

DATE: January 18, 2018
TO: Watershed Conservation Authority Governing Board
FROM: WCA Staff
THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 7: Liaison and Activities Report

Strategic Vision Plan

An update will be provided today in a presentation of the Fiscal and Administrative accomplishments and activities since the 2012 Draft Strategic Plan process began.

Legislative Update

For full text and history of bills and initiatives, visit these web sites:

Federal Bills: <https://www.congress.gov>

State Bills: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>

Current as of 1/11/18

The following is the status of legislative bills that have been introduced in the current session by Senate and Assembly potentially of interest to the WCA. Bills can be tracked on the legislative website: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

PARKS AND WATER

SB 5 (DeLeon, Kevin D) California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act 2018 Introduced: 12/5/2016, Last Amended Date: 9/10/2017, Status: AB 18 merged with SB 5. SB 5 signed by the Governor and now on the June 2018 primary ballot

Summary: An act to add Division 45 (commencing with Section 80000) to the Public Resources Code, relating to a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately. This bill would enact the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of **\$4,100,000,000** pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. The bill would, each fiscal year that principal or interest on bonds issued and sold for the program are and payable, appropriate \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of paying costs associated with operating and maintaining certain park projects funded by the program. This bill would also provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the June 5, 2018, statewide primary direct election. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

SB 5 (DE LEÓN) Park Bond

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AB 31 Park Poor Communities Program	\$725 Million
Per Capita	\$215 Million
County/Regional Program	\$30 Million
Self-Help Block Grants for Local Taxes	\$40 Million
Rural Program	\$25 Million
Trails	\$30 Million
State Parks (Fairs Included)	\$218 Million
Conservancies (Including WCB & Other)	\$767 Million
River Parkway Program	\$162 Million
Oceans and Coastal Protection	\$175 Million
Miscellaneous (including Cal Fire, WCB Conservation, Climate Resiliency, CCC, and Natural Resources Agency)	\$443 Million
Clean Drinking Water and Drought Preparedness	\$250 Million
Groundwater Sustainability	\$80 Million
Flood Protection	\$550 Million
Coastal Low-cost Accommodations	Captured in State Parks and State Coastal Conservancy
Regional Sustainability: Water	\$290 Million
TOTAL BOND COST	\$4.1 Billion

AB 1180 (Holden D) Los Angeles County Flood Control District: taxes, fees, and charges.

Introduced: 2/17/2017, Last Amended Date: 8/21/2017, **Status:** Signed by the Governor

Summary: Would authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to levy a tax, in compliance with the applicable provisions of Article XIII C of the California Constitution, or impose a fee or charge, in compliance with the applicable provisions of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, to pay the costs and expenses of carrying out projects and programs to increase stormwater capture and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution in the district, and would specify that projects funded by the revenues from the tax, fee, or charge may include projects providing multiple benefits that increase water supply, improve water quality, and, where appropriate, provide community enhancements, as prescribed.

AB 1483 (Daly D) Housing-Related Parks Program

Introduced: 2/17/2017, **Last Amended Date:** 3/28/2017, **Status:** Dead

Summary: Existing law establishes the Housing-Related Parks Program, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, which provides grants for the creation, development, or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities to cities, counties, and cities and counties based on the issuance of building permits for new housing units, or housing units substantially rehabilitated, acquired, or preserved with committed assistance from the city, county, or city and county, that are affordable to very low or low-income households. This bill would appropriate \$50,000,000 from the General Fund to the Urban-Suburban-and-Rural Parks Account for these purposes.

AB 1558 (Garcia, Cristina D) Los Angeles River: River Ranger Program

Introduced: 2/17/2017, **Last Amended Date:** 3/28/2017, **Status:** Signed by the Governor

Summary: This bill would require the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to collaborate with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the California Conservation Corps, and the State Lands Commission to develop a river ranger program to provide a network of river rangers who assist the public at sites along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries, as prescribed. The bill would require the conservancies, no later than June 30, 2018, to develop a plan for the design and implementation of the program, containing specified components and information, and to provide a copy of the completed plan to certain legislative committees by that date.

SB 693 (Mendoza D) Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District

Introduced: 2/17/2017, **Last Amended Date:** 7/3/2017, **Status:** Signed by the Governor

Summary: Would specifically authorize the establishment of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District, by petition or resolution submitted to the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission before January 1, 2020, subject to specified existing laws governing recreation and park districts, including their formation, except as provided. The bill would authorize specified city councils and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to appoint the initial board of directors of the district.

