

Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting Minutes



Thursday, August 27, 2026

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Los Angeles County Sanitation District – Conference Room E&F

1955 Workman Mill Rd

Whittier, CA 90601

WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Julian Juarez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)

*Katherine Vazquez, Upper San Gabriel District (Agency)

*Lauren Augino, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Agency)

*Christopher Lapaz, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Agency)

*Mayra Martinez Yasumura, Los Angeles County Parks & Recreation (Agency)

Manuel D. Perez, Valley Vista Services, Inc (Community)

David Marquez, Urban Semillas (Community)

Drew Ready, Council for Watershed Health (Community)

Stephanie Sandoval, Duarte (Municipal)

Nicholas Delgado, Diamond Bar (Municipal)

Stephanie Ryan, Glendora (Municipal)

Mathew Hudson, Industry (Municipal), Chair

Eddie Chan, Irwindale (Municipal)

Kara Plourde, Los Angeles County (Municipal)

James Cortes, Day One (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Committee Members Not Present:

Jeanette Flores, Charter Oak Unified School District (Community)

Anthony Zampello, Resident (Community)

Julie Carver, Pomona (Municipal)

*Committee Member Alternate

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

1) Welcome and Introductions

Mathew Hudson, Chair of the Upper San Gabriel River (USGR) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC), welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) staff established quorum and provided a brief WebEx tutorial.

Chair Hudson provided a reminder that per Article V, Section C of the WASC Operating Guidelines, absence from more than three meetings in one year will be considered a failure to attend meetings and will make a WASC Member eligible for removal.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2026

Public Works staff presented the meeting minutes from May 28, 2026. Member Stephanie Ryan motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Member Stephanie Sandoval. The WASC voted to approve the meeting minutes with 13 votes in favor, 1 vote in abstention, and 0 votes opposed.

3) Committee Member and Program Updates

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Chair Matthew Hudson shared that he attended the recent Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting where the WASC's recommended Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY26-27) Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) was discussed. The ROC noted that while many projects recommended in the SIP do not address zinc load reduction, many projects target other pollutants. The ROC suggested that the WASC prioritize projects that would increase tree canopy cover and shading and consider more projects that would create additional habitat.

Public Works staff provided updates, noting:

- Community Stakeholder terms expire 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](#).
- The ROC met on August 12 to discuss the Call for Projects, Regional Program Mid-Year Report Summaries, Scoring Revision Process, and Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance.
- Project Modification Requests (PMRs) are accepted year-round. Inconsistent PMRs must be submitted on or before October 31 to be considered for approval during the FY27-28 SIP.
- To keep up with Program Updates as they are shared, WASC members and the public can subscribe to receive email notifications on the [SCW Program website](#).

Strategic Advancement Section staff provided updates, noting:

- As part of the Safe, Clean Water Program Adaptive Management efforts, revisions to the Feasibility Study Guidelines and Scoring Criteria for the 2027 Call for Projects are currently underway. The Safe, Clean Water Program 2027 Scoring Revision Survey closed on July 19, which 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 Community Strengths & Needs Assessment (CSNA) Survey's launch 2,100 new survey responses have been collected. For the USGR Watershed Area, 369 responses have been collected.

4) Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator James Cortes shared a summary of recent Watershed Coordinator activities, CSNA results, community feedback, and upcoming Watershed Coordinator activities. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Member Drew Ready inquired about the CSNA survey and its use. Member Ready asked if questions about potential SCW Program projects should be directed to the Watershed Coordinator, Public Works staff, or the CSNA survey. Watershed Coordinator Cortes responded that questions can be directed to the Watershed Coordinator, the CSNA survey, or can be asked during the public comment period at WASC meetings.

5) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

There were no ex parte communication disclosures.

6) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

7) Presentations and Discussion Items

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a) WASC Roles & Responsibilities

Ryanna Fossum (Stantec, Regional Coordination) presented on WASC Roles & Responsibilities. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program Website](#).

Member Sandoval requested that tabs be included in the next round of SIP deliberation workbooks.

