

Upper Los Angeles River & Tributaries Revitalization Plan

Community Meetings
October 10 & 15, 2019

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Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Presentation
 - Community Engagement Phase 1 and 2 summary
 - ULART Goals
 - Where we are in the process
 - Review of draft Revitalization Plan Organization
 - Opportunities to provide comments
- Open House – Review Draft Revitalization Plan
 - Comments and Questions

Community Engagement

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March 13th 2019

Location: Discovery Cube
(Sylmar, CA)

NGO Partner: ***Pacoima Beautiful***

April 4th 2019

Location: Kidspace Children's Museum
(Pasadena, CA)

NGO Partner: ***River LA***

March 20th 2019

Location: Los Angeles Zoo
(Los Angeles, CA)

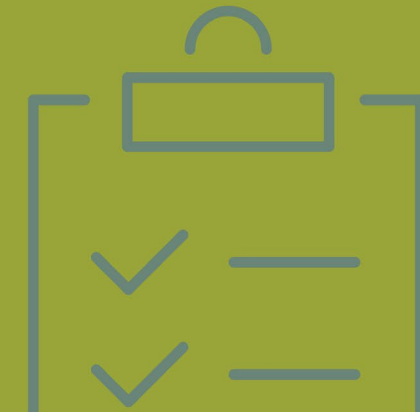
NGO Partner: ***The River Project***

April 9th 2019

Location: Rose Goldwater Community Center
(Canoga Park, CA)

NGO Partner: ***The Valley Economic
Alliance/Mulholland Institute***

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July 9, 2019
Location: Discovery Cube
(Sylmar, CA)

July 11, 2019
DreamWorks Animation
(Glendale, CA)



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Local NGO Community Outreach Partners

- Pacoima Beautiful & Friends of the LA River
- The River Project
- River LA
- Mulholland Institute
- William C. Velazquez Institute
- Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples

Community Outreach

- Local Events
 - Neighborhood Block Parties
 - Movies in the Park
 - Supermarkets
 - Student Events
- Digital Communication
 - Eblasts
 - Emails
 - NGO webpages
 - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Civic Meetings
 - Council and Commissions



YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us to review and provide comments on the draft plan for the Upper Los Angeles River & Tributaries!

Review highlights of the Revitalization Plan including concepts and designs that will enhance the Upper Los Angeles River and tributaries. Provide your input on the elements included in the plan and learn about the next steps in the process.



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WORKSHOP DATES

Thursday, October 10, 2019
6:00pm–8:00pm
Pacoima Neighborhood City Hall
13520 Van Nuys Blvd.
Pacoima, CA 91331

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
6:00pm–8:00pm
Los Angeles River Center
and Gardens
570 W. Avenue 26, Los Angeles,
CA 90065
(In the California Building)



The workshops will be family friendly and everyone is welcome!



Refreshments & snacks will be provided!

RSVP
www.upperlariver.org

ULART Objectives

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Upper LA River & Tributaries (ULART) Revitalization Plan

- Evaluates conditions of the waterways
- Identifies improvements to the tributaries and LA River
- Addresses topics such as:
 - Access
 - Health
 - Mobility
 - Resource Conservation
 - Habitat
 - Water
 - Safety
 - Recreation

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ULART Working Group

- Comprised of local agency representatives:
 - Local elected officials
 - Community leaders
- Influences watershed-based planning methods
- Directed by State legislation established in 2017 & 2018
- Supported by Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

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Study Area

Upper Los Angeles River

- Aliso Canyon Wash
- Pacoima Wash
- Tujunga Wash
- Burbank Western Channel
- Verdugo Wash
- Arroyo Seco

