

# Lower San Gabriel River

## Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

### Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, July 8, 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)  
Francisco Guerrero, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Agency)  
\*David Sall, Conservation Corps of Long Beach (Community), Co-Chair  
Gabrielle Weeks, Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment (Community)  
Sofia Taylor, Cerritos (Municipal)  
Dan Mueller, Downey (Municipal), Co-Chair  
\*Konya Vivanti, Lakewood (Municipal)  
Joseph Venzon, Unincorporated Los Angeles County (Municipal)  
Leon Vasquez, Whittier (Municipal)  
Kekoa Anderson, OhanaVets (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

#### Committee Members Attending Virtually

\*Alexa Reasoner, Long Beach (Municipal)

#### Committee Members Not Present

Danielle Lewis, City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation (Agency)  
Adam Galia, Resident (Community)  
Mark Stanley, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (Community)  
Ariel Pe, Business (Community)  
Len Gorecki, Bellflower (Municipal)

\*Committee Member Alternate

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

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### **1) Welcome and Introductions**

Dan Mueller, Co-Chair 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.

Member Alexa Reasoner attended online and provided just cause under AB 2449.

### **2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025**

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from May 13, 2025. Member David Sall motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Gabrielle Weeks. Member Asha Kreiling requested a revision to correct the statement of Watershed Coordinator Kekoa Anderson's attendance to the Water Replenishment District's Groundwater Festival. The Committee voted to approve the May 13, 2025 meeting minutes with revisions, with 10 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 2 in abstention, and 0 absent at the time of the vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet attached).

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### 3) Committee Member and Program Updates

Public Works staff provided an update, noting:

- Applications for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY25-26) Low Income Senior Owned Exemptions and General Income Based Tax Reductions were due on May 1. For more information, see the Exemptions and Reductions section of the [SCW Program website](#).
- The Call for Projects deadline for FY26-27 is July 31, 2025. Informational sessions were held virtually on May 21 and May 22. The Projects Application Module is now live for Infrastructure Program Project, Technical Resources Program (TRP) Project Concept, and Scientific Study Applicants, and Applicants can start populating Applications. More information is available on the [Call for Projects webpage](#).
- The Regional Program Annual Report (covering July 2024 to June 2025) is due on August 15. Project Developers and Scientific Studies (approved in Board-approved SIPs) should submit reports regardless of receiving funds, having expenditures or activities, or having executed the Funds Transfer Agreement. Project and Study Developers will receive email notifications, including an announcement of the release of the online Annual Report in the Reporting module, once available.
- The upcoming Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting will take place on July 9 at 1:00pm where the ROC will be reviewing the last five of the nine SIPs. The SIP for LSGR has been recommended for approval by the ROC at the June meeting. The SIPs are anticipated to go to the Board in Fall 2025.
- A Metrics & Measures section has been added to the Municipal Program Reporting Module. This Metrics & Measures section collects data for performance metrics specific to Municipal Program activities to align with and inform the Watershed Planning efforts and SCW Program progress assessments. The SCW Program hosted a virtual workshop on May 15 that provided an overview of the Reporting Module and the Metrics and Measures tile functionality. Municipalities received an email with instructions to fill out the section along with a link to the [workshop event page](#).
- The first and second rounds of Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program proposals were awarded at a total of approximately \$6.1 million. To see a list of approved proposals for Round 1 and 2 of the Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program, please visit the [Water Foundation Website](#). The final deadline for grant submissions was April 4, 2025 and is now closed.
- The Quarter 4 (Q4) 2025 Funding Report has been posted to the SCW Program website under the [Resources tab](#). In support of Public Works, the Regional Coordination team prepares quarterly funding reports that include a high-level overview of recent funding policy highlights and a funding matrix that shares currently active and upcoming funding opportunities that may be relevant to SCW Program projects. Public Works staff and Regional Coordination are actively tracking activity to better understand impacts to future funding.

Public Works' Watershed Planning staff also shared an update on Watershed Planning, noting:

- Drafts of the Initial Watershed Plans and the partially functioning Planning Tool will be available for a 30-day public review period in the Fall. In the Fall, after the comment period, Watershed Planning staff will present the Initial Watershed Plans to each WASC and the ROC. In early 2026, the Initial Watershed Plans will be published.
- A new standalone Watershed Planning webpage on the [SCW Program website](#) is now live. It will house all prior and any upcoming resources related to the Watershed Planning effort.
- The Community Strengths & Needs Assessment (CSNA) Survey has been steadily gaining momentum in the last several months, due largely to engagement efforts led by the Watershed Coordinators. Since the CSNA's launch, 428 new survey responses have been collected, with 73 collected for the LSGR Watershed Area. A promotional toolkit has been developed and is available to anyone interested in utilizing and promoting the CSNA.

