

# Scoring Committee

## Meeting Minutes

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Monday, October 20, 2025

9:00am – 12:00pm

WebEx Hybrid Meeting

LA County Public Works Headquarters

1st Floor (Courtyard) Conference Room C, 900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803

### Committee Members Present:

Greg Pierce, UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation (Water Supply)

Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District (Water Supply/Community Investments/Nature-Based Solutions)

David Diaz, Active SGV (Community Investments)

Bruce Reznik, LA Waterkeeper (Nature-Based Solutions/Water Quality), Chair

TJ Moon, Los Angeles County Public Works (Water Quality), Vice-Chair

Dave Sorem, Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc. (Water Quality)

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

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

Bruce Reznik, Chair of the Scoring Committee, welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established. Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) staff conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx.

### **2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2025**

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from the September 15, 2025 meeting. Vice-Chair TJ Moon motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Esther Rojas. The Committee voted to approve the September 15, 2025 meeting minutes with 4 votes in favor and 2 Members not present at the time of voting (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

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

Public Works staff and Committee Members discussed upcoming scheduled meetings and decided to reschedule several upcoming meetings. Please visit the Events webpage on the [SCW Program website](#) for the updated schedule of upcoming meetings.

Public Works staff provided an update, noting:

- The upcoming Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting is scheduled for December 10 at 1:00pm where the ROC will discuss the Draft Biennial Progress Report, open the 30-day Public Comment Period, and discuss next steps for the Initial Watershed Plans.
- The Science Symposium is scheduled for November 12 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Los Angeles County Public Works Headquarters. Participants may also attend virtually with listening capabilities only. Event registration link and program agenda will be sent out in the coming weeks. The Symposium will showcase the latest regional science that is both improving stormwater quality and advancing treatment technologies. There will also be a panel discussion with experts to explore the future of stormwater sciences.
- The public comment period for providing comment on the Draft Initial Watershed Plans and beta Watershed Planning Tool ended on September 28. Over 330 individual comments were received through over 30 submissions. Public Works' Watershed Planning team will share more information on the number and types of comments received and present on the Draft Initial Watershed Plans at Watershed Area Streeting Committee (WASC) meetings in October and November.
- The Community Strengths & Needs Assessment (CSNA) Survey has received over 800 new survey responses since the survey was launched.

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## 4) Ex Parte Communications Disclosure

Member Rojas discussed a conversation with the City of Lomita regarding the Downtown Lomita Multi-Benefit Stormwater Project and the Water Supply Scoring Pilot. The Project is scheduled to be discussed at the next Scoring Committee meeting.

## 5) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

## 6) Presentations and Discussion Items:

### a. Scoring of FY26-27 Infrastructure Program Projects

Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) provided a summary of each Infrastructure Program (IP) Project scored during the Scoring Committee meeting. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

The tables below for each project contain information recorded on the scoring rubric sheet during the Scoring Committee meeting. The scoring rubric sheet, as recorded during the meeting, captures a project's evaluation by the Scoring Committee.

<b>Project:</b> Arcadia City Hall Stormwater Capture Project			<b>WASC(s):</b> Rio Hondo
<b>Application Type:</b> Design Only			
<b>Water Quality Scoring Pilot:</b> Yes			
<b>Water Supply Scoring Pilot:</b> No			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	20	20	See below
Water Quality Part 2	25	25	
Water Supply Part 1	0	0	See below
Water Supply Part 2	0	0	
Community Investment	5	5	
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	See below
Leveraging Funds	0	0	
Community Support	1	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	
<b>Conclusion:</b> The Project received 61 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.			
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Water Quality:</b> Vice-Chair Moon noted that the infiltration rate in this Watershed Area is relatively low. With claims of a 1,000 acre drainage area and 26 acre-feet for their 85<sup>th</sup> percentile 24-hour storm, their hydrology report indicates 37 acre-feet with a capacity of 12 acre-feet. The capacity indicates a third of the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, which makes it challenging to classify the Project as wet weather. Vice-Chair Moon encouraged the Project applicant to verify the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile storm and gather monitoring data to verify effectiveness of treat-and-release Best Management Practices (BMPs), when the project returns for SCW Program construction funds. Member Dave Sorem commented that the total cost of Project appears high.</li> </ul>			

