

Scoring Committee

Meeting Minutes



Monday, September 15, 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

Committee Members Not Present

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 April 29, 2025

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from the April 29, 2025 meeting. Member Greg Pierce motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Esther Rojas. The Committee voted to approve the April 29, 2025 meeting minutes with 4 votes in favor and 1 member absent at the time of voting (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

Public Works staff provided an update, noting:

- The FY26-27 Call for Projects deadline was July 31. Program wide, 29 Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects, 7 Technical Resources Program (TRP) Project Concepts, and 12 unique Scientific Study (SS) applications were received.
- The Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) met on September 10 to discuss high-level comments and questions regarding Initial Watershed Plans and their use across the SCW Program. The next ROC meeting is scheduled for October 8.
- The [2026 Q1 Leveraged Funding Report](#) has been posted to the SCW Program website under the Resources tab. It provides a high-level overview of recent funding policy highlights and shares currently active and upcoming funding opportunities that may be relevant to SCW Program infrastructure projects.

Chair Reznik noted that Los Angeles Waterkeeper has held five community workshops to solicit feedback regarding the Initial Watershed Plans.

The Committee decided to discuss the rest of this Agenda Item after Agenda Item 9.

4) Ex Parte Communications Disclosure

Vice-Chair TJ Moon disclosed a conversation with Geosyntec regarding their Project applications.

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Member David Diaz shared that Active San Gabriel Valley applied and was nominated by the Rio Hondo WASC to serve as the Watershed Coordinator for that watershed area.

5) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

6) Presentations and Discussion Items:

a. Roles and Responsibilities of Scoring Committee

- i. Scoring Committee Operating Guidelines
- ii. Expectations of Chair, Co-Chairs, and/or Vice-Chair
- iii. FY26-27 Memo to Scoring Committee

Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Scoring Committee. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Member Reznik commented that it has been recommended by the Scoring Committee to have a more formal role in evaluating the Disadvantaged Community Benefits.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff clarified that consolidation of the Feasibility Study Guidelines and the Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines is not yet available, but work is in progress.

b. Selection of Chair, Co-Chairs, and/or Vice-Chair

Bruce Reznik and TJ Moon were nominated to renew their positions as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

c. Summary of FY26-27 Infrastructure Program Project Applications

Antos provided a summary of the FY26-27 IP Project Applications. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

d. Overview of Scoring Schedule for FY26-27 Infrastructure Program Project Applications

Public Works staff shared the overview scoring schedule and solicited Committee Member availabilities. Upcoming meeting dates can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).

e. Scoring of FY26-27 Infrastructure Program Projects

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: Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project			WASC(s): Rio Hondo
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	12	20	See below
Water Quality Part 2	30	20	See below
Water Supply Part 1	2	2	See below
Water Supply Part 2	5	5	See below
Community Investment	10	5	See below

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Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	See below
Leveraging Funds	3	3	See below
Community Support	4	3	See below
TOTAL	76	68	See below

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

Discussion:

- Water Quality: Vice-Chair Moon explained that because the Project is a combination of infiltration and treat and release, the Projects Module is unable to accurately quantify the associated benefits of the multiple Best Management Practices (BMPs) being used. Vice-Chair Moon noted that Project applicants did their own calculations to amend for this, but these different BMPs should be included in the Projects Module. Vice-Chair Moon also commented that the Project is diverting runoff into the Eaton Wash channel from a tributary area over 10,000 acres. With a 90% treat and release volume and a 10% infiltration at a 0.4 inches per hour (in/hr) rate, this Project is considered to be in between “dry” and “wet” weather. Since the Project does not treat the entire 85th percentile storm, Vice-Chair Moon suggested the Project be scored as a dry weather project. Vice-Chair Moon questioned the effectiveness of the proposed BMPs, citing the need for more data.
 - Pauline Nguyen (Crafterwater, Project applicant) explained why the model generated a certain percentage of BMP effectiveness and discussed with Vice-Chair Moon on how 90% of the water is treated and then released, and the effectiveness of cartridge membrane filtration.
- Water Supply: Member Rojas noted that because the diverted flows would have ultimately flowed to the downstream Rio Hondo Spreading Grounds, there is no new water being infiltrated at the project.
 - Courtney Semlow (Craftwater, Project applicant) commented that the Project application purposely chose to use the Water Supply Scoring Pilot to receive some points because the infiltration occurs at the Project. Nguyen provided an explanation of the modeling effort done to estimate the amount of water being infiltrated over the Project’s lifetime, citing use of the [Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines](#)’ net countable supply ratios.
- Community Investment: The Committee decided to remove the flooding benefit claimed by the applicant as the Project does not capture full the 85th percentile storm. Member Reznik noted that the Project location is near disadvantaged community census tracts and commented that the purpose of the Disadvantaged Community Benefits is to invest in historically underinvested communities. The Committee agreed that the WASCs should discuss whether the Project provides Disadvantaged Community Benefits even if the site is not located in one.
 - Semlow explained that while the Project is not located in a disadvantaged community census tract, there is a Boys and Girls Club directly adjacent to the Project site, which has a high membership of members who live in disadvantaged communities. Member Reznik encouraged the Project applicant to engage with the WASC to better explain all the Community Investment Benefits that may not be apparent from the Project’s overall score.
- Nature Based Solutions: Member Diaz mentioned plans for 2,600 square feet (sq ft) of vegetation. Member Reznik noted that there was inconsistency in the number of trees expected to be planted.
- Leveraging Funds: Member Diaz indicated \$6.5M leveraged funds from Caltrans.
- Community Support: Member Diaz noted that, while there were community workshops conducted, a project of this scale could have had more engagement activities conducted and referred to the Good-Better-Best criteria.

