

Safe, Clean Water Program

Scoring Committee

Meeting Minutes



Tuesday October 5, 2021
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Bruce Reznik (LA Waterkeeper), Chair
TJ Moon (LA County Public Works), Vice-Chair
Dave Sorem (Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc)

Kirsten Schwarz (UCLA)
David Diaz (Active SGV)
Matt Stone (Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency)

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

District staff conducted a brief tutorial of the WebEx platform.

Bruce Reznik, Chair of the Scoring Committee, welcomed Committee Members, and called the meeting to order. All Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2021

District staff provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Vice Chair TJ Moon, seconded by Member Kirsten Schwarz. The committee voted to approve the September 14th, 2021 meeting minutes (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

District Updates:

- The Board of Supervisors approved the Stormwater Investment Plans in September.
- Twelve Watershed Coordinators have been onboarded and have developed Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plans and working to get them approved.
- Each municipality must submit their annual plans, which were due April 1. Year 2 disbursements are expected this month, or early November.
- The Regional Oversight Committee will be meeting on October 7 where staff will provide an early implementation update and accomplishments to date for SCW program.

4. Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

Chair Reznik opened the floor for public comments. District staff shared the public comments that were received prior to the meeting (see attached public comment forms):

- Katrina Kubicek (Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles) – public member not present
- Gail Fieldman – public member not present
- Laura Hamilton – public member not present
- Mike Rudd (GeoSyntec) – submitted a public comment form regarding issues with Section 3.3 of the SCW Program Module. The issues did not affect the scoring for the “Jackson Elementary School” project
- Robin Daniels (Sisters of Watts) – public member not present
- Lorena Matos (LASAN) shared a letter of support that was received from Tree People for the LA River Green Infrastructure Project

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The following public comments were received:

- Eileen Alduenda (Executive Director of Council of Watershed Health) previously provided a letter of support for a LADWP stormwater capture program, which was submitted without CWH's knowledge as support for the SEITec proposed North Hollywood Stormwater Capture Project. CWH was not aware that their letter was used in application submitted by SEITec, and therefore Alduenda asked the Committee to disregard the letter. Alduenda shared that CWH will not provide support letters within the SCWP, rather, the CWH Watershed Coordinators will be available to connect project proponents to other community groups who can improve or support proposals.
- Shahriar Eftekhazari (SEITec) was surprised by the last public comment regarding letter of support. Asked for a follow-up from Alduenda.

5. Discussion Items:

a. Ex Parte Communication Disclosures

Vice-Chair Moon reported that he received an email from CraftWater regarding Ladera Heights application. There were two comments: first, two drainage areas were reported, which was acknowledged by Vice-Chair Moon. Second, there was an error in the calculation of dry wells, which should've been 0.29 cfs instead of 0.39 cfs. Email was forwarded to project applicant. Vice-Chair Moon acknowledged the mistake and does not think it'll affect the scoring of the project. Corrections should be heeded for agenda 7A.

Member Sorem reported having attended and engaged with the BizFed Water Committee.

b. Scoring of Feasibility Studies (see attached Scoring Rubric)

Vice Chair Moon introduced the feasibility studies for review.

1. LA River Green Infrastructure Project
 - ~~Member Sorem noted the high construction costs that are (~50%) primarily administrative and soft costs and questioned why the program is paying for soft costs.~~
 - Vice-Chair Moon mentioned that cost effectiveness is not assessed for dry-weather projects in the scoring system, which may need to be addressed.
 - Chair Reznik asked notetaker to note concerns with the scoring system (i.e., No dry weather cost effectiveness criteria); District to mention the comment to the project applicant; and Member Sorem to get funding programs integrated with Metro and other City departments to identify opportunities for cost share.
 - Member Stone had no comments
 - Member Schwarz comments on good community investment effort, but asked how projects that were adjacent to schools have been handled in the past
 - Chair Reznik said it was previously not handled; should not be included in scoring.
 - Member Schwarz reduced points since project is adjacent to schools, not within school
 - Member Diaz agreed on scores for community investments and nature-based solutions
 - Member Diaz noted that community support was not very strong (not a two-way iterative process). Asked project for a more robust, participatory community engagement, especially given the amount of funding requested.
 - Chair Reznik agreed. Member Schwarz agreed also, noted that the project involved one-way sharing of information, but not engaging comments. Agreed to change points based on scoring for a preceding Ladera Heights project.

