

North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting Minutes



Thursday, December 9, 2021
1:00pm – 3:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Cung Nguyen, LA County Flood Control District (Agency)
David Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Agency), Chair
Dave Roberts, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Agency)
Dave Rydman*, LA County Waterworks Districts (Agency)
Madelyn Glickfeld, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability UCLA (Community), Vice Chair
Kirsten James, Resident (Community)
Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation Ventura County (Community)
Kelly Fisher*, Agoura Hills (Municipal)
Alex Farassati, Calabasas (Municipal)
Bruce Hamamoto, Los Angeles County (Municipal)
Mark Johnson, Malibu (Municipal)
Roxanne Hughes, Westlake Village (Municipal)
Harry Semerdjian, LA Area Chamber of Commerce (Community)
Melina Sempill Watts, Melina Sempill Watts Inc. (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

*Committee Member Alternate

Committee Members Not Present:

Chad Christensen, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Agency)
Doug Marian, CPMCA (Community)
Kerry Kallman, Hidden Hills (Municipal)
Sophie Freeman, Los Angeles County (Municipal)

1. Welcome and Introductions

David Pedersen, Chair of the North Santa Monica Bay (NSMB) WASC, welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order.

District staff facilitated a brief WebEx tutorial and the roll call of Committee Members. All Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2021

The District provided the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion to approve the meeting minutes, by Member Alex Farassati. Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld seconded the motion. The committee voted to approve the October 14, 2021 meeting minutes (approved, see Vote Tracking Sheet).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

District staff provided an update:

- The Regional Program is beginning the process of issuing disbursement for Round 2 projects that have been recommended in the SIPs.

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- The Scoring Committee held the first of two rescoring sessions for projects that needed to provide clarifying information. The next committee meeting will be held January 10 to finish rescoring the Round 3 projects.
- Regional Program projects that received funding began submitting their quarterly reports, which are posted to the associated project portal. A regular agenda item will be added to the WASC meetings to review the reports.
- The Municipal Program is going through final accounting of Year 2 local return dollar amounts. Upon review of their Annual Plans, disbursements will begin at the end of the month.
- The District has asked for committee members to report vaccination status per County policy, to prepare for future meetings that may potentially be held in person.
- All committee members are required to file Form 700 – a Statement of Economic Interest. County will be soliciting that filing this month and it is due in April.

Vice Chair Glickfeld asked the WASC to refrain from making decisions about the Scientific Studies until Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) provides their review, which will be completed by the end of February.

Vice Chair Glickfeld also expressed concern about applicants requesting full grant funding prior to selecting the project research team, stating that applicants should select researchers before submitting an application, so the WASC can evaluate the expertise of the group performing the research.

Vice Chair Glickfeld added that the Scientific Studies Program is one of the least defined parts of the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP), and asked the District and WASC Chairs to consider ways to better define the Scientific Studies Program and improve the quality of proposals submitted to the WASCs.

Member Cung Nguyen shared that LA County Flood Control District (LACFCD) staff walked the site of the proposed Liberty Canyon Road Green Improvement Project on November 3. The project is currently in the process of receiving approval for their Project Concept Report. The purpose of the project is the preserve the long-term function of the flood control channel, enhance the aesthetic and scenic beauty of the LACFCD field property, and provide recreational opportunities by opening the right of way for multi-use trails.

4. Public Comment Period

Jeremy Wolf (Public Member) expressed support for the Liberty Canyon Road Green Improvements Project. Mr. Wolf noted that it is situated in an ideal location and creek restoration is critical to protect open space surrounding the area.

Watershed Coordinator Melina Watts shared comments that were sent to her:

- Kian and Joel Shullman (Public Members) sent an email expressing their interest in transforming the proposed water quality project at Liberty Canyon into a restoration project and urged the community to find a willing partner to receive grant funding for a feasibility study that includes design and permitting.
- John Kelly (Public Member, Liberty Canyon Homeowners Association) expressed strong interest in learning more about the potential creek restoration project and other LACPW water quality projects in the area.
- Fran Pavley (Public Member, former California State Senator and former Mayor of Agoura Hills) sent an email highlighting the potential for a model multi-benefit project at Liberty Canyon Road. There is a tremendous opportunity to redesign Liberty Canyon Road and the flood control channel

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to consider: adding bike lanes in the right of way, restoring a natural creek, installing bioswales, adding walking paths with native plants, and planting a tree canopy where the flood control channel and easement are located. The City of Agoura Hills could act as a lead agency in the design and feasibility study. Ms. Pavley added that they are looking forward to seeing this project through to fruition and noted that the project is consistent with changes in the area as well as state, federal, and county policies.