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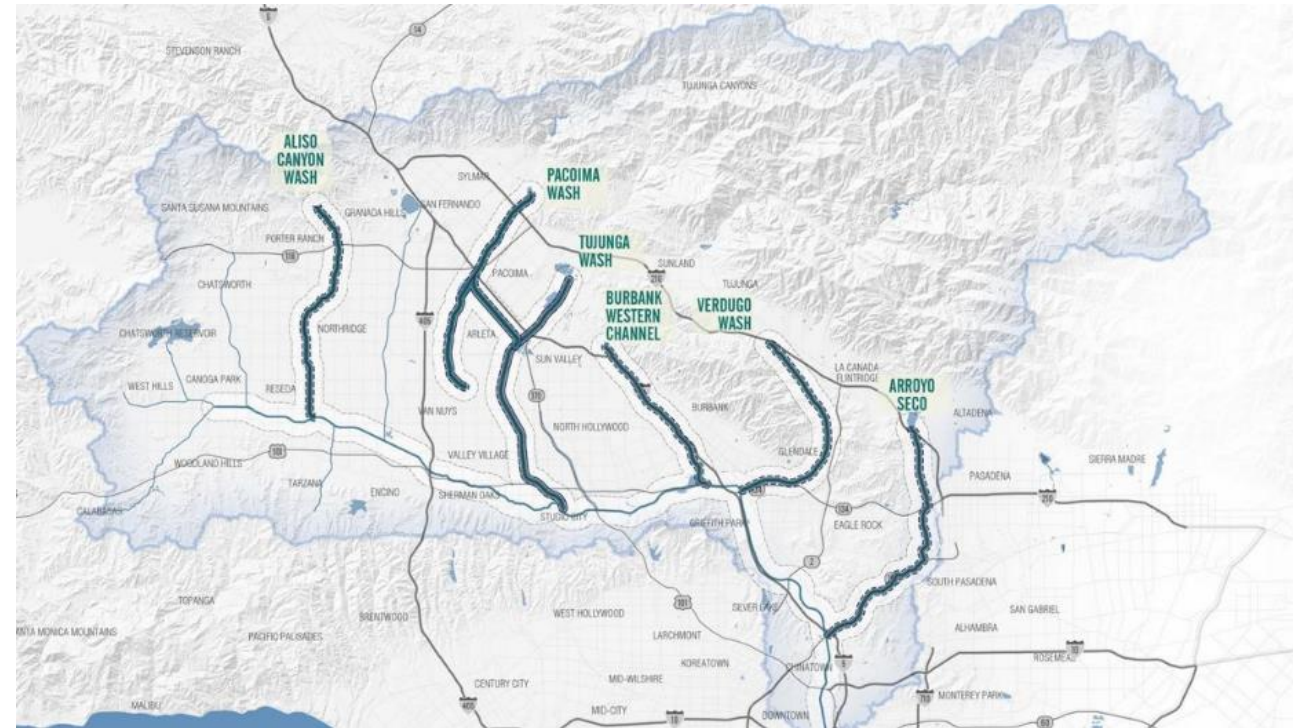


Focus on the Tributaries

- Aliso Canyon Wash
- Pacoima Wash
- Tujunga Wash
- Burbank-Western Channel
- Verdugo Wash
- Arroyo Seco

Considerations:

- Watershed management effectiveness
- Scale - study area within ½-mile of each tributary
- Sustainability of natural resources & watershed health
- Need to consider cumulative outcomes



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Plan Objectives

- Create design concepts that incorporate community needs
- Plan for and prioritize Disadvantaged Communities
- Complete prior to the completion of the Los Angeles River Master Plan (info: www.larivermasterplan.org)

Revitalization Plan Mission, Goals, & Objectives



Process to Date

WHEN WILL THE PLAN BE COMPLETED?