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2. Acacia Avenue Storm Drain Infiltration Project

- Vice-Chair Moon provided feedback:
 - Expected more detail for design. There were no plans attached, aside from as-builts of storm drains and schematic plans.
 - Noted inconsistent # of dry wells reported in application
 - Noted that boring tests were too shallow and insufficient for dry wells and percolation tests were mentioned yet not attached to the application.
 - Requested justification behind the module-generated 24-hour capacity, percolation rates
 - Requested for a breakdown of construction costs
 - Recommended project to talk with the Safe Clean Water Program staff to discuss the errors in modelling (which were also observed in other applications). The provided results were not appropriate.
- Vice-Chair Moon noted an error in the Safe, Clean Water website that needs to be addressed before the next round of projects. Error was regarding dry well calculations.
- Member Sorem noted the same inconsistency with # of dry wells, more info requested regarding the 24-hour capacity. Requested more information for the Water Quality Wet Weather category
- Member Stone noted that the application requires more information.
- Member Schwarz did not give points for providing recreational space but provided points for community investment.
- Member Diaz note that no community outreach done and a top-down approach to planning was implemented; these should be addressed in the application resubmission.

3. Alexandria Park Stormwater Capture Project

- Vice-Chair Moon noted that the monitoring plan is copied from the Fernangeles Park Project. Requested LADWP to make changes to the Monitoring Plan.
- Member Sorem noted that the project could make efforts to evaluate the volume underground to capture the 85th percentile storm to increase the scores.
- Member Stone echoed that the application has accurate scoring.
- Member Schwarz gave points for flood management, trail for recreation opportunity, shade and trees. Requested clarification on providing access to water way and where impermeable surface would be removed in design. Was it based on removing temporary housing on site?
 - Chair Reznik raised the same questions
 - Noel Le, representative of the project proponent – there is discussion with LACFCD and Sanitation around providing access to river for pedestrians (expanding park use), without impacting the accessway along the river as needed for O&M by County. Project would not be adding impervious surfaces; it would remove the tiny home village (mid 2024). Applicants are currently coordinating with the Bureau of Engineering. In response to Member Schwarz, the tiny home village has a contract for the space until 2024; built and currently online. Once the contract ends, they will be able to work with them to transition the site to the stormwater capture project.
 - Member Schwarz noted that it was still unclear whether there is public access to the river, whether the project will displace the tiny home village, and whether the project is increasing pervious area.
 - Committee mentioned that the scoring system does not address project impact on displacement of communities. Policy is needed to address this issue.

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- Committee recommends the project applicant bring costs down, make BMPs bigger, and increase height of infiltration gallery for more points
- Chair Reznik praised inclusion of 'net trees' and total square footage of canopy; showing the needs (flood complaints) and how the project addresses that
 - Member Schwarz appreciated the 'net tress' calculation. Recommended program to note whether trees are being removed, and the size of the trees.

- 4. California Avenue and Adjacent Streets Stormwater Capture Project
 - Vice Chair Moon provided feedback:
 - Noted that there were no plans
 - Noted a geotechnical report was mentioned but not attached in the application.
 - Noted the inconsistent number of drywells in the application
 - Noted no justification for the drawdown rate and size of the project
 - Noted inconsistencies in the model's parameters.
 - Requested more information to address prior comments.
 - Suggested the application be resubmitted
 - Member Sorem asked for more information for 24-hour capacity, and echoed Vice Chair Moon's comments and request for resubmission.
 - Member Stone suggested waiting for resubmission.
 - Member Schwarz noted a missed opportunity to engage with the community.
 - Chair Reznik commented whether there were enough trees. The need (localized flooding) for the project was not demonstrated.
 - Member Diaz note that no community outreach done and a top-down approach to planning was implemented; these should be addressed in the application resubmission.