Member Nguyen concurred with Ms. Pavley that this is a great opportunity for the region. The Member cannot speak on behalf of the City of Agoura Hills, but from the LACFCD perspective, they are limited in what can be done within their jurisdiction. Member Nguyen is open to conducting a concurrent or parallel feasibility study in partnership with a local community.

5. Discussion

a. Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Vice Chair Glickfeld received an email from Shahriar Eftekhazadeh of SEITec about the Gaffey Nature Center Scientific Study. They were advised to submit the email directly to the SCWP email address.

Chair Pedersen had a conversation with Member Nguyen about the projects that are being proposed at Liberty Canyon. There are two distinct and separate projects, one proposed by the LACFCD and one on behalf of Los Angeles County.

b. Watershed Coordinator Updates:

Watershed Coordinator Quarterly Reports include:

- A. Summary of Activities
 - Strategies used to integrate priorities for the community, municipalities, the watershed area, and the region
 - Document the extent of partnerships and networks you have engaged
 - Document your effort to engage a broad set of conventional and unconventional stakeholders
 - Required elements detailed below that you should mention here:
 - Any of the four required engagement meetings you held during the quarter
 - Either of the two required educational events you held during the quarter
 - Highlights or summary of types of meetings you attended held by others
 - Summary of cost-share partner relationship development
 - Summary of leverage funding pursuits
- B. Engagement Meetings Held or Attended
- C. Potential Cost-Share Partners Contacted
- D. Leveraged / Outside Funding Pursued
- E. Detailed Progress Report
- F. Engagement efforts benefitting Disadvantaged Communities
- G. Scheduling concerns or issues
- H. Expected activities next quarter

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i. Watershed Coordinator Quarterly Report, April to June 2021

Watershed Coordinator Watts highlighted events, meetings, and projects from the April – June Quarterly Report, which can be viewed here: <https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/NSMB-WC-FY21-Q1-Report.pdf>

ii. Watershed Coordinator Quarterly Report, July to September 2021

Watershed Coordinator Watts highlighted events, meetings, and projects from the July – September Quarterly Report, which can be viewed here: <https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/NSMB-WC-FY21-Quarterly-Report2.pdf>

iii. New Updates

Watershed Coordinator Watts provided an update of recent activities (see attached Watershed Coordinator Presentation):

- Facilitated community engagement:
 - Attended the Pumpkin Festival with the Calabasas Environmental Committee in October and met members of the Mayors Youth Council.
 - Presented at the Calabasas Environmental Committee in November.
 - Started to plan January NSMB Watershed Community Meeting, January 27, 2022.
 - Connected stakeholders and community members: Terri Alex, Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29 and the Topanga Tour
- Identified and developed project concepts. Potential projects include: Seminole Springs, Homeowners for fog catchers, Topanga Elementary School/ possibly Calabasas High School, California State Parks, Liberty Canyon, Viewridge Estates, CALTRANS, The Nature Conservancy, TEDX, LVMWD/ TreePeople, Water quality TikTok Project
- Worked with Technical Assistance teams.
- Update on community priorities:
 - Agoura Hills leaders and community members have been asking about how to support the Liberty Canyon Creek Restoration Concept.
 - Some Viewridge Estate community members are circulating a petition against an upcoming water quality project, but it is unclear how the larger community feels.
 - Topanga community members and leaders are excited about potential projects at Topanga Elementary School.
- Integrated priorities through partnerships and networks:
 - Advised Dashboard Earth on how Watershed Coordinators can help them design their conservation/ climate change app.
 - Connected with the Nature Conservancy about a potential conference to share nature-based solutions success stories.
 - Attended UCLA Possible World's event with sci-fi author Kim Stanley Robinson.
 - Spoke with Supervisor Linda Parks about cross-County partnerships.
 - Attended Council for Watershed Health wildfire conference.
- Connected with cost-share partners:
 - Championed and wrote first draft of a grant awarded by Supervisorial District 3 to fund Native Plants Kit Project for \$8,500.

