### SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

The North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinator Report

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

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### **OUTREACH, UPCOMING**



### **PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY EARTH DAY 2024**

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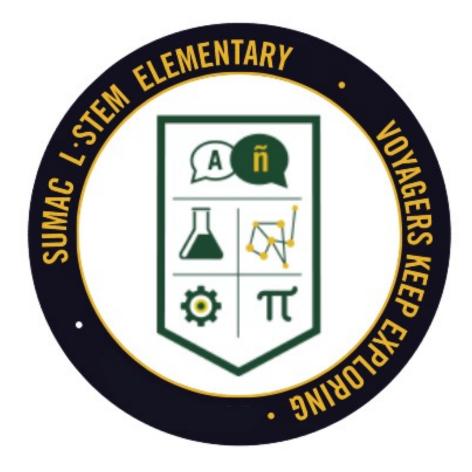


### NORTH SANTA MONICA STATE OF THE WATERSHED 2024

### **Thursday, April 25**

### **HOST: CITY OF MALIBU**

AGOURA HILLS ARBOR DAY SUMAC ELEMENTARY April 26, 2023

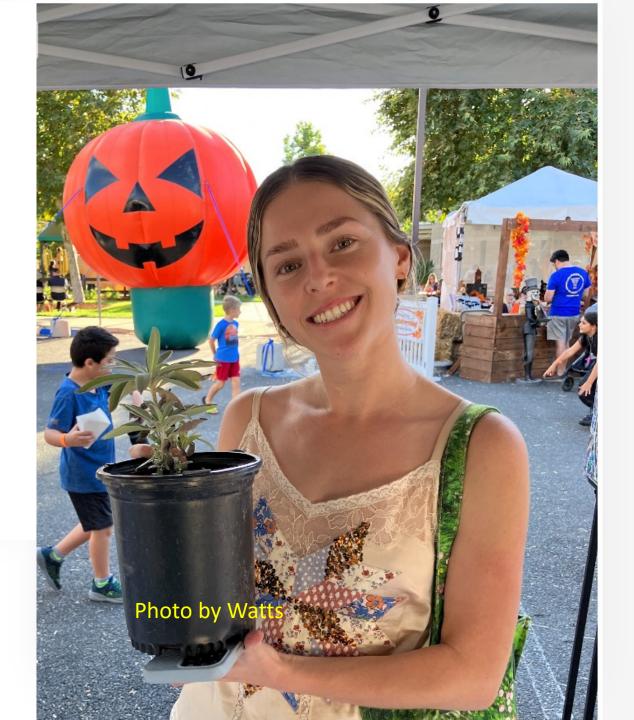


### TOPANGA DAYS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2024

Thank you Waterworks District 29 for the Invitation



# CALABASAS PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2024



## **MALIBU LAGOON CELEBRATION 2024**

PARTNERS, SO FAR: Heal the Bay, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation SITE: MRCA or possibly Santa Monica City College at Malibu DATE: Saturday, November 5, 2024



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROJECT IDEAS

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# IN CONVERSATION WITH...

- Las Virgenes Unified School District
- Gavin and Julie Tesser
- Calabasas High School

Sites might include...

- Lupin Hill Elementary
- Las Virgenes Unified School District Office Site
- Calabasas High School

#### working with Nature

Maintaining Waliace 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, droughttolerant 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?





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



Hor 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.

### Aiming to Set a Meeting with 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

### **Doubling Back Here...**





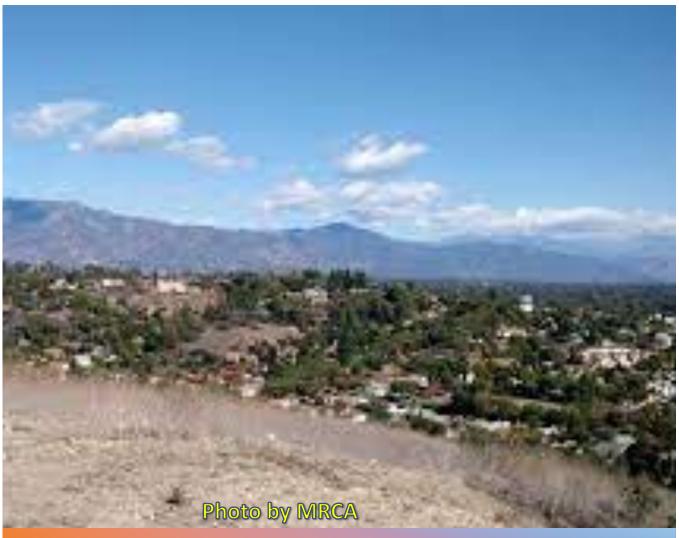
When the New Watershed Coordinator in South Santa Monica Bay is hired this means...

