



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

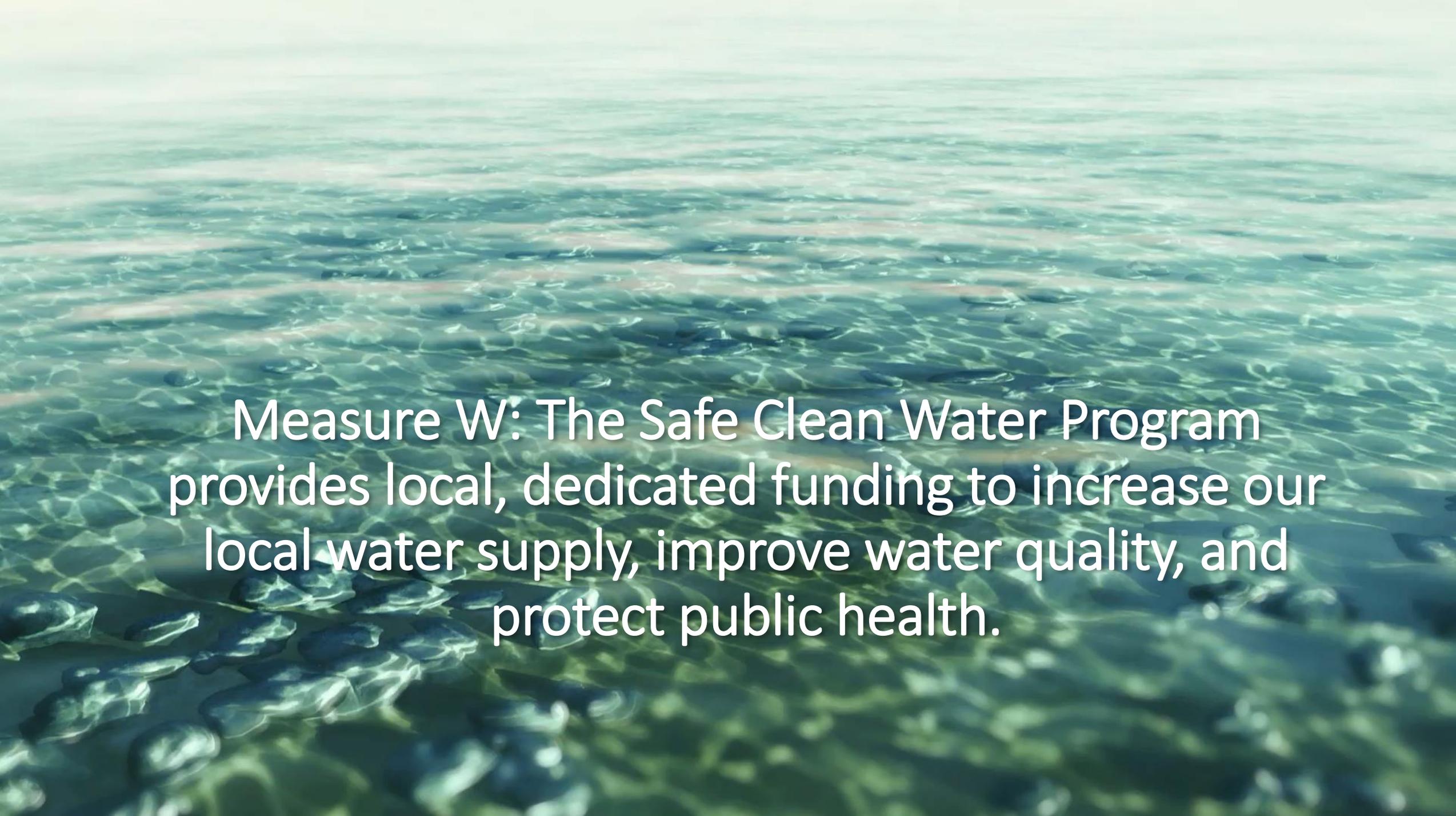
The North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinator Report

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Photo and Logo, Los Angeles County

An aerial photograph showing a vast expanse of water with a complex network of narrow, straight canals or 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 BACK

