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**LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT TO BOARD**

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May 8, 2023

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FROM: Mark Pestrella, 
Director of Public Works

LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TEAM ANNUAL REPORT TO BOARD

On June 14, 2022, the Board adopted the updated Los Angeles River Master Plan (LARMP) along with a motion to initiate its implementation. Per the motion, an implementation team, led by Public Work and with representation from your department, was formed to coordinate ongoing implementation efforts.

The Implementation Team is directed to report back to the Board annually on its progress toward implementation. As discussed with your staff during the Implementation Team meetings, which began in September 2022, the LARMP includes an implementation matrix (Attachment) listing nine goals of the LARMP along with their associated actions and methods and identify the lead County departments for each.

In preparation for the annual report due on June 14, 2023, I am requesting that you have your staff complete progress updates on your department-specific worksheets provided to your staff in January and submit them to the Public Works' LARMP team by **Monday, May 22, 2023**. The worksheets and progress summary can be provided to Ramy Gindi at rgindi@pw.lacounty.gov. Public Works will submit a report to the Board based on your input.

Public Works appreciates your department's engagement to date and looks forward to continued collaboration with your department and the rest of the Implementation Team to bring the vision of the LARMP to life.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Keith Lilley, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4012 or klilley@pw.lacounty.gov.

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cc: Chief Executive Office
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5. EMBRACE AND ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.

5.1. Develop a globally significant, comprehensive 51-mile arts and culture corridor along the river that is place-based, community-driven, and reflective of the cultural diversity of the County.

The LA River corridor offers a unique opportunity to create the longest continuous corridor of arts and culture in LA County. Not only does this 51-mile corridor provide a place to reflect each unique community along its banks through arts and culture, it provides a place to bring these diverse communities together and celebrate their similarities and differences. The corridor has potential to be a major cultural destination that is also locally rooted in equitable access to cultural infrastructure, architecture, and landscapes.

- 5.1.1. Site permanent civic art, temporary art installations, cultural amenities, and cultural facilities along the river that are responsive to community strengths, needs, and identity.
- 5.1.2. Encourage incubation of diverse talent through commissions for local as well as regional, national, and international artists and cultural organizations.
- 5.1.3. Secure reliable funding for civic art and cultural projects along the river, encourage local projects to adopt the LA River Design Guidelines, encourage coordination of municipal public art programs, and encourage percent for art programs where they are not in place.
- 5.1.4. Support operations and maintenance of existing cultural and arts assets along the LA River corridor to ensure optimal long-term viability of assets, and provide workforce training to maintain culture and arts-based assets where possible.
- 5.1.5. Prioritize the use of historically accurate and culturally competent art and storytelling of past and present in interpretive materials, including signage, environmental graphics, functional art, curricula, cultural markers, and educational displays.
- 5.1.6. Require that all permanent art within the LA County Flood Control District right-of-way be deeded to the LA County Flood Control District.
- 5.1.7. Encourage opportunities for cultural and creative uses in community development such as space for artists to live/or work in proximity to the river.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ A&C

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ PW
- ✓ LACMA
- ✓ Municipal Arts Organizations
- ✓ Sacred Places Institute
- ✓ LA Conservancy

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

- LA County
- LA River Watershed
- ✓ LA River Corridor + Surroundings
- LA River Corridor

IMPLEMENTATION BEGINS

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Percent for Art Programs

5. EMBRACE AND ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.

5.2. Identify and activate cultural assets along the LA River corridor.

A community's cultural assets contribute to its creativity, traditions, robustness, and vitality and can act as both resources and opportunities. Cultural assets can be material, ephemeral, and even spiritual. They include buildings, sites, and objects holding local and national cultural significance; people, places, events, and organizations recognized as cultural anchors within a specific community; and stories that are powerful enough to bind people together in a place over time. Making cultural assets visible and acknowledging them is a key element in sustaining livable communities.

- 5.2.1. Create a methodology for understanding existing cultural assets in collaboration with community members.
- 5.2.2. Work with community partners and creative strategists on cultural asset mapping activities in neighborhoods where there is limited existing data.
- 5.2.3. Continue asset mapping along the 51 miles of the LA River corridor after pilot project completion.
- 5.2.4. Conduct community training in the tools and strategies for documenting cultural assets through methods including interviews, photography, mapping, and video.
- 5.2.5. Share ongoing asset mapping on the LA County Department of Arts and Culture website, and help reaffirm and build the LA River community as a vital and growing county resource.
- 5.2.6. Work with County, municipal, and state historic preservation offices or similar agencies to incorporate existing resources and protocols for identifying and landmarking historically significant resources as components of asset mapping, and encourage preservation in municipalities where no ordinance or preservation program is active.
- 5.2.7. Identify and interpret culturally significant historic resources, including buildings, landscapes, and objects that convey the layered histories of places and people.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ A&C

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ LACMA
- ✓ Metro
- ✓ DRP
- ✓ NAIC
- ✓ Alliance for California Traditional Arts
- ✓ Municipal Arts Organizations
- ✓ Sacred Places Institute
- ✓ LA Conservancy

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

- ✓ LA County
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Percent for Art Programs

5. EMBRACE AND ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.

5.3. Integrate artists, cultural organizations, and community members in planning processes and project development along the river.

The most effective way to integrate more local arts and culture into the LA River corridor is to have meaningful, ongoing engagement with those who are already deeply embedded in the arts and culture communities. Their voices help create and shape new opportunities along the river with a view toward cultural equity and inclusion.

- 5.3.1. Engage artists at the beginning of planning processes, and allow for open-ended exploration to determine how design, arts, and culture can be fully integrated into projects.
- 5.3.2. Use both quantitative and qualitative data in planning arts and cultural activities along the river.
- 5.3.3. Incorporate artists and cultural practitioners in design processes, including signage, interpretive materials, and street furniture.
- 5.3.4. Incentivize projects that acknowledge, represent, and preserve cultural heritage and cultural assets and that include local craftspersons, artisans, and Indigenous Peoples in riverside projects.
- 5.3.5. Prioritize cultural equity and inclusion in decision-making, investments, and strategies for implementation.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ A&C

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ PW
- ✓ DRP
- ✓ LACMA
- ✓ Municipal Arts Organizations
- ✓ Sacred Places Institute
- ✓ LA Conservancy
- ✓ Metro

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Percent for Art Programs; Prop 63

5. EMBRACE AND ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.

5.4. Galvanize and activate the LA River cultural identity through arts and culture.

Raising awareness of existing and potential uses of the river for arts and culture will make the LA River a more vibrant part of LA County's cultural experiences. Providing a platform for arts and cultural activities will activate the civic space, provide opportunities for local communities and visitors to engage with the river, and support participation in cultural life, which is a hallmark of thriving communities.

- 5.4.1. Activate the LA River by providing resources, grants, and other ongoing opportunities for cultural activities, gatherings, festivals, art, and performances along the river.
- 5.4.2. Support community-based cultural and arts organizations along the river, and actively promote river spaces to local groups and communities as available for their use.
- 5.4.3. Integrate civic art commissions and community engagement into the design criteria of the river corridor, including interpretive signage, cultural markers, interactive displays and other media, functional art, cultural amenities, and cultural facilities.
- 5.4.4. Engage with artists and cultural organizations to provide programming for all ages, arts education for youth, free concerts, and cultural engagement at the river pavilions and other locations along the river.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ A&C

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ LACMA
- ✓ Municipal Arts Organizations
- ✓ Sacred Places Institute
- ✓ LA Conservancy
- ✓ Metro

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Percent for Art Program

6. ADDRESS POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS TO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

6.1. Utilize the County’s Affordable Housing Coordinating Committee to review and advise on housing and community stabilization strategies along the river.

Ensuring that river improvements strengthen communities without contributing to housing affordability challenges requires a complex balancing act and the best strategies are likely to change. Ongoing input from impacted communities will help guide the evolution of this strategy over time.

- 6.1.1. Invite additional stakeholders that may include representatives from the County and river adjacent cities, as well as key community stakeholders, such as affordable housing advocates and representatives of communities directly experiencing displacement. Explore the need for funding for staffing or consultants to support the effort, if necessary.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ CEO

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ DRP
- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ CSO
- ✓ Tenant Rights Groups

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

- LA County
- LA River Watershed
- ✓ LA River Corridor + Surroundings
- LA River Corridor

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POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

6. ADDRESS POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS TO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

6.2. Develop mapping and assessment planning tools to identify areas at risk for displacement around the LA River in order to prioritize affordable housing projects.

Understanding where along the river new projects might impact housing affordability starts with understanding what areas are at the greatest risk of displacement. Using mapping and assessment planning tools to identify these areas, proactive steps can be taken in proportion to the size of a potential river project and its projected impact to mitigate adverse effects on housing affordability and the risk of displacement.

- 6.2.1. Develop and maintain a displacement risk map taking into account demographic, housing, market changes, and economic investments.
- 6.2.2. Require completion of a housing assessment for large river projects funded or supported by LA County in areas of high displacement risk to identify recommended anti-displacement strategies.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

✓ CEO

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

✓ PW/FCD

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

LA County

LA River Watershed

✓ LA River Corridor + Surroundings

LA River Corridor

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POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

6. ADDRESS POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS TO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

6.3. Increase units of affordable housing within one mile of the river.

The most effective way to mitigate adverse effects on housing affordability is to increase the supply of affordable housing or preserve existing affordable housing. Investing in more housing units with restricted rents near the river can help ensure that river adjacent communities remain income diverse even as the river improves.

- 6.3.1. Encourage a mix of supportive housing, affordable rental, and affordable homeownership units in both new construction and preservation buildings.
- 6.3.2. Expand the LA County Community Development Authority's Home Ownership Program (HOP) to provide additional affordable homeownership opportunities in river adjacent communities.
- 6.3.3. Designate river adjacent communities at risk of increased displacement as priority areas for County affordable housing investment.
- 6.3.4. Publicly report on the progress toward this goal annually through the Affordable Housing Coordinating Committee.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ CEO

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ DRP
- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ LACDA

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Measure H; LA County Housing Innovation Fund II; HUD Grants; Low Income Housing Tax Credits; CA Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grants; CA Housing and Community Development Grants and Loans

6. ADDRESS POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS TO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

6.4. Identify funding necessary to create an affordable housing land bank, land acquisition loan fund, or similar strategy to purchase land in proximity to the river and hold it for future development as affordable housing or permanent supportive housing.

The primary obstacle to building new affordable housing and permanent supportive housing is the lack of available land on which to build it. LA County is largely built out, with few vacant properties and relatively high property values. A land bank or similar organization that is specifically tasked with assembling development parcels could lower the barrier to creating new affordable housing. See the affordable housing system project pages for additional considerations related to siting affordable housing.

- 6.4.1. As part of the Affordable Housing Acquisition Fund study, identify all viable land for affordable housing, including public agency owned land within one mile of the LA River and surplus or underutilized sites appropriate for development of affordable or supportive housing, including sites where housing could be collocated with other uses.
- 6.4.2. Identify funding for a single land bank or similar strategy within county government or an outside partner.
- 6.4.3. Create a 'start up' fund to provide modest grants to support the development of local community land trust organizations (including land trusts sponsored by existing community organizations).

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

✓ CEO

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

LA County
LA River Watershed
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LA River Corridor

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

CEOs Housing Land Acquisition Fund

6. ADDRESS POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS TO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

6.5. Secure funding for affordable housing in parallel with funding for river projects.

With the understanding that housing affordability is a priority concern throughout LA County, it is imperative that, in conjunction with the results of a housing impact assessment, any projected adverse effects on housing affordability caused by a planned river project be mitigated in lock step with the project's progression. Waiting until a project is in progress or complete to address housing affordability would mean confronting an exacerbated problem, which is likely to be even more costly in the long term. Funding for housing should be made available up front, when steps can still be taken to preserve affordability.

- 6.5.1. As new financing tools are created to fund river improvements, set aside a portion of funding to support land acquisition and permanently affordable housing whenever possible. While many infrastructure financing sources will not allow use for affordable housing, using a portion of river specific funding for housing, when possible, can leverage additional affordable housing financing and expand the amount of affordable housing built adjacent to the river.
- 6.5.2. Consider commissioning a study of the potential for an affordable housing specific tax increment financing tool as a means of significantly expanding funding for affordable housing along the river by capturing a small share of future growth in property tax revenue exclusively for affordable housing.
- 6.5.3. Leverage existing housing subsidies to finance permanent supportive housing for people formerly experiencing homelessness on key sites adjacent to the river.
- 6.5.4. Consistent with the County's Community Benefits Policy, require residential projects receiving commitments of more than \$10 million of County resources (including land) to set aside at least 20% of the units to be affordable to extremely low, very low, and low income households.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

✓ CEO

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

✓ PW

Other potential partners:

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

3. SUPPORT HEALTHY, CONNECTED ECOSYSTEMS.

3.4. Encourage cities along the river to adopt sustainability strategies.

Adopting sustainability strategies that encourage the use of best practices in the construction, maintenance, and operation of public projects can decrease a city’s environmental footprint, reduce long-term costs, and improve the relationships between buildings and their surrounding environments. In addition to realizing these benefits, sustainability certification (such as LEED or ENVISION), and even the pursuit of certification, can help to raise public awareness of environmental and sustainability issues.

- 3.4.1. Provide technical assistance to cities seeking to develop or improve sustainability or climate plans.
- 3.4.2. Encourage cities to require SITES, LEED, ENVISION, or comparable certification standards, for public projects, and encourage National Wildlife Federation and Audubon or similar certification for private habitat areas.
- 3.4.3. Encourage, prioritize, and incentivize cities to utilize nature-based approaches to projects.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ CSO

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ DRP
- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ Conservation Corps
- ✓ Sierra Club

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

- LA County
- LA River Watershed
- ✓ LA River Corridor + Surroundings
- LA River Corridor

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Proposed Climate State Resilience Bond 2020

6. ADDRESS POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS TO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

6.6. Incentivize stronger resident equity building tools and tenant protection policies along the river.

While many river adjacent communities operate affordable housing programs, few communities have strong tenant protections. When low-income families are evicted, they often have no other options and it is common for people to experience homelessness. Tenant protection policies seek to prevent tenants from being evicted outright or through unaffordable rent increases.

- 6.6.1. Develop resources to expand tenant education and counseling, and inform tenants living adjacent to river improvement projects about the availability of counseling services, including those available through the LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.
- 6.6.2. Develop model tenant protection policies and resources and establish a program with ongoing staff to provide technical assistance to encourage cities to adopt stronger tenant protection policies, including rent stabilization and just cause for evictions.
- 6.6.3. Fund a grant program to provide staffing support to community-based organizations in high-risk communities to conduct direct outreach and counseling to tenants at risk of displacement.
- 6.6.4. Expand County funding for eviction legal defense services for tenants, and target this resource to areas of the county, including many river adjacent communities, likely to experience concentrated displacement.
- 6.6.5. Prioritize river investment programs in communities that have established tenant protections.
- 6.6.6. Provide technical assistance grants to communities that are interested in creating community land trusts.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ DCBA

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ DRP
- ✓ Tenant Rights Groups

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

- LA County
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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

HUD Community Development Block Grants; CA Housing and Community Development Grants

9. PROMOTE HEALTHY, SAFE, CLEAN WATER.

9.4. Increase public awareness of river water quality and watershed health.

There is a common misperception that the water in the LA River is always unclean in all locations. While all rivers are subject to sporadic events where water quality dips below normal, the majority of water in the river during dry weather comes from the three water reclamation plants that treat it to a very high standard of quality. This water is typically clean enough for people to kayak in the soft-bottom parts of the river. Particularly in areas where polluted dry weather and wet weather runoff discharges into the LA River, water can become polluted. Education can help improve public awareness of safe and unsafe conditions and teach communities how to improve the quality of their runoff.

- 9.4.1. Develop a website to coordinate information, provide consistency in water quality reporting, and assist in educating other agencies, cities, and the general public on river issues such as water quality.
- 9.4.2. Post consistent and inclusive signage and communication about water quality on bridges, access points, and along the river, coordinating with LA County Public Works, the LA County Flood Control District, and other entities, when warranted.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ DPH

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ PW/FCD
- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ Entities with Stormwater Responsibilities (e.g., Caltrans, Metro, industrial facilities)
- ✓ RWQCB
- ✓ Outfitters
- ✓ Public Health Agencies
- ✓ River O and M Staff
- ✓ NHM

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Safe, Clean Water; Clean Water State Revolving Fund

2. PROVIDE EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, AND SAFE PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS.

