

HANSEN DAM

PACOIMA WASH

TUJUNGA WASH

ALISO CANYON WASH

BULL CREEK

ALMOST LOS ANGELES COUNTY

5 FREEWAY

LOS ANGELES RIVER

GLENDALE NARROWS

101 FREEWAY

10 FREEWAY

RIO HONDO CHANNEL

10 FREEWAY

110 FREEWAY

710 CORRIDOR

BALLONA CREEK

ALAMEDA CORRIDOR

MARINA DEL REY

LAX

105 FREEWAY

DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL

COMPTON CREEK

5 FREEWAY

405 FREEWAY

PACIFIC OCEAN

PORT OF LOS ANGELES

PORT OF LONG BEACH

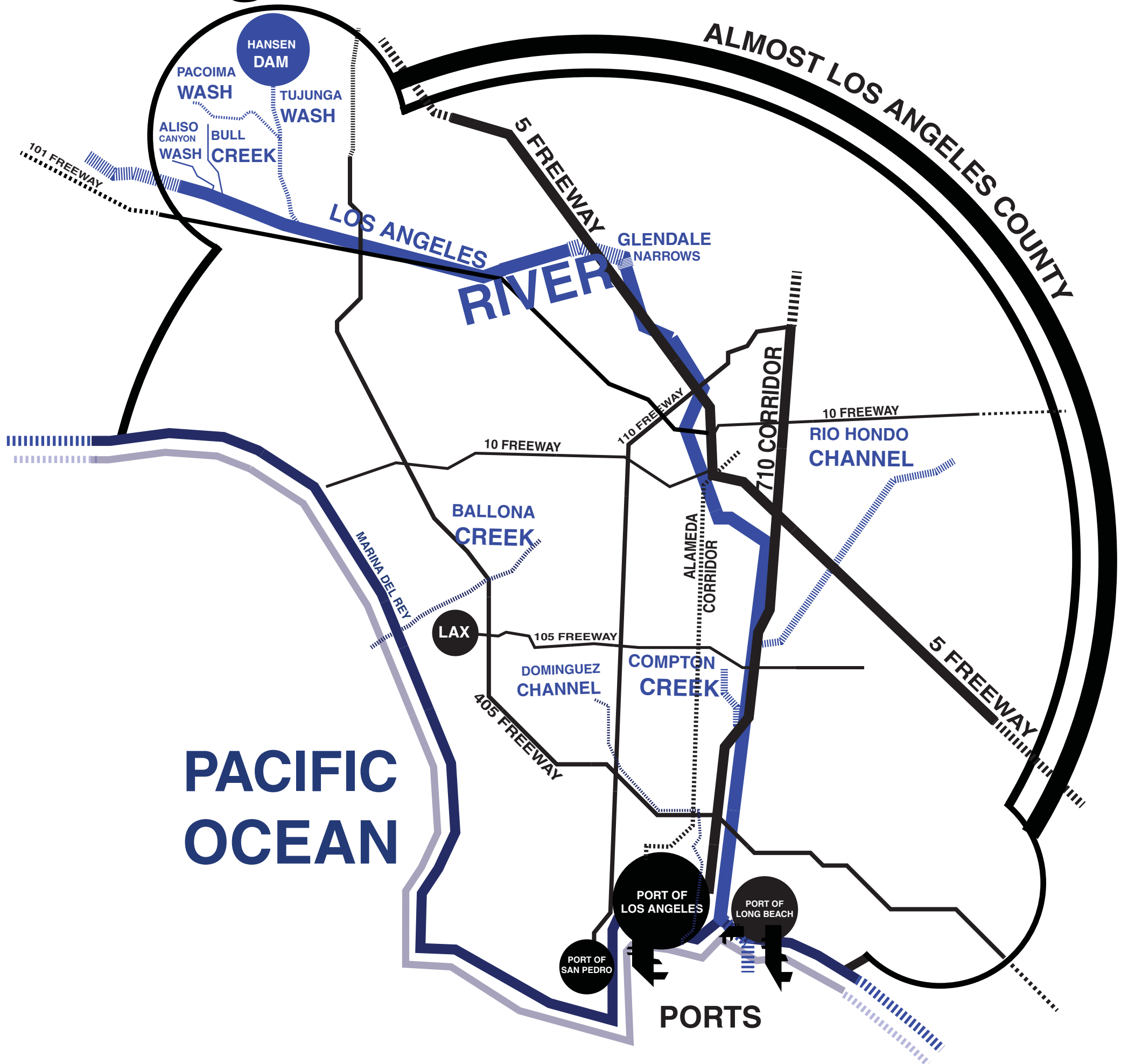
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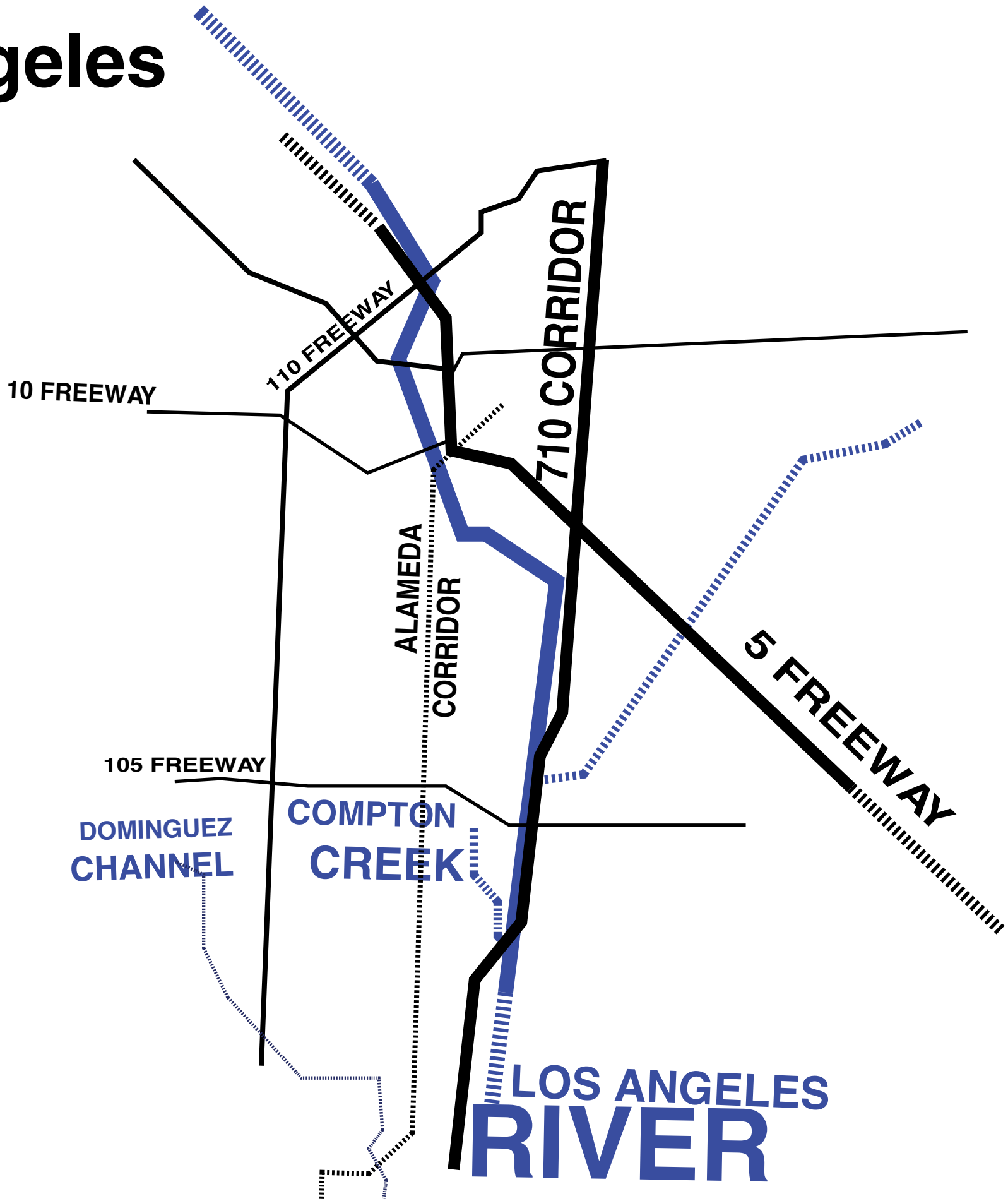
# los angeles

