

SEPULVEDA BASIN **VISION PLAN**

The ambitions are clear. Rethink the Basin with natural systems thinking and traditional ecological knowledge. Naturalize the River and tributaries to improve ecosystem function, biodiversity and floodplain connectivity. Capture, infiltrate and store precious stormwater. Connect the Basin to the surrounding communities. Create clear internal non-vehicular circulation. Enhance recreational and cultural programming. Reimagine the 2,000 acres as a rich, nature-based 'central park' for the San Fernando Valley.

We acknowledge that the Sepulveda Basin and surrounding neighborhoods are the traditional lands of the Fernandeño Tataviam, Gabrieleño Tongva/Kizh, and Ventureño Chumash. We recognize that Indigenous Peoples have stewarded this land for thousands of years, many of whom still call it home today. We recognize our responsibility to include these Tribal Nations in what we do for Sepulveda Basin.





SEPULVEDA BASIN VISION PLAN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS









SBVP ENGAGEMENT LAUNCH

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2023

WEBSITE: LAUNCHED **JANUARY 13TH**

PRESS RELEASE: JANUARY 18TH

ENGAGEMENT SURVEY: ONGOING

HTTPS://ENG.LACITY. ORG/SEPULVEDA-BASIN-VISION-PLAN







WORKSHOPS FOR STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS

FEBRUARY 1 AND 2, 2023

15 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS REPRESENTED

- Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee; Encino Neighborhood Council; Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains
- The Adult Skills Center (TASC)
- Southern California Woodley Park Cricket
- Birmingham Charter High School
- Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance
- CD6
- Encino Neighborhood Council
- Los Angeles Bahá'í Center
- Heal the Bay
- Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
- The River Project
- San Fernando Valley Audubon Society
- Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous People
- Department of Public Works
- Pacoima Beautiful

DESIGN WORKSHOPS 1+2 FEBRUARY 1 AND 2 2023





COMMUNITY MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2023

22,000 FLYERS IN ENGLISH & SPANISH DISTRIBUTED DOOR TO DOOR 150+ ATTENDEES

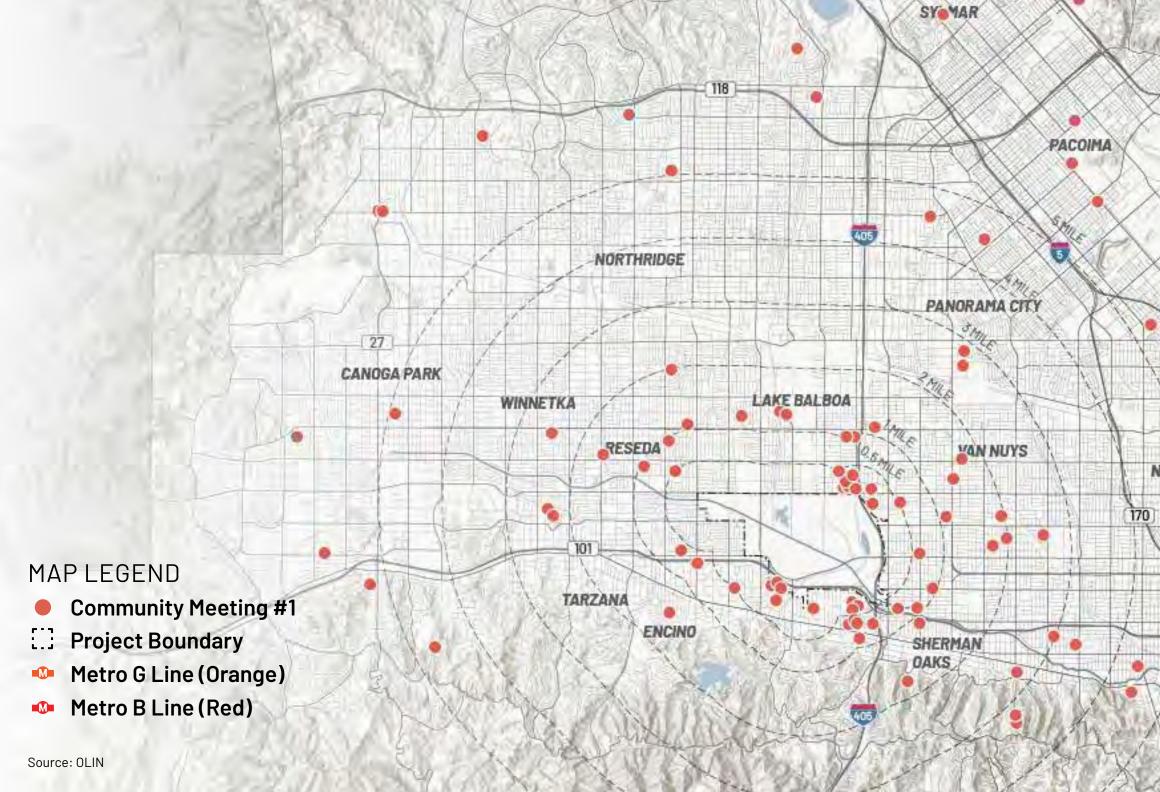
COMMUNITY MEETING 1

FEBRUARY 8 2023

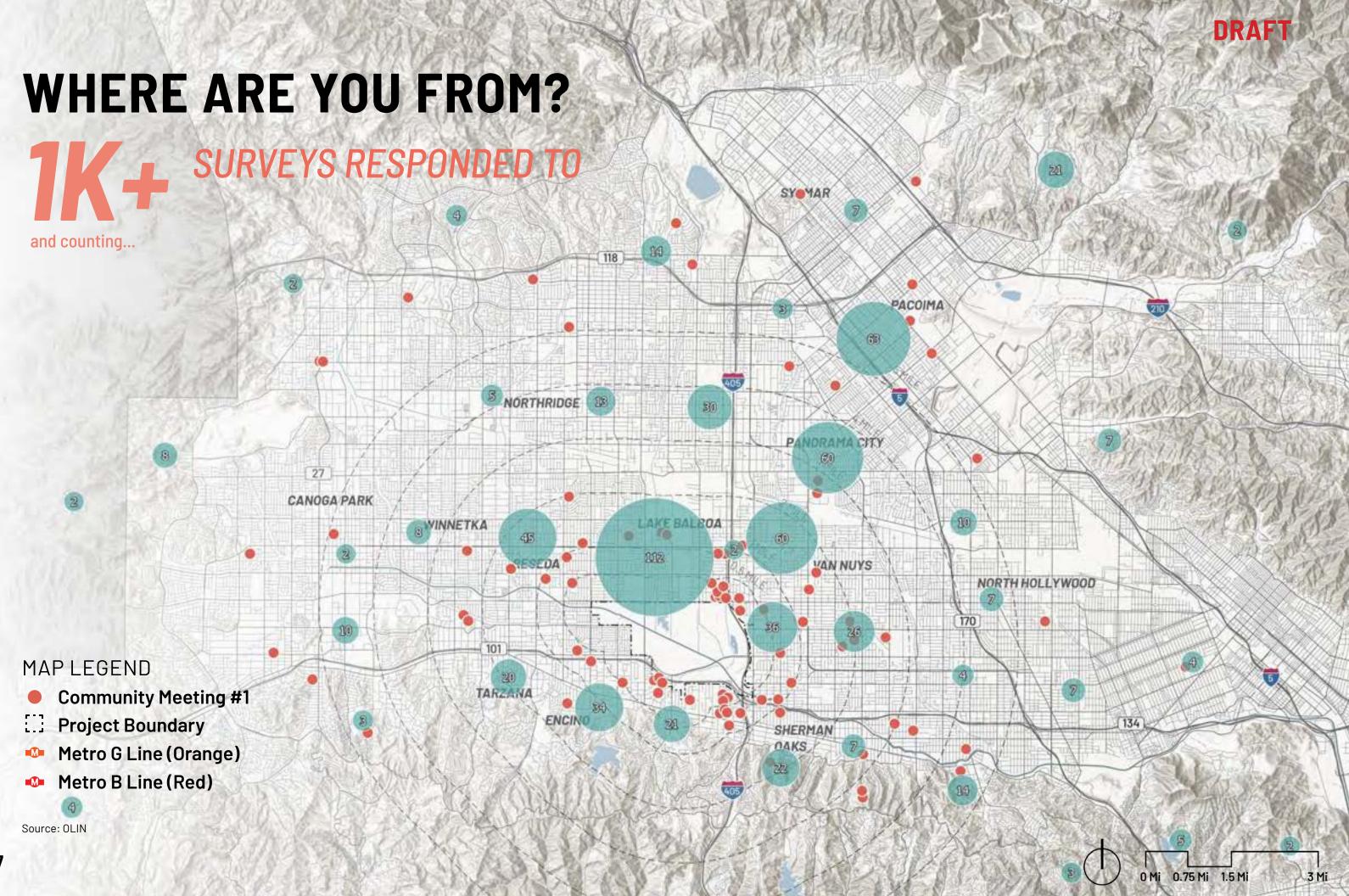
Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm Location: Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd, Encino, CA 91316 This was the first of a series of community meetings, workshops, and events in 2023 to gather ideas and feedback from the communities surrounding the Sepulveda Basin and greater Valley-wide region.



WHERE ARE YOU FROM? COMMUNITY MEETING #1







STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

56 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS ONLINE AND IN PERSON

and counting...