SB 714 (Newman D) State Coastal Conservancy: West Coyote Hills Conservancy Program

Introduced: 2/17/2017, **Last Amended Date:** 9/12/2017, **Status:** Dead

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2028, establish the West Coyote Hills Conservancy Program, to be administered by the State Coastal Conservancy and to undertake projects and award grants in the West Coyote Hills area, as described, for purposes relating to improvement of public access, and the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural resources in the area. This bill would prescribe the duties of the conservancy with regards to the implementation and administration of the program.

AB 466 (Bocanegra D) Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group

Introduced: 2/13/2017, **Last Amended Date:** 9/1/2017, **Status:** Signed by the Governor

Summary: This bill would establish within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group. Would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the City of Los Angeles to the extent they wish to consult, to consider requests from specified local agency representatives to participate in the working group. Requires by March 1, 2019, the working group to develop, through watershed-based planning methods and community engagement, a revitalization plan to address the needs of the Upper Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the communities through which they pass, and to include watershed education programs. The bill would require the conservancy to provide any necessary staffing to assist the working group. The working group will be required to submit the revitalization plan to the conservancy for approval. Requires the revitalization plan to be considered amendments to the watershed and open space plan for the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers upon adoption by the conservancy and would require the conservancy to submit the plan to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council for their consideration.

AB 1235 (Daly D) Santa Ana River Conservancy Program

Introduced: 2/17/2017, **Last Amended Date:** 3/28/2017, **Status:** Dead

Summary: Current law establishes the State Coastal Conservancy with prescribed powers and responsibilities for implementing and administering various programs intended to preserve, protect, and restore the state's coastal areas. Current law also establishes the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program, to be administered by the conservancy, for purposes related to the implementation of projects to restore, preserve, and enhance specified lands in the Santa Ana River region, as defined. This bill would appropriate the sum of \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the conservancy to be expended for the purposes of this program.

CLIMATE CHANGE

SB-263 Leyva (S) Climate Assistance Centers

Introduced: 02/08/17, **Last Amended Date:** 5/3/2017, **Status:** Dead

Summary: Existing law creates the Transformative Climate Communities Program, which is administered by the Strategic Growth Council. Existing law requires the council to award competitive grants to specified eligible entities for the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities, as defined.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation.

This bill would require the council to establish no less than 10 regional climate assistance centers, equitably distributed across urban and rural areas of the state, to build the capacity of local community organizations, municipalities, and small businesses from disadvantaged communities to participate in state climate investment programs, as specified. Funds would be allocated through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to community based and nonprofit organizations to engage with climate assistance centers and conduct

outreach in disadvantaged communities, as specified. The bill would require the council and the state board to make a specified report to the Legislature.

AB 1433 (Wood D) Natural and Working Lands: Unified Program Application and Process

Introduced: 2/17/2017, **Last Amended Date:** 7/18/2017, **Status:** Now a 2-Year Bill

Summary: Would require the Strategic Growth Council, on or before April 1, 2018, to establish and convene an interagency taskforce consisting of representatives from various state agencies who are knowledgeable in programs for natural or working lands to develop a common application form and process for those programs. Requires the task force, on or before January 1, 2019, to develop and implement the common application form and process for those programs.

AB 1530 (Gonzalez Fletcher D) Urban forestry

Introduced: 2/17/2017, **Last Amended Date:** 9/1/2017, **Status:** Signed by the Governor

Summary: The California Urban Forestry Act of 1978 has as a stated purpose the promotion of the use of urban forest resources for purposes of increasing integrated projects with multiple benefits in urban communities. This bill would provide that the purpose of the act is also to promote policies and incentives that advance improved maintenance of urban forest canopy to optimize multiple benefits, among other purposes. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

PROJECTS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

San Gabriel National Monument: The San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative held its last meeting on November 30, 2017. The committee received a presentation from the Angeles National Forest on the ANF/NFF investments and concluded business items for the year.

SGMCC is seeking funding for continued facilitation of meetings. The SGMCC has received over \$18,000 in funds thus far and is seeking an additional \$19,420. A request for RMC consideration was received January 11, 2018. Staff will review the request and make a recommendation to the Governing Board at its next meeting in March.