NSMB Watershed Coordinator Will Reconnect Together to Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District to Apply to SCWP (Probably Via TRP)

- Helping NPS and SAMO
  Fund Connect with
  Sophie Soudani at
  Supervisor District 3 for
  Funding
- Helping to Connect LVUSD Staff with City of Calabasas Staff to Support Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Phase III
- Sharing First Nations funding opportunities with Chumash Teacher Elena Rios
- ARLA provides \$2K to Santa Monica Mountains Funda
- Shared Nathan Cummings Foundation opportunity with SAMO Fund

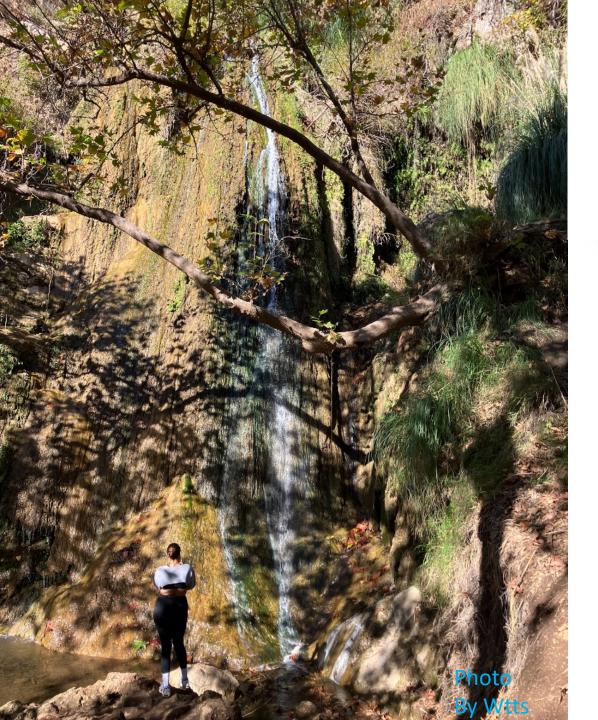
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### OUTSIDE FUNDING



### WATERSHED COORDINATOR COORDINATION...

- Connecting with Coastal Watershed Coordinators to meet up with new UCLA UCCE Coordinator Ms. Guzman
- Inviting Watershed Coordinators to NSMB Events
- Facilitated most recent Watershed Coordinator meeting
- Shared language from Measure W that supports open space acquisition as a mechanism to get to Safe, Clean Water
- Learned how Carlos Moran is working on Elephant Hill project that may be an open space acquisition project for SCWP



### **Scientific Studies**

- Tracking ideas for scientific studies circulating amongst stakeholders + larger community in watershed
- Aim: to invite stakeholders to lead a conversation about potential scientific study ideas within the NSMB WASC

### **Connecting with a Diversity of People + Organizations**

- Met with Tracy Quinn, ED, Heal the Bay to talk Nature Based Solutions
- Provided Rebecca Ferdman with community contacts to help set up local Urban Forestry meetings; first one held in Agoura Hills
- Talking to LVUSD, SAMO Fund, NPS about SD3 and Oaktober 2024
- Connected with Craig Doberstein, Herrera Inc.
- Connected with Dr. Larken Cumberland, Agoura Hills resident with expertise in water and removal of metals
- Participating in MACC meetings with Malibu and Stakeholders
- Discovered that Riki Clark is on the Board of Directors for the California Environmental Education Foundation!
- Met with Dr. Edith de Guzman, UCLA and Coastal Watershed Coordinators



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