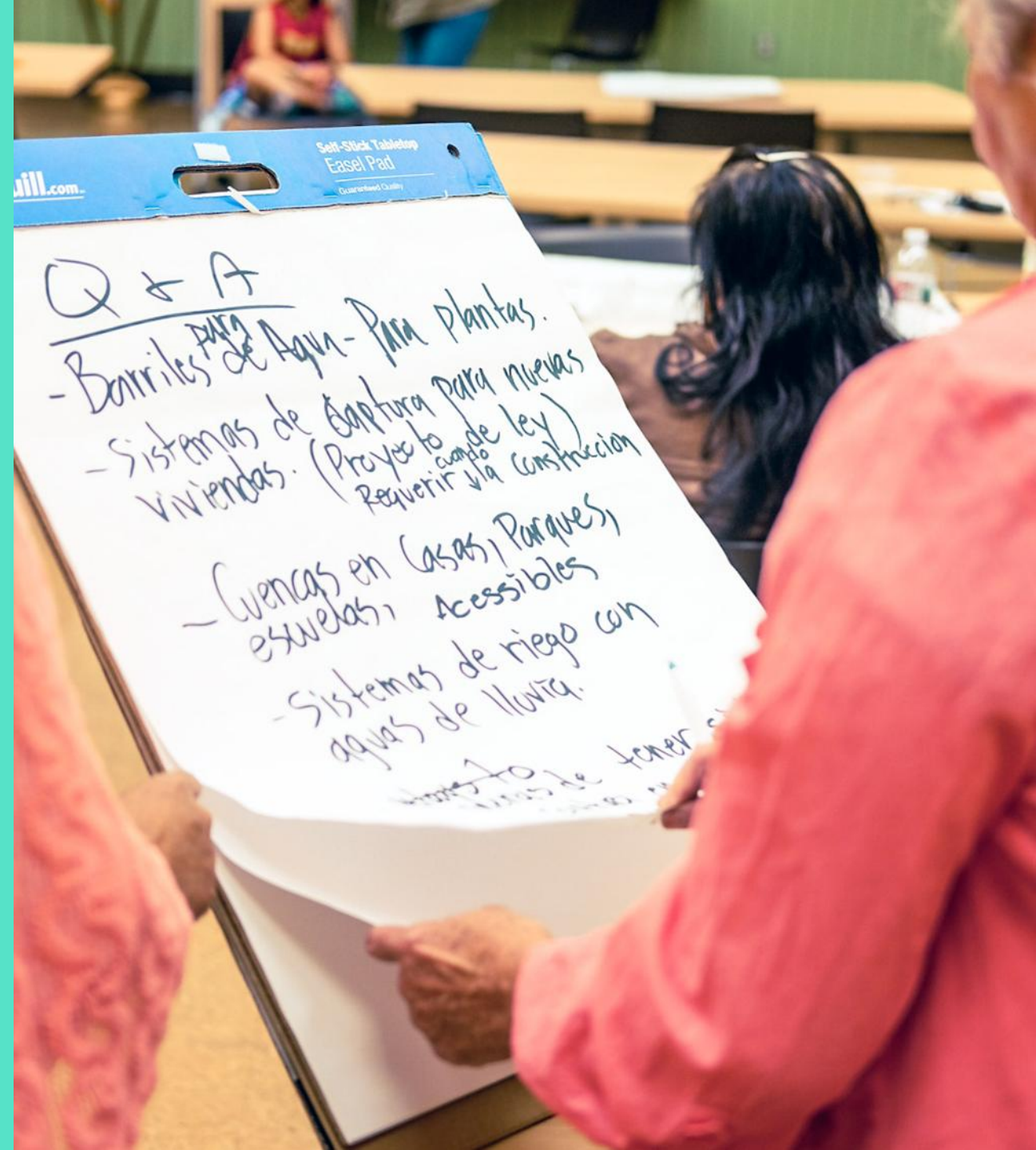


SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
September 10th, 2026

Highlights from the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) 2025 Annual Report

North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee



The Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) was created to give residents the opportunity to share what matters most in their neighborhoods, outlining their communities' strengths, key needs, and opportunities.

What changes
would you like to
see in LA County?



Share your vision with the
**Safe, Clean Water Program
Community Strengths and
Needs Assessment.**

