

DATE: January 28, 2019

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 10: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant amendment with The Trust for Public Land “Planning for the Urban Orchard Development” Project (RMC17006).

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

PROJECT TYPE: Planning

JURISDICTION: City of South Gate

PROJECT MANAGER: Marybeth Vergara

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC authorize a grant amendment with the Trust for Public Land to revise the scope and extend the timeline for the “Planning for the Urban Orchard Development” Project (RMC17006).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Exhibit A – Revised Timeline and Tasklist

Exhibit B – Updated Budget with \$120,000 in additional matching from City of South Gate

Exhibit C – Request for Reduction in Scope

Exhibit D – Request for Extension

Exhibit E – Urban Orchard Final Concept Design

Exhibit F – Upcoming Public Meeting

The Urban Orchard Development is an exciting project with a vision to transform 30 acres of unused, vacant land between the 1-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new river front walking and bike paths. The RMC awarded the Trust for Public Land (TPL) with \$845,000 in Prop 1 funds (Resolution 17-04) to complete Phase I design development for the northern 18.7-acre planning area of the property.

The creation of the Urban Orchard is in three-phases: Phase I includes assessing the feasibility of removing concrete from the Bandini Channel in the northern planning area, developing a conceptual design plan with input from the community¹ for the entire 30-acre planning area and developing shovel-ready construction plans for the northern planning area (18.7 acres); Phase II will be permitting and construction of the northern planning area; and Phase III will be creating construction plans and building out the southern planning area. To bring this exciting vision into reality, this request is for planning (Phase I), which includes the following:

- Assessing the feasibility of removing concrete from the Bandini Channel that runs through the northern planning area,
- Developing a conceptual design plan with input from the community for the entire 30-acre planning area,

- Developing shovel-ready construction plans for the northern planning area, and
- Design a monitoring and assessment program that will contribute to tracking and improving BMPs for stormwater management.

Since awarding the grant, TPL has generated a high level of interest for the project through community outreach and completing the feasibility study on removing concrete from the Bandini Channel to improve stormwater management. However, findings from the study found that it was not possible to daylight the channel. They are currently working to redesign their concept to include pumping water from the Bandini Channel into a constructed wetland where it will be filtered and cleaned. The water will ultimately be used to irrigate the non-edible plantings in the park.

Due to the increase in complexity of the stormwater management proposed, TPL does not currently have enough funding to complete construction drawings for the entire Phase 1 property (18.7 acres). TPL is requesting to reduce the scope of the project to complete construction drawings for only the 7 acres that is owned by the City of South Gate which includes the bulk of the community and environmental improvements.

Contract documents will include design for walking and bicycle paths, passive play areas, outdoor education areas, lighting and safety features, the orchard, wetlands, parking lot, and natural play area, and other enhancement elements. Additionally, the City of South Gate has already secured \$10,975,100 in funding from the State Water Resources Control Board and National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund to construct the improvements on the 7 acres. As a result, RMC's funding for planning and design will support the creation of a built project by early 2021.

The remaining 11 acres, which is under DWP and Edison easements, has been conceptually planned with multi-use trails and TPL will continue working to secure land use agreements with the utility companies and in identifying additional public funds to support its design and development.

TPL is requesting to extend the grant from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to allow sufficient time to complete 100% construction drawings for the 7 acres and the stormwater management system that includes pumping water from the Bandini Channel and obtaining permits for the constructed wetland and diversion structure from the Bandini Channel (additional scope).

Regarding the budget amendment, the City of South Gate has contributed an additional \$120,000 to the Project and TPL has readjusted their budget accordingly: CD development costs have been increased by \$159,000 and Community Outreach by \$23,000; PM budget has been reduced by \$120,000, and the Feasibility Study has been adjusted to reflect real cost, reducing the budget by \$62,000.

The Urban Orchard Development is one of the 150 identified projects in the Lower Los Angeles Revitalization Plan, Project No. 155 and fulfills a critical need for water infiltration opportunity on public open space and provides significant positive impacts to the surrounding communities, the Los Angeles River, and local environment.

BACKGROUND: The Urban Orchard Development (UO) is an exciting project with a vision to transform 30 acres of unused, vacant land between the 1-710 Freeway and the LA River into new, critically needed green infrastructure and an urban park, including an urban orchard and over one-mile of new river front walking and bike paths. The project will include community gathering spaces, picnic areas, interpretive elements, native plants, fitness equipment, nature play areas for children, a stormwater infiltration area

to clean and collect stormwater that currently flows through a small channel within the project boundaries and walking and bicycle paths that will eventually connect with the existing bike path along the LA River.

The Trust for Public Land is a part of an exciting partnership between the City of South Gate, the Council for Watershed Health and other local partners, including Los Angeles (LA) County Flood Control District, LA Department of Water & Power (LADWP), State of California, and Edison to realize the vision of the Urban Orchard. The Urban Orchard is located in the City of South Gate, an underserved, densely urban community. It is surrounded by the I-710 Freeway and industrial and commercially developed areas with limited access to natural green spaces. With a high relative pollution burden (CalEnviroScreen pollution for the project area is 100%) and lack of natural, green open space (Statewide Community Fact Finder lists 0 park acres per 1,000 people within a quarter mile of the project area), the project fills a critical need by providing 30-acres of public open space that will deliver multiple benefits and provide significant positive impact to the community, the Los Angeles River, and the local environment.

While the upper watershed is rife with large natural areas and projects, the lower watershed is in need of open space projects of this scale. The Urban Orchard Development is one of the 150 identified projects in the Lower Los Angeles Revitalization Plan. Once implemented, the project will result in the following multiple benefits:

- Improve water quality and increase groundwater reliability by capturing stormwater for percolation;
- Promote a healthy lifestyle by making walking and eating healthy, local food easier;
- Green over one-mile of walking and biking corridor along the Lower LA River;
- Improve air quality and increase climate change resilience by planting native trees and shrubs;
- Increase reliability of the municipal water system; and
- Create new wetlands.

