



# **SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

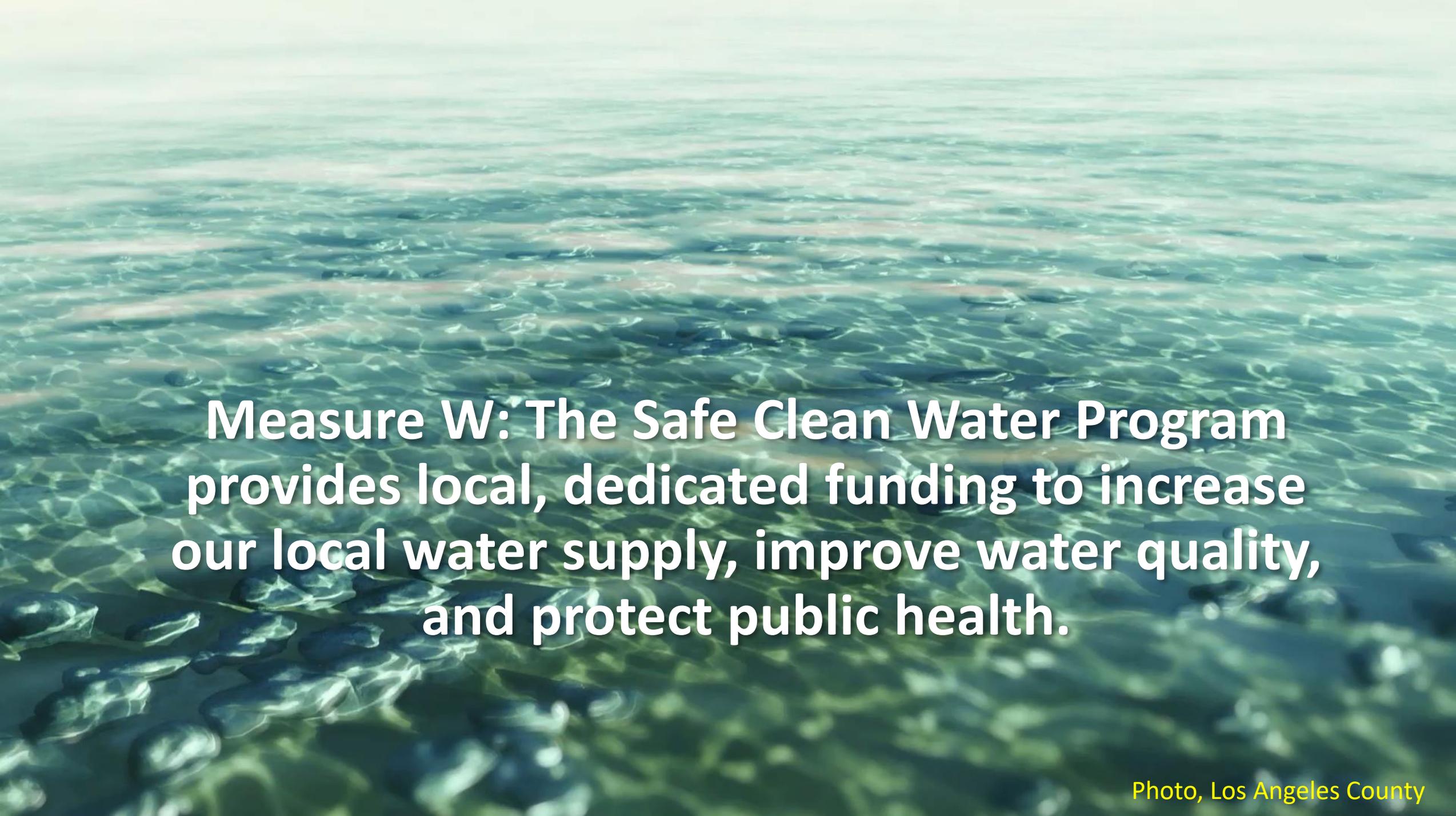
## **The North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee Update**

By Melina Sempill Watts

Watershed Coordinator, Safe Clean Water L.A.