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- Reviewing Caltrans funding opportunities shared by Vice Chair Glickfeld.
- Introduced Dave Roberts (LVMWD) to Antonio Sanchez (Santa Monica Mountains Fund).
- Introducing Dave Roberts to Growing Works team.
- Naomi Diebel (Malibu resident) asked about fog catchers on property.
- Connecting with Amy Weiss and other teachers at Topanga Elementary School to set up potential roof/ cistern project.
- Met Christos Chrysiliou, LA Unified School District.
- Leveraged funding:
 - First funding win: \$8,500 for Native Plants Kit Project to go to TreePeople thanks to Supervisorial District 3 grant.
 - Attended LAR Urban Water grant brainstorm via Eileen Takata, USACE.
 - Attended Clean California grant webinar.
 - Reached out to Hammer Sui, Caltrans.
 - Looking into applying to MWD for Topanga Elementary School project and Native Plants Kit project.
 - Met Don Croker and may apply to Wildlife Conservations Board for the potential Liberty Canyon Creek Restoration project.
 - Attended IRWM meeting; explored funding opportunities from Measure RR, reached out to Patagonia; connected with Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS) team; on the WaterSMART list for 2023.
- Educated local stakeholders:
 - As previously noted, attended and presented at Calabasas Environmental Council meetings.
 - Co-submitted Candidate for the Calabasas City's Annual Carl Gibb Environmental Excellence Award.
 - Planning NSMB Watershed Community Meeting on January 27, 2022 with guest Dr. Brian Fagan.
 - Partnering with LVMWD to create Pure Water Project film with Calabasas Youth Council member Zachary Rosoff and Chair Pedersen.
- Collaborated with Watershed Coordinators:
 - Attended Equity in Water Training and Watershed Coordinator Funding Group and Watershed Coordinator School Group meetings.
 - Shared the Endless Orchard website by Fallen Fruit with presenters at the Equity in Water Training.
 - Planning NSMB Watershed Community Meeting Thursday January 27, 2022 from 5:30pm-7:30pm via Zoom. Speakers will include watershed stakeholders and co-author of 'Climate Chaos: Lessons on Survival from Our Ancestors' Dr. Brian Fagan, and hopefully Jolene Walsh of Eastern Municipal Water District's Changing Water Conservation Policy. The meeting will also include a video tour of the Pure Water Demonstration Project at LVMWD.
 - Held meeting on potential Liberty Canyon Water Quality Improvement/Creek Restoration Design Options

Member Farassati noted that Watershed Coordinator Watts was covered in the newspaper twice. The first article was about her appointment as Watershed Coordinator. The second was about her participation at the pumpkin festival.

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Chair Pedersen thanked Watershed Coordinator Watts for being a trailblazer and connecting folks across the watershed in ways that were not previously imagined.

Member Roxanne Hughes mentioned that Watershed Coordinator Watts has done a fantastic job and is impressed with the variety and substance of their work.

Vice Chair Glickfeld shared that Watershed Coordinator Watts has approached the work “with guns blazing” since the strategic plan and recognized that the Watershed Coordinator is approaching the community on issues they can relate to, such as native plants, water conservation, and ways to work with disadvantaged communities

Chair Pedersen mentioned that the Resource Conservation District used to conduct periodic snorkel surveys and counts for steelhead trout but that seems to have stopped since 2015. Chair Pedersen asked if those surveys are still occurring and, if not, if there is any way to continue it. Watershed Coordinator Watts shared that the surveys have stopped because there has not been funding in the past few years and suggested the Scientific Studies Program could be a potential funding source.

Watershed Coordinator Watts opted to exit the meeting in preparation for the next agenda item.

c. Selection of the NSMB Watershed Coordinator for the next term

Chair Pedersen opened the floor for discussion. Member Farassati confirmed that there are no other candidates under consideration for the role. Vice Chair Glickfeld expressed discomfort with not rehiring Watershed Coordinator Watts, given the lack of replacement.

