

#### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC) is opposed to the Central Service Yard Master Plan report submitted by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) for the Central Service Yard (CSY) located at 3900 Chevy Chase Drive. Despite repeated requests for community input, including the submission of a Community Impact Statement on March 17, 2015, requesting stakeholder input, and inquiries with the Council District 13 office, zero community outreach was conducted in the formulation of this Master Plan.

#### Community Impact Statement

As pointed out by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (whose district includes Atwater Village and the CSY) in his motion passed by the Arts, Park, Health, Aging and River Committee on April 25, 2014, the CSY "sits on prime riverfront real estate". The consolidation of current utilization to allow for space for public use and enjoyment represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give residents and other stakeholders a true stake in the revitalization plans of the L.A. River.

Sadly, almost four years later, a Master Plan has been developed with a price tag of in excess of \$300 million without any community engagement and involvement whatsoever. It appears for that princely sum, the public will get a plot of grass. In fact, the Master Plan highlights a missed opportunity with an approximately 40,000 square foot warehouse which could be re-purposed for community use, but ZERO dollars are allocated for any such work.

RAP and BOE missed the first step of community engagement, and now the project has gotten off on the wrong foot. This committee should instruct RAP to work with the AVNC, residents and other stakeholders to revise the Master Plan to include community input as to the future use of the CSY property which is part of the Griffith Park Land Grant, and to truly realize the potential of this "prime riverfront real estate".