- 5. Jackson Elementary School Campus Greening and Stormwater Quality Improvement Project
 - Chair Reznik called attention to the public comments that addressed mistakes in the project.
 - Vice Chair Moon provided general feedback:
 - Noted that **Table 2** in the application has an error. The Totals are switched for Design Storm Runoff Peak Flow and Volume.
 - Requested justification and corrections for capture area calculations and 24-hour Storm Capacity Breakdown that seem unexpectedly high.
 - Member Sorem echoed Vice Chair Moon's comments. The points can stay the same, but applicants need to fix the mistakes.
 - Member Diaz asked if a school has a shared use agreement with the city, how does that affect the project?
 - Chair Reznik noted that in previous years, the project may have been included as public space.
 - Member Diaz asked why the project did not receive any points for Leverage Funds when it has leveraged funds.
 - Chair Reznik commented that the project was just below the threshold to receive funds (22% matching, just below 25%)
 - Commended Amigos de Los Rios for the partnerships made over the years, hands on learning for students, and making it a multi-benefit project.
 - Member Schwarz commended the use of Project Advisory Team

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- Chair Reznik asked notetaker to identify the exemplary efforts that can be recommended for other projects
6. LAMC South Arroyo Improvement and Deep Underground Infiltration Project
- Vice-Chair Moon noted that bioswale, detention basin and BMP results did not match but the applicant provided justification and showed work on how the calculated storage volume was produced – this procedure was accepted.
 - Noted that the calculated 24-hour storm capacity is a little over but acceptable.
 - The pollutant reduction was confirmed and acceptable.
 - Member Sorem confirmed scores for Part 1.
 - Member Schwarz gave points for flood management, green spaces at school, shade and trees. Gave less points replacing an existing swale. Did not agree with applicant's recreation space benefits.
 - Member Schwarz and Member Diaz noted that the community engagement efforts seemed internal, despite being near disadvantaged communities; project lacks strong off-campus community support. Member Diaz appreciated the funds committed for Part 1.
 - Chair Reznik agreed that the community investment could've been robust; suggested pursuing more community points given no score for water quality; suggested the project works with the watershed coordinator, perhaps taking water from off site; emphasized importance of on-campus projects.

A bio-break was held from 3:00 PM to 3:05 PM.

7. North Hollywood Park Stormwater Capture Project
- Vice-Chair Moon provided general feedback:
 - This project site was previously submitted by LADWP but it was not selected, SEITec has adopted the project concept, submitted a slightly different technological solution in the same location. Noted some cut-and-paste from the earlier application.
 - Difficult to make out the claim of capacity with just a calculation given, looking for a write-up of how the numbers are produced by the calculation provided.
 - Applicant selected infiltration BMP, drawdown and capacity calculations are not supported sufficiently, seem a mismatch with the Geotech materials.
 - Requested justification on how water supply, drawdown rates, and various values were calculated
 - Member Sorem echoed Vice-Chair Moon's comments.
 - Member Schwarz did not assign points for enhancing access to waterway and greening the school
 - Asked how the committee had dealt with replacing pervious pavements.
 - Vice-chair Moon and Chair Reznik noted that they had previously given points
 - Member Diaz wants people to "show their work" on the community support and leverage funding just as much as the water engineering calculations.
 - Chair Reznik noted that the letters provided seem to reference to an earlier submitted project and suggested that they were **not transferrable to this project. The letter of support is for a similar project but not for this project. because the site and intent is similar.**
 - Member Schwarz noted applicant's plans to work collaboratively with disadvantaged communities; engagement should be demonstrated early in the project process
 - Member Diaz requested for clarification regarding the letter of support mix up (reference to the public comment made early in the meeting.)