**This map demonstrate the potential for regional solidarity to continue taking place across Los Angeles Region. Namely, community organizations that have an emphasis on environmental justice, and connect to the Los Angeles River or its tributaries. When we consider collective regional solidarity, how are we looking at physical infrastructure, namely the Los Angeles River, as a point of communal and organizationtional solidarity? This map is intended to be navigated by youth to make the connections and witness the impactful work being carried out across different geographic regions throughout Los Angeles.**

# los angeles



# south los angeles



# south los angeles

This region has complex histories with relationship to power imbalances; by looking throughout all of these maps we can continue building a case for enacting just environments by looking to sites such as the Los Angeles River to articulate a regional environmental justice movement. To date, political mobilizations throughout this region have seen many different approaches addressing police repression, the legacy of residential segregation, and the impacts of environmental injustices regionally, and locally. Pulido et. al (2012) documents some of these different collective memories and histories inscribed into the landscapes of Los Angeles as a whole, and provides some of the complex realities of the region. I hope to continue documenting these spatial histories in the region with this document. Specifically, I hope to connect the Los Angeles River as a point of solidarity across collective mobilizations toward just environments.

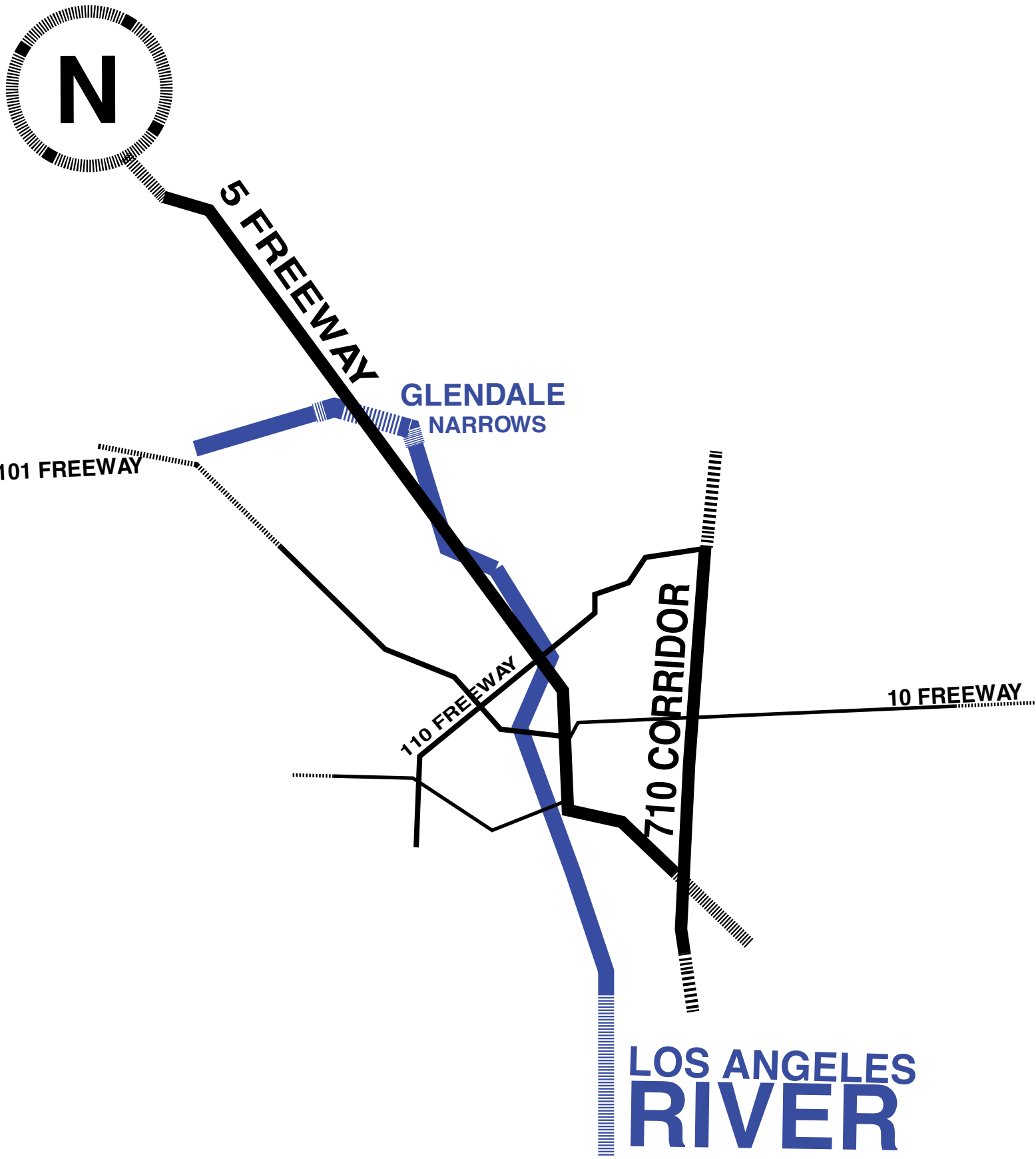
## **alameda corridor:**

This corridor is intended for freight trains, and the goods movement, to bring commodities from the Ports into the inner city, and into the national historic rail network. Passing through communities such as Long Beach, Carson, Compton, Lynwood, communities made up of diverse populations, there are concerns of disparate impacts placed onto these communities when contextualizing the region's land uses. Refer to the [document](#) to see some of the ways environmental injustices are documented. Namely, disparate impacts of crude oil trains passing through these communities.

## **compton creek:**

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# north los angeles



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## **glendale narrows:**

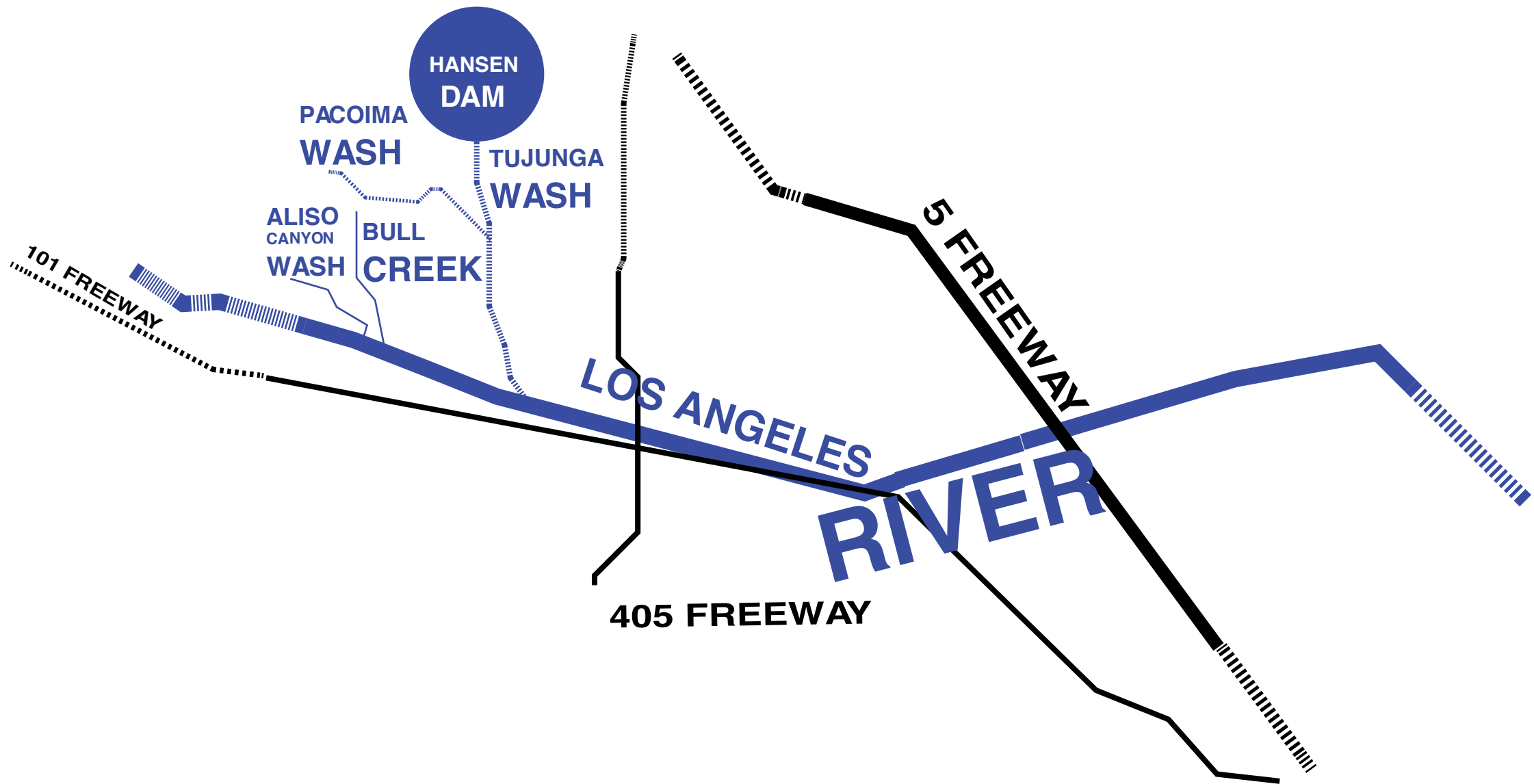
One of the soft bed portions for the Los Angeles River which provides habitat for wildlife. This site is proximal to griffith park and serves as an important amenity for residents of the North Los Angeles Region.

