



LOWER LA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR

WASC Meeting - June 2024



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FY 23- 24 HIGHLIGHTS

FY 23- 24 SUMMARY - Interested Parties

39 interested party meetings (out of a total of 79 meetings)

Including 7 presentations (out of 18) to potential project applicants

Outreach emails to various stakeholders, including:

1. All Watershed-specific city mayors, city managers and city planners,
2. 11 city council districts,
3. The City of Cudahy Director of Public Works and Maintenance Superintendent
4. City of Bell Public Works
5. CalTrans
6. 20 new community-based organizations and neighborhood associations

Some of the interested parties engaged with (full list in annual report):



FY 23- 24 SUMMARY - Potential Applicants

SGA shared SCWP application information, and offered support to the following 14 potential project applicants:

1. **Long Beach Unified School District's Sustainability Team:** SCWP Scientific Study application guidance
2. **Watershed Conservation Authority:** Technical assistance they are providing to Bell, Bell Gardens, and Cudahy on various park projects
3. **LA County Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS):** Green alley project (located in Upper LA River Watershed)
4. **City of Cudahy Parks and Recreation Department:** Future park projects from Master Plan being developed
5. **City of Lynwood Public Works and Craftwater Engineering:** FY 23 Application
6. **Watershed Conservation Authority:** Parque dos Rios project status
7. **Downey Unified School District:** 4- 5 potential school sites across 2 watersheds
8. **City of Compton:** Introductory meeting with the City Manager and Grant Manager
9. **We the People:** Environmental Charter School site In Long Beach
10. **Connecting Compton:** Compton Multi-Cultural Equestrian Center project
11. **Cudahy Alliance for Justice:** Community garden projects at 2 schools in Cudahy
12. **ALMA Backyard Farms:** Urban farm sites in Compton and Long Beach
13. **Long Beach Roots of Unity:** Community garden project at McBride Park
14. **Kounkuey Design Initiative-** Bell Gardens Golf Course project status

