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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA Monday November 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

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1. Call to order
2. Establish Quorum
3. Addition of Tariq El-Atrache to the Committee
4. Approve minutes of September 29, 2021
5. Public Comment

New Business

6. Request for Neighborhood Watch Sign – Diana Streitfeld
7. Discussion and possible action on West Hills Emergency Preparedness Plan
8. Safety Tip for the Month
9. Adjournment

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JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Meeting by Zoom

- **Members Present:** Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Brad Vanderhoof, Faye Barta, Bob Brostoff, Yamilith Jiminez Garcia

Others Attending: Joan Trent

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.
- 2. Quorum established.
- 3. Approval of August 18, 2021 Minutes
 - Minutes approved as amended.
- 4. Comments from Chair and Co-Chair
 - No Comments
- 5. Public Comments
 - There were no public comments.

Old Business

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on approving NW Signs on Eccles Street near Chase Park

Two or three people had complained about nefarious activities near the park. At the request of the neighbors, NW signs will be installed at the south side of Eccles near the Western entrance to the park, and the south side near the eastern entrance. The vote was as follows:

Bob Brostoff	Yes
Faye Barta	Yes
Steve Randall	Yes
Yamilith Garcia	Yes
Brad Vanderhoof	Yes
Saif Mogri	Yes

3. Safety Tip of the Month

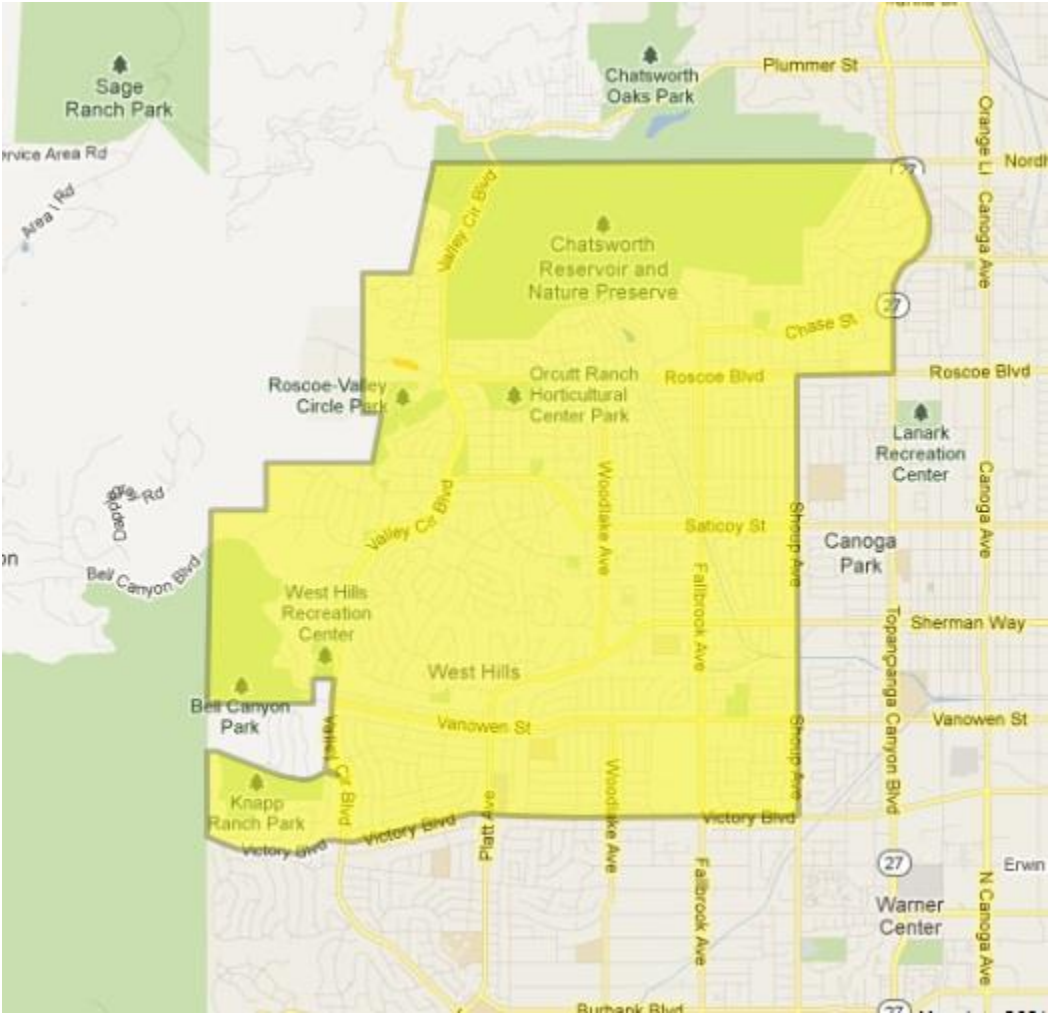
Saif made a Safety Presentation on Carbon Monoxide poisoning.

