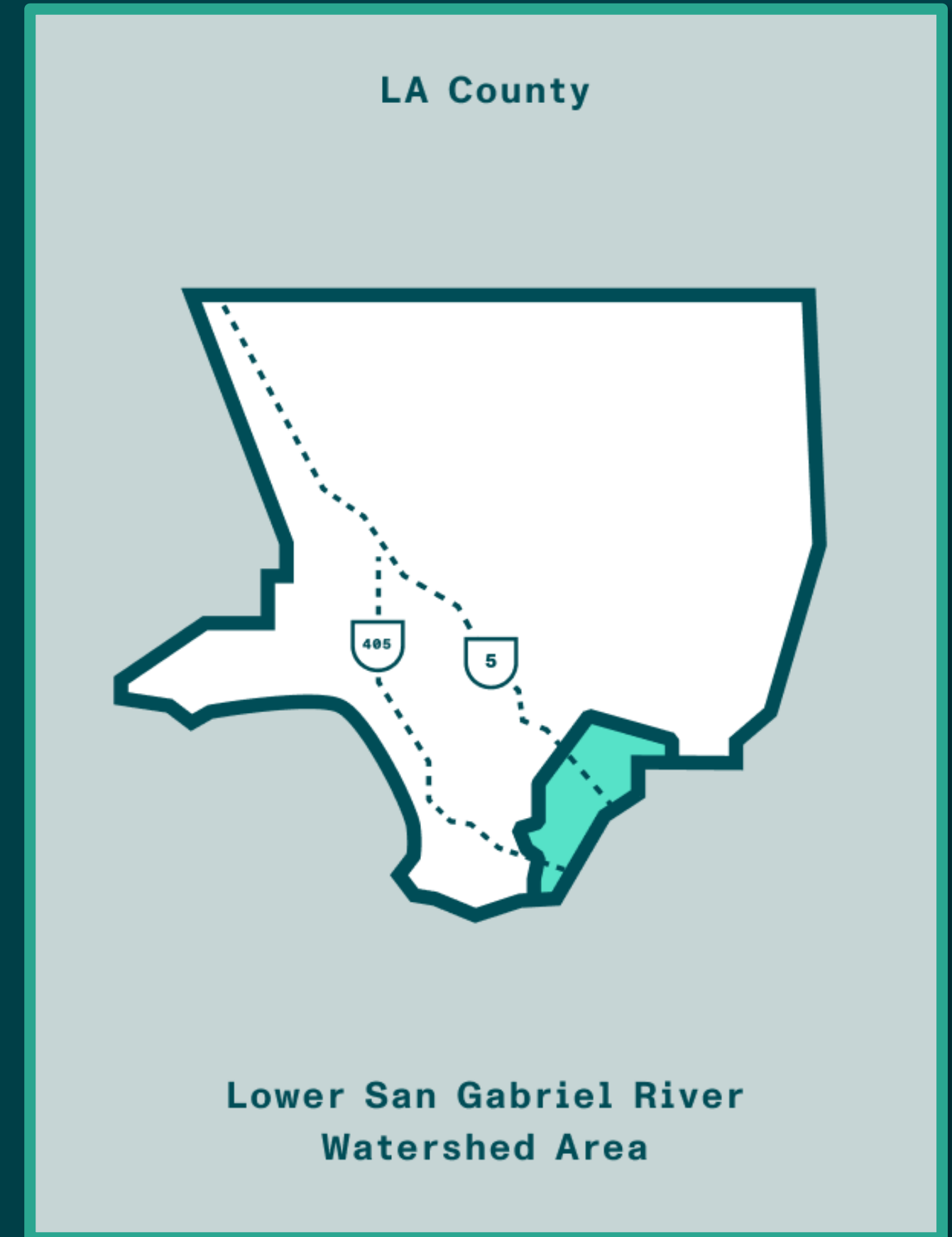


WASC Meeting October 2026

Watershed Coordinator Update

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed



Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Coordinator



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What We've Been Up To!

