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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

March 8, 1996

Mr. Chris Stone  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Los Angeles River Master Plan Draft Programmatic ND/EA  
Planning Division, 11th Floor  
900 South Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, California 91083-1331

Dear Mr. Stone:

Draft Programmatic Negative Declaration/  
Environmental Assessment for the Los Angeles River Master Plan

We have received the Draft Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Los Angeles River Master Plan (Plan). The project proponent, the Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee (Committee), proposes to provide a long-term plan for the optimization and enhancement of the Los Angeles River and Tujunga Wash as multiple-use resources through flood control and water conservation activities, and through recreational, environmental, and aesthetic improvements. The comments herein represent the response of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) as a potentially affected public agency.

As stated in Metropolitan's response to the Los Angeles River Master Plan Draft Report dated November 28, 1995 (enclosed), Metropolitan appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Committee and is supportive of water management strategies that provide local and regional water supply benefits.

The Los Angeles River watershed provides opportunities for positive water resources management, such as conservation of stormwater runoff, water recycling, and groundwater recharge. One of the goals of the Plan, as developed by the Committee, is to "consider stormwater management alternatives." Metropolitan remains concerned that the Plan contains no activities that would expand conservation of stormwater runoff and develop multiple-use flood control facilities to allow for increased stormwater detention/retention, provide additional recreational facilities, and create wildlife and riparian habitat. However, we understand that these issues are being addressed, at least in part, by the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Water Conservation and Supply Study that is being jointly conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mr. Chris Stone

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Our review of the Negative Declaration/EA indicates that Metropolitan has nine facilities in the area of the proposed project. Metropolitan's Long Beach Lateral, Second Lower Feeder, Middle Feeder, West Coast Feeder, Middle Cross Feeder, Palos Verdes Feeder, Santa Monica Feeder, Sepulveda Feeder, and East Valley Feeder cross or are adjacent to proposed improvement areas. The enclosed maps show Metropolitan's facilities in relation to the proposed project. It will be necessary for the Committee to consider these facilities in its project planning.

No. 3

In order to avoid potential conflicts with Metropolitan's facilities, we request that preliminary engineering design drawings or improvement plans for any activity in the area of Metropolitan's pipelines and rights-of-way be submitted for our review and written approval. You may obtain detailed prints of drawings of Metropolitan's pipelines and rights-of-way by calling Metropolitan's Substructures Information Line at (213) 217-6564. To assist you in preparing plans that are compatible with Metropolitan's facilities and easements, we have enclosed a copy of the "Guidelines for Developments in the Area of Facilities, Fee Properties, and/or Easements of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California." Please note that all submitted designs or plans must clearly identify Metropolitan's facilities and rights-of-way.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide input to your planning process. If we can be of further assistance, please contact me at (213) 217-6242.

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Very truly yours,

Laura J. Simonek  
Principal Environmental Specialist

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Enclosures

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 350 South Grand Avenue, P.O. Box 54153, Los Angeles, California 90071. Laura J. Simonek, Principal Environmental Specialist. March 8, 1996.

***Response to Comment No. 1***

Thank you for your letter of support.

***Response to Comment No. 2***

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works concurs with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's concerns related to identifying opportunities for positive water resources management, such as conservation of stormwater runoff, water recycling, and groundwater recharge. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is currently investigating two water conservation programs: *Los Angeles County Drainage Area Water Conservation and Supply-Hansen Dam and Lopez Dam* and *Los Angeles County Drainage Area Water Conservation and Supply - Santa Fe and Whittier Narrows Dams*. The project coordinator for the water conservation project is:

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As indicated on Page 2-1 of Section 2.0 of the Draft Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment, the primary purpose of the Los Angeles River is to provide flood protection. Flood Management and Water Conservation is one of the six major categories of improvements identified in the *Los Angeles River Master Plan*. Within the context of the Master Plan, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can consider proposals for flood management and water conservation projects that are consistent with the existing primary purpose of flood control for the Los Angeles River. Such projects would need to comply with the assumptions in the Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment regarding the ability to reduce impacts below the level of significance. Water conservation projects that have the potential to result in significant impacts not capable of being reduced below the level of significance would likely require supplemental environmental documentation focussed on the specific environmental issues of concern.