2.1. Create 51 miles of connected open space along the river.

The LA River has great potential to serve as the backbone of an open space network across LA County. This 51-mile backbone would be unique within the county, providing park space to underserved adjacent communities, offering a variety of experiences from one mile to the next, and serving as a destination for the entire county and beyond.

- 2.1.1. Create a park setting along the entire river that is integrated with native ecology, utilizing this plan's design guidelines (LA River Design Guidelines).
- 2.1.2. Utilize river channel right-of-way and adjacent areas to increase park space and prioritize implementation of right-of-way projects in underserved and/or high and very high park need communities.
- 2.1.3. Promote the river as a central greenway in the larger LA County network of regional parks, multi-use trails, habitat, and open space.
- 2.1.4. Develop river channel right-of-way and adjacent areas equitably to ensure that all LA County residents live within a half mile of a park.
- 2.1.5. Provide river-oriented and other amenities and experiences in existing and new park spaces that are not currently available at nearby parks, and increase unique programming along the river corridor.
- 2.1.6. Preserve and create viewsheds along the river, to the river, and from bridges over the river.
- 2.1.7. Secure ongoing and long-term funding for land acquisition, construction, and maintenance of additional parks and recreational facilities and prioritize funding for park facilities in high and very high park need areas to ensure that funding benefits the communities with the greatest need.
- 2.1.8. Increase recreation uses within the corridor where compatible with ecological function, safety, and maintenance.
- 2.1.9. Encourage clean-up of brownfield and toxic sites along the river for use as parkland and habitat areas.
- 2.1.10. Encourage active programming of park spaces along the LA River, and pilot interim programming uses of underutilized areas.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ DPR

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ PW/FCD
- ✓ DRP
- ✓ USACE
- ✓ SMMC
- ✓ RMC
- ✓ MRCA
- ✓ WCA
- ✓ Conservation Corps

Other potential partners:

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Measure A; Prop 68; Proposed State Climate Resilience Bond 2020

2. PROVIDE EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, AND SAFE PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS.

2.2. Complete the LA River Trail so that there is a continuous route along the entire river, and encourage future routes on both sides where feasible.

As a recreation and transportation route, the LA River Trail serves multiple purposes. However, it has yet to live up to its full potential because it is fragmented. A continuous route along the entire river would serve as a major bicycle and pedestrian artery through LA County, offering short- and long-distance routes for cyclists and pedestrians that are protected from vehicular traffic. Not only would the trail itself provide a new experience, but the connections it would make between parks, trails, job centers, and other destinations would make an abundance of nearby experiences more accessible to those who could access the river.

- 2.2.1. In places where right-of-way is too narrow for a river trail, pursue easements on adjacent property or utilize bridges, platforms, or cantilevers to complete the trail.
- 2.2.2. Increase the extent of multi-use trails parallel to the river with separate paths for active transport, pedestrians, and equestrians, especially in areas of high traffic.
- 2.2.3. Provide bicycle parking and encourage bicycle rental facilities and bike share along the river.
- 2.2.4. Develop inclusive signage and multicultural curriculum that promotes the benefits of using the river trail for recreation and improved health.
- 2.2.5. Promote shade equity by increasing shade amenities along the trail, prioritizing areas that are lacking in trees and parks.
- 2.2.6. Design the LA River Trail to minimize negative effects on adjacent sensitive habitat areas.
- 2.2.7. Provide consistent wildlife and dark-sky friendly lighting along the LA River Trail.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ DPR

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ PW
- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ SMMC
- ✓ RMC
- ✓ MRCA
- ✓ WCA

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

- LA County
- LA River Watershed
- ✓ LA River Corridor + Surroundings
- LA River Corridor

IMPLEMENTATION BEGINS

- 0-2 years
- 2-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years

IMPLEMENTATION DURATION

- 0-2 years
- 2-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years
- ongoing

EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Federal Transportation; Prop 68; Measure A; Measure M; Proposed State Climate Resilience Bond 2020

2. PROVIDE EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, AND SAFE PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS.

2.5. Encourage compatibility of the river and adjacent land uses.

The appeal of the LA River corridor can be undercut by adjacent uses that are off-putting due to safety, smell, pollution, or noise. Large blocks of incompatible adjacent uses could act as or be perceived to be a barrier to access to the river. Conversely, complementary land uses can be mutually beneficial. For example, adjacent open spaces, restaurants, or retail that connect with the river could encourage patrons to use the river trail, and users of the river trail could increase patronage of those adjacent uses.

- 2.5.1. Encourage optimizing open space along the river channel and corridor.
- 2.5.2. Develop buffering strategies to mitigate air quality and other impacts of incompatible uses, such as industrial uses, that are expected to remain adjacent to the river.
- 2.5.3. Encourage County and local development and zoning review processes to ensure compatibility of land uses and, where feasible, add new river-adjacent amenities.
- 2.5.4. Consider the use of sound barriers or other elements such as berms to mitigate noise from adjacent freeways.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ DRP

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ Municipalities

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

- LA County
- LA River Watershed
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IMPLEMENTATION DURATION

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Measure A; Prop 68

2. PROVIDE EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, AND SAFE PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS.

2.6. Repurpose single-use spaces, such as power-line easements, rail rights-of-way, or flood infrastructure, to serve multiple functions such as multi-use trails or habitat, and prioritize spaces that are in high and very high park need areas.

With little vacant land and relatively high property values and construction costs, LA County cannot afford to have spaces that serve only a single purpose. Multiple uses of space are necessary to ensure benefits outweigh costs.

- 2.6.1. Develop master agreements with utilities for easements to maximize use of ground space under overhead or above buried utility lines for parks, open space, and trails, and prioritize agreements in high and very high park need areas.
- 2.6.2. Discuss options to create multi-use space with private rail companies.
- 2.6.3. Foster opportunities for urban agriculture to encourage access to local healthy foods.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ DRP

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ PW
- ✓ DPR
- ✓ County Counsel
- ✓ Utility Providers
- ✓ CSO
- ✓ MRCA
- ✓ RMC
- ✓ LADWP

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

- ✓ LA County
- LA River Watershed
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- LA River Corridor

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Measure A; Proposed State Climate Resilience Bond 2020

7. FOSTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, DEVELOPMENT, AND EDUCATION.

7.5. Improve the interface between the river corridor and adjacent communities.

A 51-mile corridor of connected public open space, arts, and culture along the LA River can only be an asset if it has strong personal and physical connections with adjacent communities. Both personal and physical connections with the river provide mutual benefits—for example, in the form of community voices shaping the river experience and becoming a greater community asset, or in the form of increased patronage of the river and compatible adjacent land uses.

- 7.5.1. Visually enhance river right-of-way boundaries, including with fencing and vegetation.
- 7.5.2. Encourage existing river-adjacent development to orient its “front door” toward the river and public transportation.
- 7.5.3. Integrate cultural markers into signage and environmental graphics.
- 7.5.4. Continue to solicit input from communities along the river throughout implementation of this plan, and hold community meetings to update residents on the progress of plan implementation.
- 7.5.5. Require that County-funded infrastructure and open space projects engage local residents and community stakeholders in planning.
- 7.5.6. Foster community involvement in and ownership of projects, including commercial projects.
- 7.5.7. Reflect the physical and social character of each neighboring community in the physical design of river improvements.
- 7.5.8. Identify community vulnerabilities, such as displacement risk, flood risk, or climate vulnerability, and investigate potential impacts associated with river improvement projects.
- 7.5.9. Develop a strategy to address identified threats by projects to community and resident stability, particularly forces of economic displacement, flood risk, and climate risk.
- 7.5.10. Encourage cultural organizations, small businesses, and artisans working or based along the LA River corridor to engage youth in internships offering arts training.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ DPR

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ DPR
- ✓ A&C
- ✓ Conservation Corps

Other potential partners:

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

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POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Measure A; Proposed Climate State Resilience Bond 2020

7. FOSTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, DEVELOPMENT, AND EDUCATION.

7.4. Promote the river and natural ecosystem as an economic asset to surrounding communities.

The LA River provides economic value, not just for its irreplaceable utility functions but for its ecosystem and community services. Transforming the river as it is today into the river it is envisioned to be will increase its value as a recreation amenity, as a living laboratory, as an active transportation corridor, as a place to display and celebrate art and culture. To advocate for, build, and maintain the reimagined river will require the coordinated work of designers, engineers, artists, skilled tradespeople, and others. This presents an opportunity to train and hire a cadre of river-related workers, create local jobs programs, and encourage youth internships—ensuring that existing residents receive economic benefits from a reimagined river.

- 7.4.1. Utilize local resources and workforce to design, build, operate, and maintain projects, art, and amenities along the river, where possible.
- 7.4.2. Encourage service provider and concessionaire contracts with local businesses as a means to promote regional workforce development and economic expansion.
- 7.4.3. Provide workforce training to maintain river-related and nature-based projects.
- 7.4.4. Encourage fair-chance policies in hiring for river-related jobs.
- 7.4.5. Use local resident hiring practices for people living near the river.
- 7.4.6. Use targeted worker hiring practices for apprenticeship and employment opportunities, including but not limited to veterans, persons experiencing homelessness, individuals with a history of involvement with the criminal justice system, older persons (55+), and persons with physical, cognitive, psychiatric, communicative, and developmental disabilities.
- 7.4.7. Work with veterans affairs organizations to identify opportunities to train and match veterans with jobs or other vocational training related to the river.
- 7.4.8. Work with homeless service providers to identify opportunities to train and match individuals experiencing homelessness with jobs or other vocational training.
- 7.4.9. Encourage local businesses and river-related groups to engage youth, individuals under community supervision (probation and parole), and reentering populations in internships related to the river.
- 7.4.10. Encourage local business and river-related groups to engage residents, such as youth, student groups, social clubs, retirees, and individuals under community supervision (probation and parole) in volunteer and stewardship opportunities related to the river.
- 7.4.11. Promote recreation and river-related enterprises activities as an economic resource.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ DPSS

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ LACOE
- ✓ LAHSA
- ✓ LAEDC
- ✓ Conservation Corps
- ✓ LA Conservancy

Other potential partners:

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Transformative Climate Communities (TCC); Prop 68

6. ADDRESS POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS TO HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

6.7. Support persons experiencing homelessness along the river by coordinating outreach and by building new permanent supportive housing.

Permanent supportive housing is housing coupled with a range of supportive services, with no time limit as long as tenants meet certain basic obligations, such as paying rent. LA County has a coordinated entry system that serves as a single point of entry to connect people with housing needs to a variety of housing providers. Continued coordination among the web of organizations that perform outreach or provide permanent supportive housing is paramount.

- 6.7.1. Identify sites for permanent supportive housing within one mile of the river.
- 6.7.2. Coordinate and support existing efforts to provide temporary and interim supportive housing until the implementation of permanent solutions.
- 6.7.3. Coordinate and support existing efforts of the County's coordinated homeless outreach system and their work along the LA River.
- 6.7.4. Connect persons living in or near the river to the coordinated entry system for access to housing opportunities for which they are eligible.
- 6.7.5. Build on the platform provided through Measure H to support more local cities in developing proactive homeless support programs and policies.

IMPLEMENTATION LEAD

- ✓ LAHSA

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- ✓ PW
- ✓ Municipalities

Other potential partners:

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EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Measure H; HHH; Prop 63; HUD Grants (HOPWA); CA Housing and Community Development Grants (e.g., Emergency Solutions Grants)

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

June 14, 2022

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.



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July 10, 2023

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Mark Pestrella, PE 
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF JUNE 14, 2022, AGENDA ITEM 137-A IMPLEMENTING THE LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN ANNUAL REPORT – JUNE 2023

On June 14, 2022, the Board adopted the updated Los Angeles River Master Plan (LARMP) along with a motion to initiate its implementation. Per the motion, an Implementation Team responsible for coordinating implementation efforts was formed. The Implementation Team is directed to report back to the Board annually on its progress toward implementation of the LARMP.

In addition, Public Works was directed to:

- Further evaluate the Major Project Opportunity Zones and provide recommendations to the Implementation Team within 120 days for advancing feasibility studies of opportunity zones while prioritizing disadvantaged communities with the highest needs; and
- Further evaluate the extra small and small opportunity sites and provide recommendations to the Implementation Team within 180 days to further develop implementation strategies on early action projects while prioritizing disadvantaged communities with the highest needs.

These evaluations were completed and provided to the Implementation Team to assist in the further development of implementation strategies. This annual report summarizes the progress and efforts of the Implementation Team during the first year. The next annual report will be provided in June 2024.

Implementation Team and Meetings

The Implementation Team consists of the following County agencies that have been identified as the County lead on at least one of the actions listed in the LARMP Implementation Matrix: Departments of Public Works/Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Parks and Recreation, Arts and Culture, Regional Planning, Public Social Services, Public Health, and Consumer and Business Affairs; Chief Sustainability Office; Chief Executive Office; and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. In addition to those County agencies listed in the Board motion, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the Department of Health Services, and all five Board offices were also invited to join the Implementation Team.

The Implementation Team met quarterly to develop the framework for establishing guidance to prioritize County-led projects along the Los Angeles River in line with County initiatives and the needs mapping provided in the LARMP.

Major Project Opportunity Zones

The five Major Project Opportunity Zones referenced in the LARMP were further evaluated by Public Works with respect to past studies and existing planning efforts in relation to the high and very high needs analyzed across the LARMP's nine goals for presentation to the Implementation Team. Public Works provided recommendations to the Implementation Team for the advancement of feasibility studies of opportunity zone regions, prioritizing disadvantaged and underserved communities with the highest identified needs. Major Project Opportunity Zones 2 and 5 at Rio Hondo and Canoga Park, respectively, have completed feasibility studies and planned projects in concept development, setting the foundation for the advancement of early action projects such as Public Works' Los Angeles River Headwaters Pavilion project. Additionally, Public Works will begin leading a feasibility study for Major Project Opportunity Zone 1: North Long Beach.

Extra-Small and Small Opportunity Sites

The LARMP has identified 208 extra-small and small opportunity sites that will ensure the equitable distribution of facilities along the Los Angeles River and help improve access and safety. Public Works evaluated these opportunity sites with respect to existing conditions and planned efforts to provide additional access and common element amenities along the Los Angeles River. Public Works provided recommendations to the

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Implementation Team to further develop implementation strategies, including funding, on early action projects that could be implemented utilizing the Program Environmental Impact Report, while prioritizing disadvantaged and underserved communities with the highest identified needs with respect to access and open space.

