

SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM  
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# Safe Clean Water Program Watershed Coordinator Update

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Area



# May Watershed Coordinator Updates



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## Watershed Connection Meetings

**Status: 30-minute listening sessions ongoing through May**

### *Why These Watershed Connection Meetings Matter*

- Builds relationships between WASC members and Watershed Coordinator
- Shares your priorities, needs, and perspectives
- Identifies how we can best support your organization and WASC
- Informs development of the Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP)

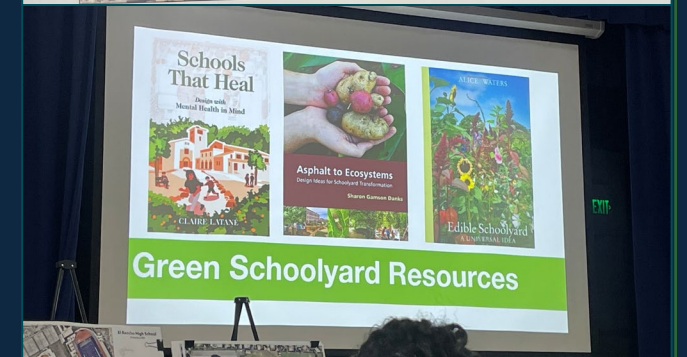
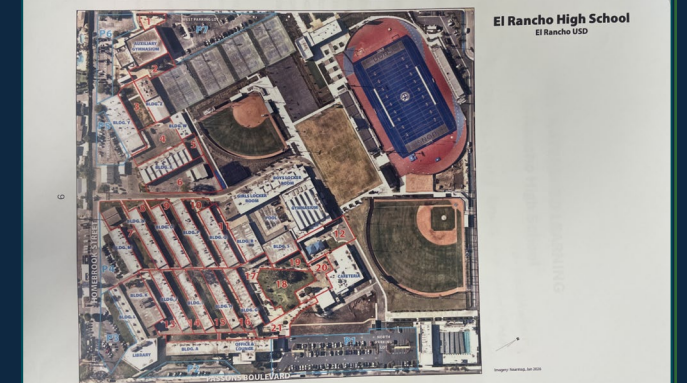


## Discussion Questions

- From your perspective, what are you looking for in a Watershed Coordinator, and what gaps or unmet needs can we help to address over the next year?
- What types of technical support would be most valuable to your organization or jurisdiction? (for example, project development, data and analysis, grant applications, etc.)
- What non-technical support services would be most helpful? (such as partner identification, community engagement, capacity building, or sharing best practices and lessons learned)
- What suggestions do you have for improving engagement and overall performance related to funding?
- What are the key needs and priorities for your jurisdiction, and what do you see as the key needs and priorities for the watershed?

## WELL's Watershed Learning Labs

- Date: April 25, 2026
- Location: Central Elementary School, Baldwin Park
- Attendance: Manny Acosta, Gustavo Camacho, James Cortes, Darla E, Jenna Cobb, Claire Robinson, Mikeale Randolph, Dat Cao, Eileen Alduenda, Jason Casanova, Paul Hernandez, Laura Juarez
- Participants were provided the opportunity to discuss school greening topics relevant to their school and begin the concept design development with the objective to:
  - Identify priority functions that different nature-based typologies can provide.
  - Identify greening opportunities, constraints, and considerations.
  - Identify where nature-based typologies might be installed at their school.
- Watershed Coordinators provided a watershed overview, receiving water, and stormwater information relevant to each school.
- WELL uses this information to further refine action plans for each school, such as El Rancho.



## Upcoming Events

# SoCal Water Summit in Pico Rivera Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

*This year's event will explore California's most pressing water policy challenges and how local leaders can shape smarter, more sustainable decisions for the communities they serve.*

*The Summit will feature timely discussions on issues shaping our region, including: the rapid expansion of data centers and its impact on California's water and energy landscape; workforce development and the future of water infrastructure; and water rates, financing, and how local leaders can access funding opportunities for climate resilience.*



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## 2026 SoCal Water Summit

Saturday, June 13, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM  
Water Replenishment District Albert Robles Center for  
Water Recycling and Environmental Learning  
4320 San Gabriel River Pkwy, Pico Rivera

### Policy, Scarcity, and Resilience: The Future of Local Water Systems

Are you ready to deepen your understanding of California's most important public policy issues? How can local elected leaders help shape smarter water decisions for the people they serve? How will climate change, drought, and aging infrastructure affect our neighborhoods and economy?

**The Rise of Data Centers & Water Infrastructure**  
How is the rapid expansion of data centers reshaping California's water and energy landscape? This panel explores the intersection of economic growth, water demand, and community impact, and what it means for local leaders working to balance innovation with responsible resource stewardship.

**Workforce Development & the Future of Water Infrastructure**  
Who will lead and sustain California's water systems in the years ahead? This panel examines strategies to build a diverse and skilled workforce, expand equitable career pathways, and prepare for workforce transitions driven by retirements and emerging technologies.

**Water Rates, Finance & Local Investment**  
How are communities funding the future of water infrastructure? This session highlights innovative financing tools, local revenue measures, and partnership strategies that support climate resilience while building public trust and ensuring affordability.

*Register Now*

**ELECTED OFFICIAL PRICE: \$150**  
**NON-ELECTED PRICE: \$300**



Scan the QR code to register or get latest updates and additional information.



Questions? Contact Laura Juarez at [Laura@latinosforwater.org](mailto:Laura@latinosforwater.org) or at 909.670.2928

## Upcoming Events

# National Public Works Week 2026 May 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>th</sup>

*Jurisdictions in the LSGR Watershed are Participating!*

### **City of Whittier's *Touch-A-Truck* event on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602*

- LSCG Watershed Coordinators to attend
- Educational activities for 175 second-grade students
- SCWP booth with interactive elements, including CSNA survey distribution, watershed coloring books, and a native plant installation

