

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

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**Implementing the Los Angeles River Master Plan**

On October 18, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved Motion No. 16-5168 and directed the Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) to work with both stakeholders and communities along the 51-miles of the Los Angeles River (River) to update the 1996 LA River Master Plan (LARMP). From 2018 to 2021, Public Works established a 41-member steering committee, carried out an extensive community engagement program, and completed a thorough and comprehensive technical research and analysis effort to update the LARMP. Public Works developed an updated plan that includes goals, strategies, technical guidance, opportunity sites, and data to guide planning for improvements along the River over the next twenty-five years. Public Works also prepared a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to analyze at a program level, environmental effects as a result of implementation of the LARMP. The Draft Master Plan and Draft PEIR documents were released for public review, where over 2000 individual comments were received. Comments from the Steering Committee, working group of County Departments, various stakeholders, and members of the public were reviewed, and as appropriate, incorporated into the final LARMP.

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The LARMP identifies goals, actions, and methods that will be undertaken by LA County along the LA River corridor and throughout the watershed to help ensure a reimagined River. Upon adoption of the LARMP and certification of the PEIR, coordination between LA County, municipalities, other governmental entities, and non-profit organizations will be necessary to achieve the robust vision and goals of the LARMP.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Departments identified in the LARMP implementation matrix to convene within 120 days as the implementation team responsible for ongoing coordination following adoption of the LARMP and PEIR. This implementation team will consist of the following Departments: Public Works/LACFCD, Chief Executive Office, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Arts and Culture, Chief Sustainability Office, Department of Regional Planning, Department of Public Social Services, LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. The implementation team will establish guidance to prioritize County projects along the River, in consultation with community stakeholders, consistent with the Plan's community needs assessments and the prioritization criteria being developed as part of the County Infrastructure Initiative and Climate Resilience Initiative, with a particular focus on equity, sustainability, resilience, and community health;
2. Direct Public Works to further evaluate the Major Project Opportunity Zones identified in the LARMP with respect to past and current planning efforts in

relation to the high and very high needs analyzed across the LARMP's nine major goals. Public Works shall provide recommendations for advancing feasibility studies of opportunity zone regions, prioritizing disadvantaged and underserved communities with the highest identified needs within 120 days for submittal to the implementation team to further develop implementation strategies including funding;

3. Direct Public Works to further evaluate the Extra-Small and Small Opportunity Sites identified in the LARMP with respect to existing conditions and current planned efforts to provide additional access and common element amenities (i.e. shade, hydration, benches) along the LA River. Public Works within 6 months shall provide recommendations, to the implementation team to further develop implementation strategies including funding, on early action projects, which could be implemented utilizing the PEIR, while prioritizing disadvantaged and underserved communities with the highest identified needs with respect to access and open space; and
4. Direct the implementation team to report back in writing to the Board annually on its progress towards the implementation of the LARMP.