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The Rio Hondo Confluence Area Project (RHCAP) is located in Southeast Los Angeles and is bounded to the south by Martin Luther King and Century Boulevards (LA river mile (RM) 11), to the north by Southern Avenue (LA RM 13), and up the Rio Hondo to Garfield Avenue. The project area is primarily within the City of South Gate, but is closely bordered by Lynwood and Downey.

This 2 mile stretch along the LA River and Rio Hondo featured prominently among areas of focus in the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP, 2018) and is further defined as part of a “Major Project Zone” in the LA River Master Plan (expected completion 2020). The LLARRP Working Group committed two years of study and opportunity prioritization in the Rio Hondo Confluence Area and identified the site as one of the highest scoring opportunity projects in the LLARRP. This contributed to the site location for the RHCAP. The concepts within this study propose a range of strategies for opportunity sites featured in the LA River Master Plan. The proposed site locations lie within the channel, adjacent properties, and parallel transmission line rights-of-way.

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SOUTH GATE

PARQUE DOS RIOS

URBAN ORCHARD PROJECT

RIO HONDO
CONFLUENCE AREA

SELA CULTURAL CENTER

LYNWOOD

DOWNEY

- Rio Hondo Confluence Area Project
- Ongoing Project



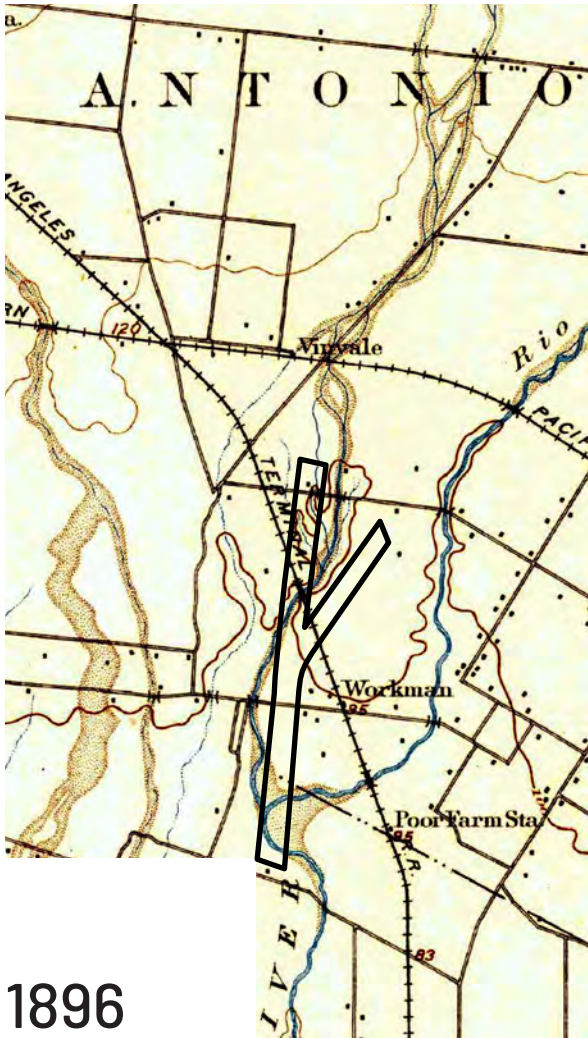
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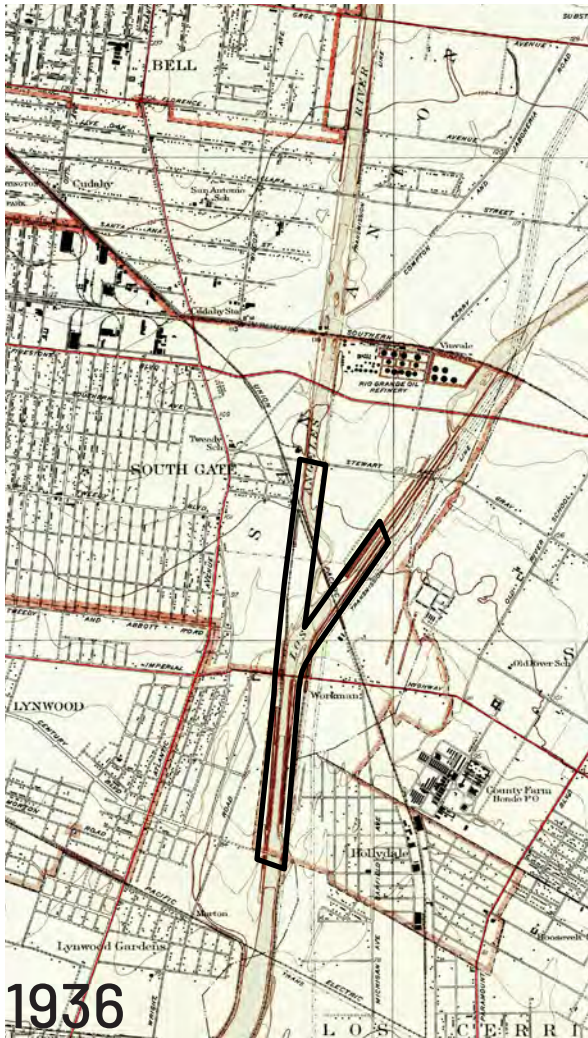
SUMMARY



Spanish-era Rancho San Antonio land grant (Lugo Tract) is subdivided into 40 acre tracts.

