



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinator Report
January 8, 2025

Melina Sempill Watts, Watershed Coordinator

Photo and Logo, Los Angeles County



Measure W: The Safe Clean Water Program provides local, dedicated funding to increase our local water supply, improve water quality, and protect public health.

Photo and Logo, Los Angeles County

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On December 17, 2025,
the Native American
Heritage Commission
in Sacramento
responded to a formal
request to identify
Native American
cultures connected to
the North Santa Monica
Bay Watershed.
Here is the list.

Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians
Cahuilla Band of Indians
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation
Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe
Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Northern Chumash Tribal Council
Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians

Facilitate Community Engagement In SCWP

- Attended Agoura Hills City Council Re-organization
- Upcoming meetings:
 - L.A. County Office of Education leadership and Watershed Coordinators to discuss SCWP
 - Councilmember Haylynn Conrad and Madelyn Glickfeld
 - Don Schmitz



Photo by Watts

Identify and Develop Project Concepts

- Connected with Aaron Ordower and Madelyn Glickfeld to revisit project opportunities at Zuma Beach parking lot, Zuma Creek and Zuma Lagoon.
- Exploring how best to serve NSMB WASC if and when all funding is spent on completed projects / ongoing maintenance

Photo by Watts

TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM

- Will suggest TRP (again) to City of Malibu
- TRP may be a path for project(s) at Zuma Beach
- ***Recurring discussion point:
both non-profits and water-centered engineering firms
want to be able to apply for
or be considered for TRP funding for their own work***

Facilitate Identification and Representation of Community Priorities

- Does NSMB WASC want a presentation on *Untapped Potential: Leveraging Schoolyards for Stormwater Management and Climate Resilience* report by TreePeople?
- The Colorado River Indian Tribes group (CRIT) are working to declare that the Colorado River is alive; see Ian James' article for details

Integrate Priorities Through Partnerships and Extensive Networks

- RSVP'd for CREEC event in March 2026
- Attended Dec 19 Biodiversity collaborative
- Invited to tour site adjacent to L.A. River for LA28 Nativescaping project



Photo by Watts

Leveraged / Outside Funding Pursued

- Encouraging schools and LACOE to consider CALTRANS collaborations
- Connecting SAMO Fund to Amigo de los Rios to lower costs for projects at schools

Photo by Watts

Photo by Watts

Photo by Watts

Local Stakeholder Education

- Requesting presentation for NSMB WASC from CALTRANS on draft PCH Master Plan Feasibility Study
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Malibu Lagoon Restoration celebration event on May 7th



Photo by Watts

Photo by Watts

Cost Share Partners

- **Encouraging Schools and L.A. County Office of Education to consider CALTRANS collaborations**
- **Connecting SAMO Fund to Amigo de los Rios to help lower costs / accelerate start times for projects at schools**

Photo by Watts

Photo by Watts

Watershed Coordinator Coordination

- December 4, attended monthly watershed coordinator meeting
- December 5, attended tribal allyship meeting
- December 9, working with watershed coordinators on possible schools and stormwater tour for Jackson Elementary School led by Claire Robinson
- December 14, met with Blake Whittington former watershed coordinator
- Dec 19, Attended Schools and Stormwater meeting
- Shared proposed Golf Course-to-housing project in Woodland Hills with Adi Liberman, ULAR Watershed

Photo by Amanda Begley



Scheduling Concerns or Issues

**New reporting process for
Watershed Coordinators
... feeling ... hopeful.**



North Santa Monica Watershed Strategic Outreach Engagement Plan, 2025-2026

Will be using upcoming NEW format
online

Photo by Watts

Photo by Watts