

Upper LA River & Tributaries Revitalization Plan

Informational Meeting

April 4th, 2019

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Kidspace Children's Museum

480 N. Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91103

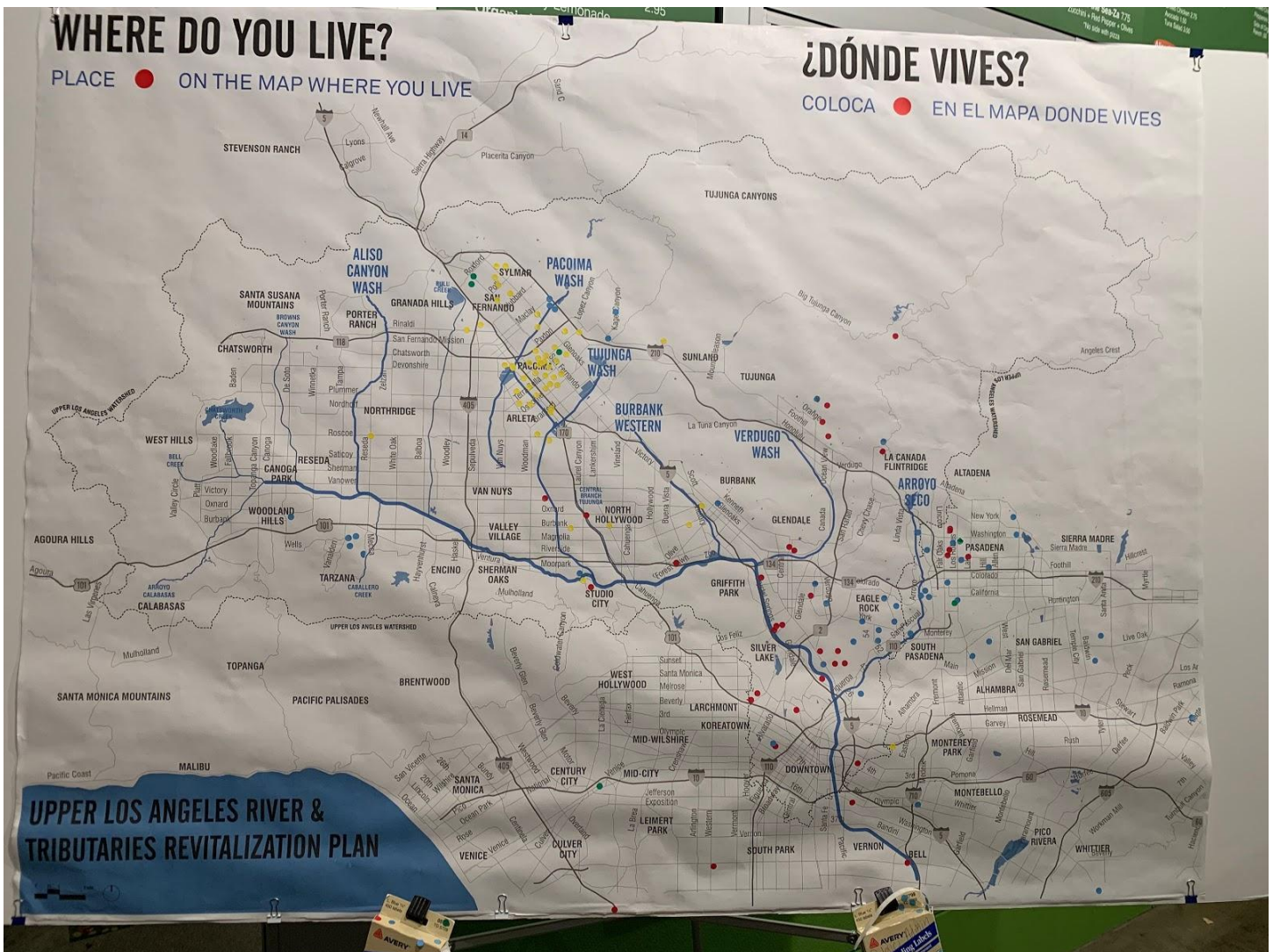
SUMMARY

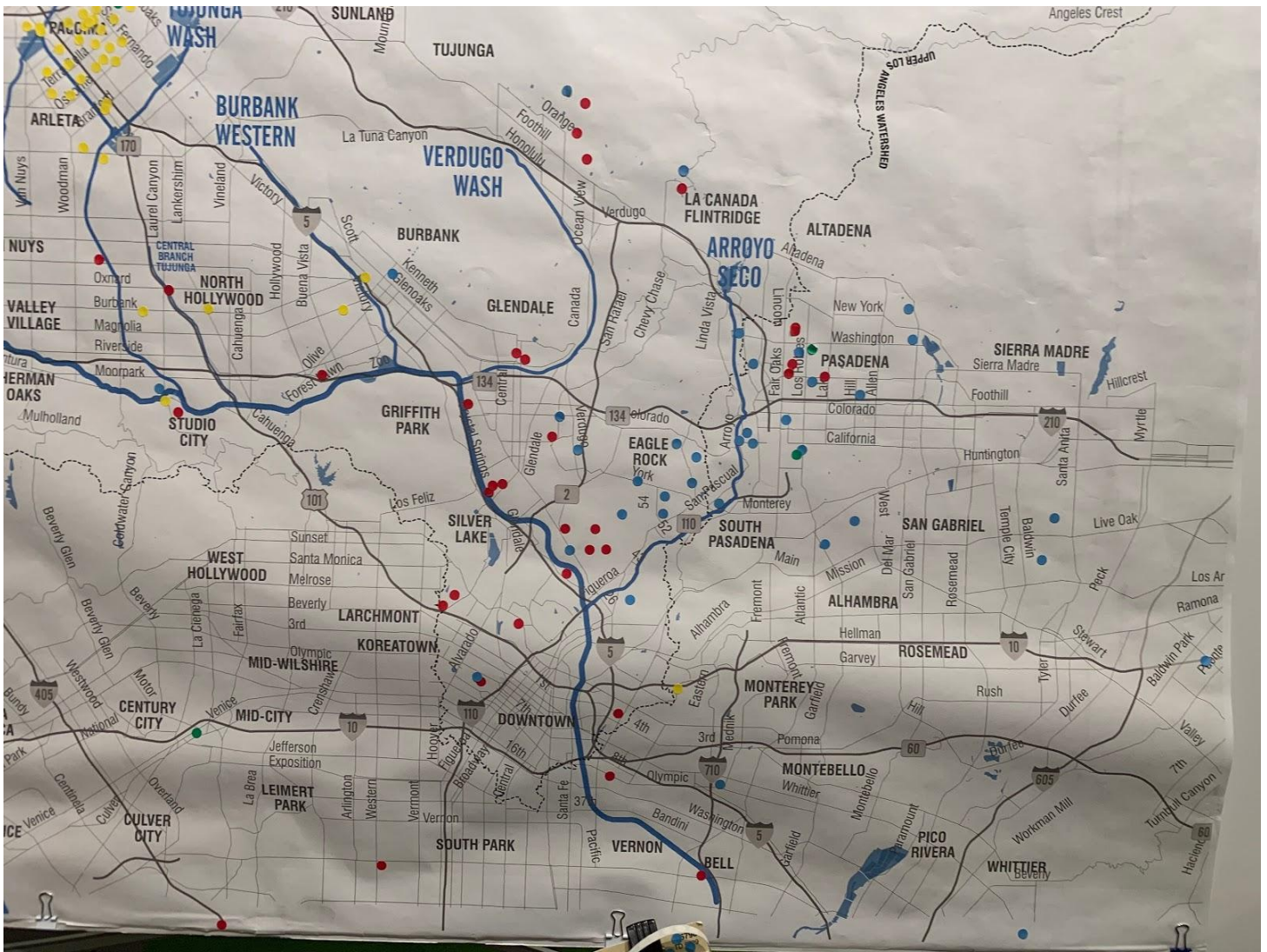
Introduction

On April 4th, 2019 River LA hosted an informational community meeting to solicit input into the Upper LA River & Tributaries (ULART) Revitalization Plan. The role of River LA is to conduct community outreach for this planning effort. Prior to the meeting, River LA used a variety of communication methods to promote the meeting. Approximately 65 community members attended the meeting.

Station 1: Tell us where you live

Community members placed dots on a map of the study area to show where they live.