San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network: WCA anticipates LA County's Stormwater Management (previously known as Watershed Management) staff will submit to LA County Board of Supervisors within or before March a resolution for consideration to contract with WCA over five years for professional services to develop and implement a plan for the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network. Proactively, in case LACBOS approval is received prior to WCA's March Board Meeting, staff is presenting for Board consideration today a request for authorization enter into a consultant contract with LA County for this planning project. This work will support Department of Public Works (DPW) approved initiative to develop a strategic implementation plan for transforming the Los Angeles County Flood Control Channels right of way into a world class greenway network across the San Gabriel Valley.

Dubbed the "San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network," this is an effort being undertaken by the County in collaboration with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), its member cities, and numerous community-based organizations, including WCA and Bike SGV.

A greenway network was listed as a priority active transportation project by the SGVCOG, and has received grant funding from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and will be eligible to tap into Measure A funding and up to \$231 million in available Measure M funding.

San Gabriel Discovery Center Authority: SGRDCA continues to submit monthly project progress reports to LA Sanitation Districts as the Authority continues to receive funds from the Supplemental Environmental Project for design fees and administrative costs. Remaining plan check approval for grading permit and license is dependent on obtaining Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) approval, LA County Parks and SGRDCA consultants are engaged responded to ACOE comment letter dated May 2, 2017 at a meeting with the ACOE on October 17, 2017. A second meeting with the ACOE was held on December 7, 2017 where SGRDCA and LA County Parks was notified that the ACOE dam modification study takes precedence over all projects within the impact area. Previously, SGRDCA Board provided direction for staff to explore additional opportunities for completion of the Discovery Center Project at the May 22, 2017 Board work session. The Board review of all opportunities and decision to approve an alternative will take place at the next scheduled SGRDCA Board Meeting anticipated for January 25, 2018.



The San Gabriel River Discovery Center Project is 5.9 redevelopment that will replace the existing Whittier Narrows Nature Center (WNNC) with the following enhancements: constructed wetland, naturalized bioswale, Walnut Woodland restoration, habitat buffer, two outdoor classrooms, interpretive center with exhibits, vehicular access and parking, pedestrian pathways and other interpretive elements. The Center's mission is to inspire environmental stewardship by providing accessible and engaging watershed and environmental education to the public.

WCA PROJECTS & PROPERTIES

Duck Farm Project: A Caltrans ROW Ingress/Egress easement has been recorded and Maintenance and Operations Agreement approved for release. WCA is awaiting final plan check approval from LA County's Landscape Development Division's Roads and Streets which will complete the entitlement process and will clear the project for construction to begin and permits to be pulled.

WCA received comments from the California Department of Industrial Relations on our Labor Compliance Program (LCP) submittal. Updates were made and resubmitted for final approval of the program. Having an approved LCP is a requirement of the State Bond funding WCA was granted for implementation of this project. Information related to the LCP and prevailing wage requirements will be included in the Request for Bids notice that will be published in February in anticipation of a Spring 2018 contract award target.



The Phase 1A Duck Farm project involves the development of a 30+ acre river adjacent park project that includes a neighborhood park entry, public access trails, riparian landscape, a native plant demonstration garden, native and low water meadows, a river overlook and interpretation features.

Emerald Necklace: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 24th, LA County Department of Public Works will be hosting an on-site planning charrette for the Rosemead Complete Streets Project within the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and related to EMNECK priority project #5. WCA staff will support the event and host an informational booth.

Additionally, a kick-off meeting with LA County Department of Public Works related to the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan was held with WCA and applicable County departments. DPW is drafting a board report to LACBOS to be considered in March 2018 to extend a professional services contract to WCA to support the 5-year planning effort.

EMERALD NECKLACE

FEASIBILITY STUDY & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - PHASE I

The Emerald Necklace is an extraordinary 17-mile loop of bicycle and multi-use trails which links parks and open spaces along two waterways, the San Gabriel River and the Rio Hondo. Phase I's 16 projects will close gaps in this regional recreational trails network and increase access to hundreds of thousands of constituents. Ongoing efforts will also add gateways, signage and greening. Further phases identified in the feasibility study will continue to expand the system in following years, contingent on funding and public support.

