

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



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Thursday, September 8, 2022  
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  
Craig Jones, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Agency)  
Chad Christensen, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Agency)  
\*Richard Ambrose, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health (Community)  
Kirsten James, Resident (Community)  
Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation Ventura County (Community)  
\*Kelly Fisher, Agoura Hills (Municipal)  
Alex Farassati, Calabasas (Municipal)  
Joe Bellomo, Hidden Hills (Municipal)  
Sophie Freeman, Los Angeles County (Municipal)  
Bruce Hamamoto, Los Angeles County (Municipal)  
Mark Johnson, Malibu (Municipal)  
Roxanne Hughes, Westlake Village (Municipal)  
Melina Sempill Watts, Melina Sempill Watts Inc. (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

\*Committee Member Alternate

## Committee Members Not Present:

Russ Bryden, LA County Waterworks Districts (Agency), Co-Vice Chair  
Doug Marian, California Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association (Community)  
Elias Garcia, LA Area Chamber of Commerce (Community)

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

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## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

District Staff welcomed Committee Members and facilitated a brief WebEx tutorial.

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

## **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2022**

Chair Pedersen presented the minutes from the previous meeting. Member Alex Farassati motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 9, 2022. Member Cung Nguyen seconded. The motion passed with twelve votes in favor, zero opposed, and two abstentions (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

## **3. Committee Member and District Updates**

District Staff provided an update, noting:

- On August 30, 2022, the Board of Supervisors (Board) voted to continue meeting virtually, acting under the authority of Assembly Bill 361 which authorizes public committees to meet without

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complying with all the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act when the situation warrants it. The Board is reviewing its position every 30 days and will act to cover all the commissions and committees under their authority.

- All nine Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) were approved by the Regional Oversight Committee for advancement to the Board for approval. The Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2022.
- The Round 4 Call for Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY23-24) closed on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The preliminary count of applications is as follows: 33 Infrastructure Program (IP), 4 Scientific Study (SS), and 4 Technical Resources Program (TRP) applicants. In this WASC, 1 IP and 1 TRP were received. There were no scientific studies submissions.
- Quarterly reports for IP and SS developers were due on August 15<sup>th</sup> and will be discussed at a future WASC meeting.
- Every member of the Committee is required to fill out Form 700. This includes those assuming office (part of the onboarding process), continuing to serve (annual requirement), leaving (part of the offboarding process), or changing roles. District Staff will contact individuals who need to fill out these forms.

Member Farassati shared that Larry Walker and Associates has started the process of preparing a Feasibility Study for the Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Project. The first draft is anticipated soon.

Chair Pedersen noted that Las Virgenes Municipal Water District has released the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility Project for public review. It is available on their website. Comments for the report are accepted through October 7<sup>th</sup> and a public meeting is being held the night of September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

#### **4. Watershed Coordinator Updates**

Watershed Coordinator Melina Watts provided an update covering activity during the months of July, August, and early September. The presentation included updates for the following tasks: 1) Facilitate community engagement in SCWP; 2) Identify and develop project concepts; 3) Work with Technical Assistance teams; 4) Facilitate identification and representation of community priorities; 5) Integrate priorities through partnerships and extensive networks; 6) Cost-share partners; 7) Leverage funding; 8) Local stakeholder education; and 9) Watershed coordinator collaboration. See slides available on the SCWP website and attached

Lastly, Watershed Coordinator Watts shared details about the upcoming North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community Meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The list of guest speakers for the meeting was presented. See slides available on the SCWP website and attached.

#### **5. Public Comment Period**

District Staff will compile all public comment cards received and include them in the meeting minutes that will be uploaded to the SCWP website as "Meeting Minutes Attachment". During the meeting, District Staff will share on the screen those public comment cards that were received prior to the deadline of at least 5:00pm the day prior to the meeting.

Watershed Coordinator Watts received a comment from Isabelle Duvivier expressing concern about the placement of infiltration boxes in relation to a new storm water project at a park in Sun Valley.

District Staff received a letter from Joe Sullivan, Executive Director of Energy Solutions, on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11, reiterating support for project labor agreements for all Safe, Clean Water Projects (SCWP).

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## 6. Discussion

### a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Chair Pedersen and Co-Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld met with Los Angeles County Flood Control District to discuss the Interim Guidance document and the letter this WASC had submitted, regarding scoring. At this meeting, they discussed ideas for how the items in the letter could be addressed in the future.

Watershed Coordinator Watts met with Tatiana Holden (City of Calabasas), Member Roxanne Hughes, Member Jessica Forte, and Co-Vice Chair Glickfeld to discuss cisterns as a project concept.

### b) WASC Member Roles and Responsibilities (Presented by Stantec)

Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) provided a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the WASC, projects received in the FY23-24 call for projects, Interim Guidance and the Metrics and Monitoring Study, and an update on funding. See slides available on the SCWP website and attached.

### c) Summary of feasibility studies, project concepts, and scientific studies submitted to NSMB WASC for consideration (Presented by Watershed Coordinator)

Antos provided context prior to the presentation, noting that this item allows space for the WASC to evaluate the projects that were submitted, , and decide whether to send them to the Scoring Committee.

Watershed Coordinator Watts shared a summary of the Westlake Village MS4 Compliance TRP project, including details on elements, benefits, and community support for the project. See slides available on the SCWP website and attached.

Next, Watershed Coordinator Watts provided an overview of the IP project: Cornell/Mulholland Green Highway Improvement Project, which received an unverified score of 61 from the projects module. The presentation included a list of project details, including the budget, timeline, and benefits of the project. See slides available on the SCWP website and attached.

Antos commented that when WASCs have more projects than available funding, this moment provides an opportunity to reflect on potential conflicts and challenges prior to sending the project to the Scoring Committee. This WASC is in the unique position of having only received one IP project, so further evaluation is not necessary.

### d) Selection of new Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

Chair Pederson confirmed they are willing to continue in their position and recognized the opportunity for other interested members to become nominees. Co-Vice-Chair Glickfeld, absent in this meeting, expressed interest to Chair Pederson in continuing as Co-Vice-Chair. Chair Pederson was unable to communicate with Co-Vice-Chair Russ Bryden, who was absent in the meeting.

No Committee Members expressed interest in the roles. Some shared their appreciation for the current leadership team.

## 7. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

## 8. Voting Items

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## **a) Vote to select new Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs**

Member Farassati motioned to nominate Chair Pedersen for re-election as Chair. Member Nguyen seconded the motion. The Committee voted to approve the motion with fourteen votes in favor, zero opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

Member Farassati suggested having only one Vice-Chair, with appropriate alternates, instead of having two Co-Vice-Chairs. There was some confusion about the roles of Vice-Chair Alternate versus Co-Vice-Chair. District Staff clarified that, per WASC guidelines, there can be Chair, Vice-Chair, and Co-Chairs, and District Staff can facilitate meetings in case of their absence. The WASC decided to vote for one Vice-Chair, for simplicity.

