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100-yr floodplain	The projected land covered by a storm with a 1 in 100 chance of a storm being equaled or exceeded in any 1 year, and it has an average recurrence interval of 100 years.	United States Geological Survey; https://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/106/
Arts	The expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power.	Dictionary.com
Biodiversity	The variety of life in the world or in a particular habitat or ecosystem.	Dictionary.com
CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score	CalEnviroScreen is a science-based mapping tool that helps identify California communities that are most affected by many sources of pollution, and that are often especially vulnerable to pollution's effects. CalEnviroScreen uses environmental, health, and socioeconomic information to produce a numerical score for each census tract in the state.	California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment; https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30
Climate resilience	Climate resilience is the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to hazardous events, trends, or disturbances related to climate.	Center for Climate and Energy Solutions; https://www.c2es.org/content/climate-resilience-overview/
Community engagement	The process by which organizations gather information from the community to aid in future planning efforts that will benefit of the community.	Plan specific
Community need	Essential resources that are lacking as indicated by the local people of the area in question.	Child Welfare Information Gateway; https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/assessment/community/
Connectivity	The state or extent of being connected or interconnected with respect to access throughout and between communities	Plan specific
Corridor	A one-half mile offset on each side of the tributary. Used to represent the conditions of the people who live near or use the areas next to the tributaries. These areas are urbanized and largely impervious.	ULART Term Definitions Handout; Plan specific
Cultural, arts, or education facility	Building or center that facilitates culture, arts, or education (ex. cultural and performing arts centers, museums, schools, etc.).	Plan specific
Culture	The customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group.	Dictionary.com
Disadvantaged Community (DAC)	A Disadvantaged Community is defined by the State of California as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the Statewide annual median household income.	Coachella Valley Water District; http://www.cvwd.org/365/Disadvantaged-Communities-Task-Force
Economic and workforce development	Development and supporting a manner that yields thriving businesses, and creates job training and career opportunities within the watershed.	Plan specific
Ecosystem	A biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.	Dictionary.com
Ecosystem enhancement	Ecosystem enhancement measures are those that actually improve the ecological condition of the development site after the development is complete. This means enhancement measures must be better than any avoidance, mitigation and compensation measures required to neutralize the impacts of the development on wildlife.	Thomson Environmental Consultants; https://www.thomsonec.com/teh/mitigation-and-enhancement-biodiversity-enhancement/
Ecosystem health	A healthy ecosystem is one that is intact in its physical, chemical, and biological components and their interrelationships, such that it is resilient to withstand change and stressors. It is a system that is not experiencing the abnormal growth or decline of native species, the concentration of persistent contaminants, or drastic anthropogenic changes to its landscape or ecological processes.	The Seadoc Society; https://www.seadocsociety.org/what-is-ecosystem-health
Education	The process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or university.	Dictionary.com
Equitable access	Equal opportunity for access to the LA River and Tributaries regardless of disparity in income.	Plan specific
Flood risk	The likelihood and adverse consequences of flooding.	United States Army Corps of Civil Engineers; https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/portals/70/docs/iwrreports/2014-r-02_appendixa.pdf
Flood risk reduction	Actions that are intended to reduce the likelihood or the potential adverse consequences of a future flood. They include actions to reduce the hazard, reduce exposure, and reduce vulnerability.	United States Army Corps of Civil Engineers; https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/portals/70/docs/iwrreports/2014-r-02_appendixa.pdf
Framework	The community-driven technical approach (or "methods") through which The Plan is developed and analyzed.	ULART Term Definitions Handout; Plan specific
Funding	Money provided, especially by an organization or government, for a particular purpose.	Dictionary.com
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.	Dictionary.com

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Human access	Point that provides the ability for humans to enter the LA river or tributaries.	Plan specific
Improvements	General types of actions that can be applied to enhance the space in alignment with the community desires, environmental needs, and the goals and objectives of The Plan.	ULART Term Definitions Handout; Plan specific
Improved recreation element	An already existing recreational space that has been made better using new features such as enhanced playing fields, amenities, restrooms, or paths.	Plan specific
Iteration	Repetition of the analysis with updates to the inputs based on feedback or additional data.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Local flood complaints	Flooding issues identified by members of the community.	Plan specific
