

# Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting Minutes



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Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
12:30pm – 3:30pm  
Culver City Hall – Patacchia Conference Room  
9770 Culver Blvd, Culver City, CA 90232  
WebEx Meeting

## Committee Members Present:

Daniel Bradbury, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)  
\*Augustine Han, West Basin Municipal Water District (Agency)  
\*Conor Mossavi, Los Angeles City Water & Power (Agency)  
Susie Santilena, Los Angeles City Sanitation and Environment (Agency), Co-Chair  
\*Darryl Ford, Los Angeles City of Recreation and Parks (Agency)  
Rita Kampalath, Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (Community)  
Ion Cretu, PSOMAS (Community)  
\*Tanya Borja, SCOPE (Community)  
\*Maggie Gardner, Los Angeles Waterkeeper (Community)  
Zoe Cunliffe, Black Women for Wellness (Community)  
Josette Descalzo, Beverly Hills/West Hollywood (Municipal)  
\*Javier de la Cruz, Culver City (Municipal)  
Roberto Perez, Los Angeles (Municipal)  
Mara Luevano, Los Angeles (Municipal)  
Geremew Amenu, Los Angeles County (Municipal)  
Joshua Carvalho, Santa Monica/Inglewood (Municipal)  
Stephanie Gebhardt Rath, Heal the Bay (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)  
Vanessa Boudreau, S. Groner Associates (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

## Committee Members Absent:

Rafael Prieto, Los Angeles (Municipal)

\*Committee Member Alternate

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

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## **1) Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Susie Santilena welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) staff facilitated the roll call of Committee Members. A quorum was established.

## **2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2026**

Member Maggie Gardner requested an edit to the February 3, 2026 minutes to update language related to emphasizing whether projects provide direct Disadvantaged Community Benefits. Member Ion Cretu requested the minutes reflect their attendance.

Member Gardner motioned to approve meeting minutes from February 3, 2025 with changes implemented, seconded by Member Josette Descalzo. The Committee voted to approve February 3, 2026 minutes with 15 votes in favor, 1 vote in abstention, and no votes in opposition (approved, see vote tracking sheet attached).

## **3) Committee Member & Program Updates**

Watershed Coordinator Stephanie Gebhardt Rath invited Committee Members and members of the public to an Urban Watershed Working Group meeting on March 12 at Stoneview Nature Center.

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Public Works shared Program updates, noting:

- As the Committee discusses Projects, Project Concepts, Scientific Studies, and Project Modification Requests for the Stormwater Investment Plan, it is important for the WASC and the work of the Regional Program to remain transparent and fair. These principles are built into the SCW Program and are represented by the *ex parte* disclosures on each agenda. WASC Members whose job connects them to specific applications should ask colleagues or consultants to attend WASC meetings to share about or advocate for those projects and should avoid using their position as WASC Members to advocate for project applications from their home entities.

Staff from Public Works' Strategic Advancement Section (formerly the Watershed Planning Section) shared updates, noting:

- The Initial Watershed Plans and Watershed Planning Tool have officially been released and are available on the [SCW Program website](#).
- A Watershed Planning Project Developer Information Session will be held virtually on March 18. This will include information and examples to help project developers align project applications with the Watershed Planning Initiative as part of the new 20th requirement of the Feasibility Study Guidelines. More information is available on the [SCW Program website](#).
- Since the launch of the Community Strengths & Needs Assessment (CSNA) Survey, 1,300 new survey responses have been collected. For the CSMB Watershed Area, 180 responses have been collected.

Additional questions can be sent to [watershedplanning@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:watershedplanning@pw.lacounty.gov).

#### 4) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Member Gardner disclosed that LA Waterkeeper is listed as a partner on the Campus-Community Connection: UCLA's Mobility, Stormwater Capture, and Greening Project (UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project). Additionally, LA Waterkeeper is part of the OurWaterLA Coalition, which provided a comment letter and project recommendations. Member Gardner also disclosed a conversation with Corvias Infrastructure Solutions (CIS) about school greening, in which Corvias' Project Modification Request (PMR) was mentioned but not further discussed.