***Response to Comment No. 3***

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Please reference the "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record, for the appropriate incorporations to Section 5.12.2 (page 5-76). The locations of the nine referenced facilities have been incorporated on to Sheet Nos. 9, 16, 22, 23, 34, 60, 72, 73 and 98.

***Response to Comment No. 4***

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Please reference the "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record, for the appropriate incorporations to Section 2.2.

***Response to Comment No.5***

Thank you for your response. Your comments will be provided to the Board of Supervisors for consideration in the project decision making process.

LOCAL



CITY OF BURBANK  
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March 8, 1998

David Yamahara  
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Dear Mr Yamahara:

We have reviewed the draft negative declaration your department has prepared for the proposed Los Angeles River Master Plan. We specifically focused on those improvements that would be located adjacent to, or within the City of Burbank, and the concerns expressed by the various City Departments.

We have a number of concerns regarding both the draft negative declaration and the draft Los Angeles River Master Plan. One of the primary concerns the City of Burbank has is that the bicycle and equestrian trail improvements proposed in the Los Angeles Master Plan provide the appropriate connecting links between the regional trail systems and our local systems, and that the trail improvements adjacent to the Los Angeles Equestrian Center (LAEC) be compatible with the proposed bridge that would link the LAEC to Forest Lawn Drive. The proposed bridge has been discussed at length over an extended period of time by staff from the Cities of Burbank, Glendale and the City of Los Angeles, and it should be provided for in the proposed Los Angeles River Master Plan.

No. 1

The City of Burbank Infrastructure Blueprint and our proposed City Bikeway Master Plan also recommend the extension of Buena Vista Street across the Los Angeles River to Forest Lawn Drive. The extension would include a bicycle lane which would link our local system, and the regional system which crosses Burbank, with the proposed Los Angeles River Commuter Bike Lane. This connecting link should also be shown in the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

No. 2

We are also concerned about reference to an existing equestrian bridge across the River approximately opposite Keystone Street into a confined portion of the City of Los Angeles on the Burbank side of the River known as the "Polliwog Pond" area. This bridge does not currently exist as indicated in your Plan, however, the Polliwog area is isolated, and additional equestrian access would be a benefit, therefore we encourage your retention of this bridge as a new facility.

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In addition, we are also concerned about reference to economic improvement areas next to the Warner Brothers Studios at Olive Avenue. The City of Burbank has just approved a Master Plan for the Warner Brothers Studios which included specific development provisions for this portion of their property, and the City is very concerned that any suggested future development be compatible with the approved Warner Brothers Master Plan. Our recommendation would be for you to delete reference to these two economic improvement areas from your Plan.

No. 4

An additional comment from the Police Department, dated March 4, 1996, is attached which calls attention to the limited sidewalk width around the Olive Avenue crossing of the River and the related concerns for pedestrian safety.

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Another concern we have is the maintenance responsibility for the proposed bicycle and equestrian trail facilities and landscape improvements. We do not presently have any funds designated in our operating budget for the maintenance of the proposed facilities, and would need to discuss any future maintenance plans before the City would consider formal adoption of the proposed Los Angeles River Master Plan as part of our General Plan.

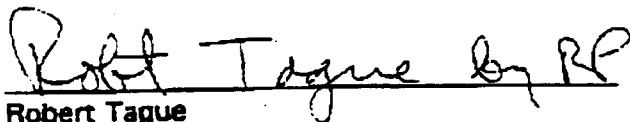
No. 6

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the draft negative declaration for the Los Angeles River Master Plan. Please keep us informed on the progress of this project and any other to participate in the planning process.

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Sincerely,

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Robert Tague  
Community Development Director

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City of Burbank  
MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 1996  
To : Roger Baker, Sr. Planner  
From: David P. Newsham, Chief of Police  
Subject: Los Angeles River Mater Plan  
Draft Negative Declaration



The areas of concern that we see concern security along the Riverwalk from the Universal City Walk to Warner Brothers Studios. This would also involve any Vista Points at the Barham Bridge that would be planned.

If pedestrians are going to be encouraged along the Barham Bridge and Olive Ave. in front of Warner Brothers Studios then the sidewalks directly in front of the WB Studios need to be widened. There are palm trees all along this route and it narrows down the space available to walk, and if this gets a lot of foot traffic they might end up trying to walk along the gutter in a very dangerous traffic lane.