Member Farassati nominated Co-Vice-Chair Glickfeld for Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Kirsten James. The Committee voted to approve the motion with fourteen votes in favor, zero opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

## **b) Discuss and vote to send none, some or all completed feasibility studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration.**

Member Farassati motioned to send the Cornell/Mulholland Green Highway Improvement Project to the Scoring Committee. The motion was seconded by Member Hughes. The Committee voted to approve the motion with thirteen votes in favor, zero opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

## **9. Items for Next Agenda**

Since it is likely for the Scoring Committee to send the project submittal back to the WASC in November, it was decided to cancel the meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. See the SCWP website for meeting details.

## **10. Adjournment**

Chair Pedersen thanked the WASC members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

**NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY WASC MEETING - September 8, 2022**

Member Type	Organization	Quorum Present				Voting Items			
		Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Approval of June 9, 2022 WASC Meeting Minutes	Vote to approve David Pedersen as Chair of the NSMB for year 2022-23	Vote to approve Madelyn Glickfeld as Vice-Chair of the NSMB for year 2022-23	Vote to send Cornell-Mulholland Highway Green Improvement, Infrastructure Project to the Scoring Committee for review
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	x	Ramy Gindi		y	y	y	y
Agency	LAC Waterworks District	Russ Bryden							
Agency	MRCA	Chad Christensen	x			y	y	y	y
Agency	LVMWD	<b>David Pedersen</b>	x	Craig Jones		y	y	y	y
Agency	LVMWD	<b>David Pedersen</b>		Craig Jones	x	y	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	UCLA	<b>Madelyn Glickfeld</b>		Richard Ambrose	x	y	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	CPMCA	Doug Marian							
Community Stakeholder	LA Area Chamber of Commerce	Elias Garcia							
Community Stakeholder	Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation Ventura County	Tevin Schmitt	x			y	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Community Stakeholder	Kirsten James	x			y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Agoura Hills	Jessica Forte		Kelly Fisher	x	a	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Calabasas	Alex Farassati	x	Alba Lemus		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Hidden Hills	Joe Bellomo	x	Kerry Kallman		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	LAC Supervisor District 3	Sophie Freeman	x			y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	Bruce Hamamoto	x	Allen Ma		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Malibu	Mark Johnson	x			y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Westlake Village	Roxanne Hughes	x	Phillipe Eskandar		a	y	y	y
Watershed Coordinator	Melina S. Watts Consulting, LLC	Melina Watts	x						
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yay (Y)	12	14	14	14
Total Voting Members Present		14			Nay (N)	0	0	0	0
Agency		4			Abstain (A)	2	0	0	0
Community Stakeholder		3			Total	14	14	14	14
Municipal Members		7				Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved

**Other Attendees**

- Andrea Prado Iriarte
- Annelisa Moe
- Kayla Urbina
- Parisa Hanna
- Alba Lemus
- Ryanna Fossum
- Cameron Castillo
- Veronica Carrillo



# Project Summary: Cornell / Mulholland Green Highway Improvement Project

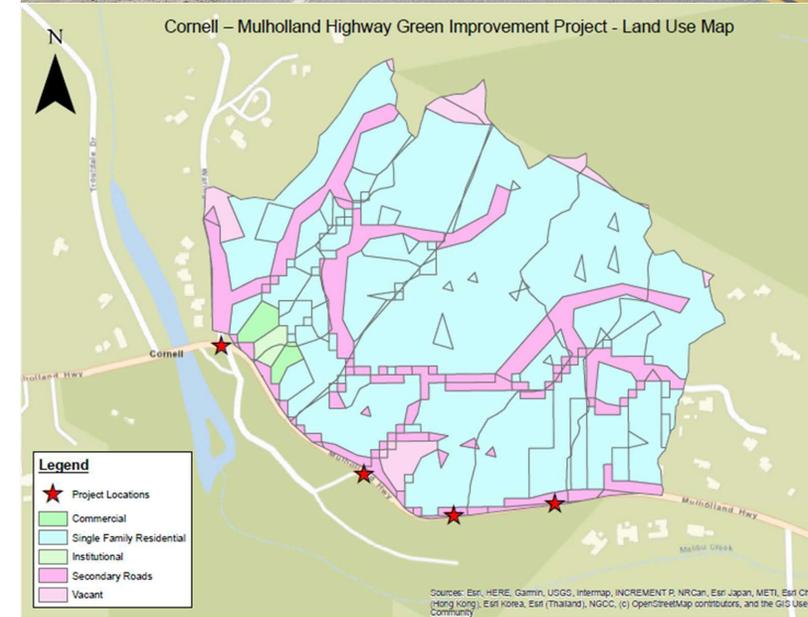
## Infrastructure Program

### Cornell – Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project

- Module Score: 61
- *Lead: Josafat Flores, Los Angeles County Public Works*
- *Location: From Careful Avenue to Outlet Trail along Mulholland Highway, Old Agoura, CA 91301*
- *Total request: \$350,000 for 2023-2024*
- *Project budget: Planning Development of Project Concept Report, including 30% plans. \$500,000.00 Design Develop 60%, 90%, and Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates \$700,000.00 Construction Award contract and construction implementation \$1,860,000.00*
- *Timeline: Phase 1 design 2022-2023; Phase 2 construction: 2023-2025*
- Relationship to previously funded projects or projects proposed for FY23-24: project is listed on the Malibu Creek Watershed Enhanced Watershed Management Program, June 25, 2015

#### Benefits include:

- Four subterranean treatment sites
- Will remove phosphorus 65.4 % and toxics 85% including reduction of sediment and sediment associated pollutants such as DDT's and PCB's - Water Quality Cost Effectiveness – 0.6 (AF capacity / \$-Million)
- Project will treat 71.3 Acres and 1.1 Acre/Feet of Water
- Maintains current local water supply to local creek ecosystem
- Will provide native plants and native trees along the roadside.





## Infrastructure Program

### **Cornell – Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project**

Project Description: The Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project (Project) shall create four subterranean water quality installations along Mulholland Highway that will capture run-off from existing storm drains, treat it and then discharge the treated water into our creeks and the Pacific Ocean.

Claimed Disadvantaged Community Benefit:

- Not applicable

Water Supply Benefits:

- No water supply benefits for human use.
- Project will provide treated clean water in to Malibu Creek Watershed ecosystem

Community Investment Benefits

- Project will include planting of native plants on roadsides, maintaining beautiful ecosystem as a community investment benefit.

Nature Based Solutions

- Incorporates nature-based solutions by improving native habitat along the roadside, adding drought tolerant plants, and where feasible selecting native species to support local habitat restoration. Also, ten new trees will be proposed as part of the project which will provide shade and urban cooling.