Chair Santilena is broadly aware of Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment's (LASAN) Ballona Creek TMDL Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Project as an employee of LASAN.

#### 5) Public Comment Period

24 public comment cards were submitted to Public Works prior to 5:00pm the day before the meeting. Comment cards are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Barry Rosenthal (Del Rey Neighborhood Council) expressed admiration for the Culver Median and support for the Culver Median Del Rey Way Technical Resources Program Project (TRP). Rosenthal commented that the Project would take advantage of stormwater capture and expressed interest in the beautification effects that come with the Project Concept, adding that increased property value and green space would be a treasure to the community.

Matthew Halden (LA City Councilmember Traci Park's Office, District 11) expressed support for the Culver Median Del Rey Way TRP. Halden noted the Project's partnerships with the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Culver City, and the City of Los Angeles. Halden emphasized the need for green space and the environmental benefits of stormwater capture. Halden also discussed how the Culver Median is a popular public space for families and communities. Halden expressed that the combination of stormwater capture and community beautification would have an outsized benefit compared to the investment cost and claimed

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that the Project would be meaningful for the community of Del Rey and the greater watershed. Halden encouraged the WASC to fund this Project Concept.

Susana Reyes (LA Metro) expressed support for the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project. Reyes mentioned that LA Metro has provided leadership, technical, and grant writing assistance to developing the Project. Reyes highlighted that the Project meets several of the SCW Program goals, including improving Water Quality, increasing Water Supply, and providing Community Investment Benefits through expanded green spaces. Reyes notes that the Project combines stormwater capture, Best Management Practices (BMPs), active transportation safety improvements, and greening along Westwood Plaza. Reyes discussed the key Project elements, including bioswales, bioretention areas, subsurface drywells, native plantings, bike lanes, pedestrian safety improvements, shade trees, and educational signage, and how those elements intend to serve students, university staff, patients, and the broader community. Reyes noted that the Project aligns with LA Metro's commitments to include green stormwater infrastructure in the first and last mile of active transportation Projects and requested the WASC consider the Project in this year's SIP.

Matthew Halden (LA City Councilmember Traci Park's Office, Council District 11) expressed support for the Ballona Creek TMDL O&M Project, while also voicing concerns about the noise experienced by the nearby community at various hours of the facility's current operation times. Halden noted that the facility is a critical piece of infrastructure and supports continued funding of the Project. Halden also emphasized the importance of the enhanced sound mitigation techniques and planned components in ensuring that the surrounding community will embrace the Project. Halden urged the WASC to continue to hear constituents' concerns while also expressing support for the Project, noting that the Councilmember's office is confident that a middle ground incorporating all perspectives can be found.

Sherwin Shamoeil (California State Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur's Office) expressed support for the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project and highlighted that the Project meets multiple SCW Program goals by managing runoff, reducing urban heat, and improving connectivity to the future LA Metro D Line Station, and more. Sherwin noted that the Project aligns with the Assemblymember's priorities of infrastructure and community empowerment by engaging the community through education on urban forestry and urban watershed management.

Kristen Torres Pawling (LA City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's Office, Council District 5) expressed support for the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project. Pawling noted that as a Westwood community representative, Councilmember Yaroslavsky is in strong support of the Project because it is a rare, large scale, multi-benefit opportunity developed in coordination with UCLA and Metro. Pawling noted that the Project combines stormwater BMPs and greening along Westwood Plaza, commenting that such a Project is emblematic of the SCW Program's goals. Pawling highlighted the Project's goals of augmenting local water supply through groundwater storage, which is a major priority for Councilmember Yaroslavsky. Pawling also commented that the leveraged funding secured from Caltrans, UCLA, and LA Metro are an example of the partnership that Measure W voters originally intended.