- **2 WATERSHED-WIDE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS**

- Grant Writing Workshop in the City of Cerritos
- Adventure Park Guided Walking Tour (upcoming) in unincorporated Los Angeles County

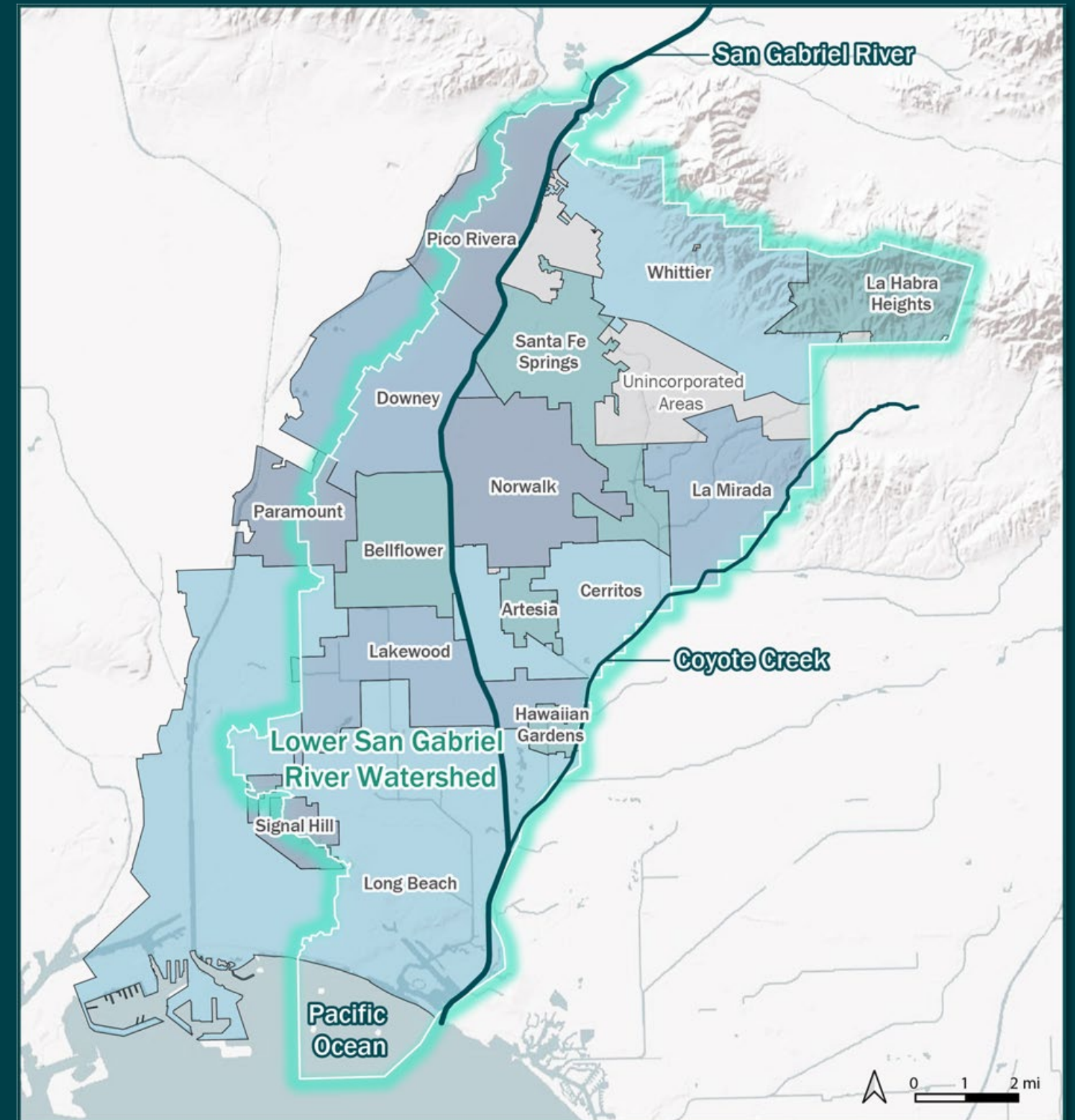
- **3 OUTREACH TABLING EVENTS**

- Touch-A-Truck in the City of Whittier
- Movies in the Park in the City of Paramount
- Farmers Marketplace in the City of Long Beach

