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LOS ANGELES RIVER TASK FORCE

BRAINSTORMING SESSION

October 25, 1990

At their October 25, 1990 meeting, the members and advisors of the Los Angeles River Task Force generated the following list of 148 ideas during a brainstorming session facilitated by Peg Henderson of the National Parks Service, Rivers and Trail Conservation Assistance Program. Before beginning, the participants were assigned the goal of coming up with as many ideas as possible for the future of the Los Angeles River. They were asked to withhold judgment of their own or anyone else's suggestions during the session.

The purpose of the session was to give the Task Force the opportunity to express and document the many ideas that had been discussed during the last year. Over the next few months the Citizens' Advisory Committee will be contributing additional ideas to the process. The Task Force will evaluate all of these ideas and develop a set of recommendations for the city.

Peg Henderson and Wendy Harmon have organized the group's ideas by subject and time frame. The subjects are flood protection; natural resources and systems; water quality and management; aesthetics and visual quality; recreation use and facilities; transportation uses; commercial uses; adjacent land uses; education and public support; inter-agency cooperation and policy; planning, design and construction; acquisition; funding; maintenance; liability; and security. These subjects and time frames are preliminary and are intended for discussion by the Task Force at the November 29, 1990 meeting.

FLOOD PROTECTION

1-5 Years

- * Create detention basins to control flooding.

10-40 years

- * Meet flood control needs for the next 50 years.



NATURAL RESOURCES AND SYSTEMS (plants, birds, fisheries, watersheds, etc.)

1-5 years

- * Keep water flowing in the river. Minimum guaranteed flow.
- * Create a vehicle for the wetlands to come up stream. Off site mitigation. LA 2020 plan. Need new policies for federal and state agencies to allow this.
- * Return more native plants to the river. 75 percent non-native now.
- * Accommodate and encourage wildlife.
- * Consider the tributaries in the future, especially Arroyo Seco. Also consider Compton Creek, Rio Hondo.
- * Allow the trees to grow.

6-10 years

- * Restore the river's natural habitat wherever possible.
- * Bring water level up to create habitats outside the channel.

11-40 years

- * Reconnect Ballona Creek to the river.
- * Have concrete taken out, as much as possible, along the bottom and the sides. Replace with gabions.
- * Fisheries habitat.
- * Develop flyway for migratory birds.

WATER QUALITY AND MANAGEMENT

1-5 years

- * Improve water quality as much as possible.
- * Study chemical analysis of the river. Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- * Review storm drain laws and their impact on the water quality of the river.
- * Pay attention to watershed, Angeles National Forest, reforestation, all watershed issues tied in.
- * Spreading facility downstream to recharge groundwater. Maximize groundwater recharge.

6-10 years

- * Summertime—inflatable dams to impound water. Would provide a point to improve water quality, remove trash, and focus recreation and other uses.

11-40 years

- * Impound more winter water in canyons for slow release during dry periods.

AESTHETICS AND VISUAL QUALITY

1-5 years

- * Use court crews and volunteer corps to clean up river.
- * Graffiti prevention.
- * Remove existing debris.
- * Have people caught littering the river do time cleaning the river. Same with graffiti.

11-40 years

- * Enhance existing bridges, especially Downtown, as related to the river. Architecture, aesthetics. Historic monuments.
- * Bury or relocate the power poles/high tension lines.

RECREATION USES AND FACILITIES

1-5 years

- * Consider compatibility of uses.
- * Provide accessible facilities (handicap accessible.)
- * Access for pets while protecting habitat and wildlife.
- * Five or ten K race from the 6th St. Bridge, south from Thunder Road to Washington Blvd.
- * Maintain access to the river.
- * Organize nature hikes.
- * Equestrian trails.
- * Discuss what levels of recreation development are appropriate and consider leaving some open areas.

