



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: _____ Date: 1/5/2022

LA County Public Works may contact me for clarification about my comments
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Please complete this form and email to SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov by at least 5:00pm the day prior to the meeting with the following subject line: "Public Comment: [Watershed Area] [Meeting Date]" (ex. "Public Comment: USGR 4/8/20").

Comments

RE: The LA River Green Infrastructure Project

Dear Committee Members:

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Thank you for the consideration.



BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, Third District

January 5, 2021

Safe, Clean Water Program
County of Los Angeles
900 S. Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

Attention: Scoring Committee, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee

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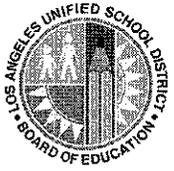
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Thank you for the consideration,

Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember
City of Los Angeles

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December 16, 2021

Safe, Clean Water Program
County of Los Angeles
900 S. Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803
Attention: Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee

Re: LA River Green Infrastructure Project

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of Hart Street Elementary School, I am writing to express our support for the City of Los Angeles Sanitation & Environment's (LA Sanitation) proposed LA River Green Infrastructure Project for funding consideration by the County's Safe, Clean Water Program's Regional Infrastructure Program.

Hart Street Elementary School is located north of the LA River in the West San Fernando Valley community of Canoga Park. Our campus serves approximately 750 students in grades pre-K – 5th. We support a diverse community of students from varying backgrounds, including students and families living in Census Tracts that are considered to be disadvantaged community (DAC) areas by CalEnviroScreen 4.0, an analytical tool created by the California Environment Protection Agency. In fact, Hart Street Elementary is located immediately adjacent to numerous DAC parcels along Variel Avenue, which is located on the west side of our campus.

We are very interested in the LA River Green Infrastructure Project's focus on Nature Based Solutions. Such project elements include bioswales with California friendly trees and plants that will capture sediment, reduce surface runoff of water, and biologically degrade pollutants, while providing greening benefits to the local community.

One of the proposed Project greening locations is along Independence Avenue, immediately adjacent to our playground. The addition of trees, bioswales and greening near our playground will enhance the aesthetics of our school and the adjacent neighborhood, improve air quality, provide additional shade, and contribute to a reduction in the Heat Island Effect. Given the west San Fernando Valley is known for recording significantly higher temperatures than other areas of Los Angeles, this is especially of interest to us at Hart Street Elementary School.

We are also supportive of the proposed LA River Green Infrastructure Project's proposed educational displays and signage that will be placed adjacent to project greening locations. Such educational signage will provide students, parents, and nearby residents the opportunity to learn about the LA River, local biodiversity, climate change, pollution prevention, and the protection of native species. We hope the experience will inspire our students and members of the local community to be ambassadors of change, stewards of the environment, and advocates of the Safe, Clean Water Program and the LA River.

We are proud to lend our support to the project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Curtis Johnson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Curtis Johnson, Principal
Hart Elementary School

From: Lorena Matos <lorena.matos@lacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:02 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA
Cc: Mayra Cabrera
Subject: Public Comment: ULAR, January 5th 2022

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Hi SCWP Team,

Please find below the email received in support of the LA River Green Infrastructure Project.

Cordially,

Lorena Matos, PLA | ASLA

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From: rolandob1@netzero.net <rolandob1@netzero.net>
Date: Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 6:14 PM
Subject: LA Green Infrastructure Project
To: <san.safecleanwater@lacity.org>

To whom it may concern,

My name is Rolando Bernal and I live in Winnetka, CA. I am writing this email to voice my support for the LA Green Infrastructure Project. I attended the zoom meeting on December 8th that explained the details of the proposed project. I believe treating water runoff and making improvements to the river are important especially considering we are living with drought conditions. This project shows the kind of forward thinking that I believe is important to ensure our community continues to thrive in the years to come. My hope is that you will approve the funding necessary to get the project completed.

Thank you,

Rolando Bernal



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January 4, 2022

Michael Scaduto
LA Sanitation & Environment
1149 South Broadway, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Mr. Scaduto:

Subject: Letter of Support for LA River Green Infrastructure Project

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is pleased to express support for the implementation of the LA River Green Infrastructure Project (Project) and supports the award of grant funding for this Project. Lead by LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN), the Project will provide regional water quality, water supply, and community benefits for the surrounding disadvantaged communities.

LADWP strongly supports multi-benefit projects and partnerships that augment local water supplies through stormwater capture and water recycling efforts while also improving water quality and providing community enhancements. The Project will capture, pretreat, and divert 319 acre-feet per year of dry weather runoff to the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant for recycling, thereby providing significant water quality and supply benefits. By augmenting local water supplies through stormwater capture and water recycling, this Project will assist LADWP in achieving its long-term local supply strategies and sustainability goals. In addition, this Project addresses critical community needs. The surrounding disadvantaged communities will directly benefit from cleaner LA River recreational areas and added greenery, including bioswales and trees. LADWP understands LASAN will be responsible for operations and maintenance of the Project throughout its useful life of 50 years.

Mr. Michael Scaduto
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As a regional advocate for multi-benefit stormwater capture projects, LADWP strongly supports this Project and recommends that grant programs award funding for this Project.

If you have any questions about this letter of support, please contact me at (213) 367-2966.

Sincerely,

Art Castro
Manager of Watershed Management Group
Water Resources Division

CM:lb
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