Michael Scaduto (LASAN) expressed support for two Projects, the Ballona Creek TMDL O&M Project and the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project. Scaduto first highlighted how the Ballona Creek TMDL O&M Project is an example of multi-city collaboration and commented that the Project uses a fiscally responsible approach, prioritizing one year of system optimization with two years of O&M to fine-tune performance, identify efficiencies, and establish a baseline for true O&M costs. Scaduto maintained that the Project improves accountability and transparency through evidence-based investments. Scaduto also expressed support for the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project, highlighting the Project's thoughtfully integrated nature-based green stormwater infrastructure, nature-based solutions, native landscaping, and urban canopy. Scaduto described the Project as an example of a multi-benefit Project that the watershed should be championing and recommended the WASC fund these Projects.

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Nima Mobasser (West LA Chamber of Commerce) expressed support for UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project, commenting that the Project meets multiple SCW Program goals, such as improving Water Quality, increasing Water Supply, and providing Community Investment Benefits. Mobasser noted that the Project addresses regional sustainability priorities, such as stormwater runoff, reducing urban heat, promoting public health, and future Metro D Line connectivity.

Eric Wilson (OurWaterLA) submitted a comment card reiterating support for two Projects that OurWaterLA found to be exemplary based on location in a Disadvantaged Community, Water Supply Benefits, anti-displacement measures, nature-based solutions, and community support. Wilson expressed support for the Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project, which had extensive participation by community members and prioritized local community responses. Wilson also expressed support for the San Vicente Streetscape Plaza Project, highlighting the Project's innovative stormwater management and intention to create a plaza in a high-traffic, high-need area. Wilson noted that OurWaterLA had several other Projects with elements to highlight, which can be found in the public comment letter submitted by OurWaterLA.

Win Cowger (Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research) shared a letter of support from Ezrach Brain Trust Association, which is a community-based nonprofit based in Leimert Park, a predominantly Black neighborhood and cultural center that faces trash pollution. Cowger shared Ezrach's comments that the Holistic Assessment of Trash in Watersheds SS would advance Countywide approaches to effective trash reduction, as the SS intends to fill key gaps and provide actionable steps for agencies to target trash pollution. Cowger shared that if the Study is funded, Ezrach would receive support and implement place-based work as part of the Study in Leimert Park and also participate in the Technical Advisory Committee.

Jacob Wasserman (North Westwood Neighborhood Council) expressed support for the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project. Wasserman shared the perspective of being a biker in this neighborhood and commented that the Project would provide bike safety along with stormwater improvements in Westwood Plaza, one of the busiest bike lanes in Los Angeles. Wasserman commented that the WASC would be helping to create a safer community by supporting the Project.

## **6) Presentations and Discussion Items** **a) Regional Program FY24-25 Annual Report Summary**

Elyssa Lawrence (HDR) presented an overview of the Annual Report Summary for FY24-25. Presentation slides can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).

## **b) Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) Project Prioritization and Selection Discussion for Population the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 (26-27) Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP)**

Public Works staff explained that the SIP Tool, preliminary survey ranking results, and discussion with Project developers present today would help frame the SIP deliberation.

Public Works staff provided an overview of the SIP Tool, which has several pre-loaded, hypothetical SIP funding scenarios to help the WASC consider forecasted future budgets. There are 8 Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects, 3 Scientific Studies (SS), and 1 TRP under consideration for the FY26-27 SIP.

Public Works staff displayed various potential funding scenarios. Public Works staff noted that some Project applicants responded to Public Works staff's initial request for funding reductions or redistributions among fiscal years and displayed those potential changes in the SIP Tool.

Member Conor Mossavi clarified with Public Works staff that the efforts to integrate the SIP tool with the Watershed Planning Tool are not yet complete.

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Public Works staff went over the preliminary ranking results, which 13 Committee Members responded to. First, the PMR survey results were shown. Upon inquiry, Public Works staff shared that WASC Members were given four choices for the PMR:

- Support modification and fund the entire PMR
- Support modification and fund a portion of the PMR
- Support modification but does not support funding the PMR at all
- Does not support the modification specified in the PMR

Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) explained that a project submits a PMR because the project has become inconsistent with the original SIP; for the project to advance with the proposed modification, the WASC needs to approve the PMR's modification, regardless of whether the WASC approves the additional funding request associated with the PMR. Antos explained that if the modification is not supported by the WASC, then the project must move forward with their original scope of work.

