

Executive Meeting Summary

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

Purpose of Meeting: People and Recreation Committee Meeting – June 27, 2019

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MAP WORKSHOP- BUNDLES

To collect input from attendees two sets of large tributary maps were used to facilitate a discussion for each group; one set for committee members and one set for the public. Topics discussed were consensus of which Design Area would receive additional analysis (one per tributary for a total of six), if the boundaries shown on the maps represented accurate and appropriate boundaries for that area, and to identify limitations and preferences for scored design areas at each tributary. A summary of that input is as follows:

Aliso Canyon Wash		
Bundle ID and Name	Committee Input	Public Input
Design Area A: Northern Aliso Green Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Design Area B: Wilbur Debris Basin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will indigenous (Tataviam & Tongva) cultural sites be addressed by plan? More permeability and vegetation
Design Area C: Southern Aliso Green Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

Arroyo Seco		
Bundle ID and Name	Committee Input	Public Input
Design Area A: Flint Canyon Confluence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat connectivity and improved hydrology (habitat islands/pocket parks)
Design Area B: Lower Arroyo Park Naturalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical recommendation should be summarized Highlight opportunity Look into Portantino funding Restore living stream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floodplain reclamation and species recovery priorities Good opportunities for habitat enhancement and water management with public access
Design Area C: Heritage Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect to bikeways, connect different communities Represents spirit of legislation Dense underserved Connections with schools and parks Joining of communities - confluence for communities; youth investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural and historical resources plus connection to Audubon Center @ Debs Create connectivity to LA River bike path, Lummis House Heritage Square High need for disadvantaged communities to access open space & link park lands (in Debs Park)

Burbank Western		
Bundle ID and Name	Committee Input	Public Input
Design Area A: Verdugo Mountains Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community access, water infiltration, and air quality improvements (trees & vegetation)
Design Area B: Green Lung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobility improvements
Design Area C: Multi-use Green System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please model watershed-wide adoption of parcel-based stormwater management (aggressive over 20 yr)

Pacoima Wash		
Bundle ID and Name	Committee Input	Public Input
Design Area A: Lopez Canyon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Design Area B: San Fernando HS and Pacoima Spreading Grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Fernando safe routes to school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly impacted community that needs park & water investments - prioritize this one

Tujunga Wash		
Bundle ID and Name	Committee Input	Public Input
Design Area A: Hansen Dam Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake restoration to maintain trails Underutilized resource Little Tujunga Wash - quicksand and flooding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood risk management, ecological restoration, park access, water supply benefits, recreation opportunities
Design Area B: Hansen Dam Spreading Grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access to SG, paths accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Design Area C: Tujunga Wash Cultural Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new infrastructure that constrains future floodplain reclamation

Verdugo Wash		
Bundle ID and Name	Committee Input	Public Input
Design Area A: San Rafael Ecological Connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail along wash (even just pedestrian) Mountain biking Wildlife passage could be connected to Pacific Crest Trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffer in fire zone & eliminate resilience Ecological value & habitat connectivity
Design Area B: Urban Trail Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access and community engagement opportunities
Design Area C: LA River Confluence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial conversion optimization & natural infrastructure, more connectivity

Staff recommended that the design areas for the Arroyo Seco and Verdugo Wash be re-visited at the July 25, 2019 Working Group meeting.

ATTENDEES

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