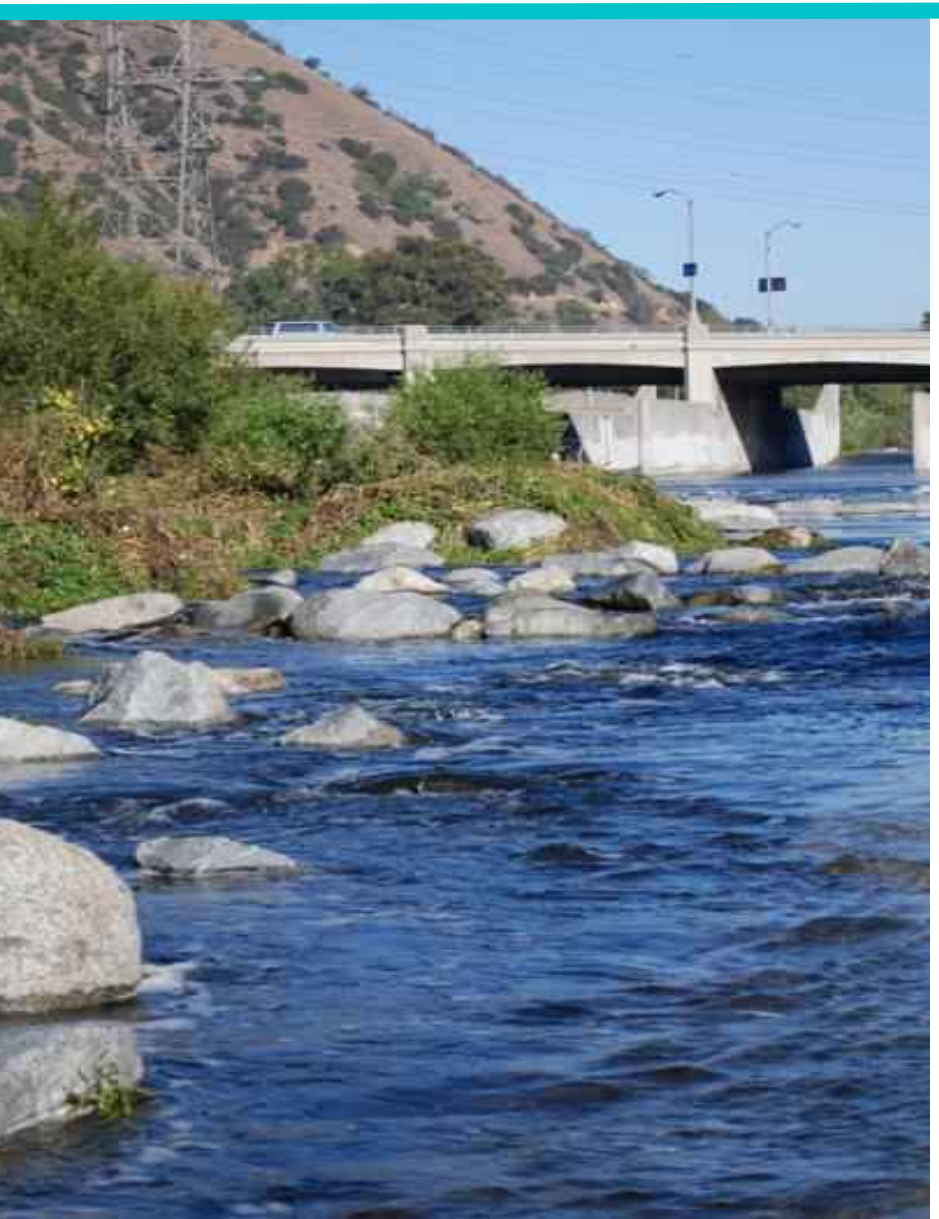
AB 466 Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan

Working Group Meeting 2

October 25, 2018

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Meeting Agenda



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7. Report from the People and Recreation Committee.
8. Consideration of resolution for renaming the Hydrology and Environment Committee to the *Water and Environment Committee*.
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10. Staff Update
11. Presentation on the County of Los Angeles' Update to the La River Master Plan
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13. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment

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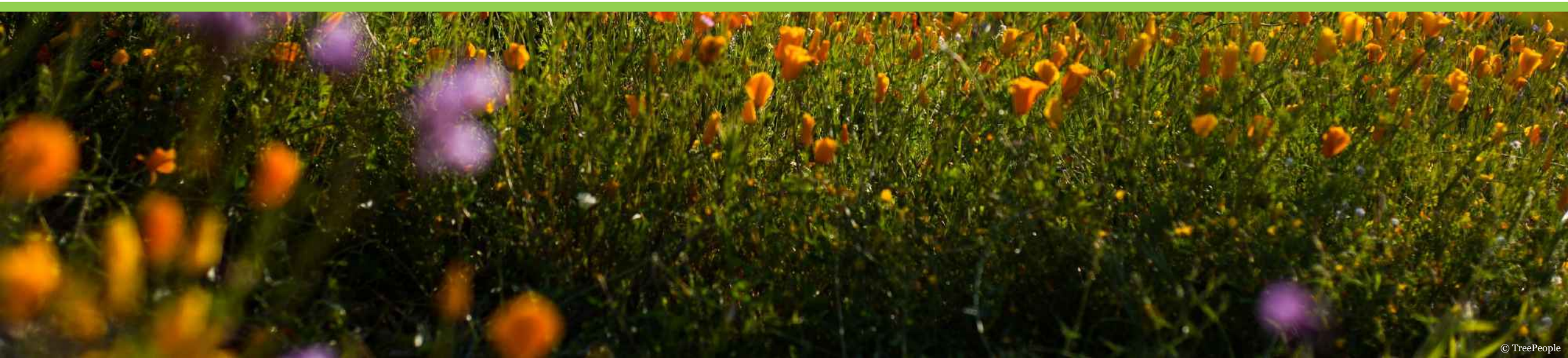

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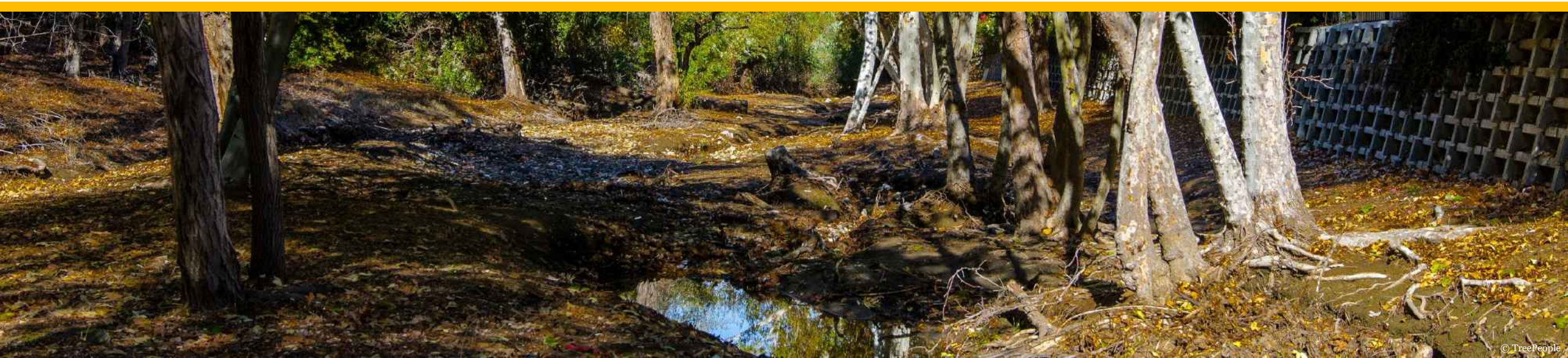

Tributary Screening Methodology

Delineate Watershed

Collect and Analyze Data

Score each tributary by Data Category

Add Category Scores Together to Determine Tributary Ranking

Tributary	**Percent of People More Than 1/2 Mile from a Park**	**Park Provision** (Acres of Park Space per 1,000 people)	**Population Density in 1/2 Mile Buffer** (People per acre)	**Percentage of Vacant Land** (Acres of Vacant Land in 1/2 Mile Buffer)	**Average Household Income**	**CalEnviroScreen Score in 1/2 Mile Buffer of Tributary** (Average)*	**Percentage of Impervious Land Cover in 1/2 Mile Buffer** (i.e. roads, roofs, sidewalks)	**Tributary Length** (Miles)	**Tributary Drainage Area** (Acres)	**Significant Ecological Area** (Acres)	**Total Score**	**Rank**
Aliso Canyon Wash	36%	1.91	19	5.7%	**$ 58,500**	**60**	42%	**8.50**	13,600	7	64	7
	5	*8.00*	*6*	*7*	*6*	*8*	*8*	***5***	*7*	*4*		