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- **Water Supply:** The Committee confirmed that the Project is a treat and release project with no Water Supply Benefits.
- **Community Investment:** Member Greg Pierce commented that this Project provides relatively few new trees compared to other projects but agreed with the applicant's score for Community Investment Benefits. Chair Reznik commented that it is challenging to score Projects consistently because the Scoring Criteria currently does not include quantifiable, scaled metrics for Community Investment Benefits.

<b>Project:</b> East Lost Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project		<b>WASC(s):</b> Rio Hondo	
<b>Application Type:</b> Construction and O&M			
<b>Water Quality Scoring Pilot:</b> No			
<b>Water Supply Scoring Pilot:</b> <del>No</del> Yes			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	20	20	See below
Water Quality Part 2	20	20	
Water Supply Part 1	6	11	
Water Supply Part 2	12	12	
Community Investment	5	5	See below
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds	6	6	
Community Support	3	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	
<b>Conclusion:</b> The Project received 87 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.			
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee discussed potential improvements to the Scoring Criteria for Projects that were previously approved by the SCW Program and are reapplying for operations and maintenance (O&amp;M) funding. Public Works staff shared plans to solicit feedback from the Scoring Committee on how to improve the Scoring Criteria for a future Call for Projects.</li> <li>• <b>Water Quality:</b> Vice-Chair Moon explained that this Project does not capture enough of the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile storm from the 3,000-acre drainage area to be classified as a wet-weather project. Member Sorem inquired about the use of the Project's O&amp;M expenditures, which roughly amounts to \$734,000 for FY22-23, \$904,000 for FY23-24, and \$767,000 for FY24-25. Member Sorem encouraged Committee Members to consider the larger portion of the SCW Program budget, which will eventually be allocated for O&amp;M expenditures as more IP Projects are completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alexandro Garcia (Los Angeles County Public Works, Project applicant) shared that O&amp;M expenditures for this Project have included monitoring and maintenance for over 100 drywells that are 100 feet in depth and 11 acres of landscaping. Kara Plourde (Los Angeles County Public Works, Project applicant) added that O&amp;M funding was used to hire a consultant to perform geotechnical testing on areas of the site that experienced rain and settlement after construction was completed. Plourde noted that geotechnical testing was done for the optimization of the Project, which is not anticipated to be reoccurring cost.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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- **Water Supply:** The Committee decided to score the Project using the Water Supply Scoring Pilot, which allows this Project to achieve a higher score.
- **Community Investment:** The Committee highlighted the engaging tours that have been conducted by the Project applicant. One of their tours also provided strong engagement in congruence with the Water for LA efforts.

<b>Project:</b> Rio Hondo Ecosystem Restoration Project	<b>WASC(s):</b> Rio Hondo
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**Water Quality Scoring Pilot:** Yes

**Water Supply Scoring Pilot:** Yes

Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	16	20	See below
Water Quality Part 2	27	20	
Water Supply Part 1	2	2	See below
Water Supply Part 2	5	5	
Community Investment	10	5	See below
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	See below
Leveraging Funds Part	3	3	
Community Support	4	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>69</b>	