Scan the QR Code or visit
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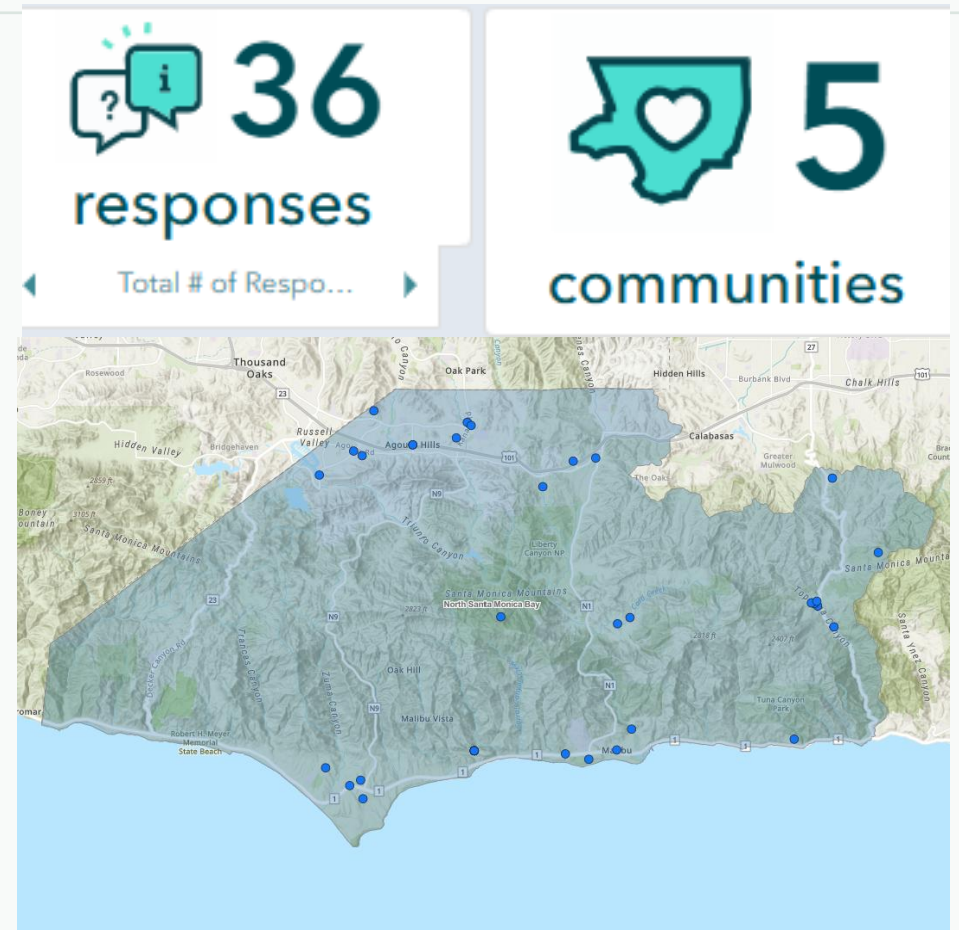
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How can the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) be used by WASCs, Watershed Coordinators and others?

- Learn about community strengths, needs, and priorities ahead of planned **engagement** activities
- Demonstrate project alignment with initial **watershed plans**
- Inform **project design** with community-stated needs
- Assess whether project **benefits** claimed by Project Applicants align with community-identified needs and priorities
- Identify opportunities to improve existing **community outreach** efforts

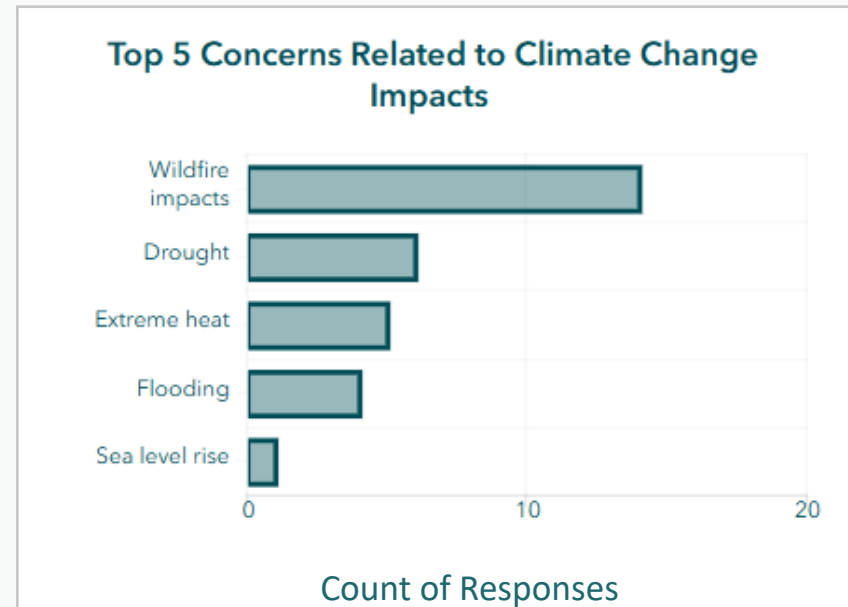
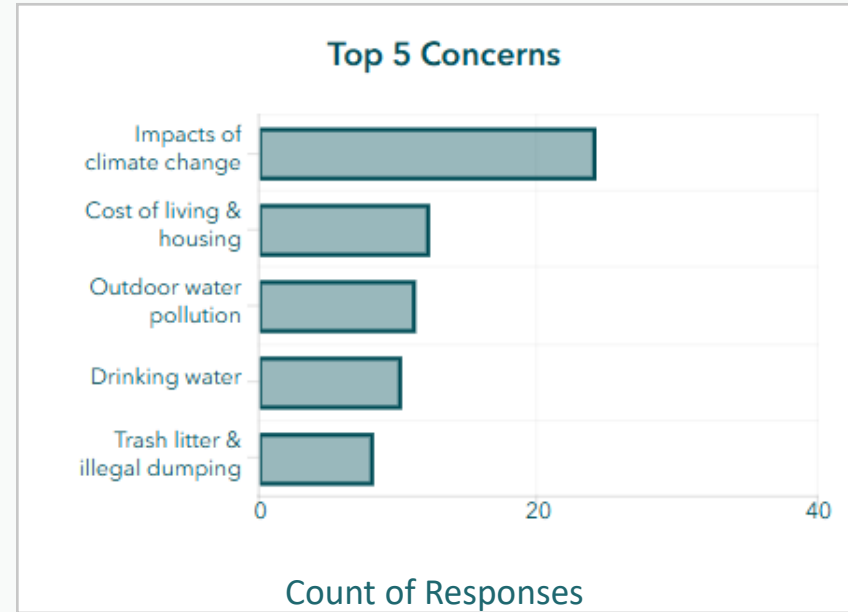
CSNA Participation

- Reporting period: November 2024 – December 2025
- Participant demographics:
 - 81% own their home
 - 100% speak English at home
 - 78% live in the watershed area
 - 0% are unhoused
 - 11% identify as Native American, indigenous, and/or tribal