Tributary Screening Matrix

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OVERALL TRIBUTARY RANKING
1 TUJUNGA WASH
2 PACOIMA WASH
3 BURBANK CHANNEL
4 VERDUGO WASH
5 ARROYO SECO
6 ALISO CANYON WASH
7 BROWNS CANYON WASH
8 ARROYO CALABASAS
9 CABALLERO CREEK
10 BULL CREEK
11 CENTRAL BRANCH TUJUNGA
12 BELL CREEK
13 CHATSWORTH CREEK
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST
VERDUGO MOUNTAINS
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
PACIFIC OCEAN
LOS ANGELES RIVER
San Fernando
Porter Ranch
Panorama City
Reseda
Van Nuys
Burbank
Sherman Oaks
Griffith Park
Glendale
Eagle Rock
Atwater
Glassell Park
Hollywood
Beverly Hills
Santa Monica
Culver City
Downtown Los Angeles
Boyle Heights
BASE MAP LEGEND
Tributary - In Legislation
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Tributary 1/2 Mile Buffer
Los Angeles River Watershed
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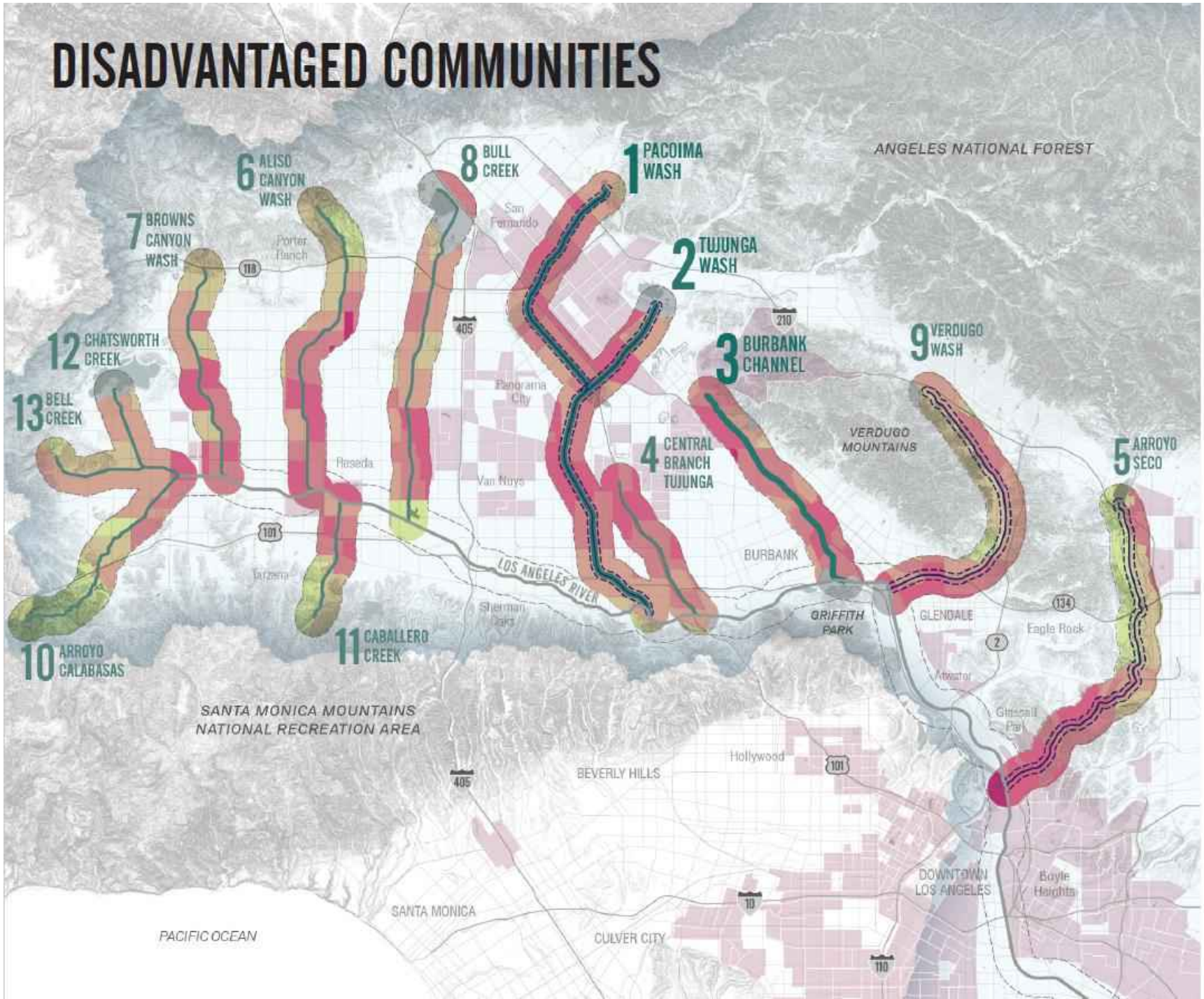

MATRIX DATA POINT

Household Income

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2010

- $0 - $24K (Below Poverty)
- $24K - $45K
- $45K - $65K
- $65K - 85K
- $85K - $125K
- $125K +
- No Income Data

ADDITIONAL DATA POINT (APPENDI

CalEnviroScreen Population 3.0

Source: State of California, CES 3.0

- Highly Burdened Population

BASE MAP LEGEND

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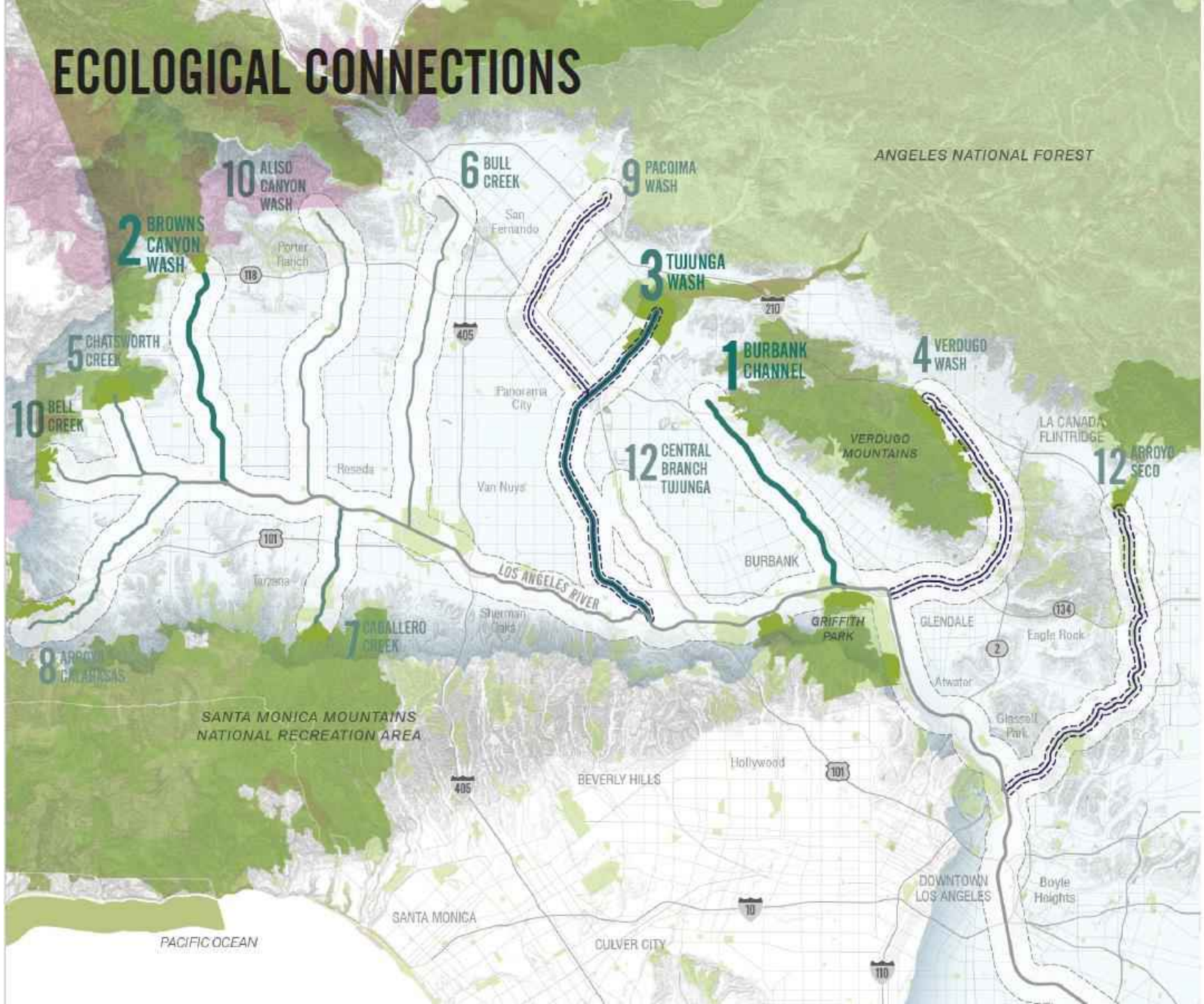
ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIONS



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Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2010

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ADDITIONAL DATA POINT (APPENDIX)

