Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Coordinator Updates

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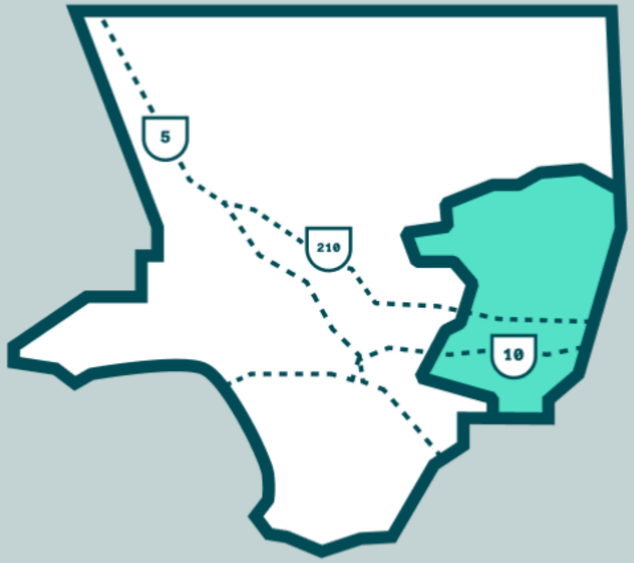


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Agenda

Activities for Aug, Sept, & Oct

1. Outreach, Education, Project Development
2. Upcoming Events



Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area

1. WC Activities

Several	Assisted LACPW with community engagement and outreach opportunities in Valinda
8.25.26	Meeting with ROC member Faustinos to discuss water quality, infrastructure projects, and partnership and networks in USGR
8.25.26	Discussion with RPOSD staff to discuss leverage funding available in USGR
8.26.26	Meeting with Baldwin Park Public Works regarding SCWP funding and ongoing park projects
8.27.26	Baldwin Park Community meeting at Morgan Park

1. WC Activities

9.2.26.	Meeting with LACPW staff r/ Bassett HS project, community engagement, and future projects in USGR
9.16.26.	Attended SCWP Scientific Advisory Panel meeting
9.19.26.	Hosted SCWP resource booth at Coastal Clean Up in Whittier Narrows in collaboration with Active SGV
9.26.26.	Hosted SCWP resource booth at Duarte Route 66 community event
9.30.26.	Delivered SCWP guest lecture to Cal Poly Pomona engineering class
9.30.26.	Hosted SCWP Outreach booth at Lopez Urban Farm in Pomona

1. WC Activities

Several	Outreach to Azusa, Glendora, Walnut, West Covina, Diamond Bar, unincorporated communities r/ SCWP funding opportunities
10.3.26	Education Hike in collaboration with Nature For All in Monrovia Canyon
10.9.26	Participated and held SCWP resource booth at 12th Anniversary of San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in Azusa Wilderness Canyon
10.19.26	Attended SCWP Education Program Grantee gathering

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
- Scoring Committee meetings

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SCWP in the Community!











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Barnes Park Grand Opening!







Barnes Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project Grand Opening!

On July 18, 2026, residents of Baldwin Park celebrated the grand opening of the Barnes Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project. The highly anticipated project received 14.7M of SCWP funding during FY20-21. The extensive renovation includes new basketball courts, a dog park, walking trails, an ADA accessible playground, shaded areas, drought-tolerant landscaping, among many other amenities. The project also includes a stormwater capture system designed to harvest stormwater during major storm events, intercepting it before it reaches the San Gabriel River. Overall, the project advances the key goals of the SCWP: increasing local water supply, improving water quality, and providing community benefits.

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.

Zamora Park Grand Opening!





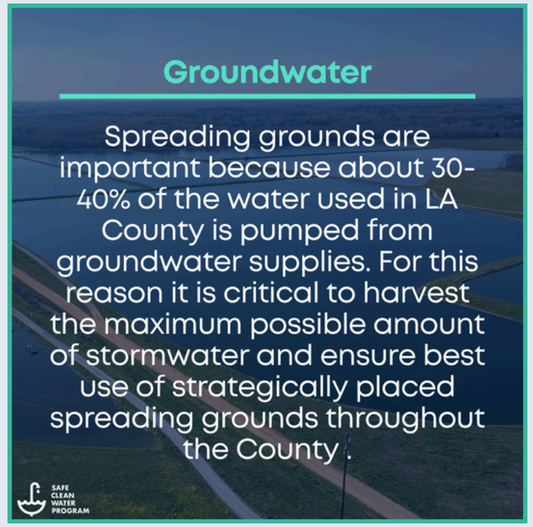


Zamora Park Renovation Project Grand Opening!

