



LOWER LA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR

WASC Meeting - October 2025



**URBAN
ORCHARD
PARK
CITY OF
SOUTH GATE**

**Ribbon
Cutting
7/12/25**



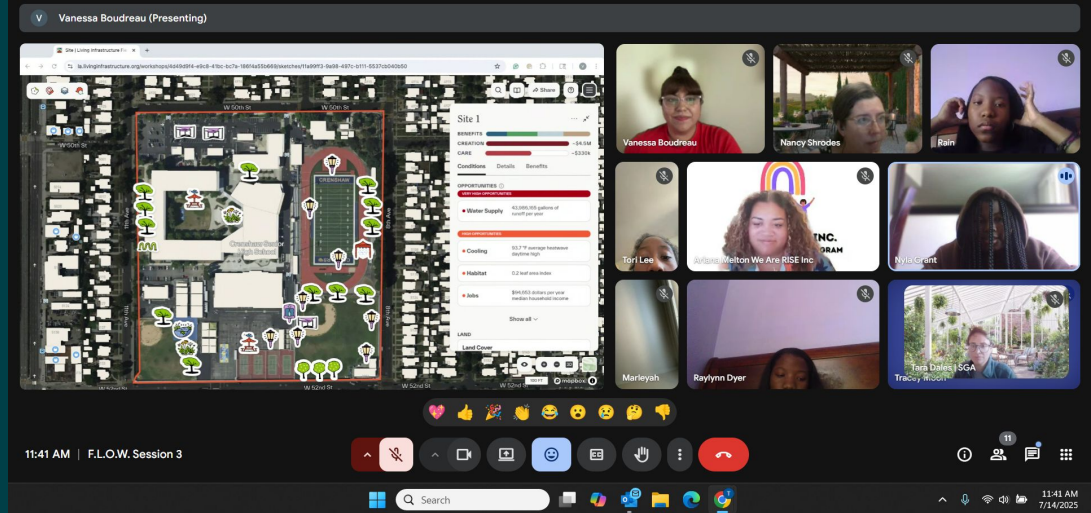


We ARE RISE (8 Youth Participants)

WE ARE R.I.S.E. Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was established in South Los Angeles, CA. Their mission is to empower pre-adolescent to adolescent girls of color through education and community philanthropy.



ARLA LIVING INFRASTRUCTURE TOOLKIT- Group Design





Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program

GRANTEE WORKSHOP 7/22/25



EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER LLAR WATERSHED ACADEMY

Lynwood Water Guardians

Safe Clean Water Program

Promotora-Community Leaders

*Development for Water and
Environmental Stewards*

Workshop 7/25/25 (17 Community Members)

Proyecto de Captura de Aguas Pluviales de Lynwood Park
Lynwood Park Stormwater Capture Project





Cal Poly Pomona

**Educational presentation
to 17 undergraduate
'Green Engineering'
students of Prof A.
Sharbat**

9/17/25

*Gave presentation in
collaboration with Upper
San Gabriel River
Watershed Coordinator,
James Cortes*





Untapped Fellowship Water Workshop, hosted by WELL and Assemblymember Mike Gipson, District 65

9/20/25

Gave presentation on
Safe Clean Water
Program and its funded
school greening
projects to ~ 25 elected
leaders




UNTAPPED LEGISLATIVE WATER WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 20, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Douglas F. Dollarhide Community Center | Room 217
301 N Tamarind Ave, Compton, CA 90220

How can we transform school campuses into living laboratories that conserve water, create greener neighborhoods, and inspire the next generation? What skills will the water workforce need in the coming decade, and how can we ensure our communities are ready? What innovations will shape California's water future, and how do we make sure these new technologies reach every neighborhood equitably?

Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL), is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to educating and engaging local elected officials on California's most pressing water issues. Hosted by graduates of the WELL UnTapped Fellowship program, this unique workshop provides an in-depth conversation about the future of water in Los Angeles County, exploring workforce development, emerging technologies, and innovative stormwater capture projects in our schools. The sessions will connect legislators, water agencies, educators, and community organizations as they discuss how to build an inclusive pipeline into water careers, how to leverage cutting-edge solutions such as advanced water recycling and stormwater capture, and how to make water education more accessible to students and families.

Co-hosted by:



Assemblymember
Mike Gipson
District 65



Mayor Emma Sharif
City of Lakewood,
Graduate, WELL UnTapped
Class of 2020



Juanita Doplemore
Trustee, Compton College
Graduate, WELL UnTapped
Class of Summer 2024



Renita Armstrong
Boardmember, Bellflower
Unified School District,
Graduate, WELL UnTapped,
Class of 2023



Joy Langford
Director, Water Replenishment District,
Graduate, WELL UnTapped
Class of Summer 2024

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Welcome WELL UnTapped Fellowship Water Workshop in Compton, California 2025



SCHEDULE		
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast, Networking, and Check-in
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Opening Remarks - Juanita Doplemore, Trustee, Compton Community College, and Graduate, WELL UnTapped, Class of 2024 - Emma Sharif, Mayor, City of Compton, and Graduate, WELL UnTapped, Class of 2020 - Victor Griego, President & Founder, WELL - Assemblymember Mike Gipson, District 65
9:30 AM	10:10 AM	Panel 1: Future of Water and Workforce in California Moderator: Joy Langford, Director, Water Replenishment District and Graduate, WELL UnTapped, Class of 2024 - Melissa Bahmampour, Director of Climate Resilience & Sustainability at Long Beach Community College - Mariam Johnson, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, Tomorrow's Talent
10:10 AM	10:50 AM	Panel 2: Future Technologies in Water Moderator: Cassandra Chase, Mayor, and Graduate, WELL UnTapped, Class of 2024 - Clyde Arcuan, Manager of Capital Delivery, California Water Service - Jacquelyn Sadejo, Chief Executive Officer, Watts Clean Air and Energy Committee
10:50 AM	11:30 AM	Panel 3: Water Education and Community Engagement Moderator: Renita Armstrong, Boardmember, Bellflower Unified School District and Graduate, WELL UnTapped, Class of 2023 - Tara Oakes, Watershed Coordinator for Lower LA Rivers, Council for Watershed Health - Bob Guzman, Senior Community Engagement Coordinator, United Parents and Students
11:30 AM	11:45 AM	Closing Remarks & Moment of Unity with De Colores Paul C. Hernandez, Executive Director, WELL
11:45 AM		Lunch

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MICROPLASTICS EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

9/27/25

In collaboration with SCWP funded SS applicant, Dr Andrew Gray (University of CA Riverside) and his graduate students and the Central Santa Monica Bay and South Santa Monica Bay watershed coordinators.

~ 25 attendees

SCIENTIFIC STUDY SUMMARY

Regional Program Projects Module

STUDY NAME	Microplastics in LA County Stormwater
STUDY LEAD(S)	Dr. Andrew Gray, University of California Riverside
SCW WATERSHED AREA(S)	Central Santa Monica Bay, Lower Los Angeles River, Lower San Gabriel River, South Santa Monica Bay
TOTAL SCW FUNDING REQUESTED	\$ 991,006.00



LOCATION:
The Environmental
Education Center at
DeForest Park, Long Beach
Along the Lower LA River





COMMUNITY TABLINGS

CITY OF BELL
Summer Concerts
(7/10/25)



CITY OF VERNON
National Night Out
(8/5/25)



UPCOMING:

Paramount Night Market (11/07)
South Gate Family Day (11/12)

SELECT STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Aug-Oct

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Reached out to Neighborhood Watch Programs of City of Huntington Park, Downey, South Gate, and Carson, 2 **Block Clubs in the City of Compton**, and the **Jackson Bret Harte Neighborhood Association** (JBHNA) in Long Beach to offer introductory SCWP meetings.

CITY STAFF

1. **Huntington Park**- Celica Quinones, Recreation Manager
2. **Paramount** - John Moreno, City Manager
3. **Long Beach**- Meredith Reynolds, Deputy City Manager,
4. **Downey**- Jason Chacon, Parks/Recreation Director
5. **Maywood**- John Thornton, Community Services Supervisor

COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS

1. **The Compton Initiative**- Todd Boquet
2. **Connecting Compton**- Hector Gomez & Daniel Zepeda
3. **Council for Watershed Health**- Debbie Enos & Eileen Alduenda
4. **East Yards for Environmental Justice**- Cindy Donis