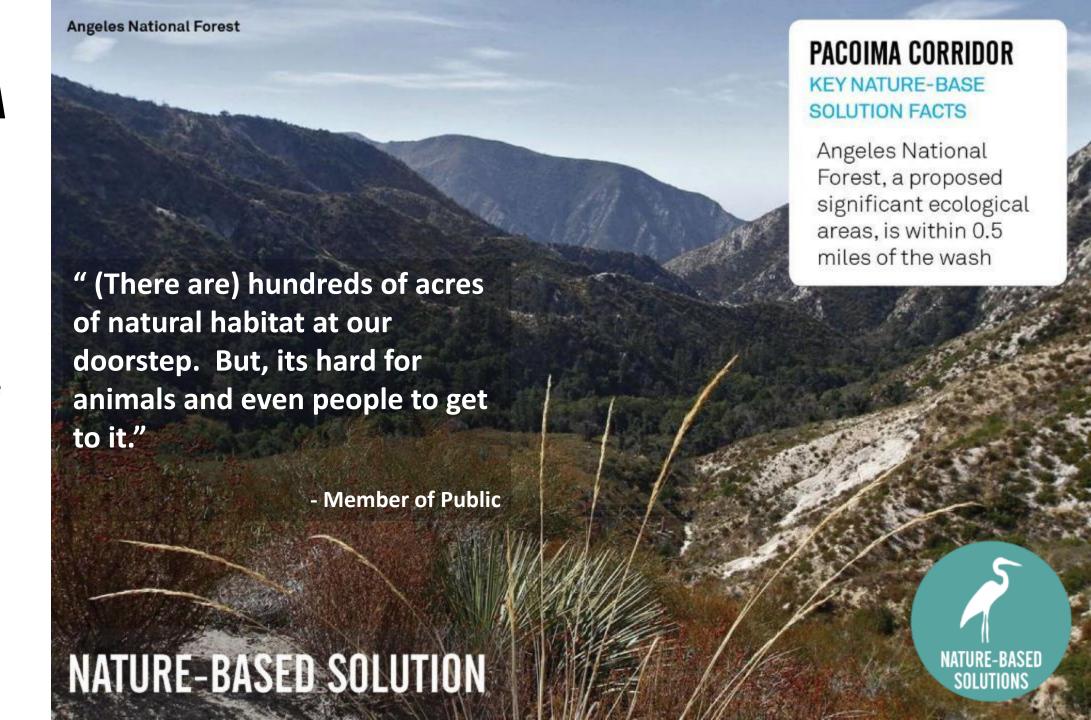


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Render of Pacoima Wash's green infrastructure upgrades that will paired with improved pump stations



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"Schools, parks, medians...we PACOIMA CORRIDOR should think creatively about KEY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT **FACTS** what could be an infiltration space" "Orphaned" Old Pacoima - Member of Public Wash presents opportunity for creative watershed management WALLEY WILLIAGE solutions WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Pacoima Wash (South of Tujunga Wash)

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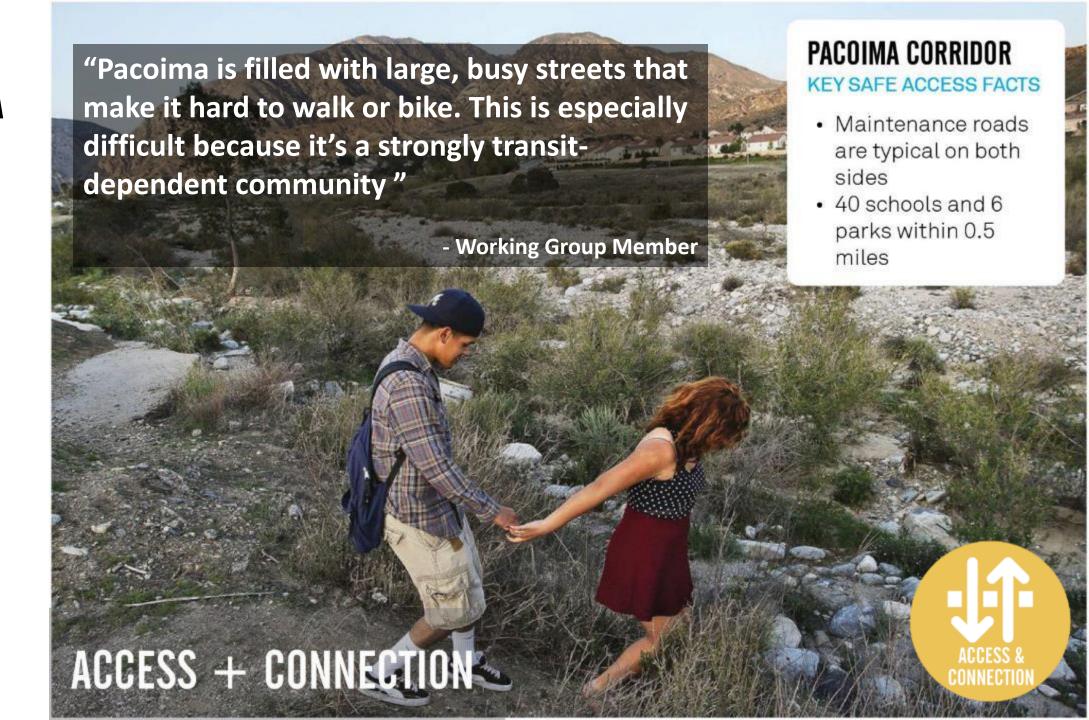
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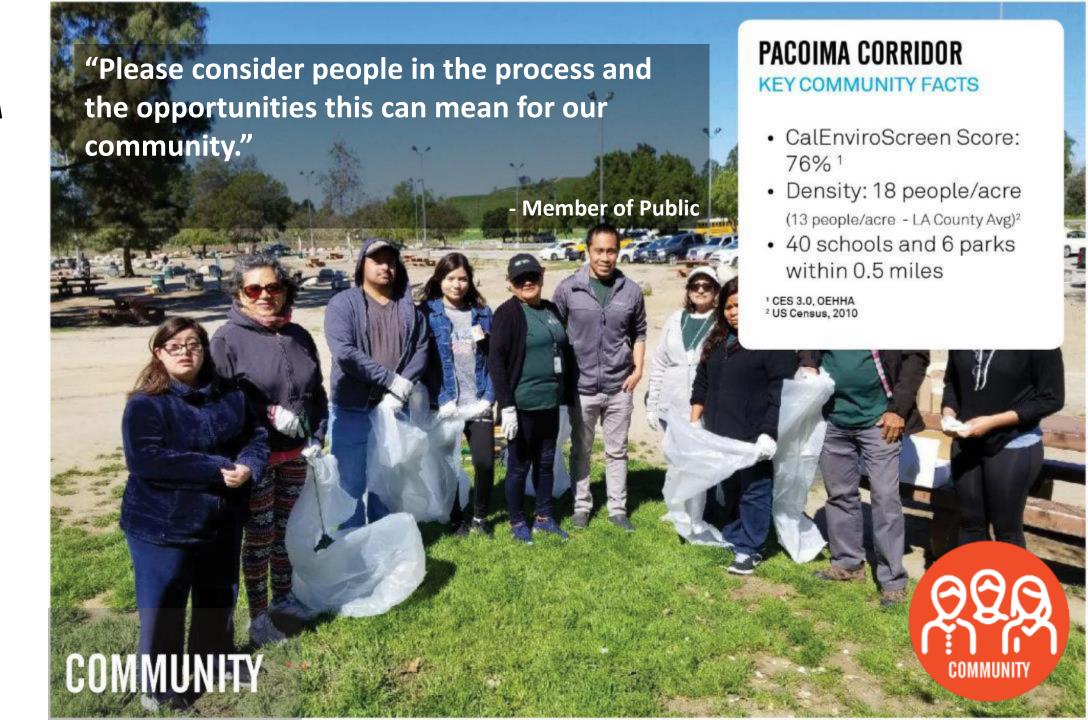


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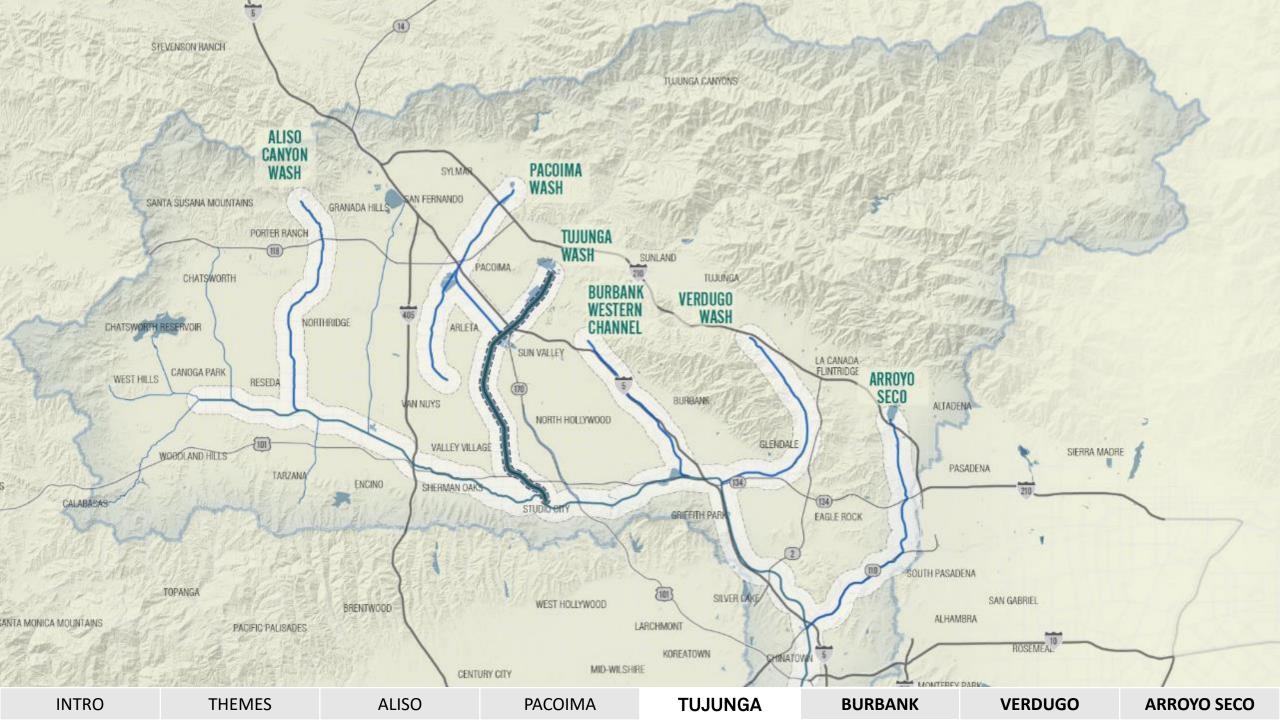
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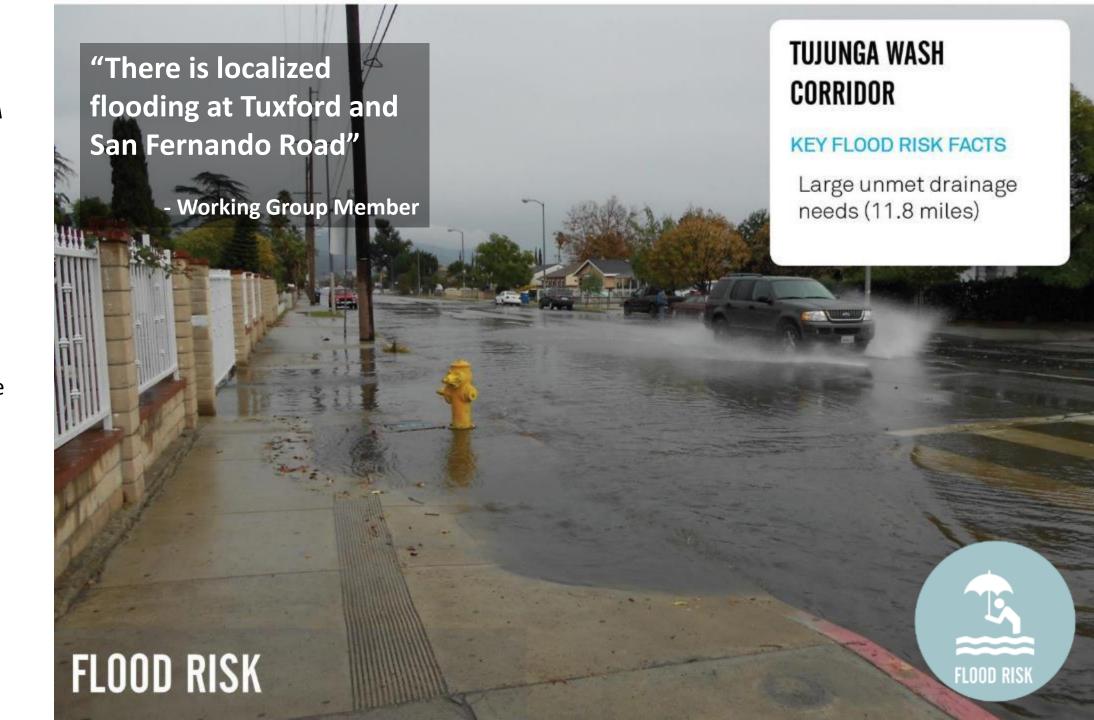


