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Please find attached the full copy of the report of the proceedings from the "Room for the River: Los Angeles" climate symposium presented jointly by the City of Los Angeles and the Consulate of the Netherlands back in May of 2013. The two most relevant pieces, which I provided the Senator with a hard copy of today, are the working group reports from Day 1 on Flood Avoidance and from Day 2 on the Upper Los Angeles River.

In addition, I'm providing a link to a City of LA story on our Water LA program of urban acupuncture, currently funded by the State Coastal Conservancy and the LADWP.

<http://www.lastormwater.org/blog/2013/04/water-la-works-to-capture-conserve-reuse/>

(You may have noticed that the LADWP, and now Sanitation, have recently adopted our motto of 'Capture, Conserve, Reuse' in their public outreach.)

Here's a key paragraph from that article, tying our distributed approach to the river efforts:

*The biggest challenge for us at The River Project may be that for the most part, agencies still talk about water, the river, and the city itself as distinct things. We're working towards a living Los Angeles River, nourished by a healthy watershed. Water LA is about water quality and water supply, yes, but capturing stormwater reduces peak flows to the river, too. That's key because that concrete lining our rivers and streams is reaching the end of its serviceable life and will have to be re-built or re-thought. So long as there are systems in place – be they building codes or channelized waterways – that serve to throw away our most precious resource, or planning and zoning codes that prohibit us from creating healthy communities, the system will remain out of balance and a sustainable future for the City will be difficult to realize. We're looking at the watershed as a functioning whole, and agencies are just not there yet.*

Both of these were referenced in my oral testimony this afternoon's LA River hearing and I wanted to provide you with the resources.

Cheers -  
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Then there's this, from today:

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2013/12/13/40922/with-water-from-the-delta-uncertain-la-looks-to-ex/?slide=3>

If you're paying attention, you'll understand that while the piece is about the BDCP, it's relates as much to the future of LA River as anything said at today's hearing.

When DWP Dir. of Water Operations Marty Adams talks about 'life by a thousand projects' - that's our Water LA program.

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