

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, December 9, 2025
10:00am – 12:00pm
Lakewood City Hall Executive Board Room
5000 Clark Ave
Lakewood, CA 90712
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present

CJ Caluag, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)
Asha Kreiling, Water Replenishment District (Agency)
Francisco Guerrero, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Agency)
Danielle Lewis, Long Beach Parks and Recreation (Agency)
*David Sall, Conservation Corps of Long Beach (Community)
Gabrielle Weeks, Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment (Community)
Ariel Pe, Business (Community)
Chris Kuebert, Cerritos (Municipal)
Dan Mueller, Downey (Municipal), Co-Chair
Konya Vivanti, Lakewood (Municipal)
Wataru Kumagai, Long Beach (Municipal)
*Len Gorecki, Pico Rivera/Bellflower (Municipal), Vice-Chair
Joseph Venzon, Unincorporated Los Angeles County (Municipal)
Leon Vasquez, Whittier/La Mirada (Municipal)
Kekoa Anderson, OhanaVets (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Committee Members Not Present

Madeline Chen, Central Basin Municipal Water District (Agency)
Adam Galia, Resident (Community)
Mark Stanley, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (Community)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

1) Welcome and Introductions

Dan Mueller, Co-Chair of the Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC), welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) staff conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx and facilitated the roll call of Committee Members. Public Works staff introduced themselves and established a quorum. Public Works staff shared a reminder of the attendance policy with WASC Members.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2025

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from October 14, 2025. Member Gabrielle Weeks motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Konya Vivanti. The Committee voted to approve the October 14, 2025 meeting minutes with 10 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 in abstention (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

Public Works staff provided an update, noting:

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- The Board of Supervisors approved the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY25-26) Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) on November 4, 2025.
- Public Works staff have conducted completeness checks of applications to ensure eligibility as part of SCW administration and routine duties. Completeness checks ensure that applications contain all necessary information and are consistent with the Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program goals and purposes of each sub-program. Program-wide, three Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects did not pass the scoring threshold, and three applications to the Scientific Studies (SS) Program were deemed ineligible for SS Program funding. The applicants have been notified and are part of ongoing discussions with Public Works about potential solutions or other pathways to advance such as the SCW District Program.
- The Scoring Committee has met five times since September and will re-score the last set of projects on December 15, 2025. Those projects that score above the threshold score will be sent to the WASC for consideration in the SIP.
- The deadline to submit a Project Modification Request (PMR) for consideration in the FY26-27 SIP was October 31, 2025. The SCW Team is in the process of reviewing submitted PMRs.
- The Science Symposium was held on November 12, 2025, at the Los Angeles County Public Works Headquarters. The recording has been posted on the [event webpage](#).
- The upcoming Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2025, at 1:00pm, where the ROC will discuss the Draft Biennial Progress Report, open the 30-day Public Comment Period, and discuss next steps for the Initial Watershed Plans. The Draft Biennial Progress Report can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).
- The Quarter 2 (Q2) 2026 Leveraged Funding Report has been posted to the SCW Program website under the [Resources tab](#). The Regional Coordination team prepares quarterly funding reports that include a high-level overview of recent funding policy highlights and a funding matrix that shares currently active and upcoming funding opportunities that may be relevant to SCW Program projects. Public Works staff and the Regional Coordination team are actively tracking activity to better understand impacts to future funding.
- On December 6, 2025, there was a groundbreaking ceremony for the Hermosillo Park Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project attended by Public Works staff and the LSGR Watershed Coordinator.

Public Works staff reminded the WASC that Committee Members connected to specific projects due to their organization affiliation must avoid using their WASC membership to advocate for these projects during SIP deliberations and instead have colleagues or consultants attend on behalf of the project at WASC meetings.

4) Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator Kekoa Anderson presented an overview of current and upcoming activities. The presentation can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).

Watershed Coordinator Anderson noted that an opposition group was present at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Hermosillo Park Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project. Watershed Coordinator Anderson shared the benefits of the Project and described conversations with community members that occurred at the event. Co-Chair Mueller expressed interest in the public's concerns about the Project, such as impact on existing facilities.

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5) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Co-Chair Mueller disclosed receiving an email from Dawn Petschauer (City of Pasadena) expressing disagreement with the determined ineligibility of Pasadena's application to the Scientific Studies (SS) Program.

6) Public Comment Period

Public Works staff compiled all public comments and uploaded them to the [SCW Program website](#). In-person, virtual and call-in users were invited to provide public comment.