- LA28
- Council Districts 4 and 6
- Architects for Indigenous Restaurant and Education Center
- LACMA
- FoLAR
- River LA
- VICA
- Audobon / SBWASC
- Climate Reality
- LAWA
- So Cal Cricket Association
- Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
- Valley Economic Alliance

- United Chambers of Commerce
- Senator Stern's Office
- SCWRP
- City Planning (Affordable Housing / Bikeway)
- City Planning (Biodiversity)
- Biodiversity Expert Council
- Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California
- Biodiversity City Planning
- LADWP
- Friends of Sepulveda Dog Park
- Encino Neighborhood Council
- Canoga Park Community of Schools
- LA Community Forestry Advisory







FEBRUARY - APRIL





WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR... SOME PARK AMENITIES ARE ALREADY GREAT!





TAPIA BROTHERS FARM

WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR... THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

MORE PROGRAMMING.

Pickleball courts
More passive recreation
School usage of facilities
Senior activities and access

PROVIDE BASIC AMENITIES...

Shade options
Park benches/seating
Better lighting for safety
Underpass cleanup

IMPROVE ACCESS!

Access by shuttles, busses
Better pedestrian access, bridges

Better/strategic parking
Bike access and amenities
Circular route around the basin

Diversity of experiences

Electric bike-share
Signage/wayfinding/mile markers
Muddy & degraded trails

Too much informal access to wildlife

preserve

BROADEN INDIGENOUS GROUPS REPRESENTATION!

 access to water, basketry, tribal fishing, canoeing, urban agriculture
 compensation to participate in planning process



PRIORTIZE NATIVE HABITATS & ECOLOGY!

 Native trees
 River clean-up
 Wildlife protection & expansion of wildlife areas
 Improve tributaries

TODAY'S TOPICS

SITE + Context **OBJECTIVES**

DATA



DISCUSSION



ANALYSIS

SITE LOCATION SEPULVEDA BASIN PROJECT SITE

City of Los Angeles

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NORTHRIDGE

RESEDA

ENCINO

101

TARZANA

WINNETKA

PANORAMA CITY

PROJECT SITE

405

LAKE BALBOA

VAN NUYS

SHERMAN OAKS

SITE INFORMATION Acres: 2,000+ Year Built: 1938-1941

Source, OLIN, 2022.Traced using LA County parcel data and based on the USACE, Real Estate Map, 2010

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CANOGA PARK



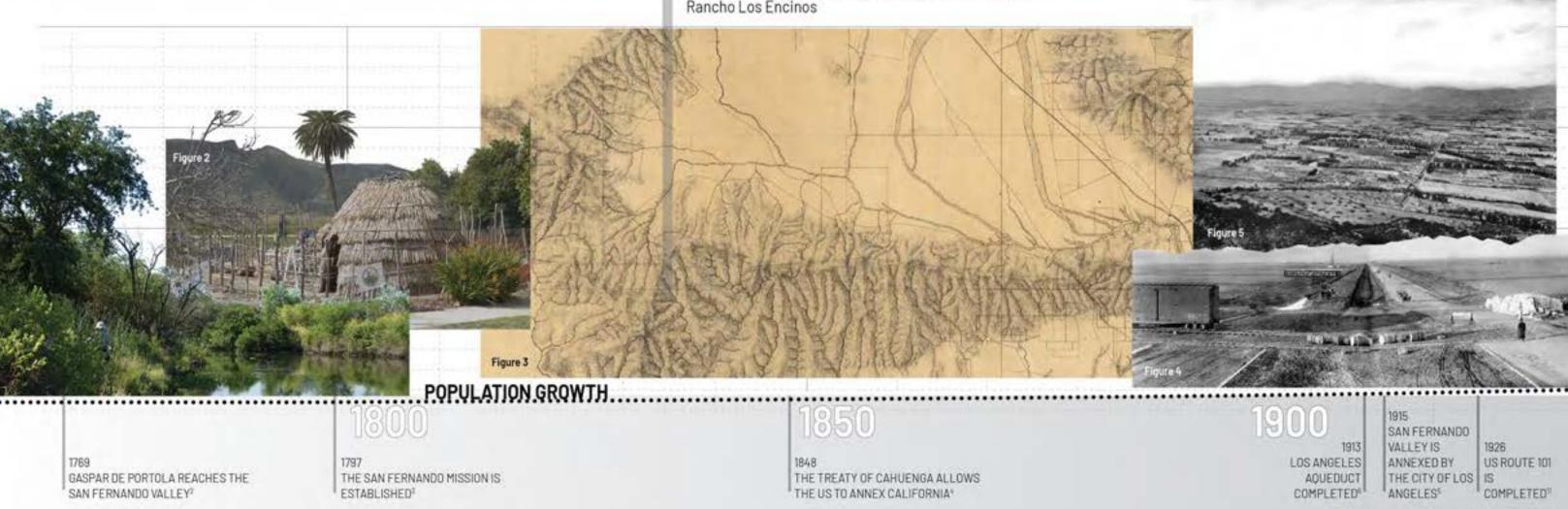
HISTORY OF SEPULVEDA BASIN

PRE-SUBURBANIZATION

Indigenous peoples inhabited the Siutcanga Village located just southeast of the current site of the Sepulveda Basin.¹

1834

The Mexican government dissolves the Spanish missions and gives 3 members of the Fernandeno Tatviam Band of Mission Indians 4,4600 acres, also known as Rancho Los Encinos



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INDIGENOUS & SETTLER URAL COMMUNITIES

Figure 5, 1909: View across the San Fernando Valley. Photograph. Curbed, 1875, https://ia.curbed.com/2017/8/7/15104806/san-fernando-valley-old-photoc-before-ico-angeles

HISTORY OF SEPULVEDA BASIN

1930'S - PRESENT

1939

The Federal Loan Home Bank redlines portions of Van Nuys and North Hollywood as undesirable to invest in7

In the late 1930's, the US Army Corps of Engineers bought 2.5 square miles to create the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin⁸

1938 - 1940's

1971 1971

of Engineers estab-

riparian edge in the

Supelveda Basin.¹⁰

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lishes a 48-acre

In 1971, the Sylmar Earthquake damaged the Lower Van Norman Dam. Clay soil from the Sepulveda Basin was used to repair the cracks leaving borrow pits. The borrow pits filled with water and began attracting migrating birds and other species9

The 60 acre habitat, north of Burbank Blvd is established¹⁰ The US Army Corps

1981

The Sepulveda Basin Master Plan is adopted outlining future recreational and wildlife areas10

1988

1992

Tillman Water Reclamation Plant begins sending reclaimed water to the basin¹⁰ 2007

> 1998 60 acres were added west of Haskell Creek¹⁰

INDIGENOUS

COMMUNITIES

scholarworks.calstate.edu/.



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1944

POST-WAR

https://waterandpower.org/museum/Construction_of_the_LA_Aqueduct.html#.

SUBURBANIZATION

1956 THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY ACT

1962 INTERSTATE 405 **OPENS**¹¹

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2022 LA River Master Plan is adopted

Sepulveda **Basin Vision Plan Begins**

2011

The Los Angeles River **Revitalization Master** Plan is adopted

The Sepulveda Basin Master Plan changes the designation of the original 48 acre riparian edge to "Project Operations"

2 M

POPULATION GROWTH

RIVER MASTER 1.5 M

Figure 6. Residential Security Map. Map. Division of Research and Statistics. 1939, https://dsl.richmond.edu/pancrama/redining/#loc=13/34, 319/-118.3678.city=los-angeles-ca Figure 7. Untitled. Photograph. The Museum of the San Ferando Valley. 1949. http://museumsanfernandovalley.blogspot.com/2014/05/burbank-typifies-valley-building.html Figure 8. Vegetation surrounding the pond at the Segulveda Wildlife Reserve, Photograph, CSUN University Library, April, 1981, https://library.csun.edu/SCA/Peek-in-the-Stacks/segul-

HISTORY OF SEPULVEDA BASIN AERIAL SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON

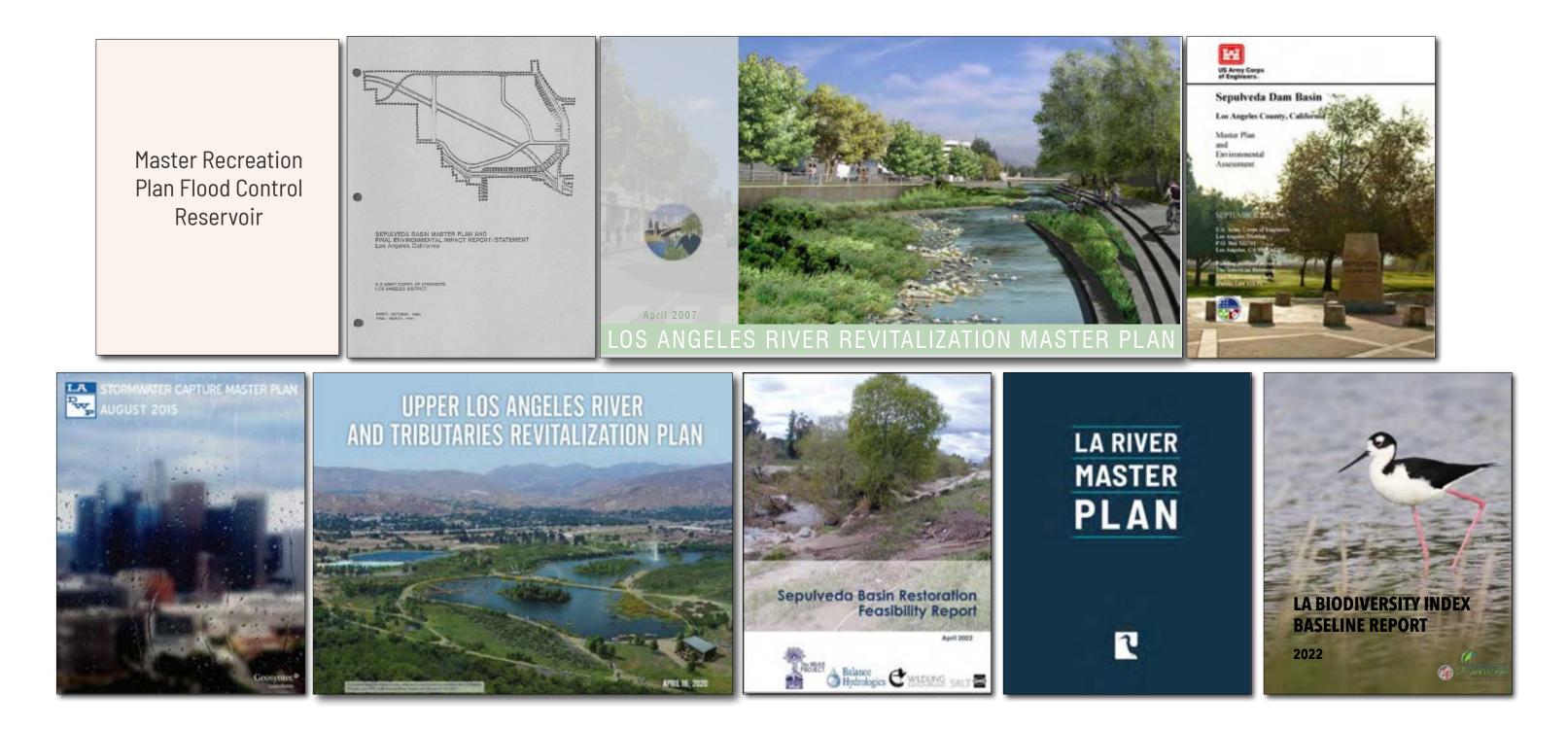


Source: 1928 - UC Santa Barbara Library FrameFinder, Fairchild Aerial Surveys Flight C-300.1952 & 2021 - Images courtesy of the US Geological Service, Earth Explorer





PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS





A SATURDAY AT SEPULVEDA

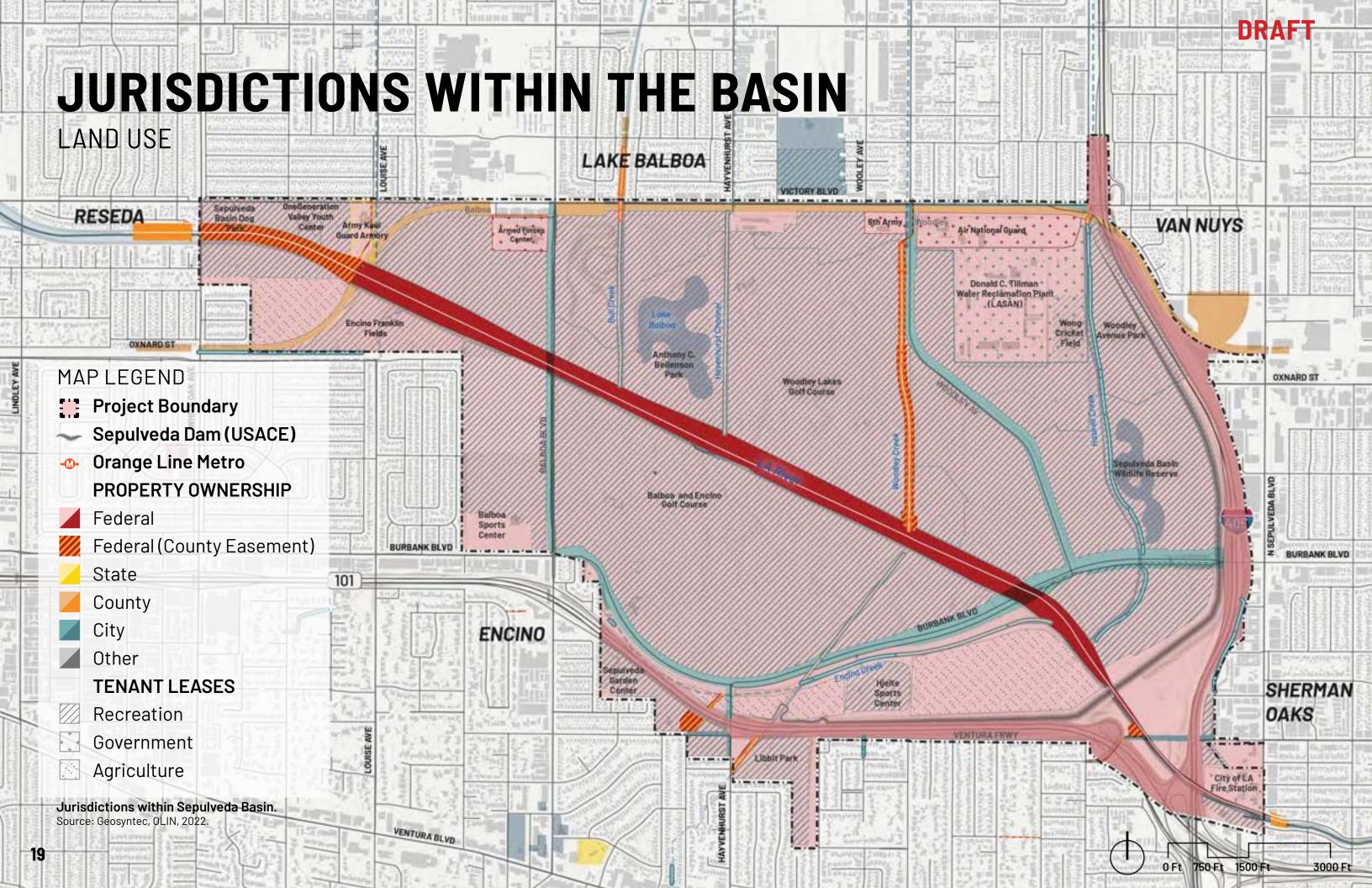
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LECELATION AND FARLS

eda Dam 2022

Entry Sign at





VISION PLAN OBJECTIVES





PROGRAM

FLOOD MANAGEMENT

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

VISION PLAN OBJECTIVES

Increase resilience of the basin and surrounding neighborhoods.

Improve the interface between ecology, recreation, cultural, and art areas.

Increase ecosystem function within the basin using naturebased strategies.

Improve water quality of streams and outlets entering the basin.

Create natural functioning of the LA River and Tributaries. Improve multi-modal transportation access to the basin and within the basin.

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Enhance recreational, educational, cultural, and art programming.

Maintain or increase flood risk reduction.

Explore governance and long-term operations and maintenance models for the basin.

DATA ANALYSIS

POLITICAL CONTEXT

DEMOGRAPHICS

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE

HYDROLOGY, HYDRAULICS & WATER QUALITY

ENVIRONMENT

LAND USE & JURISDICTIONS

TRANSPORTATION, CONNECTIVITY & MOTIBLITY

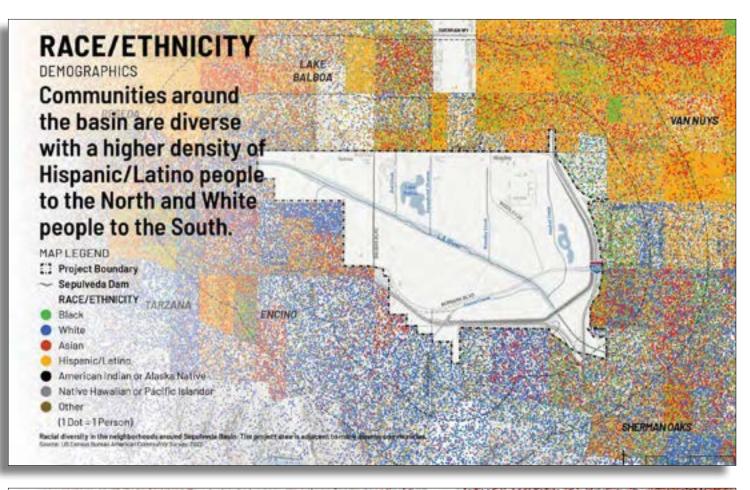
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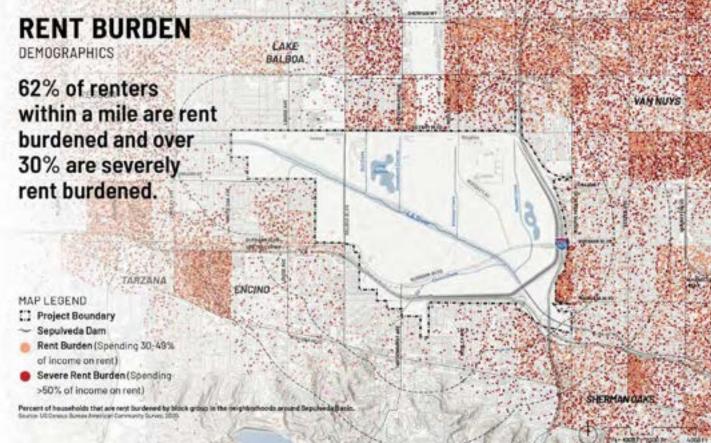


