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The Honorable Mitch O'Farrell, Chair
Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee
Los Angeles City Council
c/o Adam Lid
City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

COUNCIL FILE 11-0098-S4 LA RIVER REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN: STATUS REPORT

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell and Honorable Members:

SUMMARY

I am writing in response to your direction via Council File (C.F.) 11-0098-S4 that departments be directed to report to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee on the status of working groups, agreements, progress and implementation of the L.A. River Revitalization Master Plan. In 2007 via C.F. 07-1342, the City Council directed Engineering (BOE) to establish the Los Angeles River Project Office and act as project manager in facilitating implementation of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (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,


for Deborah Weintraub, AIA, LEED^{AP}
Interim City Engineer

Attachment: Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan Progress Report (2 pages)

cc: Doane Liu, Deputy Mayor, City Services
Guy Lipa, Mayor's Office
Barbara Romero, Commissioner, Board of Public Works



LA River Revitalization Progress: Update for the City Council (C.F. 07-1342)

May 12, 2014: Meeting of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee

| PROJECTS (Upstream to Downstream) | Council District | Status |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Headwaters Greenway (County) | 3 | Opening 07/12 (hosted by Supervisor Yaroslavsky) |
| Aliso Creek Confluence/Reseda River Loop (Trust for Public Land) | 3 | Design; Out for bid in September; Groundbreaking expected in fall |
| Caballero Creek Confluence (MRCA) | 3 | Design (in Recreation and Parks' (RAP) 50 Parks Initiative) |
| LA River Veteran Tribute Park (LA Conservation Corps) | 6 | Project approved at River Cooperation Committee (RCC) on 04/07 |
| LA Riverfront Greenway (BOE) | 2, 4 | Coldwater to Whitsett (south bank) |
| North Valleyheart Greenway (County) | 2 | Opening 06/21 (hosted by Supervisor Yaroslavsky) |
| LA River Natural Park & Greenway (Community Conservation Solutions) | 2 | Design; Presenting at Studio City Residents Association meeting on 05/13 |
| NBC/Universal Bike Path (w/ County) | 2, 4 | Pre-design |
| Sennett Creek (FoLAR/NE Trees) | 4 | Design |
| Marsh Park Expansion (MRCA) | 13 | Construction |
| La Kretz Crossing (LA River Revitalization Corporation) | 4, 13 | Design; River Revitalization Corporation applying for grants |
| Taylor Yard G-2 Site Acquisition | 1 | Environmental underway (Prop. O Program is lead.) |
| Taylor Yard Bridge (BOE) | 1, 13 | Public Outreach/Design; project approved at RCC on 04/07 |
| "Bending the River Back into the City" or waterwheel (Metabolic Studios) | 1 | Design; US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 408 permit underway |
| Humboldt/Reyes Greenway (BOE/BOS) | 1 | To open in near future |
| Albion Dairy Park (BOE/BOS/RAP) | 1 | Design (in RAP's 50 Parks Initiative) |
| Downtown LA River Bikeway (various) | 1, 13, 14 | Approved at RCC on 04/07; CD14 is lead |
| FEDERAL | | |
| USACE LA River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study | 1, 4, 13, 14 | USACE to respond to Mayor Garcetti's 04/10 letter asking that they select Alternative 20 and share the cost at 50% to 50% |
| USACE Sepulveda Basin Boating | 6 | USACE 5-year boating program—applications due 04/25 |
| Water Resources (Reform) and Development Act (WR(R)DA) | All River | It would be ideal to have USACE Study's project authorized in bill |
| WRDA 2007 | TBD | Authorized \$25M for LA River demonstration projects to inform USACE River Study; only \$100K appropriated so far (Bowtie) |
| USDOJ, National Park Service | All River | Anza Trail certification (C.F. 14-0002-S24) |
| US Environmental Protection Agency | All | Supporting Global Green on Metro Union Station Sustainable Development initiative |
| STATE | | |
| State Water and Park Bonds | All River | CD 13 resolution in support of SB 1086 (De León), Safe Neighborhood Parks, River, and Coastal Protection Bond Act on 05/02 |
| Sustainable Communities Grant | 2-6 | Decision on Metro's grant application for design expected in June |
| OTHER | | |
| NELA Riverfront Collaborative | 1, 13, 14 | Draft report out to public in the coming weeks |
| LA River Rec. Zone (C.F. 14-0222) | 1, 13, 14 | Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day |
| LA River Improvement Overlay (RIO) | All River | Department of City Planning is lead; Council PLUM/APHAR moving; |

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| <i>(C.F. 12-0096-S1)</i> | | public meeting soon |
| <i>LA River Bank Fund (C.F. 14-0222-S1)</i> | All River | CD 13 initiated; pending in Budget and Finance |
| <i>Metro Doran Street Closure</i> | 13 | Could impact Verdugo Wash restoration |
| <i>Glendale/Hyperion Viaduct (City/BOE)</i> | 4, 13 | Redesign to improve bike/pedestrian accommodations |
| <i>Riverside/Figueroa Viaduct (City/BOE)</i> | 1 | Construction; EnrichLA to explore viability of preserving remnant as land bridge |
| <i>6th Street Viaduct (City/BOE)</i> | 14 | Design |
| <i>Piggyback Yard Collab. (FoLAR et al.)</i> | 14 | Site in USACE Study; Friends of the LA River (FoLAR) to release report online |
| <i>LA River Master Use Agreement</i> | All River | Priority to streamline operations, maintenance, and security; next meeting is pending; County is lead |
| <i>City Yard Consolidation</i> | All River | BOE working with CAO; River adjacent yards are key |

OTHER/EVENTS

04/28: LARPO took representatives of The Aspen Institute on river tour to prepare for CityLab in fall
04/28: LARPO met with USDA Forest Service Region 5 staff at river to provide an update on progress
05/03: LARPO participated in FoLAR Glendale Narrows Cleanup
05/04: LA River Fun Run
05/07: LARPO participated in "LA River Town Hall" in Sacramento hosted by Assemblymember Gomez (CA-51)
05/10: LARPO to participate in APA/ASLA river tour
05/13: LA River Revitalization Corporation Board Meeting
05/13: LA River Natural Park Greenway at Studio City Residents' Association meeting
05/15: ACEC Innovator of the Year Award to LA River Office
05/19: LARPO to provide presentation to Los Feliz Improvement Association (www.lfia.com)
05/29: "A Collective Impact Case Study of the LA River: How Philanthropy, Government and Community is leveraging resources to transform the LA River into a cultural, social and economic force for good" hosted by the International Association of Advisors in Philanthropy
06/04: "LA River Day" in City Council (CD13 is lead)
06/04: LA Business Council to recognize LA River for Community Impact Award
06/9-11: The Mediterranean City Conference (and Med Cities Climate Change Consortium) in Athens, Greece
06/22: LA County Bicycle Coalition's annual LA River Ride
07/07: Next LA River Cooperation Committee (hosted by City); see www.lariver.org/rcc
09/14: Play the LA River/Project 51 event launch to encourage people to visit river (Jenny Price is lead.)
09/28: World Rivers Day

Mayor Garcetti issued a challenge: If the LA Kings beat the Anaheim Ducks, the Anaheim Mayor Tait will help clean the LA River. Go Kings, Go!

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