August 10, 2023

Photo and Logo, Los Angeles County

An aerial photograph showing a vast expanse of water with a complex network of canals and ditches. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the canals create a grid-like pattern across the landscape. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the water.

**Measure W: The Safe Clean Water Program provides local, dedicated funding to increase our local water supply, improve water quality, and protect public health.**

# Land Acknowledgement



Photo by Lisa Fimiani

Elena Rios at Taft Gardens, Ojai, California: First Nations Voices First



**What did Elena Rios and I discuss? Biodiversity *is* family.**

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# OUTREACH, RECENT



## Set Up Local Meetings, including,

- Mark Abramson helping set up tour of Malibu Lagoon Parking Lot
- Calabasas Staff, CEC and I talked Community Outreach
- Connected Rindge Dam Removal Team with Calabasas City Staff to share project goals

## Attended,

- Malibu Area Conservation Coalition
- Malibu-Las Virgenes Council of Governments
- USC Sea Grant /NOAA Event
- **Native Water Stories: A Paya Film Screening, Held by Heal the Bay**



**OUTREACH, UPCOMING**



# **October 1, 2023: Malibu Farmers' Market**

Photo by Malibu.org



# October 7, 2023: Community Conservation Day Viewridge in Topanga

Image by Los Angeles County  
Department of Flood Control

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**October 21, 2023:  
Featured Speaker Oaktober at  
Taft Gardens in Ojai, California**



# October 22, 2023: Calabasas Pumpkin Festival

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The goal is to share the story of creek restoration and fish passage opportunities via a series of tours for the public.

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# North Santa Monica Bay State of the Watershed 2024

- Looking for a site.
- Does your city or agency want to be the hero?