## **Los Angeles River School:**

This school has effective curriculum tying in the Los Angeles River with environmental education. This high school education can provide the space for youth to be a part of processes that revolve around environmental restoration throughout the Los Angeles Region.

# san fernando

## valley





# san fernando valley

## **tujunga wash:**

Homelessness throughout the San Fernando Valley is an unfortunate reality. This piece of infrastructure has seen encampments throughout. This brings into consideration design approaches to address wide scale temporary occupation of the area.

## **pacoima wash:**

This body of water has seen recent restoration through the effective work of a local non-profit organization. has been able to garner youth and community participation to conceive of having the Pacoima Wash become an important amenity for residents of the area.

## **aliso canyon wash:**

This wash emerges out of the Aliso Canyon of the San Fernando Valley. This seasonal waterbody is woven into the urban fabric of San Fernando Valley and into the Los Angeles River.

## **bull creek:**

This creek underwent restoration in 2008. Today, this creek provides habitat to many species that once populated the region. This is an important example to highlight to demonstrate some of the potential that urban creeks have, when considering design opportunities, as well as habitat reintroduction, and potential restoration. This information was acquired through Sepulveda Basin Wildlife website, listed in the references.

# greater eastside



# greater eastside

## **rio hondo channel:**

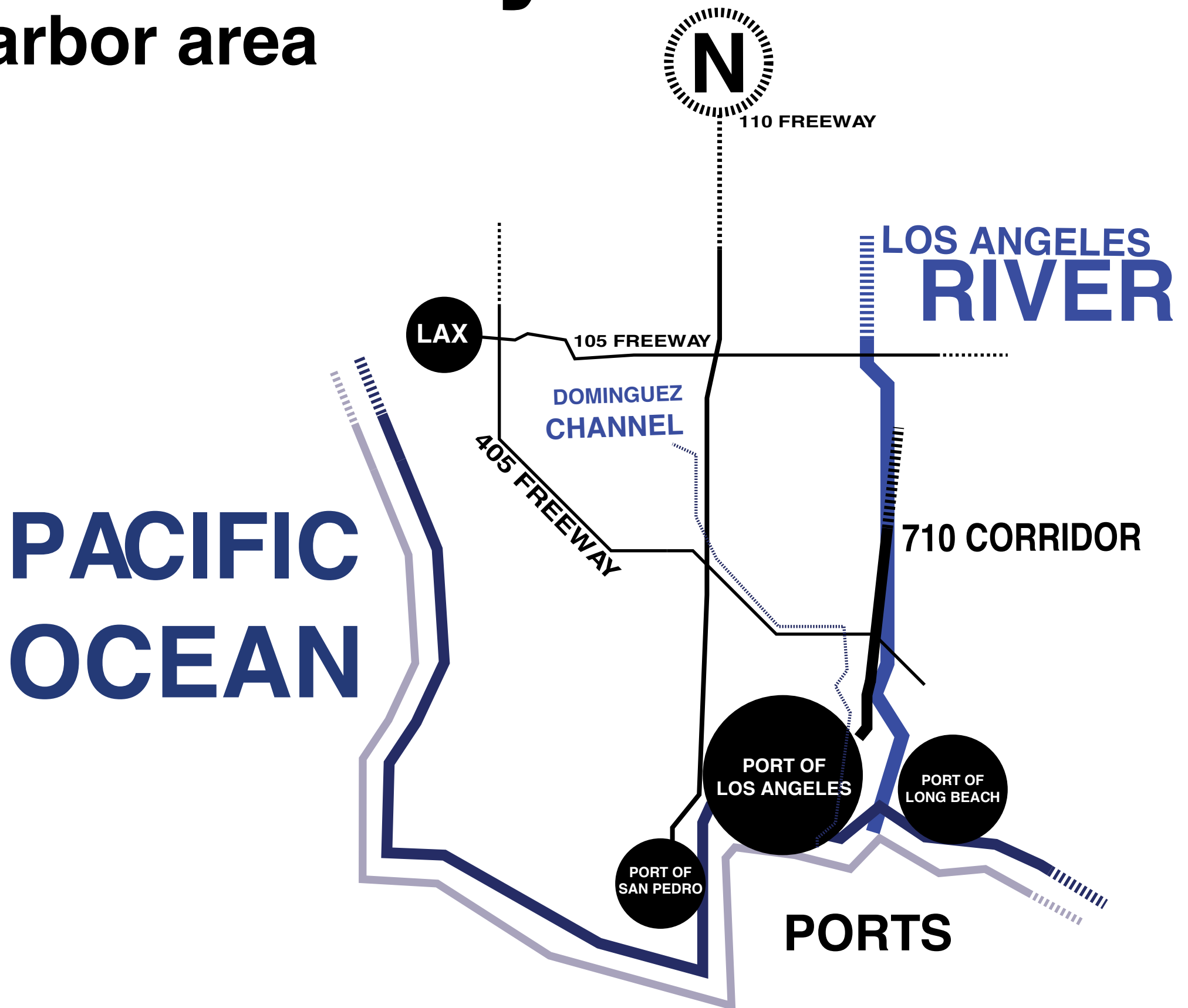
This channel is the culmination of the Rio Hondo Watershed that feeds into the Los Angeles River from the San Gabriel Valley and the Greater Eastside.

