



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

**North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinator Report
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Measure W: The Safe Clean Water Program provides local, dedicated funding to increase our local water supply, improve water quality, and protect public health.

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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
- L.A. County Office of Education leadership and Watershed Coordinators discuss SCWP opportunities
- Councilmember Haylynn Conrad
- Don Schmitz

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 – non-point source pollution will always remain a concern
- Is there a nexus between PCH safety and SCWP projects?

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TRP APPLICATIONS → TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM

- **City of Calabasas beginning a TRP application!**
- **Will City of Malibu join in?**
- **Potentially next year: Webster Elementary School via Amigo de los Rios + SMMUSD TRP application**
- ***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?
- Flexibility within the SCWP: After Amigo de los Rios' "*The Living Schoolyard Monitoring Opportunities and Maintenance Technical Study*" Scientific / Technical study application has been resubmitted to the education program.
- 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

- Attended Supervisor Horvath's event commemorating the Palisades Fire at Pepperdine University
- Attending monthly Biodiversity collaborative
- Invited to tour site adjacent to L.A. River for LA28 Nativescaping project
- Connected at MWD event with Staff from Sierra Club who manage state and national committees



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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
- Attended MWD event which reiterated interest in local outreach funding applications

Local Stakeholder Education

- **NSMB State of the Watershed Film, producing NSMB State of the Watershed 2026 – just hired Angelina Lee, former Obama Fellow, 3.99 GPA at Occidental...**
- **Requested: presentation from CALTRANS on draft PCH Master Plan Feasibility Study**
- **SAVE THE DATE: Malibu Lagoon Restoration celebration event on May 7th**
- **Planning potential event with Stephanie Gebhardt, CSCMB Watershed Coordinator, possibly ARLA, on Fire Cisterns, diesel pumps and sprinklers already in use on Santa Monica Mountain homes for fire prevention**

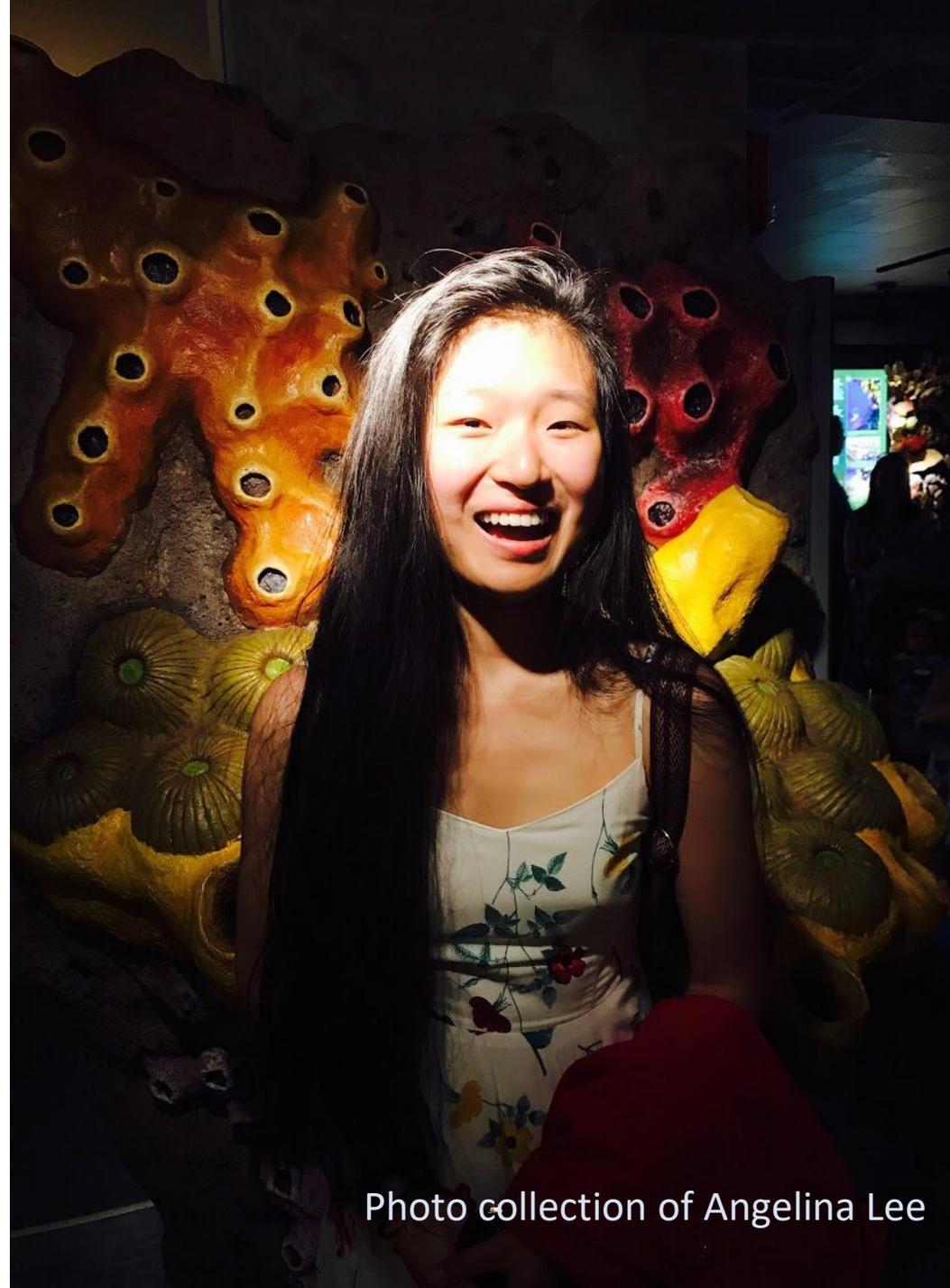


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Cost Share Partners

- 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

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Watershed Coordinator Coordination

- December 9, working with watershed coordinators on possible schools and stormwater tour for Jackson Elementary School led by Claire Robinson
- Working on Fire Cistern Outreach / Education Zoom with other Watershed Coordinators



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Scheduling Concerns or Issues

**New reporting process for
Watershed Coordinators
is streamlined and works like
a charm!**



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

**Update: Goal is to integrate Community
Wants and Needs Surveys
along with NSMB WASC input –**

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