

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



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Thursday, August 10, 2023  
1:00pm – 3:00pm  
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Conference Room  
4232 Las Virgenes Rd Calabasas, CA 91302  
WebEx Meeting

## Committee Members Present:

\*Mark Beltran, 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)  
Madelyn Glickfeld, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability UCLA (Community), Vice-Chair  
Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation Ventura County (Community)  
\*Kelly Fisher, Agoura Hills (Municipal)  
\*Rachel Fox, Los Angeles County SD3 (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 District (Agency)  
Elias Garcia, LA Area Chamber of Commerce (Community)  
Tatiana Holden, Calabasas (Municipal)  
Joe Bellomo, Hidden Hills (Municipal)

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

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## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Madelyn Glickfeld, Vice-Chair of the North Santa Monica Bay (NSMB) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC), welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. All Committee Members and LA County Flood Control District (District) staff made self-introductions and a quorum was established. District staff provided a brief WebEx tutorial for meeting participants joining online.

Vice-Chair Glickfeld raised the issue that the Committee had been having issues reaching quorum.

## **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2023**

Vice-Chair Glickfeld presented the minutes from the previous meeting. Member Tevin Schmitt motioned to approve, seconded by Member Bruce Hamamoto. The WASC voted to approve the June 9, 2023 meeting minutes with 8 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 2 in abstention, and 1 absent at the time of the vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

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

District staff provided an update, noting:

- The first term for WASC Community Stakeholder seats ended on June 30, 2023. Community Stakeholders interested in joining the WASC for the next three-year term should submit the [interest](#)

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[to serve form](#). Current seat holders interested in reapplying do not need to submit another form. Current seat holders wishing to step down should inform District staff. There are currently three seats vacant. The candidates will be selected in late fall. Existing members will continue to serve until reappointments have been completed. There are currently 3 candidates at this point.

- On April 20, 2023, the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) voted to advance all nine Stormwater Investment Plans (SIP) to the Board of Supervisors for funding. The Board recently approved all nine SIPs on August 8, 2023.
- Quarter 4 FY22-23 Progress Reports are due on August 15. Reports must still be completed even if no activity was conducted for a project or the transfer agreement has not been executed, but expenditures have occurred. Projects from Round 4 that have not yet been approved by the Board will not have to submit quarterly reports.
- The application deadline for Round 5 Call for Projects closed on July 31, 2023. The District is currently conducting a completeness check before the applications are sent to the committee.

#### 4. Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator Melina Sempill Watts offered a land acknowledgement and shared a presentation on recent outreach events, plans for upcoming outreach events, upcoming project concepts (highlighting the Agoura Hills MS4 Compliance Project and the Calabasas Green Streets Project), engagement activities, and funding opportunities. See slides available on the SCWP website and attached.

After mention of the Malibu Lagoon Parking Lot project during the presentation, Vice-Chair Glickfeld commented that the Malibu Lagoon has had algae over the past 6 months. The WASC requested that City of Malibu and State Parks be invited to present updates on this issue at future meetings.

Watershed Coordinator Watts highlighted the Community Conservation Day in Viewridge Topanga, an upcoming event that will be held October 7, 2023. The event will be a chance for the community to engage with the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project. Members of the Regional Water Board will attend to discuss the legacy pollutants and the motive behind the project.

The WASC also discussed the North Santa Monica Bay State of the Watershed 2024. Watershed Coordinator Watts expressed interest aligning with the Pepperdine University's Earth Day 2024 event. Member Johnson stated that the City of Malibu can reach out to contacts at Pepperdine University.

Watershed Coordinator Watts mentioned that the Las Vigernes Creek Restoration Phase III Project transformed into a Fish Passage Planning Project. The WASC discussed issues with passage blockage at multiple locations along the creek, spawning issues, and threats from invasive crayfish and fish.

In addition to the funding opportunities outlined by Watershed Coordinator Watts, Vice-Chair Glickfeld asked if Committee Members have investigated obtaining stormwater funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) as a source of match funding. Watershed Coordinator Watts shared LA County's Infrastructure LA program currently helps attain funding from the BIL. Watershed Coordinator Watts will coordinate with LA County's Department of Public works to gather more information about Infrastructure LA to share with the WASC.

Watershed Coordinator Watts shared that the Los Angeles County Water Plan (CWP) is available for review, linked [here](#). The review period has been extended until September 18, 2023.

Vice-Chair Glickfeld mentioned a recent presentation on bacteria from the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP). Member Hamamoto clarified that the presentation was about a new microbiology DNA testing that could give faster bacteria-level reading than traditional methods, with results

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in 4-9 hours rather than two days. SCCWRP introduced the method to the Regional Board, which will determine whether to approve the method. Vice-Chair Glickfeld asked if bacterial testing from different cities is comparable and accurate because of the results of the Heal the Bay Report Card. Chair Pendersen will further explore these topics and provide more information to the WASC.

## **5. Public Comment Period**

The District received no public comment cards by 5:00 pm the day before the meeting. In person, virtual, and call-in users were invited to provide public comment.

Jeremy Wolf (Agoura Hills City Council) shared information about Agoura Hills' 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Creek Clean Up. The event will be on September 9, 2023 at the intersection of Kanan Road and Agoura Road from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Interested individuals can register [here](#).

Michael Hart (Community Member) requested that the WASC have a Committee Member from Malibu Lake. Hart also expressed issues with algae at Malibu Lagoon and the lack of inflow. Hart has been working with Chair Pendersen to raise money for the Pure Water Project.

## **6. Discussion**

### **a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure**

There were no Ex Parte Communication Disclosures.

### **b) WASC Roles and Responsibilities Presentation**

Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) presented on WASC Members' roles and responsibilities. The presentation and related documents can be found on the SCW Program website. Antos emphasized the WASC must approve funding for continuing projects, in addition to funding for new projects. There is a required level of oversight and responsibility for all ongoing projects as funds may be shifted and altered depending on how projects are progressing. Quarterly report summaries are provided by the District to WASCs to show projects that need scope, schedule, budget changes.

Antos requested that Members review the WASC Operating Guidelines, which includes guidelines on attendance requirements and alternate seat appointments.

The Committee discussed the importance of representing WASC Member's respected agencies/municipalities/communities, while also representing the entire NSMB watershed area as a WASC Member.

Upon inquiry, District staff provided more information on lack of attendance at WASC meetings. District staff is tracking attendance. Any Committee Member that does not attend will be directly contacted by the District. The District informed the WASC that they were waiting for the reappointment period to address the currently vacant seats. Chair Pendersen requested that Members provide reasoning for absences.

Antos introduced the new Alternate Water Supply Scoring Pilot Criteria. Vice-Chair Glickfeld requested clarification regarding the water supply benefit values. Antos shared that the pilot benchmarked project costs to recent similar projects that were completed in the region. The Metrics and Monitoring Study (MMS) has more information related to the pilot scoring. The MMS should be completed this year.

Vice-Chair Glickfeld asked if the WASC can access Scoring Committee notes, deliberations, and decisions. District staff shared that this information is available on the SCWP website, and that they are working with a consultant to make it more easily found and easily accessible through the SCW Portal.

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## **c) NSMB Watershed Area Regional Program Progress (WARPP) Report Draft Overview**

The District presented on the NSMB WARPP Draft Report. The report shows progress made towards SCW Program's goals in the first two years of the program through the projects approved by the NSMB WASC. The draft report will be sent to Committee Members early next week via email for comment and will be presented to the ROC on August 31. The Chairs requested District staff share any reports that will be sent to the ROC with the WASC beforehand.

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

Chair Pendersen stated that it would be helpful to rotate chair positions for the health of the WASC. Vice-Chair Glickfeld mentioned that the WASC needs a strategy for continuing leadership and a succession plan.

Committee Members agreed to continue this discussion and table the voting item to the next WASC meeting.