FY 23- 24 SUMMARY - Cost-Share Support

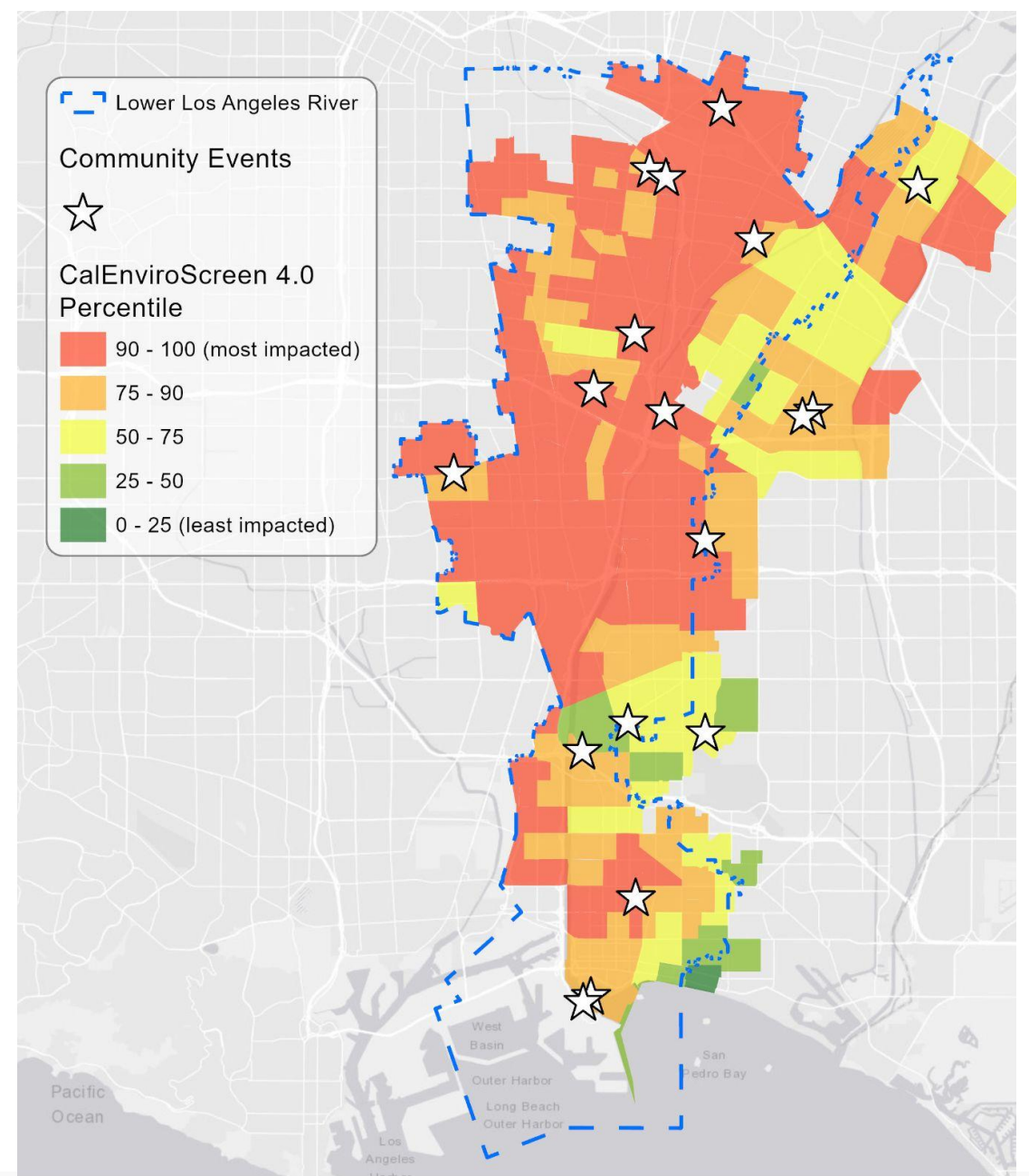
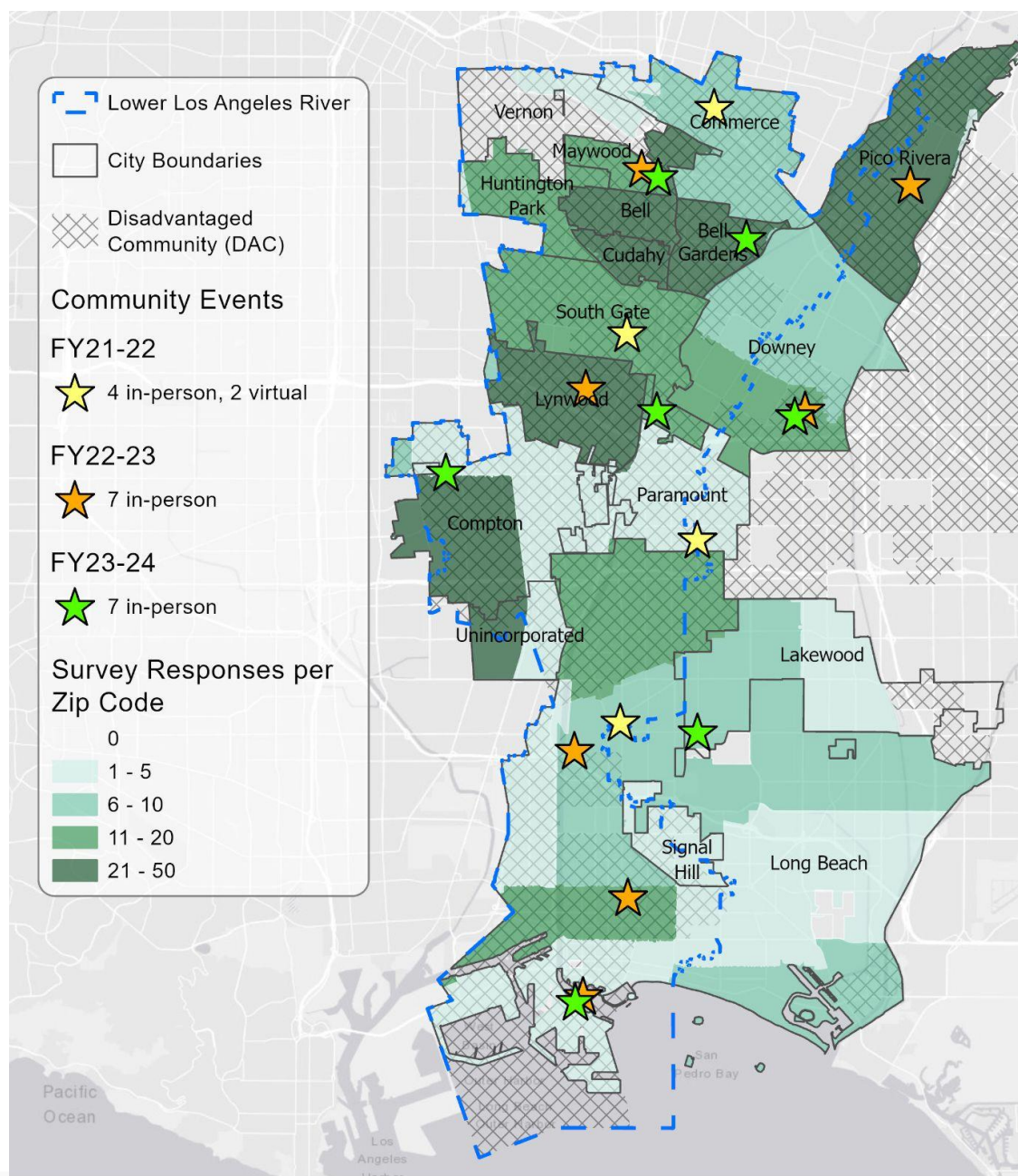
Shared customized lists of non-SCWP grants with 10 potential or already funded applicants:

