

**LOWER LA RIVER
PROGRAMS & POLICIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Conservation Corps of Long Beach
340 Nieto Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90814**

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**

We held a general discussion of what role the Programs and Policies Committee would play in the project assessment process. It is envisioned that project applicant (for projects along the Lower River) would submit a packet of information describing the project to the Committee. The Committee would then convene to provide comments on the project. The Chair of the Committee would then communicate those comments at an IAG meeting with the other Committee Chairs. While the IAG does not have authority to permit or reject a project, it is anticipated that the project applicant and permitting agency will take the comments into consideration.

- b. Determine committee structure to accomplish committee roles**
 - i. Membership (terms, maximum number of members)**
 - Membership in the Committee should initially be comprised primarily of LLAR Working Group members; organizations, not individuals
 - Additional members should be organizations or agencies with history along the LLAR
 - The Committee has no budget or funding, but this is something the Committee could explore. (Eg. Funding for outreach from the Board of Supervisors.)

ii. Committee role in the project review process

iii. Meeting structure

- It is anticipated that the Committee will meet quarterly. The Committee is open to meeting at different locations, but anticipates meeting at the Conservation Corps of Long Beach until further notice.

IV. Chair and Additional Members

- The Committee still needs to officially elect/name a Chair and an Alternate. Public Counsel expressed an interest in serving as Chair.

V. Open Forum/Public Comment

- We held a general conversation on law enforcement along the Lower River. Each city along the River has the policing responsibility within their city limits. The Committee discussed approaches to maintaining public safety, from traditional policing to River Rangers. The general consensus was that there needed to be a balance between public safety concerns and creating a welcoming environment along the River.

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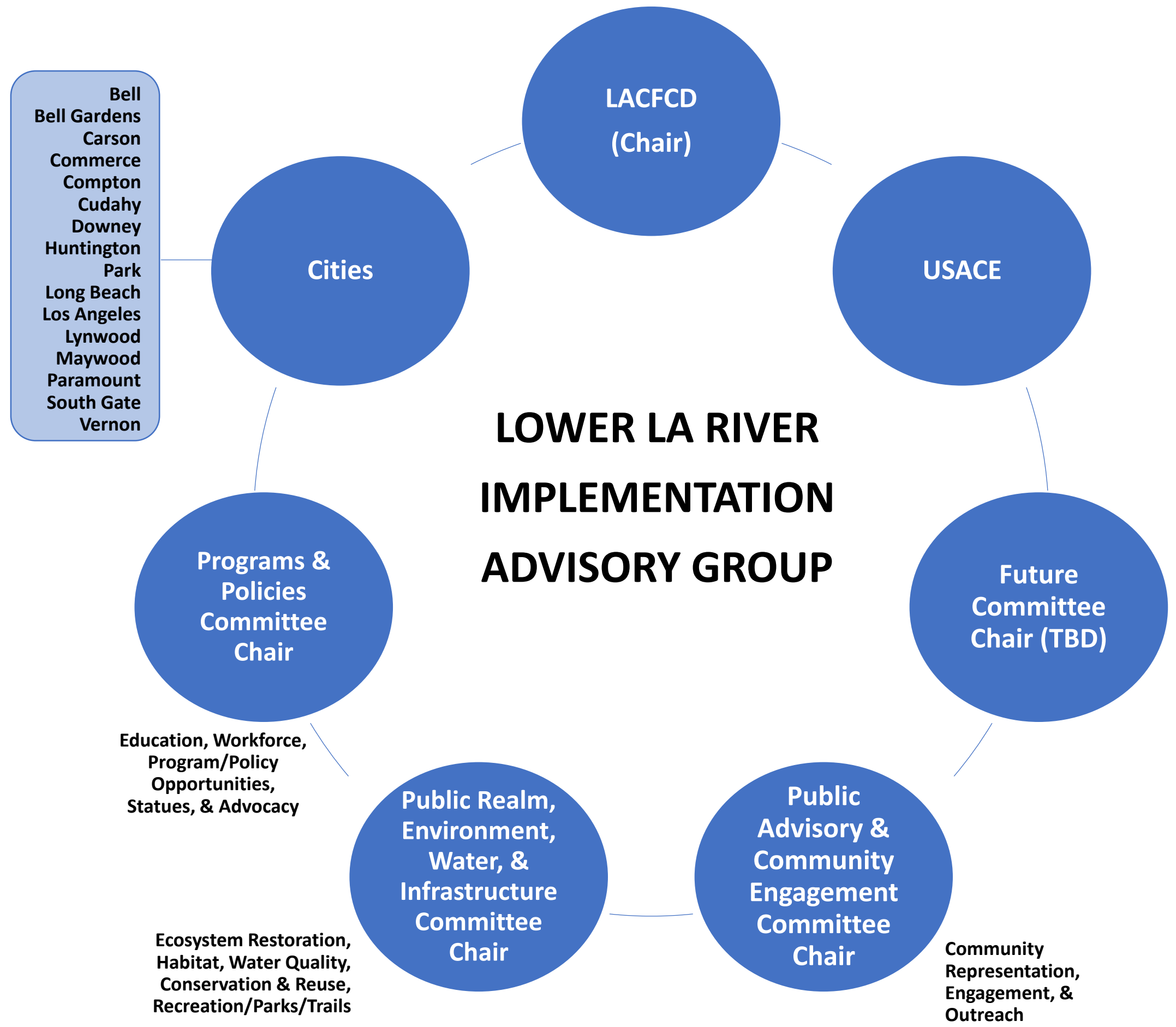
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Lower LA River Implementation Advisory Group Committees

Committee Overview

Committees:

- Programs & Policies
 - Education, workforce, program/policy opportunities, statutes, and advocacy
- Public Realm, Environment, Water, & Infrastructure
 - Ecosystem restoration, habitat, water quality, conservation & reuse, recreation/parks/trails
- Public Advisory & Community Engagement
 - Community representation, engagement, and outreach
- Future Committee (as needed)

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

Suggested Committee Focus Areas

Programs & Policies

- Funding opportunities
- Legislation
- Equity issues
- Watershed Education Plan advancement

Public Realm, Environment, Water, & Infrastructure

- Studies/research related to these topics
- Active/planned projects
- Multi-benefit opportunities

Public Advisory & Community Engagement

- Community engagement and outreach (IAG, river related, etc.)
- Community Forum

Project Review Process

- Project Team to provide information to LACFCD for project to be reviewed by the IAG;
- 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.

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

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Meeting No. 1

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