4. General Discussion on any other committee matters.

Faye Barta mentioned that West Hills will have new SLO, Officer Cesar Chavez. His email address is 39907@lapd.online.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 PM

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN



Map of West Hills Boundaries

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1.0 Purpose

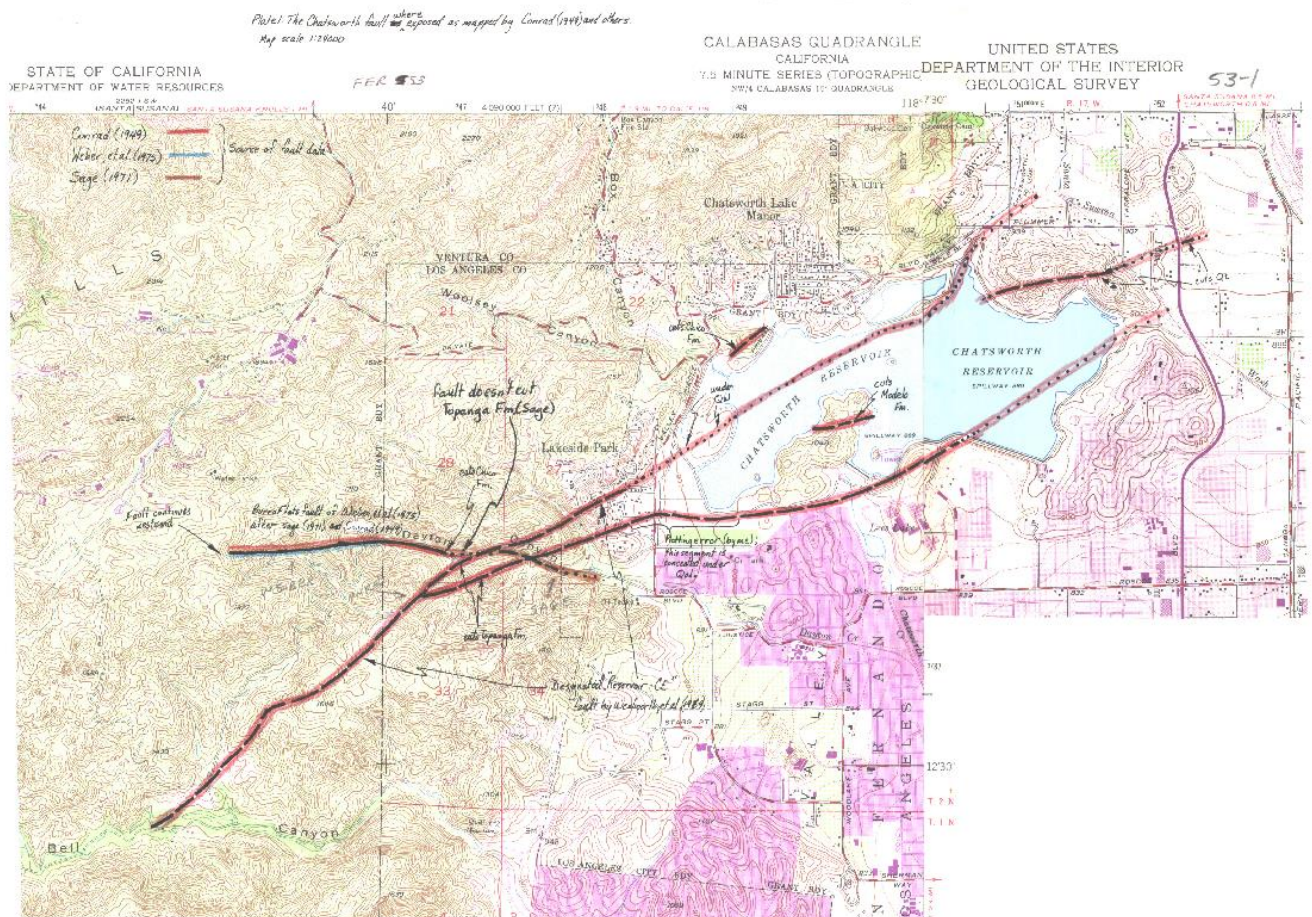
Stakeholders of West Hills need to be prepared for a large-scale disaster as well as learn how to take care of family, friends and neighbors when local City services (Police, Fire, 911) are not available for several days or weeks. This is the expected scenario here in Southern California after the next large earthquake.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) has prepared this emergency response plan for all stakeholders in case of a major disaster. This plan involves the use of trained Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers, trained medical stakeholders, stakeholders with special skills, and just plain folks.