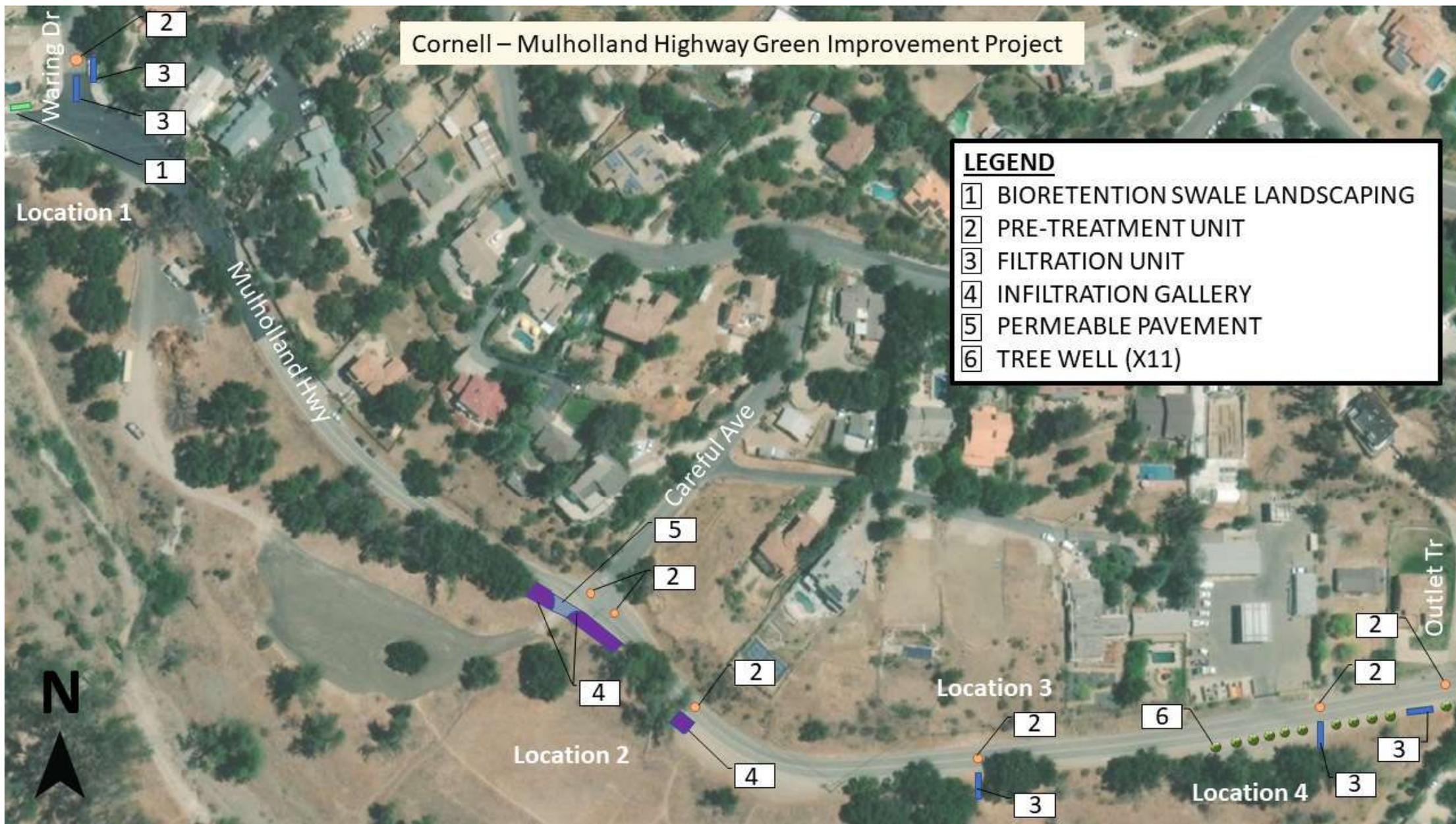
Community support

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works presented about project at North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community meeting June 2022, hosted a public meeting in August 2022, has shared an online video presentation with community members and has received multiple letters of support.

At this time there are no cooperative agreements, leveraged funding, or other unique aspects of the project.



# Project Summary: Cornell / Mulholland Green Highway Improvement Project





## Technical Resources Program

**Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project** - received a score of ... TBD

Elements to include:

- *Lead: Roxanne Hughes, City Engineer, City of Westlake Village*
- *Location: Russell Ranch Road and Canyon Oaks HOA, Westlake Village*
- *Total request: \$300,000 for 2023-2024*
- *Timeline: Phase 1 Design and Measure W Application, completed by 9/2023*
- Relationship to previously funded projects or projects proposed for FY 23-24: project is listed on the Malibu Creek Watershed Enhanced Watershed Management Program 2015 and 2021

Benefits include:

- Two stormwater capture sites
- Will remove stormwater pollutants, including metals, bacteria, nutrients, sediment total dissolved solids and trash
- Capture and treat 352 acres and treat and reuse 2.5 AF of water
- Will provide 2.5 AF of drinking water to municipal supply
- Will use native plants on site; will sustain current tree population



One site drains the parking lot at Target shopping mall



# Project Summary: Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project

## TR Program

### **Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project**

Elements to include:

**Project Description:** The Westlake Village MS4 Project combines two areas to meet 42% of the MS4 Permit, as per the MCW EWMP, treating 352 acres and adds 2.5 AF to the water supply. The Russell Ranch Project will address a large quantity of urban flow from commercial and industrial land uses in the heart of the City prior to reaching Triunfo Creek, and the treated water will be funneled to the sanitary sewer for eventual treatment and reuse by LVMWD, which is in the process of building the Pure Water Project for drinking water. The Canyon Oaks Project addresses residential runoff prior to Lindero Creek.

**Claimed Disadvantaged Community Benefit:** Not applicable

**Water Supply Benefits:** Project adds 2.5 AF to local water supply as stormwater will go to Pure Water Project that is being built by LVMWD; initially this will go to the Tapia Reclamation Facility..

