

Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting Minutes



Thursday, January 25, 2024

2:00pm - 4:00pm

LA County Public Works Headquarters, 1st Floor (Courtyard), Conference Room C
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Paul Shadmani, LA Flood Control District (Agency)

*Art Castro, LA Department of Water and Power (Agency)

*John Huynh, LA Department of Water and Power (Agency)

Ida Meisami-Fard, LA Sanitation & Environment (Agency)

Cathie Santo Domingo, LA Recreation & Parks (Agency)

Max Liles, Michael Baker International (Community)

*Roxy Rivas, Pacoima Beautiful (Community)

Kris Markarian, Pasadena (Municipal)

Patrick DeChellis, La Cañada Flintridge (Municipal)

Teresa Villegas, Los Angeles (Municipal), Chair

Karo Torossian, Los Angeles (Municipal)

*Thuan Nguyen, Los Angeles County (Municipal)

Kenneth Jones, San Fernando (Municipal)

Adi Liberman, Environmental Outreach Strategies (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Carlos Moran, Council for Watershed Health (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Kristina Kreter, Council for Watershed Health (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Committee Members Attending Remotely:

Ernesto Pantoja, Laborers Local 300 (Community)

Committee Members Absent:

Miguel Luna, Urban Semillas (Community)

Rafael Prieto, Los Angeles (Municipal)

*Committee Member Alternate

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

1) Welcome and Introductions

Chair Teresa Villegas welcomed Committee Members, called the meeting to order, and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) staff provided a brief WebEx tutorial in both English and Spanish and announced that the meeting was being broadcast live in Spanish. District staff facilitated the roll call of Committee Members, and a quorum was established.

Member Ernesto Pantoja attended the meeting virtually in compliance with Assembly Bill 2449. Member Pantoja was asked to reveal the presence of individuals aged 18 or older in the immediate vicinity of the WASC meeting and Member Pantoja reported the presence of no individuals aged 18 or older as present in the vicinity.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2024

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Chair Villegas motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 10, 2024. The motion was seconded by Member John Huynh. The ULAR WASC approved the January 10, 2024, meeting minutes with 13 members in favor, 0 in abstention, 0 opposed, and 1 absent at the time of the vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Ex Parte Communication Disclosures

Member Patrick DeChellis disclosed meeting with Michael Scaduto (City of Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment (LASAN)) to discuss the Mayor Bass's letter addressed to Chair Teresa Villegas.

Member Max Liles also disclosed a conversation with Scaduto, but the discussion did not pertain to specific project-related discussions.

Member Cathie Santo Domingo disclosed various briefings related to LASAN projects.

Member Karo Torossian disclosed reviewing the City of Los Angeles' projects in preparation for upcoming discussions.

4) Committee Member and District Updates

Committee Member and District updates were deferred to the next meeting to allow sufficient time for the agenda item 7.

5) Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinators deferred updates to the next meeting to allow sufficient time for the agenda item 7.

6) Public Comment Period

District staff compiled all public comment cards and have uploaded them to the SCW Program website. In-person, virtual, and call-in users were invited to provide public comment.

Michael Vardanians (Principal Engineer, City of South Pasadena) expressed support for the Arroyo Seco-San Rafael Treatment Wetlands' project modification request (PMR). Vardanians commented on the project's benefits, which emphasized improvements in water quality and the restoration of beneficial uses in the historic Arroyo Seco. Vardanians underscored the critical need for the requested \$4.55 million due to escalating construction costs. South Pasadena has contributed funds for the project, and the request to the SCW Program stands at \$2.27 million over two fiscal years, totaling around \$4.55 million to complete construction.

Dawn Petschauer (Stormwater Manager, City of Pasadena) expressed community support for the Arroyo Seco-San Rafael Treatment Wetlands' PMR. Petschauer highlighted the project's significance as the first joint stormwater capture initiative with South Pasadena. Petschauer noted that a crucial request for an additional \$4.55 million was made, with the City of Pasadena already committing \$1.37 million to the project. Petschauer noted that design documents are at 90%, and construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2024, contingent on securing the necessary funding.

