

**LOWER LA RIVER
PUBLIC REALM, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, & INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**The Clearwater Building (2nd Floor)
16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723**

Summary

Objective: To determine roles and responsibilities, and identify chair and additional members

- I. Introductions**
- II. Implementation Advisory Group**
- III. Roles and Responsibilities**
 - a. Review goals and objectives of the LLARRP and proposed project process to confirm role of committee**

See attachment for goals and objectives narrative

The use of the word “Entertainment” was questioned as well as the intended meaning of that term. No one from the original Working Group remembered that word being part of in the original text. Nevertheless, during the discussion the word was noted as an area where the sub-committee should be mindful of what this may represent as projects are brought before the committee.

How the two original committees (Public Realm and Water and Environment Committees) of the LLARRP Planning effort got combined into a single IAG Sub-committee was discussed and why. The answer suggested that the Public Realm and Water and Environment Committees were viewed as being concerned with the physical space while the Community Economics, Health, and Equity committee was more program and policy related. Though it was noted by the group that there are areas of overlap, such as Green Infrastructure, where this sub-committee inherently will be considering projects for this item as well.

b. Determine committee structure to accomplish committee roles

i. Membership (terms, maximum number of members)

1. Chair and Vice Chair
2. Membership – LACFCD’s initial recommendation is limited to historic or active organizations in the community. Those in attendance agreed to limit initial sub-committee members to those that participated in LLARRP Working Group and/or have a historic or active organization in the community.

ii. Committee role in the project review process

1. Initial project idea package is submitted to LACFCD and then recommended to come before the committees.
2. Each Committee to review the project and determine if it is consistent with the LLARRP. Does it meet the spirit, or can it be improved? Committees may offer ideas or recommendations.
3. The discussion and recommendations will be summarized and taken to the IAG Meeting.

If comments are critical, it can have an influence on the permitting agencies to consider in their own approval process.

Technical Assistance can be available to project proponents including checklists. Committee to consider developing the checklists at future meetings.

iii. Meeting structure

Informal meeting setting but have ability to require speaker cards and time limits to ensure all voices are heard.

IV. Chair and Additional Members

Kayla Kelly-Slatten, CCLB, self-nominated/volunteered to be Chair and Kelsey Jessup, TNC, volunteered to serve as Vice Chair. They were accepted unopposed.

Future sub-committee meetings will be held at CCLB’s Nieto Avenue site in Long Beach.

Term of the Chair and Vice Chair was not yet determined.

V. Open Forum/Public Comment

The floor was open to comments where events and current planning efforts of members were shared.

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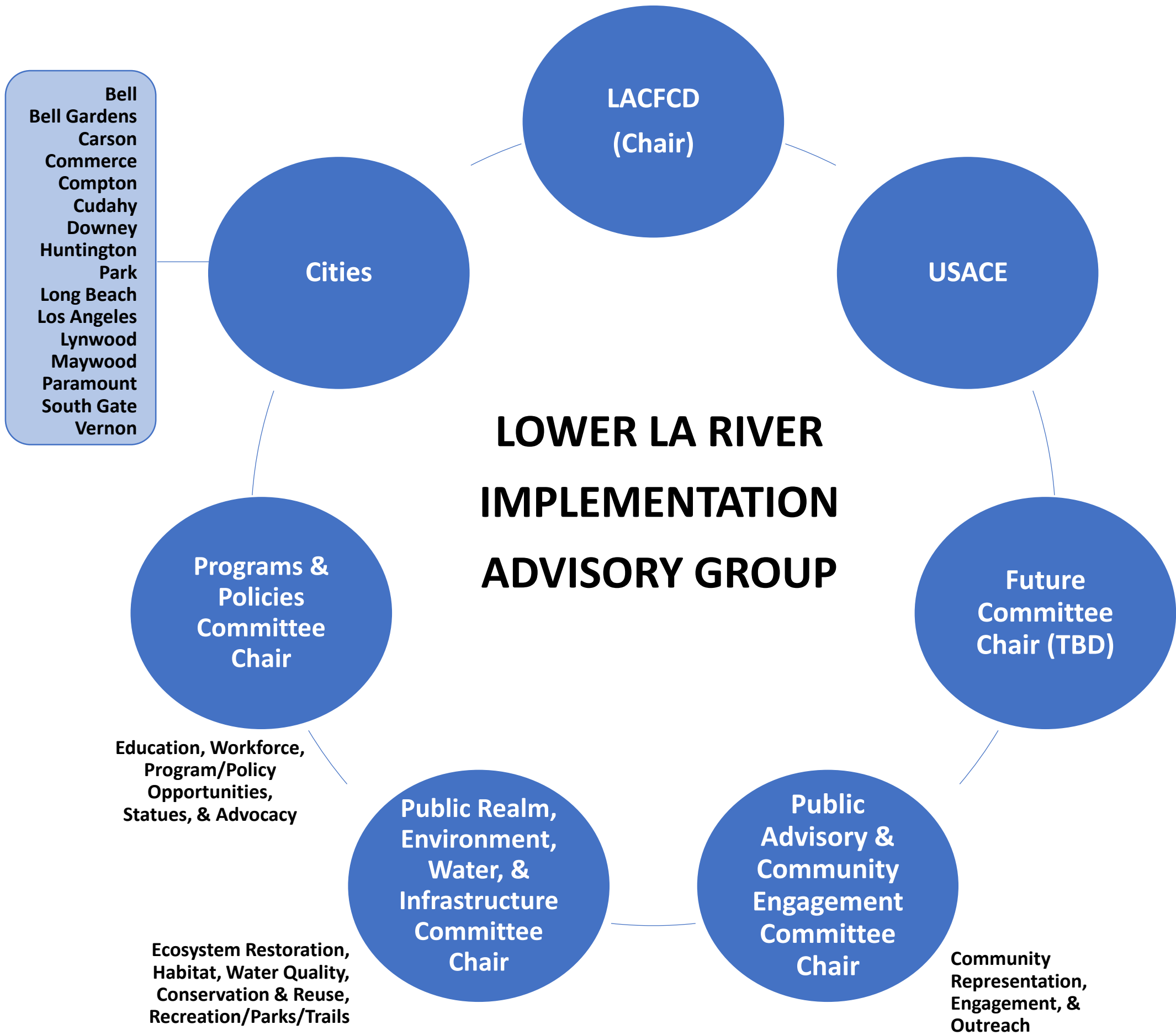
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Lower LA River Revitalization Plan Goals & Objectives