Critical Habitat
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 2016

Parks & Open Space
Source: California Essential Habitat Project, 2010

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LAND OPPORTUNITIES

MATRIX DATA POINT

Vacant Land

Source: LA County GIS Database, 2015

- Vacant Land

ADDITIONAL DATA POINT (APPENDI

- Schools
- Parks
- Other Public Lands

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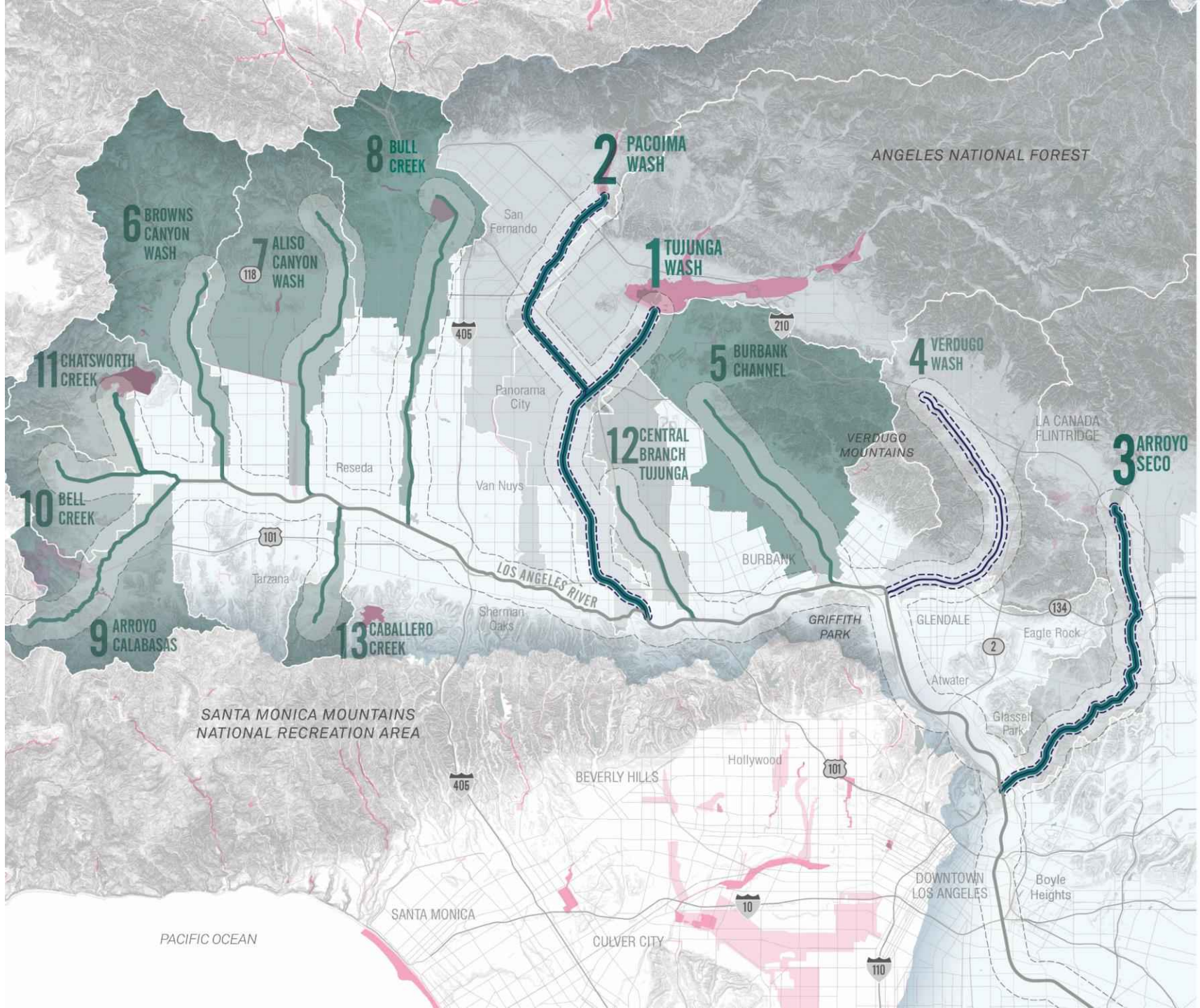

MATRIX DATA POINT

Tributary Drainage Areas

Source: LA County GIS Database, 2018

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Fema Flood Hazard

Source: FEMA, 2018

High Risk (100-year Flood)

Low Risk (500-year Flood)

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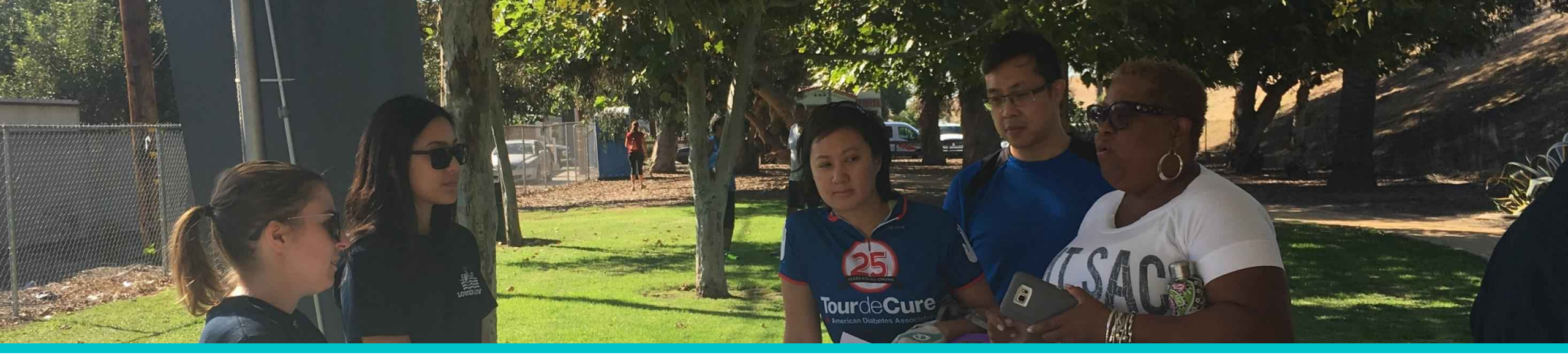
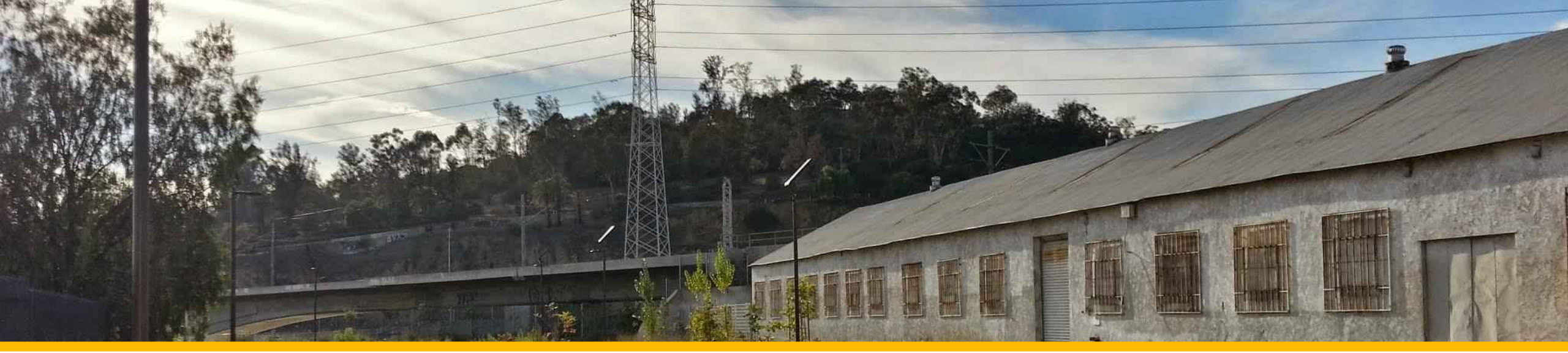


