Central Santa Monica Bay
Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)
Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 20, 2022
10:00am - 12:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:
Cung Nguyen, Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Agency)
E.J. Caldwell, West Basin Metropolitan Water District (Agency)
*Art Castro Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Agency)
Sheila Brice, Los Angeles City Sanitation and Environment (Agency)
*Darryl Ford, Los Angeles Recreation & Parks (Agency)
Rita Kampalath, Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (Community), Vice Chair
Alysen Weiland, PSOMAS (Community)
*Gloria Medina, The Solutions Project/SCOPE (Community)
Bruce Reznik, Los Angeles Waterkeeper (Community)
Edgar Campos, T.R.U.S.T. South LA (Community)
Josette Descalzo, Beverly Hills (Municipal)
Lauren Amimoto, Inglewood (Municipal)
Susie Santilena, Los Angeles (Municipal), Chair
Bruce Hamamoto, Los Angeles County (Municipal)
Michelle Struthers, S. Groner Associates (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)
Mikaela Randolph, Heal the Bay (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

*Committee Member Alternate

Committee Members Not Present:
Roberto Perez, Los Angeles (Municipal)
Rafael Prieto, Los Angeles (Municipal)
Curtis Castle, Santa Monica (Municipal)

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

Susie Santilena, Chair of the Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) WASC, welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order.

Mike Antos (Stantec) conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx. District staff facilitated the roll call of Committee Members. All Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2021

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) provided the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Member Bruce Reznik, seconded by Member Josette Descalzo. The Committee approved the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

There were no committee member updates.
District Staff provided an update, noting:

- On December 21, 2021, the Board of Supervisors voted to continue meeting virtually, acting under the authority of Assembly Bill 361 which authorizes public committees to meet without complying with all the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act when the situation warrants it. The Board is reviewing its position every 30 days.
- For the Regional Program, the District sent a request for proposals to consultants to develop Feasibility Studies for Technical Resources Program (TRP) Project Concepts approved in the FY 21-22 Stormwater Investment Plans.
- The District has initiated the process of sending Fund Transfer Agreements. Addendums for Year 1 projects are already out and initial agreements for Year 2 projects were distributed.
- The Scoring Committee has concluded their review of projects submitted under the latest call for projects. All four Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects in the CSMB Watershed Area (WA) met the minimum threshold to advance.
- Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) tool data has been updated for WASC review.
- Municipal Program Annual Plans are due April 1st. Annual Plans are required to receive the Municipal Program revenue.
- Claims for the Low-Income Senior-Owned (LISO) Special Parcel Tax Exemption are due May 1, 2022. The tax exemption claim form can be found on the SCWP website.

4. Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinators (WCs) Michelle Struthers and Mikaela Randolph provided a brief quarterly update, noting:

- Launch of a bilingual community needs assessment survey. Worked with WaterTalks to ensure the survey could be integrated into their geographic survey. Developed toolkit to promote survey.
  - Shared a brief snapshot of the community survey results.
- Met with interested parties to share information about SCWP.
- Solicited new TRP concepts.
- Issued press release to publicize the FY 22/23 call for projects.
- Catalogued funding and cost-share opportunities.
- Developed bilingual tabling set-up, which they’ve shared with WCs across the SCWP.
- Built website for members of the public to engage with SCWP.
- Attended community events at the Natural History Museum. Co-hosted workshop in December with the SSMB WASC which garnered 291 RSVPs and 112 participants. Catalogued list of events to attend this spring and summer. WC Struthers solicited input from the WASC members on in-person or virtual community events they can attend.

Member Descalzo asked whether the WCs have been tracking the federal government’s Build Back Better legislation to determine whether there are funding opportunities to leverage. The CSMB WCs responded that they are coordinating with the other WA WCs across the SCWP to track potential funding sources.

5. Public Comment Period

District staff received public comment forms, emails, and letters, which were in support of keeping the current WCs and extending their contracts for another term. Submitted comments are attached.

