## Lower Los Angeles River Implementation Advisory Group Meeting

November 21, 2019 | 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Compton Creek Natural Park 941 W Cressey St, Compton, CA 90222

#### Summary

**Purpose & Charge:** Provide a public venue for discussion of proposed projects related to the Lower LA River, ensure proposed projects are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan, and maximize multi-use opportunities and community benefits

#### I. Welcome & Introductions

#### **II.** Committee Meeting Summary

Kayla Kelly-Slatten (Conservation Corps of Long Beach) gave a brief recap of the previous joint meetings of the Public Realm, Environment, Water & Infrastructure; Public Advisory & Community Engagement; and Programs & Policies Committees. Mainly, there appears to be a declining interest in the committees as observed from low participation rates. Future meetings will include discussion of eligibility requirements and funding availability in hopes to increase member involvement.

#### III. Discussion Items

a. Rio Hondo Confluence Area Project (RHCAP)

Mark Hanna (Geosyntec) and Jessica Henson (Olin) gave a presentation (slides attached) on the status of LA County Public Works' Rio Hondo Confluence Area Project. The presentation covered the previous and ongoing community engagement, data driven conclusions, and technical feasibility of the project.

The RHCAP is considering 12 opportunity sites within the confluence area.

#### Questions:

**Bruno Nauls (City of Lynwood)**: There was initially a plan for a bridge near Hollydale Park, why are these plans looking at options further North?

 There are complicated hydraulics in this reach of the LA River, so there are limited sites and basically only one feasible location for a pedestrian bridge across the river. The Lynwood Connector is being investigated in areas close to this pedestrian bridge.

Laura Cortez (East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice): What is the feedback loop between community engagement for the RHCAP and the SELA Cultural Center?

 RMC will have a complementary community engagement process focused on the programming at the Cultural Center. The community engagement



for the RHCAP is identifying which features the community wants in their neighborhood.

How many people were at the first community engagement meeting, and where was is?

 There were over 100 people in attendance and it was held at South Gate Girl's Club House.

Has the project talked with SoCal Edison or LADWP about putting the transmission lines underground?

• There have been conversations with both agencies but it is still very preliminary.

**Jim Meyer (trails4all)**: The public outreach isn't capturing transient users of the park space, only the adjacent community. Also, the park needs assessment doesn't identify the types of parks, it isn't one size fits all. Finally, don't let perfect be the enemy of good.

Overall, there was general consensus that the Rio Hondo Confluence Area Project is consistent with the LLARRP at this stage of development.

b. Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Park District

Suely Saro (RMC) provided an update on the Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Park District. The district will have a boundary similar to the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan.

There were no comments or questions.

c. DeForest Park Community Site

Kayla Kelly-Slatten (CCLB) provided an update on the DeForest Park Community Site. The site will include an Environmental and Community Center. Community workshops will resume in January 2020 and construction will begin in April 2020.

#### Questions:

Laura Cortez (EYCEJ): Is there funding to construct? Yes.

For additional questions, contact Kayla Kelly-Slatten.

d. Los Angeles River Master Plan Update

Keith Lilley (LA County Public Works) provided an update on the Los Angeles River Master Plan Update. The County is currently working on updating the LA River Master Plan, scheduled to be completed in Summer of 2020. The project team is developing the draft master plan, which is planned to be shared with the steering committee in January. The team has also developed sample project sites that serve as an exercise of the Master Plan's needs, opportunity sites, and kit of parts in action. The goals, actions and methods, opportunity sites, and kit of parts have also been shared with the public during the third and final round of community meetings, which recently concluded this week. The next Steering Committee Meeting #8 is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> at LA County Public Works.



#### Upcoming events:

- East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
   River Talks November 21, 2019 from 6 to 8 PM in Lynwood.
- o Community Event Summer 2020
- o Steering Committee Meeting #8 on December 12, 2019

#### Questions:

Laura Cortez (EYCEJ): When do you anticipate a draft? May 2020.

Keith Lilley proposed having more complete updates at future meetings, which was agreed on by IAG members.

#### IV. Project Information Packet

a. Draft Discussion

Lee Alexanderson (LA County Public Works) asked for input on the current questions of the Project Information Packet. There was no comment from IAG members.

#### V. RMC Update

Joe Gonzales (RMC) provided an update on RMC events. A handout is attached with the information.

#### VI. Open Forum / Public Comment

There will be a community engagement meeting for EYCEJ's Sleepy Lagoon Project on January 25, 2020 from 10am–1pm. Location TBA.

#### VII. Next Steps

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- b. Committee Meeting January 2020
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## **LOWER LA RIVER**

#### IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

**NOVEMBER 21, 2019** 



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## PRESENTATION: RIO HONDO CONFLUENCE AREA PROJECT



COMMENT SESSION: RIO HONDO CONFLUENCE AREA PROJECT



# UPDATE: LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT



## COMMENT SESSION: LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT



## UPDATE: DEFOREST PARK COMMUNITY SITE



COMMENT SESSION: DEFOREST PARK COMMUNITY SITE



## UPDATE: LA RIVER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

### LA RIVER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- > For Information:
  - LARiverMasterPlan.org

- > Contact Information:
  - > LARiver@dpw.lacounty.gov



**COMMENT SESSION: LA RIVER MASTER PLAN UPDATE** 

## PROJECT INFORMATION FORM





## RMC UPDATE





## OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT





## NEXT STEPS





### **NEXT STEPS**

- Committee Meetings
  - ➤ January 2019
- > IAG Meeting
  - ➤ Date: February 2020

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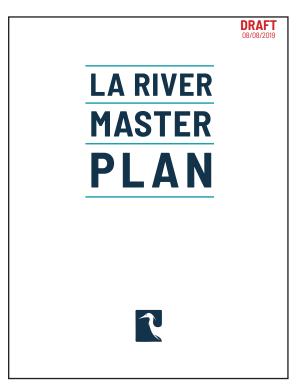


#### RIO HONDO CONFLUENCE

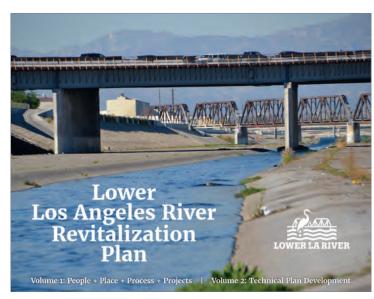


## PREVIOUS AND ONGOING PLANNING

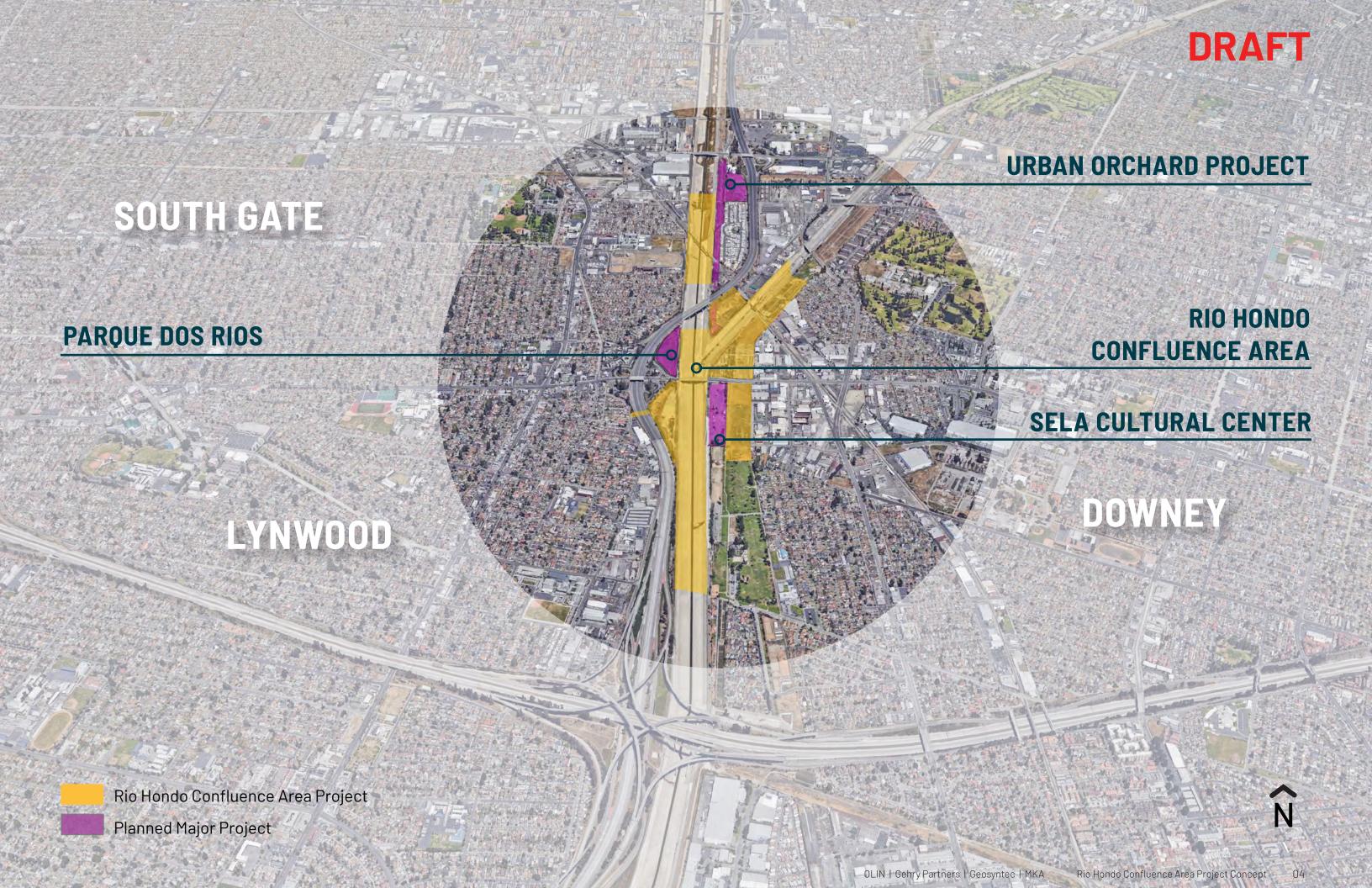
#### LA RIVER MASTER PLAN (ONGOING)



#### **LOWER LA RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN (2017)**







LOWER LA RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN

(2017)

"...The Working Group and public have recommended to transform the confluence into a key anchor point and asset...and the public ultimately nominated it as a signature project."

#### **KEY PLAN**

Planned Major Project

Source: Lower LA River Revitalization Plan, pg 65, 2017.





