

Lower Los Angeles River
Implementation Advisory Group Committee Meeting

June 26, 2025 | 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Online Meeting / Conference Call

AGENDA 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. Agency / Project Updates

- o San Gabriel & Lower LA Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
 - o Para Todos Campaign (Mark Stanley – RMC)

The Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Para Todos Campaign is in its 2nd year of its multiyear effort. Year 2 centers on engagement around community stabilization policies and programs. RMC has met with 35 groups for community consultations and is continuing meetings with elected leaders such as Mayor J. Chavez from the City of Bell Gardens, Mayor E. Alcantar Loza from the City of Cudahy, and Mayor M. Aguiluz from the City of Maywood. The research is looking at current workforce development, best practices, and potential partnerships.

- o East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
 - o Maywood Riverfront Park (Laura Cortez – EYCEJ, Miguel Leon – City of Maywood)

No updates for the Maywood Riverfront Park project. Fundraising is still ongoing.

- o City of South Gate
 - o Urban Orchard (Gladis Deras – City of South Gate)

The Urban Orchard grand opening will be on July 12th, 2025, at 10:00 am.

- o City of Long Beach
 - o LB-MUST (Alexa Reasoner – Long Beach PW)



Construction is ongoing for Phase 1 of the treatment facility which is expected to be completed by fall next year. The wetlands across from the treatment facility is currently open to the public. Phase 2 is currently in the planning and design stage.

- o Department of Parks and Recreation

- o Lower LA River Trail Restoration and Access Project (Michelle O'Connor – DPR)

The project proposes improvements along 1.3 miles of the lower LA River trail and the 72nd St Equestrian Park in Long Beach. The cost of implementation is estimated to cost \$15 million. DPR will work on pursuing funding for phase 2.

- o Flood Control District

- o SELA Cultural Center (Stephannie Rodriguez – District)

1. Update provided on behalf of PW Project Management Division. PW serves as the lead agency working with Supervisorial District 4, Chief Executive Office (CEO), the City of South Gate, and all financial stakeholders.
2. Project subcommittee meetings are underway to facilitate project progress. The Environmental Impact Report has resumed with consultants Ruth Villalobos Associates and is anticipated to be completed by the 2nd quarter of 2026.
3. PW continues to lead design and due-diligence efforts required for the relocation of the Imperial Yard and construction of the SELA Cultural Center Project.

- o LA County Rainfall Data (Ezekiel Okoya – District)

1. The water season starts October 1st of each year. To date, LA County has received an accumulated total of 7" of rainfall (based on the DTLA rain gauge) – which is about 44% of the 15.4" annual average.
2. Our water conservation facilities have captured around 26.3 billion gallons of stormwater – enough to serve 645,000 residents for one year.

- o LARMP Implementation Meeting (Ezekiel Okoya – District)

1. The LARMP is an update of the original 1996 Master Plan. LARMP is based on a literature review of 140 relevant planning documents and the LARMP does not aim to replace any of the existing LAR planning documents but instead aims to incorporate the

recommendations to provide an organized planning document for LA County.

2. The Annual Report for Implementing the LA River Master Plan was submitted to the Board on June 16, 2025. The annual report summarizes the progress and efforts of the Implementation Team during the third year of implementation. The next annual report will be provided on June 26, 2026.

III. Grant / Funding Opportunities

- o RMC Lower LA River Grants, On-Going Call for Projects - <http://rmc.ca.gov/grants/>

Mark Stanley (RMC) provided an update on the Lower LA River Grants and On-Going Call for Projects and stated that to better match grant applications to funding sources, RMC requires that all applicants submit a Concept Proposal Grant Application before completing a full grant application.

- o Safe Clean Water Program

Tara Dales (LLAR SCW Coordinator) provided an update on the Safe Clean Water Program. The deadline to submit proposals for the Safe Clean Water Public Education and Community Education Grants Program for Round 2 will be January 31st, 2026. Awardees will be shared at the next meeting.

IV. Lower LA River Events

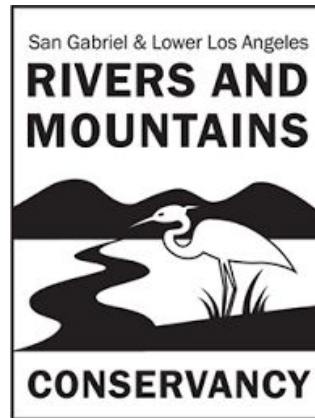
- o City of South Gate – Urban Orchard Grand Opening Celebration
 - o 9475 W. Frontage Road. Saturday July 12, 2025, 10 AM

V. Open Forum / Public Comment

- o No public comments.

