



LOWER LA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR

WASC Meeting - January 2025



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GROUNDWORK

USA

LOS ANGELES
AUDUBON

GROWN IN LA



ANGELES CHAPTER

Liberty Hill



PREVENTION INSTITUTE



INVESTING *in* PLACE

LATINO
OUTDOORS®WOMEN
ORGANIZING

ORGANIZING
WORKS
RESOURCES
KNOWLEDGE
+ SERVICES

SELECT POTENTIAL APPLICANT MEETINGS

Potential Consultants

1. **Ferguson Green** Stormwater Infrastructure Product Specialist: shared SCWP processes and followed up with Gateway Water Management Authority's Gap Analysis Report (7/18)
2. **Mott MacDonald's** Social Equity Lead: met to discuss how they could offer support to CBO's needing technical expertise (8/22)
3. **Southern California Water Coalition & PC Consulting** Executive Director- Public-private grocery store project in Lynwood (1/9)

Potential Scientific Studies Applicants:

4. **USC Public Exchange** Staff (8/26).
5. **UCLA Samueli School of Engineering** Associate Professor (9/10)

Potential TRP/IP Applicants:

6. **Willmore City Heritage Association** President- flooding concerns and green streets needs in Long Beach neighborhood (9/17)
7. **Trout Unlimited** Chair- LLAR Channel Restoration Project Concept (10/2)
8. **Long Beach City College Office of Workforce Development** (10/29)
9. **Long Beach Unified School** District's Executive Director of Facilities & Planning: (11/7)
10. **UCLA Sustainability Department** Chief Sustainability Officer & Environmental Compliance Specialist (11/13)

Scheduling with Downey and Compton Unified School District

SELECT INTERESTED PARTIES ENGAGEMENT

MEETINGS:



PRESENTATIONS:

- **Urban Waters Federal Partnership** (coordinated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers): presented update about LLAR Year 6 applications as well as watershed planning process (9/19)
- **Lower LA River Implementation Advisory Group** (IAG) update presentations (9/26) (12/5)

URBANWATERS FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP

Restoring Urban Waters, Revitalizing Communities

**2024 Los Angeles River Watershed Work Plan
November 2023**

Ambassador Team:

Megan Whalen – Ambassador

Grant Adams – Ambassador Team Member



FUNDING OUTREACH

Aligned Grant Manager Meetings

9/5/24
&
9/9/24



WaterSMART (Drought Resiliency Projects Grant Program) -

Shelbie Neff, Program Manager and Quinn Harper

WaterSMART (Environmental Resource Projects Grant Program) -

Katherine Tucker, Program Analyst and Quinn Harper

9/10/24



Governor's Office of Planning and Research's Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP)

Braden Kay, Program Manager and Allie Larmen,
Associate Planner

SELECT FUNDING SUPPORT

1. **City of Long Beach's Office of Council Member Dr Joni Ricks-Oddie (CD9)** -Shared grant database with Chief of Staff
2. **Tree People** - Shared City of Long Beach, CBO, and grant program resources for the turf removal project taking place at Long Beach Day Nurseries West Campus .
3. **Long Beach Unified School District** -connected them with the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) so they can learn more about a technical assistance grant
4. **SCWP Community Grants Program** -shared at the IAG Quarterly Meetings as well as with 7 Community groups

WORKSHOPS

Attended & Upcoming

1	LAANE's Summer Salon	9/12
2	2024 Tribal EPA & U.S. EPA Region 9 Annual Conference	10/24
3	Gateway Area Pathfinding Stormwater Planning Considerations Virtual Workshop	10/24



WE ARE STILL HERE.

**TRIBAL GOVERNANCE IN
LOS ANGELES:
A WORKSHOP TO STRENGTHEN
GOVERNMENT-TO-TRIBAL
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**FRIDAY,
JANUARY 31, 2025**

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW
385 CHARLES E. YOUNG DR. EAST
WESTWOOD, CA 90095

UCLA School of Law
The Promise Institute
for Human Rights



UCLA
AMERICAN
INDIAN
STUDIES
CENTER

UCLA School of Law
Native Nations Law
& Policy Center

LA COUNTY YOUTH CLIMATE COMMISSION-DISTRICT 4 YOUTH CLIMATE COALITION - PROJECT TOUR

Led tour of SCWP funded project 'Adventure Park' in Whittier (10/30)



Join the LA County Youth Climate Commission



YOUTH DISTRICT COALITION MEETING



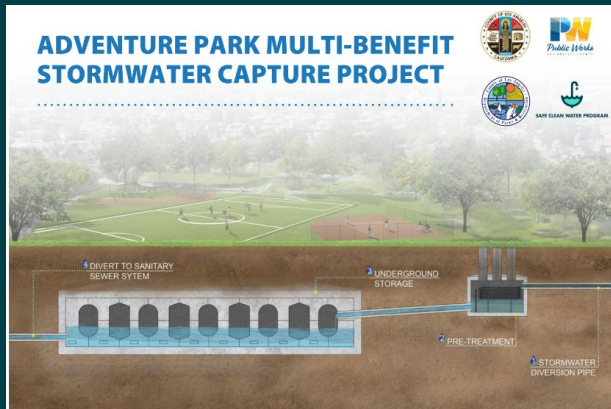
Join young people in your district
for a fun and engaging gathering to
share and take action on local issues!

