

Lower San Gabriel River

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, August 11, 2026
10:00am – 12:30pm
Lakewood City Hall Executive Board Room
5000 Clark Ave
Lakewood, CA 90712
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present

Seta Marjanian, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)
Jenn Swart, Water Replenishment District (Agency)
*Alysha Chan, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Agency)
Danielle Lewis, Long Beach Parks and Recreation (Agency)
Dan Knapp, Conservation Corps of Long Beach (Community), Co-Chair
Adam Galia, Resident (Community)
*Aydin Pasebani, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Chris Kuebert, Cerritos (Municipal)
Dan Mueller, Downey (Municipal), Co-Chair
Konya Vivanti, Lakewood (Municipal)
Wataru Kumagai, Long Beach (Municipal)
Noe Negrete, Pico Rivera/Bellflower (Municipal), Vice-Chair
Joseph Venzon, Unincorporated Los Angeles County (Municipal)
Leon Vasquez, Whittier/La Mirada (Municipal)
Andrea Dransfield Kraus, Dudek (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Committee Members Not Present

Gabrielle Weeks, Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment (Community)
Ariel Pe, Business (Community)

*Committee Member Alternate

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

1) Welcome and Introductions

Dan Knapp, Co-Chair of the Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) 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 a quorum. Co-Chair Knapp shared a reminder of the attendance policy with WASC Members.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2026

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from May 12, 2026. Member Chris Kuebert motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Vice-Chair Noe Negrete. The WASC voted to approve the May 12, 2026 meeting minutes with 11 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 3 in abstention, and 0 absent at time of vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

Member Aydin Pasebani noted that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy was reappropriated for Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Proposition 1 funds, which are currently available for expenditure. Member

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Pasebani encouraged interested parties to review the consolidated grant guidelines and submit a proposal. Member Pasebani also noted that Proposition 4 funds can be expended beginning in November.

Co-Chair Knapp asked how much funding remains under Proposition 1 and Proposition 68. Member Pasebani expressed uncertainty about the exact amounts remaining and noted that while funds must go towards construction, projects can utilize up to 20% of funds on related non-construction costs such as planning.

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 Fall 2026.
- The current Community Stakeholder terms will expire on December 31, 2026. The Board will begin reappointments and appointments for vacancies in December 2026. Members of the public who meet the minimum requirements in the WASC Operating Guidelines and are interested in serving as a Community Stakeholder may fill out the [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](#) and the Regional Program public notice in the [August SCW Program implementation email](#).
- 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.
- The Feasibility Study Guidelines require that Non-Municipal Project applicants must obtain a Letter of Support from the Municipality where the Project is proposed. For the LSGR WASC, the District has informed one Non-Municipal Project applicant, the Los Cerritos Channel Reactive Filter Media Pilot Filtration Project, to obtain a Letter of Support from the City of Long Beach.
- Non-Municipal Technical Resources Program applicants must obtain a letter of Non-Objection from the Municipality where the concept is proposed.
- The next ROC meeting will be held on August 12, 2026, where the ROC will receive updates on the Call for Projects, the Regional Program Mid-Year Report Summaries, the Scoring Revision Process, and the Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance.
- 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.

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. 100 responses have been collected for the LSGR Watershed Area.

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- SAS staff can be reached for questions at watershedplanning@pw.lacounty.gov.

4) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

There were no ex parte communication disclosures.

5) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

6) Presentations and Discussion Items

a) WASC Roles & Responsibilities

Tara Dales (Stantec, Regional Coordination) presented on the WASC Roles & Responsibilities. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Upon inquiry, Dales explained that WASC Members are encouraged to respond to attendance surveys in a timely manner so Public Works staff can establish quorums and schedule meetings.

b) Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Knapp noted that Co-Chair Dan Mueller and Vice-Chair Negrete are open to serve as Co-Chairs for FY26-27 if no other Members expressed interest in filling the role. Co-Chair Knapp indicated a desire to vacate the position after this term.

Public Works staff shared a reminder of the Chair responsibilities with WASC Members.

Member Jenn Swart expressed gratitude for the efforts of Co-Chair Knapp, Co-Chair Mueller, and Vice-Chair Negrete over the past term.

c) Lower San Gabriel River Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP)

Shannon Heffernan (Dudek, Watershed Coordinator) presented the LSGR FY26-27 SOEP. [Presentation slides](#) and the [SOEP](#) are available on the SCW Program website.

Member Adam Galia commended the presentation and inquired whether outreach events would be listed on the SCW Program website. Heffernan explained that events would be shared with WASC Members via email but expressed interest in utilizing the website.

Member Swart commended the presentation and SOEP. Upon inquiry, Watershed Coordinator Heffernan confirmed that the Dudek Watershed Coordination team has Spanish-speaking staff who will attend outreach events. Member Swart also shared that the Water Replenishment District's Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling & Environmental Learning is available for outreach events.