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**KEY WATERSHED** monitoring and develop MANAGEMENT FACTS the workforce" Highly permeable **CALENVIROSCREEN** soils and groundwater **CORRIDOR AVERAGE - 70%** - Working Group Member connectivity from the literature **WATERSHED MANAGEMENT** Nature-based solutions at Woodman Avenue

**TUJUNGA WASH** 

**CORRIDOR** 

"This is an opportunity

to teach people about

water quality

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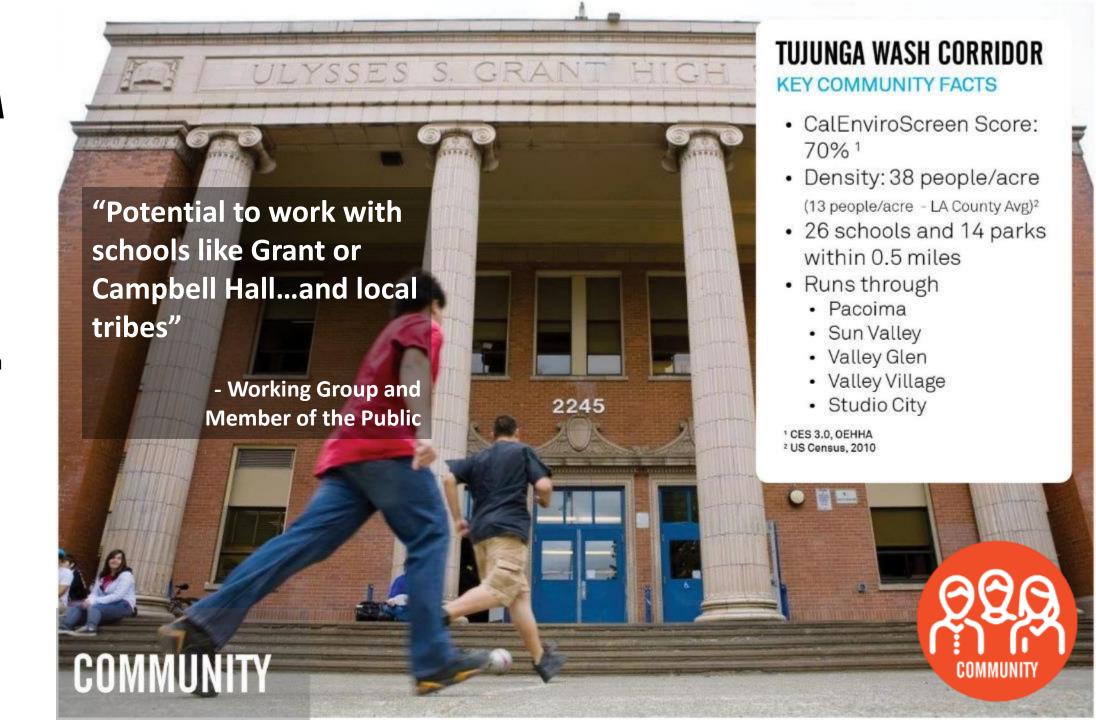


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Key observations about the Tujunga Wash from the December Committee meetings and the January Working Group



#### **POLLING**

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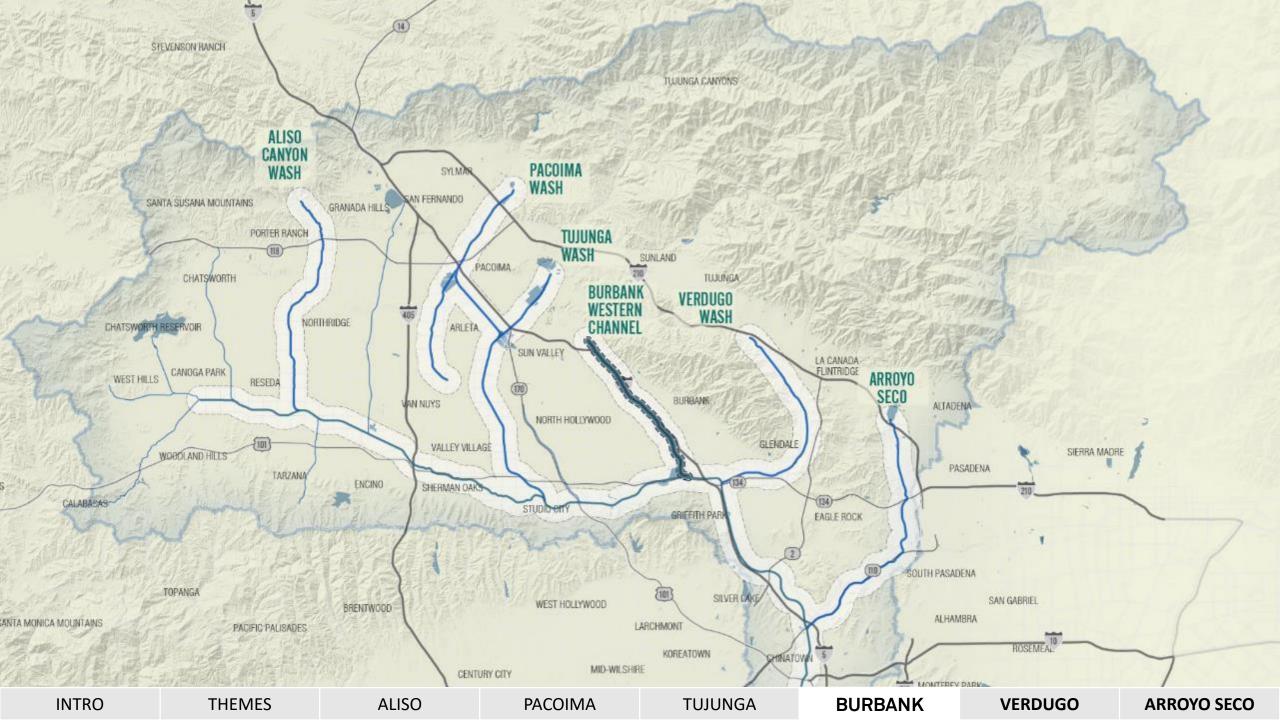
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Key observations about Burbank Western from the literature review, site visits, research, committee and working group meetings.



Bobcat spotted at Griffith Park

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"Consider an innovative use for waterways and infiltration basins in the dry season..."

- Working Group Member

### BURBANK WESTERN CORRIDOR

### KEY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FACTS

- No soft-bottomed sections
- Relatively high pollutant loading



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Taikwando at Verdugo Park

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**Burbank Station is the BURBANK WESTERN** busiest MetroLink station. CORRIDOR How can we connect to the KEY SAFE ACCESS FACTS station and downtown Adjacent to the I-5 for Maintenance road on Burbank" one side for majority of length - Working Group Member Key Points of Interest within 0.5 miles Metrolink Station Orange Line BRT station 1 - 0 1 Woodbury University Burbank Town Center (Ikea) 17 schools 15 parks