Azeneth Martinez (Our Water LA) expressed support for the renewal of Michelle Struthers and Mikaela Randolph’s WC contracts.
6. Discussion

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Member Lauren Amimoto disclosed that she is involved in the Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project.

b) Infrastructure Program (IP) Presentation

Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project
City of Inglewood, presentation by Brenda Ponton, Woodard & Curran. The multi-benefit project uses infiltration and bioretention best management practices to improve water quality and provide community investments through park amenities and educational activities. The project is seeking design phase funding.

Member Gloria Medina asked about educational opportunities for community members, wanting clarification on whether that referred to educational signage or educational events. Ponton shared that a community engagement meeting will be held at the kick-off of the design phase to provide an opportunity for the community to share their input.

Coordinator Struthers shared that the project proponent solicited the WCs input during development of the Projects' Feasibility Study Outreach and Engagement Plan.

Member Cung Nguyen noted that the LACFCD provided a conceptual letter of approval for the project.

Chair Santilena shared enthusiasm for restoring the historic creek and asked for additional information about the treatment components. Ponton responded that pre-treatment, trash capture, and a sediment forebay are included.

Member Medina asked whether the letters of support are available for review. District staff clarified that letters of support are available as part of the project application.

Member Descalzo asked why there are no matching funds from the other agencies with tributary area and about commitment from partner agencies. Ponton shared that they do have commitments from partner agencies, and that they are requesting the full design amount to facilitate pursuit of leveraged funds.

c) Water Talks – Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP)

Presentation by Ariel Lew Ai Le Whitson (awhitson@treepeople.org), Director of Education and Community, TreePeople

Mike Antos (Stantec) introduced Whitson’s presentation by noting that the WaterTalks Program’s resources provide an opportunity for the WASC to learn about how community members express their needs and goals, and what they want to see out of the SCWP. Insight from the WaterTalks Program can help evaluate and develop projects within the SCWP. Antos hopes that the presentation today can provide context to help the WASC members understand when they hear about the WaterTalks Program in the future.
Whitson provided an overview of the WaterTalks Program, which focused on engaging with 104 underrepresented communities across LA County, and its nexus with the SCWP (see attached presentation). Whitson provided a land acknowledgement and a resource for communities to identify residing tribal nations (https://native-land.ca/) and shared about the WaterTalks Program’s approach to meaningful community engagement. Whitson noted that the CSMB WCs have engaged with the WaterTalks Program to connect their community needs assessment survey with the WaterTalks Program survey. Whitson emphasized the opportunity to develop projects that are responsive to what community members have shared, and that the WaterTalks team is preparing projects that will be submitted through the SCWP, as well as the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program.

Chair Santilena thanked Whitson and asked how the Tribal Strengths and Needs Assessment Survey was conducted. Whitson shared that Sacred Places Institute conducted a distinct effort to engage with indigenous peoples in the region. Sacred Places Institute has shared that there are similarities between the challenges shared by indigenous people as compared to the rest of the underrepresented communities in the region, highlighting how water-related issues are systemic.

Member Edgar Campos thanked TreePeople for their work with communities that are often left behind on these critical issues.

Member Bruce Hamamoto asked if there is a way to view the information in the Strengths and Needs Assessment Dashboard by zip code or community. Whitson shared that user can select by community in the Dashboard and added that once the Strength and Needs Assessment is finalized, TreePeople could share another presentation that would include a walk-through of the Dashboard.

Member Reznik asked when the results will be finalized. Whitson shared that the report should be done by the end of February 2022.

Coordinator Randolph thanked Whitson and emphasized the importance of involving community-based organizations and community members in water management and planning, and emboldening community organizations with training and engagement. Whitson emphasized the need to sustain work with community-based organizations and find future funding to support the WaterTalks Leadership Group.

Antos emphasized the importance of listening when community members share what they want to see changed, and sustained, in their water-related infrastructure and programs. The SCWP and project proponents can benefit from being responsive to what other efforts learned when they listened to community members.

d) Future WASC Meetings Schedule

District staff conducted a survey of WASC members’ availability to support the consideration of changing the regular meeting time. The effort is in response to learning that several WASC members and one Watershed Coordinator have conflicts with the current time.

Member Reznik shared that OurWaterLA has meetings on the third Tuesday of the month from 10 AM to 12 PM.
Chair Santilena shared that holding meetings on the fourth Tuesday from 10 AM – 12 PM seems like it would conflict with the fewest WASC members’ schedules. Members Nguyen, Hamamoto, and Medina supported that timing.