**Community Investment Benefits:** Project will include planting of native plants as a community investment benefit.

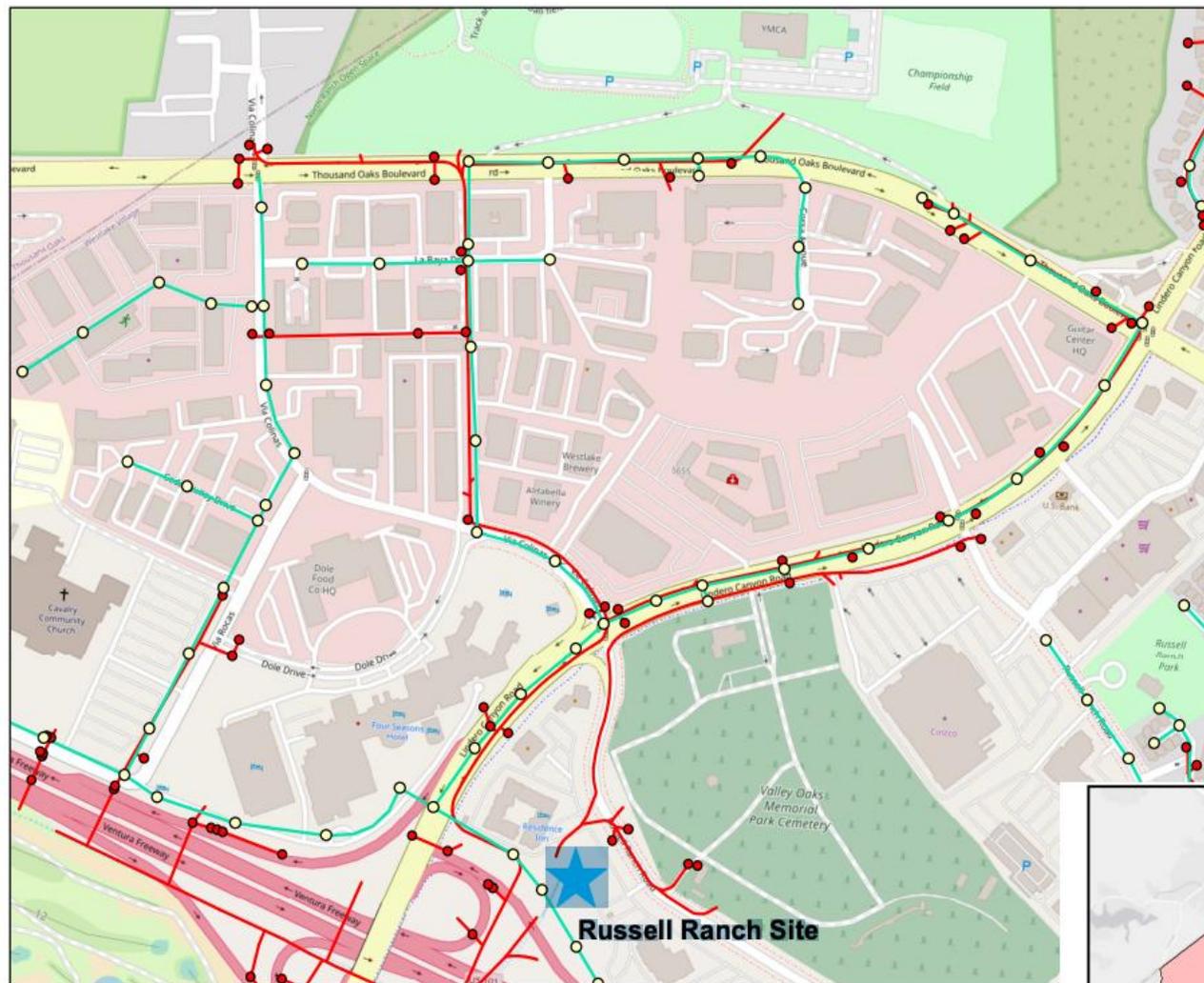
**Nature Based Solutions:** New trees will provide shade and urban cooling. Project prioritizes sustaining current tree population. Project will sustain flow into Lake Lindero and Triunfo Creek to the amount of 2.6 AF per year.

**Community support:** The City Council of Westlake Village and LVMWD actively support this project. Project will include collaboration with LACFD, Westlake Canyon Oaks Home Owners Association and Russell Ranch Road Property Owners. The project is a result of a community outreach process via the 2016 Malibu Creek Watershed Enhanced Watershed Management



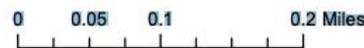
# Project Summary: Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project

## Russell Ranch Site Storm and Sewer



### Legend

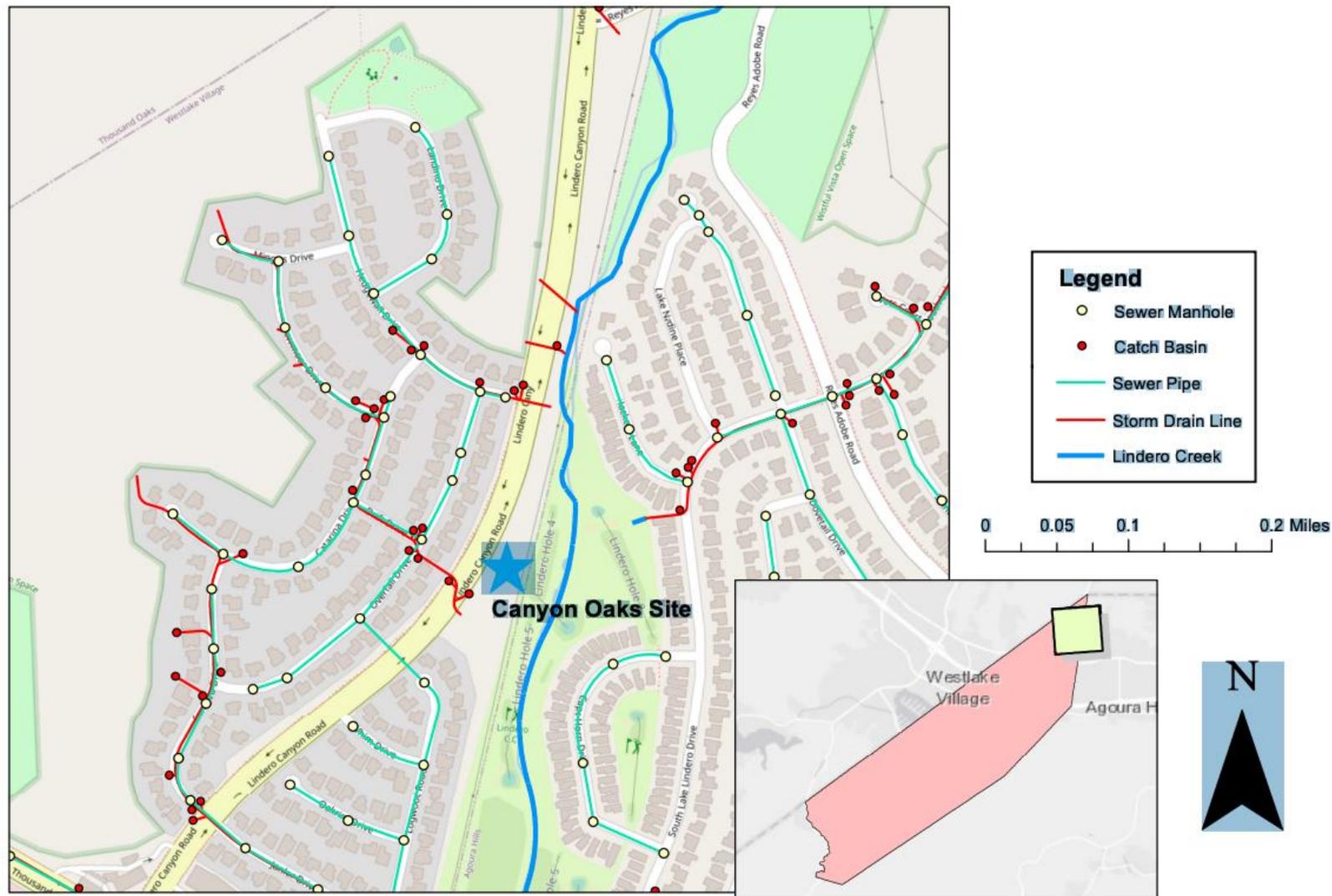
- Sewer Manhole
- Catch Basin
- Sewer Pipe
- Storm Drain Line





