

Scoring Committee Meeting Minutes



Monday, October 27, 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)

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

Committee Members Not Present

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

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

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

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 October 20, 2025 (if available)

This Agenda Item was deferred to the next meeting.

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

Program Updates were deferred to the next meeting.

Member David Diaz inquired about adding community engagement requirements to the Technical Resource Program (TRP) Project Concepts for the next Call for Projects. Public Works explained that the TRP guidance is being worked out and will provide more details on community engagement requirements.

4) Ex Parte Communications Disclosure

Vice-Chair TJ Moon disclosed discussions with Member Esther Rojas regarding the Projects being scored, enabling Vice-Chair Moon to provide input on Water Supply.

5) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

6) Presentations and Discussion Items:

a. Scoring of FY26-27 Infrastructure Program Projects

Chair Reznik confirmed with Public Works staff that the Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project, which was deemed unscorable at last week's Scoring Committee meeting, will not be discussed at this meeting since Project applicants receive one week to submit clarifying information.

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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.

Project: Darby Park Multi-Benefit Project		WASC(s): South Santa Monica Bay	
Application Type: Design only			
Water Quality Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: No			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	9	9	See below
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	
Water Supply Part 1	0	0	See below
Water Supply Part 2	2	0	
Community Investment	5	5	See below
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds	3	Unable to Score	See below
Community Support	4	2	See below
TOTAL	63	Unable to Score	
Conclusion: The Project could not be scored and is awaiting additional information from the applicant.			
- Water Quality: Vice-Chair Moon noted that the geotechnical report measured a very low infiltration rate of around 0.06 inches per hours (in/hr) and found that there is a probability for groundwater to be present. Vice-Chair Moon also noted that if drywells are not feasible, the treat and release Best Management Practices (BMPs) could be considered during the design phase. - Brenda Ponton (Woodard and Curran, Project applicant) explained that there was a second geotechnical investigation that showed better infiltration rates around 70 feet (ft) deep. Thomas Lee (City of Inglewood, Project applicant) clarified details regarding the infiltration rate and drywell design, highlighting the feasible infiltration rate at deeper soils reaches roughly around 130-ft of depth. Vice-Chair Moon raised concerns again with the potential of finding groundwater below the proposed 65-ft drywell. - Water Supply: Vice-Chair Moon explained that all projects in the Santa Monica Bay Watershed Areas are in a perched aquifer, and per the Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines, cannot receive Water Supply points since they do not recharge the aquifer. Vice-Chair Moon acknowledged how projects applying in these Watershed Areas are at a disadvantage in reaching the scoring threshold without Water Supply points. He also commented that adjusting the minimum scoring threshold for these WASCs could be a solution to mitigate these challenges through a future Feasibility Study Guidelines update. Vice-Chair Moon explained that Water Supply points could be achieved in these Watershed Areas by sending flows to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant as recycled water. Chair Reznik commented that the completion of the Pure Water Los Angeles, a water recycling program, at Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant is expected to be around 2056.			

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- **Community Investment:** Member David Diaz mentioned the addition of seven new trees, new exercise equipment, pickleball tables, and fencing, with an additional 5,000 square feet (sq-ft) of shading.
- **Leveraging Funds:** Chair Reznik noted that since the Project involves many park enhancements, more Measure A funds may be leveraged. Chair Reznik also inquired whether the additional geotechnical investigation costs, not paid for via the TRP, were included in the cost share effectiveness ratio.
 - Ponton noted that the City of Inglewood may be able to provide additional leveraged funding and will provide clarifying information regarding amounts. Public Works staff recommended the Project applicant keep the Watershed Coordinators involved.
- **Community Support:** Member Diaz recognized their planned community engagement moving forward but requested more information on the Project's numeric outcomes and engagement metrics that were conducted to date. Member Diaz noted that additional external letters of support from local, community-based groups would better demonstrate more robust engagement.
 - Ponton explained that the Project held two virtual meetings, including postering and follow-up surveys. However, they found it difficult to obtain engagement from the community. With this in consideration, they plan to incorporate more outreach as part of their design phase.