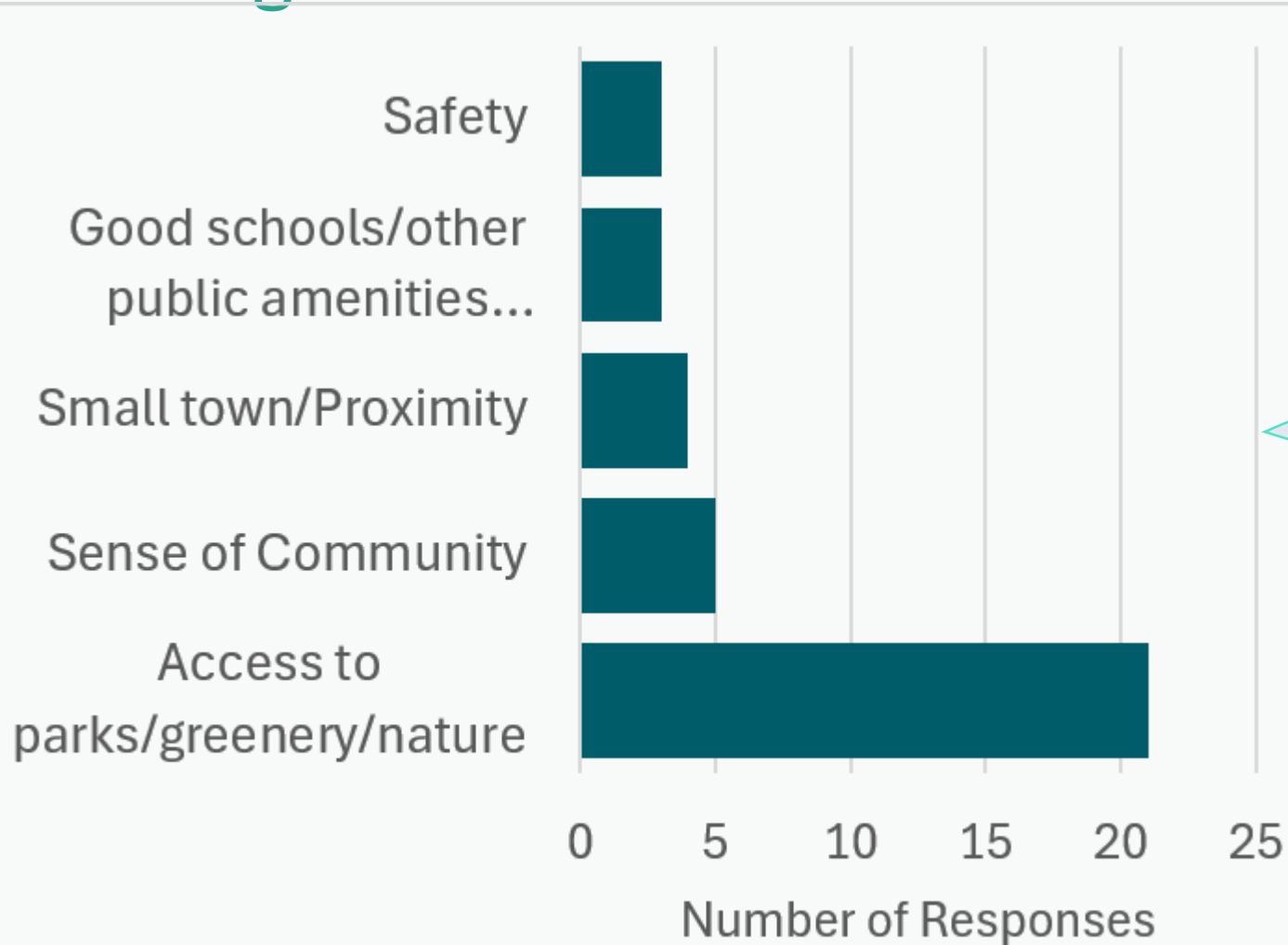


Community-Identified Concerns

Additional comments emphasized **improving water and fire resilience, reducing polluted run-off, expanding water capture and reuse, protecting natural habitats and maintaining clean beaches and public spaces**, and ensuring funding reflects regional use and impacts.



Community-Identified Strengths



“The beauty and recreational value of the Santa Monica Mountains and coast. Clean air. Good access to recreation..”

"The natural wildlands surrounding the community and the shared commitment to protect the natural environment."

"The abundant oak trees, parkland, wildlife, and creeks near my home."

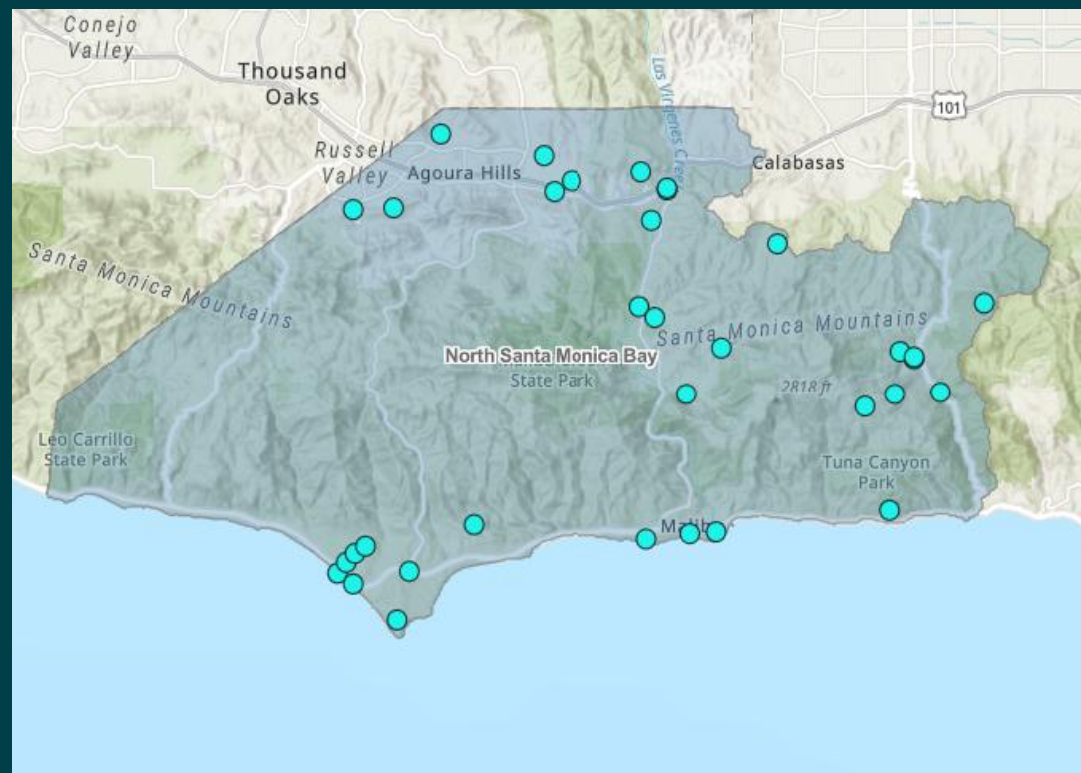
Community Priorities for SCW Program Benefits