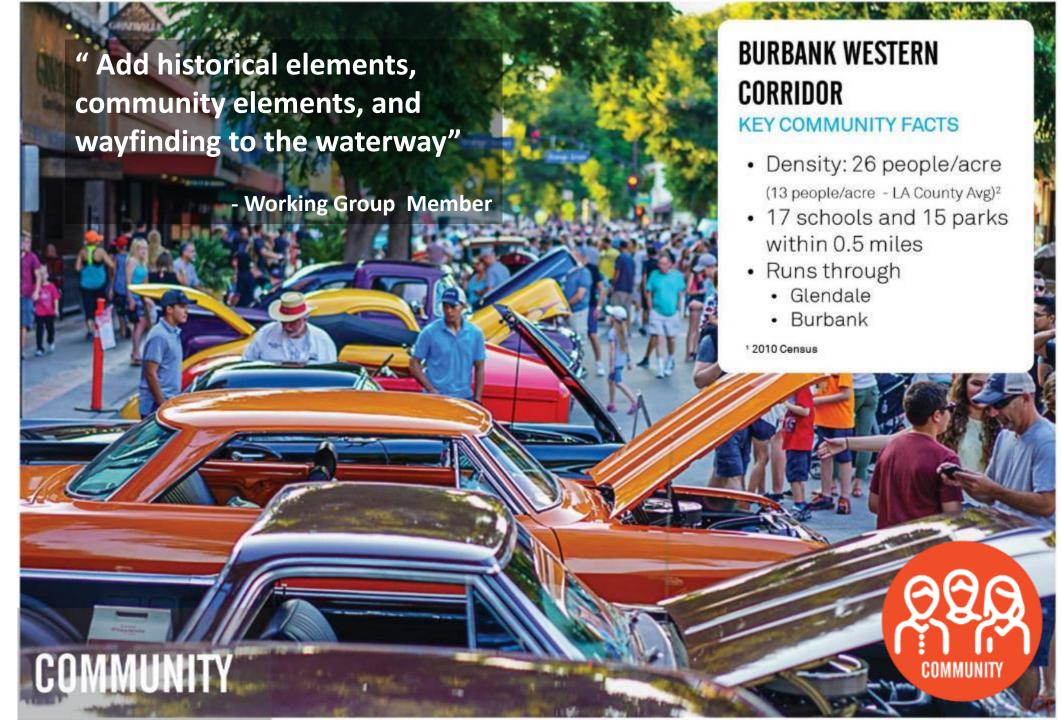
The commercial strip on San Fernando Road

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Downtown Burbank Car Classic

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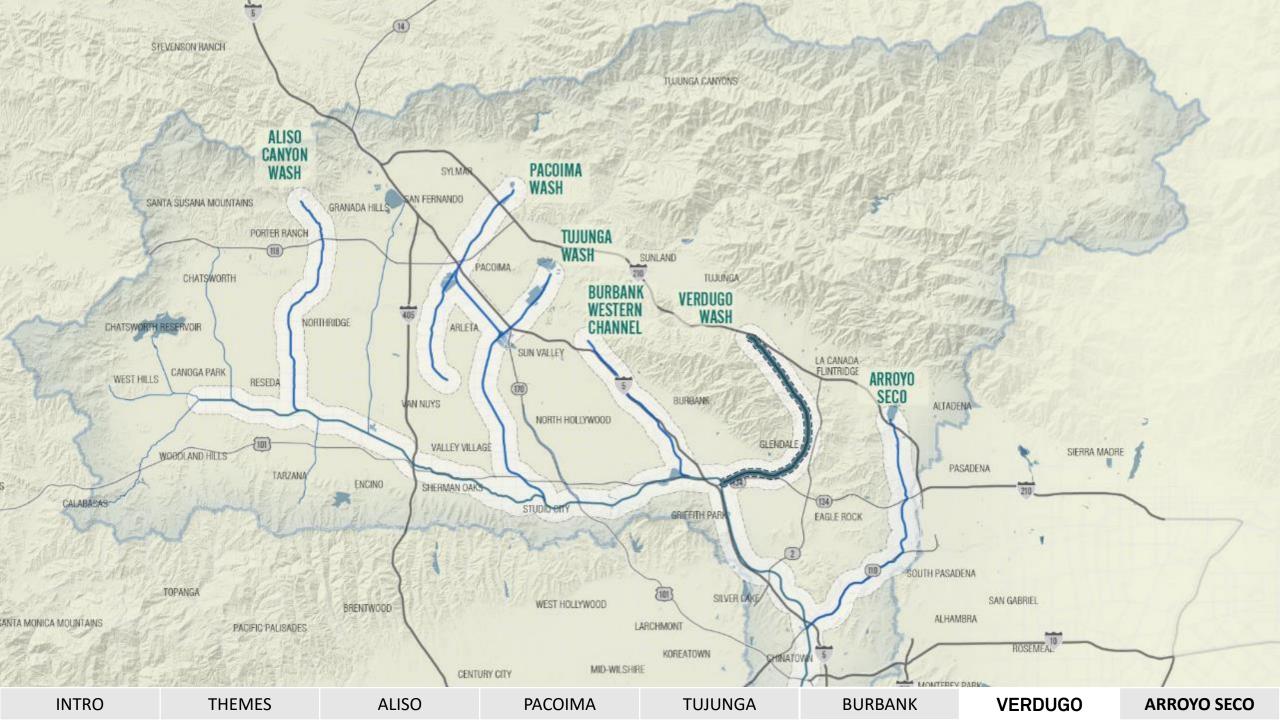


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**Verdugo Mountains** 

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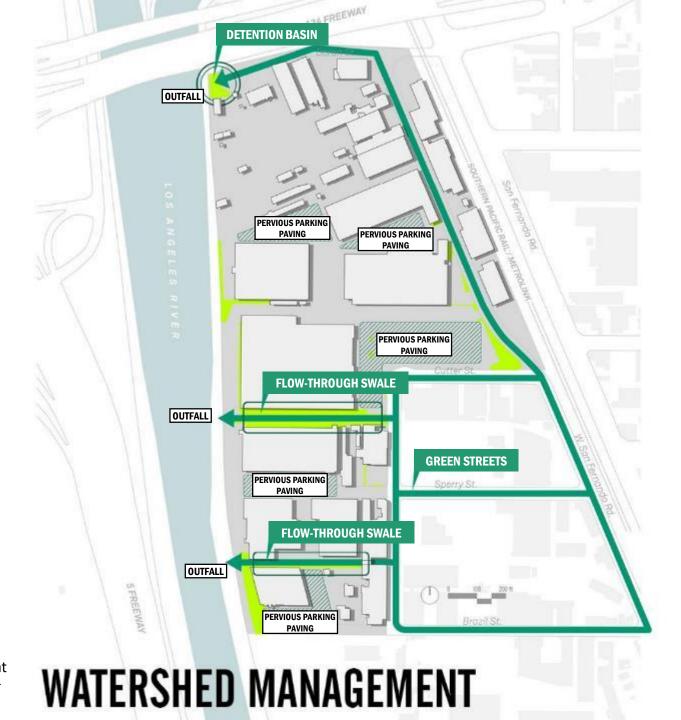
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Water capture opportunities at the confluence of the LA River and the Verdugo Wash



#### **VERDUGO WASH CORRIDOR**

### KEY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FACTS

- EWMP proposed water capture project at Fremont Park (City of Glendale)
- Upcoming project

## "Where else could we put in infiltration basins?"

- Working Group Member



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Temple City HS Cross Country Team at Crescenta Valley Park



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Glendale Narrows River Walk



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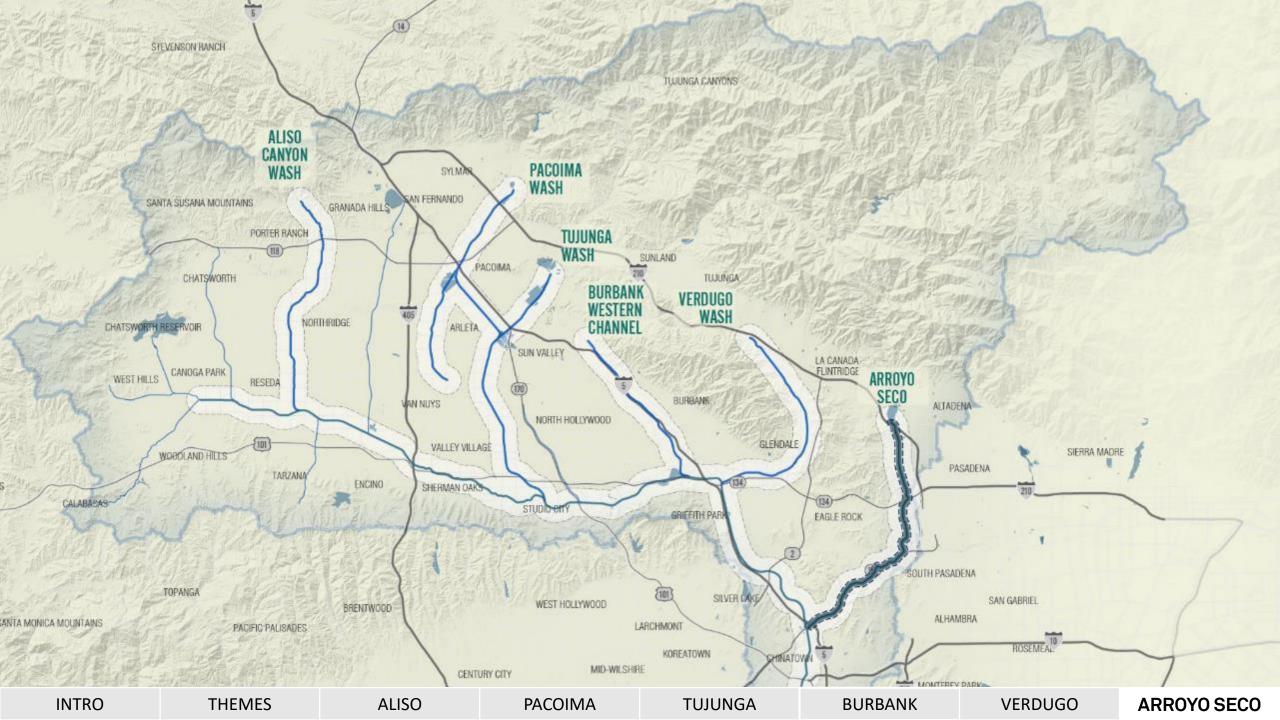