Westside Multi-Use Trail:

A Trail for All User Groups

The purpose of the Westside Multi-Use Trail is to provide a safe, accessible, and scenic trail along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel River. The trail will connect existing trails and provide access to the Emerald Necklace system and other local resources.

- 12 Multi-Use Trail: Alhambra Wash from State Highway 60 to the Garvey Community Center with Gates, Signage, etc.
- 13 Underpass at Rosemead Blvd.
- 14 Street Access Ramps at Rosemead Blvd. with Gates & Signage
- 15 10 Freeway Underpass Improvements
- 16 Multi-Use Trail: Rosemead Blvd. to Valley Blvd.

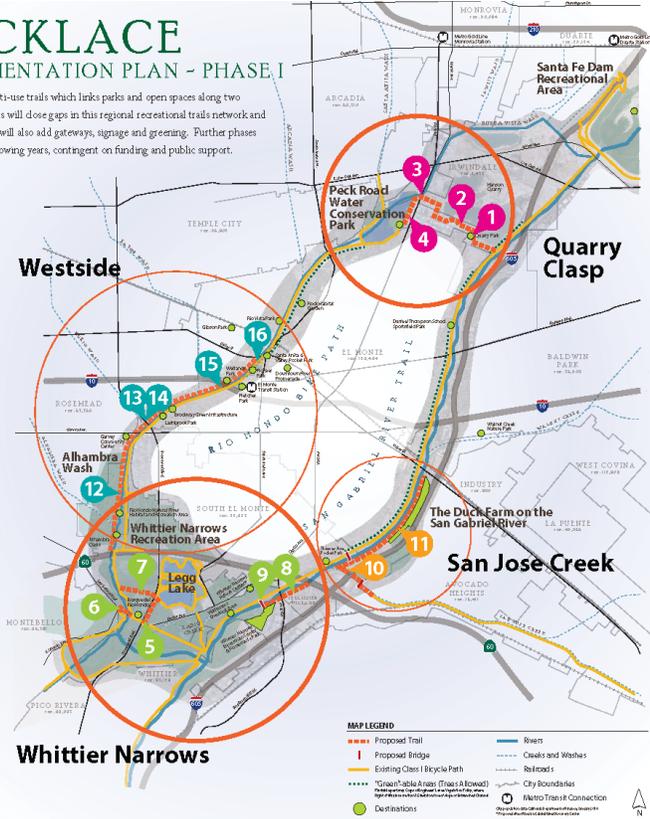
Whittier Narrows Connectivity:

Linking Existing Park Resources

This section of the Emerald Necklace connects existing trails and provides access to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and other local resources.

- 5 Class I Bicycle Path: Adjacent to Rosemead Blvd. to Lego Lake
- 6 Class I Bicycle Path: From El Bosque del Rio Hondo to Lincoln Ave. on San Gabriel Blvd. with Enhanced Signalized Crossing, Signage, Wayfinding
- 7 Class I Bicycle Path: From the Rio Hondo to Lego Lake through the Southern California Edison Easement
- 8 Multi-Use Trail: Pullitzer Village from State Highway 60 to Horseman's Park
- 9 Multi-Use Bridge: Pullitzer Bridge at Horseman's Park

PROJECT COMPONENTS



Quarry Clasp:

Completing the Loop

Multi-Use Trail connecting Peck Road Water Conservation Park to the San Gabriel River will connect the trail between the Class I bicycle path on the Rio Hondo and the San Gabriel River.

- 1 Park Development with Trail, Gates, Signage and Amenities
- 2 Multi-Use Trail and Bicycle Paths
- 3 Signalized Crossing at Peck Road with Signage and Wayfinding
- 4 Rio Hondo Multi-Use Trail and Class I Bicycle Path: Continue from the Peck Road Water Conservation Park

San Jose Creek Regional Access:

Connecting Communities East of the San Gabriel River

This project will provide a safe and scenic trail connecting communities east of the San Gabriel River to the Emerald Necklace system.

- 10 Multi-Use Trail and 2 Multi-Use Bridges: From San Jose Creek Trail to San Gabriel River Trail
- 11 Multi-Use Trail: From San Jose Creek to the Duck Farm on the San Gabriel River



The Emerald Necklace is a 17-mile interconnected network of existing and envisioned bikeways, multi-use trails, parks, and greenways along the Rio Hondo and the San Gabriel River. Along the Rio Hondo the Emerald Necklace stretches from Peck Road Water Conservation Park in the north to the Whittier Narrows Recreation Areas in the south. Along the San Gabriel River, it stretches from Hanson Quarry in the north to Whittier Narrows Recreational Area in the south.

