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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(5) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT WE CHAMPION THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. Convert the Sepulveda Basin into a climate-adaptive “central” park for San Fernando Valley residents.
2. Improve and expand access to the 2,000-acre parkland and its amenities for the surrounding communities, especially for disadvantaged communities (DAC).
3. Employ nature-based solutions to mitigate climate change and restore ecosystem functions to the Los Angeles River and tributaries in the Sepulveda Basin.
4. Optimize groundwater recharge to maximize local water supplies and buffer against periods of drought.
5. Increase detention capacity to reduce flood risk for downstream and surrounding communities.
6. Protect and expand wildlife habitat and biodiversity within the Sepulveda Basin.
7. Incorporate indigenous stewardship principles into the laws and policies governing the Sepulveda Basin’s development.
8. Incorporate environmental justice principles and practices to protect the affordability and social fabric of surrounding communities.
9. Build a strong community-based coalition that ensures design decisions positively impact water, land use, and climate change.
10. Build on The River Project’s work to “Reimagine the Sepulveda Basin.” Please see attached document for our full statement.



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Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area / Los Angeles Rams / Los Angeles Olympic Committee

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE RE-ENVISIONING OF THE SEPULVEDA BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sepulveda Basin encompasses over 2,000 acres of federally owned land and nearly eight miles of Los Angeles river and tributaries, and affords unparalleled opportunities to demonstrate large-scale and forward-thinking restoration implementing nature-based solutions;

WHEREAS, residents of Los Angeles and the State of California are facing unprecedented challenges posed by the effects of climate change—including record-breaking temperatures, shrinking snowpacks and reservoirs, drought, floods, and an increasing number of wildfires;

WHEREAS, faced with the impacts of climate change, we can and must increase our efforts to unite in protecting the natural world we depend on and incorporating principles of stewardship into our laws, policies, and individual lives;

WHEREAS, historically, the Los Angeles River and its watershed have supported abundant ecosystems, making the area a biodiversity “hotspot”;

WHEREAS, a nature-based approach connecting water decisions to land use and climate change will secure a healthier future for ourselves and our children;

WHEREAS, conservation of water, floodplain reclamation, watershed restoration, and aquifer recharge would create new and much-needed safeguards (as outlined in The River Project's [Sepulveda Basin Restoration Feasibility Study](#)) for our communities, cities, and state;

WHEREAS, a broad spectrum of support from federal, state, county, and city agencies would provide a cohesive plan—as opposed to an *ad hoc* approach—to restore the Los Angeles River and its tributaries in the Sepulveda Basin to their natural flow; and

WHEREAS, reconfiguration of the Sepulveda Basin will provide a new urban model for other cities across the country and around the world, and therefore,

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This statement passed in a meeting held in accordance with the Brown Act on January 17, 2023 with a vote of 8 yes, 5 abstain.