



Notice of Availability of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2020 LA River Master Plan



Date: May 23, 2022

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Individuals and Organizations

Subject: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the *2020 LA River Master Plan*

Lead Agency: County of Los Angeles

The County of Los Angeles (County), through the Department of Public Works (Public Works), is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has completed the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Final PEIR) for the proposed *2020 LA River Master Plan* (Project). A Draft PEIR was prepared and circulated for public review February 1, 2021 to May 13, 2021 consistent with State CEQA Guidelines §15087. The County received comments on the Draft PEIR from state and local agencies, interested organizations, and members of the public. The County has prepared responses to all comments received consistent with State CEQA Guidelines §15088. The Final PEIR consists of the Draft PEIR, comments and recommendations received on the Draft PEIR and a list of commenters, the County's responses to comments, appendices, and clarifications and modifications to the Draft PEIR. Chapter 3, *Clarifications and Modifications to the Draft PEIR*, provides clarifications, amplifications, and insignificant modifications to the Draft PEIR text, including those resulting from the public review process. This Notice has been issued to inform interested parties that the Final PEIR has been prepared and is publicly available for review. The County will consider the Final PEIR prior to making a decision on the Project on June 14th, 2022.

Project Location

The Project is located along a 51-mile-long, 2-mile-wide corridor (i.e., 1 mile on each side) of the LA River in Los Angeles County and spans through 17 cities and unincorporated Los Angeles County (18 total jurisdictions). The river encompasses an 834-square-mile watershed and flows from its headwaters at river mile 51 in Canoga Park in the City of Los Angeles to river mile zero in the City of Long Beach, where the river meets the Pacific Ocean (Figure 1). The LA River was channelized during the late 19th and mid-20th centuries to protect lives and property from flooding as the LA region rapidly grew and transformed to a largely urbanized area. Today, approximately 1 million people live within 1 mile of the river.

2020 LA River Master Plan

The *2020 LA River Master Plan* is intended to be a visionary and practical document for all 18 local jurisdictions (17 cities and unincorporated County) within the study area. The *2020 LA River Master Plan's* framework begins with community needs and aims to

provide guidance and resources for jurisdictions to implement subsequent projects in the study area. Rather than requiring one set of fixed solutions for all 51 miles, the *2020 LA River Master Plan* allows for a consistent approach throughout the study area but with frame-specific identity within the greater whole. The *2020 LA River Master Plan* builds on the adopted 1996 *Los Angeles River Master Plan* and other regional planning studies prepared since then. The *2020 LA River Master Plan* is intended as a blueprint to improve 51 miles of connected open space along the LA River to promote health, equity, access, mobility, and economic opportunity for the diverse communities of Los Angeles County while still providing flood risk management.

Locations Where the Final EIR is Available for Public Review

The Final PEIR and all related documents are available on the County's website at <http://pw.lacounty.gov/go/larmpceqa> and in person at 900 South Fremont Avenue, 11th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

The Final *2020 LA River Master Plan* is available at the following website: <http://www.larivermasterplan.org/>.

Public Hearing

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider the PEIR and take action on the Project during their regular Board meeting on June 14, 2022. The agenda item will be open for public comment.

Information about how to participate in the public meeting can be found at <https://bos.lacounty.gov/Board-Meeting>. Spanish translation will be provided.

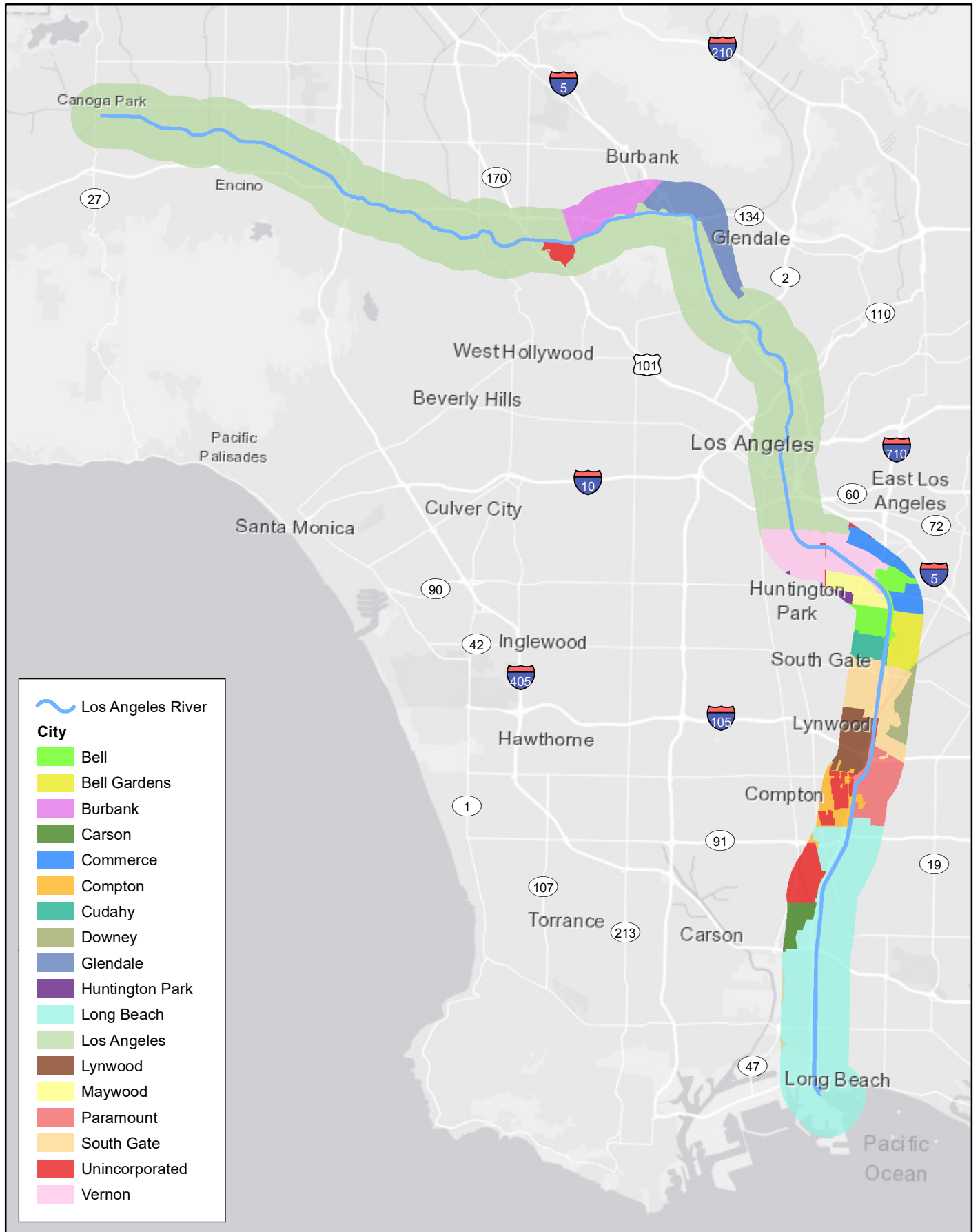
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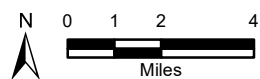
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Source: Los Angeles County; ESRI StreetMap
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2020 LA River Master Plan Program EIR Study Area