OCT 26, 2024 | 10AM-12PM
Adventure Park in Whittier
Meet by the basketball courts!

Snacks, giveaways & tour of storm drain
project taking place at the park!



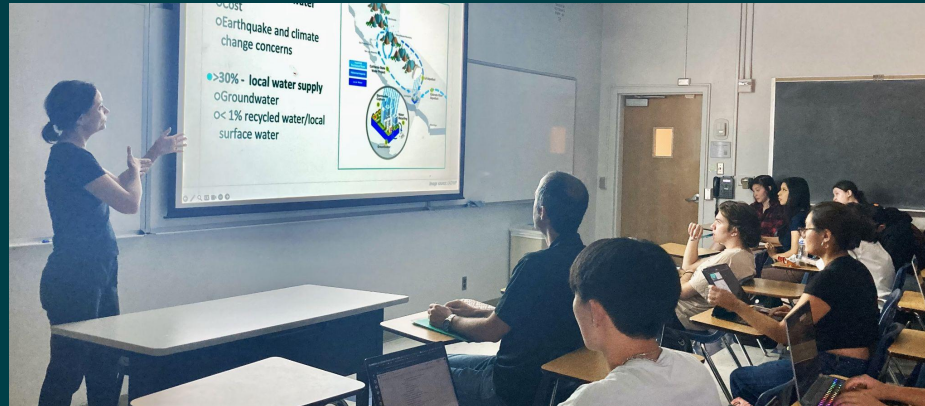
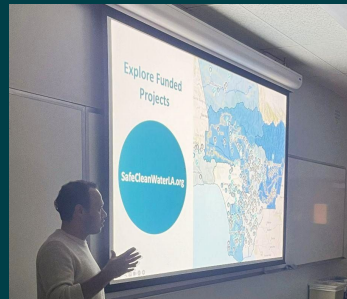
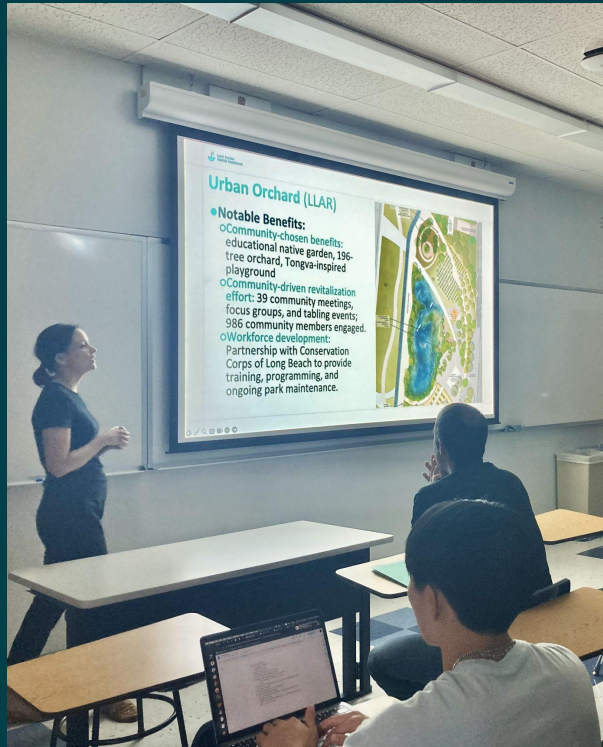
@ycc_d4 @yccamplified RSVP @ LINK IN BIO



CAL POLY POMONA

EDUCATION PRESENTATION (10/7)

Environmental Engineering UnderGrad Class (~15 Students) (Teacher: Ali Sharbat - Professor of Civil Engineering)



UCLA SAMUELI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION (11/18)

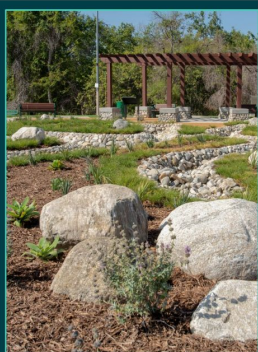
Environmental Engineering UnderGrad and Graduate Class (120 Students) (Teacher: Sanjay K. Mohanty - Associate Professor)