Echoing “strengths” in last slide, community members prioritize **wildlife habitats, catching rainwater, clean water, and education & stewardship**

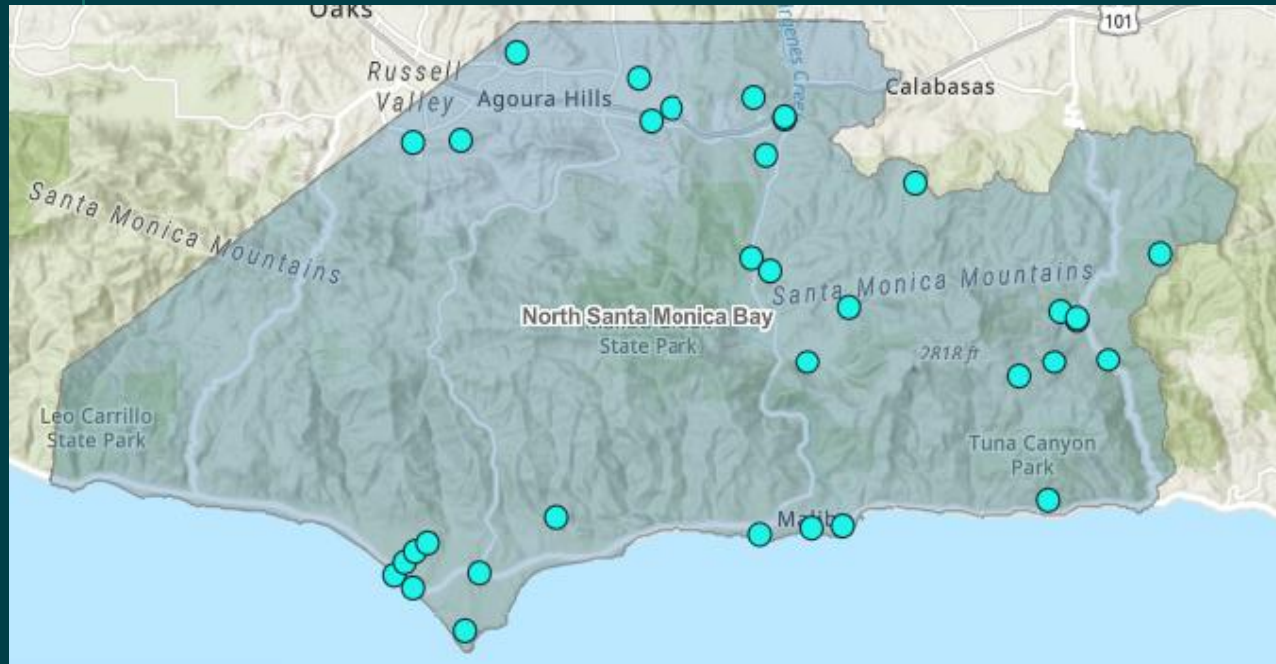
Ranking	Community Benefit
1 st	Cleaner water in our bays, rivers, lakes & at the beach
2 nd	Improved wildlife habitat
3 rd	Public education about pollution prevention & environmental stewardship
3 rd (tie)	Capture & store rainwater for future use
5 th	Greener outdoor areas, less pavement at schools
6 th	Access to parks, walking paths & outdoor recreation
7 th	Street trees & plants to combat extreme heat
8 th	Flooding protection
9 th	Employment & job training opportunities

Community-Identified Improvement Areas

- CSNA participants are asked to identify an outdoor area in their community that would benefit from improvement or beautification
- 33 responses to this question were submitted for NSMB during reporting period



