

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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Chair Santilena thanked WASC members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY WASC MEETING - January 20, 2022

		Quorum Present				Voting Items	
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	11/18/21 Meeting Minutes	Reselection of 2 WCs for another term
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	x	Mark Beltran		Y	Y
Agency	West Basin MWD	E.J. Caldwell	x			Y	
Agency	LA Water & Power	Delon Kwan		Art Castro	x	Y	Y
Agency	LA Sanitation District	Sheila Brice	x	Michael Scaduto		Y	Y
Agency	LA Recreation & Parks	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	x		Y
Community Stakeholder	LAC Chief Sustainability Office	Rita Kampalath	x	Gary Gero		Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	PSOMAS / Business Sector	Alysen Weiland	x			A	Y
Community Stakeholder	The Solutions Project / SCOPE	Gloria Walton		Gloria Medina	x	Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	LA Waterkeeper	Bruce Reznik	x	Maggie Gardner		Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	T.R.U.S.T. South LA	Edgar Campos	x			A	A
Municipal Members	Beverly Hills / West Hollywood	Josette Descalzo	x			Y	Y
Municipal Members	Inglewood	Lauren Amimoto	x	Thomas Lee		Y	Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Roberto Perez		Max Podemski			
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Rafael Prieto					
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Susie Santilena	x	Rebecca Rasmussen		Y	Y
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	Bruce Hamamoto	x	Geremew Amenu		Y	Y
Municipal Members	Santa Monica	Curtis Castle		George Rodriguez			
Watershed Coordinator	Heal the Bay	Mikaela Randolph	x			N/A	N/A
Watershed Coordinator	S. Groner Associates	Michelle Struthers	x			N/A	N/A
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yay (Y)	11	12
Total Voting Members Present		14			Nay (N)	0	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	2	1
Community Stakeholder		5			Total	13	13
Municipal Members		4				Approved	Approved

Other Attendees	
Shea Thornbury	Katherine Pease
Daniel Apt	Jonathan Guerrero
Ryan Jackson	Conor Mossavi
Wendy Dinh	Shahram Kharaghani
Maggie Gardner	Elizabeth Gallo
Mike Antos	Joyce Amaro
Kara Plourde	Michael Scaduto
Brenda Ponton	Trevor Davis
Sean Singletary	Chanel Kincaid
Thomas Lee	Brett Perry
Phuoc Le	Nancy Shrodes
Michael Lurenana	Geremew Amenu
Jeff Atijera	Gustavo Orozco
Marisa Perez-Reyes	Marisol Ibarra
Azeneth Martinez	Tori Klug
Tiffany Wong	Nichole Heil
Ariel Whitson	



CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY

QUARTERLY UPDATE

Thursday, January 20, 2022



-Watershed Coordinators Presentation-





YOUR WATERSHED COORDINATORS



— MIKAELA
RANDOLPH
Heal the Bay



Senior Watershed
Specialist, Central Santa
Monica Bay

— MICHELLE
STRUTHERS
SGA Marketing



Watershed coordinator
public health/research

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

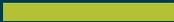


UPDATES ON SOEP IMPLEMENTATION

BY FOCUS AREA



COMING UP...



OUR FOCUS AREAS



1

**UNDERSTAND COMMUNITY
NEEDS AND PRIORITIES IN
WATERSHED**

2

SOLICIT NEW PROJECTS

3

SUPPORT CURRENT PROJECTS

4

**RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS
ABOUT SCW**

5

SUPPORT WASCS



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!**

• Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinators: mstruthers@sgmarketing.com
mrandolph@healthebay.org

• Lower LA River Watershed Coordinator: tdales@sgmarketing.com



• <https://linktr.ee/safecleanwater>
• safecleanwater.org



READY-TO-USE CONTENT

SUGGESTED TEXT:



Angelinos: What do you want to see more of in YOUR community? More trees? Cleaner beaches and parks? More community gardens? The Safe Clean Water Program wants to hear from you: take their short 2021 Community Survey to share your vision for a better LA! <https://linktr.ee/safecleanwater>

Angelinos: ¿Qué deseáis ver más en VUESTRA comunidad? ¿Más árboles? ¿Playas y parques más limpios? ¿Más jardines comunitarios? El programa de Agua Limpia y Segura quiere saber vuestra opinión: responde a esta corta encuesta comunitaria para compartir su visión, ¡por un LA mejor! <https://linktr.ee/safecleanwater>



SHORTENED TEXT:



What do you want to see more of in YOUR community? Take 3 minutes to complete the 2021 Community Survey from the LA County Safe Clean Water Program & share your ideas. <https://linktr.ee/safecleanwater>

¿Qué desea ver más en SU comunidad? Responda a esta sencilla encuesta comunitaria del Programa de Agua Limpia y Segura del Condado de Los Angeles y comparta sus ideas. <https://linktr.ee/safecleanwater>

**[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD
IMAGE AND TEXT FILES](#)**



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

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

TAKE THE 2-MINUTE 2021 COMMUNITY SURVEY



READY-TO-USE GRAPHICS

<p>CAPTURE IT</p> 	<p>CLEAN IT</p> 
 <p>MAKE IT SAFE</p>	 <p>MAKE IT FOR EVERYONE</p>

SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

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

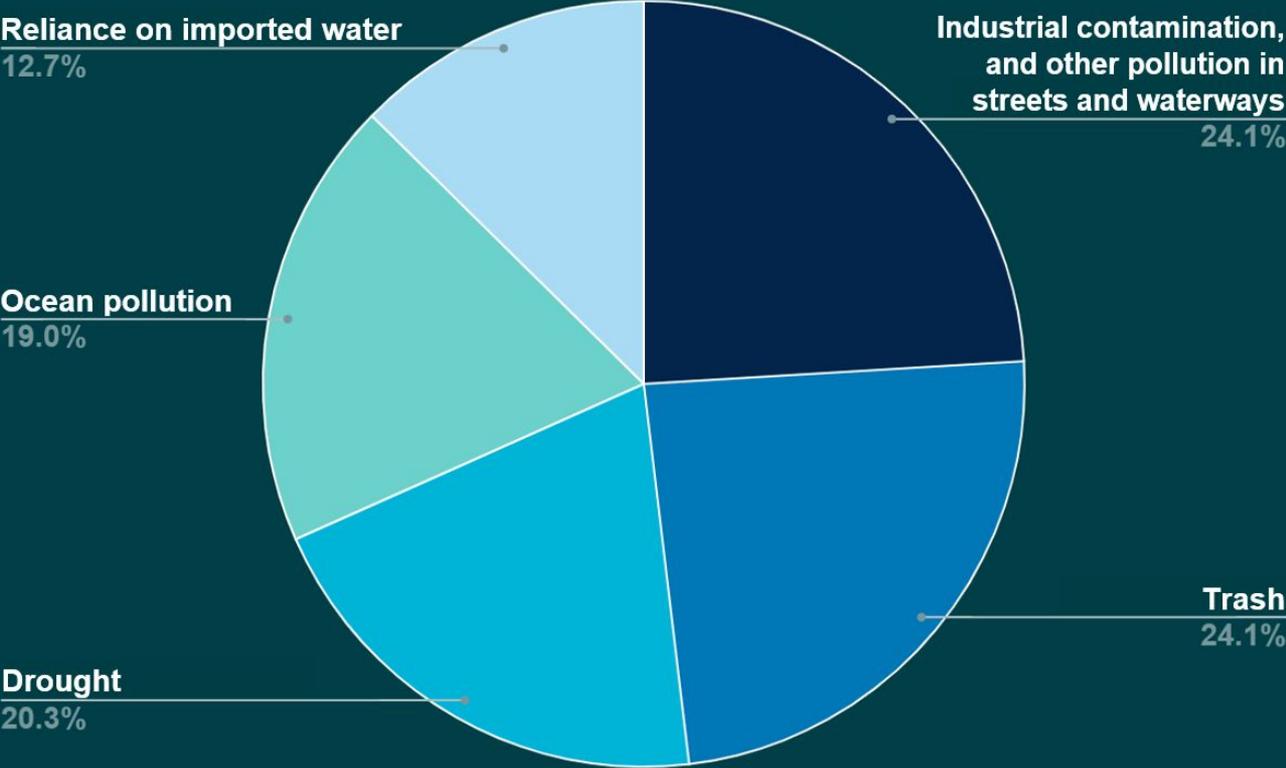
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TAKE THIS 2 MIN SURVEY!