# Project Summary: Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project

## Canyon Oaks Site Storm and Sewer



# Welcome Back!



**SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

# Regional issues...

1

Improve Water Quality

2

Increase Local Water Supply

3

Enhance Communities

Capture  
Clean  
Conserve

...Regional solutions



# Themes of Safe, Clean Water Program

## Collaboration

- ❖ Developed & implemented with diverse stakeholders
- ❖ Unique dedicated funding for multi-benefit stormwater projects
- ❖ Comprehensive and diverse governance committees

## Asset Management

- ❖ Funding for operation and maintenance
- ❖ Investments for long-term sustainability and resiliency
- ❖ Emphasis on Nature-Based Solutions

## Equity

- ❖ Dedicated investments into Disadvantaged Communities
- ❖ Watershed Coordinators build inclusion and connect communities with resources
- ❖ Technical Assistance

## Good Stewardship of Public Funds

- ❖ Accountability
- ❖ Transparency
- ❖ Reporting & Auditing
- ❖ Comprehensive tax relief options

## Education & Community Engagement

- ❖ Public & School Education
- ❖ Workforce Training
- ❖ Collaboration with other programs
- ❖ Community engagement throughout project stages





# WASC Roles and Responsibilities

Bring **together** each members' personal **experiences, expertise, and perspectives** in a collaborative setting to put forth the **best multi-benefit projects** for the region that addresses the **Watershed Area's priorities and needs**, meets the **SCW Program Goals**, and demonstrates a **fiscally responsible and balanced use of SCW funds**.

- Meet, confer, coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with one another, in good faith
- Share expertise and provide guidance, and information
- Develop annual SIP so to benefit stakeholder perspectives.

Refer to WASC Operating Guidelines for additional details



# The communities you represent



- Most of the 10 million people in Los Angeles County
  - About half of whom live in low-income and pollution burdened census areas
- If a state, LA County would be 10<sup>th</sup> largest.
- 1 in 35 Americans
- >\$700 Billion in economic activity annually



# The communities you represent



- Have decided to invest in improving environmental water quality (as required by MS4 permits)
- The decision included, however, ensuring the investments were:
  - community enhancing,
  - job creating,
  - overcoming of injustices,
  - improving water supply, and
  - relying on natural solutions to our problems whenever possible.



# Watershed Management in the SCWP

- Watershed Management encompasses
  - How challenges and opportunities resolve at water scales, not political scales
  - Upstream impacts downstream
  - Understanding and mimicking the system-of-systems that engages water, land, biology, policy, infrastructure, etc.
- Watershed Coordination
  - Relationships between people, and good communication are necessary
  - Listening to community expertise, developing investments that align with what the community requests



# WASC Structure

Member Type	Position
Agency	Flood Control District
Agency	Water Agency
Agency	Groundwater / Water Agency 2
Agency	Sanitation
Agency	Open Space
Community Stakeholder	At Large
Community Stakeholder	At Large
Community Stakeholder	Environmental
Community Stakeholder	Business
Community Stakeholder	Environmental Justice
Municipal Members	
Watershed Coordinator(s)	

**Chair/Co-Chairs:** Represent the Committee and facilitate Committee and Meetings

**Vice-Chair:** Support the Chair with their responsibilities and act on behalf in case of an absence of the Chair

**District Staff:** Assist with meetings and administer the SCW Program

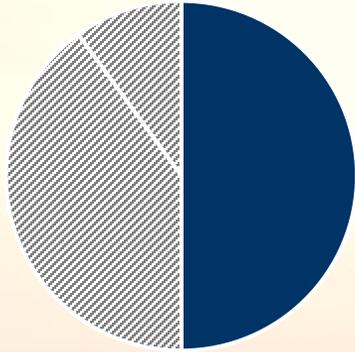
Each committee member should assign an **Alternate** to attend on behalf of the **Primary** in case of an absence.



# WASC Operating Guidelines – Additional Responsibilities

- **Quarterly Progress/Expenditure Reports**
  - WASCs are responsible for reviewing quarterly progress and expenditure reports submitted by project developers for funded projects.
  - These reports will be summarized, collected, and shared with the committee as agenda attachments, and through a presentation by staff.
- **Watershed Area Regional Program Progress Reports**
  - Staff will prepare a draft WARPP report on behalf of each WASC. Each WASC will be responsible for review and approval of the WARPP before submittal of the report of the ROC.
  - WARRP report is due 6/30/23
- **Meetings**
  - Each WASC shall hold regular public meetings, no less than quarterly.
  - An absence of **two** consecutive meetings or more than **three** meetings in one year will make the member eligible for removal from the WASC.
  - WASC meetings are subject to the **Brown Act**.

# Regional Program



**50% Program revenue**

Provides funding for multi-benefit watershed-based projects

WATERSHED AREA	2021-22 Regional Tax Return Estimates
Central Santa Monica Bay	\$ 17.24 Million
Lower Los Angeles River	\$ 12.42 Million
Lower San Gabriel River	\$ 16.70 Million
North Santa Monica Bay	\$ 1.80 Million
Rio Hondo	\$ 11.61 Million
Santa Clara River	\$ 5.85 Million
South Santa Monica Bay	\$ 17.66 Million
Upper Los Angeles River	\$ 38.68 Million
Upper San Gabriel River	\$ 18.70 Million





# Stormwater Investments in SCWP

Board of Supervisors will consider 22-23 SIPs on 10/04/22

One Hundred and One new & continuing Infrastructure Program Projects:

- Leverage over \$540M in other funding
- Capture stormwater from over 207,000 acres increasing annual capture by over 54,000 AF
- Invest over \$340M in projects benefiting members of disadvantaged communities
- Will benefit the nine watershed areas through construction in 38 municipalities