District stated that there is a qualified list of watershed coordinators for each WASC, previously developed through the Request for Statement of Qualifications process. Environmental Outreach Strategies (EOS) was on that list, but they are a Watershed Coordinator for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area. EOS did get a contract, but they did not ask to be removed from the NSMB qualified list. To elect another candidate, interviews would need to be redone and there could be a gap in NSMB Watershed Coordinator services. This was a formation year and Watershed Coordinators across the SCWP are hitting their stride. It is up to the committee to decide whether they want to continue with current Watershed Coordinator Watts or consider EOS as well. Watts’ contract ends Feb. 21, 2022. Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP) would need to be updated and approved.

Member Kirsten James noted that a gap in services wouldn’t serve anyone and thinks that Watershed Coordinator Watts has been extremely ambitious and creative, knows the watershed well and has been receptive to feedback. Member James supports moving forward with Watershed Coordinator Watts.

Member Dave Rydman asked for clarification about the qualified list: Is EOS still an option? Can the WASC select someone else from the list? Can selection of a new watershed coordinator be done every year, or would the whole process need to happen again?

District shared that the interviews might be removed from the process if the group can adequately recall candidate’s statements and qualifications. The Committee would need to vote to not renew Watts’ contract, which would then add her back to the qualified list of candidates. The Committee

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would interview both candidates again, to see if there is mutual interest in continuing to work in this Watershed Area, at which point the Committee would go through a voting process.

Member Rydman summarized that there is a short list (Qualified List) the Committee could use if they wanted to. The Member expressed his appreciation of Watershed Coordinator Watts' work and thinks she is doing a great job. Member Rydman supports Watershed Coordinator Watts continuing as Watershed Coordinator.

Vice Chair Glickfeld agreed and mentioned that the Committee performed an exhaustive review of EOS. The WASC now has someone who knows the community very well, has many years of experience, and is skilled at engaging with people in the community. The Vice Chair concluded that Watts is the right person for the job.

Member Tevin Schmitt agreed with Vice Chair Glickfeld, adding that Watershed Coordinator Watts has gone above and beyond her duties. Member Schmitt does not think the Committee needs to go through the selection process again.

Member Hughes highlighted Watershed Coordinator Watts' strong background and knowledge base of the community and the kinds of projects that gain traction and excitement.

Member Mark Johnson agrees with the other WASC members and noted that Watershed Coordinator Watts has the support of the watershed and the community.

Member Nguyen echoed the previous statements and highlighted that Watershed Coordinator Watts has accomplished an exceptional amount of work for only being half-time on the project. The Member also shared an opinion that Watershed Coordinator Watts can be aggressive. He mentioned that Watts as the Watershed Coordinator should be reminded to get agency clearance when initiating pursuit of outside funding opportunities. Member Nguyen concluded by expressing support for Watershed Coordinator Watts in renewing her contract.

Chair Pedersen asked the WASC whether there is anything they would like Watershed Coordinator Watts to focus on. The Chair believes the WASC should renew Watts' contract.

Member Kelly Fisher expressed support for Watershed Coordinator Watts, noting that Watershed Coordinator Watts is proactive and checks in regularly. Regarding the Liberty Canyon Project, the City has not made any decisions or had any conversations and are open to looking into the project.

Member Nguyen elaborated on Member Fisher's statement, adding that removing two lanes on Liberty Canyon Road will likely result in opposition from the public, given the conflicting interests of traffic control and creek restoration. The City likely needs to conduct a feasibility study.

Agenda Items 5d and 5e were relocated to later in the Agenda, to follow Agenda Item 7a.

6. Public Comment Period (moved up on agenda)

There were no public comments.

7. Voting Items (moved up on agenda)

a. Reselect the current NSMB Watershed Coordinator for the next term

This item was moved up on the agenda to follow Item 5c.

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Member Johnson motioned to reselect Watershed Coordinator Watts for the next term. The motion was seconded by Member Farassati.

The WASC voted to reselect Melina Watts as the Watershed Coordinator for another year. (Approved, see Vote Tracking Sheet.)

