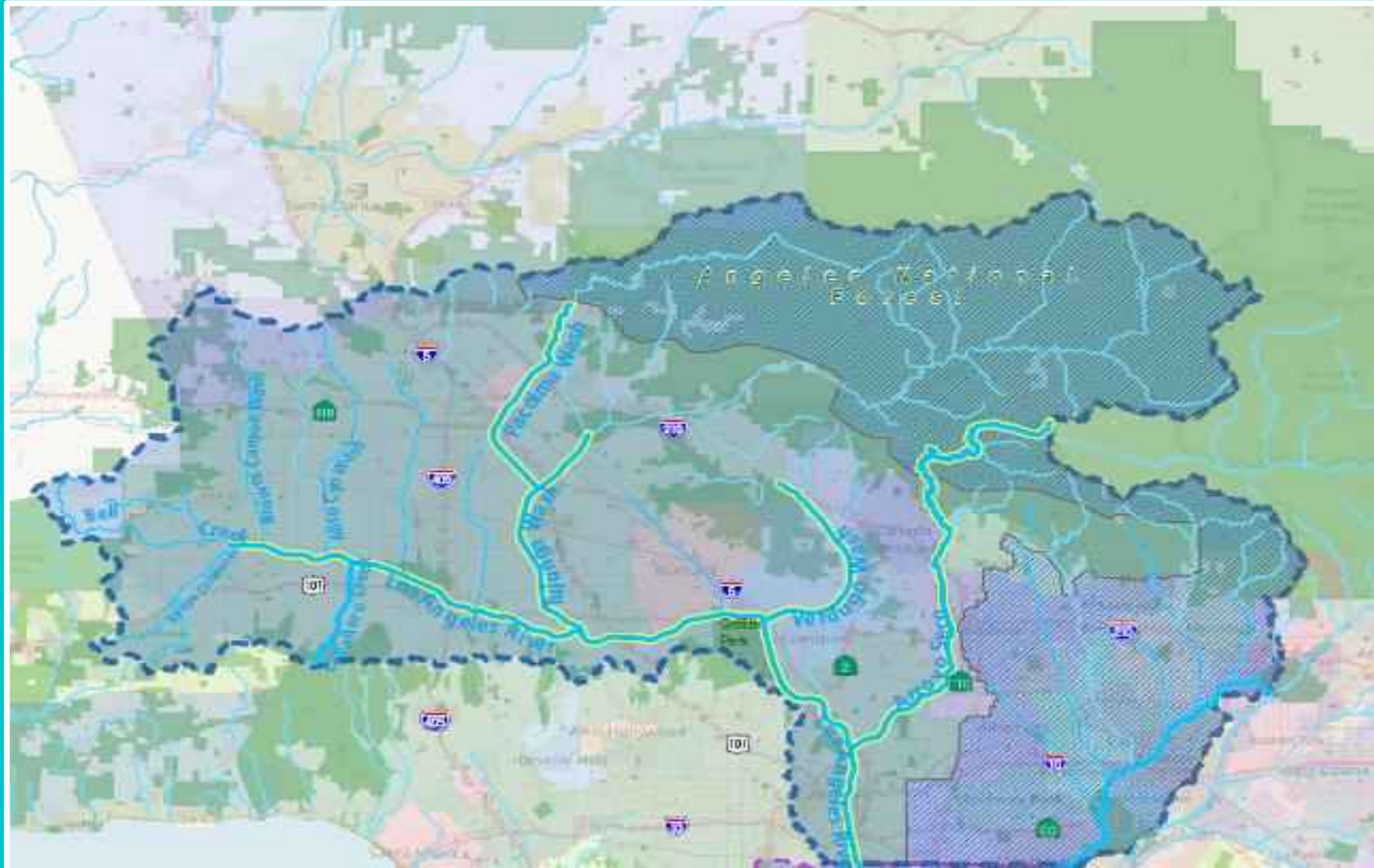


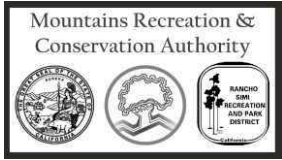


AB 466: Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan

People and Recreation Committee

September 25, 2018





Meeting Agenda



1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Introductions
4. Election of Committee Officers
5. Comments from members of the public
6. Staff Update
7. Discussion of the Committee's Purpose
8. Presentation of Literature Review
9. Committee Member Comments
10. Announcement of Future Meetings and Adjournment



Item 4. Election of Committee Officers





Item 5. Public Comments





Item 6. Staff Update





Item 7. Committee Purpose, Goals, and Objectives





AB 466 Plan Goals and Objectives



Focus on community engagement especially in underserved communities

Focus on Tributaries where there is not already planning or project building efforts

Refer to previous planning efforts whenever possible and fill in gaps

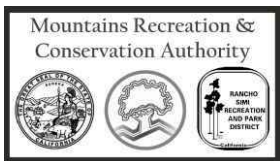




Purpose

The Purpose of the **People and Recreation Committee** is to identify and prioritize opportunities that focus on community need and equitable access to public space, establish and restore habitat for passive recreation, and support recreation activities within the Upper Los Angeles River and its Tributaries





Goals and Objectives



Improve access for all to the River and the tributaries

Provide safe connects to parks, open space and trails.

Incorporate educational and Recreational opportunities

Feature the importance of community values and local culture

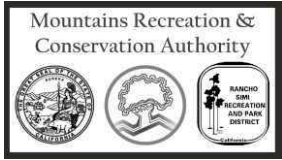
Focus on social equity and environmental justice during the planning process



Technical Committee Timeline



Technical Committee Meeting Date	OBJECTIVE
September 2018	Purpose, Goals, Objectives, and Timelines
November 2018	Review Existing Efforts and Example Case Studies
December 2018	Develop Program Goals and Prioritization Framework
February 2019	Identify Priority sites and Opportunities
April 2019	Project Concept Development
June 2019	Develop ULART Revitalization Plan