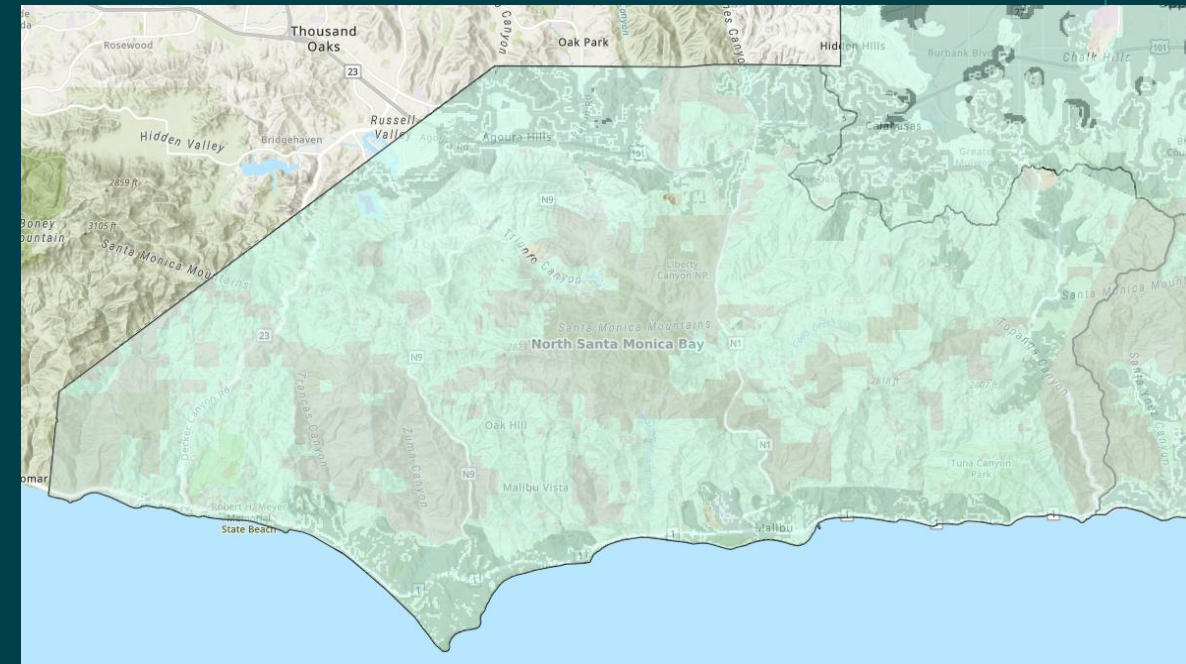
Alignment with Multiple Benefit Opportunity Areas



Community-Identified
Opportunities



Community-Identified
Improvement Areas



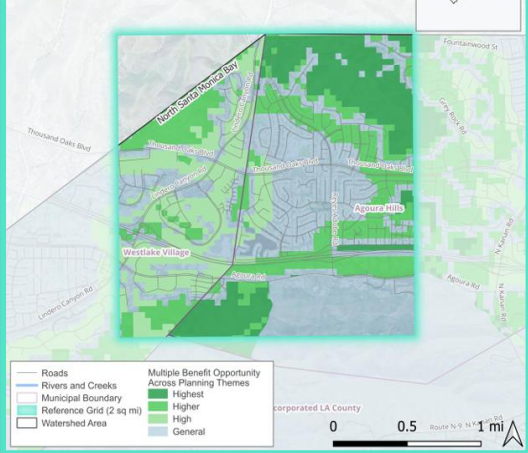
Multiple Benefit Opportunity
Across Planning Themes
Beyond Water Quality (1+
Themes)

General
High
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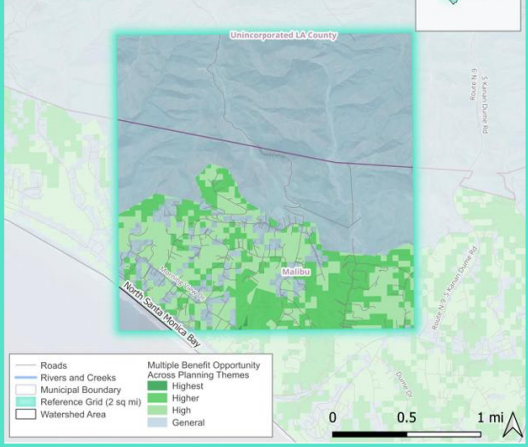
NSMB Multiple Benefit
Opportunity Areas Across
Planning Themes (1+ themes)

Initial Watershed Plan Opportunity Areas

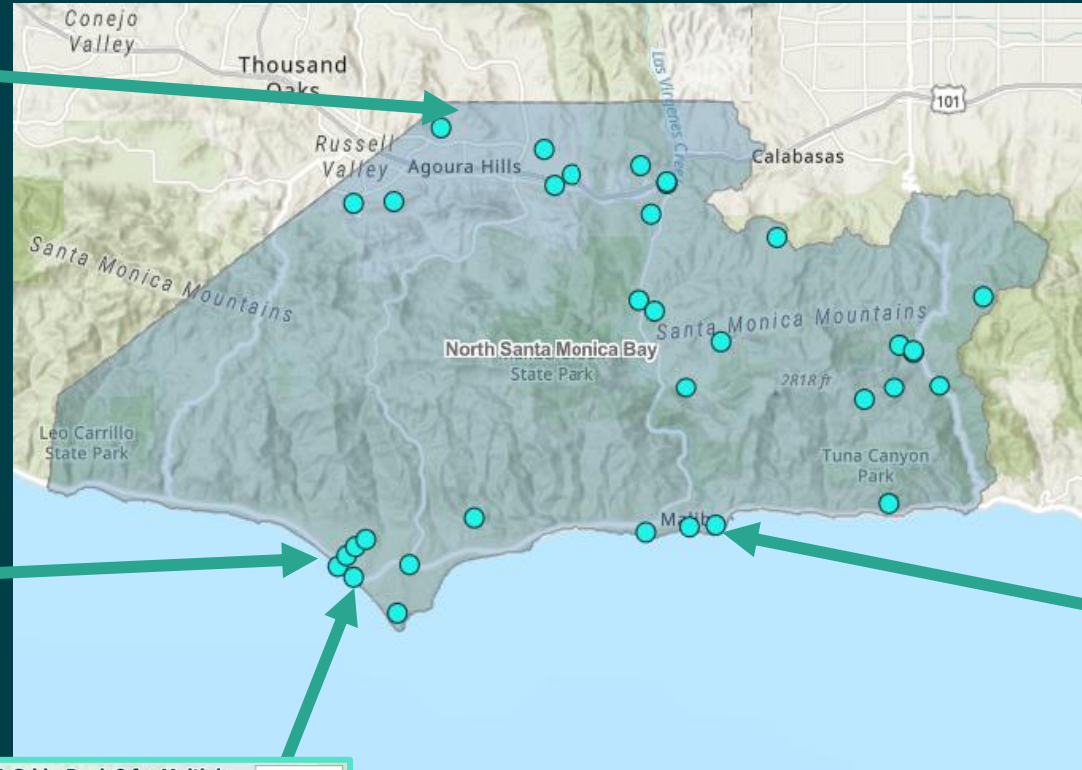
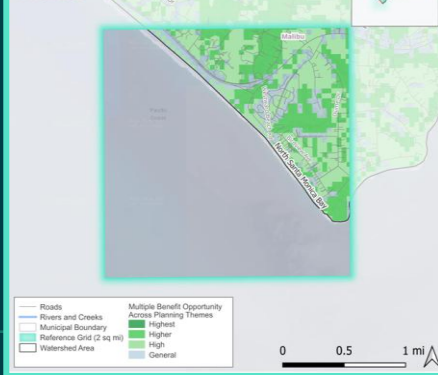
NSMB WA Grid - Rank 2 for Multiple Benefit Opportunity Across Planning Themes



