



The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers
WATERSHED COUNCIL



Nature Needs Water Too

Hosted by:

The Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council

and

The Aquarium of the Pacific

October 22nd 2009, 9:30 am-7 pm

MWD



With a keynote by Senator Fran Pavley, Co-author of AB 32

What happens to the ecology of the river as we increase recycling and infiltration to augment ground water supplies? How do we ensure healthy ecosystems, habitats and species at the same time that we attempt to bring stability to water supply and make the river friendlier to human uses? Join the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council and the Aquarium of the Pacific for a discussion that attempts to answer these and other important questions related to the health of the LA River.

Join us as we jointly develop an informed understanding of the issues as well as the decision trade-offs, and then develop cross-cutting solutions. The program, including the strategies developed by each break-out group, will be summarized and published in the watershed council's WatershedWise magazine and on both the council's and the aquarium's websites.

9:30am: Welcome

Suja Lowenthal, Councilmember, City of Long Beach and Boardmember, MWD

Introduction to the Day

Nancy L.C. Steele, Executive Director, Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council

Framing the Issue

Jerry Schubel, President and CEO, Aquarium of the Pacific

10:15: 360 Degree Perspective: We set out the challenge by looking at different perspectives on the LA River so that achieve healthy ecosystems, stabilize water supply, and add recreational opportunities.

- 1) The Historical Landscape
Eric Stein, SCCWRP
- 2) Hydrology of the River Today and Plans for Revitalization
Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, City of LA
- 3) Needs of the Aquatic Habitat
Christine Whitcraft, California State University, Long Beach (invited)
- 4) Water Recycling and In River Flows
Tom Erb, LA DWP
- 5) Managing the Watershed: Flood Control, Water Supply, and Habitat
Mark Pestrella, Los Angeles County DPW

12:30-1:30: LUNCH

1:30 – 2:30: Speaker Panel Discussion

2:30 – 4:00: Breakout Sessions: Looking at the Future: Given the economic and political realities, how do we resolve the issues and achieve the objectives? Each breakout group addresses the same set of provided questions and identifies 5 cross cutting solutions and strategies.

4:00 – 4:45: Closing panel of facilitators discussing the strategies and solutions. Interactive dialogue with audience

4:45: BREAK

5:00: Closing Keynote Speech

Senator Fran Pavley, District 23

5:30: Closing Remarks

Nancy L.C. Steele and Jerry Schubel

5:30 – 7:00: Reception