Implementation Progress

The LARMP includes an implementation matrix listing nine goals of the LARMP along with their associated actions and methods and identifies the lead County departments for each. Advancement of the LARMP goals could vary by Departments, as some implement projects while others implement policies. Attached is a table summarizing the annual progress of those methods that commenced during the first year of implementation. The implementation of the LARMP could be further advanced with greater County resource investments and funding from partnerships.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Keith Lilley, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4012 or klilley@pw.lacounty.gov.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office

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LARMP County Lead Abbreviations

A&C	LA County Department of Arts and Culture
CEO	LA County Chief Executive Office
CSO	LA County Chief Sustainability Office
DCBA	LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs
DPH	LA County Department of Public Health
DPR	LA County Department of Parks and Recreation
DPSS	LA County Department of Public Social Services
DRP	LA County Department of Regional Planning
LACFCD	LA County Flood Control District
LAHSA	LA Homeless Service Authority
PW	LA County Public Works

Other Abbreviations

AB 1482	The California Tenant Protections Act of 2019
AB 875	California Assembly Bill 875
ARBOR	Area with Restoration Benefits and Opportunities for Revitalization
ARDI	Anti-Racism Diversity and Inclusion Initiative
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
BMPs	Best Management Practices
C4C	Careers for a Cause
CBO	Community-Based Organization
CDS	Continuous Deflection Separation
CES	Coordinated Entry System
CIMPs	Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Programs
CLOMR	Conditional Letter of Map Revision
CLT	Community Land Trusts
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CRS	Community Rating System
CWP	County Water Plan
DHS	LA County Department of Health Services
DMH	LA County Department of Mental Health
EAP	Emergency Action Plan
EWMP	Enhanced Watershed Management Program
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Maps
HEARS	Homeless Encampment Automated Request Submission
HET	Homeless Engagement Team
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement
HOST	Homeless Outreach Services Team
IAG	Implementation Advisory Group
LACDA	Los Angeles County Development Authority
LANAIC	Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission
LARCC	LA River Cooperation Committee

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Other Abbreviations (Cont'd)

LARHAP	LA River Headwaters Pavilion Project
LARMP	LA River Master Plan
LASD	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
LID	Low Impact Development
LLARRP	Lower LA River Revitalization Plan
LOMR	Letter of Map Revision
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
PEH	People Experiencing Homelessness
PFAS	Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
PFOA	Perfluorooctanoic Acid
PNA+	Parks Needs Assessment Plus
RFS	Request for Service
RMC	Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
SAJE	Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
SCWP	Safe Clean Water Program
SEACA	Southeast Asian Communities Alliance
SELA	Southeast Los Angeles
SHLA	Stay Housed LA
SPA	Service Planning Area
UCLA	University of California, Los Angeles
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
WMP	Watershed Management Program

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Goal	Action #	County Lead	Progress Report
1. Reduce Flood Risk and Improve Resiliency	1.1. Maintain existing flood carrying capacity of all reaches of the LA River channel.	PW/LACFCD	<p>LA County Public Works (PW) receives LA County Flood Control Permit applications when new projects impact LA County right-of-way. Permit applications for new projects were checked against the Los Angeles Flood Control District (LACFCD) Permitting Checklist found in the LA River Master Plan (LARMP) Appendix I: Design Guidelines to ensure no adverse impacts to flood channel capacity.</p> <p>The Los Angeles River Cooperation Committee (LARCC) is a joint group between City of Los Angeles, LACFCD and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that meets quarterly to share information, evaluate, and make recommendations about public, private, and non-profit sector projects along the upper reach of the LA River to ensure there would be no negative impact to flood control right of way and increased flood risk.</p> <p>The Lower LA River Revitalization Plan's (LLARRP) Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) is an advisory body comprised of individual entities with jurisdiction along the Lower LA River corridor including the LACFCD, USACE, and Cities who ensure there would be no negative impact to flood control right of way and increased flood risk.</p>
1. Reduce Flood Risk and Improve Resiliency	1.2. Increase capacity of the river in high risk areas to provide flood risk reduction to at least the 1% (100-year) annual chance flood event or to a level recommended by a risk assessment.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW performs annual vegetation maintenance activities within soft-bottom channels and scrapes algae, sediment, and vegetation on concrete-lined channels to maintain flow capacity and ensure sediment and debris do not enter the river channel.</p> <p>PW routinely operated and maintained low flow channels within the inverts of the LA River and other upstream channels that captured and controlled dry weather flow. Routines include scraping algae, sediment, vegetation from the low flow and also performing routine inspections and repairs. This allowed for more controlled management of overgrown vegetation within the channel.</p>
1. Reduce Flood Risk and Improve Resiliency	1.4. Include climate change research in the planning process for new projects along the river.	PW/LACFCD	<p>In May 2020, the LACFCD entered into an agreement with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to cooperatively prepare and fund a study to evaluate the impacts of climate change on extreme precipitation events in LA County and better understand the impact of climate change on LACFCD facilities.</p> <p>The study used Global Climate Models to simulate several temperature rise scenarios to project future changes in extreme rainfall events over the region due to the increased temperatures. The LACFCD will further evaluate the findings.</p>

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Goal	Action #	County Lead	Progress Report
<p>1. Reduce Flood Risk and Improve Resiliency</p>	<p>1.5. Update and improve emergency preparedness.</p>	<p>PW/LACFCD</p>	<p>PW has Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for Dams (Pacoima, Big Tujunga, Devil Gate) that release flows into the tributaries (Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, Arroyo Seco) which flows into the LA River.</p> <p>Inundation maps are prepared as part of the EAP; they're also prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).</p> <p>The revisions of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the Upper LA River reaches are the purview of FEMA and the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Los Angeles; and LA County for the reach adjacent to unincorporated Universal City. The currently effective FIRM for Universal City shows the area as a Zone X (outside the 500-year flood area), indicating the LA River channel fully contains the FEMA Base Flood (100-year flood). The USACE's draft 2022 Los Angeles River Hydrology Study indicates the LA River channel in the vicinity of Universal City is still adequate to contain the FEMA Base Flood.</p> <p>The currently effective FEMA FIRMs label the Lower LA River main stem levees as "Provisionally Accredited." Revisions of the FEMA FIRMs for the Lower LA River reaches are under the purview of FEMA and the numerous cities immediately adjacent to the LA River. Unincorporated areas under PW's purview are near but not immediately adjacent to the LA River. These unincorporated communities are East Compton, East Rancho Dominguez, and Rancho Dominguez (which is more affected by the Compton Creek channel, an LA River tributary). The LA River levees are under the purview of (maintained by) the LACFCD (administered by PW) and the USACE. The levees under PW's purview are accredited by FEMA, except those immediately adjacent to the USACE's levees, which are not accredited by FEMA. The "Provisionally Accredited" label for PW's levees along the LA River does not affect the flood zone determinations for the adjacent communities, so the expense of pursuing a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) merely to change the label is not warranted.</p> <p>The unincorporated area of Rancho Dominguez straddles the LA River and Compton Creek, a tributary of the LA River. The FEMA FIRM labels the levees along Compton Creek as "Provisionally Accredited." LOMR for Rancho Dominguez adjacent to Compton Creek can be undertaken when the levees of Compton Creek are enhanced to meet FEMA's freeboard requirements.</p> <p>Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Update: Homeless Engagement Team (HET) provide appropriate notifications of relevant events and activities that may impact people experiencing homelessness (PEH) along the LA River, which the Department of Health Services (DHS) Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs) support as well. Currently, this includes notifications when inclement weather events can lead to flooding, hypothermia risks, heat illness, or other adverse health impacts. This may also include notifications if LAHSA HET or DHS MDTs are aware of enforcement or clean-up activities that could displace PEH along the LA River.</p>

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<p>1. Reduce Flood Risk and Improve Resiliency</p>	<p>1.8. Implement consistent floodplain management practices across the region.</p>	<p>PW/LACFCD</p>	<p>PW and the LACFCD, in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles, have funded the engineering work to update baseline hydrology and hydraulic models for the Upper LA River.</p> <p>The revisions of the FEMA FIRMs for the Upper LA River reaches are the purview of FEMA and the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Los Angeles; and LA County for the reach adjacent to unincorporated Universal City. The currently effective FIRM for Universal City shows the area as a Zone X (outside the 500-year flood area), indicating the LA River fully contains the FEMA Base Flood (100-year flood). The USACE's draft 2022 Los Angeles River Hydrology Study indicates the LA River in the vicinity of Universal City is still adequate to contain the FEMA Base Flood.</p> <p>The currently effective FEMA FIRMs label the Lower LA River main stem levees as "Provisionally Accredited." Revisions of the FEMA FIRMs for the Lower LA River reaches are under the purview of FEMA and the numerous cities immediately adjacent to the LA River. Unincorporated areas under PW's purview are near but not immediately adjacent to the LA River. These unincorporated communities are East Compton, East Rancho Dominguez, and Rancho Dominguez (which is more affected by the Compton Creek channel, an LA River tributary). The LA River levees are under the purview of (maintained by) the LACFCD (administered by PW) and the USACE. The levees under PW's purview are accredited by FEMA, except those immediately adjacent to the USACE's levees, which are not accredited by FEMA. The "Provisionally Accredited" label for PW's levees along the LA River does not affect the flood zone determinations for the adjacent communities, so the expense of pursuing a LOMR merely to change the label is not warranted.</p> <p>The unincorporated area of Rancho Dominguez straddles the LA River and Compton Creek, a tributary of the LA River. The FEMA FIRM labels the levees along Compton Creek as "Provisionally Accredited." LOMR for Rancho Dominguez adjacent to Compton Creek can be undertaken when the levees of Compton Creek are enhanced to meet FEMA's freeboard requirements.</p> <p>Floodplain management along the LA River is under the purview of the numerous cities' floodplain managers along the river. Unincorporated areas under PW's purview are near but not immediately adjacent to the LA River. These unincorporated communities are East Compton, East Rancho Dominguez, and Rancho Dominguez. PW does, however, work with the cities when developments or other projects need permits from the LACFCD. LA County Flood Control permits have a standard condition for permittees to ascertain from the local city the NFIP compliance requirements for the project, and to provide to the LACFCD, prior to construction, written assurance from the city that the project complies with NFIP requirements.</p> <p>Three entities along or near the LA River participate in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS): LA County (unincorporated), City of Los Angeles, and the City of Long Beach. PW is the floodplain manager for the unincorporated areas. Community outreach and engagement are among the CRS activities. PW is developing a comprehensive strategy to enhance its community outreach and engagement to better educate unincorporated area residents on their flood risk; measures they can take to lessen their flood risk; prepare for storm events; and the availability of flood insurance they can obtain to help them recover from flood events. PW anticipates completing preparation of this strategy in summer 2023. To help the other municipal communities, the strategy includes an element to partner with the FEMA on convening a symposium with the regions' 85 municipal floodplain managers, including those along the LA River, to share resources and clarify opportunities to reduce flood risk and educate communities.</p>

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1. Reduce Flood Risk and Improve Resiliency	1.8. Implement consistent floodplain management practices across the region. (Cont'd)	PW/LACFCD	<p>Communities participating in NFIP are required to enact and enforce development standards for at least the FEMA 1% annual chance (100-year) flood. FEMA defines “development” as any human activity. Therefore, in addition to new buildings, substantial improvements/repairs to existing buildings, and new/modified infrastructure, development subject to NFIP regulation includes stream restoration projects. NFIP regulations require Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMRs) and follow-up LOMR for any development activity that, when combined with other constructed or permitted development in the area, causes a rise in the FEMA Base Flood (100-year flood) elevation of more than 1 foot.</p> <p>LA County has additionally adopted into the County Code building standards for unincorporated area critical facilities (e.g., police/fire stations, schools, hospitals) to meet the 500-year flood or County Capital Flood conditions, whichever is greater. Other cities may have done the same in their municipal codes.</p> <p>PW is responsible for enforcing the NFIP standards and the County Code requirements in the unincorporated areas, but does work with the cities when developments or other projects need permits from the LACFCD. LACFCD permits have a standard condition for permittees to ascertain from the local city the NFIP compliance requirements for the project, and to provide to the LACFCD prior to construction written assurance from the city that project complies with NFIP requirements.</p>
2. Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.	2.1. Create 51 miles of connected, public open space along the river.	DPR	<p>LA County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has requested a new position to hire a biologist for the Department who would have expertise in native ecology and habitat connectivity.</p> <p>DPR operates and maintains the 9.6 mile multi-use LA River Trail along the Lower LA River and has been active in past and current planning efforts related to the LA River, including participating in the quarterly Lower LA River IAG Meetings and the quarterly LARMP Implementation Team Meetings.</p> <p>DPR has received a planning grant for the Lower LA River Trail Restoration & Access Gateway Project. The Phase I Project will develop schematic designs and a cost estimate to improve a 1.3 mile segment of DPR’s existing LA River Trail between Somerset Blvd and the 91 Fwy and to create an access gateway at 72nd Street Equestrian Park. The Project runs through communities of High and Very High Park Need and will improve and expand access to the river corridor.</p> <p>DPR’s existing and planned regional trail network includes alignments along the LA River that connects to other river trails and extends to the Angeles National Forest. DPR’s website and app, Trails LA County is a platform that provides information on public trails, including the LA River. DPR is exploring opportunities to include expanded information on the LA River.</p> <p>DPR is exploring potential partnerships with various nonprofits to increase programming opportunities at existing facilities.</p> <p>DPR received Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) funding for the Lower LA River Trail Restoration Planning Project, which prioritizes investment in DPR facilities that serve high and very high park need communities. DPR will pursue implementation funds upon completion of the planning project.</p> <p>DPR completed the 2022 Los Angeles Countywide Parks Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+) which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 6, 2022 as the County’s official 30x30 plan to conserve 30 percent of lands and coastal waters by the year 2030. The PNA+ presents an expanded approach to conservation that includes restoring degraded lands, especially in communities where vulnerable populations and environmental burdens are concentrated. DPR is starting work on an implementation plan for PNA+ that will include parcel-level analysis for opportunity areas for land conservation and restoration, including sites adjacent to the LA River.</p>

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2. Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.	2.2. Complete the LA River Trail so that there is a continuous route along the entire river, and encourage future routes on both sides where feasible.	DPR	<p>DPR is in the process of finalizing a Work Plan for the LA River. The Work Plan aims to meet goals outlined in the Department's 5 year Strategic Plan and is informed by the LARMP and the LLARRP. The Work Plan will shape and guide DPR's planning and implementation efforts along the river corridor over the next 5-10 years.</p> <p>DPR's Lower LA River Trail Restoration & Access Gateway project will include re-establishment of a segment of the multi-use trail due to plant material overgrowth. Re-establishing the trail will help minimize safety risks for the variety of trail users within this segment of the LA River.</p> <p>DPR has applied for funding for a pilot Mobility Hub Project along the Emerald Necklace. The Mobility Hub Project will inform the rollout of expanded bicycle rental/bike share opportunities along the LA River.</p>
2. Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.	2.3. Provide support facilities at a regular cadence along the length of the river, on both sides where feasible.	PW	<p>PW is implementing the LA River Headwaters Pavilion Project (LARHAP), the first pavilion project to stem from the LARMP. The pavilion will provide a new access point to the river near the headwaters, along with shaded seating, restrooms and drinking fountains. This will be the first instance of such support facilities that will be proposed at regular cadence to allow for continuity along the LA River.</p>
2. Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.	2.4. Ensure design excellence within and along the river corridor.	PW	<p>Generally, PW's practice is to provide projects that reflect the sub-region and community. PW suggests consideration be given to having an open conversation with groups that wish to do similar projects to inform them where there is flexibility in the guidelines (materials, art inclusion, etc.) and where there may be less flexibility (maintenance, vehicle clearances).</p> <p>Projects that fall within LACFCD right-of-way were reviewed for permit approval. Proposed signage and project elements were checked for conformity to the LARMP guidelines.</p>
2. Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.	2.5. Encourage compatibility of the river and adjacent land uses.	DRP	<p>DRP reviews projects for compatibility with recreational use of the river channel and corridor.</p> <p>DRP provides comments on projects in river-adjacent municipalities that stress the importance of ensuring such projects are compatible with a safe, clean, and quiet river experience.</p>
2. Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.	2.6. Repurpose single-use spaces, such as power-line easements, rail rights-of-way, or flood infrastructure, to serve multiple functions such as multi-use trails or habitat.	DRP	<p>DRP develops agreements for unincorporated areas, then shares the agreements with and encourages their adoption in river-adjacent municipalities.</p> <p>DRP provides the County's urban agriculture guidelines and standards to river-adjacent municipalities and local community groups, and encourages their adoption in those municipalities.</p>

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2. Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.	2.7. Promote life safety along the river.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW receives LA County Flood Control Permit applications when new projects impact LA County right-of-way. Permit applications for new projects were checked against the LACFCD Permitting Checklist found in the LARMP Appendix I: Design Guidelines to ensure all safety signage conforms to the guidelines in the LARMP Design Guidelines.</p> <p>PW and its maintenance team maintain signs, replace and/or repair damaged signs to ensure visibility and presence. Bike trail gates are closed prior to and during storm rain events to ensure safety of bike trail users. Bike applications notify bike users of bike trail closures along the river. Gates are opened once it is deemed safe for bike users.</p> <p>PW and its maintenance team responded to an average of five to six request for service (RFS) calls per month related to hazardous debris, cut fence, or encampments causing maintenance issues within the LA River right-of-way in addition to the annual routines set up for fence repair, removing overgrown vegetation and debris, and invert cleaning. PW also responded to constituents who report any issues found within the river. PW also conducts PEH encampment cleanups within the bike trails, the channel slopes/inverts, and non-public access roads.</p>
2. Provide equitable, inclusive, and safe parks, open space, and trails.	2.8. Promote public safety along the river.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW is implementing the LARHAP, the first pavilion project to stem from the LARMP. The pavilion will provide a new access point to the river, along with emergency call boxes to promote public safety along the LA River.</p>
3. Support Healthy, Connected Ecosystems	3.1. Increase habitat and ecosystem function along the river corridor.	PW/LACFCD	<p>The Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) has approved funding for 23 projects under the Regional Program that prioritize projects that create and improve habitat and ecosystem function in the amount of \$95.4M. The projects provide new landscape areas, new trees, drought tolerant plantings, detention ponds and wetlands. Funding referenced is available for projects in various phases which are anticipated to be implemented in coming years.</p>
3. Support Healthy, Connected Ecosystems	3.4. Encourage cities along the river to adopt sustainability strategies.	CSO	<p>DRP Update: DRP will provide comments on draft sustainability and climate plans and river-adjacent projects that promote sustainability strategies, and offer technical assistance for requiring certification standards and adopting nature-based approaches to projects.</p>
3. Support Healthy, Connected Ecosystems	3.5. Use environmentally responsible practices for operations and maintenance of the river channel and adjacent lands.	PW	<p>PW's maintenance team performs vegetation management per approved maintenance permits from state, federal, and local regulatory agencies. Permits include provisions in complying with the Countywide Integrated Pest Management Program as mitigation measures. Approved maintenance activities include appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) and mitigation measures relating to sediment vegetation management.</p>
4. Enhance opportunities for equitable access to the river corridor.	4.1. Create welcoming access points and gateways to the LA River and LA River Trail to optimize physical access along its length, on both sides.	PW	<p>PW is proposing concepts such as the Dominguez Gap Wetlands Improvement Phase 2 Project, which includes access improvements to the wetlands as well as the River Trail.</p> <p>PW is proposing concepts such as Project 130 Greenway Improvements, which will improve existing access to the LA River and river-adjacent facilities.</p> <p>PW implements new signage on all project developments, and removes signs restricting access if access is granted as part of the project.</p>

