LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN (LLARRP) WORKING GROUP MEETING #6

Thursday, October 6, 2016 ◆ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Apollo Park, McCaugham Gym Activity Room, 12544 Rives Avenue, Downey, CA 90242

SUMMARY REPORT

INTRODUCTION

On October 6, 2016, California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon of the 63rd Assembly District and the Rivers and Mountain Conservancy (RMC) co-hosted the sixth meeting of the Working Group for the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP). The purpose of the meeting was to review outcomes of the first meetings of the River Segment Committees, and to discuss emerging themes and areas for further discussion in the process.

Meeting Format and Agenda

The sixth meeting of the Working Group occurred on October 6, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at McCaugham Gym Activity Room, 12544 Rives Avenue, Downey. Approximately 35 Working Group members participated, and approximately 18 members of the public and staff from participating agencies also attended to listen and learn (Attachment C).

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer of the RMC opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and explaining the purpose and objectives of the meeting. He also highlighted a draft of a motion to the Board of Supervisors that was a recently distributed to the Working Group members, which would initiate an update to the Los Angeles River Master Plan (Attachment A). Daniel lacofano of MIG, Inc., served as meeting facilitator and provided an overview of the agenda (Attachment B) and meeting format before asking for self-introductions from all participants.

During the meeting, Mr. Iacofano displayed PowerPoint slides to support the review of agenda items and discussion points (Attachment D). Representatives of the River Segment Committees provided oral reports of the outcomes of their first meetings. During these reports and participants' discussions, Andy Pendoley of MIG recorded key points on a wall-sized piece of paper, or "wallgraphic." A summary of the presentations and discussion points are provided in the following sections, and a photo-reduced copy of wallgraphic is included as Attachment E.

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

The following sections provide a summary of presentations and discussions among Working Group members. Topics included: process announcements; presentations from River Segment

Committees; discussion of emerging themes and topics for further discussion; next meetings of the Plan Element Committees; review of draft concept for Phase I website; and next steps.

Process Announcements

Mr. Stanley provided announcements on process next steps, as follows:

- A breakfast event will occur at the confluence of the rivers 9:00 am 11:00 am, October 22, 2016.
- Interviews with individual Working Group members will be videotaped during the Working Group Meeting #7 on November 3, 2016.
- A draft motion to the County Board of Supervisors to initiate an update of the Los Angeles River Master Plan is available for feedback by Wednesday, October 12, 2016, to Teresa Villegas. The motion may be presented to the Board at the October 18, 2016 meeting.
- A fact sheet describing AB 530 and the planning process will be available for review soon.

Presentations from River Segment Committees

Mr. Iacofano introduced representatives of the River Segment Committees, who provided brief oral reports with accompanying PowerPoint slides (Attachment C) on the outcomes of their first meetings:

- City of Vernon to Rio Hondo Channel
- Rio Hondo Channel to Compton Creek Channel
- Compton Creek Channel to LA River Outlet

Following are summaries of the reports.

City of Vernon to Rio Hondo Channel

Existing Efforts and Opportunities

- I-710 Corridor Project: potential impact to the LA River
- Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) projects: regional facilities with best management practices, and green streets
- Urban Orchard Project by the Trust for Public Land: interpretive elements, gardens, and bike connectivity

Connectivity and Opportunities

- LA River bike path: connectivity to transportation facilities and public parks
- Railroad right-of-way: enhancement of railroad properties
- EWMP projects: connectivity

Next Steps and Schedule

• Conduct meetings on 3rd Thursday of every other month from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- Next meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2016
- Conduct a river segment tour

Rio Hondo Channel to Compton Creek

Existing Efforts and Opportunities

- I-710 Corridor Project: potential impact to the LA River
- EWMP projects: regional facilities with best management practices, and green streets
- Hollydale Park Project
- DeForest Wetlands Park Project

Connectivity and Opportunities

- LA River bike path: connectivity to transportation facilities and public parks
 - Connect the cities and neighborhoods
- Equestrian access to facilities (e.g., Imperial Equestrian, Hollydale Park)
- Habitat restoration opportunities
- Powerline easements for multi-use opportunities
- EWMP projects for connectivity opportunities