At this time we see no other concerns.



City of Burbank, Community Development Department, 275 East Olive Avenue, P.O. Box 6459, Burbank, CA 91510-6459. Robert Tague, Community Development Director. March 6, 1996.

***Response to Comment No. 1***

Sheet No. 57 identifies a location for a potential bridge crossing from Forest Lawn to the equestrian center. A project proponent for construction of this equestrian bridge has not been identified. Construction of this facility would require coordination between the proponents and the City of Burbank, City of Glendale, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

***Response to Comment No. 2***

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works intends for the Master Plan to be continually updated. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works should be notified in writing at the time that the City of Burbank *City Bikeway Master Plan* is approved. The notification should include a reference to the appropriate Map Sheets in the *Master Plan* and a textual and graphic illustration of the recommended amendments. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works will then forward the recommended amendments to the Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee for consideration.

Connections of proposed improvements along the Los Angeles River with other local facilities is consistent recreation project improvements described on pages 2-11 and 2-12 of the Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment.

***Response to Comment No. 3***

See "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record for correction to Sheet No. 58 of Section 2.3 of the Programmatic Negative Declaration/ Environmental Assessment. Corresponding changes have been made to the *Master Plan*.

***Response to Comment No. 4***

Thank you for making us aware of the recently approved Master Plan for the Warner Brothers Studios which includes the portion of the Los Angeles River Master Plan area shown on Sheet 60 of Section 2.3 of the Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment. See "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record for corrections to Sheet No. 60 of Section 2.3 and incorporation of corresponding information as an addition to Section 5.1.2 (page 5-7) of the Programmatic Draft Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment.

***Response to Comment No. 5***

Thank you for the information regarding the need to widen sidewalks in the vicinity of the Warner Bros. studios. This issue would need to be addressed by a site-specific project proponent. The information provided is addressed in the "Corrections, Additions, Deletions" section of this Memorandum for the Record for incorporation in Section 5.11.5 (page 5-68) of the Programmatic

Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment.

***Response to Comment No. 6***

Currently no funding has been identified for bicycle and equestrian trail facilities and landscape improvements. The project proponent for the proposed improvements would be responsible for identify and securing funding for construction, operation, and maintenance prior to initiating work on the proposed improvements. Such improvements would need to be coordinated with effected jurisdictions. Appendix E of the *Master Plan* identifies potential sources of funding.

***Response to Comment No. 7***

Thank you. Your comments will be available to the Board of Supervisors for consideration during the decision making process for the *Master Plan*.

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Dear Chris:

### LOS ANGELES RIVER DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City Planning Department staff for projects within the River area have reviewed the draft and recommend the following corrections to Sheet 66 and to text page 2-26:

Sheet 66: the notation "potential riverside park," which appears on the south side of the River, should be corrected to reflect the accompanying text for that sheet and to avoid any issues regarding inverse condemnation.

The property is privately owned. The City would like to encourage its development with a commercial river frontage use which is integrated with recreational uses associated with the river.

Therefore we recommend that wording similar to that shown on Sheet 67 be substituted. Our preference would be the following language so as to underscore planning efforts in the area.

1. Indicate that the property is "Existing commercial."
2. Site development: "potential aesthetic, economic and/or recreation improvements to connect with trails and river."

Text, page 2-26 for Sheet 101: minor typographical error, Hansen is misspelled and words are run-on.

Very truly yours,

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**City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning, Citywide Planning Division, 221 South Figueroa Street, Suite 410, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Anne V. Howell, City Planner. March 6, 1996.**

***Response to Comment No. 1***

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Please reference the "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record, for the appropriate incorporations to Section 2.3, Table 2.2.-1 (page 2-22).

***Response to Comment No. 2***

Please reference the "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record, for the appropriate incorporations to Section 2.3, Table 2.2.-1 (page 2-26).



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11 March 1996

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Attention: Mr. Chris Stone, Project Manager  
Los Angeles River Master Plan Draft Programatic ND/EA  
Planning Division, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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**COMMENTS ON LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN DRAFT PROGRAMATIC ND/EA**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-captioned document. Staff of the Bureau's Program Management Division, Environmental Management Section reviewed the document and determined that it appears to adequately address the relevant state and city provisions related to implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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Please send a copy of the final ND/EA to Mr. Brian McRae of my staff at the above address, Suite 600.