1. Project leads from **3 SCWP-funded projects** (Lynwood City Park Stormwater Capture Project, Parque Dos Rios, and Furman Park Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project)
2. **5 public works (CalTrans Grant)**
3. **'LA Environmental Justice Network'** (LAEJN) community group leaders (developed small-scale grant list)
4. **Connecting Compton's** Multi-cultural Equestrian Center project (land acquisition and remediation focused grants)

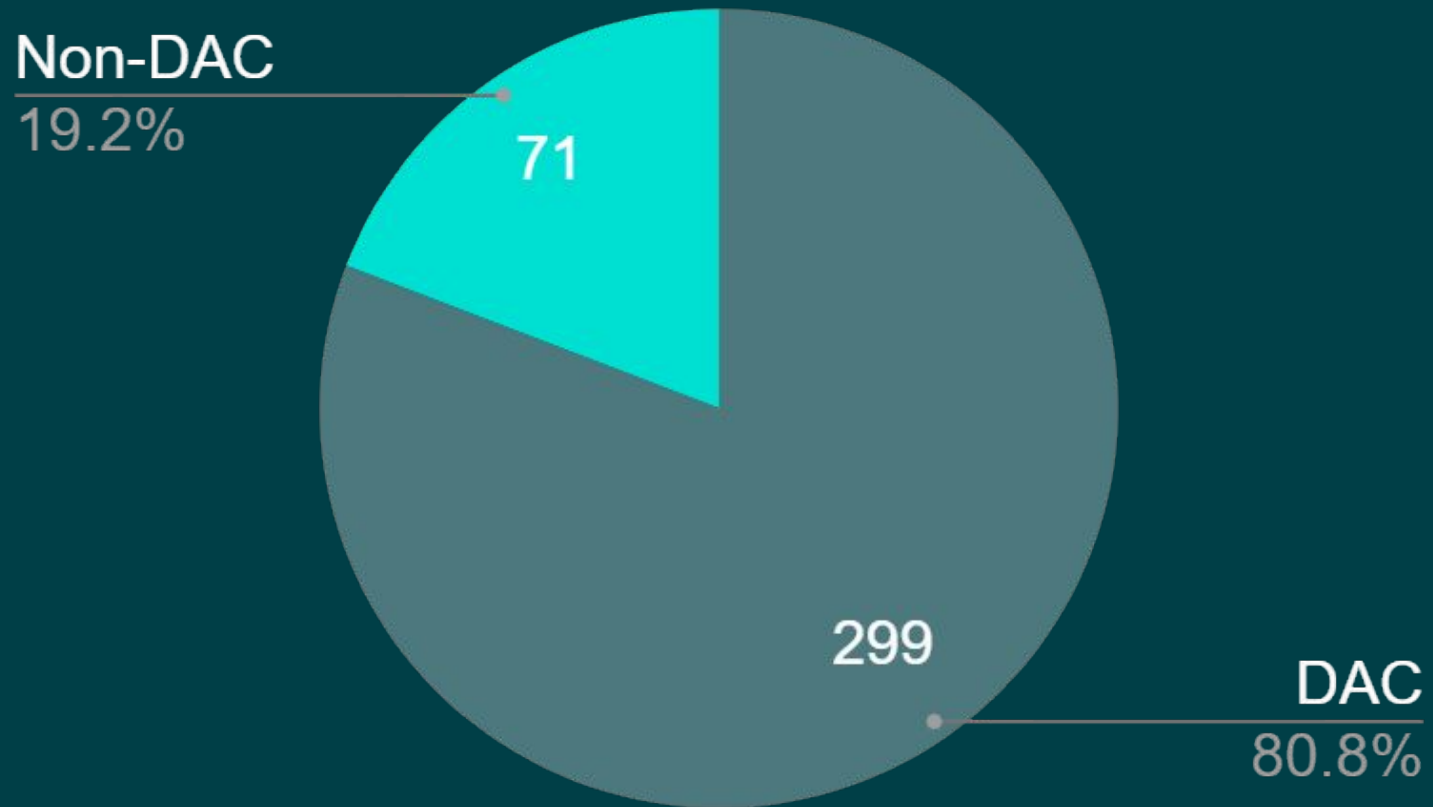
FY 23- 24 SUMMARY - Community Events

We tabled at the following 7 in-person community events, during which we spoke with the public about SCWP and collected Community Needs survey results:

1. Apr. 23, 2023: **Maywood** Water for Life Mural Event
2. May 6, 2023: **Lakewood** Groundwater Festival
3. May 20, 2023: Touch-a-Truck in **Downey**
4. June. 17, 2023: Juneteenth in **Compton**
5. August 12, 2024: City of **Bell Gardens** 'Back to School Fair'
6. Aug. 8, 2023: Para Todos Campaign Launch in **South Gate**
7. Sept. 23, 2023: Coastal Cleanup Day in **Long Beach**



Geographic location of all community events tabled to date (17 total, with 2 virtual and 14 located in a DAC)



Home locations (by zip code)
of the 370 community needs survey respondents received to date



LAEJN (LA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NETWORK) EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

07/29/23

The Los Angeles Environmental Justice Network, (LAEJN) a project of the [Del Amo Action Committee](#) (DAAC), is a series of workshops that builds capacity for environmental justice in the Del Amo community.

Workshop included 55 participants representing 6 community organizations throughout South LA

(I Heart East LA, Del Amo Action Committee, Cudahy Alliance, I Heart South East LA, Comite Pro Uno)

Workshop Covered:

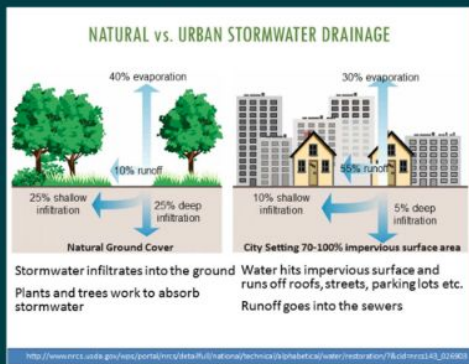
- Watersheds 101 & Stormwater 101
- SCW Program overview and application process
- Community Visioning Exercise
- Tour of Magic Johnson Park Stormwater Features



LA COUNTY YOUTH CLIMATE COMMISSION PRESENTATION (11/02/23)



What is a Watershed?