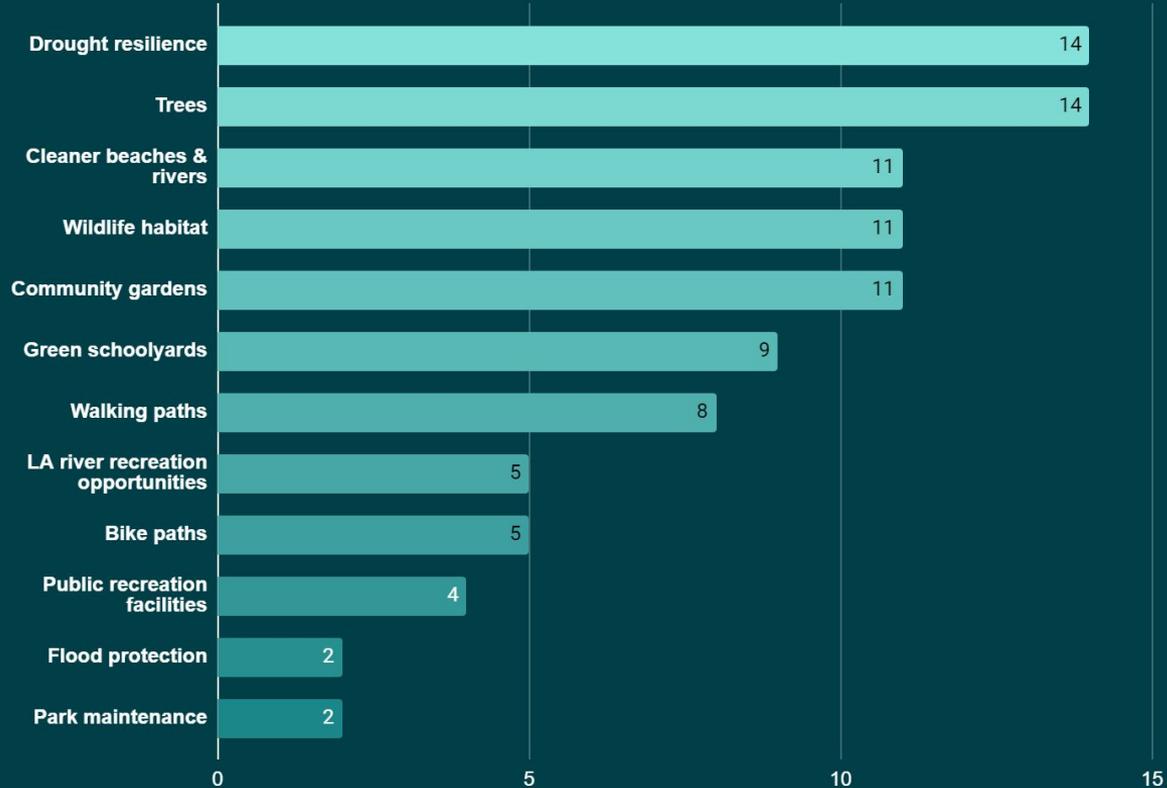
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SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Question 1: What **water-related issues** are of greatest concern in your community?
Choose up to 3.



Question 2: What do you want to see more of in your community? Choose up to 3.



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

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

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)

Richardson Family Park 2700 Budlong LA CA 90007

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

Deforestation in South L.A. Urban Canopy.

Question 4: List 3 things you like about your community. (Optional)



INTERESTED PARTY MEETINGS

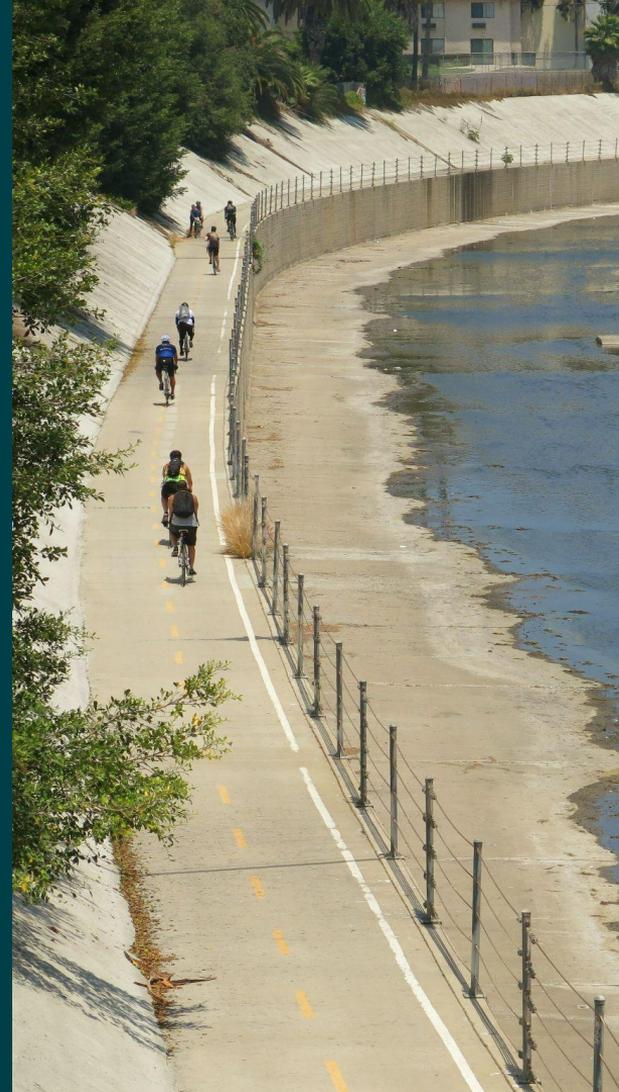
Below is a list of some of the interested parties SGA and/or Heal the Bay have met with. Full lists can be found in Quarterly Reports.

