

# Lower San Gabriel River

## Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

### Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, August 12, 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)  
Danielle Lewis, Long Beach Parks and Recreation (Municipal)  
Dan Knapp, Conservation Corps of Long Beach (Community), Co-Chair  
Adam Galia, Resident (Community)  
Gabrielle Weeks, Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment (Community)  
Chris Kuebert, Cerritos (Municipal)  
\*Lorena Powell, Downey (Municipal), Co-Chair  
\*Konya Vivanti, Lakewood (Municipal)  
\*Alexa Reasoner, Long Beach (Municipal)  
Noe Negrete, Bellflower (Municipal)  
Joseph Venzon, Unincorporated Los Angeles County (Municipal)  
Leon Vasquez, Whittier (Municipal)  
Kekoa Anderson, OhanaVets (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

#### Committee Members Not Present

Mark Stanley, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (Community)  
Ariel Pe, Business (Community)

\*Committee Member Alternate

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

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

Dan Knapp, 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.

### **2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2025**

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from July 8, 2025. Member Joseph Venzon motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Konya Vivanti. The Committee voted to approve the July 8, 2025 meeting minutes with 10 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 5 in abstention, and 0 absent at the time of the vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

### **3) Committee Member and Program Updates**

Member Asha Kreiling shared that the Water Replenishment District (WRD) published a fact sheet on their website that outlines water supply challenges within WRD's service area. The fact sheet highlights issues with infiltration in several watersheds and summarizes conditions of both confined and unconfined aquifers. The data has been shared with Public Works staff and the Regional Coordination team for potential

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integration into existing Watershed Planning Tools. The fact sheet can be found on the WRD website under [Technical Bulletin](#).

Public Works staff provided an update, noting:

- The Initial Watershed Plans will be open for public review on August 14. The Initial Watershed Plans will be posted on the SCW Program website under [Watershed Planning](#).

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

Watershed Coordinator Kekoa Anderson provided an update on recent and upcoming meetings, including Watershed Coordinator Tribal Allyship and Post Fire Working Group meetings. Watershed Coordinator Anderson expressed interest in gathering feedback from the WASC to better align priorities for the remaining five months on the current Watershed Coordinator contract.

#### **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) WASC Roles and Responsibilities**

Ryanna Fossum (Stantec, Regional Coordination) provided an overview of the SCW Program and WASC roles and responsibilities. Presentation slides can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).

Upon inquiry, Fossum clarified the 10% allocation to the District includes workforce development, education and engagement, K-12 education, and program administration. Fossum referred to the [Water Foundation Public Education and Community Engagement Grants](#) as an example. Committee Members expressed a desire for more updates and information around the education and workforce development components, particularly regarding the K-12 education efforts.

Upon inquiry, Fossum shared that the lack of Infrastructure Project (IP) applications for the LSGR WASC for the current round (FY26-27) could be due to Developers' awareness of limited available funding. Public Works staff showed the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) Tool on screen to provide an overview of current SIP allocations for LSGR, noting an 87% allocation of funds for the current Fiscal Year.

Public Works staff provided an overview of the Technical Resource Program (TRP). Fossum added that the identification of project concepts for TRP is one of the Watershed Coordinator tasks, and Watershed Coordinators would be on the Technical Assistance Team to support these Project Proponents. Upon inquiry, Fossum clarified the number of total projects that have been funded in the Watershed Area and shared that detailed percentage allocations can be found on the SIP Tool. Committee Members discussed how post-COVID funding is being used to complete existing projects, while raising concerns about future funding needs, particularly the challenge of supporting ongoing projects alongside new proposals.

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#### **b) Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs**

Committee Members discussed leadership roles and voiced a preference to have a Co-Chairs and Vice-Chair structure. Several Committee Members expressed support for both Co-Chair Knapp and Co-Chair Dan Mueller to remain Co-Chairs. Member Noe Negrete volunteered to be Vice-Chair.

#### **c) Regional Program Mid-Year Report Summary for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY24-25)**

Melanie Rivera (HDR) presented on the Regional Program Mid-Year Report for FY24-25. The reporting period spanned July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Rivera provided an overview of submitted Mid-Year Report Summaries and noted that most IP projects are in the planning and design phase. Presentation slides can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).

Committee Members expressed concern over the two projects that were missing Mid-Year Report Summaries, the Regional Pathogen Reduction Scientific Study (SS) and the La Habra Heights Stormwater Treatment and Reuse System Project and requested the Project Developers speak to the delays. Public Works staff also reminded the WASC of the consequences for not submitting a Mid-Year Report on time, including potential removal from a future SIP. Both Project Developers noted that delays were due to pending Transfer Agreements and Scope of Work approvals.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff explained that delays in the Fund Transfer Agreements are often due to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance or City Council approval. Committee Members agreed that submitting a partially completed summary is better than none, as it still demonstrates progress and accountability. Public Works staff reminded the Committee that project reporting is required, even if the Transfer Agreement is not executed.

Member Alexa Reasoner shared that the Transfer Agreement for the City of Long Beach Skylinks Golf Course at Wardlow Stormwater Capture Project (hereafter referred to as the Skylinks Project) is being drafted, following City of Long Beach approval and adoption of the project's CEQA document on July 10. Committee Members discussed CEQA timelines, and Member Reasoner shared that the CEQA process for the Skylinks Project has taken approximately one year.

Committee Members expressed concern over the gap between total awarded SCW Program funding from previous Board-approved SIPs and total expenditures from projects and studies, noting that Project Developers are not spending the funding awarded to the project. Public Works explained that the gap between funds awarded and funds received is largely due to the time required for Transfer Agreements, including time necessary to complete CEQA, and time required between WASC approval and approval by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Public Works staff noted that Project Developers are aware of the five-year timeline to spend allocated funds and added that if a project experiences significant delays, the WASC can decide to retract and reallocate the funding. Len Gorecki (City of Bellflower) referenced the Bellflower Simms Park Stormwater Capture Project and noted that it is experiencing delays due to space constraints in the field, as another large project nearby is being constructed. Committee Members supported including estimated completion timelines for design and construction in the Mid-Year Report and providing the opportunity for Project Developers to justify any delays.

Member Joseph Venzon explained that while the SIP includes a five-year funding projection, only the first year is guaranteed. Future years can be revisited annually, and funding is not guaranteed until the SIP is approved, as was the case with the Hermosillo Park Stormwater Capture Infiltration Project (hereafter referred to as Hermosillo Park Project) in the City of Norwalk. Member Venzon also emphasized the importance of accurate phasing and encouraged Project Developers to submit separate applications for different project phases. Public Works staff added that adding phasing in the application can reduce the amount of Project Modification Requests (PMRs).

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Mario Mera (City of Norwalk) and Run Chen (City of Norwalk) provided an update on the Hermosillo Park Project, noting that a design-build contractor is in place with a 90% design package under review by regulatory agencies. Chen noted that construction is scheduled to begin in November 2025 and finish by December 2027. Chen highlighted extensive community engagement efforts to surrounding residents. Member Adam Galia emphasized the value of informing residents that the project is funded by the SCW Program and requested that the WASC be invited to any related events.

#### **d) Summary of Submitted Scientific Studies for FY26-27**

Fossum provided an overview of submitted SS for FY26-27. Presentation slides can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).

Fossum confirmed that a third-party review of the SS will occur, and SS applicants will be invited back in November or December to provide a more detailed presentation. Public Works staff clarified that Committee Members will need login credentials to view applications in the Project Module at this time. The links to the SCW Project Module are not publicly accessible, but applications will be available in the Project Portal after completeness checks are finished. Public Works staff will send instructions to ensure Committee Members have access to the Project Module.

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

There were no public comments.

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

##### **a) Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs**

Member Vivanti made a motion to appoint Member Dan Knapp and Member Dan Mueller as Co-Chairs and Member Negrete as Vice-Chair, seconded by Member Weeks. The WASC voted to approve the motion, with 15 votes in favor, 0 votes in abstention and 0 votes opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

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

Public Works staff stated that the September meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2025, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Items to be discussed at the next meeting include:

##### **a) Watershed Planning Phase 4 Engagement**

Member Galia suggested the Committee consider shifting meetings from Tuesdays to Wednesdays due to scheduling conflicts. Public Works staff stated they would look into this if there were other Committee Members interested.

#### **11) Adjournment**

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

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## Quorum Present

Voting  
(see meeting minutes)

Approve  
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Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	
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	x	Alysha Chan		y
Agency	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Danielle Lewis	x	Todd Leland		y
Community Stakeholder	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Dan Knapp	x	David Sall		a
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Adam Galia	x			a
Community Stakeholder	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Mark Stanley				
Community Stakeholder	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Gabrielle Weeks	x	Ian Patton	x	a
Community Stakeholder	Business	Ariel Pe				
Municipal Members	Cerritos	Chris Kuebert	x	Sofia Taylor		y
Municipal Members	Downey	Dan Mueller		Lorena Powell	x	a
Municipal Members	Lakewood	Kelli Pickler		Konya Vivanti	x	y
Municipal Members	Long Beach	Wataru Kumagai		Alexa Reasoner	x	y
Municipal Members	Pico Rivera / Bellflower	Noe Negrete	x	Len Gorecki		a
Municipal Members	Unincorporated	Joseph Venzon	x	Fred Gonzalez		y
Municipal Members	Whittier / La Mirada	Leon Vasquez	x	Mark Rounds		y
Watershed Coordinator						
Non-Voting Member	Watershed Coordinator	Kekoa Anderson	x	Jim Cluxton		
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yes (Y)	10
Total Voting Members Present		16			No (N)	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	5
Community Stakeholder		4			Total	15
Municipal Members		7				Approved

**Webex Attendees**  
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Alysha Chan  
Andrew Gray UCR  
Andrew Kim  
Courtney Semlow  
Craig Doberstein  
Dusadee Corhiran  
Emily Huang Stantec  
G Kast  
Hugo Garcia JLHA

Jenny Chau  
Jonathan Ontiveros  
Leslie Martinez - LACPW  
Linnet Khechatoorian  
Lisa Skutecki  
LSGR WASC  
Luis  
Mayra Cabrera - LACPW  
Mei-Lin Hanna JLHA

Melanie Rivera  
Pablo Forni  
Richard Watson  
Ryanna Fossum  
Sofia Cardenas  
Theodore Von Bitner  
Veronica Carrillo  
Wataru Kumagai

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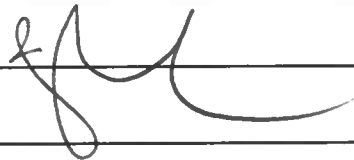



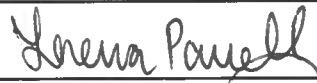

Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Adam Galia	Resident	Primary	
Alexa Reasoner	Long Beach	Alternate	
Alysha Chan	Sanitation Districts	Alternate	
Ariel Pe	Business	Primary	
Asha Kreiling	Water Replenishment District	Primary	
Braden Yu	Central Basin	Alternate	
Chris Kuebert	Cerritos	Primary	
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	
Danielle Lewis	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Primary	
David Sall	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Alternate	
Francisco Guerrero	Sanitation Districts	Primary	

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## COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SIGN-IN





Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Fred Gonzalez	Unincorporated	Alternate	
Gabrielle Weeks	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Primary	
Ian Patton	Resident	Alternate	
Jenn Swart	Water Replenishment District	Alternate	
Jim Cluxton	Watershed Coordinator	Alternate	
Joseph Venzon	Unincorporated	Primary	
Kekoa Anderson	Watershed Coordinator	Primary	
Kelli Pickler	Lakewood	Primary	
Konya Vivanti	Lakewood	Alternate	
Len Gorecki	Bellflower	Alternate	
Leon Vasquez	Whittier	Alternate	
Lorena Powell	Downey	Alternate	
Madeline Chen	Central Basin	Primary	
Mark Rounds	La Mirada	Alternate	

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Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Mark Stanley	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Primary	
Noe Negrete	Pico Rivera	Primary	
Sofia Taylor	Cerritos	Alternate	
Todd Leland	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Alternate	
Wataru Kumagai	Long Beach	Primary	

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## PUBLIC SIGN-IN

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\*Signing or completing this form is voluntary for members of the public

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