Dawn Petschauer (City of Pasadena) provided a public comment expressing disagreement with the ineligibility determination for the City of Pasadena's application submitted to the Scientific Studies Program for the Building a Green Infrastructure Workforce in the LA Region. Petschauer noted that the determination discourages the development of green infrastructure workforce at other agencies. Petschauer urged the LSGR WASC to request that Public Works allow the City of Pasadena to present on the application, noting that similar requests have been made by two other WASCs.

Jeff Khun (City of Pasadena) provided a public comment noting that the City of Pasadena has struggled with maintaining green infrastructure and urban greening projects due to a lack of standardized maintenance training. Kuhn shared that the City of Pasadena intends to support the Building a Green Infrastructure Workforce in the LA Region efforts despite the ineligibility determination for consideration under the Scientific Studies Program and is open to coordination with local partners.

Jessica Rivas (City of Pasadena) provided a public comment noting that green infrastructure often lacks a trained workforce, putting new infrastructure and communities at risk. Rivas stated that the City of Pasadena's application submitted to the Scientific Studies Program advances the SCW Program's goals, and that despite the application having been deemed ineligible, the City of Pasadena intends to continue developing the curriculum and welcomes regional collaboration.

Kaitie Evers (Center for Watershed Protection) provided a public comment noting that green infrastructure projects require consistent, skilled maintenance. Evers shared that the City of Pasadena has partnered with the Center for Watershed Protection's Clean Water Certificate (CWC) Program to support long-term compliance for these projects and remove employment barriers.

Sherreeta White (City of Pasadena) provided a public comment describing the history of the City of Pasadena's Municipal Assistance, Solutions, and Hiring (MASH) Program, which provides training to residents seeking municipal career pathways. White explained that green infrastructure maintenance lacks a standardized training pathway and integrating the CWC Program would promote careers in a rapidly expanding field while supporting clean water initiatives.

7) Presentations and Discussion Items

a) Workforce Development, presentation by Jolene Guerrero, Assistant Deputy Director at Los Angeles County Public Works

This Agenda Item was moved after Agenda Item 9.

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b) Scientific Studies (SS) Program Presentations

i. A Holistic Assessment of Trash in Watersheds (Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research (MIPPR))

Ryanna Fossum (Stantec, Regional Coordination) shared that WASC Members have received a workbook with project summaries, scoring, and note-taking pages to support SIP deliberation.

Andrea Amend (MIPPR, Project applicant) and Shelly Moore (MIPPR, Project applicant) presented on the A Holistic Assessment of Trash in Watershed SS. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Ian Patton (Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment) questioned how understanding trash data and trash composition reduces the amount of trash produced. Moore explained that identifying trash hotspots allows cities to optimize street sweeping and that it is helpful to measure and compare the trash levels with and without street sweeping.

Member Vivanti explained that many cities already collect solid waste and catch basin pollutant data for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permits and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements, respectively. Member Vivanti noted that contractors collecting solid waste typically provide data, including images, and the City of Lakewood reports some debris data to CalRecycle. Amend explained that the SS plans for the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee intended to consolidate existing data, identify information gaps, and coordinate with entities like CalRecycle.

Member Vivanti shared that City of Lakewood residents call in complaints about solid waste. These complaints are then tracked by the City and trash is removed. Member Vivanti remarked that the presentation mentions tracking a road dust study and inquired if that refers to dust or sediment, since sediment adheres to metals and causes issues for TMDLs. Amend stated the applicant intends to look into the study and explained that Win Cowger (MIPPR), the SS Proponent, was referencing another SS funded by the WASC.

Member David Sall requested details on recruiting young adults for the SS, as noted in the presentation. Moore explained that MIPPR has established relationships with universities in the area and with multiple students who volunteer or perform research at the MIPPR lab. Member Sall stated that the Conservation Corps of Long Beach has young adults who would be interested in participating.

Member Vivanti confirmed with Moore that the staff collecting samples for the Study will prepare materials with project information and contact details to distribute to residents with questions.

Member Vivanti confirmed with Amend that the Study intends to collect all trash that is safely accessible from the sidewalk, including the curb and gutter. Member Vivanti noted that the City of Lakewood has a Bulky Item Pickup Service, where bulky items are left in the parkway and are not considered trash by the City unless a complaint is received. Amend stated that MIPPR intends to coordinate with cities, and the survey will help evaluate how best practices like the Bulky Item Pickup Service are functioning.

