

Watershed Coordinator Quarterly Report A Project of Safe, Clean Water L.A.

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A. Summary of Activities

Provide a high-level summary of activities completed this quarter and progress made toward completion of the annual scope of work.

Our work this quarter focused on community outreach and engagement, as well as finalizing the South Santa Monica Bay (SSMB) 2022-2023 Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP). This plan will guide us in strengthening our interactions with the public in the future. Nancy, along with our partner Jesse De la Cruz, was also highly engaged with the San Pedro Community Garden site this quarter. Together, in conversation with stakeholders at the garden and LASAN (L.A. Sanitation), they are brainstorming water solutions, as well as a potential Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) project to address stormwater issues at the garden.

In July, Nancy made revisions to the SOEP based on partner and Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) member feedback, and sent the draft 2022-2023 version to WASC for final approval in August. She designed and held an interactive training for a dozen Gardena teachers and a naturalist from the Garden Willows Wetlands, who are working on a watershed-themed curriculum for middle school students. Nancy is working on long-term plans to continue to work with these Environmental Charter School teachers to reach the greater community. She also attended several grant funding workshops to be aware of potential leveraged funding opportunities. Jesse De La Cruz co-designed and successfully submitted a Harbor Community Benefit Foundation grant for the San Pedro Community Garden (SPCG). Through the IAC (Irrigation Advisory Council), Jesse received a commitment from LASAN to provide mulch and wood chips twice a month to help with runoff and water retention. Nicole Steele met with a church and local school district to explore potential outreach opportunities related to the SCWP, and presented at two community events.

The SSMB draft SOEP passed with revisions in August, which Nancy spent the month finalizing. She also focused on local stakeholder engagement, including the water committee at East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, a local community-based organization (CBO). She hopes to build an ongoing relationship with them, and include neighboring watershed coordinators in future meetings. The IAC received a commitment from LASAN to offer an educational workshop, as well as access to cistern storage at SPCG and a verbal commitment to invest in a capital improvement project at the garden. Nicole tabled at two more community events, and continued to do outreach.

In September, the team leveraged existing programming to reach hundreds of folks. Nancy gave safety talks that incorporated SCWP information to community members volunteering for International Coastal Cleanup Day at the Manhattan Beach Pier cleanup site, while Nicole tabled on behalf of the SCWP at the Hermosa Beach Pier site. Nancy also gave an *All About Stormwater* presentation to San Pedro High School students, teaching them about watersheds and incorporating SCWP information into her lecture. Nancy and Jesse held a meeting with Richard Watson and Kimberly Colbert of the SPCG to review the SCWP TRP (Technical Resources Program) process and discuss some of their project ideas and the different elements involved. Heal the Bay hosted the Regional Watershed Coordinator monthly meeting where Nancy, Jesse, and Nicole gave a presentation discussing our partnership and how the outreach and engagement strategies we use increase the breadth and depth of the SCWP work in both watershed areas (SSMB and CSMB). This month, Jesse led one canvassing engagement in the community of Lennox and created a canvassing package for the community of Lawndale. Nicole presented at an Around the Block Club meeting in Inglewood, and met with TreePeople to explore a potential SCWP component at the Sacred Waters project at Queen Park.

As always, Nancy attended all of the WASC and Watershed Coordinator meetings this quarter. Externally, we have had several collaborative meetings with SGA, as they are one of the other WCs in Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) to the north and also border the South Santa Monica Bay (SSMB) in the Lower LA River (LLAR) watershed. Internally, we meet bi-weekly with our Heal the Bay (HtB) team, and at *least* monthly with our partners.

Overview, at a glance:

- Attended WC monthly meetings
- Collaboration with other Watershed Coordinators
- Attended a community info session for the Torrance Airport Stormwater Basin project and multiple funding webinars
- Education and Outreach by month:

July:

- 125 people reached through 4 presentations throughout LA County (3 SCWP-specific lectures, 41 people in the SSMB specifically)
- SJLI hosted Garden Community Day at Queen Park in Inglewood and spoke about the SCWP among other forms of engagement (garden maintenance, harvesting, info sharing, arts and crafts, etc.)
- Distributed Quarterly Newsletter to those signed up for SSMB updates (sent to 68 people)

August:

- Tabled at 3 events: National Night Out (8/2 at Inglewood High School), A Day in Nature (8/13 at Deane Dana Friendship Regional Park and Nature Center), and Inglewood Unified School District Enrollment Fair (8/13 at Crozier Middle School)
- 72 people reached through 5 lectures throughout LA County (2 SCWP specific)

September:

- Nancy gave safety talks that included SCWP information to volunteers at the Manhattan Beach cleanup site for International Coastal Cleanup Day and Nicole tabled for SCWP at the Hermosa Beach Pier site
 - There were 39 sites in LA County with 4,193 volunteers who picked up over 9,700 lbs of trash
- 322 people reached through 5 presentations (150 people in the SSMB about SCWP specifically)
- Door to door outreach at Lennox (100 doors knocked on, 15 conversations, 200 flyers distributed)

B. Engagement Meetings Held or Attended

Use the table below for high-level summary of all engagement events held or attended. Flag for events held, and attach attendance records and materials provided. Add an attachment number here and on the attachment to correlate. Add rows when needed.