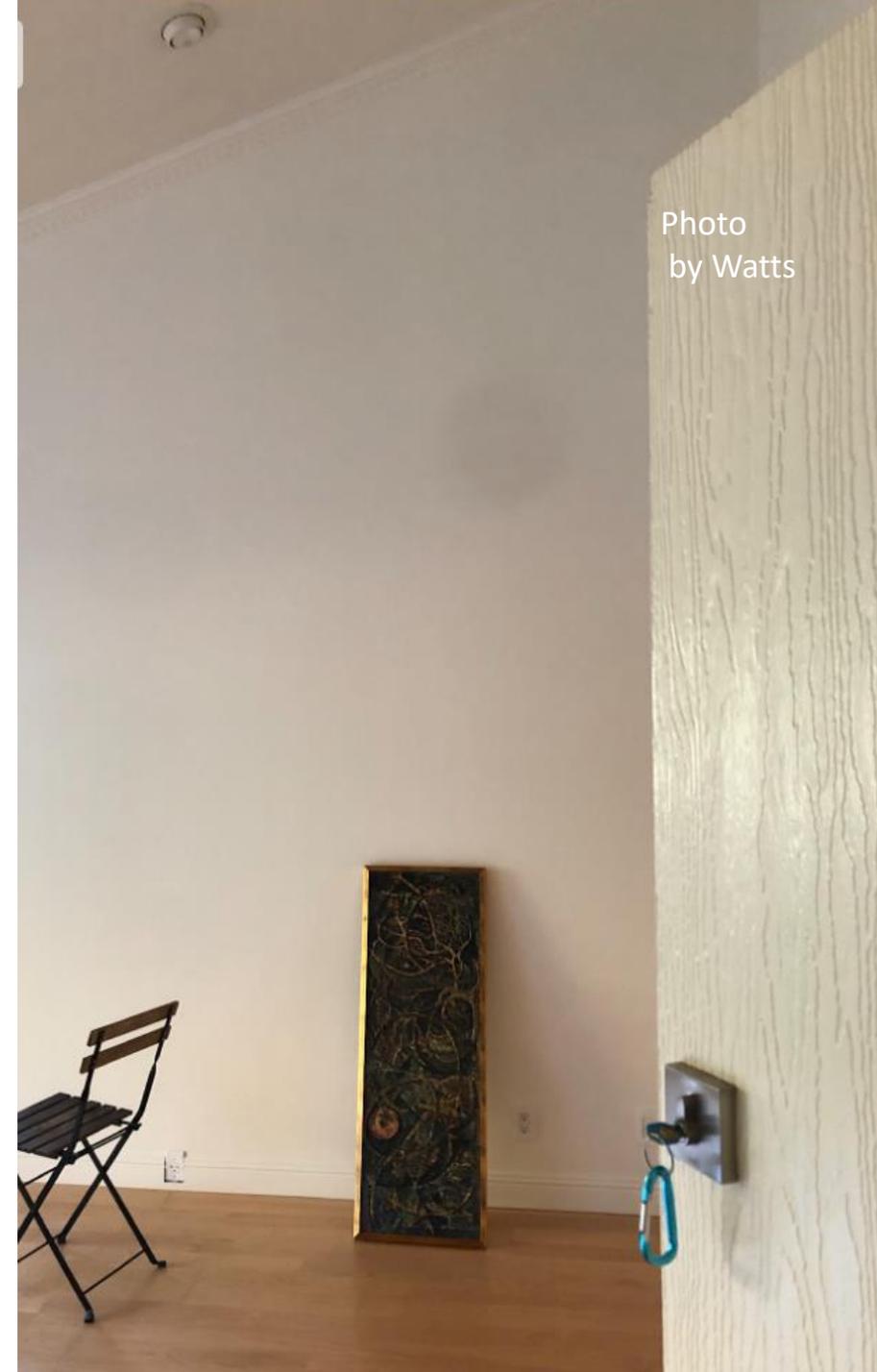
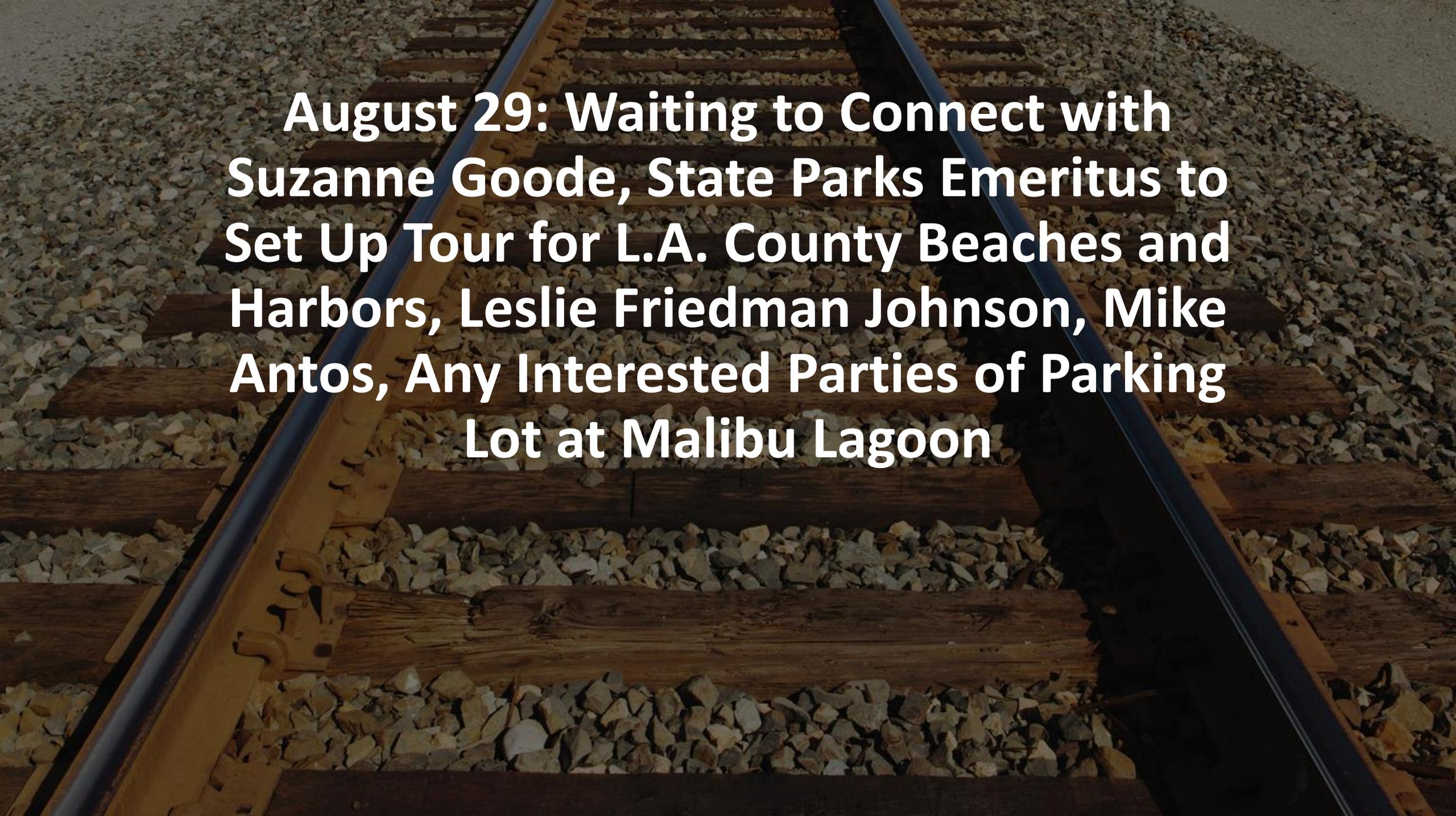