The TRP, IP, and SS preliminary rankings were shown. Public Works staff noted that the Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project, which was ranked second, would occupy \$28.5 million across three years.

Chair Santilena requested to see the SIP Tool summary for all projects under consideration to illustrate each application's funding request relative to one another.

Member Gardner confirmed with Public Works staff that Project applicants that did not offer a reduced funding allocation after Public Works' initial outreach can be requested by the WASC to reduce their funding and/or find additional leveraged funding.

Member Gardner requested that the SIP Tool scenario show the following scenario:

- Baseline, the top three ranked IPs, and no PMR.

Member Gardner explained that there would not be enough budget to fund even only the top three Projects. Member Gardner commented that the WASC should ask Project applicants to reduce their funding requests. Chair Santilena added that Project applicants can also be asked to redistribute funding requests across fiscal years. Member Darryl Ford noted that under the current scenario, the FY26-27 is still within budget (99% allocated), although it exceeds the 80% recommended threshold for future years. Antos noted that the Regional Oversight Committee's (ROC) most recent Biennial Progress Report is recommending that the 80% threshold become a policy rather than a recommendation; Antos shared that the CSMB Chair would likely need to explain their rationale in budgeting over 80% allocation to the ROC.

Member Geremew Amenu confirmed with Public Works staff that existing projects can also be asked to adjust their funding allocation distribution. Public Works staff noted that the Baldwin Vista Green Streets Project and the Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project offered to redistribute their allocated funds. Member Amenu suggested that projects that anticipate delays and therefore have not yet used their funds be asked to shift their allocations to future FY to increase the currently available budget. Member Amenu also suggested asking Project applicants to provide their bare minimum funding needed. Public Works staff noted that the Project developers and applicants were invited to this meeting to respond to these types of requests. Antos added that an existing project that opts to receive partial funding from its original awarded amount would still be obligated to deliver the entire project as initially approved and would likely need to find additional funding elsewhere. Antos also noted that the SCW Program prioritizes completing projects to actualize project benefits.

Chair Santilena requested the following funding scenario be shown onscreen:

- Baseline, the top three ranked IPs, with the two existing Projects' redistributed allocations, and the 10% reduction in the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project shown.

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Chair Santilena suggested asking Project applicants both what their minimum funding needs would be and whether a redistribution of funds would be possible, noting the funding scenario showing a healthy budget towards the end of the five year cycle (in FY29-30 and FY30-31).

Member Ford requested that the Project applicant for the Edward Vincent Jr Park. Stormwater Improvements Project speak on any possibility for funding reallocations, either reduction or redistribution. Brenda Ponton (Woodard and Curran, representing the City of Inglewood) noted that the City has been looking for more leveraged funds but has not been able to leverage more in addition to the funds already committed by Caltrans. Ponton noted that a 5% reduction in funds may be possible. Ponton explained that the Project is intended to be complete in the first two FYs and that the Project application already includes a distribution to the third FY to help alleviate the WASC's budget. Ponton noted that additional redistribution further in the future has not been discussed, as in that case the City would likely need to take out a loan. Member Ford confirmed with Ponton that the Caltrans leveraged funds would be delayed if the Project did not start by a certain time but would not be revoked altogether.

Member Josette Descalzo discussed the Annual Report summary that showed unutilized funds for projects with critical issues and confirmed with Public Works staff that there is language in the Ordinance allowing funds to be revoked if a project has not shown reasonable progress; however, the process is lengthy and would not benefit the WASC's budget this year. Public Works staff noted that the WASC could ask the Project developers with existing delays to redistribute their allocated funds to future fiscal years. Chair Santilena noted that the future cash flows are open to redistribution but funding allocations from previous years that have already been approved are not.

Upon inquiry, the five Projects with critical issues outlined in the Annual Report Summary were shown onscreen, and nearly all were environmental delays. Upon inquiry, Public Works staff noted that the Project developers were invited to the meeting to answer WASC Members' questions. Chair Santilena noted that the majority of the Projects were only waiting to be paid out after environmental documents are finalized and redirected the WASC to discuss the TRPs and Scientific Studies under consideration.