VI. Next Steps

Next IAG Meeting – Thursday, September 25, 2025, 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

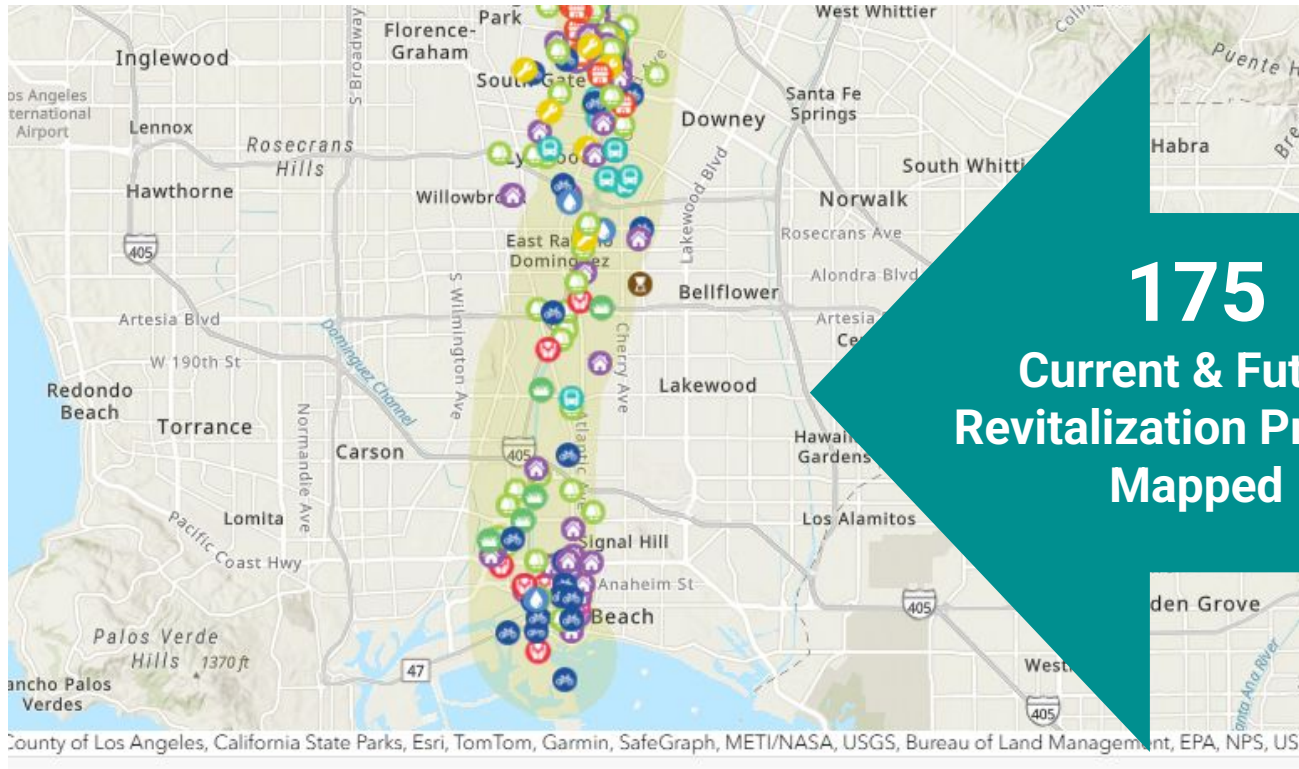


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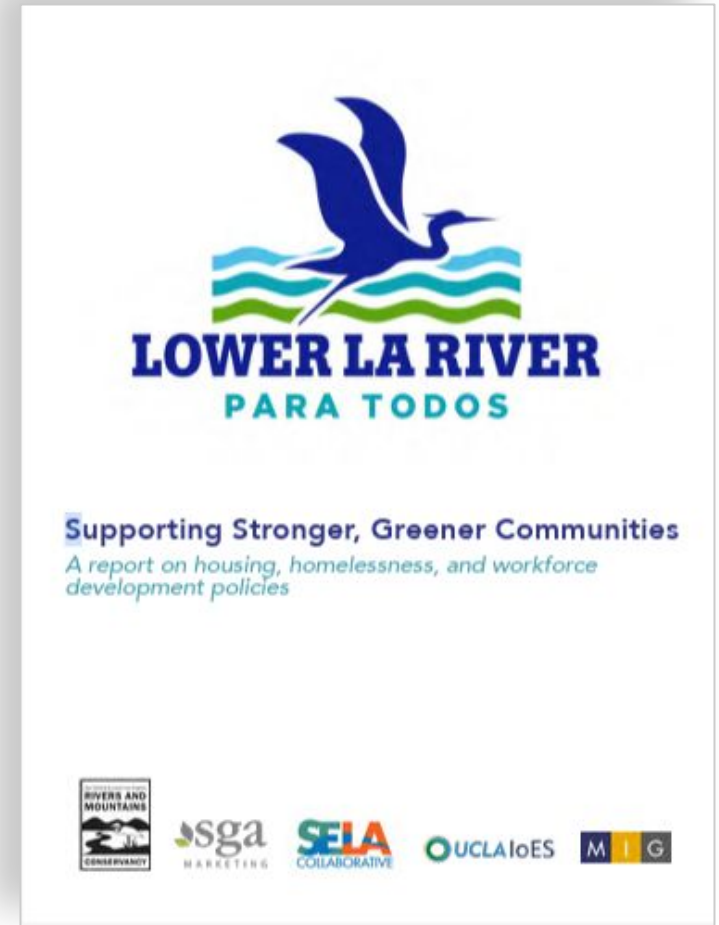
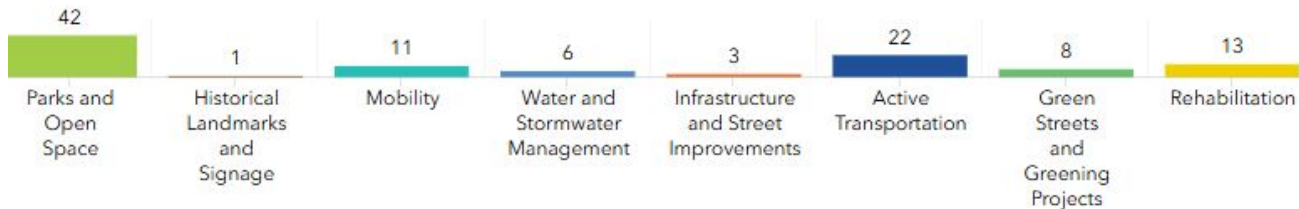
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ENGAGEMENT*

*REVITALIZING
COMMUNITIES*

2024 Project Mapping & Research



Project Type:



2025 Community Consultations

35 groups met with so far, including:



Community Engagement Highlights Continued



Elected Leader Outreach Meetings So Far



Mayor J.Chavez



Mayor E. Alcantar Loza



Mayor M. Aguiluz

Up Next: Continue Elected Leader Meetings & Reconnect with City Staff

Workforce Development Research

The research currently underway is looking at the:

- 1) Current workforce development landscape in region
- 2) Workforce development best practices
- 3) Potential workforce development partners





LOWER LA RIVER
PARA TODOS



The image is a composite of an aerial photograph of the Los Angeles River and an overlaid map. The map shows the river's course from the north (top) to the south (bottom). A red line with numbered markers (1 to 51) indicates the route of the Gateway Greenway Park. The map labels various cities and areas along the river: Inglewood, Reseda, Van Nuys, Burbank, Glendale, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Los Angeles, Downtown LA, East LA, Vernon, Bell Gardens, South Gate, Compton, Paramount, and Long Beach. The aerial view shows the river flowing through a cityscape with green spaces and infrastructure.

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Gateway Greenway Park

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The Lower LA River Gateway Greenway Park is a transformative project to revitalize a 1.3-mile stretch of the Lower LA River between Somerset Boulevard and the I-91 Freeway. This visionary project will create a dynamic new 10-acre linear park, providing opportunities for walking, biking, horseback riding, and connecting with nature. It will include the renovation of 72nd Street Equestrian Park, along with the creation of a new river pavilion gateway that will serve as a welcoming access point for the community to engage with the river.



- 1 Includes amenities such as upgraded fencing, civic art, and new signage



- 2 Increases shade cover and improve landscaping areas with native planting



- 3 Restores multi-use trail connectivity and access



- 4 Strengthens 72nd Street Arena's connection to the river corridor

For More Info: parks.lacounty.gov/lower-la-river-trail-restoration



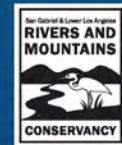
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Gateway Greenway Park

The Lower LA River Gateway Greenway Park will serve as a central hub for expanding access to recreation and programming opportunities in this underserved area. The park's key features will include enhancements to existing trails and bikeways, the installation of solar lighting to improve safety and accessibility, and the introduction of new wayfinding signage and environmental graphics to establish a cohesive, branded identity.



