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RESIDENTS DRAW THEIR VISIONS FOR L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN – *Second round of workshops kicks off today at Reseda High, features interactive L.A. River design session and Aquarium on Wheels*

LOS ANGELES – Residents of all ages will draw their own visions for renewing 32 miles of the Los Angeles River at a workshop today from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Reseda High School, 18230 Kittridge St., in the San Fernando Valley.

“This is a highly interactive workshop where residents can show where they want open space, environmental protection and public access along the River,” said Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, who chairs the Ad Hoc Committee on the Los Angeles River.

Today’s event begins the second round of workshops being held during an 18-month period to ensure that the public has an ongoing voice in the L.A. River Revitalization Master Plan. The workshops will include a review of the results of the first round of meetings attended by more than 650 people in October 2005, followed by a highly interactive design session. The Aquarium of the Pacific’s Aquarium on Wheels is stationed at today’s event for children to learn how to protect the Los Angeles River.

“Our planning concept is to elicit ideas from the public and learn what really matters to people that live by the River or wish to protect, work, play or shop by the River,” Los Angeles City Engineer Gary Moore said.

The master plan objectives include providing parks, wildlife habitat, improve water resources and enhanced ecological functioning along the Los Angeles River. The plan also aims to identify housing, transportation and economic development opportunities to revitalize communities along the River.

“It is imperative that San Fernando Valley residents participate in the decisions that will shape the changes envisioned for the Los Angeles River,” said Councilmember Dennis P. Zine, whose district includes Reseda High School.

The \$3 million master plan is being overseen by Tetra Tech, an environmental and engineering firm based in Pasadena. It is funded by the City’s Department of Water and Power.

Additional community workshops will take place in **South Los Angeles** on Tuesday, January 24, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Intergenerational Community Center, 3890 S. Menlo Ave., and in the **Atwater/Los Feliz** area on Saturday, January 28 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Chevy Chase Recreation Center, 2165 Chevy Chase Drive.

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