# Stormwater Investments in SCWP

Board of Supervisors will consider 22-23 SIPs on October 4th, 2022

Watershed Area	2020 - 2027 expected revenue	2020-2027 programmed	Remaining in 20-27 revenue for new projects
Central Santa Monica Bay	\$ 120,400,000	\$ 81,040,630	33%
Lower Los Angeles River	\$ 86,800,000	\$ 53,604,669	38%
Lower San Gabriel River	\$ 116,900,000	\$ 73,901,859	37%
North Santa Monica Bay	\$ 12,600,000	\$ 2,008,292	84%
Rio Hondo	\$ 81,200,000	\$ 38,392,473	53%
Santa Clara River	\$ 40,600,000	\$ 23,749,333	42%
South Santa Monica Bay	\$ 123,900,000	\$ 81,409,680	34%
Upper Los Angeles River	\$ 270,900,000	\$ 220,612,700	19%
Upper San Gabriel River	\$ 130,900,000	\$ 94,713,836	28%
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>\$ 984,200,000</i>	<i>\$ 669,433,471</i>	<i>41%</i>



# Stormwater Investments in SCWP

## North Santa Monica Bay

### Stormwater Investment Plan Preview ▼

	Budget		Projections				
	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	Future Funding	TOTAL
A. Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Collected	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	\$1.8M		\$9M
B. Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Available (A+D) ⓘ	\$4.5M	\$5.7M	\$7.4M	\$9M	\$10.7M		
C. Total Recommendation in Current SIP	\$105k	\$33.2k	\$28.5k	\$31k	\$10.8k	\$0	\$208k
Total Allocated in Previous SIP(s)	\$500k	\$100k	\$100k	\$100k	\$100k	\$0	\$900k
D. Remaining Balance/Rollover Funds (B-C) ⓘ	\$2.7M	\$3.9M	\$5.6M	\$7.2M	\$10.6M		
E. Percent Allocated (C/B) ⓘ	13%	2%	2%	1%	1%		12%

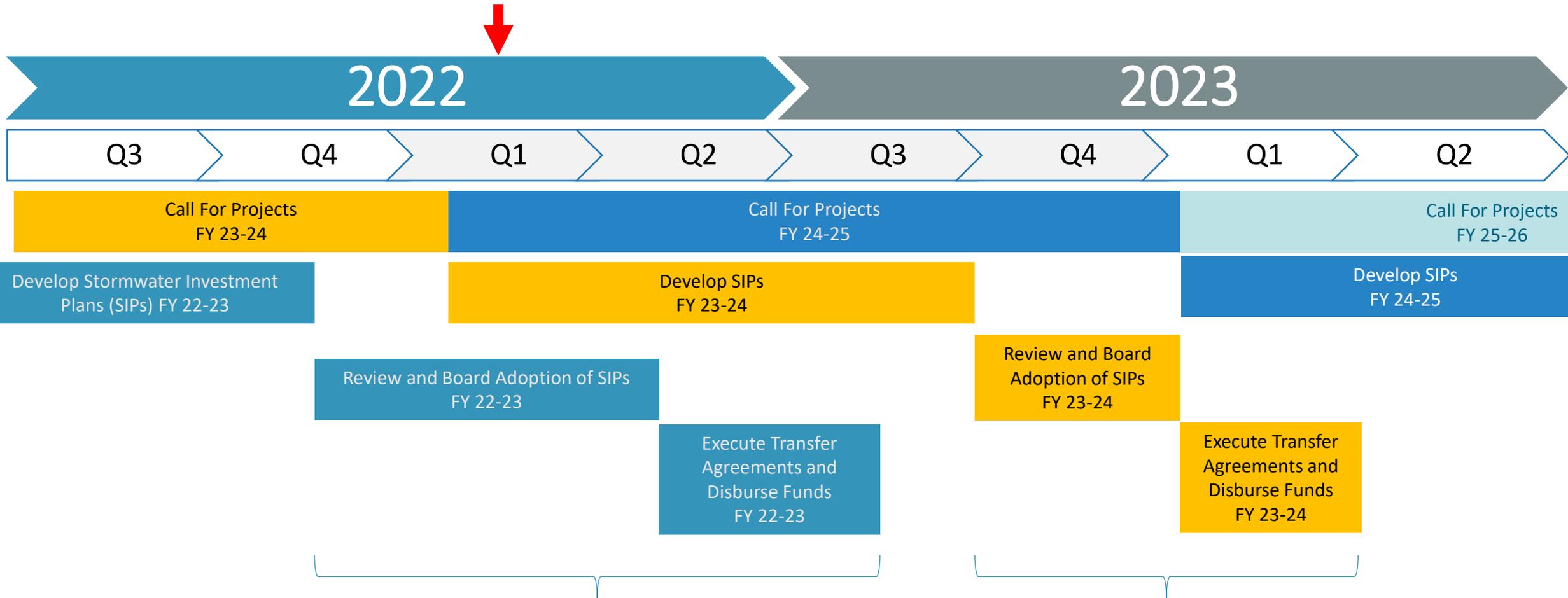
Recommendation  
for FY22-23 SIP

Funds previously  
allocated

Funds available for  
FY23-24 SIP: \$5.6M



# Call for Projects and Timeline



SIP to FTA period still being refined to its original goal of about six months



# Call for Projects FY 2023-2024

## Call for Projects closed on July 31st

Program	Preliminary Total SCW Funding Requested	Preliminary Projects Submitted
Infrastructure Program (>85%)	~\$234M	33*
Technical Resources Program (≤10%)	\$1.2M	4
Scientific Studies Program (≤5%)	~\$ 8M	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~\$ 243M</b>	<b>41</b>

Watershed Area	Approximate Number of IP Projects
Central Santa Monica Bay	3
Lower Los Angeles River	2
Lower San Gabriel River	5
North Santa Monica Bay	1
Rio Hondo	4
Santa Clara River	1
South Santa Monica Bay	4
Upper Los Angeles River	13
Upper San Gabriel River	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>33</b>

\*values subject to change pending completeness check by the District



# FY 23-24 SIP Programming Guidelines

- The 85%/10%/5% ratios, disadvantaged community benefits, municipality benefits, and spectrum of project types and sizes will be **evaluated over a rolling 5-yr period**.
- WASCs have set the precedent of **reserving budget** to allow SIPs to handle unexpected decreases in revenue in the program, and so future project proponents have available resources.