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- As part of Adaptive Management, the Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) Task Force and Blue Ribbon Panel are currently developing a standard NBS definition and criteria to fill current definitional gaps. Once available, these updates will be incorporated in future Watershed Planning efforts.
- Watershed Planning staff can be reached for questions at [watershedplanning@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:watershedplanning@pw.lacounty.gov).

#### **4) Watershed Coordinator Updates**

Watershed Coordinator updates were deferred to the next meeting to accommodate the Watershed Coordinator selection process.

#### **5) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure**

There were no ex parte communication disclosures.

#### **6) Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

#### **7) Discussion Items**

##### **a) Watershed Coordinator Selection**

##### **i. Process Overview**

Public Works staff provided an overview of the Watershed Coordinator Interview and Selection process. Presentation slides can be found on the [SCW Program website](#). There is one Watershed Coordinator position available for the LSGR Watershed. Three qualified proposers, OhanaVets, Inc. (OhanaVets), Barrios & Associates, LLC (Barrios & Associates), and Dudek, applied for the position. The LSGR WASC will select a primary and an alternate Watershed Coordinator.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff shared that the Rio Hondo (RH) WASC will be the final WASC to select a Watershed Coordinator, and that none of the three LSGR Watershed Coordinator proposers applied to the Watershed Coordinator position at the RH WASC. Public Works staff explained that an organization can have Watershed Coordinator contracts with multiple Watershed Areas, but an individual representative can only serve on one Watershed Area at a time. Ryanna Fossum (Stantec, Regional Coordination) provided Heal the Bay and SGA Marketing as examples, since both organizations have separate contracts in two Watershed Areas.

Public Works staff noted that Dudek and Barrios & Associates both applied to the Watershed Coordinator position at the Lower Los Angeles River WASC, with Dudek being selected as the Alternate Watershed Coordinator.

##### **ii. Interviews**

Public Works staff and WASC Members conducted interviews with the three proposers, who received the interview questions in advance.

Following the interviews, WASC Members remarked on the strengths of each proposer. Several WASC Members commended Dudek's presentation, technical, and grant-writing capabilities. WASC Members also highlighted Barrios & Associates' public affairs focus but expressed concern about their lack of technical expertise. Multiple WASC Members commented on OhanaVets' ability to build on past work if reappointed.

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and their interactive displays at community outreach events but raised concerns about vague metrics in current Watershed Coordinator presentations during LSGR WASC meetings.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff shared that the first term for Watershed Coordinator is one year with four 1-year renewal options, and that the WASC can sign a contract with the alternate Watershed Coordinator if the primary Watershed Coordinator is unable to fulfill their contract or if the WASC chooses not to renew. Public Works staff noted that the alternate can also choose not to sign the contract if offered.

#### **8) Public Comment Period**

Dawn Petschauer (City of Pasadena) expressed support for appointing Dudek as LSGR Watershed Coordinator, highlighting Dudek's experience with multi-benefit stormwater projects and commended the team's ability to connect with diverse audiences while distilling technical information.

#### **9) Voting Items**

##### **a) Selection of Watershed Coordinator for the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Area**

Before voting, WASC Members conducted three straw polls to gauge preferences for the Primary Watershed Coordinator.

Member Konya Vivanti made a motion to appoint OhanaVets as the Primary Watershed Coordinator, seconded by Member David Sall. The WASC voted to oppose the motion, with 4 votes in favor, 0 votes in abstention, and 8 votes opposed (not approved, see vote tracking sheet).

Member Kreiling made a motion to appoint Dudek as the Primary Watershed Coordinator, seconded by Member Madeline Chen. The WASC voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 votes in abstention, and 1 vote opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

Member Weeks made a motion to appoint OhanaVets as the Alternate Watershed Coordinator, seconded by Co-Chair Mueller. The WASC voted to approve the motion with 12 votes in favor, 0 votes in abstention, and 0 votes opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

#### **10) Items for Next Agenda**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2025, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Items to be discussed at the next meeting include:

- a) Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs
- b) WASC Roles and Responsibilities
- c) FY24-25 Mid-Year Regional Reporting Summary

Public Works staff reiterated the importance of the attendance survey to ensure quorum at each LSGR WASC meeting.

#### **11) 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 5/13/2025 Meeting Minutes (with correction item 4)	Appoint Ohana Vets as the Primary Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Coordinator	Appoint Dudek as the Primary Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Coordinator	Appoint Ohana Vets as the Alternate Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Coordinator
Agency	Los Angeles County FCD	CJ Caluag	x	Daniel Bradbury		y	n	y	y
Agency	Central Basin	Madeline Chen	x	Braden Yu		a	n	y	y
Agency	Water Replentishment District	Asha Kreiling	x	Jenn Swart		y	n	y	y
Agency	Sanitation Districts	Francisco Guerrero	x	Alysha Chan		a	n	y	y
Agency	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Danielle Lewis		Todd Leland					
Community Stakeholder	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Dan Knapp		David Sall	x	y	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Adam Galla							
Community Stakeholder	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Mark Stanley							
Community Stakeholder	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Gabrielle Weeks	x			y	n	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Business	Ariel Pe							
Municipal Members	Bellflower	Len Gorecki							
Municipal Members	Cerritos	Sofia Taylor	x	Sergio Huizar		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Downey	Dan Mueller	x			y	n	y	y
Municipal Members	Lakewood	Kelli Pickler		Konya Vivanti	x	y	y	n	y
Municipal Members	Long Beach	Wataru Kumagai		Alexa Reasoner	x	y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Unincorporated	Joseph Venzon	x	Fred Gonzalez		y	n	y	y
Municipal Members	Whittier	Leon Vasquez	x	Jim Homet		y	n	y	y
Watershed Coordinator									
Non-Voting Member	Watershed Coordinator	Kekoa Anderson	x	Traci Gleason					
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yes (Y)	10	4	11	12
Total Voting Members Present		12			No (N)	0	8	1	0
Agency		4			Abstain (A)	2	0	0	0
Community Stakeholder		2			Total	12	12	12	12
Municipal Members		6				Approved	Not Approved	Approved	Approved

**Webex Attendees**  
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Alexa Reasoner - City of Long Beach	James	Leslie Martinez - LACPW	Richard Watson
Amelia Milano	JonPaul Sarro - SCW Watershed Planning	Luis	Ryanna Fossum
David	Jose L Escajeda	MB	Stephanie
David Coghiel	Julie Millett	Marisela Velasquez	Theodore Von Bitner
Denise Dolor	Kerry Quinlan	Mei-Lin Hanna JLHA	dawn petschauer
Emily Rosales	LSGR WASC	Michelle Kim	
Fred Gonzalez - LA County	LSGR WASC - Host	Oliver Galang Craftwater	
Hans Tremmel - Brown and Caldwell	Lauren Anderson	Pablo Forni	

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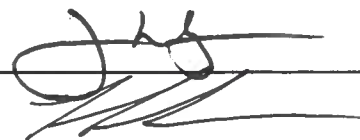

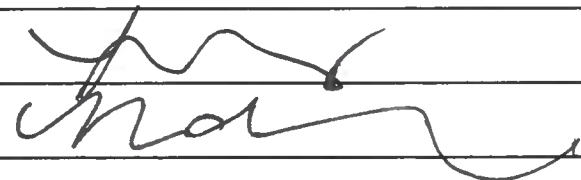
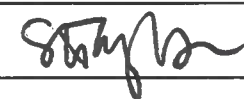


Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Adam Galia	Resident	Primary	
Alexa Reasoner	Long Beach	Alternate	
Alysha Chan	Sanitation Districts	Alternate	
Ariel Pe	Business	Primary	
Asha Kreiling	Water Replenishment District	Primary	<i>Asha Kreiling</i>
Braden Yu	Central Basin	Alternate	
CJ Caluag	Los Angeles County FCD	Primary	<i>CJ Caluag</i>
Dan Knapp	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Primary	
Dan Mueller	Downey	Primary	<i>Dan Mueller</i>
Daniel Bradbury	Los Angeles County FCD	Alternate	
David Sall	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Alternate	<i>David Sall</i>
Francisco Guerrero	Sanitation Districts	Primary	<i>Francisco Guerrero</i>
Fred Gonzalez	Unincorporated	Alternate	
Gabrielle Weeks	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Primary	<i>Gabrielle Weeks</i>
Jenn Swart	Water Replenishment District	Alternate	

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Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
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	
Sofia Taylor	Cerritos	Primary	
Todd Leland	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Primary	
Traci Gleason	Watershed Coordinator	Alternate	
Wataru Kumagai	Long Beach	Primary	

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