

5/2/18 Ballona Creek Task Force – report outs

During the task force meeting, the attendees were separated into six tables focusing on different subject areas. They were asked to discuss potential improvements and conditions related to their subjects.

Table 1 – water

-) Existing: water diversion + treatment (6 million gallon diversion daily and 3 million placed back into creek)
-) Divert some of treated water to storage facility to irrigate Culver City park (program)
 - o Purple-pipe program
 - o Could also irrigate some of the naturalized areas along the creek, and allow infiltration or flow back into creek
-) California Greenworks project may allow for some water capture and treatment w/green infrastructure (bioswales, etc.)
 - o CC could provide floating wetlands in creek or similar green infra.
-) LA River:
 - o USACE permitting base flow diversion to create wetlands along river
 - o Structure and function are key focuses

Table 2 – natural environment

-) Goal – maximize naturalization
-) Just east of Ballona Wetlands, and then upstream by Hayden Tract and Baldwin Hills
-) West end naturalization:
 - o Confluence of Creek and wetlands
 - o Viewing platform and passive recreation area, with signage, viewing scopes, bird blinds, etc.
 - o So emphasis on habitat and education/passive interaction with space
 - o Challenge – privately owned and currently considered for development
-) Hayden:
 - o Need for upstream attention
 - o Greenspace with storm water capture, infiltration, native vegetation, recreation opportunities
 - o Next steps: outreach to business community in Hayden, but more broadly to residences
 - o Funding: Prop 68
 - o Challenge: Long-term operation/maintenance...but parcel tax [safe clean water] (if passed) would provide monetary resource

Table 3 – connections/mobility

-) East end connection: Baldwin/Hayden and Metro (program)
 - o Bridge that would connect Baldwin Stairs area to Inglewood oil fields region (north to south)
 - o Westside central park
 - o Prop 40, 12, 1 have historically served as funding sources
 - o P2P plan currently has plans to develop connections...prop 68 may serve as possible source of funding
 - o Cap and Trade funds could also provide funding
-) Inglewood and Centinela (program)
 - o Emphasis on bus/bike
 - o Major bike paths north and south of creek that could serve as connections

Table 4 – design

-) Westside south bank – create multi-functional terracing (program)
 - o Would create south bank pedestrian path
 - o Water filtration

- Has ebb/flow to allow for social gathering
- Solar powered lighting
-) Network of bridges (program)
 - Multi-functional
 - Garden bridge (green space, solar canopy, etc.)
 - Bridges would connect south/north bank
-) Adopt-A-Creek as a funding resource

Table 5 – arts and culture

-) Program: Center that explores cultural and scientific aspects of Ballona Creek
 - Recognizes Tongva history in the region
 - Climate change adaptation focus as well
 - Part of West LA College – adjacent to Ballona
 - Urban space further east on
-) Incubator space (program)
 - Research and studies
 - Space for creativity, with emphasis on Ballona

Table 6 – economic development

-) Overland to National: give properties adjacent to creek incentive to provide amenities
 - 1% creek fund (similar to the 1% art fund) [policy]
 - Residences/commercial would have opportunity to re-zone
-) Objective = activate the space
 - Incentivize residential/commercial
 - Residential properties would be able to split property so creek end could provide space for commercial or recreational activity
 - Need connections to neighborhoods and both sides of creek to activate
-) Creating the activity will mitigate concerns about the Creek space
-) Summary: Overlay zoning, then implement property by property
 - Incorporate maintenance component into contracts
-) Stakeholders: get their perspective and feedback to ensure robust roll-out