Several Committee Members noted how small the funding requests were for the TRP and SS in comparison with the IP Projects. The Committee was generally in favor of including the TRP in the SIP.

Regarding the Scientific Studies, several Committee Members were open to funding all three, given the relatively small funding request represented. Public Works staff explained that the preliminary survey showed that the WASC did not greatly favor one SS over another. Per a previous request from the WASC, Public Works staff found that there were potentially duplicative efforts of the Stormwater BMP O&M Needs Assessment, Guidance Document, and Implementation Materials SS (Stormwater BMP O&M Needs Assessment SS) with an existing LA County O&M Technical Working Group. Public Works staff shared that Joseph Venzon is one of the Working Group leaders and can be contacted for more information. However, Public Works staff noted that the recently published Watershed Plans Action 8.1.1 calls for a specific SS to investigate the performance of stormwater facilities. Chair Santilena preferred to prioritize funding the IP Projects, citing some concerns about each SS. The Committee discussed the Regional CECs and Pollutant EMCs in Stormwater Assessment SS (Regional CECs and Pollutant EMCs SS). Several Members expressed interest in seeing updates to existing EMCs for required pollutants before further investigating contaminants of emerging concern (CECs), which are not yet officially regulated. Antos noted that the SCW Program's goals are to improve Water Quality broadly, not only to reduce regulated pollutants. Member Augustine Han clarified with other Committee Members that nonregulated pollutants are important, but often less of a priority than regulated pollutants.

Member Zoe Cunliffe expressed support for the Regional CECs and Pollutant EMCs SS, noting that community education around water is primarily around Water Quality and regulated versus nonregulated contaminants, discussing how there should be more regulations for pollutants in drinking water.

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Regarding the Holistic Assessment of Trash in Watersheds SS, Member Cunliffe agreed with some of the previously mentioned concerns about how the SS would help with actual project planning, but noted that the Study applicant did incorporate many of the WASC's community-related recommendations and therefore expressed support for funding the SS. Member Cunliffe also suggested the WASC not spend too much time deliberating the SS given the small amount of funds requested compared to the IP funding requests.

Member Daniel Bradbury added that the Stormwater BMP O&M Needs Assessment SS aligns with the Initial Watershed Plans and the SCW Program's goals by evaluating the efficiency of infrastructure being created by the Program and commented on the value of including it in the SIP.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff showed that the funding requests for all three SS totaled \$947,223 across the next five years.

Chair Santilena noted interest in seeing what the CSMB budget allocation would look like if the Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project redistributed their funds further, noting that the Project had already distributed their requested funds to a third year.

Public Works staff displayed a funding scenario that included the top three IP Projects, where the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project reflected a potential reduction of 10%.

Antos explained that if the WASC were to recommend awarding partial funding to a project, the WASC would simultaneously be affirming their opinion that the project could be successful with only the partial funding amount. Antos noted that the WASC would need to take accountability and several Members agreed that it would be beneficial to see the official project funding reduction form and how a project plans to use reduced funds to still implement the full project, rather than vote with the stipulation a Project applicant commits to reduced funding.

The Committee discussed the PMR related to the Slauson Connect Clean Water Project. Member Roberto Perez confirmed with Public Works staff that the Project applicant did offer a potential funding reallocation and that the majority of Committee Members initially indicated supporting the modification but only a portion of the PMR funding request. Upon inquiry, Public Works staff also confirmed that the Project did not provide leveraged funds in its original application and was looking into leveraging funds for the PMR funding request. Member Amenu commented that projects without leveraged funds will only face more challenges in the SCW Program as available funds decrease.

Several Committee Members shared that they were not in support of funding the Slauson Connect Clean Water Project PMR because the Project has moved from its original location, removed its Water Supply benefits, and does not currently have any leveraged funds. Several Committee Members that initially indicated support for partially funding the PMR noted that the preliminary survey was completed without budget in mind, and given the updated budget, expressed that they were less inclined to fund the PMR at all. Member Mossavi noted that previous PMRs that included removing Water Supply benefits were approved in this WASC and expressed concern over approving another.

