

Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee

Watershed Coordinator Updates
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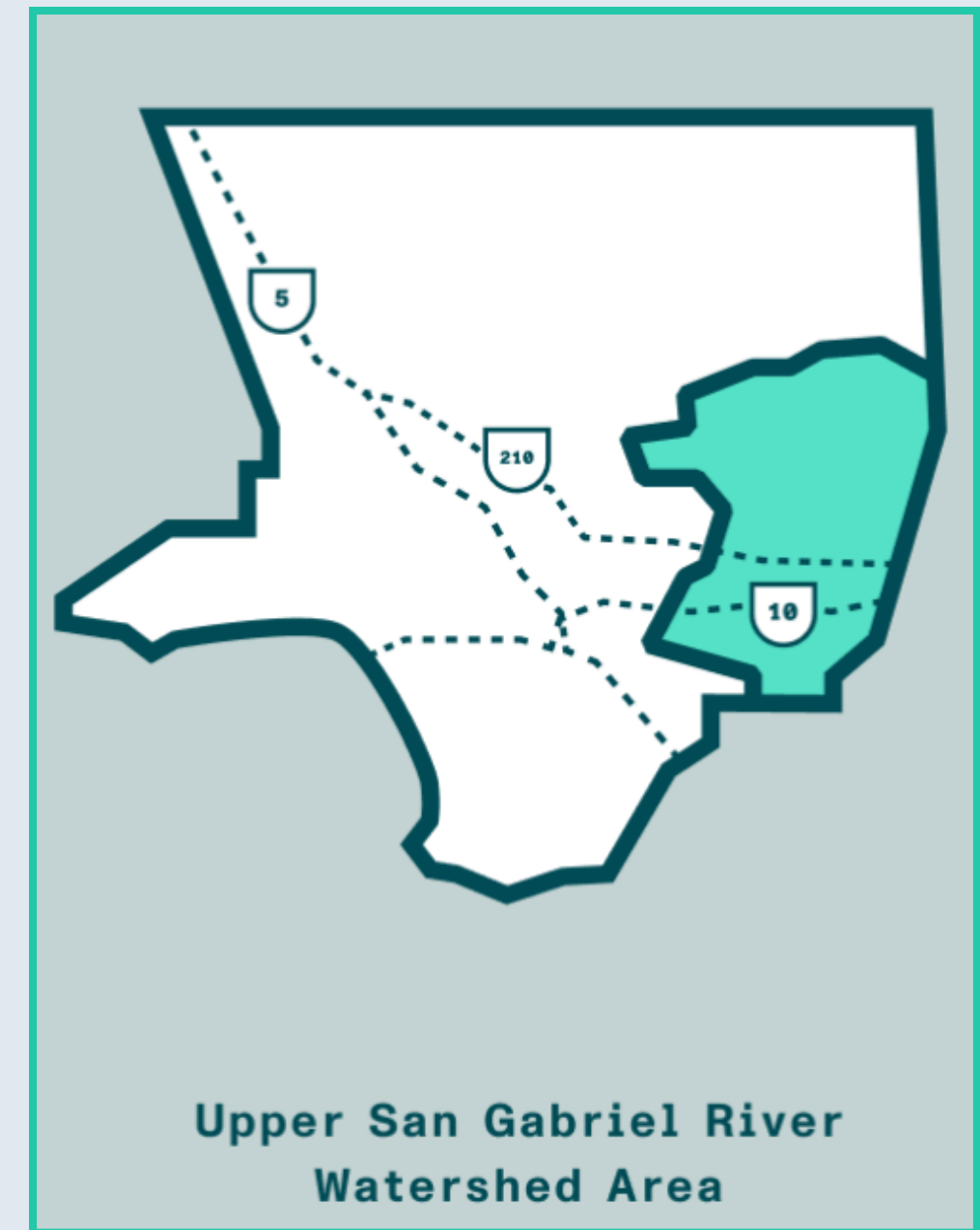