**Conclusion:** The Project received 69 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.

**Discussion:**

- **Water Quality:** Vice-Chair Moon suggested that this Project be scored as a dry-weather project because it claims to be designed for a 0.22-inch storm. Vice-Chair Moon commented that the Water Quality Scoring Criteria may not be appropriate for Projects with a large drainage area designed for a less than 0.25-inch storm.
- **Water Supply:** Vice-Chair Moon requested clarification on whether there is adequate clearance between the invert of the infiltration basin and the Peck Road Spreading Basin for infiltration to occur and questioned how water will infiltrate. Vice-Chair Moon additionally questioned if stormwater can run off into the Peck Road Spreading Basin even without the Project’s infiltration basin.
  - Courtney Semlow (Craftwater, Project applicant) clarified that the Peck Road Spreading Basin no longer recharges due to siltation, making it now a lake, but infiltration does occur along the edges. Semlow informed the Committee that a geotechnical analysis conducted found that the groundwater level is more than 10 feet higher than the groundwater proposed by the soil borings, suggesting a cut off wall underneath with gravel at the bottom and perforations for slow infiltration. A seepage analysis was also conducted to help avoid seepage into the slopes.
- **Community Investment:** Member Diaz recused themselves from scoring because Active San Gabriel Valley is working on this Project. The Committee decided not to count the flooding benefit claimed by the Project applicant because the Project does not capture full wet-weather flows and is being scored as a dry-weather project. Chair Reznik highlighted the Project applicants’ rationale for claiming Disadvantaged Community Benefits despite the Project location being outside of a disadvantaged community, highlighting their engagement with NGOs, CBOs, and

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communities. Member Pierce expressed appreciation that the Project applicant reviewed the WaterTalks Strengths and Needs Assessment.

- Nature-Based Solutions: Chair Reznik highlighted the efforts made in the Nature-Based Solutions, indicating the strong efforts in articulating the tree count and tree canopy.

<b>Project:</b> Sierra Madre Boulevard Median Enhancement Project		<b>WASC(s):</b> Rio Hondo	
<b>Application Type:</b> Construction and O&M			
<b>Water Quality Scoring Pilot:</b> No			
<b>Water Supply Scoring Pilot:</b> No			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	20	20	
Water Quality Part 2	20	20	
Water Supply Part 1	0	0	
Water Supply Part 2	0	0	
Community Investment	5	5	
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	See below
Leveraging Funds	3	3	See below
Community Support	4	4	See below
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	

**Conclusion:** The Project received 62 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.

**Discussion:**

- The Committee noticed that the Project’s module-generated Water Supply Benefit Score would have scored higher under the Scoring Pilot even though the Project does not augment water supply. Public Works staff shared that this could be from the 1-point increment scale of the Scoring Pilot Rubric but will confirm.
- Community Investment: Member Pierce inquired whether the new trees introduced by this Project will provide shade for pedestrians and introduce additional opportunities for recreational activities given the location in a roadway median. Member Pierce acknowledged that the Project can still claim Community Investment Benefits for including trees to reduce the urban heat island effect.
  - Merrill Taylor (Craftwater, Project applicant) and Dawn Petschauer (City of Pasadena, Project applicant) clarified that the median is not designed for pedestrians or recreation due to high traffic along Sierra Madre Boulevard. Most of the trees added by this Project will be in the median, which is not intended for recreational activities.
- Nature-Based Solutions: Member Diaz highlighted their efforts for Nature-Based Solutions, mentioning the 292,000 square-feet of shrub coverage, 275,000 square-feet of tree canopy, and the addition of 45 new species which includes tree shrubs, brown needles, and ground covers.
- Leveraging Funds: Member Diaz acknowledged their efforts in obtaining \$8.5M leveraging funds from Caltrans.
- Community Support: The Committee recognized the strong engagement from the community, emphasizing the metrics and interacting elements provided from the four workshops and eight letters of support from local community-based groups.