*Bob. Small Lake formed next to river
eg. Forest lawn chr.*

6-10 years

- * Parcourse development sponsored by corporations.
- * Shuttle buses fitted for bikes and canoes to shuttle people to river from parking lots.
- * Los Angeles Marathon along the river.
- * Provide facilities for blind users.
- * Appropriate, safe access to water guaranteed.
- * Take down fences.
- * Put fences back up.
- * Equestrian bridges.
- * Triathlon (canoe, cycle, run.)
- * Taylor Yards redevelopment area: "blade runner" pyramids, river front park.
- * Olympic level slalom course. (National coach is interested.)
- * Winter training.
- * Non motorized, non polluting types of bike/boat/transit.
- * Provide linkage to other flood control channels for networks.

- * Tie together existing recreation and park sites, river walks.
- * Develop a warning system along the river in case of floods or dam releases.
- * Create resting areas, picnic areas, water fountains, restrooms.
- * Provide support facilities (showers, lockers, bike racks) for bicycle commuters.
- * Lighting for security.
- * Provide linkages throughout the length of the river for continuity of access to other recreation facilities.

11-40 years

- * Amphitheaters.
- * Park from Hanson Dam to Long Beach.
- * River Olympics.

TRANSPORTATION USES

1-5 years

- * Look at other transit needs; monorail, light rail, freeway/truckway uses.
- * Seek alternatives to these transportation means and to the Los Angeles River as a route.
- * River used as transportation for cyclists.

6-10 years

- * River used as transportation for boaters.

11-40 years

- * Monorail along the river, compatible with habitat restoration and reforestation.

COMMERCIAL USES

1-5 years

- * Try to preserve opportunity for future utility easements.

6-10 years

- * Limited restaurants, concessions, outdoor cafes along the river.
- * Franchise easements.
- * Encourage entertainment uses. 24 hour uses, night time uses.
- * Commercial development.

11-40 years

- * Create a "fantasyland" ride from Disney's Buena Vista Studio in Burbank to their proposed facility in Long Beach.

ADJACENT LAND USES

1-5 years

- Rezone lands along the river to minimize density: non industrial low density, preserve open space.

6-10 years

- Low income housing. Tie in with existing projects (e.g. Aliso.)
- Use the river as additional recreation for projects.
- Increase housing density next to river. Include set backs.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SUPPORT

1-5 years

- Water safety training.
- Create a public education program to reduce litter in the channel.
- Celebrate Hold an annual Riverfest (on Earthday?).
- Encourage elected officials to communicate with their constituents about the river.
- Tie river in with storm drain education process/program.
- Discuss/interpret how the river has been used in movies. (e.g. John Travolta, Olivia Newton John and W.C. Fields were here.)
- Mike Davis as a contact on history. Students' work, SCI/ARC book.
- Develop a comprehensive communication program. Take people to the river. Generate long term support, describe the potential. Videos, organize nature walks.
- Community outreach, community priorities, going public.
- Discuss how the river used to exist naturally and how it got to where it is. How it came to be so developed. The flood cycles.
- Develop an acronym for the Los Angeles River Task Force.
- Comprehensive document on the history of the river.
- Involve local universities. (There is a water library at UCLA.)
- Citywide competition by school kids to create "Visions of the River." Display the winner in the bridge gallery in City Hall.
- Develop civic pride toward the river.
- LA. River photo contest.
- Organize a conference here in Los Angeles similar to the Rivers in the City conference (Berkeley, November 1990.)
- Party or celebration for the people working on the river (Task Force and citizens' group.)
- Sign the city limits that are crossed by the river.
- Public service announcements focussing on safety (most important), education and public relations.
- Change the name of flood control channel to flood control river.
- Develop curriculum for other groups such as YMCA and scouts.

6-10 years

- * Create an identity for the River.
- * Encourage movie and TV industry to film along the river.
- * Develop/publish an access guide to the river (including handicapped uses.)
- * Develop a River Ranger Corps and an educational component in schools.
- * Los Angeles River course in LA City and County schools. Also a course on river in general.
- * Encourage public art along the river.
- * Magnet schools to focus on science, bring classes to the river.
- * Name segments of the river after the communities. Allow communities to adopt a section.