Next Steps and Schedule

- Conduct meetings on 2nd Thursday of every other month from 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
 - Next meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2016
 - Conduct a river segment tour

Compton Creek to LA River Outlet

Existing Efforts and Opportunities

- Long Beach RiverLink Plan: fields, greenbelts, bridges, wetlands, and connectivity
- I-710 Corridor Project
- EWMP projects: regional facilities with best management practices, and green streets
- Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB MUST): water quality and stormwater

Connectivity and Opportunities

- LA River bike path: connectivity to transportation facilities and public parks
 - Improve the east/west bridges, including the Shoemaker Bridge
- Equestrian access
 - Link the six equestrian zones along the river
- Neighborhood connections to the west side of the river
- Accessibility to both sides of the channel

Next Steps and Schedule

- Conduct meetings on 2nd Wednesday of every other month from 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
 - o Next meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2016
 - Conduct a river segment tour

Working Group Discussion: Support Needs and Next Steps

Working Group members asked questions and provided comments related to the River Segment Committee reports. Working Group members and project staff provided responses.

- Engage the City of Compton in this process through the Compton Creek project and Working Group liaisons
- Will a 51-mile equestrian trail be developed as part of the LA River Master Plan?
 - Participation of equestrian stakeholders is important to identifying the issues and opportunities for such an effort
 - o River plans will strive to address the full range of mobility and modes
 - o Create and equestrian trail overlay map to inform planning
- How can the \$46 million in funds from the Port of Long Beach be applied to the river?
 - Cities and the County are exploring these opportunities
 - o Grant opportunities will begin in Spring 2017

Working Group members also discussed support needs for ongoing planning and collaboration.

- Inventory of existing efforts: I-710, RiverLink, EWMP, park projects, etc.)
- Transportation facilities: bike lanes/paths, rail, Metro stations, etc.)
- Map overlays that are user-friendly with web-based interface
 - Green network
 - Land use
 - o Trails
 - Open parcels
- LACDA parapet walls
- Project website and database for information sharing and storage
- Homeless services: information and subject matter experts

Discussion Emerging Planning Themes and Priorities

Mr. Iacofano facilitated a discussion with Working Group members about emerging planning themes and priorities from LLARRP planning efforts to-date. Discussion also focused on topics for further study and discussion within the committees.

Implementation and Funding Opportunities

- Identify funding opportunities from the pending County ballot measure for parks: rivers, allocation to cities, and high and very-high need opportunities
- Leverage and fund existing community organizations to support planning and implementation
- Create adopt-a-segment funding structures
- Define potential structures: governance, funding, development and maintenance

Community Engagement

- Develop the participation plan and conduct initial activities, including materials, distribution channels, and website
- Engage the business community along the river in the Working Group and planning process
- Strengthen environmental justice and river advocacy
- Build a sustainable base of community leaders now
 - Explore how to link to a potential joint powers authority
- Conduct outreach to the public through multiple channels
 - Elected officials
 - o Door-to-door
 - Community events
 - Working Group members' networks
 - Schools
 - Social media

Community Economics, Health and Equity

- Focus on protecting existing communities and residents from gentrification and displacement
 - Conduct best practices research, and failed and efforts (e.g., Anacostia River, land trusts, micro loans)
 - o Learn from efforts on the Upper LA River
 - Develop a new approach
 - Identify representatives across committees who can collaborate to identify solutions
- Focus on transportation and mobility by identifying representatives across committees who can collaborate to identify solutions

Water and Environment

Include projects from Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plans

Public Realm

- Allow only safe and authorized vehicles to access the river
- Create signage that supports all users and modes
- Address personal security (e.g., lighting and crime)
- Implement a wayfinding program to improve navigation and support a unified identity
- Secure and retain open space
- Identify challenges and solutions for operations and maintenance across jurisdictions

Next Meetings of Plan Element Committees

Mr. lacofano reviewed the dates and times of the next Plan Element Committees.