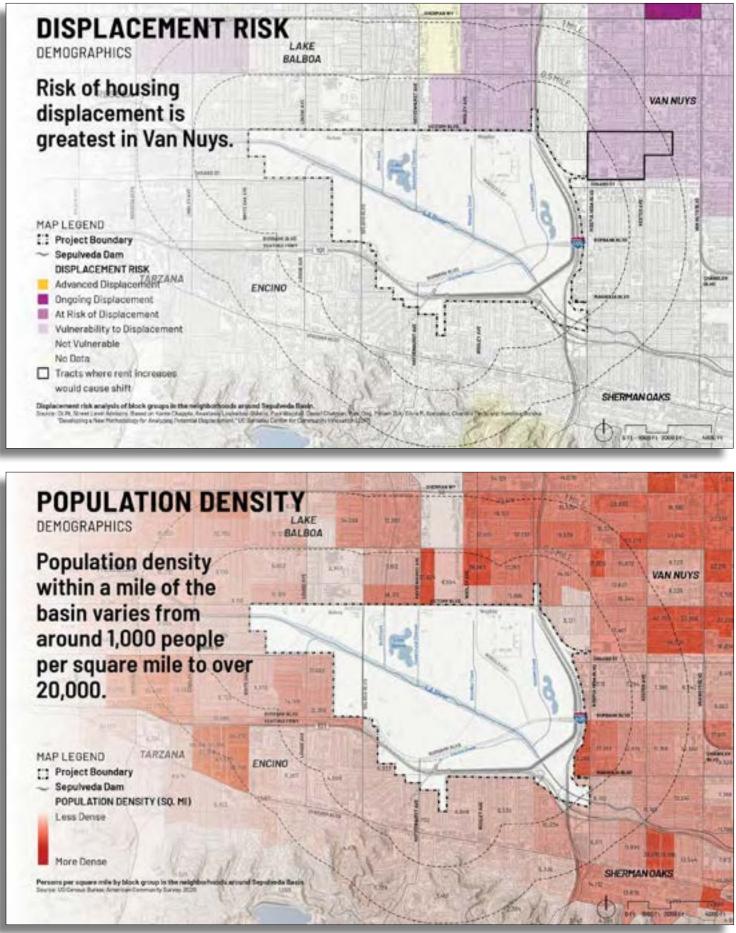
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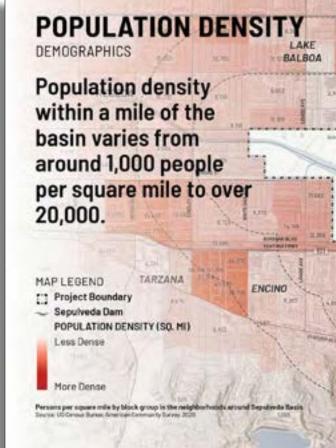
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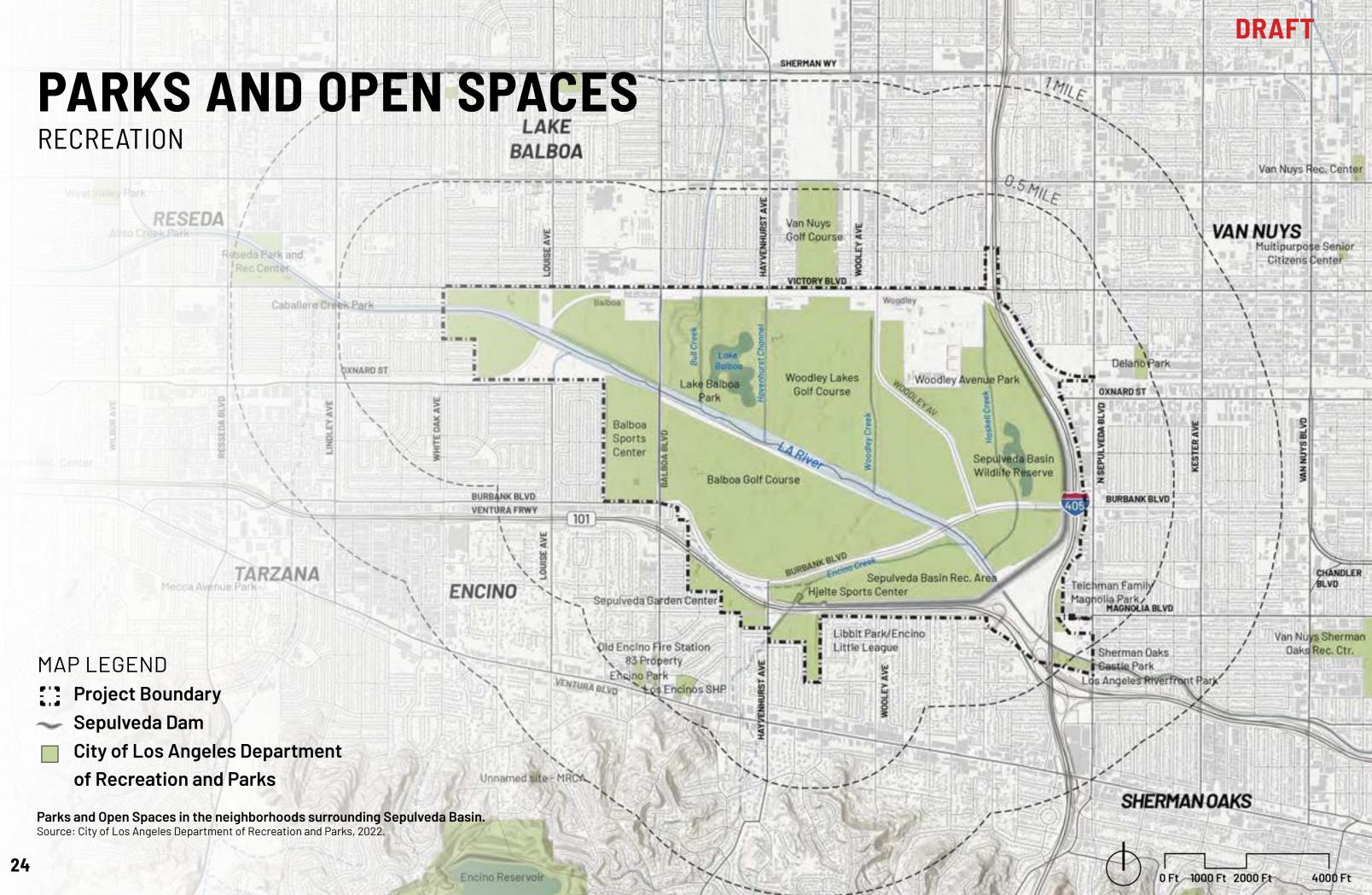


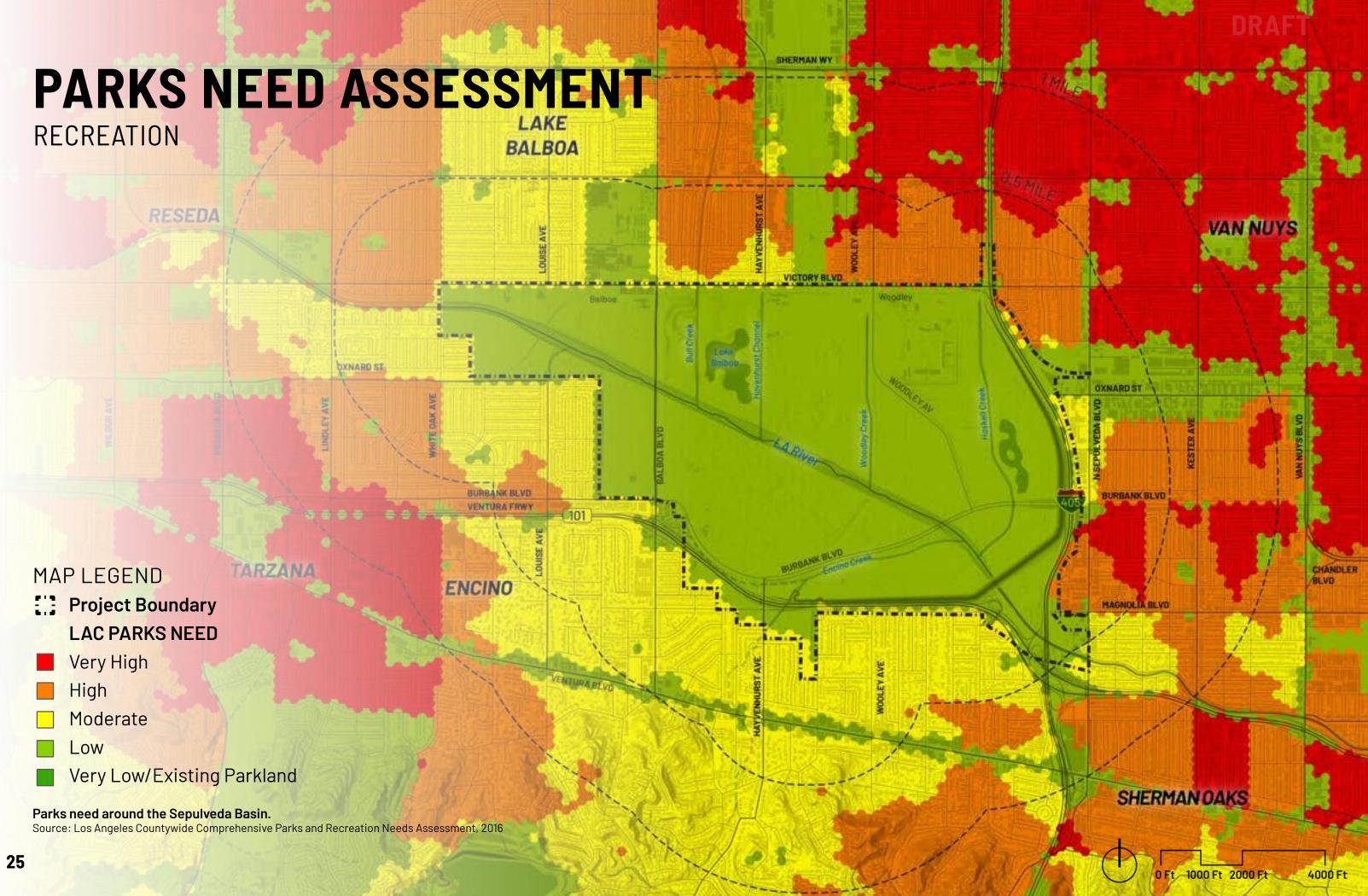












CALENVIROSCREEN 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL BURDEN LAKE DEMOGRAPHICS BALBOA

Van Nuys ranks in the top 90th percentile of the state for environmental burden

Followed by Reseda and Lake Balboa ranking in the 80th and 84th percentile, respectively

MAP LEGEND

- **Project Boundary**
- Sepulveda Dam **CALENVIROSCREEN 4.0 PERCENTILE**
 - More Vulnerability (90th-100th Percentile)

Less Vulnerable (Oth-9th Percentile)

CalEnviroScreen 4.0 percentile among census tracts around the Sepulveda Basin show a disproportionate environmental burden on commun Sepulveda Basin.