The WASC invited Watershed Coordinator Watts to rejoin the meeting.

5. Discussion (continued)

d. Update on Federal, State and Local Redistricting

Item 5d was relocated to occur after the Voting Item.

Chair Pedersen noted that redistricting process currently underway could impact how the watershed is covered.

Ramiro Adeva of Agoura Hills, Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG) shared the City's observations with respect to how redistricting could affect the NSMB Watershed Area. Mr. Adeva noted that the State Citizens Redistricting Commission (State CRC) is establishing boundaries for the Congressional, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization. Adeva's remarks will focus specifically on the congressional boundary. The Las Virgenes/Malibu COG sent a letter to State CRC in April advocating for the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG cities to remain together. The proposed new boundaries would locate the Cities of Westlake Village, Calabasas, and Agoura Hills in a different district from the Santa Monica Mountains. Each city has sent a letter to the State CRC to request they stay together. Separating the cities from their regional partners is a big deal. Moving 20,000-40,000 individuals between the districts won't tip the scales when it comes to representation amongst the districts but has significant impacts associated with keeping the cities together. Mr. Adeva suggested to the WASC members and the public to reach out to regional partners to submit comments and advocate that the cities stay together and are all represented by the same legislature.

Chair Pedersen asked Mr. Adeva to share the letter that was sent to the State CRC in April with the WASC.

e. Alternate/Supplemental Funding Sources for Technical Resource Projects

Chair Pedersen suggested skipping this Agenda Item due to time restraints.

8. Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 13, 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. See the SCWP website for meeting details.

a. North Santa Monica Bay Fiscal Year 2022-23 Stormwater Investment Plan Discussion

Chair Pedersen suggested adding the Liberty Canyon Creek Restoration project concept to the next agenda and would like the City of Agoura Hills to participate in the discussion.

9. Adjournment

Chair Pedersen adjourned the meeting.

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		Quorum Present				Voting Items	
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	10/14/21 Meeting Minutes	Reselect current WC for next term
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	x	Ramy Gindi		A	Y
Agency	LAC Waterworks District	Russ Bryden		Dave Rydman	Y	Y	Y
Agency	MRCA	Chad Christensen		Sarah Rascon			
Agency	LVMWD	David Pedersen	x	Dave Roberts		Y	Y
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Community Stakeholder	UCLA	Madelyn Glickfeld	x	Richard Ambrose		Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	CPMCA	Doug Marian					
Community Stakeholder	LA Area Chamber of Commerce	Harry Semerdjian	x			Not Present	Not Present
Community Stakeholder	Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation Ventura County	Tevin Schmitt	x			Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	Community Stakeholder	Kirsten James	x			Y	Y
Municipal Members	Agoura Hills	Jessica Forte		Kelly Fisher	Y	Y	Y
Municipal Members	Calabasas	Alex Farassati	x	Alba Lemus		Y	Y
Municipal Members	Hidden Hills	Kerry Kallman		Joe Bellomo			
Municipal Members	LAC Supervisor District 3	Sophie Freeman					
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	Bruce Hamamoto	x	Allen Ma		Y	Y
Municipal Members	Malibu	Mark Johnson	x	Christine Shen		Y	Y
Municipal Members	Westlake Village	Roxanne Hughes	x	Phillipe Eskandar		Y	Y
Watershed Coordinator	Melina S. Watts Consulting, LLC	Melina Watts	x			N/A	N/A
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yay (Y)	11	12
Total Voting Members Present		10			Nay (N)	0	0
Agency		2			Abstain (A)	1	0
Community Stakeholder		4			Total	12	12
Municipal Members		4				Approved	Approved

Other Attendees
Alberto Grajeda
Annelisa Moe
Ashleigh Townsend
Brenda Ponton
fran pavkey
Jeremy Wolf
Josafat Flores
Kelsey Reed
Mayra martinez
Ramiro Adeva
Rich Ambrose
Stacy Luell

North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Co-Coordination Updates

By Melina Sempill Watts

December 9, 2021



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Photo and Logo, Los Angeles County

Biodiversity Survival, Black Lives Matter and Land Acknowledgments

- ▶ Colonialism is based on the premise that the dominant culture deserves land, cultural dominance and access to resources – and that doing damage to ... everyone else ... is the *modus operandi* for the dominant culture. Can we ditch colonialism?
- ▶ The way forward is to acknowledge that we are all part of what Buddhists define as “the community of all living things.”
- ▶ Black Lives Matter.
- ▶ First Nations Cultures Matter.
- ▶ Biodiversity Matters.

