

Lower San Gabriel River

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, May 13, 2025
10:00am – 12:00pm
Lakewood City Hall Executive Board Room
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present

CJ Caluag, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)
Madeline Chen, Central Basin (Agency)
Asha Kreiling, Water Replenishment District (Agency)
*Alysha Chan, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Agency)
Todd Leland, City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation (Agency)
*David Sall, Conservation Corps of Long Beach (Community), Co-Chair
Adam Galia, Resident (Community)
Gabrielle Weeks, Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment (Community)
Ariel Pe, Business (Community)
Len Gorecki, Bellflower (Municipal)
Sofia Taylor, Cerritos (Municipal)
Dan Mueller, Downey (Municipal), Co-Chair
*Konya Vivanti, Lakewood (Municipal)
Wataru Kumagai, Long Beach (Municipal)
Joseph Venzon, Unincorporated Los Angeles County (Municipal)
Leon Vasquez, Whittier (Municipal)
Kekoa Anderson, Ohana Vets (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Committee Members Not Present

Mark Stanley, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (Community)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

1) Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Dan Mueller of the Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) staff conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx and facilitated the roll call of Committee Members. Public Works staff made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2025

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from March 11, 2025. Member Asha Kreiling motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Madeline Chen. The Committee voted to approve the March 11, 2025 meeting minutes with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 2 in abstention, and 2 absent at the time of the vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet attached).

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

Public Works staff provided an update, noting:

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- The Call for Projects deadline for FY26-27 is July 31. Informational sessions will be held virtually on May 21 from 9:00am to 11:00am and May 22 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Both sessions will contain the same information. For proposed projects involving Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) infrastructure or facilities, the deadline to request a letter for conceptual approval from LACFCD is May 31.
- FY24-25 Mid-Year Reports covering July to December 2024, were due in February. Project and Study Developers must address comments and resubmit as soon as possible, regardless of receiving funds, having expenditures or activities, or having executed the Funds Transfer Agreement.
- The Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting will be held on May 14 at 1:00pm. The ROC will receive updates from the Watershed Planning ROC Water Quality and Community Investment Benefits and Benefit Ratio Watershed Planning Working Groups. The meeting will also include an update from Watershed Coordinators. To view meeting details, please visit the ROC events on the [SCW Program website](#).
- FY25-26 Municipal Annual Plans were due on April 1.
- The 2024 Municipal Transfer Agreements are being processed and executed by Public Works staff. The fifth disbursements are ongoing. Cities will need to comply with all reporting requirements to receive the fifth disbursement.
- A Metrics & Measures section has been added as a section in the Municipal Program Reporting Module. The SCW Program is hosting a virtual workshop on May 15 that will provide an overview of the Reporting Module and the Metrics & Measures tile functionality. Municipalities received an email with instructions to fill out the section along with a link to the [workshop event page](#); the information should be filled out by June 16.

4) Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator Kekoa Anderson and Jim Cluxton (Ohana Vets) shared an update on the latest engagement and outreach in the LSGR WASC. Highlights included:

- Understanding current efforts and potential for partnership with elementary schools, for instance, leveraging the educational trailer for field trips
- Creating a preliminary leverage funding analysis for projects in the Watershed Area
- Meeting with the Watershed Coordinator working groups (Schools and Stormwater, Tribal Allyship, Post-Fire Recovery)

Co-Chair Mueller suggested that the WASC add funding strategy conversations as a future agenda item to understand the Watershed Coordinator findings.

5) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

There were no ex parte communications.

6) Discussion Items

a) Watershed Planning Phase 3

Public Works' Watershed Planning Team (Watershed Planning Team) provided a presentation on the Watershed Planning efforts to date. Presentation slides are available on the SCW Program [website](#). Highlights from the presentation include:

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- The Initial Watershed Plans in development will include targets, strategies, actions, and opportunities to address Watershed Area (WA) Needs and achieve the Safe Clean Water (SCW) Program's Goals. WA Needs are determined as the difference between targets and the benefit baselines of previously funded SCW Program projects. Strategies explain how to meet the WA Needs, actions outline what types of projects or programs to implement, and Opportunities identify where to implement projects for the highest impact.
- A companion to the Initial Watershed Plans, an online Watershed Planning Tool (Planning Tool) is in development that consists of a Planning Map and Dashboard, which will support visualization of Opportunities and track progress toward the established targets and WA Needs. Composite layers in the Planning Map will assist in identifying multi-benefit opportunities, which combine various Planning Themes (based on the SCW Program Goals) such as drought preparedness, public health improvement, nature-based solutions, and equitable benefit distribution.

Upon inquiry, the Watershed Planning Team noted that in the absence of a broader initiative's target to contribute towards, establishing Watershed Planning targets relies on analysis that includes determining the cumulative benefits baselines and forecasts of SCW Program funded projects.

The Watershed Planning Team conducted a tutorial of the partially functioning Planning Tool and asked the WASC how they envisioned using it. The timeline for the Planning Tool and related plans was discussed, with the Watershed Planning Team indicating that the final tool would be available in early 2026.

Member Galia suggested including environmental commissioners in the outreach strategy to ensure appointed officials are informed of the Watershed Planning effort. Upon inquiry about the accuracy and long-term management of the data in the Planning Tool, the Watershed Planning Team explained that the data would be updated as new projects are funded and additional information from existing projects is collected. In the meantime, the Watershed Planning Team shared that this ongoing data collection will support Adaptive Management planning beyond 2026, allowing for strategic refinement of previous efforts, and confirmed that the tools and documents will be updated as appropriate.