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Sincerely,

Robert S. Horii  
City Engineer

By: Wayne M. Savaria  
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City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, 650 S. Spring Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA, 90014-1911. Wayne M. Savaria, Division Engineer, Program Management Division. March 11, 1996.

***Response to Comment No. 1***

Thank you for your letter supporting the *Master Plan*.

***Response to Comment No. 2***

A copy of the final Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment will be forwarded as requested.



Department of Water and Power



the City of Los Angeles

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March 8, 1996

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Dear Mr. Stone:

Los Angeles River Master Plan (Plan)  
Draft Programmatic Negative Declaration/  
Environmental Assessment (Draft ND/EA)

Thank you for offering the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) the opportunity to provide comments on your Draft ND/EA as requested in a letter dated February 9, 1996.

The Draft ND/EA provides the overall characteristics and environmental effects of the Plan. As incremental elements of the Plan are considered, agencies will evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed activity to determine if their effects were fully analyzed in the programmatic ND/EA. The Los Angeles River (River) area discussed in the Draft ND/EA stretches from its headwaters in the San Fernando Valley to the Los Angeles Harbor. Some of the major tributaries along this stretch of the River are also included. The Draft ND/EA addresses aesthetic improvements, economic development, environmental enhancements, flood management and water conservation, jurisdiction, public involvement, and recreation.

LADWP has completed review of the Draft ND/EA and provides the following comments for inclusion into the Final ND/EA:

The method that is used to illustrate LADWP's transmission line (TL) right-of-way (RW) on the drawings is appropriate for this stage of the process. However, some of the TL RW locations are

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not shown. These locations are shown in yellow in the enclosed marked-up sheets. The sheets are listed as follows:

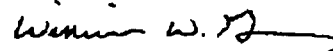
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Reach No. 2	Vernon	33
Reach No. 3	Los Angeles	34, 36 and 40
Reach No. 4	Los Angeles	42 and 48; Also label 57
Reach No. 5	Los Angeles	82

Further, the following addition (underlined) should be incorporated into the draft ND/EA:

Page 5-77, section 5.12.4, second paragraph: Landscaping and tree planting proposed within the existing electrical transmission facility easements will be required to conform to Southern California Edison, and City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power rules and regulations which include requirements of tree height, and access. Proposed recreation uses and aesthetic improvements within the TLRW will be evaluated by the utilities on a case-by-case basis. Segments of any particular project may have to be realigned due to TLRW public safety and security considerations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments on this Draft ND/EA. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any issues, please contact Mr. Richard P. Franklin of my staff at (213) 367-0338.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM W. GLAUZ  
Director of Environmental Assessment

Enclosures

c: Mr. Richard P. Franklin w/Enclosures

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City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power, 111 North Hope Street, P.O. Box 111, Los Angeles, CA 90051-0100. William W. Glauz, Director of Environmental Assessment. March 8, 1996.

***Response to Comment No. 1***

Thank you for bringing this information to our attention. See "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record for incorporation of the requested information on Sheets 21, 22, 23, 33, 34, 36, 40, 42, 48, 57, and 82 in Section 2.3 of the Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment.

***Response to Comment No. 2***

The requested revisions to Section 5.12.4 (page 5-77) have been included in the "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record.

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**SUBJECT: Los Angeles River Master Plan  
 Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (Draft ND/EA)**

Dear Mr. Stone:

Thank you for giving the Southern California Edison Company the opportunity to review and comment on the subject document. Edison has made a strong commitment to maintaining and improving our global and local environment. We commend the effort and cooperation that has gone into the development of the Los Angeles River Master Plan and the opportunity it represents to enhance the quality of life in the greater Los Angeles area.

Edison's environmental concerns extend to the restoration and improvement of wildlife habitats. This plan should be coordinated with other regional biodiversity planning efforts including the Palos Verdes Peninsula Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) and the Los Angeles National Forest Management Plan. In so doing, the plan should provide for corridors connecting habitats and allowing wildlife movement and genetic flow.

It should also be recognized that this is a bio-regional planning effort which should be coordinated with appropriate staff at the resource agencies, including the U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish and Game and California Coastal Commission and non-profits and environmental organizations such as the Audubon Society, Sierra Club and Endangered Habitats League.

