



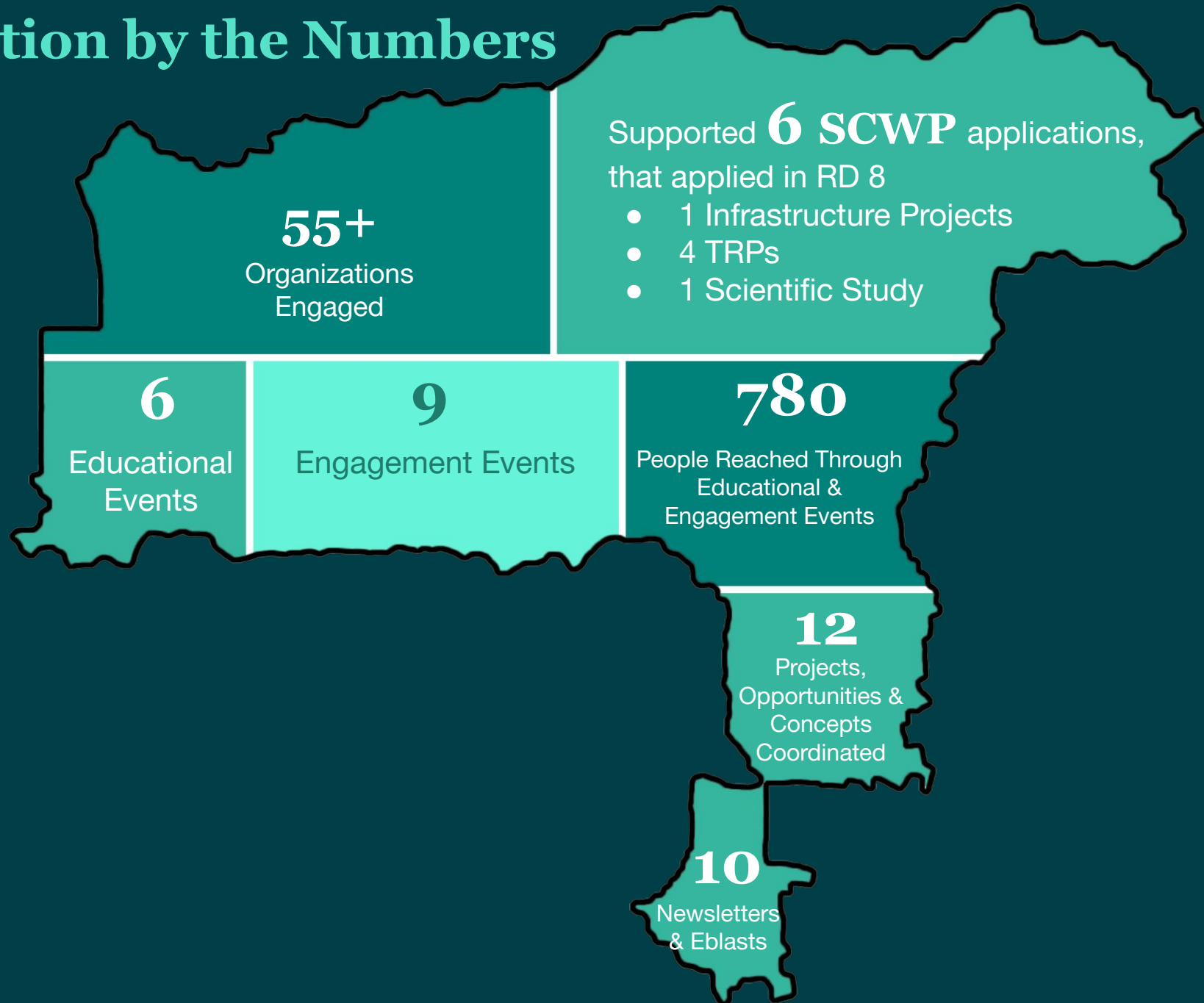
# ULAR Watershed Coordinators

September Update

ULAR WASC MEETING  
September 3rd, 2026



# Watershed Coordination by the Numbers 2026 to date



# Engagement Events where CWH WC Team Hosted a SCWP Table 2026 to Date

|                 |                                                           |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>February</b> | Tap In: Let's Talk About Water (with BWW and LANLT)       |
| <b>March</b>    | Community Welcome Day at the Bowtie Wetland Demonstration |
| <b>April</b>    | Environmental Justice Water Network Convening             |
| <b>April</b>    | Friends of the LA River's Earth Day                       |
| <b>April</b>    | City of Alhambra Eco fair                                 |
| <b>May</b>      | Elephant Hill Trail Opening Celebration                   |
| <b>June</b>     | Youth Climate Commission                                  |
| <b>July</b>     | Agua University Panel                                     |
| <b>August</b>   | FoLAR's River Fest                                        |

# 2026 Engagement Events to date

CWH Watershed Coordinators tabling and engaging with community at the Elephant Hill Trail Opening Celebration. May 2026.



