

Rio Hondo

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, August 18, 2026
1:00pm – 3:30 pm
Library Community Room
321 S Myrtle Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Julian Juarez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)
Lauren Augino, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Agency)
*Alysha Chan, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Agency)
*Samuel Brown, Nature for All (Community)
Allen Ma, Resident (Community)
Latoya Waters, Alhambra (Municipal)
Carmen Masud, Arcadia (Municipal)
Stephanie Sandoval, Duarte (Municipal)
Eddie Chan, Irwindale (Municipal)
*Lena Abdullah, Monrovia (Municipal)
Dawn Petschauer, Pasadena (Municipal), Chair
Kara Plourde, Los Angeles County (Municipal)
Jenna Cobb, Active San Gabriel Valley (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Committee Members Not Present:

Patty Cortez, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Agency)
Jeff Khun, City of Pasadena Public Works (Agency)
Jesus Rojas, Resident (Community)
Marisol Cortez, Resident (Community)

*Committee Member Alternate

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

1) Welcome and Introductions

Dawn Petschauer, Chair of the Rio Hondo (RH) 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 quorum.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2026

Public Works staff presented the minutes from May 19, 2026. Member Lena Abdullah motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Lauren Augino. The WASC voted to approve the May 19, 2026 meeting minutes with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 in abstention (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

Public Works staff provided updates, noting:

- The WASCs and the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) recommended approval of all nine Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY26-27) Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board). The Board is anticipated to review the SIPs in November 2026.
- The current Community Stakeholder terms will expire on December 31, 2026. The Board will begin reappointments and appointments for vacancies in December 2026 or early 2027. Members of the

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public who meet the minimum requirements in the WASC Operating Guidelines and are interested in serving as a Community Stakeholder may fill out the [online Interest to Serve form](#).

- In alignment with the 2026 Biennial Progress Report, the SCW Program is updating the 2019 WASC Operating Guidelines to clarify existing procedures, improve consistency across the Regional Program, and incorporate lessons learned from implementation. The proposed amendments were shared with all Committee Members on July 28, 2026, and Committee Members were asked to provide feedback on the proposed changes. To see the proposed amendments, please see the [July 28, 2026, Draft of the WASC Operating Guidelines](#). Next steps include addressing feedback and adopting the updated WASC Operating Guidelines this fall.
- The submission deadline for the 2026 Call for Projects was July 31, 2026. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is conducting completeness checks on all applications that were submitted.
- Non-Municipal Technical Resources Program applicants must obtain a letter of Non-Objection from the Municipality where the concept is proposed.
- The Feasibility Study Guidelines require that Non-Municipal Project applicants obtain a Letter of Support from the Municipality where the Project is proposed.
- At the previous ROC meeting, the ROC received updates on the Regional Program Mid-Year Report Summary, Scoring Revision Process, and the Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance. The next ROC meeting will be held on September 9, 2026 where the ROC will discuss District Program report summaries, 2026 Biannual Progress Report Task Force efforts, and findings and recommendations from the Workforce Development Subcommittee.
- To keep up with Program Updates as they are shared, the public can subscribe to receive email notifications on the SCW Program website. Implementation Updates are also located in the [News and Updates webpage](#) on the SCW Program website.

Upon inquiry, Public Works confirmed that the WASC Operating Guidelines are currently undergoing review. The Chief Engineer will approve the final guidelines for adoption.

Chair Petschauer requested that Public Works staff prepare a slide to support Program Updates presentations. Public Works acknowledged the request and reminded the WASC that Members can view updates on the [SCW Program website](#), as well as subscribe to the monthly SCW Program e-newsletter by inserting email in "Sign Up for Updates" at the bottom of the [SCW Program website](#).

Strategic Advancement Section (SAS) staff provided updates, noting:

- As part of Adaptive Management efforts, revisions to the Feasibility Study Guidelines and Scoring Criteria for the 2027 Call for Projects are currently underway. The SCW Program 2027 Scoring Revision Survey, which closed on July 19, 2026, gathered input to evaluate and improve the Guidelines and Criteria.
- Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance has been posted to the [SCW Program website](#). Updates are underway in the Reporting Module to reflect this new guidance and provide support for sustained project performance and the achievement of Program Goals.
- Since the launch of the Community Strengths & Needs Assessment (CSNA) Survey, 2,100 new survey responses have been collected. 315 responses have been collected for the RH Watershed Area.
- SAS staff can be reached for questions at watershedplanning@pw.lacounty.gov.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff confirmed that the comment period for the Feasibility Study Guidelines closed a few weeks ago, noting that no specific amendments have been proposed at this time. Once recommendations are identified, there will be a 30-day comment period.