Plan Development Timeline



2018

2019

**Inventory
and Analysis**

**Initial
Opportunity
Sites**

**Constraints
Analysis**

**Draft
Framework**

**Concept
Development**

**Revitalization
Plan**

Community Engagement Plan

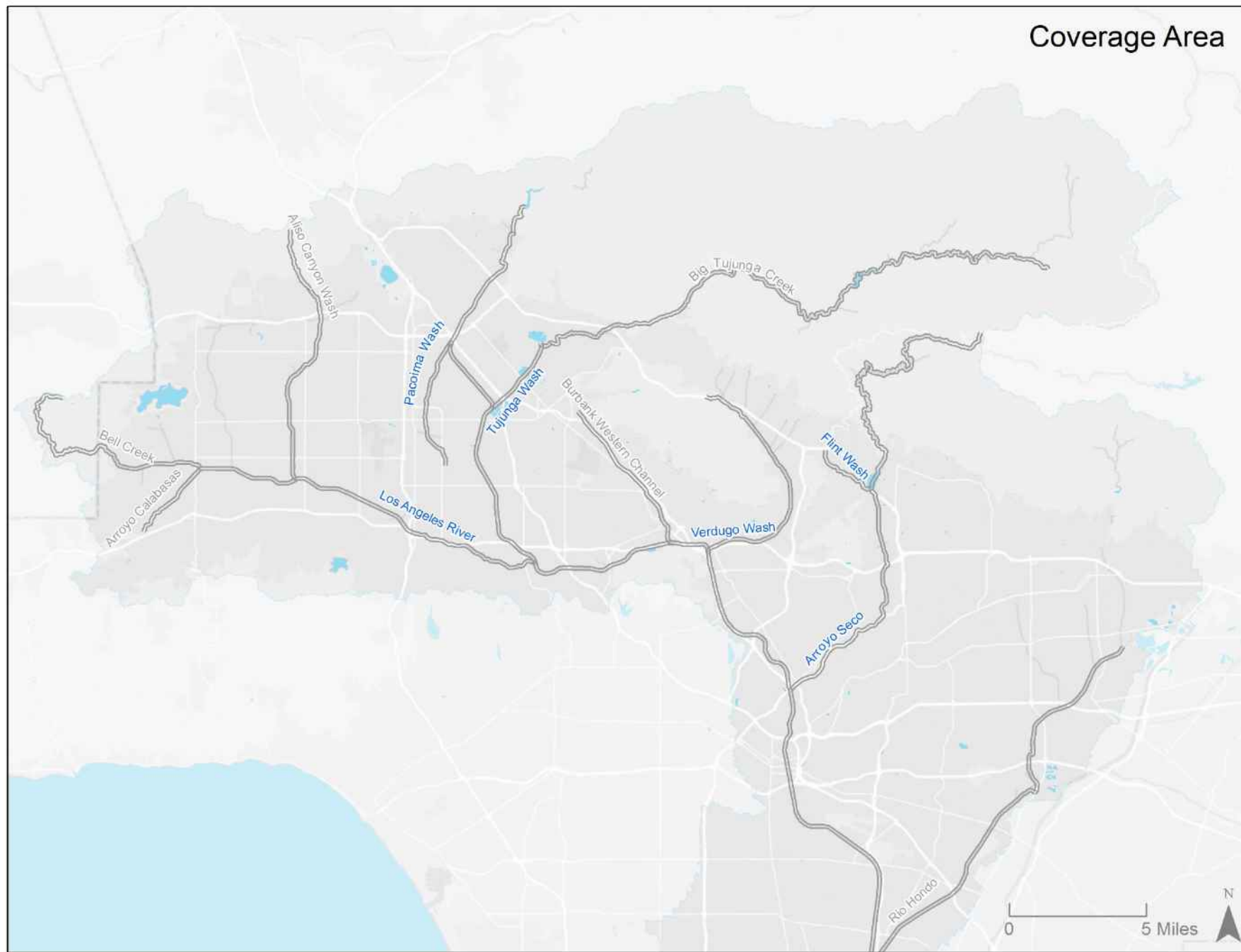
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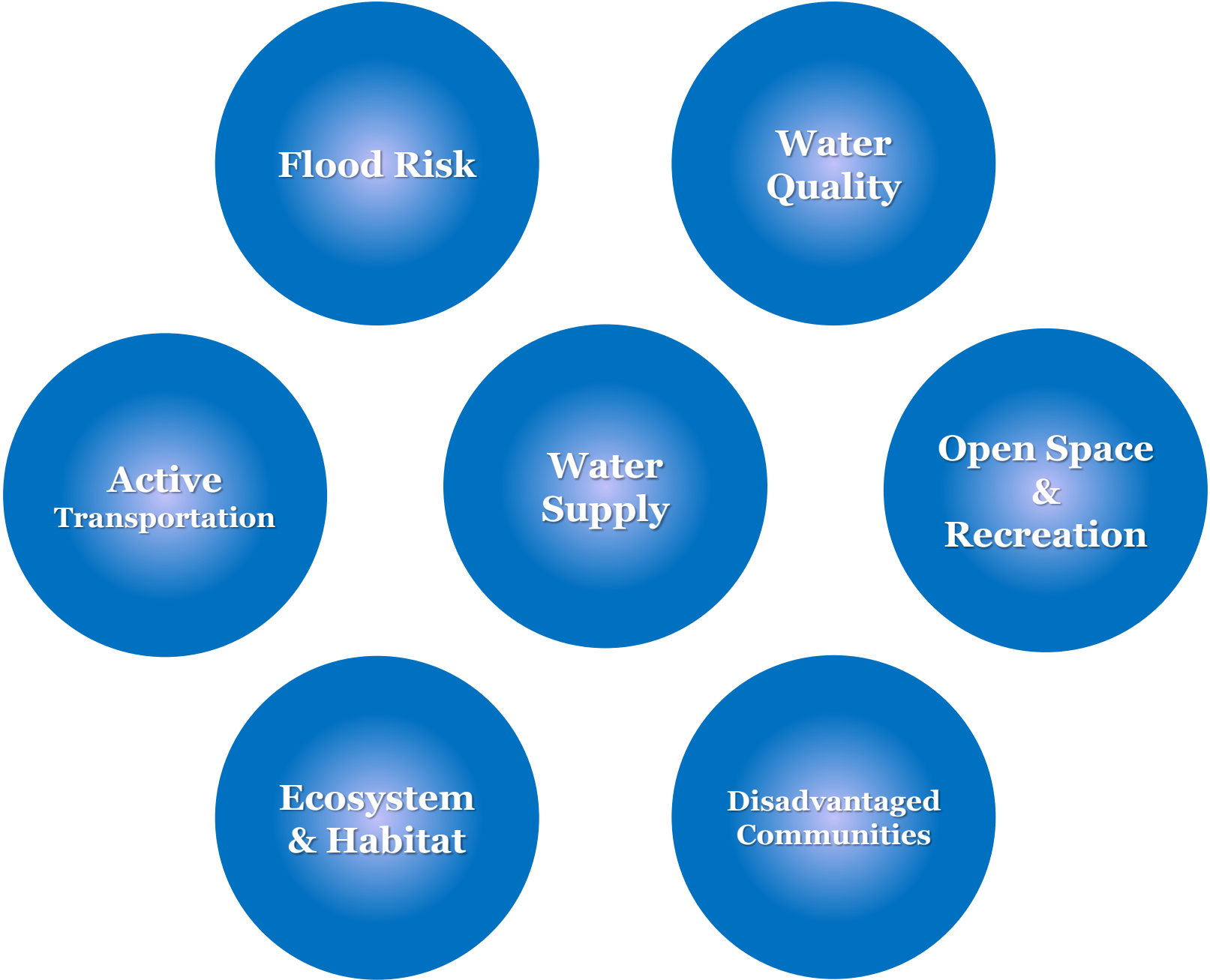