District staff confirmed that a WASC vote is not needed and shared that the next meeting will be on February 22, 2022, from 10 AM – 12 PM.

e) Selection of the CSMB Watershed Coordinators for the next term

Watershed Coordinators Randolph and Struthers left the meeting for this discussion item and the following voting item.

District staff clarified the process for selecting WCs. Chair Santilena and Member Medina asked clarifying questions about the process of reselecting or selecting watershed coordinators. Member Medina asked if the current CSMB WCs would serve until the new coordinators are on board. District staff clarified that WCs would serve until their contract expiration date.

Chair Reznik voiced that continuity is important and that switching now would not help with the WCs’ ability to carry out their role. Member Nguyen echoed and shared praise of the current WCs’ work thus far.

Member Descalzo asked about the potential to award two-year contracts for future WCs to avoid term disruption. Mike Antos (Stantec) shared that the WC Qualified List included a one-year contract requirement and that the annual SIPs are also tied to the WC contracts.

Chair Santilena shared that engaging with the current WCs on City of LA projects has been positive and helpful.

7. Public Comment Period
No public comments were shared.

8. Voting Items

a) Reselect the current CSMB Watershed Coordinators for the next term.

   Motion to reselect the current CSMB WCs for the next term by Member Nguyen and seconded by Member Reznik. The WASC voted to reselect the current WCs, Heal the Bay and SGA Marketing (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

9. Items for Next Agenda
The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022, 10 AM – 12 PM. See the SCWP website for meeting details.

   a) Project Quarterly Reports
   b) Project Prioritization and Selection Discussion for FY 2022-23 Stormwater Investment Plan

10. Adjournment
Chair Santilena thanked WASC members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.
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YOUR WATERSHED COORDINATORS

- **MICHELLE STRUTHERS**
  SGA Marketing
  Watershed coordinator
  public health/research

- **MIKAELA RANDOLPH**
  Heal the Bay
  Senior Watershed Specialist, Central Santa Monica Bay
WATERSHED COORDINATOR ROLE

1. Solicit & Support New Projects
   - Identify parties with project ideas
   - Connect them with resources

2. Community Outreach
   - Gather input on community needs that SCWP can help fulfill

3. Public Education
   - Educate the public about SCWP projects in their communities
   - Inform community members about how they can voice their input
TODAY’S AGENDA

UPDATES ON SOEP IMPLEMENTATION
BY FOCUS AREA

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UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEEDS

LAUNCH A BILINGUAL COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

- Launched in September!
- 9 questions total
- Gathers geospatial data to allow for Watershed- and neighborhood-specific sorting
- English Survey Link: [here](#)
- Spanish Survey Link: [here](#)
- Also providing hard copy versions at events
PROMOTION TOOLKIT
2021 COMMUNITY SURVEY

This toolkit is intended to help our community partners distribute the LA County Safe Clean Water Program 2021 Community Survey. The goal of this survey is to hear directly from community members what they feel are their communities' greatest needs or concerns and whether there are areas in their neighborhood that could be a future project site. The survey is available in English and Spanish. Links to the survey can be found here: https://linktr.ee/safecleanwater.

HOW TO USE THIS TOOLKIT

1. Click here to download our flyer, images, and suggested text.
2. Use the flyer, images, and text provided to share the survey on social media or in e-newsletters, webinars, websites, and more.
3. Tell us what you think!

READY-TO-USE CONTENT

SUGGESTED TEXT:


SHORTENED TEXT:

What do you want to see more of in YOUR community? Take 2 minutes to complete the 2021 Community Survey from the LA County Safe Clean Water Program & share your ideas. https://linktr.ee/safecleanwater

¿Qué deseas ver más en SU comunidad? Responda a esta sencilla encuesta comunitaria del Programa de Aguas Limpias y Seguras del Condado de Los Ángeles y comparte sus ideas. https://linktr.ee/safecleanwater

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD IMAGE AND TEXT FILES
READY-TO-USE GRAPHICS

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE MORE OF IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

TAKE THE 2-MINUTE 2021 COMMUNITY SURVEY

TAKE THIS 2 MIN SURVEY!
https://linktr.ee/safecleanwater

CAPTURE IT

CLEAN IT

MAKE IT SAFE

MAKE IT FOR EVERYONE

TREES? BIKE PATHS?
CLEANER BEACHES & RIVERS?
COMMUNITY GARDENS?
WALKING PATHS?
DROUGHT RESILIENCE?
Question 1: What **water-related issues** are of greatest concern in your community? Choose up to 3.