Oak at the
Chumash
Museum,
Photo by
Watts 2021



**Remembrance
Day
for
Lost Species
November 30, 2021**



How Many Southern Steelhead Trout in Malibu Creek the Last RCDSMM Count in 2015?



Water quality matters.
Water quantity matters.
Habitat matters.

1. Facilitate Community Engagement in SCWP

- ▶ Attended the Pumpkin Festival with the Calabasas Environmental Committee in October; met members of the Mayor's Youth Council
- ▶ Presented at the Calabasas Environmental Committee in November
- ▶ Began to plan for January North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community Meeting, January 27, 2022



Connecting Stakeholders and Community Members: Terri Alex, Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29 and the Topanga Tour

► Terri Alex,
“To teach water conservation to a community, you have to know the community.”

► We decided to introduce her to members of the community in Topanga.

► Café Mimosa

► Principal Kevin Kassebaum and Topanga Elementary School

► Topanga Community House

► Bill Buerge, Mountain Mermaid and the Butterfly Reserve

► Topanga Canyon Bistro

► Topanga Public Library



Photo
by
Watts

2. Identify and Develop Project Concepts

- ▶ Looking to connect with each stakeholder for updates
- ▶ Potential projects at or with:
 - ▶ Seminole Springs
 - ▶ Homeowners for fogcatchers
 - ▶ Topanga Elementary School / Possibly Calabasas High School
 - ▶ California State Parks
 - ▶ Liberty Canyon
 - ▶ Viewridge Estates
 - ▶ CALTRANS
 - ▶ The Nature Conservancy
 - ▶ TEDX
 - ▶ LVMWD / TreePeople
 - ▶ Water quality Tik Tok project



Three dreams, three
outcomes pending.

Topanga Elementary School

Roof / Cistern + Fogcatcher
Project

Ms. Weiss' Dream Gardening Teacher
Project Idea

Waterworks District 29 / West Basin
Municipal Water District Rainbarrel
Project



3. Work with Technical Assistance Teams

Thinking Inside the Box:
Can the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed learn how to invite star applicants to apply to become Technical Assistance Team providers with Los Angeles County?



4. Community Priorities

- ▶ Agoura Hills leaders and community members continue to ask about the Liberty Canyon Creek Restoration Concept and how they can support this.
- ▶ Some Viewridge Estate community members circulating petition against upcoming water quality project. Unclear how larger community feels.
- ▶ Topanga community members and leaders excited about potential projects at Topanga Elementary School.

Photo by Watts

5. Integrate Priorities Through Partnerships and Extensive Networks

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- ▶ Spoke with Supervisor Linda Parks about cross / county partnerships
- ▶ Attended wildfire conference hosted by Center for Watershed Health
- ▶ Connected with Amos White, Alameda, 100ktrees4humanity. Connected him to USDA-NRCS and CARCD.



6. Cost-Share Partners

- **First Win: Coordinator Champions and Writes First Draft of Grant to Supervisorial District 3 Funds Native Plants Kit Project for \$8,500**
- LVMWD / TreePeople / Supervisorial District 3 and ... You?
- Reviewing CALTRANS funding opportunities shared by Madelyn Glickfeld
- Introduced Dave Roberts, LVMWD with Antonio Sanchez, SMM Fund
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Photo from Growing Works (potential source for Native Plants Kit)

7. Leverage Funding

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- Attended IRWM, exploring Measure RR, reached out to Patagonia, DROPS team, on WaterSMART list for 2023.