4) Watershed Coordinator Updates

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Watershed Coordinator Jenna Cobb presented on recent and upcoming events, including developing the SOEP, supporting project development, and outreach and education events. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Upon inquiry, Watershed Coordinator Cobb shared an overview of engagement efforts with nonprofit organizations and schools. Watershed Coordinator Cobb also noted that while some nonprofit organizations and schools have been hesitant to engage with the SCW Program due to extensive procedures and requirements, many show strong interest in learning more.

Upon inquiry, Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination), explained that the initial Community Education Grant was a Pilot Program, and there will be a requisition to have a vendor operate a more robust grant program in the longer term. Antos added that Workforce Development is also being considered as a potential Grant Program.

Antos noted that both the Watershed Coordinator and Regional Coordination Team will monitor Proposition 4 funding opportunities and provide updates through the Quarterly Funding Memo.

5) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

There were no ex parte communication disclosures.

6) Public Comment

Bryan Matsumoto provided public comment expressing support for having slides to complement verbal Program updates.

7) Presentations and Discussion Items

a. WASC Roles and Responsibilities

Antos presented on the WASC Roles & Responsibilities. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Upon inquiry, Antos confirmed that once SIPs are approved by Board in November, the new Projects will be incorporated into the benefits analysis, which may adjust opportunity areas and targets.

The WASC discussed post-construction and monitoring data and asked how that data would impact additional updates. Public Works staff noted that new guidance for construction and monitoring was recently released and that monitoring data will eventually replace estimations, improving accuracy as Projects move closer to actual performance.

Upon inquiry, Antos explained that the regional targets were developed through the Watershed Planning efforts over the past two years, noting that each Watershed Area has its own Initial Watershed Plan and regional performance goals. Antos added that Project Developers must now demonstrate alignment with the Initial Watershed Plans.

Member Samuel Brown (Nature for All) inquired whether there exists a geographic analysis of where Projects are concentrated in the Watershed Area. Antos confirmed that while formal spatial analysis has not been conducted, the WASC can consider project distribution across the Watershed Area and identify communities that have not received comparable investments.

Chair Petschauer inquired whether Technical Resources Program Projects (TRP) are included in the opportunity area mapping, noting that proposed benefits attributed to TRPs may be too premature to include in Program statistics.

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Antos shared that this year, the RH Watershed Area is expected to have approximately \$2 million to allocate. Antos reminded the WASC that the ROC strongly recommends that WASCs do not exceed the 80% allocation in future funding cycles.

b. Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, and/or Co-Chairs

Public Works staff provided an overview of the Chair responsibilities. Upon inquiry, Public Works staff clarified that Vice-Chair would fill in if the Chair was unavailable. Currently, the RH WASC does not have a Vice-Chair.

Member Abdullah made a motion to nominate Member Alex Tachiki for Chair and Chair Petschauer as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Carmen Masud (Arcadia).

c. Rio Hondo Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP)

Watershed Coordinator Cobb presented the RH FY26-27 SOEP. [Presentation slides](#) and the [SOEP](#) are available on the SCW Program website.

Member Brown suggested providing translations of the e-newsletter in the major languages represented within the Watershed Area.

d. Regional Program FY25-26 Mid-Year Summary

Nicole Wong (HDR) presented on the Regional Program FY25-26 Mid-Year Report Summary. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

The WASC Members discussed the reasons behind the withdrawal of the South El Monte High School Stormwater Improvement Project. Public Works staff confirmed that the funding initially allocated to the South El Monte High School Stormwater Improvement Project has already been returned to the SCW Program.

Upon inquiry, Wong confirmed that several Projects have submitted Project Modification Requests (PMR) and all Projects have completed required reporting. Antos emphasized that PMRs that require action by the WASC in the upcoming Stormwater Investment Plan are due October 31 and noted that other WASCs have decided to review carefully Projects that report experiencing delays but have not submitted a PMR.