61.9%

63.

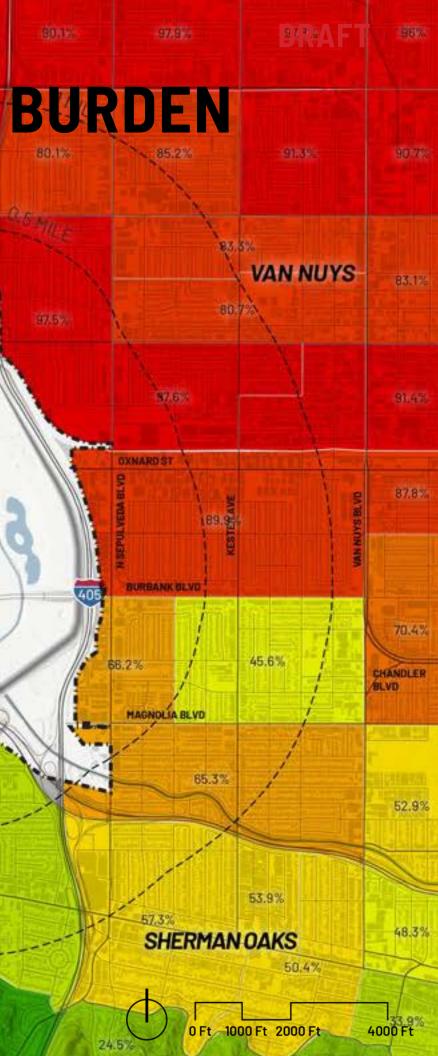
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URBANK BLVD VENTINDA EDWY

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Source: California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, CalEnviroScreen, 2021.

TARZANA



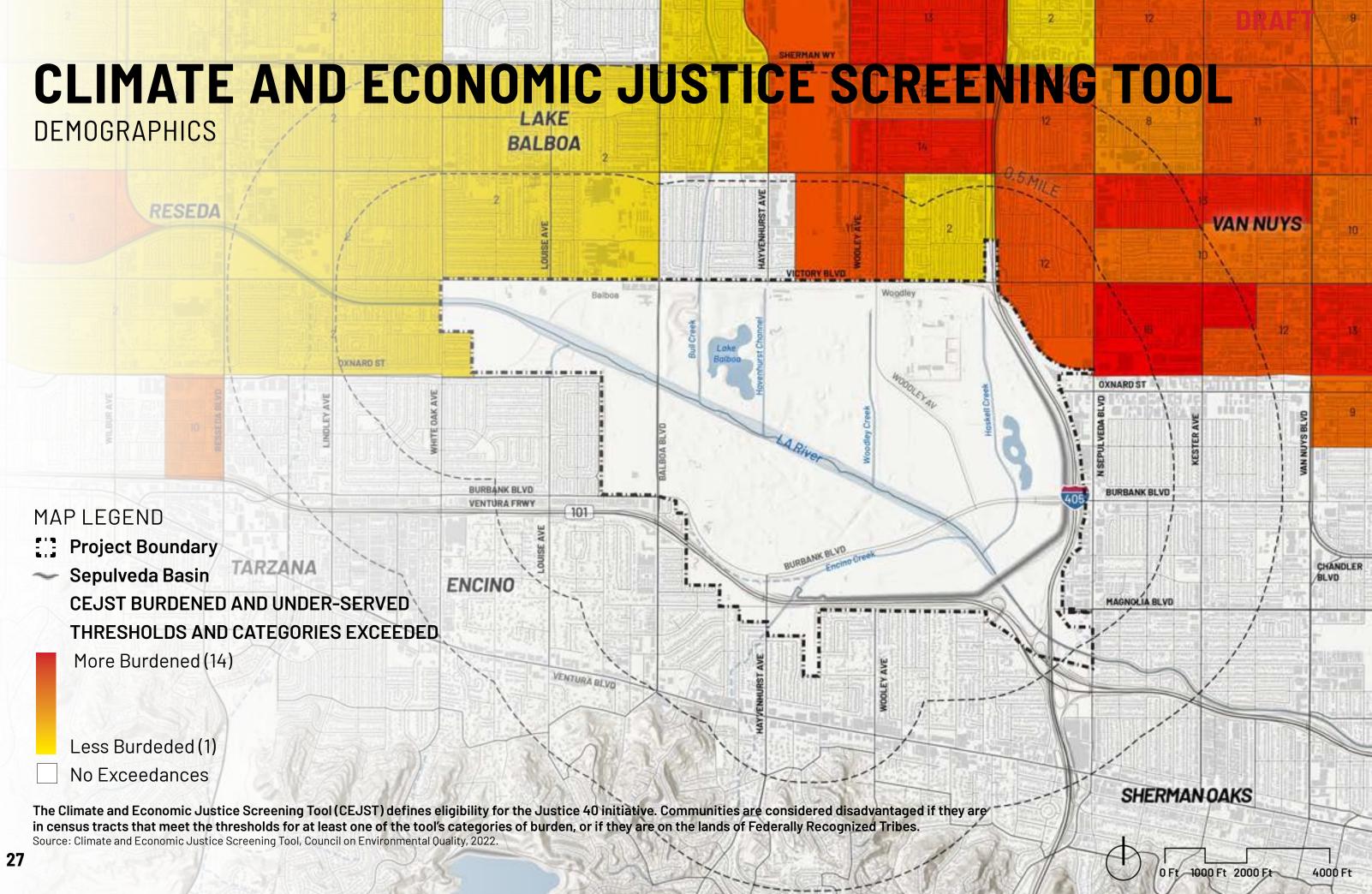
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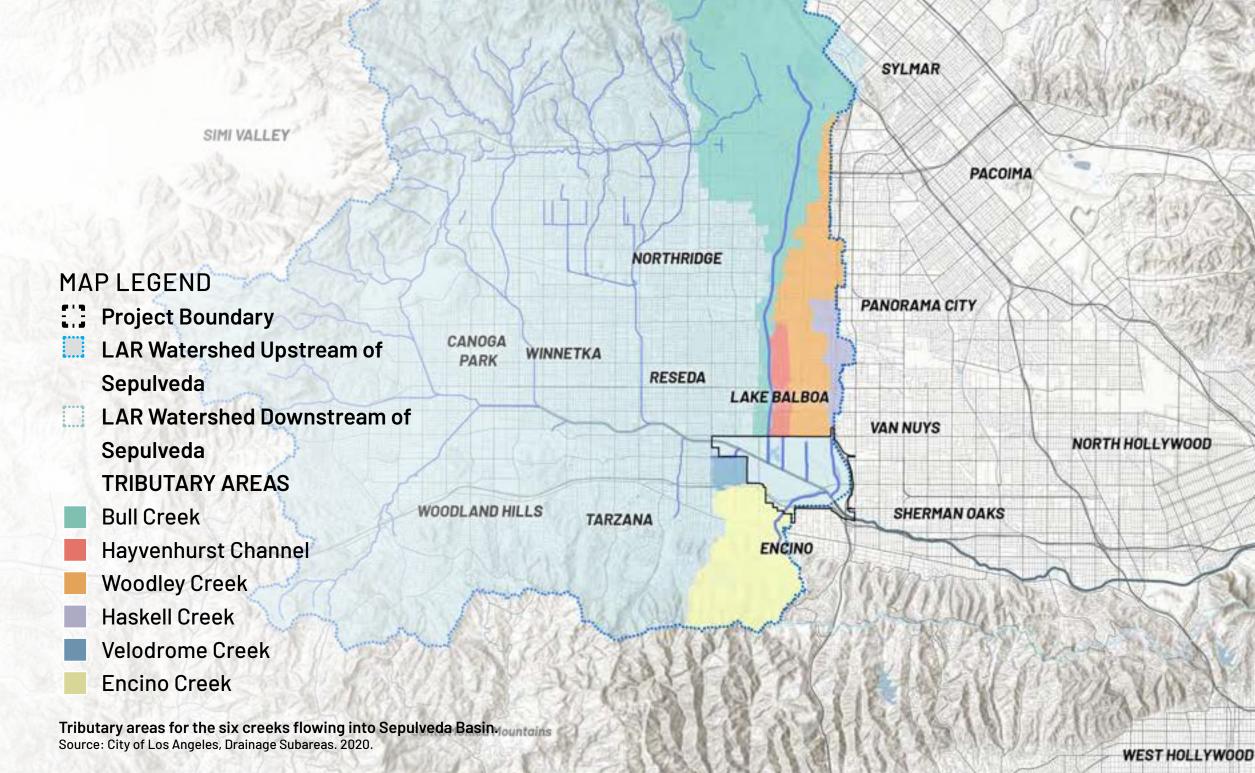
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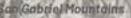
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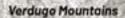


