

Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Coordinator Updates

USGR WASC
28 May 2026



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Agenda

1. **WC Activities**
2. **Community Feedback**
 - a. **CSNA Survey**
3. **Suggestions for Events**



1. WC Activities

- Ongoing** West Covina Green Streets TRP participation
-Monthly Meetings, site tour, ongoing support
- 2/8/26** Held education walking tour at Azusa Wilderness Park along San Gabriel River
- 2/21/26** Watershed walking tour with ActiveSGV team
- 2/22/26** Resource booth at La Puente Lunar New Year celebration
- Several** Meetings/Discussion with SGVCOG, TreePeople, SGVLandTrust, CWH, Amigos de los Rios
- Several** Support for Regional Coordinators and program

1. WC Activities

- Several** Updated and submitted USGR 2026 SOEP
- 3/2/26** Delivered SCWP presentation to Cal Poly Pomona Engineering course
- 3/6/26** Participated in Water Foundation event for SCWP Education Grantees
- 3/18/26** SCWP Initial Watershed Plans Developer Info Session
- 3/21/26** Resource booth for Marchant Park project
- 3/28/26** Resource booth at Native Plant Festival at Cal Botanic Gardens

1. WC Activities

- 4/11/26** Held green campus tour in El Monte in collaboration with WELL and Amigos de los Rios
- 4/11/26** Resource booth at Earth Day- Sanitation Districts in Whittier
- 4/25/26** Facilitated workshop for Baldwin Park USD to advance school greening projects, in collaboration with WELL
- 5/13/26** Speaker at 'From Runoff to Resilience' Symposium
-SCWP Funding opportunities
- 5/27/26** Facilitated WC Monthly Gathering for May
-Technical Resources Program

1. WC Activities

Ongoing participation in working groups/meetings:

- Green Schools working group
- Tribal Allyship working group
- Post-Fire working group
- Monthly Watershed Coordinator Gatherings
- Regional Oversight Committee meetings

SCWP in the Community!





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Zamora Park Renovation Project

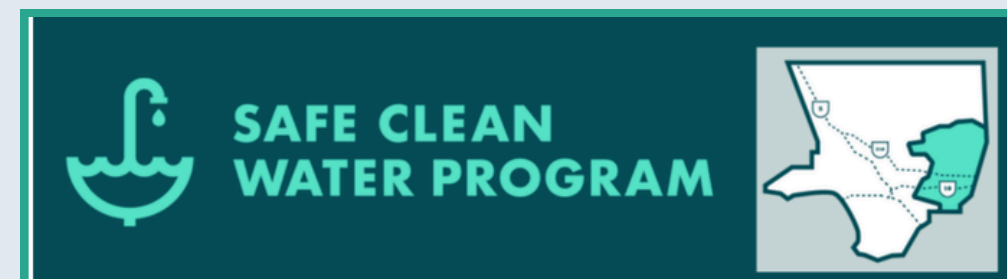
Safe, Clean Water Program Project Highlight: Zamora Park in El Monte

The Zamora Park Renovation Project, located in the City of El Monte, will improve the park's grounds and amenities. Partly funded by the *Safe, Clean Water Program*, the park is 4.48-acres and works with various stakeholders, including community-based organizations, local and regional government agencies, and community members to create amenities that reflect community needs and preferences. The improved Zamora Park will benefit residents in several ways; the project will capture and clean water, add trees for shade and air quality, create new recreation areas, add lighting, and create walking paths for residents.

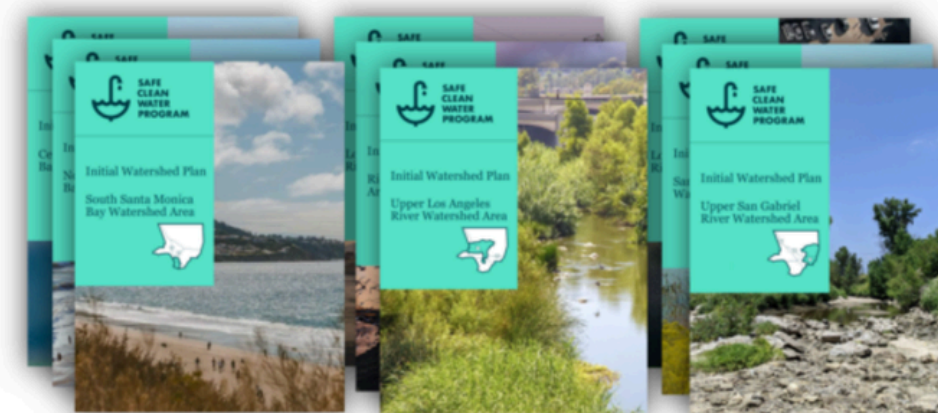
To learn more about the Zamora Park Renovation Project, visit:
<https://zamoraparkrenovation.weebly.com/>

To learn more about the Safe, Clean Water Program, visit:
www.safecleanwaterla.org.

Do you have an idea for a project that fulfills one or more of the goals of the SCWP in the San Gabriel Valley? Contact the SCWP Watershed Coordinator, James Cortes at james@godayone.org.