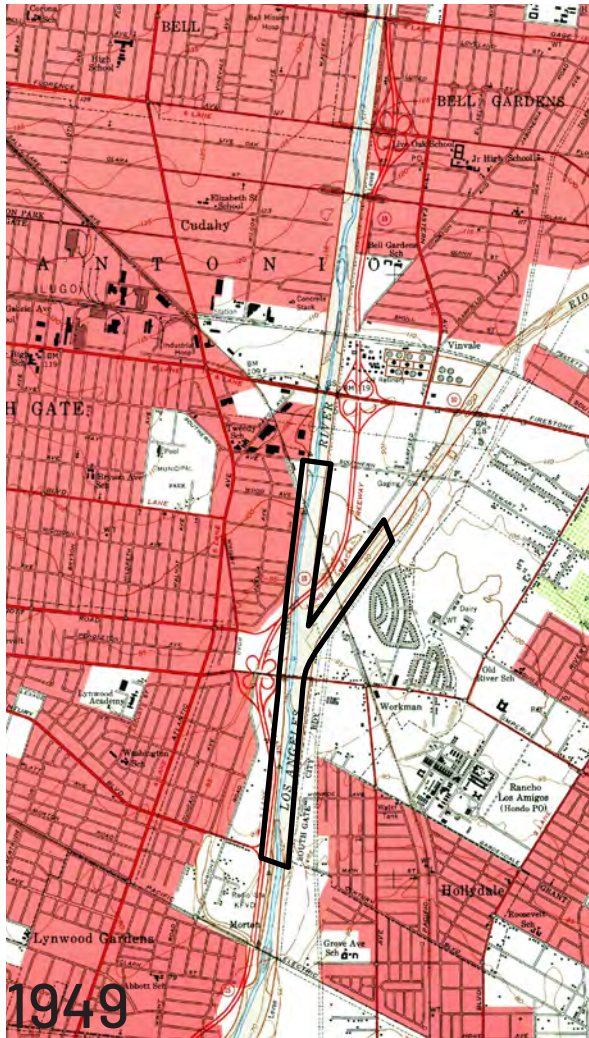


Los Angeles Terminal Railroad connects area to Port at San Pedro and the City of Los Angeles.



Agricultural lots are sold off in newly founded cities of South Gate and Cudahy.

River is straightened with earthen levees to reduce flooding risk.



Development fully encroaches on the LA River's western bank.

While orchards and farms remain in Downey, transmission lines and the planned 710 Freeway parallel the LA River.



LA River and Rio Hondo are completely channelized (1950's) and both rivers east and west banks are fully encroached upon with development.

Source: 1888-Hall, Wm. Ham. (William Hammond), California Department of Engineering, Composite: Detail Irrigation Map, Los Angeles and San Bernadino Counties, California. To Accompany Report on Irrigation and Water Supply, 1: 42,240, 1888; 1896-USGS topoView, Downey CA, 1:62500, 1896; 1936-USGS topoView, Bell CA, 1:2400, 1936 & USGS topoView, Watts CA, 1:2400, 1937; 1949-USGS topoView, South Gate CA, 1:2400, 1949 & USGS topoView, Whittier CA, 1:2400, 1949; 2015-Los Angeles County GIS Data Portal, LARIAC4, NAIP (National Agriculture Imagery Program) Imagery, 2014

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1932 AERIAL



Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, LA River and Rio Hondo, 1932,
Accessed from <https://lacreekfreak.wordpress.com/2012/04/02/la-river-and-rio-hondo-1932>



2015 AERIAL



Source: LARIAC, 2014 Color Orthophotography – LARIAC4



SITE HISTORY

SUMMARY



Imperial Hwy

Southern Ave.



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1927

1947

1954

1968

2015



Source: UCSB Library Frame Finder

Imperial Hwy

Southern Ave.



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The LA River and Rio Hondo channels at the confluence area are lined with grouted stone and concrete, and are trapezoidal in shape. The channel rights-of-way at the confluence area project are operated and maintained by the LA County Flood Control District (LACFCD). North of the project area the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) operates and maintains the LA River channel.

Several bridges cross the LA River and the Rio Hondo in the project area, notably the I-710 freeway, Imperial Highway, and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). Adjacent open

spaces and parks include Hollydale Regional Park and Circle Park. Ownership of parcels adjacent to the river varies; however, major transmission rights-of-way line much of the east bank of the LA River.

Given the history of sites along the river in this area being used as landfills or industrial sites, several of the parcels around the project area potentially have high levels of contamination.



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