



Date: August 13, 2025

To: Regional Oversight Committee

From: OWLA Core Team (Heal the Bay, LAANE, LA Waterkeeper, Nature for All, Pacoima Beautiful, The Nature Conservancy, and TreePeople)

RE: 2025 Education Programs

The OurWaterLA Coalition (OWLA) has long advocated for the prompt rollout of the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) Education programs- K-12, public education, and workforce development. In the last 12 months, we were pleased to have seen the successful rollout of the public education and community engagement grants program. There are [52 grants](#) that have been awarded through the three rounds of funding. While we don't expect there to be \$8.5 M worth of grants awarded every year to public education and community engagement, we do want to see the public education and community engagement program continue to flourish rather than be a one and done program. We are concerned that with the successful awarding of the initial funding pot, all attention will shift to the workforce development and K-12 education programs and the public education and community engagement program will be shelved.

Ideally, we would like to one day soon see all three programs operating simultaneously. Towards that goal, **we recommend that the ROC direct the District to establish an annual allocation to the public education and outreach program to keep its momentum while the District continues to work on rolling out the K-12 education and workforce development programs.** We look forward to seeing the K-12 education and workforce development programs rolled out and offer any support we can provide towards achieving that roll out.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to continuing our engagement with the Safe Clean Water Program to ensure a better water future for the region.

Sincerely,

The OurWaterLA Coalition

OurWaterLA is a diverse coalition of community leaders and organizations from across Los Angeles County united to create a strong water future for Los Angeles. Our goal is to secure clean, safe, affordable and reliable water for drinking, recreation and commerce now and for the future. We have a deep commitment to uphold the trust that voters had in us when passing this measure and that projects which achieve Safe Clean Water Program objectives of water quality, water supply, nature-based solutions and community investments are prioritized.