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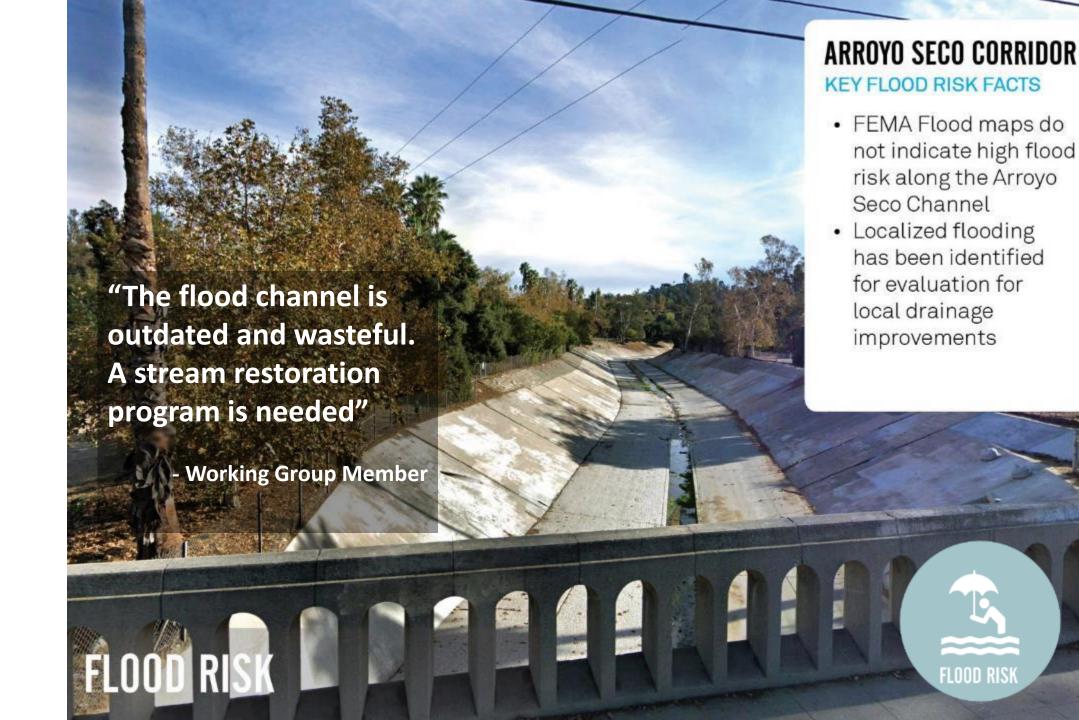
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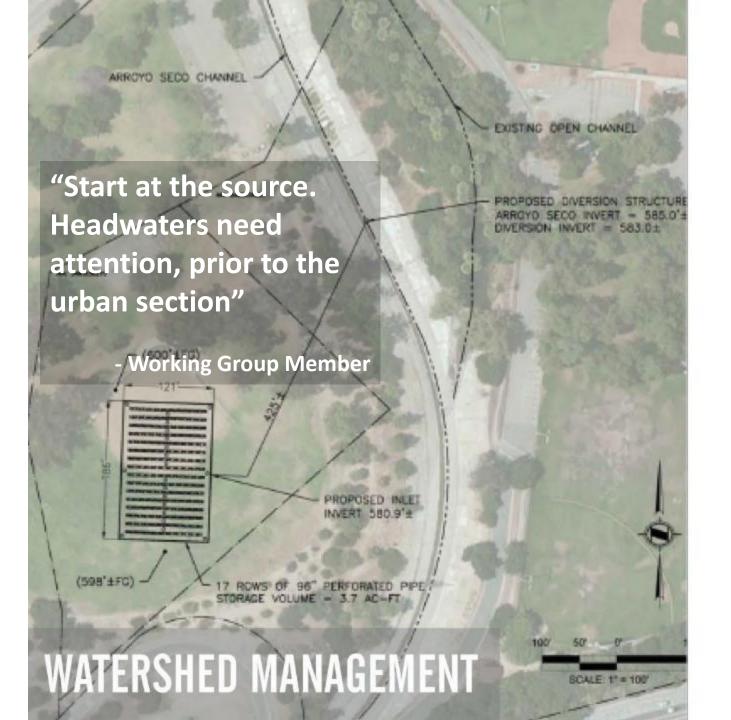


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#### ARROYO SECO CORRIDOR

### KEY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FACTS

- EWMP Signature Project at Arroyo Park in South Pasadena (infiltration gallery)
- Load reduction strategy for Arroyo Seco aims to address bacteria by "drying up" watershed



EWMP Signature Project at Arroyo Park

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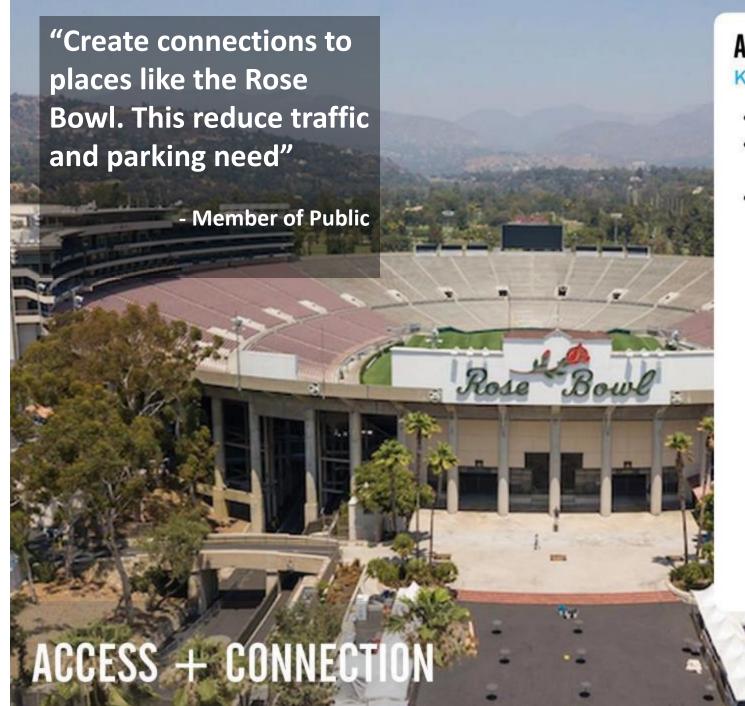


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#### ARROYO SECO CORRIDOR

#### **KEY SAFE ACCESS FACTS**

- Existing Bike lanes
- Limited maintenance roads
- Key Points of Interest within 0.5 miles
  - Memorial Park Station
  - Dodgers Stadium
  - Rose Bowl
  - Kidspace
  - Norton Simon Museum
  - Heritage Square Museum
  - Arroyo Park
  - Elysian Park
  - 36 parks
  - · 31 schools