Item 8. Presentation of Literature Review



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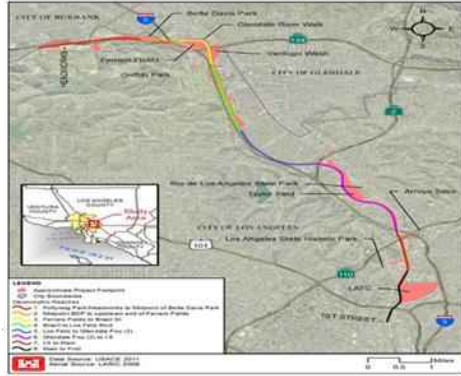




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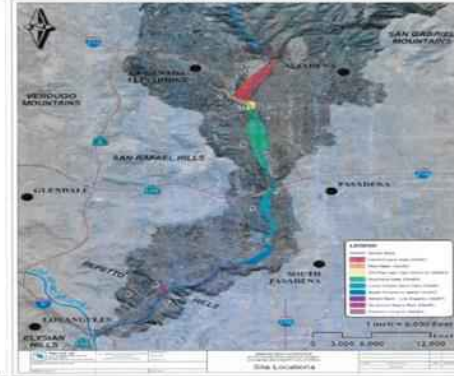
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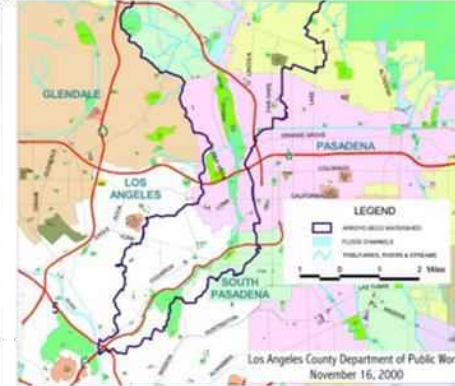
- Primary purpose is to identify alternatives to **restore habitat** in the LA River from Griffith Park to downtown by reestablishing habitat and reconnecting the river to major tributaries, its historic floodplain, and the regional habitat zones while maintaining *existing* levels of flood risk management
- Secondary purpose is provide **recreational opportunities** consistent with the restored ecosystem

Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study (DRAFT - UNDATED)



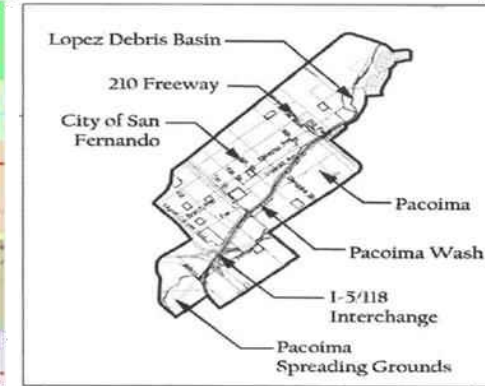
- Evaluates opportunities for **restoring ecosystem function** along the 11-mile reach of the Arroyo Seco
- Employs a watershed approach to address water-related issues in the Arroyo Seco and develops implementation actions that are **acceptable to the interested public** and institutions

Arroyo Seco Watershed Restoration Feasibility Study, 2002



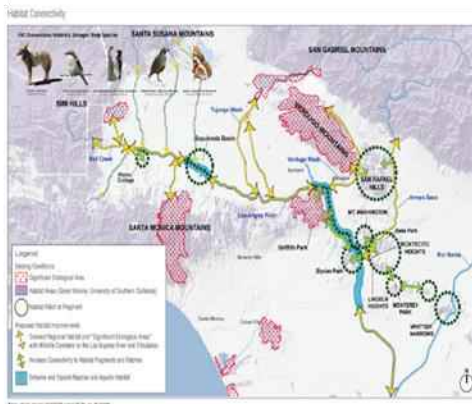
- **Integrates issues** of flood management, stream naturalization, water resources, habitat rehabilitation, and educational and recreational opportunities
- **Recommends agency coordination** to realize the implementation of recommended projects and programs.

Cal Poly Pomona Pacoima Wash Greenway Master Plan, 2004



- Purpose is to develop designs, guidelines, and strategies for **human recreation, natural systems restoration, and site remediation** in and along the Pacoima Wash
- Embodies the **vision of the community**, addresses critical environmental issues, and provides for the mental and physical health of future generations
- The plan addresses three scales of concern: regional, community, and site scales

City of Los Angeles LA River Revitalization Master Plan, 2007



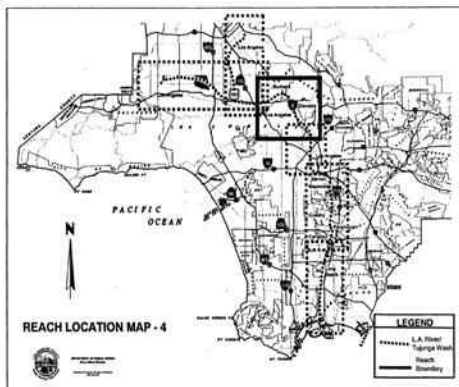
- Goal to **revitalize** the 32-miles of the LA River as it runs through the City of Los Angeles
- Manage flow velocities in the channel to allow for ecological restoration and facilitation of multi-benefit green spaces within the river that can provide both **open space and water quality benefits**
- Organizing principles are to revitalize the river; green the neighborhoods; capture community opportunities; and **create value**

Common Ground - From the Mountains to the Sea, 2001



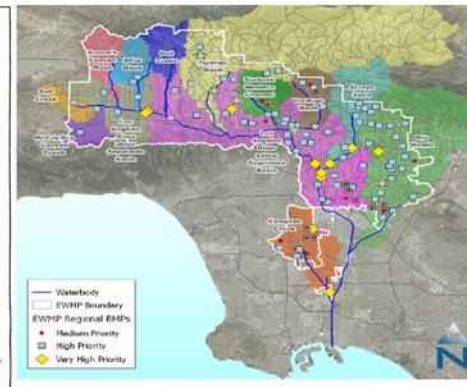
- Vision for a **continuous ribbon of open space**, trails, active and passive recreation areas, and wildlife habitat on the LA River, the San Gabriel River, and their respective tributaries
- Organized around land, water, and planning
- Opportunities identified include **enhancing public access, improved water resources management, and habitat protection**

County of Los Angeles LA River Master Plan, 1996



- Identifies ways to revitalize the publicly-owned rights-of-way along the LA river and Tujunga Wash, recognizing that the primary purpose of the River is to provide **flood control**
- Addresses aesthetics; economic development; **environmental quality; flood management and water conservation;** stormwater management alternatives; jurisdiction and public involvement; and recreation

Enhanced Watershed Management Program for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, 2016