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4. Enhance opportunities for equitable access to the river corridor.	4.2. Increase safe transportation routes to the river.	PW	<p>PW is in the process of updating LA County's Bicycle Master Plan, which will propose bikeway network improvements in unincorporated LA County and along flood control channels. Recommendations from the LARMP will be incorporated into the updated Bicycle Master Plan.</p> <p>PW's Vision Zero Action Plan does not currently have upcoming projects in the unincorporated communities that would connect to the LA River. However, PW would be interested in collaborating on projects in East Rancho Dominguez that provide connectivity over the LA River.</p> <p>PW encourages developers/local agencies to provide multi-use trails and improve connectivity along the LA River.</p> <p>LARCC, which is a joint effort between the City of LA, USACE, and LACFCD, evaluates projects to ensure compliance with the LARMP.</p> <p>Connectivity along the 51-miles of the LA River will continue as a priority of PW on all improvement projects.</p> <p>LARMP's signage guidelines are used to develop informational material and signage when new projects or improvements are proposed.</p>
5. Embrace and enhance opportunities for arts and culture.	5.1. Develop a globally significant, comprehensive 51-mile arts and culture corridor along the river that is place-based, community-driven, and reflective of the cultural diversity of the County.	A&C	<p>Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture (A&C) has been working through the implementation processes of the first LARMP civic art project at the headwaters in Canoga Park, considering themes established by the LARMP as well as input from '21-'22 LARHAP Community Engagement Plan meetings led by PW.</p> <p>This first civic art project is designed to prioritize the First Peoples of LA County and the natural environment of the river along the trail between Canoga Ave and Owensmouth Ave. Due to the nature of the funding for this project, it will consist of site elements (functional artworks).</p> <p>The artist call for the first LARMP civic art project at the Headwaters in Canoga Park is estimated to be released in Summer 2023.</p>
5. Embrace and enhance opportunities for arts and culture.	5.2. Identify and activate cultural assets along the LA River corridor.	A&C	<p>Through A&C's work with the PW's County Community Engagement Coordination team, A&C is developing questions pertaining to arts and culture asset mapping to be included in PW's ongoing project outreach efforts, including those with communities along the LA River.</p> <p>A&C also completed the LA County Arts and Culture Needs Assessment. When the LA County Board of Supervisors passed the Cultural Policy (https://www.lacountyarts.org/CE/CulturalPolicy) in 2020, they asked A&C to measure all County investments in the arts, across all divisions of County government, and to assess the equity of those investments. This establishes a baseline of knowledge of where County arts and culture resources are currently allocated and provides data and findings to set priorities for future investments in the arts and address equity concerns. The data is publicly available so that anyone can use it to understand County investments in the arts and take action on what they learn: https://www.lacountyarts.org/about/cultural-equity-inclusion-initiative/culturalpolicy/needs-assessment-findings</p> <p>DRP Update: Provides support through the Department's Historic Preservation Program.</p>

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5. Embrace and enhance opportunities for arts and culture.	5.3. Integrate artists, cultural organizations, and community members in planning processes and project development along the river.	A&C	<p>In the summer of 2022, in planning for the LARHAP Project and in anticipation of all future civic arts projects along the LA River, the Civic Art Division began focused conversations with the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) about engaging the First Peoples of the region as part of all LARMP projects. Civic Art Division has created and continues to update an outreach list focused regionally on Native American artists, schools with Native Studies programs, and museums and galleries that focus on Indigenous arts. A&C will use the list for LARMP outreach efforts and calls for artists for future commissioning opportunities.</p> <p>DRP Update: DRP will provide PW the names of non-governmental organizations and local design individuals/firms DRP works with that provide artistic and cultural advice, as well as community outreach and engagement, for projects within DRP's jurisdiction. These individuals and groups have the ability to work across jurisdictional boundaries and could be an asset for future PW projects.</p>
5. Embrace and enhance opportunities for arts and culture.	5.4. Galvanize and activate the LA River cultural identity through arts and culture.	A&C	<p>A&C continues its work with the LANAIC and tribal representatives to develop a toolkit and training resources to support County Departments and agencies in implementing the Board of Supervisors-approved Countywide Land Acknowledgment. This work will result in additional guidance about incorporating Land Acknowledgment language and references in plaques, artworks, and didactics in the built environment, including LARMP projects. It will also inform promising practices for engaging with local tribes, taking into consideration capacity limitations and engagement fatigue.</p> <p>A&C continues to strategize the best outreach approach to build and sustain relationships with the County's local tribes and American Indian and Alaska Native community to increase participation in Departmental opportunities, including LARMP projects. Current ideas under discussion include periodically presenting at LANAIC commission meetings to raise awareness of and create dialogue around arts and culture opportunities, beginning with the LARHAP Project.</p> <p>In the summer of 2022, in response to the LARHAP Project goals, A&C began the process of engaging with local tribes about LARMP arts and culture opportunities. In November 2022, following engagement protocols that had been successful in previous Department efforts, 16 local tribes (as identified by the California Native American Heritage Commission as having ancestral or cultural ties to the Canoga Park Headwaters area) were invited to attend a Zoom meeting with A&C to learn about Department programs and opportunities. Staff followed up with additional emails and phone calls in December 2022 and January 2023, resulting in RSVPs from three tribal representatives. On January 18, 2023, a confirmation email with the Zoom link was sent. However, no tribal representatives attended the Zoom meeting on January 23, 2023. Staff is regrouping to assess what they learned through this process and determine the best next step.</p>
5. Embrace and enhance opportunities for arts and culture.	5.5. Streamline permitting processes for artwork and cultural activities along the river.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW's LARHAP Project is actively working to help streamline the city permitting process for facades and similar types of artwork to be implemented at pavilions at a regular cadence along the LA River.</p> <p>PW continues to streamline permitting for events along the river by facilitating pre-application meetings with the applicants with potential for fee waivers on a case-by-case basis. Events such as Earth Day Cleanups, as well as the Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Arts Festival have benefitted from flood permit fee waivers. PW has been actively involved in providing amenities and support.</p>

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6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.	6.1. Utilize the County's Affordable Housing Coordinating Committee to review and advise on housing and community stabilization strategies along the river.	CEO	<p>On March 1, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion directing the LA County Chief Executive Office (CEO), in collaboration with PW, the Anti-Racism Diversity and Inclusion Initiative (ARDI), Metro, and outside partners, to research a viable land banking model that would operate at a regional scale to support affordable housing preservation and production with a dedicated and ongoing source of funding. The motion adds that research should build on existing affordable housing programs and partnerships and examine the beneficial relationship between Community Land Trusts (CLTs) and affordable housing land banks and its potential to address displacement and gentrification near the LA River. Further, the motion encourages local non-profit organizations to apply for grants to assist the County in researching CLTs and affordable housing land banks.</p> <p>In response to this motion, a report was prepared by Southeast Asian Communities Alliance (SEACA), Street Level Advisors, OLIN, and Gehry partners (research entities) with the assistance of many County Departments and affiliated agencies, as well as CLTs, local non-profit developers, and community-based organizations (CBOs). SEACA secured funding for the research through the Strong, Prosperous, And Resilient Communities Challenge. During March and April 2022, the research entities met with various stakeholders to develop the report, including seven County departments/entities, the five Board Offices, four other government entities, and 17 CBOs.</p>
6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.	6.2. Develop mapping and assessment planning tools to identify areas at risk for displacement around the LA River in order to prioritize affordable housing projects.	CEO	<p>The County's Land Bank Pilot is currently in development, and mapping and assessment planning tools such as UCLA's Urban Displacement Project, ARDI's Equity Explorer, and Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)/LACDA's Displacement Vulnerability Index will be used to help prioritize properties to acquire for affordable housing development.</p>
6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.	6.3. Increase units of affordable housing within one mile of the river.	CEO	<p>The County's Land Bank Pilot is currently in development. CEO plans to acquire at least one property in each Supervisorial District, and plans to build 6-12 units of affordable housing at each site.</p> <p>DRP Update: DPR will ensure housing developments in river-adjacent communities comply with affordable housing requirements and consider increased menu options for affordable housing developments in these communities.</p>
6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.	6.4. Identify funding necessary to create an affordable housing land bank, land acquisition loan fund, or similar strategy to purchase land in proximity to the river and hold it for future development as affordable housing or permanent supportive housing.	CEO	<p>On June 14, 2022, the Board directed the CEO to establish a land bank model to launch a land bank pilot program and identify \$50M in seed funding.</p> <p>Currently, the CEO is developing a plan and identifying partners to implement the land bank pilot to acquire properties in each of the five Supervisorial Districts, hold and maintain the properties, and ultimately develop affordable housing on the properties.</p> <p>In September 2022, the Board allocated \$40M Tranche 2 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the land bank pilot. The CEO will implement the Land Bank Pilot project to ensure that the PEH and our most vulnerable residents can access affordable housing units. The project will prevent real estate speculation and create new opportunities for affordable housing in areas experiencing and set to experience rapid gentrification and displacement near the LA River. The completion of this project will lead to new affordable housing units and provide safe and secure housing options for low-income and vulnerable populations.</p>

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<p>6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p>6.6. Incentivize stronger resident equity building tools and tenant protection policies along the river.</p>	<p>DCBA</p>	<p>DCBA Update: DCBA Housing and Tenant Protections Division is the primary centralized agency currently handling landlord/tenant issues in the County. To ensure that County constituents have accurate and up-to-date information about tenant protections and available resources, DCBA expanded its Tenant Protections Hotline to provide one-on-one counseling to both tenants and rental property owners to ensure clear understanding of their rights and responsibilities, and connect them to financial, legal and other available resources designed to mitigate displacement.</p> <p>Tenants and landlords can contact DCBA's Tenant Protection counselors via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In person, Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 4:30 pm Hall of Records - 320 West Temple Street G-10, Los Angeles, CA 90012 East Los Angeles County Hall - 4801 East Third Street, Los Angeles, CA 90022 - Phone: 800-593-8222 Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm - Email: rent@dcba.lacounty.gov - Website: www.Rent.lacounty.gov - Appointment: https://waitwhile.com/locations/phoneappointment/bookings/add/services <p>Additionally, in September 2020, DCBA launched the County's Eviction Defense Program, Stay Housed LA (SHLA), which provides legal assistance and support to tenants facing eviction. SHLA is a partnership between the County of Los Angeles, legal aid groups and CBOs. Through SHLA, County residents can also participate in virtual Know Your Rights Workshops to learn about tenant protections to help navigate evictions and other challenges related to rental housing. In 2021, SHLA also launched an anti-harassment pilot program to represent tenants against egregious cases of tenant harassment.</p> <p>SHLA's website (https://www.stayhousedla.org/) connects tenants with information on their rights, workshops, legal assistance and other support.</p> <p>Tenants impacted by the river improvements can reach out to DCBA's tenant protections hotline to receive guidance on available tenant protections and/or the SHLA for legal assistance.</p> <p>Both the State and County have enacted rigorous tenant protections with the intent of mitigating tenant displacement by limiting rent increases and implementing "just cause" protections. The concept of "just cause" eviction is designed to protect tenants from arbitrary or retaliatory evictions and ensure that landlords have a legitimate reason for ending a tenancy. Limiting rent increases protects tenants against sudden rent hikes that they may not be able to afford including those that are retaliatory and used against tenants who assert their rights or complain about maintenance issues. Both "just cause" and limiting rent laws help prevent homelessness and provide stability for tenants particularly those who may be vulnerable to displacement such as low-income renters or those who belong to historically marginalized communities.</p> <p>State of California: The California Tenant Protections Act of 2019 (AB 1482) went into effect on January 1, 2020 and expires on January 1, 2030. AB 1482 aims to protect tenants Statewide by limiting rent increases to 5 percent plus the percentage change in the local Consumer Price Index (CPI)—not to exceed 10 percent. Additionally, AB 1482 requires a landlord to have "just cause" in order to terminate certain tenancies. Though AB 1482 provides "just cause" protections, they do not apply universally. However, within the County, an estimated 650,000 households living in housing units constructed within the last 15 years and certain other units are exempt from "just cause" protections, unless covered by a local jurisdiction with its own tenant protections. AB 1482 does not apply to jurisdictions with their own tenant protections limiting rent increases and/or prohibiting landlords from evicting tenants without "just cause".</p> <p>The County has enacted several Tenant Protection ordinances applicable to the unincorporated areas of the County including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rent Stabilization Ordinance: Limits rent increases for fully covered rental units; and universal "just cause"; and for partially covered units, provides protections from evictions without "just cause." - Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance: Limits rent increases for Mobilehome spaces; and provides Mobilehome owner protections for retaliatory eviction and anti-harassment.

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<p>6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p>6.6. Incentivize stronger resident equity building tools and tenant protection policies along the river. (Cont'd)</p>	<p>DCBA</p>	<p>As described above, DCBA's Tenant Protection Hotline will continue to provide one-on-one counseling to both tenants and rental property owners to ensure clear understanding of their rights and responsibilities and connect them to available resources designed to mitigate displacement. Additionally, tenants facing eviction would be referred to SHLA for legal support.</p> <p>DCBA's Housing and Tenant Protections Division is also in the process of coordinating a Tenant Protections Policy Summit. The purpose of this summit will be to provide guidance and resources, including a policy toolkit, to incorporated cities wishing to adopt their own tenant protections. This summit is scheduled for late May 2023.</p> <p>In addition to education & outreach and direct counseling to tenants, SHLA provides legal representation to tenants facing evictions. DCBA is working, per Board directive, to make this program permanent. Nonetheless, additional funding identified through this effort could assist in making this program permanent and create opportunities to fund other CBOs in addition to the 23 or so CBOs partnered through this program and thus scale the program.</p> <p>On September 27, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion, Sustainably Expanding Eviction Defense Services in Los Angeles County, which directed DCBA to report back with an implementation plan to make SHLA a permanent DCBA program by 2027. As indicated above, SHLA was launched in 2020 to provide critical legal assistance and support to tenants facing an eviction. DCBA engaged property owners, tenants, and other relevant stakeholders to obtain feedback and develop an implementation plan and budget for the countywide expansion of SHLA — including a right to counsel program for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. DCBA submitted this report to the Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2023 (https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/bc/1140019_2023-04-08_ReportBackonExpansionofEvictionDefenseServices_rc.pdf).</p> <p>DCBA has continued to work with its partners to refine the SHLA to prioritize services to the most vulnerable areas of the County. To do so, and in response to a lack of available unlawful detainer data, DCBA and our service providers utilize a Tenant Vulnerability Index as well as the County's Equity Explorer Mapping tool. Although utilizing these tools has proved somewhat effective, utilizing unlawful detainer data would be much more accurate in identifying the areas of the County most in-need and thus vulnerable to displacement. As such, DCBA is currently working with the CEO Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations team to advance California Assembly Bill 875 (AB 875) which, if adopted, would require local courts to share unlawful detainer data with local government entities implementing eviction defense programs. However, given that the areas along the LA River that were identified as being vulnerable to displacement used findings from a 2017 study, the workgroup should reevaluate these findings using the Tenant Vulnerability Index and County Equity Explorer Mapping tool to ensure it is still accurate post-pandemic. AB 875: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB875</p> <p>DRP Update: Distribute information about the County's tenant counseling services at DRP events and with project materials for multi-family housing projects.</p>