- Reliance on imported water: 12.7%
- Ocean pollution: 19.0%
- Drought: 20.3%
- Industrial contamination, and other pollution in streets and waterways: 24.1%

Trash: 24.1%
Question 2: What do you want to see more of in your community? Choose up to 3.
Question 3: What is one outdoor area in your community that is in need of beautification or improvement? This could be anything from an abandoned lot, a local park that could be improved, or a street corner prone to flooding. Please be specific about the location. (Optional)

Turn the empty lot on 52nd Place and Figueroa into a community garden.

Make Ballona Creek path more green. Trees for shade please.

Deforestation in South L.A. Urban Canopy.

Reclaim illegally fenced off open space next to Kentwood Bluffs Dr, LA 90045

Richardson Family Park 2700 Budlong LA CA 90007
Question 4: List 3 things you like about your community. (Optional)
**INTERESTED PARTY MEETINGS**

Below is a list of some of the interested parties SGA and/or Heal the Bay have met with. Full lists can be found in Quarterly Reports.

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SOLICIT NEW PROJECTS

GIVE PRESENTATIONS ON THE TRP

- SGA and Heal the Bay have discussed potential TRP project concepts with:
  - Kounkuey Designs
  - City Fabrick
  - LA Community Garden Council
  - L.A. Neighborhood Land Trust
  - WHAM Committee
  - Cal Greenworks
  - Liberty Hill
  - CA Regional Waterboard representative
SOLICIT NEW PROJECTS

PRESS RELEASE TO PUBLICIZE FY22/23 CALL FOR PROJECTS

- Distributed to 108 interested parties across CBO, municipal, engineering and design firms, etc.
SUPPORT CURRENT PROJECTS

Catalog and Share Cost-Sharing Opportunities

- Published database of 86 funding opportunities in most recent quarterly report
- Contacted funded project leads to ask if they plan to seek further SCWP funding; received information from two funded projects indicating that they do not.
RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SCWP

DEVELOP BILINGUAL TABLING SET-UP

- Completed!
  - Roll-up banners
  - CA poppy seed giveaways
  - Table flyer
  - Flyer hand-out
  - Watershed activity for kids
OUTREACH MATERIALS

WHAT IS THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM (MEASURE W)?

A PROGRAM TO MODERNIZE L.A. COUNTY’S 100-YEAR-OLD WATER SYSTEM BY:

- **REDUCING TRASH AND TOXINS IN OUR WATERS**
  
  Every year over 50% of local waterways are classified as having “impaired” water quality.

- **BUILDING OUR CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE**
  
  To protect against future droughts.

- **INCREASING LOCAL WATER SUPPLY THROUGH RAINWATER CAPTURE**
  
  We currently import 2/3 of our water.

- **CREATING MORE GREEN SPACE & PARKS**
  
  52.6% of the County’s population lives in a “high” to “very high” park needs area.

EXAMPLE OF PROJECT IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

**Urban Orchard**

This new park in South Gate will clean captured water for use in a community orchard, educational garden, and local wetland habitat.
ABOUT US

Meet the Watershed Coordinators of the Central Santa Monica Bay and the South Santa Monica Bay.

Mikaela Randolph – Senior Watershed Specialist of the Central Santa Monica Bay
Favorite beach: Dockweiler Beach
Favorite hike: Stocker Corridor Trail
Favorite food spot: The Original Thai BBQ

Nancy Shrodes – Senior Watershed Specialist of the South Santa Monica Bay
Favorite beach: Bruce’s Beach
Favorite hike: Portuguese Bend
Favorite food spot: LB’s, 85°C Bakery Cafe & Quality Seafood
What do you want to see more of in your community?
¿Qué desea ver más en su comunidad?