Project: Downtown Lomita Multi-Benefit Stormwater Project		WASC(s): South Santa Monica Bay	
Application Type: Construction and O&M			
Water Quality Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	4	4	See below
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	
Water Supply Part 1	8	0	See below
Water Supply Part 2	9	0	
Community Investment	5	5	See below
Nature-Based Solutions	11	11	See below
Leveraging Funds	0	0	
Community Support	4	1	See below
TOTAL	71	51	
Conclusion: The Project received 51 points and will not move to the WASC for consideration.			
• <u>Water Quality:</u> Vice-Chair Moon recommended Project applicants increase a Project's capacity by incorporating treat and release components and infiltrating wherever they can, referencing Projects within the Rio Hondo Watershed Area. • <u>Water Supply:</u> Vice-Chair Moon commented that Projects with no ability to receive Water Supply points should aim to increase points in other categories. Vice-Chair Moon noted that the Project applicant requested a letter of support from the Water Replenishment District (WRD) as required by Projects applying for construction funding but were declined due to lack of recharge in the aquifer. No Water Supply Benefits were given.			

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- Jenn Coryell (Hazen and Sawyer, Project applicant) addressed Vice-Chair Moon's comment regarding the high cost-effectiveness ratio, noting that design elements, such as a pump, were added because of low infiltration rates found at the site. Coryell suggested updating the Scoring Criteria for the Watershed Areas without a rechargeable aquifer.
- Coryell noted that this Project was awarded design funds via the SCW Program and discussed with the Scoring Committee possible next steps to help qualify for SCW Program construction funds given the lack of Water Supply points possible. Chair Reznik recommended that the Project applicant focus on strengthening the Community Investment Benefits to receive to an increase in their score. Chair Reznik encouraged maximizing points with a community focus, DAC considerations, seeking out leverage funding, and possibly partnering with a non-profits. Antos further recommended coordinating closely with the Watershed Coordinator of the South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area.
- Community Investment: Member Diaz noted that bike lanes in the Project are not specifically called out as protected and commented that such a large-scale component should consider including relatively cost-effective project components that would secure more Community Investment points.
- Nature-Based Solutions: Member Diaz recognized the addition of drought tolerant trees but asked for clarification on the number of trees.
 - Jennifer Howell (City of Lomita, Project applicant) explained that the Project will have 46 trees; 12 are new and the rest are being replaced.
- Community Support: Member Diaz noted the lack of measurable local, community-based engagement activities conducted or specific outcomes from engagement incorporated into the Project's design. Member Diaz explained that a project of this scale should have had more robust engagement and commented on the lack of budget for future community engagement.

Project: Los Angeles Harbor College Stormwater Projects		WASC(s): South Santa Monica Bay	
Application Type: Construction and O&M funding			
Water Quality Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	6	6	See below
Water Quality Part 2	29	29	
Water Supply Part 1	3	0	See below
Water Supply Part 2	4	0	
Community Investment	10	Unable to Score	See below
Nature-Based Solutions	15	Unable to Score	See below
Leveraging Funds	6	6	
Community Support	2	Unable to Score	See below
TOTAL	75	Unable to Score	
Conclusion: The Project could not be scored and is awaiting additional information from the applicant.			

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- Water Quality: Vice-Chair Moon commented on the low-cost effectiveness ratio and re-emphasized the need for projects in this Watershed Area to maximize points in non-Water Supply categories.
- Water Supply: No Water Supply points because the Project infiltrates into a confined aquifer.
- Community Investment: Member Pierce commented that while there are six Community Investment Benefits claimed, the Project Application does not explain how benefits are fulfilled, especially recreational opportunities. Member Pierce questioned the enhanced grass surface on the baseball field as a recreational benefit. Chair Reznik explained that linking the Community Investment Benefits to specific project elements should be highlighted in the Project Application. Member Pierce also discussed the concept of publicly accessible recreational opportunities within college campuses and how those opportunities should be counted as Community Investment Benefits.
 - Daniel Apt (Olaunu, Project applicant) explained that localized flooding exists on campus and that the Project does have design elements, like the two hydrodynamic separators and biofiltration systems, to address the specific flooding issue. Apt also clarified that the athletic fields are open to community members via reservations.
- Nature-Based Solutions: Chair Reznik noted that the footprint of the project varies in various parts of the Project Application, which may artificially increase the percentage impermeable surface removed, questioning the actual amount of hardscape removal. Chair Reznik offered to discuss this metric offline with the Project applicant.
- Community Support: The Committee agreed that the outreach described in the Project Application lacks specificity, questioning the number of engagements with students and future outreach.
 - Apt clarified information on community support, noting various outreach efforts on campus that resulted in two letters of support from students and outreach was also conducted outside of the college. Apt explained that design priorities from engagement included minimal disruption on campus and providing a safer baseball field. Apt also explained that the enhancement of the grass on the baseball field to native grass was an outcome of engagement, which also serves for a safer playing field. Apt noted that overall, outreach activities reached 400-500 people on campus, including the community oversight group that helped with tabling events. Member Diaz explained that metrics such as the number of people engaged, number of tabling events, and direct community priorities are important aspects that should be included in the Project Application.