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**RED
DRESS EVENT
CAL
LUTHERAN**

**EARTH DAY
2024**

**Project
Leads:
Julie Tumamait-
Stenslie
Chumash
Elder
and
Elena Ríos
Chumash
Teacher**

**Jamie Black's The REDress Project 2021
Photo Jeremy Addington for *VOGUE***

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OUTREACH, RECENT



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PLEASE JOIN PUBLIC WORKS AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS AT VIEWRIDGE ESTATES

VIEWRIDGE ROAD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



Join All

LOCATION

Viewridge Estates
Just Past Heidi Lane
on Viewridge Road

DATE AND TIME

Saturday
November 4, 2023
9am - 11:30am

- Learn how the Viewridge Project protects Topanga Canyon Creek
- Speak with representatives from Supervisor Horvath's Office
- Meet with Viewridge Project team members
- Meet with Composting In Topanga, Poison Free Malibu, Heal the Bay, TreePeople, A Student Battery Recycling Company, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Opportunity to talk with other community conservationists
- Learn from local water quality experts
- Learn how to build a sustainable garden using California's native plants
- Learn about sustainability efforts and what you can do to contribute
- Learn about the benefits of drought-tolerant landscaping



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR
LINDSEY Horvath
THIRD DISTRICT



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**Coordinated Topanga
Community
Conservation Day with
14 Community /
Agency Leaders;
Event canceled by Los
Angeles County**

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• Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, District 3

• Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

The Partners

• Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

• Los Angeles County Fire Department

• Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29

• TreePeople + Native Plants Kit

• Heal the Bay

• PoisonFree Malibu

• West Basin Municipal Water District

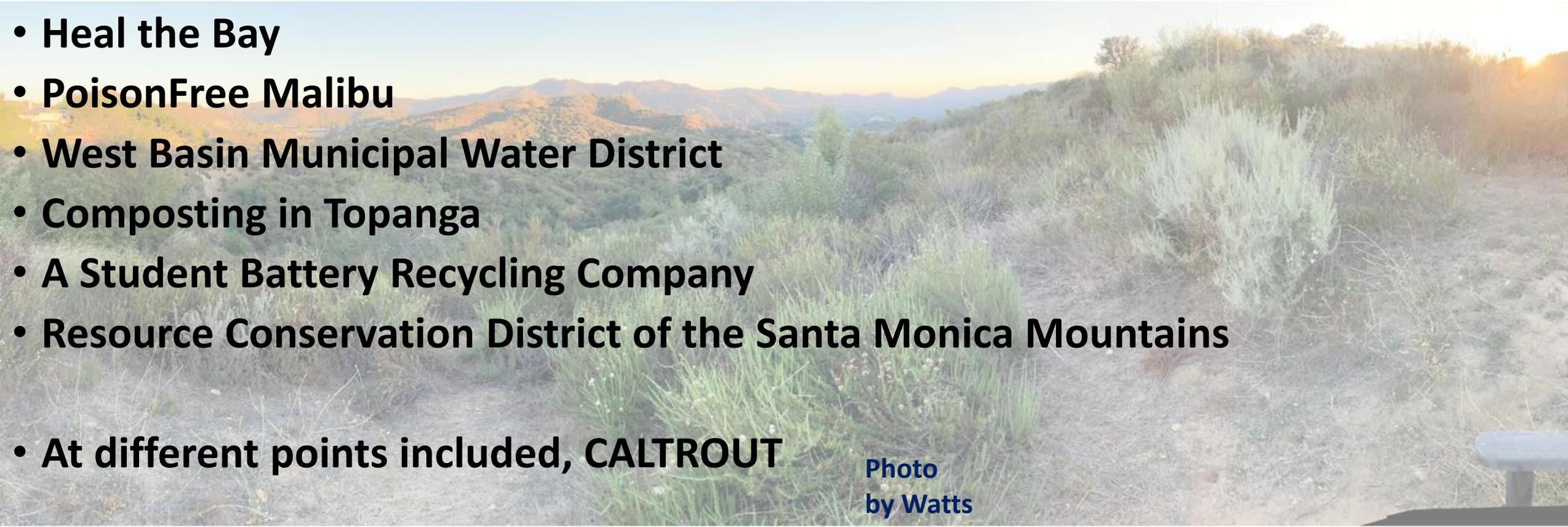
• Composting in Topanga

• A Student Battery Recycling Company

• Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains

• At different points included, CALTROUT

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Liz Heron and the Topanga Creek Watershed