What are your community’s water concerns? Take our survey.
¿Qué preocupaciones tiene sobre el agua de su comunidad? Responda nuestra encuesta.

- Thought Resilience
- Flood Protection
- Cleaner Beaches & Rivers
- La River Recreation Opportunities
- Trees
- Community Gardens
- Green School Yards
- Wildlife Habitats
- Bike Paths
- Public Recreation Facilities
- Walking Paths
- Park Maintenance
RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SCWP

ATTEND COMMUNITY EVENTS
- We secured a partnership with the Natural History Museum to table their Welcome Day events
- Full list of events attended are included in Quarterly Reports
RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SCWP

HOST WATERSHED EDUCATION EVENTS

○ Hosted a watershed workshop in December:
  ■ 291 RSVPs
  ■ 112 participants
  ■ 142 FB views

○ Oversaw 10 educational presentations in CSMB reaching over 600 people through Heal the Bay Speaker’s Bureau program
In the field...
A Look Ahead...

**JANUARY**
Community Survey Distribution

**FEBRUARY**
Black History Month - Community Event
Quarterly Reports - Q3

**MARCH**
Watershed Wide Educational Event
Annual Report/ Final Report for Year 1
Community Outreach Toolkit
To whom it may concern,

My name is Brittany Rivas, a community organizer with the water campaign at Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE). LAANE supports the reselection of the current CSMB Watershed Coordinators for the next term. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brittany D. Rivas  
Community Organizer, The Water Project  
Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
January 20, 2022

To: Central Santa Monica Bay WASC

RE: Support Letter for Watershed Coordinator Contracts Renewal

On behalf of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, I would like to state for the record our support for the renewal of both watershed coordinator contracts of the Central Santa Monica Bay (for Heal the Bay and SGA Marketing), which will be voted on by the Central Santa Monica Bay WASC on January 20th, 2022.

Mikaela Randolph and Michelle Struthers have both completed extensive engagement with diverse stakeholders in the Central Santa Monica Bay watershed area during their first year as Watershed Coordinators. These two Watershed Coordinators also have the somewhat unique challenge of sharing the watershed coordinator duties in a single watershed area. Mikaela and Michelle have found an effective way to work together for the benefit of the watershed area.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tori Kjer
Executive Director, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust
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☐ 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**

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To review the guidance documents and for more information, visit www.SafeCleanWaterLA.org
Edward Vincent Jr. Park
Stormwater Improvements Project
Infrastructure Program
Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area
Project Lead: City of Inglewood
Presenter: Brenda Ponton, Woodard & Curran
Project Overview

Multi-benefit stormwater improvements project at Edward Vincent Jr. Park in City of Inglewood using infiltration and bioretention best management practices.

• Primary Objective: Improve water quality
• Secondary Objectives: Provide community investments through enhancing park amenities and providing educational opportunities
• Project Status: Planning complete; Requesting Design Phase funding
• Total Funding Requested: $4,270,000
Project Location
Project Location
Project Background

• Project included as signature regional project in Ballona Creek Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP)

• Captures 85th percentile, 24-hr storm volume for the 895-acre drainage area

• Water quality benefits:
  • Reduces metals, bacteria, and trash in the Centinela Creek and Ballona Creek Estuary

• Community benefits:
  • Vegetation and shade trees
  • Reintroduction of historical creek feature
  • Enhanced recreational opportunities (e.g., new trails, new field)
  • Public safety through addressing daylighted portion of the storm drain
  • Educational opportunities for local schools and park visitors

• Park improvements will directly benefit the local disadvantaged community
Project Details

• Concept includes:
  • 3 diversions
  • Infiltration gallery
  • Small lift station
  • Dry creek channel
  • Bioretention area with trash capture and sediment forebay

• Geotechnical investigations completed during the Feasibility Study
• Additional surface improvements:
  • New field
  • Native vegetation
  • Shade trees
  • New trails
  • Boardwalk
  • Seating areas
  • Educational signage
## Cost & Schedule

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- Annual O&M: $819,920
- Post-Construction Monitoring (3 years): $329,700
- Project Lifespan: 50 years
- Lifecycle Cost: $66.5M
### Funding Request