- Developed to fulfill the 2012 Los Angeles County **MS4 Permit** requirements
- Provides strategies to “capture” water quality benefits in terms of meeting Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and other water quality objectives
- Many proposed projects provide **multi-benefits that include habitat and water supply benefits**

IRWMP Upper LA River Subregional Report, 2014

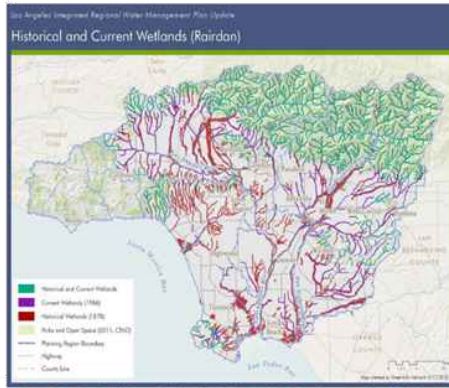
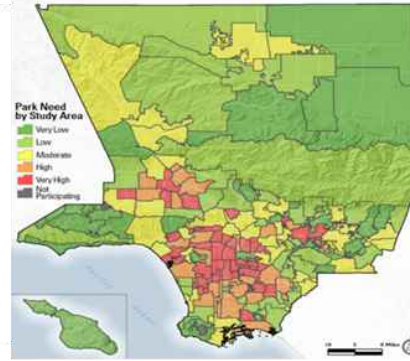


Figure 6. Historical and Current Wetlands (Rairdan) (GLAC Region, except NSMB Subregion)

- Objectives are to reduce the region's reliance on imported water; comply with water quality regulations; restore natural processes and habitats; increase watershed friendly recreational space; reduce flood risk; and adapt and mitigate against climate change vulnerabilities
- Goal is to develop a plan does not create conflicts between the regions while engaging in public outreach

Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, 2016



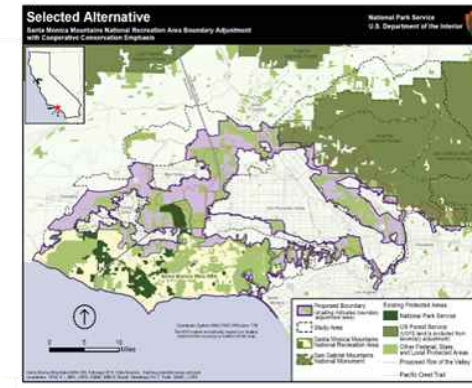
- Inventories existing and analyzes needed parks and recreation facilities in cities and unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County
- Considers parks as key infrastructure needed to maintain and improve quality of life and supports a need-based allocation of funding
- Serves as an important document in informing planning and decision-making regarding future funding

Los Angeles Sustainable Water Project: Los Angeles River Watershed, 2017



- Assesses the effectiveness of implementing integrated water management programs to address water quality and supply across the City of LA
- Different watershed management approaches result in different flows available to support the various needs and uses of the LA River
- Recommends fully identifying and analyzing potential beneficial and harmful impacts of integrated water management plans

National Park Service Rim of the Valley Special Resource Study, 2016



- Evaluated several alternatives to determine if any area in the Rim of the Valley Corridor would be eligible to be designated as a National Park
- The areas in the selected alternatives are some of the highest in concentration of resources values and public enjoyment opportunities and these were sent to Congress in 2016
- If legislation passes, the NPS would be able to fund new trails and other facilities in the areas to be included in the SMMNRA

Pacoima Wash Vision Plan, 2011



- Initiative focuses on creation of new **recreational amenities and a multi-use path** along the length of the Pacoima Wash through the communities of Sylmar and Pacoima
- Goals are to create policies and a physical project that **improves health by promoting active living**
- Outreach process resulted in the development of design elements and identification of gaps

The Los Angeles River Urban Wildlife Refuge Report, 2005



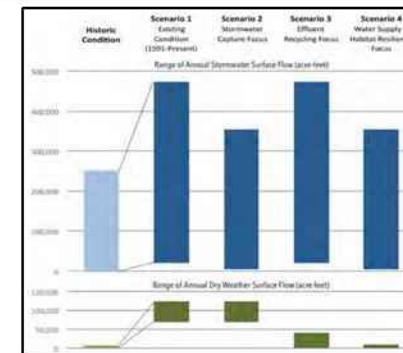
- The SMMC re-envisioned the Los Angeles River watershed as an **urban wildlife refuge**
- Recommends a combined approach using stormwater infrastructure to improve water quality and create wildlife refuge
- Recommends forging alliances with the scientific community, elected officials, and the public and address the river with **scientific rigor and public passion**

Tujunga-Pacoima Watershed Plan, 2008



- Outlines actions, programs and projects to revitalize Tujunga/Pacoima watershed **balancing water supply, water quality, open space, environmental protection and restoration, and public safety**
- Provides policy recommendations that foster robust resource conservation, regular infrastructure maintenance, improved agency coordination, and expanded funding opportunities