Safe, Clean Water Program & Community Engagement

Vanessa Boudreau, Tara Dales & James Cortes
18 November 2024

UCLA SAMUELI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING EDUCATIONAL
PRESENTATION



Water Quality + Regulation



Cuyahoga River, Ohio, 1969 *Courtesy of Cleveland State University, Michael Schwartz Library, Special Collections*

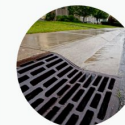
CLEAN WATER ACT (1972)



CALIFORNIA
WATER BOARDS
Los Angeles - R4



SCWP- Goals



CAPTURE IT
Collect rainwater
to be used by
million of people
in LA County.



CLEAN IT
Reduce the
volume of trash
and pollutants
reaching our
coastal waters.



MAKE IT SAFE
Reduce toxins,
bacteria, metals,
and chemicals in
water.



**MAKE IT FOR
EVERYONE**
Collect rainwater
to be used by
millions of people
in LA County.

The Need for Water in LA County

- Rain and Water
 - LA and SG rivers regularly shifted course
 - Indigenous communities harvested but did not manipulate waterways

The Need for Water in LA County

- LA Region is a mediterranean climate
 - Semi Arid
 - Dry with potential for heavy rain

Impact of the 1st Four Rounds of Funding:

\$513M programmed for Regional Projects

- 125 Infrastructure Projects
- Increase in local water supply of > 59,000 acre-feet/year
- 47 acres of impervious area removal

\$446M dispersed to 85 Municipalities

- 360 municipality-led projects and programs (MS4 compliance)

+ Program tax has no sunset!

PRIMARY POLLUTANT ADDRESSED

59	Zinc
44	Bacteria
8	Nitrogen
40	Other
WATER SUPPLY	
59	Connected To Aquifer
45	Includes Water Reuse Components
55	Uses Water Onsite

CLIMATE REALITY LA YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE

ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP (12/1)



8 participants + 36 youth received slides and resources (YAN Chair: F. Mills and Speaker Chair: A. Ma)



**SAFE
CLEAN
WATER**

Climate Reality Project Youth Action Committee
Engagement Presentation
December 2024

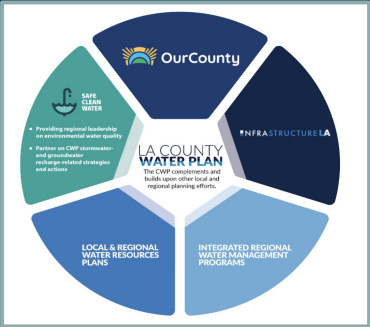
PRESENTED BY

Jeremy McGranahan

LOWER LA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATION TEAM







**INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
PROJECT EXAMPLE**


URBAN ORCHARD IN SOUTH GATE

A multi-benefit park project with an integrated dry weather runoff treatment facility.

PROJECT LEAD: City of South Gate
WATERSHED: Lower LA River
FUNDED IN: FY 21-22
AMOUNT: \$5,438,000 (Construction + O&M)

PROJECT FEATURES:

- Wetland with infiltration gallery
- Educational garden and food orchard
- Nature-based playground honoring Tongva history
- Multi-use paths and community building
- Heavily incorporated community input
- Serves disadvantaged communities



WHY DO WE NEED THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM?

We live in a water-scarce area.

As climate change causes more weather extremes like drought, we need to take steps to improve our local water resources.



Every year in L.A. County...

2/3 OF OUR WATER IS IMPORTED

OVER 50% OF WATER BODIES ARE CLASSIFIED AS HAVING "IMPAIRED" WATER QUALITY

1.4 MILLION ILLNESSES ARE CAUSED BY POLLUTED WATERS

WATERSHED COORDINATOR ROLE



PLYMOUTH SCHOOL TOUR
Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project

Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1300 Bay St, Norwalk, CA 90701

Career Path Examples

- Urban planners
- Engineers
- Landscape designers
- Community organizers/advocates
- Communicators
- Soil remediation experts
- Scientists
- Government agencies

Thank You!

Audrey Ma
to Jeremy, Francesca +

Hi Jeremy,

Thank you so much for speaking at your 'YouthCAN meeting today' Your presentation was so inspiring and everyone at the meeting learned a lot.

If you have any resources you'd like to share (your slideshow, links to organizations you're affiliated with, etc.) to encourage members of our YouthCAN to get involved, feel free to share them with me and I can share them with the members of our YouthCAN.

Thank you again for presenting. Hope to keep in touch!

