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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  
PROGRESS REPORT**

**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 establish the Los Angeles River Project Office and 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 in the Los Angeles River Project Office: Carol Armstrong, (213) 485-5762 and Michael Affeldt, (213) 485-5733.

Sincerely,

*Gary Lee Moore*

Gary Lee Moore, PE, ENV SP  
City Engineer

Attachment: Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan Progress Report June 6 to September 3, 2014 (2 pages)

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



# LA River Revitalization Progress: Update for the City Council (CF 14-0601)

For the September 8, 2014 Meeting of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee

ITEM	Council District	Status	Action Needed
<i>"Bending the River Back into the City" or waterwheel (Metabolic Studios)</i>	1	Design; US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 408 permit underway	Support
<i>6th Street Viaduct (City/Bureau of Engineering (BOE))</i>	14	Design; need to coordinate with Downtown LA In-Channel Bike Path	Open space elements need funding
<i>Albion Dairy Park (BOE/Bureau of Sanitation (BOS)/Recreation and Parks (RAP))</i>	1	Design (in RAP's 50 Parks Initiative)	Support
<i>Aliso Creek Confluence/Reseda River Loop (Trust for Public Land)</i>	3	Design; out for bid in September; Groundbreaking expected fall 2014; must be completed by April 2015	Needs funding; if grant extension needed, City should support
<i>Caballero Creek Confluence (Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA))</i>	3	Design (in RAP's 50 Parks Initiative); won State grant of \$1.1M	Support
<i>Canoga Park High School (CPHS)/River Origin Park</i>	3	Design; CPHS students and faculty working with Cal Poly Pomona	LA River Cooperation Committee (RCC) to review in future
<i>Downtown LA River In-Channel Bikeway (various)</i>	1, 13, 14	Metro to complete feasibility Study; Metro staff will report back to Metro Board this month	Support; needs funding and rail coordination
<i>Glendale/Hyperion Viaduct (City/BOE)</i>	4, 13	Redesign underway to improve bike/pedestrian accommodations	Support
<i>Headwaters Greenway (County)</i>	3	Opened on 07/12	
<i>La Kretz Crossing (LA River Revitalization Corporation (RRC))</i>	4, 13	Design; RRC to be awarded \$3.7M State grant; agreements underway	Support
<i>LA River Bank (CF 14-0222-S1)</i>	All River	CD 13 initiated; Motion pending in Budget and Finance	Approve; identify resources to fund
<i>LA River Improvement Overlay (LA-RIO) (CF 12-0096-S1)</i>	All River	Approved by Council on 07/02	Next step is design guidelines; support
<i>LA River Natural Park &amp; Greenway (Community Conservation Solutions)</i>	2	Design; associated development project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) out for review until 09/15	Support park; needs funding
<i>LA River Recreation Zone (CF 14-0222)</i>	1, 13, 14	Closed on 09/01	See: <a href="http://www.lariverrecreation.org">www.lariverrecreation.org</a>
<i>LA River Veteran Tribute Park (LA Conservation Corps)</i>	6	Design	Support; needs funding
<i>LA Riverfront Greenway (BOE)</i>	2, 4	Construction awarded; Coldwater Canyon to Whitsett (south bank)	USACE 408 permit process extended schedule; support completion of this
<i>Marsh Park Expansion (MRCA)</i>	13	Opened 08/16	
<i>Metro Doran Street Closure</i>	13	Design; Metro is lead	Support alternative that accommodates Verdugo Wash restoration
<i>NBC/Universal Bike Path (w/ County)</i>	2, 4	Feasibility report being completed now; County is lead	City departments to continue involvement; needs funding
<i>NELA Riverfront Collaborative</i>	1, 13, 14	Vision Plan completed; Economic and Workforce Development Department is lead (EWDD)	See: <a href="http://www.mylariver.org">www.mylariver.org</a>

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North Valleyheart Greenway (County)	2	Opened on 06/21	
Piggyback Yard Collaborative (FoLAR et al.)	14	Friends of the LA River (FoLAR) convened group; SMMC has funded	Support
Riverside/Figueroa Viaduct (City/BOE)	1	Construction	
Sennett Creek (FoLAR/North East Trees)	4	Planning/design; within footprint of NBC/ Universal path area	Support
Taylor Yard Bridge (BOE)	1, 13	Design; approved at RCC on 04/07	Support; needs construction funding
Taylor Yard G-2 Site Acquisition	1	Negotiating acquisition; Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) is lead; California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) public review closed on 09/02	Support
USACE Sepulveda Basin Boating	6	Closed on 09/01	
Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA)	All River	Next bill expected in two years (earliest)	Support authorization
WRDA 2007	TBD	Authorized \$25M for LA River demonstration projects to inform USACE Study; \$100K appropriated	Appropriate remainder
USACE LA River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study	1, 4, 13, 14	Council approved \$200K to finalize Study on 08/29; Former USACE LA District Commander, Gen. Mark Toy, is South Pacific Division Commander	Finalize the Study; certify its CEQA/NEPA

#### OTHER/EVENTS

06/22: LA County Bicycle Coalition's annual LA River Ride

06/29-07/10: CM Tom LaBonge included Gary Lee Moore, Deborah Weintraub, and Carol Armstrong in peer cities consultations to learn from river revitalization experiences

07/31: US Army Corps of Engineers issued new 408 permit guidance, EC 1165-2-216

08/14: State passed water bond legislation and Governor Brown signed it (will be on ballot in November)

08/20: LA River Project Office (LARPO) met with BOS and LADWP on "OneWater" effort and how to prioritize LA River

08/28: LARPO met with County Civil Grand Jury Sustainability Committee on river issues (they are supportive)

08/30: LA River Boat Race (See: [http://lariverexpeditions.org/page\\_boat-races.php](http://lariverexpeditions.org/page_boat-races.php))

09/03: LA River tour for California League of Cities group

09/13: Play the LA River launch (<http://uchri.org/awardees/project-51-play-the-la-river/>); coincides with Frogtown ArtWalk ([www.frogtownarts.com](http://www.frogtownarts.com))

09/28: World Rivers Day

09/30: LA River tour for CityLab: Urban Solutions to Global Challenges

10/06: Next LA River Cooperation Committee meeting ([www.lariver.org/rcc](http://www.lariver.org/rcc))

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