The Watershed Planning Team shared that some projects outside the SCW Program still contribute to SCW Program Goals and added that their successes may be highlighted in the future. The Watershed Planning process is expected to create synergies between better project selection and deeper community engagement.

Upon inquiry, The Watershed Planning Team clarified that the internal process to determine targets is based on an analysis and does not require formal approval, but the draft Initial Watershed Plans will be made available for public review in the Fall.

Mike Antos (Stantec, Watershed Planning) facilitated a discussion on the potential use of the Initial Watershed Plans and Planning Tool, followed by a demonstration of the CSNA Survey and Dashboard. A WASC Member volunteered to take the survey live during the meeting.

Upon inquiry, Antos explained that Project CSNA Survey and Dashboard could be helpful for Project Applicants and Project Developers to provide meaningful engagement but will not alone fulfill requirements. Project Developers, for example, could use CSNA Dashboard insights as a starting point to conduct further community outreach and engagement.

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The Watershed Planning Team shared the updated Watershed Planning Timeline, noting that Initial Plans will be available for a 30-day Public Review in the Fall, presented to the WASC later in the Fall, and published in early 2026. Committee members were encouraged to direct any questions related to Watershed Planning to watershedplanning@pw.lacounty.gov.

7) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

8) Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 10 from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

9) Adjournment

Co-Chair Mueller thanked Committee Members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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	Quorum Present					Voting Items (see meeting minutes for additional details)
Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve 3/11/2025 Meeting Minutes
Agency	Los Angeles County FCD	CJ Caluag	x	Daniel Bradbury		y
Agency	Central Basin	Madeline Chen	x	Braden Yu		y
Agency	Water Replenishment District	Asha Kreiling	x	Jenn Swart		y
Agency	Sanitation Districts	Francisco Guerrero		Alysha Chan	x	
Agency	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Todd Leland	x	Stephen Scott		y
Community Stakeholder	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Dan Knapp		David Sall	x	a
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Adam Galia	x			
Community Stakeholder	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Mark Stanley				
Community Stakeholder	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environm	Gabrielle Weeks	x			y
Community Stakeholder	Business	Ariel Pe	x			y
Municipal Members	Bellflower	Len Gorecki	x			a
Municipal Members	Cerritos	Sofia Taylor	x	Sergio Huizar		y
Municipal Members	Downey	Dan Mueller	x			y
Municipal Members	Lakewood	Kelli Pickler		Konya Vivanti	x	y
Municipal Members	Long Beach	Wataru Kumagai	x	Alexa Reasoner		y
Municipal Members	Unincorporated	Joseph Venzon	x	Fred Gonzalez		y
Municipal Members	Whittier	Leon Vasquez	x	Jim Homet		y
Watershed Coordinator Non-Voting Member	Watershed Coordinator	Kekoa Anderson	x	Traci Gleason		
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yes (Y)	12
Total Voting Members Present		16			No (N)	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	2
Community Stakeholder		4			Total	14
Municipal Members		7				Approved

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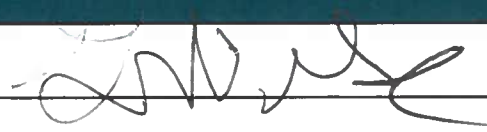
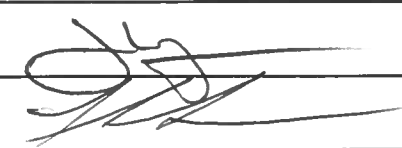

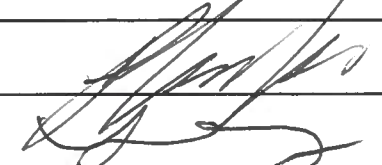
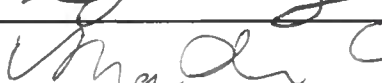



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Adam Galia	Resident	Primary	
Alexa Reasoner	Long Beach	Alternate	
Alysha Chan	Sanitation Districts	Alternate	
Ariel Pe	Business	Primary	
Asha Kreiling	Water Replenishment District	Primary	
CJ Caluag	Los Angeles County FCD	Primary	
Dan Knapp	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Primary	
Dan Mueller	Downey	Primary	
Daniel Bradbury	Los Angeles County FCD	Alternate	
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Gabrielle Weeks	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Primary	
Jenn Swart	Water Replenishment District	Alternate	
Jim Homet	Whittier	Alternate	
Joseph Venzon	Unincorporated	Primary	
Kekoa Anderson	Watershed Coordinator	Primary	
Kelli Pickler	Lakewood	Primary	
Konya Vivanti	Lakewood	Alternate	
Len Gorecki	Bellflower	Primary	
Leon Vasquez	Whittier	Alternate	
Madeline Chen	Central Basin	Primary	
Mark Stanley	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Primary	
Sergio Huizar	Cerritos	Alternate	

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Sofia Taylor	Cerritos	Primary	<i>Sofia Taylor</i>
Stephen Scott	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Alternate	
Todd Leland	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Primary	<i>T. Leland</i>
Traci Gleason / Jim Cluxton	Watershed Coordinator	Alternate	<i>Jim Cluxton</i>
Wataru Kumagai	Long Beach	Primary	<i>Wataru Kumagai</i>