



# Public Comment Form

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Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Comments

Improved water quality for the Los Angeles River should begin at The Upper LA River Watershed. This should be the first step toward improved water quality and increased water supply for cleaner downstream flow. Any green space that is created during this project should only utilize native California plants. Infrastructure that supports groundwater recharge must also be considered.

The "LA River" is a misnomer, as most of it is a concrete channel with filthy runoff. Attention to watershed and naturalization of the entire LA River is long overdue and the project for the Upper LA River Watershed is an important starting point.



# Public Comment Form

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## Comments

The LA River Green Infrastructure Project is essential to the health of community members and the preservation of natural resources in Los Angeles. I fully support this projects and urge other community members, elected officials, organizations, and other stakeholders to support as well.



# Public Comment Form

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## Comments

Climate Reality Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley strongly support L.A. Sanitation's L.A. River Green Infrastructure Project and approve of its future implementation. It applauds the emphasis on and usage of natural infrastructure to capture, treat, and recirculate dry weather runoff. The treatment and recirculation of dry weather runoff is an essential step towards meaningful and lasting water recharge, water recycling, and drought mitigation in Los Angeles. The usage of native plants, materials, and landscaping is also integral to sustaining the rich biodiversity of the L.A. Basin. Despite our strong support, we have the following critiques:

- If feasible, permeable surfaces for public walkways should be incorporated into the project to maximize the surface area receiving and collecting water for treatment and recirculation.
- The project specifies that typical type trees will be installed and surrounded by native materials. This should ideally be changed to native trees, which conserve additional water, maintain biodiversity, and are best suited for the current and changing climate.
- The project does not address stormwater runoff. While it will likely increase the harvest of stormwater runoff, it will be insufficient to capture, treat, and recirculate/store the large volumes of water received from storms. Future projects are needed to maximize the collection, purification, and storage of rainwater.

Both chapters firmly support the immediate implementation of the project to instantly increase both water retention and water security. Ideally, it would like to see the inclusion of additional permeable surfaces and native trees to maximize water retention. Nevertheless, there is no time to waste as climate change amplifies drought and diminishes the overall reliability and availability of water. Climate Reality Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley see this as a first and necessary step though expanded efforts, particularly to capture stormwater runoff, are still needed to effectively mitigate, adapt, and establish water security and abundance.

To review the guidance documents and for more information, visit [www.SafeCleanWaterLA.org](http://www.SafeCleanWaterLA.org)



# Public Comment Form

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