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# COMMUNITY PROJECT CONCEPTS



**August 29: Waiting to Connect with Suzanne Goode, State Parks Emeritus to Set Up Tour for L.A. County Beaches and Harbors, Leslie Friedman Johnson, Mike Antos, Any Interested Parties of Parking Lot at Malibu Lagoon**



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# Accelerated Resilience L.A. Project Proposal

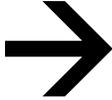
Safe, Clean Water L.A. is designed to *reflect* community goals and values as we improve water quality and increase local water supply.



Calabasas and California Department of State Parks Meet:  
the Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Phase III Project Transforms Into a Fish Passage Planning Project

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# Agoura Hills: MS4 Compliance Project



SCWP Application turned in July 31, 2023

# **Calabasas Green Streets Project**

**Project is partly funded.**

**Potential SCWP Application for 2024.**

**Stay tuned.**



Photo courtesy of NPS

## Potential Watershed-wide Crayfish and Invasive Fish Removal Study, Possible Implementation Project Suggested by Wildlife Conservation Board

Project lead would be Debra Sharpton.



**RAINMAKING:  
CO-CREATING  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

# Matching Funding Sources + Watershed/Regional Projects

- Offering support for potential NOAA and new Wildlife Conservation Board grant opportunities
- Co-writing new LOI for City of Calabasas for Wildlife Conservation Board Application
- Offering letter of support for application for analysis / potential removal of invasive species throughout Malibu Creek Watershed by Debbie Sharpton with Wildlife Conservation Board
- Newly introduced to CALTRANS underpass projects; will consider funding sources to share





# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

# Santa Monica Mountains Fund Interns

Met with,

- Santa Monica Mountains Funds and ARLA: Antonio, Devon, Melina and the Interns
- Ongoing conversations with Aaron Ordower, Supervisorial District 3



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# **WATERSHED COORDINATOR COLLABORATION**



Joining Central Santa Monica Watershed and South Santa Monica Watershed Coordinators in meeting with Austin Toyama, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District to discuss project opportunities; thanks to Aaron Ordower for setting this up.