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- Chair Reznik suggests that documenting support for this specific project, not for the previously submitted project at this location, is needed.
 - Shahriar Eftekharzadeh (SEITec) raised his hand but was not able to comment due to time constraints, Chair Reznik recommended the questions raised be responded to in the resubmittal.
8. Watts Civic Center Serenity Greenway
- Vice-Chair Moon provided general feedback:
 - Noted inconsistencies in drainage area (ranged from 0.65 acres to 74 acres)
 - Noted confusion regarding definition of 'equivalent drainage area'
 - Noted no geotechnical report was provided
 - Noted previous personal experience with a project in the vicinity of the Watts Civic Center Serenity Greenway – understood that infiltration is not occurring in the project site and expressed doubt regarding the applicant's infiltration facility size.
 - Requested justification on drawdown rate
 - Requested for resubmission of application.
 - Member Soren concurs with Vice-Chair Moon and noted that there was no construction estimate.
 - Chair Reznik asked committee if they would be open to moving to the next project and waiting for resubmission before scoring.
 - Member Diaz agreed.
 - There was no opposition from the committee, and the committee proceeded to the next project.
9. Whitsett Fields Park North Stormwater Capture Project
- Vice-Chair Moon expressed approval for points provided
 - Member Sorem concurred with Vice-Chair Moon
 - Member Stone asked Member Sorem how the soft costs were for this project, referencing the first project that was reviewed
 - Vice-Chair Moon noted acceptable soft costs
 - Member Diaz praised the inclusion of providing local jobs and strong coordination effort with the community (e.g. with RAP) and the selection and layout of BMPs.
 - Chair Reznik praised the banner to attract more attendance to the park and quantification of net trees.
 - Member Schwartz and Member Diaz praised the project's suggestion of using bilingual materials for community outreach.
 - ~~Vice-Chair Moon noted that the Pacoima Beautiful letter of support was for the Fernangeles Park Project.~~
10. Winery Canyon Channel and Descanso Gardens Stormwater Capture and Reuse Project
- Vice-Chair Moon provided general feedback:
 - Appreciated the engineering and Geotech that was provided
 - Noted that the applicant did not factor draw-down, which caused the model to be unable to predict the project's impact.
 - Noted the applicant overrode the application and used their own reduction (page 23) because the model failed.
 - Recommend the drawdown, assume empty cistern daily because it is being used as irrigation.

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- Recommended project to calculate pollutant reduction estimate using the website model.
- Believes score will increase once the modeling challenge is overcome, revise the drawdown estimate from irrigation, should resolve challenges.
- Member Stone was unable to locate this project on the portal, is also a member of the Garden and wanted to be transparent, no benefit would accrue to him.
- Member Schwarz suggested that full leverage funding points are not warranted because the benefits are entirely within the park.
- Chair Reznik asked about the parking extension element of the effort and its characteristics related to water.
- **Members also questioned public access to the project site.**
- Chair Reznik for the interest of time, tables additional discussion until the proponent returns with new numbers.

5.c. Meeting Schedule

- Member Soren noted that he will not be available for the next October 19 meeting.
 - Chair Reznik requested Member Soren to forward comments to Vice-Chair Moon
- Member Schwarz voiced a conflict with the November meetings.
- Member Diaz voiced a conflict with the November 2 meeting.
- Member Stone has a standing 4 pm meeting on Scoring Committee meeting days
- Chair Reznik concluded that the next meeting will be 1 to 5 p.m.; tabled discussion to plan November schedule for the next meeting (longer meeting schedule agenda item)

6. Public Comment Period for Agenda Items

- Noel Le addressed some comments about Alexandria Park Stormwater Capture project.
 - Community Investment Benefit – additional information was asked about the access to waterway, section 5.2 (page 378 in the pdf) of the project has images that show how the project will connect pedestrians to the waterway.
 - Ongoing dialog with LACFCD, includes the access road remaining what County needs, but also open to pedestrians and educational signage about the LA River.
 - This project would not cause displacement, the tiny home village is a separate project with a term limit, so this project will not add to displacement.

7. Voting Items:

- Reconsideration of circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency as affecting the ability of the committee to meet safely in person
 - Chair Reznik noted that the County is to provide direction, so this item is tabled to future meetings as needed.
- Approval of Official Scoring for Infrastructure Program Project scored on September 14, 2021
 - Ladera Heights - W Centinela Ave Green Improvement
 - Committee decided to hold off on voting until the next meeting

8. Items for Next Agenda

- Scoring of Feasibility Studies
- Vice Chair Moon suggested sending a Doodle poll to find time for additional Scoring Committee meetings on the calendar, as they have a lot on their plate.

