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Committee on Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River
City Council
c/o Adam Lid
City Clerk

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell and Honorable Members:

COUNCIL FILE 14-0601: LA RIVER REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

SUMMARY

I am writing in response to your direction via Council File (CF) 14-0601 that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) report to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee on the status of working groups, agreements, progress and implementation of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP). In 2007 via CF 07-1342, the City Council directed BOE to act as project manager in facilitating implementation of the LARRMP. Please find the latest progress report attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Note and file the report.

FISCAL IMPACT

The status report is for informational purposes only; there is no fiscal impact anticipated.

Please direct any questions regarding this report to my staff serving as the LARiverWorks team: Carol Armstrong, (213) 978-2173 and Michael Affeldt, (213) 473-7798.

Sincerely,

Gary Lee Moore, PE, ENV SP
City Engineer

Attachment: Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan Progress Report: March 2015

Cc: Doane Liu, Deputy Mayor, City Services
Barbara Romero, Commissioner, Board of Public Works
Patricia Whelan, Office of the Mayor





LA River Revitalization Progress

(Council File 14-0601)

March 23, 2015

LA City Council Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee



LA River Greenway2020

Sepulveda to Kester (City/BOE/Prop. K, south bank, CD4): in construction; grand opening expected mid-summer

Coldwater to Whitsett (City/BOE/Prop. K, south bank, CD2): in design; groundbreaking expected mid-summer

Coldwater to Whitsett (Community Conservation Solutions, north bank, CD2): in construction*

Vanalden to Balboa (City/BOE/LADOT/HCID, south bank, CDs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6): concept submitted for the State's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant program in February, but not selected to advance.*

Whitsett to Riverside/Zoo (County, alternating banks, CDs 2, 4): feasibility scoping underway*

Barclay to City of Maywood (Metro, in-channel bike path, CDs 1, 13, 14): feasibility scoping underway*

Key Projects

Aliso Creek Confluence Park (Trust for Public Land, both banks, CD3): in design*

Caballero Creek Confluence Park (Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, south bank, CD3): in design*

LA River Veteran Tribute Park (LA Conservation Corps, north bank, CD6): in pre-design*

La Kretz Crossing (LA River Revitalization Corporation, CDs 4, 13): in design

Central Service Yard Master Planning (City/RAP, CD13): feasibility scoping underway

Taylor Yard G-2 Parcel Acquisition (City/CAO/CLA, CD1): negotiation underway

Taylor Yard Bridge (City/BOE/Architectural, CDs 1, 13): in design*

Albion Dairy Park (City/BOE/BOS, CD1): pre-design report being finalized

*These projects need additional funding.

Key Federal Activities

LA River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility (ARBOR) Study (US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)/City, CDs 1, 4, 13, 14): awaiting letter of intent and financial self-certification capability form; on track for consideration by the USACE Civil Works Review Board in Washington, DC in mid-summer; Army Corps' Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick visited the City and Mayor in January; Councilman O'Farrell met with USACE HQ staff in DC in early March

Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail Certification (City/County, CDs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14): agreement under review by City Attorney; announcement possible in the summer; 2016 marks the Centennial for the National Park Service and a variety of events will be held to acknowledge this

Key Events

02/03: Mayor Garcetti presented Civic Innovation Award to BOE employee, John Tosto, for developing a system to more efficiently implement the LA River Mile Marker Program

02/12: "LA & Rotterdam: River Cities in Times of Climate Change" forum hosted by the Consul General of The Kingdom of the Netherlands and the City of LA and a Sister River Agreement was signed by Mayor Garcetti and the Mayor of Rotterdam Ahmed Aboutaleb

03/05: The Department of Cultural Affairs proposal, "CURRENT: LA River Call to Action on Water Conservation Through Art" was selected as one of twelve finalists for \$1 million from the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge competition; 3 cities will be selected for the award to be announced in May

03/22: CicLAvia in the Valley with CiclaRIO: <http://beta.ciclavia.org/>

04/11, 18, 25: FoLAR Annual La Gran Limpieza: www.folar.org

05/09: Yale Day of Service on the LA River

05/25: Memorial Day to Labor Day: LA River Recreation in Sepulveda Basin and Glendale Narrows (CF 14-0222)

06/03: LA River Day in the LA City Council

07/06: Next LA River Cooperation Committee meetings: April 6 (cancelled), July 6, October 5 (www.lariver.org/rcc)

Go Team River!

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