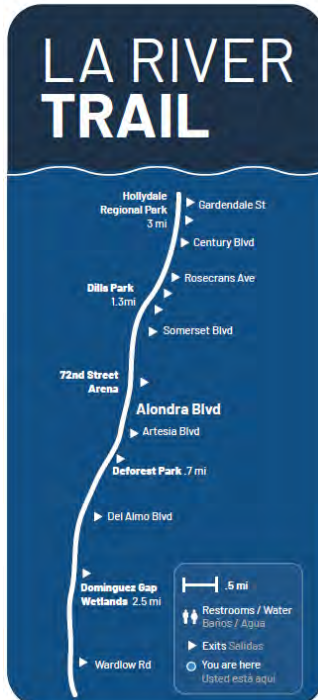
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THE CORE OF THE GREENWAY: NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE & PLACEMAKING





Improvement Node – Somerset Gateway



BEFORE

Improvement Node – Somerset Gateway



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Restore Connectivity – Alondra to Somerset



BEFORE

Safety Priority – Improved User Interface Zones

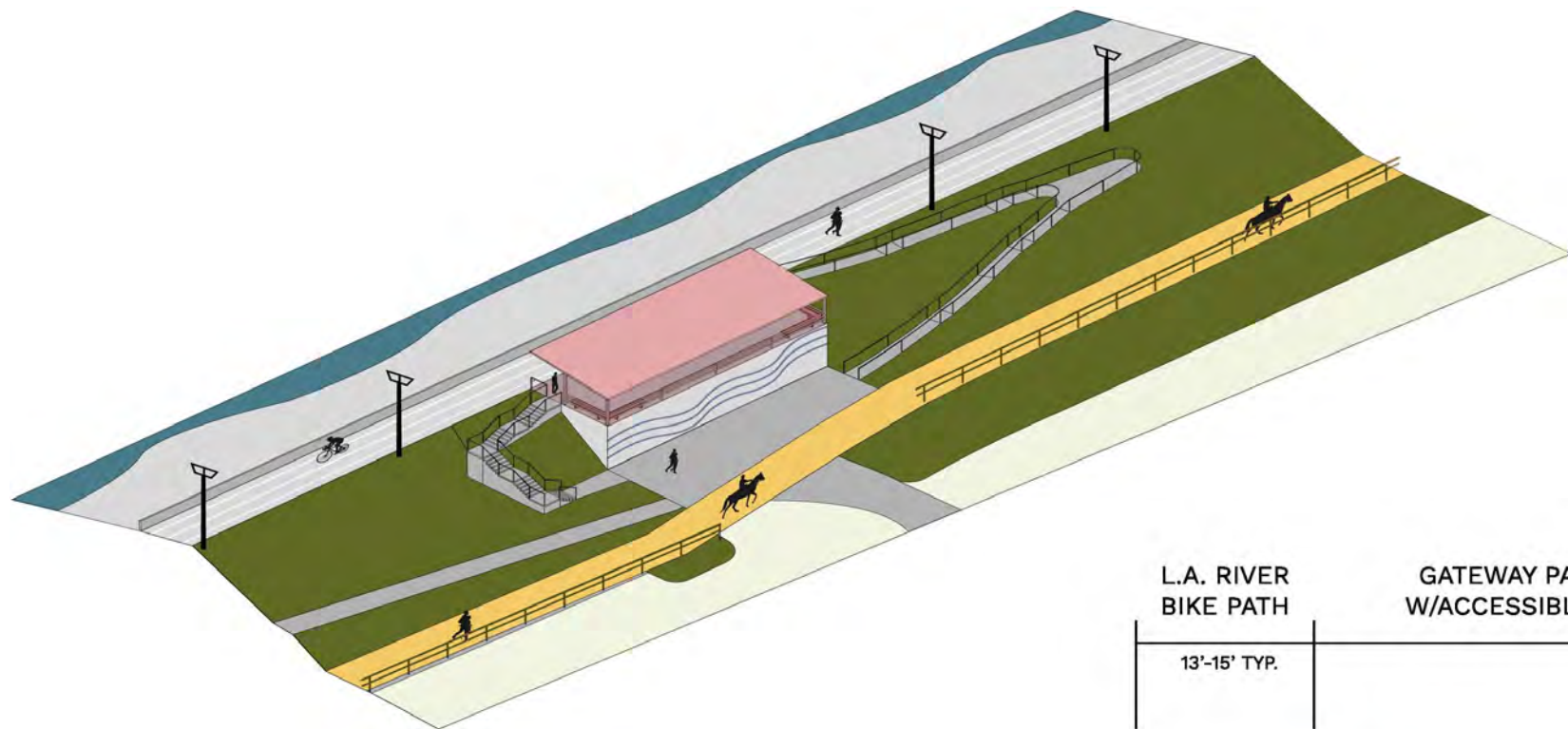


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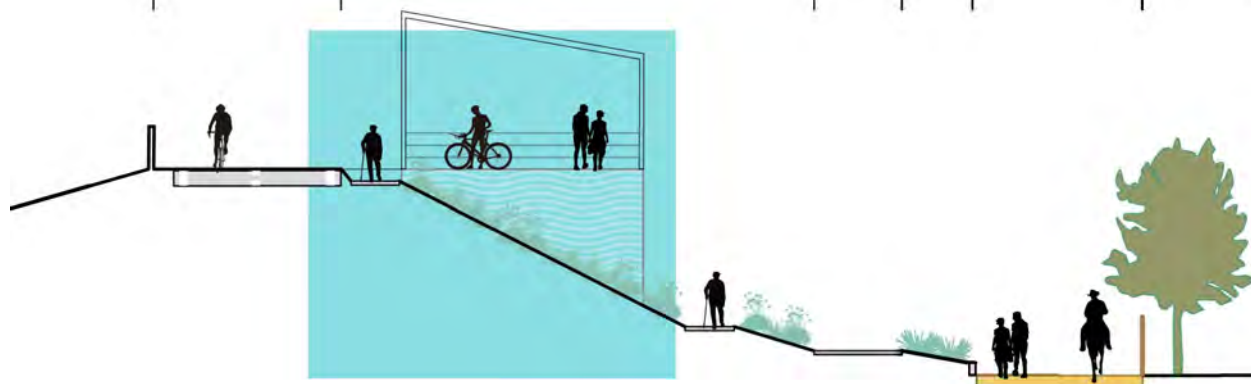
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L.A. RIVER BIKE PATH	GATEWAY PAVILION W/ACCESSIBLE RAMP		(E) A/C PAVED RAMP	MULTI-USE TRAIL	72ND STREET ARENA PARK
13'-15' TYP.				12'-16' TYP.	



72nd STREET GATEWAY PAVILION

72nd Street Gateway



BEFORE

72nd Street Gateway Pavilion



AFTER



Improvement Node – Trail Turnaround

BEFORE



Improvement Node – Trail Turnaround

AFTER

Parkland Expansion Opportunity – North of 91 Fwy



BEFORE

Parkland Expansion Opportunity – North of 91 Fwy



AFTER

Improvement Node – 91 Fwy Looking North



BEFORE

Improvement Node – 91 Fwy Looking North



AFTER



**SAFE
CLEAN
WATER
PROGRAM**

Annual Grant Deadline for Lower LA River Regional Projects is July 31st, 2025

Email watershed coordinator, Tara Dales, if you need application support:
LLAR_WC@pw.lacounty.gov



Safe Clean Water Grants Program Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program Round 1 Lower LA River Grantees



Funding Amount: \$55,000

Description: Support for this project will empower 20 young girls over a year through stormwater management workshops, providing stipends and culminating in a public outreach campaign that promotes environmental awareness and calls for community action.



Funding Amount: \$250,000

