

Melina Sempill Watts, Watershed Coordinator July 11, 2024



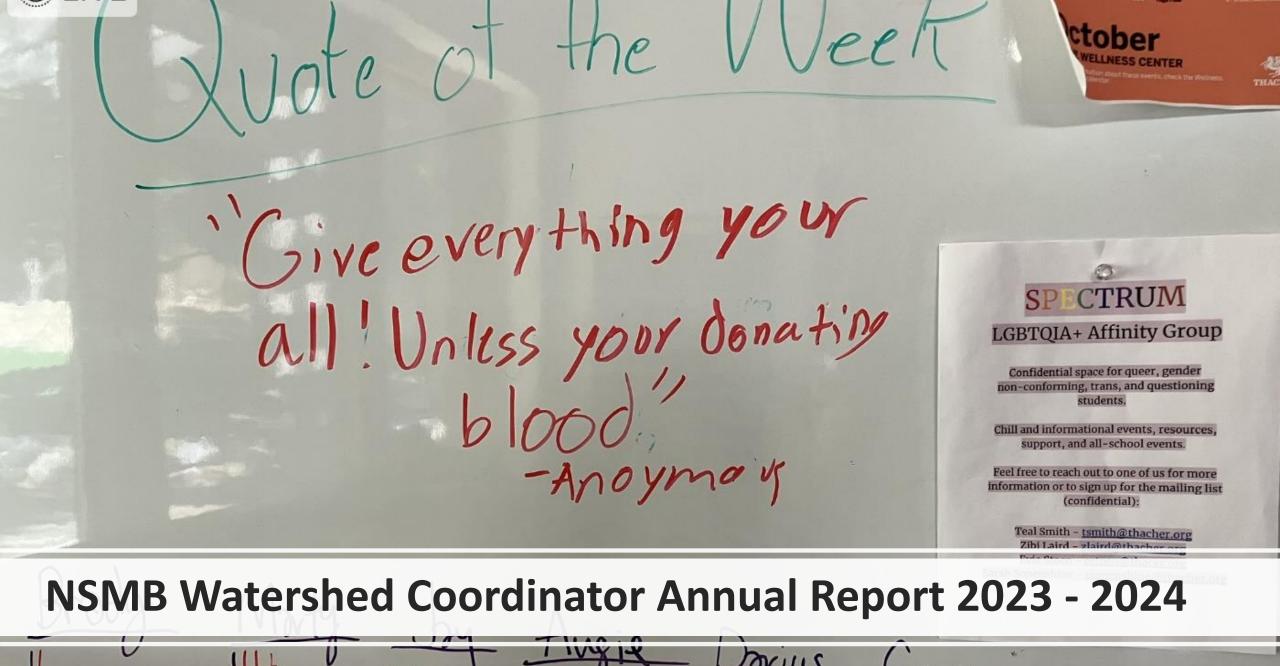


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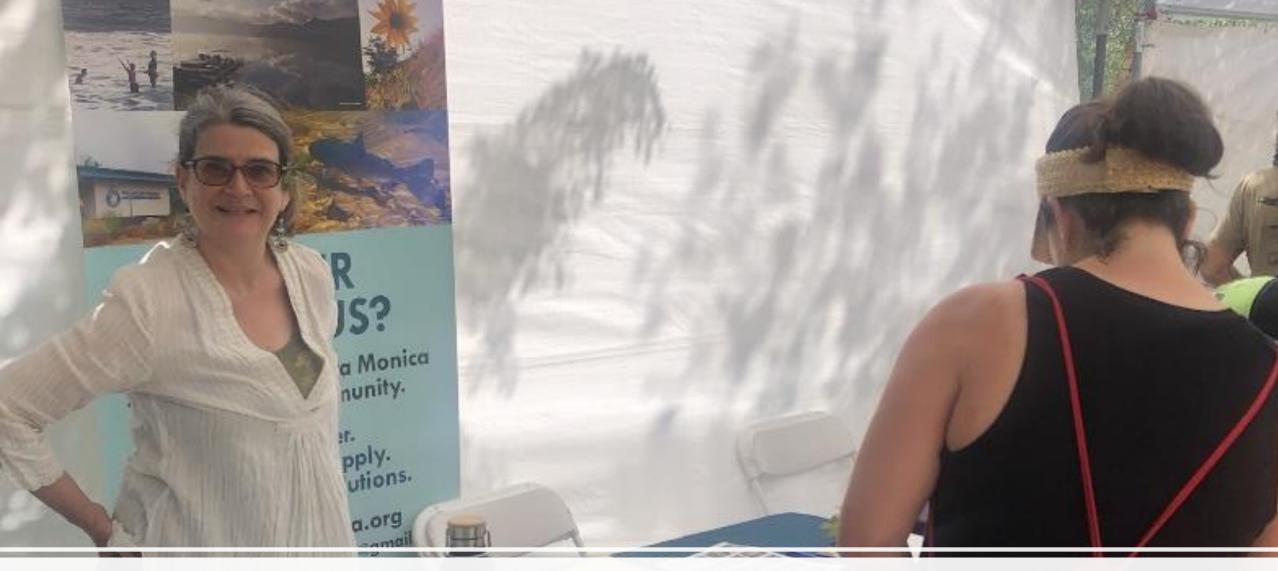
Local Stakeholder Education



Pepperdine Earth Day 2023



Westlake Village Earth Day 2023



Calabasas Earth Day 2023



Spoke to Calabasas' Mayor's Youth Council



Malibu Creek Watershed Fair October 2024



Calabasas Pumpkin Festival 2024



Calabasas Environmental Outreach Day February 29, 2024

Intern Imaan Deen Writes + Publishes Article on **Native Plants Kit Eric Wilson**



Tree Reade Offers Native Carden Kits

strengthen the native ecosystem full sun. and beautify California home

Eric Wilson of TreePeople, a non profit based in Los Angeles, comes with 10 ane-gallon tells the story of how he and native plants and step by his college roommate set out to found that using plants native to his California area not only any of these kits for pickup at a saves money on watering but also TreePeople site in October and evolved around.

promotes the Native Garden be acquired for free thanks to Kit Program, da simplifie way LA Sanitation and Environment TreePeople has created for any which provides free quality mulch Southern California home to at various Los Angeles locations take part in this environmental Native Garden Kit participants beautifict ion.

one. At \$120 a kit, nurseries from you up to \$750! Camarillo and nearby California If you are interested, visit deserts assemble a collection of the TreePeople site at www. plants that will double in size with treepeople.org/native-gardenlittle to no watering after thesfirt kit. There, you will fin your month - perfect for California! installation guide, link to pre