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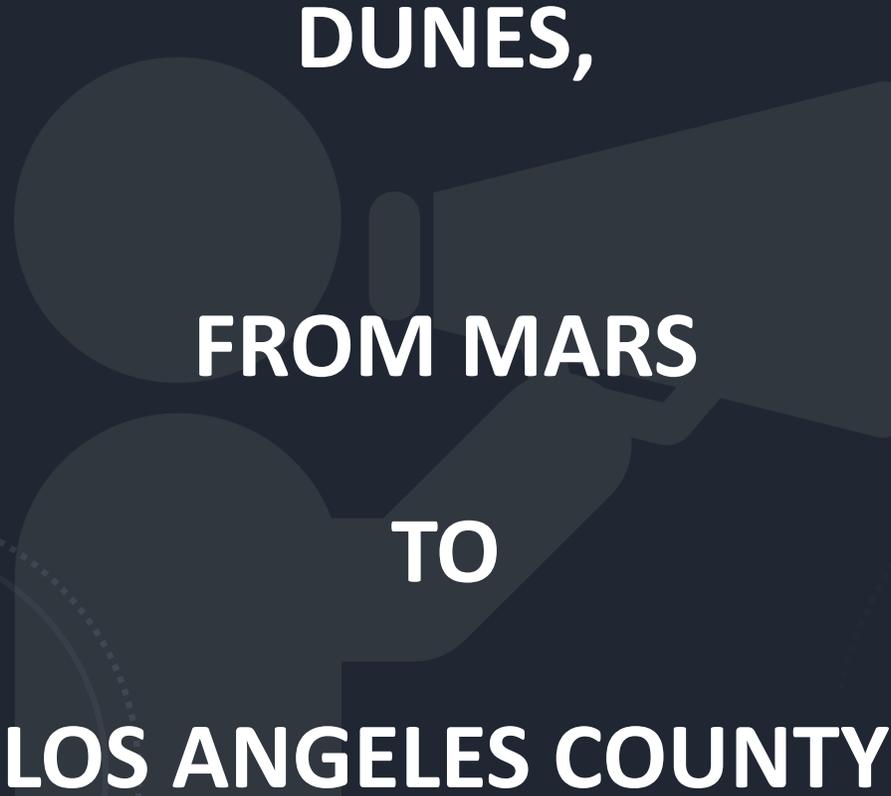