Station 2: Tell us what you do at the River

Participants responded to a series of questions related to the tributaries and sections of the LA river that are being studied. The following is a synopsis of the responses.

Did you know there is a river?

Yes: 26

No: 0

Do you know what a tributary is?

Yes: 21

No: 5

What do you do when you visit the river?

Walk/Run: 22

Kayak: 3

Bike: 16

Go to a park: 11

Other: 6

- golf (1)
- meditation/prayer (1)
- bird watching (4)

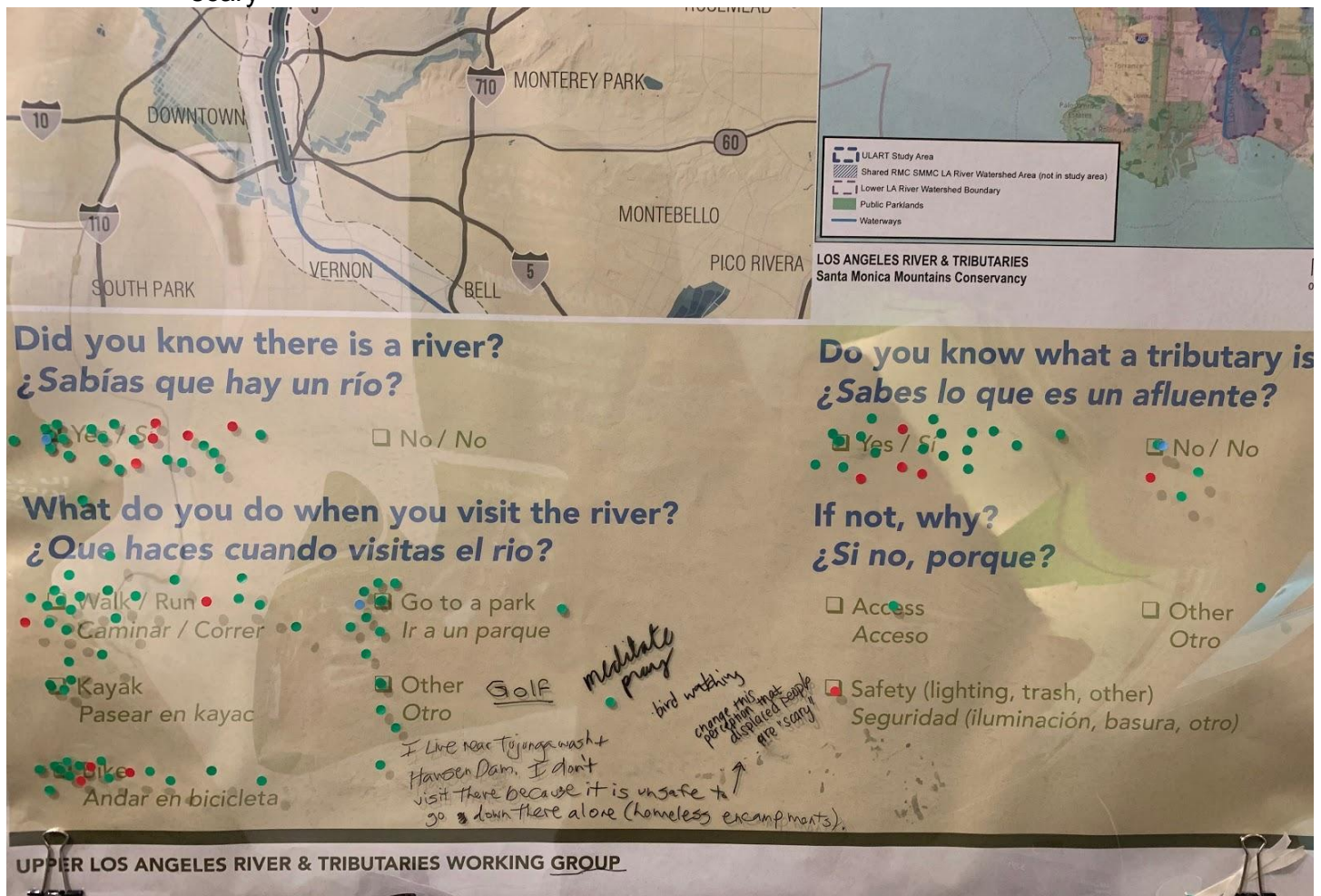
If not, why?

Access: 1

Safety (lighting, trash, other): 1

Other:

- I live near Tujunga Wash + Hansen Dam, I don't visit there because it is unsafe to go down there alone (homeless encampments).
 - Response from another resident: Change this perception that displaced people are "scary"



Station 3: Share your vision for the tributaries

Community members viewed visionary examples of opportunities for the tributaries. The following is a summary of the results across the 5 themes.

Aesthetics

Lighting

Ex. 1

Love it: 9

Like it: 3

Neutral: 9

Ex. 2

Love it: 6

Like it: 6

Neutral: 8

Ex. 3

Love it: 8

Like it: 4

Neutral: 5

Additional Comments:

- light-free zones, light pollution = boo :(

Defined Walkways

Ex. 1

Love it: 18

Like it: 2

Neutral: 2

Ex. 2

Love it: 2

Like it: 4

Neutral: 6

Ex. 3

Love it: 14

Like it: 3

Neutral: 3

Additional Comments:

- Comment on example 1: How can wildlife get over this fence?

Landscaping

Ex. 1

Love it: 17

Like it: 1

Neutral: 2

Ex. 2

Love it: 5

Like it: 4

Neutral: 0

Ex. 3
Love it: 16

Like it: 1

Neutral: 2

Additional Comments:

- Comment on example 1: How can wildlife get over/under the big ugly metal fence?
 - Comment on example 1: Also, love the separate biking and walking paths
 - Natural areas / no cement
 - Please leave some areas of strictly open space (no pavement or lights) for the wildlife! (I don't see that in any of the above paths)
 - I second this recommendation!!!
 - Bridges for animals and paths that are animal and people friendly
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Wayfinding