varieties of native plants to choose rebate eligibility. is the "Pollinator's Paradise" has the potential to rehabilitate which aids in providing for our the ecosystem we SoCal residents native pollinators. There are two love so much while decorating intended for different sun levels: our vards in our own distinctive "Sunshine Superbloom" unique way.

What started out as a fun Silhouettes" for partial sun gardening project between former reaching your garden."Year college roommates has turned Round Radiance," the most into a beautiful initiative to both colorful choice, is also great for

You are now able to order Each Native Garden Kit

renovate his front yard. Pondering stepinstructions for how to through different options, Wilson plant and care for each one.

supports the lifestyle of therfloa November, the perfect time to and fauna that are also native to catch a little winter rain and avoid the area; providing them with the the intense summer heat during actual plants they grew up and the native plants' initial planting stage Taking up the mantle from Wilson recommends mulch

Dave Roberts of the Las Virgenes as the only necessary external Municipal Water District, Wilson factor for planting, which can

are eligible for instant rebates Each Native Garden Kit comes starting at a \$50tfla rate and \$3 with 10 one-gallon native plants per square foot of your renovated and step by step instructions for native garden. That means that a how to plant and care for each 250-square-foot garden can earn

TreePeople offers four different order, and link to determine your

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Tarzana Medical Eldg Records \$18 Million in New Leases

19500 Ventura Blvd., an for the transactions. architectural design award-

leased benchmark.