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9. Adjournment

Vice Chair Moon motioned to adjourn the meeting and Chair Reznik seconded. The Chair thanked members of the Committee and the public for attending and adjourned the meeting at 4:04 PM.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
1:00PM – 5:00PM
See SCW website for meeting details

SCORING COMMITTEE MEETING - October 5, 2021

Member Type	Quorum Present		Items
	Member	Voting?	Meeting Minutes
Water Supply	Matt Stone	x	
Water Quality / Community Investments Benefits / Nature-Based Solutions	Kirsten Schwarz	x	Y
Community Investments Benefits	David Diaz	x	Y
Nature-Based Solutions / Water Quality	Bruce Reznik	x	Y
Water Quality	Dave Sorem	x	Y
Water Quality	TJ Moon	x	Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats	6	Yay (Y)	5
Total Voting Members Present	6	Nay (N)	0
		Abstain (A)	0
		Total	5
			Approved

Other Attendees	
Alfredo Magallanes	Lorena Matos
Alison Sweet	Mary Ann Breckell
Amanda Zeidner	Melanie Rivera
Belen Bernal	Mike
Brenda Ponton	Mike Rudd
Brett Perry	Noel Le
Brian Rowley	Paola Dela Cruz-Perez
Brianne Logasa	Paul Senker
Carlos Moran	Peter Tonthat
Carmen Andrade	Phuoc Le
Clarasophia Gust	Richard Watson
Conor Mossavi	Ryan Edgley
Curtis Fang	Sarkis Oganesyanyan
Daniel Apt	Shahram Kharaghani
Daniel Rydberg	Shahriar Eftekhazadeh
Danielle Chupa	Sheila Brice
David Pohl	Susie Santilena
Dustin Bambic	Thom Epps
Eileen Alduenda	Trevor Davis
Elizabeth Gallo	Aksel Palacios
Fiona McHenry	Brad Parks
Garaldine Trivedi	Christine McLeod
Gina Palino	Deborah Deets
Gordon Haines	Drew Ready
Ian Cesario	Somer Sherwood-White
Jason Casanova	Anthony Necessian
Jeff Atijera	Chris Carandang
Jillian Brickey	Katie M
Jim Rasmus	Claire Robinson
Johanna Chang	Jennifer Errico
Johnathan Bench	Vik Bapna
Jose Rodriguez	Tori Klug
Juliann Rooke	Ruth Siegel

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Scoring Rubric - Fiscal Year 2022-2023



Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	LA River Green Infrastructure Project
Project Lead	City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation and Environment
Total Funding Requested	\$31,821,160
Project Type	Dry

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue with costs, soft costs being close to 50% of total cost No dry weather cost effectiveness criteria
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	20	30	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	12	12	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	10	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced points since project is adjacent to school, not within school.
Nature-Based Solutions	11	15	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	N/A	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach was not participatory, one way sharing of information
TOTALS	77	110	70	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	Acacia Avenue Storm Drain Infiltration Project
Project Lead	City of Glendale
Total Funding Requested	\$2,086,500
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20		• Request for additional details, need additional justification
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	25	30		•
Water Supply Part 1	0	13		•
Water Supply Part 2	2	12		•
Community Investment	5	10	5	•
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	•
Leveraging Funds Part 1	N/A	6	0	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	0	4	0	•
TOTALS	62	110	Unable to score	•

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Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	Alexandria Park Stormwater Capture Project
Project Lead	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
Total Funding Requested	\$7,019,000
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	7	20	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to capturing 85th % storm. Recommendation to change size of BMP to obtain additional points
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	20	30	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	2	12	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	10	10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design not clear on access to waterways Need additional information Concerns over displacement of tiny home village Does project truly increase pervious area?
Nature-Based Solutions	15	15	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	6	6	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
TOTALS	64	110	Unable to score	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	California Avenue and Adjacent Streets Stormwater Capture Project
Project Lead	City of Glendale
Total Funding Requested	\$5,320,000
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20		• Needs more information
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	20	30		•
Water Supply Part 1	3	13		•
Water Supply Part 2	5	12		•
Community Investment	5	10	5	•
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	•
Leveraging Funds Part 1	N/A	6	0	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	0	4	0	•
TOTALS	63	110	Unable to score	•

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Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	Jackson Elementary School Campus Greening and Stormwater Quality Improvement Project
Project Lead	Amigos de los Rios (ADLR) and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD)
Total Funding Requested	\$3,018,148
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot calculate scores with given data in application
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	0	13		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	0	12		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	5	10	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase due to active community use of school
Nature-Based Solutions	11	15	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong community support
TOTALS	70	110	Unable to score	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	LAMC South Arroyo Improvement and Deep Underground Infiltration Project
Project Lead	Los Angeles Mission College/BuildLACCD
Total Funding Requested	\$1,210,433
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	0	20	0	•
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	30	•
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	•
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	•
Community Investment	10	10	5	• Minimal rec benefits and park space benefits
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	•
Leveraging Funds Part 1	6	6	6	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	2	• Pending letter of support. Lacking strong community support
TOTALS	60	110	53	• Below Threshold