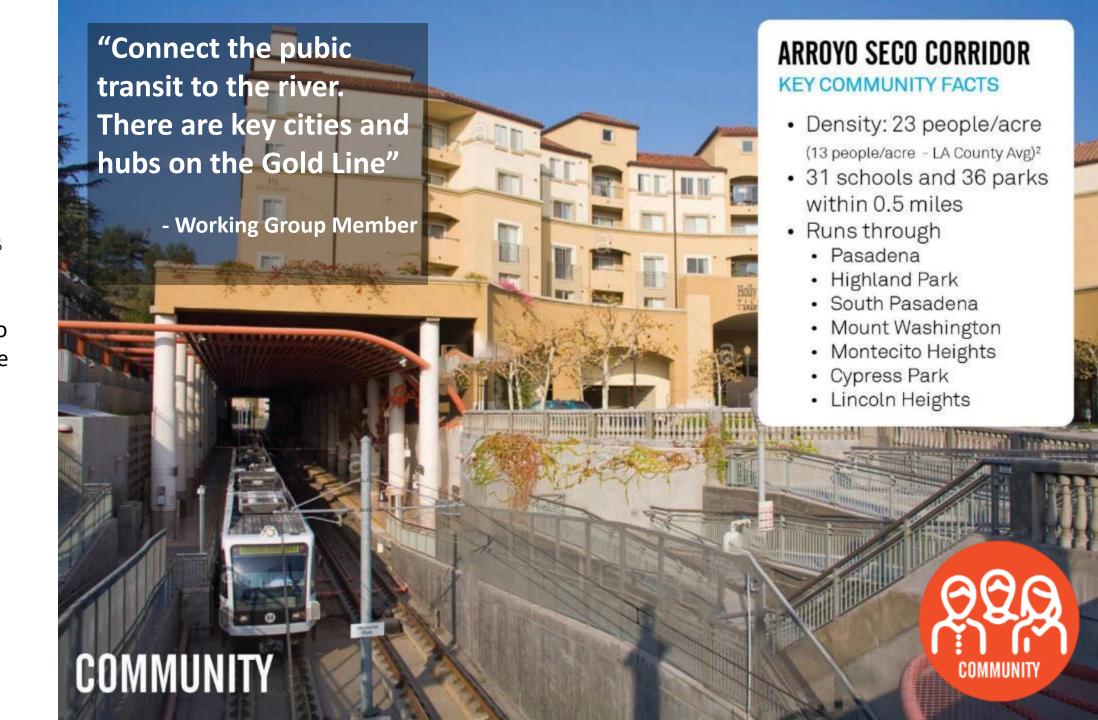


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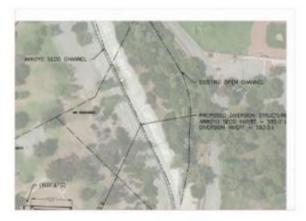
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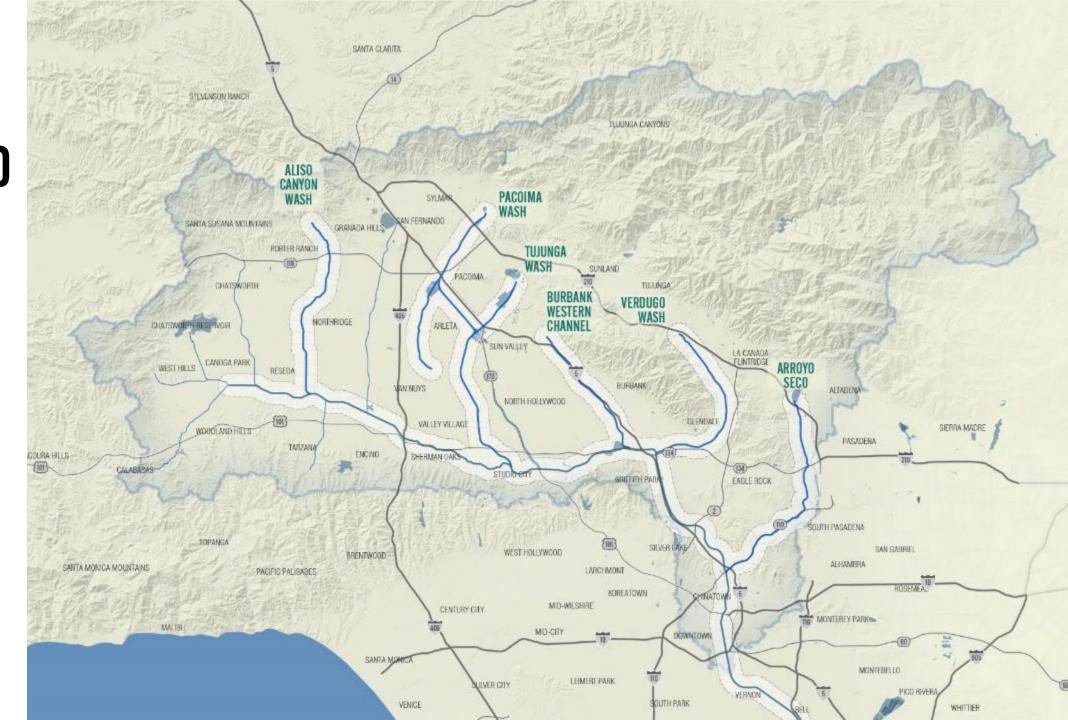
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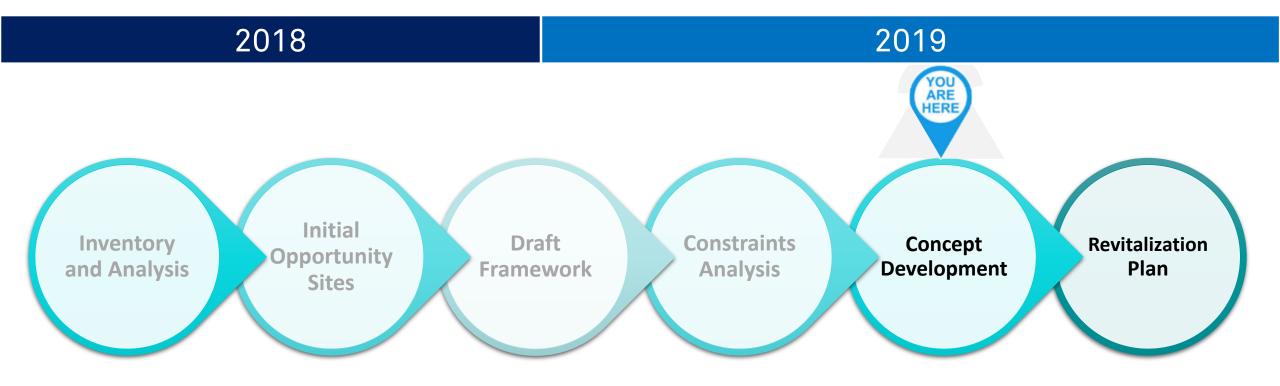
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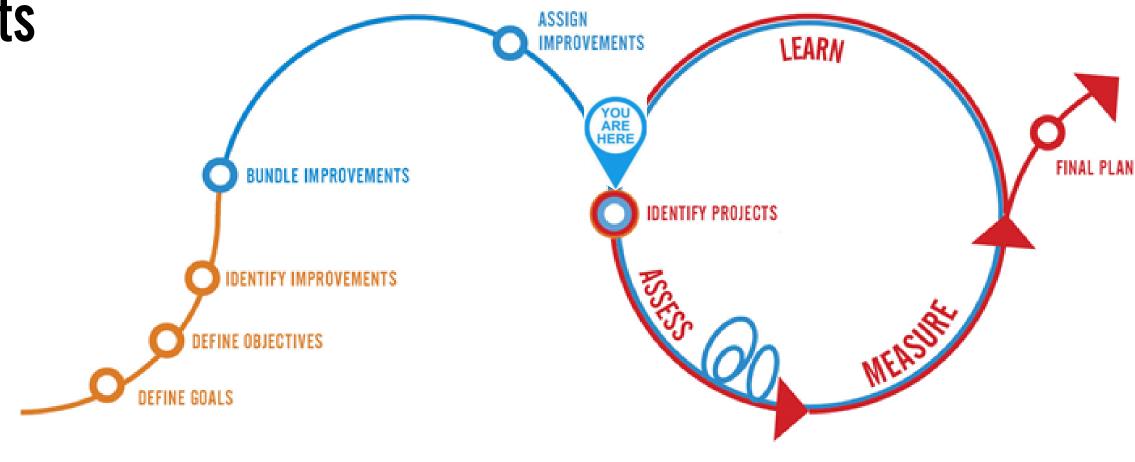
### ITEM GOAL

Understand the way the planning process translates into projects and scores

### **Timeline**

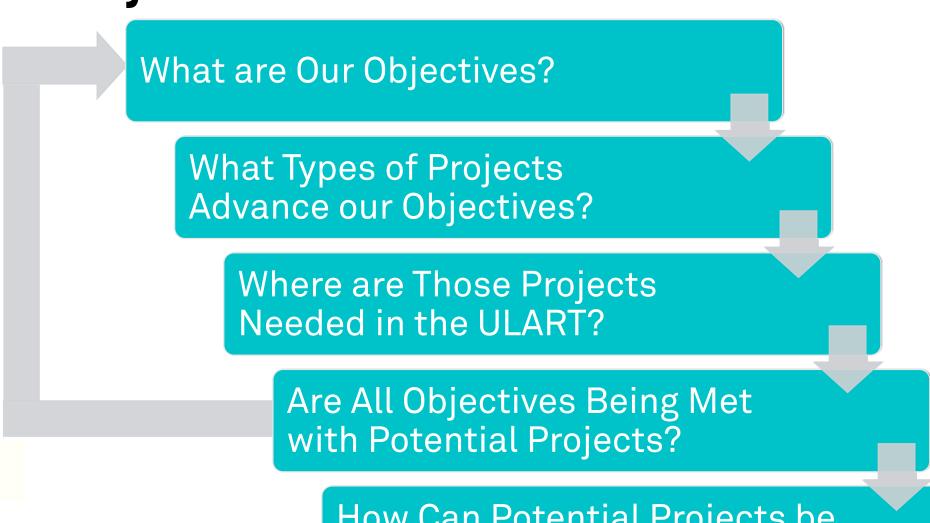


Formal Input Points



UNDERSTAND BUILD FRAMEWORK ITERATE AND FINALIZE

### **Review: Analysis**



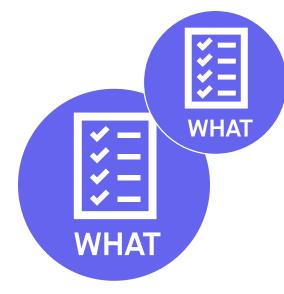
How Can Potential Projects be Prioritized for Implementation?

#### **OBJECTIVE-DRIVEN FRAMEWORK**

### Process Timeline



September 2018
Committees
Established



November 2018
Goals and
Objectives
Developed



December 2018
Opportunity
Mapping
(Ongoing)



February 2019
Site Improvement
("Building Block")
Exercise

March 2019
Typology
Adoption

# Water and Environment Objectives



- +Create equitable opportunities to enhance the ecosystem, <u>watershed health</u>, water supply, improve water quality, habitat, and biodiversity
- +Maintain or enhance **flood management**
- +Balance the utilization of available space and resources for both the environment and the community
- +Assess all opportunities for resiliency to <u>climate</u> <u>change</u>

#### **OBJECTIVE-DRIVEN FRAMEWORK**

## Opportunity Mapping





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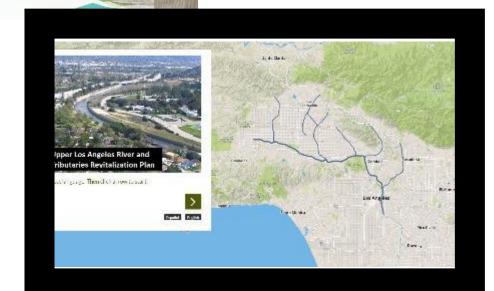
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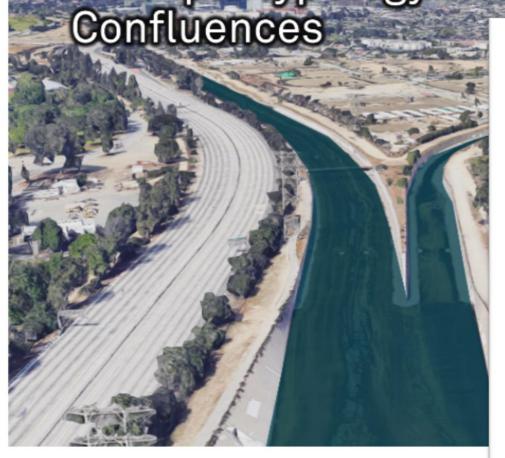
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### Using Typologies to "Fill the Gaps"

Example Typology - River





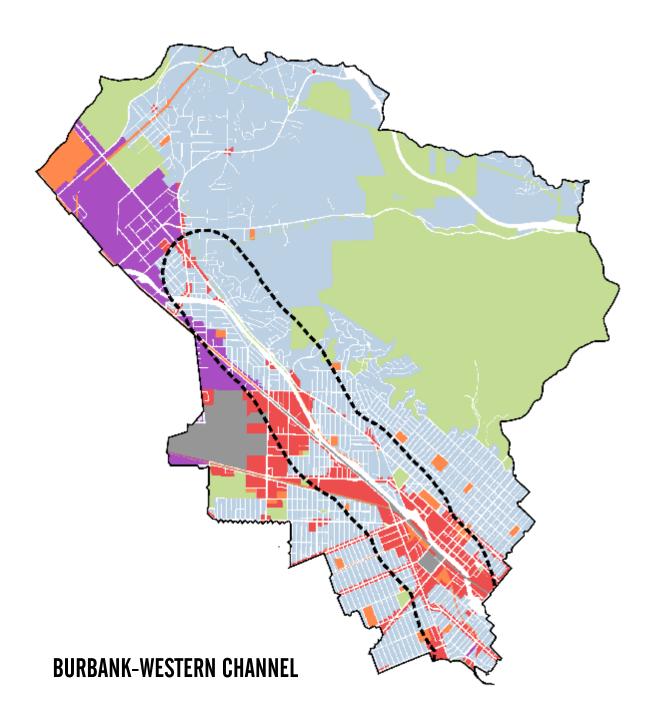
### ADOPTED TYPOLOGIES

- +Bridge Crossings
- +Channel Right-of-Way
- +Commercial/Industrial
- +Ecological Connections
- +Hidden Tributaries
- +Parks
- +River Confluences
- +River Parks

- +Residential
- +Schools
- +Stormwater Basins
- +Transportation Corridors
- +Urban Barriers
- +Utility Easements & Public

