



Access to Sanitation for People Experiencing Homelessness

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Los Angeles County

- 2,700 square miles
- 88 cities
- 139 unincorporated communities
- Over 10 million people
- 100,000 Californians experience homelessness.
Over 50,000 counted in LA County in 2018.



Public Works

- One of 36 County of Los Angeles Departments
- LA County Flood Control District
 - 14 major dams
 - 500 miles open channels
 - 3,000 miles of underground drains
 - 82,000 catch basins



Encampments along waterways

- Unsafe location
- Discourage recreation
- Health risks
- Impair water quality



Los Angeles County services

Preventing and combating homelessness
is a County priority

- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
- Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative
- 2017 Measure H



Encampment removal

- Coordinate support services
- Adequate notices
- Storage and retrieval of possessions
- Safety
- Dignity and respect



Public Hygiene Facilities

- 2017 Hepatitis A outbreak
- 4 Public Hygiene Facilities (PHF)

Open to the Public
All are Welcome
Toilet and Hand Washing



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Usage

- Well received
- Up to 700 uses per week
- Hepatitis A outbreak ends



Challenges

- Costly
- Security is required

Item	Yearly Cost
Vender	\$91,000
Fire/Theft	\$19,000
Security	\$600,000
Cleanup	\$300,000



Weekly reports

Deployment Location	SD	Average Weekly Usage	Incident(s)/Other Observations
Rio Hondo River bike path near Slauson Ave.	1	132	One incident of a stolen PHF
Near the intersection of Lomita Blvd and Vermont Ave., West Carson	2	146	Minimal to no security issues
LA River near 105 FWY	4	207	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire in the area but no PHFs were damaged• An intoxicated individual threatened the security guard. The incident was reported to the police and report was filed.
Near the intersection of East Avenue V-4 and 126th Street East Pearblossom community	5	54	Minimal to no security issues

LA River Master Plan

- Revitalize 51 miles of LA River
- Community enhancements
- Equitable access
- Address impact on housing affordability & people experiencing homelessness



An aerial photograph of a large dam and reservoir system. The dam is a long, concrete structure with a spillway in the center. Water is visible in the reservoirs on both sides. In the foreground, there is a multi-lane highway with several cars driving. To the right of the highway, there is a parking lot with a few vehicles. The background shows a residential area with houses and trees, and in the distance, a range of mountains under a cloudy sky. A large, dark brown circular graphic with a white border is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "Thank you".

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