Water Supply and Habitat Resiliency for a Future Los Angeles River, 2016

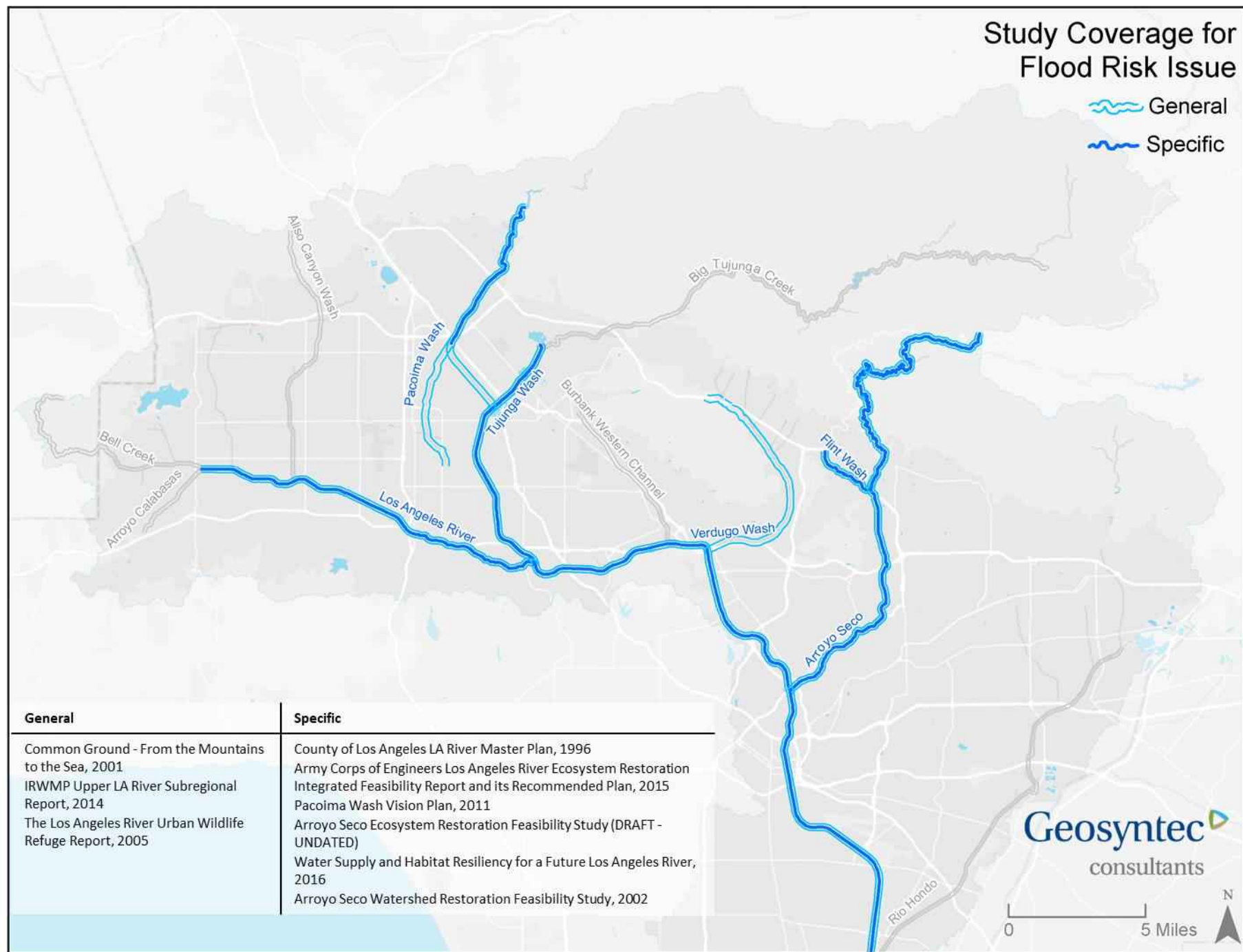


- Provides research on the **existing and historic condition** of the Los Angeles River within the Elysian Valley
- Develops new datasets relating to biodiversity, ecology, as well as hydraulics for the historic and existing condition
- Identifies habitat enhancement opportunities, and four **alternatives** for watershed hydrology scenarios

#	Document	Entity/Agency	Issue							Water Body (S=Specific; G=General)					Project List Data
			Flood Risk	Water Supply	Water Quality	Active Transportation	Ecosystem & Habitat	Open Space and Recreation	D.A.C.	LAR Mainstem	Arroyo Seco/Flint Wash	Tujunga Wash	Pacoima Wash	Verdugo Wash	
1	Common Ground - From the Mountains to the Sea, 2001	SMMC and RMC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G	G	G	G	G	No. Project review criteria provided in Appendix F.
2	County of Los Angeles LA River Master Plan, 1996	LA County DPW	X		X		X	X		S		S			Yes, Appendix B and D
3	City of Los Angeles LA River Revitalization Master Plan, 2007	City of Los Angeles BOE			X	X	X	X	X	S		G			Yes, Section 6; Pages 10 12 - 10 16
4	Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Report and its Recommended Plan, 2015	USACE	X				X			S					Yes
5	Pacoima Wash Vision Plan, 2011	County of LA Public Health Community Health Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				S		Yes Chapter 5
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10	Water Supply and Habitat Resiliency for a Future Los Angeles River, 2016	The Nature Conservancy	X	X			X			S					Yes Section 5
11	Los Angeles Sustainable Water Project: Los Angeles River Watershed, 2017	UCLA		X	X		X			S	G	G	G	G	No
12	Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, 2016	LA County Dept of Parks and Rec					X	X	X	G	G	G	G	G	Yes Appendix C
13	Tujunga-Pacoima Watershed Plan, 2008	The River Project		X	X	X	X	X				S	S		Yes Chapter 4
14	National Park Service Rim of the Valley Special Resource Study, 2016	Congress - Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008					X	X	X	G	G	G		G	No
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Study Coverage for Flood Risk Issue

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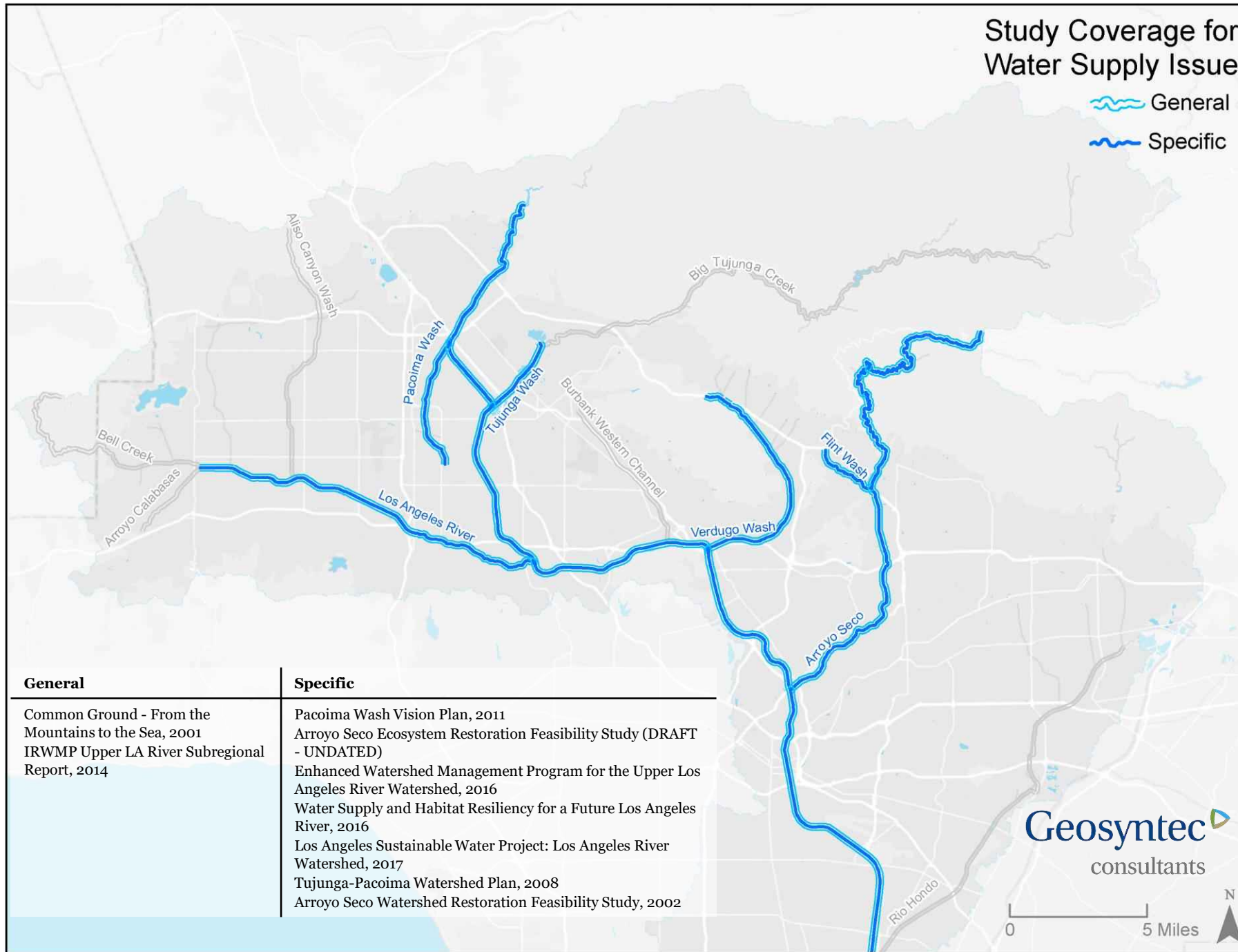
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Study Coverage for Water Supply Issue