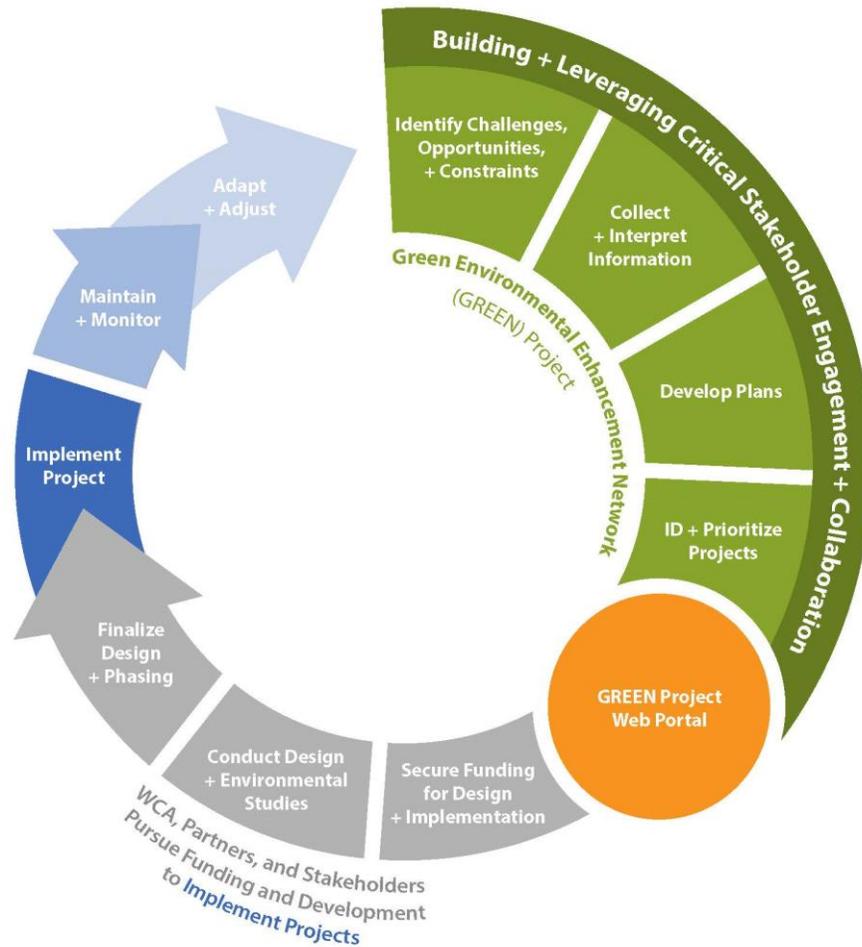
The Emerald Necklace Implementation Plan – Phase 1 (Proposed Project) includes 15 related projects that would close gaps in a regional recreational trails network and increase access to the trails to hundreds of thousands of people in the project area.

San Gabriel Mountain Foothills Acquisition Opportunities: WCA has accepted a \$250,000 grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills Open Space Acquisition Master Plan Project, which will develop a comprehensive prioritized acquisition strategy and a recommended resource management and operations strategy to preserve critical habitat and open space, improve watershed health and increase public access for compatible uses such as multi-use trails and related passive recreational amenities along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

WCA executed a project contract with Trust for Public Land (TPL) in January to begin Phase 1 of the project (a 3-month phase), for Methodology Development. In Phase 1, a Technical Approach draft report for each city will evaluate and summarize opportunities for acquisition and feasibility of acquisition, which will identify public/private parcels and provide general market data. Prioritization of key parcels with high ecological and recreational value will be identified, as well as maintenance considerations.

Additionally, the funding will be utilized for staff and consultant costs to perform due diligence and appraisal activities related to Glendora Community Conservancy and Rainbow Ranch parcels among others.

