

Rio Hondo

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, October 21, 2025
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Monroe Room
119 W Palm Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Julian Juarez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)
Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel District (Agency), Vice-Chair
*Lauren Augino, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Agency)
Shannon Bishop, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Agency)
Jeff Khun, City of Pasadena Public Works (Agency)
Brian Tabatabai, Resident (Community)
Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All (Community)
Latoya Waters, Alhambra (Municipal)
Briget Arndell, Arcadia (Municipal)
Eddie Chan, Irwindale (Municipal)
*Sophia Sousa, Monrovia (Municipal)
Ryan Butler, Los Angeles County Public Works (Municipal)
Richard Watson, Richard Watson and Associates Planning (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Committee Members Not Present:

Jill Fosselman, Resident (Community)
Marisol Cortez, (Community)
Stephanie Sandoval, Duarte (Municipal)
Dawn Petschauer, Pasadena (Municipal), Chair

*Committee Member Alternate

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

1) Welcome and Introductions

Tom Love, Vice-Chair of the Rio Hondo (RH) 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.

Member Ryan Butler made a self-introduction as the new Committee Member representing Los Angeles County Public Works.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2025

Public Works staff presented the minutes from the previous meeting. Member Bryan Matsumoto motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Brian Tabatabai. The WASC voted to approve the August 19, 2025 meeting minutes with 11 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 in abstention (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

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Upon inquiry, Public Works staff confirmed that one Community Stakeholder seat is currently vacant. Public Works staff provided an overview of the appointment process and directed interested parties to apply using the [Interest to Serve link](#).

Public Works staff provided an update, noting:

- The Call for Projects deadline for consideration in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY26-27) Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) was July 31. 29 Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects, seven Technical Resource Program (TRP) Project Concepts, and 12 Scientific Study (SS) applications were submitted Program-wide. The RH WASC received 6 IP applications, 0 TRP applications, and seven SS applications. The SCW Program team is conducting completeness checks for all applications. IP Projects deemed complete will be scored by the Scoring Committee.
- The Scoring Committee began scoring Projects on September 15. The Scoring Committee will continue scoring Projects on October 20, October 27, November 10, and December 1, 2025. If Projects need to be rescored, the Scoring Committee will meet again on December 8 and/or 15. Projects that score above the threshold score will be sent to the WASC for consideration in the SIP. To date, all 6 RH IP Projects have been scored.
- The deadline to submit a Project Modification Request (PMR) for consideration in the FY26-27 SIP is October 31. The SCW Program is transitioning from the current PMR form in PDF format to online, a direct submittal through the Reporting Module. This change will streamline integration with the SIP Tool and other modules. To access the PMR form for a given Project, navigate to the Reporting Module, select the appropriate Project, and then click on the new title labeled "Project Modification Request." More information can be found on the Guidelines for Project Modifications section on the [Adaptive Management webpage](#).
- The Science Symposium is scheduled for November 12 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Public Works Headquarters. The latest science in stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) treatment technology will be showcased. The Symposium will also include a panel discussion regarding the future of stormwater sciences within the framework of the SCW Program.
- The next Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting is scheduled for December 10 at 1:00pm. During the meeting, the ROC will discuss the 2025 Draft SCW Program Biennial Progress Report, open the 30-day comment period, and discuss next steps for the Initial Watershed Plans.
- The SCW Program's Landcover Survey was updated for FY25-26. This Landcover Survey provides the aerial imagery used to calculate parcels' SCW Tax. A parcel's impermeable area may have changed although the tax rate of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable area has not. Millions of dollars in additional annual revenue is expected as a result of the update. Each parcel's new impermeable area is anticipated to remain in effect until the next update in approximately three years or until revised per appeal.

4) Watershed Coordinator Updates

The Committee deferred this Agenda Item to the next meeting.

5) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

There were no ex parte communications.

6) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

7) Presentations and Discussion Items

a) Watershed Planning Phase 4 Engagement

Public Works' Watershed Planning staff provided an overview of Watershed Planning goals, engagement activities to date, reviewing projects under consideration using the [Watershed Planning Tool](#), alignment

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with Watershed Planning, and summarized key findings from the public comment period. Presentation slides can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).