Description: Support for a Water Ambassador Program to recruit, train, and deploy three Safe, Clean Water Program Ambassadors to advance program messaging, communication, engagement, and project development for DACs in the West San Fernando Valley, North San Fernando Valley, and Southeast Los Angeles County regions.



Funding Amount: \$249,985

Description: Support to create curriculum and provide education on water systems, contamination, and stormwater solutions. This will foster community understanding of water issues and encourage civic engagement around projects improving water quality, capturing stormwater, and reducing drought.



Safe Clean Water Grants Program Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program Round 1 Lower LA River Grantees



Funding Amount: \$248,916

Description: Support for Amigos De Los Rios to share expertise in community-based design and implementation of "Watershed Discovery School Campuses." This aims to transform public schools into multi-benefit campuses that protect water resources, manage stormwater, and provide climate change mitigation and benefits to school communities through Safe Clean Water Program support.



Funding Amount: \$211,355

Description: Support for trainings for NGOS/CBOs/Tribes, municipalities, and partners, coupled with community engagement, to inform the SCWP watershed planning process. This ensures community-driven, multi-benefit, nature-based projects are prioritized to meet all SCWP goals.



Funding Amount: \$210,000

Description: Support for the Community Watershed Guardians Program to organize community-powered design projects and deliver education, advocacy, and community art initiatives in Lynwood and the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Area. This fosters local stewardship through student seminars, promotora training, murals, and hands-on events promoting sustainable watershed management.