GREEN Project: Web developers with Sabio LA have completed their scope of work. The partially-built site will be built out by a contracted professional web developer in coordination with WCA staff for both the GREEN Project Portal and the pilot Gateway Greening Plan content. WCA is planning a soft launch of this portal within one month of the execution of the web development contract, March 2018. This framework will be built upon with additional mapping features developed with Dr. Weimin Li of Cal Poly Pomona and database features not expected for either the soft launch or the Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening project scope.



The Green Regional Environmental Enhancement Network (GREEN) Project is a planning and project implementation initiative supporting watershed-based greening efforts to help support collaboration in the wider Los Angeles and Orange County area. The scope of the project includes regional data collection and assessments, identification of priority projects, and community engagement strategies culminating in the launch of an online GREEN project portal to share data and information, and to catalyze investments and positive change.

Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan: WCA staff along with potential contracts brought before the board or as small contracts (less than \$5,000) are working to draft and upload written content as well as visual support, renderings, and the results of mapping analysis to the Gateway Greening online toolkit in preparation for a soft launch in March, 2018. WCA continues to meet with representatives of Gateway Cities governments to workshop how the deliverable would be most useful to them and solicit project information to include on the site. The completed content will be the final deliverable for the plan. Advisory

meetings are held quarterly on the third Tuesday of every third month at the Gateway COG offices, with the next meeting planned for Tuesday January 16th.



With a grant from the Strategic Growth Council and partner collaboration the WCA is developing a green infrastructure plan for the Gateway Cities Region. The WCA is advancing collaborative integration of regional efforts as staff continues to engage in compatible regional planning initiatives—including the AB530 Lower LA River Working Group. Together with the RMC-funded GREEN Project the plan is organized as an interactive web platform positioned to facilitate coordination, planning efforts, and funding for greening projects across the Gateway Cities and beyond.

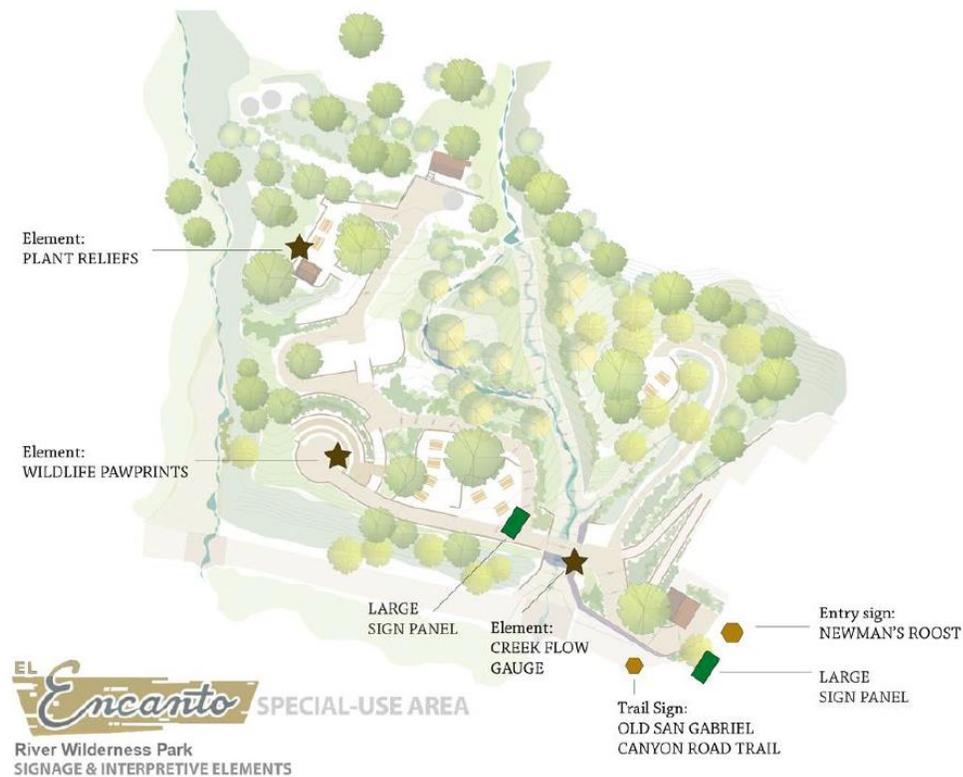
Mt. Baldy Wilderness Preserve: WCA continues to work with MRCA Rangers, County Sheriffs, residents, and volunteers to support continued on-site maintenance at the Mt. Baldy Preserve property. To further support this coordination, WCA purchased and is installing a job box on-site to facilitate equipment sharing between staff, residents, and volunteers.