CWH Watershed Coordinator at FoLAR's River Fest, August 2026.



FoLARs Earth Day, April 2026.



Elephant Hill Trail Opening Celebration. May 2026.



Environmental Justice Water Network Convening. April 2026.



FoLARs Earth Day, April 2026.



# Educational Events Tours

|       |                                                                                                     |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April | TNC's Bowtie Demonstration Project Tour #1                                                          |
| May   | TNC's Bowtie Demonstration Project Tour #2                                                          |
| June  | Agua University Tour #1: LADWP's Los Angeles Aqueduct Filtration Plant                              |
| June  | Agua University Tour #2: LASAN's Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant                                   |
| June  | Agua University Tour #3: Jackson Elementary School Greening Tour led by Amigos De Los Ríos          |
| July  | Agua University Tour #4: MWD's Grace F. Napolitano Pure Water Southern California Innovation Center |



# Upcoming CWH Tours



## TOUR METRO'S RAIL TO RAIL PROJECT

Thursday, September 10th  
9:30AM-12:00PM

**Meeting point:**  
Northwest Corner of  
Compton Ave / Slauson Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Hop on a guided bus tour of the full 5.5-mile Segment A corridor, a new walking, biking, and rolling path transforming an abandoned rail corridor into a multi-benefit transportation connection.

Please visit [bit.ly/CWHSegmentA](https://bit.ly/CWHSegmentA) to RSVP

This bus tour is generously sponsored by Geosyntec



September 10

TOUR

## SOUTH LA WETLANDS PARK

Wednesday,  
September 16th  
10AM-12PM

South LA Wetlands Park  
5413 Avalon Blvd,  
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Join Council for Watershed Health's Watershed  
Coordination Team for a tour of LA Sanitation &  
Environment's South LA Wetlands Park!

Please visit [bit.ly/4zbpRK3](https://bit.ly/4zbpRK3)  
to RSVP






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# Cross Collaboration Efforts with other Watershed Coordinators



ULAR Watershed Coordinators at FoLAr's 5th Annual River Fest, August 2026.



CWH and Active SGV Watershed Coordinators at City of Alhambra's Eco Fair, April 2026.

## Youth Climate Commission Countywide Coalition Meeting

### Drop by Drop: A Youth Conversation on Water

June 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm -6:00pm  
Virtual Meeting. Registration Required.

- Find out where your water comes from and where it goes when it rains.
- See the projects making LA more water-resilient.
- Meet your district's watershed coordinator.
- Learn how you can plug in.