Upon inquiry, Watershed Planning staff clarified that the baseline indicators in the Planning Dashboard will remain the same, but Projects that meet the scoring threshold score will be included in projects under consideration.

Watershed Planning staff highlighted that a new 20th requirement in the Feasibility Study Guidelines will require Project Applications to include a detailed description of how the Project aligns with the Initial Watershed Plan. When asked how the zinc load reduction was calculated, Watershed Planning staff explained that the estimate was derived from the final load reduction figure presented in the Watershed Management Plan (WMP). The calculation involved determining the ratio of the SCW Program contribution to the total cost required to achieve the full load reduction.

Hayat Rasul (Stantec, Watershed Planning) facilitated a discussion with WASC Members on how the Initial Watershed Plan could shape Projects that will be submitted to this WASC in the future.

Vice-Chair Love noted that the Watershed Planning Tool could provide clearer guidance on aligning Projects with the goals of the Initial Watershed Plans and the SCW Program. The Watershed Planning Tool may also help improve applications to meet SCW Program goals and assist the WASC in evaluating and prioritizing proposed Projects. Member Matsumoto noted that the Initial Watershed Plan can also identify communities that have been underrepresented in the SCW Program, including areas such as Montebello and Pico Rivera.

WASC Members discussed how the Watershed Planning Tool may help identify redundant Projects. Watershed Planning staff explained that the Tool is designed to geographically display Projects and their potential impacts. Watershed Planning staff added that the Watershed Planning Tool only includes Projects within the SCW Program, noting that its representation of impacts and opportunities is not comprehensive. Additionally, Watershed Planning staff clarified that the opportunities shown in the Watershed Planning Tool remain unchanged until a project receives funding.

Member Julian Juarez requested Project Applicants include presentation slides to show how Projects align with the IWPs and meet SCW Program goals.

The WASC discussed potential challenges regarding future Project Applications. Vice-Chair Love noted that the Watershed Planning Tool can help guide discussion to determine which Projects to fund. Mike Antos (Stantec, Watershed Planning) added that while some Projects may be beneficial and meet regulatory compliance, they may not fully align with SCW Program goals, highlighting a potential challenge in future decision-making.

Watershed Planning staff summarized key takeaways from the public comment review. Member Matsumoto asked whether there would be another presentation that summarizes the characterization of the RH Watershed Area. Watershed Planning staff responded that the Initial Watershed Plans for the RH WASC is expected to be finalized in 2026, noting that the final version will not differ significantly from the current document published online.

Antos shared that as the next Call for Project approaches, additional informational sessions will be held for both Project Developers and WASC Members to learn more about the Watershed Planning Tool, which will play a larger role in future deliberations. Vice-Chair Love noted that the most recent round of Projects, submitted in July 2025, did not get the opportunity to benefit from Watershed Planning Tool.

8) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

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9) Voting Items

There were no voting items.

10) Items for Next Agenda

The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, November 18 from 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Items on the next agenda include:

- a) SS Presentations
 - a. A Holistic Assessment of Trash in Watersheds
 - b. Regional CECs and Pollutant EMCs in Stormwater Assessment
 - c. Depave Rio Hondo: Prioritizing Parking Lots for Green Retrofitting and Exploring Broader Hardscape Transformation Considerations
 - d. Living Schoolyard Operations and Maintenance Training Pilot

Public Works staff added that the independent Peer Review Summaries for the SS applications are expected early next year.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff clarified that Round 6 (FY25-26) SIPs will be presented to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for approval on November 4. Watershed Coordinator Richard Watson cited comments expressed at the previous ROC meeting about Project Developers' need to accelerate project implementation. Public Works staff highlighted that Mid-Year and Annual Reporting summaries are good opportunities for the WASC to assess Project statuses and compare actual spending against WASC allocations.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff confirmed that the Science Symposium scheduled for Wednesday November 12 is replacing the November ROC meeting.

