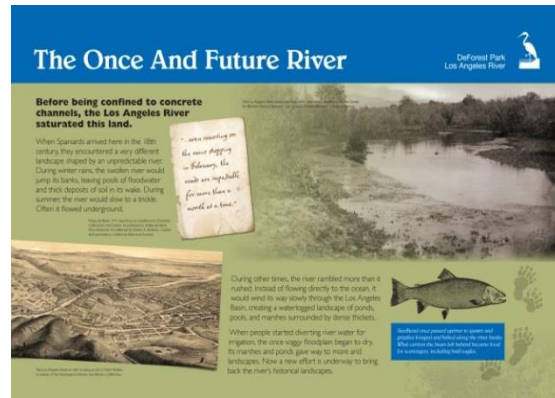
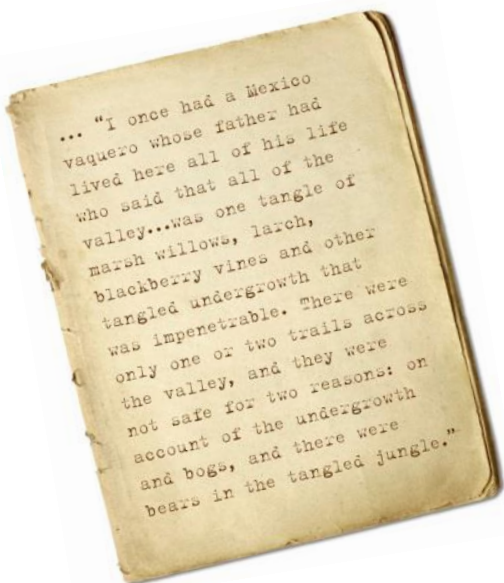


DeForest Wetlands Long Beach, California

In 2011, The Acorn Group developed a series of interpretive panels for DeForest Wetlands, a narrow park that parallels the Los Angeles River in Long Beach, California. Recently restored, the Park's landscape reflects what this region looked like 200 years ago, a woodland-rich bottomland nourished by the meandering Los Angeles River.



Recognizing the significance of this landscape, The Acorn Group based its design on the ecological history of the region. Citing passages from the journals of Crespi, De Neve, and Bixby, and integrating historical maps and photographs, the panels provide a glimpse into the river's recent past.



The panels also showcase the paintings of Laura Cunningham, author and illustrator of *State of Change, California's Changing Landscape*. Our goal is to help visitors understand the river's role in shaping the land and the lives of people, including early explorers and settlers.