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### TYPOLOGY ASSIGNMENT





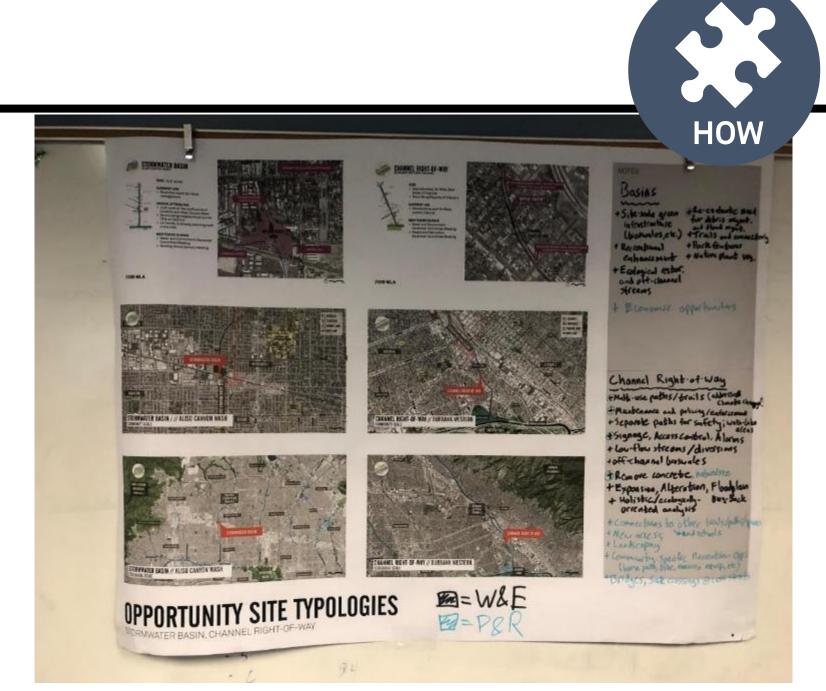
## **BUILDING BLOCK**

## **EXCERCISE**









## SUGGESTED AND RECOMMENDED

### **BUILDING BLOCKS**

Access Control/Alarms

Access points

**Active Recreation spaces** 

**Environmental Education and Stewardship** 

**Art/Architectural Features** 

Bridges

**Bridge-Widening** 

Landscaping with Native, Climate Appropriate Plants

**Channel Access** 

**Neighborhood Scale Connections** 

**Community Center** 

Open Space

**Passive Recreation** 

**Continuous Park Space** 

**Pocket Parks** 

Shade

**Active Transit Lanes** 

Formalized Walkways

**Brownfields Remediation** 

**Channel Expansion** 

Joint-use Spaces

Concrete Removal

Lighting

In-Channel Naturalization, De-armoring

Flood Plain Expansion

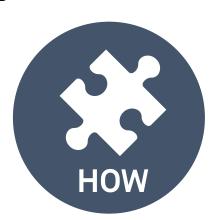
Flood Plain Restoration

**Habitat Corridor** 

**Habitat Restoration** 

**Low-flow Diversions** 

**Overlooks** 



## SUGGESTED AND RECOMMENDED

## **BUILDING BLOCKS**

**Park Amenities** 

**Parking** 

**Low-Flow Stream Modification** 

Multi-modal mobility options

Multi-use Paths

**Public Art and Murals** 

**Recreational Enhancement** 

Restrooms

Safety Enforcement

Safety Improvements

Permeable Paving

Signage, Wayfinding, Branding

Site Scale Green Infrastructure

Stormwater Capture and Onsite Use

Trailheads

**Transit Connections** 

**Vendor Spaces** 

Walk-Bike Areas

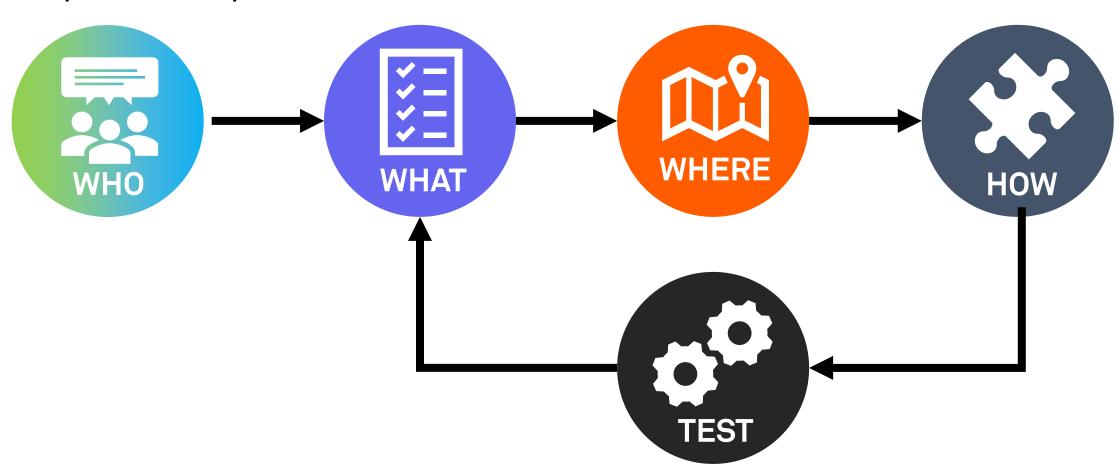
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Wildlife Bridges and crossings

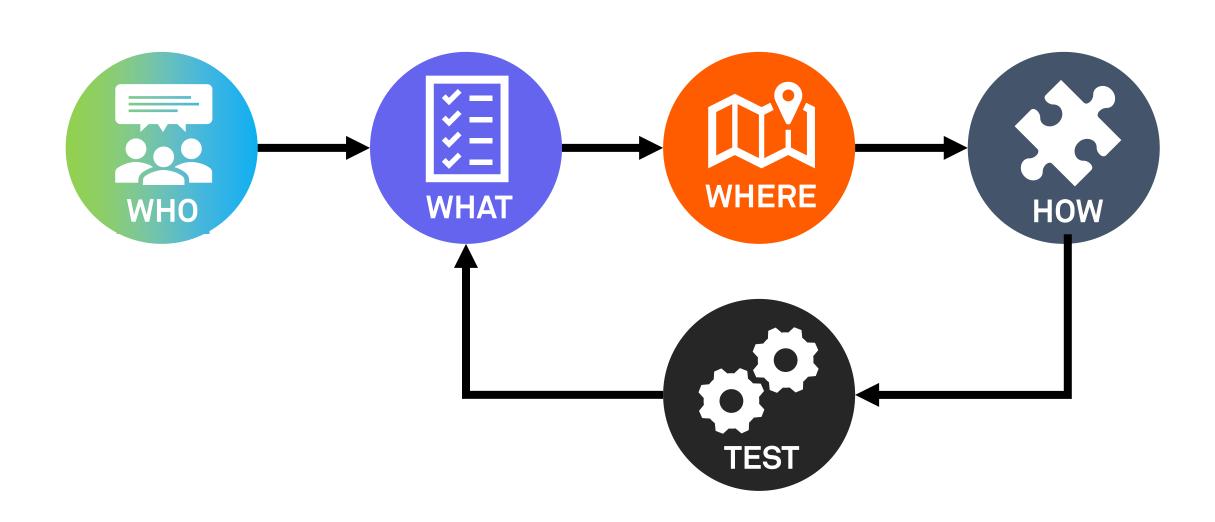


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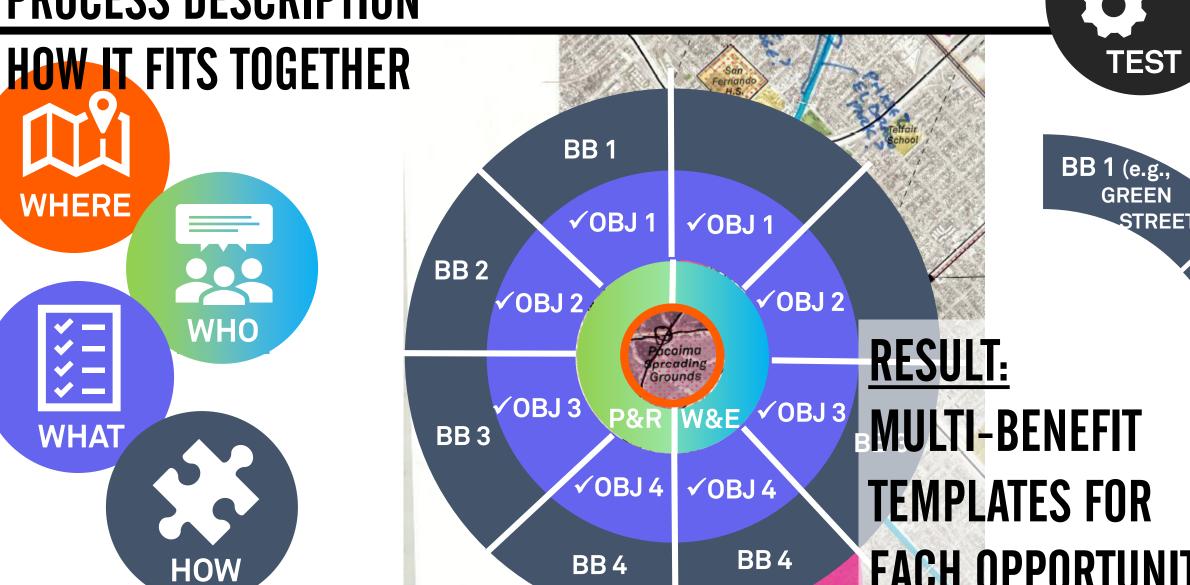
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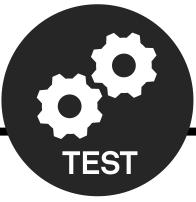


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**EACH OPPORTUNITY** 

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Item 8. Overview of Preliminary Project Opportunity Screening
Process and Sites