Technical Resource Program

Infrastructure Program

Scientific Studies Program



# 2022 Interim Guidance

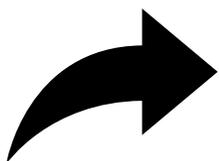


With stakeholder input, the District developed the 2022 Interim Guidance. Each component includes a brief vision for future guidance



## 2022 Interim Guidance

- Strengthening Community Engagement and Support (**New**)
- Water Supply Guidance (**New**)
- Programming of Nature-Based Solutions (no substantive changes from 2021 guidance)
- Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies (no substantive changes from 2021 guidance)



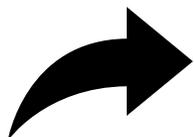
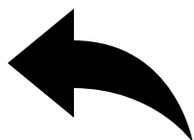
Other program aspects continue to be clarified or addressed through the Metrics and Monitoring Study and/or advancement of various regional studies



# Strengthening Community Engagement and Support

This guidance includes:

1. Engagement Prior to Application
2. Engagement Plan for Project Implementation



	Good	Better	Best
Engagement Levels	<p><b>Inform</b> - Provide the community with relevant information</p> <p><b>Consult</b> - Gather input from the Community</p>	<p><b>Involve</b> - Ensure community input, needs, and assets are integrated into processes, receive demonstrable consideration and appropriate responses, and inform planning</p> <p><b>Educate</b> – Grow community understanding of the existing infrastructure systems, purposes, perceived outstanding needs, pertinent history and regulations, SCW Program opportunities (including Watershed Coordinators) to establish</p> <p><b>Learn</b> – Grow own understanding of existing community, perceived needs, pertinent history, key concerns, and other potentially interested parties.</p>	<p><b>Collaborate</b> - Leverage and grow community capacity to play a leadership role in both planning and implementation</p> <p><b>Incorporate</b> - Foster democratic participation and equity by including the community in decision-making, bridge divide between community and governance</p> <p><b>Partner</b> – Establish certain project concepts based on community-driven and identified needs, solidify formal partnerships, and build in sustained paths forward to joint implementation and management with well-defined roles per agreement</p>



# Strengthening Community Engagement and Support



LEADERSHIP: COLLABORATION

## LD1.3 Provide for Stakeholder Involvement

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POINTS

### INTENT

Early and sustained stakeholder engagement and involvement in project decision making.

### METRIC

Establishment of sound and meaningful programs for stakeholder identification, early and sustained engagement, and involvement in project decision making.

### LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

IMPROVED A + B	ENHANCED A + B + C	SUPERIOR A + B + C + D	CONSERVING A + B + C + D + E	RESTORATIVE A + B + C + D + E + F
(3) Active Engagement	(6) Direct Engagement	(9) Community Involvement	(14) Community Satisfaction	(18) Stakeholder Partnerships
<b>(A)</b> Primary and secondary stakeholders are identified through a stakeholder mapping process. Stakeholder concerns and specific objectives for stakeholder engagement are defined.				
<b>(B)</b> A proactive stakeholder engagement process is established with clear objectives. This occurs at the earliest stages of planning and is sustained through project construction. Engagement moves beyond education into active dialogue. Stakeholder views are monitored, and a two-way line of communication is established to reply to inquiries. Sufficient opportunities are provided for stakeholders to be involved in decision making. The participation process is transparent with opportunities to provide meaningful input.				
<b>(C)</b> A lead person from the project team, in addition to any public involvement lead or manager, works with stakeholder groups to understand communication needs and the desire for and scope of involvement.				
<b>(D)</b> There are specific cases in which public input influenced or validated project outcomes. Potentially conflicting stakeholder views were evaluated and addressed equitably during decision making.				
<b>(E)</b> Feedback is sought from stakeholders as to their satisfaction with the engagement process, and the resulting decisions were made based on their input.				
<b>(F)</b> One or more stakeholders, having mutual interests or interdependencies, are identified and engaged as partners.				

This guidance includes several resources for designing and implementing engagement



# Water Supply Guidance

1. Establishes shared vocabulary
2. Clarifies characterization of Water Supply Benefits
3. Provides guidance to the Scoring Committee
4. Provides guidance to the nine Watershed Area Steering Committees

## SCW Program 2022 Interim Guidance Water Supply Guidance



### Evaluating Water Supply Benefits at the WASC

As Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) develop Stormwater Investments Plans (SIPs), they can benefit from the following strategies in determining the appropriateness of each Project's claim of providing, or not providing, Water Supply Benefits:

#### **Tools and strategies to evaluate Water Supply Benefits that WASC members should use during Project evaluation:**

- Read the justification provided in the application, submitted Feasibility Study, and scoring rubric about Water Supply Benefits claimed for the Project, including how the project creates locally available water supply.
- Where applicable, review applications for assurance that infiltrated water reaches an aquifer managed for beneficial use through demonstration of high infiltration potential or proximity to a water reclamation facility.
- During presentations by Project proponents, ask follow-up questions about the Water Supply Benefits claimed for the Project, as appropriate.

#### **Tools and strategies to evaluate Water Supply Benefits that WASC members can use at any time:**

- Ask Watershed Coordinator(s) to evaluate and report to the WASC how the people, public agencies, and other stakeholders would describe the preferred Water Supply Benefits in the Watershed Area (i.e., desired outcomes and watershed-specific goals).
- Invite informational presentations from agencies, organizations, and other stakeholders to better understand potential Water Supply Benefits sought and challenges faced in the Watershed Area.



# Programming of Nature-Based Solutions

The guidance clarifies how best to prioritize Nature-Based Solutions by:

1. Establishing a shared vocabulary
2. Providing guidance to the nine WASCs
3. Clarifying prioritizing Nature-Based Solutions; and
4. Highlighting how the Feasibility Study requirements and the Projects Module support Project proponents and WASCs in the prioritization of Nature-Based Solutions





# Links between Needs, SCWP Goals, and NBS

Identified Need or Desired Outcome	Potential Natural Processes & Nature-Mimicking Strategies	SCW Program Benefits
Improved environmental water quality	Bioretention; biofiltration; removed impermeable area; increase of permeability; soil enhancement; green streets	Water Quality Benefit
Increased local water supply	Surface and subsurface infiltration to groundwater; treat and release clean stormwater flows for a justified beneficial use; stormwater capture to offset irrigation with potable water; soil enhancement to offset irrigation with potable water; new native and climate-appropriate planting to offset irrigation with potable water; remove impermeable area; increase permeability	Water Supply Benefit
Improved flood management	Bioretention; native and climate appropriate planting; removal of impermeable area; increase of permeability; microtopography changes; protection or restoration of riparian or wetland systems	Community Investment Benefit (CIB): Flood Management
Improved flood conveyance	Stream daylighting; bioretention; microtopography changes; removed impermeable surfaces; increase of permeability; localized infiltration to groundwater	CIB: Flood Conveyance



# Programming of Nature-Based Solutions

## Providing guidance to the nine WASCs

### Strategies to prioritize Nature-Based Solutions that WASC members can use during Project evaluation and SIP recommendation development:

- Prior to sending submitted Projects to Scoring Committee, the WASC can choose to evaluate the extent to which natural processes or nature-mimicking strategies are included in each Project, and the extent to which Nature-Based Solutions appear across the suite of Projects. This evaluation can support the WASC decision-making about which Projects are “sent” to Scoring.
- Upon the completion of scoring and during review of individual Projects, the WASC should read materials provided by proponents about natural processes and nature-mimicking strategies included in Projects, and in the case where Nature-Based Solutions were judged infeasible, about the analysis and reasons given.
- During presentations by Project proponents, the WASC members can ask questions about the natural processes or nature-mimicking strategies included in the Project, or about the analysis completed which showed Nature-Based Solutions to be infeasible.
- When programming the SIP, the WASC can review SIP of previous years, and the suite of Projects proposed, to consider how Nature-Based Solutions are being prioritized in the Watershed Area.