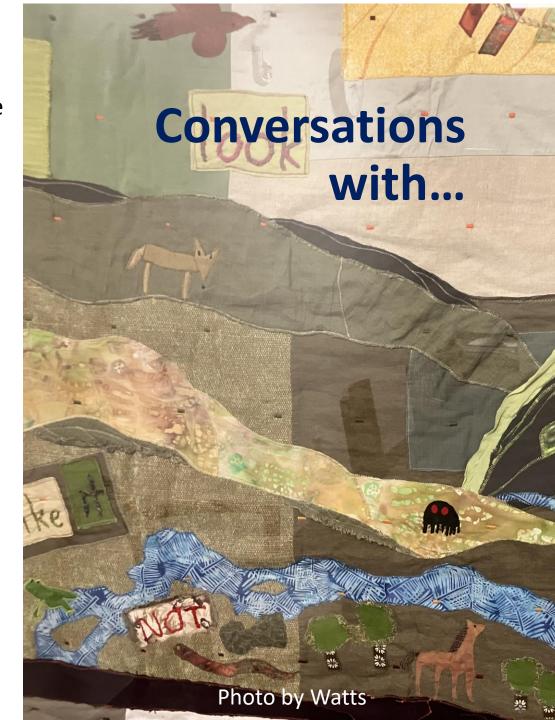
The new tenants include: winning open-air medical United Medical Doctors, easier, more effective and efficent complex that has just completed Southern California's premier way of delivering healthcare its \$5M transformation into a independent multi-specialty to residents," emphasized firt-class medical professional medical and surgical group that Sean Hashem, principal with building - leased the entire will be taking approximately Greenbridge Investment Partners, ground flor and a portion of the 20,000-square-feet of space the developers of the complex second flor to hit the over 60% which includes a surgery center, who invested almost \$5 million to a multi-disciplinary care clinic re-invent the facility. "When we Brokers Scott Romick and and an urgent care center; and a started this several years ago, we Eugene Kim, both principals 2,000-square-foot space that will saw an opportunity for medical with Lee & Associates LA/North be a new pharmacy. Phyllis Palin, demand in the market and created Ventura, represented the landlord — executive vice president of Enzo — a unique project unlike any other

"This project delivers as Greenbridge Investment Partners Equities, represented United in Tarzana.'