The project is divided into two planning areas, a northern area (18.7 acres) extending from the Thunderbird Villas mobile home park north to Firestone Blvd. and a southern planning area (~12 acres) extending from Thunderbird Villas south to the confluence of the LA River and Rio Hondo. The northern area includes lands owned by the City of South Gate, Edison, LA County Flood Control District, and LADWP; the southern area includes land owned by the City of South Gate, LADWP and LA County Flood Control District, as well as an active railroad right-of-way.

Phase 1 of the Urban Orchard Development includes assessing the feasibility of removing concrete from the Bandini Channel that runs through the northern planning area, developing a conceptual design plan with input from the community for the entire 30-acre planning area, and developing shovel-ready construction plans for the northern planning area. Phase II will be permitting and construction of the northern planning area; and Phase III will be creating construction plans and building out the southern planning area.

This grant will go towards funding efforts for Phase 1 of the project. Planning began with a feasibility study to explore removing some or all of the concrete from the section of the Bandini Channel that runs through the northern planning area. Currently, stormwater from the City of Bell Gardens is delivered to the LA River via the concreted Bandini Channel. The channel, was originally designed as a storm drain to move stormwater out of Bell Gardens to the LA River as quickly as possible and does not provide any opportunities to capture and naturally filter the stormwater before it reaches the LA River. Daylighting the channel was found to be infeasible.

TPL is now redesigning their concept to include pumping water from the Bandini Channel into a constructed wetland where it will be filtered and cleaned. The water will ultimately be used to irrigate the non-edible plantings in the park.

The planning phase will create a conceptual Urban Orchard design plan for the entire planning area, designing a 30-acre urban orchard and public open space area with integrated green infrastructure from Firestone Blvd. south to the confluence of the LA River and Rio Hondo River, including over one-mile of LA riverfront bike and walking paths. The Urban Orchard will include community-selected culturally-relevant tree species, 75% California native species, a community garden, community gathering spaces, picnic areas with shade structures, community-created, place-based art, and security features, including ample lighting. In addition, it will include multilingual educational/interpretive signage highlighting watershed stewardship and promoting physical activity and healthy living. It will also incorporate sustainable site planning, conservation of materials and resources and solar panels to support lighting needs. Various green infrastructure elements and best management practices (BMP) will be considered, such as permeable pavement (along paths and any proposed paved areas) and a dispersed system of vegetated bioswales (with and without infiltration).

In addition, construction drawings for an 18.7-acre urban orchard and green open space in the northern planning area will be completed. The construction plans will include technical reports, site surveys and stormwater management recommendations proposed by the feasibility study. The City of South Gate has also committed \$300,000 for planning and design of an on-site water improvement plan to replace an old, out-of-commission groundwater well. The construction plans will include a design for a new water well with the capacity to extract water for drinking purposes. The water will be stored in above-ground reservoirs for emergency purposes. This added infrastructure would increase reliability in water service and contribute to the City's ability to store emergency water on-site, thereby providing more water security and stability.

For all parcels not owned by the City, the project partners are in discussions with the appropriate property owners to establish a Use Agreement for development of the project and/or purchase the property in question.

FISCAL INFORMATION: No additional funds are being requested from RMC in this amendment. This grant was initially authorized from Proposition 1 funds by the RMC on January 23, 2017 in the amount of \$845,000 to the Trust for Public Lands under Resolution 2017-04. Funding sources in addition to RMC funding include the City of South Gate in the amount of \$450,000 and from TPL in the amount of \$25,000.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

Section 32602: There is in the Resources Agency, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which is created as a state agency for the following purposes:

- (a) To acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open-space, low-impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvement within the territory.
- (b) To preserve the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River consistent with existing and adopted river and flood control projects for the protection of life and property.

(c) To acquire open-space lands within the territory of the conservancy.

Section 32604: The conservancy shall do all of the following:

- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (b) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.
- (d) To provide for the public's enjoyment and enhancement of recreational and educational experiences on public lands in the San Gabriel Watershed and Lower Los Angeles River, and the San Gabriel Mountains in a manner consistent with the protection of lands and resources in those watersheds.

Section 32614: The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (b) Enter into contracts with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties, and enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency, in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (e) Enter into any other agreement with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties for the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (f) Recruit and coordinate volunteers and experts to conduct interpretive and recreational programs and assist with construction projects and the maintenance of parkway facilities.

Further, Section 32614 provides that: The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (g) Undertake, within the territory, site improvement projects, regulate public access, and revegetate and otherwise rehabilitate degraded areas, in consultation with any other public agency with appropriate jurisdiction and expertise, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602. The conservancy may also, within the territory, upgrade deteriorating facilities and construct new facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation and interpretation, and natural resources projection. The conservancy may undertake those projects by itself or in conjunction with another local agency; however, the conservancy shall provide overall coordination of those projects by setting priorities for the projects and by ensuring a uniform approach to projects. The conservancy may undertake those projects with prior notification to the legislative body of the local agency that has jurisdiction in the area in which the conservancy proposes to undertake that activity.

Section 32614.5:

- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.
- (b) Grants to nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of real property or interests in real property shall be subject to all of the following conditions:
 - (1) The purchase price of any interest in land acquired by the nonprofit organization may not exceed fair market value as established by an appraisal approved by the conservancy.
 - (2) The conservancy approves the terms under which the interest in land is acquired.
 - (3) The interest in land acquired pursuant to a grant from the conservancy may not be used as security for any debt incurred by the nonprofit organization unless the conservancy approves the transaction.