## **7. Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

## **8. Voting Items**

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

The vote to select new Chairs has been deferred to the next WASC meeting.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2023, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm and will be held in person at the Las Virgenes Metropolitan Water District Conference Room. Items on the Agenda include:

- a) Summary of feasibility studies, project concepts, and scientific studies submitted to NSMB WASC for consideration
- b) Selection of new Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

See SCWP website for meeting details.

## **10. Adjournment**

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

**NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY WASC MEETING - August 10, 2023**

		Quorum Present				Voting Items
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Vote to Approve June 8, 2023 WASC Meeting Minutes
Agency	LACFCD	Marcela Benavides-Aguilar		Mark Beltran	x	y
Agency	LAC Waterworks District	Russ Bryden				
Agency	MRCA	Chad Christensen	x			y
Agency	LVMWD	<u>David Pedersen</u>		Craig Jones	x	y
Agency	LVMWD	<u>David Pedersen</u>	x	Craig Jones		
Community Stakeholder	UCLA	<u>Madelyn Glickfeld</u>	x	Richard Ambrose		y
Community Stakeholder	CPMCA	Vacant				
Community Stakeholder	LA Area Chamber of Commerce	Elias Garcia				
Community Stakeholder	Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation Ventura County	Tevin Schmitt	x			y
Community Stakeholder	Community Stakeholder (Vacant)					
Municipal Members	Agoura Hills	Jessica Forte		Kelly Fisher	x	a
Municipal Members	Calabasas	Tatiana Holden				
Municipal Members	Hidden Hills	Joe Bellomo		Kerry Kallman		
Municipal Members	LAC Supervisor District 3	Aaron Ordower		Rachel Fox	x	a
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	Bruce Hamamoto	x	Allen Ma		y
Municipal Members	Malibu	Mark Johnson	x	Solishia Andico		y
Municipal Members	Westlake Village	Roxanne Hughes	x	Josephine Wilson		y
Watershed Coordinator	Melina S. Watts Consulting, LLC	Melina Watts	x			
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yay (Y)	8
Total Voting Members Present		11			Nay (N)	0
Agency		4			Abstain (A)	2
Community Stakeholder		2			Total	10
Municipal Members		5				Approved

**Other Attendees**

- Anna Philipp
- Annelisa Moe
- Brenda Ponton
- Gabriela Gonzalez
- Jenny Chau
- Kelsey Reed
- Melania Gaboyan
- Melanie Hu
- Michael Hart
- Mike Antos
- Ryanna Fossum



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# Safe, Clean Water Program Watershed Area Steering Committee North Santa Monica Bay

**Date** Thursday, August 10, 2023  
**Time** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
**Location** Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Conference  
Room - 4232 Las Virgenes Rd Calabasas, CA 91302

WebEx Hybrid Meeting – See below or [SCW website](#)  
for WebEx Meeting details

## WebEx Meeting Details

Committee members are expected to attend in-person at the address listed above. Members of the public may participate by joining the WebEx Event Meeting below. Please refer to the [Video Conferencing Guidelines](#) available on the Safe, Clean Water Program website for additional information.

### Join via WebEx Events (recommended)

Event number: 2481 037 5685

Password: scwp (7297 from phones and video systems)

<https://lacountydpw.webex.com/lacountydpw/j.php?MTID=m97c4ee1a0e99f2b77669c0cb680912df>

### Join by phone

+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll or

+1-213-306-3065 United States Toll (Los Angeles)

Access Code: 2481 037 5685

## Public Comment

Phone participants and the public are encouraged to submit public comments (or a request to make a public comment) to [SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov). All public comments will become part of the official record.

Please complete the [Comment Card Form](#) available on the Safe, Clean Water website and email to [SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov) by at least 5:00pm the day prior to the meeting.

Para solicitudes de comentarios públicos en español, envíe un correo electrónico a [SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov) o llame al (833) 275-7297 dos días antes de la reunión para asegurarse de que haya un traductor presente para transmitir el comentario para consideración del comité.

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## Agenda:

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 08, 2023
- 3) Committee Member and District Updates
- 4) Watershed Coordinator Updates
- 5) Public Comment Period
- 6) Discussion
  - a) Ex Parte Communications Disclosure
  - b) WASC Roles and Responsibilities Presentation  
*by Stantec, Mike Antos*
  - c) NSMB Watershed Area Regional Program Progress (WARPP) Report Draft Overview  
*by the District*
  - d) Selection of new Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs
- 7) Public Comment Period
- 8) Voting Items
  - a) Vote to select new Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs
- 9) Items for Next Agenda
  - a) Summary of feasibility studies, project concepts, and scientific studies submitted to NSMB WASC for consideration
- 10) Adjournment

**Next Meeting: September 14, 2023 (TBD)**  
**1:00pm – 3:00pm**  
**Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Conference Room**  
4232 Las Virgenes Rd Calabasas, CA 91302

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# **SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

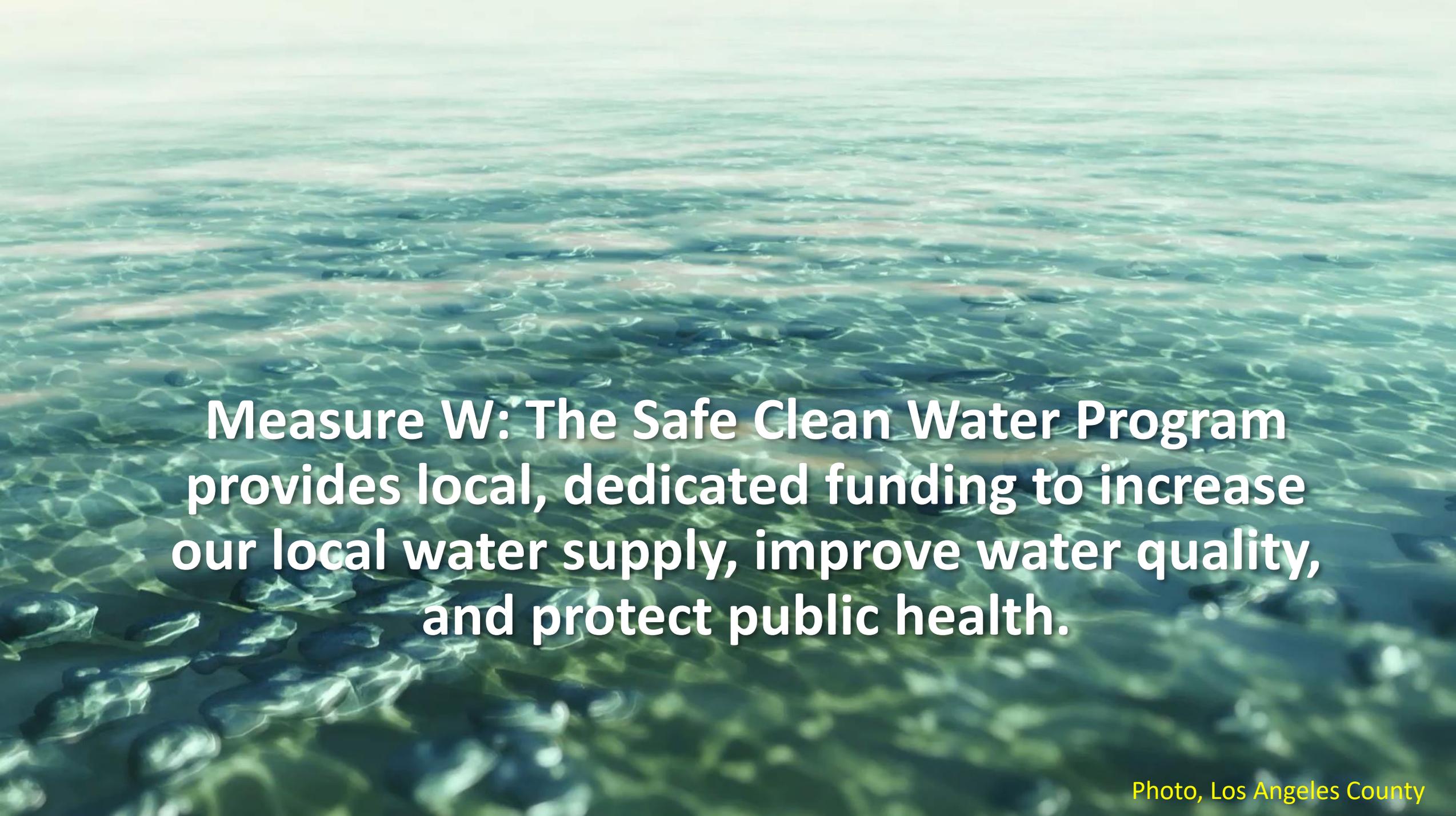
## **The North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee Update**

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 or ditches. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the canals create a grid-like pattern across the landscape. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, suggesting a clear day. The overall scene is one of a large-scale water management system.