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Rio Honda Confluence Area Project Concept

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## **URBAN ORCHARD PROJECT**

#### **DESIGN PHASE**

- Led by Trust for Public Land and City of South Gate
- The park will offer recreational amenities such as an orchard with fruit trees, picnic areas, bike/pedestrian trails, wetland with native fish species, nature play area, community building, educational garden, fitness equipment, and native plant palette
- Phase 1: ~End of 2021 Construction Completion

#### **KEY PLAN**







## PARQUE DOS RIOS

#### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

- The plan for the site is to create a natural area for wildlife, with a habitat viewing deck adjacent to the bike path that will overlook the natural area and the San Gabriel Mountains as well as be a place for rest, reflection and relaxation along the bike path.
- 2020 Completion

#### **KEY PLAN**



**PARQUE DOS RIOS** 



Planned Major Project

Source: Watershed Conservation Authority, Parque Does Rios, https://www.wca.ca.gov/parque\_dos\_rios, Accessed 09/27/18.



## SELA CULTURAL CENTER

#### **CONCEPT AND PROGRAMMING**

- Led by Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
- Site Selection and Feasibility Study performed Summer 2019
- Concept Design anticipated for Fall 2019
- Cultural Center will include Music and Visual Arts, and Cultural/
   Community program spaces
- Between Imperial Highway and Hollydale Regional Park

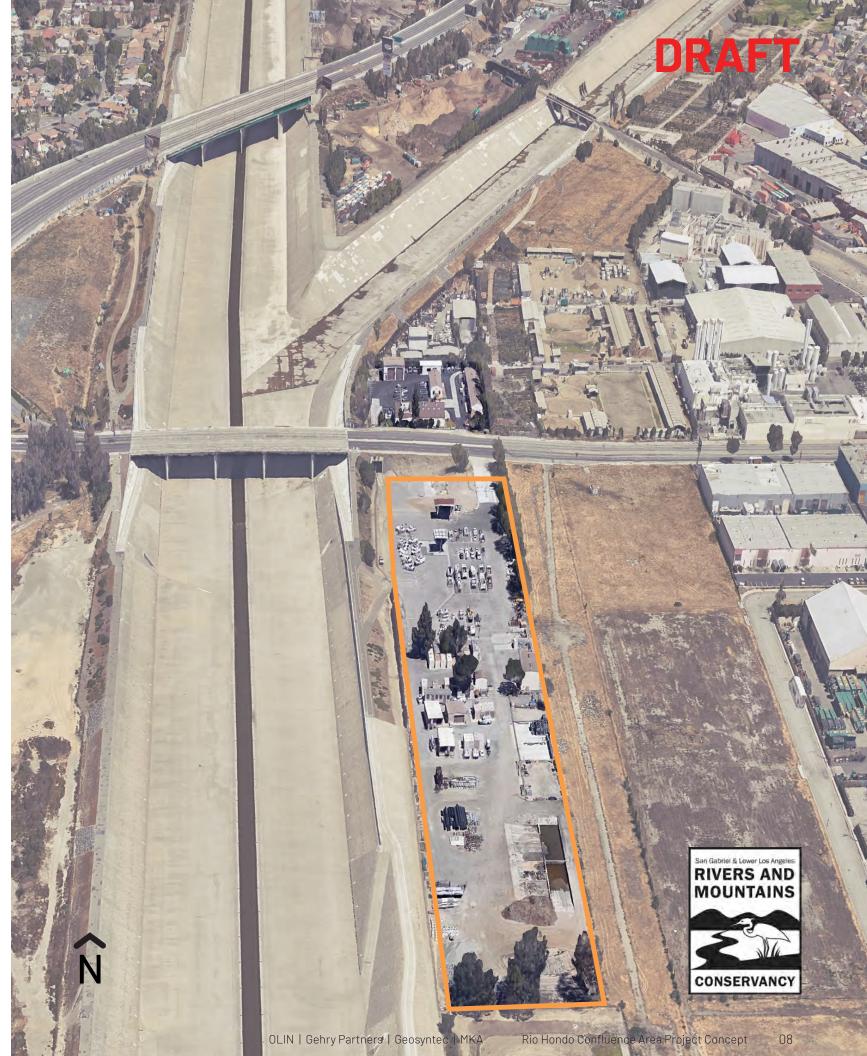
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**SELA CULTURAL CENTER** 

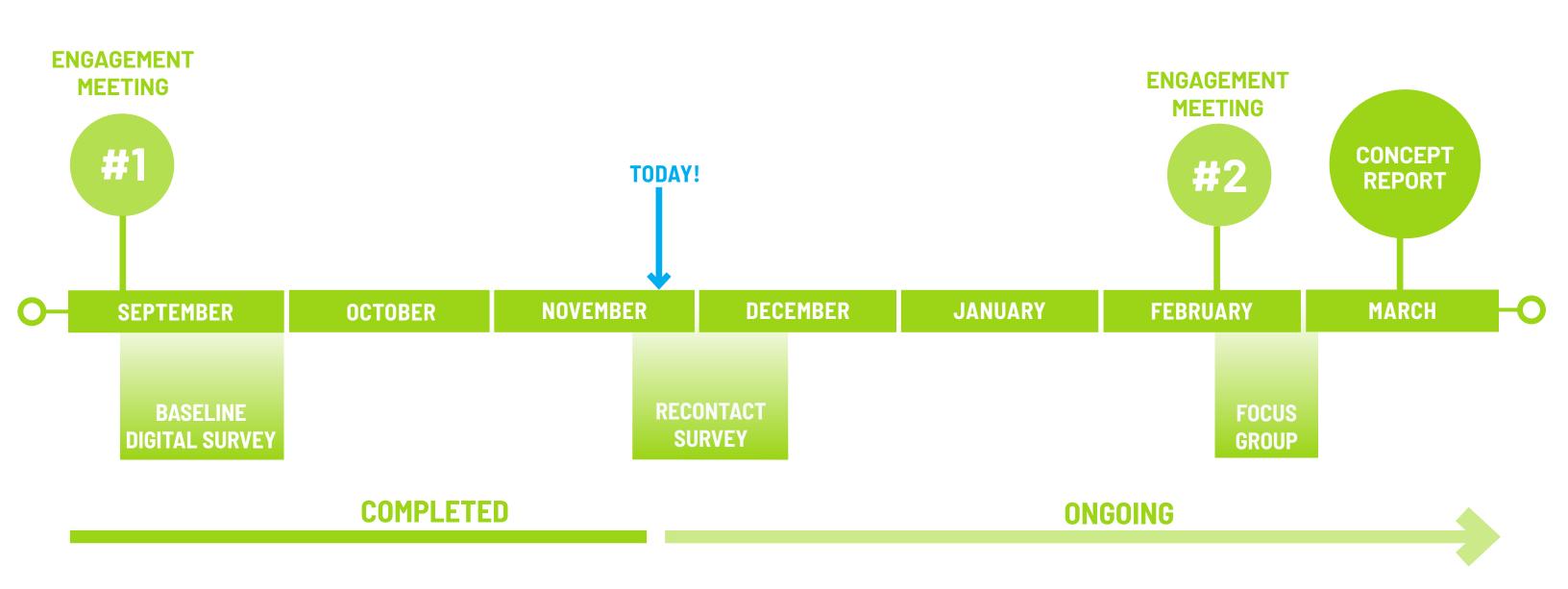
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Planned Major Project





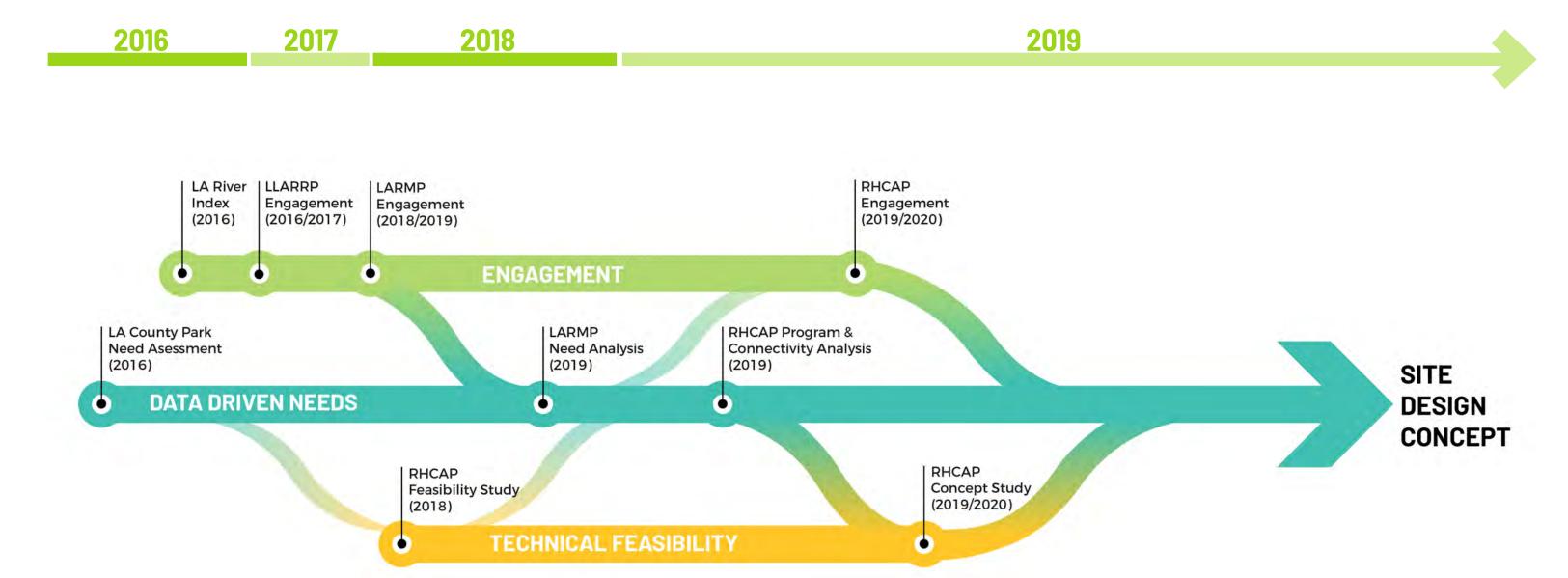
## CONCEPT STUDY TIMELINE 2019 / 2020





### PROJECT APPROACH

ENGAGEMENT, DATA DRIVEN NEEDS, TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY





## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**

## **DIGITAL**

We want to hear from you! Take the Rio Hondo **Confluence Area Project Survey** 



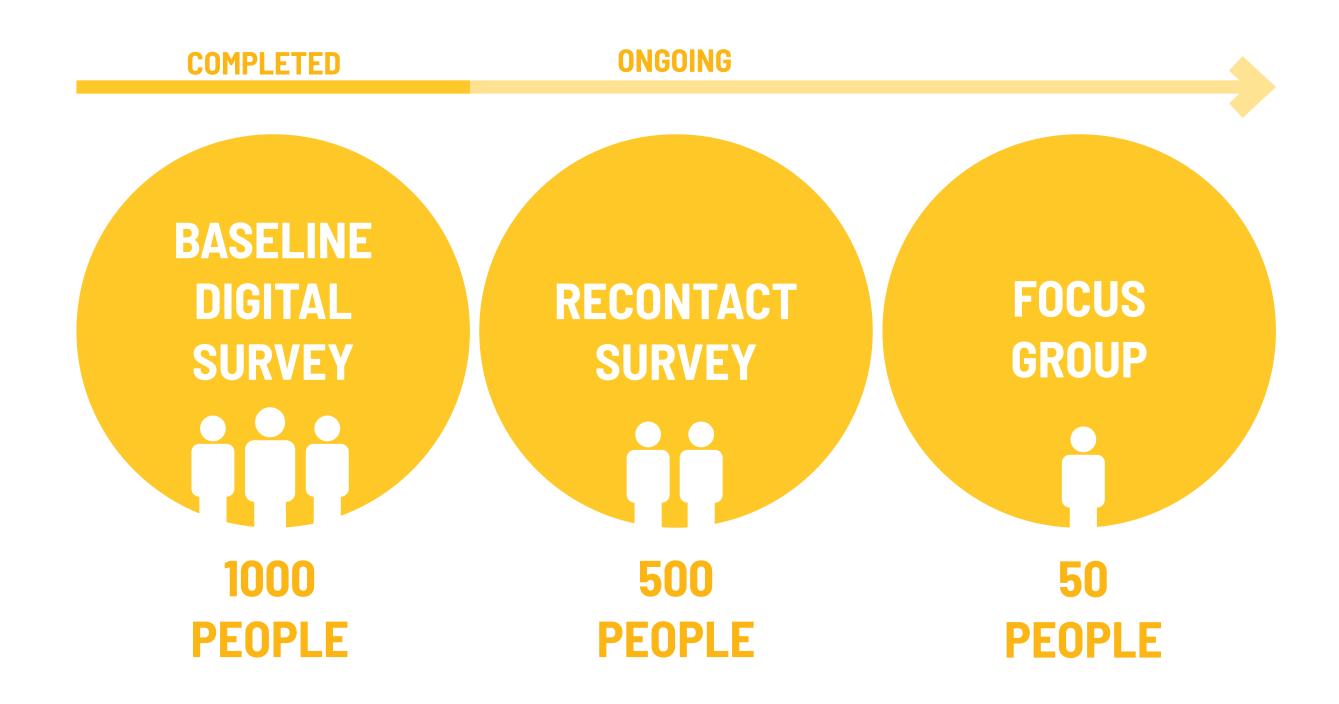
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- BASELINE DIGITAL SURVEY
- RECONTACT SURVEY
- FOCUS GROUP



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## DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT TOOLS



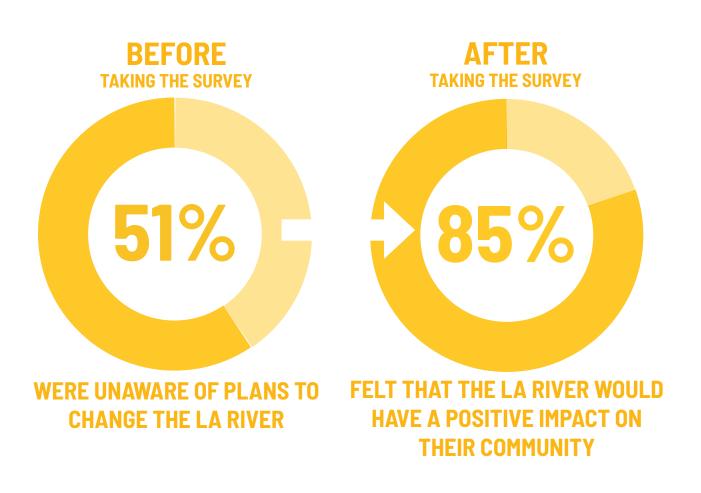
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## **BASELINE DIGITAL SURVEY**

#### **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

**Activities found to have the greatest benefit for the community:** 

- **1** RESTORATION OF WILDLIFE HABITAT
- 2 INCREASED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
- **3** OPEN SPACE FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES







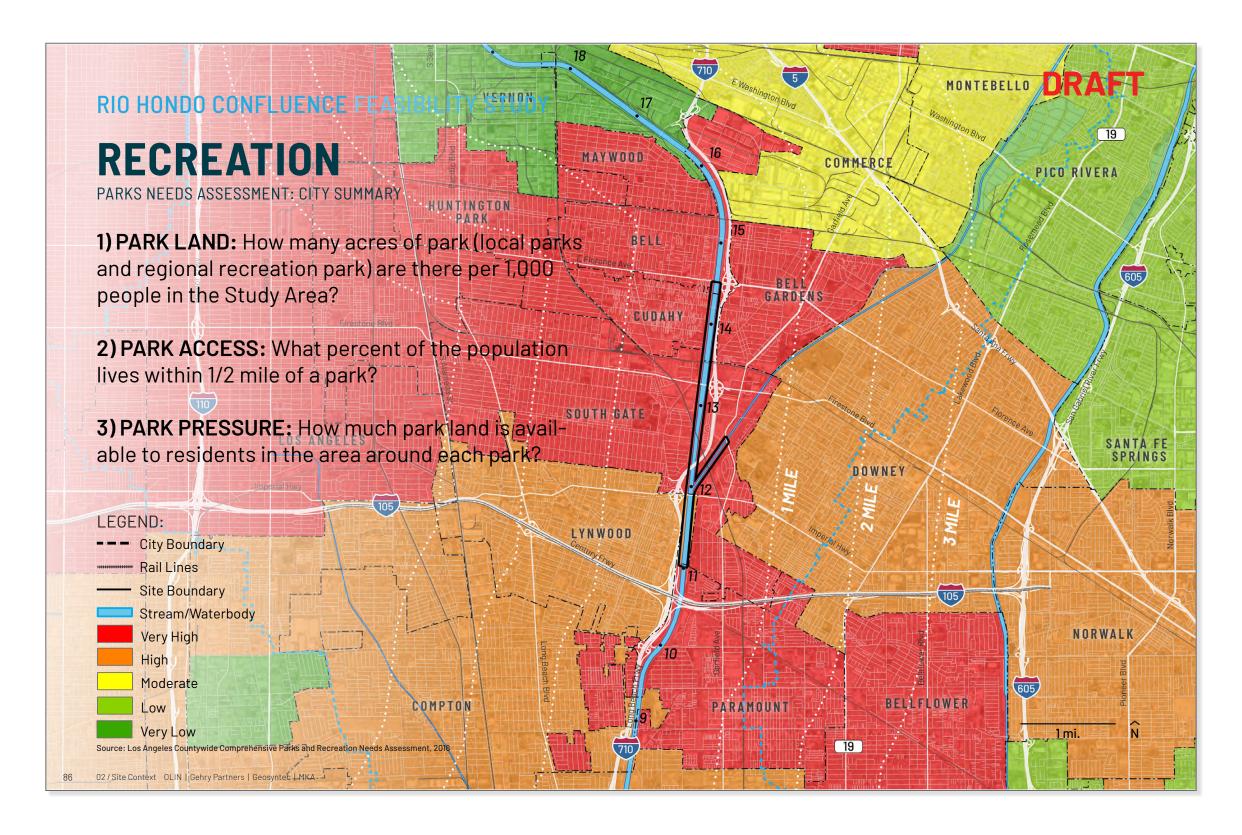
## **RECONTACT SURVEY & FOCUS GROUPS**

**NOVEMBER DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY ONLINE CHAT GROUP BUILDS ON INSIGHTS OF BASELINE SURVEY FLUID DIALOG ABOUT FOCUS RECONTACT THE RIVER & PROJECTS UNDERSTAND REASONS GROUP SURVEY BEHIND OPINIONS &** REPRESENTIVE SAMPLE **THOUGHTS OF PEOPLE FROM RIO HONDO AREA** 





## PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT (2016)



### DATA DRIVEN MELDS

## LARMP NEEDS AMALYSIS

### FLOOD RISK REDUCTION

The river's highest flood risk reduction need is located further north in the Narrows and in the San Fernando Valley. Here channel capacity is relatively high and the need to maintain the level of flood risk reduction is critical.

### ACCESS

A current lack of a continuous LA River Trail as well as a trail up the Rio Hondo results in a moderate to high need for access improvements within the project area. The need to better connect existing trails to adjacent and inland communities is shown by the large areas of moderate to high need.

### **ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION**

A high population density and low number of engagement and education assets near the river has resulted in a moderate to high need score for communities near the project area.

**GENERAL** 

### PARKS

While the LA River corridor itself does not register as having a high park need due to the fact it is not directly populated, communities immediately adjacent, especially to the west and north edges of the project area have high and very high park needs.

### **ARTS AND CULTURE**

A high population density and low number of arts and cultural assets nearby has resulted in a high to very high need score for communities near the project

### WATER SUPPLY

Water supply need is generally moderate to high in this area due to its location over the Central Basin and the reliance of local water purveyors on groundwater supply.

### **ECOSYSTEMS**

There is a very high need for ecosystem improvements within the project area. Need tends to increase around confluences and tributaries and is further heightened in areas that are less developed but are unprotected.