- (4) The transfer of land acquired pursuant to a grant shall be subject to the approval of the conservancy and the execution of an agreement between the conservancy and the transferee sufficient to protect the interests of the state.
 - (5) The state shall have a right of entry and power of termination in and over all interests in real property acquired with state funds, which may be exercised if any essential term or condition of the grant is violated.
 - (6) If the existence of the nonprofit organization is terminated for any reason, title to all interest in real property acquired with state funds shall immediately vest in the state, except that, prior to that termination, another public agency or nonprofit organization may receive title to all or a portion of that interest in real property, by recording its acceptance of title, together with the conservancy's approval, in writing.
- (c) Any deed or other instrument of conveyance whereby real property is acquired by a nonprofit organization pursuant to this section shall be recorded and shall set forth the executor interest or right of entry on the part of the state.

RMC Resolution 2015-19 approved guidelines consistent with the Proposition 1 bond language; RMC Resolution 2016-05 approved review of forty-four grant applications submitted for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Grant Program; RMC Resolution 2016-13 approved the RMC Proposition 1 (2015) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Grant Recommendations; RMC Resolution 2016-23 approved the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program (2015) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Grant Recommendations and authorized grant distributions of \$20,261,564.

Grantee: The Trust for Public Land																	
Project Name: Planning for the Urban Orchard Development																	
Contact and Address: Robin Mark, c/o The Trust for Public Land, 135 W. Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91105																	
RMC Tasklist and Timeline																	
Performance Begin and End Date: June 2017 - June 2020																	
Work Plan Task Number and Name <i>(insert rows as needed for work plan, include begin and end dates for each task)</i>	Begin Performance: Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year
Task #1 -Feasibility Study	June, 2017	July, 2017	August, 2017	September, 2017	October, 2017	November, 2017	December, 2017	January, 2018	February, 2018	March, 2018	April, 2018	May, 2018	June, 2018	July, 2018	August, 2018	September, 2018	October, 2018
Kick-off meeting with consultant firm, City,County & other project partners: set goals, confirm timeline, establish roles																	
Evaluation of existing site conditions: soil characteristics,channel capacity, use, maintenace other factors																	
Progress meeting to review existing conditions & provide feedback																	
Develop draft alternatives (park, stormwater capture)																	
Prepare final report																	
Presentation of final recommendations																	
Task #2- Construction Documents																	
Prepare and release RFP for consultant firms																	
Prepare and execute contract with consultant firm																	
Survey																	
Geotechnical Report																	
Landscape Architecture																	
Engineering																	
Constructability Review																	
Permitting																	
Task #3 - Project Management																	
Prepare and release RFP for consultant firms																	
Prepare and execute contract with consultant firm																	
Work with City and all project property owners to discuss project goals, potentials, and outcomes of the feasibility study																	
Work with partners draft Use Agreements to secure site control																	
Execute Use Agreements with all property owners																	
Task #3 - Community Outreach																	
Engage local community members to disseminate project information, gather information and input																	
Gather feedback on concept design																	
Share community feedback with TPL																	
Present final design to the community																	
Task #4 - Monitoring & Assessment																	
Report on existing conditions & opportunities for monitoring																	
Recommendations for suite of green infrastructure options & costs including recommendations for associated plant palettes																	

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RMC Total Budget Request: \$845,000

	Work Plan Task Number and Name (insert rows as needed for work plan)	Cost Per Task	RMC Budget (this total amount must be the same as the amount requested in the grant application)	Matching Funds #1 - City of South Gate	Matching Funds #2 - TPL
1	Task #1 - Feasibility Study	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
2	Task #2 - Construction Documents	\$ 934,000.00	\$ 634,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -
	Concept Design		\$ 58,000.00		
	Schematic Design		\$ 115,000.00		
	Design Development		\$ 135,000.00		
	Construction Documents		\$ 208,000.00		
	Permitting		\$ 19,000.00		
	Bidding		\$ 20,000.00		
	Construction Administration		\$ 79,000.00		
3	Tast #3 - Project Management	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00	
4	Task #4 - Community Outreach	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
5	Task #5 - Monitoring & Assessment	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
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	Total Cost	\$ 1,320,000.00	\$ 845,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 25,000.00



November 27, 2018

Dear Joe,

Since the time that The Trust for Public Land (TPL) applied for the funding from the RMC for design development of the Urban Orchard (UO) back at the end of 2015, the project has evolved significantly. The RMC grant award provided funding to, amongst other things, create construction drawings for 18 acres of the UO site. In the last several years, and as community input and overall support and excitement for the project has grown, our goals for the project vision have evolved.

The most significant change to our scope has been to focus the design on the 7 acres of the 18 acre project site that are owned by the City of South Gate. This change is a result of challenges related to securing land tenure from utilities and some of the changes to the stormwater management system planned for the project.

As stipulated in our grant agreement, the design team has completed a feasibility study on the Bandini Channel to determine if removing the concrete from the channel was possible. Their findings found that indeed it is not possible and thus are currently working on developing construction drawings (CDs) for a stormwater management system that includes pumping water from the Bandini Channel to a constructed wetland where it will be filtered and cleaned and ultimately used to irrigate the non-edible plantings in the park. This work is completely in-line with our RMC grant. The CDs will also include the design for walking and bicycle paths, passive play areas, outdoor education areas, lighting and safety features, etc. within the 7-acres owned by the City of South Gate.

We have found, however, due to the increase in complexity of the stormwater management proposed for the project that we no longer have the budget to complete 100% construction drawings for the multi-use trails conceptually planned for the remaining 11 acres of the site. We are currently working to secure use agreements with DWP and Edison and are also identifying additional public funds to support the design and development of the additional 11 acres of the project. If the project were to receive an additional \$300,000 we could complete the construction drawings in this area within the next 3 years given the time it will take to secure use agreements.

With this letter I ask for your approval to reduce the scope of the CDs for the project from 18 acres to the 7 acres owned by the City and where the bulk of the project and the community improvements will be located. Additionally, while the RMC funds are limited to design development, the City has secured implementation dollars for the 7-acre site and as a result RMC's dollars for design will support the creation of a built project by early 2021.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of this important community project.

