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I am pleased to offer my strong support for ActiveSGV's application to host a Watershed Coordinator. ActiveSGV has demonstrated consistent, measurable success in advancing high-impact public education campaigns, fostering meaningful community engagement, and building strong partnerships across diverse populations in the San Gabriel Valley. Their work has consistently bridged the gap between technical project needs and community priorities, ensuring that local voices—especially those from historically underrepresented groups—are heard and integrated into decision-making.

ActiveSGV's proven capacity for project development, funding coordination, and stakeholder collaboration—particularly on complex projects—directly aligns with the Watershed Coordinator's role in advancing the Safe Clean Water Program goals. They have a deep understanding of regional water challenges and opportunities, and they have built trusted relationships with community members, local governments, and partner organizations. This combination of expertise and trust uniquely positions them to effectively coordinate projects, secure resources, and ensure inclusive, equitable participation in program implementation.

Given their track record, commitment to environmental stewardship, and skill in engaging a wide range of stakeholders, I am confident ActiveSGV would excel in the role of Watershed Coordinator and make significant contributions toward achieving cleaner waterways, healthier communities, and a more sustainable future.

Public Comment

From: Jorge Rivera <jorge@healingandjusticecenter.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 2:46 PM

To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA <SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov>

Subject: Public Comment: Rio Hondo 8/19/25" by August 18th, 5:00 pm

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Good afternoon, Committee Members,

My name is Jorge Rivera, representing the Healing and Justice Center (HJC), a worker self-directed nonprofit committed to supporting BIPOC individuals, communities, and organizations by facilitating safe, healing, and connected spaces through programs, services, and advocacy that promote sustainable healing and justice practices. Our mission is rooted in dismantling systems of oppression, fostering collective wellness, and envisioning communities where everyone can thrive.

I am writing to express my strong support for Active San Gabriel Valley (ActiveSGV) to be selected as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee.

ActiveSGV's proven expertise in community engagement, project development, and resource coordination deeply aligns with the core objectives of the Safe Clean Water Program. Their track record of connecting residents, technical experts, and decision-makers ensures equitable participation in watershed planning and implementation—critical to building climate-resilient, healthy communities.

In our experience partnering with ActiveSGV, we have witnessed their ability to authentically engage diverse communities in the San Gabriel Valley, including historically underserved populations. Their work fosters environmental stewardship while addressing the interconnected needs of public health, equity, and sustainability—values that strongly resonate with our own.


As an organization that integrates healing justice with environmental and social equity, we recognize the value of having a Watershed Coordinator who not only brings technical expertise but also prioritizes meaningful community participation. ActiveSGV has consistently demonstrated this balance, making them exceptionally qualified for the role.

We urge the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee to select ActiveSGV as the Watershed Coordinator, confident that their leadership will advance both the ecological health of our watershed and the wellbeing of the communities it serves.


Thank you for your time and consideration.


In peace and wellness,


Jorge Rivera
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Public Comment

From: Vinita V. Pugal <vinita@designodal.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 10:43 AM

To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA <SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov>

Subject: Public Comment_Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee_ActiveSGV

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SUBJECT: Public Comment for ActiveSGV_Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee

Good morning!

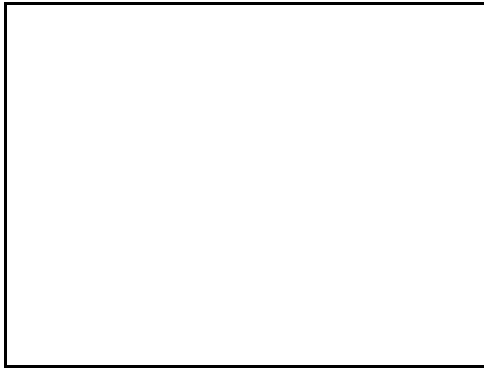
My name is Vinita Pugal, representing Sustainable Claremont as a Board Member. [Sustainable Claremont](#) engages people in education and action to create a more sustainable community – environmentally, socially, and economically. I am also representing [Designodal, Inc.](#) as a Founder. Designodal, Inc. drives social and environmental impact by connecting designers with local artists, creatives, and nonprofits.

I am reaching out to you to express my support for Active San Gabriel Valley to be selected as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee.

ActiveSGV's skill set and experience align strongly with the Watershed Coordinator duties and responsibilities to connect potential applicants with technical resources. ActiveSGV possesses the necessary expertise in project development, funding coordination, and community engagement to ensure diverse participation and the effective implementation of the Safe Clean Water program goals.

We at Sustainable Claremont have had a positive partnership and experience working with ActiveSGV, collaborating on various local events and advancing shared sustainability goals and values to create a meaningful impact in the community.

We urge you to select ActiveSGV as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed area. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Thank you.

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Public Comment

From: Rene Jimenez <rjimenez@sgvcorps.org>

Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 12:38 PM

To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA <SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov>

Subject: Public Comment: Rio Hondo 8/19/25- Support for Active San Gabriel Valley Watershed Coordinator Selection

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Good afternoon, committee members,

My name is Rene Jimenez, representing the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps. The mission of the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC) is to develop and transform disadvantaged youth in the San Gabriel Valley by providing academic, vocational, and leadership development while also employing them to provide valuable services to improve their communities and the natural environment.

I am calling in today to express my support for Active San Gabriel Valley to be selected as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee.

ActiveSGV's skill set and experience align strongly with the Watershed Coordinator duties and responsibilities to connect potential applicants with technical resources. ActiveSGV possesses the necessary expertise in project development, funding coordination, and community engagement to ensure diverse participation and the effective implementation of the Safe Clean Water program goals.