A watershed is an area of land that drains into a specific receiving body of water, such as river, stream, lake or ocean.

SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM MISSION

MISIÓN DEL PROGRAMA DE AGUA LIMPIA Y SEGURA

- CAPTURE IT**
Increase water supply
- CLEAN IT**
Reduce volume of trash that reaches waterways and the ocean
- MAKE IT SAFE**
Eliminate toxins and chemicals from our waterways
- MAKE IT FOR EVERYONE**
Provide community benefits

- CAPTURARLO**
Incrementar el suministro de agua
- LIMPIARLO**
Reducir el volumen de basura que llega a las vías fluviales y al mar.
- HAZLO SEGURO**
Elimina toxinas y productos químicos de nuestras vías fluviales.
- HAZLO PARA TODOS**
Proporcionar beneficios comunitarios



WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Connect

1. **Connect with Your Watershed Coordinator**
 - Identify parties with project ideas

Engage

2. **Engage with Your Respective Watershed Area Steering Committee**
 - Attend a meeting to better understand the projects

Educate

3. **Educate Your Peers and Community on this Program**

GREEN SCHOOLS SHOWCASE TOUR

NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL (11/17/23)



JOIN US FOR A TOUR!
LIVING SCHOOLYARDS
CAPTURING STORMWATER



NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



17960 Chase St
Northridge, CA 91325

Friday November 17, 2023
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Come tour an example of a living, water-capturing schoolyard in the **Upper LA River Watershed** with the Safe, Clean Water Program Watershed Coordinators. Hear from LAUSD staff and partners about how the project came to be and lessons learned. Please note: Due to limited space, tours are invite-only and require an RSVP.



REGISTER NOW:



[northridgems-schooltour-
scwp.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/scwp-school-tours-2619749)

To stay tuned on the next school tours, visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/scwp-school-tours-2619749>



NATURE'S CLASSROOM: A TOUR OF GREEN SCHOOLYARDS WITH STORMWATER SOLUTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

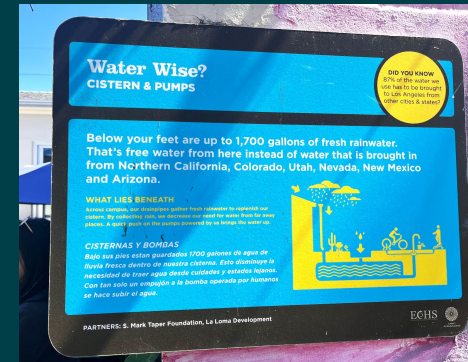
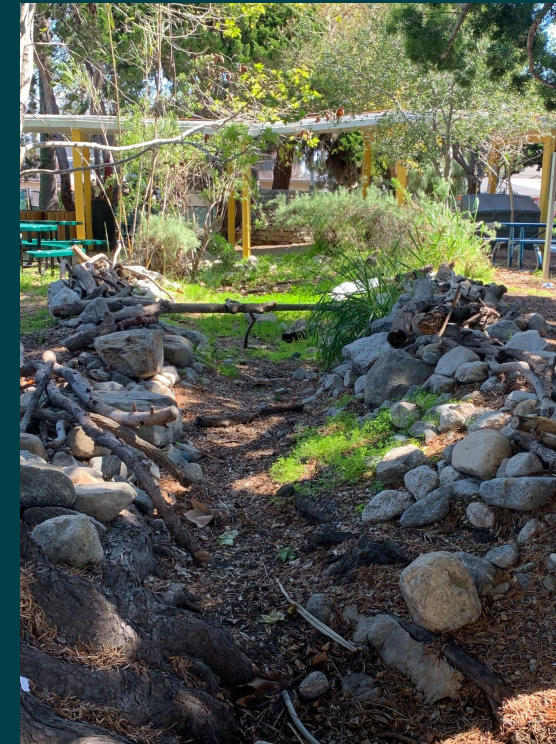
An inspiring and interactive
living campus which brings
environmental learning to life.