Sincerely,

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Robin Mark
Project Manager



January 7, 2019

Dear Joe,

With this letter I respectfully request an extension to the RMC Prop 1 grant, 'Planning for the Urban Orchard Development' (UO), provided to The Trust for Public Land (TPL). As explained in a letter to you dated November 27, 2018, the scope of the UO project has grown considerably since we were originally funded. With the approval of funds from the Land & Water Conservation Fund and the Stormwater Resources Control Board the design team is now tasked with completing implementation of Phase 1 by the end of 2020. Design development services now need to include permitting for the wetland and diversion structure from the Bandini Channel. The timeline for this work will take us beyond the original grant term of June 2019 with a more realistic completion date of June 2020.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you again for your consideration and your continued support of this important community project.

Sincerely,

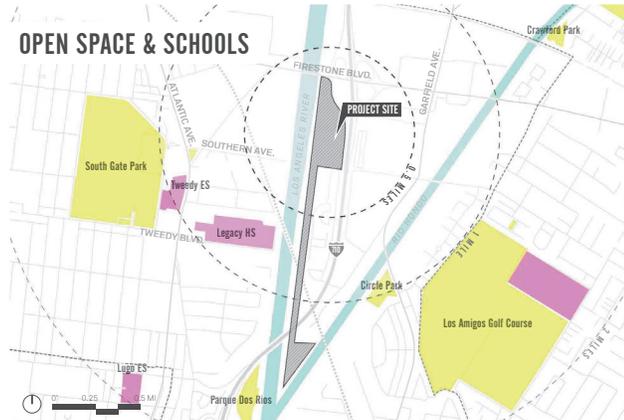
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Robin Mark
Project Manager

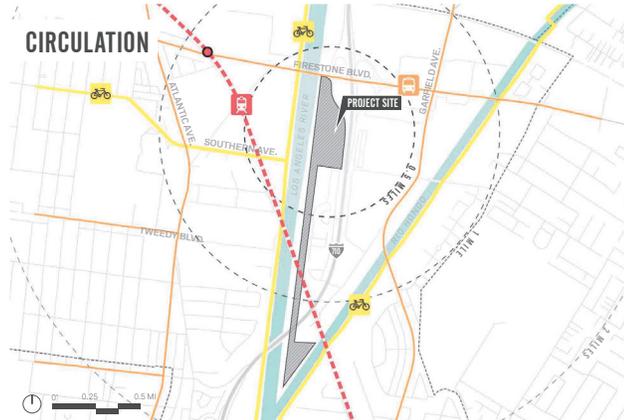
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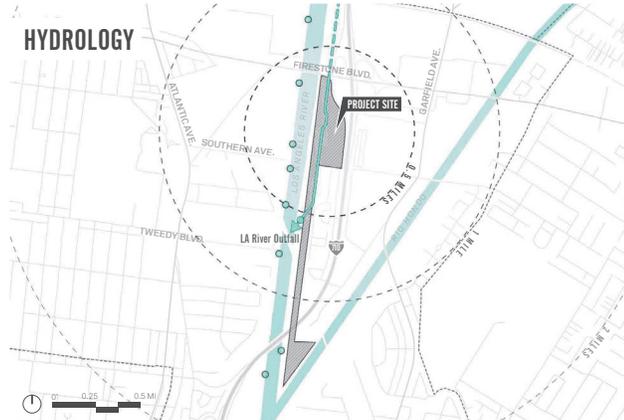
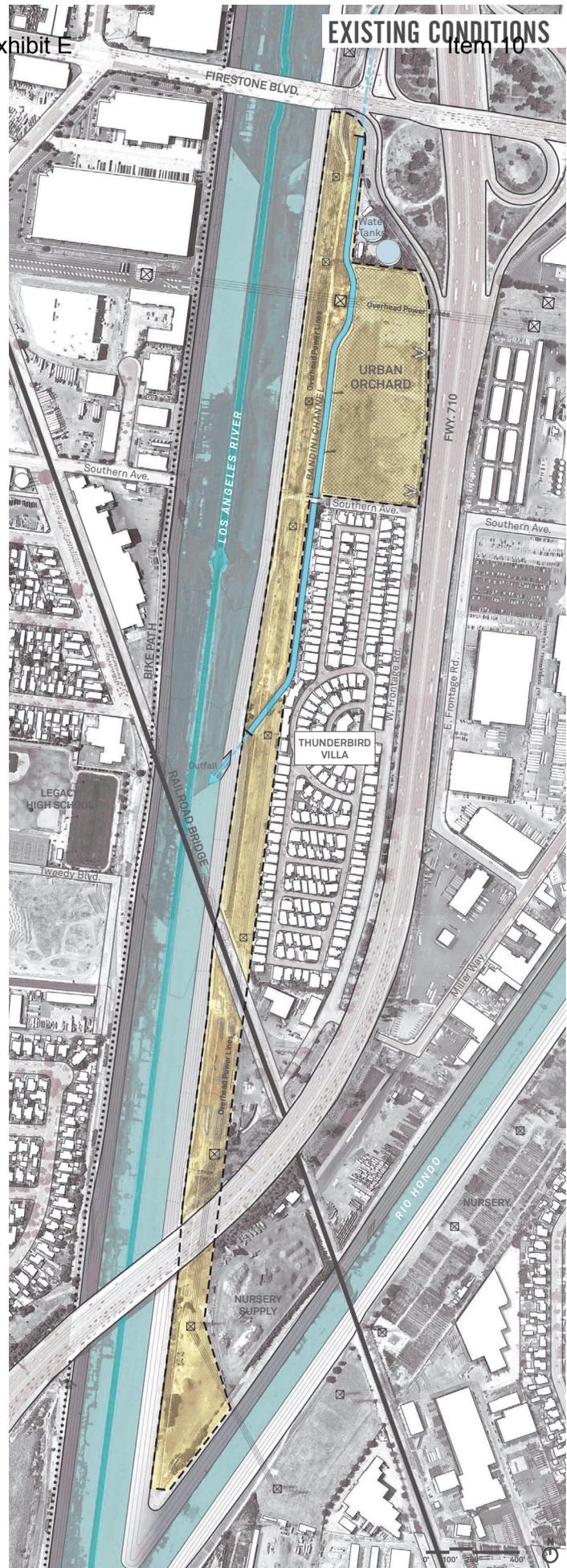