Chair Petschauer raised concerns about significant Design changes and a significant delay for the Alhambra, Eaton, and Rubio Wash Dry Weather Diversion (Dry Weather Diversion) Projects and whether PMRs are warranted. Kevin Lai (San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)), the Project Developer, explained that Design is approximately 90% complete and staff is developing updated cost estimates. Lai explained that partnering agencies will need to discuss a revised cost-sharing arrangement and determine willingness to advance the Projects.

Chair Petschauer inquired if the Dry Weather Diversion Projects included Community Benefits. Melissa Romero (SGVCOG) and Katie Harrel (CWE) confirmed that the Design includes bioretention features that qualify as Nature-based Solutions. Harrel indicated that the primary changes have been cost increases rather than scope changes. Chair Petschauer noted that an additional funding request would constitute a PMR. Public Works staff added that significant schedule delays may also warrant a PMR if it impacts future SIP funding. Public Works staff also confirmed that the PMRs do not go back to the Scoring Committee and referenced the PMR Guidelines, which are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Mei Lin Hanna (John L. Hunter and Associates) provided an update on the Vincent Lugo Park Stormwater Capture Project, noting that the City of San Gabriel, the Project Developer, submitted a request in July 2026 for County Planning and Design services. The County has met with the City of San Gabriel to discuss next steps and is preparing a proposal outlining the scope of work and estimated costs.

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Upon inquiry, Antos confirmed that no WASC action is required for the Vincent Lugo Park Stormwater Capture Project. Antos explained that this is a new application of the County's longstanding ability to provide services to cities through the City Services Contract with Los Angeles County Public Works and where projects could leverage SCW Municipal Program funds.

8) Public Comment Period

Caleb (Schimke) (City of San Gabriel resident) commented on Project delays due to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and inquired how those will be resolved.

Bryan Matsumoto commented that the Watershed Coordinator target of 100 CSNA responses seemed low and suggested exploring other ways to incentivize community participation.

Public Works staff reminded the public that the public comment period is for comments pertaining to the scope of the agenda items. Additionally, Public Works staff reminded the public that questions can be submitted to Public Works staff offline.

9) Voting Items

a. Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

Member Abdullah motioned to approve the selection of Member Alex Tachiki as Chair and Chair Petschauer as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Masud and passed with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 in abstention (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

b. Approve the FY 26-27 Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan

Member Stephanie Sandoval (Duarte) motioned to approve the updated RH Watershed Area FY26-27 SOEP. The motion was seconded by Chair Petschauer and passed with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 in abstention.

10) Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm See the [SCW Program website](#) for meeting details. Items for the next agenda include:

- a. Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) Annual Report Presentation
- b. Summary of Submitted Technical Resources Program Project Concepts and Scientific Studies for FY27-28
- c. FY27-28 Submitted Application Presentations

10) Adjournment

Chair Petschauer thanked the WASC Members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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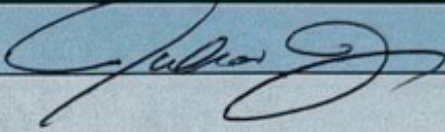
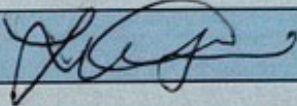
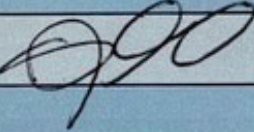
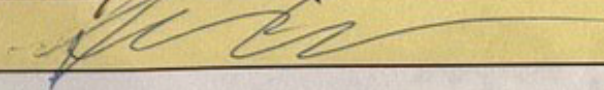
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		Quorum Present				Voting Items		
Member Type	Position	Member		Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve 5/19/2026 Meeting Minutes	Approve Alex Tachiki as Chair and Dawn Petschauer as Vice-Chair of the Rio Hondo WASC	Approve the FY26-27 Rio Hondo Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan
Agency	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Julian Juarez	x	Alynn Sun		y	y	y
Agency	Upper San Gabriel District	Patty Cortez		Katherine Vazquez				
Agency	Main San Gabriel Basin	Lauren Augino	x	Justin Nakano		y	y	y
Agency	LA County Sanitation Districts	Rita Chang		Alysha Chan	x	y	y	y
Agency	Pasadena Public Works	Jeff Khun		Brent Maue				
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Jesus Rojas						
Community Stakeholder								
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Marisol Cortez						
Community Stakeholder	Nature for All	Bryan Matsumoto		Samuel Brown	x	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Allen Ma	x			y	y	y
Municipal Members	City of Alhambra	Latoya Waters	x	Eddie Villegas		y	y	y
Municipal Members	City of Arcadia	Carmen Masud	x			y	y	y
Municipal Members	City of Duarte	Stephanie Sandoval	x	Marvin Carpio		y	y	y
Municipal Members	City of Irwindale	Eddie Chan	x			y	y	y
Municipal Members	City of Monrovia	Alex Tachiki		Lena Abdullah	x	y	y	y
Municipal Members	City of Pasadena	Dawn Petschauer*	x	Richard Yee		y	y	y
Municipal Members	LA County Public Works	Kara Plourde	x	Donna Tran	x	y	y	y
Watershed Coordinator (Non-Voting Member)	Active San Gabriel Valley	Jenna Cobb	x	David Diaz				
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yay (Y)	12	12	12
Total Voting Members Present		13			Nay (N)	0	0	0
Agency		3			Abstain (A)	0	0	0
Community Stakeholder		2			Total	12	12	12
Municipal Members		8			Result	Approved	Approved	Approved