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Safe, Clean Water Program: Initial Watershed Plans Release!

The Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) is proud to announce the release of the Initial Watershed Plans. A total of nine Initial Watershed Plans are available, one for each SCWP Watershed Area. The plans will help guide project applications and goals by addressing geographic and community needs. Each of the Initial Plans include an Executive Summary and detailed information on Watershed Area-specific targets, needs, strategies, and opportunities aimed at enhancing the SCWP.

The Plans are available on the SCWP Watershed Planning Webpage. Scroll to the 'Initial Watershed Plans & Planning Tool' section and click on the corresponding link for the desired Watershed Area.

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Call for Projects Information Sessions

The *Safe, Clean Water Program* Call for Projects will open on June 1, 2026 for the FY27-28 Stormwater Investment Plan. Funding is available for Projects (Infrastructure Program), Project Concepts (Technical Resources Program), and Studies (Scientific Studies Program). If you plan to submit an application, please note the upcoming key dates.

Information Sessions via WebEx on:
Wednesday, May 13, 2026: 9-11AM
Thursday, May 14, 2026: 3-5PM

Application Deadline: 
July 31, 2026

For more information, visit:
<https://safecleanwaterla.org/call-for-projects/>



Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee Meeting

May 28, 2026

Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) are comprised of representatives from cities, agencies, and community stakeholders. They meet to review proposed projects and develop investment plans for their watershed of the Safe, Clean Water Program.

Attend in person:
Sanitation District of LA County
1955 Workman Mill Rd, Whittier, CA
Conference Room E & F