Vice-Chair Negrete requested an update on ongoing efforts to maintain relationships with the previous Watershed Coordinator's community partners. Watershed Coordinator Heffernan explained that the Dudek Watershed Coordination team is assembling a log of past correspondences from which to build an interested parties database. Watershed Coordinator Heffernan noted that the City of Whittier reached out to confirm the Touch-a-Truck event on May 22, 2026, an outreach event that was organized with the previous Watershed Coordinator.

Upon inquiry, Heffernan stated that a list of community partners could be prepared for a future Watershed Coordinator update.

d) Regional Program FY25-26 Mid-Year Report Summary

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

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff explained that funds had not been disbursed for the Artesia Park Urban Runoff Capture Project before it was withdrawn and will be rolled into available funding for the next SIP cycle. Public Works staff noted that additional steps would be necessary to retrieve funds that had already been disbursed to a withdrawn project.

Member Swart requested that a project's phase and type be integrated into the WASC Funding Overview table.

Co-Chair Knapp requested an update on the Bellflower Simms Park Stormwater Capture Project, which was pending receipt of grant funding in March 2026. Len Gorecki (City of Bellflower) explained that the Project is fully designed, targeting a Request for Proposal in September, and has received Measure A Funds.

Upon inquiry, Public Works staff explained that a Post-Performance Report compares a project's operational performance to its design metrics and must be submitted annually for three years after a project becomes operational.

Upon inquiry, Gorecki explained that Post-Performance Reports have not been submitted for the Caruthers Park Project because the stormwater system is not yet functional. Gorecki also noted that the City of Bellflower is assessing the system's operational issues with a consultant.

Vice-Chair Negrete requested an agendaized discussion on similar issues that other WASCs might be seeing with completed projects. Member Vivanti explained that the Mayfair Park and Bolivar Park Projects were constructed years prior and without SCW Program funds, with certain technology that is no longer available. Public Works staff noted the discussion item for consideration and stated that all submitted, reviewed, and completed Post-Performance Reports should be available for review. Public Works staff noted that Post-Construction Monitoring Guidelines were released in the past month.

Vice-Chair Negrete suggested asking Project applicants to research whether their design incorporates elements that have may have performed badly in past projects. Member Vivanti expressed a willingness to share feedback on the Mayfair Park and Bolivar Park Projects and noted having presented at the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA). Gorecki stated that Project proponents should focus on sustaining simple targets and building smaller projects if their team has limited capacity.

Gorecki noted a consistent issue with fine particle sediment in an infiltration system. Co-Chair Mueller explained that the City of Downey designed a multi-stage pre-filtering system in-house, which prevented clogging for three years.

Co-Chair Mueller and Member Vivanti expressed interest in a presentation on malfunctioning systems.

Member Swart suggested that Watershed Coordinator Andrea Dransfield Kraus encourage applicants to request lessons learned from similar projects.

e) Summary of Submitted Infrastructure Program Projects for FY27-28

Watershed Coordinator Dransfield Kraus presented on the Summary of Submitted Infrastructure Program Projects for FY27-28. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

7) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

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8) Voting Items

a) Approve the Lower San Gabriel River Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP)

Co-Chair Mueller motioned to approve the updated LSGR Watershed Area FY26-27 SOEP. The motion was seconded by Member Swart and passed with 14 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 in abstention, and 0 absent at time of vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

b) Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

Member Vivanti motioned to approve the selection of Co-Chairs Dan Mueller and Noe Negrete. The motion was seconded by Member Kuebert and passed with 14 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 in abstention, and 0 absent at time of vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

c) Send all completed Feasibility Studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration

Member Seta Marjanian noted that Public Works provided a letter of support for the Los Cerritos Channel Reactive Filter Media Pilot Filtration Project in late July.

Public Works staff noted that all Feasibility Studies are pending completeness checks. Member Vivanti motioned to send all completed Feasibility Studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration. The motion was seconded by Member Wataru Kumagai and passed with 14 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 in abstention, and 0 absent at time of vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

9) Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2026, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. 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) FY27-28 Application Presentations

