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## Go Green Radio Friday at 9 AM Pacific August 21st 2015: Restoring the Los Angeles River

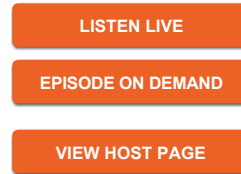
In 1938, the Los Angeles River overflowed its banks causing such loss of life and property damage that the Red Cross called it the fifth largest flood in history. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was brought in to create flood control and protect the city, which resulted in the pouring of 3 million barrels of concrete to tame the river. Environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity were upshots of the project, but 77 years later, the US Army Corps Civil Works Review Board unanimously adopted Alternative 20 – a \$1.35 billion plan to break up the concrete and restore 11 miles of LA River ha

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### Shelly Backlar

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### Lewis MacAdams

MacAdams was born in San Angelo, Texas[2] and graduated from Princeton University in 1966. He is the author of a dozen books and tapes of poetry. As a journalist, MacAdams has been a contributing editor of the L.A. Weekly and has written regularly on culture and ecology for Rolling Stone, Men's Journal, L.A. Times, and Los Angeles Magazine.[3] As a political activist, MacAdams is a cofounder of Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) established in 1985 (and has served as Chair on their Board of Directors). FoLAR has been characterized by MacAdams as a "40 year art work" to bring the Los Angeles River back to life. In the years since, he has become the River's most important and influential

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