Acquired in 2014, the Mt. Baldy Wilderness Preserve is a 237+/- acre property located on the eastern extent of the Authority's territory, directly south of Mt. Baldy Village. This open space being preserved is in its undeveloped state. The site is publicly accessible for passive recreational use.

River Wilderness Park: The design for RWP Entry Improvements Project, will restart work to complete construction drawings following a to be scheduled meeting with SD1, LA County Department of Public Works and Caltrans representatives to confirm State requirements for design of Roundabout. To this end, WCA will

coordinate with DPW to apply for Cycle 4 ATP grant funding program to fund Roundabout and associated trail connection and safe-crossing features. It is anticipated that DPW will manage the Roundabout portion of the project. Additionally, staff will continue to work with City of Azusa related to permitting, as well as, City of Azusa Light and Water to bring public utilities to the park.

A Staff continues to seek additional funding to complete improvements to the Newman's Roost Special Use Area (NRSUA) as well— estimated costs: \$6,495,000. The Area includes the reconstruction of an ephemeral stream, trail and bridge crossing, an outdoor amphitheater, outdoor education elements, picnic areas, and a public restroom adjacent the main office and former El Encanto restaurant—see conceptual plan below.



At the November 2017 RMC Board Meeting, WCA presented (for award of funds) the RWP Arroyos Development project (part of NRSUA), which received \$1,000,000 from the RMC Prop 1 Grant program. The project has secured \$1,752,860 in additional matching funds, and awaiting grant notifications for the Outdoor Education Grant (\$463,000) and Caltrans Shop Program (\$1,000,000).

Property Management Note: The Azusa RWP was closed for most of December due to increased fire risk and continued red flag warnings throughout the month. The park was recently re-opened on January 2nd 2018. No major incidents were reported on the property between September–December 2017.



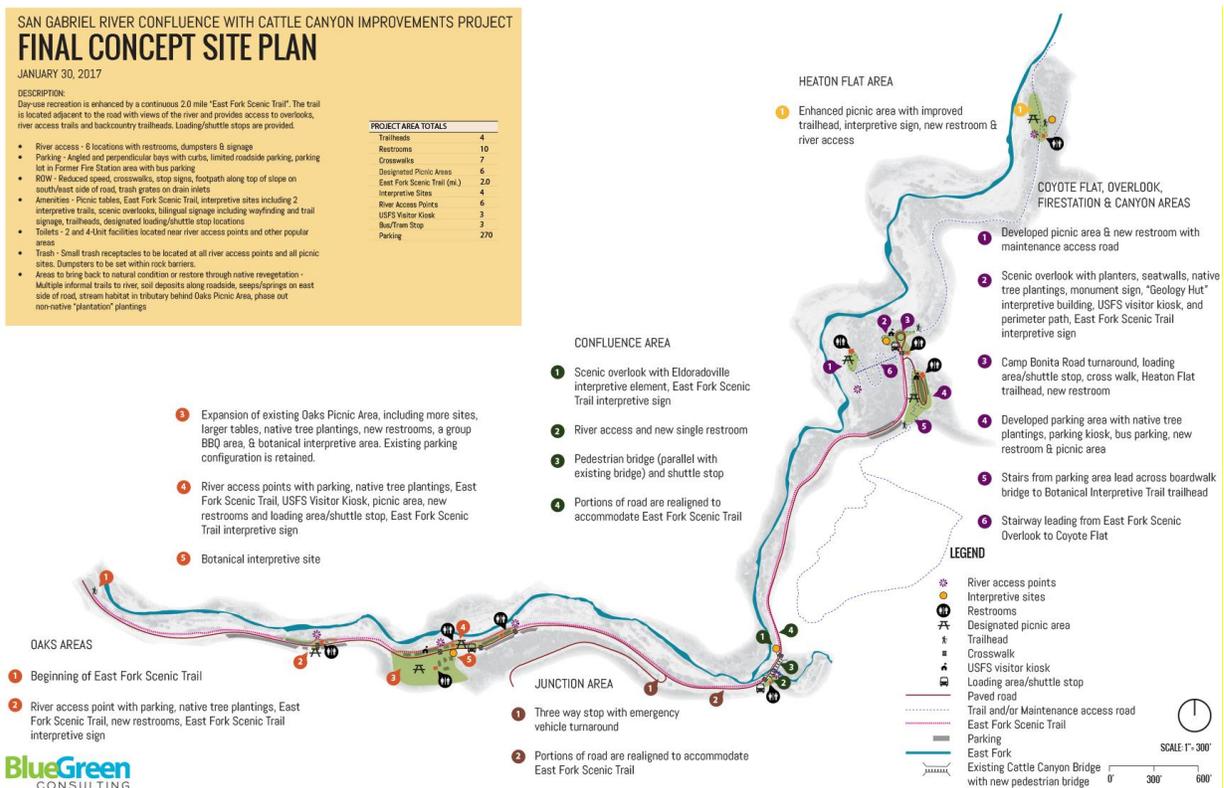
The RWP is an approx. 118-acre property envisioned to provide unique wilderness experiences in the lower San Gabriel River Canyon comprised of engaging landscapes, gathering spaces, thriving habitats, and a regional hub and welcome center for the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Project: The Draft EIS/EIR was publicly released for comment on November 9, 2017 for a 45-day comment period (ended December 26th, 2017). Two public meetings were held. The first public meeting was held on Saturday November 18th, 2017 at WCA’s offices. The second public meeting was held on December 5, 2017 at Angeles National Forest Headquarters in Arcadia. Both meetings were well attended, each with over 50 attendees—see image below of the Deputy Monument Manager (Adrienne Dunfee) speaking at the December 5th meeting.