Ex. 1
Love it: 4

Like it: 5

Neutral: 6

Ex. 2
Love it: 11

Like it: 3

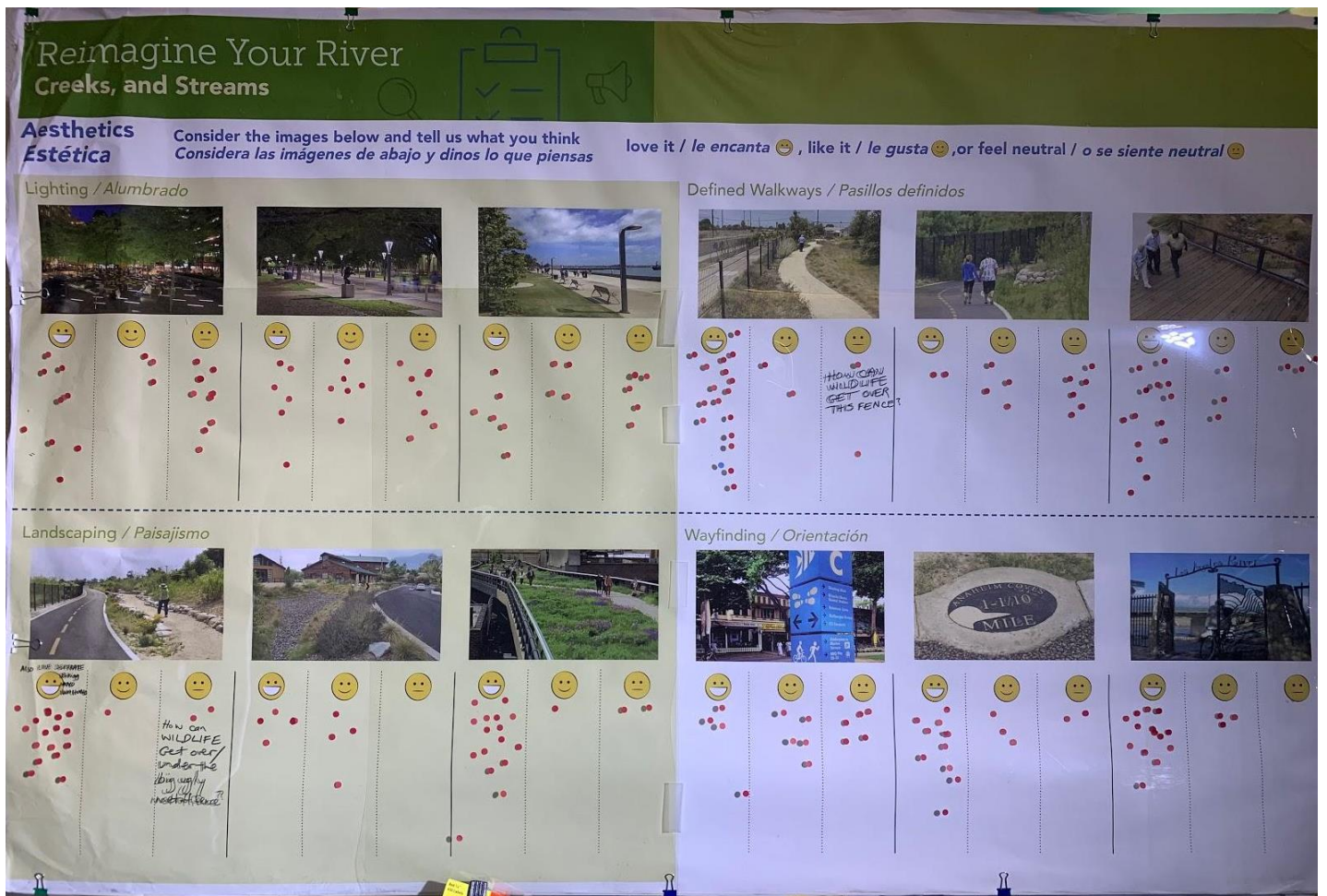
Neutral: 2

Ex. 3
Love it: 14

Like it: 3

Neutral: 0

Additional Comments:



Environment Resource Conservation

Ex. 1
Love it: 10

Like it: 4

Neutral: 5

Ex. 2
Love it: 14

Like it: 3

Neutral: 1

Ex. 3
Love it: 30

Like it: 0

Neutral: 1

Additional Comments:

- Comment on example 1: Same problem here - the fence is good to keep people out of the water, but wildlife needs to move to upland areas and this prevents that.

Sustainability

Ex. 1
Love it: 11

Like it: 4

Neutral: 7

Ex. 2
Love it: 9

Like it: 5

Neutral: 4

Ex. 3
Love it: 21

Like it: 2

Neutral: 2

Additional Comments:

- Comment on example 1: How are the wild animals supposed to get over the fence?

Habitat Restoration

Ex. 1
Love it: 20

Like it: 2

Neutral: 4

Ex. 2
Love it: 18

Like it: 2

Neutral: 0

Ex. 3
Love it: 25

Like it: 3

Neutral: 4

Additional Comments:

- Tongva access at all times
- Native plant gardens with information plaques
- Create a bicycle greenway network to connect communities
- Conservation areas + wildlife support like owl boxes / mature riparian forest
- Hahamonga Watershed habitat restoration should be prioritized as key wild corridors
- "Hahamonga to Tujunga" corridor connects San Gabriel, Verdugos + Watersheds
- Re-naturalize the stream by habitat restoration and concrete removal
- Soft bottom river
- Flood zones/wetlands usable by humans and non-humans when conditions are dry
- Restore river bottom and protect space with real water capture design

Reimagine Your River Creeks, and Streams

Environment
Ambiente

Consider the images below and tell us what you think
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Resource Conservation / Conservación de recursos

Sustainability / Sustentabilidad

Habitat Restoration / Restauración de hábitat

Some problem here - the fence is good to keep people out of the river, but wildlife needs to have access to the upland areas. This is a conservation issue.

How are the wild animals supposed to get over the fence?

*Try to access at all times
Native plant gardens with informational plaques
Create smaller greenway networks to connect
Conservation Areas + Wildlife Support like Owl Boxes / Native
Habitat
Watershed should be prioritized as a key wild corridor / riparian forest
Habitat restoration
"Greenway Network" - (Bike lanes, pedestrian paths, etc.)*

Safety Lighting

Ex. 1
Love it: 12

Like it: 5

Neutral: 6

Ex. 2
Love it: 5

Like it: 2

Neutral: 8

Ex. 3
Love it: 7

Like it: 3

Neutral: 6

Additional Comments:

Improved Access

Ex. 1
Love it: 14

Ex. 2
Love it: 14

Like it: 2

Like it: 3

Neutral: 3

Neutral: 4

Ex. 3

Love it: 7

Like it: 4

Neutral: 3

Additional Comments:

- Improved access where & for whom?

Multimodal Accessibility

Ex. 1

Love it: 24

Ex. 2

Love it: 23

Like it: 3

Like it: 3

Neutral: 5

Neutral: 3

Ex. 3

Love it: 7

Like it: 4

Neutral: 8

Additional Comments:


- General Comments:
 - Interpretive signage/land acknowledgment (native peoples)
 - Multimodal accessibility is great as long as it's not exclusive - not everyone owns/has access to equestrian hobbies
 - It is vital to connect communities - having more people is safer
 - Address homeless populations to provide support systems and safe space so they don't have to live in the river
 - Their needs to be a mix of shared and separated spaces for all to move safely and together. Portland's river network provides a place for nature, wildlife, and bridge crossings
 - Remove the fencing along the river ways around Herman, etc. (South Pasadena for example)
 - How to mitigate encampments? Trash? Safety?
 - Landmarks for reference
 - Med kits

- Modal development of Devil's Gate after development of city Pasadena requires 20% of resources, jobs being pulled locally perhaps? Indigenous population and [sic.] resources should be included in the development of the Hahamonga and LA River

**Reimagine Your River
Creeks, and Streams**


Safety / La seguridad Consider the images below and tell us what you think
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Lighting / Alumbrado




Three columns of smiley face surveys for Lighting. Each column has 10 smiley faces (Love, Like, Neutral) and a grid of red and green dots below them.

Improved Access / Acceso mejorado



Three columns of smiley face surveys for Improved Access. Each column has 10 smiley faces (Love, Like, Neutral) and a grid of red and green dots below them.

Multimodal Accessibility / Accesibilidad multimodal



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INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (NATIVE PEOPLES)

Improved access where it is worn? multimodal accessibility? space is used & not exclusive - not everyone owns the access to the river?

PLEASE LEAVE SOME AREAS OF STRICTLY OPEN SPACE (no pavement or lights) for the WILDLIFE! (I don't see that in any of the above photos)

I SECOND THIS RECOMMENDATION!!!

IT'S VITAL TO CONSIDER COMMUNITIES / MICE PEOPLE / IS SAFER

RODENT RIVER BOTH AND PROTECT SPACE AROUND WATER CHANGES DESIGN

PROTECTS HOMELESS POPULATIONS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SYSTEMS

IT'S PROVIDE SAFE SPACE SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO LIVE IN THE RIVER

THESE AREAS TO BE A MIX OF SEPARATED + SEPARATED SPACES

FROM ALL TO HAVE SAFETY + TOGETHER. PARTIALLY FROM NATURE

PROVIDES PLACE FOR NATURE, WILDLIFE, BAIER CROSSINGS

REMOVING THE FENCING ALONG THE RIVER, WHAT ABOUT HERNANDEZ, ET SOUTH ASIAN, FR. GARRAS

How to mitigate environment? terrain? safety?

