

Executive Meeting Summary

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

Purpose of Meeting: Water and Environment Committee Meeting – June 27, 2019

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

DESIGN AREA MAP WORKSHOP- SHOWCASING 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"> Look at Prop O project flood issue, add Wilbur Debris Basin flood protection Connect residential to park with emphasis on public safety at Vanalden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
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"> Wildlife passage land acquisition: between San Gabriel and Griffith Park; Cottonwood Canyon into San Rafael; CA River to Griffith Historical Tongva Village Site: cultural education and tribal access to culturally significant plant harvest Habitat connectivity and improved hydrology (habitat islands/pocket parks)
Design Area B: Lower Arroyo Park Naturalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connection: pedestrians, ecological, public transit, other; expand area to include area 2 Summarize recommendations Living stream restoration/nature based water management Educational components Utilize/expand existing trails and access points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA
Design Area C: Heritage Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sycamore/ Debs park metro connect S.W. Museum RFP Study confluence connection, connect with schools Connection with schools, childcare, and youth/join communities; bikeways, and public transit 	<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"> N/A
Design Area C: Multi-use Green System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect to schools Water quality improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please model watershed-wide adoption of parcel-based stormwater management (aggressive over 20 yr)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underground storage needed to take wet weather flows for water conservation 	

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"> Improve safety around schools Check on existing green streets Edges of SG and beyond, make wash more inviting Environmental education & flood safety Spreading grounds re-design, multipurpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

Tujunga Wash		
Bundle ID and Name	Committee Input	Public Input
Design Area A: Hansen Dam Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tataviam Village Sites can be memorialized as cultural site, tribes can be allowed to harvest cultural plants
Design Area B: Hansen Dam Spreading Grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check location mitigation bank area & integrate into project Spreading grounds elevate for access Does county have a mitigation area somewhere here? Redesign to incorporate recreational use, manage reservoir maintenance Public access to SG, paths accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID opportunities to improve habitat for wildlife passage up Tujunga Wash and down to Hansen Dam Wildlife connectivity between Verdugo & San Gabriel via Hansen Dam & Big Tujunga Wash, identify passageways and barriers
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"> Urban area improvements - trails & connections Community college 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf course site upstream/pollution Fern drive underpass connectivity Multiple wildlife routes between Verdugo and San Rafael, LARIO acquisitions
Design Area B: Urban Trail Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Design Area C: LA River Confluence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location for bridges Habitat/river access; wildlife – Griffith park connection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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