Member Drew Ready asked how key focus areas for future Calls for Projects, as well as recommendations from the ROC, will be archived so that the WASC can reference them. Member Ready noted that it is also important for project applicants to know what the Watershed Area's priorities are. Fossum responded that priorities for each Watershed Area (WA) have been posted on the SCW Program website, and noted that both the Watershed Coordinator and Regional Coordinator can help keep WA priorities front of mind during SIP deliberation. Watershed Coordinator Cortes added that the more that WASC Members can share project priorities and the Watershed Planning Map with project proponents, the better.

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

Public Works staff gave a brief refresher on the roles and responsibilities of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Co-Chair. Committee Members were given the opportunity to voice their interest or nominate others for the roles of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chair.

Chair Hudson expressed willingness to continue as Chair and asked if any Committee Members would like to be Co-Chair or take over as Chair. Member Manuel Perez expressed openness to taking over as Chair.

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

Nicole Wong (HDR) provided a review and summary of the latest Mid-Year Reports. Presentation slides are available on the [SCW Program Website](#). The WASC was given the opportunity for Q&A with project developers.

Member Lauren Augino asked what happens to previously awarded funds when a project is completed under budget or is withdrawn from the SCW Program. Public Works staff explained that funds are returned to the Program, including any interest earned, and are made available to the WASC to fund future projects; the WASC will be notified if this is the case. Upon inquiry, Public Works staff clarified that project proponents provide updates in one Mid-Year Report and one Annual Report each year. Public Works staff noted that project applicants are invited to WASC meetings in which progress report summaries are presented. Public Works staff shared that the goal is for the WASC to receive updates early in the calendar year, before SIP deliberation and added that proponents of continuing projects will be invited to SIP deliberation meetings.

Chair Hudson requested an update on the Bassett High School Stormwater Capture Multi-Benefit Project. Donna Tran (Los Angeles County Public Works) noted that environmental documentation for the Project has been completed, final plans are completed, and the Project is ready for construction, pending approval by the Bassett High School superintendent and Bassett Unified School District. Bassett High School recently appointed a new superintendent, who the Project team will be meeting with soon.

Upon request, Oliver Galang (Craftwater) provided an update on the Encanto Park Stormwater Capture Project. Galang shared that the team filed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND), and the notice of determination was processed and approved by the Project's Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The Project team is currently finishing up 100% design drawings and anticipates that the Project will go out to bid in early 2027.

Member Ready requested an update from the Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Drainage Improvement Project. Katie Harrel (CWE) provided an update noting that revisions in grant funding documentation were recently completed, and a more in-depth update will be provided in the next reporting period.

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

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

Member Ready asked if the Larkin Park Project previously applied to the WASC and if it received any funding. Fossum responded that the Project proponent applied to the SCW Program in FY21-22 but was not selected for inclusion in the SIP. Public Works staff added that WASC Members can review meeting archives and meeting minutes from the FY21-22 SIP deliberation for information on why the Project was not funded at that time, or ask the Project applicant during the FY27-28 SIP deliberation.

8) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

9) Voting Item

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

Member Ready motioned to elect Member Manuel Perez as Chair and Chair Matthew Hudson as Vice-Chair, seconded by Member Augino. The motion passed with 14 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 in abstention.

b) Send all Completed Feasibility Studies to the Scoring Committee for Consideration

Member Perez motioned to send all submitted feasibility studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration, seconded by Member Ryan. The motion passed with 14 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 in abstention.

10) Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County. More information is available on the [SCW Program website](#).

Items on the next agenda include:

- a) Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) Annual Report Presentation
- b) Summary of Submitted Technical Resources Project Concepts and Scientific Studies for FY27-28
- c) FY27-28 Application Presentations

11) Adjournment

Chair Hudson thanked Committee Members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