This plan will, to the best of its ability, provide important emergency preparedness and response information to all stakeholders in West Hills. It is limited in detailed planning to West Hills.

2.0 Seismic Analysis of the West Hills Area

Although there are no apparent active earthquake faults in, or around West Hills, there is one fault which is the Chatsworth Fault. It runs through the Chatsworth Reservoir in an east-west direction, on the north edge of West Hills.



There have been two significant earthquakes in recent years that have affected West Hills severely. The first was the “Sylmar” earthquake which was a 6.6 earth quake which severely damaged about 1/3 of the structures in the San Fernando Valley.

The second one was the “Northridge” earthquake on January 17, 1994, which cause severe damage throughout the San Fernando Valley, including West Hills.

Here is some more information on that earthquake:

January 17, 1994 @ 4:30 am-A 6.7 quake located one mile south- southwest of Northridge and 20 miles west-northwest of Los Angeles and centered on the Northridge Thrust-also known as the Pico

Thrust. Several other faults experienced minor rupture, rupture during large aftershocks, or triggered slip.

The earthquake occurred on a blind thrust fault, and produced the strongest ground motions ever instrumentally recorded in an urban setting in North America. Damage was wide-spread, sections of major freeways collapsed, parking structures and office buildings collapsed, and numerous apartment buildings suffered irreparable damage. Damage to wood-frame apartment houses was very widespread in the San Fernando Valley and Santa Monica areas, especially to structures with "soft" first floor or lower-level parking garages. The high accelerations, both vertical and horizontal, lifted structures off of their foundations and/or shifted walls laterally.

The West Hills community does contain some liquefaction and landslide areas identified by the State of California. For more information on the Chatsworth fault you may go to this link: <ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/dmg/pubs/fer/53/092877.pdf>

3.0 Disaster Preparation and Training

A key component of the WHNC Emergency Response Plan includes the Los Angeles Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. All stakeholders who are 18+ years old should take this important free training program. Information is available on the WHNC web site at www.westhillsnc.org and www.certla.com. The 17.5 hour class is comprised of 7 different topics (7 weeks, once a week 2 ½ hours per class):

- Introduction & earthquake awareness
- Disaster fire suppression techniques
- Disaster medical operations (Lesson 1)
- Disaster medical operations (Lesson 2)
- Light search and rescue operations
- Team organization & disaster psychology
- Terrorism & Homeland Defense

The WHNC organizes periodic CERT training classes. Please see the WHNC web site for details.

The **American Red Cross First Aid Training** courses incorporate the latest scientific guidelines that align with Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) *Best Practices for Workplace First Aid Training Programs*.

Unfortunately, at this time the Red Cross does not offer live classes in the San Fernando Valley. However, they do offer on line classes for \$30.00. To see the

schedule you can go to this link:

http://www.redcross.org/courses/index.jsp?_requestid=285173.

4.0 West Hills Meeting Areas

The WHNC will establish meeting areas for stakeholders after a disaster:

- Two Command Posts will be established

5.0 What to do Before a Disaster

A. Distribute the City of Los Angeles brochure “A Comprehensive Guide to Family and Home Preparedness to 6,000 homes in West Hills.

