



CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY - WC HIGHLIGHTS

WASC MEETING - NOVEMBER 2025



WC JULY- OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past few months (July through October), we have been focused on advancing engagement and implementation across the CSMB Watershed. We've continued:

- Reaching out to interested parties and new partners
- Assisting project proponents and supporting funded projects
- Expanding outreach and public awareness within our communities
- Hosting workshops and collaborative events

The following slides highlight a few key accomplishments and activities from this period. While these represent select examples, they reflect just a portion of the ongoing work and partnerships taking place throughout the watershed.

JULY UPDATES

- Assisted several applicants in preparing their submissions:
 - Infrastructure Program (IP)
 - i. City of Santa Monica – Memorial Park
 - ii. Natural History Museum – La Brea Tar Pits Hollywood Bowl
 - Technical Resources Program (TRP)
 - i. Del Rey Neighborhood Council – Culver Median Project



- We met with the recipients of the SCWP Public Education and Community Engagement grant through the **Water Foundation's Workshop** at Magic J. Johnson Park.
- We hosted our **Urban Watershed Working Group (UWWG)** meeting, which focused on **Proposition 4** and SCWP funding opportunities.
- We also co-hosted a virtual **Community Visioning Workshop** with **We Are R.I.S.E.**, an environmental youth organization, in partnership with the SSMB and LLAR Watershed Coordinators.

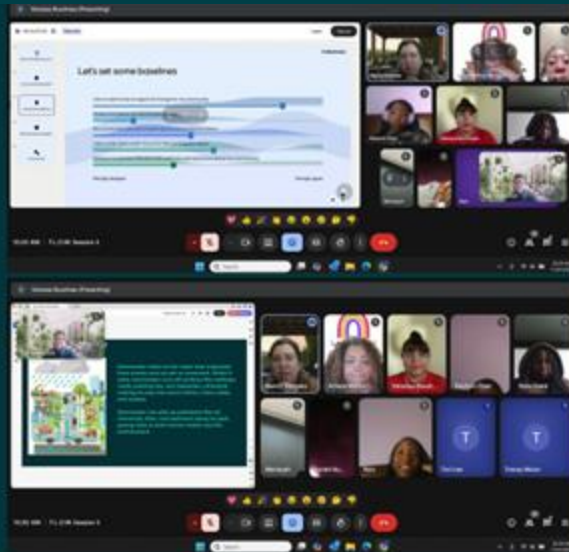


EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP 7/14/25

With Lower LA River, Central Santa Monica Bay and South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinators

We ARE RISE (8 Youth Participants)

WE ARE R.I.S.E. Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was established in South Los Angeles, CA. Our mission is to empower pre-adolescent to adolescent girls of color through equipping them with social, emotional and developmental skills they can use in their everyday lives. Areas of focus are self-awareness, personal health and well-being, education, and community philanthropy. The R.I.S.E. Acronym (Resilient, Intelligent, Successful and Empowered) is used as a mantra to provide our mentees with a number of affirmations to hold on to for the rest of their lives.