- Community Economics, Health and Equity: Thursday, October 13, 2016, 10am-12pm
- Community Engagement: Monday, October 17, 2016, 3pm-5pm
- Public Realm: Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 2pm-4pm
- Water and Environment: Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 1pm-3pm

Draft Concept for Phase I Website

Mr. Iacofano presented screenshots of the draft concept for the Phase I website and its features, explaining that its primary purpose is to provide information sharing and data collection functionality for the Working Group. This will include use of the SharePoint file sharing program, which will provide password-protected access for Working Group members. Following are primary next steps for the website in the coming months:

- Phase I website live in late October
 - Working Group members will receive email invite to SharePoint
- Phase II website developed incoming months, including:
 - Map-based survey to gain public input about needs and interests along the lower LA River
 - Project branding including creative contributions from public events
 - Expanded features and content

NEXT STEPS

After Working Group members shared information about upcoming social events and other announcements, Mr. Iacofano and Mr. Stanley concluded the meeting by thanking Working Group members and reviewing upcoming meetings.

Community Engagement kickoff meetings are in the planning stages. The following tentative dates will be confirmed and forwarded to the Working Group members:

- Rio Hondo Channel to Compton Creek: Saturday, November 12, 2016, in the morning
- City of Vernon to Rio Hondo Channel: Saturaday, December 3, 2016, in the morning
- Compton Creek to LA River Outlet: December 10, 2016, in the morning

The next three Working Group meetings will occur on the dates at the following locations:

- Thursday, November 3, 2016, Maywood
- Thursday, December 1, 2016, Long Beach
- Thursday, January 6, 2017, Compton

ATTACHMENT A: DRAFT MOTION TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL		
Since it was originally settled,	the Los Angeles Reg	gion has attracted diverse
nterests and cultures from around t	he world. Today, th	e County of Los Angeles
County) is the largest and most divers	se County in the nation	n with more than 10 million
people in 88 cities and approximate	ely 140 unincorporate	d areas. The County of
os Angeles is among the world's 20	largest economies and	d the Board of Supervisors
provides essential services to its reside	ents through more than	35 departments. Through
ts services, the County provides stre	ong leadership in sha	ping positive change and
growth in its communities.		
The Los Angeles River (River)	is the centerpiece of	the County connecting its
10 million residents as it flows from it	ts headwaters in Cand	oga Park to its terminus in
Long Beach. Throughout generations	, the River has been a	gathering place and a link
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between communities. In recent years, many organizations, agencies, and groups including the County have begun to view the River as a common opportunity for improving the lives of its residents. This opportunity is evident due to the numerous river-related issues that intersect with the County's many services and initiatives such as combating homelessness, public health supporting economic development, parks and recreational development, sustainability and the environment, flood risk management, equity, and encouragement of artistic expression. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to lead the vision for continued improvement and revitalization across the County using the River as the common connector.

The Board of Supervisors, through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), has led the planning and begun implementation of numerous master plans for watersheds and river corridors within the County. Through these efforts, the County has implemented sustainable projects that balance flood protection, community connections, enhanced habitat and water quality, and improved water supply resiliency for the region.

In 1991, the County developed the Los Angeles River Master Plan with an Advisory Committee of approximately 50 members representing environmental and community groups, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies. The resulting Plan was a multi-objective guide for the River recognizing its primary purpose of flood protection while advocating for environmental enhancement, recreational opportunities, and economic development throughout the River corridor. This Plan was completed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1996. In the 20 years since its adoption,

the Plan has provided guidance and direction through tools such as landscaping standards and signage guidelines, and led to the construction of over 50 projects and enhancements along the River including bikeways, wetlands, multiuse parks, and greenways, with construction costs totaling almost \$200 million.