Bridges for animals and paths that are animal & people friendly

Landmarks for reference

red dots

Access Community Amenities

Ex. 1
Love it: 19

Like it: 1

Neutral: 1

Ex. 3
Love it: 4

Like it: 1

Neutral: 7

Additional Comments:

Ex. 2
Love it: 7

Like it: 3

Neutral: 5

Open Spaces

Ex. 1
Love it: 6

Like it: 2

Neutral: 5

Ex. 3
Love it: 30

Like it: 3

Neutral: 0

Additional Comments:

Recreation

Ex. 1
Love it: 12

Like it: 7

Neutral: 6

Ex. 3
Love it: 3

Like it: 1

Neutral: 10

Additional Comments:

Defined Points of Access

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Like it: 0

Neutral: 6

Ex. 3
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Neutral: 5

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Love it: 13

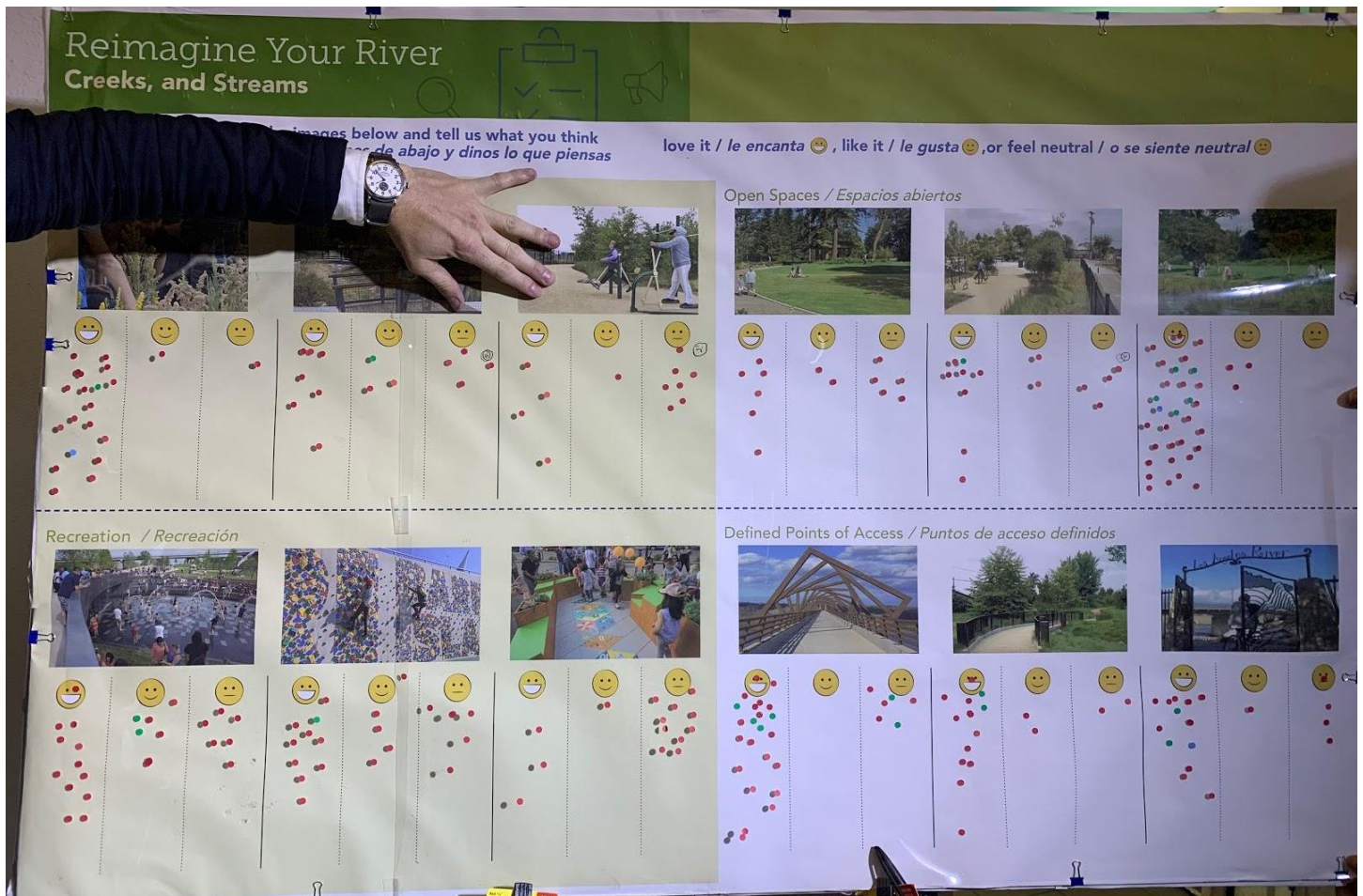
Like it: 2

Neutral: 2

Like it: 1

Neutral: 4

Additional Comments:



Infrastructure Sidewalks

Ex. 1

Love it: 7

Like it: 3

Neutral: 9

Ex. 3

Love it: 3

Like it: 1

Neutral: 3

Ex. 2

Love it: 21

Like it: 0

Neutral: 2

Additional Comments:

- With a bike path and walking path
 - Sidewalks - can private sector/concessions help fund long term operations and maintenance?
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Drainage

Ex. 1

Love it: 18

Like it: 1

Neutral: 2

Ex. 2

Love it: 6

Like it: 4

Neutral: 3

Ex. 3

Love it: 9

Like it: 4

Neutral: 6

Additional Comments:

- Drainage - incorporate lids, engineered natural treatment systems
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Pedestrian Lighting

Ex. 1

Love it: 8

Like it: 4

Neutral: 5

Ex. 2

Love it: 21

Like it: 4

Neutral: 1

Ex. 3

Love it: 2

Like it: 2

Neutral: 6

Additional Comments:

- Looks more natural, has plants near water (for animals to hide in if necessary)

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Infrastructure
Infraestructura

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Sidewalks / Aceras

Below each photo are three vertical lines with smiley face icons and red dots indicating feedback. The first photo has a note: 'We like a bike path, and walking path'.

Drainage / Drenaje

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Pedestrian Lighting / Iluminación peatonal

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SWAMPY - an urban sector / community has found love there. DRAIN?
 STORMWATER UDS, engineered natural treatment systems
 Natural areas / no cement
 Tongva access at all times - list it
 Renaturalize the stream by restoration and concrete removal
 Soft bottom river
 Flood zones / wetlands usable by humans + non-humans when conditions are dry
 light / free zones
 light pollution = too is

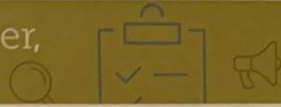
model development of Devil's Gate
 site development of city, promote resources 20%
 being pulled back
 perhaps indigenous population and businesses resources should be included in development of Mahanaga and San River

Station 4: Storytelling

Community members were asked to share a memorable experience along/in the river. Below is a summary of key ideas taken from the videos that were recorded and stories that were written on the comment cards.

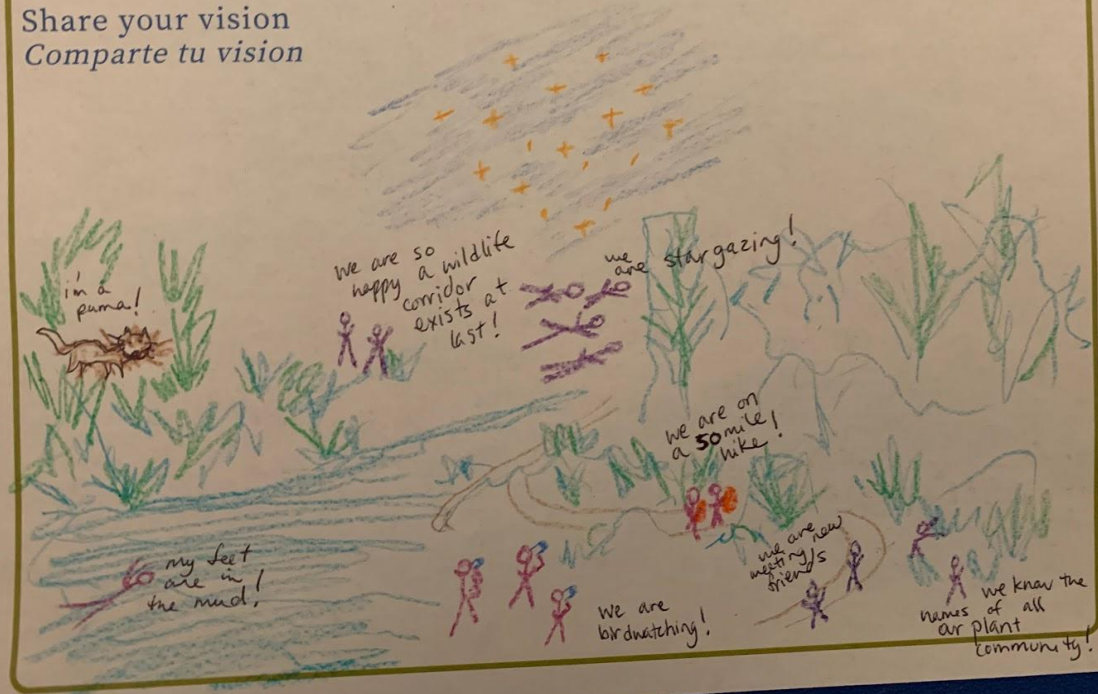
The community members who attended this meeting had a lot to say about their vision for the river that runs through their city. Many people noted that their interactions with the river as children had a great impact on their views today, and thought it was important to include river-based education in our school curriculums to promote continued environmental stewardship. Residents that saw the river as a public resource thought there should be more advertisement for the opportunities to bike, hike, kayak, and birdwatch at the river. Though there were very real concerns about balancing safety and accessibility when considering development in residential areas along the river, other residents saw an opportunity to connect communities with better accessibility through connected trails and bike paths along the river and tributaries. In general, residents shared that they see their river as something that provides many benefits to their community and recognize the value in improving and maintaining it so that it may be enjoyed in similar ways by future generations.

