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-) I want to thank Chairman DeFazio and Chairwoman Napolitano for allowing me to participate in this important discussion.
-) Since elected, the revitalization of the Los Angeles River has been one of my top priorities.
-) Like most Angelenos, I believe that the Los Angeles River is more than a vestige of our city's past – it's a symbol of our future and boundless potential that still awaits the regions.
-) The revitalization of the Los Angeles River is a huge undertaking with the power to bring our entire city together.
-) But a project of this magnitude demand's an "all- hands-on deck" approach.
-) I want to thank the City of Los Angeles and the US Army Corps of Engineer's for moving forward with an ambitious restoration plan for the Los Angeles River and ensuring the Los Angeles River gets the federal funds it needs for its revitalization and restoration efforts.
-) But as someone who represents one of the most park-poor districts in the country, it's important to ensure that any LA River revitalization project takes into account the needs of, low-income and communities of color.
-) Environmental equity is about ensuring that ALL communities have a voice in the restoration of the LA River ecosystem so that EVERYONE can benefit from and enjoy the LA River.

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-) The restoration of the LA River is a large undertaking and we need to ensure that the LA River has the resources it needs so that the LA River can be enjoyed by all my constituents and the generations to come.
-) I support language that ensures the P3 pilot program provides the flexibility needed to ensure that we give our community a place to reconnect with nature, celebrate our diverse communities and learn about our city's history.
-) Thank you again for consideration on this important matter.
-) I yield back my time.