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<p>6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p>6.7. Support persons experiencing homelessness along the river by coordinating outreach and by building new permanent supportive housing.</p>	<p>LAHSA</p>	<p>LAHSA is currently leveraging available and existing interim housing opportunities that are near the LA River utilizing County-wide resources. However, if the interim housing resource is in a specific City Council District, like an A Bridge Home site for example, the placement can only be made depending on where the resource is in relation to the client – the client must be in a specific catchment area.</p> <p>In order to coordinate with the City on these resources, outreach coordination is done during the first ~90 days of a site being open – the outreach coordination lies with LAHSA and whoever the Service Planning Area (SPA) lead agency is. The outreach teams have access to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and work with matchers to place individuals to matched-based sites. After a site is open, referral work moves to the interim housing department. Non-matched-based interim housing depends on the requirements of the service provider running the site.</p> <p>Additionally, DHS funds and administers MDTs to conduct proactive engagement to PEH within and around the LA River, with a goal of connecting them to interim and permanent housing opportunities. For example, in March 2023, DHS MDTs and other outreach teams helped place almost 50 people from the LA River into Inside Safe motel rooms.</p> <p>Some of the barriers that exist to connecting PEH along the LA River to interim housing solutions is that there is simply not enough and the interim housing that exists is not found to be desirable to PEH along the LA River, as the river provides them with privacy, mobility, and autonomy.</p> <p>Coordinated outreach is run through outreach coordination, which pairs a Regional Outreach Coordinator with the SPA lead agencies, and one of four LAHSA staff persons who supports two SPAs each in outreach coordination efforts. There are both care coordination meetings as well as case conferencing meetings that happen periodically (weekly to monthly depending on the need) in each of the eight SPAs. Care coordination meetings are to provide general updates, and include all interested partners, while case conferencing is to discuss specific clients, and is limited to HMIS-participating agencies, including but not limited to: LAHSA, SPA leads, DHS, and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH).</p> <p>LAHSA has generalist outreach teams that conduct outreach along the LA River. If the generalist teams come across a client that they are unable to support due to the level of their needs, they will communicate with DHS MDTs and/or DMH Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement (HOME) Teams to ensure the client’s needs are met. Each DHS MDT includes a generalist case manager, a mental health component, a substance use component, a medical component and a peer with lived experience. Coordinating together with other outreach teams from LAHSA, DMH HOME and others, MDT’s proactively support the complex needs of PEH along the LA River.</p> <p>Furthermore, for Los Angeles City-funded LAHSA HET, outreach along the LA River is a priority. Los Angeles County-funded HET are also weather responsive and do preemptive outreach when inclement weather is impending to notify PEH along the river. Sanitation services along the river is lacking so outreach is heavily leaned on to provide services in the area.</p> <p>Since there are multiple teams that serve each SPA, coordination is done frequently to ensure equitable coverage and that services are not duplicated.</p>

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6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.	6.7. Support persons experiencing homelessness along the river by coordinating outreach and by building new permanent supportive housing. (Cont'd)	LAHSA	<p>The main function of outreach is to get PEH into the Coordinated Entry System (CES). There is also a “no wrong door” approach to the CES. Most outreach teams have access to HMIS to get PEH into the CES, but even outreach teams who do not, can help connect PEH to an access center, which can then connect that person to CES. When conducting outreach and engagement to PEH along the LA River, DHS MDTs conduct comprehensive assessments and referrals to ensure participants are connected to the CES and receiving all appropriate services and supports.</p> <p>Housing opportunities, however, are scarce. The siting and building of affordable/subsidized permanent housing along the LA River must be prioritized by leaders. There should also be considerations and evaluations of how best to utilize the land.</p>
6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.	6.8. Integrate best practices for working with persons experiencing homelessness utilizing the river corridor.	PW	<p>PW is working in concert with CEO's Homeless Initiative, LAHSA, LASD-HOST and/or local law enforcement, followed the latest County protocol to address PEH encampments in the County-maintained reaches of the LA River. The County's newly-developed Homeless Encampment Automated Request Submission (HEARS) system facilitated inter-agency communication and helped coordinate scheduling and optimize timelines for posting and offering outreach services to PEH before conducting encampment cleanups.</p> <p>PW staff received safety trainings from LASD-HOST on how to interact with PEH in the field. LASD-HOST continues to offer trainings to new field and office employees, as needed.</p>
7. Foster opportunities for continued community engagement, development, and education	7.4. Promote the river and natural ecosystem as an economic asset to surrounding communities.	DPSS	<p>DPSS will work with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and potentially the Department of Human Resources (DHR) and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to ensure that existing residents receive economic benefits from a reimagined river.</p> <p>LAHSA Update: LAHSA is supporting the County with the Careers for a Cause (C4C) Social Services Training Program. The C4C Social Services Training Program prepares PEH, re-entry, or other life experiences for a career in social services. At the end of the program, the participant is matched with homeless service provider for employment.</p> <p>The eight-week program offers career exploration, assessment, job shadowing, skills training, on-the-job coaching, and job retention support. In addition, participants receive wrap-around support services and a stipend to help them graduate and land a job in the social services field.</p> <p>Training details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes take place in person at a local community college (dates vary by cohort and there are 7 participating campuses) • Attendance is required Monday - Friday (hours vary by cohort) • Individuals with past or current lived homelessness experience have priority <p>LAHSA's role, since the start in 2018, has been to support the program by engaging employers and our service providers – connecting them with graduates and coordinating career events. Most recently, LAHSA's senior workforce development consultant started working with all the colleges on assessment of the programs and trainings to make sure all participants are receiving equal and equitable training across the board.</p>
7. Foster opportunities for continued community engagement, development, and education	7.5. Improve the interface between the river corridor and adjacent communities.	DRP	<p>DRP provides comments on projects in river-adjacent municipalities that reflect Goal 7, Action 7.5, assists PW in evaluating their projects so as to implement this goal, and reviews projects for compatibility with recreational use of the river channel and corridor.</p>

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8. Capture and treat stormwater and dry weather flows before they reach the river channel for groundwater recharge, direct use, water recycling, or release for downstream beneficial uses.	8.1. Capture and treat stormwater and dry weather flows before they reach the river channel for groundwater recharge, direct use, water recycling, or release for downstream beneficial uses.	PW	<p>The SCWP funding incentivizes and encourages water capture and direct use on public and private properties through their scoring system.</p> <p>The SCWP has approved funding for 27 projects under the Regional Program that implement stormwater and dry-weather runoff capture projects throughout the watershed in the amount of \$237.74M. The projects provide stormwater and dry-weather runoff capture from over 15,900-acre area, 2,200 acre-feet of storage capacity, and 36,326 acre-feet of annual average capture. Funding referenced is available for projects in various phases which are anticipated to be implemented in coming years.</p> <p>PW has constructed the following stormwater capture projects in the LA River Watershed: Roosevelt Park Regional Stormwater Capture Project, East LA Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project, and Compton Creek Stormwater and Urban Runoff Capture and Reuse Project at Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park.</p>
8. Capture and treat stormwater and dry weather flows before they reach the river channel for groundwater recharge, direct use, water recycling, or release for downstream beneficial uses.	8.3. Employ and encourage efficient water use.	PW/LACFCD	<p>The SCWP funding incentivizes and encourages parks and other projects to utilize best practices for water conservation through their scoring system.</p>
8. Capture and treat stormwater and dry weather flows before they reach the river channel for groundwater recharge, direct use, water recycling, or release for downstream beneficial uses.	8.4. Improve water supply and recycling facility operations and maintenance	PW/LACFCD	<p>LARCC is a joint group between LA City, LACFCD and USACE, that was implemented to share information, evaluate, and make recommendations about public, private, and non-profit sector projects along the upper reach of the LA River to expand coordination between responsible water management agencies to streamline operations and maintenance, facility management, funding, and permitting.</p>
8. Capture and treat stormwater and dry weather flows before they reach the river channel for groundwater recharge, direct use, water recycling, or release for downstream beneficial uses.	8.5. Continue measures to clean up the regional groundwater aquifers.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW is exploring grant opportunities to empower local agencies, and provide technical and financial support for improvement of water quality and reduction of regional groundwater threats.</p> <p>LARCC is a joint group between LA City, LACFCD and USACE, that was implemented to share information, evaluate, and make recommendations about public, private, and non-profit sector projects along the upper reach of the Los Angeles River, which coordinate with the Water replenishment district, the water purveyors, and the responsible parties to advance groundwater remediation and improve the management and use of the San Fernando groundwater Basins.</p>

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9. Promote Healthy, Safe, Clean Water	9.1. Improve water quality and contribute to the attainment of water quality requirements to protect public and environmental health.	PW/LACFCD	<p>The SCWP develops corridor-based water quality projects and programs, leading to implementation and operations and maintenance.</p> <p>PW is developing a regional water resilience plan referred to as the Los Angeles County Water Plan (CWP), which integrates and builds upon existing local and regional planning efforts to articulate a shared, inclusive, regional path forward to sustainably achieve safe, clean, and reliable water resources for Los Angeles County. The CWP includes draft targets, strategies, and actions developed in conjunction with stakeholder feedback received. Release of the draft CWP for public comment is anticipated by summer 2023.</p> <p>CWP Strategy 6: Collaborating on water quality needs and treatment technologies.</p> <p>CWP Action 6.1: Facilitate partnerships and information sharing between agencies within Los Angeles County looking to improve water treatment efficiency and cost through collaboration on piloting and training for new technologies, working with drinking water regulators, sharing of information, lab sharing for emerging contaminant sample analysis (e.g., PFAS/PFOA), public outreach, and leveraging of staff and funding resources.</p> <p>The SCWP supports, encourages, and incentivizes watershed water quality projects and program development, implementation, operations and maintenance, adaptive management, and planning refinements of the Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) and Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs).</p>
9. Promote Healthy, Safe, Clean Water	9.2. Coordinate water quality improvements with the Safe, Clean Water Program.	PW/LACFCD	<p>Watershed groups within PW's LA River Watershed submitted revised WMPs in June 2021 to the Regional Board. As to date, all groups have received "Conditional Approvals" from the Regional Board.</p> <p>Since its inception in fiscal year 2019-2020, the Safe Clean Water Credit Program has received 24 applications with approximately 130 parcels claiming credits and \$3 million in credits issued to applicants for stormwater improvement projects including water quality basins, bioswales, Continuous Deflection Separation (CDS) units, etc.</p> <p>The SCWP has approved funding for 13 project concepts under the Technical Resources Program that provides technical and financial support for feasibility studies in the amount of \$28M. Funding referenced is available for projects in various phases which are anticipated to be implemented in coming years.</p>
9. Promote Healthy, Safe, Clean Water	9.3. Coordinate with the Watershed Management Program and Enhanced Watershed Management Program (WMP and EWMP) Groups.	PW/LACFCD	<p>Incorporation of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques within the watershed is currently part of the SCWP's review process.</p> <p>The SCWP review process considers factors including, but not limited to: expansion of stormwater capture, removal of pollutants of concern, prioritization of disadvantaged communities, multi-benefit opportunity projects, and nature based solutions.</p> <p>PW representatives attend monthly watershed group meetings to discuss WMP implementation and monitoring activities.</p> <p>Progress of projects and water quality monitoring results for WMPs and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Programs (CIMPs) are submitted to LA Regional Board through progress and annual reports every June and December.</p>
9. Promote Healthy, Safe, Clean Water	9.4. Increase public awareness of river water quality and watershed health.	DPH	<p>The Department of Public Health (DPH) will contact local agencies to determine what water quality testing is currently being performed in recreational areas of the LA River and determine if additional testing is required by December 1, 2023. Currently, LA City Sanitation conducts water quality testing in areas that are used for recreational activity.</p> <p>DPH will contact State Water Resources Control Board to determine available funding for water quality testing of the Los Angeles River and posting of the results. DPH will determine based on funding available whether static signs will be posted referring the public to the DPH website for water quality results or if water quality warning signage would need to be posted near rivers as exceedances are identified.</p>
9. Promote Healthy, Safe, Clean Water	9.5. Improve water quality facility operations and maintenance.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW has established a Stormwater Improvement Maintenance Working Group that meets monthly.</p> <p>PW incorporates telemetry systems and sensors in stormwater capture projects to monitor and record flow data.</p>



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FROM: Mark Pestrella, 
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BOARD MOTION OF JUNE 14, 2022, AGENDA ITEM 137-A IMPLEMENTING THE LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN ANNUAL REPORT – JUNE 2024

On June 14, 2022, the Board adopted the updated Los Angeles River Master Plan (LARMP) along with a motion to initiate its implementation. Per the motion, an Implementation Team responsible for coordinating implementation efforts was formed. The Implementation Team is directed to report back to the Board annually on its progress toward implementation of the LARMP.

This annual report summarizes the progress and efforts of the Implementation Team during the second year. The next annual report will be provided in June 2025.

Implementation Team and Meetings

The Implementation Team meets bi-annually and consists of the following County departments and agencies that have been identified as the County lead on at least one of the actions listed in the LARMP Implementation Matrix: Public Works/Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Parks and Recreation, Arts and Culture, Regional Planning, Public Social Services (DPSS), Public Health, and Consumer and Business Affairs, the Chief Sustainability Office, Chief Executive Office, and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. In addition to those County departments/agencies listed in the Board motion, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the Department of Health Services, and all five Board offices were also invited to join the Implementation Team.

During this second reporting year, DPSS recommended the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) as a more suitable County lead for Action 7.4, "Promote the river and natural ecosystem as an economic asset to surrounding communities." The Chief Deputies for DPSS and DEO discussed and agreed to transfer the County lead role for

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Action 7.4 from DPSS to DEO in alignment with DEO's broader efforts to foster sustainable economic growth and equitable workforce development for the County. DPSS will continue to participate in a support role. Highlighted in the progress table is the transfer of the County lead for Action 7.4 to DEO.

Implementation Progress

The LARMP includes an implementation matrix listing nine goals of the LARMP along with their associated actions and methods and identifies the lead County departments for each of the goals. To advance these LARMP goals, some departments implement projects while others implement policies/programs and others implement all of the above. Attached is a table summarizing the annual progress of those methods that commenced/continued during the second year of implementation.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Deputy Director Adam Arika at (626) 458-4012 or aaariki@pw.lacounty.gov.

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Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Public Health
Department of Public Social Services
Department of Regional Planning
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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LARMP County Lead Abbreviations

A&C	LA County Department of Arts and Culture
CEO	LA County Chief Executive Office
CSO	LA County Chief Sustainability Office
DCBA	LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs
DEO	LA County Department of Economic Opportunity
DHS	LA County Department of Health Services
DPR	LA County Department of Parks and Recreation
DRP	LA County Department of Regional Planning
LACFCD	LA County Flood Control District
LAHSA	LA Homeless Service Authority
PW	LA County Public Works

Other Abbreviations

AB 12	California Assembly Bill 12
AB 318	California Assembly Bill 318
AB 319	California Assembly Bill 319
AB 812	California Assembly Bill 812
AB 875	California Assembly Bill 875
AB 1317	California Assembly Bill 1317
AB 1620	California Assembly Bill 1620
AB 2162	California Assembly Bill 2162
SB 267	California Senate Bill 267
SB 567	California Senate Bill 567
AJCC	America's Job Centers of California
ARDI	Anti-Racism Diversity and Inclusion Initiative
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
BMPs	Best Management Practices
BNL	By-Name List
C4C	Careers for a Cause
CDS	Continuous Deflection Separation
CEO-HI	LA County Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative
CES	Coordinated Entry System
CIMP	Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program
CLOMR	Conditional Letter of Map Revision
CMFO	Compact Mobile Food Operator
CRS	Community Rating System
CWP	Los Angeles County Water Plan
DHS	LA County Department of Health Services
DMH	LA County Department of Mental Health
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EAP	Emergency Action Plan
EIFD	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District
EWMP	Enhanced Watershed Management Program
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Maps

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HEARS	Homeless Encampment Automated Request Submission
HET	Homeless Engagement Team
HOST	LA County Sheriff's Department Homeless Outreach Services Team
IAG	Implementation Advisory Group
IRA	Inflation Reduction Act
LA-HOP	Los Angeles Homeless Outreach Portal

Other Abbreviations (Cont'd)

EMI	Economic Mobility Initiative
LACDA	Los Angeles County Development Authority
LANAIC	Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission
LARCC	LA River Cooperation Committee
LARHAP	LA River Headwaters Pavilion Project
LARMP	LA River Master Plan
LASD	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
LID	Low Impact Development
LLARRP	Lower LA River Revitalization Plan
LOMR	Letter of Map Revision
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
MPM	Mobile Parks Maintenance
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NWS	National Weather Service
OSB	Office of Small Business
PEH	Persons Experiencing Homelessness
PFAS	Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
PFOA	Perfluorooctanoic Acid
RFS	Request for Service
PNA+	Parks Needs Assessment Plus
PSH	Public Supportive Housing
FHSP	Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool
RMC	Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
ROC	Regional Outreach Coordinators
RSTPO	Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protections Ordinance
SAJE	Strategic Actions for a Just Economy
SCWP	Safe Clean Water Program
SELA	Southeast Los Angeles
SHLA	Stay Housed LA
SPA	Service Planning Area
SVO	Sidewalk Vending Ordinance
UCLA	University of California, Los Angeles
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
WMP	Watershed Management Program

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Goal 1. Reduce flood risk and improve resiliency.