Attendees

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Alexandro Garcia - LACFCD	Dee Corhiran - Safe, Clean Water	Marisela Velasquez - Safe, Clean Water
Ali Sharbat - CPP	Donna Tran - LACFCD	Mayra Cabrera - Safe, Clean Water
Brad Wardynski - Craftwater	Emily Huang - Stantec	Mei-Lin Hanna - JLHA
Brenda Stevens - WSP	Enrique Baul- LACFCD	Melanie Rivera - LACPW
Brianna Datti - Craftwater	Grace Kast	Michelle Loekman - LACPW
Bryan Matsumoto - Nature for All	Grey Crisanto- LACFCD	Nicole Wong - HDR
Caleb	Justin Nakano - Watermaster	Oliver Galang - Craftwater
Call-in User_1	James Carpenter - SCWP SAS	RH AV
Cesar Ramirez - City of Pasasdena	Jason Casanova - Watershed Health	Sofia Cardenas - Stantec
Chloe Ebright - JLHA	Jason Jade Pepito - SCW SAS	Soledad Sinada- LACFCD
Chris Zabalza - LACPW	Jenny Chau - LACPW	Travis Diaz - LACFCD
Chris Lee - LACFCD	Jorge Galvan - LACPW	Uriel Cobian- LACFCD
Claire Robinson - Amigos de los Rios	Josafat Flores - LACPW	Angie Silvestre- LACFCD
Daniel Apt - Olaunu	Katie Harrel - CWE	Kristina Moreno - LACFCD



Member Name	Municipality/ Organization	P/A	Signature
Julian Juarez	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	P	
Alynn Sun	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	A	
Patty Cortez	Upper San Gabriel District	P	
Katherine Vazquez	Upper San Gabriel District	A	
Lauren Augino	Main San Gabriel Basin	P	
Justin Nakano	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster	A	
Francisco Guerrero	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	P	
Alysha Chan	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	A	
Jeff Khun	Pasadena	P	
Brent Maue	Pasadena	A	
Jesus Rojas	Resident	P	
Jill Fosselman	Resident	P	
Marisol Cortez		P	
Bryan Matsumoto	Nature For All	P	
Jade Nguyen <i>SAM BROWN</i>	Nature For All	A	
Allen Ma	Resident	P	

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COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SIGN-IN



Member Name	Municipality/ Organization	P/A	Signature
Latoya Waters	Alhambra	P	<i>[Signature]</i>
Eddie Villegas	Alhambra	A	
Briget Arndell	Arcadia	P	
Carmen Masud	Arcadia	A	<i>Carmen Masud</i>
Stephanie Sandoval	Duarte	P	
Marvin Carpio	Duarte	A	
Eddie Chan	Irwindale	P	
Alex Tachiki	Monrovia	P	
Lena Abdullah	Monrovia	A	<i>Lena Abdullah</i>
Dawn Petschauer	Pasadena	P	
Richard Yee	Pasadena	A	
Kara Plourde	LA County Public Works	P	<i>Kara Plourde</i>
Donna Tran	LA County Public Works	A	
Jenna Cobb	Active SGV	WC	<i>J. Cobb</i>
David Diaz	Active SGV	WC	

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First Name	Last Name	Municipality/Organization	Email Address
Melissa	Romero	SGVCOG	
Maikenzie	Bolger	SGVCOG	
Kevin	Lai	=	
Stephan			