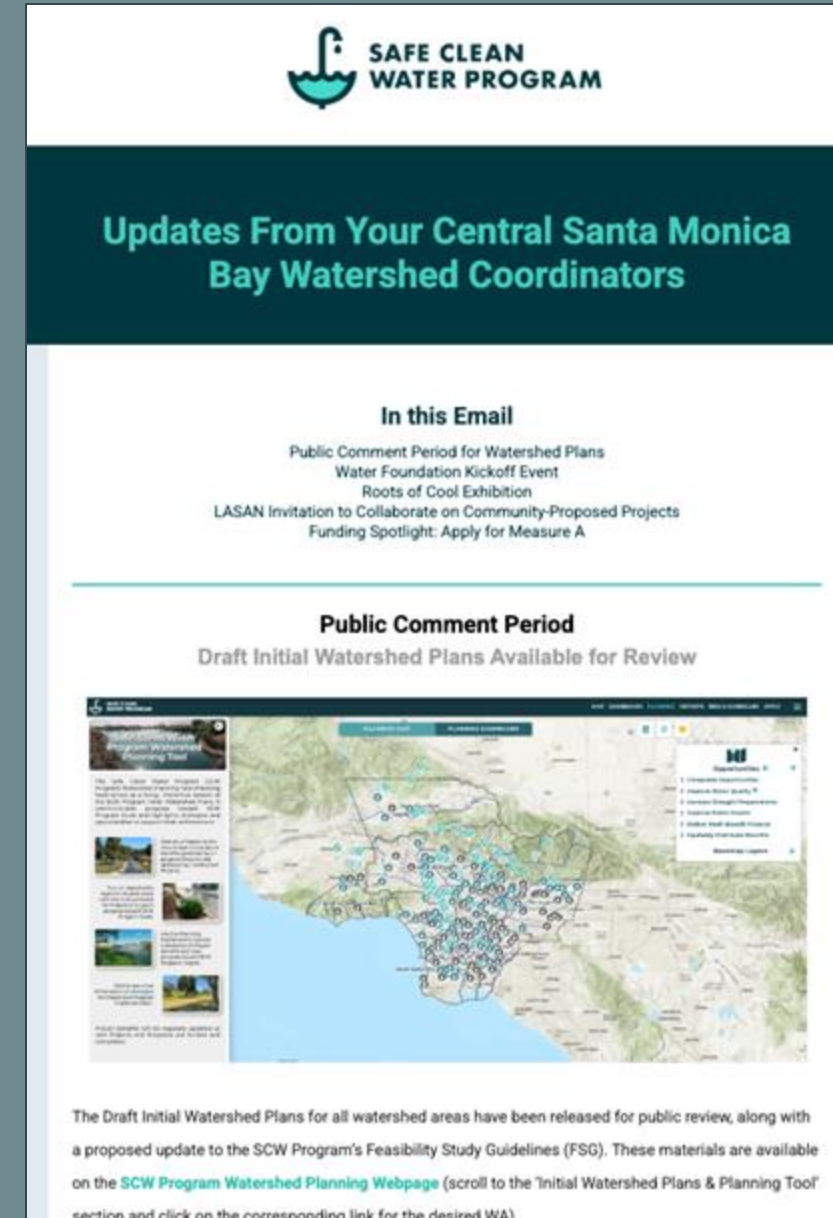
AUGUST UPDATES

- Partnered with the **Santa Monica–Malibu Unified School District (SMMSD)** and **Amigos de los Rios** to tour five schools in CSMB as potential TRP projects for next year. These schools have already received Community Engagement and Public Education grants from the Water Foundation.
- Participated and presented at **LA Waterkeeper's Workshop** for the CSMB Watershed to discuss regional priorities and engagement opportunities with local CBOs and nonprofit organizations.



SEPTEMBER UPDATES

- Met with **Community Engagement and Public Education grantees** from SCWP's Water Foundation grant within the CSMB Watershed. We hosted an information session to share insights about our watershed and provide a collaborative forum for grantees to exchange experiences and learn from one another.
- Assisted SCWP applicants in preparing for their **Scientific Study WASC presentations** by answering questions, reviewing draft presentations, and providing relevant resources.
- Developed and delivered quarterly **SCWP CSMB Newsletter**.



MICROPLASTICS TOUR



In collaboration with the SSMB and LLAR Watershed Coordinators, we hosted a Microplastics Tour at the DeForest Environmental Education Center in Long Beach, which drew 25 attendees. With support from Dr. Grey, a UCR professor and SCWP Scientific Study recipient, the tour provided education on impacts of pollution and ongoing research efforts to address microplastics in our waterways.

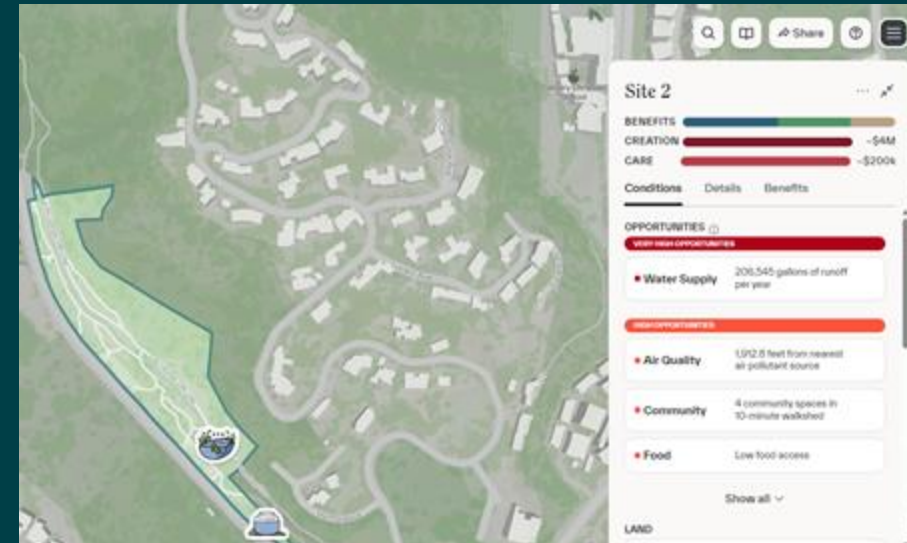
BLUE TABLE TALK EVENT



Our "Blue Table Talk" event was held at Will Rogers Park during Coastal Cleanup Day on September 20th. We spoke with local residents on what they wanted to see more of in LA County, discussed post-fire impacts in neighborhoods with the artist of the Palisades Fire Map and how stormwater projects can help make CSMB more resilient.

OCTOBER UPDATES

- Spoke with potential applicants, including **Resilient Palisades** and **Silver Lake Reservoir Conservancy**, about their project ideas in preparation for **the City of LA's Intake Form for Community Proposed Letter of Support requests**.
- Along with ULAR, SSMB, USGR, LSGR, and SC Watershed Coordinators, hosted a virtual **SCWP 101 Workshop** with recipients of the Public Education and Community Engagement grant.
- Conducted outreach at community events including Heal the Bay's October **Nothin' But Sand Cleanup** in Venice Beach and **West Basin's Water Harvest**.
- Provided the closing remarks at the **Clear Waters LA: Tackling Harmful Algal Blooms** summit.
- Hosted 7th **Urban Watershed Working Group** meeting with special guests from **sCOPE LA** and **Mujeres de la Tierra** discussed environmental justice and culturally relevant community outreach



THANK YOU



Heal the Bay

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