- *Trust for Public Land*
- *Accelerated Resilience L.A.*
- *Liberty Hill*
- *10x10 Initiative participant (Belinda Faustinos)*
- *LA Urban Water Grant Program*
- *Friends of Ballona*
- *Prevention Institute*
- *Sacred Places Institute*
- *L.A. County Parks and Recreation*
- *City of Inglewood*
- *LASan*
- *WHAM Taskforce*
- *Accelerating Resilience LA*
- *OurWater LA*
- *Social Justice Learning Institute*
- *Baldwin Hills Conservancy*
- *Regenerate LA*
- *TreePeople*
- *Green LA*
- *CWEA P3S representatives*
- *IRWMP*
- *Neighborhood Council Sustainability Association*

SOLICIT NEW PROJECTS

GIVE PRESENTATIONS ON THE TRP

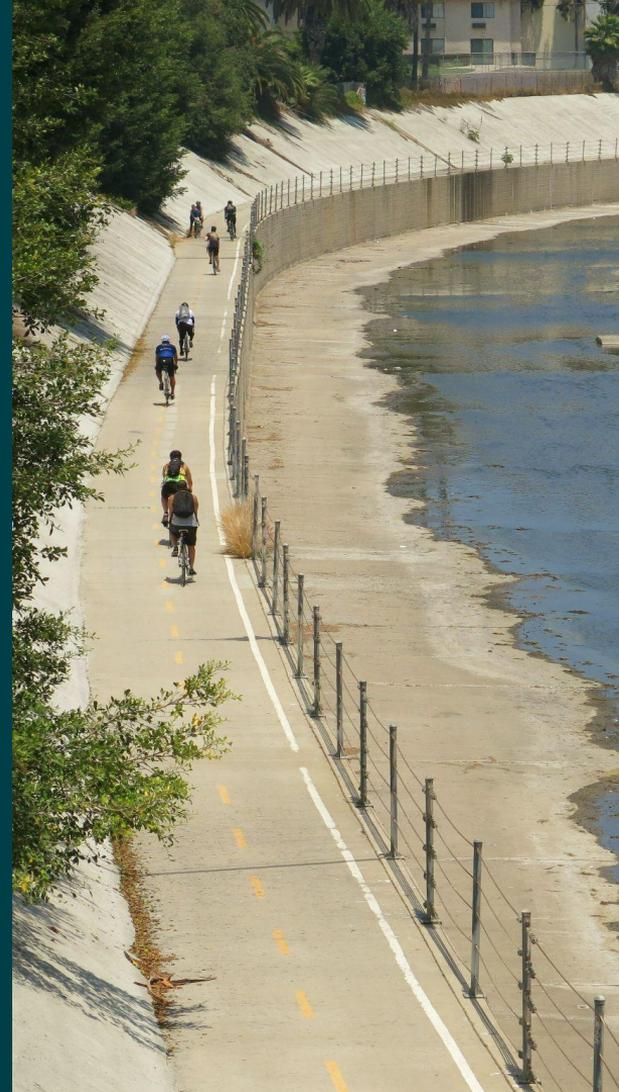
- SGA and Heal the Bay have discussed potential TRP project concepts with:
 - Kounkuey Designs
 - City Fabrick
 - LA Community Garden Council
 - L.A. Neighborhood Land Trust
 - WHAM Committee
 - Cal Greenworks
 - Liberty Hill
 - CA Regional Waterboard representative



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

CALIFORNIA POPPY SEEDS
SEMILLAS DE AMAPOLA DE CALIFORNIA
Eschscholzia Californica



Our State Flower
Nuestra Flor Del Estado

**REDUCE YOUR WATER USE TODAY
WITH NATIVE PLANTS!**
¡DISMINUYA HOY SU USO DE AGUA
CON PLANTAS NATIVAS!

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Annual
- Full sun
- Plant in fall or early spring
- Seeds do well in dry poor soil

INSTRUCCIONES PARA PLANTAR:

- Anual
- Pleno Sol
- Plantar en otoño y a principios de primavera
- Las semillas crecen bien en suelo seco y pobre

Capturing, cleaning and conserving L.A. County's rainwater. Captura, limpieza y conservación del agua pluvial del condado de L.A.

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

Learn more: [Más información safecleanwaterfa.org](https://www.safecleanwaterfa.org)



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM



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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.

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

BUILDING OUR CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY
To protect against future droughts.

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.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?



**TAKE 2 MIN SURVEY
ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING**

<https://lnktr.ee/safecleanwater>



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

¿QUÉ ES EL PROGRAMA DE AGUA SEGURA Y LIMPIA (INICIATIVA W)?

A program to modernize L.A. County's 100 year-old water system

Un programa para modernizar el sistema de agua del condado de LA que data de hace 100 años

HOW? ¿CÓMO?

Through the development of stormwater infrastructure projects, the Program aims to:

A través del desarrollo de proyectos de infraestructura de aguas pluviales, el programa tiene como objetivos:

Increase local water supply through rainwater capture
Aumentar el suministro de agua local a través de la recolección de agua de lluvia

Reduce trash and toxins in our waters
Reducir basura y toxinas en nuestros aguas

Create more green space and parks
Crear más parques y espacios verdes

Build our climate change resiliency
Construir nuestra resiliencia al cambio climático

WHERE ARE PROJECTS FUNDED ¿DE DÓNDE SE FINANCIAN ESTOS PROYECTOS?

The program is funded by an annual local parcel tax.
El programa es financiado por un impuesto local parafiscal anual.
Funding is distributed across L.A. County's 9 watersheds
Los fondos se distribuirán entre los 9 cuencas hidrográficas del condado de LA.



LEARN MORE: MÁS INFORMACIÓN: safecleanwaterla.org



WHY DO WE NEED TO CAPTURE RAINWATER?

¿POR QUÉ NECESITAMOS CAPTURAR EL AGUA DE LA LLUVIA?

WE LIVE IN A WATER-SCARCE AREA. AS CLIMATE CHANGE CAUSES MORE WEATHER EXTREMES LIKE DROUGHT, WE NEED TO TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE OUR LOCAL WATER RESOURCES

Vivimos en un área con escasez de agua. Dado que el cambio climático está provocando más fenómenos meteorológicos extremos como la sequía, debemos tomar medidas para mejorar nuestros recursos de agua locales.

EVERY YEAR IN LA COUNTY: CADA AÑO EN EL CONDADO DE LA.:

OVER 50%

OF WATER BODIES ARE CLASSIFIED AS HAVING "IMPAIRED" WATER QUALITY MÁS DEL 50% DE LOS CUERPOS DE AGUA ESTÁN CLASIFICADAS COMO DETERIORADAS

1.4 MILLION

ILLNESSES ARE CAUSED BY "IMPAIRED" WATER LAS MILONES DE ENFERMEDADES SON CAUSADAS POR AGUA CONTAMINADA

2/3

OF OUR WATER IS IMPORTED EN DE NUESTRA AGUA ES IMPORTADA



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.

