ASLA Quality of Life Awards – 2016
Johnny Carson Park Revitalization

01 – Site Plan

02 – Aerial of Johnny Carson Park in lower middle shows adjacency to the 134 Freeway and Los Angeles River to the right (south) of the park, and urban development on the other sides.

03 – Aerial of Johnny Carson Park looking north from 134 Freeway shows the entire park, including the restored Little Tujunga Wash snaking through the site from the top middle to the lower right. Restored trails, play area, and event stage are also visible.

04 – Aerial image of a section of the restored Little Tujunga Wash with one of the replacement pedestrian bridges shows how the natural stream wash abuts open fields.

05 – Restored Little Tujunga Wash with water and new stream planting adjacent to large urban infrastructure. One of the replacement pedestrian bridges is in the background.
06 – Restored pathways lead park visitors through the park and along the restored Little Tujunga Wash, where interpretive signage provides information.

07 – Vegetation fills in the restored sand bottomed wash, while a new destination play area and a pedestrian bridge are seen in the background.

08 – Large mature trees flank the east side of the restored wash.

09 – The restored wash in the foreground and the restored turf (irrigated by reclaimed water), trails, and new exercise equipment in the middleground are examples of how a more natural wash can coexist beautifully within other park uses such as open fields, and trees.