TRIBUTARY AREAS HYDROLOGY



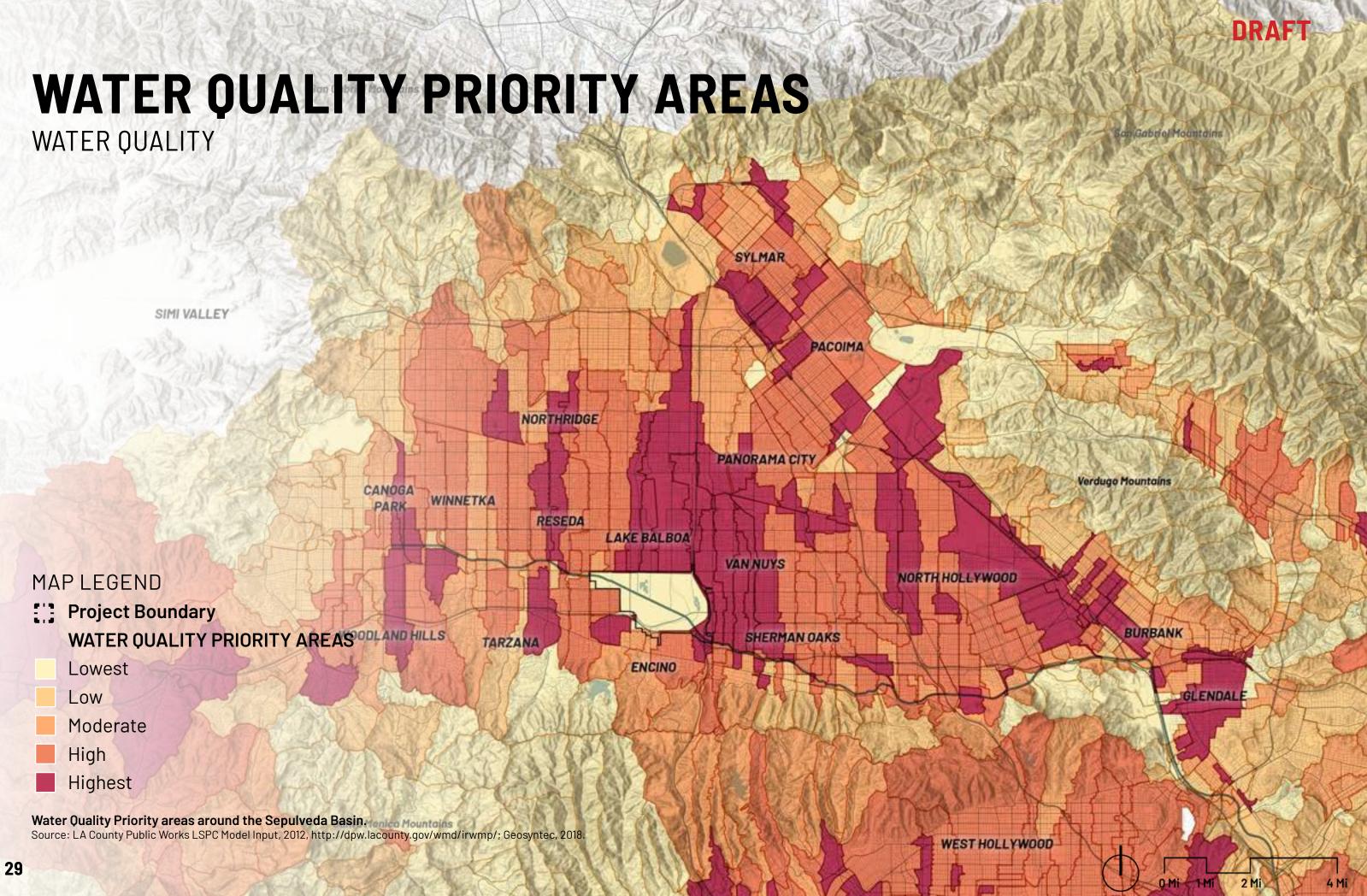




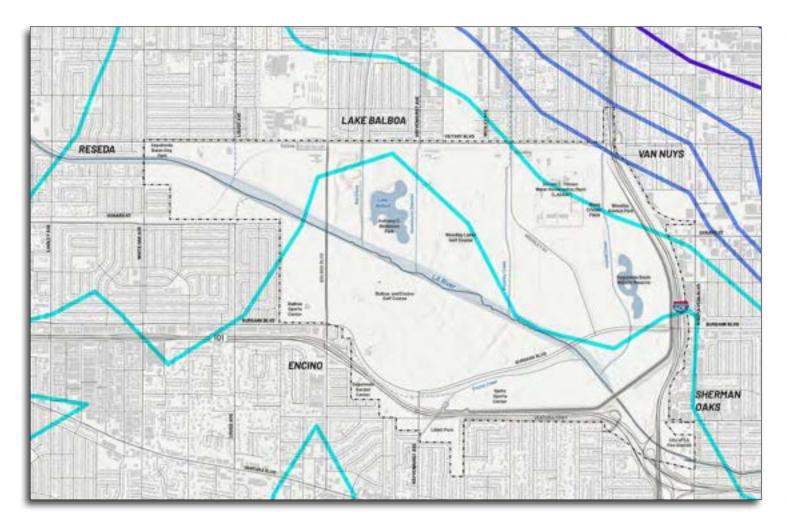


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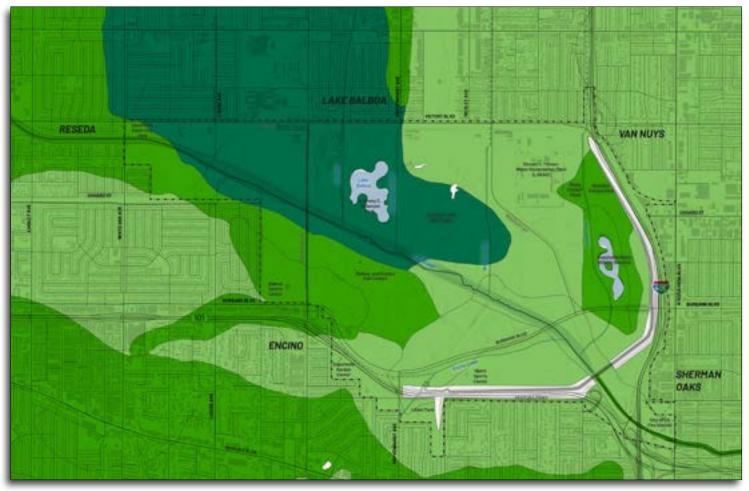


RECHARGE POTENTIAL WATER



MAP LEGEND Project Boundary DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER (FEET) 175' 25'

Underlying geology of the basin is alluvium and the basin is located in an area of liquefaction potential. Source: Depth to Groundwater, Geosyntec, 2016. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey, 2022