- **2 PARTNERSHIP EVENTS**

- Algalita and Safe Clean Water Workshop
- Youth Climate Commission Countywide Coalition Virtual Meeting

- **3 SCWP 27-28 APPLICATIONS**



Mapping our engagement across the LSGR Watershed

Interested Party Network and Communications

- **90 interested parties on the list**, includes WASC members, government agencies, non-profits, schools, and businesses
 - **Building on the previous Watershed Coordinator's contact list** to expand watershed engagement
 - **Maintaining a living database** to support ongoing outreach and collaboration across the watershed
 - **Sharing watershed communications**, including the LSGR newsletter, event invitations, funding opportunities, and targeted outreach

LSGR Quarterly Newsletter

- In September, we shared our **summer LSGR Watershed newsletter!** The newsletter highlights happenings in the watershed, current grant funding opportunities, recent legislative developments, and upcoming events within our watershed.
- We welcome opportunities to highlight upcoming events, local initiatives, and project milestones throughout the watershed.

Please reach out if you have something you'd like us to feature!



Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Newsletter

A Message from your Watershed Coordinator

Greetings to everyone in the Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed! It's been a busy, productive and fun summer across the watershed. Over the past several months, we have been focused on outreach and engaging with local agencies, non-profits and other interested parties throughout the watershed. Community input and local knowledge from agencies and individuals help us identify priorities and opportunities that can inform future projects and investment. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to meet with the Watershed Coordinator, share their perspectives, and needs. Your input is invaluable in helping us better understand the watershed and advance our shared goals and priorities. We are pleased to share that the Engagement Plan (SOEP) has been approved and is guiding our efforts to better understand community needs, strengthen partnerships, and increase awareness of the SCWP.

We also recently concluded the FY 27-28 Call for Projects. Thank you to all the applicants and partners who participated. The submitted projects will help build a stronger watershed with investments that will improve water quality and provide community benefits in our watershed. The Call for Projects is a key component of the SCWP's regional funding program and will be used in the development of the annual Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP).

Another new development, in July the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) voted to advance the recommended FY 2026-2027 LSGR SIP to the Board of Supervisors. The ROC is the body that recommends investments in SCWP projects, studies, and technical resources throughout our watershed. The FY 26-27 SIP allocates approximately \$18.16 million to infrastructure projects, technical resources, and scientific studies.

As we move into the fall, we look forward to continuing our outreach efforts, promoting watershed stewardship, and strengthening partnerships with interested parties throughout the watershed. For upcoming watershed events, see the **Watershed Happenings** and **Making a Splash** sections.

Ripple Effects

We are navigating the evolving landscape in which State and local policies continue to influence how watershed, stormwater, and water quality projects are planned, funded, and implemented. These changes create new funding opportunities while also shaping regulatory requirements and priorities such as community benefit requirements. The following highlights represent compliance-related developments that may be relevant to the watershed's interested parties and should not be considered an exhaustive list.

Movies in the Park: Outreach Event on July 24th

The Watershed Coordinator participated in the Movies in the Park outreach event at Paramount Park on July 24, engaging residents in discussions about the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) and the importance of protecting local watersheds. An interactive prize wheel was used to encourage participation and engage children in watershed education.



Farmers Marketplace of Long Beach: Outreach Event on July 19th

The Watershed Coordinator tabled at the Farmers Marketplace of Long Beach on July 19th. The coordinator educated community members about the SCWP, the importance of clean stormwater within the watershed, and the different technologies utilized to clean stormwater. The Watershed Coordinator also engaged the community on local projects applying for SCWP funding.