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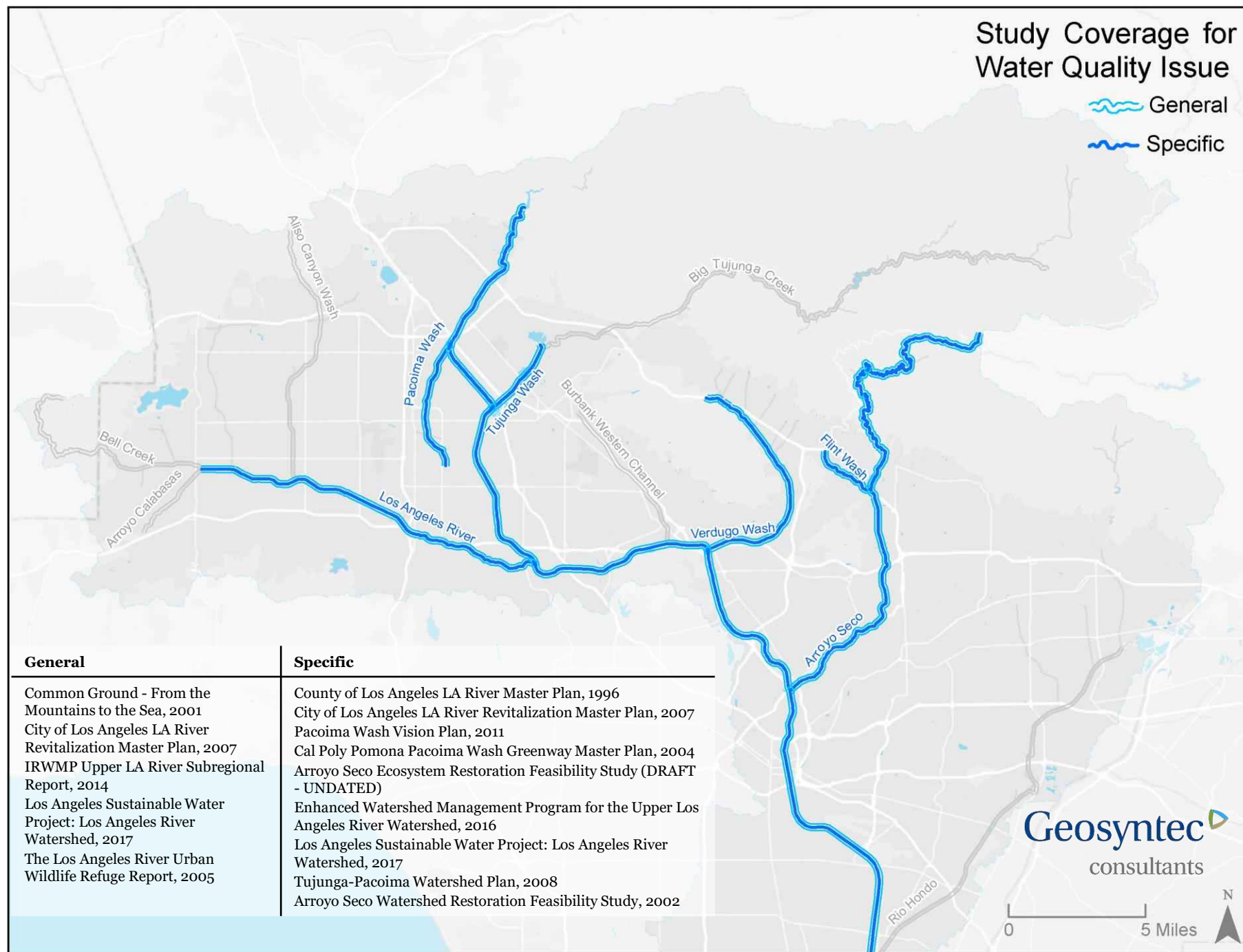
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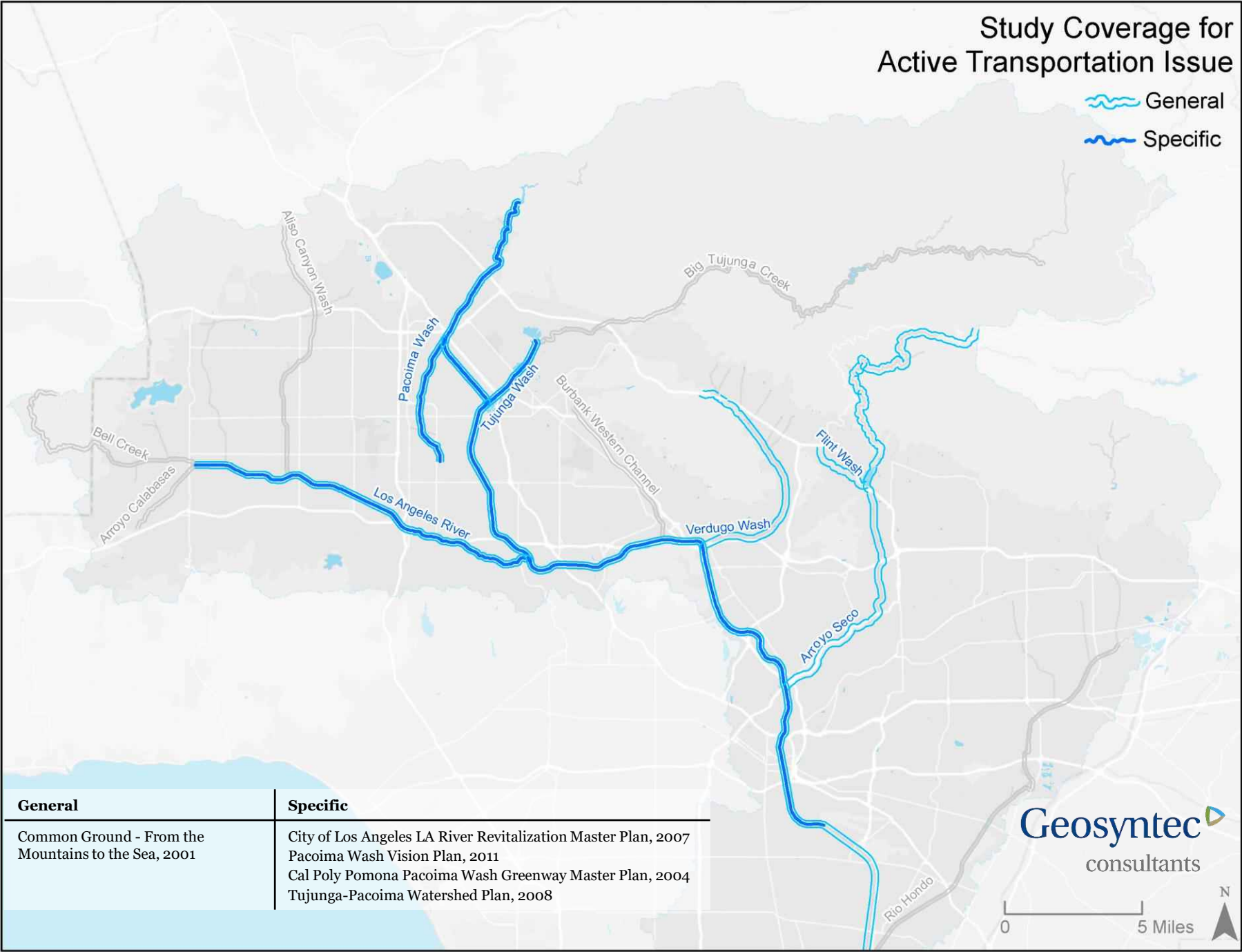
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Study Coverage for Active Transportation Issue

