

# Executive Meeting Summary

**Project Title:** AB 466 UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES REVITALIZATION PLAN

**Purpose of Meeting:** Water and Environment Committee Meeting - April 25, 2019

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### POLLING ACTIVITY REGARDING PROJECT IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIZATION

A polling activity and paper polling ballot aligned with key themes was presented to the committee to help determine areas of greatest needs per tributary and spark discussion. The polling results ballot and comments received are as follows:

Polling Results	Water and Environment- Committee Members						
	Aliso Canyon Wash	Pacoima Wash	Tujunga Wash	Burbank Western Channel	Verdugo Wash	Arroyo Seco	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed
<b>Nature Based Solutions</b>	2	4	1	1	1	1	2
<b>Watershed Management</b>	2	3	1	3	2	2	3
<b>Flood Risk</b>	4	5	2	5	6	5	5
<b>Open Space and Recreation</b>	1	1	2	2	3	3	1
<b>Safe Access</b>	4	2	4	6	4	4	4
<b>Community</b>	3	4	3	4	5	5	6

Note: 1 represents the top priority by column.

## Committee Member Comments

### Aliso Canyon

- Community is very aware of environmental needs + pollution; something to keep in mind for public engagement and projects!
- A place to carefully manage urban-rural interface, how do we make connections w/out overwhelming wildlife?

### Arroyo Seco

- Opportunities for restoration & ecological revitalization
- Watershed management will enhance nature
- Habitat connectivity

### Burbank Western Channel

- Opportunity for wildlife corridor, bike connectivity to LA shadow hills
- Public access (safety)

### Pacoima Wash

- Youth are very engaged + motivated in Pacoima - would be great to prioritize here
- I like sanitation's plan to move water where will be useful, to capture, to serve community

### Tujunga Wash

- What trails are proposed from Hansen dam riding trails to along wash? Best opportunity to expand riding trails!
- Spreading ground, groundwater recharge

### Verdugo Wash

- Wildlife corridor
- Habitat connectivity

### Upper LA River Watershed

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- Some segments of LA River channel do not have 100 yr flood protection, 100 yr flood risk

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## Public Attendee Comments - collected from written forms

### Aliso Canyon

- None

### Arroyo Seco

- Habitat connectivity

### Burbank Western Channel

- Public access (safety)

### Pacoima Wash

- Connect by Canterbury Ave (DWP utility corridor) waterways into greenway for multi-modal recreation not cars. Connect these two waterways.

### Tujunga Wash

- Spreading ground and groundwater recharge

### Verdugo Wash

- Not clear which neighborhoods are adjacent to this wash other than that they are "poor".
- Habitat connectivity

### Upper LA River Watershed

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## REVIEW OF OVERALL PROJECT FRAMEWORK

A review of the process, materials covered, input received from the working group and process timeline was presented.

## OVERVIEW OF PRELIMINARY PROJECT OPPORTUNITY SCREENING PROCESS AND SITES

A sampling of sites identified throughout the watershed was presented. The committee discussed possible improvements for each site as well as the appropriate scale for projects included in the plan. Carolina Hernandez (LACFCD) requested that additional effort be geared towards previous or current plans for all sites, and to plan for coordination with agencies responsible for the sites in the plan.

### ATTENDEES

Committee Members: Enrique Zaldivar (City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation), Humberto Quintana (City of LA, Council District 7), Jeremy Wolf (Office of Sen. Stern), Emily Gabel-Luddy (City of Burbank), Viridiana Velez (Office of Sup. Sheila Kuehl), Tim Brick (Arroyo Seco Foundation) and Carolina Hernandez (LA County Flood Control District).

Project team: Sarah Rascon (MRCA), Melissa Vega (MRCA), Mia Lehrer (Studio-MLA), Jan Dyer (Studio-MLA), Jean Yang (Studio-MLA), Oliver Galang (Tetra Tech), Brad Wardynski (Tetra Tech), Gina Palino (Tetra Tech), and Ariel Jones (MIG).