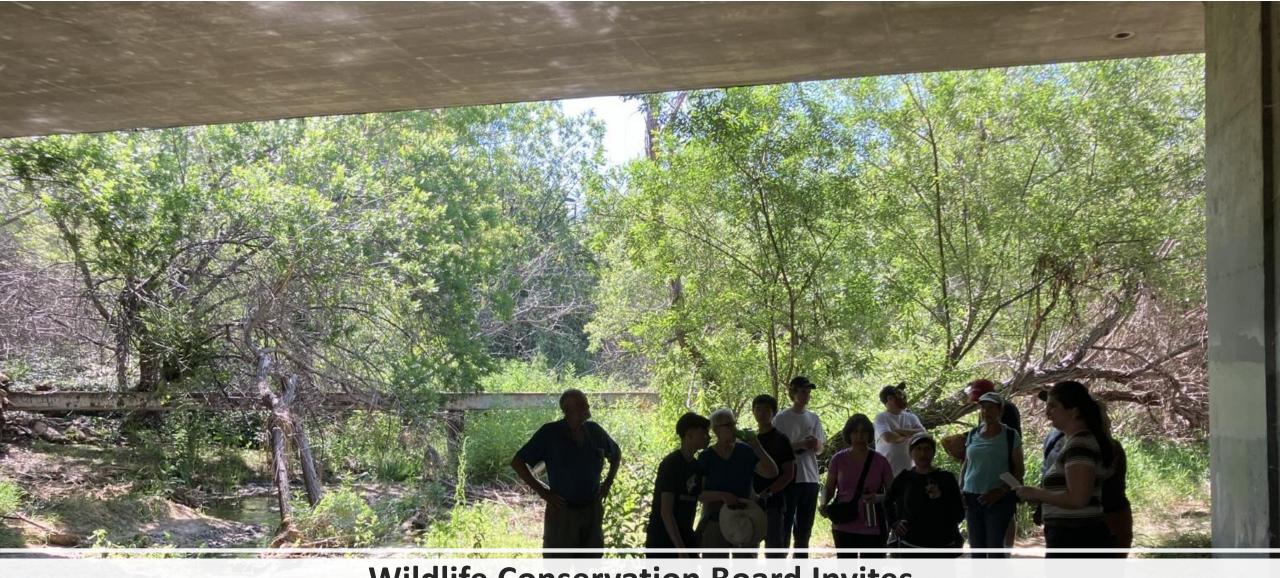


Cost Share Partners Contacted

- Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- West Basin Municipal Water District
- Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village and Topanga Residents
- Santa Monica Mountains Fund
- Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains
- MRCA
- ARLA/ARLA
- CALTRANS/CALTRANS
- Office of Chair Lindsey Horvath/Office of Chair Lindsey Horvath
- DWR (Discussed cistern grant idea)
- MWD
- USDA-NRCS
- California Wildlife Conservation Board
- Los Angeles County
- USC Sea Grant
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy + Stantec + Sacramento list serves



Leveraged / Outside Funding Pursued



Wildlife Conservation Board Invites
City of Calabasas to Submit Full Proposal



Plants in the photo donated by Growing Works for Earth Day Events

SD3 Grant Supports Native Plants Kit Program Co-Created by TreePeople And **Las Virgenes** Municipal

Water District

Progress Report



Additional Highlights

- Multiple Scientific + Technical Study Proposals Being Written for July 2024
- Westlake Village Contracting with TAT
- Agoura Hills Breaking Ground on SCWP Project on July 30, 2024
- Coordinator meeting HOA Presidents in Calabasas and Agoura Hills to talk about project opportunities



Co-Creating a New Strategic Outreach & Engagement Plan for 2024-2025

Read the draft.

Ask for change.

2024-2025 awaits us....

ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS BENEFITTING DAC COMMUNITIES



SD3 Grant Application
by SAMO Fund
for Milkweed Plants for
Monarch Butterfly Project
Would
Help Support Work by
DAC / BIPOC Interns

From a DAC perspective, the NSMB WASC hopes to co-create more paid jobs for interns from low-income communities.

Scheduling Concerns or Issues



Outreach, Upcoming



Maybe: MALIBU LAGOON CELEBRATION

PARTNERS, SO FAR:

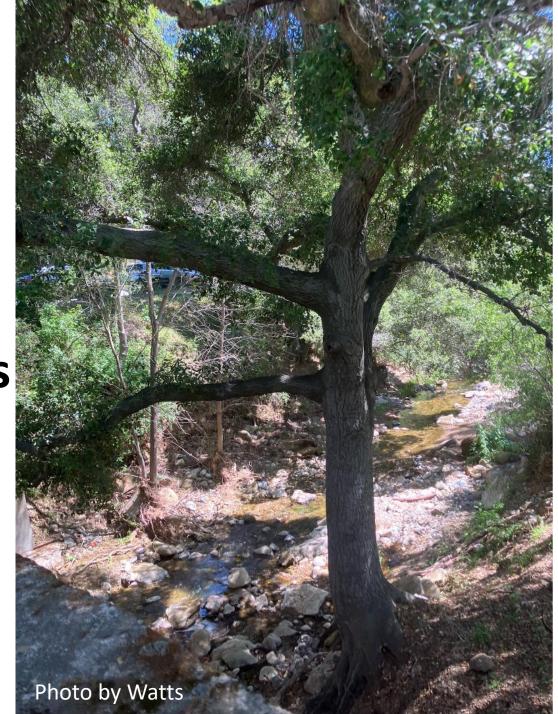
Heal the Bay, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation

SITE:

Possibly Adamson House or King Gillette Ranch

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Chair Lindsey Horvath,
L.A. County Board of Supervisors
+ Oaktober 2024



Maybe:
NSMB
Water
Quality
Monitoring
Symposium





Gateway Corner, Not an Applicant ...