DROUGHT RESILIENCE

RESILIENCIA EN LA SEQUÍA

FLOOD PROTECTION

PROTECCIÓN CONTRA INUNDACIONES

CLEANER BEACHES & RIVERS

PLAYAS Y RÍOS MÁS LIMPIOS

LA RIVER RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

OPORTUNIDADES DE OLAJE EN EL RÍO DE LA

TREES

ÁRBOLES

COMMUNITY GARDENS

JARDINES COMUNITARIOS

GREEN SCHOOLYARDS

JARDINES DE ESCUELA VERDES

WILDLIFE HABITATS

HABITATS DE LA FAUNA

BIKE PATHS

PARQUES CICLISTAS

PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES

INSTALACIONES RECREATIVAS PÚBLICAS

WALKING PATHS

ZONAS PEATONALES

PARK MAINTENANCE

MANTENIMIENTO DE PARQUES



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

[Let's chat](#)



Nancy Shrodes – Senior Watershed Specialist of the South Santa Monica Bay

Favorite beach: Bruce's Beach

Favorite hike: Portuguese Bend

Favorite food spot: LBJ's, 85°C Bakery Cafe & Quality Seafood

[Let's chat](#)

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.



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

From: [Brittany Rivas](#)
To: [DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 3:35:23 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

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.

We are confident that Heal the Bay and SGA Marketing, as co-Watershed Coordinators, would continue to diligently and thoughtfully execute the role of Watershed Coordinators if their contracts are renewed. We urge a vote of "yes" to renew the watershed coordinator contracts for both Heal the Bay and SGA Marketing.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tori Kjer".

Tori Kjer
Executive Director, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust



Public Comment Form

Name:* Azeneth Martinez Organization*: OurWaterLA
Email*: ourwaterla@gmail.com Phone*: n/a
Meeting: CSMB WASC Date: 01/20/2022

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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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



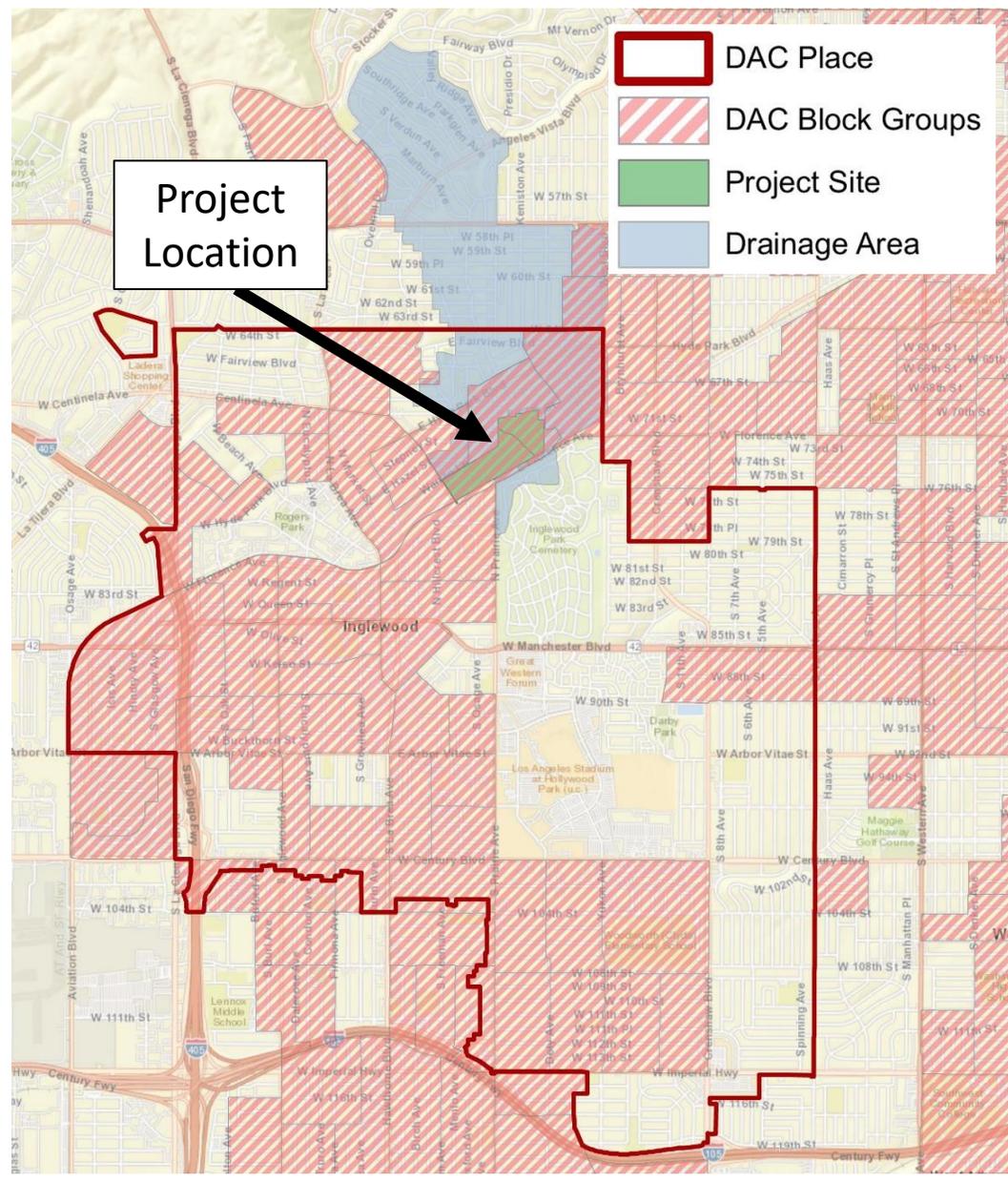
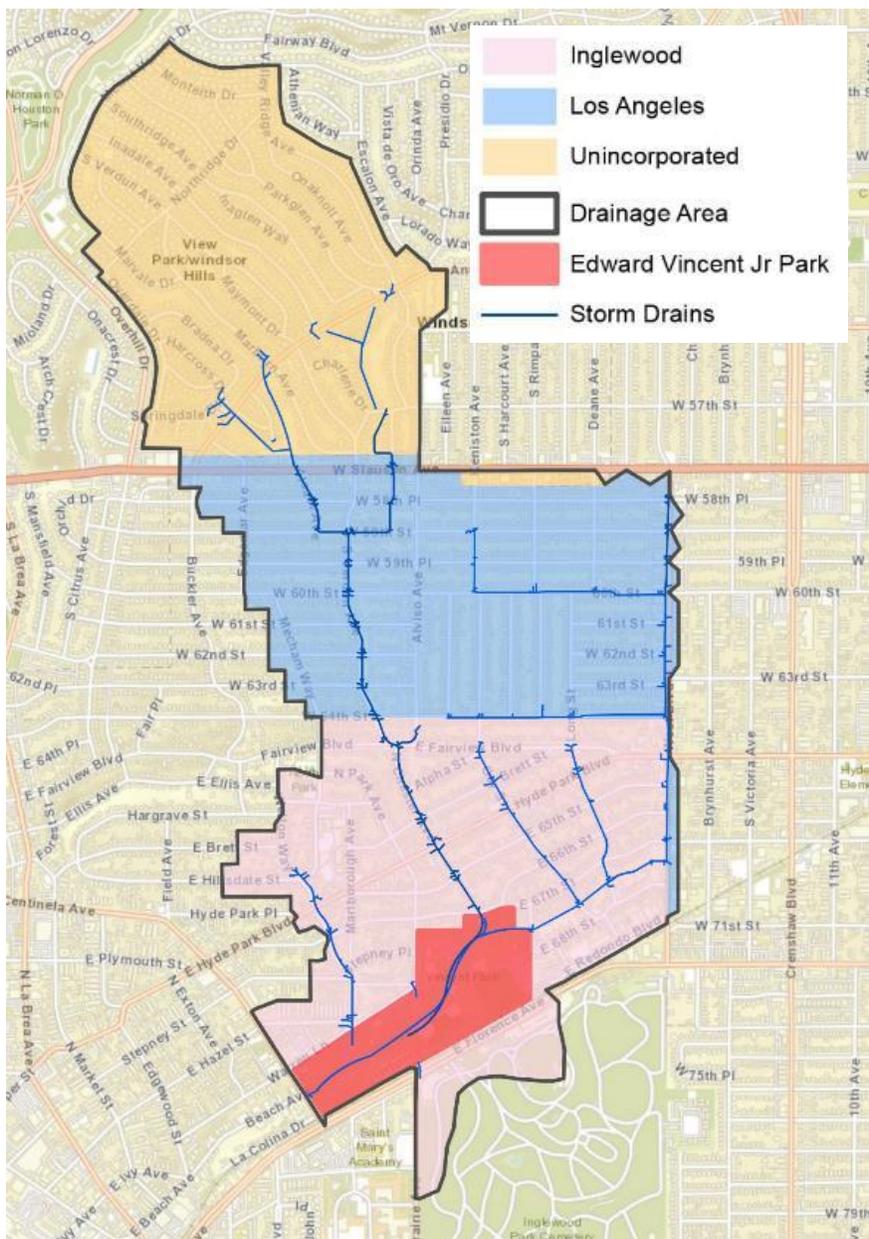