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	Los Angeles					
	(Upper) Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (City of Los Angeles)					
	Los Angeles River Valley Greenway and Bikeway Project					
	Long Beach RiverLink (City of Long Beach)					
	Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan (Watershed					
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	I-710 Corridor Project (Metro)					
	Los Angeles River Integrated Design Strategy (River LA)					

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LACFCD:

- Direct the Department of Public Works to establish a steering committee comprised of regional agencies, city leaders, non-profit and community groups and interested stakeholders to update the Los Angeles River Master Plan for the 51-mile Los Angeles River system;
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ATTACHMENT B: AGENDA

LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN (LLARRP) WORKING GROUP PROJECT MEETING No. 6

Thursday, October 6, 2016 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Apollo Park, McCaugham Gym Activity Room 12544 Rives Avenue, Downey, CA 90242

Meeting Objectives:

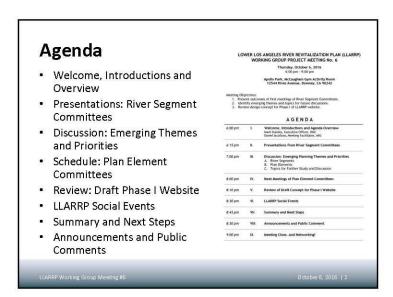
- Present outcomes of first meetings of River Segment Committees.
 Identify emerging themes and topics for future discussions.
 Review design concept for Phase I of LLARRP website.

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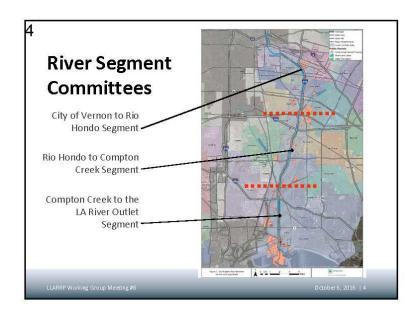
6:00 pm	l.	Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Overview Mark Stanley, Executive Officer, RMC Daniel Iacofano, Meeting Facilitator, MIG
6:15 pm	II.	Presentations from River Segment Committees
7:00 pm	III.	Discussion: Emerging Planning Themes and Priorities A. River Segments B. Plan Elements C. Topics for Further Study and Discussion
8:00 pm	IV.	Next Meetings of Plan Element Committees
8:10 pm	٧.	Review of Draft Concept for Phase I Website
8:30 pm	VI.	LLARRP Social Events
8:45 pm	VII.	Summary and Next Steps
8:50 pm	VIII.	Announcements and Public Comment
9:00 pm	IX.	Meeting Closeand Networking!

ATTACHMENT D: POWERPOINT SLIDESHOW









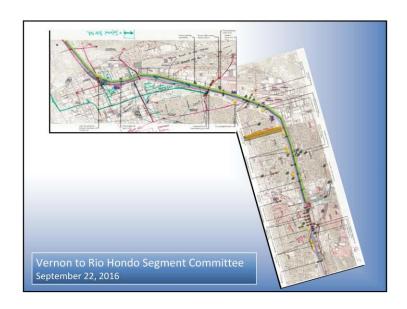
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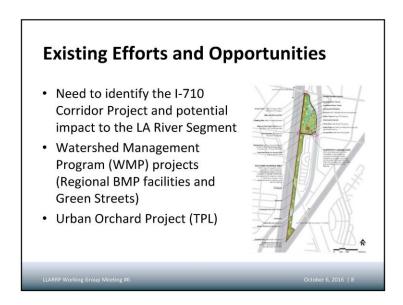
- Direct the development of chapters that will be incorporated in the AB 530 Plan
 - o Identify issues, opportunities, and partnerships
 - Incorporate and integrate the scope and principle objectives developed by Plan Element Committees
 - Recommend and/or coordinate with local agencies and other committees
 - o Report findings and recommendations to WG

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Connectivity and Opportunities



- LA River Bike Path Connectivity to transportation facilities and public parks
- Railroad R/W Opportunities for enhancement of railroad properties
- WMP Projects for connectivity and opportunities

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City of Vernon to Rio Hondo Channel Segment Committee