Portions of the proposed project are located within Edison's service territory and the electric loads of the site specific plans are within the parameters of the overall projected load growth which we are planning to meet in these areas.

Unless the demand for electrical generating capacity exceeds our estimates, and provided that there are no unexpected outages to major sources of electrical supply, we expect to meet our electrical requirements for the next several years.

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Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
 Attention Mr. Chris Stone, Project Manager  
 March 11, 1996  
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In addition, the relocation, reconstruction, extension or undergrounding of Edison's electrical distribution system which may be necessitated by activities within the proposed project area will be performed by Edison in accordance with Edison's effective Tariff Schedules approved by and filed with the California Public Utilities Commission.

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Also, our review reveals that Edison has easements adjacent to and within the boundaries of the proposed project area. In addition to providing unrestricted access within the right of way for operation and maintenance of existing facilities, these easements contain other restrictions which could affect the usability or development of a portion of the property within the proposed project area.

No. 4

Edison is concerned that any related development could impact the free and complete exercise of its existing easements. Consequently, Edison respectfully requests that prior to approval of any proposed improvements, enhancements and/or restrictions on the project area which is the subject of this proposed study area, that the owner of the property provide to Edison site improvement, grading and drainage plans such that Edison may make a determination, on the strength of such plans, that the proposed improvements, enhancements and/or restrictions will not unreasonably interfere with Edison's easement rights.

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This letter should not be construed as a subordination of Edison's rights, title and interest in said easements, nor should this letter be construed as a waiver of any of the provisions contained in said easements, or a waiver of costs for relocation of any affected facilities.

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Please place me on the mailing list to receive any future documents or determinations regarding this proposed project. Information may be sent to me at 1190 Durfee Avenue, South El Monte, California 91733.

No. 7

Thank you again for the opportunity to review this proposed project and if additional information is required with respect to the above, please contact me at (818) 302-0210.

Very truly yours,

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

By

Donna G. Lee  
Local Governmental Affairs

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Southern California Edison, 1190 Durfee Avenue, Suite 200, South El Monte, CA 91733. Donna G. Lee, Local Governmental Affairs. March 11, 1996.

***Response to Comment No. 1***

Thank you for your letter of support.

***Response to Comment No. 2***

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works concurs with the concerns for restoration and improvement of wildlife habitats identified by Southern California Edison. As indicated on Page 2-1 of Section 2.0 of the Draft Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment, the primary purpose of the Los Angeles River is to provide flood protection. Environmental Enhancement is one of the six major categories of improvements identified in the *Los Angeles River Master Plan*. The *Master Plan* project area is physically separated from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Natural Communities Conservation Plan area by urban land uses including residential, commercial, and industrial. Suitable areas for revegetation with native plant materials have been identified in Sheet Nos. 1 through 101 and Table 2.2-1 of Section 2.3.

The *Master Plan* and Draft Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment were distributed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, and the California Coastal Commission for review and comment. No comments were received from these agencies.

The *Master Plan* under consideration in the Programmatic Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment is the result of a four-year (and continuing) effort by the Los Angeles River Advisory Committee formed in 1992. As noted in Appendix A of the *Master Plan*, the Sierra Club has participated as a member of the Los Angeles River Task Force. The Audubon Society and Endangered Habitats League have not participated in the planning process. If these organizations are interested in providing input to the planning process they should submit a letter of interest to Mr. Chris Stone, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Planning Division, 11th Floor, 900 south Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA, 91803-1391. No comments were received from these environmental organizations.

***Response to Comment No. 3***

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Please reference the "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record, for the appropriate incorporations to Section 5.12.1 (page 5.12.1c).

***Response to Comment No. 4***

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Please reference the "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record, for the appropriate incorporations to Section 5.12.2 (page 5.12.2b).

***Response to Comment No. 5***

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Please reference the "Corrections, Additions, and Deletions" Section of this Memorandum for the Record, for the appropriate incorporations to Section 2.2 and Section 5.12.4 (page 5-77 a and b).

***Response to Comment No. 6***

Thank you for your response. Comment has been acknowledged.

***Response to Comment No. 7***

Thank you for your response.

A copy of the final Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment will be forwarded as requested.