Project: West Los Angeles College Stormwater Improvements Project			WASC(s): Central Santa Monica Bay
Application Type: Construction and O&M			
Water Quality Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	6	6	See below
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	See below
Water Supply Part 1	3	Unable to Score	See below
Water Supply Part 2	3	Unable to Score	
Community Investment	5	5	

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Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds	6	6	
Community Support	2	Unable to Score	See below
TOTAL	65	Unable to Score	

Conclusion: The Project could not be scored and is awaiting additional information from the applicant.

- Water Quality: Vice-Chair Moon recommended increasing the Project capacity to increase the cost effectiveness score. Vice-Chair Moon also noted that perched groundwater was found near the surface of this project site.
- Water Supply: Antos noted that the submitted letter of support from WRD is from Santa Monica's Water Resource Department. Vice-Chair Moon noted that the City of Santa Monica may have a groundwater recharge program and that Member Rojas would be open to awarding Water Supply points to this Project if more information and documentation are provided.
 - Daniel Apt (Olaunu, Project applicant) explained that the City of Santa Monica is the groundwater basin manager for this project site, and therefore, the Project applicant confirmed via email with the City of Santa Monica that the proposed drywell elements would recharge the aquifer. Vice-Chair Moon noted that Member Rojas requested more detail on how the infiltration would recharge the aquifer, given the understanding that Santa Monica is located above the confined aquifer. Vice-Chair Moon referenced potential injection wells that the City of Santa Monica is proposing and requested for the Project applicant to provide a letter of support from the City of Santa Monica, as required by the [Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines](#), for Projects requesting construction funds. Vice-Chair Moon also requested supporting documents from the City of Santa Monica regarding their injection well program. The Project applicant will have one week to provide clarifying information, and until December to provide the official letter.
 - Antos noted that the Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and may be useful to engage.
- Community Support: Member Diaz noted the lack of robust community engagement included in the Project Application.
 - Apt confirmed that clarifying information on community support will be provided at a later phase of the Project.

Project: Ballona Creek TMDL Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Project			WASC(s): Central Santa Monica Bay
Application Type: Construction and O&M			
Water Quality Scoring Pilot: No			
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: No			
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	13	13	
Water Supply Part 2	12	12	See below
Community Investment	5	5	See below
Nature-Based Solutions	0	0	

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Leveraging Funds	6	6	See below
Community Support	4	4	
TOTAL	80	80	

Conclusion: The Project received 80 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.