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¡Haz un dibujo de las cosas que te gustaría hacer en el río!

Share your vision
Comparte tu vision

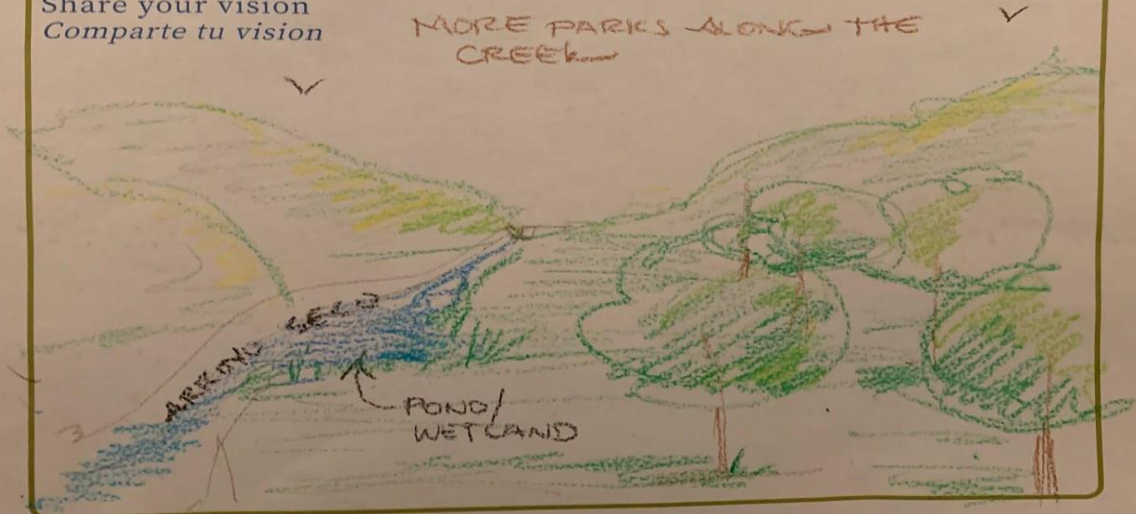


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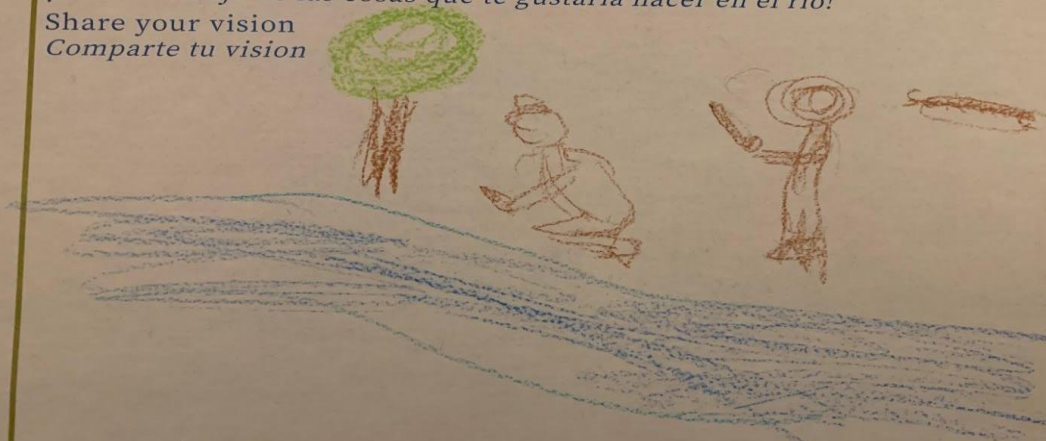


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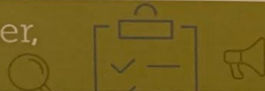


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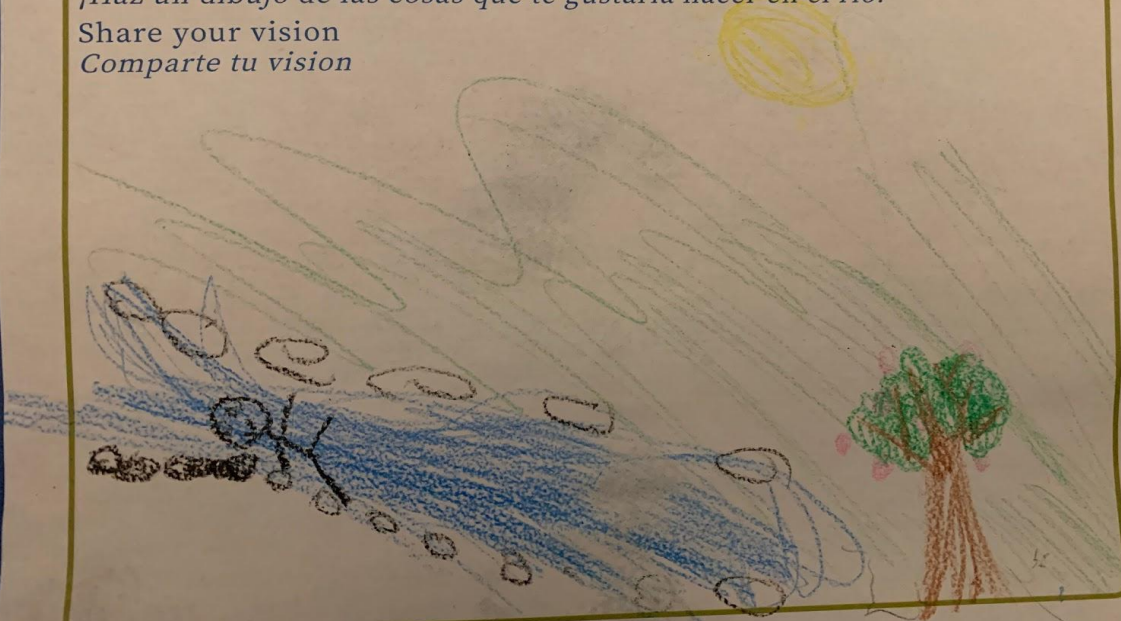


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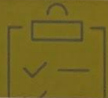


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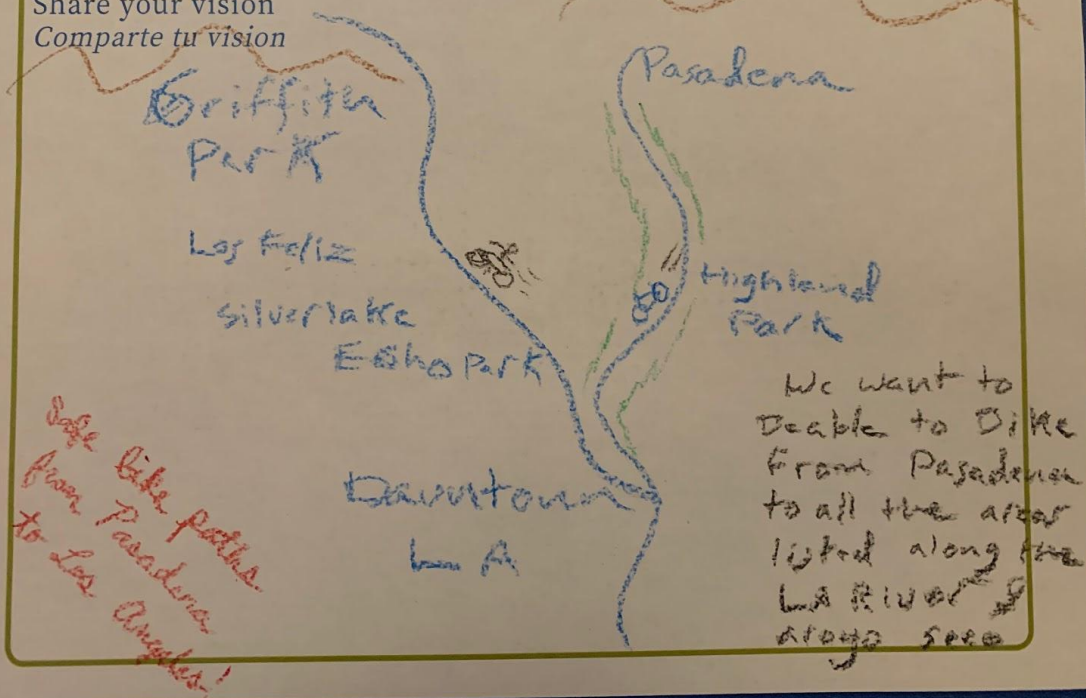