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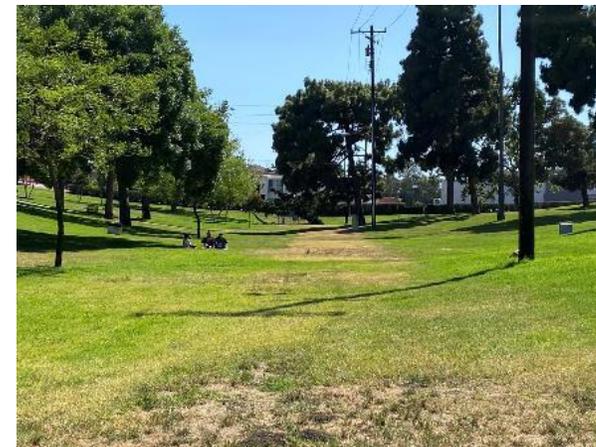
Project Location





Project Background

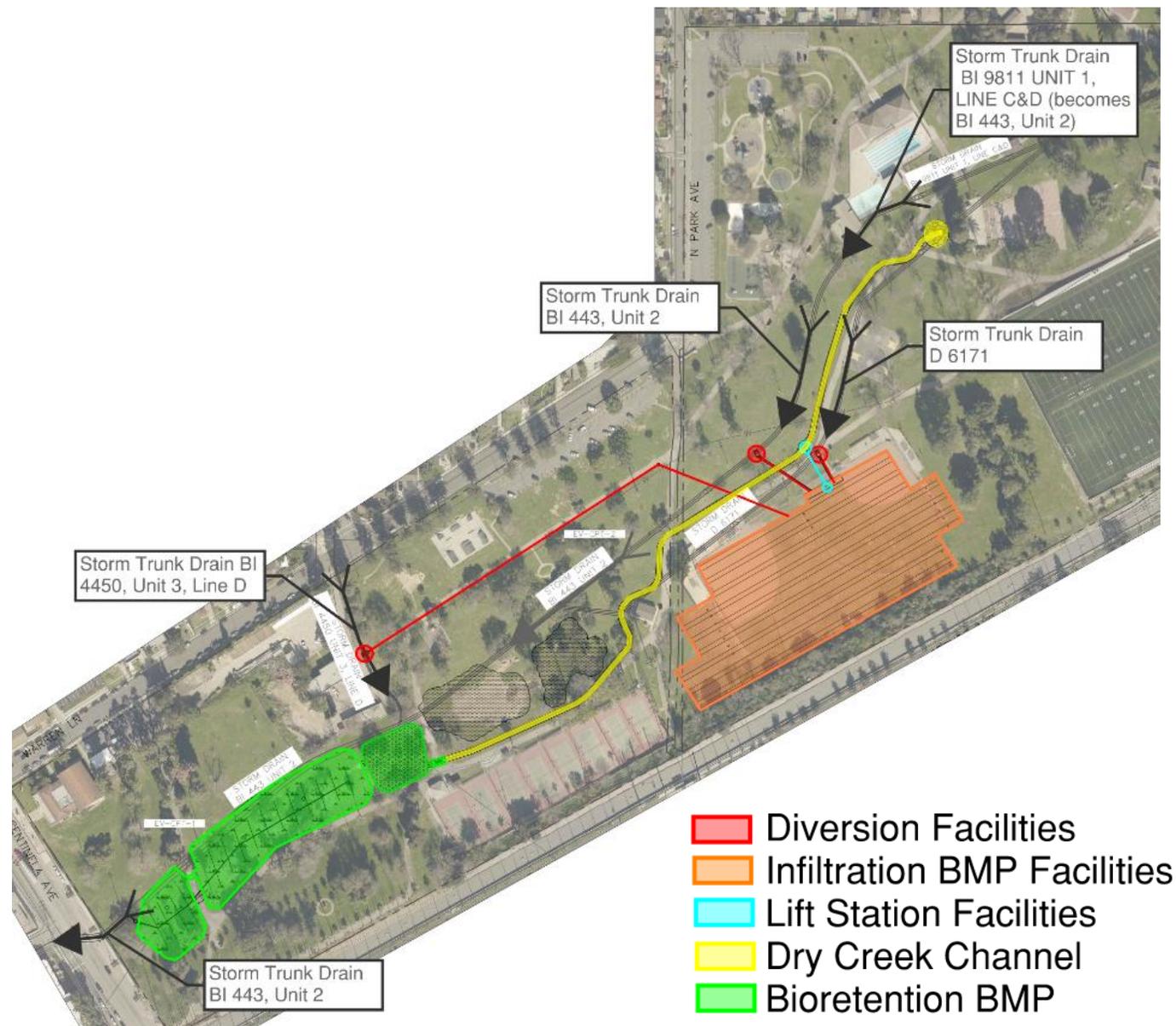
- Project included as signature regional project in Ballona Creek Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP)
- Captures 85th percentile, 24-hr storm volume for the 895-acre drainage area
- Water quality benefits:
 - Reduces metals, bacteria, and trash in the Centinela Creek and Ballona Creek Estuary
- 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





Project Details

- Additional surface improvements:
 - New field
 - Native vegetation
 - Shade trees
 - New trails
 - Boardwalk
 - Seating areas
 - Educational signage





Cost & Schedule

Phase	Description	Cost	Completion Date
Design	Agency Project Management, CEQA Documentation, Permitting, Design (30/60/90/100), Pre-Construction Monitoring, Outreach During Design	\$4,270,000	06/2025
Construction	Project Management, Construction Management, Engineering Services during Construction, Outreach, Project Construction	\$42,424,000	03/2028
TOTAL		\$46,694,000	

