

Upper San Gabriel River

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

Meeting Minutes



Thursday, October 23, 2025

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Los Angeles County Sanitation District – Conference Room E&F
1955 Workman Mill Rd

Whittier, CA 90601
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

*Alynn Sun, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)
Francisco Guerrero, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Agency)
*Mayra Martinez Yasumura, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation (Agency)
Manuel D. Perez, Valley Vista Services, Inc (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, Industry (Municipal), Chair
Eddie Chan, Irwindale (Municipal)
*Lauren Marshall, Pomona (Municipal)
Ryan Butler, Los Angeles County (Municipal)
James Cortes, Day One (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

*Committee Member Alternate

Committee Members Not Present:

Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel District (Agency), Vice-Chair
Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Agency)
Jeanette Flores, Charter Oak Unified School District (Community)

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

1) Welcome and Introductions

Mathew Hudson, 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 August 28, 2025

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from August 28, 2025. Member Drew Ready motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Lauren Marshall. The WASC voted to approve the meeting minutes with 10 votes in favor, 2 votes in abstention, 0 votes opposed, and 1 Member absent at the time of the vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

Public works staff provided updates, noting:

- The Call for Projects deadline for consideration in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY26-27) Call for Projects deadline was July 31, 2025. 29 Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects, 7 Technical Resources Program (TRP) Project Concepts, and 12 unique Scientific Study (SS) applications were

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submitted Program wide. In USGR, 6 IP Projects, 2 TRP Project Concepts, and 4 SS applications were received. Please visit the [Call for Projects page](#) of the SCW website for more information.

- The Scoring Committee began scoring projects in September. The Scoring Committee will continue scoring projects on October 20, October 27, November 10, and December 1. If projects need to be rescored by the Scoring Committee, they will meet again in December or January. Those projects that score above the threshold score will be sent to the WASC for consideration for inclusion in the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP).
- 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 to an online, 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 project, navigate to the Reporting Module, select the appropriate project, and then click on the new tile labeled “Project Modification Request”. More information can be found in the Guidelines for Project Modifications section on the [Adaptive Management webpage](#).
- The Scientific Symposium is scheduled for November 12 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the 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 renowned experts to explore the future of stormwater sciences.
- 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 the 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’ Safe Clean Water 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. Approximately \$10 million 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.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff confirmed that tax allocation amounts will be shared with the WASC as they are received.

4) Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator James Cortes shared a summary of recent Watershed Coordinator outreach and working group participation activities, Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) results, and community feedback. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Watershed Coordinator Cortes shared that the survey has been distributed via Watershed Coordinator outreach events and Watershed Coordinator newsletters. Member Ready suggested that the survey be distributed to SCW Program’s Municipal Program representatives to present at City Council meetings, as well as to other community-based organizations for distribution in newsletters.

Upon inquiry, Emily Ng (Stantec, Regional Coordination) clarified that the CSNA will continuously collect responses. Watershed Coordinator Cortes clarified that there is not one person tasked with disseminating the CSNA and encouraged municipal members to share the CSNA with residents. Several Committee Members suggested social media advertising of the CSNA and Ng highlighted the CSNA Promotional Toolkit on the [SCW Program website](#) as a helpful resource.

5) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

There were no ex-parte communication disclosures.

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6) Discussion Items

a) Watershed Planning Phase 4 Engagement

Public Works' Watershed Planning staff presented on Watershed Planning Phase 4 Engagement. The presentation included background on the SCW Program Watershed Planning, an introduction to the Initial Watershed Plan, discussion questions facilitated by Hayat Rasul (Stantec, Watershed Planning), discussion of received public comments, and discussion of next steps and timeline. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

The USGR WASC discussed Initial Watershed Plans and assessing project alignment with Watershed Plans. Member David Marquez mentioned grant opportunities from the California Climate Bond and suggested that the Watershed Planning Tool could be used to identify projects eligible for leveraged funds, especially projects located in disadvantaged communities. Upon inquiry, Watershed Planning staff clarified that the Watershed Planning Tool does not currently have a layer that shows catchment areas for specific projects, but noted that catchment areas were taken into consideration when developing the Opportunity Area layers. Upon inquiry, Watershed Planning staff clarified that the 20th Feasibility Study Guidelines Requirement will require Project Applicants to explain how their Project aligns with the Watershed Plan, and that WASCs will evaluate that alignment.