Several Committee Members expressed the possibility of approving the PMR modification without awarding additional funding. Chair Santilena noted that rejecting the PMR would likely orphan the Project. Antos reminded the WASC of their ability to withdraw future funding from a project entirely if the PMR is deemed to change the project such that the original scope is no longer possible; Antos shared that the WASC can instead recommend that the Project developer submit a new Project application. Upon inquiry, David Washington (CIS, Project developer) and Daniel Lee (Geosyntec, Project developer) explained the complicated legal and real estate issues that affected the original Project site and instigated the PMR.

Member Mossavi emphasized the importance of projects with Water Supply benefits in this Watershed Area, adding that the Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project does not have a Water

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Supply benefit. Member Mossavi commented that they would not be supportive of the Project unless a substantial funding reduction was made. Chair Santilena responded that the entire package of the SIP needs to be justified as meeting SCW Program goals but agreed with the importance of Water Supply projects in this Watershed Area.

Member Descalzo suggested asking the top three IP Project applicants to spread their funding requests towards FY30-31. Member Descalzo recommended funding the SS and TRP applications.

Public Works staff shared a funding scenario with the top three IP Projects with all the possible funding reductions factored in, the TRP, and all 3 SS.

Watershed Coordinator Gebhardt Rath clarified with Public Works staff that the IP Project benefits' spider chart may be available next month and will work with Regional Coordination to ensure the WASC understands each Projects' claimed benefits with respect to Watershed Plan priorities.

Member Gardner noted that the Slauson Connect Clean Water Project is one of the projects that had a critical issue, had a large initial funding request, and has spent only a small portion of funds per the Annual Report Summary. Member Gardner suggested that the WASC consider whether to reject the PMR entirely and potentially start the process of reabsorbing the unutilized funds. Chair Santilena noted that this option could be considered but also empathized with any Project developer that had funding approved prior to the pandemic with respect to cost escalations. Chair Santilena also noted that the original Project no longer seems viable, so rejecting the PMR could potentially mean orphaning the project altogether.

The WASC suggested that the top five Project applicants should reconsider whether a reduction or redistribution of their funding requests might be possible. Member Mossavi specifically requested that the City of Santa Monica consider redistributing funding for their Memorial Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project, which has a large 50% municipal match but would request most of its funds in the first two fiscal years (FY26-27 and FY27-28).

## **7) Public Comment Period**

Merrill Taylor (Craftwater, representing the City of West Hollywood) noted that the San Vicente Streetscape Plaza Project ranked lower on the preliminary survey rankings and explained that the City is open to using Municipal Funds to reduce the funding request to \$597k. Taylor commented that the City's ethos is to go above and beyond for environmental opportunities, noting that the stormwater element of the Project represents only 15% of the Project and that the overall Project could proceed without the stormwater element. However, the City does want to benefit the region with respect to stormwater and hopes that as the WASC deliberates its available funds, including a design Project such as the San Vicente Streetscape Plaza Project would help ensure there are stormwater construction projects down the line.

Rebeka Sultana (Caltrans - District 7) expressed support for the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project, commenting that Caltrans is excited to be part of this Project with LA Metro, the City of LA, and its community partners. Sultana noted that the multi-benefit Project shares Caltrans' goals and underscored Caltrans' commitment to support 25% of the design cost and 25% construction costs. Sultana also discussed the benefits of having stormwater infrastructure near campus, where students can see real-world impacts of a regional stormwater project and be encouraged to work in this industry. Sultana noted that the Project was preliminary ranked third in the WASC's survey and recommended that the WASC support the Project.

Bonny Bentzin (UCLA) expressed support for the UCLA Campus-Community Connection Project and noted that the Project is only requesting funding for one year (FY26-27), which was strategically timed to encourage the Project's design and implementation outside of the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028. Bentzin noted that without the 10% funding reduction, UCLA is matching 50% on the Project. Bentzin emphasized the Project's importance and encouraged the WASC to include the Project in the SIP.