Paola Bassignana (City of Los Angeles, Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Monica Rodriguez – District 7) expressed support for David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Stormwater Capture Project's PMR. Bassignana emphasized the PMR's crucial timing for this project. Bassignana shared the project secured

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a Transformative Climate Communities grant, but implementation is contingent on completing the SCW Program project scope.

Michelle Barton (Green Infrastructure Policy Manager, City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office) conveyed Mayor Bass's support for the development of the upcoming ULAR Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP). Barton highlighted that the City of Los Angeles collaborated to compile a strategic list of projects aimed at aiding the WASC in its decision-making process. The recommendation outlined in Mayor Bass's letter includes prioritizing projects that emphasize community benefits with an optimal return on investment. Barton highlighted the Broadway-Manchester Multi-Model Green Streets Project and the David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Stormwater Capture Project as two priority projects, both of which are multi-benefit projects that will be impacted by funding delays.

Lemont Cobb (Planning Director, City of Los Angeles Councilmember Imelda Padilla – District 6) expressed support for Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park Project's, Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project's, and Fernangeles Park Stormwater Capture Project's PMRs. Cobb highlighted that these projects are located within the Sun Valley community and emphasized the community's historical patterns with environmental injustice. Cobb expressed that the PMR for the Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park Project, requesting an additional \$5 million, would propel the project to an advanced design stage and address environmental injustices.

7) Presentations and Discussion Items

a) Project Modification Requests Overview for WASC (Presentation by Stantec)

Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) provided an overview of the WASC responsibilities and authorities related to PMRs. The updated PMR Guidelines were posted by the District on January 18 and are available on the [SCW Program website](#). Antos clarified this meeting is to discuss PMRs but not to make decisions. Antos additionally shared potential questions to ask project developers, intending to inform future decisions and deliberations. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Upon inquiry, Antos confirmed that if a PMR has requested earmarked funding greater than originally approved by the WASC, the WASC can elect to continue funding a project as was originally proposed, without committing to providing additional funds.

District staff notified the WASC of the following PMRs that were deemed consistent with the approval of the SIP in which they were originally included:

- City of La Cañada Flintridge's Winery Canyon Channel and Descanso Gardens Stormwater Capture and Reuse Project have like-for-like modifications where components are relocating within same parcel.
- LASAN's Oro Vista Local Area Urban Flow Management Project have like-for-like modification (additional drywells, catch basins and pipes to maintain 80% pollutant reduction target) and Increase in Construction Cost and Life Cycle Cost greater than 10%.

District staff noted that these PMRs were deemed consistent since there were minor changes with no impact on future funding allocation. The PMR information can be found on the [SCW Program website](#). The changes will be reflected in the project applicant's quarterly progress and expenditure reports in the Reporting Module. No further action is required from the WASC regarding the modification.

District staff shared that the 14 projects or studies deemed inconsistent with the SIP will be discussed in the next agenda item. District staff shared that PMR developers are present and were given a potential list of questions to be prepared to speak on regarding respective funding and/or scope modification requests.

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District staff shared screen and showed the SIP Tool's ability to display funding allocations with and without PMRs.

District staff shared that individuals could independently navigate to the tool and select the projects or PMRs of interest. District staff highlighted, like previous rounds, dedicated meetings would be scheduled specifically for adjusting the budget and approving this year's SIP. SIP deliberations are anticipated to commence March 21 or April 3.

b) Project Modification Requests for WASC Discussion

District staff shared that PMR project information can be found on the [SCW Program website](#). Chair Villegas invited PMR developers to provide an overview of the requests and opened the floor for questions or discussion.