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Project: Story Park Stormwater Capture Project		WASC: Rio Hondo	
Application Type: Design Only			
Water Quality Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Category	Applicant Score	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	12	12	See below
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	See below
Water Supply Part 1	2	2	
Water Supply Part 2	3	3	
Community Investment	5	5	See below
Nature-Based Solutions	11	11	
Leveraging Funds	0	0	
Community Support	2	2	See below
TOTAL	65	65	
Conclusion: The Project received 65 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.			
Discussion:			
<u>Water Quality</u>: Vice-Chair Moon explained that this Project is difficult to classify and score as either a dry weather or wet weather project given the large drainage area and multiple diversion points. Vice-Chair Moon commented that the Project seems to be a combination of a small wet weather project with a large dry weather project. The Project was evaluated as wet weather, claiming 90% effectiveness for treat and release at a rate of 0.3 in/hr. Vice-Chair Moon also noted that additional data regarding the effectiveness of the filter cartridges should be provided to back up the maximum points claimed. - Merrill Taylor (Craftwater, Project applicant) explained that the dry weather diversion in the wash was added to provide more regional benefits, otherwise the project would have strictly treated wet weather for only the City of Alhambra. Taylor agreed to review the calculations for the BMP effectiveness, noting that using event mean concentration (EMC) may be more suitable than percent reduction to describe pollutant removal. <u>Water Supply</u>: Member Rojas confirmed that the Project applicant used the same methodology for calculating new locally available water supply as the Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project, in accordance with the Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines. <u>Community Investment</u>: Chair Reznik commented that Community Investment Benefits' Scoring Criteria should be more metric based than a simple pass/fail to receive points. Vice-Chair Moon noted that the Water Quality and Water Supply Pilot Scoring Criteria often allows Project applicants to receive points for incremental or small-scale benefits, instead of none, and recommended a similar gradation for Community Investment Benefits. <u>Nature Based Solutions</u>: Member Diaz mentioned that this area already has good shading and trees, with the park having good traction, and sought clarification on the addition of trees and the mechanics behind the integration. - Taylor mentioned part of the design goal would be to replace some of the play equipment with trees for shade area, and they are seeking to add more shade to the area along with a pickleball area.			

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- Community Support: Chair Reznik mentioned the Project showed early outreach and good supporters in the community.

7) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

8) Voting Items

a. Selection of Chair, Co-Chairs, and/or Vice-Chair

Member Diaz motioned to approve Bruce Reznik as Chair and TJ Moon as Vice-Chair, seconded by Member Rojas. The Committee voted to approve the motion, with five votes in favor (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

b. From Today: Send scorable projects receiving passing score to Watershed Area Steering Committee

Member Diaz motioned to send scorable projects receiving a passing score to WASC, seconded by Member Pierce. The Committee voted to approve the motion, with five votes in favor (approved, see vote tracking sheet). The projects include:

- Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project
- Story Park Stormwater Capture Project

9) Items for Next Agenda

Member Pierce clarified with Chair Reznik that rescoring is intended for Project applicants to provide clarifying information, such as additional documents, to justify points to receive a passing score.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2025 from 9:00am – 12:00pm, held in person for Committee Members and virtually or in person for the public. Items on the next agenda include:

a. Scoring of FY26-27 Infrastructure Program Projects

3) Committee Member and Program Updates (continued)

Public Works' Watershed Planning staff provided an update, noting:

- Drafts Initial Watershed Plans as well as a beta-version of the Watershed Planning Tool are now available on the SCW Program website for review and public comment. Public comments may be submitted from now until September 28. Drafts of the Initial Watershed Plans, the Watershed Planning Tool, and the Public Comment Form can be found on the Watershed Planning Webpage under the "Initial Watershed Plans & Planning Tool" section.
- The Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) survey has launched and has received more than 600 surveys responses from community members.
- During the upcoming November WASC meetings, the Watershed Planning Team will give a presentation on the Draft Initial Watershed Plans, including related feedback discussions.
- A Technical Info Session was held to take a deep dive on data targets and strategies. The session recording and meeting materials can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).
- The 20th requirement is to be added to the Feasibility Study Guidelines to describe how Feasibility Studies align with Initial Watershed Plans.

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?	4/29/2025 Meeting Minutes	Vote for Bruce for Chair and TJ for Vice-Chair of the Scoring Committee	From today, 9/15/25, send scoreable projects receiving a passing score to WASCs
Community Investments	Gregory Scott Pierce	x	Y	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	Y
Nature-Based Solutions / Community Investments / Water Quality	Bruce Reznik	x	Y	Y	Y
Water Quality	Dave Sorem				
Water Quality	TJ Moon	x	Y	Y	Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats	6	Yay (Y)	4	5	5
Total Voting Members Present	5	Nay (N)	0	0	0
		Abstain (A)	0	0	0
		Total	4	5	5
			Approved	Approved	Approved

Attendees

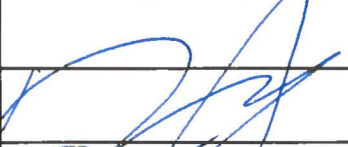
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Carlos Rodriguez	Jose L Escajeda	Pablo Forni - LACPW
Conor Mossavi	Joyann	Peter
Curtis Fang	Kristina kreter	Randy
David Coghiel	Larry Tran - LACPW	Serena Zhu
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COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGN-IN



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		

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MERRILL	TAYLOR	CRAFTWATER	