Photo by Watts; Permission to use for meeting only, Heron

OUTREACH, UPCOMING





PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY EARTH DAY 2024
Typically Tuesday First Week of April - ish

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ANGELES COUNTY
WORKS TOGETHER

STICK
TIPS

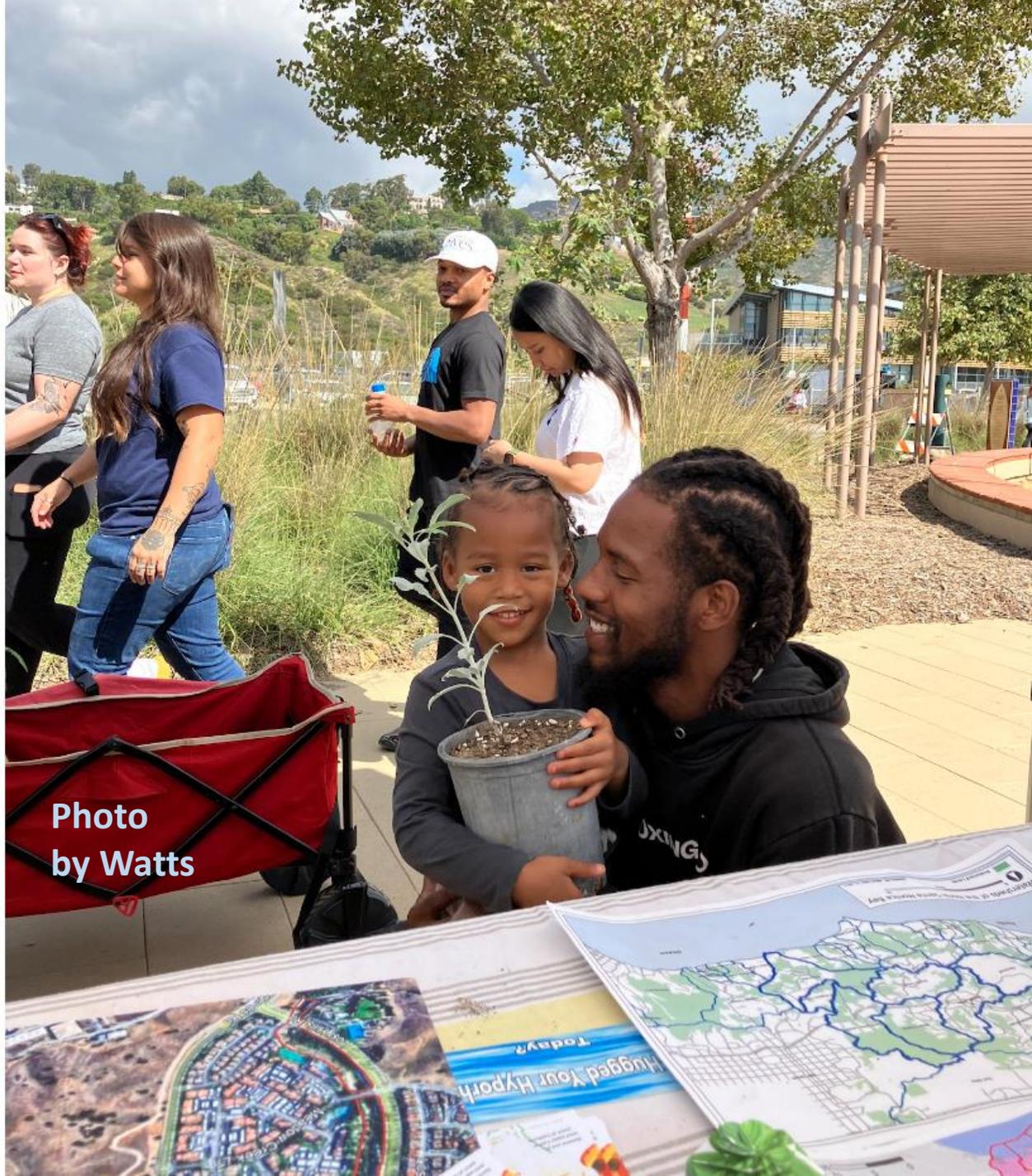


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NORTH SANTA MONICA STATE OF THE WATERSHED 2024 – Thursday, April 25, 2024

