# 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.

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### 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

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.

- 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**

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 agendized 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.

**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 LACFCD provided a letter of conceptual approval 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 Replentishment 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 Galia | 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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## COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SIGN-IN

SAFE CLEAN WATER

| Member Name | Municipality/ Organization | | Signature |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adam Galia | Resident | Primary | |
| Alexa Reasoner | Long Beach | Alternate | |
| Alysha Chan | Sanitation Districts | Alternate | |
| Andrea Dransfield Kraus | Watershed Coordinator | Primary | |
| Ariel Pe | Business | Primary | |
| Aydin Pasebani | Rivers Mountains Conservancy | Alternate | |
| Chris Kuebert | Cerritos | Primary | |
| Dan Knapp | Conservation Corps of Long Beach | Primary | |
| Dan Mueller | Downey | Primary | |
| Daniel Bradbury | Los Angeles County FCD | Alternate | |
| Danielle Lewis | City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation | Primary | |
| 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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SAFE CLEAN WATER

| Member Name | Municipality/ Organization | | Signature |
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| Ian Patton | Resident | Alternate | |
| Jenn Swart | Water Replentishment 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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COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SIGN-IN

SAFE CLEAN WATER

| Member Name | Municipality/ Organization | | Signature |
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| Wataru Kumagai | Long Beach | Primary | |

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PUBLIC SIGN-IN

SAFE CLEAN WATER

| First Name | Last Name | Municipality/Organization | Email Address |
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| TARA | DALES | STANTEC | tara.dales@stantec.com |
| Arthella | Vallarta | WRD | avallarta@wrd.org |
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*Signing or completing this form is voluntary for members of the public

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