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1.1. Maintain existing flood carrying capacity of all reaches of the LA River channel.	PW/LACFCD	<p>LA County Public Works (PW) continues to receive and process LA County Flood Control Permit applications when new projects impact LA County Right-of-Way. Permit applications for new projects are checked against the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Permitting Checklist found in the LA River Master Plan (LARMP) Appendix I: Design Guidelines to ensure no adverse impacts to flood channel capacity.</p> <p>The Los Angeles River Cooperation Committee (LARCC), a joint group between Los Angeles City, LACFCD and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), meets quarterly to share information, evaluate, and make recommendations about public, private, and non-profit sector projects along the upper reach of the LA River to ensure there are no negative impacts to flood control right-of-way and flood risk management.</p> <p>Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) is an advisory body comprised of individual entities with jurisdiction along the LA River corridor including the LACFCD, USACE, and Cities who ensure no impact to flood control right-of-way and ensure flood risk is not increased. A total of 12 projects have been presented before the IAG since 2018.</p>
1.2. Increase capacity of the river in high risk areas to provide flood risk reduction to at least the 1% (100-year) annual chance flood event or to a level recommended by a risk assessment.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW continues to conduct inspections and analyses to identify deficiencies related to flow capacity within the LA River, low flow channels within the inverts of the LA River, and other upstream channels that capture and control dry weather flow. Annual vegetation maintenance activities occur within soft-bottom channels, and algae, sediment, and vegetation are removed to maintain flow capacity. Additionally, PW continues to work with the Agricultural Commissioner via Herbicide Spraying Program to identify strategies to reduce sources of invasive plant populations in the watershed that could increase populations in the river in compliance with environmental permit requirements.</p> <p>PW continues to prioritize flood risk and resiliency while developing concepts and/or planning documents.</p>
1.3. Reduce peak flood flows into the river.	PW/LACFCD	<p>In 2023, PW completed removal of 85,000 cubic yards of sediment from the Devil's Gate Reservoir and will continue to monitor and conduct reservoir maintenance to reduce peak flows into the river.</p>
1.4. Include climate change research in the planning process for new projects along the river.	PW/LACFCD	<p>The LACFCD, in collaboration with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), conducted a study using Global Climate Models to simulate several temperature rise scenarios to project future changes in extreme rainfall events over the region due to increased temperatures. The study evaluated the impacts of climate change on extreme precipitation events in LA County and showed the impact of climate change on LACFCD facilities. Results show that temperature rises due to climate change would increase the intensity of storm events. The LACFCD will further evaluate the findings.</p> <p>PW is a partner with the City of Los Angeles in a study conducted by the USACE to update hydrology and hydraulic models for the Upper LA River. The models take into account the effects of climate change and should be finalized later this year.</p>

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1.5. Update and improve emergency preparedness.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW uses various internal resources, such as the National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Briefings, PW rainfall and weather resources, and websites such as accuweather.com, weather.com, and windy.com that provide helpful radar and forecasting tools to monitor daily weather forecasts for all areas including the LA River.</p> <p>PW has Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for Dams (Pacoima, Big Tujunga, Devil Gate) that release flows into the tributaries (Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, Arroyo Seco) which flow into the LA River. PW also has an EAP for LA River Rio Hondo 1 Levee and is working on 3 EAPs for LA River Rio Hondo 2, LA River Compton Creek 1, and LA River Compton Creek 2 levees.</p> <p>Inundation maps are prepared as part of the EAP; they're also prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).</p> <p>The revisions of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the Upper LA River reaches are the purview of FEMA and the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Los Angeles; and LA County for the reach adjacent to unincorporated Universal City. The currently effective FIRM for Universal City shows the area as a Zone X (outside the 500-year flood area), indicating the LA River channel fully contains the FEMA Base Flood (100-year flood). The USACE's draft 2022 Los Angeles River Hydrology Study indicates the LA River channel in the vicinity of Universal City is still adequate to contain the FEMA Base Flood.</p> <p>The currently effective FEMA FIRMs label the Lower LA River main stem levees as "Provisionally Accredited." Revisions of the FEMA FIRMs for the Lower LA River reaches are under the purview of FEMA and the numerous cities immediately adjacent to the LA River. Unincorporated areas under PW's purview are near but not immediately adjacent to the LA River. These unincorporated communities are East Compton, East Rancho Dominguez, and Rancho Dominguez (which is more affected by the Compton Creek channel, an LA River tributary). The LA River levees are under the purview of (maintained by) the LACFCD (administered by PW) and the USACE. The levees under PW's purview are accredited by FEMA, except those immediately adjacent to the USACE's levees, which are not accredited by FEMA. The "Provisionally Accredited" label for PW's levees along the LA River does not affect the flood zone determinations for the adjacent communities, so the expense of pursuing a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) merely to change the label is not warranted.</p> <p>The unincorporated area of Rancho Dominguez straddles the LA River and Compton Creek, a tributary of the LA River. The FEMA FIRM labels the levees along Compton Creek as "Provisionally Accredited." LOMR for Rancho Dominguez adjacent to Compton Creek can be undertaken when the levees of Compton Creek are enhanced to meet FEMA's freeboard requirements.</p> <p>PW continues to review and revise policies regarding proper notifications to closures of the river trail during significant storms along the LACFCD-operated portions of the LA River. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) Homeless Engagement Team (HET) provides appropriate notifications of relevant events and activities that may impact people experiencing homelessness (PEH) along the LA River, which the Department of Health Services (DHS) Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs) support as well. Current notifications include inclement weather events that can lead to flooding, hypothermia risks, heat illness, or other adverse health impacts. Notifications of enforcement or clean-up activities that could displace people experiencing homelessness along the LA River are released if LAHSA HET or DHS MDTs are aware of it. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Homeless Outreach Services Team (LASD-HOST) was recently included in PW's Dam Release Notification email system to alert Sheriff's Deputies working to provide outreach to PEH encamped in hazardous locations that could be impacted by dam releases.</p>

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1.6. Increase public awareness of flood hazards and river safety.	PW/LACFCD	PW has made information regarding flood risk and flood insurance available to residents and businesses on the Ready LA County website and the PW's NFIP website. In addition, the Water4LACounty-Flood Preparation Resources website has links to information on sandbag pick-up locations, requesting mudflow advice, Homeowner's Guide to Flood, Debris, and Erosion Control (English and Spanish versions), storm season preparedness, and flood zone determinations. Additionally, PW recommends that projects adhere to LARMP signage guidelines on flood risk and river safety through its permit review process.
1.7. Improve flood facility operations and maintenance.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW is engaged in discussions with USACE regarding deauthorization/divestiture to exclude portions of the LA River as part of PW's continuous effort to expand coordination between responsible flood management agencies and consolidate responsibilities under the LACFCD.</p> <p>As part of PW's continuous effort to improve flood facility operations and maintenance by implementing new technologies such as real-time monitoring, reporting, and controls and updating the flood risk and pumping plant telemetry systems, the Phase III Pump Station Conditional Assessment for Century Freeway and Cerritos PS was conducted in October 2023. In addition, using best management practices (BMPs), PW continues to perform annual maintenance activities in the soft-bottom and concrete-lined portions of LA River, operated by LACFCD.</p>
1.8. Implement consistent floodplain management practices across the region.	PW/LACFCD	<p>Floodplain management along the LA River continues under the purview of the numerous cities' floodplain managers. Unincorporated areas under PW's purview are near but not immediately adjacent to the LA River channel. These unincorporated communities are East Compton, East Rancho Dominguez, and Rancho Dominguez. PW does, however, work with the cities when developments or other projects need permits from the LACFCD. LA County Flood Control permits have a standard condition for permittees to ascertain from the local city the NFIP compliance requirements for the project and to provide to the LACFCD, prior to construction, written assurance from the city that the project complies with NFIP requirements.</p> <p>The reaches of the LA River adjacent to unincorporated cities/communities of Universal City, East Compton, East Rancho Dominguez, and Rancho Dominguez remain unchanged in terms of flood capacity and agency jurisdiction.</p> <p>Three entities along or near the LA River participate in the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS): LA County (unincorporated), the City of Los Angeles, and the City of Long Beach. Community outreach and engagement are among the CRS activities. On November 1, 2023, PW hosted a workshop by the FEMA and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as part of PW's comprehensive strategy to improve community outreach and engagement to better educate unincorporated area residents on their flood risk. Floodplain management officials from all 88 cities were invited. Over 70 people attended. Officials from the City of Huntington Park have subsequently contacted DWR to explore joining the NFIP.</p>

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1.8. Implement consistent floodplain management practices across the region. (Cont'd)	PW/LACFCD	<p>Communities participating in NFIP are required to enact and enforce development standards for at least the FEMA 1% annual chance (100-year) flood. FEMA defines “development” as any human activity. Therefore, in addition to new buildings, substantial improvements/repairs to existing buildings, and new/modified infrastructure, development subject to NFIP regulation includes stream restoration projects. NFIP regulations require Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMRs) and follow-up LOMR for any development activity that, when combined with other constructed or permitted development in the area, causes a rise in the FEMA Base Flood (100-year flood) elevation of more than 1 foot.</p> <p>LA County has additionally adopted into the County Code building standards for unincorporated area critical facilities (e.g., police/fire stations, schools, hospitals) to meet the 500-year flood or County Capital Flood conditions, whichever is greater. Other cites may have done the same in their municipal codes.</p> <p>PW is responsible for enforcing the NFIP standards and the County Code requirements in the unincorporated areas, but does work with the cities when developments or other projects need permits from the LACFCD. LACFCD permits have a standard condition for permittees to ascertain from the local city the NFIP compliance requirements for the project, and to provide to the LACFCD prior to construction written assurance from the city that project complies with NFIP requirements.</p>

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2.1. Create 51 miles of connected, public open space along the river.	DPR	<p>LA County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has recently hired a biologist to support the Department's commitment to creating and maintaining habitat connectivity and native ecology in Park facilities and across the County.</p> <p>DPR has initiated Phase I and completed the conceptual design phase for the Lower LA River Trail Restoration & Access Gateway Project, which has been informed by several community engagement efforts, including in person and virtual meetings, an online survey and user based focus groups with trail users, including equestrians, pedestrians and cyclists . Schematic Plan development will begin this Spring and the Project is expected to be complete in the Summer of 2024. As part of the Phase I LA River Trail Restoration & Access Gateway Project, an interpretive signage framework will be developed to inform and educate users on the river</p> <p>In addition, DPR has been awarded grant funding for the acquisition of a 1.16 acre parcel in the City of Long Beach, adjacent to the LA River, the LA River Trail, and 72nd Street Equestrian Park. The grant is expected to be executed in Spring and DPR will initiate due diligence activities as part of the acquisition process.</p> <p>DPR's existing and planned regional trail network includes alignments along the LA River that connects to other river trails and extends to the Angeles National Forest. DPR's website and app, Trails LA County, is a platform that provides information on public trails, including the LA River. DPR continues to explore opportunities to include expanded information on the LA River and to explore potential partnerships with various nonprofits to increase programming opportunities at existing facilities.</p>

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2.2. Complete the LA River Trail so that there is a continuous route along the entire river, and encourage future routes on both sides where feasible.	DPR	<p>DPR is in the process of finalizing a Work Plan for the LA River. The Work Plan aims to meet goals outlined in the Department's 5 year Strategic Plan and is informed by the LARMP and the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP). The Work Plan will shape and guide DPR's planning and implementation efforts along the river corridor over the next 5 to 10 years.</p> <p>DPR was awarded \$760K from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for the Mobility Hub Pilot Project and improvements should be completed by Summer 2025.</p>
2.3. Provide support facilities at a regular cadence along the length of the river, on both sides where feasible.	PW	<p>PW continues managing the LA River Headwaters Pavilion Project (LARHAP) project, the first pavilion project to stem from the LARMP. The pavilion will provide a new access point to the river, along with shaded seating, restrooms and drinking fountains. Project completion is currently anticipated for Fall 2026.</p> <p>PW prioritizes implementing best practices for universal accessibility for all proposed projects, including providing multi-language translations on signage in accordance with the LARMP Design Guidelines.</p> <p>The South East Los Angeles (SELA) Cultural Center is led by the RMC and is a proposed multi-arts facility to be located at the current site of the Flood Control District's South Imperial Yard maintenance facility. Supplementing county facilities, such as the SELA Cultural Center, with concessionaire agreements is currently being explored.</p>
2.4. Ensure design excellence within and along the river corridor.	PW	<p>PW reviews projects that fall within LACFCD Right-of-Way for permit approval. Proposed signage and project elements are checked for conformity to the LARMP guidelines, and it's encouraged that local jurisdictions follow the LARMP.</p> <p>It is PW's standard practice to use the LA River Design Guidelines to review plans prepared by other agencies and firms, and recommended they be adhered to. PW also encourages that the LARMP be utilized in adjacent parcels.</p> <p>Local jurisdictions are encouraged to adopt the LARMP via the LARCC and the IAG committees when projects fall within the river corridor.</p>
2.5. Encourage compatibility of the river and adjacent land uses.	DRP	<p>The LA County Department of Regional Planning (DRP) has developed an application that allows staff to identify projects within one and one-half mile of the river for potential connections to the river.</p>

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2.7. Promote life safety along the river.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW continues to respond to requests for service (RFS) calls related to hazardous material, debris, cut fence, and other dangerous objects within the LA River Right-of-Way, in addition to annual routine maintenance. In addition, PW maintains, replaces, or repairs damaged signs to ensure visibility and presence. Bike trail gates are closed prior to and during storm rain events to ensure the safety of bike trail users. Bike apps are updated to notify bike users of bike trail closures along the river. Gates are opened once deemed safe for bike users.</p> <p>Furthermore, PW receives LA County Flood Control Permit applications when new projects impact LA County Right-of-Way. Permit applications for new projects are checked against the LACFCD Permitting Checklist found in the LARMP Appendix I: Design Guidelines to ensure all safety signage conforms to the guidelines in the LARMP Design Guidelines.</p>
2.8. Promote public safety along the river.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW continues to make progress on the LARHAP project, the first pavilion project to stem from the LARMP. The pavilion will provide a new access point to the river, along with emergency call boxes.</p> <p>PW continues to initiate best practices with some local city Police Departments and is currently negotiating with other local Police Departments. PW also works with RMC Authority Rangers to patrol portions of the LA River. Numerous Police Departments and the LASD-HOST have collaborated with PW to provide law enforcement assistance during PEH encampment cleanups.</p>

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Goal 3. Support healthy, connected ecosystems.

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3.1. Increase habitat and ecosystem function along the river corridor.	PW/LACFCD	<p>The Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) incentivizes academic institutions and non-governmental organizations to identify projects and studies that will benefit the Los Angeles River and its watershed. The program has approved funding for 46 projects under the Regional Program that prioritize projects that create and improve habitat and ecosystem function in the amount of \$388M. The projects provide new landscape areas, new trees, drought tolerant plantings, detention ponds and wetlands.</p> <p>PW, in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles and USACE, have funded the engineering work to update baseline hydrology and hydraulic models for the Upper LA River.</p>
3.2. Increase plant species biodiversity, and focus on the use of local California native plants in and around the river corridor.	PW	<p>PW prioritizes the usage of plant palettes included in the LARMP guidelines during project planning phase to contribute to biodiversity along the LA River. In the current LARHAP project managed by PW, the landscaping proposed uses plant palettes recommended in the LARMP Design Guidelines.</p> <p>PW performs routine clearing of invasive species and maintenance of native vegetation within the channel invert and Right-of-Way using BMPs to increase California native plant species biodiversity.</p>
3.3. Create a connective network of habitat patches and corridors to facilitate the movement of wildlife and support a diverse ecological community.	PW	<p>In 2023, LARCC, in a joint effort with LA City, LA County, and USACE officials, evaluated public and private projects along the Upper LA River, promoting the adoption of the LARMP guidelines, including creating linkages between upland and riparian ecosystems. The LARCC encourages development of greenways of native trees along the LA River during the evaluation process of projects to help support diverse ecological communities. PW also prioritizes the development of greenways of native trees along the LA River during project planning phase.</p>
3.4. Encourage cities along the river to adopt sustainability strategies.	CSO	<p>LA County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) continues to offer assistance and resources to cities seeking to develop or improve sustainability plans. Some cities in the region, including City of Bell Gardens, are working on climate action plans, and CSO is offering insight on the development of those plans.</p> <p>CSO is still considering a future virtual workshop regarding certifications like ENVISION when providing information to cities and is finalizing a draft of the Community Forest Management Plan, which will in part be a resource for cities looking to utilize nature-based approaches to projects.</p>
3.5. Use environmentally responsible practices for operations and maintenance of the river channel and adjacent lands.	PW	<p>PW continues to perform vegetation management per approved maintenance permits from state, federal, and local regulatory agencies. Permits include provisions complying with the Countywide Integrated Pest Management Program as mitigation measures. Approved maintenance activities include appropriate BMPs and mitigation measures for sediment vegetation management.</p>
3.6. Use the river corridor as a living laboratory where ongoing innovation is encouraged.	PW	<p>Through their scoring system, the SCWP funding incentivizes and encourages nature-based solutions to capture stormwater runoff and improve water quality. Also, the recently adopted Los Angeles County Water Plan (CWP) aims for innovation through collaboration on piloting and training for new technologies that can help generate sustainable local resources.</p>

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Goal 4. Enhance opportunities for equitable access to the river corridor.