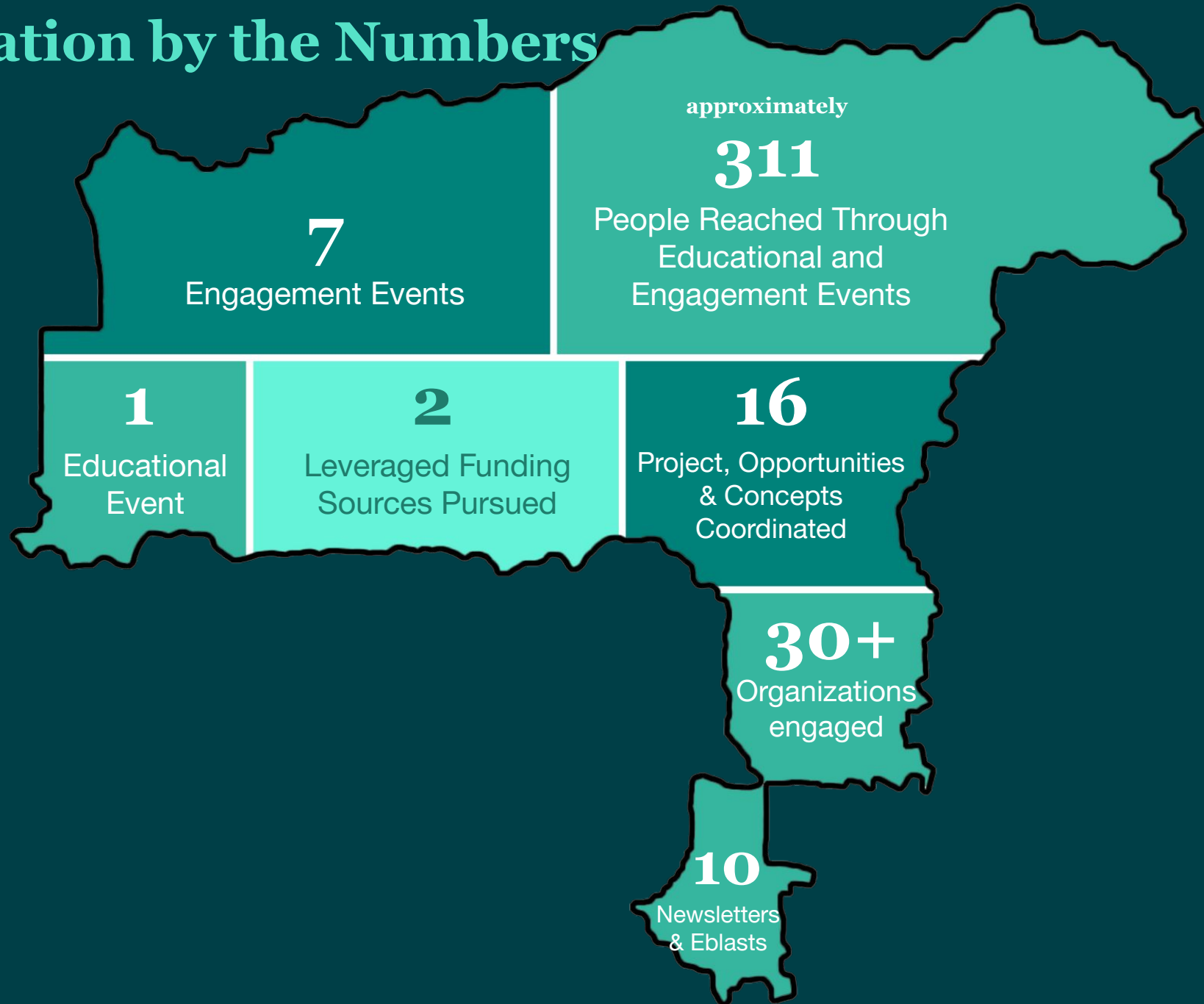
Presented by the LA County Youth Climate Commission &  
The Safe Clean Water Program Watershed Coordinators

[bit.ly/YCCwatertalk](https://bit.ly/YCCwatertalk)



SCWP Watershed Coordinators including Alonso Garcia and Adi Liberman, facilitated a virtual breakout group for the Youth Climate Commission, June 2026.

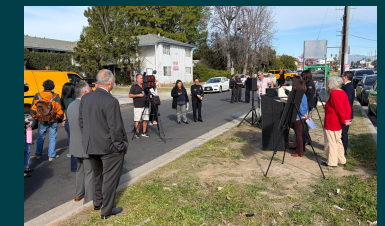
# Watershed Coordination by the Numbers 2026 to date



ENVIRONMENTAL  
OUTREACH STRATEGIES

# Engagement Events where EOS WC Team hosted a SCWP table or attended external events 2026 to Date

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|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January  | Friends of the LA River (FoLAR) Habitat Restoration Day          |
| February | Groundbreaking for the North Sepulveda Pedestrian Island Project |
| March    | Los Angeles Business Council Energy & Environment Committee      |
| April    | Chatsworth Neighborhood Council Day of the Horse                 |
| May      | LA Sanitation & Environment's West Valley Yard Open House        |
| May      | Descanso Gardens Stormwater Capture Project Groundbreaking       |
| August   | FoLAR's River Fest                                               |



Bottom Left and both Bottom Right photos: Groundbreaking for the North Sepulveda Pedestrian Island Project, February 5, 2026

# Educational Events

Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment  
Project Tour on July 23, 2026

- 21 attendees from all over Los Angeles County including 6 watershed Coordinators



