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Word/term	Description/ definition	Source of definition
100-yr floodplain	The boundary of the overflow from a rainstorm resulting from a flood that has a 1 in 100 chance of being equaled or exceeded in any 1 year; it has an average recurrence interval of once in 100 years.	https://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/106/
Arts	The expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power.	google
Biodiversity	The variety of life in the world or in a particular habitat or ecosystem	google
CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score	CalEnviroScreen is a science-based mapping tool that helps identify California communities that are most affected by many sources of pollution, and that are often especially vulnerable to pollution's effects. CalEnviroScreen uses environmental, health, and socioeconomic information to produce a numerical score for each census tract in the state.	https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30
Climate resilience	Climate resilience is the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to hazardous events, trends, or variations related to climate.	https://www.c2es.org/content/climate-resilience-overview/
Community engagement	The process by which citizens, communities, and stakeholders learn about and provide feedback related to future planning efforts that are typically conducted by agencies or organizations.	Tt
Community need	Resources that are lacking as indicated by the local people of the area in question	Tt
Connectivity	The state or extent of being connected or interconnected with respect to access throughout and between communities; applies to both human and animal populations	google
Corridor	A linear area within which studies, plans, impacts, and projects are considered. For the ULART Study, the planning corridor is a one-half mile offset on each side of the tributary. Used to represent the conditions of the people who live near or use the areas next to the tributaries. These areas are urbanized and largely impervious.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Cultural, arts, or educational facility	A building or center that facilitates culture, arts, or education, such as cultural and performing arts centers, museums, schools, etc.	Tt
Culture	The customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Disadvantaged Community (DAC)	A Disadvantaged Community is defined by the State of California as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the Statewide annual median household income	http://www.cvwd.org/365/Disadvantaged-Communities-Task-Force

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<i>Economic and workforce development</i>	An approach to economic development that attempts to enhance a region's economic stability and prosperity by focusing on people rather than businesses.	google
Ecosystem	A biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment	google
Ecosystem enhancement	Modification of a site to increase/improve habitat for plants and animals while not causing adverse impacts to the environment and human health. Also related to ecosystem restoration which is an enhancement that strives to provide environmental values that have been lost, typically through development.	Tt
Ecosystem health	A healthy ecosystem is one that is intact in its physical, chemical, and biological components and their interrelationships, such that it is resilient to withstand change and stressors. It is a system that is not experiencing the abnormal growth or decline of native species, the concentration of persistent contaminants, or drastic anthropogenic changes to its landscape or ecological processes.	https://www.seadocsociety.org/what-is-ecosystem-health
Education	The process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or university	google
Equitable access	Equal opportunity for access to the LA River and Tributaries regardless of disparity in income, housing, or other demographics.	Tt
Flood risk	The likelihood and adverse consequences of flooding as it affects human life and asset value.	https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/portals/70/docs/iwrreports/2014-r-02_appendixa.pdf
Flood risk reduction	Actions that are intended to reduce the likelihood or the potential adverse consequences of a future flood. They include actions to reduce the hazard, reduce exposure, and reduce vulnerability, and can be both structural (for example, channels or basins) or non-structural (floodproofing, floodplain buy-out).	https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/portals/70/docs/iwrreports/2014-r-02_appendixa.pdf
Framework	The community-driven technical approach (or "methods") through which the Plan is developed and analyzed.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Funding	Money provided, especially by an organization or government, for a particular purpose	google
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism	google
Human access	Point that provides the ability for humans to enter the LA River or tributaries	Tt