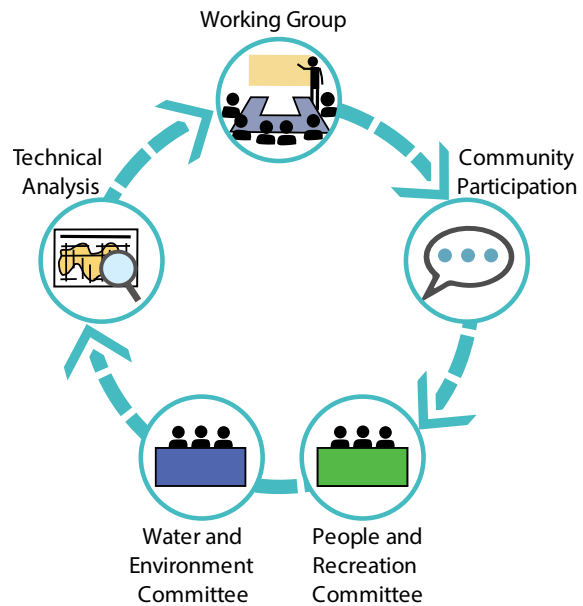
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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PHASE I: ANALYSIS

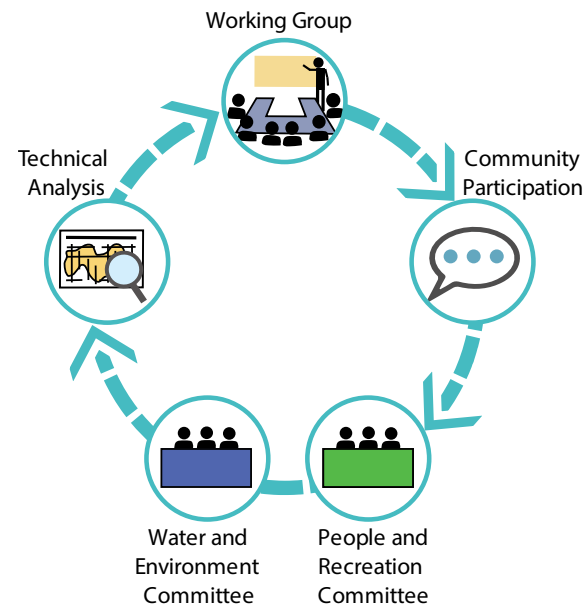
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Phase I: Analysis

- Vision and Objectives
- Existing Conditions
- Literature Review
- Community Outreach Plan

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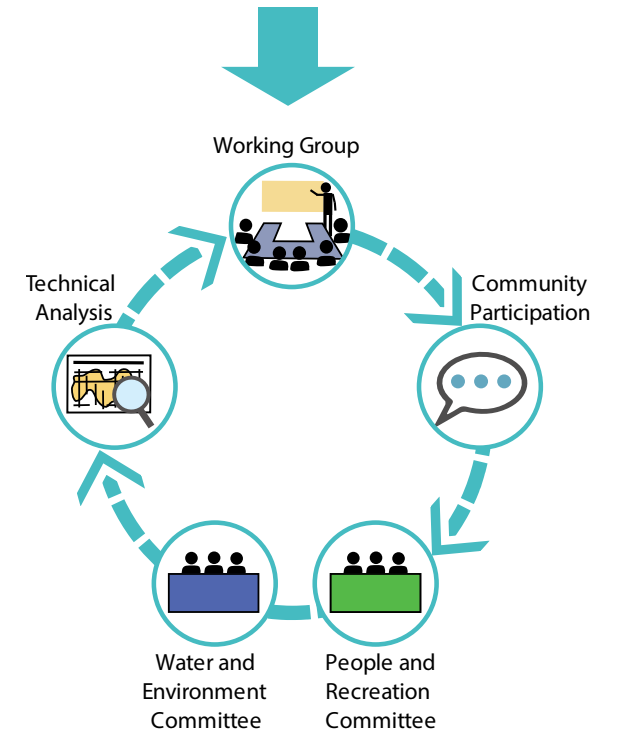


PHASE II: CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

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WE ARE HERE



PHASE III: PLAN DEVELOPMENT

UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES REVITALIZATION PLAN



Comprehensive feasibility studies, required jurisdictional coordination, environmental impacts, and other engineering design details are not part of this plan.