Mainstem	The 51 miles of the Los Angeles River from the headwaters in Canoga Park to its mouth in Long Beach.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Multi-benefit	Providing improvements to meet more than one need, often in different realms such as both environmental and community revitalization.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Multipurpose	One space that provides several functions or supports multiple activities.	Dictionary.com
Nature based solutions	Nature-based solutions to societal challenges as solutions that are inspired and supported by nature, which are cost-effective, simultaneously provide environmental, social and economic benefits and help build resilience.	European Commission; https://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index.cfm?pg=nbs
Objectives	The intentions of the planning effort broken down into smaller pieces to help hone in on the ways to attain the goals of The Plan.	ULART Term Definitions Handout; Plan specific
Open space	Land without buildings or a general descriptive term which places no restrictions on the use of the land. The definition of open space includes constructed open space (e.g. parks and plazas) and natural open space (essentially unimproved, with native habitat).	City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning; http://www.cityofvernon.org/images/community-services/Planning/Vernon_General_Plan.pdf (Page 203)
Opportunity areas	Site-specific areas within ULART that have been identified for improvements by the Working Group, Committees, community, or as part of a gaps analysis.	ULART Term Definitions Handout; Plan specific
Passive recreation element	Refers to activities that are generally low impact such as hiking, fishing, picnicking, bird watching, or non-motorized boating.	Common Ground Plan
Phase	A distinct period or stage in a series of events or a process of change or development.	Plan specific
Previous efforts	Any action taken to assess or alter a site for improvements previous to the ULART plan.	Plan specific
Public transit access point	Location that links a form of public transportation (bus, metro, etc.) to a LA River access site.	Plan specific
Recreation	Activity done for enjoyment when one is not working resulting in mental and physical health benefits.	Plan specific
Safe access	Unobstructed point to enter a public place, river, or tributary suitable for all users.	Plan specific
Scoring	The numeric value assigned to each opportunity area describing how well the site aligns with the goals and objectives of The Plan.	ULART Term Definitions Handout; Plan specific
Spreading basin	Also known as groundwater recharge facilities, are areas with permeable underlying soils that are hydraulically connected to the underlying aquifer. These spreading grounds allow water to percolate into groundwater basins for later pumping for drinking water.	Los Angeles County Public Works; https://dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/SpreadingGround/
Stormwater	Water that originates during precipitation events and snow/ice melt. Stormwater can soak into the soil (infiltrate), be held on the surface and evaporate, or runoff and end up in nearby streams, rivers, or other water bodies (surface water).	Town of Kingston, MA; https://www.kingstonmass.org/?SEC=98244A4B-6C67-49DB-8F75-2428CB6987B9
Structural BMP	Facilities that help to prevent pollutants in storm water runoff from leaving a developed property, entering our storm drains, and impacting our local waterways.	County of San Diego; https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/WATERSHED_PROTECTION_PROGRAM/watershedpdf/S-BMP/BMP_Program_Flyer.pdf
Tributary	A river or stream flowing into the Los Angeles River. There are 13 total identified in this plan and 6 selected for additional analysis.	ULART Term Definitions Handout; Plan specific
Tributary Watershed	All the land area that drains to the tributary. Represents the conditions that impact habitat, ecology, and water pollution because the water that flows over the entire watershed impacts the in-stream conditions.	ULART Term Definitions Handout; Plan specific
Typologies	Categories of land with common characteristics frequently dispersed throughout ULART that have been mentioned by the community, Working Group, or suggested by the project planning team.	ULART Term Definitions Handout; Plan specific
Underserved community	The term "underserved population" means a population of individuals, including urban minorities, who have historically been outside the purview of arts and humanities programs due to factors such as a high incidence of income below the poverty line or to geographic isolation.	Office of Management and Budget; Appendix, Budget of the U.S. Government, Fiscal Year 2014; https://definedterm.com/underserved_population

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Unmet drainage need	Localized drainage issues can cause hazards, damage, or inconvenience to communities. These drainage issues could potentially be mitigated by new capital projects proposed in the Plan to help protect communities from flood impacts. Unmet drainage needs are quantified in units of linear miles requiring improvement.	LLAR
Water conservation	Water resource management practices that reduce water use with the goal of improving overall water supply.	Plan specific
Watershed	An area of land that drains all the streams and rainfall to a common outlet such as the mouth of a river or bay, the outflow of a reservoir, or a point along a channel.	United States Geological Survey; https://www.usgs.gov/special-topic/water-science-school/science/watersheds-and-drainage-basins?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects
Watershed Management	Drainage area approach to improving water quality by identifying water resource problems and developing solutions through the coordination of both point source and nonpoint source regulatory efforts.	California Waterboards; https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/watershed/#wmi
Waterway	A river, canal, or other route for travel by water.	Oxford English Dictionary
Wildlife access	Point that provides the ability for local wildlife to have entry to the LA river.	Plan specific
Wildlife passage	Capability of an area of land to facilitate wildlife movement in and around it.	Plan specific