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- Future Safe, Clean Water Program funding request anticipated for Construction Phase
Preliminary Score

- Water Quality: 44 pts
- Water Supply: 10 pts
- Community Investment Benefits: 10 pts
- Nature Based Solutions: 10 pts
- Leveraged Funds and Community Support: 4 pts

Total: 68 pts
• Primary Mechanisms: Infiltration and bioretention
• Wet Weather
• Tributary Area: 895 acres
• 24-hr Capacity: 34.3 acre-feet
• Water Quality Cost Effectiveness: 0.81
• Long-Term Pollutant Reduction:
  • 86.2% load reduction in Zinc (197 lbs)
  • 84.5% load reduction in *E. coli* (1.99e+14)
• Annual Water Supply Volume: N/A
Community Investment Benefits and Nature Based Solutions

- Community Investment Benefits
  - Improves flood management
  - Enhances parks and creates habitat
  - Improves public access to waterways
  - Enhances and creates new recreational opportunities
  - Reduces heat island effect/increases shade
  - Increases trees and native vegetation

- Nature Based Solutions
  - Mimics natural processes to slow, detain, capture, and infiltrate water in a manner that protects and enhances habitat and usable open space
  - Utilizes natural materials including soils and native vegetation
Leveraging Funds and Community Support

• Leveraging Funds
  • No funds leveraged for Design Phase

• Community Support
  • Strong community support demonstrated through support letters
  • Outreach is planned for initial stages of design to engage community on park amenities concepts
  • Outreach and engagement plan includes:
    • Community engagement events
    • Surveys, flyers, and posters
    • Webpage development
    • Social media postings and newsletter updates
Questions?
Water Talks and the Nexus with the Safe Clean Water Program
Land Acknowledgement
Mission

To inspire, engage and support people to take personal responsibility for the urban environment, making it safe, healthy, fun, sustainable, and resilient; and to share the process as a model for the world.
DACIP

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
**WaterTalks | What is it?**

**DACTI (Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program) in Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) region – 3 IRWM Regions**

- State of California Proposition 1 Water Bond and Integrated Regional Water Management
  - One of the largest state funded water equity projects in California
  - $4.5M for Project Development
  - $9M minimum for Project Implementation

- Engaging 104 communities across Los Angeles County
  - Economic and environmental distress
  - Participate as equals in planning for local green infrastructure and water sustainability projects
3 IRWM Regions

4 of 5 GLAC IRWM Sub-regions
WaterTalks

MULTI-PHASE

**PHASE I**
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Initial wave of outreach: 50 meetings, 107 communities.

**PHASE II**
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Listening sessions; formal needs assessment of institutions and community.

**PHASE III**
FINDINGS ENGAGEMENT

Second wave of outreach to communicate findings; groundtruth.

**PHASE IV**
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Projects prioritized, conceptualized based on feedback.
Phase 1: Community Engagement
Authentic Community Engagement
Importance of Tribal Engagement and Allyship
Clean Water

Clean water is essential to our hydration, food production and sanitation needs.

Flood Protection

Flood protection strategies are vital to preventing flooding catastrophes in our counties, cities and neighborhoods.

Drainage & Vector Concerns

Management of drainage water is important to reduce water related vector-borne diseases.

Health & Well-Being

Educate people about their water quality to ensure healthy living.

Green Walkable Neighborhoods & Safe Routes to School

Water is an essential ingredient for shaded, walkable, and healthy streets.

Multi-Objective Parks, Recreation, & Habitats

Access to natural resources (i.e. creeks, streams, rivers etc.) and open space directly contributes to public and environmental health.
Partners

Social
Eco
Education

Stantec
Council for Watershed Health
Sacred Places Institute
MUJERES de la Tierra
ACTIVE SGV
East Yard Communities
Watts Clean Air & Energy Committee
Promesa Boyle Heights
Social Justice Learning Institute
COFEM Council of Mexican Federations
Community Education | 2019: In-Person Events

- **September 19, 2019**
  - Wilmington WaterTalk
  - Communities for a Better Environment

- **October 5, 2019**
  - WaterTalk/Community CleanUp
  - TreePeople
Community Education | 2019: In-Person Events