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 VERSION

Chapter 1 Introduction



HISTORY OF THE LA RIVER *with a Focus on the Upper Watershed and Tributaries*



1900: Two men stand at the headwaters of the Los Angeles River



1937: View of the Tujunga Wash in the San Fernando Valley before development



1948: Children swim under a bridge near Griffith Park



1949: Construction of channel walls for Valley Flood Control Plan



1954: Motorists cross Pacoima Wash during a flood

Gaspar de Portola and father Juan Crespi name the River

The first permanent Spanish settlement is established in San Diego and missions are established up the coast of present-day California¹

A massive flood cuts a new path south of the pueblo to San Pedro Bay

Development boom results in homes and businesses being built in the floodplain

City of Burbank is established⁶

City of Glendale is established⁶

Devil's Gate Dam is built⁹

Most devastating flood on record occurs

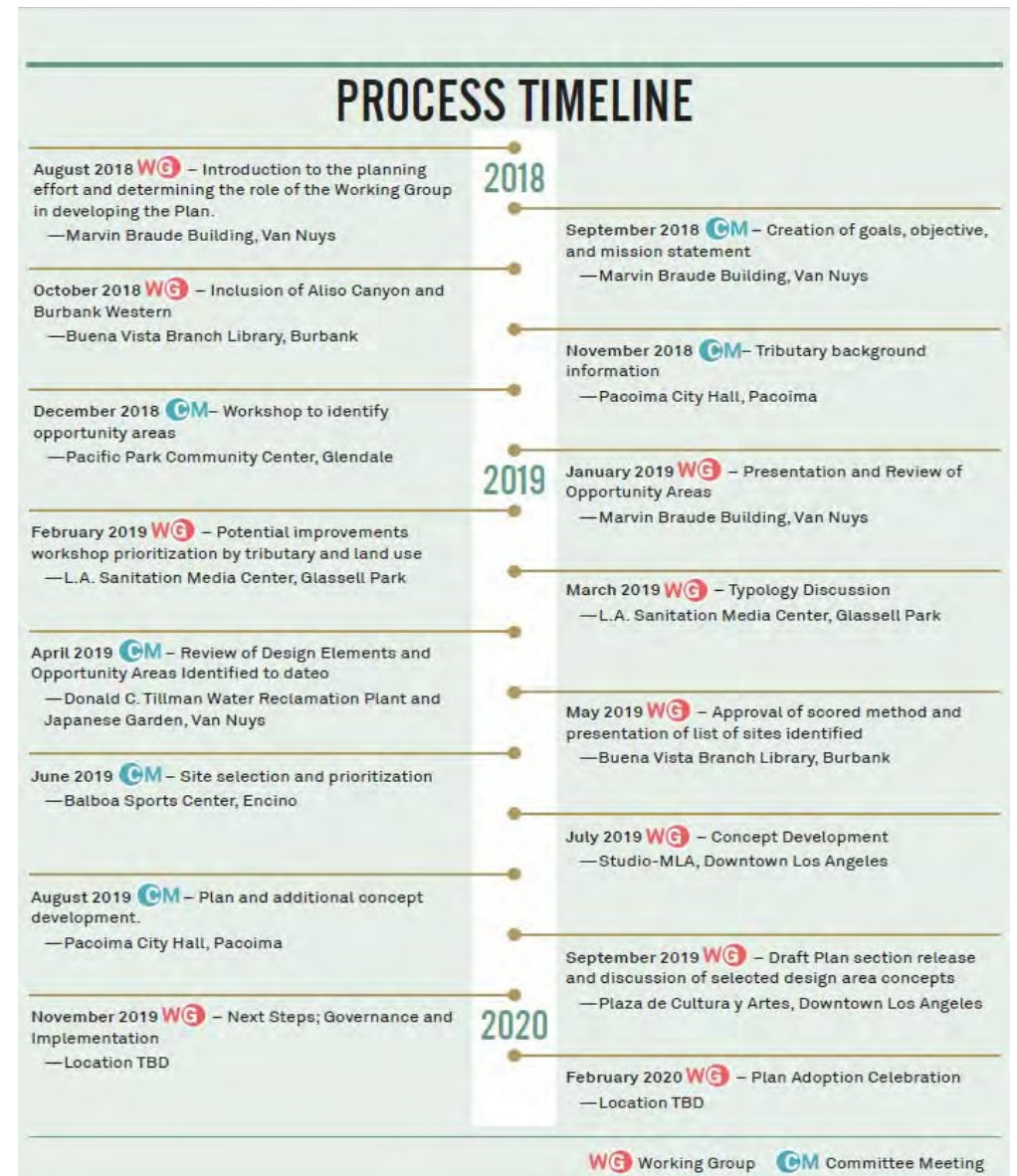
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Sepulveda Dam is completed