At suggestion of Susan Nissman, explored if SCWP might fund Gateway Corner, which is an element of Topanga Lagoon Restoration; answer is ... probably not .

Shared other funding ideas with project team.



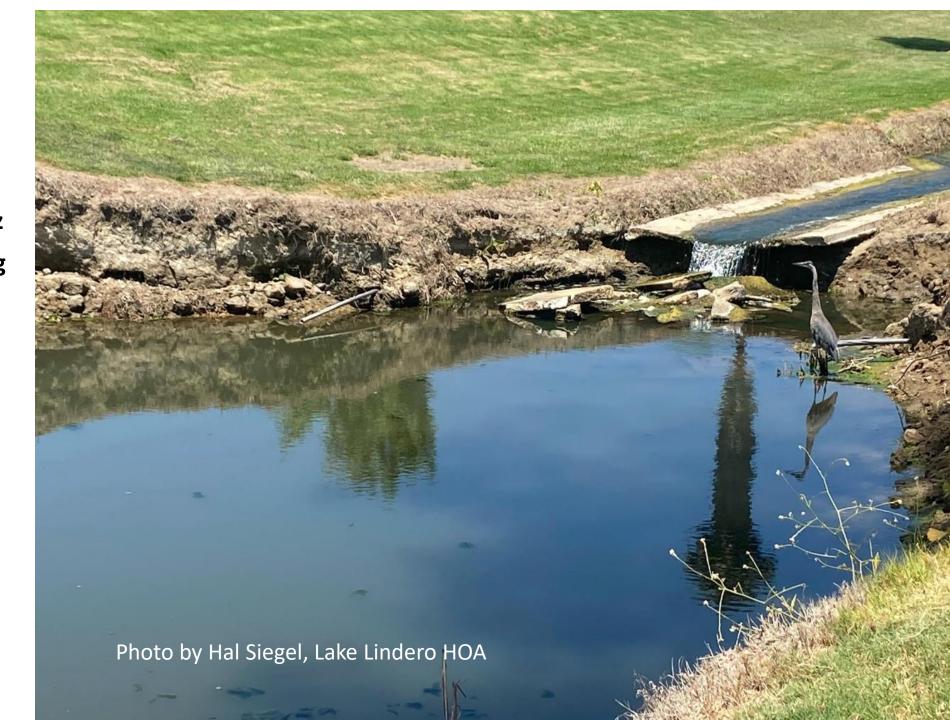
Re-connecting to CALTRANS

- Highway 27 is functional again!
- Can we meet with CALTRANS to discuss opportunities to explore what CALTRANS projects align with SCWP?
- Undercutting under Highway 27 and at Topanga Creek remains a problem.

TRP Possibilities

July 15, 2024

- Calabasas HOA,
 Meeting with Marilyn Stolz
- Lake Lindero HOA, Meeting with Hal Siegel, HOA President
 - USDA NRCS
 Conservationist Brook
 Engelhardt +
 Community Leader
- City of Malibu
- MRCA
- LVUSD, 2025 or later
- SMMUSD, School Districts Splitting Stay Tuned...





TRP + LVUSD?

- Met with Adi Liberman +
 Claire Robinson to learn
 how she is integrating city
 street and school
 stormwater to make
 progress on school greening
- Will talk to Operations lead in the Fall.
- Probably more like 2025 or 2026 as things stand.

Sites might include...

