



Lower American River Task Force

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Mission Statement

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The Lower American River (LAR) Task Force will review information and provide recommendations under the LAR facilitated public participation process.

The LAR, with its levee, is an integral portion of the overall flood control system within the American River watershed. It is essential that the LAR system safely and reliably pass anticipated design flows.

The major objective of the LAR Task Force is to identify opportunities for improving existing flood control facilities and management strategies along the LAR while at the same time protecting and enhancing existing environmental and recreational resources in the American River Parkway. To meet this objective the following goals will form the foundation of the Task Force's work in the LAR.

1. Take part in open discussions to enable a full analysis of flood control measures for the LAR, which may be combined with other measures within the American River watershed, to form complete flood control plans to provide various levels of flood protection.
2. Review the existing LAR flood control system and recommend if and where specific improvements in it are needed and/or would be advantageous.
3. Examine design, cost and environmental impacts of alternative measures needed to safely pass different levels of flood flows in the LAR and through the Sacramento River weir and bypass and the Yolo bypass.
4. Examine how any flood control improvements made to the LAR can also protect, mitigate and enhance existing environmental and recreational resources.
5. Examine hydraulic, economic, infrastructure and environmental constraints on increased LAR flood flows and identify the practical maximum flow.
6. Provide guidance for the preparation of the LAR, multi-objective management plan.