

Executive Meeting Summary

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

Purpose of Meeting: People and Recreation Committee Meeting - August 29, 2019

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REVIEW OF DESIGN AREAS BY TRIBUTARY

Six design areas were chosen based on the revitalization plan's seventeen projects.

VERDUGO WASH || Verdugo Mountains Ecological Connection

- Public input: Connections for people and animals, connect the community to native flora and fauna, keep the space native, and keep it natural.
- Design features:
 - Verdugo Gardens
 - Wildlife Crossing between the Verdugo Mountains and the San Rafael Hills
 - Verdugo Preserve East Entrance
 - Verdugo Promenade
 - Oakmont Country Club and Existing Park Enhancements
 - Filter Forest/Green Lung
 - Green streets

ARROYO SECO || Heritage Square

- Public input: Connection to surrounding areas, A place to learn about nature and our community, Connect the parks and museums, and Naturalize and green the flood plain.
- Design features:
 - Sycamore Grove Park Enhancements
 - Debs Park Enhancements
 - Arroyo Allee
 - Foothill Detention Basin
 - Artesian Park
 - Filtration Forest
 - Confluence Plaza
 - Green Streets
 - Bike-path Connection

ALISO CANYON || Wilbur Debris Basin Area

- Public input: Create a Natural Space where people can do things, link the community and the tributaries, make it at a place where the community can grow, gather, and sell.
- Design features:
 - Urban nurseries
 - Enhance existing parks, restoration project, the Metro Link station, and PALS Youth Center
 - Shade on Aliso Path
 - Stormwater BMPS and nature play
 - Green streets

PACOIMA WASH || Pacoima Junction

- Public input: More natural parks and open space, create ways for us to move around the city safely, celebrate OUR community, and create flood protection that is beautiful.
- Design features:
 - Elementary School and High School Enhancements
 - Children's Native Garden / Stormwater Capture Field Community gardens
 - Connector between San Fernando High School and Paxton and Richie Valens park
 - Filter Forest to clean pollutants from the I-5 and CA-118
 - Underpass link

TUJUNGA WASH || Hansen Dam Holiday Lake

- Public input: Make the park safer and easier to get to, educate people about our community, pockets for recreation and places for nature, enhance the opportunity for ecological habitat.
- Design features:
 - The Discovery Zone
 - “Holiday Lake”
 - Habitat Islands
 - Lakeside Esplanade
 - Green Streets
 - Native nurseries and greenhouses
 - Tataviam Village
 - Enhanced Trails for horses and pedestrians

BURBANK WESTERN || Burbank Western Greenway Connection

- Public input: Connection to other parks and schools, places to teach and learn about nature, create places to rest along the path, and mitigate the pollution from the highway.
- Design features:
 - Green Streets/Filter Forest
 - Enhancement to schools
 - River Overlook

DISCUSSION OF PLAN ELEMENTS

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 - Prioritization
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Introduction

- A. Guiding Principles and Framework
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Baseline Conditions
 - Planning Framework (Prioritization Criteria)
 - Community Engagement Plan
- B. Summary of Community Feedback
 - Materials created for outreach
 - Responses from outreach
 - Event summary forms
- C. Multi-Benefit Revitalization Opportunities
 - Project, Tributary, and Plan Report Card
 - Highlighted Project Concepts Supporting information
 - List of all Opportunities for Enhancement and Revitalization

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