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



Funding Request

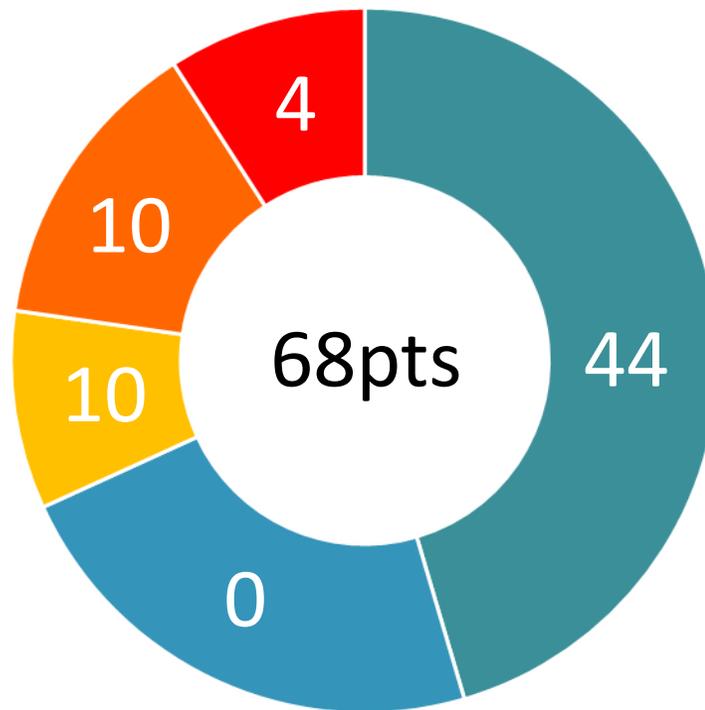
Year	SCW Funding Requested	Phase	Efforts during Phase and Year
1	\$1,035,000	Design	Pre-Construction Monitoring, Outreach During Design, Preliminary (30%) Design, Agency Project Mgmt.
2	\$2,610,000	Design	Pre-Construction Monitoring, Outreach During Design, CEQA Documentation, 60% Design, 90% Design, Agency Project Mgmt.
3	\$625,000	Design	Pre-Construction Monitoring, Outreach During Design, 100% Design, Permitting
TOTAL	\$4,270,000		

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



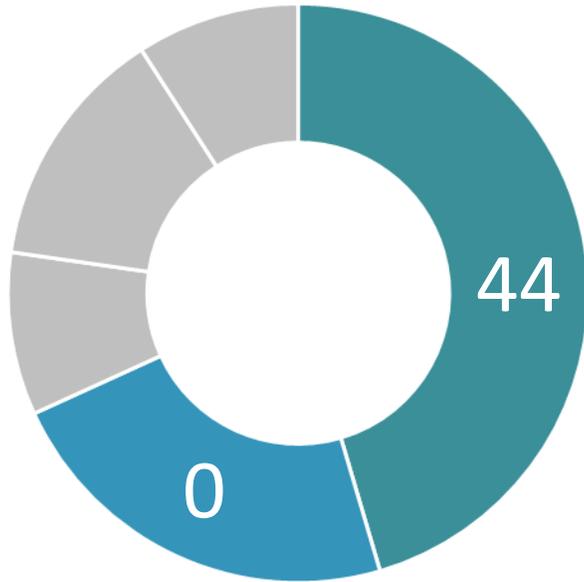
Preliminary Score

- Water Quality
- Water Supply
- Community Investment Benefits
- Nature Based Solutions
- Leveraged Funds and Community Support





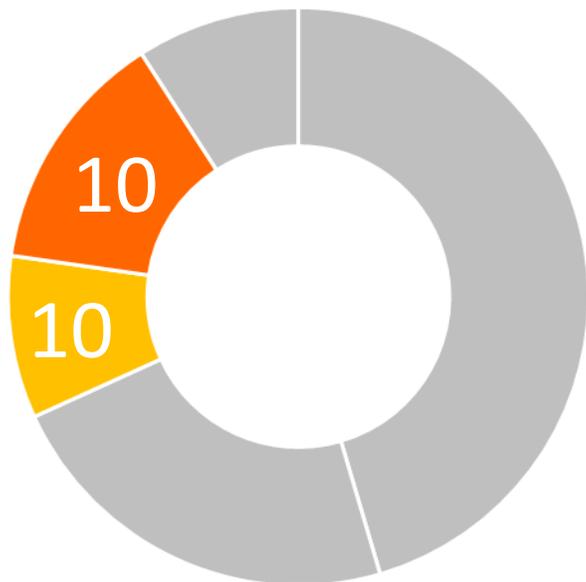
Water Quality & Water Supply Benefits



- 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

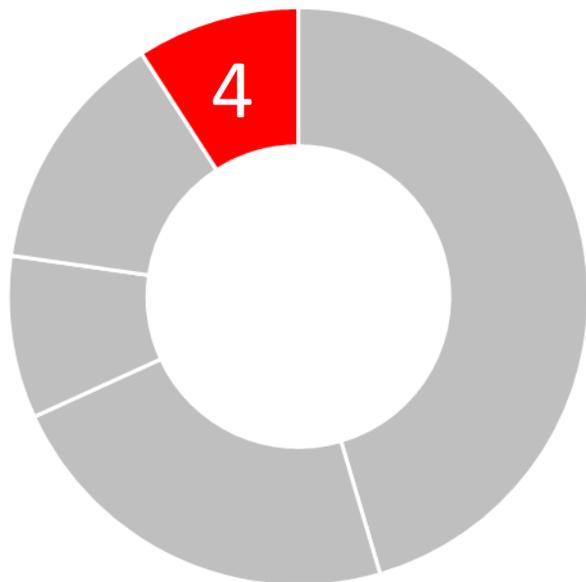


- Community Investment Benefits
 - Improves flood management
 - Enhances parks and creates habitat
 - Improves public access to waterways
 - Enhances and creates new recreational opportunities
 - Reduces heat island effect/increases shade
 - Increases trees and native vegetation
- Nature Based Solutions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