## **710 corridor:**

This corridor serves as an important infrastructural component for truck traffic that brings goods from the ports into warehouses throughout the inner city, before they are distributed throughout the nation. A local non-profit organization, [the Center for Community Alternatives](#), has strenuously advocated against the expansion of this corridor, as well as offered their solutions through Community Alternative 7. This alternative calls for an investment by state agencies in green energy infrastructure to ensure a healthier environment is provided for the residents constantly affected by diesel truck traffic, specifically the concentration of particulates and emissions produced by trucks using this corridor.

# south bay

## harbor area



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### **ports:**

While ports are a signifier of economic livelihood for a region, these ports also provide a different significance to communities of this region. They are a sign of toxicity. From idling cargo ships, to the expansive presence of rails, diesel trucks, and proposed expansion of ports. All of this contributes to the livelihood of proximal schools, homes, and most importantly families. This complex reality comes with a lot of collective resistance and proposal of alternatives by community organizations mobilizing against port expansions (i.e. Southern California International Gateway Project).

### **dominguez channel:**

As most channels throughout the region, this stormwater drain has been identified as highly polluted because of large amounts of untreated stormwater runoff. This channel can serve as an effective case for beginning to argue for stormwater infrastructure that can serve the purpose of treating water, in Los Angeles' rare rainfall events. Particularly, it can serve as a point of education for proximal public schools in the region.

