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Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 4:08 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA <SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Public Comment: USGR 6/26/25

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Dear Safe Clean Water Program Steering Committee,

My name is Alfredo Camacho, a longtime Pomona resident, and I had the privilege of serving as the first Watershed Coordinator for the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed during the initial cycle of the Safe Clean Water Program. I have served in many capacities in Pomona and at the county level. I'm writing today to express my strong support for Day One to continue serving in this critical role.

As someone who helped shape what the role of Watershed Coordinator could look like in our region, I understand how essential it is to have a Coordinator who not only understands the technical and policy goals of the Safe Clean Water Program, but also has the trust, credibility, and cultural fluency to authentically engage the communities most impacted by environmental injustice. Watershed Coordinators are meant to be connectors, facilitators who can translate community needs into viable projects and elevate the voices of those historically left out of infrastructure planning. That is exactly what Day One has done and continues to do with skill, compassion, and integrity.

Day One is more than just a capable nonprofit. They are a deeply rooted community-based organization with over 38 years of experience advancing environmental justice, public health, and youth leadership in the San Gabriel Valley. They understand that water infrastructure is not just about pipes and capture systems, it is about people, equity, and resilience. Their approach reflects that understanding, with multilingual outreach, culturally responsive engagement strategies, and partnerships that span youth groups, city departments, immigrant families, and nontraditional stakeholders.

Day One has demonstrated their ability to move projects forward while building genuine community ownership. They have supported local jurisdictions in designing multi-benefit solutions like green schoolyards, park improvements, and bicycle facilities, while also educating residents on how these projects directly impact their neighborhoods, health, and climate resilience. Their ability to convene partners across sectors, including cities, schools, public health, and grassroots organizations, is unmatched. Importantly, they also have the trust of youth and families in areas like Pomona and El Monte, where many residents are part of Disadvantaged Communities and face complex, overlapping environmental and socioeconomic challenges.

Having worked in the role myself, I know the steep learning curve and level of commitment it takes to make real progress. We need a Watershed Coordinator who can hit the ground running, can be flexible in communications to various audiences, and who understands the communities in the Watershed Area on a deeper level. Day One has already built that foundation. They have institutional knowledge, long-standing partnerships, and credibility in the community. In a program where equity and impact are deeply tied to trust, continuity matters.

For all these reasons, I strongly support the continued appointment of Day One as the Watershed Coordinator for the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed. They are not just the right fit, they are the best fit.

Sincerely,

Alfredo Camaho, MPP

Pomona Resident and Former Watershed Coordinator, Cycle 1

From: Azeneth Martinez <azeneth@lanatureforall.org>
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Dear Members of the USGR WASC,

Nature for All works to build a diverse base of support for ensuring that everyone in the Los Angeles area—no matter where they live—has equitable access to the wide range of benefits that nature can provide.

On behalf of Nature for All, we strongly support Day One's application for Watershed Coordinator. We have collaborated with Day One for several years and regularly hold events together. Its staff are noted leaders in youth advocacy, community engagement and coalition building, policy development and advocacy, and environmental health in the San Gabriel Valley. Day One is committed to the communities of the SGV and to improving the health of residents through multi-benefit projects.

Sincerely,

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Meeting: USGR WASC - 26 June 2025

Date: 6/20/2025

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Comments

To whom it may concern;

On behalf of Three Valleys, we support Day One's application for Watershed Coordinator in the USGR. Day One recently presented to our Board and we learned about the SCWP. I also know that Day One has a deep commitment to helping underserved communities. The agency is regularly present at community events and has made itself available to anyone wishing to learn more about water issues in the region. We are glad to have Day One as a partner and we know they will continue to advance the goals of the Safe, Clean Water Program.



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To the Safe Clean Water Program Review Committee,

Sustainable Claremont wholeheartedly supports Day One's application to host a watershed coordinator through the Safe Clean Water Program.

As an organization actively involved in environmental initiatives within the San Gabriel Valley, we have had the distinct privilege of witnessing firsthand the exceptional quality and impact of Day One's watershed education and outreach efforts. Their proven track record demonstrates a deep understanding of community engagement, effective educational strategies, and a genuine commitment to watershed health. They are also strategically located in the communities they serve.

Day One consistently delivers impactful programs that resonate with diverse audiences, fostering a greater understanding of critical water issues and inspiring actionable stewardship. Their ability to connect complex environmental concepts with tangible community benefits is truly remarkable.

Given their demonstrated expertise and invaluable contributions to watershed awareness and protection, we are confident that Day One is the ideal candidate to continue hosting a watershed coordinator. Their continued involvement would be a significant asset to the Safe Clean Water Program and the communities it serves.

Sincerely,





Public Comment Form

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Good afternoon, committee members. My name is Victor Preciado and I am the Council Member for District 2 in the City of Pomona. Pomona is the largest city in the Upper San Gabriel Watershed Area. I'm here to express my support for Day One's application for Watershed Coordinator. I have personally worked with Day One on a number of occasions and they have been instrumental in conducting outreach and engagement for the SCWP in Pomona. Day One has also helped advance two much-needed water infrastructure projects in Pomona: the Pedley Spreading Grounds and the Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project. Beyond the current success as watershed coordinators, Day One continues to be a strong partner to the City of Pomona by helping students and advocating for a green and environmentally resilient community. Day One has a deep commitment to helping under served communities and I believe they are best suited for this role.



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As a place-based community organization dedicated to realizing a more sustainable, equitable, and livable San Gabriel Valley, ActiveSGV is pleased to support Day One's application for Watershed Coordinator in the USGR.

ActiveSGV has collaborated with Day One to advance our shared goal of healthier, more active and vibrant communities for over a decade. As a result, we are very familiar with Day One's commitment to serving high-need communities in the SGV. With a 30-year history of community work in the region, Day One is well-known, respected, and trusted in the San Gabriel Valley. Day One staff also live and work in the region, often having extensive family roots in the SGV that further informs their community work. Day One staff are regularly present at community events, making themselves accessible to residents wishing to learn more about water and environmental issues in the region.

Thanks to these deep roots in the region, community-based DNA, and public health expertise, Day One is uniquely well-qualified to conduct watershed education and engagement to advance the goals of the Safe, Clean Water Program.

Thank you for your service and consideration,