## ITEM GOAL

+ Review and provide feedback on all the Opportunity Areas collected to date

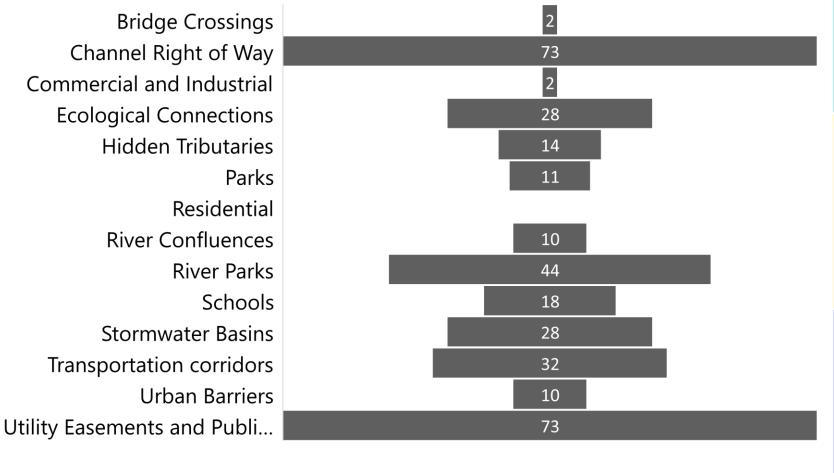
+ Discuss high performing sites

+ Discuss selection of top sites for next meeting

**SUMMARY** 

## **CURRENT INVENTORY**

MAP

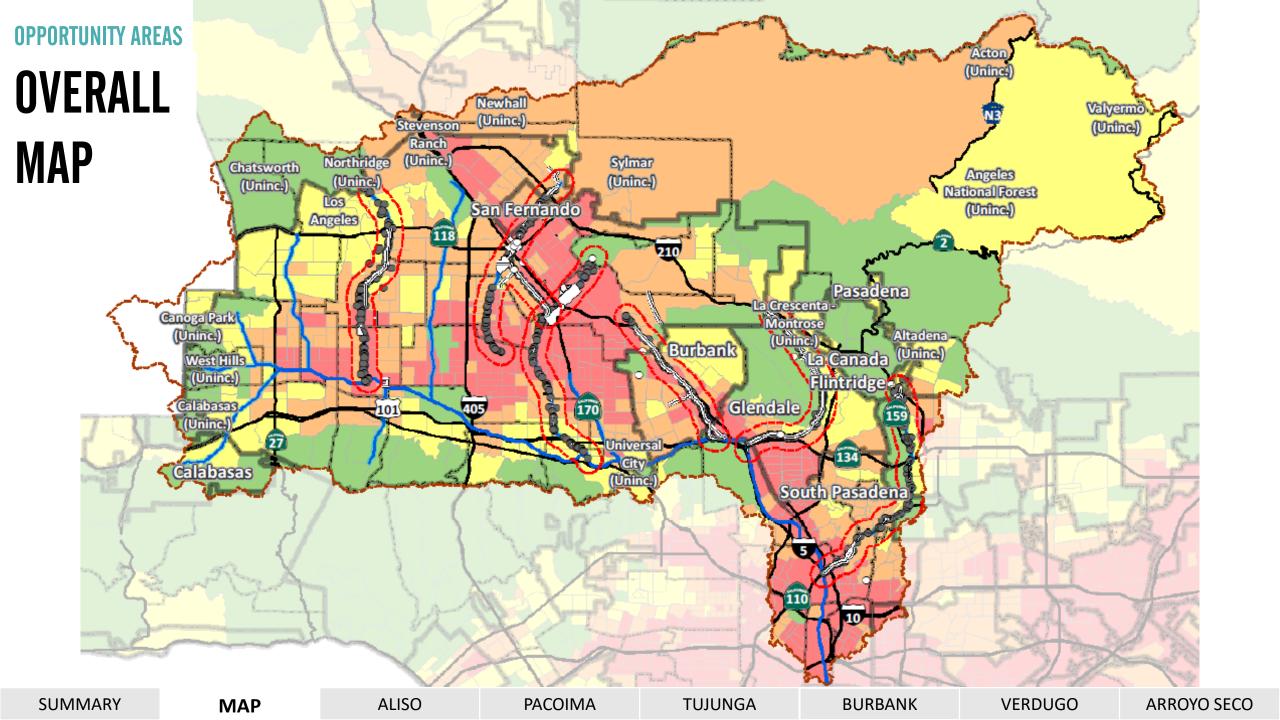


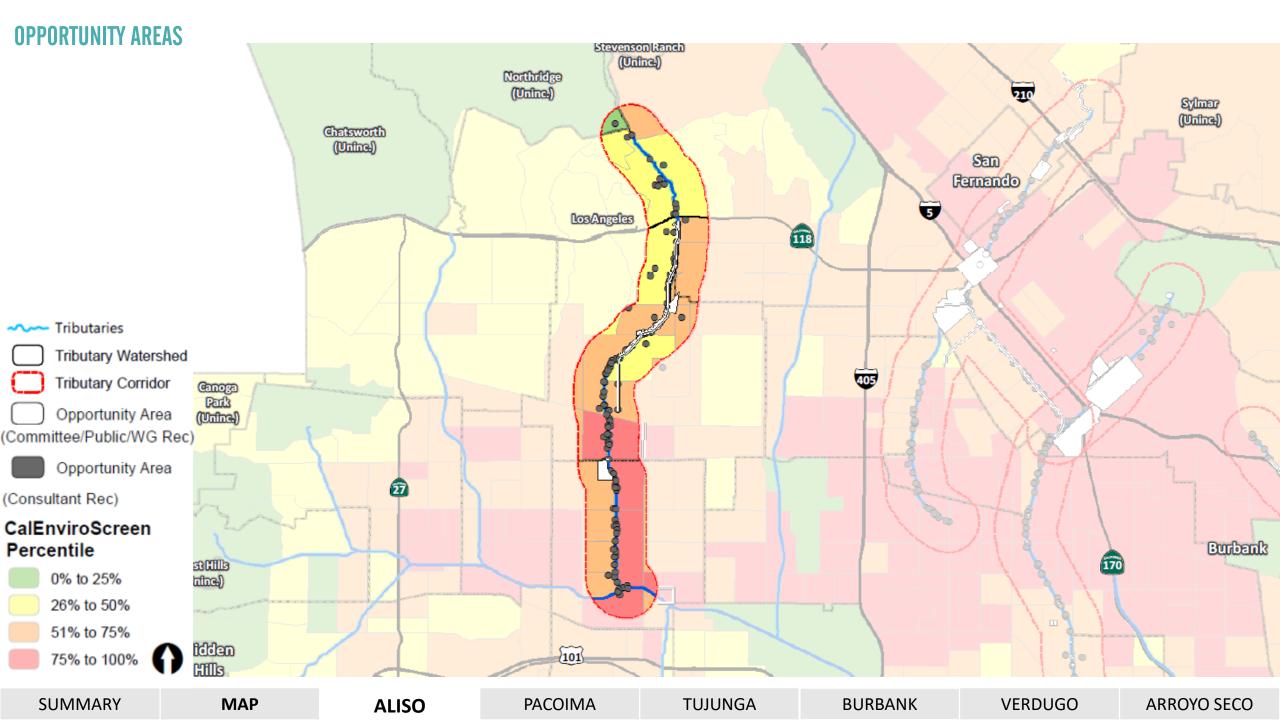
**ALISO** 

**PACOIMA** 

**TUJUNGA** 

Aliso Canyon Wash Pacoima Wash Verdugo Wash Burbank Western Tujunga Wash Arroyo Seco **BURBANK VERDUGO ARROYO SECO** 