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Agenda

1. WC Activities
2. Community Feedback
3. Discussion



1. Community Outreach & Engagement

- 9/21/24** Watershed walk at Whittier Narrows for SGV HS students
- 9/21/24** Participated in panel titled *How is the SGV building more sustainable and resilient water resources?* organized by WELL
- 10/7/24** SCWP presentation at Cal Poly Pomona Environmental Engineering course with LLAR
- 10/15/24** Attended the *Water Revolution* symposium by Council for Watershed Health
- 10/16/24** Resource booth at *Health Fair* event in San Dimas

1. Community Outreach & Engagement

- 10/26/24** Walking tour of Brookside Park in Pasadena in collaboration with ULAR WC.
- 11/6/24** Collaborated on tour of Plymouth School in Monrovia.
- 11/16/24** Resource booth at *Open House* community event at San Gabriel River Park.
- 11/14/24** Barnes Park Construction Tour and resource booth.
- 11/18/24** SCWP presentation for Environmental Engineering course at UCLA with LLAR and CSMB.
- 11/23/24** Resource booth at the *Fall in the Farm* community event in Pomona's Fairplex.

1. Community Outreach & Engagement

- 12/4/24** Resource table at Supervisor District 1 *Informational Session* in La Puente
- 12/6/24** Resource booth at West Covina's *Let It Snow* event
- 12/11/24** Presentation to ROC about school tours
- Several dates** Participation in Schools & Stormwater and Tribal Allyship Working Groups.
- Several dates** Collaboration meetings with Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE), Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL), Water Conservation Authority (WCA), and Miguel Luna.







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The Scientific Studies of the Safe, Clean Water Program

The Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) came into existence when Measure W was overwhelmingly supported by LA County voters in 2018. The SCWP's unique structure provides dedicated funding to improve and expand LA County's water infrastructure system. To do so, the SCWP collects about \$280M annually through a special parcel tax which has resulted in the successful funding of infrastructure projects, scientific studies, project concepts, and watershed coordinators.

While Scientific Studies are a small component of the SCWP, they are critical in helping advance the goals of the SCWP. Scientific studies can investigate new technologies or methodologies to increase or improve Stormwater or Urban Runoff capture or reduce Stormwater or Urban Runoff pollution for improving water quality, increasing local water supplies, or improving the quality of life for communities.