During the public comment period, we received nearly 500 comments. 400 of the comments were generated using a form letter template created by Sierra Club (which is positive and highlights areas of plan improvements that their members have expressed); there are roughly 100 unique comments submitted.

The Project Team, which includes Forest Service staff, WCA, and consultants BlueGreen and ESA, will be analyzing the comments and incorporating necessary changes into a Final EIS/EIR through February.



Along a 2.5-mile segment of the East Fork San Gabriel River recreational use is highly concentrated. This heavy use combined with the lack of facilities has resulted in degraded conditions. In response, the Cattle Canyon Project seeks to better manage the recreational use, and balance the needs for resource project within this area of the San Gabriel Mountains.

South Gate Habitat Restoration Project/Parque dos Rios: Long Beach Conservation Corps is engaging sub-contractors for specific skills features of the project, primarily related to the overlook construction element (concrete, structural metals and retaining wall). Once LBCC has internal agreements in place WCA will contract for construction with the Corps. Ground breaking is targeted by LBCC for April 2018 with construction substantially complete by September 2018 and planting to occur in November and December 2018 as most preferential establishment window for native plant materials to thrive. In the interim, SWPPP has been completed for the project and permits are approved and ready to issue to contractor.

Parque Dos Rios is a 7.8-acre site situated along the Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) at the confluence with the Rio Hondo in the City of South Gate. The project will create a bike stop amenity for the LLAR trail, with overlook, shade structure, seating and interpretive graphics. The land will be planted with natives and a raptor perch installed.



Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space: The WCA and City of San Dimas anticipate pending further developments until a County Conditional Use Permit (CUP) exemption is confirmed. Together with an interim agreement pending with the Tzu Chi Foundation these approvals would expedite the West Phase developments making the site available to the public. A meeting was held between the WCA and the City of San Dimas on December 11, 2017 where the City agreed to provide a quote for professional consulting services that will survey the property. The City of San Dimas plans on beginning demolition work this month and trail construction estimate is anticipated by February 2018.

WALNUT CREEK – WEST PHASE ONLY



Figure dated October 4, 2016



Acquired in 2008, the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space Property is a total of approx. 60.8 acres. The location is directly east of Bonelli Regional Park and along the Walnut Creek riparian corridor. Approximately 6.7 acres are owned by the City of San Dimas and 54 acres are owned by the WCA.

After completing a conceptual development plan in coordination with the City of San Dimas the City secured County Proposition A funding in the amount of \$850,000 to begin initial West Phase development. The initial phase includes site clean-up, trail development and amenities (interpretive signage, benches, etc.) for a looped spur trail, habitat enhancements, and the planting of a vegetated buffer for neighbors. This will realize the improvements necessary to provide public access over a portion of the Project Site through the Antonovich Trail, accessible from four nearby County-operated trail staging areas.