### HOUSING AVAILABILITY

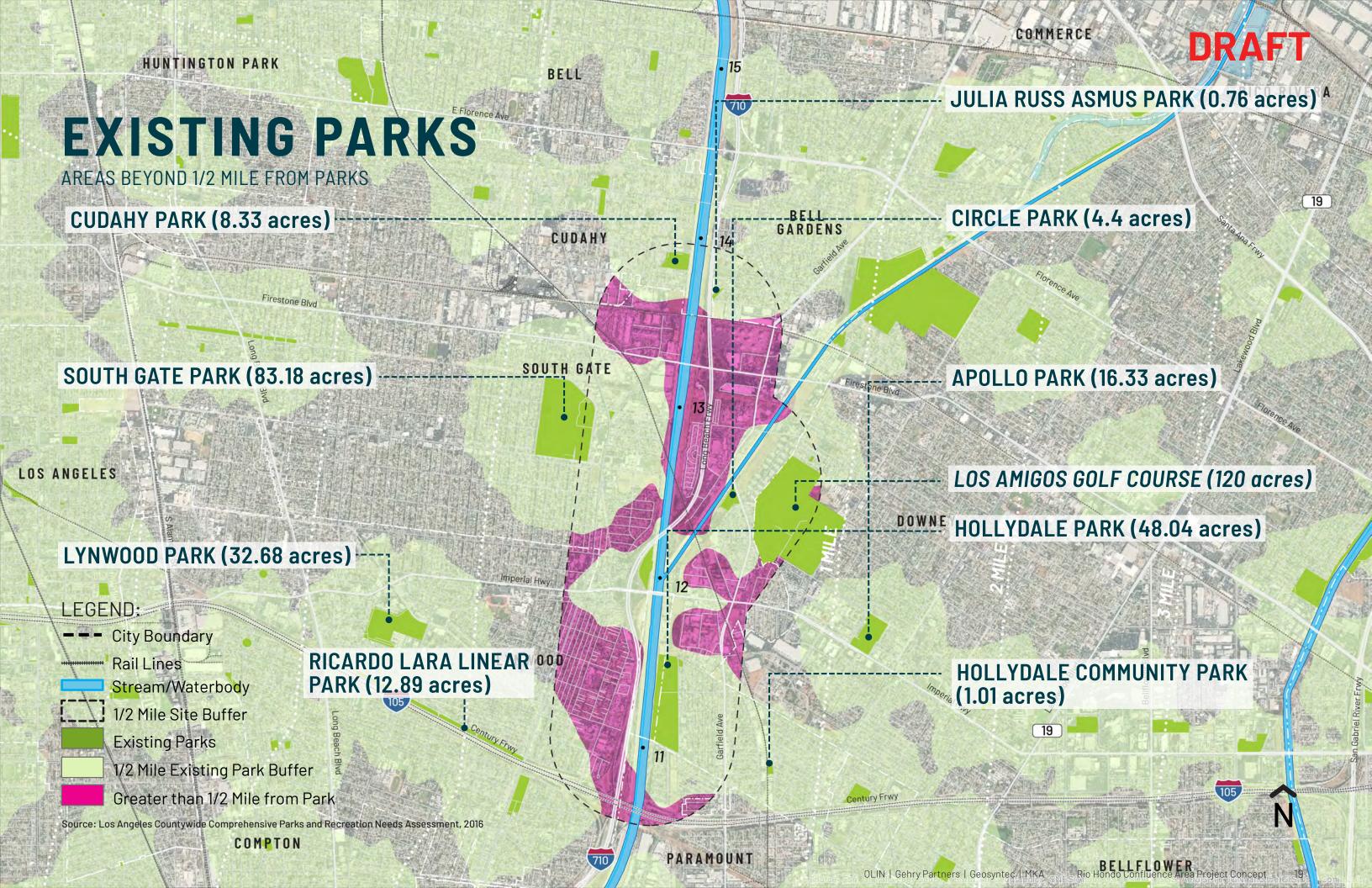
Our ently there is only a general to moderate housing affordability need in the project area compared to other neighborhoods in Los Angeles, however, improvements along the LA River and the addition of parks is likely to increase rent and property values thereby increasing risk of displacement.

### WATER QUALITY

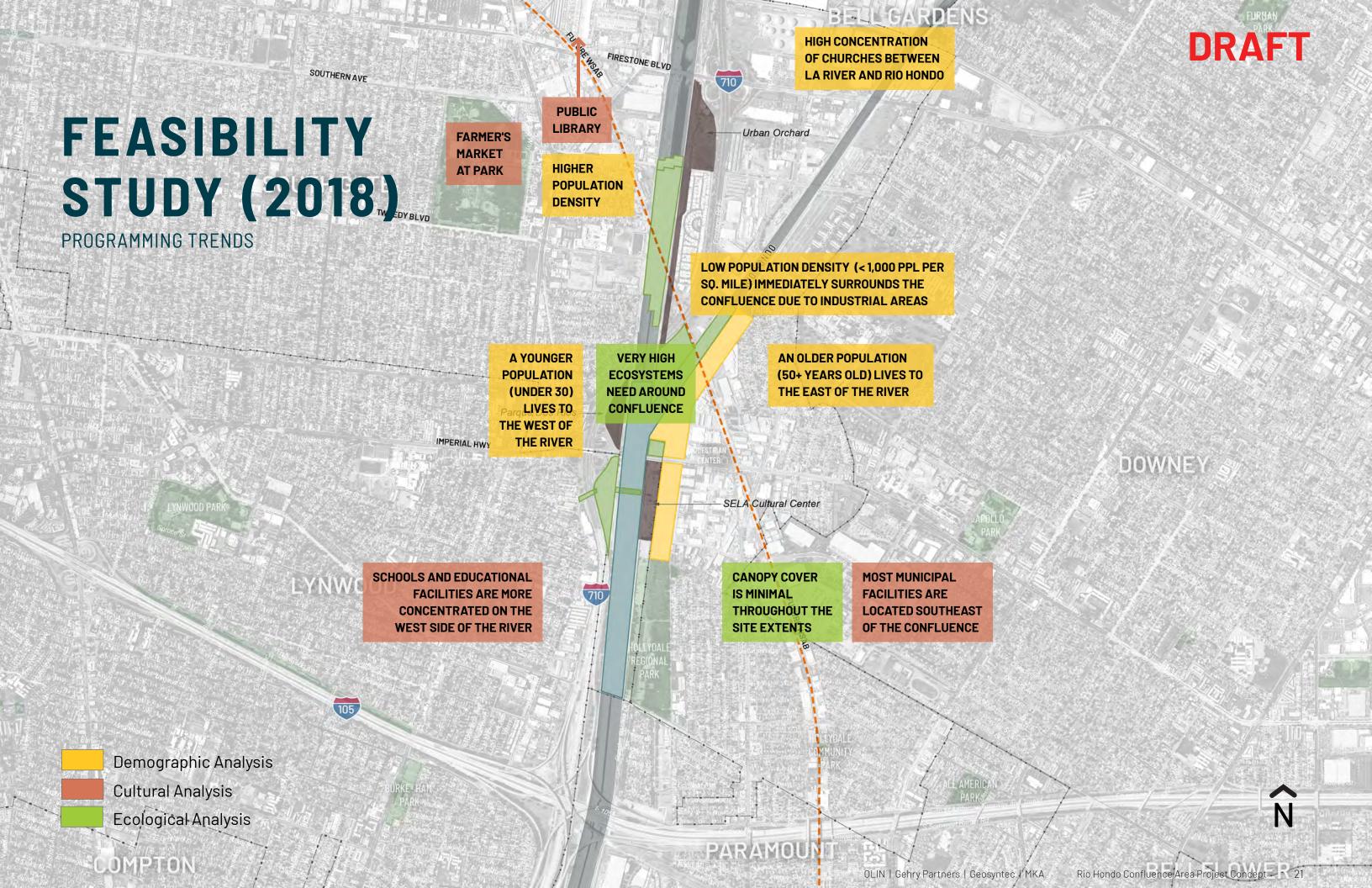
Water quality is a major concern in this area with direct draining subwatersheds having a high to very high need for water quality improvements.

**MODERATE** 

HIGH









## DATA DRIVEN PROGRAMMING



**WATER** 

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- Wetlands
- Subsurface Gallery



ECOSYSTEMS, NATURE, AND HABITAT

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- Wetland Habitat
- Low-Flow / In-Channel Habitat
- Gardens And Arboreta
- Tree/Plant Nursery
- Nature Center



**EDUCATION** 

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Water Education
 Center



TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- Pedestrian
- Bikeways
- Equestrian
- Maintenance
- Transit Hub



CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- Cultural Center
- Sculpture Garden
- Performance/ Event Space
- Cafe/Food
- Pavilions
- Play Space (Children, Teens)
- Meeting Space
- Dog Park
- Parking



**RECREATION** 

#### **EXAMPLES:**

- Soccer
- Baseball/Softball
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Boating / Fishing (Confluence Point)
- Fitness Center
- Skate Park