11) Adjournment

Vice-Chair Love thanked the WASC Members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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		Quorum Present				Voting Items
Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve 8/19/2025 Meeting Minutes
Agency	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Julian Juarez	x	Alynn Sun		Y
Agency	Upper San Gabriel District	Tom Love**	x	Patty Cortez		Y
Agency	Main San Gabriel Basin	Kelly Gardner		Lauren Augino	x	Y
Agency	LA County Sanitation Districts	Shannon Bishop	x	Alysha Chan		Y
Agency	Pasadena Public Works	Jeff Khun	x	Brent Maue		Y
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Brian C. Tabatabai	x			Y
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Jill Fosselman				
Community Stakeholder	Mayor Pro Tem - City of El Monte	Marisol Cortez				
Community Stakeholder	Nature for All	Bryan Matsumoto	x	Jade Nguyen		Y
Community Stakeholder						
Municipal Members	City of Alhambra	Latoya Waters	x	Gehovanny Herrera		Y
Municipal Members	City of Arcadia	Briget Arndell	x	Carmen Masud		Y
Municipal Members	City of Duarte	Stephanie Sandoval		Marvin Carpio		
Municipal Members	City of Irwindale	Eddie Chan	x			Y
Municipal Members	City of Monrovia	Alex Tachiki		Sophia Sousa	x	Y
Municipal Members	City of Pasadena	Dawn Petschauer*		James Tong		
Municipal Members	LA County Public Works	Ryan Butler	x	Donna Tran		A
Watershed CoordinatorNon-Voting Member	RWA Planning	Richard Watson	x	Julie Millett	x	
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yay (Y)	11
Total Voting Members Present		12			Nay (N)	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	1
Community Stakeholder		2			Total	12
Municipal Members		5				Approved

Attendees

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Alysha Chan
Bryan Igboke - LACPW
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Chris Zabalza - LACPW
Dee Corhiran - LACPW
Donna Tran - LACPW
Emily Huang - Stantec

Emily Ng - Regional Coordination
Ivar Ridgeway
Jenna Cobb
Jian Peng
JonPaul Sarro - LACPW
Marisela Velasquez - LACPW
Mayra Cabrera - LACPW

Mei-Lin Hanna - JLHA
Nancy Verdin - Day One
Rio Hondo AV
Rob Garcia
Rob Garcia Jr.
Sofia Cardenas - LACDPW

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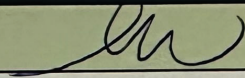
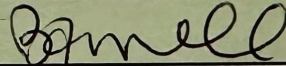
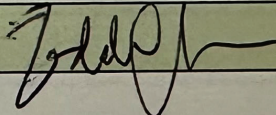
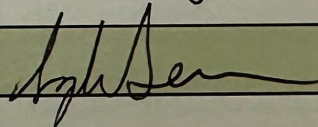
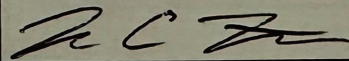
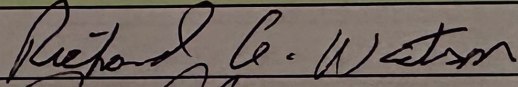


Member Name	Municipality/ Organization	P/A	Signature
Julian Juarez	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	P	
Alynn Sun	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	A	
Tom Love	Upper San Gabriel District	P	
Patty Cortez	Upper San Gabriel District	A	
Kelly Gardner	Main San Gabriel Basin	P	
Lauren Augino	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster	A	
Shannon Bishop	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	P	
Alysha Chan	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	A	
Jeff Khun	Pasadena	P	
Brent Maue	Pasadena	A	
Brian C. Tabatabai	Resident - City of West Covina	P	
Jill Fosselman	Resident	P	
Marisol Cortez		P	
Vacant		P	
Bryan Matsumoto	Nature For All	P	
Jade Nguyen	Nature For All	A	

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Member Name	Municipality/ Organization	P/A	Signature
Latoya Waters	Alhambra	P	
Gehovanny Herrera	Alhambra	A	
Briget Arndell	Arcadia	P	
Carmen Masud	Arcadia	A	
Stephanie Sandoval	Duarte	P	
Marvin Carpio	Duarte	A	
Eddie Chan	Irwindale	P	
Alex Tachiki	Monrovia	P	
Sophia Sousa	Monrovia	A	
Dawn Petschauer	Pasadena	P	
James Tong	Pasadena	A	
Ryan Butler	LA County Public Works	P	
Donna Tran	LA County Public Works	A	
Richard Watson	RWA	WC	
Julie Millett	RWA	WC	