- i. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)**
 - (1) David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Stormwater Capture Project**
 - (2) Fernangeles Park Stormwater Capture Project**
 - (3) Strathern Park North Stormwater Capture Project**
 - (4) Valley Plaza Park Stormwater Capture Project**
 - (5) Valley Village Park Stormwater Capture Project**
 - (6) Whitsett Fields Park North Stormwater Capture Project**

Peter Tonthat (LADWP) presented the PMRs for the six projects mentioned above, stating that the final project designs and environmental reviews have been finished and the projects are ready for construction.

Member Torossian asked whether the cost-share component has remained consistent with the additional request. Tonthat shared that the cost-share amount is being maintained at \$75 million from LADWP across the six projects, matching the cost-share from the original application.

Tonthat summarized the requested additional funding without scope modifications is due to significant increases in construction costs. Tonthat expressed that LADWP is committed to the original commitment of matching 50% of the costs, and is actively seeking other sources to address funding gaps.

Upon request from the Committee, District staff will provide the WASC with a summary table of the discussion to facilitate decision-making related to PMR.

Upon inquiry, Tonthat pointed out that David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Stormwater Capture Project is the project of highest priority due to timely deadlines. Although, all six projects still considered high priority.

Chair Villegas asked when LADWP might hear back from the outcome of the grants. Tonthat responded that one aspect of the funding was dedicated to Measure W, but the additional funding being discussed pertains to DWP's project scope. Tonthat shared that LADWP is continuing to actively seek funding from state and federal sources. LADWP is awaiting a response on a WaterSMART grant application but have been unsuccessful in securing funds from other programs.

Watershed Coordinator Carlos Moran inquired about which projects among the presented ones had documented community support. Tonthat expressed that community support is a process involving engagement from concept to execution, and all the projects listed express community support.

Upon inquiry, District staff clarified that the SCW spending period for a project is 5 years beginning from the end of the fiscal in which those funds per the Transfer Agreement are transferred from the District to the project developer, noting that there is a timing delay from when a project is approved in a SIP and when

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funds are disbursed. Tonthat confirmed that all six of the projects are shovel-ready and further explained that all projects are proceeding to the bid and award phase.

Chair Villegas asked what would happen if not all PMRs are granted. Tonthat responded that the six projects would continue to move forward and LADWP would continue to actively pursue additional funding sources.

ii. City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment
(1) Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project
(2) Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network Project

Michael Scaduto (LASAN) presented PMRs for the two projects listed above. Scaduto noted that the Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project is situated in the Lankershim-Sun Valley Area and encompasses a 1.5-mile stretch, which requires a storm drain, green street developments, dry wells, vegetated swales, and street trees. The project completed the pre-design report in November 2023 and is currently in the design phase, with an anticipated completion in the next 18 months. Scaduto noted the project was approved in Round 1 and lacked detailed project context and the plan specifically faced struggles related to escalating rates.

Scaduto stated that LASAN is requesting an additional \$11 million from the SCW Program over two years starting next Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY25-26), not this year (FY24-25). Scaduto shared that LASAN is committing \$26 million of SCW Program Municipal Program funds over the next five years to support the project. LASAN is also securing additional funding sources, such as \$3 million in SB 1 Road Transportation Funds and \$22 million programmed for the next five years. Scaduto also mentioned Caltrans' contribution and submitted a \$15 million request for incorporation into the 2026 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) program.

Scaduto noted that LASAN recently submitted two project applications under Round 5, but that the Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project and Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network Project PMRs takes precedence, and that LASAN will withdraw the project applications, if needed, to continue funding the two continuing project PMRs presented today.

Scaduto continued, stating that the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network Project has a very similar history to the Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project. Scaduto mentioned that this project is requesting an additional \$12 million that will be needed over three years, starting FY25-26. There is a remaining \$1.6 million from Proposition O funds. Other grants have been applied for and are waiting for a response.

Upon inquiry, Scaduto clarified that the \$48.3 million and \$6.3 million in leverage funding for Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project and Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network Project respectively, are funds that have been secured since the projects' original applications. Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project new total project cost is \$86-88 million.

