

Lower Los Angeles River Implementation Advisory Group Committee Meeting

May 27, 2021 | 10 A.M. – 11 A.M.

Online Meeting/ Conference Call

AGENDA

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

- a. Attendees: Michelle Loekman, Ezekiel Okoya, Dan Sharp (LA County Flood Control District); Joe Gonzales, Suely Saro, (RMC); Carlos Campero (LA Conservation Corps); Jessica Prieto, Laura Cortez (EYCEJ); Sarai Jimenez (TNC); Marissa Kuccheck (South Gate); Tyrone Peter (Willdan) Lorry Hempe (Lynwood)

II. Discussion Items

- LA River Master Plan Update
 - Michelle Loekman (District) provided updates on the Master Plan Update
 - Both the Draft LA River Master Plan and the Draft LA River Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) comment periods were closed on May 13, 2021.
 - Comment periods were open for a total of 120 days for the Draft LA River Master Plan and 101 days for the Draft LA River Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).
 - Master Plan and CEQA Teams are currently compiling and reviewing all comments received, and the team is currently targeting Board Adoption in December of 2021
- Rio Hondo Confluence Project (RHCAP) Update
 - Michelle Loekman (District) provided updates on the Master Plan Update
 - The design concept report was completed in September 2020, which highlighted 12 opportunity areas at the confluence.
 - Public Works is currently reviewing options to potentially further develop the Blue Park concept which proposes to enhance the LA River's low-flow channel and improve public access and connectivity.
 - Current efforts have been focused on supporting the RMC and State in developing the SELACC and relocating the Imperial Yard
- SELA Cultural Center Update
 - Joe Gonzalez (RMC) provided the updates for the SELA Cultural Center
 - Timeline Updates
 - The Schematic Design for the SELA Cultural Center is completed and the team will present findings over the last 6 months
 - Public Meeting to present findings TBD



- CEQA phase to be initiated
- SELA Municipal Cultural Arts Coalition
 - Marissa Gonzalez-Kuchek (Cultural Arts Coordinator for city of South Gate) provided the updates for the Cultural Arts Coalition
 - Plans to increase arts programming, build capacity for programs, increase fundraiser to apply for grant funding opportunities
 - Currently working with cities in the surrounding area for art programming opportunities

III. RMC Update

- LLARRP Reconvening Debrief
- On-going Grant Opportunities (Prop 1)
 - RMC to make recommendations on submitted project throughout summer months for Prop 1 and Prop 68 grant funding
- River Ranger Program
 - WCA will convene advisory committee to provide feedback on pilot program

IV. Open Forum / Public Comment

- Lynwood Urban Bike Trail & Water Quality Improvements
 - Lorry Hempe (City of Lynwood) & Tyrone Peter (Willdan Group) and presented on the Bike Trail Project
 - Project includes adding a bicycle trail with native, drought-tolerant trees, other plants; lighting for safety and visibility; permeable pavers and bioswales.

V. Next Steps

- a. Project Identification
- b. IAG Meeting – June 23, 2021, 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.