Public Realm

Create diverse, vibrant public spaces, along and connected to the Lower Los Angeles River resulting in safe, inviting, healthy green spaces that support diverse local communities, allowing equitable access to nature and a variety of recreational, entertainment, multi-modal transportation and socio-economic opportunities that enhances quality of life and sustains watershed health.

- Enhance connectivity
- Improve user experience and equitable access
- Enhance and create diverse, vibrant public spaces

Community Economics, Health, & Equity

To ensure that a restored Los Angeles River promotes health, equity, and brings economic and environmental benefits to all residents and local small businesses and does not contribute to gentrification and displacement. Revitalization efforts should build the resilience of residents and small businesses against gentrification and displacement, foster collective community identity and pride and increase economic mobility and opportunities for local populations. Restoration must prioritize and promote inclusivity, health and equity, and climate resilience. In short – Lower Los Angeles River revitalization must be a model of equitable redevelopment, one that ensures that healthy communities investments in these communities benefits existing families and generations to come.

- Prevent local gentrification-induced displacement
- Address homelessness
- Support and develop local business and workforce
- Increase equitable community access to multi-use trails, bikeways, and assets
- Promote wellness and physical activity
- Increase community green infrastructure

Water and Environment

Conserve and restore natural river and watershed functions while managing flood risk, enhancing the long-term ecosystem and environmental impacts of urbanization on the LLAR, floodplains, and associated habitats.

- Manage flood risk
- Enhance local water capture and use
- Improve environmental quality
- Conserve, enhance, and restore habitat, biodiversity, and floodplain functions

Lower LA River Implementation Advisory Group Committees

Committee Overview

- Programs & Policies
 - Program/policy/funding opportunities, education, workforce, community health, environmental justice, other equity issues, and Watershed Education Plan advancement
- Public Realm, Environment, Water, & Infrastructure
 - Ecosystem restoration, habitat, water quality, conservation & reuse, recreation/parks/trails
 - Studies/research related to these topics, active/planned projects, and multi-benefit opportunities
- Public Advisory & Community Engagement
 - Community representation, engagement, outreach, and forum

Expectations:

- Committee Chairs to schedule and facilitate committee meetings and coordinate with LACFCD as needed
- Committee meetings to be held quarterly before each quarterly IAG meeting
- Committee meetings to be open to the public
- Meeting schedule and materials (agenda, summary, and other documents) to be posted on the Lower LA River website
 - Committee Chairs to provide meeting schedule and materials to LACFCD for website updates
- Committee Chairs or a designated representative to represent their committees and provide comments and recommendations at the IAG meetings
- Each committee to set measurable annual goals

Project Review Process

- Project Team to provide information to LACFCD for project to be reviewed by the IAG at the concept stage;
- LACFCD staff to conduct preliminary review of the project and provide to the appropriate committee to be the lead;
- Project Team to present the project to the lead committee;
- A proposed project package to be circulated among the committees for review and comment;
 - Optional: Project Team to revise and resubmit to committees
- Project Team to present the project at IAG meeting(s);
- IAG members to provide comments and recommendations to Project Team; and
- Project Team to submit permit request to the appropriate agencies.

Note: Approximate turnaround time is 3 months

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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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