11-40 years

- * At prominent crossings post signs identifying the Los Angeles River Parkway.
- * Create model farm along the river so kids could see farming demonstrations.
- * Establish biological stations along the river.

INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION AND POLICY

1-5 years

- * Involve sister cities, look at their rivers (e.g. Leningrad.)
- * Get an Army Corps recreation specialist assigned to the project.
- * Contact federal legislators. (e.g. Glenn Anderson, Chairman of the House Public Works Committee.)
- * Involve the Port Authorities of Los Angeles and Long Beach in upstream mitigation.
- * Develop a flow chart of jurisdictional relationships. Army Corps, County Public Works, City, etc. Include ownership of river channel and easements.
- * Identify appropriate political pathways to energize the implementing agencies. Translation: what are the hot buttons, hooks, incentives?
- * Coordinate with Army Corps, Public Works, U.S. Forest Service, etc.
- * Broaden the discussion to include other cities. (e.g. Long Beach.) Hold another conference.
- * Involve other cities, Glendale, Burbank, Long Beach, cities southeast of LA. (18 cities along the river?)
- * Clarify access policies.
- * Streamline access to the river for Task Force members for study purposes.
- * Develop city policy to focused toward the river not away from. "River First."

6-10 years

- * One single agency with jurisdiction over the river. (Could be an existing agency.)
- * Los Angeles River Authority which supersedes existing agencies.

PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

1-5 years

- * Write a specific plan for the river including uses, facilities, design, intensity of development.
- * Look at Army Corps' EIR on the LA River which was completed for the recent study.
- * Encourage links with the business community to facilitate jobs, funding, public-private partnerships.
- * Understand the needs of adjacent residents who live by the river.
- * Use citizen volunteer efforts/labor. Tree planting. (e.g. Long Beach group has landscaped the Blue Line corridor.
- * Understand how other cities have utilised their rivers. Field trips to see examples.
- * Put in the city budget a staff position in Engineering, Recreation and Parks or Planning to focus on the river.
- * Identify existing problems and try to resolve. Seen as an immediate need, especially by residents.
- * Develop a standard base map of the river.
- * Identify projects that could be done at various levels of commitment by private volunteers, corporate sponsorship, public agencies and multiple agencies.
- * Establish permanent working group.
- * Follow through on Corps' recreation study of the L.A. River (the consultant's report.)
- * Set up a 5-15-27-49 year plan.

6-10 years

- * LA River Corps: jobs for youth from the inner city in reforestation and habitat restoration.
- * Try to create jobs in conjunction with development of the river.
- * Resolve potential conflicting uses along the river and in adjacent communities.

ACQUISITION

1-5 Years

- * Encourage private sector participation through development permit process. (e.g. donate easements.)
- * Use Quimby type funds to acquire easements along the river. Also, use privately funded organizations.

6-10 Years

- * Acquire title or easements to property along the banks and floodplain.

FUNDING

1-5 years

- * Aggressive fund raising.
- * Cost/benefit analysis, cost containment
- * Charge a fee Filming on thr river. Fee would go to a Los Angeles River Fund. County collects a fee now. Possibly do as a voluntary donation.

6-10 Years

- * Establish user fees on specific sites.
- * Fundraising tool: "Los Angeles River Mineral Water" bottling company.
- * Raise flood control property tax benefit assessment to put into river recreation enchancement and multi-use.
- * Fund trails through combined use of easement with utilities. (e.g. sewer line, fiber optics.)

