The Bowtie Parcel Proposed Environmental Cleanup Update



Cypress Park General Board Meeting

November 10, 2026

The Bowtie Parcel: Community Cleanup Update Agenda

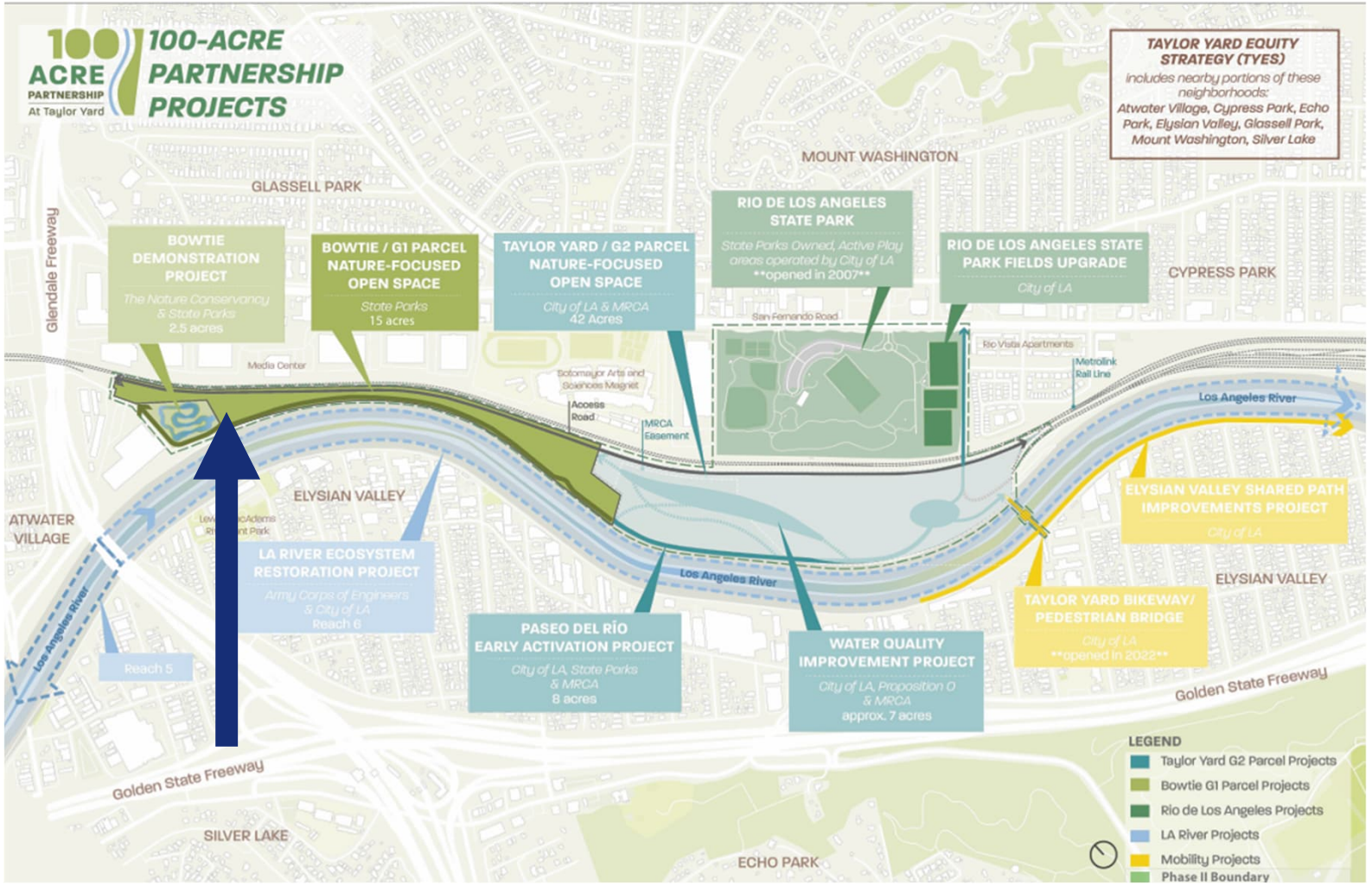
- Introductions
- Taylor Yard overview, planned public park and site history
- Investigation findings and the proposed cleanup
- Community safeguards and long-term stewardship
- Public review, meeting information and comments

Introductions

- Kelsey Henck - Project Manager, California State Parks
- Elise Post - Project Manager, WSP