	Meeting or Event	Date	Summary of Meeting or Event	Stakeholders Engaged	Held or Attended?	Attachment #
1.	San Pedro Community Garden Grant Opportunities	7/1/22	<i>Discussed grant opportunities for San Pedro Community Garden</i>	LASAN, Jesse De La Cruz, Kimberly Colbert	<i>Attended</i>	

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2.	IRWM South Bay Subregion Steering Committee Meeting	First meeting 7/5/22 (3 total meetings)	<i>Monthly updates meeting (presented on SCWP in May)</i>	South Bay IRWM committee members	<i>Attended</i>	
3.	Ocean Protection Council Prop 68 MPA and Climate Solicitation Webinar	7/7/22	<i>Webinar gave information about the new grant opportunity to prospective applicants</i>	Ocean Protection Council	<i>Attended</i>	
4.	TreePeople Tours	First tour 7/8/22 (2 total)	<i>Tour of stormwater management features at TreePeople and Arcadia Water Treatment Plant for groundwater treatment plant</i>	TreePeople, Heal the Bay (HtB) SCWP team, TreePeople Partners	<i>Attended</i>	B-1, B-2
5.	San Pedro Community Garden and SCWP	First meeting 7/8/22 (7 total)	<i>Issues the gardeners face and potential fixes, SCWP opportunities as a potential project</i>	Jesse De La Cruz, Nancy, San Pedro Garden Leadership, LASAN, LADWP, TAWA Compost	<i>Attended</i>	
6.	Review progress on SOEP goals: SCWP CSMB and SSMB Watershed Area update team meetings (HtB)	First meeting 7/11/22 (9 total)	<i>Team planning meeting</i>	HtB SCWP team	<i>Held</i>	
7.	Professional Development Workshop with Green	7/12/22	<i>Facilitated an interactive training in the field with</i>	Green Schools National Network representative	<i>Attended</i>	B-3

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	Schools National Network for Environmental Charter School teachers		<i>teachers, who were planning a watershed themed curriculum</i>	s, Environmental Charter School teachers and leadership		
8.	Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Climate Resilience Grant Program workshop	7/13/22	<i>A description of available grants and how to apply</i>	General public participants seeking funding	<i>Attended</i>	
9.	Queen Park Garden Day	7/16/22	<i>Gave SCWP info to event attendees</i>	Community members	<i>Held</i>	
10.	CII Water Conservation Workshop	7/19/22	<i>Info session and feedback solicitation about Dept. of Water Resources water conservation strategies</i>	California Dept. of Water Resources	<i>Attended</i>	
11.	Safe Clean Water Program Metrics and Monitoring Study – Stakeholder Advisory Committee	7/21/22	<i>Discussed community benefits framework, equity, and developing project-level metrics</i>	Stakeholder Advisory Committee	<i>Attended</i>	
12.	Torrance Airport Stormwater Basin Project Community Info Session	7/21/22	<i>Community info. session to solicit feedback about project</i>	City of Torrance, community members	<i>Attended</i>	B-4
13.	Monthly Partner Check-In	7/27/22 (3 meetings)	<i>Touch base with partners about work last month</i>	HtB, Nicole Steele, and Jesse De La Cruz	<i>Held</i>	

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			<i>and plans for the next</i>			
14.	Watershed Coordinator monthly meeting	First meeting 7/27/22 (3 total)	<i>Monthly check-in, sharing best practices, and information presented on relevant topics</i>	Watershed Coordinators and team from all 9 watershed areas	<i>Attended/Held</i>	
15.	Schools & Stormwater Working Group	7/29/22	<i>Working group to address greening schoolyards, as it relates to stormwater/ SCWP</i>	Watershed Coordinators in Schools & Stormwater Working Group, Lisa Williams	<i>Attended</i>	
16.	WHAM 10x10 interview	7/29/22	<i>Identify potential W projects aligned with Measure A, M, and H funding</i>	Council for Watershed Health	Attended	
17.	Safe Clean Water Program Metrics and Monitoring Study Stakeholder Advisory Committee	8/9/22	<i>Reviewed work plan and discussed initial metrics and Community Investment Benefits framework</i>	Stakeholder Advisory Committee	<i>Attended</i>	
18.	SSMB WASC	First meeting 8/17/22 (2 total, July meeting canceled)	<i>Presented SOEP in August, presented on 4 potential projects in September</i>	SSMB WASC and the general public	<i>Attended</i>	
19.	Water Committee for East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice meeting	8/23/22	<i>Relationship development and informational meeting about SCWP</i>	Water Committee members at East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice	<i>Attended</i>	B-5

