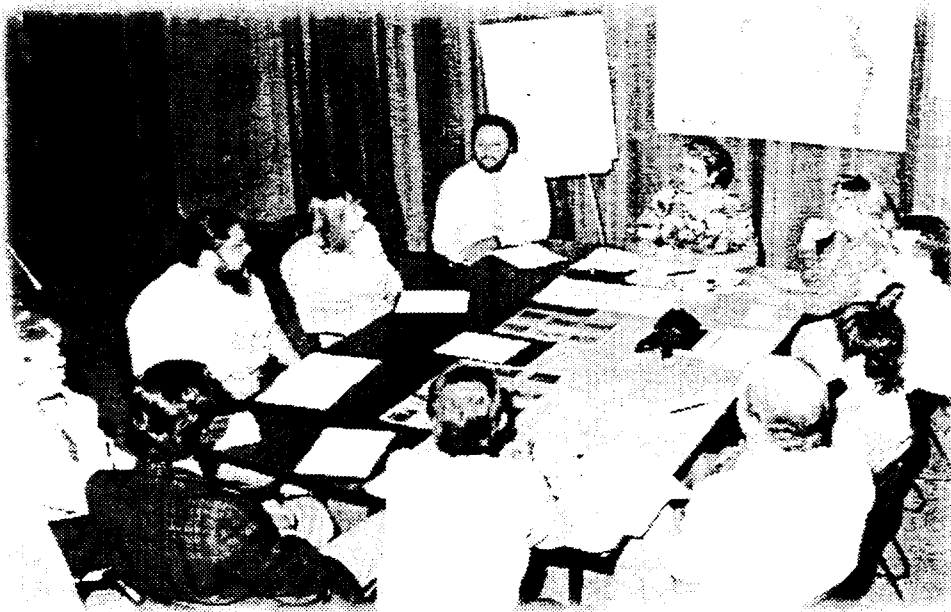


JURISDICTION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The goals and objectives developed by the Advisory Committee for Jurisdiction and Public Involvement are:

Ensure public involvement and coordinate master plan development and implementation among jurisdictions.

- Develop comprehensive planning goals.
 - Integrate public involvement.
- Coordinate Master Plan management.
- Clearly define Master Plan objectives.





A. EXISTING CONDITIONS


JURISDICTIONS


The 51-mile long river lies entirely within Los Angeles County and crosses 13 municipal jurisdictions. Each of these jurisdictions has authority over land directly adjacent to the river. They are responsible for land use decisions and for providing essential services to their residents. Cities adjacent to the Los Angeles River are listed below with approximate miles of riverfront (counting both sides of the river).

MILES OF RIVERFRONT

Bell	6.5
Bell Gardens	1.9 (adjacent to City of Bell riverfront)
Burbank	1.4
Compton	2.1
Cudahy	0.7 (adjacent to City of Bell riverfront)
Glendale	1.1
Long Beach	17.5
Los Angeles	59.5
Lynwood	1.9
Maywood	0.7 (adjacent to City of Bell riverfront)
Paramount	1.6
South Gate	4.6
Vernon	6.7
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>102.9 miles</u>

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the river. In addition to the city jurisdictions, several agencies or private entities also have an interest in the river. Some of these include:

- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
 - Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
 - Los Angeles County Mosquito Abatement District
 - Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
 - California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
 - California Department of Fish and Game
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California Department of Fish and Game
California Coastal Commission
California Department of Water Resources
California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
Southern California Regional Rail Authority
State Lands Commission
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service


Outside the flood control right-of-way, the greatest amount of continuous open space adjacent to the river occurs on land held in fee or as easements by railroads and by public utility districts and companies. These include Southern California Edison, Metropolitan Water District, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, Union Pacific Railroad, Santa Fe Railroad and the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Some other large open areas such as Elysian and Griffith Parks are owned by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

Several areas along the river share overlapping easements held by agencies providing different services. For example, the stretch of river between Los Feliz Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard is owned by the City of Los Angeles. The city has granted a flood control easement to the Corps of Engineers (for maintenance of the flood control channel). The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is the permitting authority for this same reach of the river and those reaches operated and maintained by the Corps. In addition, the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has an easement for the maintenance of their power transmission towers. A goal of the Master Plan is to identify additional multiple uses that could occur in these areas without compromising the public services provided by agencies.

MASTER PLAN PARTICIPATION

The Master Plan process was designed to involve a wide range of participants with an interest in, or responsibility for, the river. The process has included a number of opportunities for participation, as detailed below.





Advisory Committee: The Los Angeles River Advisory Committee has been meeting since September 1992 to oversee the Master Plan development. The committee is comprised of representatives from cities, agencies and citizens' groups with an interest in the river.

Subcommittees: Working with the goals established by the Advisory Committee, subcommittees were created to assist in developing preliminary project and program ideas. These ideas were developed during two workshops in the spring of 1993. Subcommittee members were drawn from community members and agency representatives. They were selected by several means: recommendation by Advisory Committee members, volunteers, representatives from agencies associated with a particular issue and references from people interested in the Master Plan process.


Public workshops: A series of public workshops were held in the fall of 1993 to solicit additional project ideas and to gauge the level of support for the suggestions of the subcommittees. Over 200 people participated in these meetings.

Update Newsletter: A newsletter reporting the progress of the Master Plan has been published semi-annually and distributed to over 400 interested parties.

MASTER PLAN INTENT

The Master Plan has been developed in cooperation with the cities along the river and reflects the intent that these cities will maintain control of redevelopment and other land-use decisions within their jurisdictions. The Master Plan suggests possible land uses and means of implementation, but does not infringe on local jurisdictions' authority or on the rights of private landowners.

The Master Plan was prepared for long-range planning purposes and does not imply a land acquisition commitment. It lists potential funding sources but does not provide funding assurances for projects. This Master Plan provides a framework, with a limited purpose, for jurisdictions to follow. How fully the plan is implemented depends on the interest and commitment of local communities.





B. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Specific project ideas that would facilitate coordination:
 - Develop community coalition to facilitate communication among cities along the river.
 - Distribute a flow chart depicting jurisdictional relationships, land ownership and easements along the river.
 - Develop and support programs that encourage active community participation in the implementation of the Master Plan.
- To share the responsibility of implementing the Master Plan (see Implementation section for a detailed description of each item):
 - Designate and budget for a project manager at the county level.
 - Form an interagency Implementation Team.
 - Establish a Citizens' Advisory Committee.
 - Maintain the Los Angeles River Advisory Committee.
- Use Joint Powers Authorities and Cooperative Agreements to pool resources to address funding, security, maintenance and other issues faced by each jurisdiction. As the river environment is enhanced, public use will increase, resulting in increased costs to adjacent communities. These costs should be shared by all jurisdictions since the benefits will be enjoyed by people throughout the region.

C. CHANGES IN POLICY AND PRACTICES TO SUPPORT JURISDICTION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT GOALS.

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will coordinate the review of all projects for potential impacts to Master Plan goals.
 - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Master Plan project manager will coordinate implementation among jurisdictions and interested groups and assist in project development. (See Implementation section for discussion.)
 - Each city should, wherever possible, include the Master Plan recommendations in their General Plans and/or Capital Improvement Project lists.
 - Each city should actively participate in the on-going Los Angeles River Advisory Committee.
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