Funding & Grant Writing BMPs

Wednesday, September 9th, Cerritos Library

- Attendees learned about the benefits of pursuing grant funding, upcoming grant funding opportunities, and strategies for identifying the most appropriate funding sources.
- Attendees also participated in a hands-on activity that used an example project to identify gaps in the project description and explore ways to develop a more competitive grant application.

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Funding and Grant Writing BMPs: Strategies and Competitive Edges

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Essential Elements of a Strong Project and Competitive Application

1

Clear identification and definition of the project need.

2

Clear articulation of how **project is addressing the need**. This includes strong **project benefits**.

3

Documented and focused **community engagement** related to project development.

4

Background **technical documentation**.

5

Project partners and/or **community support**.

6

Writing for the audience and the scoring criteria.

7

Know when to leave it. If your project is not a good fit for the funding opportunity, use your time and resources to prepare for a better opportunity.

Grants Funding List

- We published a **Grants Funding List** highlighting current and upcoming grant opportunities.
- The funding list was circulated among grant workshop attendees and will be updated monthly!

Scan here
to access
the list!



Grant Program	Funding Source	Status▲	Funding Range
Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue	State	Open	\$3M total estimated funding
Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program	Proposition 4	Open	\$200K - \$8.5M
LA28 Resilience Champions Fund	Community Partners Nonprofit	Open, closing Oct. 30th, 2026	\$100K maximum
Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants	State funds	Open, closing Oct. 9th, 2026	\$50K- \$700K
Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)	Proposition 4	Open, closing Sept 20th, 2026	\$98.8M total estimated funding
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) — State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)	Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Proposition 1 1, Proposition 68, Small Community Grant Fee and Proposition 4	Rolling	\$1M - \$100M
Coastal Conservancy Grants	Propositions 1, 12, 40, 68, 84, Habitat Conservation Fund, General and Fund	Rolling	\$200K - \$5M
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grants	Various (non-bond and Proposition funds)	Rolling	\$300K - \$2M
Proposition 1 – Water Recycling	State Water Resources Control Board, Proposition 1	Rolling	\$4.6M total estimated funding
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	State Water Resources Control Board,	Rolling	Funding varies

Upcoming Community Event:

Adventure Park Guided Walking Tour

Wednesday October 21st, 9:30am

We will be hosting a guided walking tour of Adventure Park, in collaboration with Public Works! Attendees will get to:

- Learn about the **underground stormwater improvements and above ground amenities** of a completed SCWP-Funded project
- Envision what a future **multi-beneficial stormwater projects** would look like in their community



Join the Watershed Coordinator and Los Angeles County Public Works for a guided walking tour of Adventure Park.

Únase al Coordinador de la Cuenca Hidrográfica y a Obras Públicas del Condado de Los Angeles para una visita guiada a pie por Adventure Park.

WHY ATTEND?

- Tour a SCWP-funded project. *Recorra un proyecto financiado por el SCWP.*
- Explore stormwater solutions and watershed stewardship through hands-on activities. *Explore soluciones para las aguas pluviales y la protección de la cuenca hidrográfica mediante actividades prácticas.*
- Connect with community members. *Conéctese con miembros de la comunidad.*
- Participate in a visioning session for future multi-benefit projects and share your ideas to help shape future investments. *Participe en una sesión de visión para futuros proyectos de beneficios múltiples y comparta sus ideas para ayudar a dar forma a futuras inversiones.*



Upcoming Watershed Outreach and Engagement Activities

- Looking for opportunities to table at community events. **Please share any upcoming events!**
- Hosting **Virtual Grant Writing Workshop**, stay tuned!
- Meeting with agencies and interested parties throughout the LSGR Watershed to discuss **the CSNA and future project opportunities.**
- Planning **Project Development Sessions** in early 2027 to help advance project proposals.
- **Developing a WASC & Interested Parties Questionnaire** to gather feedback and identify future outreach and educational opportunities.



Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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