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

Scientific Studies: Partial List of Conversations

Conversations with NSMB stakeholders on this topic,

- Jessica Forte
- Joe Bellomo
- Madelyn Glickfeld

External conversations,

- Dr. Edith de Guzman, UCLA IOES
- Dr. Richard Ambrose, UCLA professor emeritus
- Larry Walker and Associates team members including Chris Minton, Bryant Alvarado and Ryan Fulton
- Craig Doberstein, Principal Engineer, California Regional Director, Herrera Environmental Consultants
- Dr. Eric Stein, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP)
- Dr. Jan Walker, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP)
- Dr. Christine Whitcraft, California State University Long Beach
- Dr. Larken Cumberland, Malibu resident
- Dehorah Bloome Devon Provo at ARI A: Brad Wardynski at Craftwater

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 Craftwater

Outside Funding

\$2 Million Dollars...Almost

Santa Monica Mountains Fund Applied for \$2M Grant for Non-Profits to Acquire Vacant Property in LA County For a Native Plants Nursery

Major Shout Out to Sophia Soudani, SD3





Suggested MRCA and **SAMO Fund** meet to see if Mill Creek is suitable site for **Native Plants Nursery**

Watershed Coordinator Coordination



Victory School Stormwater Tour November 2023

During May 2024, the center of work for the Watershed Coordinator meeting came from ...

Jessica Forte.

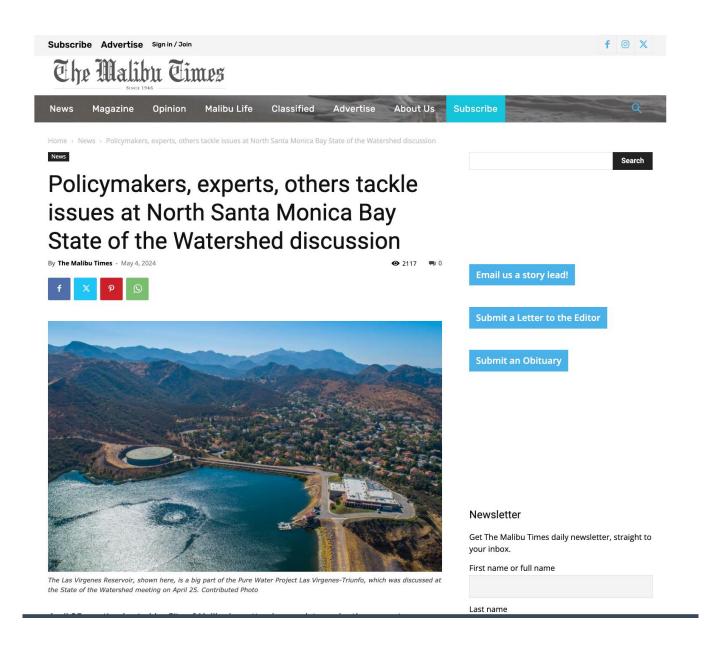
Jessica asked to see great projects from other watersheds.

So we started to pick great projects, from each watershed.

Presentation will follow as ready.

April – June 2024: Outreach Wins

North Santa Monica Bay State of the Watershed 2024



Senator Ben Allen Speaker at North Santa Monica Bay State of the Watershed 2024



Kelly Fisher Wins the North Santa **Monica Bay** Watershed Prize 2024









Fisher loving the environment

Employee lauded for watershed management June 21, 2024

By Melina Sempill Watts

Special to The Acorn

















ON STAGE-Fisher is flanked by Jessica Forte, left, Agoura Hills public works director and vice chair of the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee, and Madeline Glickfeld, committee chairperson. Courtesy of Alicia Tang, graphic artist, City of Malibu

Some folks talk about fixing the environment, others just get out there and do it.

City of Agoura Hills Public Works Project Manager Kelly Fisher is a doer rather than a talker, and the community has noticed.

Fisher won the second annual Watershed Prize from the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee and received a commendation from Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Lindsey Horvath, thanking him for his







Subs



Earth Month 2024

Tabled at Earth Day Events at,

- Pepperdine University
- City of Calabasas
- City of Westlake Village

Coordinated NSMB Watershed Events,,

- Nature Immersion Walk led by Elena Rîos
- North Santa Monica Bay State of the Watershed
 2024

And shared outreach experience opportunities via NSMB newsletters, Heal the Bay website, social media, Linked In, Next Door, City websites, SCWP website and word of mouth







Nature Immersion By Elena Ríos