We have worked with Active SGV on a wide range of projects such as the Merced Greenway project, Forest Resilience and Youth Engagement (FRYE) program which reduced hazardous vegetation in the Angeles National Forest and many others in the San Gabriel Valley.

We urge you to select ActiveSGV as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed area. If you have any questions please feel free to reach me at (714)-365-1097 or via email at rjimenez@sgvcorps.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Rene M. Jimenez

Associate Director, Mentor, and Coach

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Public Comment

From: Lina Mira <lmira@latinolatinaroundtable.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 12:28 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA <SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Watershed Coordinator for Rio Honda Watershed area

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I represent the Latino and Latina Roundtable and I am writing to express my support for Active San Gabriel Valley to be selected as the coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed area. They are a local nonprofit in the area that is well known, trusted, and respected by the community and partners at large. I have the pleasure to collaborate with Active SGV and have seen the work and response from the community members. I believe they have the skills and capacity to ensure the success of this water project and be part of the steering committee.

Their skills and experience align with the duties that the coordinator would be responsible for. They possess the necessary expertise along with strong community support and credibility which would ensure effective implementation of the State Clean Water program goals.

Our organization's values are very much aligned with Active SGV. We promote the wellbeing of our community and advocate for improvements to the quality of life of those living in the San Gabriel Valley.

We urge you to select Active SGV as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed area. Thank you for your time and efforts to ensure the careful and fair selection of the coordinator.

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Lina Mira
Executive Director

Lmira@latinolatinaroundtable.org
(909) 480-6267

**Latino & Latina
Roundtable**
of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley



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Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee

August 15th, 2025

Dear Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee,

Amigos de los Rios would like to advocate for the renewal of the Richard Watson & Associates to continue their contract to serve as the Watershed Coordinators for the Rio Hondo.

In our 22 years of work in the non-profit sector we have interfaced with a wide range of program liaisons, in our experience the RWA team is absolutely top notch. They are highly effective communicators, proactive advocates for meaningful community based multi-benefit stormwater projects. Mr. Watson leverages decades of experience in the storm water industry and has consistently provided actionable suggestions, valuable and incisive advice to us as a community based natural infrastructure implementation group.

We seek to prototype cutting edge nature-based stormwater solutions and to help catalyze systemic change in greening of school yards and other urban community-based projects. RWA was instrumental in organizing a tour of the Plymouth Watershed Discovery School, as an effective way to share the multi benefit vision with a broad multi-disciplinary group of stakeholders. This tour raised awareness, understanding and fostered productive conversations and connections which will lead to additional meaningful school multi benefit school projects.

Richard Watson and his team are exceptionally focused and responsive about Safe Clean Water processes and opportunities. He serves as a consistent inspiration to our staff of next generation leaders in the field of sustainable storm water management.

We could not recommend Richard Watson and Associates more heartily to continue as the Rio Hondo Watershed Coordinators for the Safe Clean Water Program.

Sincerely,

Claire Robinson

Managing Director

65 South Grand Avenue, Pasadena, California 91105

Public Comment

From: Pasadena CSC <pasadenacompletestreets@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 1:31 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA <SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Public Comment: Rio Hondo 8/19/25

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Dear committee members,

Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition is sharing our support for Active San Gabriel Valley to be selected as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee.

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We urge you to select ActiveSGV as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed area. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Public Comment

From: Veronica Padilla <vpadilla@pacoimabeautiful.org>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 3:35 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA <SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Public Comment: Rio Hondo 8/19/25

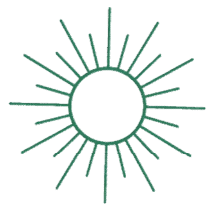
Greetings,

On behalf of Pacoima Beautiful, and environmental justice organization serving the northeast San Fernando Valley, I would like to submit our strong support for Active San Gabriel Valley to be selected as the Watershed Coordinator for the [Rio Hondo Watershed area as part of the Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water program](#).

As a member of the Upper LA River WASC, I understand the importance of The Watershed Coordinators. Active SGV under the leadership of David Diaz will take the responsibility seriously and provide the community the support they need for project development, funding coordination, and meaningful community engagement to ensure diverse participation and the effective implementation of the Safe Clean Water program goals.

If you need anything else, please feel free to contact me.

Best,



**Pacoima
Beautiful**

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From: Noel McCarthy <noeljmccarthy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 3:52 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA <SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Rio Hondo

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I am writing to support Active San Gabriel Valley to be selected as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee. ActiveSGV's skill set and experience align strongly with the Watershed Coordinator duties and responsibilities to connect potential applicants with technical resources. ActiveSGV possesses the necessary expertise in project development, funding coordination, and community engagement to ensure diverse participation and the effective implementation of the Safe Clean Water program goals.

I urge you to select ActiveSGV as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed area. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Noel McCarthy
323-376-0702

Public Comment

From: Kalayaan Mendoza <kalayaan@mobilityjustice.org>

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 4:07 PM

To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA <SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov>

Subject: Support for Active San Gabriel Valley Watershed Coordinator Selection

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Good afternoon, Committee Members,

My name is Kalayaan Mendoza, Lead Organizer with People for Mobility Justice (PMJ). PMJ's mission is to work towards a city, state, and world where all, especially Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities have the access, safety, dignity, freedom, and self-determination to move in public space.

I am emailing to express my support for Active San Gabriel Valley to be selected as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee.

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We urge you to select ActiveSGV as the Watershed Coordinator for the Rio Hondo Watershed area. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kalayaan

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Kalayaan Mendoza

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Senior Mobility Justice Organizer

[People for Mobility Justice](#)