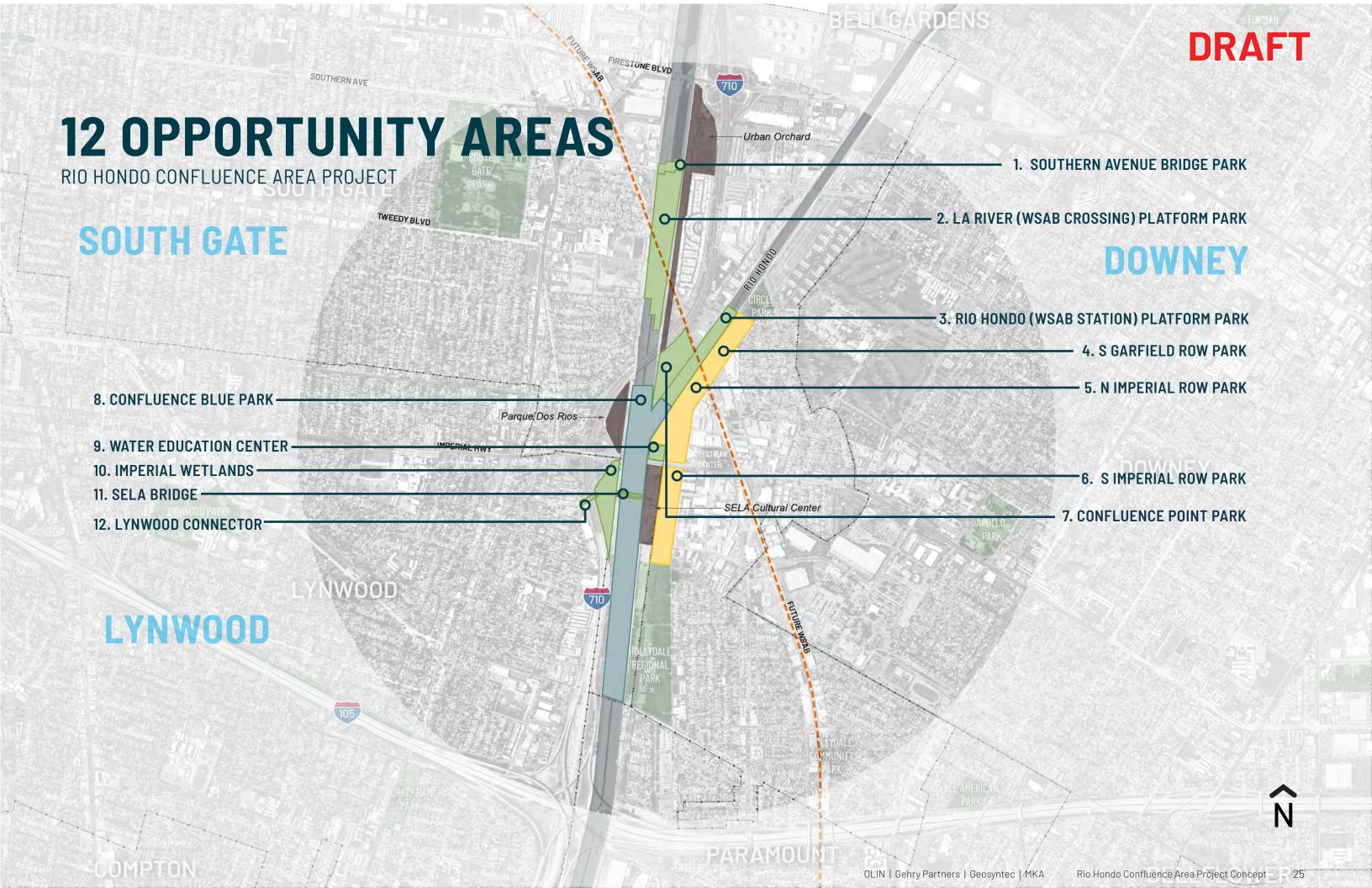




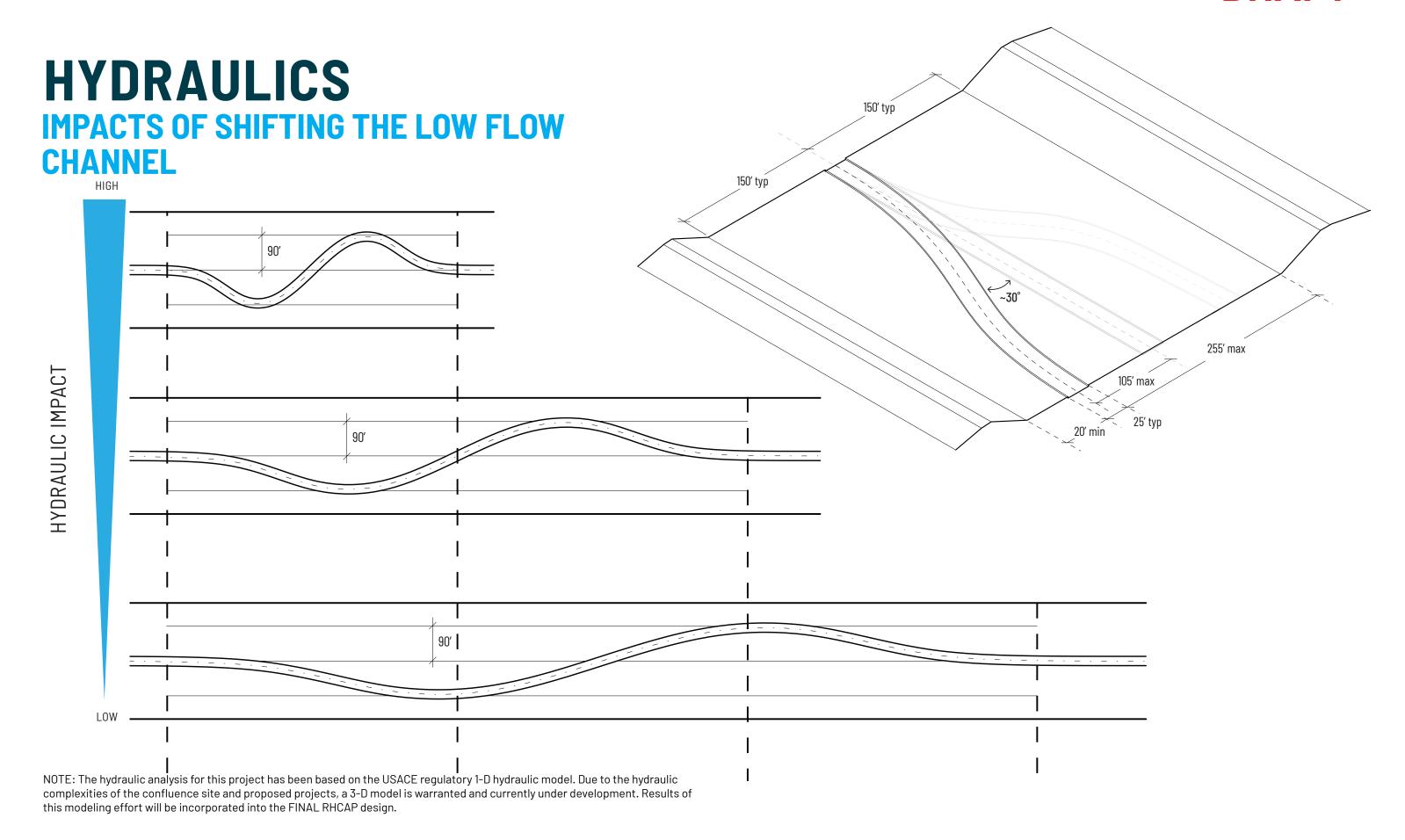
## CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

LAND TYPES	PLATFORM	ADJACENT	ADJACENT (TRANSMISSION RIGHT OF WAY)	IN-CHANNEL	TOP OF LEVEE
OPPORTUNITIES	<ul> <li>Land owned by LA County Public Works</li> <li>Year-round use</li> <li>Improves access across the river</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Construction may be cost effective if land is already owned by LA County or a municipality and not contaminated</li> <li>Year-round use</li> <li>Improves river access</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Construction may be cost effective if land is not contaminated</li> <li>Improves river access</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Land owned by LA County Public Works</li> <li>Improves river access</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Land owned by LA County Public Works</li> <li>Improves river access</li> </ul>
CONSTRAINTS	<ul> <li>Weight must be considered</li> <li>Hydraulic constraints on number of walls / piers in channel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Potential ownership issues</li> <li>Potential contamination issues and high remediation costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Potential ownership issues</li> <li>No long-term uses</li> <li>Height restrictions</li> <li>Limited permanent structures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No year-round use</li> <li>Need to ensure water quality protection</li> <li>Hydraulic restrictions</li> <li>Extensive permitting needed to modify existing channel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Narrow space for programming</li> <li>Hydraulic restrictions</li> <li>Extensive permitting needed to modify existing levee</li> </ul>





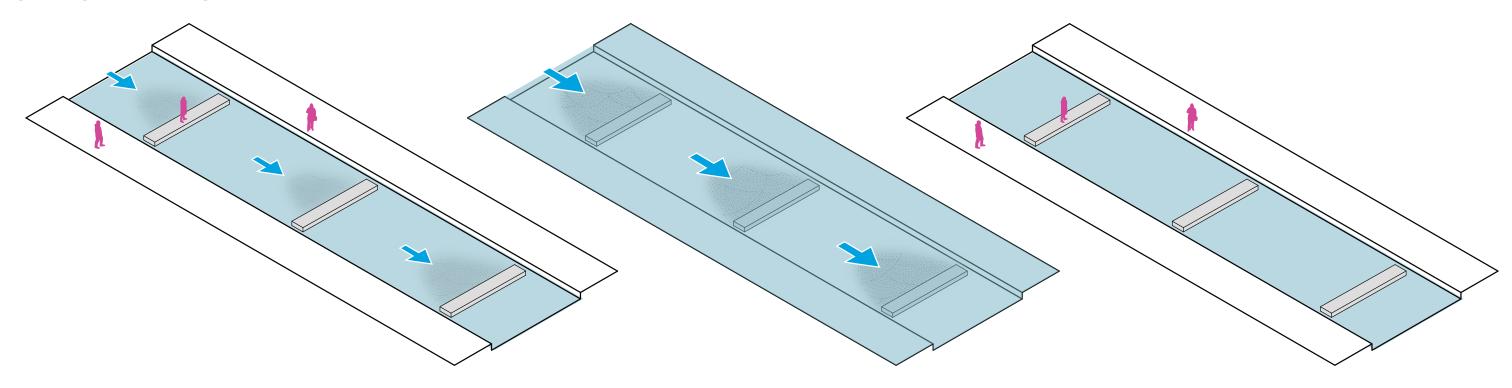
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## **HYDRAULICS**

### **CHECK DAMS**



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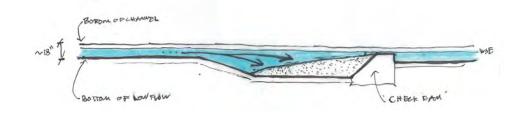
In normal low flow conditions, check dams allow for sediment and vegetation to temporarily build-up directly behind the dam.

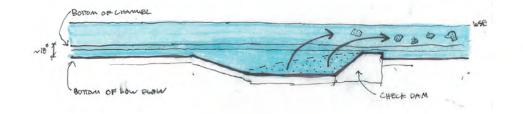
#### 2. HIGH FLOW

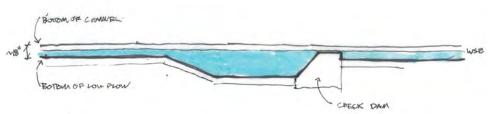
In higher flow conditions, the sediment and vegetation would be flushed by the force of the water and the check dams would not impact channel capacity.

#### 3. FLUSH

Following major storm events, the low flow channel would return to its pre-build up state.







NOTE: The hydraulic analysis for this project has been based on the USACE regulatory 1-D hydraulic model. Due to the hydraulic complexities of the confluence site and proposed projects, a 3-D model is warranted and currently under development. Results of this modeling effort will be incorporated into the FINAL RHCAP design.

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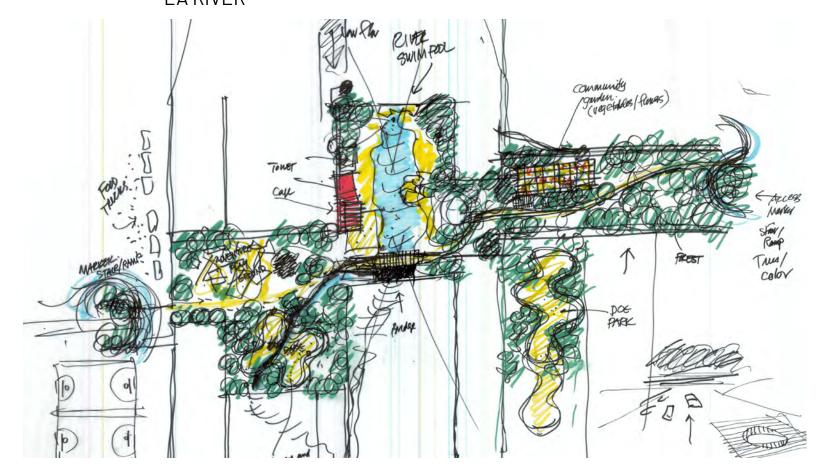
## **CONCEPT SKETCHES**

