

Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee

Watershed Coordinator Updates
22 August 2024

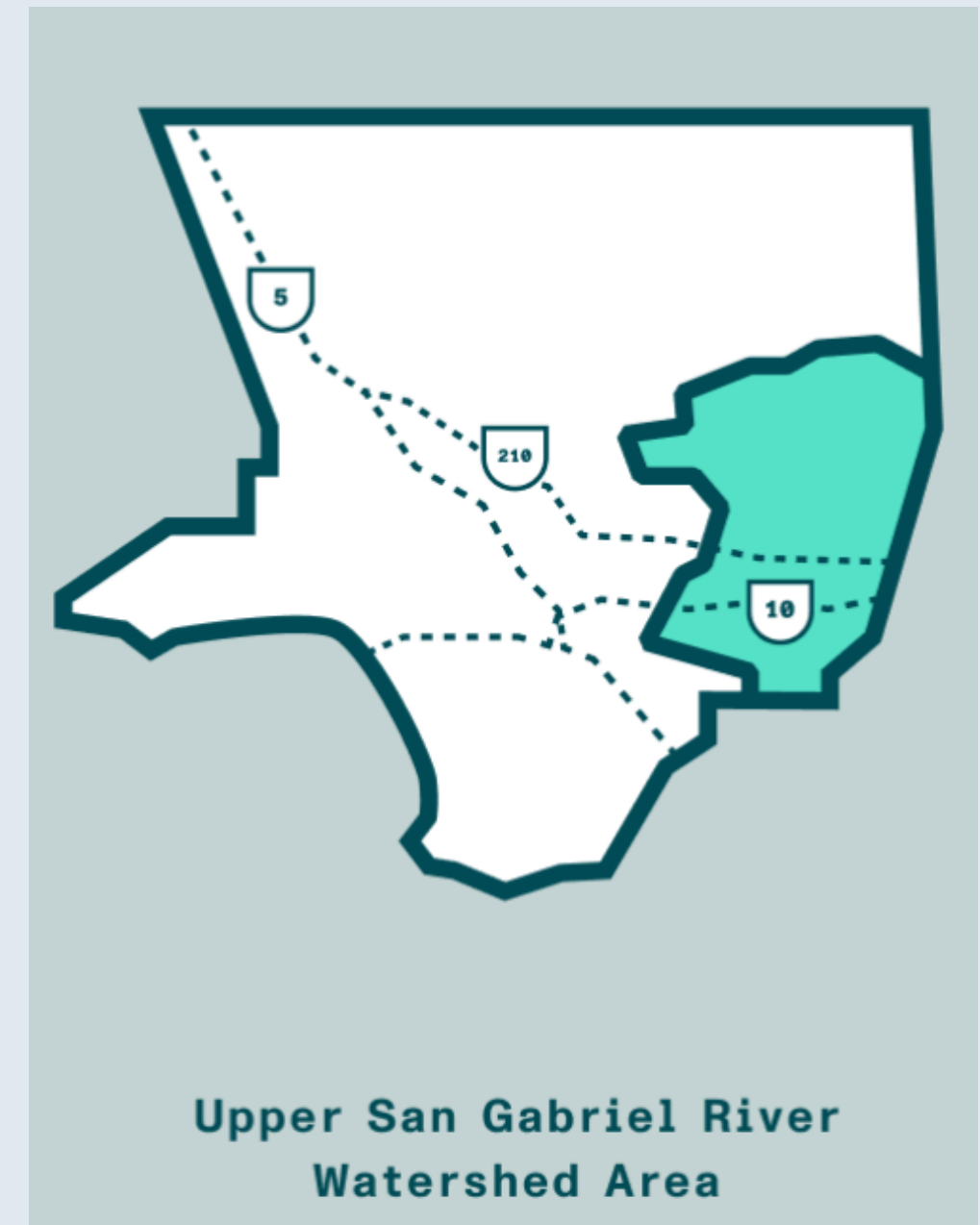


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Agenda

1. WC Activities
2. Community Feedback
3. Discussion



1. Community Outreach & Engagements

- 04/04/24** Led SCWP event tour of Jeff Seymour Family Center for school stakeholders.
- 04/06/24** Outreach event at City of Stem event in LA Historic Park, with ULAR WC.
- 04/23/24** Outreach event at the Earth Day Community Festival by Sanitation Districts in Whittier, with RH WC.
- 04/27/24** Outreach event at the Wellness Festival in El Monte.
- Several** In conversation with Rowland USD r/ school projects.

1. Community Outreach & Engagements

- 05/01/24** SCWP Presentation to Environmental Engineering class at Cal Poly Pomona.
- 05/11/24** Outreach event at the WaterFest by Upper District at Arcadia County Park, with RH WC.
- Several** Toured and research Avocado Heights potential projects sites (Avocado Heights Park and San Jose Creek on 3rd Ave).
- Several** Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP); Quarterly Reporting; Year 3 Report.

1. Community Outreach & Engagements

- 06/01/24** Groundbreaking ceremony for the Garvey Ave Storm Drain & Street Improvement Project.
- 06/08/24** San Gabriel River Restoration Opportunities in the USGR with Watershed Conservation Authority.
- 06/19/24** Conversation with Mayor Calderon Tabatabai of West Covina about potential projects.
- Several** Engagement with MWD's Climate Adaptation Plan for Water (CAMP4W)
- Several** Development of outreach and engagement materials

1. Community Outreach & Engagements

07/26/24 Resource booth at Washington Park with City of Pomona Parks and Rec.

07/20/24 SCWP presentation to elected officials at WELL (Water Education for Latino Leaders).

07/31/24 Delivered SCWP and Zamora Park presentation to HS students in El Monte

Several Monthly Participation/Attendance:

- Watershed Coordinators Meetings
- Schools and Stormwater Working Group
- Tribal Allyship Working Group
- Regional Oversight Committee







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Exciting News: Safe, Clean Water Program Projects Underway!

Barnes Park in Baldwin Park