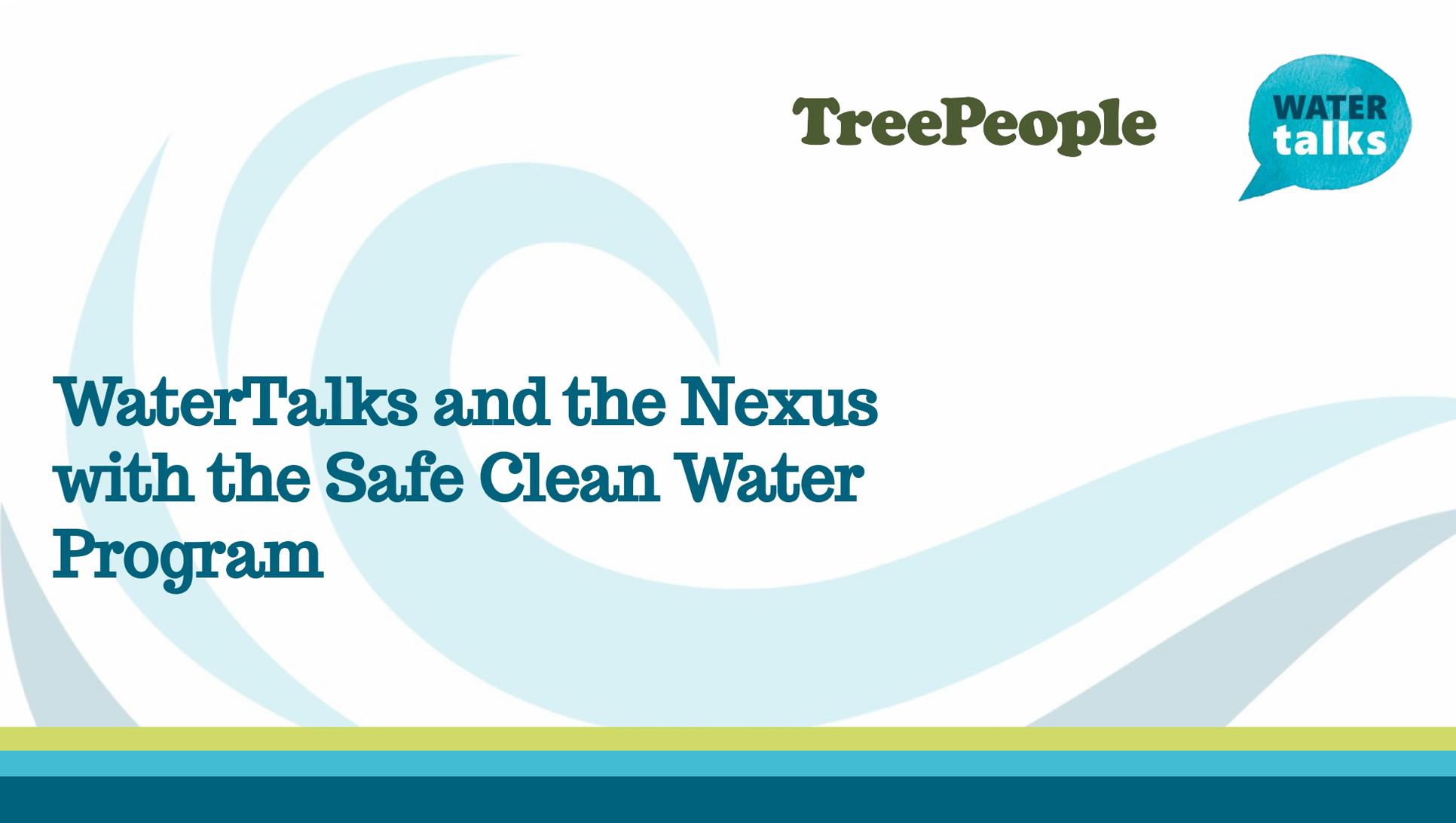
- Leveraging Funds
 - No funds leveraged for Design Phase



- 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?



TreePeople



WaterTalks and the Nexus with the Safe Clean Water Program



Land Acknowledgement



TreePeople

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



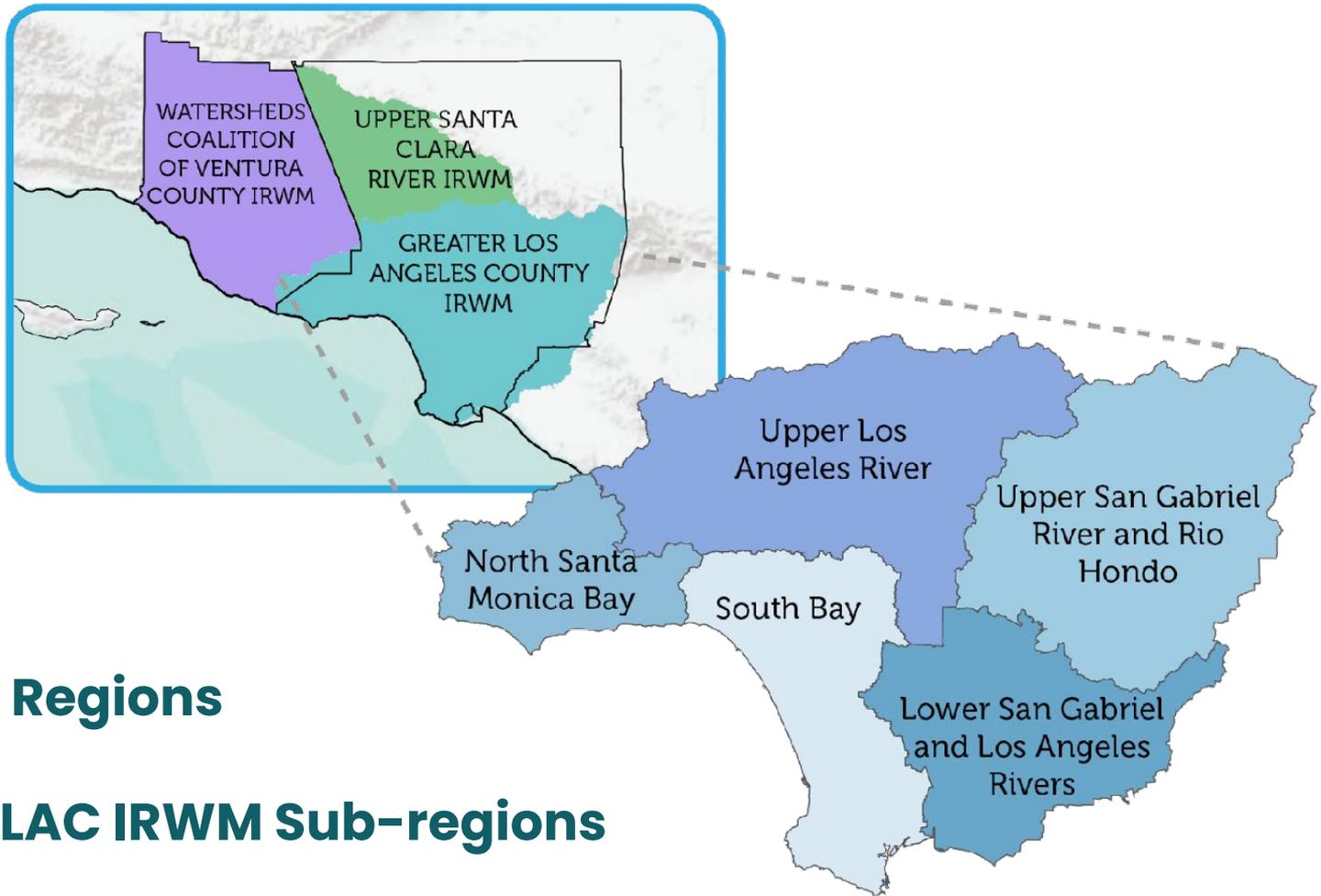
WATER
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WaterTalks | What is it?