Member Nguyen asked if spreading the PMR request for the two projects over a span of 5 years is possible. Scaduto clarified that the PMR requests align with the timing of the execution of Transfer Agreements and need of two-thirds of funding before the construction contracts.

Upon inquiry, Scaduto explained that there may be flexibility for spreading the PMR request for the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network Project over more years as long as the timing aligns with the scope of work. Scaduto clarified that the PMRs do not represent a new scope of work but are due to the Round 1 projects undergoing scoring without geotechnical information, thus necessitating adjustments.

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Upon inquiry, Scaduto confirmed \$15 million from Caltrans for Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project is expected by March 2024, and if secured, the PMR request would be revised. Although Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network Project is further along than Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project (10 to 15% design complete), the latter is a higher priority for LASAN.

iii. City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services (1) Broadway-Manchester Multi-Model Green Streets Project

Albert Kam (City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA)) presented the PMR for the project listed above, noting that the proposed system under Manchester Avenue was deemed infeasible and was subsequently removed from the current scope. The system retained some project benefits within the original application, but the modification resulted in a reduction in Water Supply Benefits. Kam noted that the project experienced budget increases due to inflation, but the City of Los Angeles successfully secured additional funding from other sources to support most of it.

Member DeChellis highlighted a discrepancy in the request shown in the City of Los Angeles Mayor Bass's letter for FY25-26. Kam clarified that the total request for additional funding is \$626,116 to deliver the project in its entirety. The City of Los Angeles Mayor's letter mentioned \$15.8 million in state funds, but Kam clarified that the project team has secured an additional \$11.8 million on top of the \$3.9 million secured in the original application.

Upon inquiry, Kam highlighted the project's community investment benefits, such as pedestrian access and implementing additional street trees.

Member DeChellis asked who would be responsible for maintaining the new street trees. Gina Liang (StreetsLA) noted that the purpose of advancing street corridors was to improve the landscape aspect, enhancing property value and providing aesthetic and health benefits to the neighborhood. Regarding maintenance, Liang noted that there is a misunderstanding that adjacent property owners are responsible for the trees. Liang added that close work with the adjacent property owners is underway to increase awareness on the improvements taking place and clarify misunderstandings related to responsibility. Member DeChellis sought clarification on whether residents would approve of trees planted in front of their houses. Liang explained that as the design progresses, information about tree approval would be transparently communicated.

iv. Los Angeles County Flood Control District (1) Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park

Donna Bautista (Los Angeles County Flood Control District) presented the PMR for the project listed above, highlighting multiple benefits including improved water quality and community investment benefits. The project is in the final design stages and additional funds need to be secured to support rising construction costs. Bautista highlighted that project developers are actively pursuing additional funding opportunities, such as the Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) Program, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF), the Water, Infrastructure, Finance, and Innovation Act (WIFIA), and the City of Los Angeles Proposition O agreement.

Upon inquiry, Bautista confirmed that the PMR is for \$5 million spread over two years. Chair Villegas observed that the request would extend the project's approved funding allocations over a period totaling seven years (adding to the original \$10 million over five years). Bautista noted that if the PMR is not approved, the project developers would seek alternative funding sources.

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Upon inquiry, Bautista confirmed the additional funding request was for Phase 2 of the project. Member Meisami-Fard asked where the additional Proposition O funding secured would be allocated. Bautista noted that part of the funding was for property acquisition and the rest would be used for Phase 3. Member Meisami-Fard asked whether the additional \$5 million requested to this WASC would close the funding gap for Phase 2, and Bautista explained that there would still be a funding gap of \$186 million, motivating the pursuit of more funding.

Member Torossian followed up asking about the level of certainty that the project will be completed if the PMR is approved. Bautista noted that it depends on the ability to secure additional funding.