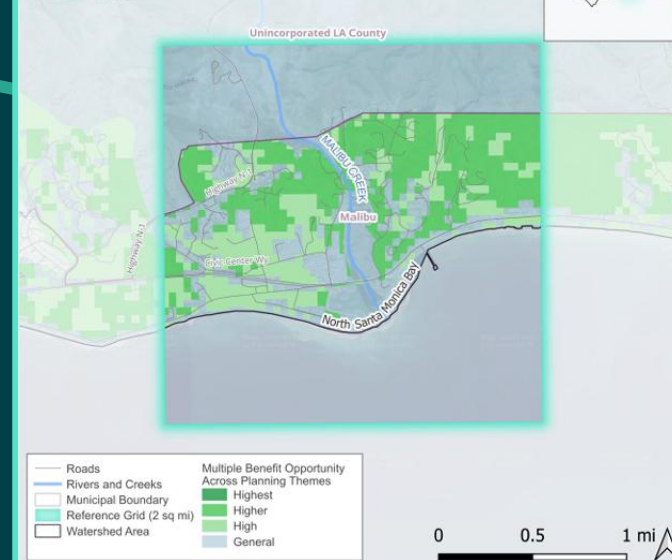
NSMB WA Grid - Rank 6 for Multiple Benefit Opportunity Across Planning Themes



NSMB WA Grid - Rank 8 for Multiple Benefit Opportunity Across Planning Themes



NSMB WA Grid - Rank 5 for Multiple Benefit Opportunity Across Planning Themes



CSNA Resources Available on the SCW Program Website



Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment?

The Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) consists of a brief Survey, to gather input from the public about community needs, strengths, and priorities, and a Dashboard (an online GIS-based tool) that visually showcases survey results and tracks trends in responses. Information gathered through the CSNA may serve as a resource for anyone interested in engaging with Los Angeles County's Safe, Clean Water Program (SCW Program). The CSNA Survey and Dashboard will remain open to new responses on an ongoing basis, acting as a "living database" of community voices in Los Angeles County.

The CSNA Survey launched on November 27, 2024, and can be taken by anyone and the CSNA Dashboard launched shortly thereafter on March 3, 2025. To access the CSNA Survey, [Click Here](#). To access the CSNA Dashboard, [Click Here](#).

2. Why was the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment created?

In 2019, Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) commissioned the Metrics and Monitoring Study (MMS) to conduct a program-wide assessment of the SCW Program. MMS included recommendations for the development of program methods, metrics, and monitoring criteria to inform tracking,

planning, reporting, and decision-making in the SCW Program. An early product of MMS, the [Equity in Stormwater Investments white paper](#) recommended the creation of a process "to assess and report community needs, strengths, and preferences on an ongoing basis." Similarly, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the SCW Program's Regional Oversight Committee recognized and supported the need to develop a process to obtain community feedback as it relates to the SCW Program.

To address this need, Public Works developed the CSNA to inform anyone engaging with the SCW Program about the issues and priorities that are most important to local communities.

3. How will the information collected from the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment be shared with the public?

Information gathered through the CSNA Survey is published on an online GIS-based tool called the CSNA Dashboard. The CSNA Dashboard uses charts, graphs, an interactive map, and other data visualization tools to summarize survey results and track trends in responses over time.