10) Adjournment

Co-Chair Knapp thanked Committee Members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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	Quorum Present					Voting Items (see meeting minutes for additional details)	Voting Items (see meeting minutes for additional details)		
Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve 5/12/2026 Meeting Minutes	Approve the Selection of Co- Chairs (Dan Mueller and Noe Negrete)	Approve the Updated Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Area FY26-27 Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP)	Approve to Send All Completed Feasibility Studies to the Scoring Committee for Consideration
Agency	Los Angeles County FCD	Seta Marjanian	x	Daniel Bradbury		a	y	y	y
Agency	Central Basin								
Agency	Water Replenishment District	Jenn Swart	x			y	y	y	y
Agency	Sanitation Districts	Francisco Guerrero		Alysha Chan	x	a	y	y	y
Agency	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Danielle Lewis	x	Todd Leland		y	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Dan Knapp	x	David Sall		y	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Adam Galla	x			a	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Mark Stanley		Aydin Pasebani	x	y	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Gabrielle Weeks		Ian Patton					
Community Stakeholder	Business	Ariel Pe							
Municipal Members	Cerritos	Chris Kuebert	x	Sofia Taylor		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Downey	Dan Mueller	x	Joe Alejandria		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Lakewood	Konya Vivanti	x	Kelli Pickler		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Long Beach	Wataru Kumagai	x	Alexa Reasoner		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Pico Rivera / Bellflower	Noe Negrete	x	Len Gorecki		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Unincorporated	Joseph Venzon	x	Fred Gonzalez		y	y	y	y
Municipal Members	Whittier / La Mirada	Leon Vasquez	x	Mark Rounds		y	y	y	y
Watershed Coordinator Non-Voting Member	Watershed Coordinator	Andrea Dransfield Kraus	x	Shannon Heffernan					
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yes (Y)	11	14	14	14
Total Voting Members Present		14			No (N)	0	0	0	0
Agency		4			Abstain (A)	3	0	0	0
Community Stakeholder		3			Total	14	14	14	14
Municipal Members		7				Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved

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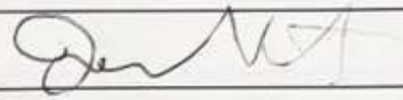
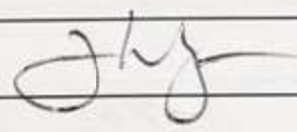
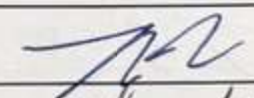
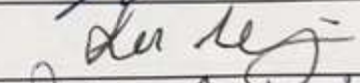
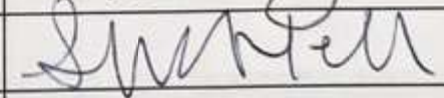


Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Adam Galia	Resident	Primary	
Alexa Reasoner	Long Beach	Alternate	
Alysha Chan	Sanitation Districts	Alternate	<i>[Signature]</i>
Andrea Dransfield Kraus	Watershed Coordinator	Primary	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ariel Pe	Business	Primary	
Aydin Pasebani	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Alternate	<i>[Signature]</i>
Chris Kuebert	Cerritos	Primary	<i>[Signature]</i>
Dan Knapp	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Primary	<i>[Signature]</i>
Dan Mueller	Downey	Primary	<i>[Signature]</i>
Daniel Bradbury	Los Angeles County FCD	Alternate	
Danielle Lewis	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Primary	<i>[Signature]</i>
David Sall	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Alternate	
Francisco Guerrero	Sanitation Districts	Primary	
Fred Gonzalez	Unincorporated	Alternate	
Gabrielle Weeks	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Primary	

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Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Ian Patton	Resident	Alternate	
Jenn Swart	Water Replenishment District	Primary	
Joe Alejandria	Downey	Alternate	
Joseph Venzon	Unincorporated	Primary	
Kelli Pickler	Lakewood	Alternate	
Konya Vivanti	Lakewood	Primary	
Len Gorecki	Bellflower	Alternate	
Leon Vasquez	Whittier	Alternate	
Mark Rounds	La Mirada	Alternate	
Mark Stanley	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Primary	
Noe Negrete	Pico Rivera	Primary	
Seta Marjanian	Los Angeles County FCD	Primary	
Shannon Heffernan	Watershed Coordinator	Alternate	
Sofia Taylor	Cerritos	Alternate	
Todd Leland	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Alternate	

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Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Wataru Kumagai	Long Beach	Primary	

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PUBLIC SIGN-IN



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*Signing or completing this form is voluntary for members of the public

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Webex Attendees
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Alexa Reasoner	Elizabeth Lambe	Julio Gonzalez	Meliya Soller
Alexis Wrzesien, Craftwater	Elyssa Lawrence (HDR)	LSGR AV	Mikael Purne
Alonso Garcia	Fred Gonzalez	Lauren Anderson	Richard Watson
Alynn Sun	Ilana Ton	Leslie Martinez - LACPW	Run Chen
Andrew Kim	James Carpenter - LACPW	Luis	Tara Dales
Chloe Ebright (JLHA)	Jason Jade Pepito	Mario Mera - Norwalk	Uriel Cobian - LACPW
David Coghiel	Jenny Chau	Mayra Cabrera - LACPW	
David Lee	Jessica Pearson	Mei-Lin Hanna (JLHA)	