Presentation on Community Engagement Strategy



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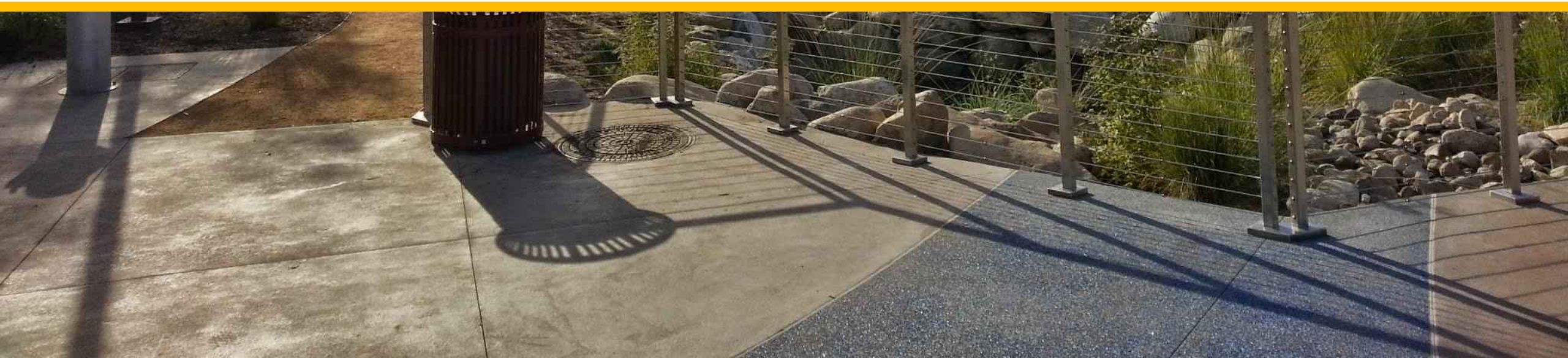
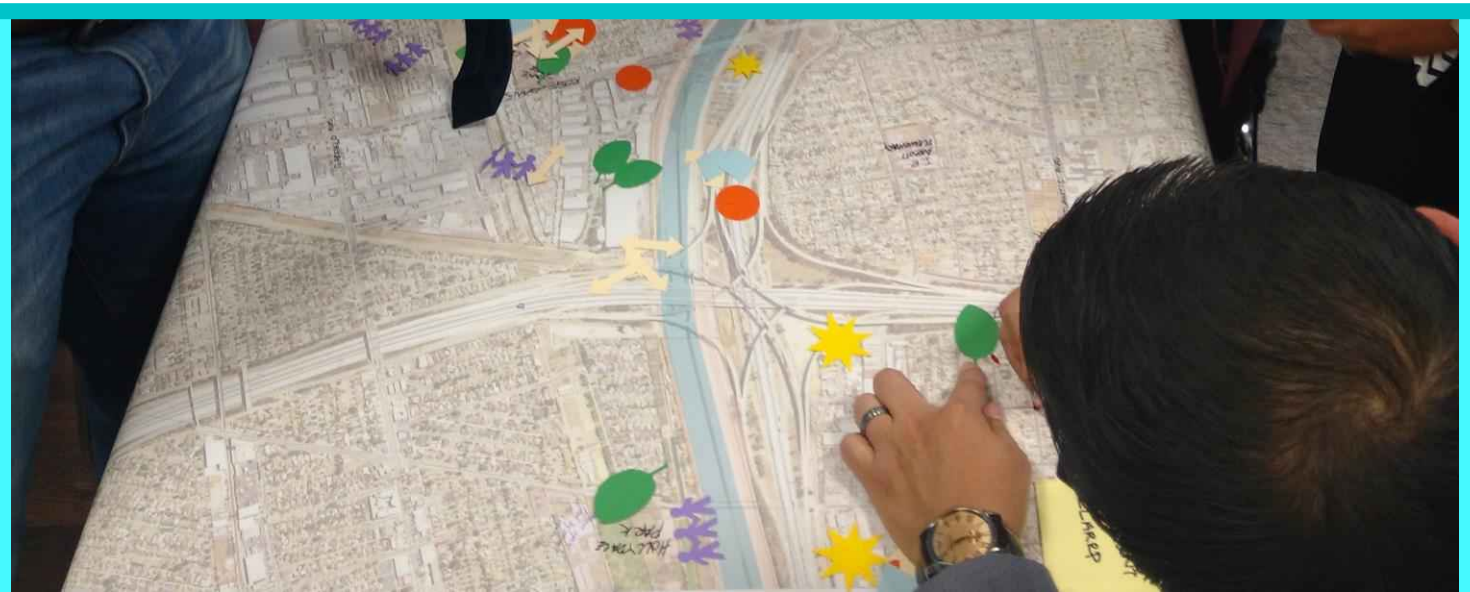


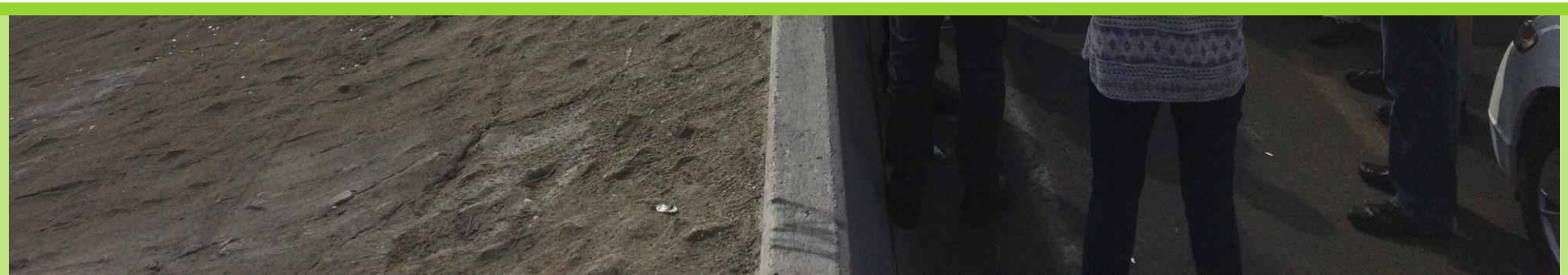
Community Engagement - Goals

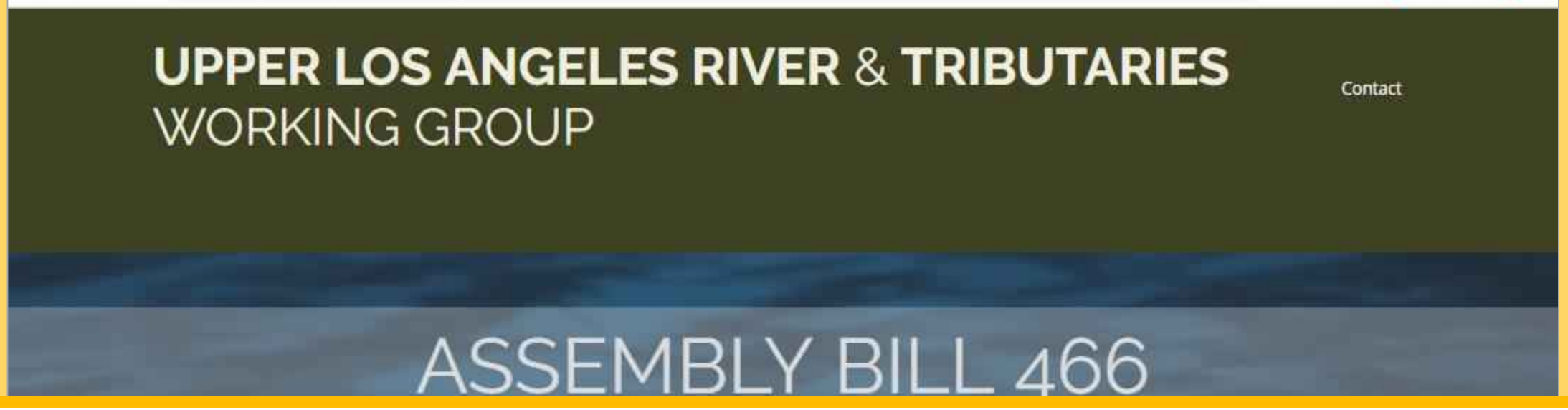
Community Engagement Elements

Community Meetings



Tours, Field Trips, and Site Visits





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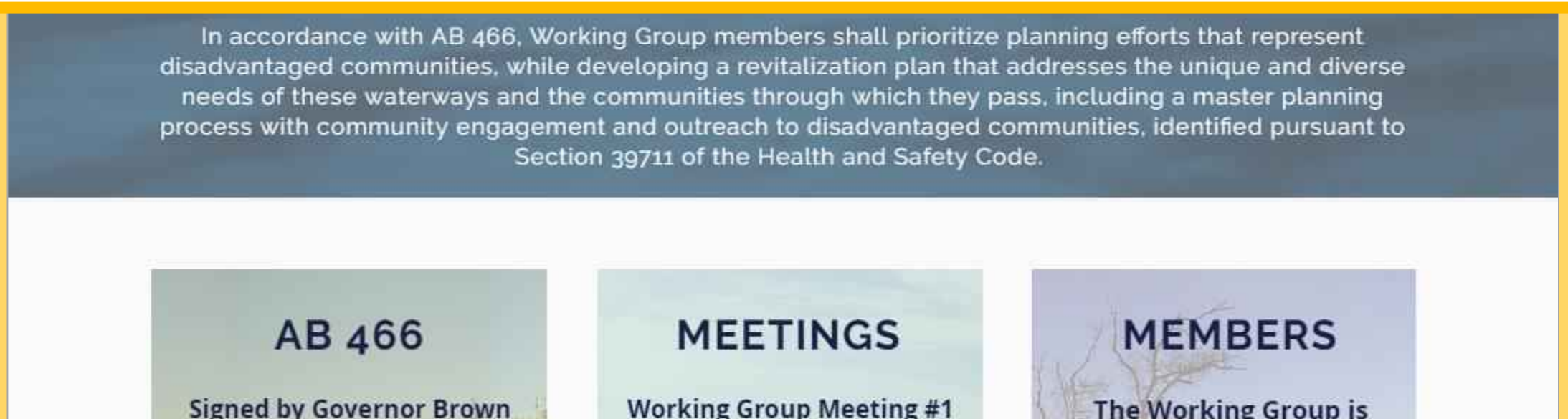