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4.1. Create welcoming access points and gateways to the LA River and LA River Trail to optimize physical access along its length, on both sides.	PW	PW is actively working on the first pavilion project stemming from the LARMP at the LA River Headwaters. The pavilion will make the river trail more accessible and inclusive by providing a new access point to the LA River, shaded seating, restrooms, and drinking fountains. Project completion is currently anticipated for Fall 2026. PW continues to develop plans and provide support for projects that can help improve access to the LA River, such as the Dominguez Gap Wetlands Improvement Project, and DPR's Lower LA River Trail Restoration and Access project. Additionally, as part of PW's efforts to implement cohesive wayfinding signage in accordance with the LARMP Design Guidelines on all project developments within the LA River right-of-way, the LARMP Design Guidelines were utilized to develop signage for the Public Equestrian Recreation Area project in Long Beach.
4.2. Increase safe transportation routes to the river.	PW	PW is working on updating LA County's Bicycle Master Plan, which will propose bikeway network improvements in unincorporated LA County and along flood control channels. The update will include incorporating recommendations from the LARMP. Additionally, the signage guidelines from the LARMP continues to be utilized in the development of informational material and signage when new projects or improvements are proposed within the LA River right-of-way. Connectivity along the 51-miles of the LA River is a priority of PW on all improvement projects. PW continues to encourage developers/local agencies to provide multi-use trails and improve connectivity along the LA River and is actively looking for collaboration opportunities in different communities.

Goal 5. Embrace and enhance opportunities for arts and culture.

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5.1. Develop a globally significant, comprehensive 51-mile arts and culture corridor along the river that is place-based, community-driven, and reflective of the cultural diversity of the County.	A&C	LA County Department of Arts and Culture (A&C) has been working on the implementation of the first LA River Civic Art project at the LA River Headwaters in Canoga Park. Considering themes established by the LARMP, the Flood Control Act, and the Headwaters Area Community Engagement Plan, the artwork will prioritize the First Peoples of LA County, flood control, and the riparian environment along the trail. The Project will consist of artist-designed interpretive signage along the quarter mile river trail between Canoga and Owensmouth Avenues. The artist call for the Project is slated to be released in Spring 2024. A&C is collaborating with PW on the grant application for Measure A funding for the Project. A&C is participating in a report back to the Board with PW, DPR, and led by LA County Chief Executive Office (CEO), to create a work plan outlining the necessary steps for the County to fulfill its intent to carry out the development and ongoing operations of the SELA Cultural Center Project. The SELA Cultural Center Project will serve as an arts campus and provide arts and cultural facilities for the local community and is intended to support local artists.
5.3. Integrate artists, cultural organizations, and community members in planning processes and project development along the river.	A&C	Equity, diversity, access, and inclusion is a core value of A&C. All work stemming from A&C is framed by the vision and guiding principles of the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative and their longstanding commitment to fostering access to the arts in the service of all people and communities of LA County. The Civic Art Division has created and continues to update an outreach list focused on Native American artists in California for use in outreach efforts and calls for future commissioning opportunities.

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5.4. Galvanize and activate the LA River cultural identity through arts and culture.	A&C	A&C and the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC), through a consultant and with input from representatives from local Tribes, have developed a toolkit and resources to support County agencies and others to implement the Countywide Land Acknowledgment. This work supports A&C's incorporation of the First Peoples in plaques, artworks, and didactics in the built environment, including LARMP projects. It will also inform promising practices for engaging with local Tribes, taking into consideration capacity limitations and engagement fatigue.
5.5. Streamline permitting processes for artwork and cultural activities along the river.	PW/LACFCD	PW streamlined permitting for events along the river by facilitating pre-application meetings with the applicants with potential for fee waivers on a case-by-case basis. Events such as the Earth Day Cleanups and the SELA Arts Festival have benefitted from flood permit fee waivers. PW has been actively involved in providing amenities and support.
Goal 6. Address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and people experiencing homelessness.		
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6.1. Utilize the County's Affordable Housing Coordinating Committee to review and advise on housing and community stabilization strategies along the river.	CEO	On June 14, 2022, the Board directed the CEO to provide recommendations to develop steps to establish the LA County Land Bank Pilot Program. The Land Bank Pilot Program is currently funded at \$25M, with \$10M from the Affordable Housing Programs Budget and \$15M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) enabled funds. The County is executing an agreement to contract with a nonprofit operator, and will convene a working group in the second quarter of calendar year 2024 to identify selection criteria and potential properties for acquisition.
6.2. Develop mapping and assessment planning tools to identify areas at risk for displacement around the LA River in order to prioritize affordable housing projects.	CEO	The Land Bank Pilot Program will convene a working group that will review mapping and assessment planning tools, such as UCLA's Urban Displacement Project, Anti-Racism Diversity and Inclusion Initiative's (ARDI) Equity Explorer, and Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)/Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) Displacement Vulnerability Index, that will be used to help prioritize properties to acquire for affordable housing development.
6.3. Increase units of affordable housing within one mile of the river.	CEO	<p>The LA County Land Bank Pilot Program plans to acquire 2-4 properties. Recommendations for selection criteria to prioritize acquisition of properties will be made by the land bank working group. Updates on the Program will be provided in an annual Board report and meetings, such as the Affordable Housing Coordinating Committee.</p> <p>CEO continues to use LACDA funds for the Homebuyer Program, which assists households in the unincorporated areas of LA County and its participating cities by making homeownership accessible by facilitating affordable home purchases for low income households, providing deferred payment loans for down payment assistance, individual credit counseling, and homebuyer education.</p> <p>DRP will ensure housing developments in river adjacent communities comply with affordable housing requirements and consider increased menu options for affordable housing developments in these communities.</p>

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<p>6.4. Identify funding necessary to create an affordable housing land bank, land acquisition loan fund, or similar strategy to purchase land in proximity to the river and hold it for future development as affordable housing or permanent supportive housing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CEO</p>	<p>With reduction in budget, the County plans to acquire 2-4 properties, which will not be each Supervisorial District. The land bank working group will make recommendations for selection criteria to prioritize acquisition of properties.</p> <p>In June 2022, the Board approved an additional \$10M from the Affordable Housing Programs Budget for the land bank, to bring the total to \$50M. Then, in October 2023, the Board reduced the funding for the land bank pilot to \$25M so that half the funding can support urgent tenant protections efforts, specifically \$15M would be redirected for the rent relief project and \$10M of for Stay Housed LA. The Land Bank Pilot will to be funded at \$25.0 million in FY23-24 as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ARPA - enabled funding - \$15.0 million 2. Affordable Housing Budget Carryover \$10.0 million <p>The County's Land Bank Pilot Program working group will explore creation of 'start up' funds and may provide recommendations to support the development of local community land trust organizations.</p>
<p>6.5. Secure funding for affordable housing in parallel with funding for river projects.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CEO</p>	<p>The avenue of funding pursued to support land acquisition and permanently affordable housing may depend upon which properties are acquired for the Land Bank Pilot Program. If the affordable housing property lies within an incorporated city, CEO may consider the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) for funding. And if the property lies within the unincorporated county, CEO may consider infrastructure grants.</p> <p>CEO plans to explore leveraging existing housing subsidies to finance permanent supportive housing once housing developments are build on the sites acquired through the land bank pilot.</p> <p>CEO continues to enforce existing County policy to set aside at least 20% of units to be low income housing if the residential project received more than \$10M of County resources.</p>

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<p>6.6. Incentivize stronger resident equity building tools and tenant protection policies along the river.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DCBA</p>	<p>The LA County Department of Consumer Business Affairs (DCBA) Housing and Tenant Protections Division continues to be the primary centralized agency currently handling landlord/tenant issues in the County. To ensure that County constituents have accurate and up-to-date information about tenant protections and available resources, DCBA expanded its Tenant Protections Hotline to provide one-on-one counseling to both tenants and rental property owners to ensure clear understanding of their rights and responsibilities, and connect them to financial, legal and other available resources designed to mitigate displacement.</p> <p>Tenants and landlords can contact DCBA's Tenant Protection counselors via:</p> <p>In person, Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 4:30 pm Hall of Records - 320 West Temple Street G-10 Los Angeles CA 90012</p> <p>In person, Monday to Thursday, 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. East Los Angeles County Hall - 4801 East Third Street Los Angeles CA 90022</p> <p>Expanded in-person services: 601 West Lancaster Boulevard, Lancaster, CA 93534 Regular hours: Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m</p> <p>Phone: 800-593-8222 Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm Email: rent@dcba.lacounty.gov Website: www.Rent.lacounty.gov Appointment: https://waitwhile.com/locations/phoneappointment/bookings/add/services</p> <p>Additionally, DCBA continues the County's Eviction Defense Program, Stay Housed LA (SHLA), which provides legal assistance and support to tenants facing eviction. SHLA is a partnership between the County of Los Angeles, legal aid groups and community-based organizations. Through SHLA, county residents can also participate in virtual Know Your Rights Workshops to learn about tenant protections to help navigate evictions and other challenges related to rental housing. In 2021, SHLA also launched an anti-harassment pilot program to represent tenants against egregious cases of tenant harassment.</p> <p>SHLA's website (https://www.stayhousedla.org/) connects tenants with information on their rights, workshops, legal assistance and other support.</p> <p>Tenants impacted by the river improvements can reach out to DCBA's tenant protections hotline to receive guidance on available tenant protections and/or the SHLA for legal assistance.</p> <p>The California State Legislative Session generated several bills designed to enact new or improve upon existing tenant protections. DCBA views the following to be the most impactful:</p> <p>AB 12: Designed to alleviate the financial burden on tenants and make housing more accessible, this bill on July 1, 2024, will limit the amount a landlord can require for security deposits, reducing the maximum allowable amount for most landlords to one month's rent. Landlords that own no more than two residential rental properties that collectively include no more than four dwelling units offered for rent may require up to two months, provided the proposed renter is not a "service member" as defined in Section 400 of the Military and Veterans Code.</p>

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<p>6.6. Incentivize stronger resident equity building tools and tenant protection policies along the river. (Cont'd)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DCBA</p>	<p>AB318: This bill will extend the current Mobile Home Residency Law Protection Program for an additional three years and increase the number of residents the State program can assist. This program is designed to provide mobile homeowners assistance with resolving disputes with mobile home park managers/owners through complaint intake and investigation, with potential referral services to relevant enforcement agencies if needed.</p> <p>AB319: This bill will extend the current Mobile home Parks Maintenance (MPM) inspection program administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development by one year. Additionally, it adds new conflict of interest provisions to ensure inspectors declare and potentially recuse themselves from inspection activities that might conflict with individual financial interests.</p> <p>AB 812: Presuming the river project has potential residential units within one-half mile from a certified state-designated cultural district or similarly locally designated cultural district, this bill would allow the County to adopt an ordinance that would require new developments with designated affordable housing to reserve up to 10% of those affordable units for “artists” provided that appropriate displacement tenets and a comprehensive vetting process are put in place.</p> <p>AB 1317: This bill requires the landlords of a “Qualifying Rental Property” that is issued a certificate of occupancy on or after January 1, 2025 and has more than 16 units to charge tenants for parking separately from the rent. Any failure to pay for the parking would not be a basis for an unlawful detainer but would allow a landlord to revoke the right of the tenant to lease that parking spot after 45 days of nonpayment. Certain types of properties, including developments that receive low-income housing tax credits, are exempt.</p> <p>AB 1620: Presuming the River project has residential units subject to an ordinance or charter provision that controls the rental rate of the unit, this bill would create a narrow statutory process by which a rent control jurisdiction could provide for unit swaps in certain situations where a disabled tenant is living in a rent-controlled unit. The bill provides several protections to ensure the process is only available in limited circumstances for those tenants with clear, demonstrated need for this accommodation and where it would not place an undue burden on a landlord to comply.</p> <p>SB 267: This bill would potentially limit a housing provider in instances for which a government rent subsidy is present to utilize the review of a person’s credit history without offering an alternative means for the prospective renter to provide verifiable evidence of an ability to pay their portion of the proposed rent. Should the individual choose this alternate method the provider would then consider that evidence in lieu of the individual’s credit history.</p> <p>SB567: Taking effect April 1, 2024, this bill adds new requirements for owners to end a tenancy, as defined currently under the Tenant Protection Act of 2019, for the purposes of a substantial remodel. Exercising this right will now require specific language in the termination notice regarding the work to be performed and the tenant’s right to reoccupy the property if the work isn’t commenced or completed. The new changes also require copies of any required permits for the work to be provided with the notice to the tenant and instructions for the tenant to follow if interested in reoccupying after the remodel, including owner contact info. This bill also amends just cause provisions related to an owner (or family member) to move into a unit, further refining the definition of an “owner” to include owners who hold properties in family trusts or through certain types of partnerships and LLCs. The bill also establishes specific timeframes for the actual move-in, which must commence within 90 days of the tenant’s departure and requires the intended occupant to remain in the unit for a minimum of 12 months. Penalties for violations of the Tenant Protection Act were also added as part of this bill and grants certain authorities to the County to enforce.</p>

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<p>6.6. Incentivize stronger resident equity building tools and tenant protection policies along the river. (Cont'd)</p>	<p>DCBA</p>	<p>DCBA published a Tenant Protections Policy Toolkit in September of 2023 (https://dcba.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Tenant-Protections-Toolkit-Final-9.11.23.pdf) as a useful resource for other jurisdictions in the region looking to establish and/or strengthen their own set of tenant protections policies and programs. The resources highlighted in the Toolkit include an overview of relevant state level laws and policies that affect tenant rights; an overview and timeline of LA County specific ordinances and policies; example ordinances; and other best practices and resources.</p> <p>Additionally, DCBA continues to engage with the Board, other County/City departments and relevant stakeholders to strengthen tenant protections through the County's Rent Stabilization Ordinances. On July 11, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion, Strengthen Tenant Protections to Prevent Homelessness, which directed DCBA to return to the Board with revisions to the Los Angeles County Code Chapter 8.52 to provide further technical or clarifying protections for tenants. Amendments to the Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection Ordinance (RSTPO) included requirement that any tenant in unincorporated areas of the county presented with a voluntary buyout agreement be offered an amount equal to or greater than the relocation assistance a tenant would be entitled to under a no-fault eviction; requirement that any at-fault termination of tenancy notice state specific facts to permit a determination of the date, place, witnesses, and circumstances concerning the eviction reason. In addition, on November 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion amending and extending the County's rent increase cap for both residential units and Mobile home spaces to 4% through June 2024. Amendments to the County's Rent Stabilization Ordinances became effective January 5, 2024.</p> <p>DCBA continues to work internally to expand outreach and education efforts, increase community engagement through in-person events and workshops and online webinars, through SHLA . DCBA is also working with County Counsel to develop a draft Right to Counsel Ordinance, to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption in May of 2024 (tentatively), which would make SHLA. a permanent County program and would lay the foundation for establishing a Universal Access to Representation program by 2023, as outlined in DCBA's April 2023 report. DCBA continues to work with our Board Offices and CEO to identify critical funding for our SHLA eviction defense program. Most recently we were allocated \$4.8 million in additional American Rescue Plan funding for its continued operation.</p> <p>Additionally, DCBA, with assistance of a contracted vendor, is running a Rent Increase Campaign to engage and notify landlords and tenants on the extending and amended rent increase cap for the County's Rent Stabilized Ordinances.</p> <p>Unfortunately, AB 875 was vetoed by the Governor on Oct 9, 2023, due to budgetary concerns. DCBA will assess the feasibility of reintroducing this legislation at a future date. Nonetheless, we are continuing to explore other options, such as working directly with the courts, to regularly obtain detailed unlawful detainer data.</p>