**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.**

Photo by Watts



# 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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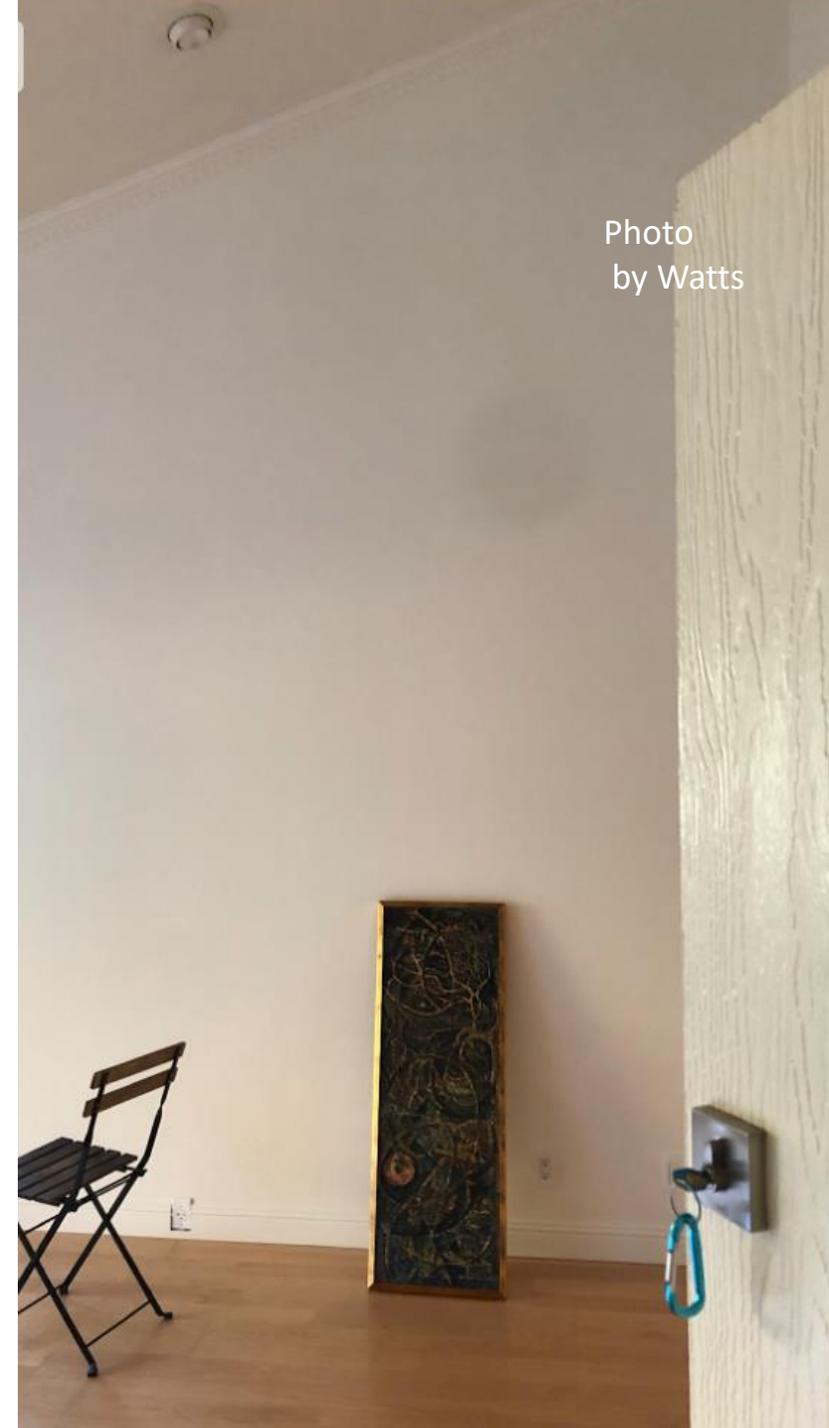
# North Santa Monica Bay State of the Watershed 2024

- Adam Carnes, Center for Sustainability,  
Pepperdine University:

*Can the North Santa Monica Bay State  
of the Watershed become part of  
Pepperdine Earth Day 2024?*

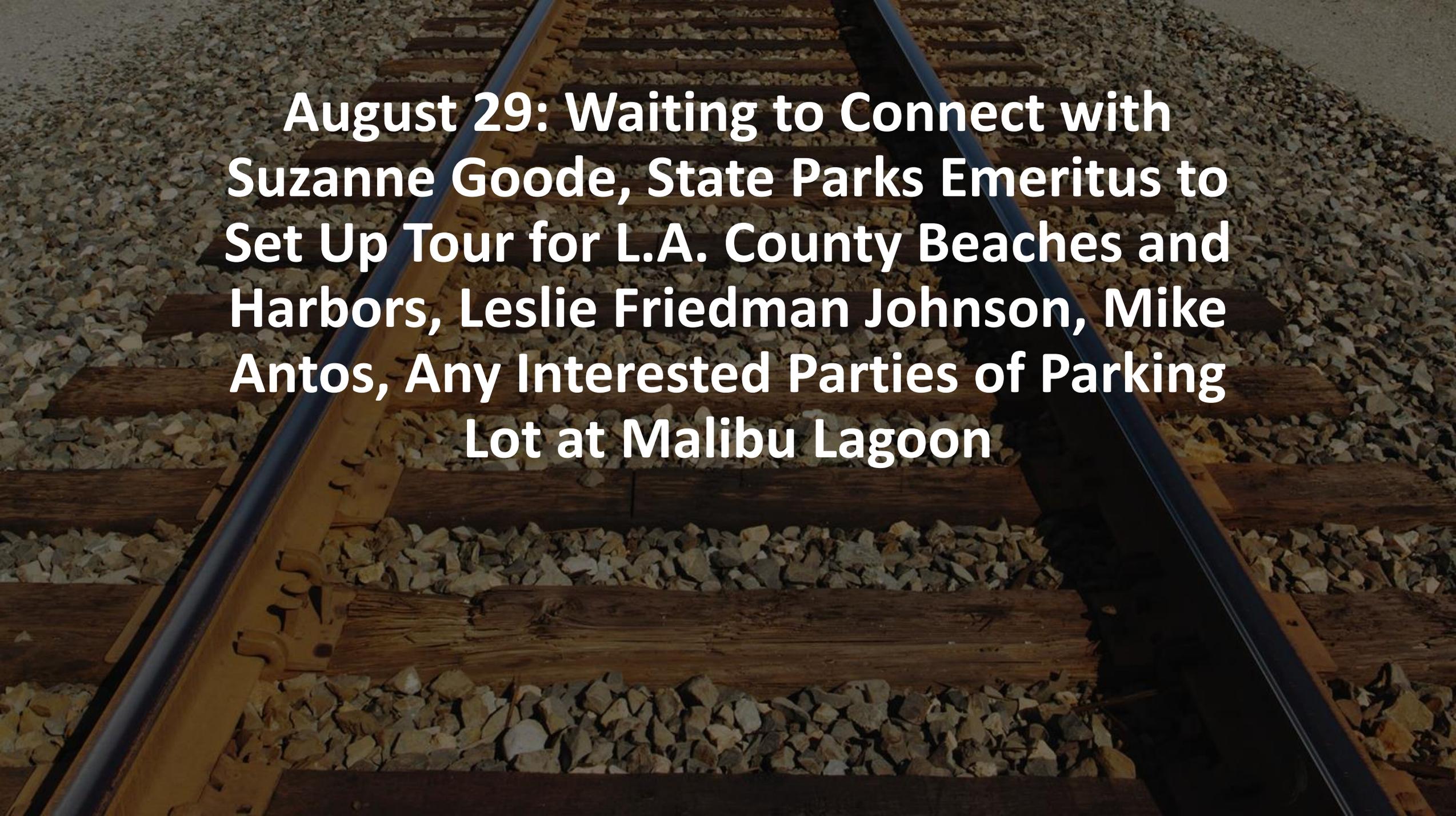
- Alternately, does your city or agency  
want to be the hero?