		Quorum Present				Voting Items (see meeting minutes for additional details)		
Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve 5/28/2026 Meeting Minutes	Approve the Selection of Chair (Manuel Perez) and Vice-Chair (Mathew Hudson)	Approve to Send All Completed Feasibility Studies to the Scoring Committee for Consideration
Agency	Los Angeles County FCD	Julian Juarez	x	Alynn Sun		y	y	y
Agency	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	Tom Love		Katherine Vazquez	x	y	y	y
Agency	Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster	Justin Nakano		Lauren Augino	x	a	y	y
Agency	Sanitation Districts	Rita Chang		Christopher Lapaz	x	y	y	y
Agency	Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation	Andrea Vona		Mayra Martinez Yasumura	x	y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Valley Vista Services, Inc	Manuel D. Perez	x			y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Urban Semillas	David Marquez	x			y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Council for Watershed Health	Drew Ready	x	Jason Casanova		y	y	y
Community Stakeholder	Charter Oak Unified School District	Jeanette Flores						
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Anthony Zampielo						
Municipal Members	Duarte/Bradbury	Stephanie Sandoval	x	Kevin Kearney		y	y	y
Municipal Members	Diamond Bar	Nicholas Delgado	x			y	y	y
Municipal Members	Glendora / Arcadia	Stephanie Ryan	x			y	y	y
Municipal Members	Industry	Mathew Hudson	x	Joshua Nelson		y	y	y
Municipal Members	Irwindale	Eddie Chan	x			y	y	y
Municipal Members	Pomona / San Dimas	Julie Carver		Lauren Marshall				
Municipal Members	Unincorporated LA County	Kara Plourde	x	Rafael Piamonte		y	y	y
Watershed Coordinator Non-Voting Member	Watershed Coordinator	James Cortes	x					
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yes (Y)	13	14	14
Total Voting Members Present		14			No (N)	0	0	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	1	0	0
Community Stakeholder		3			Total	14	14	14
Municipal Members		6				Approved	Approved	Approved

Webex Attendees
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Ali Rahmani (LA Water Board)
Byron Mcconnell
Celine Gallon
Chloe Ebright (JLHA)
Grant Garcia
J. Nakano
James Carpenter - SCWP
Jason Jade Pepito
Jenny Chau

Julie Carver
Katie Harrel (CWE)
Lauren Marshall
Leslie Martinez - LACPW
Linnet Khecahtoorian
Magdeline Hutton
Mayra Cabrera - LACPW
Melanie Rivera
Nicole Wong (HDR)

Oliver Galang (Craftwater)
Rafael
Ryanna Fossum
Sofia Cardenas
Sophia Catalan (Consultant)
USGR AV
Uriel Cobian
kmoreno

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COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SIGN-IN



Member Name	Municipality/ Organization		Signature
Alynn Sun	FCD	Alternate	
Andrea Vona	Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation	Primary	
Briget Arndell	Arcadia	Alternate	
Christopher Lapaz	Sanitation Districts	Alternate	<i>Chris Lapaz</i>
David Marquez	California Consulting, INC	Alternate	
Drew Ready	Council for Watershed Health	Primary	<i>Drew Ready</i>
Eddie Chan	Irwindale	Primary	<i>Eddie Chan</i>
Francisco Guerrero	Sanitation Districts	Primary	
James Cortes	Day One	WC	<i>James Cortes</i>
Jason Casanova	Council for Watershed Health	Alternate	
Jeanette Flores	Charter Oak Unified School District	Primary	
Joshua Nelson	Industry	Alternate	
Julian Juarez	FCD	Primary	<i>Julian Juarez</i>
Julie Carver	Pomona	Primary	
Justin Nakano	Main San Gabriel Basin	Primary	

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Kara Plourde	Los Angeles County	Primary	<i>Kara Plourde</i>
Katherine Vazquez	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	Alternate	<i>Ki</i>
Kevin Kearney	Bradbury	Alternate	
Lauren Augino	Main San Gabriel Basin	Alternate	<i>La</i>
Lauren Marshall	San Dimas	Alternate	
Manuel D. Perez	Valley Vista Services, Inc.	Primary	<i>Manuel D. Perez</i>
Mathew Hudson	Industry	Primary	<i>Mathew Hudson</i>
Mayra Martinez Yasumura	Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation	Alternate	<i>Mayra Martinez</i>
Nicholas Delgado	City of Diamond Bar	Primary	<i>Nicholas Delgado</i>
Rafael Piamonte	Los Angeles County	Alternate	
Stephanie Ryan	Glendora	Primary	<i>Stephanie Ryan</i>
Stephanie Sandoval	Duarte	Primary	<i>Stephanie Sandoval</i>
Tom Love	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	Primary	

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PUBLIC SIGN-IN



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