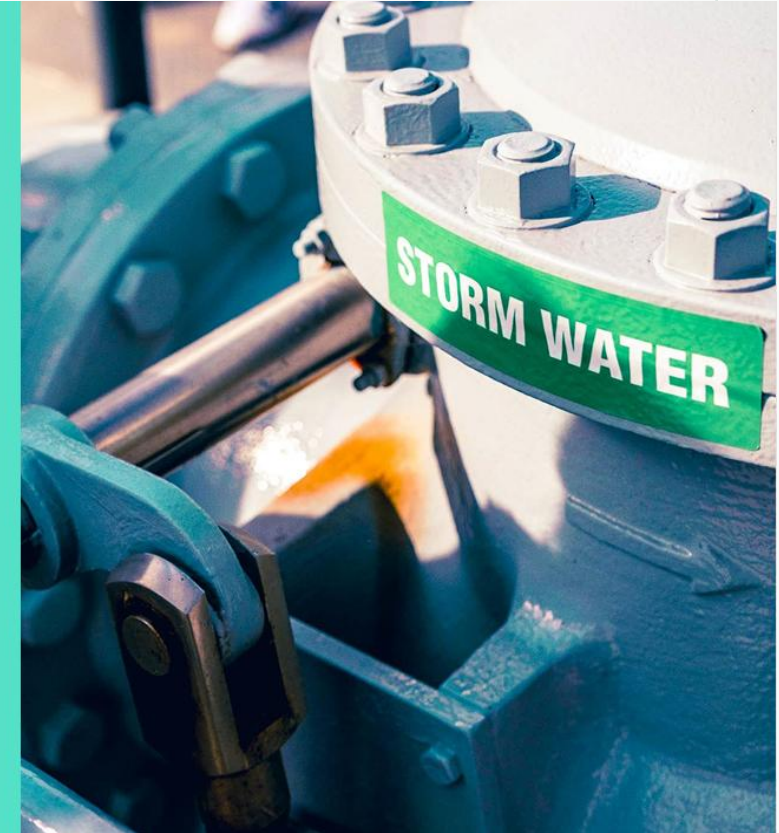
CSNA Survey results will also be summarized and made available as a downloadable data layer in the SCW Program [Spatial Data Library](#). The Spatial Data Library (SDL) is a collection of public resources relevant to the SCW Program. The SDL can be used to explore

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FAQ

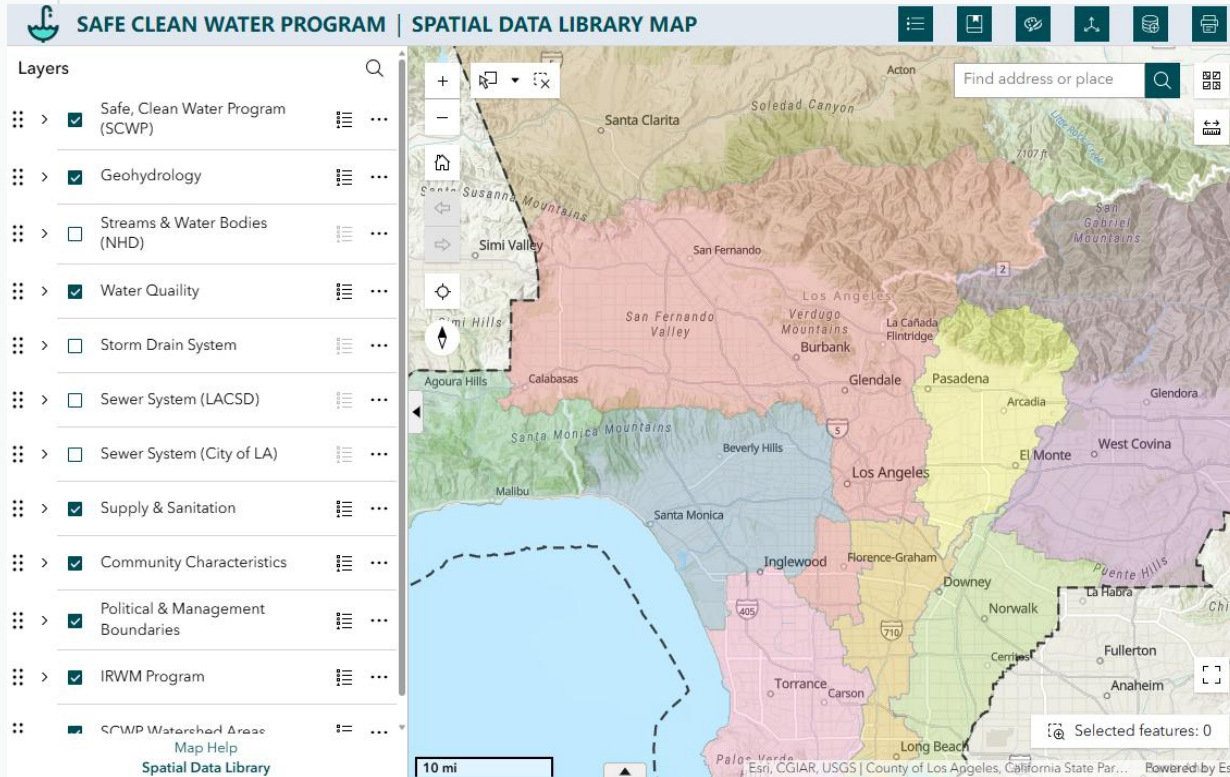


Promoting the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA)