November 9, 2019
Paramount WaterTalk/Zumba Class
Council of Mexican Federation

November 23, 2019
Highland Park WaterTalk
Council of Mexican Federation/Anahuak Soccer
December 6, 2019
Northeast Pasadena WaterTalk/Bike Ride
Active San Gabriel Valley
Phase 2: Needs Assessment
Needs Assessment

Project Development that Starts with Community

- **Methods**
  - Online Survey
  - Community Listening Sessions
  - Phone Interviews
  - Small Group Interview
  - One-on-One Interviews
Strengths & Needs Assessment | Targets

Community

Indigenous People

Institutions

Schools
Needs Assessment | 2020: Transitioning to COVID

Project Development that Starts with Community

● 12 Planned meetings cancelled
● Reaching new people
● Online engagement learning curve
● Digital divide
● Meeting fatigue
● NGOs Change of Focus
  ○ Redirection of resources and immediate needs
● Community Challenges
  ○ Financial insecurity
  ○ Lack of employment
  ○ Food and housing insecurity
  ○ Lack of healthcare and childcare
  ○ Access to technology
## Needs Assessment | Changes

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Needs Assessment | Results

September 15, 2020 – June 15, 2021

- 3,100 Surveys reflect our 104 communities
- 29 Community Listening Sessions
- 31 Institutional Interviews
- 6 Tribal Listening Sessions / Focus Groups
- 300,000 People reached via our Outreach
GREATER LA COUNTY COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT DASHBOARD
Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) | Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP)

Survey Selection: 3,106
Total Survey Participants: 3,106

How Do You Define Your Community?
- Local neighborhood: 58.7%
- City: 39%
- Unsheltered: 0.6%
- Indigenous/Tribal: 0.4%

Defining Community

Are You On A Septic System?
- Yes: 15.4%
- No: 48%
- Unsure: 36.6%

Are You On A Septic System? ([Choice] Private Well?)

Do You Have Concerns About Your Drinking Water Quality?
- 51% Yes

Drinking Water

My Local Government Is Addressing Infrastructure And Beautification Needs
- Strongly agree: 9.5%
- Agree: 29.3%
- Disagree: 25.9%
- Strongly disagree: 15.1%

Community Needs

Top 3 Most Pressing Community Concerns
- Unhoused Community Needs: 2,419
- Housing: 1,346
- Public safety: 1,346
- Climate change:
- Parks and open space:
- Water:
- Transportation challenges:
- Other:

Survey count

Top 3 Concerns

Top 3 Water Concerns

INQUIRIES REGARDING PERSONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Q1. Do You Have Ideas For How Water Problems Could Be Addressed?
- 720 Said Yes

Q1
Phase 4: Trainings and Project Development
INSIDE WATER

Do you trust the water coming out of your tap?
Did you know that bottled water could be 1700x more expensive?

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?
Imported water through concrete channels and pipes comes from:
- Colorado River
- Owens Valley and Mono Basin
- Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta

Local water pulled up from wells comes from:
- Local groundwater basins
- Underground reserves

WHERE DOES OUR WATER GO?
Sent to a water treatment plant to be cleaned, then:
- Some is dumped into the ocean
- Some is pumped into groundwater basins
- Some is cleaned even more and used as recycled water (future)

HOW DO I KNOW WHERE THE ISSUE IS?
- Have your water tested.
- If the test shows contamination, have your neighbors test theirs.
  - If it is just you, then it is likely home pipes.
  - If it is neighborhood-wide, then it is likely street pipes.
- If neighborhood-wide, report the issue to your water retailer and/or City Council or County Supervisor’s office. Or, call the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

GOOD TO KNOW
- Metropolitan Water District (MWD) is a water wholesaler in S. California.
  - Sells to midsize wholesalers who sell to water retailers across LA County.
- Some retailers have their own wells.
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is a water wholesaler and retailer.
- Water retailers are regulated and must meet water quality standards until it gets to home pipes.
Chutes and Ladders! Making Your Way Through the Project Process
Project Development

Goals

● Work with the IRWM decision process
● Support from all 4 GLAC sub-regions
● Balance the number of projects per sub-region