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Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	North Hollywood Park Stormwater Capture Project
Project Lead	SEITec
Total Funding Requested	\$68,229,081
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for additional information to demonstrate how various values were calculated
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	25	30		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	3	13		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	12	12		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	10	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No points for enhancing access to waterway and greening of school
Nature-Based Solutions	15	15	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	N/A	6		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One way outreach. Need clarity on entities supporting project
TOTALS	89	110	Unable to Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Scoring Rubric - Fiscal Year 2022-2023



Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	Watts Civic Center Serenity Greenway
Project Lead	City of Los Angeles, Council District 15
Total Funding Requested	\$2,664,000
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant should provide additional information to justify inconsistencies in values throughout the application No geotech report to justify infiltration rate
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	0	13		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	0	12		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	10	10		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Nature-Based Solutions	15	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
TOTALS	79	110	Unable to score	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	Whitsett Fields Park North Stormwater Capture Project
Project Lead	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
Total Funding Requested	\$8,393,000
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	•
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	30	•
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	•
Water Supply Part 2	5	12	5	•
Community Investment	5	10	5	•
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	• Quantification of net trees
Leveraging Funds Part 1	6	6	6	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	4	• Strong coordination effort with community • Pacoima Beautiful letter of support was for other project • Request for updated letters
TOTALS	80	110	80	•

- TO BE VOTED BY SCORING COMMITTEE -

Safe, Clean Water Program

Scoring Rubric - Fiscal Year 2022-2023



Watershed Area	Upper Los Angeles River
Project Name	Winery Canyon Channel and Descanso Gardens Stormwater Capture and Reuse Project
Project Lead	Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc.; City of La Canada Flintridge
Total Funding Requested	\$6,848,600
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	11	20		•
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30		• Need to add a drawdown rate in app • Revised calcs requested
Water Supply Part 1	0	13		•
Water Supply Part 2	2	12		•
Community Investment	5	10		•
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15		•
Leveraging Funds Part 1	3	6		•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4		•
TOTALS	65	110	Unable to score	•

[REDACTED]

From: gail feldman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:35 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA
Subject: "Public Comment: Upper LA River 10/5/2021"

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Hi, My name is Gail. I just sent a comment, but I noticed when I got back to Boomenfield's website that I did not send it to the proper "Public Comment: Upper LA River 10/5/2021" heading. So once again - I support any use of green infrastructure that re-introduces/encourages live plants to once again flourish in our area. We need help with reducing our "heat dome" that traps more heat here in our area due to the overuse/abuse of concrete and asphalt horizontal surfaces that cover our ground, don't allow rain water absorption, and trap the heat they absorb.

Thank you, Gail Feldman

[REDACTED]

From: Laura Hamilton [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 12:56 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA
Subject: Public Comment: Upper LA River 10/5/2021

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As longtime homeowners in Reseda, we'd like to add our support to any efforts at "rewinding" the LA River. With Climate Change at the forefront of our concerns, we believe our planet's waterways and the life they sustain (including our own) MUST be a priority. We look to support leadership that shares this vision.



Public Comment Form

Name:* Mike Rudd Organization*: Geosyntec Consultants
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
Meeting: Scoring Committee (Tuesday, 10/05) Date: 10/4/2021

LA County Public Works may contact me for clarification about my comments

*Per Brown Act, completing this information is optional. At a minimum, please include an identifier so that you may be called upon to speak.

Phone participants and the public are encouraged to submit public comments (or a request to make a public comment) to SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov. All public comments will become part of the official record.

Please complete this form and email to SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov by at least 5:00pm the day prior to the meeting with the following subject line: "Public Comment: [Watershed Area] [Meeting Date]" (ex. "Public Comment: USGR 4/8/20").