Photo  
by Watts





**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**



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

Photo by Watts



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.



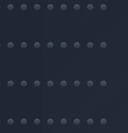
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# Accelerated Resilience L.A. Project Proposal

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

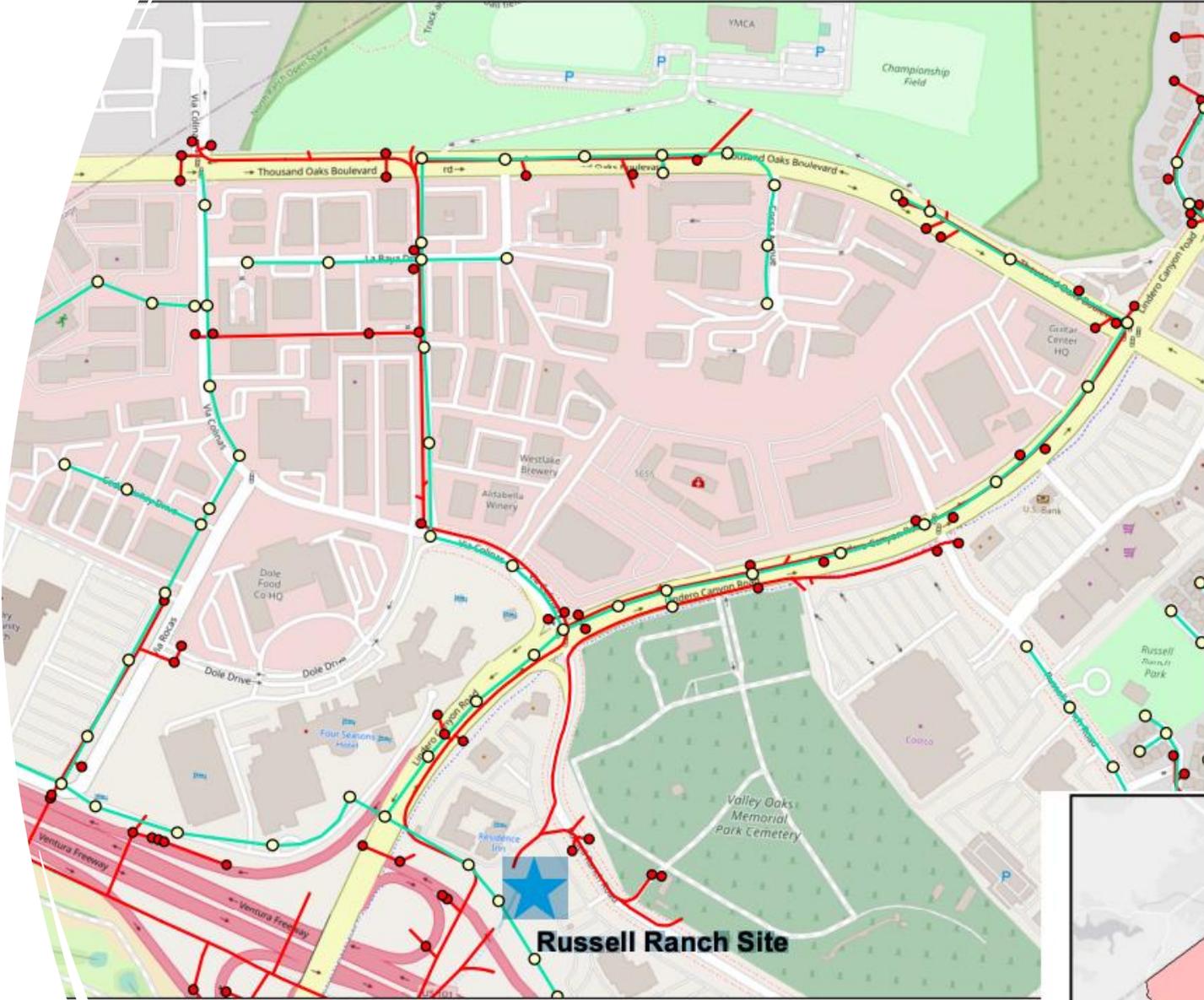


**SCWP  
APPLICATIONS,  
INCOMING**

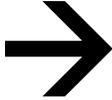


# Westlake Village TRP Application

MS4 Compliance project at 2 sites.



# Agoura Hills: MS4 Compliance Project



**SCWP Application turned in July 31, 2023**



**SCWP  
APPLICATIONS,  
POTENTIAL**

# **Calabasas Green Streets Project**

**First of three sites is fund by Measure M and is underway.**

**Site 2: Calabasas Road is 600 feet of bioswale along the dirt shoulder**

**Site 3: Mureau Road is 1000 feet along the medians/**

**Project includes a roundabout.**

**Cost estimate is 1.5 to 2 millin.**

**Application would be for 2024.**



## **Manzanita School in Topanga, California**

Cecilie Stuart, founding Board Member of Manzanita School, and I will be meeting to explore opportunities for a Safe, Clean Water Project on site.

Stay tuned.

# Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District

And, for Malibu...

Aaron Ordower, Office of Supervisor Lindsay Horvath, has connected t three relevant watersheds with Austin Toyoma, head of sustainability at SMMUSD to discuss project opportunities in August.





**RAINMAKING:  
CO-CREATING  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

# Matching Funding Sources + Watershed/Regional Projects

- Offering support for potential NOAA and new Wildlife Conservation Board grant opportunities
- Wrote first draft of 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



Photo by Watts



# **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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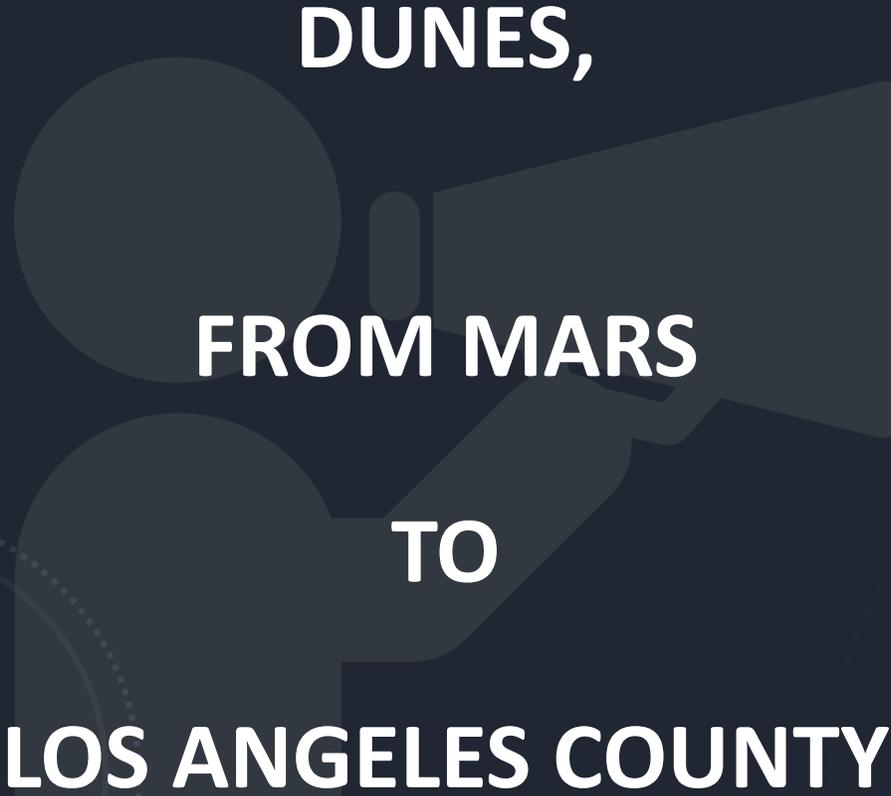