### **SOUTHERN AVENUE BRIDGE PARK**



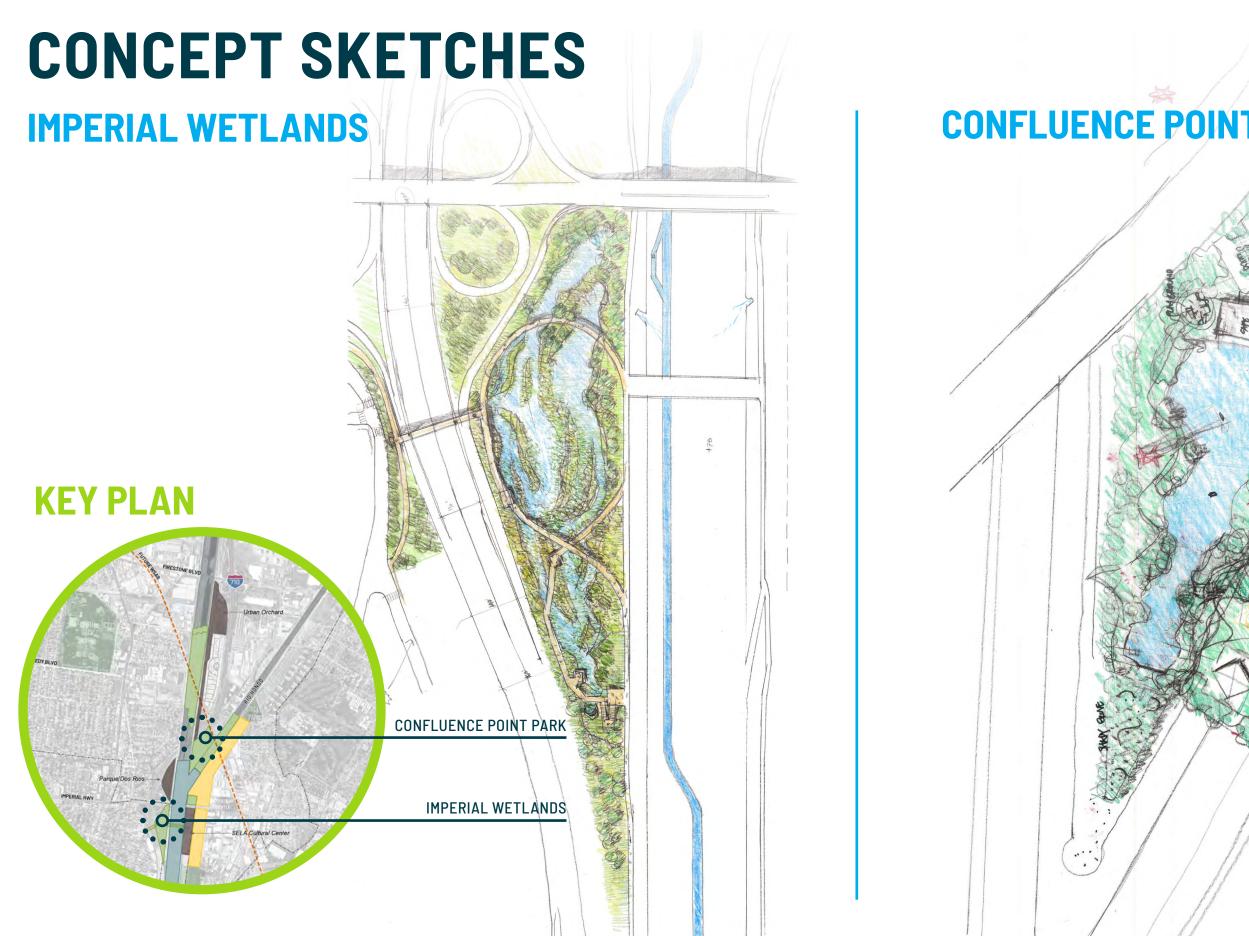
### **KEY PLAN**







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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### **November - December**

• Recontact Survey

### **February**

- Community Engagement Meeting #2
- Online Focus Group



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INPUT, QUESTIONS, IDEAS?

Contact Lee Alexanderson at (626)-458-4370 or LAlexanderson@pw.lacounty.gov



## Lower Los Angeles River Implementation Advisory Group

#### **Project Information Packet**

The Lower LA River Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) aims to ensure that projects are carried out in accordance with the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan and that stakeholders continue to have a voice during implementation. In its role as an advisory body, the IAG provides guidance on proposed projects, but ultimately, individual entities with jurisdiction along the river corridor including the LA County Flood Control District, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the cities will retain decision-making authority.

Project Name	Rio Hondo Confluence Area Project
Project Location	City of South Gate
Current Project Phase	Concept Design
Project Proponent	Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW)
Mailing Address	Stormwater Planning Division (11th Floor)
	900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803
Contact Person	Lee Alexanderson Department/Title LACPW / Civil Eng.
Email _	lalexanderson@dpw.lacounty.gov Phone (626) 458-4370

#### **Project Description** (Attach map / site layout / concept sketch):

As identified in the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (Plan), the Rio Hondo Confluence Area Project (Project) is located at one of the key opportunity sites along the Lower Los Angeles River and features the following potential improvements:

- Community/cultural arts center with amphitheater and historical focus
- Multiuse bridge parks to connect to adjacent communities
- Improved multiuse paths and connectivity
- Restored habitat and open spaces
- Vegetated river terraces and modified low-flow channel

One of the signature features of the Project is to incorporate the cultural identity and history of the southeast Los Angeles County communities into the overall programming and design of the site. A proposed Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Cultural Center being led by the State of California is envisioned be a focal point of the site and conceptual development will explore options to establish the Center as a key gathering place for the communities of southeast Los Angeles. A stop for Metro's West Santa Ana Branch is being considered, as well as potential impacts from I-710 Expansion. Maps attached.

References / Letters of Support (If available, list and attach):

#### **Project Discussion**

The intent of the Project Information Packet (PIP) is to help guide project proponents in developing projects that are consistent with the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP). Also, the PIP may identify areas where the IAG and its three Committees can serve as a resource to aid in finding funding, project partners, innovation, etc. The IAG Committees include Public Realm, Environment, Water & Infrastructure (PREWI), Programs & Policies (PP), and Public Advisory & Community Engagement (PACE).

The table below lists questions by topic and generally identifies which IAG Committee is the most involved with the certain topic. Please answer the following questions as completely as possible given the stage of the project.

	PREWI	ЬР	PACE	Question			
ıral				1. Is the project consistent with the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP)?			
Gene	Revitalization Plan (LLARRP)?  Explain: Yes. The Project was identified as one of the LLARRP's Signature Projects and developed through the Plan's robust communengagement process.						
				<b>2.</b> Does the project improve the overall water quality of the Los Angeles River?			
,	<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will mitigate any water quality impacts from its implementation and will seek opportunities to enhance the LA River's instream water quality where feasible.						
Water		3. Does the project implement stormwater capture, water conservation practices, and/or other methodologies?					
	<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will evaluate stormwater captur groundwater recharge in further detail, implement native dr tolerant and ecologically appropriate vegetation to reduce potable demand, and consider seasonal water storage areas within the LA as a source for on-site water.						
				<b>4.</b> What environmental documentation (CEQA, NEPA, etc.) will be required or has been completed for the project?			
				<b>Explain:</b> The Project will need to complete CEQA prior to construction; currently the Project is committed through conceptual design.			
nent				<b>5.</b> Are there any activities associated with the project that could impact the environment such as trash, pet waste, or chemicals?			
Environment				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will provide new public access to a previously closed off reach of the LA River. The public usage associated with the Project may increase publicly-generated trash and graffiti, provide refuge for people experiencing homelessness, and other challenges associated with urban parks, but will be mitigated by appropriate maintenance.			
				<b>6.</b> Will the project reduce or mitigate GHG emissions, improve air quality, and/or improve water quality?			

	PREWI	ЬР	PACE	Question	Yes	No
				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project has the potential to mitigate GHG emissions through carbon sequestration and improve air quality via habitat enhancement. Water quality will also be improved through the implementation of green infrastructure.		
ture			<b>7.</b> Will the project modify existing infrastructure such as flood control channels, open space, utility corridors, ROW land use, and transportation corridors?			
Infrastructure				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will modify the LA River's low-flow channel to create aesthetic in-channel modifications. The Project will include river crossings that connect to the existing bike path transportation corridor for enhanced public use and access. It will also investigate the use of utility corridors in the project area.		
٤				<b>8.</b> Does the project create habitat or improve ecosystem health within the watershed?		
Habitat & Ecosystem				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will establish native vegetation adjacent to and within the LA River consistent with flood risk management needs. Additionally, an adjacent wetland will create additional ecosystem services in the LA River watershed.		
labitat				<b>9.</b> Is there native Los Angeles River riparian/wetland vegetation planned for the project?		
_				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will establish native vegetation adjacent to and within the LA River.		
				10. Is the project multi-benefit?  Explain: Yes. The Project will provide benefits such enhanced public		
				access, recreation, water conservation, education, and transportation.  11. Does the project include a public safety aspect, (e.g., lighting, fencing, access, shade, etc.)?		
				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will utilize the Building Blocks such as Lighting, Safe Crossings, and Security from the LLARRP.		
_				12. Is the project located on public land for use by the public?		
Public Realm				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project is mainly within LA County Flood Control District right-of-way. It also includes adjacent parcels, most publicly-owned.		
ıblic				<b>13.</b> Does the project include interpretive and educational signage?		
Pu				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will utilize the Building Block of Signage from the LLARRP.		
				14. Does the project include any local art or cultural elements?		
				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will utilize the Building Block of Public Arts & Murals from the LLARRP. Additionally, LACPW is partnering with the State of California to develop the Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center at the Project site.		
				<b>15.</b> Does the project include nature-based solutions to address public land and community needs (e.g., trees for shade and air quality, wetlands for flood control and water quality, etc.)?		

	PREWI	РР	PACE	Question	Yes	No
				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will utilize the Building Blocks such as Bioswales and Shade from the LLARRP. There will be a proposed wetland for water quality and ecosystem services.		
				<b>15.</b> Is there potential funding the project proponent is seeking for the project?		
				<b>Explain:</b> Yes, additional funding for final design and implementation will be required.		
g u				<b>16.</b> Are there any funding gaps identified in the project?		
Funding				Explain: Not for this phase of the Project.		
죠				17. Are there any identified partnerships?		
				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. LACPW will be coordinating with project partners such as the City of South Gate, Speaker Rendon's Office, San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and other Lower LA River stakeholders.		
				<b>18.</b> Are there plans for addressing safety and security within the project limits?		
				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will utilize the Building Blocks such as Lighting, Safe Crossings, and Security from the LLARRP. The River Ranger Program Pilot could also address safety and security concerns in the project area.		
Policy				<b>19.</b> Is the project identified in any existing plans/policies (federal, state, local)?		
Д.				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project is identified in the LLARRP.		
				<b>20.</b> Has the city in which the project will be located adopted any of the policies described in the Community Stabilization Toolkit?		
				<b>Explain:</b> The project is located in the cities of South Gate, Lynwood, and Unincorporated Los Angeles County. LACPW is not aware if these cities have adopted the toolkit.		
				<b>21.</b> Is there a group the project intends to serve (e.g., residents, youth, pedestrians, cyclists, artists, equestrians, bird watchers)?		
				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will be multiuse and intends to serve the surrounding community as a whole and will also be a regional draw for all of Los Angeles County.		
				<b>22.</b> Is the project in a disadvantaged community?		
Equity				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will serve DACs per the California Department of Water Resources website.		
				<b>23.</b> Will the project create any potential negative impacts on the local community?		
				<b>Explain:</b> Displacement is always a concern for projects of this scale. If the Project moves beyond the concept phase, LACPW will work will stakeholders to implement community stabilization strategies.		
				<b>24.</b> Does the project address the concerns of equity, displacement, and environmental justice?		

