



Parent Pioneers
Padres Pioneros

"The Future is in Our Hands"
"El Futuro Esta en Nuestras Manos"

May 10, 2018

TO: Hon. Sheila Kuehl, Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Hon. Janice Hahn, Chair Pro Tem, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Hon. Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor, First District, Los Angeles County
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor, Second District, Los Angeles County
Hon. Kathryn Barger, Supervisor, Fifth District, Los Angeles County
Mark Pestrella, Director of Public Works, Los Angeles County

RE: Safe, Clean Water Program

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

Padres Pioneros/Parent Pioneers is a community organization that serves the cities of San Fernando, Pacoima, and Sylmar. We provide a biannual 8 week after school E-STEAM program that are taught by parents to families with an emphasis on raising environmental awareness. Padres Pioneros is committed to working with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to ensure safe and clean water for future generations through a multi-benefit stormwater and urban runoff capture program to increase water supply, improve water quality, and investment in communities.

We write to strongly encourage the Safe, Clean Water Program to prioritize distributed and neighborhood scale, nature-based solutions to capture, infiltrate, treat and use stormwater and dry-weather runoff. Such projects and programs can help achieve a more sustainable and equitable water future for all communities in Los Angeles County.

Funding for nature-based and multi-benefit projects should include different project scales, from retrofitting residential parcels and schools, to large regional parks. We also firmly believe it be critically important that these projects be built throughout the region in an equitable way for all residents.

We are strongly committed to increasing local water supply to lessen the region's carbon footprint by reducing reliance on imported water and other energy-intensive water strategies. In addition, all projects should strive to reduce pollution and improve the health of waterways, habitat and beaches in the Los Angeles region.

We appreciate the County of Los Angeles' strong commitment to achieving a safe and clean water future for all residents. We stand ready to work with you on providing input on the Safe, Clean Water Program and to assist with outreach to communities and leaders throughout Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,
Alonso Garcia, Project Assistant
Padres Pioneros/Parent Pioneers