Participate Online: Visit safecleanwaterla.org

Date: May 28 at 1:30-3:30 pm



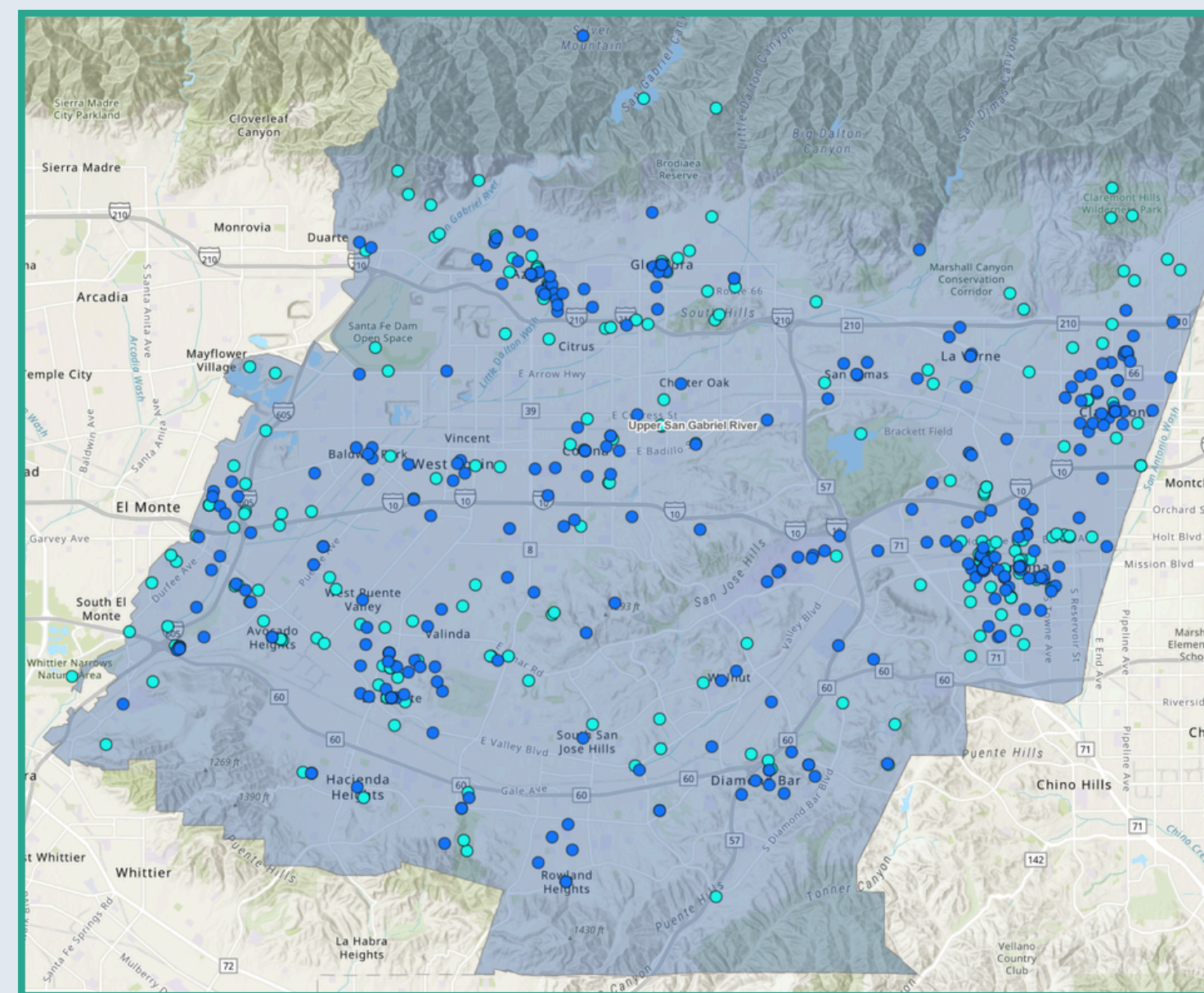
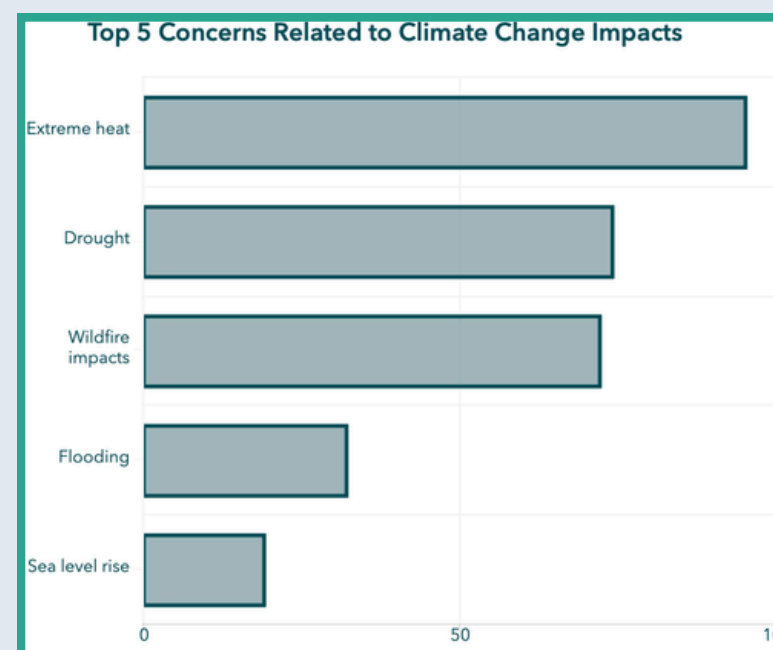
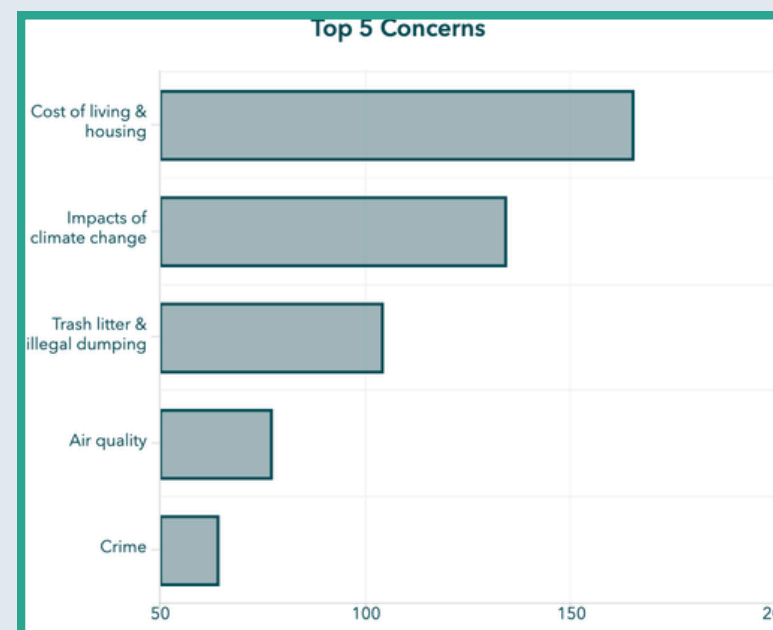
2. Community Feedback

As of 21 May 2026:

- 336 USGR Responses
- 1,900 in all WAs

Priorities for SCWP Benefits

Catch Rainwater	Green Spaces & Schools	Clean Rivers & Ocean
Access to Parks	Wildlife Habitat	Shade Trees
Reduce Flooding	Education & Stewardship	Jobs & Training



2. Community Feedback

- **Tributaries to San Gabriel River.**
 - **Increase accessibility, beautification, active transportation.**
- **Interest in contaminants of emerging concern (CECs).**
 - **Pollutants and water quality.**
- **Trees, sidewalk improvements, invasive species, flooding.**
 - **Walking friendly spaces, accessibility.**
- **Schools regularly mentioned at events and in CSNA survey.**
- **Additional priorities identified in CSNA Survey Dashboard.**
 - **Encourage all WASC members to see responses.**

3. Upcoming Activities

- 6/3/26** LA County Equity in Infrastructure Summit
- Ongoing** LA County Nature-based Solutions Task Force meetings
- 6/15-16/26** Recharge LA: Optimizing Water Supply and Nature-Based Solutions by LA WaterKeeper
- Ongoing** Participation in West Covina Green Streets TRP
- Ongoing** Help project applicants for July 31 deadline
 - Engage with Watershed Coordinators

Your Suggestions

Discussion & Event Suggestions



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