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Improvements	General types of actions that can be applied to enhance the space in alignment with the community desires, environmental needs, and the goals and objectives of the Plan.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Improved recreation element	An already existing recreational space to which value is added by using new features such as enhanced playing fields, amenities, restrooms, trails, and paths	Tt
Iteration	Repetition of the analysis with updates to the inputs based on feedback or additional data.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Local flood complaints	Flooding issues identified by members of the community	Tt
Mainstem	The 51 miles of the Los Angeles River from the headwaters in Canoga Park to its mouth in Long Beach.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Multi-benefit	Providing improvements to meet more than one need or purpose, often in different realms such as both environmental and community revitalization.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Multipurpose	One space that provides several functions or supports multiple activities and/or benefits	google
Nature based solutions	Nature-based solutions to social or physical challenges that are inspired and supported by nature; implies holistic benefits to the environment, community, energy conservation, and resiliency.	https://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index.cfm?pg=nbs
Objectives	The intentions of the planning effort in achieving its stated purpose. In general, objectives are more specific and easier to measure than goals.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Open space	Land without buildings or a general descriptive term which places no restrictions on the use of the land. The definition of open space includes constructed open space (e.g. parks and plazas) and natural open space (essentially unimproved, with native habitat)	Page 203 http://www.cityofvernon.org/images/community-services/Planning/Vernon_General_Plan.pdf
Opportunity areas	Site-specific areas within ULART that have been identified for improvements by the Working Group, Committees, community, or as part of a gap analysis.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Passive recreation element	Refers to activities that are generally low impact such as hiking, fishing, picnicking, bird watching, or non-motorized boating.	Common Ground

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Phase	A distinct period or stage in a series of events or a process of change or development	google
Previous efforts	Any action taken to assess or alter a site for improvements previous to the ULART plan	Tt
Public transit access point	Location that links a form of public transportation (bus, metro, etc.) to a LA River access site	Tt
Recreation	Activity done for enjoyment when one is not working resulting in mental and physical health benefits	google
Safe access	Unobstructed point to enter a public place, river, or tributary suitable for all users	Tt
Scoring	The numeric value assigned to each opportunity area describing how well the site aligns with the goals and objectives of the Plan.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Stormwater	Water that originates during precipitation events and snow/ice melt. Stormwater can soak into the soil (infiltrate), be held on the surface and evaporate, or runoff and end up in nearby streams, rivers or other water bodies (surface water).	Wikipedia
Structural BMP	Best Management Practices that consist of structural facilities that help to prevent pollutants in storm water runoff from leaving a developed property, entering our storm drains, and impacting our local waterways	https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dpw/WATERSHED_PROTECTION_PROGRAM/watershedpdf/S-BMP/BMP_Program_Flyer.pdf
Tributary	A river or stream flowing into the Los Angeles River. There are 13 total identified in this plan and 6 selected for additional analysis.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Tributary Watershed	All the land area that drains to the tributary. Represents the conditions that impact habitat, ecology, and water pollution because the water that flows over the entire watershed impacts the in-stream conditions.	ULART Term Definitions Handout
Typologies	Categories of land uses with common characteristics frequently dispersed throughout ULART that have been mentioned by the community, Working Group, or suggested by the project planning team.	ULART Term Definitions Handout

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Underserved community	The term "underserved population" means a population of individuals, including urban minorities, who have historically not been provided with or exposed to opportunities or resources of higher income communities; this can include arts and humanities programs, recreational facilities such as parks, or environmental factors such as water quality.	Office of Management and Budget; Appendix, Budget of the U.S. Government, Fiscal Year 2014 (https://definedterm.com/underserved_population)
Unmet drainage need	Localized drainage issues can cause hazards, damage, or inconvenience to communities. These drainage issues could potentially be mitigated by new capital projects proposed in the Plan to help protect communities from flood impacts. Unmet drainage needs are quantified in units of linear miles requiring improvement.	LLAR
Watershed Management	Approach to protect and improve water quality and other natural resources by identifying comprehensive land use and water management practices.	google/CA Water Board
Waterway	A river, canal, or other route for travel by water	google
Wildlife access	Point that provides the ability for local wildlife to have entry to the LA river	Tt
Wildlife passage	Capability of an area of land to facilitate wildlife movement in and around it	Tt