# GROWING NEW CONNECTIONS

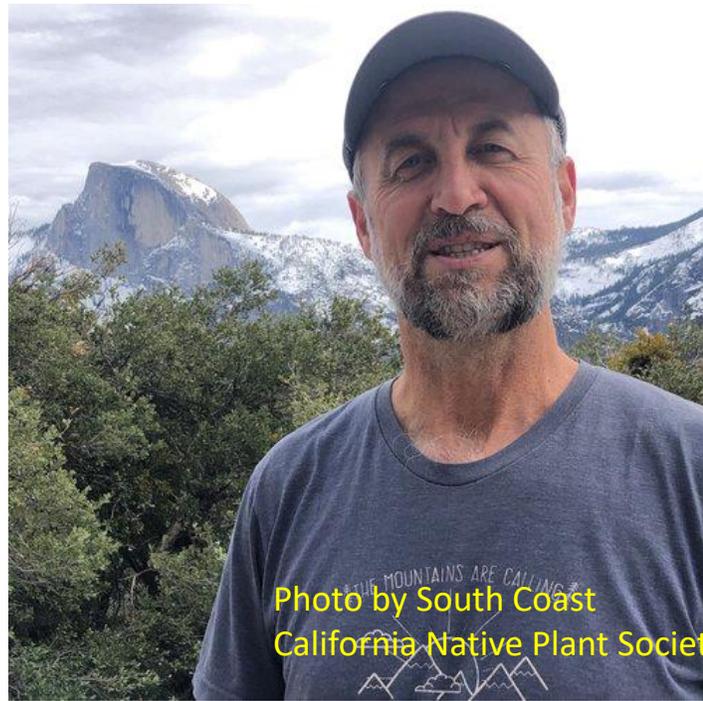


Photo Courtesy of Taft Gardens

- **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**



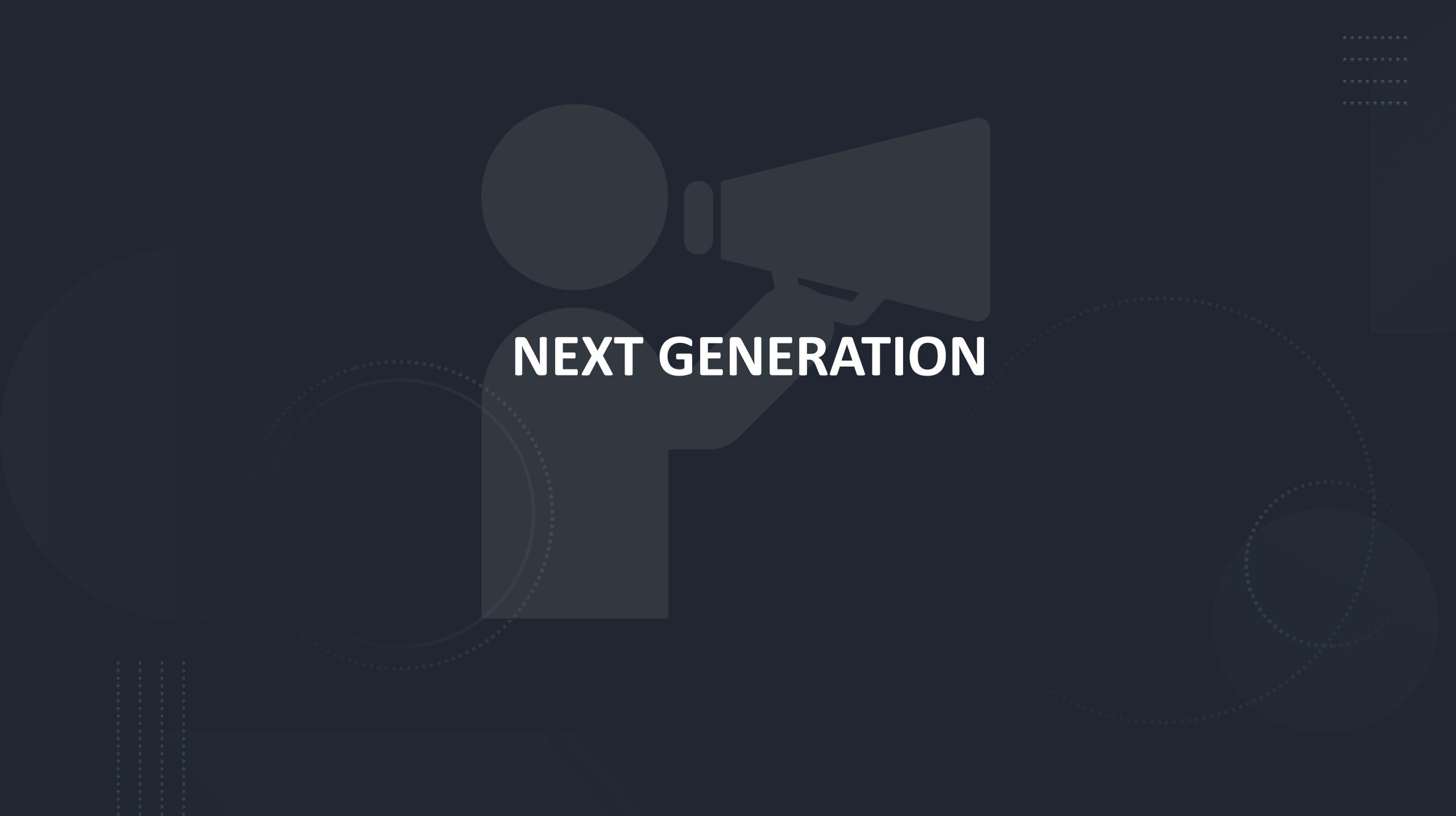
**DUNES,  
FROM MARS  
TO  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY**



**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, Artist  
and Intern**



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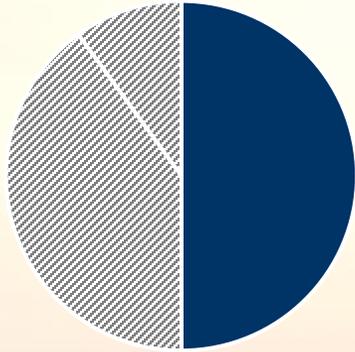


**SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

**Welcome Back!**

**Year 5 (FY24-25)**

# Regional Program



**50% Program revenue**

Provides funding for multi-benefit watershed-based projects

WATERSHED AREA	2022-23 Regional Tax Return Estimates
Central Santa Monica Bay	\$ 17.2 Million
Lower Los Angeles River	\$ 12.4 Million
Lower San Gabriel River	\$ 16.7 Million
North Santa Monica Bay	\$ 1.8 Million
Rio Hondo	\$ 11.6 Million
Santa Clara River	\$ 5.8 Million
South Santa Monica Bay	\$ 17.5 Million
Upper Los Angeles River	\$ 38.6 Million
Upper San Gabriel River	\$ 18.7 Million





# Stormwater Investments in SCWP

Board of Supervisors will consider FY23–24 SIPs on August 8, 2023

The Board of Supervisors will soon vote on whether to approve **\$162 million** for **25** infrastructure projects, **5** feasibility studies, and **2** scientific studies, along with previously earmarked allocations for the next five years. These new and ongoing projects will:

Capture stormwater across

- 293,000 acres
- in 52 cities and unincorporated communities

Capture enough supply for more than 500,000 people for one year

Reduce pollution and support regulatory compliance

Invest over \$719M in disadvantaged communities

Fund 12 Watershed Coordinators who provide technical resources, education, and engagement





# Funded Projects

The NSMB WASC has funded **6** Regional projects, including:

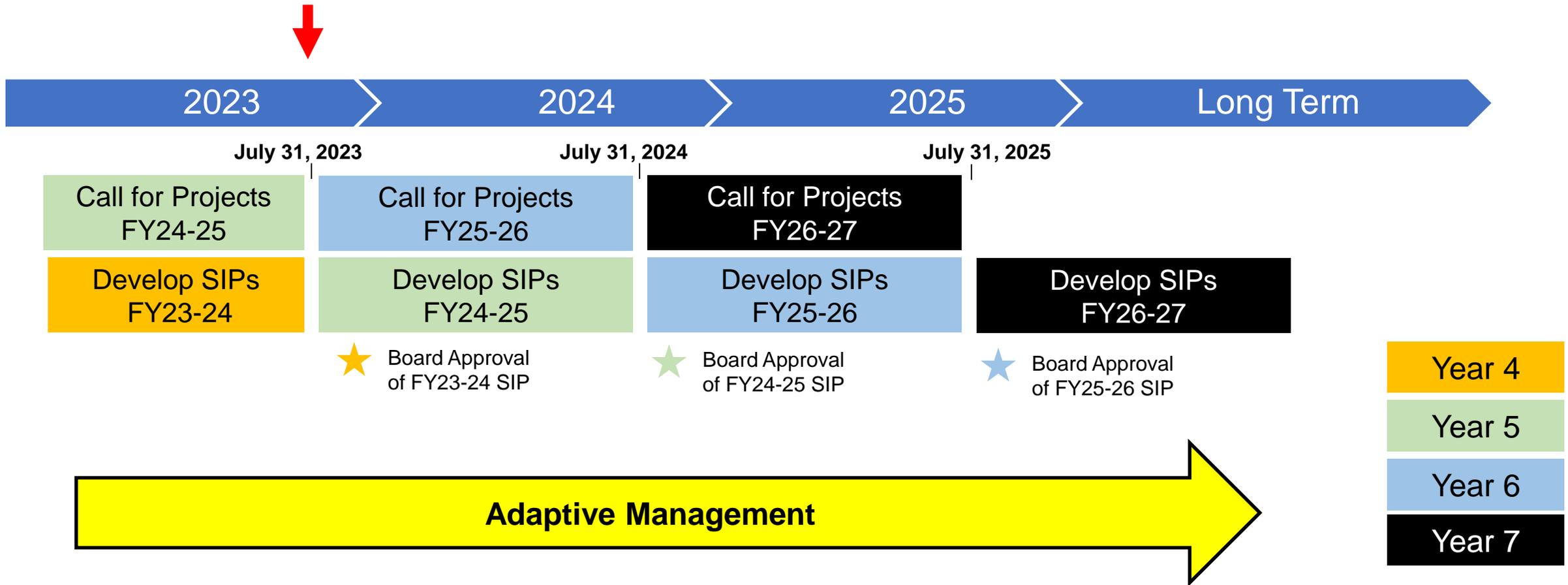
- **3** Infrastructure Program Projects
- **1** Technical Resources Projects + **1** Watershed Coordinator
- **1** Scientific Studies

Program	Fiscal Year	Project Developer/Municipality	Project Name	Funding Amount
Technical Resource	FY20-21	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinator	\$100k
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	Los Angeles County Public Works	Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project	\$800k
Infrastructure Project	FY22-23	Los Angeles County Public Works	Liberty Canyon Road Green Improvement	\$100k
Scientific Study	FY22-23	Gateway Water Management Authority	Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	\$6.3M
Infrastructure Project	FY23-24*	Los Angeles County Public Works	Cornell – Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project	\$350k
Technical Resource	FY23-24*	City of Westlake Village	Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project	\$300k

\*Pending BOS approval



# Regional Program Timeline





# Year 5 Submitted Projects

Call for Projects closed on July 31st

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



# Roles & Responsibilities

## WASC members have the responsibilities identified in the WASC Operating Guidelines

- A. Select a Chair, Co-Chairs, and/or Vice-Chair as deemed prudent;
- B. Work with District staff to schedule and commit to meetings in advance;
- C. Regularly attend WASC meetings and conduct other WASC business. An absence of two consecutive meetings or more than three meetings in one year will be considered failure to attend meetings making the member eligible for removal as a member of the WASC;
- D. Communicate regularly with District staff via phone, electronic messaging, email, and other means of communication;
- E. Meet, confer, coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with one another, in good faith, to carry out the responsibilities of the WASC;
- F. Share expertise and provide guidance, and information on those matters for which it has specific expertise;
- G. Participate in the development of Stormwater Investment Plans (SIP) so that the development of the SIPs benefits from various stakeholder perspectives;
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# WASC Roles & Responsibilities

## 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 and AB 2449

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

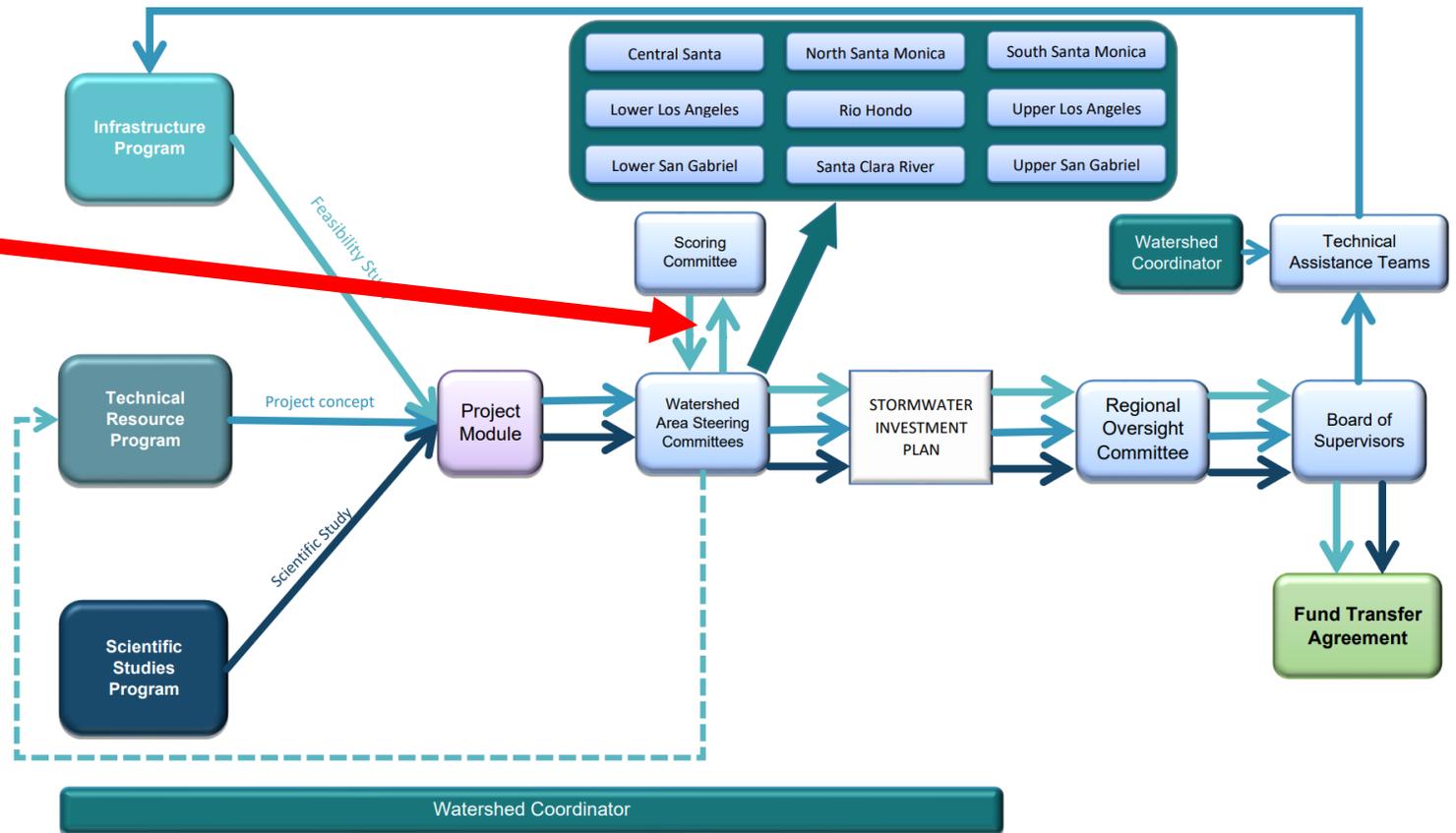
Member Type	Position
Agency	Flood Control District
Agency	Water Agency
Agency	Groundwater / Water Agency 2
Agency	Sanitation
Agency	Open Space
Community Stakeholder	At Large
Community Stakeholder	At Large
Community Stakeholder	Environmental
Community Stakeholder	Business
Community Stakeholder	Environmental Justice
Municipal Members	
Watershed Coordinator(s)	8