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<p>6.7. Support persons experiencing homelessness along the river by coordinating outreach and by building new permanent supportive housing.</p>	<p>LAHSA</p>	<p>LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) worked with DRP to develop a series of maps and a list showing potential sites for permanent supportive housing within one mile of the LA River. The document include three sets of sites - Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3. Tier 1 includes sites that have been zoned for Public Supportive Housing (PSH) and vetted for the likelihood of it holding housing (based on environmental factors; how close it is to services, etc.). Tier 2 includes the sites that have just been zoned for PSH. Tier 3 includes sites that allowed to have PSH by AB 2162, which supersedes any contrary local zoning regulations. The list of sites has also been forwarded to the LA County Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) team working on the land bank pilot.</p> <p>LAHSA helps coordinate the stand-up and referrals to new motel-based interim housing under the City of Los Angeles and LA County's respective Inside Safe and Pathway Home initiatives. One Inside Safe operation in Council District 3 has explicitly targeted a stretch of the LA River. Most recently, LAHSA facilitated the by-name list (BNL) management for a Pathway Home operation along the LA River in the City of Long Beach.</p> <p>LAHSA designs and recommends catchment zones for upcoming Interim Housing sites, and advocates for the expansion of the catchment zone once the original encampments and clients the site was intended for have had the opportunity for intake. This advocacy and coordination has resulted in more beds becoming available for people experiencing homelessness along the river. For example, one catchment zone was recently expanded and a new one was recently created to include geography along the LA River in Council District 14.</p> <p>LAHSA has also started doing pilots for geographic-based matching to permanent supportive housing resources, which allows us to serve folks along the LA River in proximity to site based units without the need for the typical interim housing and permanent housing matching steps.</p> <p>LA County Department of Health Services (DHS), as a partner in this work, also recently received 75 new vouchers through the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) and made a number of housing placements through that program. While LAHSA does not have the geographic data at this time, it is highly likely that at least some of the placements were made for people experiencing homelessness along the LA River, as the FHSP targets folks who are ineligible for other voucher programs (such as those with justice involvement or who are undocumented and who tend to establish encampments in more hidden areas).</p>

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<p>6.7. Support persons experiencing homelessness along the river by coordinating outreach and by building new permanent supportive housing. (Cont'd)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LAHSA</p>	<p>Regional Outreach Coordinators (ROCs) have Service Planning Area (SPA)-level Care Coordination meetings for updates from all providers, and smaller geographic hub-based case conferencing sessions to discuss individual clients. This gives space for discussion of clients whose living situations, such as along the LA River, is considered an additional vulnerability due to flood-risk or isolation from site-based service provision. The LAHSA Outreach Coordination team provides ROCs with best practices on productively utilizing these spaces, collecting those practices from the other SPAs, and integrating them across the county.</p> <p>LAHSA also administers and monitors the Los Angeles Homeless Outreach Portal (LA-HOP), which allows ROCs to assign requests to the most appropriate team to serve clients located along the LA River, based on each teams target population and geography. LAHSA teams also respond to specific requests for outreach along the river, including from elected offices. These engagements share the same goal of initiating contact and assisting clients with setting and achieving a housing plan.</p> <p>DHS has recently expanded their MDTs due to the Judge Carter settlement. This expansion has also been leveraged to support both encampment resolution efforts within the City and LA County (Inside Safe and Pathway Home). Some of these encampment resolutions have also occurred along the LA River. DHS' mobile clinics have also seen strengthened collaboration as well and have been able to bring nurses, doctors, social workers, etc. on site at the resolution sites. DHS has also been bolstering and strengthening their harm reduction work allowing them to meet for vulnerable clients found along the LA River where they are at.</p> <p>Additionally, both outreach systems (at LAHSA and DHS) have been preparing for inclement weather responses ahead of forthcoming storms in collaboration with LA County and City of Los Angeles. Teams will notify people experiencing homelessness along the riverbeds that are at high flood risk and inform them of/place them in Winter Shelter sites. This is especially pertinent for SPAs 2 and 4, which are areas of LA River that tend to have a lot of encampments.</p> <p>LAHSA HETs routinely outreach the LA River, in partnership with DHS-funded MDTs and Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) HOME teams, to meet the needs of higher vulnerability clients. Outreach offers both entry into the Coordinated Entry System (CES), and ongoing engagement to initiate and attain a housing plan. These housing plans span the spectrum of CES-affiliated resources, including Problem Solving conversations and funds, Interim Housing referrals, and PSH Matches.</p> <p>LAHSA's Community Relations Unit actively engages with the various independent cities and Councils of Governments across Los Angeles County and some of the cities reside along the Los Angeles River or its tributaries. The Community Relations Coordinators assist these cities with their homelessness response plans by connecting them to interventions such as Problem Solving, connecting them to LAHSA outreach, and doing presentations on the Homeless Count. LAHSA Community Relations Unit most recently met with the City of Huntington Park to talk about ways the City can access Measure H Funds in supporting PEH.</p>
<p>6.8. Integrate best practices for working with persons experiencing homelessness utilizing the river corridor.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW</p>	<p>PW is working in concert with the CEO-HI, LAHSA, and the LASD-HOST/local law enforcement, following the latest County protocol to address PEH encampments in the County-maintained reaches of the LA River. The County's Homeless Encampment Automated Request Submission (HEARS) system continues to facilitate inter-agency communication and helped coordinate scheduling to optimize timelines for posting and offering outreach services to PEH before conducting encampment resolutions.</p> <p>LASD-HOST continues to offer trainings to new PW field and office employees, as needed. PW continues working with LAHSA to ensure best practices for working with PEH.</p>

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<p>7.4. Promote the river and natural ecosystem as an economic asset to surrounding communities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DEO/DPSS</p>	<p>The LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will engage A&C and their Internship Program, which provides access to high-quality opportunities for college students of all backgrounds to gain experience, understanding, and transferable skills relevant to careers in the arts, the creative economy, and engagement in public life.</p> <p>DEO will complement this arts-focused partnership by assisting on broader projects and amenities along the river. This will primarily be carried out by our network of 18 America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs) and Office of Small Business (OSB).</p> <p>Where possible, DEO's OSB team will work with small concessionaires on necessary permitting assistance. This timely issue connects to two (2) recent ordinances passed by the Board of Supervisors: the Compact Mobile Food Operator (CMFO) Ordinance and the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance (SVO); CMFO Ordinance went live on March 6, 2024 with SVO going live August 2024. Both ordinances, which OSB is supporting, help promote healthy and safe micro-vending both in Unincorporated areas of the County (SVO) as well as Countywide (CMFO).</p> <p>Via our network of AJCCs, DEO will provide workforce training - including occupational skills training and necessary certifications - to unemployed and underemployed individuals who live and work near river-related projects. The AJCCs are DEO's primary mechanism for preparing workers for employment while concurrently working with employers on any specific skills or training requirements. DEO oversees a specialized Veterans AJCC and will work with the veterans they serve to assess whether jobs and vocational training related to the river is part of their career goals and/or individualized employment plans. For those veterans that are a good match, the AJCCs will support this initiative through vocational training services and/or employment opportunities related to the river.</p> <p>DEO, will again, utilize its network of AJCCs to outreach to local residents to best promote job openings related to the LARMP and to provide career services to assist them in applying for these positions. DEO informs its outreach and recruitment with the County's Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy to increase local participation in relevant projects and create job opportunities within the County's most economically challenged communities.</p> <p>DEO will leverage the County's Local and Targeted Worker Hire policy to outreach and recruit individuals from designated local zip codes and from specific fourteen targeted worker categories that includes veterans, persons experiencing homelessness and individuals with a history of justice involvement. Specifically, the LA County's Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Policy was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in October 2016 to ensure that local workers have employment opportunities on projects within their own communities. This policy sets a goal to hire 30% Local Workers and 10% Targeted Workers on all County capital and construction projects valued at \$500,000 or more.</p>

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<p>7.4. Promote the river and natural ecosystem as an economic asset to surrounding communities. (Cont'd)</p>	<p>DEO/DPSS</p>	<p>DEO will provide businesses and individuals with information about rights and responsibilities under the new Fair Chance County Ordinance along with other local and state laws. For businesses, DEO can provide incentives and connections to hire individuals who have been formally incarcerated. For individuals struggling to obtain employment, DEO provides training, supportive services, and access to employers ready to hire.</p> <p>In addition, DEO will look for opportunities to capitalize on a recent \$8 million grant from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) - via the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) - to increase urban forestry workforce development opportunities and job pathways for LA County residents. DEO will spearhead the workforce development strategy for growing the pipeline of tree maintenance providers and look for opportunities to use that in river-related and nature-based projects.</p> <p>Lastly, DEO will look at partnership opportunities with DPW and other River Plan partners (e.g. CSO, Parks & Rec) on any future river-related projects where DEO's workforce service offerings might be of value.</p> <p>DEO will both support existing programs and engage additional programs that focus on assisting PEH. For example, the Careers for a Cause (C4C) Social Services Training Program prepares people with lived experience of homelessness, re-entry, or other life experiences for a career in social services. At the end of the program, the participant is matched with homeless service provider for employment.</p> <p>Also, DEO helps operate the LA:RISE program, an innovative, collaborative partnership that unites the City of Los Angeles and LA County's Workforce Development System with non-profit social enterprises and for-profit employers in order to help men and women with high barriers to employment get good jobs and stay employed. The program connects employment social enterprises to the workforce system, supportive services, and employers, allowing all partners to bring their expertise and resources to the table. LA:RISE has expanded from 10 to 38 partners across LA County and has already provided transitional employment to over 7,500 Angelenos.</p> <p>As part of its overarching Youth@Work program, which serves around 10,000 youths ages 14-24 annually, DEO will offer Work-Opportunity Tax Credits and other hiring incentives to encourage local businesses to offer internships, Paid Work Experience and job/training opportunities related to the LA River. Additionally, DEO will continue to partner with certified Social Enterprises that offer job readiness programs for youth in occupations related to the river.</p> <p>In addition, DEO will, when applicable, leverage new funding opportunities such as the Economic Mobility Initiative (EMI), which received \$25 million to help drive better economic mobility in the county's most disadvantaged communities. This can include services to help conservation-oriented entrepreneurs start and grow a new business.</p> <p>Through its Marketing & Communications team, DEO will leverage its strong social media presence and newsletter email list (10,000+ subscribers) to promote river-related enterprises, particularly as they involve any of the above-mentioned DEO programming and services. DEO will also work to better integrate outreach and marketing for river-related activities into other, existing DEO programming. Further, DEO will collaborate with other relevant County departments (e.g. PW, CSO) on coordinated marketing for any joint project and will work with external organizations (e.g. Friends of LA River) to do the same when applicable.</p>

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<p>8.1. Capture and treat stormwater and dry weather flows before they reach the river channel for groundwater recharge, direct use, water recycling, or release for downstream beneficial uses.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW</p>	<p>The SCWP funding incentivizes and encourages water capture and direct use on public and private properties through their scoring criteria, Credit Program, and Credit Trading Program. The SCWP is available for property owners who can demonstrate stormwater improvements that result in water quality benefits, water supply benefits, and community investment benefits. Details about the Credit Program, a list of qualifying improvements, and verification requirements were developed and are available on the website. For updates, please check the website at https://safecleanwaterla.org/resources/tools/.</p> <p>The SCWP has approved funding for 46 projects under the Regional Infrastructure Program that implements stormwater and dry-weather runoff capture projects throughout the watershed in the amount of \$388M. The projects provide stormwater and dry-weather runoff capture from over 49,263-acre area, 2,422 acre-feet of storage capacity, and 39,400 acre-feet of annual average capture. Funding referenced was budgeted and projected for all 46 projects currently at various project phases and are anticipated to be implemented in coming years.</p> <p>PW has constructed the following stormwater capture projects in the LA River Watershed: Roosevelt Park Regional Stormwater Capture Project, East LA Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project, and Compton Creek Stormwater and Urban Runoff Capture and Reuse Project at Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park.</p> <p>In addition, PW is completing the construction of the Nogales Park Stormwater Capture Project in the unincorporated community of Walnut Park. The project includes the construction of a new 0.5-acre park with a staff office and public restroom building, playground areas, a splash pad, an open lawn area, and additional park amenities. The building provides a base of operations for the Department of Parks and Recreation and Sheriff's Department Parks Bureau personnel to ensure safe and accessible recreation programming to the local community. The project reduces bacteria and metal pollutants from entering the Los Angeles River by diverting and capturing urban and stormwater runoff from a 27-acre drainage area through methods such as a diversion system and infiltration dry wells.</p>
<p>8.3. Employ and encourage efficient water use.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PW/LACFCD</p>	<p>The LACFCD, in collaboration with UCLA, conducted a study using Global Climate Models to simulate several temperature rise scenarios to project future changes in extreme rainfall events over the region due to the increased temperatures to evaluate the impacts of climate change on extreme precipitation events in LA County and better understand the impact of climate change on LACFCD facilities. Results show that temperature rises due to climate change would increase the intensity of storm events. The LACFCD will further evaluate the findings.</p> <p>PW in collaboration with the USACE and City of Los Angeles is working to update the hydrology and hydraulic models for the Upper LA River. The models consider the effects of climate change.</p> <p>The SCWP funding incentivizes and encourages water capture and direct use on public and private properties through their scoring criteria, Credit Program, and Credit Trading Program. The SCWP is available for property owners who can demonstrate stormwater improvements that result in water quality benefits, water supply benefits, and community investment benefits. Details about the Credit Program, a list of qualifying improvements, and verification requirements were developed and are available on the website. For updates, please check the website at https://safecleanwaterla.org/resources/tools/.</p>

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8.4. Improve water supply and recycling facility operations and maintenance	PW/LACFCD	PW continues to improve its water conservation facilities upstream of the LA River in partnership with other agencies. For instance, PW is nearing completion of the basin enhancement project at the Pacoima Spreading Grounds. This project has an estimated construction cost of \$85-90M and will increase the facility's stormwater capture capacity by an additional 10,500 acre-feet per year.

Goal 9. Promote healthy, safe, clean water.

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9.1. Improve water quality and contribute to the attainment of water quality requirements to protect public and environmental health.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW continues to administer the SCWP, providing funding towards the development, construction, operation, and maintenance of multi-benefit projects to enhance water quality, water conservation, and community enhancement, including opportunities identified in plans such as the Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) and Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs).</p> <p>PW has also developed the CWP, which was adopted by the LA County Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2023. This effort is a regional water resilience plan, which integrates and builds upon existing local and regional planning efforts to articulate a shared, inclusive, regional path forward to sustainably achieve safe, clean, and reliable water resources for Los Angeles County. The CWP includes targets, strategies, and actions developed in conjunction with stakeholder feedback received. Strategy 6 of the plan, collaborating on water quality needs and treatment technologies, aims to facilitate partnerships and information sharing between agencies within Los Angeles County to improve water treatment efficiency and cost through collaboration on piloting and training for new technologies, working with drinking water regulators, sharing of information, lab sharing for emerging contaminant sample analysis (e.g., PFAS/PFOA), public outreach, and leveraging of staff and funding resources.</p>
9.2. Coordinate water quality improvements with the Safe, Clean Water Program.	PW/LACFCD	<p>PW submitted the revised WMPs to the Regional Board in June 2021, and previously received "Conditional Approvals" from the Regional Board.</p> <p>Since its inception in the fiscal year 2019-20, the SCWP has received 26 applications with approximately 140 parcels claiming credits and \$3.1 million in credits issued to applicants for stormwater improvement projects, including water quality basins, bioswales, Continuous Deflection Separation (CDS) units, etc. Additionally, the program has approved funding for 16 project concepts under the Technical Resources Program and provides technical and financial support to develop feasibility studies in the amount of \$4.2M. Funding referenced was budgeted and projected for project concepts currently in various phases which are anticipated to be implemented in coming years.</p>

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<p>9.3. Coordinate with the Watershed Management Program and Enhanced Watershed Management Program (WMP and EWMP) Groups.</p>	<p>PW/LACFCD</p>	<p>The SCWP review process considers factors including, but not limited to, incorporation of Low-Impact Development (LID) techniques, expansion of stormwater capture, removal of pollutants of concern, prioritization of disadvantaged communities, multi-benefit opportunity projects, and nature-based solutions. PW/LACFCD representatives continue to attend regularly scheduled Watershed Area Steering Committee meetings to discuss development and implementation projects recommended by such plans.</p> <p>Progress of projects and water quality monitoring results for WMPs and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Programs (CIMPs) are submitted to LA Regional Board through progress and annual reports every June and December.</p>
<p>9.5. Improve water quality facility operations and maintenance.</p>	<p>PW/LACFCD</p>	<p>The Stormwater Improvement Maintenance Working Group continues to meet monthly. Where applicable, PW continues incorporating telemetry systems and sensors in stormwater capture projects to monitor and record flow data.</p>

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

June 14, 2022

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.