8. Local Stakeholder Education



- ▶ Attended Calabasas Pumpkin Festival with Calabasas Environmental Council
- ▶ Gave Presentation to Calabasas Environmental Community Council
- ▶ Co-submitted Candidate for the Calabasas City's Annual Carl Gibb Environmental Excellence Award
- ▶ Planning North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community Meeting on January 27, 2022
 - ▶ Guest Dr. Brian Fagan author
 - ▶ Partnering with LVMWD to create Pure Water Project film with Calabasas Youth Council member Zachary Rosoff + Dave Pedersen, General Manager, LVMWD

9. Watershed Coordinator Collaboration

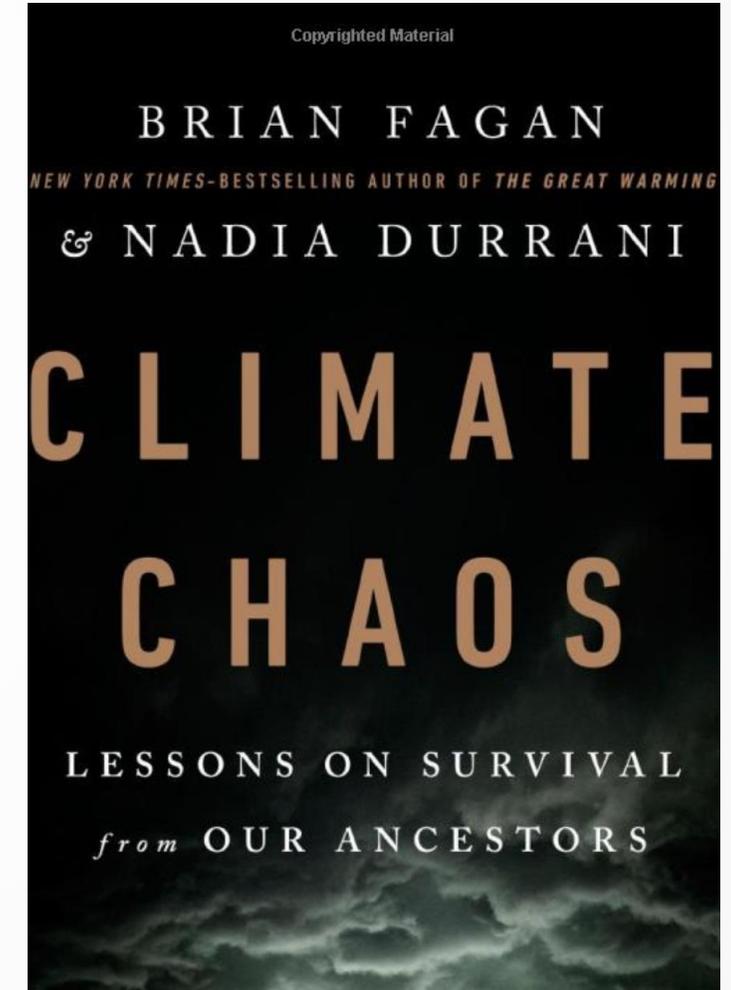
- Attended Equity in Water Training
- Attended Watershed Coordinator Funding group
- Attended Watershed Coordinator School Group (So helpful, thanks to Amanda Begley and Ariel Lew Ai Le Whitson at TreePeople!)
- Shared Fallen fruit and endless orchard website, with presenters at Equity in Water Training Darryl Haddock and Jennifer Arnold, Mike Antos and Tori Klug, see: <https://fallenfruit.org/projects/public-fruit-maps/>



Screenshot by Watts

The North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community Meeting, January 27, 2022

- A Program of the Safe, Clean Water Program Funded by Measure W and the Voters of Los Angeles County
- Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022
- Event Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Location: Zoom
- Speakers include:
 - Watershed Stakeholders
 - A Video Tour of the Pure Water Project Demonstration Project at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Featuring Dave Pedersen, LVMWD and Zachary Rosoff,
 - Dr. Brian Fagan, Author *Climate Chaos: Lessons on Survival from Our Ancestors*
 - HOPEFULLY: Jolene Walsh, Eastern Municipal Water District: Changing Water Conservation Policy



Liberty Canyon Potential Water Quality Improvement/Creek Restoration Design Options City/Agency Meeting Held



Questions from the community:

- ▶ How might a combination of agency and city co-create an MOU?
- ▶ How might an agency or city champion this water quality project as a creek restoration project?
- ▶ How/when might the key agency or city be able to receive grant/ philanthropic funding?