# GROWING NEW CONNECTIONS

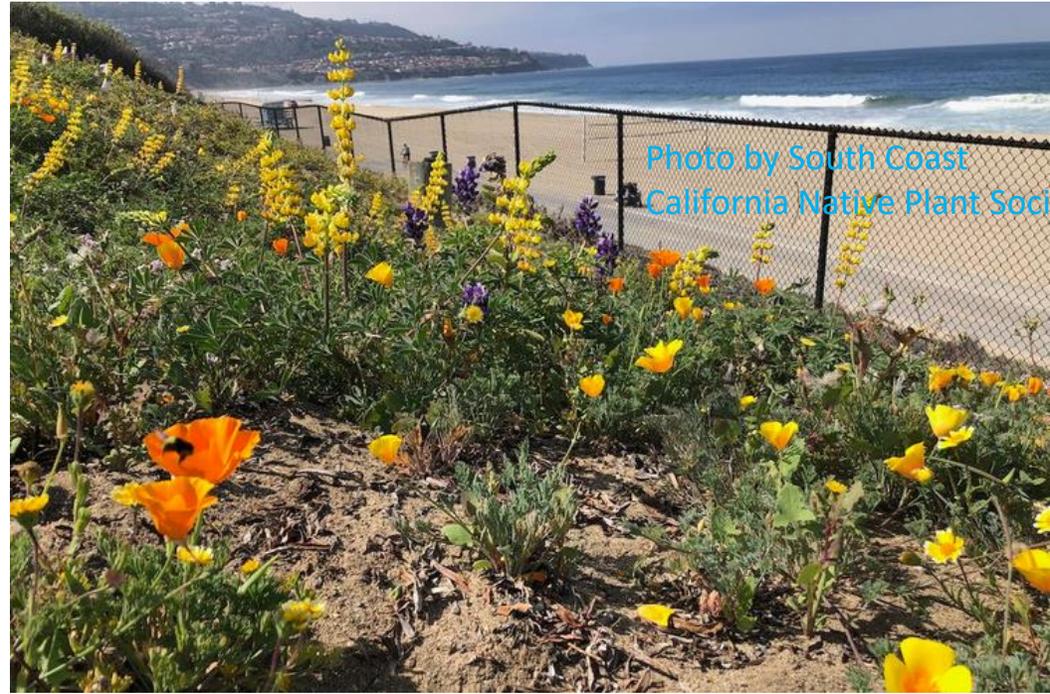
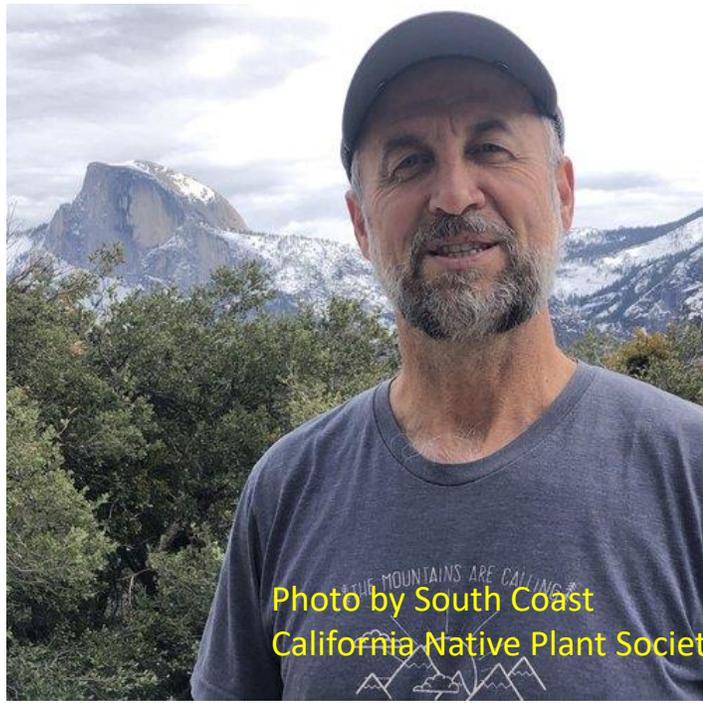


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- **Elena Rios, Chumash Teacher**
- **Jaide Whitman, Taft Gardens, Ojai**
- **Dr. David White, Once Upon a Watershed**
- **Lisa Fimian, Loyola Marymount Center for Urban Resilience**
- **Jan Williamson and Pamela Mass, 18<sup>th</sup> Street Arts Center, Santa Monica**
- **Jamiah Hargis, Crop Swap L.A. and I aim to connect in person**
- **Evelin Webb, Malibu Foundation**
- **Attended USC Sea Grant Event on Funding, met NOAA staff + others**
- **Invited CALTRANS staff to speak at NSMB WASC**