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## 8) Voting Items

- a) **Approve the final Fiscal Year 2026-27 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendation for the CSMB Watershed Area, including Watershed Coordinator, and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee for review**

The Committee deferred this Agenda Item to the next meeting.

## 9) Items for Future Agenda

Public Works staff will send out the Funding Reduction Concurrence Form and requested all Project applicants fill out the form promptly. Items on the next agenda include:

- a) Approve the final Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendation for the CSMB Watershed Area, including Watershed Coordinator, and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee for review

## 10) Adjournment

Chair Santilena thanked the Committee Members and the public for their participation and adjourned the meeting. The next CSMB WASC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2026. See the [SCW Program website](#) for more information.

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		Quorum Present				Voting Items
Member Type	Organization	Primary Member	Attendance: In-person ("x" for present)	Alternate Member	Attendance: In-person ("x" for present)	Vote to approve February 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes as ammended
Agency	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Daniel Bradbury	x	CJ Caluag		y
Agency	West Basin Municipal Water District	Matthew Veeh		Augustine Han	x	a
Agency	Los Angeles City Water & Power	Art Castro		Conor Mossavi	x	y
Agency	Los Angeles City Sanitation and Environment	<b>Susie Santilena</b>	x	Hubertus Cox		y
Agency	Los Angeles City Recreation & Parks	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	x	y
Community Stakeholder	Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office	Rita Kampalath	x	Rebecca Ferdman		y
Community Stakeholder	PSOMAS / Business Sector	Ion Cretu	x	Andrew Nickerson		y
Community Stakeholder	SCOPE	Gloria Medina		Tanya Borja	x	y
Community Stakeholder	Los Angeles Waterkeeper	Bruce Reznik		Maggie Gardner	x	y
Community Stakeholder	Black Women for Wellness	Zoe Cunliffe	x	Tianna Shaw-Wakeman		y
Municipal Members	Beverly Hills / West Hollywood	Josette Descalzo	x	Matthew Magener		y
Municipal Members	Culver City	Sean Singletary		Javier De La Cruz	x	y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Roberto Perez	x			y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Rafael Prieto		Blayne Sutton-Wills		
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Mara Luevano	x	Virginia Wei		y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles County	Geremew Amenu	x	Lara Awad		y
Municipal Members	Santa Monica / Inglewood	Joshua Carvalho	x	Anna Groehnert		y
Watershed Coordinator	Heal the Bay	Stephanie Gebhardt Rath	x	Alexia Skrbic		
Watershed Coordinator	SGA Marketing	Vanessa Boudreau	x	Angelica Garcia		
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yay (Y)	15
Total Voting Members Present		16			Nay (N)	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	1
Community Stakeholder		5			Total	16
Municipal Members		6				Approved

**Attendees**  
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Alexander Iglesias Rosales	Felicia Yin	Michael Ku
Ali Sharbat (Cal Poly Pomona)	Jacob Wasserman	Michael Russell
Andrew Gray	Jenny Chau	Michael Scaduto
Anna Groehnert	Johanna Chang	Nan Jia - CWE
Aric Martinez	Jonathan Ontiveros	Naomi Diep
Aric Torreyson	Josafat Flores	Nicole Wong
Ben O'Neal	Joshua Montion	Nima Mobasser
Bonny Bentzin	Katie Harrel (CWE)	Oliver Galang (Craftwater)
Call-in User_1	Katie Lemmon	Pablo Forni - LACPW
Carlos Aldape (LASAN)	Kevin Ho	Patacchia Conference Room
Carlos Rodriguez	Kevin Reilly	Pearl Azizian
Cas, CWH	Kristen Torres Pawling	Raymond Lam (LASAN)
Christopher Vong	Kristina Moreno	Rebeka Sultana (DOT)
Craig Doberstein	Lara Awad	Ric Abramson
Curtis Fang	Larry Tran	Savina Romanos
Daniel Lee (Geosyntec)	Leeor Alpern	Serena Zhu
David Gins	Linet Khechatoorian	Sherwin Shamoeil
David Mercier	Lisa Kim - LACPW	Stephen Cropper
David Tan	Luis Perez	Wanda Menk (Geosyntec)
David Washington	Marisol Ibarra	Wayne Lee
Dylan Ahearn (Herrera)	Mark Nguyen (LASAN)	Wendy Chau
Elyssa Lawrence	Matt Halden CD-11	Wendy Dinh
Eric Bonilla	Melissa Levitt	Dr. Win Cowger
Eric Wilson		