Watershed Education Toolkit

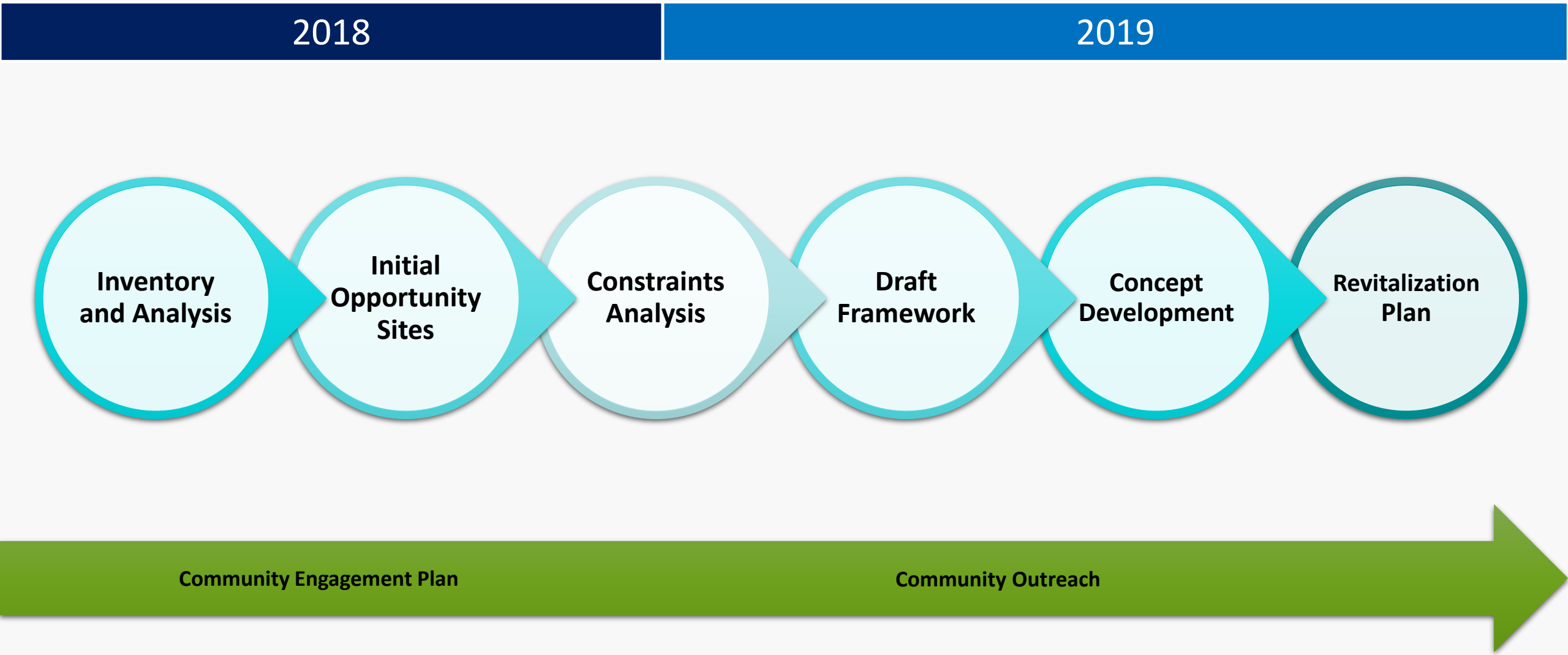
Next Steps

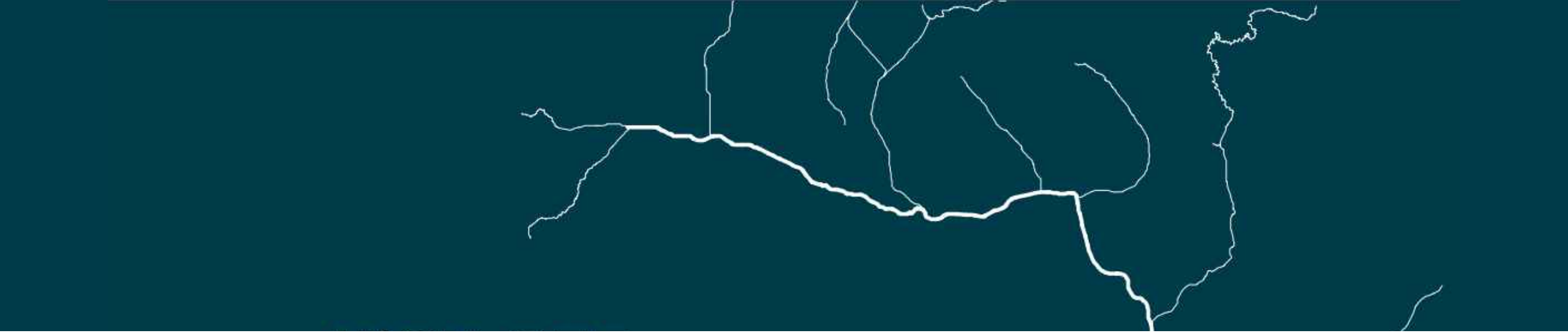
Literature Review Update

Process Timeline

Working Group Meeting Date	OBJECTIVE
August 2018	Purpose, Goals, Objectives, and Timelines
October 2018	Review Existing Efforts and Example Case Studies
January 2019	Develop Program Goals and Prioritization Framework
March 2019	Identify Priority sites and Opportunities
May 2019	Project Concept Development
July 2019	Develop ULART Revitalization Plan
September 2019	Vote on ULART Revitalization Plan

Plan Development Timeline





Item 11. Presentation on the LA River Master Plan Update

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LOS ANGELES RIVER
MASTER PLAN UPDATE