6.0 What to Do After a Disaster

A. Take care of yourself, your family, home, and neighbors

B. – The WHNC and Councilman Mitchell Englander have widely distributed the “After Shock” brochure on what to do after an earthquake has occurred. It contains an “OK/HELP” card.

- Be sure to place your “OK/Help” sign on your door or in your window to indicate if no help is needed or if help is required.
- If you don’t have one of these brochures please contact either the WHNC or Councilman Englander’s office.

C. If safe, proceed to your local meeting area

- On your way to your local meeting area, please look for “OK/HELP” signs

7.0 Procedures to be completed

8.0 Disaster Communications

See the WHNC Communications Manual for details.

9.0 WHNC Disaster Teams

- Disaster teams, which will be coordinated by a central team, and will be set up through the use of Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program. Ideally, they will include at least one stakeholder who is CERT trained.
 - Disaster team leaders shall be solicited through presentations to local elementary school PSTA groups.
 - Training of leaders shall be in coordination with the Lake Balboa NC Emergency Preparedness committee.
- Disasters are major events that can strike anywhere and anytime.

- Traditional 911 and first responder capabilities such as fire, police, medics, and utility personnel will be overwhelmed and unable to immediately assist individuals.
- Preparing our neighborhood is vital
- Neighbors will likely be the first ones to offer assistance
- Neighbors that are prepared are more effective in their response to a disaster and have an increased capacity to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours after a disaster.
- These “self-help” MYN teams should have 15-20 households because the first hour of a disaster response is vital and you want the size of your team to be manageable. MYN provides excellent guidance on what to do next.
- The WHNC will coordinate the training and formation of MYN groups

10.0 Stakeholder Outreach

- MYN teams will provide detail on a Neighborhood Survey of stakeholder needs.
- Surveys will include information on stakeholders who have special abilities, equipment, supplies, and training that would be helpful in a disaster.
- Block Captains will be recruited to adopt blocks in a similar way to Neighborhood Watch programs
- Block Captains go through their blocks to contact neighbors, share disaster preparedness pamphlets, and fill out surveys with neighbors.
- Neighbors with special needs need to be identified.

11.0 Disaster Resources & Supplies

- **Storage Containers**
 - A non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization (The Friends of West Hills) has formed to raise funds to finance the purchase and stocking of two, or more, storage containers with emergency supplies. These containers shall be placed in various locations within West Hills. They will only contain supplies for providing assistance in case of an emergency, i.e.: first aid supplies, tools, and other non-food paraphernalia required to assist those in immediate need of rescue and medical or physical assistance.

12.0 Evacuation & Staging Areas

- Locations of Red Cross pre-determined locations will be listed
- Locations of WHNC meeting areas will be listed. Such locations might include private schools, religious organizations, and/or local business sites.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:			
PERSONNEL			
Leadership	Name	Phone	Email
President			
Vice President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Other:			
Liaisons	Name	Phone	Email
Resilience Liaison			
Emergency Preparedness Liaison			
Sustainability Liaison			
Homelessness Liaison			
Public Works Liaison			
Aging Liaison			
Other:			
JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION			
Community Plan Area	Council District	Police	Fire
DEMOGRAPHICS			
Population			
Vulnerable Population Data			
Linguistic Population Data			
FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE			
<i>Critical Infrastructure Scan</i>	Schools	Public Assembly	Hospitals
	Police	Fire	Medical
	Transportation	Utilities	Senior Housing
	Grocery / Big Box	Miscellaneous	Other
CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS			
City Contact(s)			
Order of Succession	Primary Meeting Location	Alternate Meeting Location	Emergency Supplies
	Emergency Comms Plan	Files, Records and Databases	
Number of supporting preparedness plans (RYLAN, American Red Cross, Cool Blocks, Map You Neighborhood):			
Locations (by address/block or map)			