### Strategies to prioritize Nature-Based Solutions that WASC members can use at any time:

- WASCs can ask their Watershed Coordinator(s) to evaluate and report to the WASC how the people, city and county agencies, and other stakeholders would prioritize Nature-Based Solutions in the Watershed Area.
- WASCs can invite informational presentations from agencies, organizations, and other stakeholders to better understand how Nature-Based Solutions would bring benefits and meet the challenges faced in the Watershed Area.



# Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies

This guidance includes the following:

1. Clarification of how to interpret and substantiate a Project's ability to deliver Disadvantaged Community Benefits
2. Procedures for consistently accounting for the 110% SIP provisions
3. Considerations to inform deliberation and discussion

## SCW Program 2022 Interim Guidance

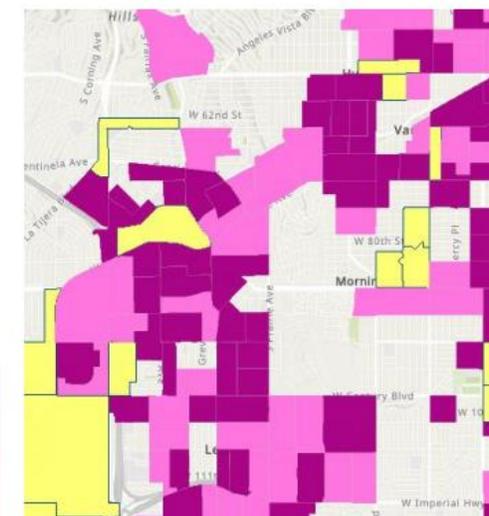
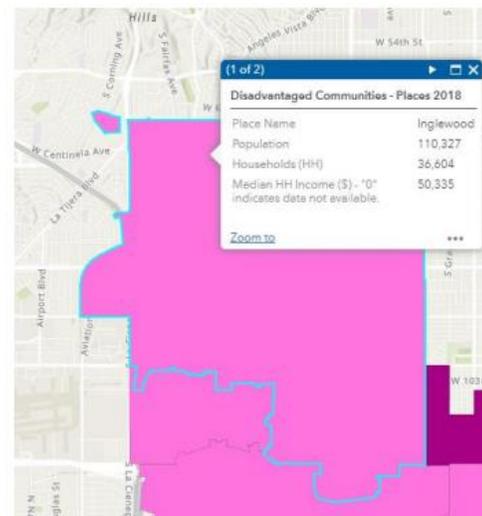
Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies in the Regional Program



- Link to DWR Disadvantaged Community Mapping Tool: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>
- Link to CalEPA CalEnviroscreen: <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen>

### Inglewood Example

If you calculate the median household income for the city of Inglewood as a Census Place (Figure 1), you find that the city has a median household income below 80% of the statewide median household income, and therefore can be considered a disadvantaged community. However, when you review the many Census Block Groups within the city of Inglewood (Figure 2), you find that some are considered disadvantaged, some severely disadvantaged (defined in the State Water Code as having a median household income below 60% of the statewide median household income), and some are neither.





# WASC Role in Disadvantaged Community Policies

Whether a Project provides a “direct benefit” as used in SCWP policy is a **decision made by WASCs on a project-by-project basis.**

WASCs can:

- Program project in SIP and add or affirm disadvantaged community benefit claim
- Program project in SIP and remove disadvantaged community benefit claim
- Not include project in SIP

## How Can you as a WASC Validate Direct Benefits?

**Hearing from community members** is the best way to validate a direct benefit.

Other Possible Considerations:

**Adjacency:**

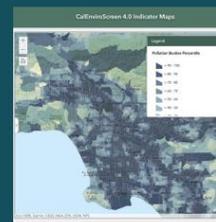


Some projects are near disadvantaged block groups.

**External Datasets:**



Other Census data (DWR DAC Mapping Tool)



[CalEnviroScreen 4.0](#)



[LA County RPOSD Park Needs Assessment](#)



[IRWM DAC Involvement Program Greater LA County Needs Assessment](#)

From ULAR Disadvantaged Community Programming [Presentation](#)



# SCWP Tools

ArcGIS ▾ Safe Clean Water Program GIS Reference Map

Modify Map Sign In

Details | Basemap | Share | Print | Measure | Bookmarks | Find address or place

Legend

Submitted Infrastructure Projects 2020-2021

- Upper Los Angeles River
- Central Santa Monica Bay
- Lower San Gabriel River
- Upper San Gabriel River
- Lower Los Angeles River
- Rio Hondo
- South Santa Monica Bay
- Santa Clara River
- North Santa Monica Bay

Safe Clean Water Program Watershed Areas

- Central Santa Monica Bay
- Lower Los Angeles River
- Lower San Gabriel River

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Learn about Safe Clean Water Program projects, benefits and expenditures. We are protecting public health and our environment while maximizing a cleaner, locally-controlled water supply.

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# Discussion

Contact the program team at:

[www.SafeCleanWaterLA.org](http://www.SafeCleanWaterLA.org)

[SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov)

1-833-ASK-SCWP (1-833-275-7297)



June 24th, 2022

Honorable Chair and Committee Members  
North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Committee  
Safe Clean Water Los Angeles

**Re: Labor Standards and Community Impact of Measure W Projects**

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing on-behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11 and the National Electrical Contractors Association of Los Angeles to express our support for meaningful labor standards in all Measure W Projects.

The people of Los Angeles voted overwhelmingly for Measure W in order to improve the environmental and economic resiliency of our County. Requiring that all Measure W projects are performed under Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) will realize the full spirit and intent of this vote. By requiring all projects to have PLAs, the Measure W Steering Committee will be maximizing the economic benefits of its projects for the tax-payers of Los Angeles County. This is a clear step the steering committee can take to help ensure its success.

The success of Measure W for our communities is critical. Workforce standards such as PLAs ensure the use of the highest caliber and most equitable labor force. Good workforce policies will create local high-road careers that contribute to a sustainable local economy. This will in turn help create the economic benefits and community stakeholder necessary to support any further bond issuances.

Ensuring all your projects use Project Labor Agreements will not require any material changes to your procedures or projects. Moreover, Project Labor Agreements are the standard on the vast majority of public works projects throughout our County, and for good reason, Measure W projects should be no exception.

We greatly appreciate your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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