# WASC Roles & Responsibilities

After completeness checks, WASCs can vote to send none, some, or all complete feasibility studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration.

Regional Program Structure and Flow Chart





# WASC Roles & Responsibilities

## Completeness check:

Only IP projects meeting the following criteria shall be submitted to the SC for evaluation:

- Projects for which a Feasibility Study (or equivalent) has been completed.
- Projects are multi-benefit
- Projects designed for a minimum useful life of 30 years
- Projects that are included in a **regional water management plan**

1. Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (E/WMP) inclusion

2. Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) or Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Plan inclusion

More information: [Pathway to Inclusion Document](#)



# WASC Roles & Responsibilities

## NEW: Alternate Water Supply Scoring Pilot (Optional)

- Scoring tallies at one-point increments.
- This is for FY24–25 Call for Project cycle ONLY
- Scoring Committee will take the alternate scoring into consideration

B. Significant Water Supply Benefits	25 points max	The Project provides water re-use and/or water supply enhancement benefits
	13 points max	<p>B1. Water Supply Cost Effectiveness. The Total Life-Cycle Cost<sup>2</sup> per unit of acre foot of Stormwater and/or Urban Runoff volume captured for water supply is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt; \$104,000/ac-ft = 1 point</li> <li>• \$39,700-104,000/ac-ft = 2 points</li> <li>• \$29,400-39,700/ac-ft = 3 points</li> <li>• \$19,400-29,400/ac-ft = 4 points</li> <li>• \$13,600-19,400/ac-ft = 5 points</li> <li>• \$8,880-13,600/ac-ft = 6 points</li> <li>• \$7,020- 8,880/ac-ft = 7 points</li> <li>• \$5,360-7,020/ac-ft = 8 points</li> <li>• \$2,930-5,360/ac-ft = 9 points</li> <li>• \$2,290-2,930/ac-ft = 10 points</li> <li>• \$1,786-2,290/ac-ft = 11 points</li> <li>• \$976-1,786/ac-ft = 12 points</li> <li>• &lt;\$976/ac-ft = 13 points</li> </ul>
Section	Score Range	Scoring Standards
B. Significant Water Supply Benefits, continued	12 points max	<p>B2. Water Supply Benefit Magnitude. The yearly additional water supply volume resulting from the Project is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;0-2 ac-ft/year = 1 point</li> <li>• 2-6 ac-ft/year = 2 points</li> <li>• 6-11 ac-ft/year = 3 points</li> <li>• 11-34 ac-ft/year = 4 points</li> <li>• 34-61 ac-ft/year = 5 points</li> <li>• 61-100 ac-ft/year = 6 points</li> <li>• 100-137 ac-ft/year = 7 points</li> <li>• 137-189 ac-ft/year = 8 points</li> <li>• 189-263 ac-ft/year = 9 points</li> <li>• 263-420 ac-ft/year = 10 points</li> <li>• 420-692 ac-ft/year = 11 points</li> <li>• &gt;692 ac-ft/year = 12 points</li> </ul>



# Programming the SIP

## Programming the SIP

- **Projects evaluated over a rolling 5-yr period**
- **WASCs must balance:**
  - 85%/10%/5% ratios
  - Spectrum of project types and sizes
  - Proportional municipality benefits
  - Disadvantaged community benefits
  - Prioritizing nature-based solutions
  - Reserving budget

Infrastructure Program

≥ 85%

Technical Resource Program

≤ 10%

Scientific Studies Program

≤ 5%



# Programming the SIP

- Prioritizing nature-based solutions
- Implementing 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.**
- Strengthening community engagement
  - Engagement prior to application
  - Engagement plan for project implementations

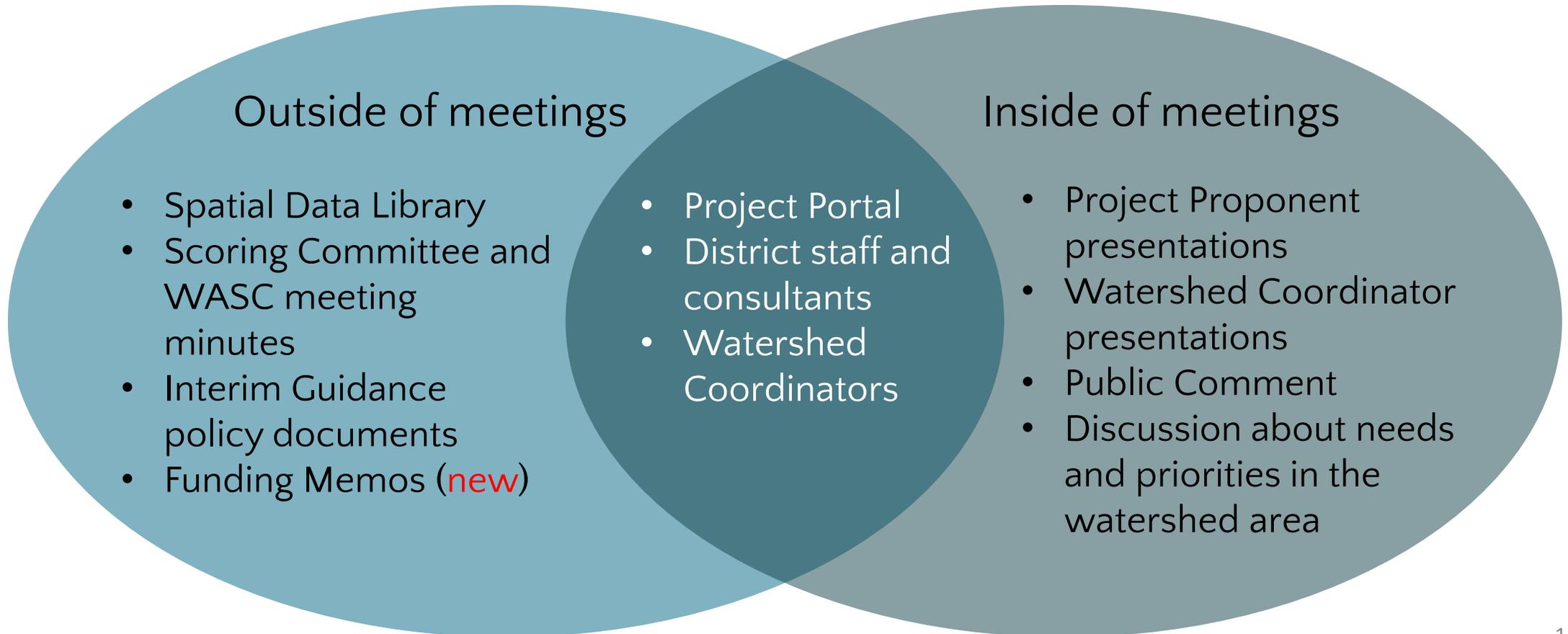
	Good	Better	Best
Engagement Levels	<p><b>Inform</b> - Provide the community with relevant information</p> <p><b>Consult</b> - Gather input from the Community</p>	<p><b>Involve</b> - Ensure community input, needs, and assets are integrated into processes, receive demonstrable consideration and appropriate 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>