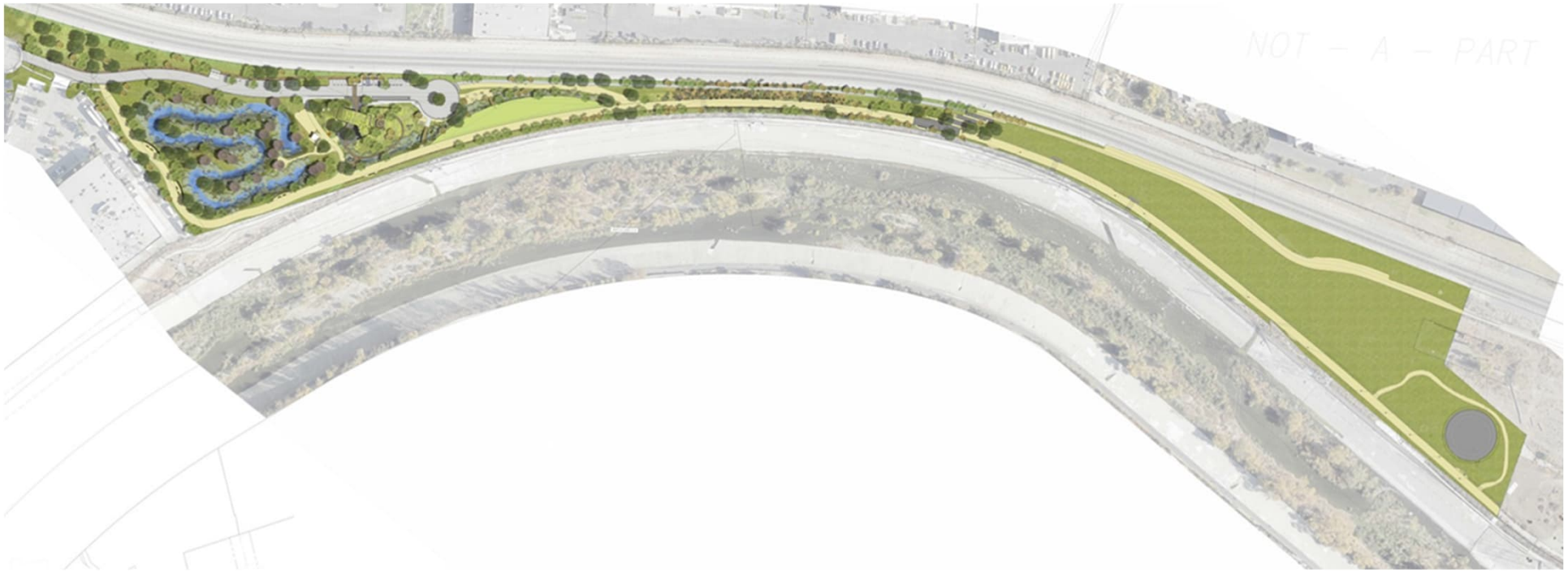
- California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) – agency responsible for regulatory oversight of cleanup

Taylor Yard Overview



The Site and Planned Public Park

State Parks plans to turn approximately 15 acres into a public park with walking trails, open space, recreational features, and habitat areas.



Site History

- Taylor Yard G1, known as “The Bowtie” parcel, was part of Union Pacific Railroad’s Taylor Yard.
- Railroad operations stored and maintained trains beginning in the early 1900s.
- Railroad activities left behind areas where soil was affected by chemicals.
- State Parks purchased the property in 2003 after soil removal in four areas.
- This soil removal achieved soil cleanup to the industrial screening levels at that time.
- Environmental investigation activities from 1997 to 2026 evaluated remaining soil, soil vapor and groundwater conditions.



Environmental Investigation Findings and Community Health

Primary Chemicals

Soil

- Lead, arsenic, hexavalent chromium
- Combustion products

Soil vapor

- Tetrachloroethene
- Other volatile chemicals

Risk assessments found no unacceptable health risks to nearby residents.

The goal is to make the Site safe for future visitors, maintenance workers and construction workers.

Proposed Cleanup Approach

01 Targeted soil removal

- Evaluate seven areas, remove targeted soil, then collect samples to confirm cleanup goals.

02 Vapor protection

- Install vapor barriers and passive ventilation beneath enclosed structures to protect indoor air.

03 Land-use controls

- Maintain use restrictions, groundwater monitoring and long-term maintenance requirements.

Cleanup Goals and Long-Term Protection

- Following cleanup, the upper 6 feet of soil will meet cleanup goals for visitors and workers.
- Groundwater is not a drinking water source. Long-term monitoring will continue.

Anticipated institutional controls under a Land Use Convenient (LUC) will restrict future:

- Homes
- Schools or hospitals
- Drinking-water wells

Long-term monitoring, maintenance and use restrictions will be implemented.

Protection Measures During Cleanup

Residents may see construction equipment, soil trucks and environmental monitoring.

Topic	Planned protection measures
Dust and air	Monitor air during soil work. Suppress dust and adjust controls immediately as needed.
Trucks and traffic	Manage traffic for safe transport of soil and construction materials.
Noise and runoff	Follow noise-control and stormwater-management plans.
Health and safety	Follow detailed plans to protect workers, neighbors and sensitive resources.

Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW)

- DTSC Community Update and Public Notice mailed on October 30, 2026
- Public Notice published in LA Daily News and La Opinion on October 31, 2026

Public comment period

- November 2 to December 16, 2026

DTSC will review and respond to all public comments and consider community input before approving the RAW.

Public Meeting and Comment Deadline

Public Meeting

Presented by: Tajinder Gill, DTSC Project Manager

When: November 19, 2026, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Where: Virtual public meeting on Zoom

Call in: +1 669 444 9171
Webinar ID: 841 1238 7305
Passcode: 111111
bit.ly/BowtieRAW

Written Comments

Deadline December 16, 2026

Simultaneous Spanish translation will be provided during meeting.

Comments and Project Documents

Written comments

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Draft RAW and supporting documents

Electronic copies:

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Taylor Yard - Parcel G1

Project ID: 60001919

Physical copies:

Rio de Los Angeles State Park

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Thank You!
Questions?