Meeting schedule: 3rd Thursday of every other month from 9AM – 11AM

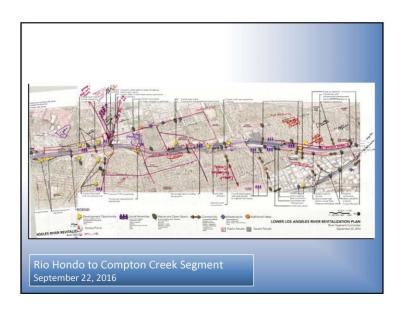
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- •Thursday, November 17th
- •River Segment Tour

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Existing Efforts and Opportunities

- Need to identify the I-710 Corridor Project and potential impact to the LA River Segment
- Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) projects (Regional BMP facilities and Green Streets)
- Hollydale Park Project
- DeForest Wetlands Park Project



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Connectivity and Opportunities



- LA River Bike Path Connectivity to transportation facilities and public parks
- Equestrian access to facilities
- Habitat Restoration Opportunities
- Use of Powerline Easements for multi-use opportunities
- EWMP Projects for connectivity and opportunities

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Rio Hondo Channel to Compton Creek Segment Committee

Meeting schedule: 2^{nd} Thursday of every other month from 2PM-4PM

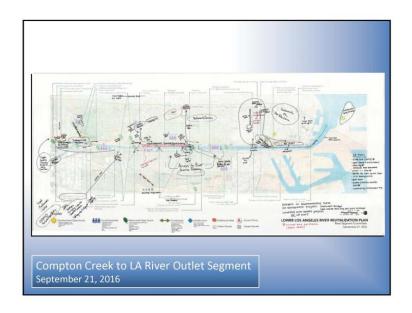
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- Connect Neighborhoods on the west side of the river
- Access to both sides of the channel

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Compton Creek to LA River Outlet Segment Committee

Meeting schedule: 2^{nd} Wednesday of every other month from 1PM - 3PM

Next Meeting:

- •Wednesday, November 9th
- •River Segment Tour

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Support Needs for the River Segment Committees



- Include Existing Efforts on Map

 (I-710 Corridor, RiverLink, EWMP, Park Projects, etc.)
- Transportation Facilities (Bike lanes/path, rail, metro stations)
- LACDA Project parapet walls

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Next Steps for the River Segment Committees

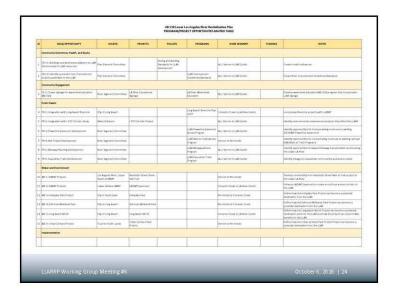


- River Segment Committee Meetings every other month, next meeting in November
- Conduct a Tour of the LA River Segments
 - Conduct a field review of existing conditions
 - Evaluate opportunities and identify local needs

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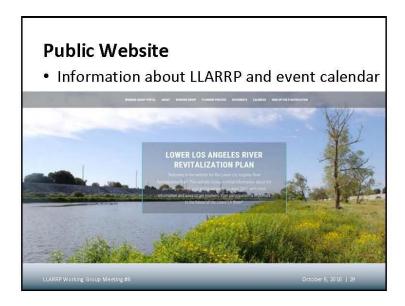
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Website Next Steps

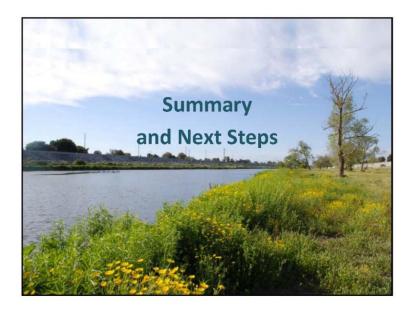
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Meeting Schedule

- First Thursday of each month
- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Through at most February 2018
- · Next meetings:
 - Thursday, November 3, 2016, Maywood
 - Thursday, December 1, 2016, Long Beach
 - Thursday, January 5, 2017, ???

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ATTACHMENT E: WALLGRAPHIC