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Chapter 2 Process and Outreach



PURPOSE *Goals & Objectives*

AB466 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

REVITALIZATION PLAN MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Upper LA River & Tributaries Revitalization Plan is to develop prioritized opportunities with the following components:

- ▶ Nature based and watershed management
- ▶ Open space
- ▶ Multiple benefits
- ▶ Safe access
- ▶ Alignment with community needs and feedback
- ▶ Alignment with funding sources

- ▶ Reduction and management of existing flood risks to communities
- ▶ Culture, arts, and education
- ▶ Reconciliation with previous efforts

REVITALIZATION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the Upper LA River & Tributaries Revitalization Plan are to foster the creation of prioritized opportunities to:

- ▶ Focus on community engagement especially in underserved communities with an emphasis on environmental justice

- ▶ Focus on Tributary areas where there is not already planning or project building efforts; especially those that are neglected shall be prioritized—although all tributaries in study area shall be accounted for
- ▶ Refer to previous planning efforts whenever possible and fill in gaps, identify and resolve inconsistencies

WATER AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PURPOSE

The purpose of the Water and Environment committee is to identify and prioritize the opportunities that focus on the community need for safety and responsibility for a sustainable environment for the Upper Los Angeles River and its Tributaries using an integrated approach (water resources/conservation/quality/recreation source)

WATER AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Create equitable opportunities to enhance the ecosystem, watershed health, water supply, improve water quality, habitat, and biodiversity
- ▶ Maintain or enhance flood management



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- ▶ Balance the utilization of available space and resources for both the environment and the community
- ▶ Assess all opportunities for resiliency to climate change

PEOPLE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE PURPOSE

The purpose of the People and Recreation Committee is to identify and prioritize opportunities that focus on the community need for public space and recreation within and along the Upper Los Angeles River and its tributaries. Opportunities should include special consideration for:

- ▶ Culture and arts
- ▶ The special needs community
- ▶ Economic and workforce development opportunities
- ▶ Recreation and equitable access for all
- ▶ Integration of the water and environment.
- ▶ Safety and access

PEOPLE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Feature and promote the importance of the community and local culture
- ▶ Identify and create improved, inspirational, inclusive access and connectivity to public space, the river and tributaries for all users

- ▶ Incorporate and Identify opportunities for education, recreation, ecosystem and habitat restoration, passive recreation, and examine their relationship with baseflows
- ▶ Provide connectivity to safe parks, open spaces, trails
- ▶ Focus on social equity and environmental justice during the planning process
- ▶ Strengthen local business and vendors to foster job creation and economic growth

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Nature-based & Watershed Engagement. Odi aditibus audamen ducipsunt ame rehendenti autat



Engage with Underserved Areas. Odi aditibus audamen ducipsunt ame rehendenti autat



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Schedule

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- Chapters 1 & 2 of the Draft Plan were released for review and comment on September 26, 2019
- Staggered release in English and Spanish
- Complete draft plan released by December 6, 2019
- Public comment open until mid January 2020
- Comment response log will be posted online and incorporated as an appendix to the plan

Online commenting available at
UpperLARiver.Konveio.com

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Input Points

- Comment sheets
- Web-based tool

Community Input

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