Rasul asked the WASC what considerations Project Applicants should incorporate based on Watershed Planning targets. Member Alynn Sun shared that the Los Angeles County Flood Control District has reviewed plans for multiple WASCs and is pleased with the Watershed Planning effort and hopes Project Applicants will work to align projects with the Watershed Plans. Watershed Coordinator Cortes urged that Project Applicants meet with the Watershed Coordinator during the next Call for Projects to discuss Watershed Plans and Project alignment. Member Manuel Perez commented that the Watershed Plans may help Project Applicants be more specific in the benefits claimed, and Member Ready noted that addressing certain priority pollutants could better be highlighted by Project Applicants. Member Marquez expressed the need for Project Applicants to provide more accurate cost estimates in the future.

Member Ready expressed a desire for more Project Proponents to connect with the Watershed Coordinator and pursue other grant programs to leverage funding. Committee Members discussed the importance of leveraged funds and how the SCW Program would evaluate projects based on leveraged funds as competition for funding increases in the SCW Program. Committee Members expressed concern that projects not located in disadvantaged communities may be less competitive for grant programs.

The Committee confirmed with Watershed Planning staff that most of the public comments on the Initial Watershed Plans were clarification comments that did not lead to major changes in the Watershed Plans. Upon inquiry, Watershed Planning staff stated that line-item comments are not available to the WASC at this time, as comments are still being evaluated.

7) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

8) Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 4, 2025 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at Los Angeles County Sanitation District. Items on the next agenda include:

a) Scientific Studies (SS) Program Presentations.

9) Adjournment

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

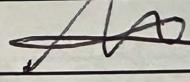
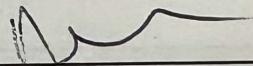
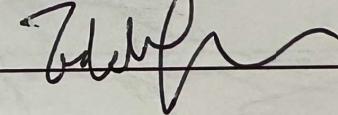
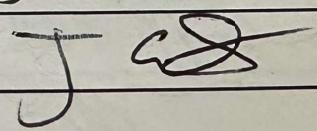
		Quorum Present				Voting Items (see meeting minutes for additional details)
Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve 8/28/2025 Meeting Minutes
Agency	Los Angeles County FCD	Julian Juarez		Alynn Sun	x	y
Agency	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	Tom Love		Patty Cortez		
Agency	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster	Kelly Gardner		Lauren Augino		
Agency	Sanitation Districts	Francisco Guerrero	x	Christopher Lapaz		a
Agency	Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation	Andrea Vona		Mayra Martinez Yasumura	x	y
Community Stakeholder	Valley Vista Services, Inc	Manuel D. Perez	x			
Community Stakeholder	Urban Semillas	David Marquez	x			y
Community Stakeholder	Council for Watershed Health	Drew Ready	x	Jason Casanova		y
Community Stakeholder	Charter Oak Unified School District	Jeanette Flores				
Community Stakeholder						
Municipal Members	Duarte/Bradbury	Stephanie Sandoval	x	Kevin Kearney		y
Municipal Members	Diamond Bar	Nicholas Delgado	x			y
Municipal Members	Glendora / Arcadia	Stephanie Ryan	x	Briget Arndell		y
Municipal Members	Industry	Mathew Hudson	x			y
Municipal Members	Irwindale	Eddie Chan	x			y
Municipal Members	Pomona	Julie Carver		Lauren Marshall	x	y
Municipal Members	Unincorporated LA County	Ryan Butler	x	Rafael Piamonte		a
Watershed Coordinator Non-Voting Member	Watershed Coordinator	James Cortes	x			
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yes (Y)	10
Total Voting Members Present		13			No (N)	0
Agency		3			Abstain (A)	2
Community Stakeholder		3			Total	12
Municipal Members		7				Approved

Webex Attendees
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Alireza Rahmani	Jenna Cobb	Milo Yukimoto
Anthony O City of Pomona	Jenny Chau	RG
Bryan Igboke - LACPW	Julie	Rafael Piamonte
Daria Antonova - LACPW	Katie Harrel CWE	USGR WASC
Emily Ng Regional Coordination	Leslie Martinez - LACPW	laura
Grant Garcia - City of San Dimas	Liana Poghosyan	rob Garcia
Hans Tremmel - Brown and Caldwell	Mayra Cabrera - LACPW	

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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	
Brigel Arndell	Arcadia	Alternate	
Christopher Lapaz	Sanitation Districts	Alternate	
David Marquez	California Consulting, INC	Alternate	
Drew Ready	Council for Watershed Health	Primary	
Eddie Chan	Irwindale	Primary	
→ Fernando Villaluna	Los Angeles County	Primary	
Francisco Guerrero	Sanitation Districts	Primary	
James Cortes	Day One	WC	
Jason Casanova	Council for Watershed Health	Alternate	
Jeanette Flores	Charter Oak Unified School District	Primary	
Julian Juarez	FCD	Primary	
Julie Carver	Pomona	Primary	
Kelly Gardner	Main San Gabriel Basin	Primary	

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

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