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				<b>Explain:</b> If the project moves beyond the concept phase, LACPW will work with stakeholders to mitigate the potential displacement impacts to the community from a project of this scale.		
				<b>25.</b> Has the project been engaging the community in its development process?		
	community throughout that process. Recently, the Project held i community meeting on September 10, 2019. Additionally, the survey engaged over 1000 residents. Community engagement		<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project began as a part of the LLARRP and engaged the community throughout that process. Recently, the Project held its first community meeting on September 10, 2019. Additionally, the online survey engaged over 1000 residents. Community engagement will continue throughout the duration of the project.			
				<b>26.</b> Has the project consulted with the Native nations it intends to build land on?		
				<b>Explain:</b> The Project will consult with the Native nations as part of the community engagement process.		
aut				<b>27.</b> Are there future plans for community engagement?		
ıgageme				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project will continue to engage the surrounding community and plans to host another community meeting in January 2020 and continue with online survey questions.		
Er				28. Has the project received feedback?		
Community Engagement				<b>Explain:</b> Yes. The Project received community feedback during its development in the LLARRP and also from a community meeting on September 10, 2019. Further, the Project is currently conducting a community engagement survey for additional in-depth feedback and local sentiment.		
				<ul> <li>Restoration of wildlife habitat, increased recreation opportunities, and more open spaces for outdoor activities were seen as having the greatest benefit for the community.</li> <li>The vast majority of respondents thought that investment in the LA River would have a positive impact on their community</li> <li>Rebuilding of natural habitats, a new park and/or open space near the river, and a bridge park that connects both sides of the river were the projects that respondents would most like to see happen along the LA River.</li> </ul>		

#### **Building Blocks**

The LLARRP developed a vast array of Building Blocks – modular concepts and strategies – that can be assembled in a variety of ways to develop specific projects, policies, and programs. Please indicate the Building Blocks that the proposed project intends to use.

Applied	Building Block	Applied	Building Block
	Active space		Leverage pump stations to convey
	Additional parmanent bemalass shelters		stormwater
	Additional permanent homeless shelters		Lighting
	Bike hubs		Loop and spur trails
	Bioswales		Low income access
	Boardwalks and overlooks		Low water crossings
	Brownfields remediation		Low-flow channel modifications
	Climbing wall		Multi-use publicly-owned properties
	Commercial zone access		Onsite water recycling
	Community garden		Open space access
	Community gateway		Overcrossing
	Continuous park space		Oyster bed restoration
	Curb cuts/street eddy basins		Passive space
	Destination stops		Pedestrian and cyclist access
	Diversion to sanitary sewer		Permeable paving
	Drinking fountains		Plazas
	Dry wells		Pop-up parks
	Elevated paths		Property acquisition
	Equestrian trails		Public art and murals
	Floodplain expansion		Recreation center
	Green infrastructure		Regional gateway
	Habitat area		Shade (veg. or structural)
	Historical, cultural, environmental education/assets/signage		Transit-oriented development
	Homeless space sharing		Tunnels
	Infiltration basins and trenches		Undercrossing
	In-river access and safety		Water capture and onsite storage
	Leverage planned regional water recycling projects		Water recreation

**Source:** Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan, Volume II, p. 1.3-16 – 1.3-19, Table 1.3-1.



# RMC's Update to Lower Los Angeles River Implementation Advisory Group Meeting 11/21/19

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

RMC has on-going call for Projects for the Lower LA River corridor and watershed through Prop 1 (Water Bond) and Prop 68 (Park and Water Bond) grant programs. More information, including grant application guidelines, can be found on RMC's website: http://rmc.ca.gov/

#### **NEW GRANTS**

RMC awarded a \$250,000 grant to the Watershed Conservation Authority for the Implementation of the LA River Ranger Program Reach Zones, which will facilitate coordination between Los Angeles River and tributary-adjacent governments to develop a river ranger pilot program. As well as developing interpretive programming, recreation and education programs and providing ongoing public engagement to let river-adjacent communities know that the pilot is coming and gauge overall public views and evaluation of the program.

A summary map and list of applications that RMC's Prop 68 Grant Program received in Fall 2019 is attached as Exhibit A.

#### **RMC ACTIVITIES**

#### LA River Legislative Tour- November 7 & 8, 2019

On November 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>, Staff for the representatives from the Senate and Assembly that have jurisdiction for the 51 miles of he LA River came to Southern California to take a comprehensive indepth tour of various sites along both the upper and the lower sections of the LA River. Project stops for Day One included the LA State Historic Park/G2/Bowtie parcel, the Hahamonga Watershed Park, Glendale Confluence Park, Pacoima Wash, LA River Greenway Park-Studio City, LA River Headwaters- Canoga Park. Day Two included the Compton Creek, the various projects at the LA River Confluence with the Rio Hondo: Parque Dos Rios, Urban Orchard, the Cultural Arts Center and the LA River Master Plan; Dominguez Gap Wetlands- Long Beach, Willow Springs Park, and the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.

The goal of this tour was for local and Sacramento based staff to gain an understanding of the many different kinds of challenges encountered in trying to manage and revitalize the River communities that we serve. RMC Staff helped to coordinate the project stops and the tour with the Office of Assemblymember Anthony Rendon, AD 63 and local partners including the Office of Assemblymember Mike Gipson, AD 64, Cristina Garcia, AD 58, Senator Lena Gonzalez, SD-33, Senator Bob Archuleta, SD 32, The Trust for Public Land, LA County Flood Control District, City of South Gate, Gehry Partners, LA Regional Water Quality Control Board, Friends of the LA River, and the Aquarium of the Pacific, among others.



Equestrians from the Compton Cowboys and Urban Saddles met the group in Compton to share some of the issues for equestrians in the City of Compton like lack of signage and adequate multi-purpose trails.

Assemblymember Gipson, AD 64 was in attendance.





Senator Bob Archuleta, SD 32 and Speaker Rendon, AD 63, joined the group in the River to hear about the LA River Master Plan Update, the Cultural Center Plans, and other projects taking place at the Confluence.

#### Legislative Water Workshop November 7, 2019

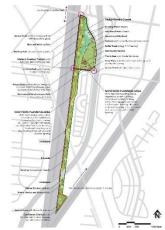
Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) hosted a legislative water workshop, co-hosted by the City of South Gate Mayor Belen Bernal, Councilwoman Denise Diaz and Assemblymember Anthony Rendon. These workshops are opportunities for WELL leaders to interact and coordinate teaching and learning sessions on local water policy. They're also an opportunity for state legislators to participate in focused discussions with local elected officials in their district about water issues impacting the region.



#### **RMC ACTIVE PROJECTS**

Planning for the Urban Orchard Development (17006): Planning for the Urban Orchard Development grant to the Trust for Public Land is in the amount of \$845,000 with an additional \$1,387,401 that was approved at the Board meeting in May for design and construction of the wetlands component for the Orchard (RMC 18010). The project will transform 30 acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths. Project deliverables include a detailed concept plan for the 30-acre park site, a feasibility study to determine the most appropriate stormwater best management practices to be utilized at the site, and a complete set of construction drawings for the 7 acres park project area that include an orchard with culturally-relevant tree species, community gathering spaces, picnic areas, interpretive elements, native plants, and walking and bicycle paths that will eventually connect with the existing bike path along the LA River.

The City continues to host public workshops to receive input from the community for this project and has also received grant funds for the project implementation. The RMC previously approved a grant extension from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and reduction in project scope. This allows sufficient time to complete 100% construction drawings for the 7 acres and the stormwater management system that includes pumping water from the Bandini Channel and obtaining permits for the constructed wetland and diversion structure from the Bandini Channel.



Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB\_MUST) Project (RMC 17009): The Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) Project is underway, this grant to the City is for \$2,000,000 and will improve water quality by intercepting and treating the dry weather flows and a portion of the first flush of stormwater runoff normally discharging into the Los Angeles River. The byproduct of the LB-MUST water quality treatment is recycled water which can be used to sustain proposed wetlands riparian habitat. The wetlands will be part of the total treatment train of the LB-MUST as well as function as a storage basin for the recycled water. Delays were encounter in design and construction due to a site relocation of the project to accommodate bridge improvements by the City of Long Beach at the Shoemaker Bridge site. An extension was provided to the City to allow sufficient time to accommodate for this change in the design and construction timeline.

#### Pacific Visions – Aquarium of the Pacific (RMC17026):

The AOP completed its interactive series of exhibits and interactive experiences as part of its recent expansion, Pacific Visions that will allow visitors to explore the interactions with food, water, and energy in California. RMC Staff attended the media event held on May 16, 2019 and provided a few key points for the \$1.9 million grant that it provided to the expansion effort. in addition to other key funders of Pacific Visions. Pacific Visions was officially opened to the public on May 24, 2019 with a variety of opening activities.

#### Compton Creek Walking Path Phase II (RMC 18001)

Provide an extension of the walking/cycling path which leads to the Compton Bike Trail. Project is currently underway with work being performed by the LA Conservation Corps.

#### Sleepy Lagoon Planning Project (RMC 18003)

The outreach, design and planning process will involve a collaboration with a number of organizations and agencies including Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), La Cosecha Colectiva (the Collective Harvest) and various local homeowner associations near Bell and surrounding cities. The grantee kicked off several community meetings which were well attended and gathered input regarding the prospective monument, design ideas, and its potential location.

#### Acquisition of the LA River Incubator Site (RMC 18008)

This grant is to the Watershed Conservation Authority. As part of the Lower Los Angeles River Grant Sub-Program (Board Resolution 2018-02), the Green Incubator project will serve as a base and catalyst for the implementation of the plan by building capacity, providing coordination, and facilitating collaboration by and for all community stakeholders. The funding would cover acquisition of a site in the vicinity of the Lower Los Angeles River or the Los Angeles River and Rio Hondo River Confluence, and related build-out expenses, and project management for due diligence and site selection.

#### Urban Orchard Project Construction (RMC 18010)

The Urban Orchard Development is a multi-benefit, passive park located along the LA River and the Rio Hondo Channel confluence in the City of South Gate. The Project is an identified priority (Project 155) in the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan and is part of a larger vision to transform 30-acres of unused, vacant land between the I-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new riverfront walking and bike paths. The Phase 1 site comprises seven acres owned by the City of South Gate and will create one acre of functioning wetland habitat in a heavily developed, urban area that would treat and utilize stormwater from the adjacent Bandini Channel to irrigate the park and provide the community with a new greenspace.

#### The Community Center at DeForest Park (RMC 18012)

In order to bring about positive changes to DeForest Park in North Long Beach, its wetlands, and the greater LLAR Region, the Conservation of Long Beach (CCLB) will develop a master plan for the entire DeForest Park, as well as design and install a satellite site at the DeForest Wetlands to better serve the needs of the LLAR while training youth as river stewards. By implementing a satellite site, CCLB will not only be able to oversee the master plan as it is carried out, but more importantly, have the resources to carry out necessary functions to sustain the health and vitality of the LLAR and its surrounding communities in the long term. During construction, the satellite site will function as a Lower LA River restoration center and crew training location.