MAINTENANCE

1-5 Years

- * Regular program of cleanups and graffiti removal (by a Los Angeles River Conservation Corps and the LACC)

LIABILITY

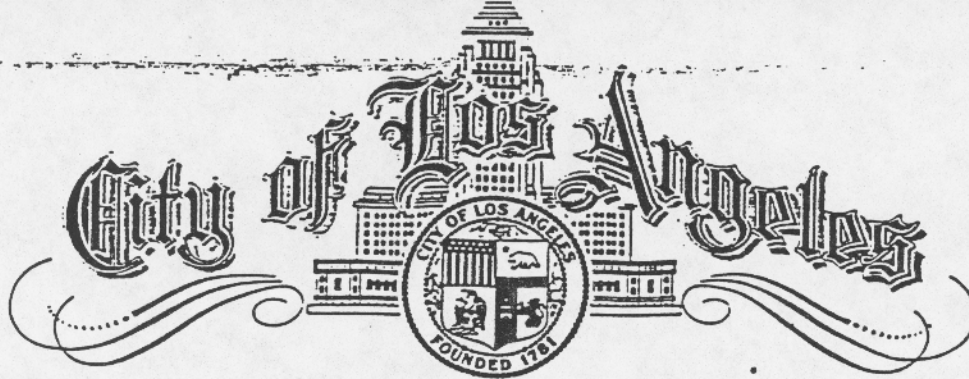
6-10 Years

- * State should relieve cities of liability so the river can be used for recreation.

SECURITY

6-10 years

- * Provide security patrol.



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LOS ANGELES RIVER TASK FORCE
Proposed Planning Process
January 31, 1991

Introduction

The following outline is a description of the process through which the Task Force could accomplish the tasks listed in their Work Plan. It should serve to clarify how the work of the Citizens' Advisory Committee will complement that of the Task Force.

Background

The purpose of the Task Force is to develop a set of goals for the Los Angeles River and to suggest demonstration projects through which to begin implementing those goals.

The purpose of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is to provide for public participation in the development of the goals for the river. At their first meeting on November 29, 1990, the CAC discussed ideas for obtaining public input. The group expressed interest in having something--possibly an opportunities map of the River--to which the people at public meetings could respond, rather than just a blank sheet of paper.

Draft Goals

To enable the CAC to proceed with this idea, the staff is recommending that the Task Force develop some draft goals based on the issues and concepts identified during the brainstorming session in October. This would provide a starting point for the work of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

What are goals? Goals are positive statements describing what you want to achieve. They should be arrived at through consensus and reflect what is important to the group. Goals are usually generalized statements that encompass many objectives, such as "Provide recreation access." Later in the process, the Task Force will develop more detailed objectives which address each of the goals. Goals are "what" you want to do and objectives are "how" you want to do it.

This process outline will be discussed at the January meeting of the Task Force. If the Task Force agrees to this outline the staff will lead the group through a draft goals setting session at that meeting.

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A. The Task Force will develop draft goals from their list of ideas.

1. From the brainstorm ideas, the staff and Task Force will develop a set of draft goals. These goals should be general enough to encompass all of the brainstorm ideas.
2. The Task Force will convey these draft goals to the CAC for review. The draft goals will provide a framework through which the CAC can solicit public input.

B. The Task Force will continue researching issues.

While the CAC is obtaining public input on the goals and objectives, the Task Force will continue researching the other issues relevant to multi-objective corridor planning, e.g.: liability, funding, maintenance, flood control, water quality, etc. The CAC will receive summaries of the Task Force meetings so they can share in this educational process.

C. Public input: The Citizens' Advisory Committee will conduct public workshops to receive input on the draft goals and opportunities for meeting those goals.

1. CAC will review and add to the brainstorm list and draft goals developed by the Task Force.
2. CAC will develop a map of the river which would show features and/or locations which could provide opportunities for meeting the stated goals.

It was suggested that we enlist landscape architecture students at Cal Poly, Pomona to accomplish this. If this is done by students, The CAC should be involved in reviewing their work to ensure that it is done to their satisfaction.

D. Citizens' Advisory Committee will conduct several public workshops.

1. Purpose: First, to receive input on the draft goals, to receive any additional ideas for implementing them, and to get comments on the opportunities map regarding where the goals can be implemented. Secondly, to inform the public and to build support for the revitalization of the river.
2. Possible format of public workshop:
 - a. Review draft goals and develop objectives.
 1. Present Draft Goals.
 2. Working in small groups, ask people to write or draw their ideas

for implementing the goals. Have each group develop a set of objectives for each draft goal.

