Conclusion

The Santa Ana River Task Force was created in order to formulate a plan to address the River’s challenges and maximize its features. The Task Force was formed of diverse individuals representing various groups that share a common interest in the Santa Ana River. The group was appointed to review, analyze and recommend goals and actions to identify and enhance the Santa Ana River and the River corridor. The Task Force has created this Vision Plan through meetings, field trips, site analyses, discussions and presentations held to direct the City of Santa Ana and various private and government agencies to protect, preserve, and enhance the Santa Ana River.

The Santa Ana River Watershed is the largest in Southern California covering an area which is home to approximately 5 million people.

The City of Santa Ana is located near the bottom of the watershed, and as a result of this location, has a responsibility to ensure the River continues to function as a flood protection mechanism as well as an aesthetically pleasing asset to our community. Throughout its history, the relationship of the surrounding communities to the Santa Ana River has been uneven – at moments it has been embraced as a vital part of community life, while at other times it has been viewed as a natural force to be feared. The Santa Ana River Task Force recognizes that the Santa Ana River and its tributaries provide the best opportunities in Santa Ana for natural open space, increased recreational opportunities, and the potential to enhance a sense of community pride that connects neighborhoods throughout the City. However, Santa Ana now stands at a crossroads in terms of its future with the Santa Ana River.

The Santa Ana River has the potential to play a significant role in the provision of open space and recreation, important to the health and over all quality of life of our youth and future generations. It also has the potential to impart economic benefits in terms of enhanced water quality, property values, and transportation options. As such, the Santa Ana River is Santa Ana’s diamond in the rough. It is the responsibility of neighborhood groups, environmental associations, private businesses, governmental agencies and civic leaders to work together to support the implementation of the goals and objectives that will affect the generations to come. The Santa Ana River Task Force intends for this Vision Plan to act as a catalyst towards the development and implementation of a vision for the Santa Ana River. Through the cooperation of all stakeholders, we can achieve the goal of a restored natural river corridor that enhances environmental, recreational, and economic opportunities while increasing community pride, connectivity, and quality of life.
Appendix
Santa Ana River
From 22 Freeway (Top) & Memory Lane to MacArthur Blvd. (Bottom)
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