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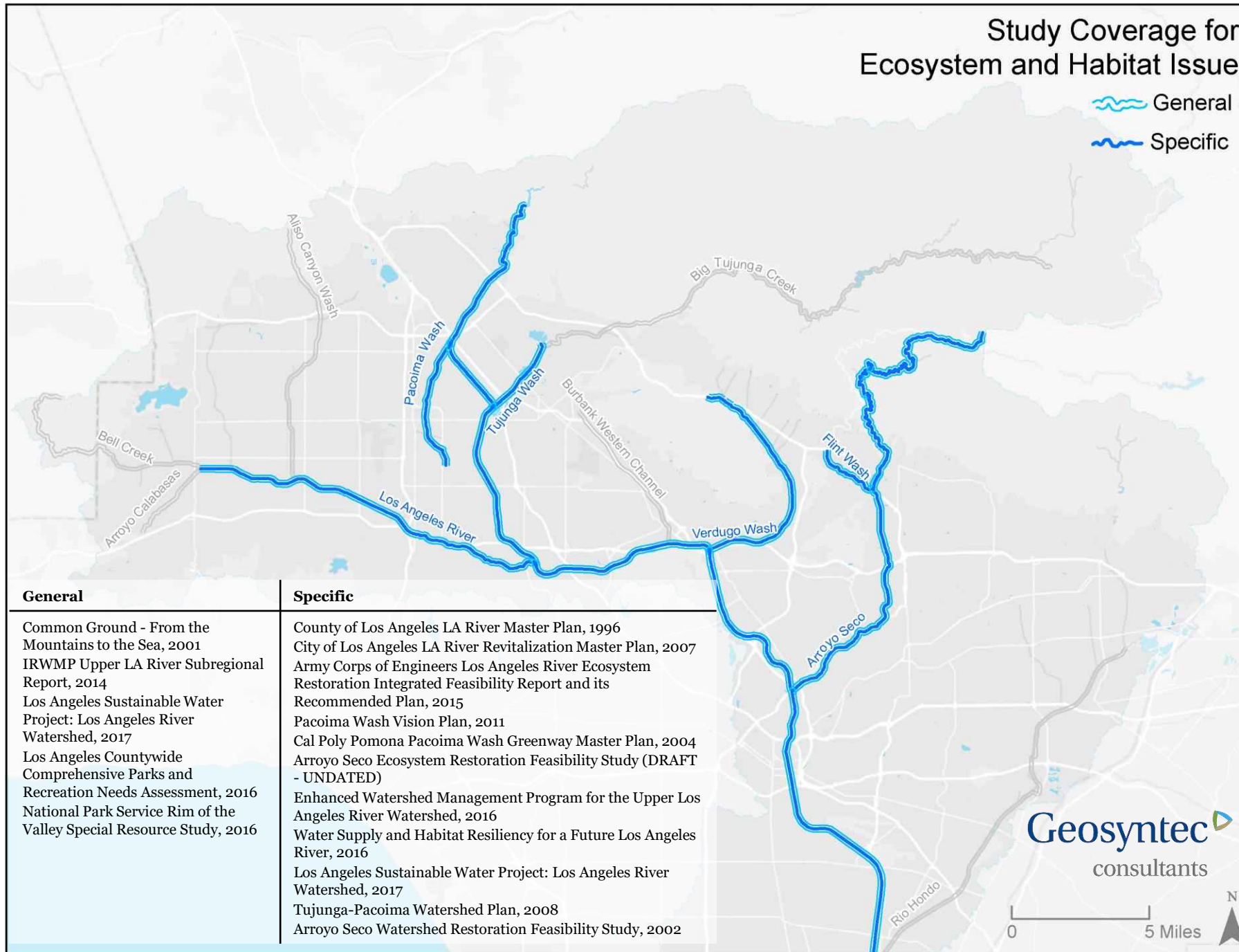
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Study Coverage for Ecosystem and Habitat Issue