**HOST:
CITY OF MALIBU**



AGOURA HILLS ARBOR DAY SUMAC ELEMENTARY
April 26, 2023

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MALIBU LAGOON CELEBRATION 2024

- SITE: MRCA or possibly Santa Monica City College at Malibu
- DATE: To Be Determined



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TOPANGA DAYS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2024

Can Watershed
Coordinator wrangle an
invite?



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CALABASAS PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2024

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**SAFE
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IDEAS**



AGOURA HILLS TO PRESENT SCWRP APPLICATION TODAY!



Working with Nature

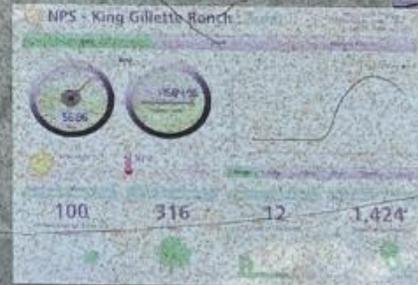
Maintaining Wallace Neff's Natural Design

Architect Wallace Neff designed and built the structures at King Gillette Ranch during the 1920s when air conditioning was rare. The buildings' thick walls helped keep the occupants—in this case, horses—cool.

When the visitor center was rebuilt, other sustainable ideas were included. For example, this facility also uses water wisely in a number of ways, including the use of native, drought-tolerant plants. During your visit take a look at some of the features included in and around this building.

How can some of these ideas take root in your house or in your community?

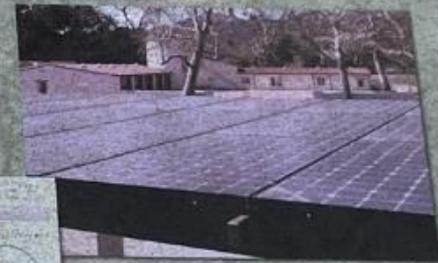
Using the Sun



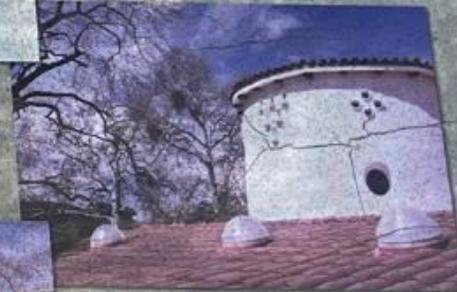
A building monitoring system provides real-time data and online tools to manage and optimize the performance of the energy systems.



Hot water for this building is provided by a solar collector on the roof.



Solar panels produce all energy needed for the facility and provide shade in the parking lot.



Solar tubes and windows provide natural daylight throughout the building.

Talking to MRCA Staff

1. Calabasas High School
2. LVUSD
3. Topanga ES for TRP app
4. Manzanita School
5. Viewpoint School
6. Beaches and harbors, all parking lots
7. MRCA, parking lots and rooftops and bathrooms and Topanga Creek
8. WCB for major creek restoration opportunity study
9. Pepperdine University
10. Malibu City
11. Calabasas Commons
12. Malibu Downtown business area at creek
13. Beaches and Harbors, for parking lots
14. Agoura Hills High School
15. Malibu High School
16. Sheriff's station, TRP
17. AE Wright School
18. Qualia School
19. land place that James Bozajian suggests at 101 freeway
20. revisit with CALTRANS person who spoke to us
21. Hidden Hills / TRP for horse manure project



