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Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan

Assembly Bill 530, authored by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, was signed into law in October of 2015 and authorized the Secretary of Natural Resources, in coordination with our Board, to appoint a local working group to develop a revitalization plan for the Lower Los Angeles River.

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the County of Los Angeles brought together agencies and organizations with interests in the Lower Los Angeles River and its future by forming a Working Group of 39 members. Over the past two years, the Working Group, chaired by the RMC and supported by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, held 80 Working Group and committee meetings, engaged with the public at 32 events, and received direct feedback from approximately 2,000 residents to develop the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan. The Plan identifies opportunities along the entire lower 19 miles of the Los Angeles River for adding natural features, increasing access to the river, creating opportunities for recreation, and promoting equity while continuing to provide flood risk management.

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The Plan has undergone public review and received consensus approval from the Working Group. The Plan acknowledges the County's 1996 Los Angeles River Master Plan and was designed to be incorporated into the Los Angeles River Master Plan Update effort that is currently underway.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Recognize the efforts of the Working Group and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and congratulate them on their successful development the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan;
2. Direct the Department of Public Works to continue broad-based outreach and community engagement to solicit input on projects proposed to be implemented along the Lower Los Angeles River, and to carry forward the working group efforts by including the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan in the planning efforts for the Los Angeles River Master Plan Update.

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