

# Executive Meeting Summary

**Project Title:** AB 466 UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES REVITALIZATION PLAN

**Purpose of Meeting:** Water and Environment Committee Meeting- December 10, 2018

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### MAPPING WORKSHOP- OVERALL

The Committee and members of the public provided comments of the existing conditions at each of the selected tributaries and the mainstem of the river. The following key themes emerged for the entire area:

- Access & Connectivity – Bike, Pedestrian, Multi-Use
- Leverage Existing Parks, Public Spaces, Infrastructure, and Planned/Proposed Projects
- Wildlife Habitat & Connectivity
- Engage Educational Institutions
- Recreation
- Flood management
- Using existing infrastructure for non-traditional purposes

### MAPPING WORKSHOP- TRIBUTARIES

Two sets of maps were used, one for public input and one for committee input to identify specific themes for each tributary. A summary of that input is as follows:

Waterway	Committee Input Themes	Public Input Themes
<b>Aliso Canyon Wash</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River adjacent opportunity areas</li> <li>• Connectivity to parks, wash, schools, and metro link stations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use nurseries for connectivity</li> <li>• Connect educational spaces</li> <li>• Pedestrian crossings</li> <li>• Connect education and public transit</li> <li>• Bike connectivity to transit</li> </ul>
<b>Arroyo Seco</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat channel restoration and</li> <li>• River and water management together as one with an eye on the future</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Flooding areas/inundation restoration potential</li> <li>• How to better manage flood besides the flood channels</li> <li>• Low Flow Diversions</li> <li>• Bike path connection opportunities</li> <li>• ASF River parks as a framework for proposed park designs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing bike connectivity</li> </ul>
<b>Burbank Western Channel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of river adjacent area for native plant and animal use</li> <li>• Use street ends for climate mitigation through planting</li> <li>• Some bike transit in planning or funded, other key gaps not filled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public transit connectivity</li> <li>• Bike connectivity</li> <li>• At grade crossings</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large equestrian population and use adjacent to the wash and the mainstem</li> </ul>	
<b>Pacoima Wash</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues with access due to multiple jurisdictions</li> <li>River adjacent parks flood during heavy rain</li> <li>Ped bridges for school connectivity</li> <li>Gap in bike path</li> <li>Access under the 118 and 5 to connect communities to open space</li> <li>Recreational amenities next to spreading grounds</li> <li>More biking along the wash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational access and connectivity across wash</li> <li>Diversion opportunities at parks</li> <li>Homeless issues</li> <li>Adding pedestrian space to existing bridges</li> <li>Recreational access to Pacoima and Tujunga spreading grounds</li> <li>Land acquisition (quarries as they come out of commission)</li> </ul>
<b>Tujunga Wash</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hansen dam as a recreation and equestrian space</li> <li>Updated flood mapping</li> <li>Localized flooding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land acquisition (Boulevard pit)</li> <li>Connectivity for students, animals across wash</li> <li>Widen pedestrian space on bridges</li> <li>Buyback program- widen channel and bridges</li> </ul>
<b>Verdugo Wash</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interaction between existing park space and wash</li> <li>Small urban tributaries as opportunities before they reach the wash</li> <li>Access over the 134 for south Glendale to access parks in North Glendale</li> <li>Pedestrian bridges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Habitat connectivity for mountain lion opportunity</li> <li>Bike path along entire wash opportunity</li> <li>Industrial districts could incorporate ecological systems or features</li> </ul>
<b>Los Angeles River</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fishing opportunities</li> <li>New flood mapping underway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>

## ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Tim Brick (Director, Arroyo Seco Foundation), Christine Wartman (alternate for Mark Pestrella, LACDPW), Phuoc Le (alternate for Enrique Zaldivar, LASAN), Kenneth Jones (Alternate for Mayor Sylvia Ballin, City of San Fernando), Onnig Bulanikian (alternate for Mayor Zareh Sinanyan, City of Glendale), Hon. Emily Gabel-Luddy (Appointee of the Senate President Pro Tempore, Mayor of Burbank), Humberto Quintana (alternate for Hon. Monica Rodriguez, CD7), Matt Weiner (Appointee of the Senate President Pro Tempore), Caroline Craven (Appointee of the Senate President Pro Tempore)