

APPENDIX F: MASTER PLAN PROCESS

HIGHLIGHTS AND MILESTONES

- In **July 1991**, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Regional Planning to study the potential compatible uses of the Los Angeles River.
- In **August 1991**, the Planning Team was formed with representatives of the above-mentioned County departments and the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.
- The Planning Team develops a "Blueprint for Action" which outlines the preparation of the Master Plan and includes seven major phases. A time frame of three years, with completion in the fall 1995, is established.
- The first phase, Outreach and Document Review, was completed by the Planning Team in **late 1991**. This report includes a bibliography of existing documents about the river and a master mailing list of agencies, groups and individuals interested in the river.
- In **May 1992**, the first newsletter was published announcing the beginning phases of the Master Plan process, completion of the outreach and document review phase and a listing of river activities.
- The introductory meeting of the Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee was held in **September 1992**. Thirty-nine representatives of cities adjacent to the river, citizen interest groups and state and federal agencies generate issues and ideas to be addressed in the Master Plan.
- In **November 1992**, a second newsletter was published announcing formation of the Advisory Committee and a list of topics to be addressed. Also, the purpose of the Master Plan was stated.
- During the early part of **1993**, the Planning Team held a number of subcommittee meetings to discuss and formulate objectives on six issue areas as well as biological resources for the Los Angeles River.
- At a **February 1993** workshop, the Master Plan Advisory Committee developed a set of goals and preliminary project ideas to be presented and discussed at upcoming community meetings.
- In **April 1993**, a third newsletter was published listing the Master Plan's goals based on the issue areas and developed by the Advisory Committee. A Scope of Work program was also provided showing the various phases.
- In **August 1993**, the Planning Team and the Advisory Committee issued a Progress Report at the completion of Phases A and B, the Outreach Phase established the Advisory Committee and Analysis Phase included the history of the river, resource maps, planning issues and potential funding ideas.
- In the **summer of 1993**, the Planning Team completed the mapping of existing conditions along the River, including recreation facilities, publicly owned land, wildlife habitat areas, residential densities, land uses, transportation facilities, and community destination points.
- In **October 1993**, a fourth newsletter was published announcing the six public workshops scheduled across the County and near the River to gather project ideas and input from the community. A brief summary on the Master Plan's program was also provided.
- During **October and November of 1993**, the public was invited to share ideas for the Los Angeles River Master Plan at a series of public workshops held throughout the communities along the River.

- In response to the priorities expressed by participants at the public workshops, the Advisory Committee evaluated potential short-term demonstration projects and based on specific criteria, selected four projects which would accomplish the first step towards Master Plan implementation. A report outlining potential demonstration projects was released for public review.
- In **April 1994**, a fifth newsletter was published discussing the public workshops' results and listed four potential demonstration projects.
- Beginning in **July** and ending in **September of 1994**, the Planning Team met with 22 individual cities and nearly all City of Los Angeles Council Districts that are adjacent to the River. The purpose of these meetings was to present the Master Plan work completed to date and to solicit specific project and program information and ideas on a community by community level and determine if local needs could be addressed through the Master Plan.
- In **November 1994**, a sixth newsletter was published listing information gathered from meeting with staff from all the impacted Cities along the River. Also, an update on the draft Master Plan report was provided.
- In **February 1995**, the Planning Team completed the Phase C report, Master Plan Formulation, which consisted of soliciting public participation and input and a discussion of various funding sources for Master Plan implementation. Also in February, the Implementation Subcommittee was formed to begin working on a framework for the Master Plan's Implementation Phase.
- In **April 1995**, the draft Mapping component for the Los Angeles River Master Plan was transmitted to the Advisory Committee and affected agencies for review and comment. The report contained maps that identified existing facilities and recommended improvements for the entire 51-mile river corridor and Tujunga Wash. Conceptual images of recommended projects were also incorporated.
- In **May 1995**, a draft of the Regional Context section of the Master Plan was completed and circulated to Advisory Committee members for review and comment.
- In **July 1995**, the Implementation Subcommittee met to discuss the environmental documentation for the Master Plan, the Advisory Committee's release of the Master Plan and possible ways of incorporating the Master Plan into city general plans.
- In **September 1995**, the draft Los Angeles River Master Plan was distributed to the Advisory Committee for review and comment.
- In **December 1995**, Sapphos Environmental was hired to complete an environmental document for the project.
- In **January 1996**, Implementation Team begins process of forming community assistance contacts, support/approval from cities, and focused funding effort.
- In **March 1996**, release of Final Master Plan - cities to adopt.
- In **June 1996**, adoption by Board of Supervisors.