Comments

This comment is in regard to the "Jackson Elementary School Campus Greening and Stormwater Quality Improvement Project." In preparation for the Scoring Committee meeting on Tuesday, 10/05, Geosyntec Consultants would like to notify the Committee of the following:

1. When entering parameters into the Module, the determination of infiltration well units (Section 2.1 Configuration) and stormwater use during 24-hour design event (Section 3.3 24-hour Storm Capacity) were incorrect. Based on the storage volume in each drywell, total infiltration well units should be 4.21, resulting in a storage capacity of 0.0757 acre-feet. An effective drawdown rate of 3.0cfs (0.3cfs/well x 10 wells), and 0.0 gallons of use during the event, results in a 6.03 acre-foot 24-hour BMP capacity.
2. Two numbers were transposed in Table 2 of the "Hydrology and Water Quality Analysis" as part of Attachments for Section 2.4. The total inflow volume during design event, which is entered into Section 3.4 of the Module, should be 2.0 acre-feet. Likewise, the peak inflow rate during design event should be 4.4cfs.

Attached are screenshots from the Module with the above corrections. With no change to the layout, design or modeling, applicant scoring remains the same at 70.

Geosyntec wanted to acknowledge the above in advance of the Scoring Committee meeting through the public comment process.



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MS4 Compliance

24-hour Storm
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Event-based
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The Project's 24-hour capacity affects the capture of runoff and pollutants, and is used for water quality cost-effectiveness scoring.

Please enter information below regarding key parameters of the project's capacity. The Module will use those values to estimate the 24-hour capacity. Management of the 24-hour event is considered the maximum capacity of a Project for a 24-hour period. For water quality focused Projects, this would typically be the 85th percentile design storm capacity. Units are in acre-feet (AF).

Storage Volume

ac-ft 0.0757

Stormwater Use During 24-hr Design
Event

gal 0

Effective Drawdown Rate

cfs 3

Attach supporting documentation for
the "Effective Drawdown Rate."



Module-generated Value:

24-hr Capacity:
6.0261 ac-ft

or

Use my Own





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Estimated Total Inflow Volume during Design Event

ac-ft 2

Describe the event used for project design. Describe the portion of the peak inflow that would be retained by the project through infiltration, capture, diversion, use, or other means. Tooltip for 'Treatment Description' under outlets.

See original application submitted on 7/30/21

Describe whether and how the 85th percentile is being captured/diverted. If not, is there opportunity to do so? If feasible but not incorporated, explain why. If not feasible, explain why.

See original application submitted on 7/30/21

How many inches of stormwater does your project treat in 24 hours?

in 1.2

What rain event can the project treat?

See original application submitted on 7/30/21

Details on Project Inlets and Outlets

Inlets

Peak Inflow Rate during Design Event: cfs 4.7

Total Inflow Volume During Design Event: ac-ft 0.5

Add +

Peak Inflow Rate during Design Event	Total Inflow Volume During Design Event	Delete Entry
4.4	2	

Outlets

Outflow Volume during Design Event: ac-ft 1.8

Treated? No

Add +

Outflow Volume	Treated	Treatment Description	Percent Volume Treated	Delete Entry
0	Yes	drywell system	100	

Describe the methods used to generate estimates for Inflow and Outflow Volumes and Peak Inflow Rate.



October 4, 2021

Safe Clean Water Program
Scoring Committee
Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee
County of Los Angeles
900 S. Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

RE: TreePeople's Letter of Support for the City of Los Angeles Sanitation & Environment's LA River Green Infrastructure Project

Dear Committee Members,

TreePeople, an environmental nonprofit organization, has a mission to inspire and support the people of Greater Los Angeles to come together to plant and care for trees, harvest the rain, and renew depleted landscapes. We have long advocated for watershed perspectives and approaches for working in the urban landscape.

In this light, we are writing to express our support for the City of Los Angeles Sanitation & Environment (LA Sanitation) proposed LA River Green Infrastructure Project for funding consideration by the Safe Clean Water Program's Regional Infrastructure Program.

The LA River Green Infrastructure Project is a multi-benefit project designed to capture and clean dry weather runoff before it reaches the LA River. Project locations are proposed at sites in the Canoga Park, Encino, Reseda, Winnetka and Woodland Hills neighborhoods along the LA River in the City of Los Angeles. The Project locations are within and adjacent to several Disadvantaged Community census tracts in the West San Fernando Valley.