- Water Quality: Vice-Chair Moon mentioned this is the largest dry weather project within the SCW Program with over 200 acres and expecting completion by next year.
- Water Supply: Water Supply points are awarded via recycling water under Pure Water Los Angeles at Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant. Chair Reznik noted that the current completion date for Pure Water Los Angeles is in 2056 and inquired whether there is guidance for awarding Water Supply points to Projects relying on water recycling so far in the future.
 - Mike Scaduto (Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), Project applicant) explained that Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant currently recycles water and confirmed that the overall completion of the project is estimated to be in 2056. Scaduto explained that there is still a demonstrated need for water in the near-term, since dry weather flows diminish throughout the year.
- Community Investment: Chair Reznik commented that the Project is predominantly grey infrastructure and that Community Investment Benefits refer to the downstream Water Quality Benefits, which is a nontraditional evaluation. Member Pierce commented that the benefits listed are not specifically from the O&M portion of the Project but are instead general benefits from the overall project.
- Leveraged Funds: Chair Reznik discussed leveraged funds for O&M and whether the entire project cost should be included in assessing cost share ratios, particularly if the Project has received SCW Program funding in previous phases.
 - Scaduto added that the Project is slated to be completed in early spring of 2026. Due to the pause in IP Project Applications last year (Fiscal Year 2025-2026), LASAN is planning to cover funding gap between construction completion and disbursement of any SCW Program O&M funds awarded.
 - Wendy Dinh (LASAN, Project Applicant) explained the Project's total construction cost of \$77 million, includes change orders. Chair Reznik commented that including construction costs makes sense for this Project, and that LASAN clearly demonstrates a significant cost share compared to SCW Program contributions.

Vice-Chair Moon confirmed with Public Works staff that it is anticipated that there will be a new O&M Project Application in the Projects Module for the next Call for Projects and that guidance will be provided on whether costs and benefits claimed would be solely related to the O&M phase of the Project. Chair Reznik noted that in future Call for Projects, O&M Project Applications may not require scoring if the Scoring Criteria changes through an update to the Feasibility Study Guidelines. Member Diaz inquired how O&M projects would evaluate anti-displacement and workforce development priorities. It was noted that the new Metrics & Measures section of SCW Program Project Applications estimates the number of Full-Time Equivalents created by Projects, which is related to ongoing Watershed Planning efforts. Antos also commented that the WASCs have been interested in the connection between O&M Projects and workforce development during the Watershed Planning Workshops.

Project: Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project	WASC(s): Central Santa Monica Bay
Application Type: Construction and O&M	
Water Quality Scoring Pilot: Yes	
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: No	

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Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	11	11	
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	
Water Supply Part 1	0	0	See below
Water Supply Part 2	9	0	
Community Investment	10	10	
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds	3	3	See below
Community Support	4	4	See below
TOTAL	77	68	

Conclusion: The Project received 68 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.

- Water Supply: Vice-Chair Moon noted that the Project is also within the Santa Monica groundwater basin area; if the City of Santa Monica can demonstrate how the Project's infiltration recharges the aquifer (i.e., with injection wells), then additional points could be awarded.
 - Brenda Ponton (Woodard and Curran, Project applicant) noted that preliminary Water Supply points were automatically calculated by the Projects Application Module and that the Project applicant did not intend to claim any Water Supply points.
- Leveraging Funds: Member Diaz noted that the letters from Caltrans and Los Angeles County related to leveraging funds were unclear whether funding was committed or only commitment for collaboration.
 - Ponton explained that Caltrans committed \$10 million in leveraged funds. The Los Angeles County will be cost sharing with the City of Inglewood, and the amount leveraged will depend on grant funding committed. The City of Inglewood is pursuing additional grants to supplement cost sharing between Inglewood, Los Angeles County, and SCW Program.
- Community Support: The Committee agreed that the Community Support section of the Project Application was a good example of coherent, clear demonstration of community engagement, which includes childcare, simultaneous translations, printing materials in multiple languages, and the expression of community input gathered from common boards, cards, and direct conversations.

Project: Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits: An Investment in Community, Green Space, and Water Quality Enhancement			WASC(s): Central Santa Monica Bay
Application Type: Construction and O&M			
Water Quality Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: No			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	5	5	See below
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	
Water Supply Part 1	0	0	See below

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Water Supply Part 2	0	0	
Community Investment	5	5	
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds	6	6	
Community Support	4	4	See below
TOTAL	60	60	

Conclusion: The Project received 60 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.

- Water Quality: Vice-Chair Moon commented that Project also had a low cost-effectiveness ratio and suggested revisiting the Scoring Criteria with respect to inflation, given the number of Projects with low cost-effectiveness ratios.
- Water Supply: Vice-Chair Moon reiterated that being in a confined aquifer means no Water Supply points.
- Community Support: The Committee noted significant outreach efforts, which include partnership with the local Tribal community, the Native American Advisory Committee, extensive outreach conducted, and over 30,000 households mailed. Input from engagement was incorporated into design and the Project applicant demonstrated commitment to incorporating community priorities in later phases of design, such as native plants, shades, trees, green spaces, and picnic areas.