Bautista clarified that Los Angeles County has full ownership of the property. Member Paul Shadmani added that none of the SCW Program funding would go towards land acquisition.

Member Jones sought assurance regarding proceeding with the project despite the \$186 million funding gap. Bautista cited the support from Congressman Cárdenas and the project's listing on the CWSRF list as a priority project.

Upon inquiry, Bautista clarified that Phase 2 is focused on excavation and site grading, including the cost for material export and transport, in preparation for Phase 3.

v. City of Pasadena (1) Arroyo Seco-San Rafael Treatment Wetlands

Ted Gerber (City of South Pasadena) presented on the PMR for the project listed above, noting the water supply benefits through stormwater reuse and community investment benefits with the establishment of recreational spaces. Gerber highlighted that the project is ready for construction with 95% of the design complete, 90% of CEQA process complete, and 95% of community engagement effort complete. Gerber noted that the project is scheduled to begin construction in the fall of 2024, resulting in a near-term need for the additional funding requested, which is imperative to complete the project.

Gerber noted that throughout the development of the project, there have been no significant cost overruns and that the additional funding requested is due to inflation, supply shortages, and recent changes to the layout. Gerber added that there have been no significant changes to the scope, only relocation and resizing of project elements, and highlighted that the project team is confident that there will not be any additional changes beyond the PMR requested today. Gerber highlighted that the project is already leveraging other significant funding sources including the Proposition 68 program and funding from the City of South Pasadena and City of Pasadena. Gerber added that this is both City of Pasadena and City of South Pasadena's first project funded by the SCW Program Regional Program. Gerber shared that the additional request is to complete the project and achieve its original goals.

Member Meisami-Fard noted that the PMR shows a moderate increase in the amount of imperviousness, decreasing the 85th percentile storm volume. Gerber noted that the discrepancy is due to having used two different versions of the modeling system. Member Meisami-Fard asked if the change results in a decrease in project benefits. Oliver Galang (Craftwater) noted that the project was classified as a dry weather project, so this change does not affect the originally claimed benefits.

Upon inquiry, Gerber clarified that the additional request is \$4.5 million over two fiscal years. Gerber added that the disbursements of the funds would align with the construction cashflow.

Watershed Coordinator Moran asked for clarification on the remaining community engagement activities. Gerber noted that the project team decided to hold community engagement activities during the CEQA process, some of which are still outstanding as the CEQA process is being finalized. Jillian Neary (CEQA

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lead, City of Pasadena) provided clarification on the various community meetings held during the CEQA process, including one focused on the process, one focused on the findings, and the third to discuss responses to comments received, to be held prior to construction.

vi. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (1) Metro Orange Line a Water Infiltration and Quality Project

Melissa Levitt (Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (LA Metro)) presented on the PMR for the project listed above, noting that it is a component of the larger G-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) improvement project. Levitt highlighted that because LA Metro, as a transportation agency, owns long, linear rights-of-ways, this project was originally a compilation of seven independent components with different drainage areas, making it unique in nature. Levitt added that the project is currently at 60% design and the CEQA process has been completed. Levitt shared that the project has faced significant increases in construction costs, quadrupling the total amount estimated during the Feasibility Study. Anticipating that the WASC would receive multiple requests, Levitt shared that this project's PMR is for a reduction in the scope, from seven sites to one site, resulting in a decrease in funding request of \$7.8 million.

Upon inquiry, Levitt clarified that project funds from the first and second years have already been approved in the SIP and that the number of dry wells would decrease from 168 to 24 with an estimated annual capture of 120-acre feet. Levitt clarified that the project initially applied for the full life of the project, including operations and maintenance (O&M) costs, which was allowable at the time of the application.

Member Nguyen asked if there are additional benefits, besides the 120-acre feet of stormwater capture, included with the \$26.6 million request. Levitt affirmed and noted that all the benefits originally presented are maintained for one site, but the other six sites would no longer be receiving any benefits. The original drainage area was 2,319 acres, which is being reduced to 308 acres.