The Zamora Park Renovation Project in the City of El Monte–partly funded by the SCWP during the FY21-22–is now complete and open to the public! Led by Trust for Public Land, the park's revitalization provides vital community benefits while helping to capture and clean stormwater. The improved Zamora Park now has more than 100 shade trees, stormwater capture elements, walking paths, fitness equipment, new playgrounds, a refurbished basketball court, a splash pad, and an on-site community center. The park once again serves as a gathering space that enhances neighborhood life.


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Spreading Grounds
Spreading grounds, or water conservation facilities, allow water to percolate into groundwater basins for later pumping. Spreading grounds are often found close to river channels and have soft-bottoms where the underlying soils are permeable and connected to an aquifer.
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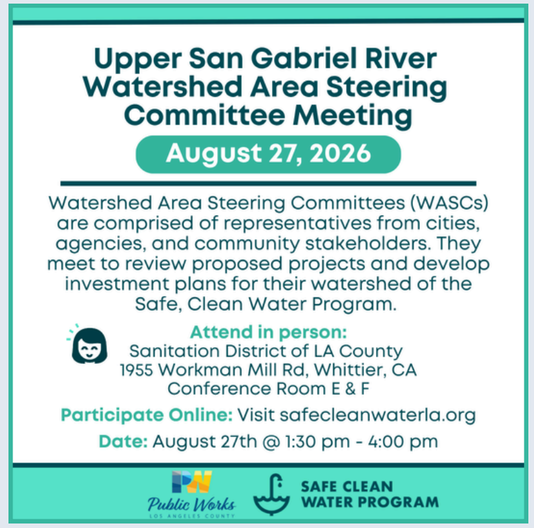

Groundwater
Spreading grounds are important because about 30-40% of the water used in LA County is pumped from groundwater supplies. For this reason it is critical to harvest the maximum possible amount of stormwater and ensure best use of strategically placed spreading grounds throughout the County .
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Sources & Resources
• Safe, Clean Water Program. SafeCleanWaterLA.org
• "Spreading Grounds" *Public Works, Los Angeles County.*
• "Spreading Grounds" *Watershed Conservation Authority California.*
• Let's Talk: RESTORE- How to Optimize Our Groundwater Resources. *LA WaterKeeper*
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Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee Meeting
August 27, 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: August 27th @ 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
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SEPT 21-25
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SEMANA DE CONCIENTIZACIÓN SOBRE AGUAS PLUVIALES
21-25 DE SEPTIEMBRE
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LET'S GO!
LEADERSHIP RETREAT
YOUTH AGES 12-18
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Spend your day connecting with fellow youth leaders and explore nature, practice wellness, talk leadership, and make new friends.
Let's Learn, Lead, and Laugh!
• 8 Community Service Hours
• Transportation departs from
◦ Pasadena, Pomona & El Monte City Halls
• Breakfast and Lunch Provided
• Location details will be shared upon registration confirmation
LINK IN BIO! spaces limited!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
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¡VAMOS!
RETIRO DE LIDERAZGO
JÓVENES DE 12 A 18 AÑOS
SÁBADO 20 DE SEPTIEMBRE
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Pase el día conectando con otros líderes jovenes mientras exploramos la naturaleza, hablamos de liderazgo y forjamos nuevas amistades. ¡Aprendamos, lideremos y riamos!
• 8 horas de servicio comunitario
• Transporte sale del los Ayuntamientos de
◦ Pasadena, Pomona, & El Monte
• Desayuno y almuerzo proporcionados
• Los detalles de la ubicación se compartirán al confirmar su inscripción
¡ENLACE EN LA BIOGRAFÍA!
¡Plazas limitadas!
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2. Upcoming Activities

- **Planning of Watershed-wide Education events**
  - **Rowland Heights / Hacienda Heights**
- **Outreach event at Royal Oak Middle School on 10/31**
- **Outreach event at San Gabriel River Park in La Puente on 11/14**
- **Holiday Season planning**

- **Your Suggestions**

Discussion
&
Event Suggestions

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