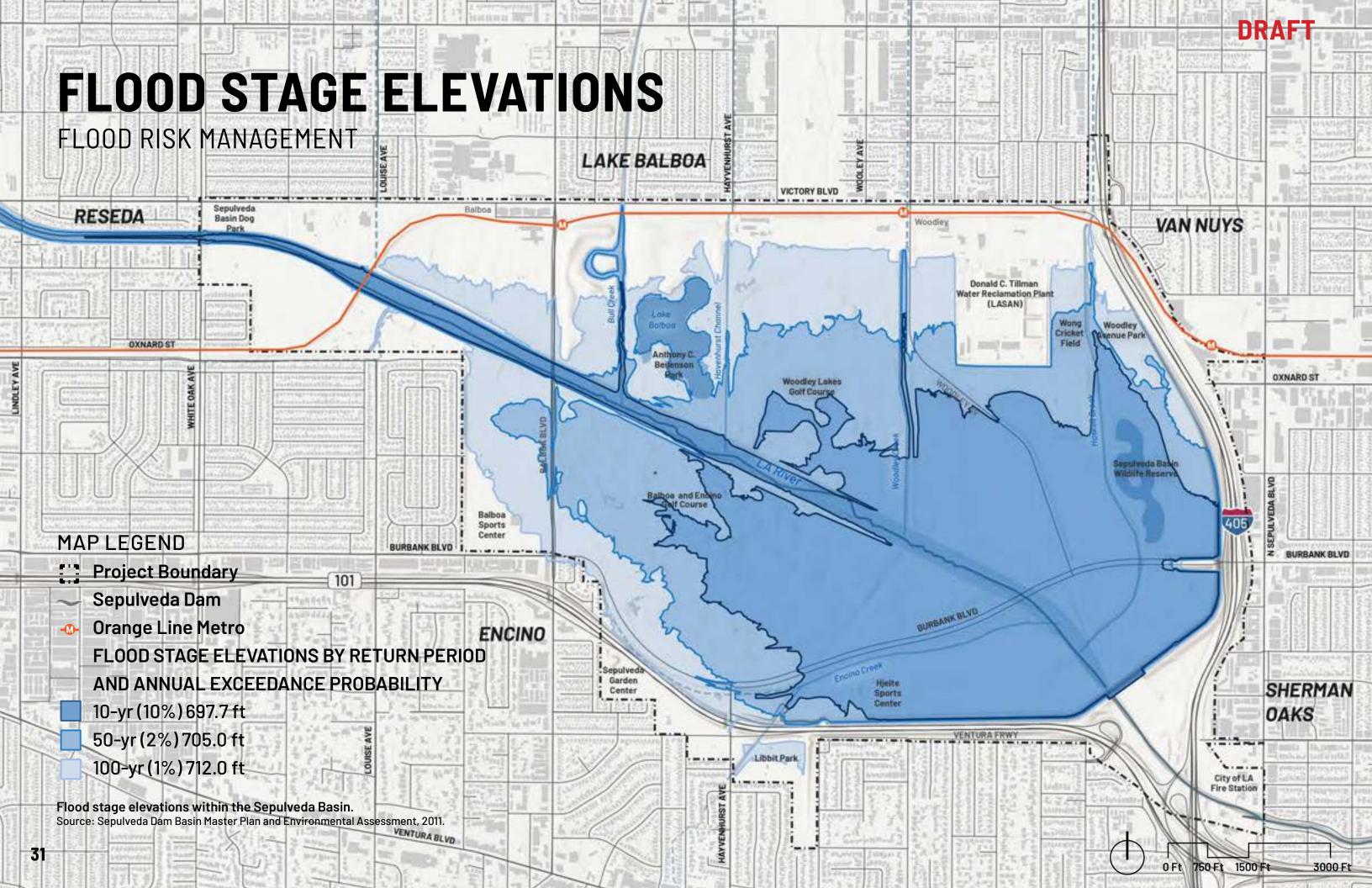


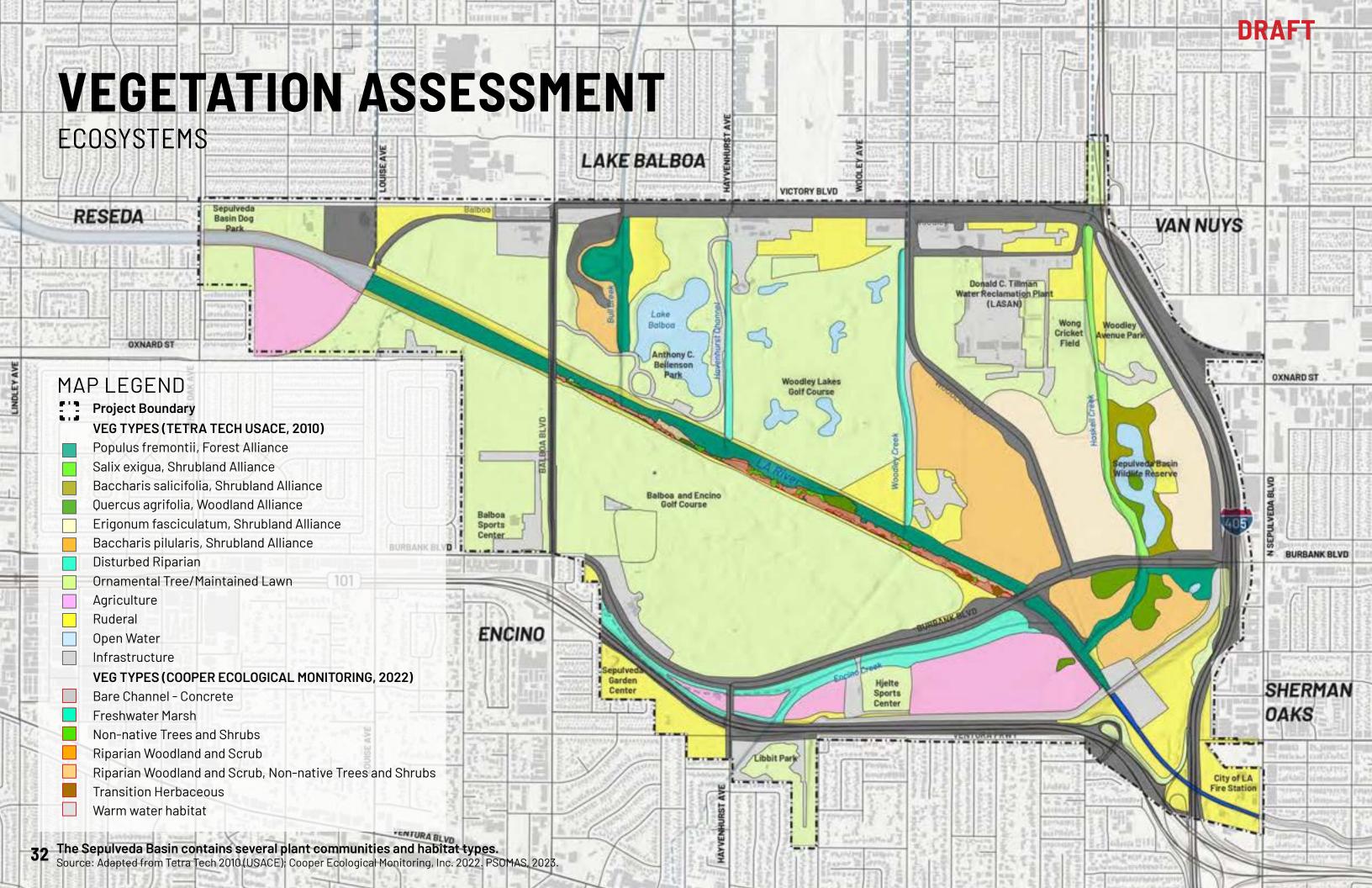
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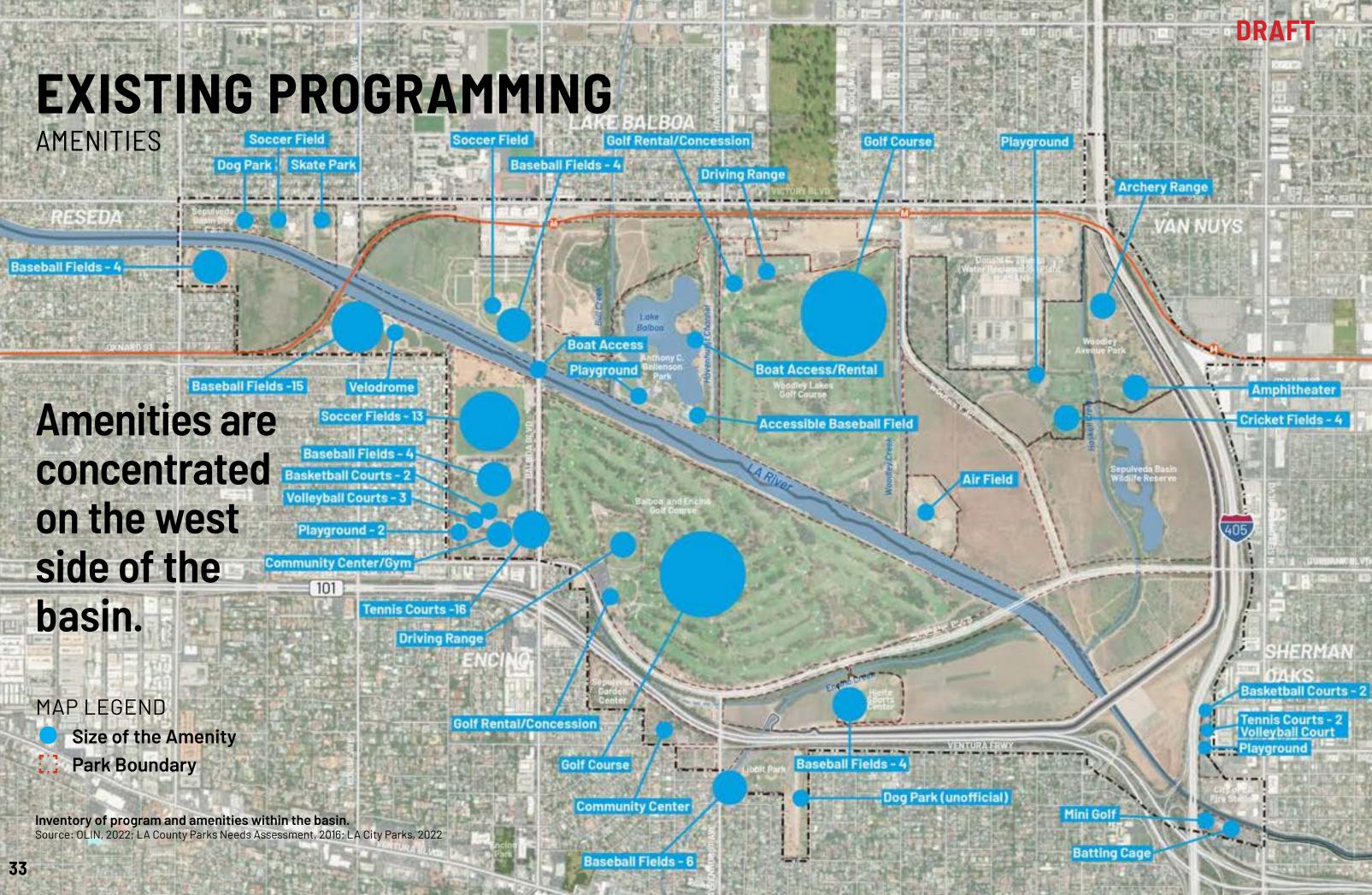
- Project Boundary HYDRAULIC SOIL GROUP
 - Class A (Ksat > 1.42 in/hr)
 - Class B (0.57 in/hr < Ksat \leq 1.42 in/hr)

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Class C (0.06 in/hr < Ksat \leq 0.57 in/hr) Class D (Ksat \leq 0.06 in/hr)







REGIONAL AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION TRANSIT



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REGIONAL ACCESS ORIGIN AND DESTINATION ANALYSIS

More people travel to the park from the north and west of the basin.