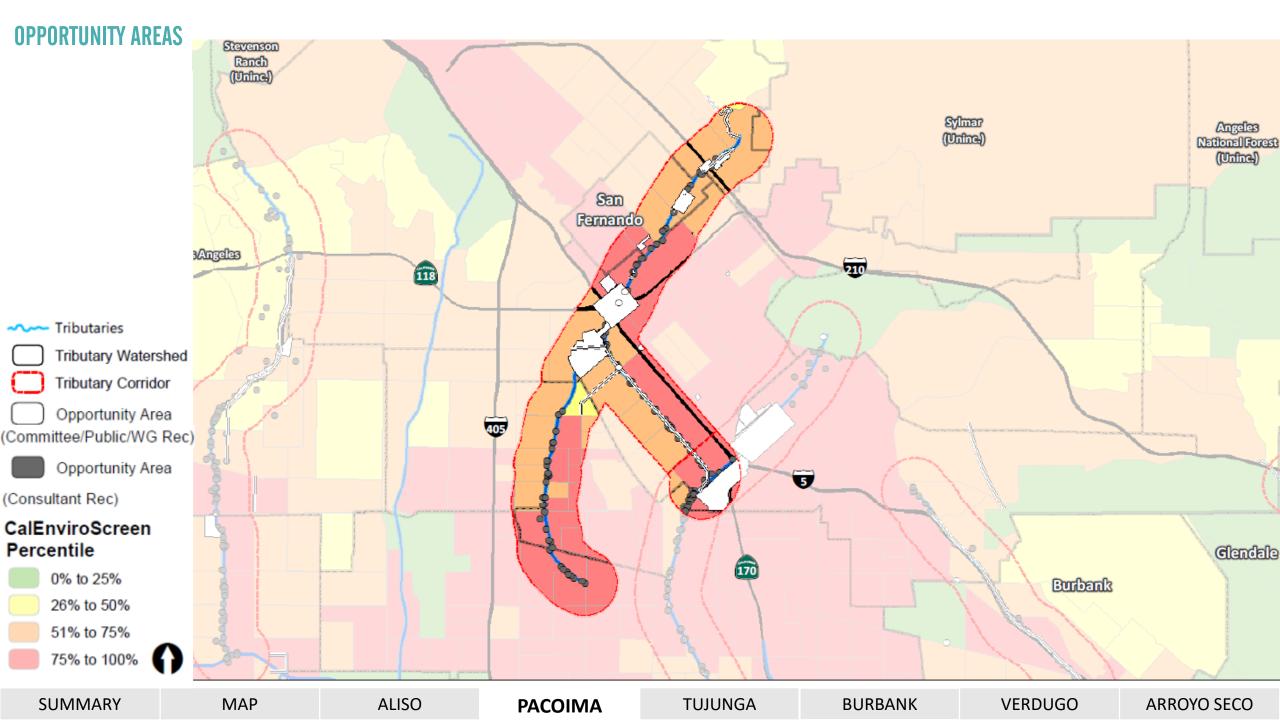




**RIVER PARK** 

**UTILITY EASEMENT-PUBLIC LAND** 

CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY



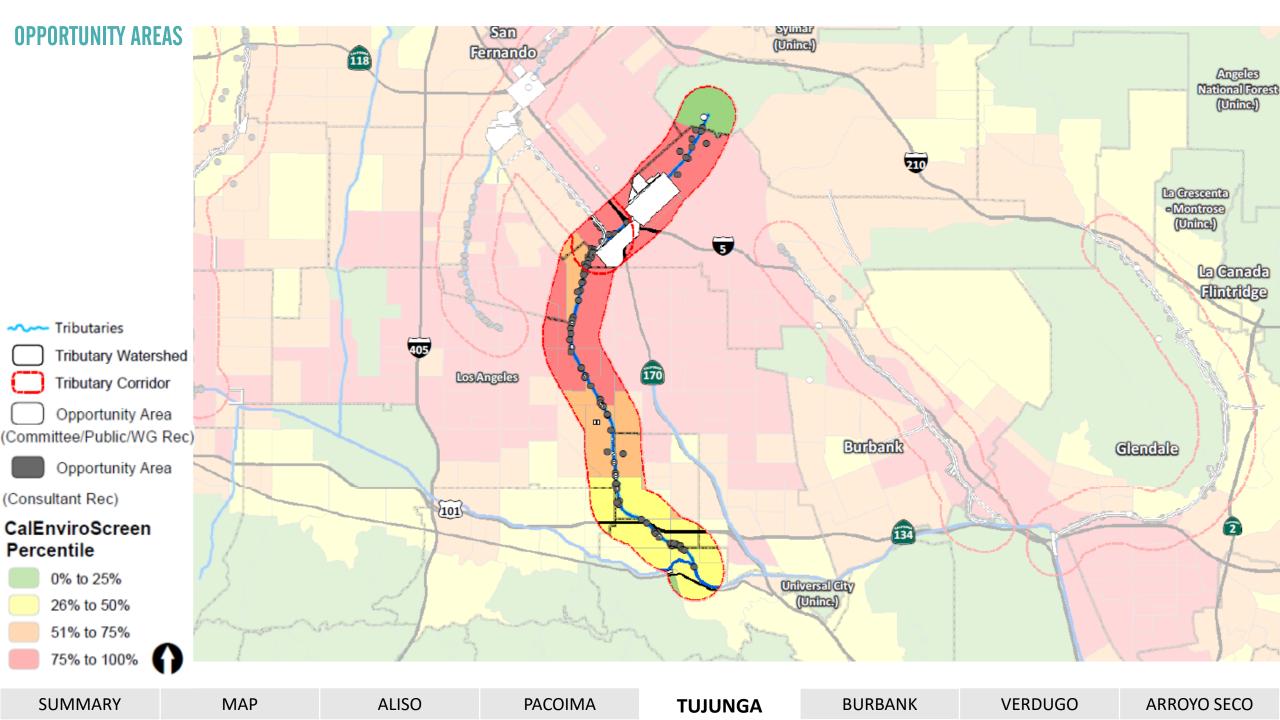


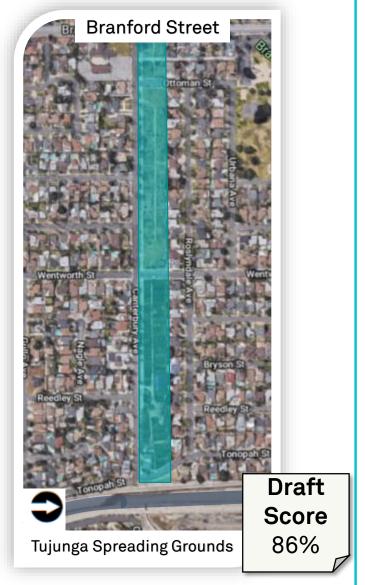




**STORMWATER BASIN** 

CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY





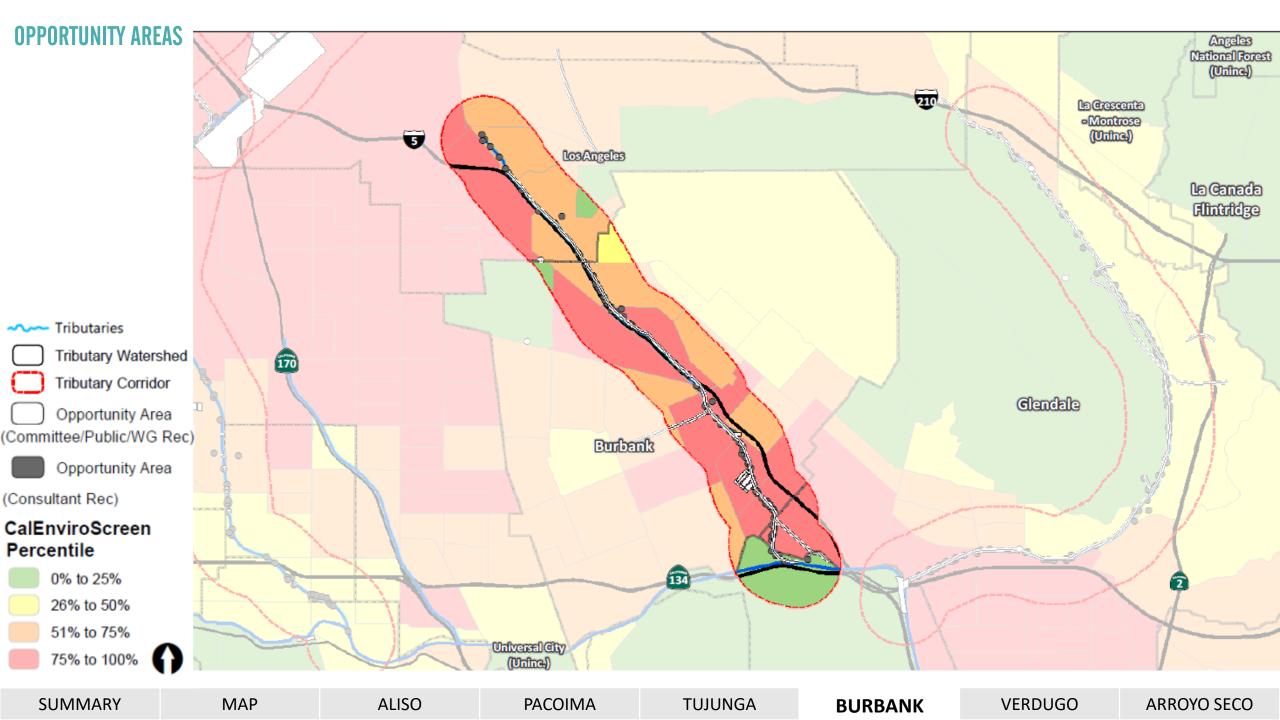




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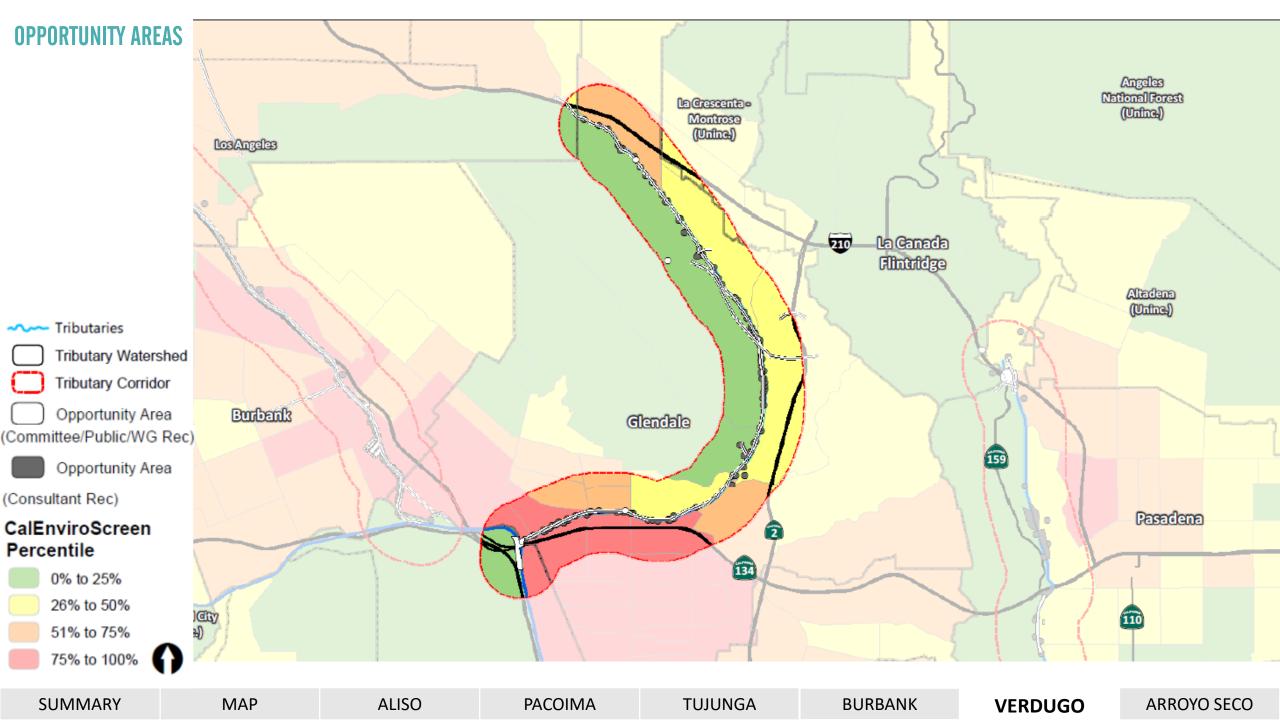




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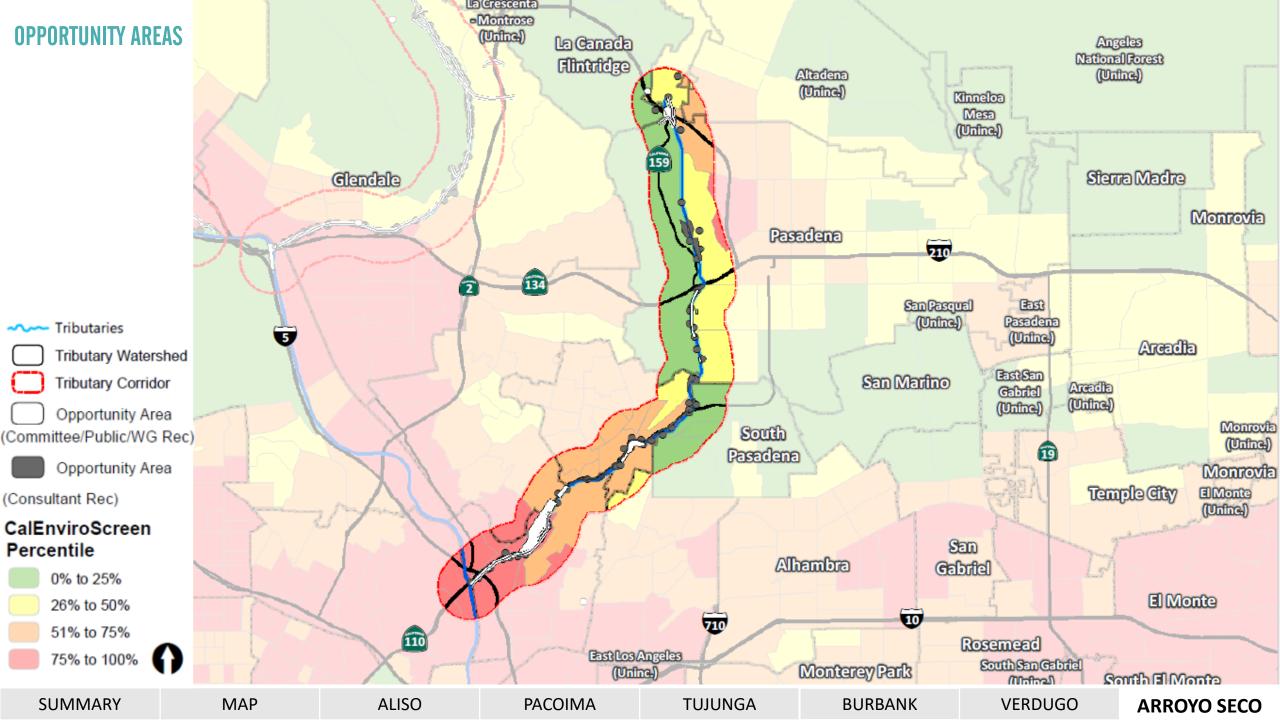




**UTILITY EASEMENT-PUBLIC LAND** 

RIVER CONFLUENCE

**SCHOOL** 









**ECOLOGICAL CONNECTION** 

CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY

**RIVER PARK** 



Item 9. Committee Member Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda





Item 10. Announcement of Future Meetings and Adjournment



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