Sincerely,

Audrey Ma

Sun, Dec 1, 10:02 PM

PLYMOUTH SCHOOL TOUR

Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project

Wednesday, Nov 6th 2024
10:00am-Noon

1300 Boley St, Monrovia
CA 91016



Join us for a tour of the first Safe Clean Water
schoolyard project to be completed!

Claire Robinson, Amigos de los Rios' Managing Director, will walk us through the project's stormwater infrastructure elements and discuss how on-site flooding and pervious pavement challenges as well as volunteer and student engagement was handled.

Limited space. Carpooling advised.
Sign up here by 18th October: <https://shorturl.at/Axwd4>



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CITY OF CUDAHY

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (8/6)

Community Celebration National Night Out

The City of Cudahy is excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual National Night Out at Cudahy Park.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 06, 2024
5:00PM - 8:00PM

FREE HOTDOGS TO FIRST 100 RESIDENTS
FAMILY AND KID FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES
MUSIC - 'AUTENTICOS DE JEREZ'



City Outreach

Correspondence to Offer SCWP Presentations or Workshops:

1. League of California Cities

- Public Works, City Manager or Planning and Community Development Department's (or a particular Policy Committee)
- LA County Division Board of Directors or Division Members

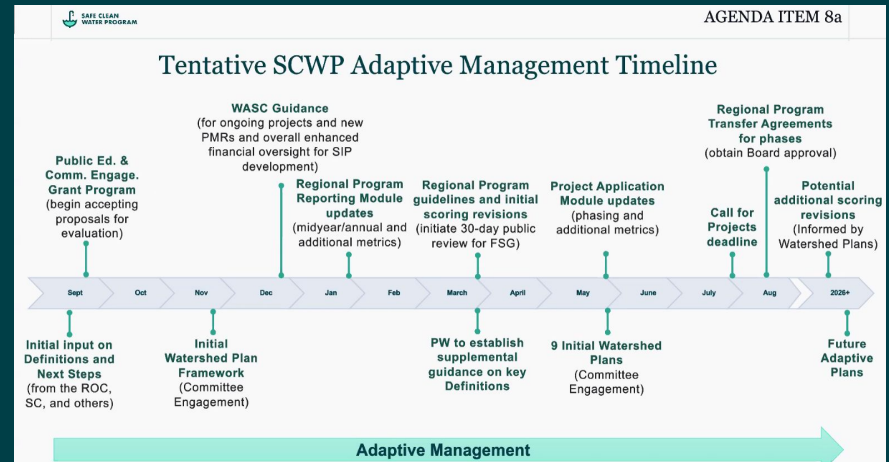
2. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

3. Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL)

- WELL UnTapped Fellows

Updated **LLAR Watershed City Public Works, who are not on the WASC**, about the overall **SCW Watershed Planning Process** and upcoming WASC Planning Session in October

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| 1. | Compton | 5. | Bell |
| 2. | Vernon | 6. | Pico Rivera |
| 3. | Huntington Park | 7. | Cudahy |
| 4. | Bell Gardens | 8. | Maywood |
| | | 9. | Signal Hill |



WATERSHED COORDINATOR MONTHLY MEETING (8/28)



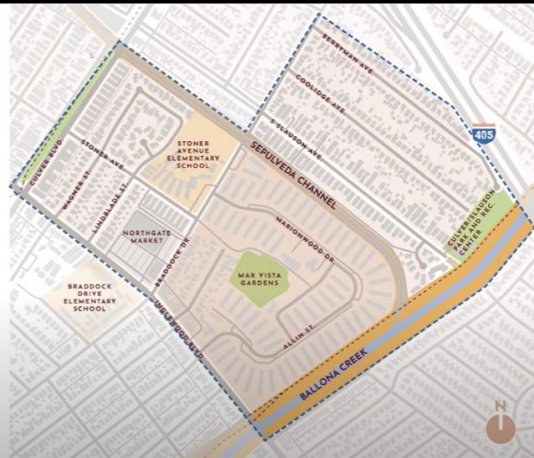
The Mar Vista Greenway Ballona Creek Community Greening Plan

plan area

Client:
Baldwin Hills and
Urban Watersheds
Conservancy

Timeline:
2.5 years

Deliverable:
Create a plan for broader greener
infrastructure improvements
along the MVG stretch of the
Creek, including design
development drawings for 3-5
sites



engaging displacement concerns



SCWP Funded Project News

Long Beach's Willow Springs Park Wetland Restoration and Expansion Project

TRP Applicant FY 21-22
Design IP Applicant FY 22-23

*"On August 13, 2024, the City Council voted to **dedicate a significant portion of Willow Springs Park as park space in perpetuity.***

The dedication of Willow Springs helps ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the fruits of our collective efforts to restore, preserve, and expand this native habitat."



Photo Credit: Long Beach Office of Sustainability