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Memorandum
Councilmember Al Austin
Eighth District

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Date: October 3, 2017

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District

Subject: **Presentation on Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file a presentation from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy on the progress of the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 530 by Assemblymember Anthony Rendon, authorizing the creation of a local "Working Group" to develop a Lower LA River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP). This plan will be part of an update to LA County's Master Plan by addressing the unique and diverse needs of the Lower LA River. It will also start a conversation about how the entire 51-mile river can be managed collaboratively.

The Working Group's goal is to create a robust restoration plan that lays the groundwork for a revitalized Lower LA River that connects residents to the river that flows through their communities. A draft plan is expected to be available by the end of 2017, with the final plan to be adopted in early 2018.

The San Gabriel and Lower LA Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the LA County Department of Public Works provide staff support and technical experts to support the Working Group and development of the LLARRP.

Nearly half of the 19 miles of the Lower Los Angeles River is in Long Beach. The City of Long Beach is represented on the Working Group by Mayor Garcia and Councilmember Austin. There are 39 members of the working group, including the 12 cities along the stretch of the River from Long Beach north to Vernon.

With Long Beach having such an important role in the development of the LLARRP, Mark Stanley, the Executive Director of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy will provide an update on the progress of the working group and the next steps in the process.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact with this recommendation.