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<b>Project:</b> Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project		<b>WASC(s):</b> North Santa Monica Bay	
<b>Application Type:</b> Design Only			
<b>Water Quality Scoring Pilot:</b> No			
<b>Water Supply Scoring Pilot:</b> No			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	20	20	See below
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	
Water Supply Part 1	13	13	See below
Water Supply Part 2	12	12	
Community Investment	5	5	
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds	0	0	
Community Support	2	0	See below
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>90</b>	
<b>Conclusion:</b> The Project received 90 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.			
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Water Quality:</u> Vice-Chair Moon commented that the construction cost appears to be low compared to the amount of work involved in the Project and explained that an inaccurately low construction cost could inflate the cost effectiveness score. Vice-Chair Moon requested that the Project applicant provide a letter from Las Virgenes Municipal Water District confirming their approval of the Project final design of a gravity flow connection from the storm drain to sewer with a valve. Vice-Chair Moon questioned if water retention is possible at the wet-weather site given the relatively high 16-foot groundwater level. Vice-Chair Moon commented that the Project applicant's claimed dry weather flow of 1 cubic foot per second (cfs), and it appears unrealistic, encouraging the Project applicant to directly measure dry weather runoff flows.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cherise Thompson (PACE, Project applicant) shared that the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District previously approved another project that involved gravity flow to sewer and explained that backflow prevention would be addressed with a shutoff valve and backflow prevention valve. Thompson noted that dry weather flow was estimated from monitoring data at the Russell Ranch site, but quantitative measurements would be recommended during design. Additionally, Thompson clarified that the construction cost being lower than the design cost has to do with estimates for permitting being higher than expected.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Water Supply:</u> The Committee clarified that water captured by this Project would be reused through Las Virgenes Municipal Water District's Pure Water Project.</li> <li>• <u>Community Support:</u> Member Diaz commented that the Project applicant performed minimal outreach during the planning phase. The Committee shared a desire to see the Project applicant engage more broadly with community members. Member Diaz expressed a desire to see more robust community engagement plans be prepared for projects requesting Design-Only funding.</li> </ul>			

<b>Project:</b> Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project	<b>WASC(s):</b> Santa Clara River
<b>Application Type:</b> Design Only	

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<b>Water Quality Scoring Pilot: No Yes</b>			
<b>Water Supply Scoring Pilot: No</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Applicant Score</b>	<b>Scoring Committee Score</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Water Quality Part 1	14	16	
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	
Water Supply Part 1	0	0	See below
Water Supply Part 2	9	9	
Community Investment	5	Unable to Score	See below
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds	6	6	
Community Support	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Unable to Score</b>	
<b>Conclusion:</b> The Project is deemed unscorable and will have one week to provide clarifying information to the Scoring Committee.			
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Water Quality:</u> The Committee decided to utilize the Water Quality Scoring Pilot, which allows this Project to achieve a higher score.</li> <li>• <u>Water Supply:</u> Member Rojas noted that while the Project applicant did not provide a letter from the groundwater agency, a letter is not required for design only.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jacqueline Stone (Los Angeles County Public Works, Project applicant) shared that a letter from the groundwater agency can be provided at a later phase.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Community Investment:</u> The Committee discussed discrepancies in the Project Application regarding Community Investment Benefits claimed by the Project applicant. Member Pierce requested more details on what recreational amenities would be provided by the Project.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chris Carandang (Paradigm, Project applicant) shared that the Project Application contained incorrect information and clarified that the Project would maintain the recreational character of the park and potentially add new exercise equipment or other amenities.</li> <li>○ The Committee deemed the Project Application unscorable and requested the Project applicant revise their application with accurate information.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

## 7) Public Comment Period

Chris Jansen (Hazen and Sawyer) inquired if Project applicants are required to provide a letter from a Watermaster to use the Water Supply Pilot Scoring Criteria.

Public Works staff reminded members of the public that any questions regarding the SCW Program – including questions about their Project Application – should be directed to SCW Program staff via email. Additionally, clarifying information on the Feasibility Study Guidelines can be found on the Supplemental Guidance in the [Adaptive Management webpage](#).

## 8) Voting Items

Chair Reznik motioned to send five scorable projects receiving a passing score to WASCs, and to allow Project applicants of the one unscorable project one week to provide clarifying information to the Scoring Committee, seconded by Member Diaz. The Committee voted to approve the motion, with six votes in favor.