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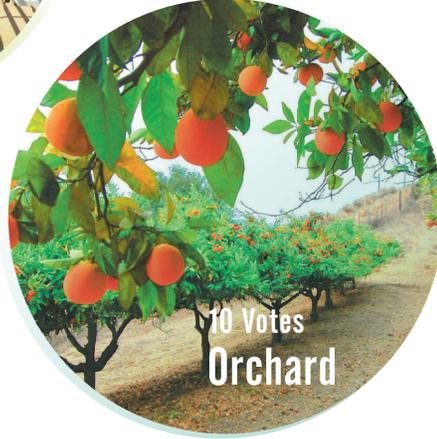
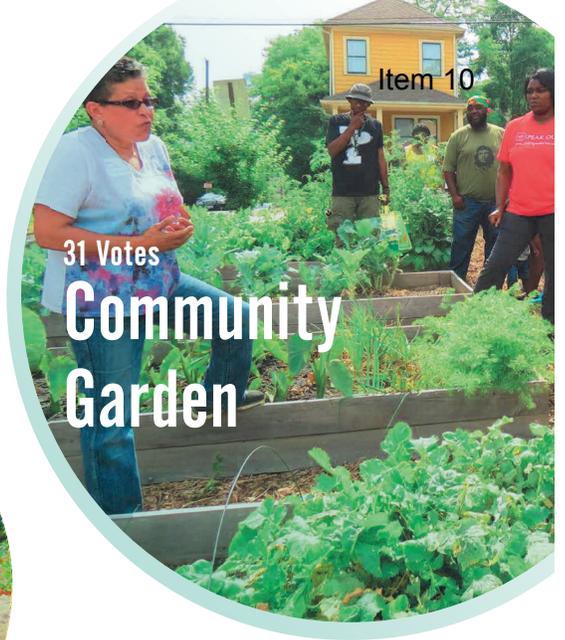
WHAT WE HEARD

Feedback received from 8 community engagement events led by From Lot to Spot in 2017

Exhibit E

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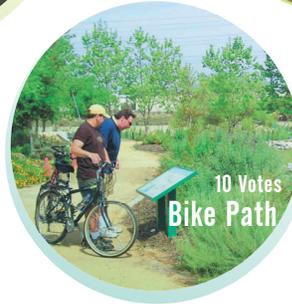
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Community Garden