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20.	Green LA Water Committee	8/25/22	<i>Convened and facilitated by Annelisa Moe (HtB). Meeting to provide a space for state and regional water updates</i>	Green LA Water Committee	<i>Attended</i>	
21.	Monthly LASAN Check-In Meeting	First meeting 8/29/22 (2 total)	<i>Relationship building and information sharing</i>	LASAN, Nancy, Mikaela Randolph, and Michelle Struthers	<i>Attended</i>	
22.	SCWP Scoring Committee Meeting	9/1/22	<i>Stay updated on next round of SCWP projects</i>	Nancy, other SCWP stakeholders, and the general public	<i>Attended</i>	
23.	Heal the Bay x Save the Bay	9/7/22	<i>Share info about what HTB is doing from a SCWP perspective, including TMDL and (best management practices) BMPs and green infrastructure</i>	Save the Bay representatives and HtB staff	<i>Attended</i>	
24.	Project Identification : Possibility of SPCG TRP	9/20/22	<i>Discuss the overarching conditions/ context at the location, as well as develop a vision of what stormwater capture on site could look like</i>	Nancy, Jesse de la Cruz, Richard Watson, Kimberly Colbert	<i>Attended</i>	B-6

C. Potential Cost-Share Partners Contacted

Provide a list of potential cost-share partners contacted for projects within and adjacent to the Watershed Area. Attach relevant materials. Add an attachment number here and on the attachment to correlate. Add rows when needed.

	Potential Partner Name	Date First Contacted	Project name / type	Nature of potential partnership	Attachments #
1	Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment (LASAN)	9/2/22 verbal commitment shared (no agreement in writing yet)	\$600,000 in capital improvements at San Pedro Community Garden	Received verbal commitment from LASAN for capital improvements to garden to help manage onsite stormwater	

D. Leveraged / Outside Funding Pursued

Share all outside funding opportunities pursued and the status or outcome of the pursuit. Attach relevant materials. Add an attachment number here and on the attachment to correlate. Add rows when needed.

	Potential Outside Funding Source	Status or Outcome of the Pursuit	Attachments #
1.	Port of Los Angeles	Grant proposal denied	
2.	Harbor Community Benefits Foundation	Grant proposal denied	

E. Detailed Progress Report

Provide an update on the amount of effort expended for each Task this quarter and note percentage complete:

Task #	Task	Total Task Level of Effort (from work plan)	LOE this quarter	Accumulated LOE to-date (from monthly reports)
1	Facilitate Community Engagement	38.26%	27%	26%
2	Identify and Develop Project Concepts	6.69%	7%	8%
3	Work with Technical Assistance Teams	3.88%	1%	3%
4	Facilitate Identification and Representation of Community Priorities	11.74%	8%	9%
5	Integrate Priorities through Partnerships and Extensive Networks	7.03%	20%	18%
6	Cost-share Partners	5.52%	3%	2%
7	Leverage Funding	5.90%	3%	5%
8	Local Stakeholder Education	16.21%	20%	20%
9	Watershed Coordinator Collaboration	4.79%	10%	10%
	Overall	100%	100%	100%

F. Engagement efforts benefitting Disadvantaged Communities

Summarize activities undertaken which have benefitted members of disadvantaged communities. Distinguish between targeted efforts and ones that could benefit all communities.

As for overall inclusive efforts, our educational workshops include closed captioning and translation services in efforts to be more accessible. Our advertising efforts on social media included ads in English, Spanish, and both languages. We target canvassing efforts specifically in underrepresented and under resourced communities in the watershed area. We are collecting community surveys from residents willing to participate so that we can better understand community needs in these areas.

G. Scheduling concerns or issues

Discuss any scheduling concerns and issues encountered that may delay completion of the program or project. Describe any anticipated schedule or budget modifications.

We appear to be on track to complete our 2022-2023 goals on time.

H. Expected activities next quarter

Summarize expected activities in the next quarter, include dates if known for outreach or education events being held.

- Attend monthly regional WC meetings
 - Continue to meet and collaborate with fellow Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinators (Mikaela Randolph and Michelle Struthers)
 - Continue collaboration with WCs on Schools and Stormwater Capture with a focus on green infrastructure and community benefits
- Attend South Bay IRWM meetings
- Attend monthly meetings with L.A. SAN Safe Clean Water Program team
- Prepare and present to Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board in collaboration with SSMB and NSMB watershed coordinators scheduled for October 20
- Attend TRP meetings
- Attend WASC meetings
 - Provide Updates on Watershed Coordinator Activities and answer/ask any questions
- Continue to seek out leveraged fund opportunities for program
- Engage with potential cost share partners through the exploration of WHAM opportunities and beyond
- Continue to engage with interested parties
- Attend and host events, including our third quarter events already in the works
 - Nancy will continue to plan for next watershed-wide event: an in-person watershed tour
- Continue to implement updated and approved SOEP