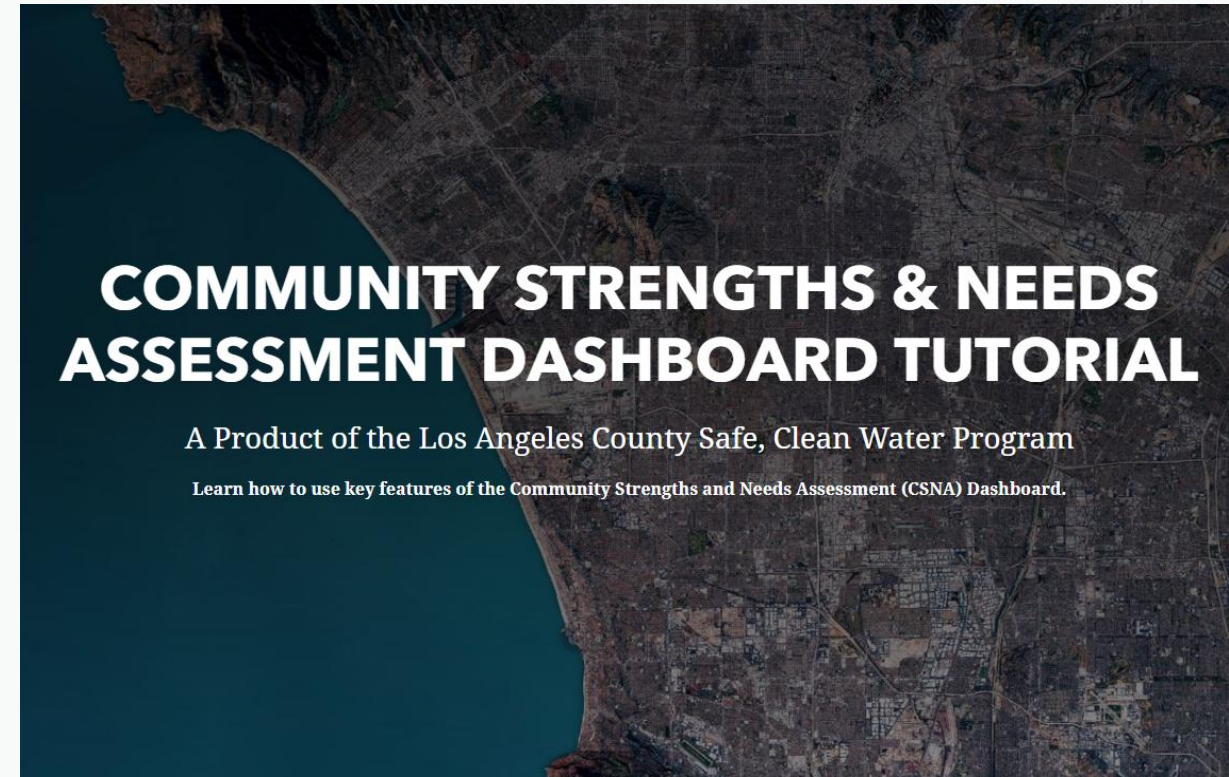


Promotion Toolkit

CSNA Resources Available on the SCW Program Website



Spatial Data Library



Dashboard Tutorial

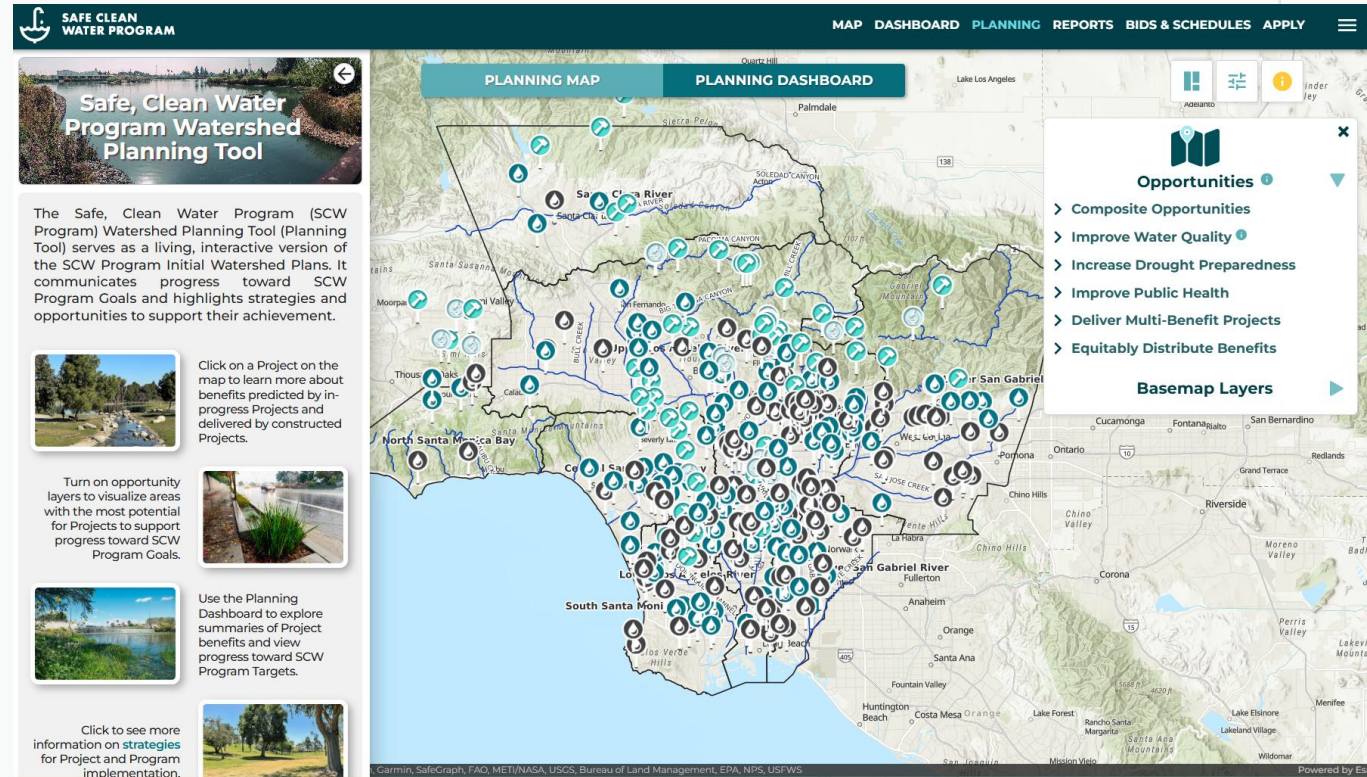
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The Safe, Clean Water Program is taking a big step forward with the Watershed Planning effort, which aims to enhance the delivery of benefits provided by the Program.

-  Technical Info Session - Draft Initial Watershed Plans
-  Technical Info Session - FAQ
-  Technical Info Session - Presentation

Watershed Planning
Website



Watershed Planning
Tool

Quick Links:



[SafeCleanWaterLA.org/
Survey](https://SafeCleanWaterLA.org/Survey)



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Thank you!

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