3. After groups are finished, list the draft goals and objectives on large sheets so everyone can refer to them for the next exercise.

b. Review opportunities map.

1. Again working in small groups, distribute a map showing "opportunities" (the map produced by the students) and ask each group to show where the objectives generated in the first exercise could be implemented.

E. CAC will report to Task Force on results of public input.

F. The Task Force will finalize goals and objectives.

1. Incorporate public comments and ideas into the goals.
2. Using the extensive brainstorm list as a starting point, develop objectives for each goal.
3. Revise or add to goals and objectives per information gathered in research phase. (ongoing during public input phase.)

(Note: In addition to suggesting time frames, the Task Force may want to organize the goals and objectives into categories such as "physical changes" and "organizational changes".)

G. Task Force will develop demonstration projects list:

1. Combine ideas for demonstration projects from staff, Task Force and public meetings.
2. Select potential demonstration projects.
 - a. Develop selection criteria. (Such as: no impact on flood control function, available funding, geographic representation, agency cooperation.)
 - b. List projects in order of priority.

H. The Task Force will send to the Mayor as their recommendations: Proposed Goals and Demonstration Projects for the Los Angeles River.

DRAFT GOALS SESSION
Los Angeles River Task Force

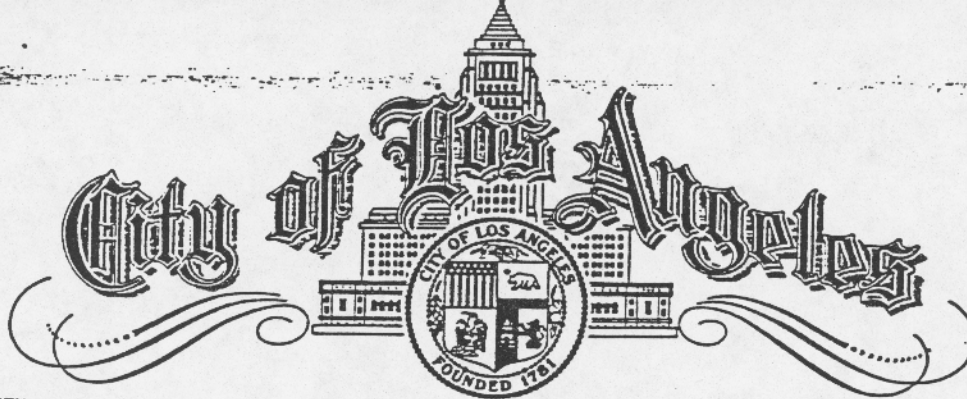
February 28, 1991

INTRODUCTION

Continuing the process that was begun at the January meeting, and using the ideas generated in the October brainstorming session, the Task Force completed the following set of Draft Goals for the river. These will be forwarded to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for review and public comment. These statements are in draft form and are meant for discussion and refinement at future meetings of the Task Force and CAC.

INITIAL DRAFT GOALS

- Meet flood control needs within the context of multiple use of the Los Angeles River.
- Restore the river's natural ecosystem wherever possible.
- Improve quality and maximize use of river water.
- Enhance the inherent beauty of the river and its environs.
- Maximize appropriate public uses and recreation opportunities of the river.
- Develop alternative transportation uses.
- Encourage land uses which enhance the environment of the river.
- Enhance public awareness and build support for the Los Angeles River.
- Develop coordinated governance of the river corridor.
- Produce and adopt a master plan for the river.
- Develop strategies for implementation of the plan.



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LOS ANGELES RIVER TASK FORCE WORK PLAN

I. Goal of the Task Force

The purpose of the Task Force is to develop and articulate a city vision of the Los Angeles River and to begin the implementation of that vision through three (3) Demonstration Projects.