Member Shadmani asked for clarification on what the original construction cost for the project was and the new proposed scope of work as the reduction in benefits and the reduction in cost does not seem proportional. Curtis Fang (Geosyntec) shared that the original construction cost was around \$28 million, which was estimated during conceptual design. After revising the design during later stages of the project, the cost was deemed to be four times higher than the original cost. Fang clarified that the idea is to implement only a portion of the project with the original construction funding request, minus the requested deduction in funds.

Member Huynh asked if the project is still eligible because of the reduction in benefits. Chair Villegas confirmed that the Scoring Committee will not review the changes to ensure that the project passes the 60-point threshold with this change in scope. Chair Villegas restated that because of the drastic change in scope, this project may need further reevaluation, and committed the WASC to further deliberate on this project.

Upon inquiry, Levitt noted that to maintain the original scope, the request would need to increase to four times the amount originally requested.

Member Torossian asked if any funds beyond the \$7.8 million would be returned if the WASC elects to stop supporting the project. Antos noted that any funding allocated by a SIP that goes unspent would become available for future SIPs.

Member Meisami-Fard asked if it is possible to request LA Metro to submit additional information for the abbreviated project. Fang noted that many of the benefits, such as the bacteria reduction, would remain the same and that the major difference is in the number of drywells and in long-term water capture. Member

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Castro noted that similar scope changes may come up in the future for other projects and suggested the SCW Program think about the best way to evaluate the changes in relation to eligibility.

vii. San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

(1) Fire Effects Study in the ULAR Watershed Management Area

(2) PreSIP: A Platform for Watershed Science and Project Collaboration

Turner Lott (San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)) presented on the PMR for the scientific studies listed above, noting that the Fire Effects Study in the ULAR Watershed Management Area scientific study's additional request represented less than 1% of the WASC's available funds. Brianna Datti (Craftwater) added that additional funds are requested for a more robust database than originally anticipated. Datti noted that additional work will allow to provide more context on the impacts in stormwater quality and increase community engagement activities. Datti noted that ULAR WASC's share to the increased scope and the request in the PMR is \$321,000.

Lott provided an overview of the PreSIP: A Platform for Watershed Science and Project Collaboration, noting that its objective is to develop a library of multi-benefit project opportunities and pathways to achieve clean water through ongoing adaptation. Lott highlighted the value of funding ongoing support and maintenance to the platform for project planning and implementation efforts. Lott noted that the ask to the ULAR WASC is \$169,000 over three years. Additional funds will be used to review and validate reports, update tools, and provide ongoing support and maintenance to the PreSIP website and digital platform. There were no questions.

There were no questions.

8) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

9) Voting Items

a) None

There were no voting items.

10) Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2:00pm – 4:00pm. See the SCW Program website for details. Items on the agenda include:

a) Infrastructure Program (IP) Project Presentations

District staff noted that SIP deliberations are scheduled to take place on March 21, April 3, and April 18.

11) Adjournment

Chair Villegas adjourned the meeting by thanking the Committee Members and the public for their attendance and participation.