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Comparte tu visión



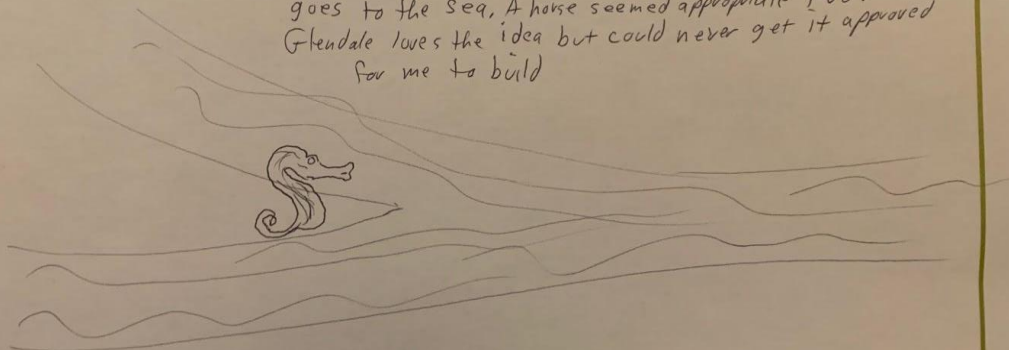
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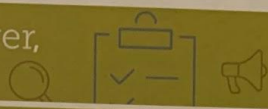
Share your vision
Comparte tu visión

I want to build a ^{Big} Sea Horse on the convergence wall in Glendale by the stables. It's to remind people that the river goes to the sea. A horse seemed appropriate too. Glendale loves the idea but could never get it approved for me to build



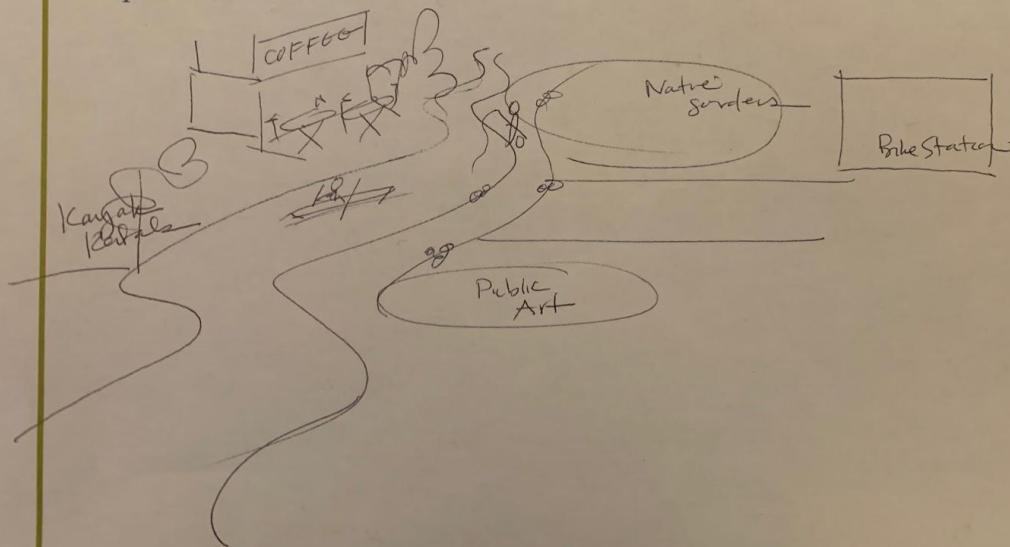
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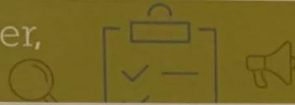


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Share your vision
Comparte tu vision



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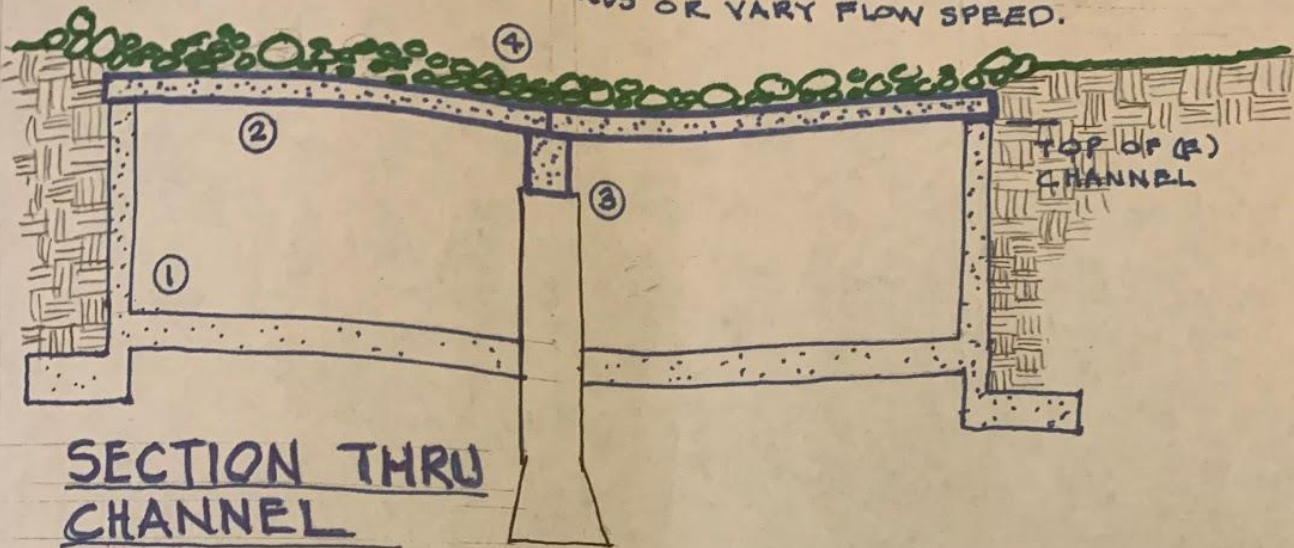
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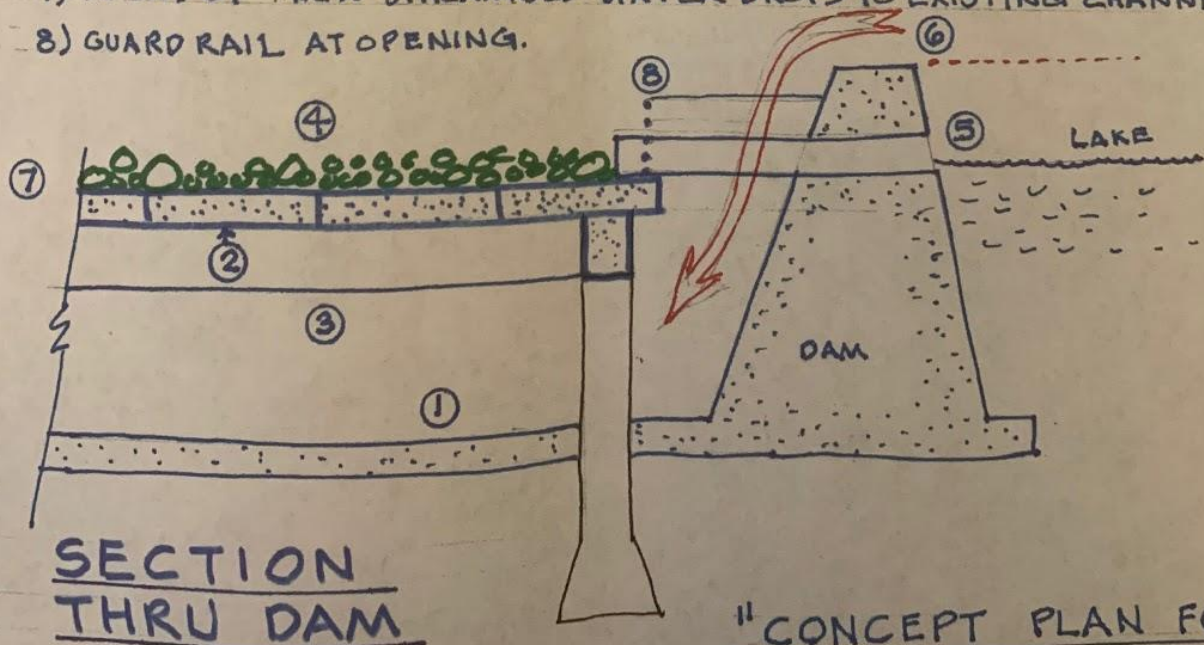
My Vision for NEIBURN RIVER →

- HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS
- WATER QUALITY BENEFITS - ENGINEERED NATURAL RESTORATION SYSTEMS (w/ EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT)
- ACCESSIBLE - ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, WALKING/BIKING
- INCREASED TREE CANOPY
- PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP FUND LONG TERM O&M
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / ART / POCKET PARKS WHERE FEASIBLE

- PREMISE: MAINTAIN EXISTING CHANNEL AS A TUNNEL BELOW CONSTRUCTED STREAMBED.
- 1) EXISTING CHANNEL TO REMAIN.
 - 2) NEW PRECAST CONCRETE ROOF PANELS SLOPE TO CENTER.
 - 3) NEW CONCRETE COLUMNS & CONTINUOUS CONCRETE BEAM, VARY SLOPE TO CREATE PONDS OR VARY FLOW SPEED.



- 4) WATERPROOF MEMBRANE, PROTECTION BOARD & ROCK STREAMBED.
- 5) WATER LEVEL WITH FEEDER PIPE TO STREAM BED. FLOW CONTROL.
- 6) FLOOD STAGE OVER TOP OF DAM DOWN TO EXISTING CHANNEL.
- 7) AT END OF NEW STREAMBED WATER DROPS TO EXISTING CHANNEL.
- 8) GUARD RAIL AT OPENING.



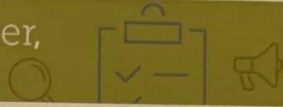
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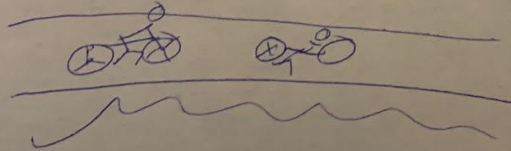


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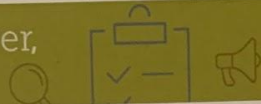
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Comparte tu vision

I want to safely be able to bike along the entire
LA River as well as through it's tributary.

I would like dedicated full-time trash removal services ^{at} ~~all~~
tributary areas.



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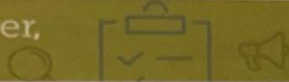
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Share your vision

Comparte tu vision

- connect with communities along the river
- use it instead of drive walk ride
- recreate / relax explore hire canoe
bird/animal watch

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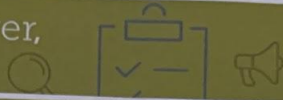


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Share your vision
Comparte tu vision

- more bridges (in Cypress Park) for pedestrian & bike crossings
- more access & open points from the surrounding neighborhoods to the river/bike path
- more informational signs
- an effort for environmental restoration
mindful

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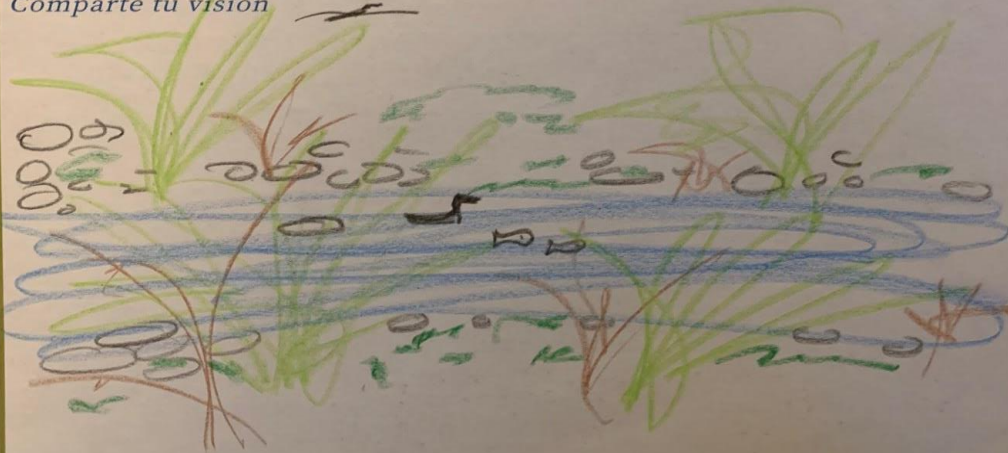
Walking
Biking
Cycling
nature bathing

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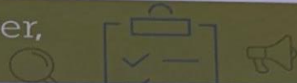


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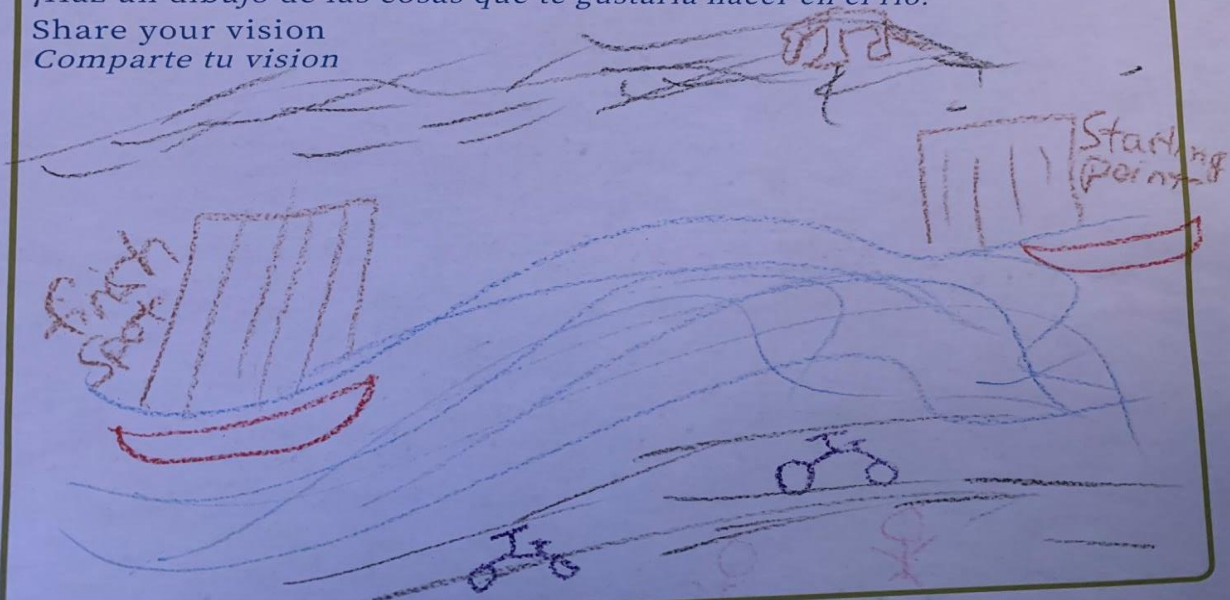