II. Development of Goals Statement

The vision of the River should be articulated in the form of a Goals Statement. The development of these goals should occur as the Task Force receives information from the following basic sources:

A. Citizens Advisory Committee input

The Citizens Advisory Committee should invite residents of the communities adjacent to the River to express their ideas for the future of the River. The Committee should begin to give input to the Task Force no later than October, 1990 and should complete a detailed list of recommendations to be forwarded to the Task Force in April, 1991. Recommendations should be based upon the following Committee activities:

1. 5 Public Hearings, 2 of which should be city-wide
2. Constituent correspondence
3. Research

B. Task Force Research

The Task Force should obtain relevant information through research and presentations by individuals or groups who have expertise in river restoration, the Los Angeles River itself, or specific relevant issues. The Task Force should cover topics which include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Multi-objective planning for urban river corridors, accommodating various uses such as flood control, recreation, environmental enhancement and transportation.

2. Assessment of the potential impacts on adjacent communities for any River revitalization projects proposed in the Goals Statement.
3. Possible funding sources for any River revitalization projects proposed in the Goals Statement.
4. Land easement jurisdiction methods for parcels located adjacent to or near the Los Angeles River.
5. Management and maintenance of a revitalized River.
6. Security and neighborhood protection.
7. Liability issues.
8. Water quality.
9. Assessment of areas where River's flood capacity is known to be deficient, evaluating the possibilities for creating detention basins to increase capacity.
10. Impact on existing utility structures.
11. Ground water recharge.
12. ENHANCE PROPECTY ALONG THE RIVER

III. Demonstration Projects

The Task Force is charged with the development and implementation of three (3) demonstration projects.

- A. With the assistance of the staff of the involved agencies and departments and the public, the Task Force should select specific sites for three (3) Demonstration Projects, each project reflecting one or more of the adopted goals.
- B. The Demonstration Projects proposal should incorporate Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations for each of the selected areas.
- C. A description of funding sources and a general cost estimate for each project should be included in the Demonstration Projects proposal to be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for approval.

IV. Implementing the Vision

The Task Force is responsible for ensuring the development of the Demonstration Projects, and continuing efforts to revitalize the River in accordance with the Goals Statement.

- A. The Proposed Demonstration Project Site Selection and Implementation Plan and the Goals Statement should be submitted to the Mayor by July 1991. The Mayor should, upon review and approval, forward the documents to the City Council for consideration.
- B. Upon approval from the Mayor, City Council and all other necessary public agencies, plan and construct the 3 Demonstration Projects with the aim of breaking ground in 1992.
- C. Conduct discussions with other cities along the River's course and other necessary public entities in order to encourage similar efforts to revitalize the River.
- D. Establish an ongoing ^{city} relationship with other involved public entities and ~~private~~ organizations to ensure that the River, once revitalized, is well maintained and that the City of Los Angeles be involved in or advised of future efforts regarding the River.

Los Angeles River Task Force

May 2, 1991

Report of Demonstration Project Subcommittee

ESSENTIAL

- *capture the imagination, move and inspire
- *generate the greatest response & desire to participate
- *make the viability/workability of the site/activity self evident
- *most fully acknowledge the resource & presence of the river

DESIRABLE

- *facilitate user creation and stewardship of the project
- *make the best use of volunteer energy
- *use building blocks that are attainable now for least cost

CONSIDER

- *cost factor
 - *program
 - *construction
- *location along the river
 - *Sepulveda Basin for canoing
 - *LA/Glendale reclamation plant for education
- *target population
 - *children
 - *families
 - *low income
 - *COMMUTERS/PEOPLE POWERED