Tour will feature an arroyo and
interactive student-led stations
showcasing their horticultural
class work (including a sugar
cane press and compost sifting).



16315 GREVILLEA AVE, LAWDALE, CA 90260
12:30 - 1:30 PM

GREEN SCHOOL SHOWCASE TOUR ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER SCHOOL (3/12/24)





FY 23-24 METRICS & FY 24-25 GOALS

COORDINATOR FOCUS AREAS

1

Understand
Community
Needs

2

Help Solicit
New Projects

3

Support
Project
Applicants

4

Raise Public
Awareness

5

Support The
WASC

1. UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Tactic	FY 23-24 Goals	FY 23-24 Results	FY 24-25 Goals
Ongoing Identification of Interested Party Contacts Details	1 Updated database	1 updated database. New additions include neighborhood association contact details.	1 Updated database
Engagement of Local Interested Parties through Meetings	20 meetings with notable focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neighborhood Councils• School and College Districts• Native American Community Organizations	79 engagement and outreach planning meetings held. Out of this 79, 39 were with interested parties or potential applicants, which included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Council members (Compton and Long Beach)• 1 New City (Compton)• 10 CBO's• 3 School District meetings (We the People (LB Charter), Downey USD, and Long Beach USD) Watershed Coordinator Tribal Allyship Working Group formed to coordinate outreach efforts to Native American Organizations.	25 meetings, with notable focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Advocacy Groups• New CBOs not yet engaged• Faith-Based Organizations

1. UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Tactic	FY 23-24 Goals	FY 23-24 Results	FY 24-25 Goals
Add to Community Needs Survey	Continue collecting survey responses and sharing relevant input with project applicants and the WASC	LLAR community survey responses report completed Shared specific community feedback with 2 cities in the Watershed (Long Beach and Huntington Park). Shared survey highlights and longitudinal trends during the January 2024 Regional Oversight Committee Meeting.	Continue collecting survey responses and sharing relevant input with project applicants and the WASC
Track Relevant Regional Plans and Workshops	Attend events as they arise	20 Meetings/workshops attended	Attend events as they arise

2. SOLICIT NEW PROJECTS

Tactic	FY 23-24 Goals	FY 23-24 Results	FY 24-25 Goals
Presentation about Technical Resources Program	10 presentations, with aim to reach: The Cities of Bell Gardens, Bell and Cudahy Regional entities such as CalTrans and Metro	18 presentations about SCWP completed, with 7 presentations to potential project applicants. This included to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Cudahy Parks and Recreation Department • LA County Neighborhood Housing Services (A regional entity) 	5 presentations, with aim to reach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any new stormwater managers • Continued engagement to School Districts
Distribute Call For Project Press Release	4 E-newsletters sent	6 E-newsletters sent to 300 stakeholders	4 E-newsletters sent

3. SUPPORT PROJECT APPLICANTS

Tactic	FY 23-24 Goals	FY 23-24 Results	FY 24-25 Goals
Cost-share Resources	<p>1 Ongoing Database</p> <p>Relevant grants shared with project applicants with focus on potential operations and maintenance grants</p>	<p>1 Ongoing Database updated quarterly</p> <p>Relevant grants shared with 10 potential project applicants/ funded projects</p>	<p>1 Ongoing Database</p> <p>Relevant grants shared with project applicants with focus on technical capacity building grants for CBO's.</p> <p>4 meetings set with Grant Managers of SCWP-aligned Grants.</p> <p>Follow ups with applicants we have sent cost-shared ideas to so as to understand their potential barriers to applying.</p>