Vice-Chair Moon made a general comment on the success of the recently revised Scoring Criteria, referencing previous issues of Project Applications oversizing BMPs.

7) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

8) Voting Items

Vice-Chair Moon motioned to send three scorable projects receiving a passing score to WASCs, seconded by Member Diaz. The Committee voted to approve the motion, with four votes in favor.

- Scorable Projects with a Passing Score
 - Ballona Creek TMDL Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Project
 - Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project
 - Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits: An Investment in Community, Green Space, and Water Quality Enhancement

Vice-Chair Moon motioned to allow Project applicants of the three unscorable projects one week to provide clarifying information to the Scoring Committee, seconded by Member Pierce. The Committee voted to approve the motion, with four votes in favor.

- Unscorable Projects
 - Darby Park Multi-Benefit Project
 - Los Angeles Harbor College Stormwater Projects
 - West Los Angeles College Stormwater Improvements Project

9) Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 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

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10) Adjournment

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

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	Quorum Present		Voting Items	
Member Type	Member	Voting?	From today, 10/27/25, send scoreable projects receiving a passing score to WASCs	From today, 10/27/2025, allow Project Applicants with unscorable projects 1 week to provide clarifying information to Scoring Committee
Community Investments	Gregory Scott Pierce	x	Y	Y
Water Supply / Community Investments / Nature-Based Solutions	Esther Rojas			
Nature-Based Solutions / Community Investments	David Diaz	x	Y	Y
Nature-Based Solutions / Community Investments / Water Quality	Bruce Reznik	x	Y	Y
Water Quality	Dave Sorem			
Water Quality	TJ Moon	x	Y	Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats	6	Yay (Y)	4	4
Total Voting Members Present	4	Nay (N)	0	0
		Abstain (A)	0	0
		Recused (R)	0	0
		Total	4	4
			Approved	Approved

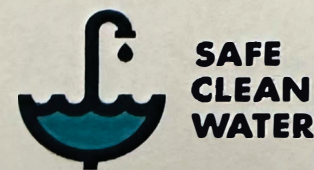
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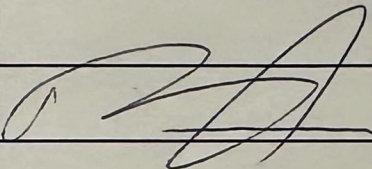
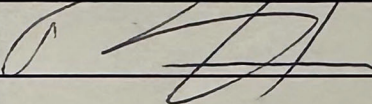
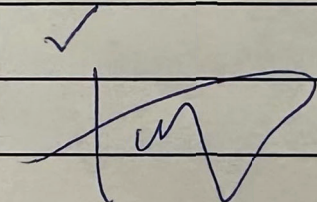
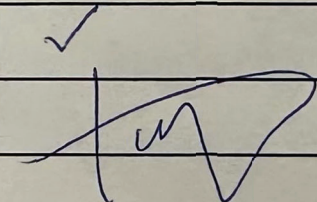
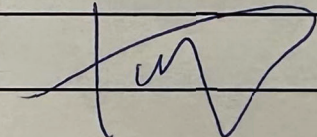
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Anna Groehnert	Jenn Swart	Merrill Taylor
Brenda Ponton	Joe Venzon - LACPW	Michael Ku LASAN
Call-in User_2	Josafat Flores - LACPW	Michelle Staffield
Chris Carandang	Kristina Kreter	Mike Antos - Regional Coordination
Chris Jansen	Lara Awad	Nancy Shrodes
Chris Vong	Larry Tran	Salma Kamal
Conor Mossavi	Leslie Martinez - LACPW	Scoring Committee AV
Curtis Fang	Lisa (Jin) Kim - LACPW	Serena Zhu
David Lee	Maggie Gardner	Shawn Kenney
Dee Corhiran - LACPW	Marisela Velasquez - LACPW	Susie Santilena
Drew Ready CWH	Marisol Ibarra	Thom Epps Craftwater
Eileen Alduenda	Mark Nguyen	Thomas Lee - LACPW
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