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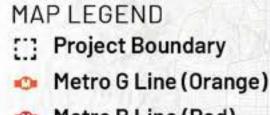
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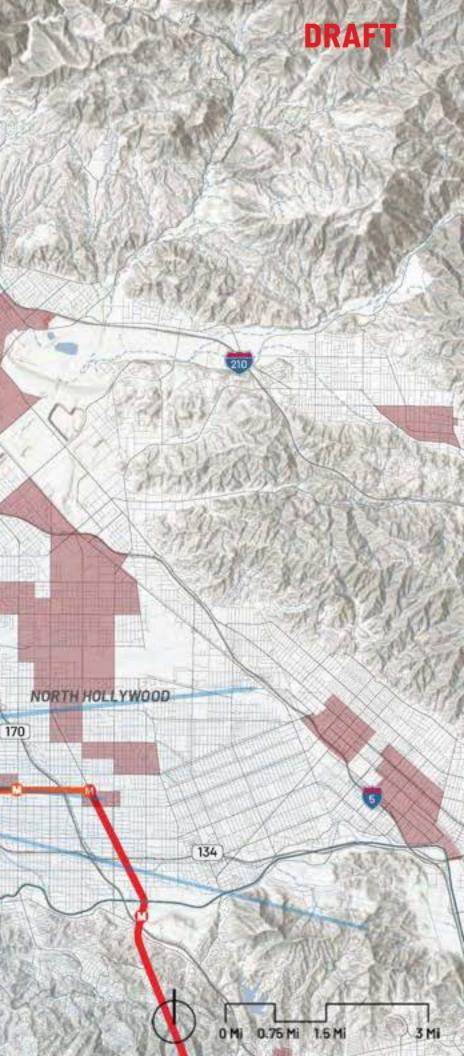
WINNETKA



- Metro B Line (Red)
- Equity Focused Communities Origin and Destination (Trips / Day)
- Lowest (1-20 Trips/Day)

Highest (80-110 Trips/Day)

Origin and destination volumes traveling to and from Sepulveda Basin based on existing conditions. Source: Replica. Origin and Destination Volumes. 2019: Los Angeles Metro. Equity Focused Communities. 2022



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PANORAMA CITY

VAN NUYS

SHERMAN

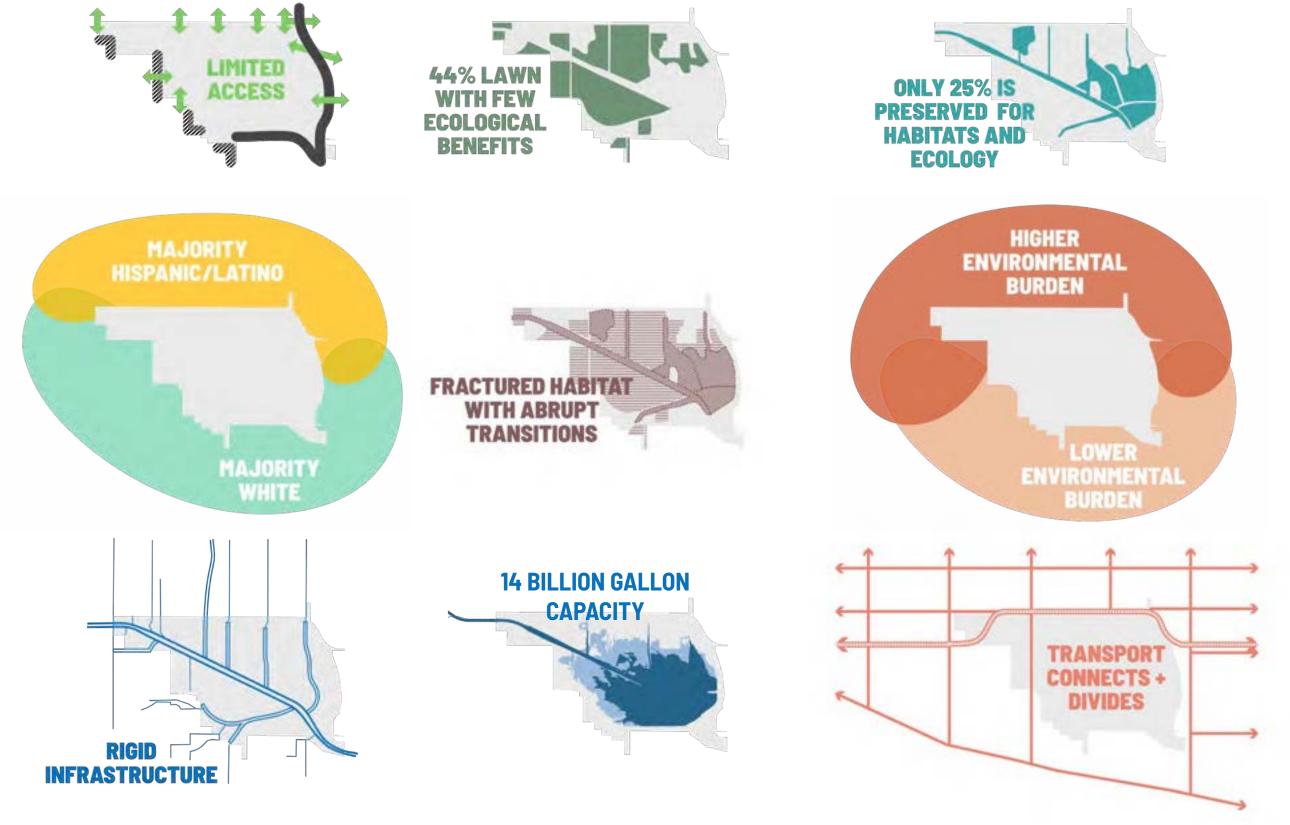
PACOIMA

SHERMAN WY LOCAL WALKSHEDS LAKE **ORIGIN AND DESTINATION ANALYSIS** BALBOA RESEDA VICTORY BLVD XNARD ST MAP LEGEND [] Project Boundary Metro G Line (Orange) 0 BURBANK BLVD VENTURA FRWY 101 **Equity Focused Communities Access Points** ANK BLVD Existing - Proposed ---**ENCINO** ---**Regional Trail** Walksheds Within 5 Minutes (4,866 People) VENTURA B NOODLEY Within 10 Minutes (13,203 People) Within 15 Minutes (23,628 People) Within 30 Minutes (98,419 People)

Walksheds from access points around the Sepulveda Basin based on existing conditions and planned regional trails. Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates, 2019: Los Angeles Metro, Equity Focused Communities, 2022



ANALYSIS FINDINGS





BUILDING ON CITY AND COUNTY PLANS AND DIRECTIVES











LOS ANGELES COUNTYWIDE COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT PLUS (PNA+)





2022

STATE/FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCE POTENTIAL

Grant Title	Overseeing Dept	Category/Topic	Total	Funding
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program	Department of Transportation	Active Transportation, Environment	\$15,694,000,000	Grant (Competitive)
Digital Equity Programs	National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce	Broadband Infrastructure	\$2,750,000,000	Grant (Formula)
National Electric Vehicle Formula Program	Department of Transportation	Clean Energy & Electric Vehicles	\$5,000,000,000	Grant (Formula)
Adaptation Planning Grant Program	CA Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Climate Adaptation	\$25,000,000	Grant
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (Robert T Stafford Act Section 203(i))	Department of Homeland Security	Climate Adaptation	\$2,295,000,000	Grant
Community Resilience Centers	CA Strategic Growth Council	Climate Resilience	\$270,000,000	Grant
Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program	CA Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Climate Resilience	\$21,300,000	Grant (Competitive and formula- based)
Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program	CA Governor's Office of Planning and Research	Climate Resilience	TBD	Grant (Competitive)
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects	Department of Defense – Army Corps of Engineers	Ecosystem Restoration	\$1,900,000,000	Direct Federal
Discretionary Grant Program for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure	Department of Transportation	Electric Vehicles	\$2,500,000,000	Grant (Competitive)
National Revegetation Effort Including National Seed Strategy	Department of the Interior	Habitat Restoration	\$30,380,242	Grant
Grants to States And Tribes For Voluntary Restoration	Department of the Interior	Habitat Restoration	\$172,861,630	Grant
Invasive Species	Department of the Interior	Habitat Restoration	\$43,400,595	Grant
Collaborative Aquatic Landscape Restoration	USDA	Habitat Restoration	\$25,500,000	Grant
"Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards"	CalTrans	Streets & Safety	\$149,000,000	Grant (Competitive)
Safe Streets and Roads for All	Department of Transportation	Streets & Safety	\$5,000,000,000	Grant (Competitive)
Surface Transportation Block Grant Program	Department of Transportation	Streets & Safety	\$72,000,000,000	Grant (Formula-based)
Carbon Reduction Program	Department of Transportation	Streets & Safety	\$6,419,000,000	Grant
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity	Department of Transportation	Streets & Safety	\$1,500,000,000	Grant (Competitive)
Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production	USDA	Urban agriculture	\$7,500,000	Grant (Competitive)

Source: Estolano Advisors, 2023.

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DISCUSSION





INPUT, QUESTIONS, IDEAS? Contact eng.sbvp@lacity.org