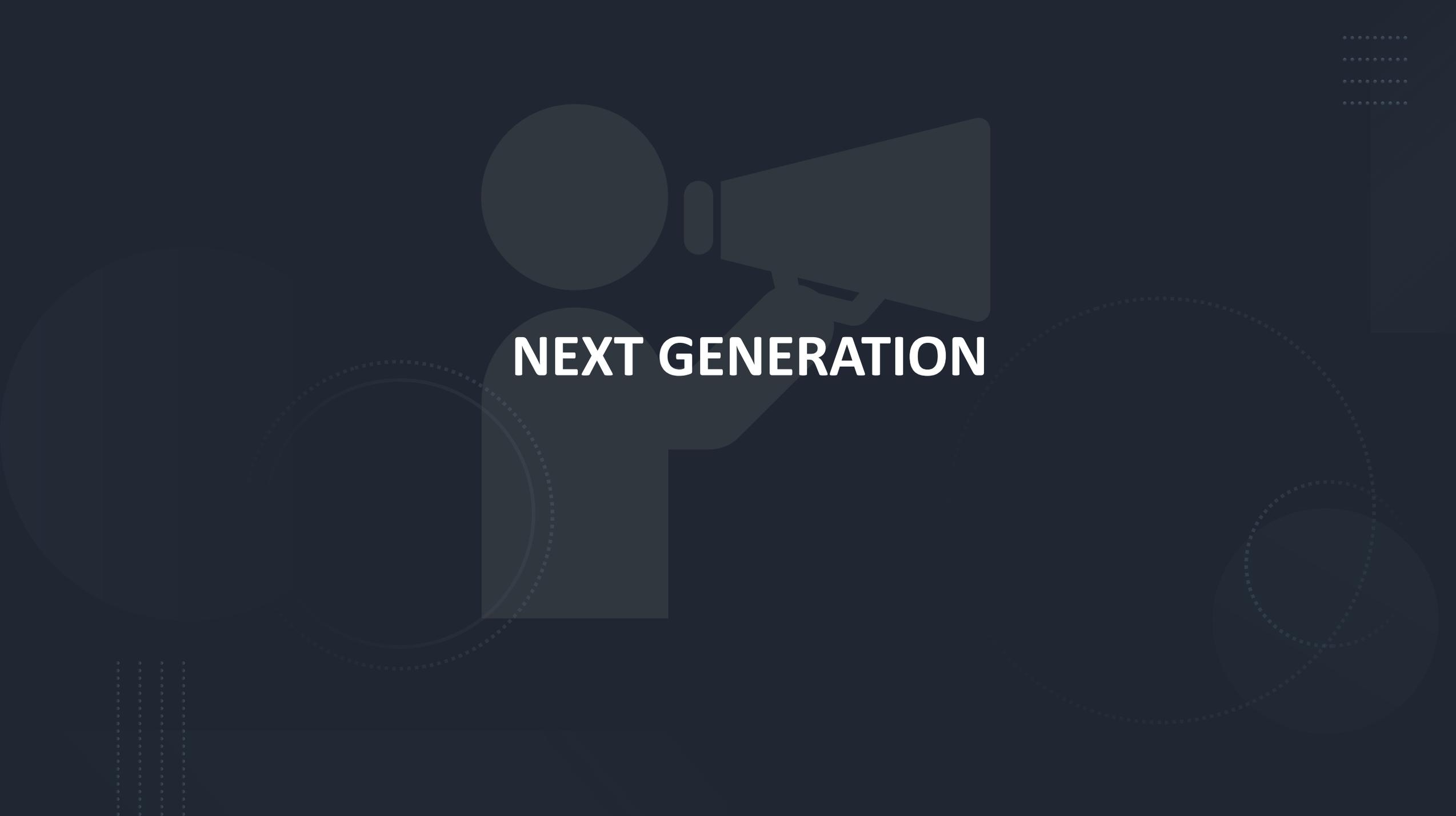
**DUNES,  
FROM MARS  
TO  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY**



**Jim Montgomery,**

**Mars Science Lab Surface Operations and Lander Vision System System Engineer  
at Jet Propulsion Laboratory**

**South Bay Parkland Conservancy  
Esplanade Bluff Restoration Project in Redondo Beach**



**NEXT GENERATION**

**Please welcome  
Imaan Deen,  
Student and Artist**



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