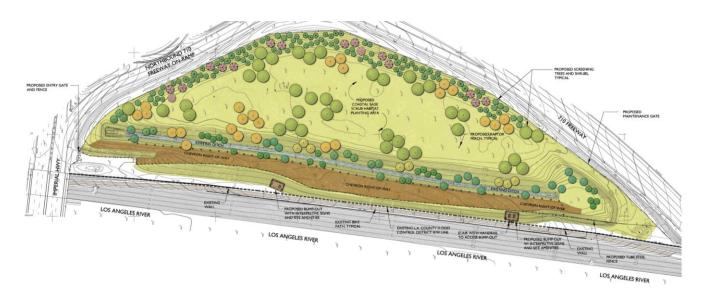
#### LA River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis (RMC 18013)

The Supplemental Analysis has one overarching goal: To expand the currently funded Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study to include analysis of potential recreation and wildlife impacts to the Lower Los Angeles River. The ultimate outcome of the Supplemental Analysis is to provide technically sound recommendations and alternatives to the Water Boards for consideration and implementation of a water flow standard that takes into consideration the existing and planned recreation and habitat uses of the Los Angeles River.

RMC is finalizing a Conservancy Agreement with Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to move this project forward.

#### WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES

South Gate Habitat Restoration Project/Parque dos Rios: The Construction has begun on the Parque Dos Rios project with site clearing and grubbing complete, main line irrigation, and laterals complete. The Verdura wall and fill for the bump-out is complete and footings for the shade structure are in progress. Demolition of existing gates and pilasters is complete. Fabrication of decorative metal work has been contracted for and the team is in the process of reviewing shop drawings. Interpretive graphic design is 90% complete and has been provided to fabricator for pricing and artwork buy-off. Project is on track to complete major construction by end of December. Conservation Corps of Long Beach work will continue through first quarter 2020.



Parque Dos Rios is a 7.8-acre site situated along the Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) at the confluence with the Rio Hondo in the City of South Gate. The project will create a bike stop amenity for the LLAR trail, with overlook, shade structure, seating and interpretive graphics. The land will be planted with natives and a raptor perch installed.

River Ranger Program Implementation Project: The final Los Angeles River Ranger Program Establishment Plan was finalized in June 2019. RMC Board is considering on the agenda today a resolution to accept a grant of \$250,000 to WCA for the River Ranger Pilot Program Development Project, which will develop up to two pilots of the river ranger program for implementation starting this summer to be executed under separate State funding. WCA staff will facilitate the development of agency agreements to forward the pilot project and will engage in on-going community outreach.

The River Ranger Program will foster connections between communities, agencies, and resources to promote safe, equitable usage and stewardship of the LA River and its tributaries as an activated and connected greenway that supports ecological, social, and recreational opportunities. The Los Angeles River Ranger Program Establishment Plan was finalized in June 2019 and the program is moving toward a pilot project this summer.

Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis: The WCA Governing Board authorized the WCA to apply and receive funding from RMC's Proposition 1 program for the Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study Supplemental Analysis (Supplemental Analysis) at the March 21, 2019 WCA Governing Board Meeting. On April 19, 2019, the RMC Governing Board

authorized the grant to the WCA. To date, the WCA has attended stakeholder meetings as necessary for the study. The most recent of which was on October 18, 2019, WCA and project partners convened to discuss the potential reaches for the Los Angeles River, Rio Hondo, and Compton Creek, as well as the finalization of the methodology for the study.

WCA expects the RMC and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to finalize their agency agreement for the project by the end of 2019, which will allow WCA to enter into a contract with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project to expand the study to include water quality indicators and potential for the Rio Hondo and Compton Creek to serve as mitigation areas.

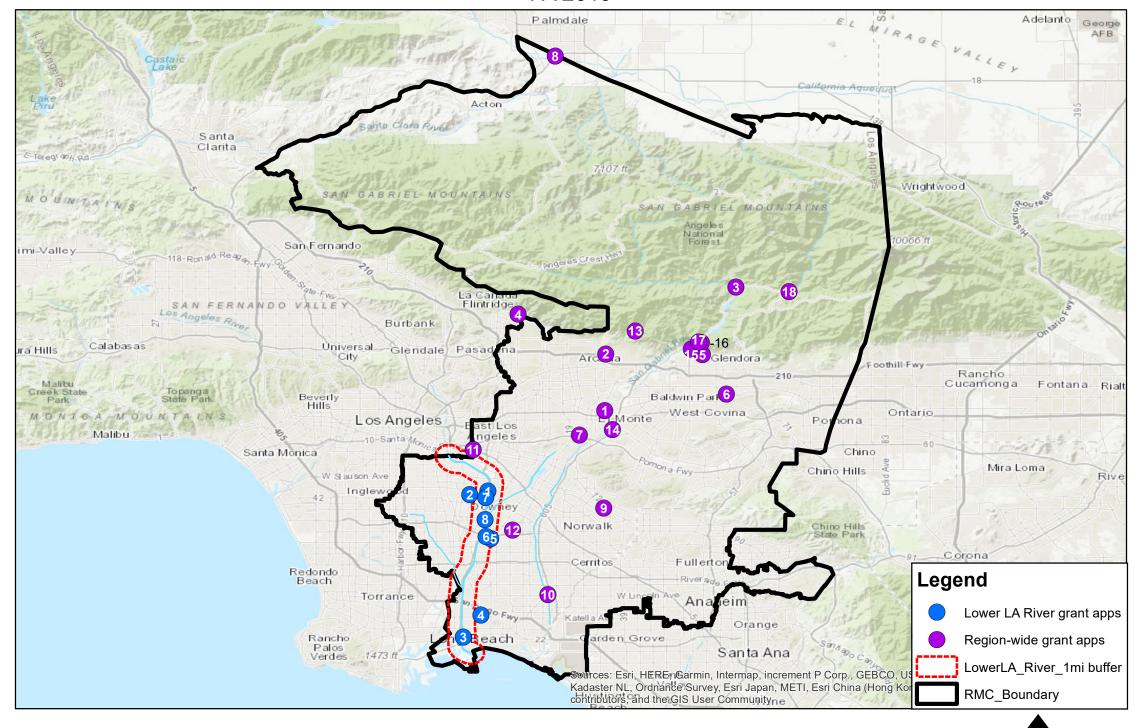
The purpose of the Supplemental Analysis is to supplement the State Water Board funded Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study to include a more robust analysis of the potential impacts to recreation, wildlife habitat, and water quality in the Lower Los Angeles River from reduced instream water flows. Including the WCA as part of the Stakeholder group and adding a third-party review of the analysis itself.

<u>WCA Satellite Office:</u> WCA staff, in coordination with Conservation Corps of Long Beach, is in the process of drafting a MOA/lease agreement to utilize office space at one or more of their facilities. WCA and RMC is awaiting actual operations and maintenance cost data from CCLB to establish a basis for the lease value. The agreement, when prepared, will be presented at a future Governing Board Meeting for consideration to enter into the agreement.

Satellite Office Space currently under consideration are CCLB's Nietos Ave. and Atlantic Ave. sites.

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## RMC Prop 68 Grant Applications FA 2019



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#### Exhibit A

	Applicant	Project Name	Program Type	Project Type	Amount Requested	
1 0	City of Bell	LA River Beautification Project	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Development	\$ 1,269,090.00	
		Cudahy Pocket Parks: Planning,				
2 0	City of Cudahy	Outreach, and Design	Urban Lands	Planning	\$ 365,000.00	
3 0	City of Long Beach	Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB- MUST) Wetland Project	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Development	\$ 3,000,000.00	
4 0	City of Long Beach	Willow Springs Wetland Restoration Expansion (Project)	Urban Lands	Planning, Development	\$4, 000, 000.00	
5 0	City of Paramount	West Santa Ana Trail Phase III Development Project	Urban Lands	Planning, Development	\$ 4,900,000.00	
6 0	City of Paramount	West Santa Ana Trail Phase IV Development Project	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Planning, Development	\$2, 925, 294.00	
7 F	From Lot to Spot	Lower LA River Pocket Park	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Planning, Development	\$ 332,490.00	
8 1	rails4All	Lower Los Angeles River Trail Extension and Gap Closures Feasibility Plan	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Planning	\$ 200,000.00	

Regionwide Grant Program				
# Applicant	Project Name	Program Type	Project Type	Amount Requested
1 Active San Gabriel Valley	Development of The San Gabriel Valley Sustainability Center	Urban Lands	Acquisition, Planning	\$ 1,850,000.00
2 Amigos de los Rios	Monrovia HS Historic Commons Green Space Enhancement	Urban Lands	Development	\$500, 500.00
3 Amigos de los Rios	San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Enhancement Project	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Development	\$ 865,175.00
4 Amigos de los Rios	Farnsworth Park Sustainable Recreation Enhancement	Urban Lands	Development	\$ 1,015,200.00
5 City of Azusa-RMC JPA	Natural Area Site Analysis and Land Management Plan	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Planning	\$ 200,000.00
6 City of Covina	Banna Community Park	Urban Lands	Development	\$ 1,000,000.00
7 City of El Monte	Merced Avenue Greenway Development Project	Urban Lands	Planning, Development	\$3, 000, 000.00
8 City of Palmdale	Barrel Springs Open Space Feasibility Study	Urban Lands	Planning	\$ 222,000.00
9 City of Whittier	Whittier Greenway Trail East Expansion Development	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Development	\$ 1,000,000.00
0 Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Developing a Master Plan for the Lakewood Equestrian Center & Surrounding Open Space	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Planning	\$ 342,320.00
County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreations	Salazar Park Water Conservation Project	Urban Lands	Planning, Development	\$1, 996, 380.10
Gateway Water Management 2 Authority	Gateway Regional Strategic Livability Plan	Urban Lands	Planning	\$489, 000.00
Greater LA Area Council, Boy 3 Scouts of America	Camp Trask Scout Reservation Water System Improvements, Phase II	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Development	\$ 1,705,150.00
4 Watershed Conservation Authority	Duck Farm River Center Development	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Planning, Development	\$ 2,000,000.00
5 Watershed Conservation Authority	Vasquez Overlook Acquisition	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Acquisition	\$ 1,000,000.00
6 Watershed Conservation Authority	Rainbow Ranch Acquisition	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Acquisition	\$ 2,000,000.00
7 Watershed Conservation Authority	Azusa River Wilderness Park Entry Development	Rivers, Tributary Parkways	Planning, Development	\$ 1,995,000.00
8 Watershed Conservation Authority	East Fork Oaks Trailhead Development	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Development	\$ 1,990,000.00

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