SHOCKS AND STRESSES		PRIORITY FOR NC?	Topic??	DATA/MAPS
Disaster Preparedness and Recovery	Earthquake			
	Fire	Yes		Brush clearance area link
	Fire	Yes	Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones	https://geohub.lacity.org/datasets/b29c71016bab4384923f0336ca5d040f_11
	Landslides	Yes		
	Cybercrime and Terrorism			
	Riot/Civil Unrest	No		
	Public Health Emergencies			
	Chemical Emergencies			
	Tsunami	Yes		
Other:				
Economic Security	Inequity			
	Education			
	Homelessness			
	Lack of Affordable Housing			
	Crime and Violence			
	Disparities in Employment			
	Disparities in Health			
	Disparities in Access to Open Space			
	Disparities in Access to Transit			
	Food Insecurity			
Other:				
Climate Adaptation	Climate Change			
	Air Quality/Polution			
	Urban Heat Island			
	Extreme Heat			
	Drought			
	Severe Weather and Flooding			
	Sea Level Rise			
	Extreme Cold			
	Other:			
Infrastructure Modernization	Aging Infrastructure			
	Infrastructure Failure			
	Other:			
	Other:			
	Other:			

SHOCKS AND STRESSES		EXISTING RESOURCES	SOURCE	LINK	OTHER
Disaster Preparedness and Recovery	General	NotifyLA	EMD	emergency.lacity.org/notifyla	
	Earthquake				
	Fire				
	Landslides				
	Cybercrime and Terrorism	Senior Cyber Safety	City Attorney	https://www.lacityattorney.org/protecting-seniors	
	Riot/Civil Unrest				
	Public Health Emergencies				
	Chemical Emergencies				
	Tsunami				
Other:					
Economic Security	General				
	Inequity				
	Education				
	Homelessness				
	Lack of Affordable Housing				
	Crime and Violence				
	Disparities in Employment				
	Disparities in Health				
	Disparities in Access to Open Space				
	Disparities in Access to Transit				
	Food Insecurity				
Other:					
Climate Adaptation	General				
	Climate Change				
	Air Quality/Polution				
	Urban Heat Island				
	Extreme Heat				
	Drought				
	Severe Weather and Flooding				
	Sea Level Rise				
	Extreme Cold				
Other:					
Infrastructure Modernization	General				
	Aging Infrastructure				
	Infrastructure Failure				
	Other:				
Other:					

PRIORITY ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RLA	PAGE #	RESOURCES
Leadership and Engagement	1	Launch a coordinated preparedness campaign that encourages Angelenos to take actions that improve their resilience.	Short	31	Brace + Bolt grant program, LADWP energy and water efficiency incentives, City Plants shade trees program, LAFD brush clearance program.
	16	Strengthen opportunities for young Angelenos to connect with civic leadership programs	Short	47	Mayor's Youth Council, Civic University, Neighborhood Council Civic Youth Leadership Academy, Summer Night Lights, Fall Friday Lights, LAFD Girls Camp, LAFD Youth Academy and Cadet Program, LAPD programs.
	20	Develop the next generation of stewards of Los Angeles to be leaders in climate and disaster resilience	Medium	51	Risk Labs
	21	Integrate Resilience into Community Plan updates including risk and vulnerability analysis and policies and implementation measures that address them	Medium	56	
	22	Connect community organizations with experts and resources to guide and efficiently support the development of Neighborhood Resilience Hubs	Long	58	USDN funding
	23	Launch the Campus Resilience Challenge	Short	60	Second Nature, 100 Resilient Cities
	27	Promote diversity in community leadership by pursuing policies and programs that develop more leaders reflecting the communities they represent	Short	65	
	31	Expand an inclusive network of services that strengthen individuals, families, and communities to combat all forms of violent extremism	Medium	68	
	49	Support systems and services that are linguistically inclusive and culturally competent	Short	93	
	81	Provide education programming to maintain a healthy watershed and keep Angelenos safe	Short	133	
	94	Expand education and capacity-building to promote pluralistic values and social inclusion	Medium	146	
Disaster Preparedness and Recovery	3	Increase the number of Angelenos with preparedness resources and training in our most vulnerable communities.	Short	35	EMD NotifyLA system
	3a	Expand the number of Angelenos with CERT Training.	Short	35	LAFD, FEMA, and partner organizations
	3b	Expand the number of Teens with CERT Training.	Short	36	South Los Angeles Teen CERT Collaborative
	6	Increase access to emergency preparedness and mitigation resources for businesses.	Medium	38	Chambers of Commerce, Business Source Centers, Business Improvement Districts, and trade associations. Building Resilience-LA guidebook.
	7	Provide Angelenos access to additional trauma resources	Short	39	Crisis Response Teams, annual City-sponsored resource fair
	24	Promote neighborhood planning programs to support all Los Angeles neighborhoods in developing preparedness plans	Short	61	RYLAN, Cool Blocks, Prepare LA
	25	Increase neighborhood outreach and education around wildfire and mudslide risk reduction in our most vulnerable neighborhoods	Short	62	LAFD Programs: Brush Clearance, "Ready, Set, Go!", The Nine Steps to Flood Recovery, CERT Training
	35	Expand the City's neighborhood cooling center program	Medium	74	
	60	Establish neighborhood-based, short- and long-term post-disaster housing plans	Short	103	Regional Disaster Housing Planning Project, the City's Asset Management Tool.
	90	Launch an Earthquake Early Warning System	Short	143	
	9	Expand access to financial literacy and security resources for all Angelenos	Medium	41	WorkSource Centers, Ventanilla de Asesoría Financiera Program, Community Based Organizations
	11	Collaborate with anchor institutions to target investment	Medium	43	