**Will Talk to Dream
Team of Potential
Applicants**



**Still Dreaming:
Working with Other
Watershed Coordinators to
Inspire
Santa Monica Malibu Unified
School District to Apply to
SCWP**

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- Conversation with long-term Malibu activist Bob Purvey
- Offered to help Eric Wilson get plants up to Topanga Community Conservation event, canceled,
- Offered to help Rosi Dagit wrangle some oak trees for a conservation project Suggested Sheriff Sheetao for LA County Woman of the Year application
- Spoke to former Malibu City Council member John Sibert about tidepool research and stormwater / urban runoff problem at beach; shared with Waterworks District 29 and City of Malibu
- Madelyn Glickfeld shared with me about stormwater / urban runoff problem at beach; shared with Waterworks District 29 and City of Malibu
- Shared Ventura RCD horse manure management documentation with Kelsey Reed / City of Agoura Hills
- Suggested alternates for Tevin / Wishtoyo on NSMB WASC
- Asked LVMWD to talk about Oceanwell desal project to NSMB WASC
- 11/9 lunch with Madelyn Glickfeld and Tatiana Holden
- Connected with Rebeca Ferdman to discuss urban forestry goals / event opportunities for SD3
- Liz Herron and Topanga activists requested table at Topanga Community Conservation event; declined by L.A. County
- Asked LVMWD to take about Oceanwell desal project to NSMB WASC.
- Invited Austin Toyoma, sustainability lead for SMMUSD to attend Austin Toyoma
- Getting to Green: A Virtual Forum on Creating Living Schoolyards in LA County
- Met with Roxanne Hughes, Tatiana Holden and Madelyn Glickfeld
- Met with Elena Rios and her teacher, Julie Tumamait-Stenslie
- Invited Regina Hirsch to present for green water supply options at NSMB WASC meeting
- Introduced Regina Hirsh to Nancy Wahl0-Scheurich Who invited Regina to present at California Association of Resource Conservation Districts conference in 2024
- Regina Hirsch invited me to amassing Localizing CA Waters event in Yosemite; had to pass but dazzled by speakers and guest list
- Reached out to TikTok star TechJoyce who teaches folks how to change oil to ask her to share how to safely dispose of oil; no luck in connecting



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**MEET AND GREET:
INCREASING WATERSHED
CONNECTIVITY**

- Offered to write white paper grant to Tom Ford for Malibu Lagoon event next year
- Told TreePeople, State Parks and RCDSMMM about [National Fish and Wildlife Service \(FWS\) National Fish Passage Program](#)
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- Shared [The National Park Service 21st Century Conservation Service Corps & Civilian Climate Corps Program – National Youth Cooperative Agreements](#) with Santa Monica Mountains Fund: they are already using this source but thanked me for continued funding opportunity sharing
- Thanks to Julie Millet was able to share Reminder: FCA Tool Webinar Today and Announcing Water TA Webinar with LVMWD leadership



Valley News Group

WINTER GARDEN NEWS Valley Vantage CALABASAS ENTERPRISE ENCINO ENTERPRISE North Valley News

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Connected with long-time Malibu Resident Bob Purvey to discuss water quality concerns
- Published NSMB Newsletter
- Shared successful publication of article by intern Soraya Deen with both Soraya and her mother and the watershed as a whole
- Shared Can the Trash student art competition widely

Tree People Offers Native Plant Kits

by VNG / October 27, 2023

By Imaan Deen



What started out as a fun gardening project between former college roommates has turned into a beautiful initiative to both strengthen the native ecosystem and beautify California home gardens.



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INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO WATER QUALITY*

***IN THE
WATERSHED
COORDINATOR
CONTRACT**



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WATERSHED COORDINATOR COORDINATION...

- Worked to set up L.A. County official email address with staff
- Met with SCWP working group for school stormwater outreach events
- Shared with all Watershed Coordinators: Invitation: LA Infrastructure Forum featuring SupervEric Wilson / Native Plants Kisor Hilda Solis and Key Industry Stakeholders
- Connected it program manager / TreePeople with Ryanna Fossum, Stantec to connect with other 8 watersheds to potentially expand venues for plant sales

**Safe, Clean
Water L.A.**



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