# santa monica

## mountains

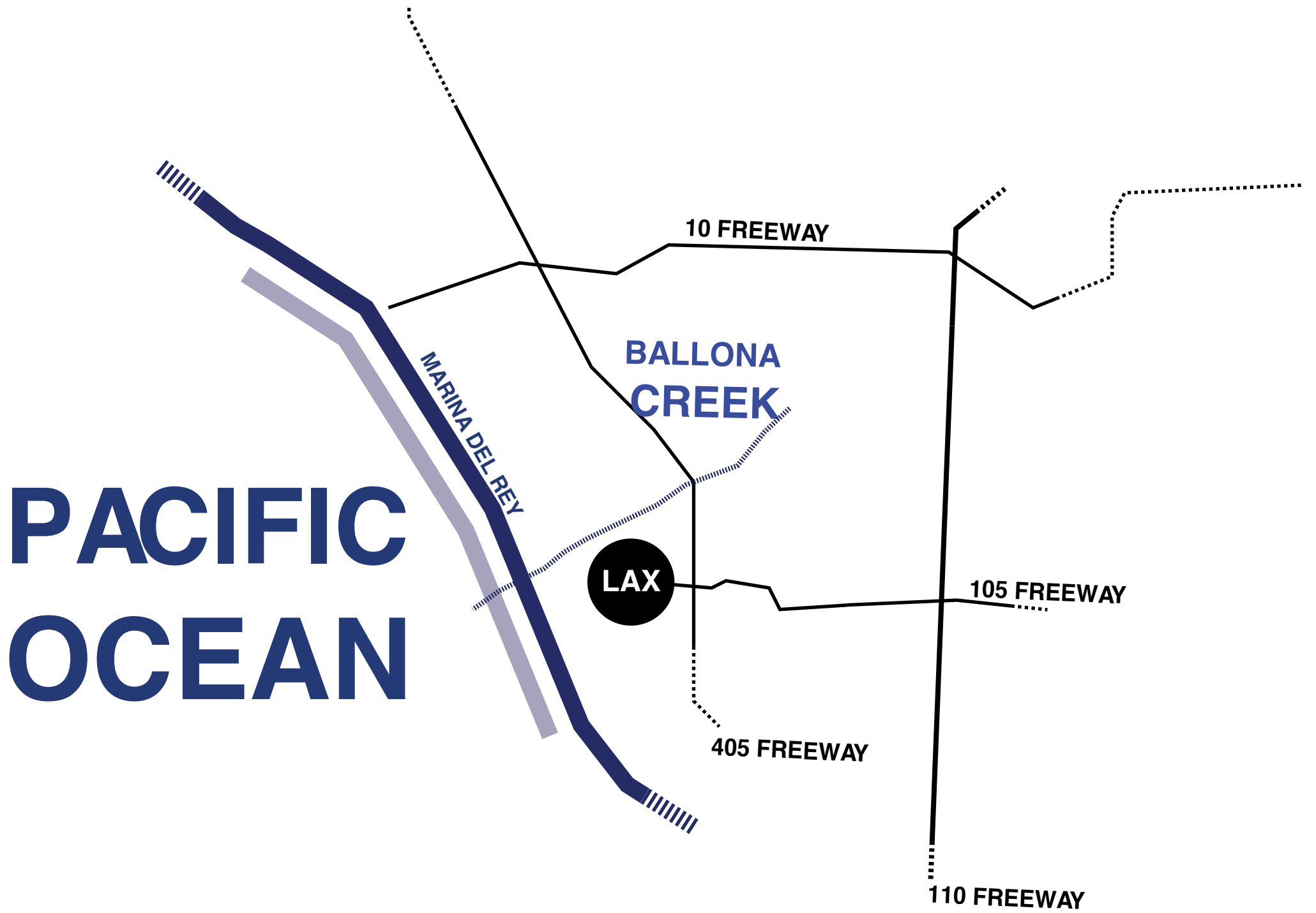


# santa monica mountains

## **curriculum and accessibility opportunity:**

As an ecologically rich site for the Los Angeles region, how can curriculum and cultural accessibility from inner-city public schools increase? Can partnerships be created amongst the National Park Service and the Los Angeles Unified School District to begin incorporating an environmental curriculum. This environment should be able to complement the curriculum that can emerge out of the water bodies that are closer to the inner city. Particularly, the santa monica mountains can serve as places to learn about habitats and the importance of making space for similar habitats to flourish along creeks and channels in the Los Angeles River tributaries.