# Thank You

## Upper LA River Watershed Coordinators

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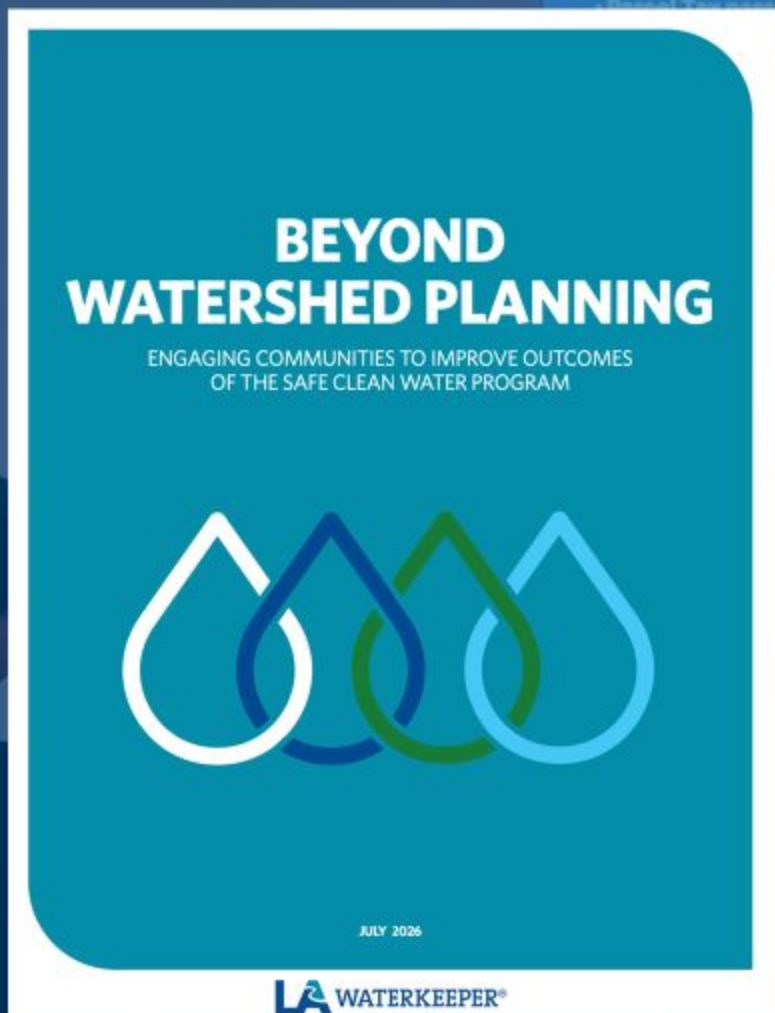
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# LA WATERKEEPER'S Beyond Watershed Planning Report

Upper LA River WASC  
September 2, 2026

# Workshops & Report

- 5 workshops held across 4 watersheds in 2025, convened by LA Waterkeeper (2 in ULAR)
- Build on watershed planning efforts already undertaken by the SCWP
- LAW partnered with grassroots CBOs & watershed coordinators to inform and participate in the workshops.



# Key Findings

- The SCWP is **complex** and **can lack a holistic view of watershed needs**
- The annual funding cycle creates **structural challenges** that **favor mid-scale projects over large-scale and community-driven projects.**
- **Narrow scope** of project types being funded
- **Water quality prioritized** over other needs.
- **New green space creation targets are inadequate.**
- The SCWP is **too reactive** as currently structured.



# General Program Recommendations

The SCWP should:

- Move toward a proactive watershed planning approach and develop a 20-year investment cycle that identifies priority projects or project types that collectively will meet watershed specific community and environmental goals.
- Improve metrics and definitions
- Strengthen targets for greening and community benefits.
- Improve community and Tribal engagement.

# Additional Recommendations

The report includes additional recommendations aimed at :

- Maximizing biodiversity benefits to align with other LA County priorities.
- Looking for opportunities to support smaller organizations and municipalities securing SCWP funding.
- Looking for opportunities to integrate the best available science into the program's approach for prioritizing project types.

# Overarching ULAR Feedback

- ULAR is plagued by **heavy contamination** in the watershed
- Significant **unhoused populations** around the LA River and its
- **Flooding** (throughout the ULAR watershed)
- Focused on **converting hardscape** for beneficial uses; **re-wild large areas** to provide more habitat and reduce pollution



# Underutilized Spaces Identified

- Areas with extensive gray infrastructure
- Koreatown (make walkable)
- Really wide streets
- Huge volumes of parking

# ULAR Project Type Priorities

- Industrial greening and brownfield remediation
- School greening and education program
- Green streets/transportation corridors (including bike paths & alleys)
- Regional water supply storage project
- Commercial sites/private-public partnerships/parking lot retrofits
- More distributed/parcel-based NBS projects (programmatically)

# How This Report Can be Used by the WASC

- Helping refine WASC priorities
- Identify challenges within the watershed
- Identify priority project types that could inform WASC-based RFP and/or project evaluation for SIP
- Identify specific projects that could be uplifted (even from the ground)
- Provide a workshop template if the WASC wants to continue watershed planning (and develop proactive, long-term investment strategy) in the future

## Link to Report and Factsheet



[www.lawaterkeeper.org/news-stories/scwp-watershed-planning-report](http://www.lawaterkeeper.org/news-stories/scwp-watershed-planning-report)

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