On 11 May 2024, the City of Baldwin Park held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Barnes Park Water Infiltration Project and Park Improvements. The project includes a water capture component and will provide significant community benefits, including enhanced recreational opportunities like futsal courts, basketball courts, and soccer fields. The park will also feature a new play station for kids and parks for big and small dogs. See some of the project's new features in this [informative video](#) and learn more about the project at the [project's website](#).

Garvey Ave Streets and Drainage Improvement Project

On 1 June 2024, the City of El Monte will hold a groundbreaking event for the Garvey Ave Streets and Drainage Improvement Project. This key infrastructure project will help alleviate much of the flooding in the avenue and help El Monte as it strengthens its water infrastructure. The project will help improve groundwater quality and will feature new bike lanes. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 12102 Garvey Ave in El Monte from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM and it is open to all the community.

Learn more about this effort on the [project's webpage](#).

Together, these projects exemplify the goals of the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) which include the creation of a more resilient water infrastructure system while creating new community benefits. More information can be found on the new and improved [Safe, Clean Water Program website](#).

Learn more about the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) at www.safecleanwaterla.org.

Have questions or comments about the SCWP or any of its projects?

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2. Community Feedback

Disadvantaged Communities. Disadvantaged community location vs disadvantaged community usage.

Green School Campuses. There is a strong interest in green campuses, yet we have few applications.

Water Conservation. The best reserve of water is the water we don't use.

2. Community Feedback

Focus on Smaller Projects. Can the USRG focus on smaller projects while ensuring these fit into a large plan?

Vision of SCWP. Concern that SCWP is becoming a grant program in a narrow way—that is, applications should not be seen as independent.

Common concerns. Taxes, goals, disadvantaged communities, relationship to other programs/plans in LA County.

Discussion & Event Suggestions



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