- Scorable Projects

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- Arcadia City Hall Stormwater Capture Project
- East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project
- Rio Hondo Ecosystem Restoration Project
- Sierra Madre Boulevard Median Enhancement Project
- Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project
- Unscorable Project
  - Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project

Member Rojas motioned to send the Rio Hondo Ecosystem Restoration Project to the Rio Hondo WASC, seconded by Member Pierce. The Committee voted to approve the motion, with five votes in favor; Member Diaz recused himself from the vote.

## **9) Items for Next Agenda**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2025, from 9:00am – 12:00pm, held in person and virtually. Items on the next agenda include:

- a. Scoring of FY26-27 Infrastructure Program Projects

## **10) Adjournment**

Chair Reznik thanked Committee Members, staff, and the Public and adjourned the meeting.

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Member Type	Quorum Present		Voting Items		
	Member	Voting?	9/15/2025 Meeting Minutes	From today, 10/20/25, send scoreable projects receiving a passing score to WASCs and allow Project Applicants with unscorable project 1 week to provide clarifying information to Scoring Committee	From today, 10/20/2025, send Rio Hondo Ecosystem scoreable project receiving a passing score to WASCs
Community Investments	Gregory Scott Pierce	x	Not Present	Y	Y
Water Supply / Community Investments / Nature-Based Solutions	Esther Rojas	x	Y	Y	Y
Nature-Based Solutions / Community Investments	David Diaz	x	Not Present	Y	R
Nature-Based Solutions / Community Investments / Water Quality	<b>Bruce Reznik</b>	x	Y	Y	Y
Water Quality	Dave Sorem	x	Y	Y	Y
Water Quality	<b>TJ Moon</b>	x	Y	Y	Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats	6	Yay (Y)	4	6	5
Total Voting Members Present	6	Nay (N)	0	0	0
		Abstain (A)	0	0	0
		Recused (R)	0	0	1
		Total	4	6	6
			Approved	Approved	Approved

## Attendees

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Alexandro Garcia	Diego Carrizo	Marisol Ibarra
Alonso Garcia	Emily Ng - Regional Coordination	Mark Nguyen
Amanda Begley	Eric Bonilla - LACPW	Mayra Cabrera - LACPW
Anthony Barreras - LACPW	Eric Wilson	Melina Watts
Aric Martinez	Gabriel Zavala - LACPW	Michael Ku LASAN
Brenda Ponton	Jackie Stone - LACPW	Mike Antos - Regional Coordination
Call-in User_2	Jeff Khun	Nicole Rieger
Call-in User_3	Jenna Cobb	Oliver Galang - Craftwater
Carlos Rodriguez- LACPW	JonPaul Sarro - SCW Watershed Planning	Peter Mite
Carmen Y Hayden	Jose Castro - LACPW	Raina
Cherise Thompson	Joshua Montion	Richard Watson
Chris Carandang	Joyann Sofio	Ryanna Fossum - Regional Coordination
Chris Jansen	Julie Millett	Salma Kamal
Chris Lee	Kara Plourde	Scoring Committee AV
Christopher Vong	Kelsey Reed	Stacy Luell
Conor Mossavi	Larry Tran - LACPW	Susie Santilena
Curtis Fang	Lisa (Jin) Kim - LACPW	Thom Epps Craftwater
David Tan	Lisa Skutecki	Valeria Mena
Dawn Petschauer	Maggie Gardner	Victoria Friesen
Dee Corhiran - LACPW	Marisela Velasquez - LACPW	Wayne Lee - LACPW

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COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGN-IN



Member Name	Municipality/ Organization	Email Address	Signature
Bruce Reznik	LA Waterkeeper		
Dave Sorem	Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.		
David Diaz	Active SGV		
Esther Rojas	Water Replenishment District		
Gregory Scott Pierce	UCLA		
Taejin Moon	LA County Public Works		