Dog Park & Amenities

Playground

Walking Path

Fitness Equipment

Picnic Area with Shade

Orchard

Bike Path

Running Track

Duck Pond

Racquetball/Handball

Soccer Field

Amphitheater

Landmarks

Rock Climbing Wall

Water Play

Basketball Courts

Swimming Pool

Community Center

Native Plants

Restrooms

Constructed Wetlands

Overpass Vista

Tennis Courts

Equestrian Trail

Hall Rental

Swings

Tree Buffer

Entry Plaza

EV Stations

Football Field

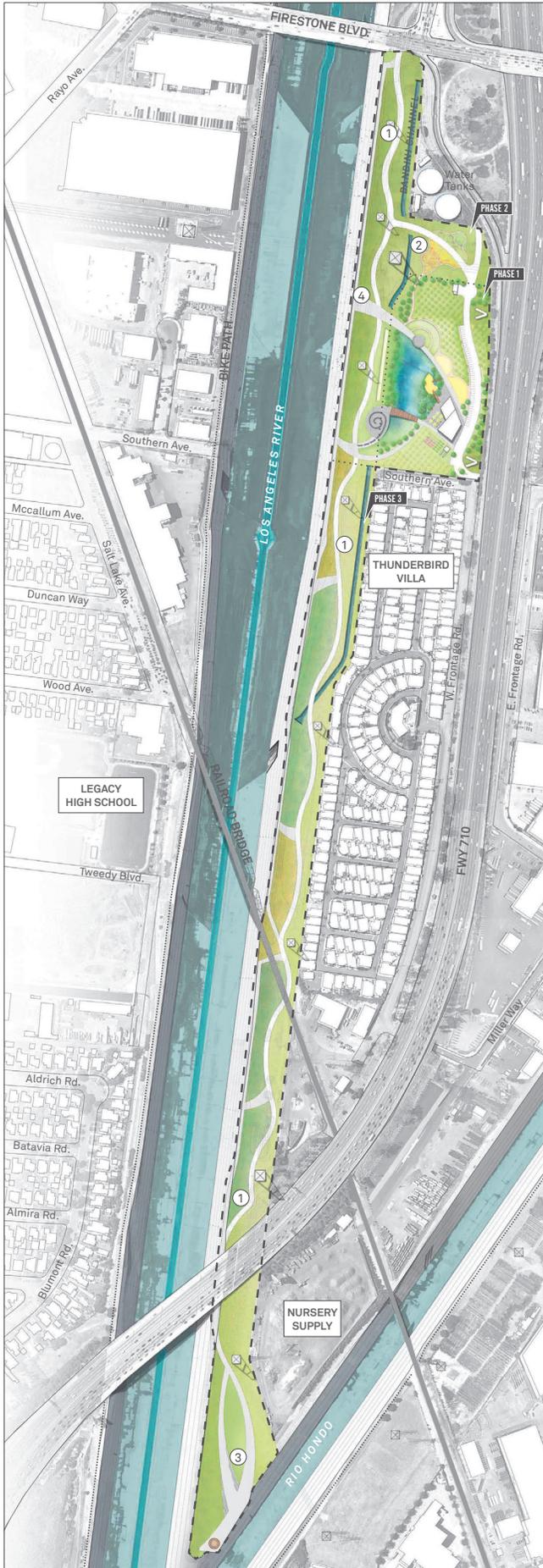
Senior Center

PARK ELEMENTS

Required by Prop 1 Grant

Required by Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant





Access Gate



Multi-use Trail



Educational Signage



Seating Area



Native Plant Loop



Exercise Station



Exercise Equipment



Native American Activities



Educational Signage



Local Art



Confluence Steps



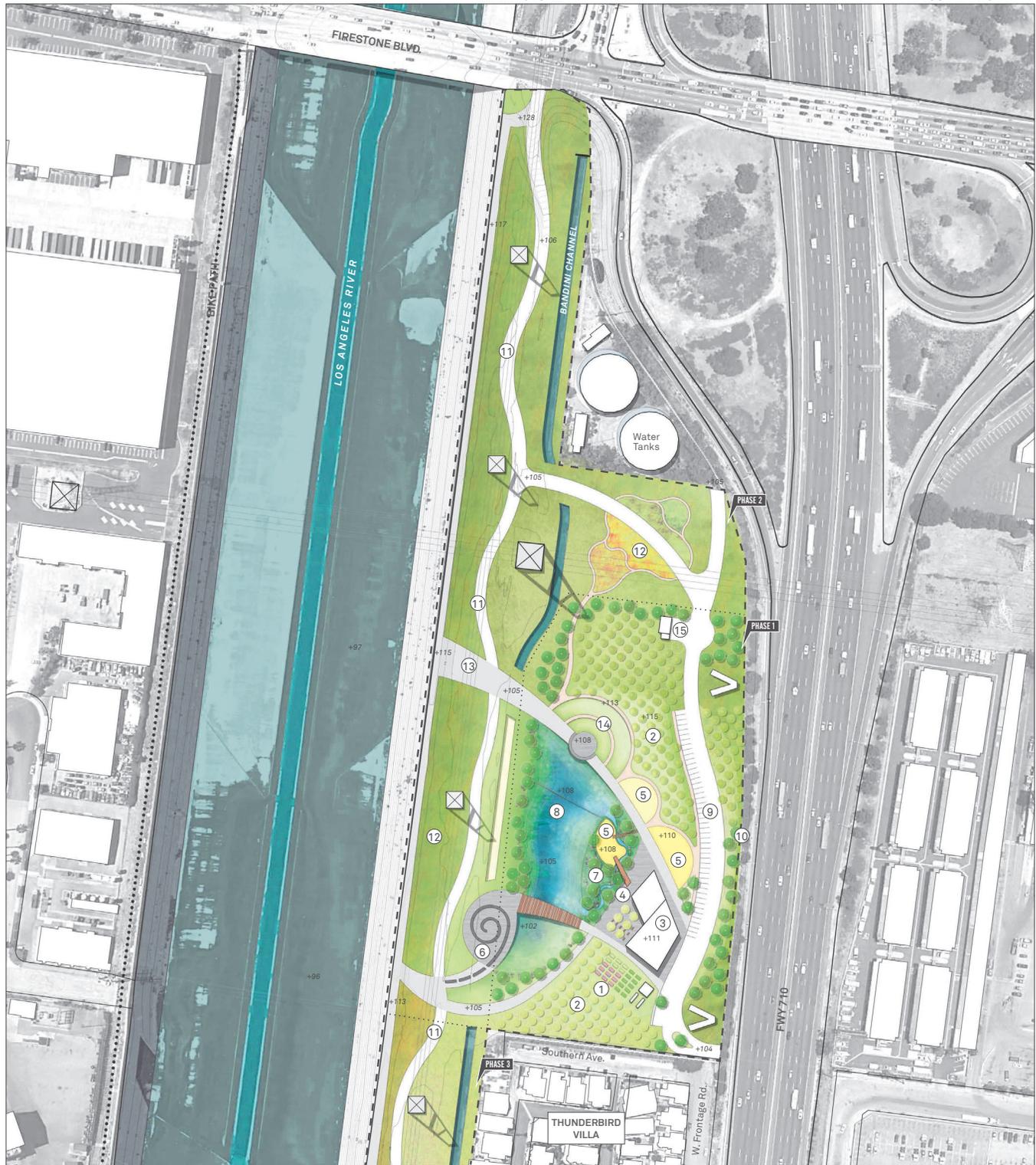
River Overlook

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- ① Multi-use Trail / Exercise Loop
Multi-use trails with exercise equipment at various stages along the decomposed granite pathways
- ② Native Plant Educational Loop
Winding decomposed granite pathways along native plant habitats with educational signage and gathering areas
- ③ Confluence Historical Timeline and Overlook
Elevated viewing landmark with educational signage at the confluence vista
- ④ Sculptural Art Location
Areas dedicated for showcasing local sculptors and environmental artists