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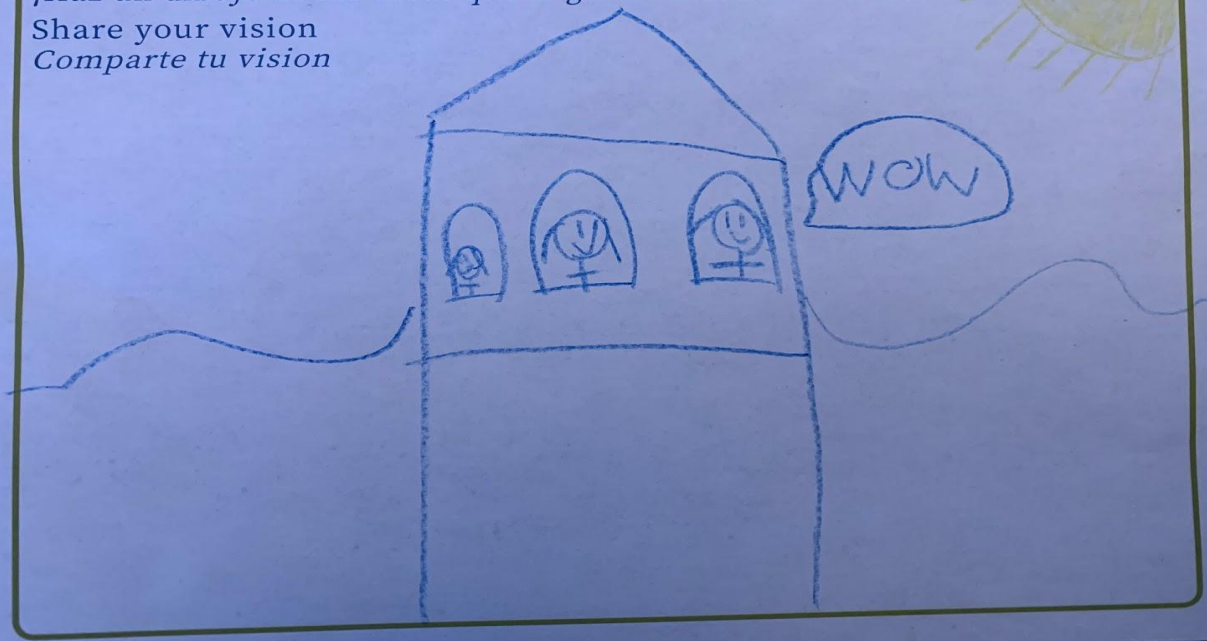


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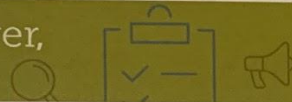


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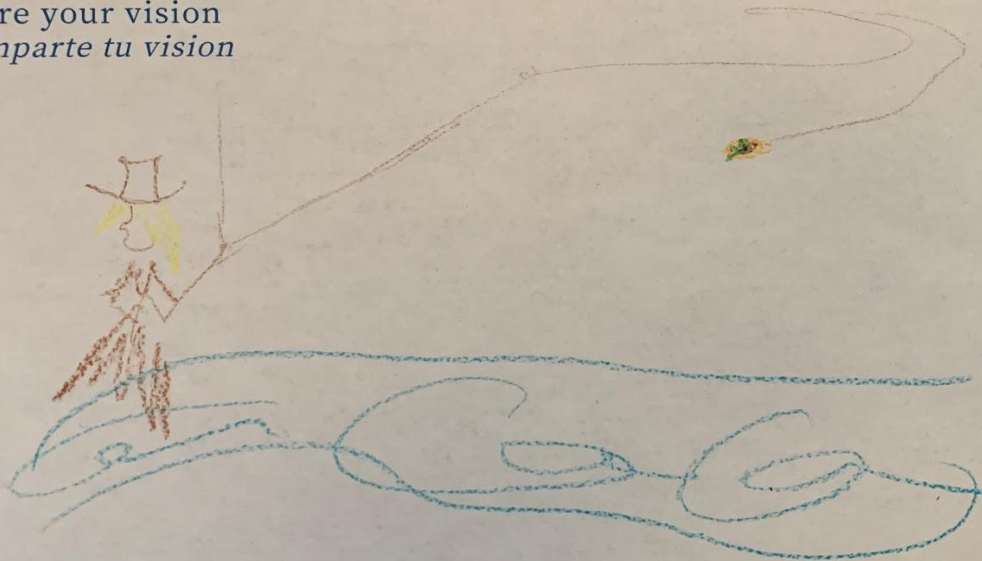


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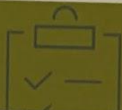


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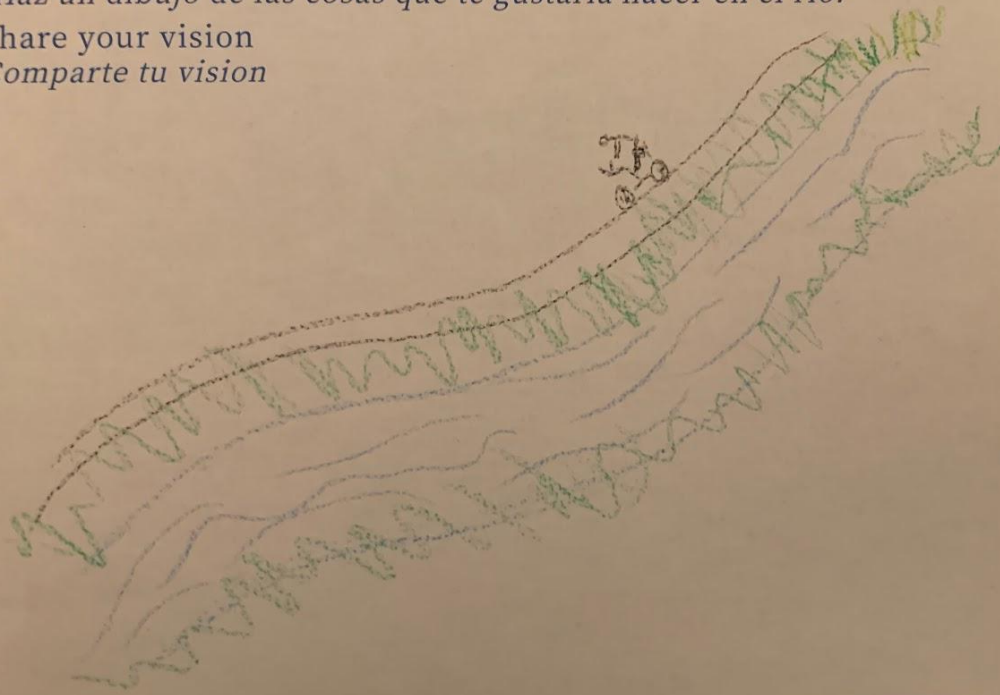


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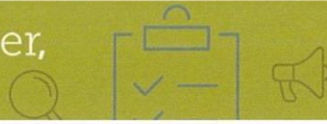
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Station 5: Additional Comments

Share additional comments or ideas:

Comparte comentarios o ideas adicionales:

RIP OUT ALL THE CONCRETE

REPLANT NATIVE VEGETATION!

KEEP THE PEOPLE OUT.

"RE-WILD" the RIVER and all
tributaries and leave it as natural
habitat for the wildlife!

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Swimming

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- ① leave channel adjacent golf course as is. ② cover channel from seco st. to natural area of river to capture more recreation area. ③ cover channel in lower Arroyo per sketch.
- ④ Double number of parking spaces at casting pond. ⑤ Maintain existing walking paths as is i.e. more natural, not built out.
- ⑥ Extend bike path in channel - North to south Pasadena ballfields, and south to LA River. Bruce Bailey bab-architects@yahoo.com

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- ① I would like to see more art by the river. I think it is a great place to show this kind of humanity.
- ② I'm an artist with public art experience and I'm looking for opportunities to build kinetic art or sculptures by the river.
- ③ I think you could attract more kids there if you made the biking more interesting. Please google (pump track) and see what parks across America are doing. thanks for all you do
I use the river all the time.
... I C. I have @ mac.com

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We would love to be able to
bike from Pasadena to LA and
Griffith Park on protected
separate bike paths along the
arroyo seco and connecting to
the LA River bike path

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We need a bike path ALL the way down
the Arroyo Seco and it must connect
w/ the LA River! ☺

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A PLACE THAT YOU
CAN CAMP

Station 5: Visit the LA River Rover

Community members invited to explore the LA River Rover, a mobile visitor and education center from Friends of the Los Angeles River. Below is a summary of key takeaways from community members' experiences.

Community members were very engaged while exploring the LA River Rover. Children particularly enjoyed learning about the ecology of the LA River. FOLAR staff was present to answer any questions and talk about the various features in the LA River Rover.