

# Executive Meeting Summary

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

**Purpose of Meeting:** Water and Environment Committee Meeting- February 28, 2019

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### DATA COMPILATION UPDATE

The Project Team displayed summaries, maps, and data related to the data compiled for the baseline conditions to date. Data compiled to date included:

- Number of datasets analyzed to date: 45 (and counting)
- Existing/proposed active transit
- Vacant land
- Historic registered sites
- Existing/proposed public transit
- Disadvantaged Communities
- Open space
- 100 yr-flood mapping including LOMR
- Community assets

### SITE IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZATION PLANNING PROCESS

The Committee was recommended the following framework by which projects, and ultimately the plan, will be analyzed:

Step 1: Address Objectives

Step 2: Identify Feasible Multi-Benefit Opportunities

Step 3: Determine possible/ needed locations within ULART

Step 4: Revisit Objectives

Step 5: Determine potential project impact.

Each of the identified opportunities will be analyzed using this framework to determine how well the projects align with the goals and objectives. Projects will be assigned improvements based on the preference and feedback from the Working Group and the community, then each project will be scored based on how well the assigned improvements align with the goals and objectives. Wilbur Debris Basin along Aliso Canyon Wash was used as an example site to demonstrate the framework process. This process was used for the *Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan* and is being customized to fit the Upper LA River. Committee Members provided example improvements for this type of site.

### PRESENTATION ON GAPS ANALYSIS

Maps showing projects identified in the literature review, vacant, and public land were presented to show both the areas that have undergone some level of planning, and the areas in need of planning.

### DISCUSSION OF PROJECT CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING PROCESS

The Committee was presented with six common land uses- also known as typologies- and given an overview of the nearby land uses, other sites mentioned by the public and Working Group, and was asked to provide improvements that they would like to see applied to those types of sites. The following list contains the information brainstormed by the Water and Environment Committee for each typology.

#### Typology name: Basins

- Site scale green infrastructure
- Ecological restoration
- Debris flow management
- Connectivity
- Native plants
- Recreational enhancement
- Off-channel streams
- Trails
- Park amenities

### Typology name: Channel Right of way

- Multi-use paths/trails
- Separate paths for safety when room permits
- Signage
- Walk-bike areas
- Off-channel bioswales
- Floodplain expansion or alteration
- Floodplain buyback
- Maintenance of area
- Parking available
- Access control/alarms
- Enforcement/safety
- Low-flow diversions
- Remove concrete/de-armor/naturalize
- Holistic/ecologically oriented analysis

### Typology name: Bridges

- Bridge widening for multi-use
- Safety improvements
- Pre-fabricated bridges

### Typology name: Existing Park

- Channel expansions
- Braiding of low flow streams
- Naturalization
- Interpretive signage

### Typology name: Ecological Connections

None

### ATTENDEES

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Committee Members: Tim Brick (Director, Arroyo Seco Foundation), Keith Lilley (alternate for Mark Pestrella, LACDPW), Phuoc Le (alternate for Enrique Zaldivar, LASAN), Humberto Quintana (alternate for Hon. Monica Rodriguez, CD7), Viridiana Velez (Alternate for Hon. Sheila Kuehl), and Jeremy Wolf.