Economic Security	14	Expand partnerships that encourage reintegration and successful reentry of previously incarcerated individuals	Short	45	
	17	Increase economic opportunities by generating awareness and use of City programs and services that reduce violence	Short	48	Summer Night Lights, Friday Fall Lights, Youth Square 360 initiative, gun buyback program.
	18	Deploy employment development programs and partnerships to prevent and reduce youth homelessness	Short	49	City YouthSource Centers, LA Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise, Hire LA, Summer Youth Employment Program, LA Cadet Program.
	19	Work with young Angelenos to reduce crime and violence, especially where teens and youth are victims	Medium	50	Gang Reduction Youth Development programs
	26	Launch the "Neighborly" Microgrants Program to build social connections between neighbors	Medium	64	
	30	Increase participation from and plan with new Angelenos to encourage Welcoming Neighborhoods	Short	67	LAPL New Americans Centers
	37	Expand partnerships and programs to reduce neighborhood food disparities	Medium	78	Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals
	55	Double the pace of affordable housing production and preservation and triple production of new permanent supportive housing by changing regulation, adopting new financing mechanisms, and exploring adaptive re-use of publicly-owned sites	Medium	99	Measure HHH funding, linkage fees.
	56	Promote and expand housing options for vulnerable populations such as chronically homeless and homeless veterans and victims of domestic violence and human trafficking	Long	100	Measure H funding, Measure HHH funding, linkage fees.
Climate Adaptation	33	Develop and launch a neighborhood retrofit pilot program to test cooling strategies that prepare for higher temperatures	Short	70	
	34	Plant trees in communities with fewer trees to grow a more equitable tree canopy by 2028	Long	73	City Plants, the City's Tree Committee.
	63	Prioritize key neighborhoods for stormwater capture, urban greening, and other community benefits	Short	110	
	80	Identify strategies to reduce pollution in the Los Angeles River system	Long	133	2007 Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan
	89	Expand climate and emergency preparedness throughout our local food system	Medium	142	
Infrastructure Modernization	12	Increase access to free Wi-Fi to help reduce technology disparities	Medium	44	
	39	Invest in healthy and safe housing to improve public health and increase equity	Medium	79	LADWP and SCG incentives for cooler buildings and increased energy- and water-efficiency
	40	Increase access to open space in underserved neighborhoods	Medium	80	Measure A funding
	41	Increase stability through investments in affordable housing, jobs, and open space in communities adjacent to the Los Angeles River.	Medium	81	
	42	Improve the health and well-being for all ages through improvements in mobility	Long	81	Purposeful Aging Los Angeles
	54	Establish post-disaster restoration targets for critical infrastructure	Short	98	
	61	Advance seismic safety, prioritizing the most vulnerable buildings, infrastructure, and systems	Long	105	
	67	Expand combined solar and energy storage pilots	Short	116	
	77	Implement stormwater projects that reduce pollution and capture local water supply	Medium	130	
79	Revitalize, enhance, and protect the Los Angeles River watershed's ecosystem and biodiversity	Long	132	2007 Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan	

	88 Fortify public health and healthcare critical infrastructure and leverage partnerships with public health organizations to improve community health and wellness.	Medium	141	LAFD Nurse Practitioner Reponse Unit
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SHOCKS AND STRESSES

Disaster Preparedness and Recovery	General
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