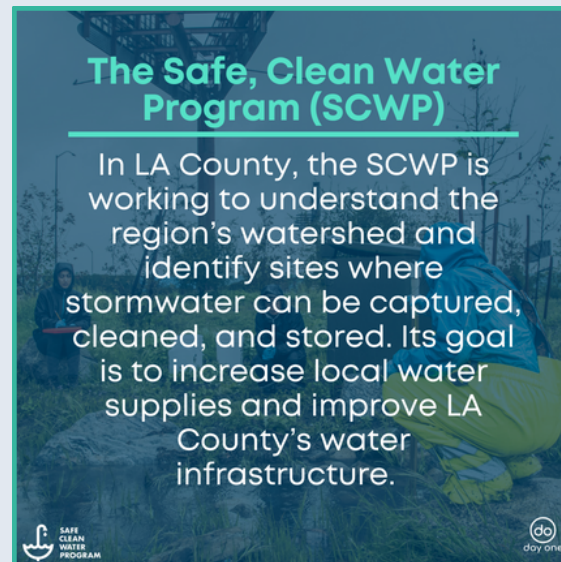
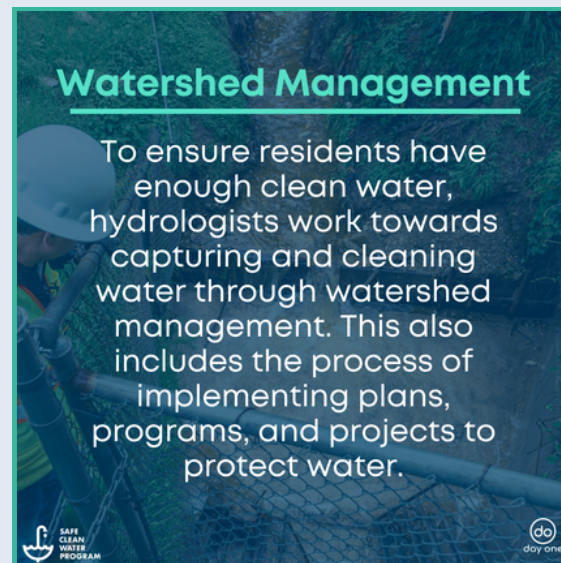
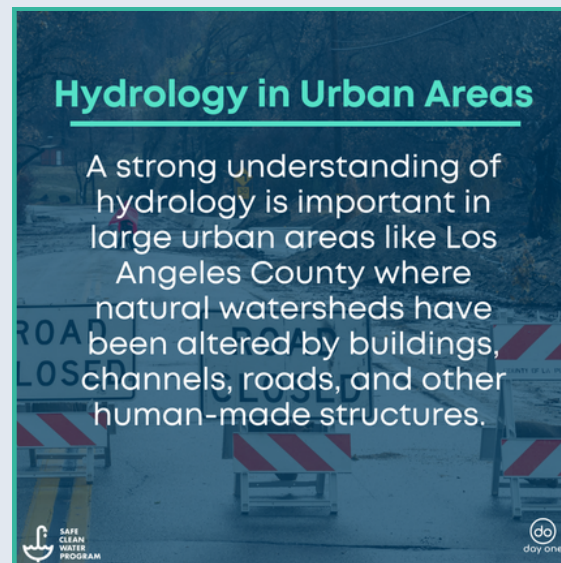
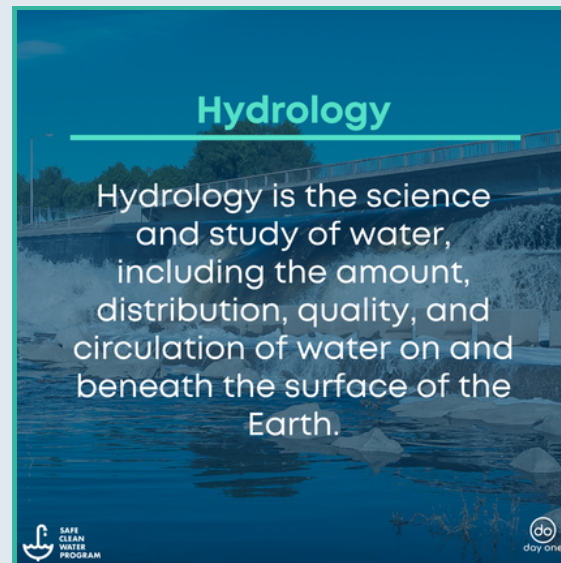
For the 2025-26 year, four Scientific Studies were submitted to the Upper San Gabriel River (USGR) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) of the SCWP. These included 1) Next Gen Bioretention: Towards Living and Adaptive Stormwater Systems for a Resilient Los Angeles County, 2) Hardscape and Brownfield Transformation Opportunity Study, 3) Depave LA: Prioritizing Parking Lots for Green Retrofitting, and 4) Data-Driven Resource Optimization and Planning System (DROPS) for Los Angeles County.

Over the next few months, the USGR WASC will discuss and consider funding these scientific studies. All WASC meetings are open to the public and we encourage attendance and participation. For meeting times and locations and to learn more, visit www.safecleanwaterla.org



Want to learn more?

Do you have an idea for a project that fulfills one or more of the goals of the SCWP in the San Gabriel Valley? Contact the SCWP Watershed Coordinator, James Cortes at james@godayone.org.



2. Community Feedback

Green Schools. High interest in green campuses. What can SCWP do to increase number of funded projects? How do our efforts tie to other funding sources?

Scientific Studies (SS). Can WASCs be more proactive? Can WASCs direct/suggest key questions for SS?

Status of Projects. Does SCWP keep a list on the status of projects (e.g. consideration, construction, or complete)?
Findings of scientific studies.

2. Community Feedback

Community Investment Benefits. What has SCWP accomplished to date? Can we showcase this?

Connection and access to waterways. Not to swim but for other active or passive recreation like cycling.

Maintenance. Can we prioritize O&M to extend the lifespan of projects and minimize expensive replacements.

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

Discussion & Event Suggestions



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