AB466 Upper LA River and Tributaries Working Group

25 October 2018

TODAY'S MEETING AGENDA

1

INTRO TO THE MASTER PLAN

2

PROJECT FRAMEWORK

3

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

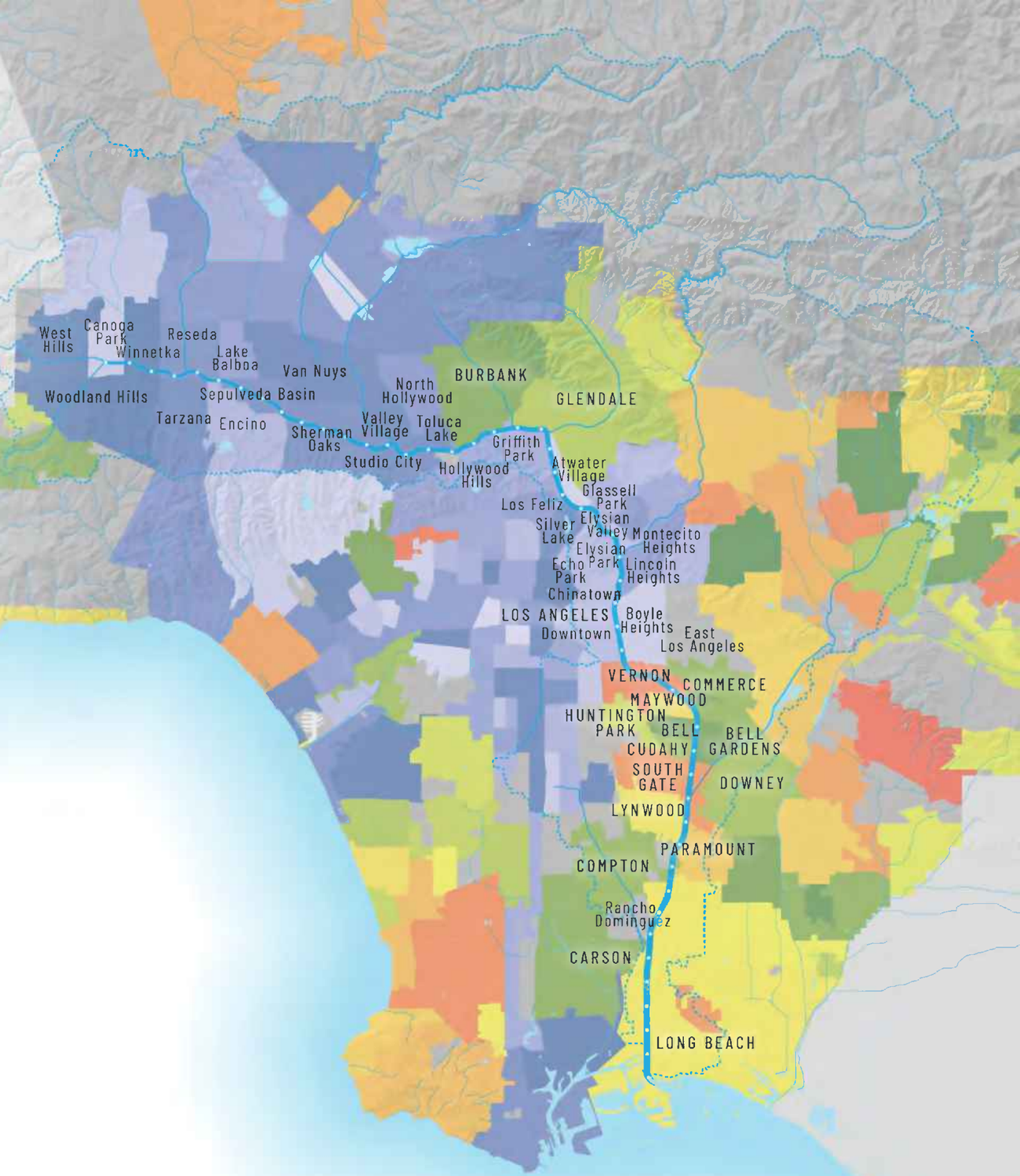
4

DRAFT VISION AND GOALS

THE LA RIVER IS 51 MILES LONG

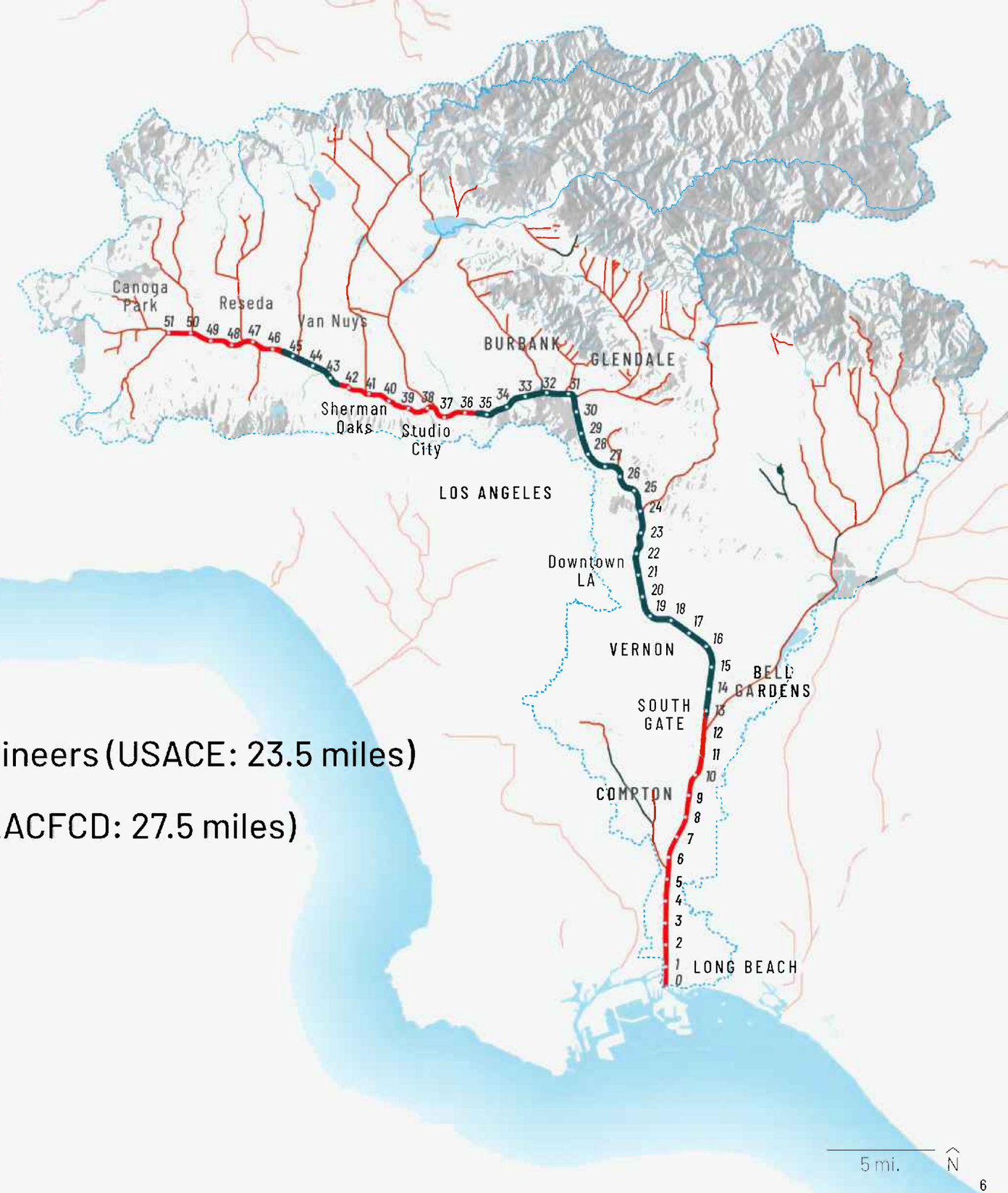
UPPER LA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

THERE ARE 17 CITIES, 23 CITY OF LA NEIGHBORHOODS, AND 4 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE LA RIVER



Source: Los Angeles county GIS Data Portal, City Boundaries and Annexations, 2016 & LA City Communities and Planning Areas, 2014

JURISDICTION AND MAJOR MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SPLIT BETWEEN LACFCD AND USACE



Agency:

- Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE: 23.5 miles)
- Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD: 27.5 miles)

Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, GIS Maintenance Map, 2016

PREVIOUS PLANNING

1996 LOS ANGELES COUNTY LA RIVER MASTER PLAN

ORGANIZED BY THEMES

- Aesthetics
- Economic Development
- Environmental Quality
- Flood Management and Water Conservation
- Jurisdiction and Public Involvement
- Recreation

DIVIDED INTO 6 REACHES

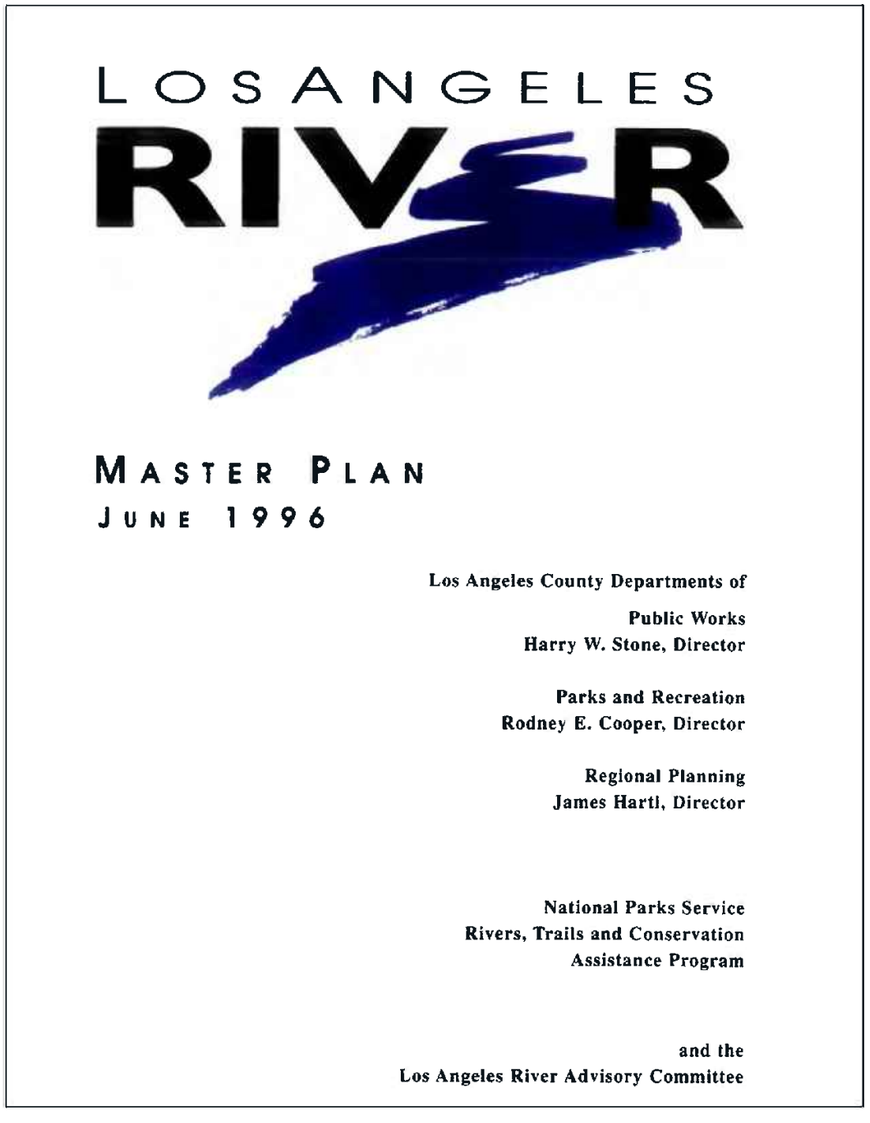
- Southern Cities
- Mid-Cities
- Downtown
- Glendale Narrows
- San Fernando Valley
- Tujunga Wash

PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

- Over 130 river-wide recommendations
- Over 80 reach-specific recommendations

PROJECTS SINCE 1996 PLAN

- 45 completed
- 23 in various stages of development


LOS ANGELES
RIVER

MASTER PLAN
JUNE 1996

Los Angeles County Departments of

Public Works
Harry W. Stone, Director

Parks and Recreation
Rodney E. Cooper, Director

Regional Planning
James Hartl, Director

National Parks Service
Rivers, Trails and Conservation
Assistance Program

and the
Los Angeles River Advisory Committee

Source: http://ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/la/larmp/

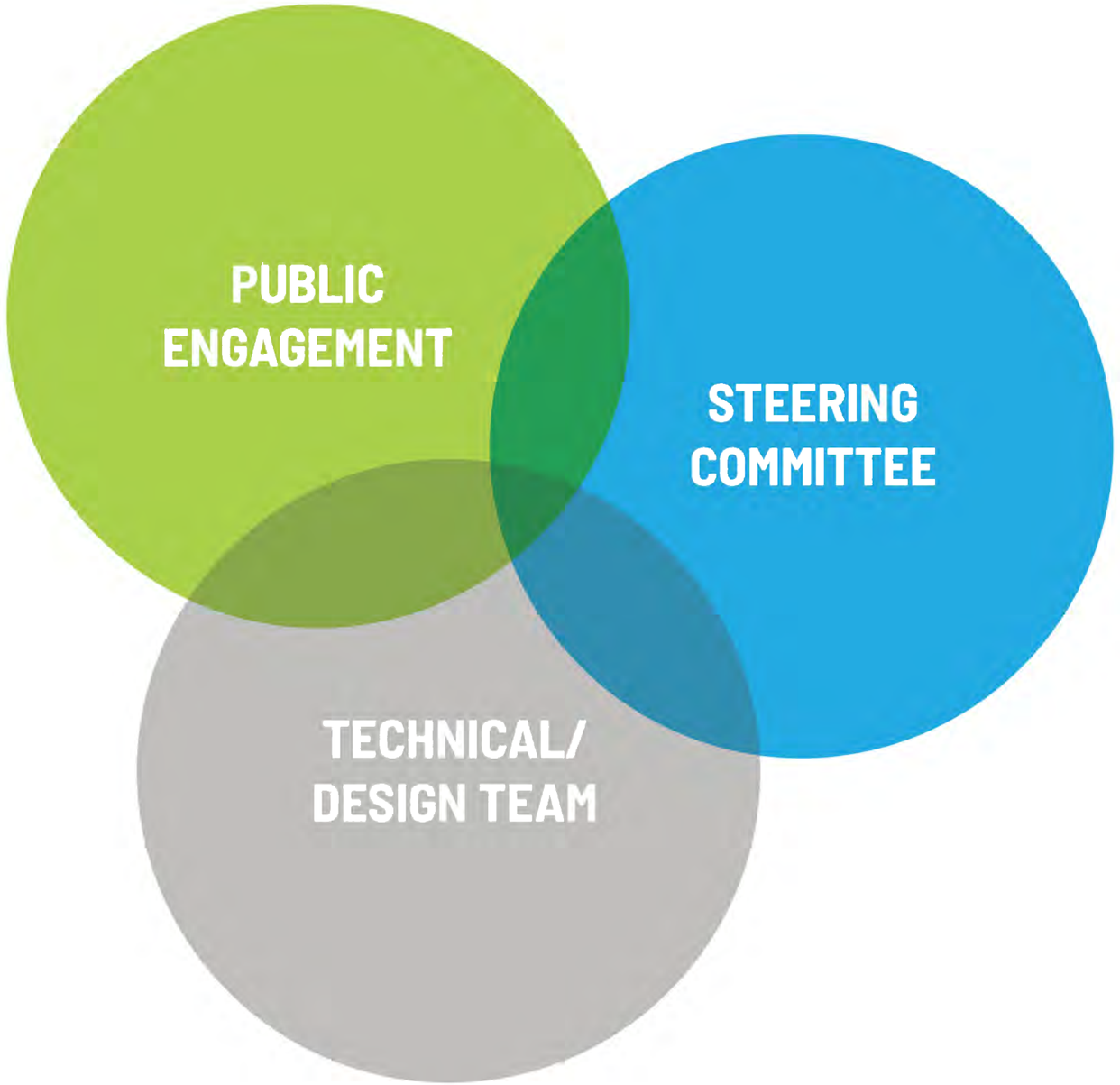
RELEVANT PLANNING EFFORTS

131

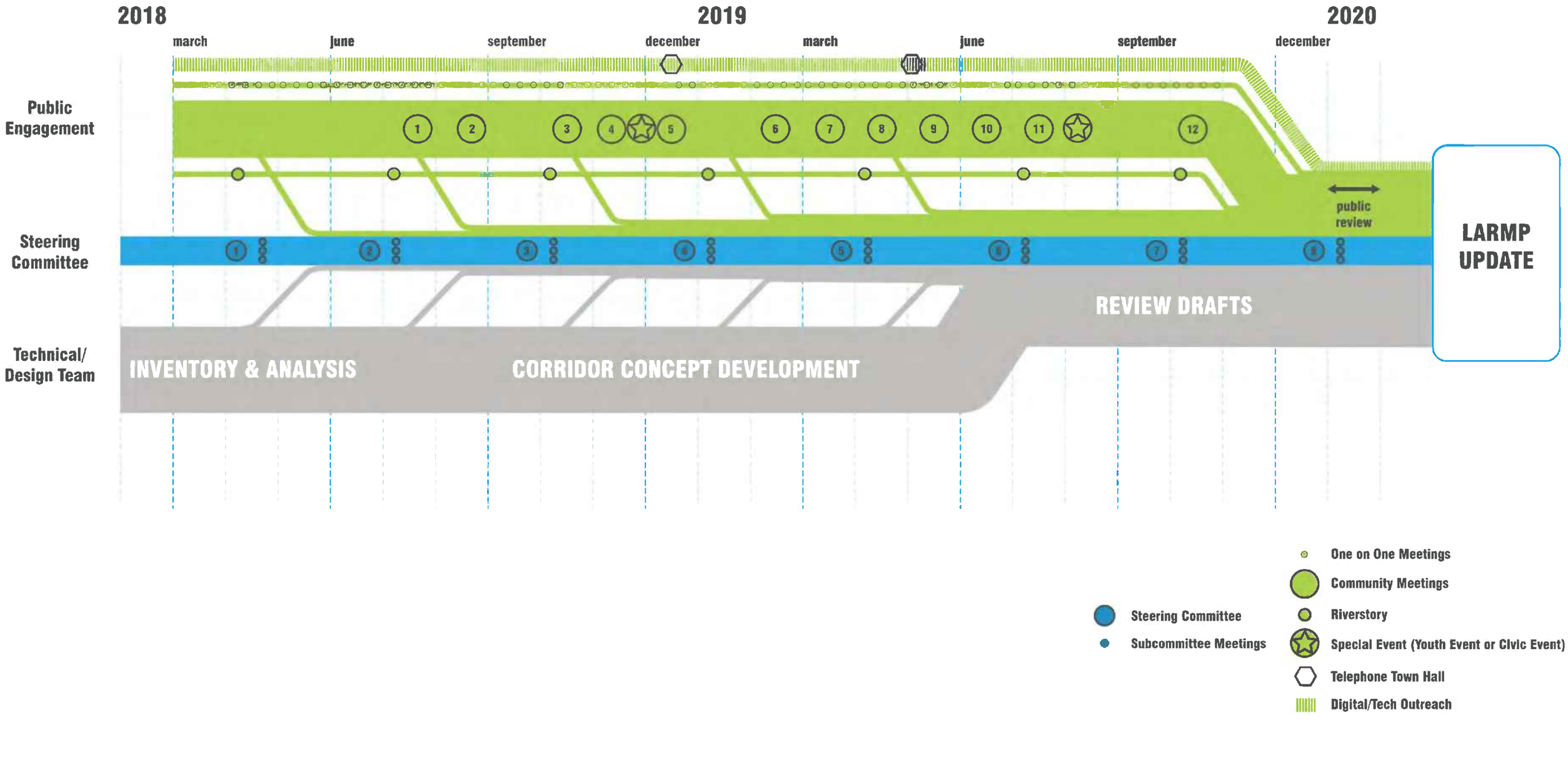
AND COUNTING!

- **Community Plans**
- **Regional Plans**
- **River Related Plans**
- **General Plans**
- **Bike and Pedestrian Plans**
- **Design Guidelines and Standards**

PLAN INPUT


PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
STEERING COMMITTEE
TECHNICAL/ DESIGN TEAM

PROJECT SCHEDULE



STEERING COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK

	2018				2019			
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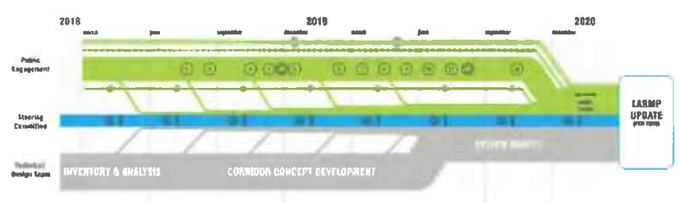
Key Theme & Tentative Date	**LAUNCH** 11 APRIL 2018	**INVENTORY & VISION PRINCIPLES** 27 JUNE 2018	**GOALS & ANALYSIS** 26 SEPTEMBER 2018	**GAPS & PLANNING** 12 DECEMBER 2018	**PRIORITIES & OPPORTUNITIES** 27 MARCH 2019	**DESIGNS & PLANS** 26 JUNE 2019	**PLANS & STANDARDS** 25 SEPTEMBER 2019	**DRAFT REVIEW** 11 DECEMBER 2019
Dialogue Focus	Vision Brainstorming Project Schedule and Scope Committee Organization Draft Community Outreach Plan, Branding Strategy, and Website Flood Control History, Plan Priorities, Channel Strategies	Draft Vision Principles Existing Conditions Literature Review Community Outreach Plan Demographics, Affordable Housing, Displacement	Revised Draft Vision and Goals Goal Driven Planning Jurisdictional Boundaries Water Resources, O&M, Access, Security, and Safety, Homeless Youth Summit	Planning Reaches Policy Precedents Design Standards Review Geographic Gap Analysis Intro Draft Table of Contents for Masterplan	Gap Analysis and Reach Prioritization Draft Planning Concepts Civic and Cultural Festival Draft Plan Revised Table of Contents	Planning Concepts and Policies Design Concepts and Design Standards Flood Mitigation Concepts Policies	Design Concepts and Design Standards Update	Draft of Los Angeles River Masterplan Update