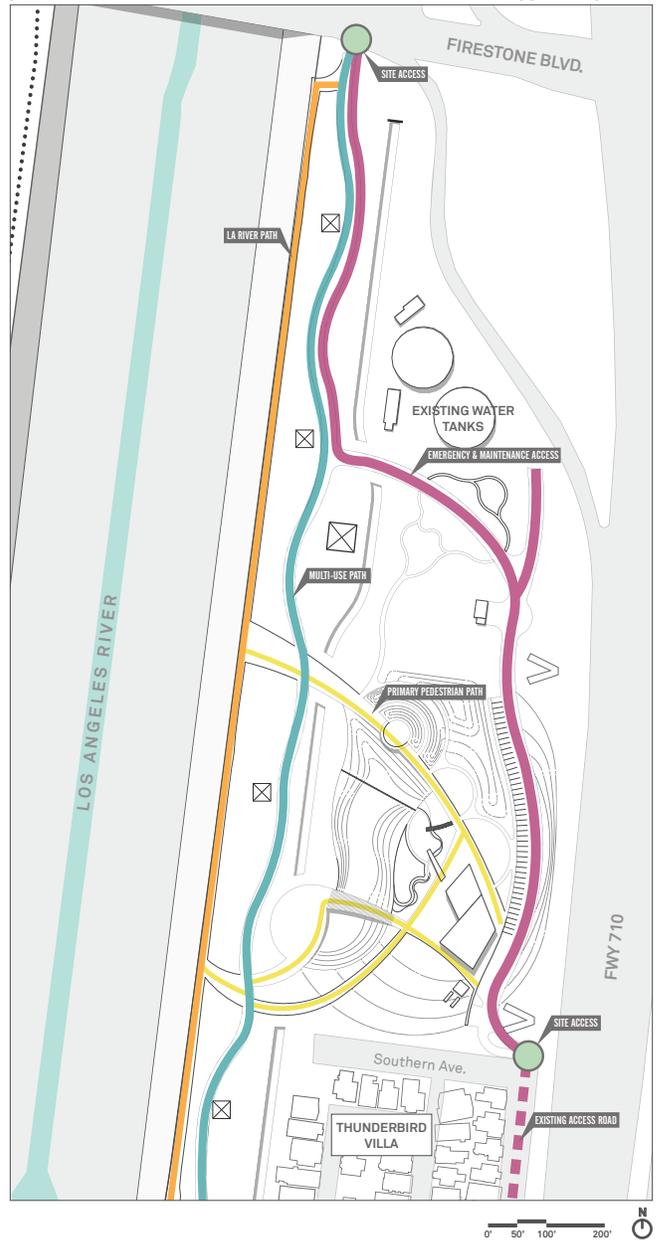
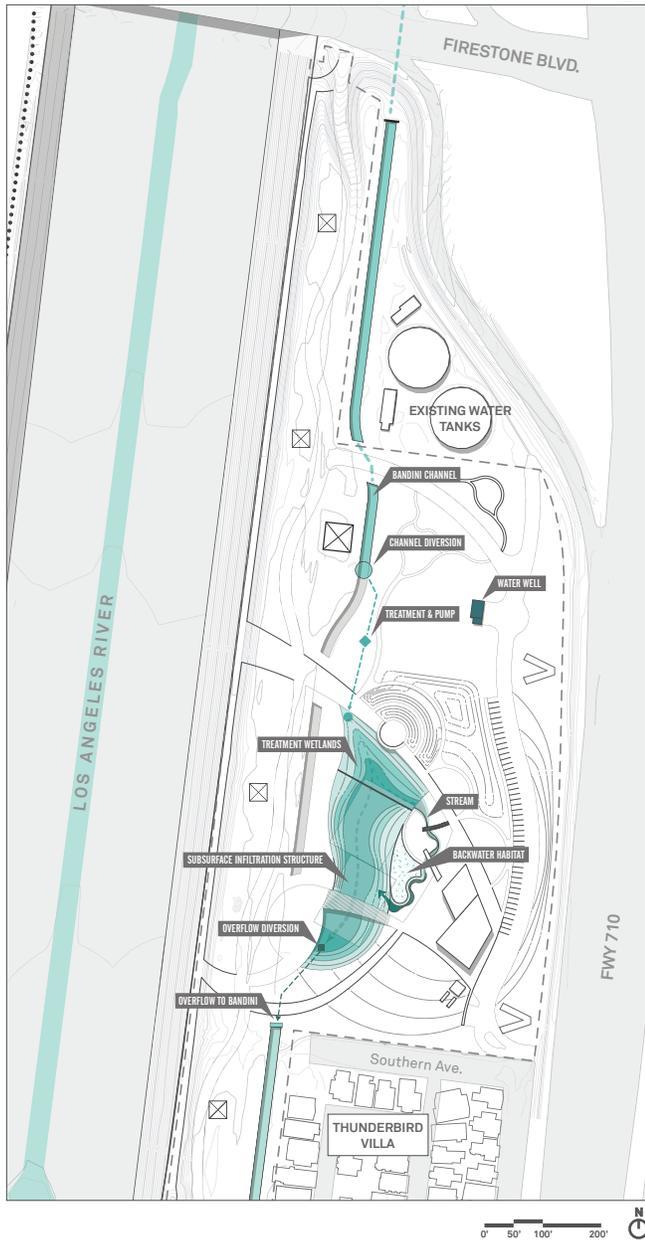
OVERALL PLAN





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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Community Garden
5,000 of Community Gardening Space And Support Building ② Orchard
195 Fruit Tree Orchard ③ Potential Community Building Site
6,000 of Footprint For A Community Building ④ Entry Plaza / Picnic Grove
Shaded Plaza for Community Events and Picnic Area in a Grove of Orchard Trees ⑤ Natural Play Area
Ages 2-12 Play Area Using Natural Components Located in A Naturalized Environment ⑥ Wetland Overlook
A series of gabion walls along a spiral path that leads to an elevated area to view the Wetland, Orchard, and surrounding habitat ⑦ Backwater/Stream Habitat
A backwater storage area for high flood conditions and a constructed natural stream habitat for wildlife | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⑧ Constructed Wetland
A constructed Stormwater wetland used to treat diverted water from Bandini channel and store irrigation water for the orchard ⑨ Parking Lot
47 standard + 2 handicap parking spots and bus loading area for site visitors ⑩ Tree Screen Buffer
Tree massing selected to filter pollution and store carbon while providing framed views into the park ⑪ Multi-use / Exercise Loop
Multi-use trails with exercise equipment at various stages along the decomposed granite pathways ⑫ Native Plant Educational Loop
Winding decomposed granite pathways along native plant habitats with educational signage and gathering areas ⑬ Sculptural Art Location
Areas dedicated for showcasing local sculptors and environmental artists ⑭ Amphitheater
A wetland-adjacent stage and turf slope for community events and educational use ⑮ Potential Future Water Well
One water well building and one chlorination facility building |
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Treatment Wetland