The LA River Green Infrastructure Project will improve water quality by removing bacteria, trash, and other pollutants through the implementation of Best Management Practices at multiple collection points and will target areas that have the highest concentration of pollutants, especially bacteria. This project also removes over 8,926 square feet of impermeable area.

Nature Based Solutions include vegetated bioswales installed at various locations with climate appropriate, and native trees and plants that will capture sediment, reduce surface runoff of water, and biologically degrade pollutants. The parkway bioswales will be planted with site-specific native grasses, flowers, and shrubs. The addition of over a hundred trees and greening will enhance the local communities by providing additional shade, increasing native habitat, improving air quality, and contributing to a reduction in the Heat Island Effect.

The Project will also add upgraded bicycle lanes at various locations along residential streets. These improvements will encourage the community to use the LA River for active transportation and healthy active and passive recreational activities.

Proposed educational displays and signage adjacent to project greening locations will give residents the opportunity to learn about the LA River, local biodiversity, climate change, pollution prevention, and the protection of native species. We hope the experience will inspire community members to be ambassadors of change and advocates of the Safe Clean Water Program and the LA River.

The LA River Green Infrastructure Project presents a tremendous opportunity to showcase how the Safe Clean Water Program can provide meaningful opportunities to enhance our urban environment, improve water quality in the LA River, and invest in disadvantaged communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manny Gonez', written in a cursive style.

Manny Gonez
Director of Policy Initiatives
TreePeople



Build HOPE: Investing in People and Place



September 24, 2021

Re: Watts Serenity Greenway Project Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area

Dear Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Scoring Committee Member:

The sustainability of the Watts Community is of paramount importance to the Watts Rising Collaborative (Watts Rising). Watts Rising is comprised of 40+ organizations, led by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles and the Office of L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti. Watts Rising is currently implementing a California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Transformative Climate Communities grant which includes establishing and/or strengthening 26 individual climate infrastructure projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and stimulate the creation of local green jobs.

As a neighborhood serving initiative, it is our priority to ensure that Watts continues to evolve into a community that is a safe place to live, work, and play. As part of our commitment to the success of the neighborhood, we have invested our resources in and around the Watts Civic Center at 103rd Street between Compton and Success Ave. Our projects will connect to this site including tree planting and education, active mobility from our bike and pedestrian facility installations, and low-carbon transit from the electrification of the local commuter bus which has stops at this location.

Additionally, Watts Rising recently completed a green alley project at 111th Place and Maie Ave in Watts. This green alley project was initiated to make the alley a safer place for youth and was proposed by a neighborhood advocate who wished for a better environment for neighborhood children. This project was conducted in partnership with the Office of Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Council District 15 of the City of Los Angeles. Councilman Buscaino’s Office provided strong support by ensuring regular City clean-ups in the area, providing additional funds for lighting and planting, and ensuring that all processes were streamlined within the City of Los Angeles departmental administration. The proposed Serenity Alley will build upon this work and add to the resources available for community members for years to come.

The environment is of key importance to the future of the Watts community, which is why we have worked diligently in partnership with Councilman Joe Buscaino to provide input for the Watts Serenity Greenway Project. This community-designed project and neighborhood effort will provide the opportunity for connectivity between several major public and private projects. The greenway will also help with serving the environment by properly storing and redistributing collected water and provide a space for passive recreation.

It is for these reasons that the Watts Rising Collaborative expresses its full support for the Measure W Application for the Watts Serenity Greenway. The positive transformation of the Watts community will be greatly enhanced by this project. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our support, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Katrina Kubicek, Senior Project Manager

Ivory Rose Chambeshi, Director

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Re: Watts Serenity Greenway Project Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area

Dear Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Scoring Committee Member,

The sustainability of the Watts Community is of paramount importance to (insert organization name). As a neighborhood serving organization, it is our priority to ensure that Watts continues to evolve into a community that is a safe place to live, work, and play. As part of our commitment to the success of the neighborhood, we have invested our resources in and around the Watts Civic Center at 103rd Street between Compton and Success Ave. Our new project (insert project name and description) will add to the resources available for community members eay for years to come.

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It is for these reasons that (insert organization name) expresses its full support for the Measure W Application for the Watts Serenity Greenway. The positive transformation of the Watts community will be enhanced by this project. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our support please contact (insert name of point of contact) for e

Sincerely,

Robin Daniels