Good, Better, Best spectrum of community engagement, from [2022 Interim Guidance](#)



# Programming the SIP

The Program has many ways to support your “homework” outside of meetings, and your deliberation during meetings:





# Funding Memos (new)

- Generated for each SCWP IP project application submitted, every fiscal year
- Will reduce current constraints in **identifying leverage funding sources** and **aid the WASC in funding priorities**, such as partial funding

## Project Summary & Benefits

- As stated in the submitted SCW IP project application

## Overview of Funding Need for Project

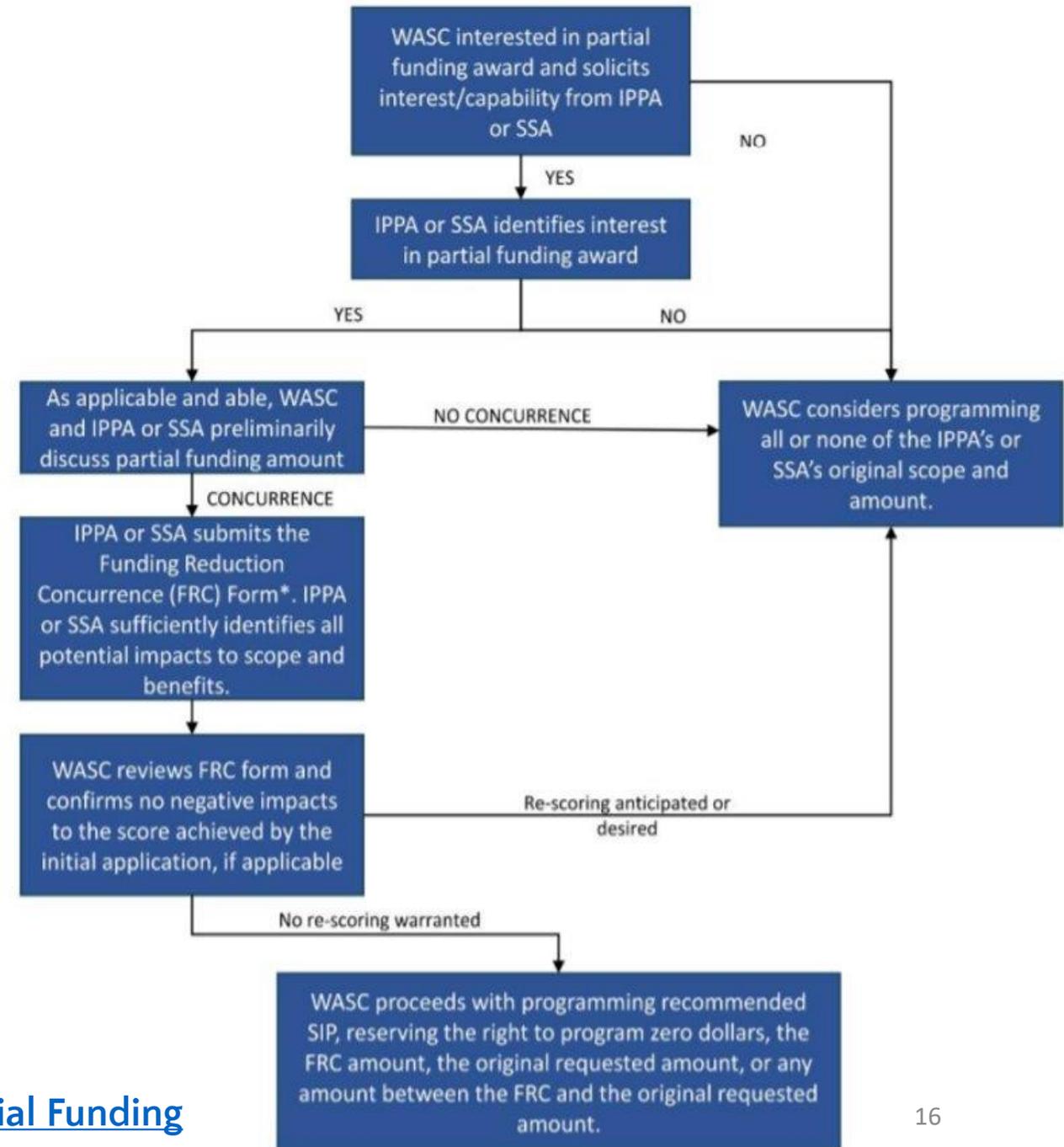
- FY Breakdown of funding request
- Assessment of funding competitiveness for leverage funding sources

## Funding Opportunities

- Identify potential funding themes
- Identify potential leverage funding opportunities
  - Includes grant program overview, guidelines, timeline, etc.

# Partial Funding Guidelines

- Goal to give WASCs additional flexibility when developing their SIPs
- A WASC can decide to offer funding that is less than what an Infrastructure Program or Scientific Study proponent requested
- The Proponent must:
  - Agree to deliver the proposed scope with a reduced funding award, and
  - Describe to the satisfaction of the WASC that they will be successful filling the funding gap

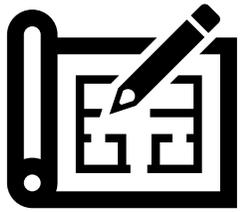


## Programming of Partial Funding

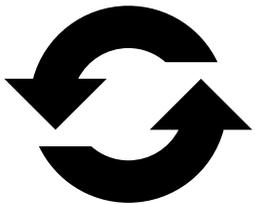


# WASC Roles & Responsibilities

## Other options for project evaluation



- The WASC may consider shifting a Project from the Infrastructure Program to the Technical Resources Program for refined/new concept development



- The WASC may request the proponent to bring a revised proposal back to the WASC for consideration in a future year



# WASC Roles & Responsibilities

## Evaluation of continuing projects

### Quarterly Progress/Expenditure Reports

- WASCs are responsible for reviewing quarterly progress reports submitted by project developers for funded projects to evaluate:
  - Changes in schedules, scopes, expected benefits
  - If efforts remain consistent with SCWP Goals

### Watershed Area Regional Program Progress Reports (WARPP)

- Staff will prepare a draft WARPP report on behalf of each WASC
- ROC will review and make recommendations for adjustments to the following SIP, if any





# Roles & Responsibilities

## WASC members have the responsibilities identified in the WASC Operating Guidelines

- A. Select a Chair, Co-Chairs, and/or Vice-Chair as deemed prudent;
- B. Work with District staff to schedule and commit to meetings in advance;
- C. Regularly attend WASC meetings and conduct other WASC business. An absence of two consecutive meetings or more than three meetings in one year will be considered failure to attend meetings making the member eligible for removal as a member of the WASC;
- D. Communicate regularly with District staff via phone, electronic messaging, email, and other means of communication;
- E. Meet, confer, coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with one another, in good faith, to carry out the responsibilities of the WASC;
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# WASC Resources & Tools

## Resources

- [2022 Interim Guidance](#)
- [Partial Funding Guidance](#)
- [WASC Operating Guidelines](#)
- [Regional Program Funding Process Handbook](#)

### 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.



# WASC Resources & Tools

## Tools

- SCW PORTAL
  - [Project Map](#)
  - [Dashboard](#)
  - [Reporting](#)
  - [SIP Tool](#)
- [Spatial Data Library](#)

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