



## 3 ways Measure W, the Safe Clean Water parcel tax, would affect workers in L.A. County

It's no secret that we live in a water-scarce region. L.A. County's water system was built 100 years ago to send stormwater out to sea to prevent floods, not capture the water for future use. The way the system is currently designed, the County misses the opportunity to capture more than 100 billion gallons of water each year. L.A. County's stormwater system is designed to move water out to the ocean as fast as possible without filtering out any trash, plastic, or other contaminants. This contamination has the effect of polluting our rivers, waterways and oceans. This contamination has been identified as one of the biggest threats to L.A. County's water quality, as it poses a danger to humans and animals alike.

This November, voters in L.A. County will decide whether to approve Measure W—the Safe Clean Water Program—a parcel tax that would increase L.A. County's local water supply, improve water quality, and invest in making our communities greener and more livable. As described below, the money raised by Measure W would have several impacts on workers in L.A. County.

### 1. Measure W would create good jobs

The Safe Clean Water Program would grow the economy of our entire region. According to the L.A. Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), Measure W would create as many as 9,500 construction and operations jobs over 30 years, stimulating as much as \$14 billion in economic activity.

### 2. Measure W would provide job training

Measure W would offer certification classes and vocational training to empower local workers to design, build, and maintain our safer, cleaner water system.

### 3. Measure W would support workers

That's why Measure W would support collective bargaining to build large projects in the region to ensure workers, contractors, and subcontractors are treated fairly.

### How Measure W would be funded:

If approved by 66.7 percent of voters in the November 2018 election, Measure W would be funded by a parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable areas (like concrete) within the County. This would raise approximately \$300 million annually. The median L.A. County single-family residence would pay about \$83. Certain properties, such as public schools, would be exempt from paying the parcel tax.