# westside





# westside

## **ballona creek:**

As part of the Santa Monica Watershed, this water body provide an opprotunity to continue advocating for the expansion of green open space in urban Los Angeles. Most importantly, connecting with concerns of environments affected by air quality. Also, it is crucial to look at this creek as a point of education of ecological infrastructure in the coming years, as climates reach intense conditions with glocal climate change.

## **marina del rey:**

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# organizations

**Action Now (AN)**

**California Communities Against Toxics(CCAT)**

**California Kids IAQ (CKIAQ)**

**California Safe School (CSS)**

**Citizens Coalition for a Safe Community**

**CleanUpGreenUp**

**Coalition For A Safe Environment (CFASE)**

**Community Coalition for Change (CCFC)**

**Community Dreams (CD)**

**Community Development Tech (CD Tech)**

**Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)**

**Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles (CCSCLA)**

**Cumulative Impact Working Group-Green LA Coalition (CIWG)**

**Del Amo Action Committee (DAAC)**

**East Yards Communities For Environmental Justice (EYCEJ)**

# organizations

**Environmental Justice Network of Southern California**

**Greater Baldwin Hills Alliance**

**Los Angeles Community Action Network (LACAN)**

**Los Angeles Environmental Justice Network (LAEJN)**

**Los Angeles Port Working Group-Green LA Coalition (LAPWG)**

**Long Beach Alliance For Children With Asthma (LBACA)**

**Pacoima Beautiful**

**People's Community Organization for Reform and Empowerment (People's Core)**

**Play Fair at Farmers Field Coalition**

**Society For Positive Action (SPA)**

**Trade, Health, Environment (THE) Impact Project**

**T.R.U.S.T. South L.A.**

**Union de Vecinos**



# PACOIMA

# beautiful

## **Mission:**

Pacoima Beautiful brings community members together to LEARN HOW to address the needs of the community and find solutions. We help community members generate and implement long term and sustainable changes in order to improve the quality of life in the community.

Pacoima Beautiful facilitates an evolving partnership between government, professionals/paraprofessionals and community volunteers to work toward common goals. We believe in volunteers to support and validate our programs.

Pacoima Beautiful serves as a facilitator and source of resources for community action. We are committed to youth leadership training and education FOR ALL as a key part of our long-term mission.

Pacoima Beautiful helps develop leadership and organizational skills in community residents to help them develop long term and sustainable changes. At all times Pacoima Beautiful respects the difference in educational level, language and culture within the community.

<http://www.pacoimabeautiful.org/>

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black t-shirt and a plaid skirt, is crouching on a concrete ledge next to a polluted stream. She has a large black backpack on her back. The stream is filled with brown, murky water. In the background, there are industrial buildings, power lines, and a clear sky. The overall scene suggests environmental degradation in an urban or industrial setting.

# EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL **justice**

## **Mission:**

East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ) is an environmental health and justice non-profit organization working towards a safe and healthy environment for communities that are disproportionately suffering the negative impacts of industrial pollution.

## **Vision:**

EYCEJ recognizes and promotes full and authentic community participation in making policies that affect them directly, promoting the implementation of Environmental Justice guidelines for local, state, and federal governments and agencies as well as industry.

EYCEJ promotes direct democratic decision-making and taking collective action for safe and healthy communities where we live, work, learn and play.



# environment

## **Mission:**

Founded in 1978, Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) is one of the preeminent environmental justice organizations in the nation. The mission of CBE is to build people's power in California's communities of color and low income communities to achieve environmental health and justice by preventing and reducing pollution and building green, healthy and sustainable communities and environments.

CBE provides residents in blighted and heavily polluted urban communities in California with organizing skills, leadership training and legal, scientific and technical assistance, so that they can successfully confront threats to their health and well-being.



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