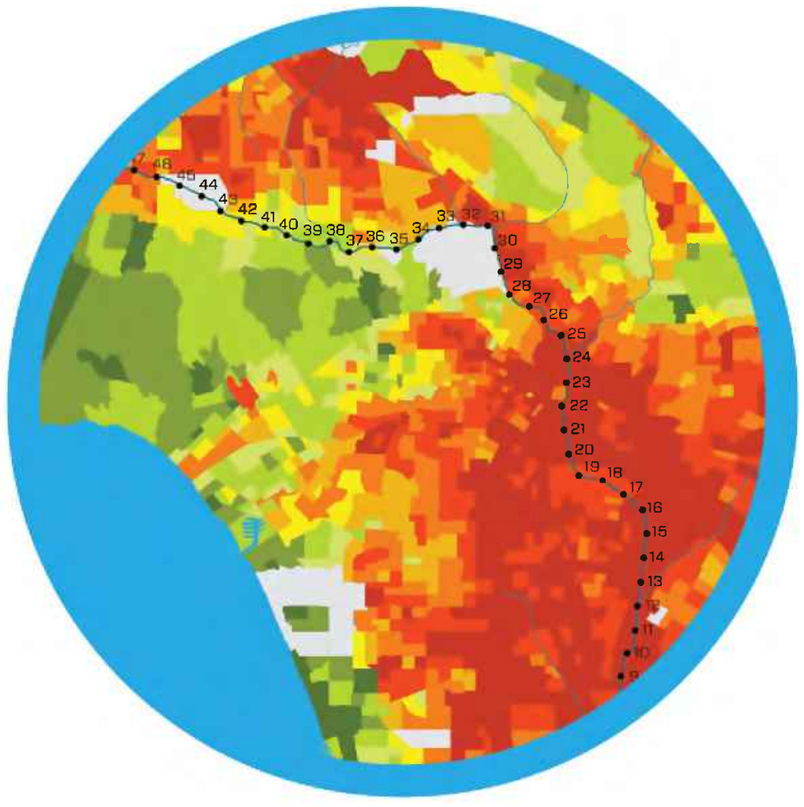
WATER

FLOOD RISK, WATER QUALITY, AND WATER SUPPLY

ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACE

PEOPLE



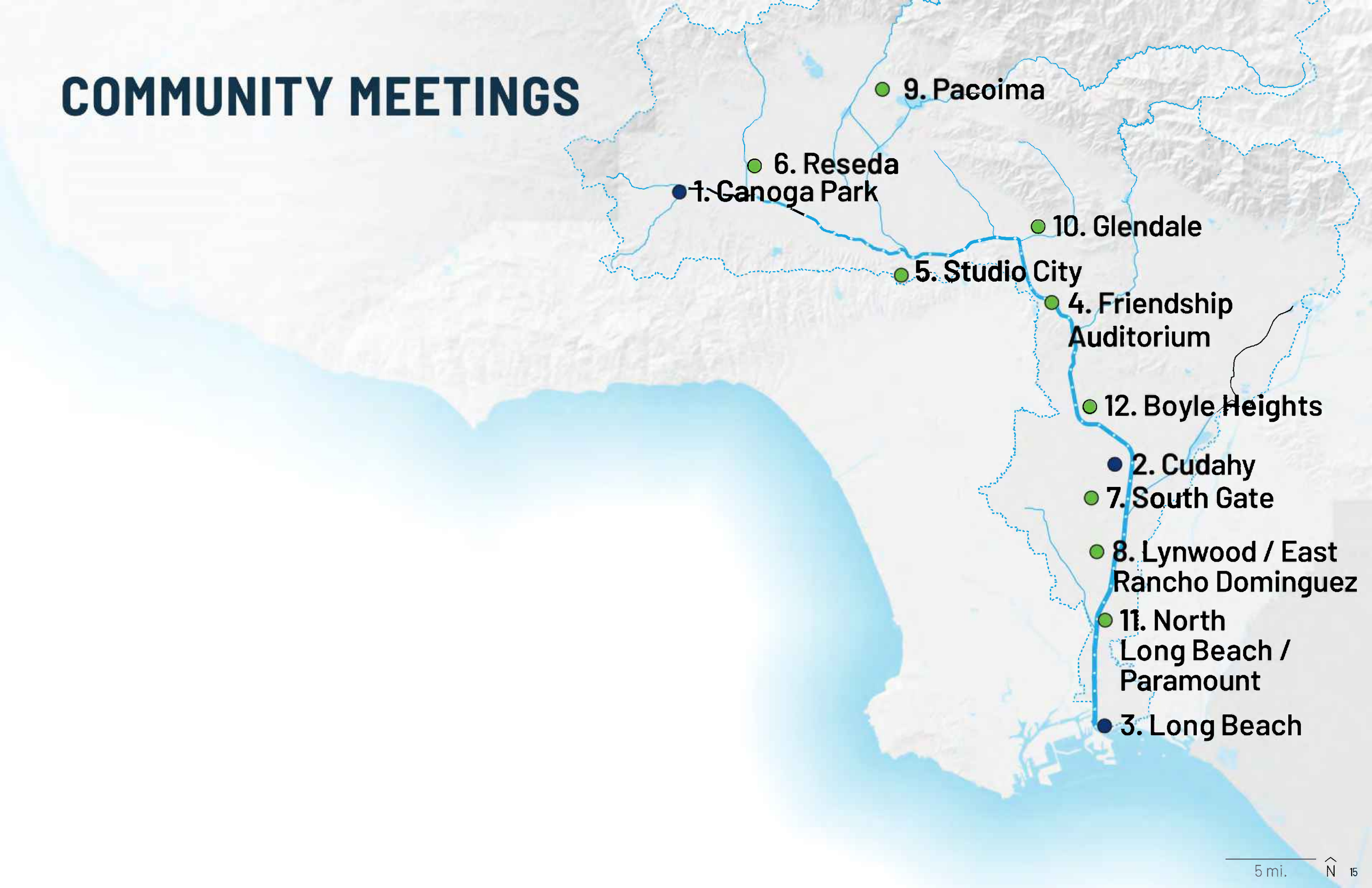
PUBLIC HEALTH AND EQUITY

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TACTICS

COMMUNITY MEETINGS	12 Total
RIVER STORIES	Videos of People Sharing Their River Experiences
DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT	Opportunities to Engage Outside of Meetings
YOUTH SUMMIT	November 2018
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	Localized Outreach throughout the Region
CIVIC + CULTURAL FESTIVAL	Summer 2019

Source: Jeff Houze, Playing in Sepulveda Basin, 2014, from Project 5: Play the LA River

COMMUNITY MEETINGS



The Reimagined River

A 51-mile connective river corridor of parks, trails, ecosystems, and cultural resources to improve health, equity, access, mobility, and economic opportunity for the diverse communities of LA County, while providing flood risk management.

DRAFT GOALS

Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability.

Source: Flickr user Ken Lund, Los Angeles River, Los Angeles, California, 2015, https://www.flickr.com/photos/kenlund/21400201059

Embrace local culture and strengthen communities.

Source: Clockshop, The Bowtie Project, The LA River Campout, 2017, https://clockshop.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/LAriver-featured.jpg

Enhance opportunities to equitably access the river corridor.

Source: OLIN

Foster learning and opportunities for education.

DRAFT GOALS

Improve regional water supply reliability.

Source: OLIN

DRAFT GOALS

Promote healthy, safe, clean water.

Source: OLIN

Provide a protective and resilient flood management infrastructure.

Source: Flickr user Scott 1_1_E1C7392_2015, https://www.flickr.com/photos/41802268@N03/23905906860/

DRAFT GOALS

Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.

Source: The Source, And the existing segment from Griffith Park to DTLA, just shy of its current terminus near the Riverside Drive bridge, http://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/media.thesource.metro.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/06135450/34157493341_06f5c36d9d_o-1.jpg

DRAFT GOALS

Support healthy, connected ecosystems.

Source: KCET Departures, South L.A. -Willow Street, 2010, https://www.flickr.com/photos/kcetdepartures/5057065201/in/album-72157625144026778/

STAY INVOLVED

LARiverMasterPlan.org
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Source: Barron Boxer, View of the 4th Street & 1st Street Bridges, 2014, from Project 51, Play the LA River

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH SUMMIT:
NOVEMBER 1, 2018
830AM - 2PM

LOCATION:
LOS ANGELES TRADE-TECHINAL COLLEGE
400 W WASHINGTON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015

COMMUNITY MEETING #4
FRIENDSHIP AUDITORIUM:
NOVEMBER 13, 2018
6PM - 8PM

LOCATION:
FRIENDSHIP AUDITORIUM
3201 RIVERSIDE DR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027

COMMUNITY MEETING #5 STUDIO CITY:
DECEMBER 2018

GATEWAY CITIES COG:
NOVEMBER 7, 2018
Time TBD

LOCATION:
TBD

STEERING COMMITTEE #4:
DECEMBER 12, 2018
9AM - NOON

LOCATION:
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
900 SOUTH FREMONT AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803

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Item 12. Member Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda

Item 13. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment

Future Meetings

Working Group	Technical Committees
January 24, 2019	**November 15, 2018**
March 28, 2019	**December 10, 2018**
May 23, 2019	February 28, 2018
July 25, 2019	April 25, 2019
September 26, 2019	June 28, 2019

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AB 466 Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan

Working Group Meeting 2

October 25, 2018

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy