

Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting Minutes



Thursday, August 28, 2025

1:30pm – 4:00pm

Los Angeles County Sanitation District – Conference Room E&F

1955 Workman Mill Rd

Whittier, CA 90601

WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Julian Juarez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)

Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Agency)

*Lauren Augino, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Agency)

*Christopher Lapaz, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Agency)

Andrea Vona, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation (Agency)

Manuel D. Perez, Valley Vista Services (Community)

David Marquez, Urban Semillas (Community)

Drew Ready, Council for Watershed Health (Community)

Stephanie Sandoval, Duarte (Municipal)

Nicholas Delgado, Diamond Bar (Municipal)

Stephanie Ryan, Glendora (Municipal)

Mathew Hudson, City of Industry (Municipal)

Eddie Chan, Irwindale (Municipal)

Julie Carver, Pomona (Municipal), Chair

James Cortes, Day One (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

*Committee Member Alternate

Committee Members Not Present:

Jeanette Flores, Charter Oak Unified School District (Community)

Fernando Villaluna, Los Angeles County (Municipal), Vice-Chair

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

1) Welcome and Introductions

Julie Carver, Chair of the Upper San Gabriel River (USGR) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC), welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) staff facilitated Committee Member introductions. A quorum was established. Public Works staff provided a brief WebEx tutorial.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2025

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from June 26, 2025. Member Manuel Perez motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Lauren Augino. The WASC voted to approve the June 26, 2025 meeting minutes with 11 votes in favor, 2 votes in abstention, 0 votes opposed, and 1 absent at the time of voting (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

The Committee decided to defer this item to the next meeting to allow sufficient time for discussion items.

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4) Watershed Coordinator Updates

The Committee decided to defer this item to the next meeting to allow sufficient time for discussion items.

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

Emily Ng (Stantec, Regional Coordination) presented an overview of WASC roles and responsibilities, including the typical process for projects applying for Regional Program funding, programming the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP), and Watershed Planning. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff elaborated that the SCW Program 2025 Interim Guidance document was developed to assist Project Developers with understanding the Project Application process and is separate from the Scoring Criteria.

b. Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

Public Works staff announced that Vice-Chair Fernando Villaluna will be stepping down from the WASC and the Chair and Vice-Chair positions are open for election. Public Works staff summarized the main duties of WASC Chair and Vice-Chair and WASC Members discussed the open positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. Member Perez nominated Member Mathew Hudson as Chair and Member Tom Love as Vice-Chair.

c. Regional Program Mid-Year Report Summary for FY24-25

Melanie Rivera (HDR) presented an overview of the Regional Program Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY24-25) Mid-Year Report, including reporting requirements, WASC funding overview, and project accomplishments. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#). The WASC commented that many projects are making good progress towards completion.

d. Summary of Submitted Projects and Scientific Studies for FY26-27

Watershed Coordinator James Cortes presented a summary of submitted projects, project concepts, and Scientific Studies (SS) from the Round 7 (FY26-27) Call for Projects. The USGR WASC received applications for four SS, six Infrastructure Program projects (IPs), and two Technical Resource Program projects (TRPs). Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Watershed Coordinator Cortes clarified that while the City of Pasadena is not in the USGR Watershed Area, the Building a Green Infrastructure Workforce in the LA Region SS submitted by the City of Pasadena is applying for funding from this WASC because the SS claims regional benefits.

Public Works staff shared that Project Applicants will be invited to a future WASC meeting to answer project-

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specific questions from WASC Members.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff explained that all Project Applicants, regardless of the phase(s) for which they are requesting funding (e.g., Operations and Maintenance (O&M)), are evaluated using the same Scoring Criteria per the Feasibility Study Guidelines. However, scoring will be based on the appropriate level of documentation required for the respective project phase(s), as outlined in the Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff clarified that a Project Applicant can request up to five years of O&M funding in one Project Application.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff also shared that the annual funding requests will be shown in the SIP Tool early next year, before SIP deliberations.

8) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

9) Voting Items

a. Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

Member Perez motioned to approve the selection of Mathew Hudson as Chair and Tom Love as Vice-Chair for the USGR WASC, seconded by Member Drew Ready. The WASC voted to approve the motion with 14 votes in favor, 0 votes in abstention, and 0 votes opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

b. Vote to Send all Completed Feasibility Studies to the Scoring Committee for Consideration

Member Stephanie Sandoval motioned to send all completed feasibility studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration, seconded by Member Perez. The WASC voted to approve the motion with 14 votes in favor, 0 votes in abstention, and 0 votes opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

10) Items for the Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2025 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Items for the next agenda include Watershed Planning Phase 4 Engagement to discuss the USGR Initial Watershed Plan.

11) Adjournment

Chair Carver thanked the Committee Members and the public for their participation and adjourned the meeting.

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		Quorum Present				(see meeting minutes for additional details)		
Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve 6/26/2025 Meeting Minutes	Approve Selection of Mathew Hudson as Chair and Tom Love as Vice Chair for the USGR WASC	Vote to send all completed feasibility studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration
Agency	Los Angeles County FCD	Julian Juarez	x	Alynn Sun		y	y	y
Agency	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	Tom Love	x	Patty Cortez		y	y	y
Agency	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster	Kelly Gardner		Lauren Augino	x	y	y	y
Agency	Sanitation Districts	Francisco Guerrero		Christopher Lapaz	x	y	y	y
Agency	Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation	Andrea Vona	x				y	y
Community Stakeholder	Valley Vista Services, Inc	Manuel D. Perez	x			y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Urban Semillas	David Marquez	x			y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Council for Watershed Health	Drew Ready	x	Jason Casanova		y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Charter Oak Unified School District	Jeanette Flores						
Community Stakeholder								
Municipal Members	Duarte/Bradbury	Stephanie Sandoval	x	Kevin Kearney		y	y	y
Municipal Members	Diamond Bar	Nicholas Delgado	x			a	y	y
Municipal Members	Glendora / Arcadia	Stephanie Ryan	x	Briget Arndell		y	y	y
Municipal Members	Industry	Mathew Hudson	x			y	y	y
Municipal Members	Irwindale	Eddie Chan	x			a	y	y
Municipal Members	Pomona	Julie Carver	x	Lauren Marshall		y	y	y
Municipal Members	Unincorporated LA County	Fernando Villaluna		Rafael Piamonte				
Watershed Coordinator								
Non-Voting Member	Watershed Coordinator	James Cortes	x					
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yes (Y)	11	14	14
Total Voting Members Present		14			No (N)	0	0	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	2	0	0
Community Stakeholder		3			Total	13	14	14
Municipal Members		6				Approved	Approved	Approved

Webex Attendees
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Anthony Ortega

Brianna Datti

Craig Doberstein

Danny S. PW

Daria Antonova - LACPW

Donna T

Ed Suher CASC

Edna Robidas TPL

Emily Ng Regional Coordination

Eva Rosales

Grant Garcia - City of San Dimas

Jonathan Ontiveros

Jorge Anaya

Katie Harrel CWE

Leslie Martinez - LACPW

Liana Poghosyan

Linet Khechatoorian

Mayra Cabrera - LACPW

Melanie Rivera - HDR

Michael Mitchell - City of Pomona

Milo Yukimoto

Sofia Cardenas - LACDPW

USGR WASC

Vicki Friesen

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COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SIGN-IN



Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Alynn Sun	FCD	Alternate	
Andrea Vona	Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation	Primary	<i>Andrea Vona</i>
Briget Arndell	Arcadia	Alternate	<i>BA Arndell</i>
Christopher Lapaz	Sanitation Districts	Alternate	
David Marquez	California Consulting, INC	Alternate	
Drew Ready	Council for Watershed Health	Primary	<i>DWR</i>
Eddie Chan	Irwindale	Primary	<i>Eddie Chan</i>
Fernando Villaluna	Los Angeles County	Primary	
Francisco Guerrero	Sanitation Districts	Primary	
James Cortes	Day One	WC	<i>J-C</i>
Jason Casanova	Council for Watershed Health	Alternate	
Jeanette Flores	Charter Oak Unified School District	Primary	
Julian Juarez	FCD	Primary	
Julie Carver	Pomona	Primary	<i>Julie Carver</i>

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Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Kelly Gardner	Main San Gabriel Basin	Primary	
Kevin Kearney	Bradbury	Alternate	
Lauren Augino	Main San Gabriel Basin	Alternate	<i>Lauren Augino</i>
Lauren Marshall	San Dimas	Alternate	
Manuel D. Perez	Valley Vista Services, Inc.	Primary	<i>Manuel D. Perez</i>
Mathew Hudson	Industry	Primary	<i>Mathew Hudson</i>
Nicholas Delgado	City of Diamond Bar	Primary	<i>Nicholas Delgado</i>
Patty Cortez	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	Alternate	
Rafael Piamonte	Los Angeles County	Alternate	
Stephanie Ryan	Glendora	Primary	<i>Stephanie Ryan</i>
Stephanie Sandoval	Duarte	Primary	<i>Stephanie Sandoval</i>
Tom Love	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	Primary	<i>Tom Love</i>

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