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We recently recieved WASC comment letters to share with you for our project from two new partners that I want added to the record for consideration.

The first is from Ezrach, a community based organization in Leimert Park (within Central Santa Monica Bay WASC) who is working with us currently to address trash sources there and would like to be a formal partner if we are funded (https://drive.google.com/file/d/14SHSjIkWMN9Biq0mHIeqAqdB6s-A90qG/view?usp=sharing).

The second is from City Councilmember Duggan in Long Beach who wants to underscore the importance of science on upstream source intervention in addressing trash. Dispite all ongoing trash reduction efforts throughout LA County, Long Beach continues to see annual increases in trash ending up on their beaches and river mouths, demonstrating that the current scientific understanding of trash management does not satisfactorily address the water quality problem (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UWqXRhYq0yR3nQ0oWp-Lzg1KS5DJB0QK/view?usp=sharing).

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The San Vicente Streetscape Plaza is perfect for Safe Clean Water Program funding because it tackles stormwater pollution in one of LA County's most densely packed neighborhoods. This project will use bioswales, permeable paving, and rain gardens to capture and clean runoff where it falls. WeHo is turing a plaza into a green infrastructure that helps solve our water quality problems. It willl reduce flooding during storms, filter out pollutants before they reach our waterways, and help recharge groundwater.

What's really exciting about this project is how many people will see it and learn from it. The San Vicente plaza sits in the heart of West Hollywood where thousands of residents and visitors pass through regularly, so it's going to be a living example of how cities can manage stormwater in a beautiful and interesting way. As a West Hollywood Public Facilities, Recreation and Infastructure Commissioner for the last 7 years, but speaking for myself, this is exactly the kind of visible, effective project that can benefit our community and environment at the same time.