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COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SIGN-IN: MARCH 3, 2026



Member Type	Member Name	Municipality/ Organization	Role	Signature
Agency	Daniel Bradbury	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	P	
Agency	CJ Caluag	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	A	
Agency	Matthew Veeh	West Basin Metropolitan Water District	P	
Agency	Augustine Han	West Basin Metropolitan Water District	A	
Agency	Art Castro	Los Angeles City Water & Power	P	
Agency	Conor Mossavi	Los Angeles City Water & Power	A	
Agency	Susie Santilena	Los Angeles City Sanitation and Environment	P	
Agency	Hubertus Cox	Los Angeles City Sanitation and Environment	A	
Agency	Cathie Santo Domingo	Los Angeles City Recreation & Parks	P	
Agency	Darryl Ford	Los Angeles City Recreation & Parks	A	
Community Stakeholder	Rita Kampalath	Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office	P	
Community Stakeholder	Rebecca Ferdman	Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office	A	
Community Stakeholder	Ion Cretu	PSOMAS / Business Sector	P	
Community Stakeholder	Andrew Nickerson	PSOMAS / Business Sector	A	
Community Stakeholder	Gloria Medina	The Solutions Project / SCOPE	P	
Community Stakeholder	Tanya Borja	The Solutions Project / SCOPE	A	
Community Stakeholder	Bruce Reznik	Los Angeles Waterkeeper	P	
Community Stakeholder	Maggie Gardner	Los Angeles Waterkeeper	A	



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Member Type	Member Name	Municipality/ Organization	Role	Signature
Community Stakeholder	Zoe Cunliffe	Black Women for Wellness	P	
Community Stakeholder	Tianna Shaw-Wakeman	Black Women for Wellness	A	
Municipal Member	Josette Descalzo	Beverly Hills / West Hollywood	P	
Municipal Member	Matthew Magener	Beverly Hills / West Hollywood	A	
Municipal Member	Sean Singletary	Culver City	P	
Municipal Member	Javier De La Cruz	Culver City	A	
Municipal Member	Roberto Perez	Los Angeles	P	
Municipal Member	Rafael Prieto	Los Angeles	P	
Municipal Member	Blayne Sutton-Wells	Los Angeles	A	
Municipal Member	Mara Luevano	Los Angeles	P	
Municipal Member	Virginia Wei	Los Angeles	A	
Municipal Member	Geremew Amenu	Los Angeles County	P	
Municipal Member	Lara Awad	Los Angeles County	A	
Municipal Member	Joshua Carvalho	Santa Monica / Inglewood	P	
Municipal Member	Anna Groehnert	Santa Monica / Inglewood	A	
Watershed Coordinator	Stephanie Gebhardt Rath	Heal the Bay	WC	
Watershed Coordinator	Alexia Skrbic	Heal the Bay	A	
Watershed Coordinator	Vanessa Boudreau	SGA Marketing	WC	



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Matt	Halden	LA City District 11	
Merrill	TAYLOR	CRAFTSMAN	
Haley	Bauer	Geosyntec	
FELIPE	VAREZ	LA nemo	
Daniel	Apt	Oliver/LACED	
Denna	Earl	NHM/Tar Pits	
Barry	Rosenthal	W RNC	
Brenda	Ponton	Woodward-Curran	
<del>Ma</del>	Steve	Resident	
Ravi	Sankaran	Del Rey NC	
Susana	Reyes	Metro	
Debra	Egregory	Balboa Creek Park	
Patricio	Pijvoet	VPLA Studio	

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