



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: Regional Oversight Committee Meeting Date: 3/11/2026

LA County Public Works may contact me for clarification about my comments

*Per Brown Act, completing this information is optional. At a minimum, please include an identifier so that you may be called upon to speak.

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Comments

My name is James Cluxton, President of OhanaVets, a certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.

OhanaVets served as the inaugural Watershed Coordinator for the Lower San Gabriel River watershed under the Safe, Clean Water Program for the first five years of this program.

I want to briefly raise a program-level concern for the Regional Oversight Committee.

In late February, the County removed OhanaVets from the Watershed Coordinator role with only nine days' notice and without any coordinated transition to the incoming consultant. No one from the County or the Safe, Clean Water Program contacted us to request files, contacts, schedules, or other institutional knowledge related to ongoing watershed coordination work.

For a program that depends heavily on continuity, long-term stakeholder relationships, and detailed knowledge of watershed priorities, an abrupt transition without any handoff reflects a serious failure of program administration and continuity.

I also want the Committee to be aware that a number of governance issues related to last year's Watershed Coordinator selection process remain unresolved, including conflict-of-interest questions and Brown Act compliance concerns raised during the committee process.

These issues have been raised with the County for several months and remain pending today.

Because the Safe, Clean Water Program is taxpayer-funded and overseen by the Board of Supervisors, governance concerns of this nature should be addressed transparently and resolved clearly.

Taxpayer-funded programs depend on transparent processes and accountable administration, and unresolved governance questions ultimately affect confidence in the program as a whole. Submitted for the public record.