

HEALTHY RIVER, THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Thursday, September 27

- 8:00 - 9:00** **Registration and Networking Breakfast**
Main Plaza
- 9:00 - 9:40** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
- Eileen Alduenda, Council for Watershed Health
 - Maren Dougherty, Autry Museum of the American West
 - Steve Arakawa, President, Council for Watershed Health
 - Enrique Zaldivar, LASAN
 - Mayor Emily Gabel-Luddy, City of Burbank
- 9:40 - 9:50** **A Watershed Moment**
- Mark Pestrella, Director of Public Works, County of Los Angeles
- 9:50 - 10:40** **Setting the Stage for The Los Angeles River Watershed**
- Introduction – Mas Dojiri, LA Sanitation and Environment
 - A History of the Los Angeles River – Travis Longcore, University of Southern California
 - Hydrology of the Los Angeles River Watershed – Mark Hanna, Geosyntec
 - Monitoring the LA River From 2008 to Today – Yareli Sanchez, Council for Watershed Health
- 10:40 - 10:50** **Prioritizing Ecological Health in the LA River**
- Mitch O'Farrell, LA City Councilmember, District 13
- 10:50 - 12:30** **Panel 1: The Forces Shaping Ecological Health**
- *Moderator* – Wendy Katagi, Stillwater Sciences
 - The Changing Nature of Flows – Eric Stein, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
 - Fire Ecology, Invasive Species, and Forest Management – Jon Keeley, U.S. Geological Survey
 - Urbanization: the Symptoms and Opportunities to Promote Ecological Health – Sophie Parker, The Nature Conservancy
 - Biodiversity in Los Angeles – Isaac Brown, LA Sanitation and Environment
 - Ecology and Design in the Urban Landscape – Stephanie Landregan, UCLA Extension
- 12:30 - 1:30** **Networking Lunch**
Gathering Circle
- 1:40 - 1:50** **Community Well-Being and the River**
- Nury Martinez, LA City Councilmember, District 6
- 1:50 - 3:30** **Panel 2: Towards Creating Healthier Communities**
- *Moderator* - Pauline Louie, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - How One Water Builds Resilience, Health, Jobs, and Equity – Traci Minamide, LA Sanitation and Environment
 - Importance of Parks and Recreational Spaces to Communities – Tamika Butler, L.A. Neighborhood Land Trust
 - Recreation and Restoration along the River – Joseph T. Edmiston, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - Public Health and the Built Environment – Rob Baird, Prevention Institute
- 3:30 - 3:45** **Social Infrastructure for Resiliency**
- Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, District 63
- 3:45 - 4:40** **Panel 3: The Importance of Engaging Communities**
- *Moderator* - Heather Repenning, Vice President, Board of Public Works, City of Los Angeles
 - Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, District 63
 - Irma R. Muñoz, CEO and President of Mujeres de la Tierra
 - Miguel Luna, DakeLuna
 - Stephen Mejia, Friends of the LA River
 - Rudy Ortega, Tribal President, Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
- 4:40 - 4:50** **Closing Remarks – Our Shared Goals: A Path Forward**
- 4:50 - 6:55** **Mixer and Poster Session**
Main Plaza

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