Stream



Multi-Use Path



Pedestrian Path



Treatment Wetland



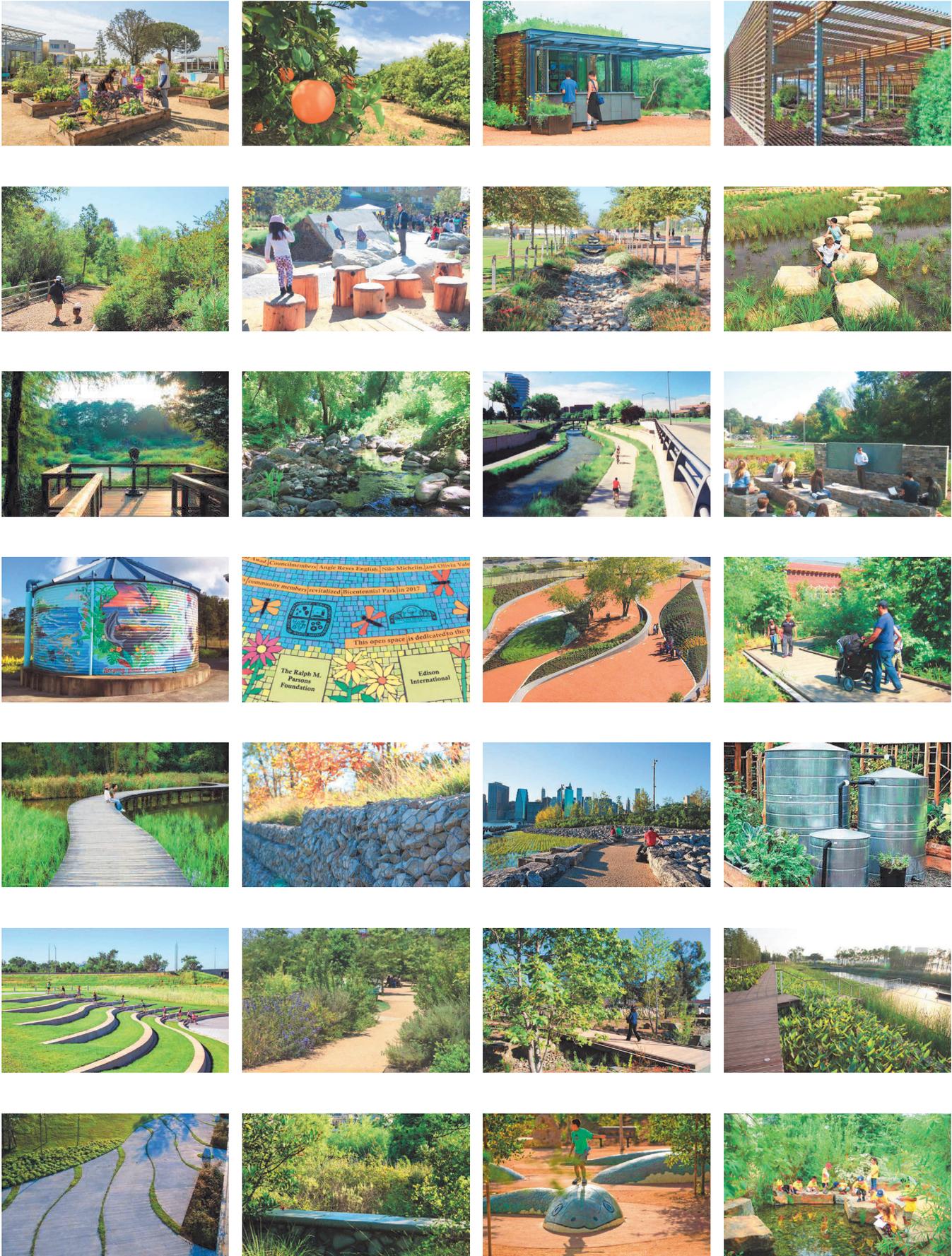
Backwater Habitat



LA River Path



Emergency & Maintenance Path



URBAN ORCHARD
COMMUNITY DESIGN MEETING

A New Park in South Gate!



- Help ensure the park represents the unique cultural heritage of South Gate
- Share your ideas and comments

Come participate!

Refreshments, childcare, and free raffle provided.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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enrique@fromlottospot.org · 323.573.0129

Robin Mark, The Trust for Public Land,
robin.mark@tpl.org · 323.223.0441 x 14

**Saturday,
January 19, 2019
11:00 am-12:30 pm**

**Banquet Room
at
South Gate Park Auditorium
enter through the side entrance**

4900 Southern Ave
South Gate, CA 90280

Working in partnership:



EMPOWERING
NEIGHBORHOODS
ONE VACANT
LOT AT A TIME



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REUNIÓN DE DISEÑO COMUNITARIO

¡Un Nuevo Parque en South Gate!



- Ayude a garantizar que el parque represente el patrimonio cultural único de South Gate
- Comparta sus ideas y comentarios

¡Venga a participar!

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January 28, 2019 – Item 10

RESOLUTION 2019-01

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PLANNING FOR THE URBAN ORCHARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (RMC 17006)

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (“Proposition 1”) and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project meets an objective of the California Water Action Plan for more reliable water supplies, restoration of important species and habitat, more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project meets the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with AB 32; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The grantee has requested a grant from Proposition 1, Section 79731 (f) and Section 79735 (a) of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

- 1 FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and

objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.

- 2 FINDS that the Proposition 1 RMC Grant Program is consistent with the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (“Proposition 1”), which provides funds for the RMC grant program.
- 3 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the purposes of Proposition 1.
- 4 FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan.
- 5 FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan as adopted by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy;
- 6 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 7 ADOPTS the staff report dated January 28, 2019, amending the scope and extending the timeline from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
- 8 AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the following grantee: Trust for Public Land, Planning for the Urban Orchard Development Project (RMC 17006). Funding amount \$845,000.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on January 28, 2019.

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General