Member Vivanti identified bus stops and multi-family areas as problem areas for trash overflow, and Moore stated that these areas can be targeted for sample locations. Member Weeks remarked that the variety of sample locations will be regionally valuable.

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ii. **Regional CECs and Pollutant EMCs in Stormwater Assessment (University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA))**

Sanjay Mohanty (UCLA, Project applicant) and Dylan Ahearn (Herrera, Project applicant) presented on the Regional Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs) and Pollutant Event Mean Concentration (EMC) in Stormwater Assessment SS. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Upon inquiry, Mohanty explained that the Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) WASC did not have funds to support this SS, so the LLAR Watershed Area was not included in the request.

Member Vivanti noted that multiple Watershed Management Programs (WMP) have ongoing outfall monitoring, with existing equipment already in use. Member Vivanti questioned if the SS was duplicative and remarked that equipment installation and sample collection tasks accounted for most of the SS cost. Mohanty explained that the SS differs from the monitored pollutants of existing WMPs, and monitors for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in addition to metals and bacteria as required by TMDLs. Member Vivanti shared that the pollutants monitored are solely those required by the MS4 permit. Mohanty explained that pollutants like PFAS do not have a stormwater TMDL but are regulated once impacting groundwater. Ahearn noted that site selection is crucial and that specific outfalls that contain only one major land use type should be chosen to inform pollutant concentration predictions.

Member Vivanti confirmed with Ahearn that coordination is ongoing with monitoring entities like Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC) and that a data gap has been identified for pollutants like PFAS, microplastics, and 6PPDQ.

Member Vivanti suggested that it may be more cost-effective to request that the existing monitoring contractor sample additional pollutants rather than to install new equipment. Ahearn discussed with Member Vivanti the number of existing mobile monitoring stations in use and Mohanty acknowledged that coordination with existing projects is a possibility.

Member Asha Kreiling inquired if the SS Proponents were familiar with the Microplastics in Los Angeles County Stormwater SS and whether its data could be leveraged. Mohanty stated that the Project is complimentary but not duplicative, because the Microplastics in Los Angeles County Stormwater SS focuses on monitoring for microplastics in surface water rather than in stormwater outfalls.

8) Public Comment Period

James Cluxton (OhanaVets) provided a public comment expressing concerns regarding the Watershed Coordinator selection process for the LSGR WASC conducted on July 8, 2025. Cluxton noted potential compliance issues with the Ralph M. Brown Act and that OhanaVets had pursued available administrative remedies, including submitting a formal Brown Act Cure and Correct Demand. Cluxton further commented that Voting Item 9a does not fully address these concerns and that the matter remains unresolved.

9) Voting Items

a) Approval of Brown Act Unconditional Commitment

Member Vivanti inquired why the Voting Item is necessary, given that the Ralph M. Brown Act is state law. Public Works staff explained that voting on this item reaffirms the WASC's commitment to transparency. Upon inquiry, Public Works staff shared that the LSGR WASC is the only WASC to vote on this Item thus far.

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Member Kreiling commented that the Watershed Coordinator selection process followed the same procedures as in the two other WASCs in which he participates, and that Watershed Coordinator applicants were able to listen in to the meeting online if desired.

Member Weeks motioned to approve the Unconditional Commitment of the LSGR WASC Relating to the Ralph M. Brown Act, seconded by Member Kreiling. The WASC voted to approve the motion with 10 votes in favor, and 4 votes in abstention (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

7) Discussion Items

a) Workforce Development, presentation by Jolene Guerrero, Assistant Deputy Director at Los Angeles County Public Works

Jolene Guerrero (Public Works) presented on the SCW Program's Workforce Development Update. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Member Sall noted that an opportunity exists to leverage the Master Agreements between the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and the region's various Conservation Corps and expressed interest in developing park sites as training grounds in the lower Los Angeles area. Member Vivanti expressed interest in coordinating with the City of Pasadena.

10) Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2026, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Items on the next agenda include:

- a) Regional Program FY24-25 Annual Report Summary
- b) FY26-27 Scientific Studies Peer Review Summary
- c) Project Modification Requests for WASC Discussion
- d) SIP Deliberation Overview Presentations

11) Adjournment

Co-Chair Mueller thanked Committee Members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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Quorum Present						Voting Items <small>(see meeting minutes for additional details)</small>	
Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve 10/14/2025 Meeting Minutes	Unconditional Commitment of the LSGR WASC Relating to the Ralph M. Brown Act
Agency	Los Angeles County FCD	CJ Caluag	x	Daniel Bradbury		y	y
Agency	Central Basin	Madeline Chen		Braden Yu			
Agency	Water Replenishment District	Asha Kreiling	x	Jenn Swart		y	y
Agency	Sanitation Districts	Francisco Guerrero	x	Alysha Chan		y	y
Agency	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Danielle Lewis	x	Todd Leland		a	y
Community Stakeholder	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Dan Knapp		David Sall	x	a	y
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Adam Galia					
Community Stakeholder	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Mark Stanley					
Community Stakeholder	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Gabrielle Weeks	x	Ian Patton		y	y
Community Stakeholder	Business	Ariel Pe	x			y	y
Municipal Members	Cerritos	Chris Kuebert	x	Sofia Taylor		y	y
Municipal Members	Downey	Dan Mueller	x	Lorena Powell		y	y
Municipal Members	Lakewood	Konya Vivanti	x			y	a
Municipal Members	Long Beach	Wataru Kumagai	x	Alexa Reasoner		y	a
Municipal Members	Pico Rivera / Bellflower	Noe Negrete		Len Gorecki	x	a	y
Municipal Members	Unincorporated	Joseph Venzon	x	Fred Gonzalez		a	a
Municipal Members	Whittier / La Mirada	Leon Vasquez	x	Mark Rounds		y	a
Watershed Coordinator							
Non-Voting Member	Watershed Coordinator	Kekoa Anderson	x	Jim Cluxton			
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yes (Y)	10	10
Total Voting Members Present		14			No (N)	0	0
Agency		4			Abstain (A)	4	4
Community Stakeholder		3			Total	14	14
Municipal Members		7				Approved	Approved

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Alexa Reasoner	Jessica	MB
Alexander Iglesias Rosales	Jian Peng	Mei-Lin Hanna (JLHA)
Alysha Chan	Jolene Guerrero	Michelle Kim
Andrew K	JonPaul Sarro	Pablo Forni
Anthony Barreras	Julie Millett	Richard Watson
Craig Doberstein	Kaitie Evers	Ryanna Fossum (Regional Coordination)
David Coghiel	Katherine Evers	Sherreeta White- City of Pasadena
Denise Dolor	Kelly Bray	Theodore Von Bitner
Dylan Ahearn (Herrera)	LSGR AV	Veronica Carrillo
Eric Bonilla	LSGR WASC	Yvana (Black & Veatch)
Fred Gonzalez - LACFCD	Lauren Anderson	
Jenny Chau	Leslie Martinez - LACPW	

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Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Adam Galia	Resident	Primary	
Alexa Reasoner	Long Beach	Alternate	
Alysha Chan	Sanitation Districts	Alternate	
Ariel Pe	Business	Primary	
Asha Kreiling	Water Replenishment District	Primary	
Braden Yu	Central Basin	Alternate	
Chris Kuebert	Cerritos	Primary	
CJ Caluag	Los Angeles County FCD	Primary	
Dan Knapp	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Primary	
Dan Mueller	Downey	Primary	
Daniel Bradbury	Los Angeles County FCD	Alternate	
Danielle Lewis	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Primary	
David Sall	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Alternate	
Francisco Guerrero	Sanitation Districts	Primary	
Fred Gonzalez	Unincorporated	Alternate	

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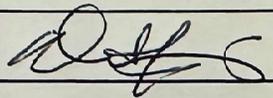


Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Gabrielle Weeks	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Primary	<i>Gabrielle Weeks</i>
Ian Patton	Resident	Alternate	
Jenn Swart	Water Replenishment District	Alternate	
Jim Cluxton	Watershed Coordinator	Alternate	
Joseph Venzon	Unincorporated	Primary	<i>Joe Venzon</i>
Kekoa Anderson	Watershed Coordinator	Primary	<i>Kekoa Anderson</i>
Kelli Pickler	Lakewood	Primary	
Konya Vivanti	Lakewood	Alternate	<i>Konya Vivanti</i>
Len Gorecki	Bellflower	Alternate	<i>Len Gorecki</i>
Leon Vasquez	Whittier	Alternate	<i>Leon Vasquez</i>
Lorena Powell	Downey	Alternate	
Madeline Chen	Central Basin	Primary	
Mark Rounds	La Mirada	Alternate	
Mark Stanley	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Primary	
Noe Negrete	Pico Rivera	Primary	

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Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Sofia Taylor	Cerritos	Alternate	
Todd Leland	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Alternate	
Wataru Kumagai	Long Beach	Primary	

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*Signing or completing this form is voluntary for members of the public

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