-  General
-  Specific



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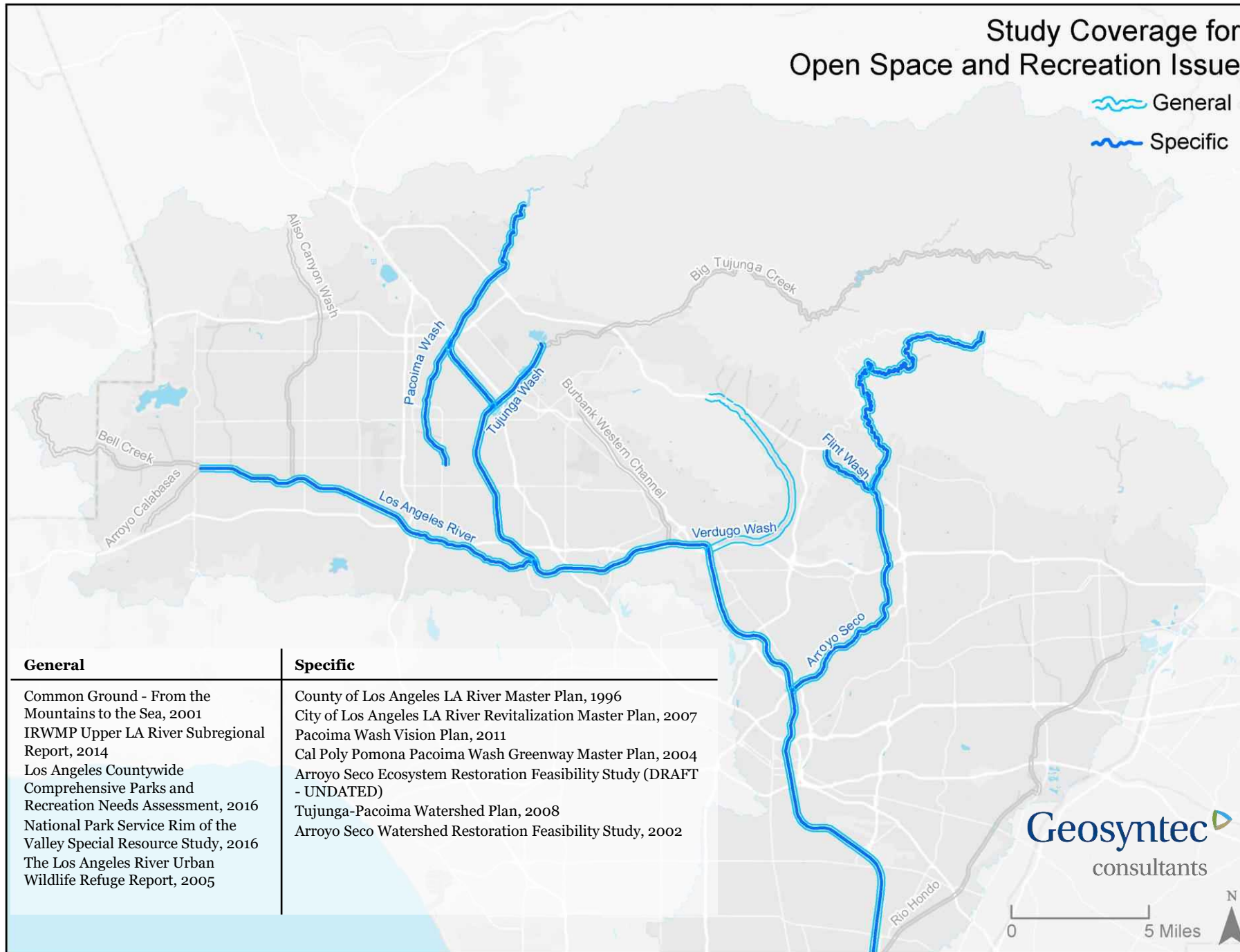
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Study Coverage for Open Space and Recreation Issue

 General
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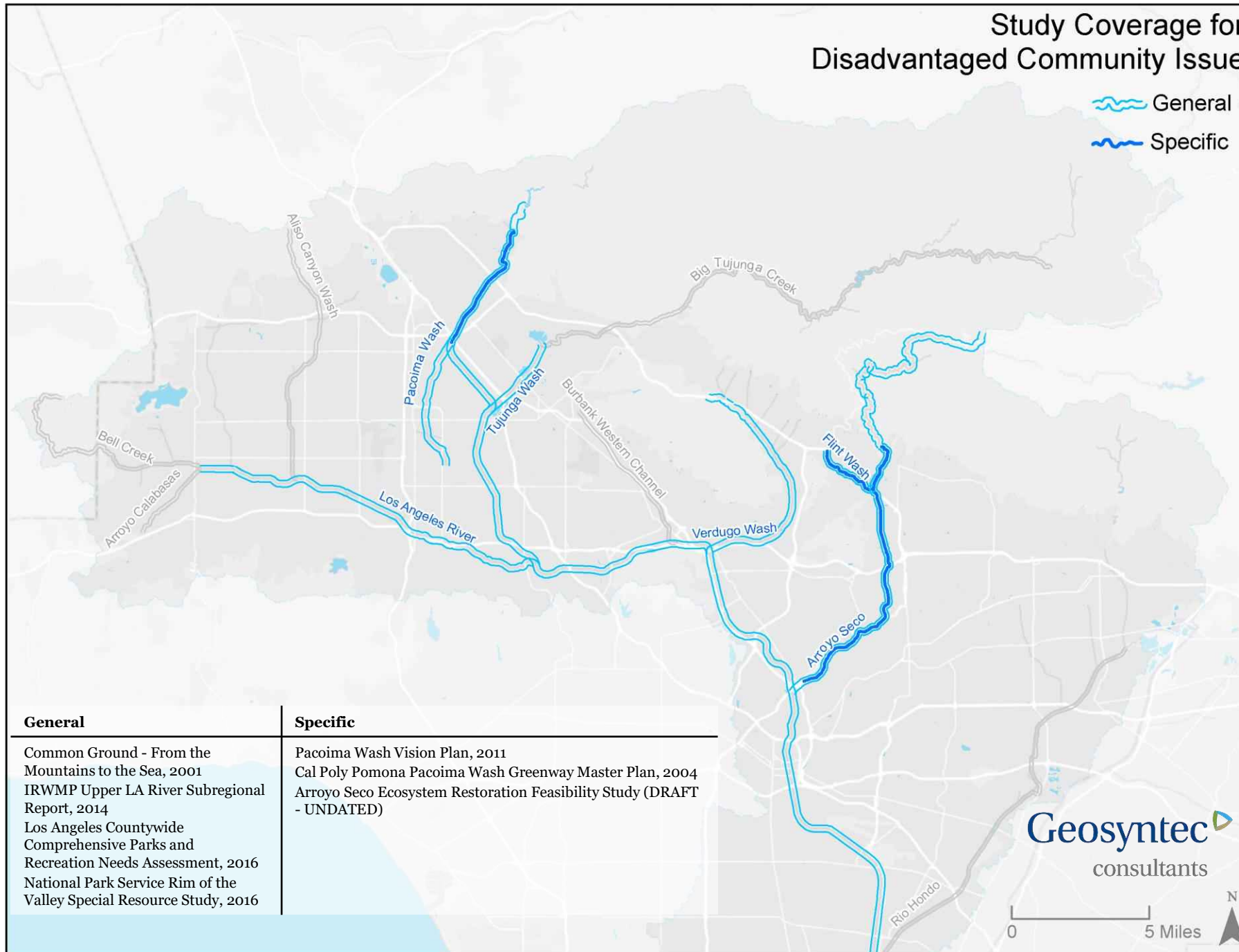
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Study Coverage for Disadvantaged Community Issue

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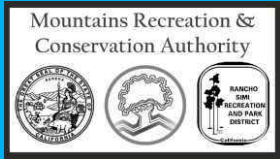


Item 9. Committee Member Comments





Item 10. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment



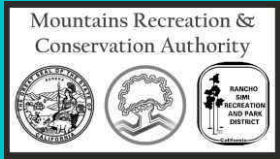
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