3. SUPPORT PROJECT APPLICANTS

Tactic	FY 23-24 Goals	FY 23-24 Results	FY 24-25 Goals
Project Guidance on Community Engagement	<p>Assumes approximately 6 projects engaged with</p> <p>Resource packet that could help a school applicant. This will include examples of successful SCWP school projects and the lessons learned from them.</p>	<p>14 potential project applicants engaged with</p> <p>1 School applicant resource packet developed</p>	<p>Assumes approximately 6 or more projects engaged with</p>
Community Led Project Applications	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>1 Educational slide deck showcasing smaller nature-based solution focused TRP examples.</p>

4. RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS

Strategy	FY 23-24 Goals	FY 23-24 Results	FY 24-25 Goals
Attend Community Events	6 events attended	7 events attended (in-person)	6 events attended
Event material	Factsheet or presentation slide on the SCW Tax Rebate Program	1 PowerPoint presentation on the SCW Tax Rebate Program	Event setup will be revised to reflect more information about specific projects and to include more kid friendly activities.



14th Annual

GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL

Treasure Beneath Our Feet



- Tiffany C. -
5th Grade - Anza Elementary School

The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is proud to present the 14th Annual Groundwater Festival on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Please join us for this family friendly event full of activities, educational booths, food, and prizes!

WHERE
WRD
4040 Paramount Blvd.
Lakewood, CA 90712

WHEN
Saturday,
May 4, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FOOD, FACE PAINTING, AND MORE!

For more info please contact Monica Sijder at (562) 275-4234 or via email at msijder@wrld.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



4040 Paramount Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90712 | www.WRD.org | [@WRDsocal](https://www.facebook.com/wrldocal)



Past Event - Lakewood- May 4th

Explore DeFOREST WETLANDS



LEARN ABOUT OUR LOCAL WATERSHED THROUGH FREE ACTIVITIES, TOURS AND TALKS IN NATURE

Join us
June 1st
 9 AM to 1 PM
 at 6255 De Forest Ave.

LONG BEACH Utilities
 Water · Gas · Sewer



Event Agenda

Long Beach Utilities is partnering with community based organizations and local non-profits to provide a special educational event.

Activities will include

- Guided plant and wildlife tours
- Terracotta pot painting
- Seed ball making
- Guided poetry and art in nature
- Wetlands exploration and clean up
- Educational talks about our wetlands & watershed conservation
- Free Giveaways

For more information contact:
 (562) 355-1300 or
WaterConservation@lbwater.org

Looking for an alternate form of transportation?

Bike Bus

6/1/24 9a-1p
 Explore DeForest Wetlands



CAR-LITE

A ride to/from DeForest Park to celebrate our wetlands. Meet at a stop near your house. Time stops are when the bike bus leaves.

What to bring:

- Bike
- Helmet
- Check up in time
- Water bottle




THANK YOU TO OUR ADDITIONAL PARTNERS:

Safe Clean Water Program, River Ambassadors, Litter Free Long Beach, Algalita, Ethikli, BYO, Martin Espino, Lainey Atwood, Pedal Movement, Long Beach Community Compost, Santa Monica Mountains Fund, Surfrider Foundation and WRD.



Past Event - Long Beach - June 1st



Past Event - Paramount - June 6th

4. RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS

Strategy	FY 23-24 Goals	FY 23-24 Results	FY 24-25 Goals
Project Tour	<p>1 LLAR Funded Project Tour</p> <p>1 Regional Tour of School Greening Examples, developed in collaboration with Watershed Coordinators</p>	3 educational project tours/workshops hosted	1 LLAR Funded Project Tour
SCWP Media	N/A	N/A	<p>1 Media Campaign</p> <p>Support disseminating Scientific Study Findings</p>

5. SUPPORT THE WASC

Tactic	FY 23-24 Goals	FY 23-24 Results	FY 24-25 Goals
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12 Monthly Reports4 Quarterly Reports1 Annual Report5 WASC update presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12 Monthly Reports4 Quarterly Reports1 Annual Report4 WASC update presentations given in the 4 WASC meetings scheduled <p>(April 2023, June 2023, July 2023, Sept 2023, Nov 2023, Dec 2023, Jan 2023, and March 2023 WASC meetings not held)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12 Monthly Reports4 Quarterly Reports1 Annual Report4 WASC update presentations