LOS ANGELES RIVER TASK FORCE

Demonstration Project Ideas

Naturalizing/Planting

13. Expand wildlife refuge -- Expand the existing wildlife refuge in Sepulveda Basin and open it for educational purposes. (e.g. the sod farm) *
17. Clean up Sepulveda Basin -- Clean up and restore the natural habitat area in Sepulveda Basin. *
18. Remove concrete above Sepulveda Basin -- Enlarge the natural segment of the river in Sepulveda Basin by removing a section of concrete channel adjacent to this site.
19. Reconfigure confluence -- Acquire parcels at the confluence of the Los Angeles River and the Arroyo Seco. Develop in a way to demonstrate what a "green river" could be. Reconfigure the confluence.
20. River enhancement -- Enhance both sides of Los Angeles River from Laurel Canyon to Radford Avenue. (Topographic map of this site available from Studio City Beautification Association.)
21. Calabasas Creek -- Reshape and landscape Calabasas Creek (north of Ventura Freeway at Mulholland Drive) to restore a more natural appearance, while maintaining the flood capacity. Develop a creek side trail where possible.
24. Neighborhood tree planting -- Organize neighborhood groups to sponsor a tree planting program along the river. (Model after the program in Long Beach.) *
25. Solar aquatic filtration system -- A natural system based water purification and research facility which would receive polluted river water and run it through an ecologically engineered solar aquatic green house. The greensn house system would remove virtually all pollutants and toxins before releasing the purified water into a small wetlands park area and finally back into the river. LThe facility, which would be open for public tours, was suggested for implementation in the Downtown area. *
26. Garden -- A demonstration garden featuring native plants that are drought tolerant with possible funding from the Metropolitan Water District. *
27. Tree Planting -- Planting oaks along the river levees and over the spreading grounds. The project could be coordinated with Tree People.

31. Restoration of Spreading Basins -- Planting coast live oak and toyon on the berms and coyote brush and lemon berry on the slopes using a drip irrigation system. This project was suggested for the Griffith Park/Atwater area.
32. River Park -- Plant cottonwood, bay laurel and willow trees in the land behind CBS studio which is subject to flooding and use the land for a mulch compost project.
33. Tree planting -- Enhancement of riparian habitat by planting mulefat, willow and oak trees in Boyle Heights, off Multnomah. Nearby Wilson High School students should be asked to assist with the project. *
36. Greenbelt -- Initiate landscaping of the entire length of the river to be completed in phases by the Department of Recreation and Parks over a 20 - 30 year period.

Linkages/Trails

1. Bike path -- Support the implementation of the bike path being planned by the City Dept. of Transportation, which will be located on the south/west side of the river between the crossings of the Ventura and Pasadena Freeways. Approximate length--6 miles.
3. Lawry's Riverwalk -- Develop a San Antonio-type Riverwalk loop linking Lawry's California Center with the river. Fill with waste or reclaimed water.
4. Expand equestrian use -- Expand on existing equestrian use in the area of Los Feliz Blvd., Riverside Drive and Griffith Park, possibly providing a link to Arroyo Seco.
5. Link recreation sites and the river -- Improve links between (numerous) existing park sites and the river and the future bike path.
6. Incorporate into Balboa Park -- Acquire the right-of-way to the river in Sepulveda Basin and incorporate into the adjacent Balboa Park. (Consider this for all parks that are adjacent to the river.)
7. Equestrian crossing -- Construct a river crossing for equestrians adjacent to the existing tunnel under I-5 to Griffith Park.
8. Bike path -- Explore the opportunities for a bike path on the south side of the river from Coldwater Avenue upstream to the next major street or bridge. (This stretch of the river has a wider bank and better bicycle path potential.)
10. Nature walk -- Develop a nature walk along the river in Sepulveda Basin. *

11. Nature walk -- Develop nature walks and interpretive sites in Tujunga Wash. *
22. Alternative transportation -- Use river corridor as an alternative transportation route linking the proposed inter-modal transportation center to Canoga High School and other sites.
30. Riverwalk -- Creation of a historical Los Angeles Riverwalk similar to the Ohio Riverwalk as developed by R+B Design Development.
34. Alternative metrorail -- Put metrorail cars on top of a covered river channel with pedestrian crossings above the subway wtype metrorail and a two-way vehicle corridor split by a monorail system above the pedestrian crossings. The transportation corridor would be landscaped. See visuals.
37. Little Tujunga Bikeway -- Build a bikeway along "Little Tujunga" channel.