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		Quorum Present				Voting Items
Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve January 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Agency	FCD	Paul Shadmani	x	Satenig Marjanian		Y
Agency	Water Agency	Delon Kwan		Art Castro	x	Y
Agency	Groundwater / Water Agency 2	Jesus Gonzalez		John Huynh	x	Y
Agency	Sanitation	Ida Meisami-Fard	x	Alfredo Magallanes		Y
Agency	Open Space	Cathie Santo Domingo	x	Javier Solis		Y
Community Stakeholder	At Large	Ernesto Pantoja	x	Sergio Rascon		Y
Community Stakeholder	At Large	Miguel Luna				
Community Stakeholder	Environment					
Community Stakeholder	Business	Max Liles	x			Y
Community Stakeholder	EJ	Veronica Padilla-Campos		Roxy Rivas	x	Y
Municipal Members	Pasadena	Kris Markarian	x			Y
Municipal Members	La Cañada Flintridge / South Pasadena	Patrick DeChellis	x	Ted Gerber		Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Teresa Villegas	x			Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Karo Torossian	x			
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Rafael Prieto				
Municipal Members	Los Angeles County	Mark Lombos		Thuan Nguyen	x	Y
Municipal Members	San Fernando / Calabasas	Kenneth Jones	x	Alex Farassati		Y
Watershed Coordinator (Non-Voting)	Environmental Outreach Strategies	Adi Liberman	x	Arlene Guzman		
Watershed Coordinator (Non-Voting)	Council for Watershed Health	Carlos Moran	x	Jason Casanova		
Watershed Coordinator (Non-Voting)	Council for Watershed Health	Kristina Kreter	x	Alonso Garcia		
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yes (Y)	13
Total Voting Members Present		14			No (N)	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	0
Community Stakeholder		3			Total	13
Municipal Members		6				Approved

WebEx Webinar Attendees
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Arlene
Alonso
Alex
Alexander
Alfredo Magallanes
Amanda Nidelian
Ana Rivera
Andrea Prado Iriarte
Andrew T
Anh Ta
Anthony Vargas
Ben O'Neal
Brad Wardynski
Brett Perry
Brian Baldauf
Kelly Bronwyn
Lynda
Carmen Andrade
Jason Casanova
Curtis Fang
Christoper Vong
Conor Mossavi
Dee Corhiran LACFCD
Donna Bautista
Drew Ready
Eric Bonilla

Eduardo Hernandez
Emily Ng
Ernesto Pantoja
Esther Mares
Jeannette Hernandez
Giselle Ramirez
Guz Orozco
Hunter Raskin
Jenny Chau
Jennifer Amarant
Johanna Chang
Joyce Amaro
Justin Jones
Kirk Allen
Kellley Dorado
Melissa Levitt
Larry Tran
Luis Perez
Maggie Gardner
Marc Blain
Mark Nguyen
Mayra Cabrera
Melanie Hu
Merrill Taylor
Avery Meyer LACMTA
Mark Hall

Mike Antos
Annalisa Murphy
Marisela Velasquez
Paige Bistromowitz
Paola Bassignana
Paul Mead
Peter Tonthat
Pablo Forni
Roberto Requena
Ryanna Fossum
Sunshine Saucedo
Susie Santilena
Thom Epps
Wendy Dinh LASAN
Fa W
William Obraitis
Yvette Corona

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 COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SIGN-IN



Member Name	Municipality/ Organization	Member Type	Role	Signature
Adi Liberman	Environmental Outreach Strategies	Watershed Coordinator (Non-Voting Member)		<i>Adi Liberman</i>
Alex Farassati	City of Calabasas	Municipal	Alternate	
Alfredo Magallanes	LA Sanitation and Environment	Agency	Alternate	
Alonso Garcia	Council for Watershed Health	Watershed Coordinator (Non-Voting Member)		
Arlene Guzman	Environmental Outreach Strategies	Watershed Coordinator (Non-Voting Member)		
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Carlos Moran	Council for Watershed Health	Watershed Coordinator (Non-Voting Member)		<i>Carlos Moran</i>
Cathie Santo Domingo	Los Angeles Recreation & Parks	Agency	Primary	<i>C Santo Domingo</i>
Delon Kwan	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power	Agency	Primary	
Ernesto Pantoja	Laborers Local 300	Community Stakeholder	Primary	
Ida Meisami-Fard	LA Sanitation and Environment	Agency	Primary	<i>Ida Meisami-Fard</i>
Jason Casanova	Council for Watershed Health	Watershed Coordinator (Non-Voting Member)		

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Max Liles	Michael Baker International	Community Stakeholder	Primary	
Miguel Luna	Urban Semillas	Community Stakeholder	Primary	
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