

Mission Statement

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee
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The mission of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee shall be to oversee, in its advisory capacity, the wildlife reserve areas and other areas of present or potential natural value within the Sepulveda Basin, including the Los Angeles River and its tributaries; and to support policies and programs that ensure their long term preservation and protection.

Goals

1. The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee: shall provide a forum for participating organizations and members of the public to discuss issues of environmental importance in the Sepulveda Basin.
2. The committee shall advocate for and pursue a habitat and biodiversity management plan for the Sepulveda Basin.
3. The committee shall identify and recommend additional areas for inclusion within the designated wildlife reserve areas in the basin.
4. The committee shall recommend restoration projects and support and advocate for grants and funding to improve and expand quality habitat in wildlife areas, and additional restoration and enhancement programs on remaining undeveloped lands within the basin.
5. The committee shall review and comment on all proposed projects and actions within the existing wildlife areas, including environmental documents and mitigation monitoring plans.
6. The committee advocates for a fully open and public participatory planning process, including sufficient advance notice, public hearings and public planning workshops prior to consideration and design of any additional projects in the basin.
7. The committee shall review, comment, and make recommendations on any proposed land use changes that affect the Sepulveda Basin, including recreation and agriculture.
8. The committee shall advise the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks concerning the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the existing wildlife areas and any future expansion thereof. The committee shall bring to park management's attention illegal activities, user conflicts, and recreational uses that negatively impact flora, fauna, and natural resources in the basin.
9. The committee shall review, comment, and provide recommendations on management practices by all agencies with jurisdiction within the Sepulveda Basin, including the use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides.
10. The committee shall promote public environmental education and awareness of biodiversity and ecology within the basin.