Activity/Program

2. Canoeing program -- Initiate a canoeing and water safety training program. Proposed site: Sepulveda basin "natural" segment between the Tillman outfall and Burbank Blvd. crossing.
14. Bridge event -- Organize a cultural awareness event related to the downtown bridges. *
17. Clean up Sepulveda Basin -- Clean up and restore the natural habitat area in Sepulveda Basin. *
23. Youth corps -- Enlist or organize a youth group (Los Angeles River Corps?) to do monthly cleaning of the river.
24. Neighborhood tree planting -- Organize neighborhood groups to sponsor a tree planting program along the river. (Model after the program in Long Beach.) *
28. Water Quality Monitoring -- Monitor water quality at several selected sites along the river. The monitoring should be supervised by the Regional Water Quality Control Boards, with participation of LAUSD science students. *
29. Clean up -- Ongoing graffiti removal and trash collection along the river using court crews and volunteer corps.
35. Bradley locks -- Construct a set of locks and pump water up from the bay to support barge traffic, boating, swimming and fishing. Finger inlets are proposed so that homes could be built with water in the backyards. The inlets would also be used for aquaculture to raise and farm fishl.

38. Inflatable dams -- install inflatable dams near the historic bridges in downtown.

Education

9. Educational facility -- Develop an educational facility on the east bank using the Los Angeles-Glendale Reclamation plant. Target audiences: students of all ages. Possible magnet school.
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12. Historic site -- Develop an interpretive site at the Los Angeles River/Arroyo Seco confluence to commemorate historic events. (e.g. Portola's camp, De Anza's route, the founding of the Pueblo.)
13. Expand wildlife refuge -- Expand the existing wildlife refuge in Sepulveda Basin and open it for educational purposes. (e.g. the sod farm) *
14. Bridge event -- Organize a cultural awareness event related to the downtown bridges. *
15. River as educational tool -- Use the river as a tool to educate the public on water conservation, reclamation and pollution reduction. Incorporate public education on water conservation into any new facilities.
16. River signs -- Enhance the signs at points where highways cross the river. *
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* = appears in two categories

Notes from Task Force meeting re: selection of demonstration projects.

June 27, 1991

Definition of "demonstration project(s)":

- o demonstrates the viability of river reclamation or restoration
- o collectively generate the greatest public attention and consensus (implies a diversity of project types to broaden the audience)
- o makes a lasting contribution
- o could serve as a model for future actions
- o that it be sustainable within the context of the river environment
- o expresses values of the river to the community
- o reflect the broad goals, beyond political agendas, and touches as many jurisdictions as possible

Possible criteria:

- o land ownership: public, private
- o implementation: volunteers, professional, force account
- o number of agencies having jurisdiction
- o site construction or program
- o strategic value of sites:
 - development trends
 - visability
 - expandability

o demonstration projects should reflect the goals

(plus the criteria developed by the subcommittee - attached)

July 25, 1991

Memorandum

To: Los Angeles River Task Force members

From: Demonstation Subcommittee

Subject: Proposed Demonstation Projects

The Demonstation Project Subcommittee proposes that the Task Force adopts the following as their recommended demonstration projects.

These proposals were compiled from ideas generated by and submitted to the Task Force. Using a process that will be described in today's meeting, the subcommittee made an effort to incorporate as many of the ideas as possible into three feasible projects.

River/Recreation Link in Sepulveda Basin (San Fernando Valley)

Incorporate the river into the Balboa Park environment by cleaning up the river banks, constructing a nature walk, and developing a water safety and canoeing program. Make use of volunteer and youth training groups such as Los Angeles Conservation Corps, The Tree People, the Sierra Club, neighborhood groups, and others.

Los Angeles River Bike Path (Griffith Park)

Encourage commuter and recreational cyclists' use of the river corridor as an alternative transportation route by constructing a greenbelt along a segment of the Dept. of Transportation bike path. Proposed site is a 3/4 mile stretch between Los Feliz Blvd. and Glendale Blvd.

Historic Site Bridge Event (Downtown)

Designate an historical site incorporating a native plant demonstration garden which would reflect the natural ecosystem of the river (i.e. the plants that the local native Americans lived with and that the European explorers would have encountered here.) A bridge event would be held to dedicate the site which would include enhanced river signs at that location.