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

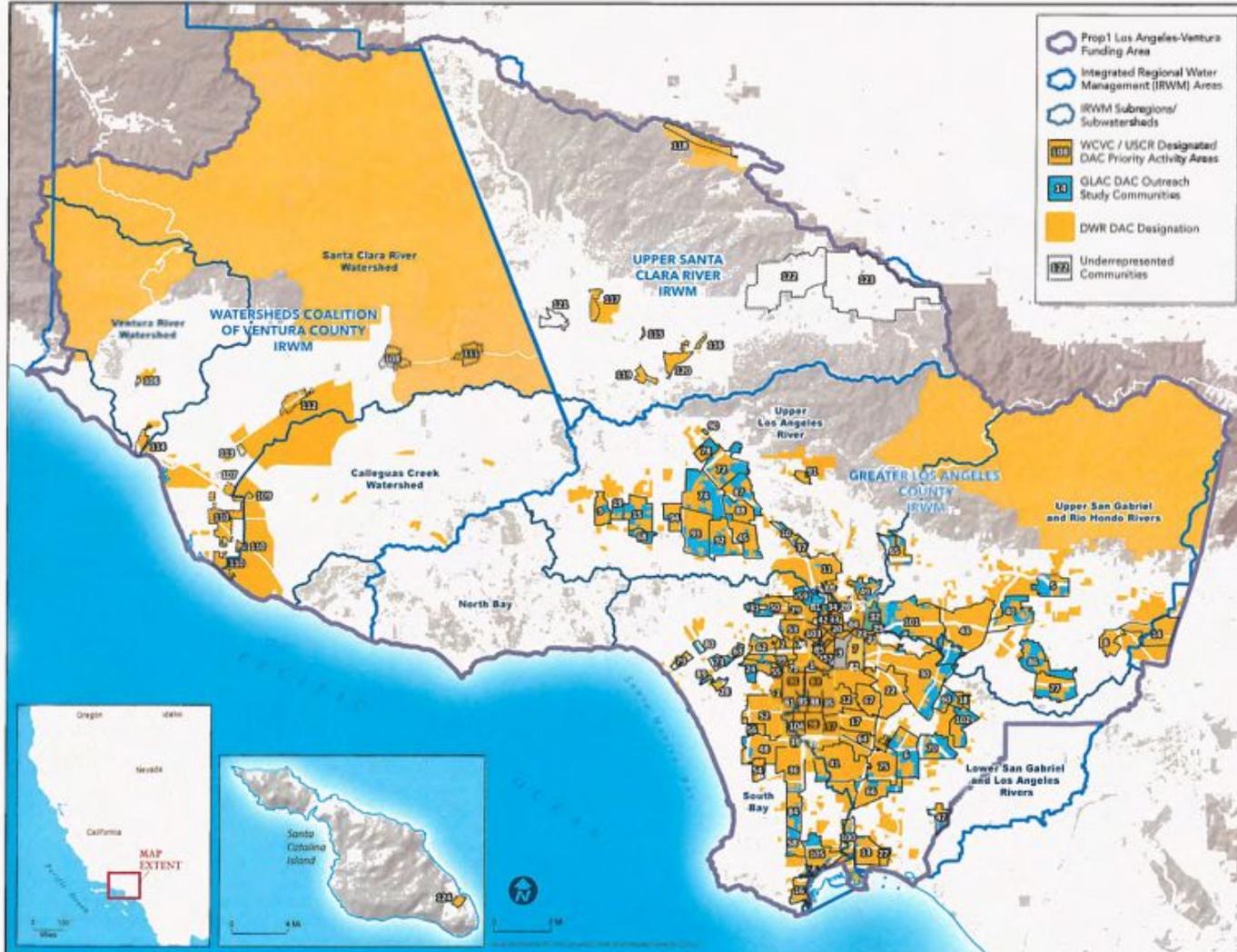




3 IRWM Regions

4 of 5 GLAC IRWM Sub-regions

1 - Adams/Central 2 - Arlington/Harvard Heights 3 - Arts District/West Boyle Heights 4 - Atwater Village 5 - Azusa/Citrus 6 - Bellflower/Southeast Downey 7 - Boyle Heights 8 - Cal Poly Pomona 9 - Canoga Corridor 10 - Central Burbank 11 - Central Glendale 12 - Central Huntington Park 13 - Central Long Beach 14 - Central Pomona 15 - Central Reseda/S. Northridge 16 - Central San Pedro 17 - Central South Gate 18 - Central Whittier 19 - Central Winetka 20 - Chinatown/Cornfield 21 - City Terrace 22 - Commerce/Bell Gardens 23 - County Hospital 24 - Crenshaw/Baldwin Hills 25 - CSULA and Neighborhood 26 - Cypress/Glassell Park 27 - East Central Long Beach 28 - East Del Rey 29 - East Hollywood 30 - East LA/Montebello/Pico Rivera 31 - Eastern West Hollywood 32 - El Sereno 33 - Elysian Park 34 - Elysian Valley/Frogtown 35 - Elysian Valley/Frogtown 35 - Florence Firestone 36 - Gardena/N. Harbor Gateway 37 - Glen-Bank 38 - Goodyear/Van Meter Springs 39 - Greater Athens 40 - Greater Baldwin Park 41 - Greater Compton 42 - Greater Echo Park 43 - Greater El Monte 44 - Greater Lincoln Heights 45 - Greater North Hollywood 46 - Greater Willowbrook 47 - Hawaiian Gardens 48 - Hawthorne 49 - Highland Park 50 - Hollywood 51 - Hyde/Harvard Park 52 - Inglewood 53 - Koreatown 54 - Lawndale 55 - Leimert Park 56 - Lennox 57 - Little Tokyo/Toy District/Skid Row 58 - Lomita/Southwest Carson 59 - Los Feliz 60 - Los Nietos 61 - Manchester/Harvard/Chesterfield 62 - Mid-City 63 - Mid-City West 64 - North Lynwood 65 - Northeast Pasadena 66 - North Long Beach 67 - Northern Lower LAR Cities 68 - Northern Tarzana 69 - Northwest Glassell Park 70 - Northwest Norwalk 71 - Outer Expo Park 72 - Pacoima 73 - Palms 74 - Panorama City 75 - Paramount 76 - Pico Union 77 - Rowland/Industry 78 - San Fernando 79 - Santa Monica I-10 Corridor 80 - Sawtelle 81 - Silverlake 82 - South Boyle Heights 83 - South Central 84 - S. Harbor Gateway/West Carson 85 - South Park/Fashion/Lofts District 86 - South Puente Valley 87 - Sun Valley East 88 - Sun Valley South 89 - Southwest Mar Vista 90 - Sylmar/Foothill Blvd Comm. 91 - Tujunga/Foothill Blvd 92 - Valley Glen/Valley Village 93 - Van Nuys 94 - Van Nuys Airport 95 - Vermont Knolls 96 - Vermont Square 97 - Watts Proper 98 - Watts West 99 - West Adams/Jefferson Park 100 - West Long Beach 101 - West SGV 102 - West Freeway 102 - Western South Whittier 103 - Westlake 104 - Westmont 105 - Wilmington



DESIGNATED DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE PROP 1 LOS ANGELES-VENTURA FUNDING AREA

- 1 - Adams/Central
- 2 - Arlington/Howard Heights
- 3 - Arts District/W. Boyle Heights
- 4 - Arroyo/Walke
- 5 - Azusa/Citrus
- 6 - Bellflower/Southeast Downey
- 7 - Boyle Heights
- 8 - CalPoly Pomona
- 9 - Canoga Corridor
- 10 - Central Burbank
- 11 - Central Glendale
- 12 - Central Hollywood Park
- 13 - Central Long Beach
- 14 - Central Pomona
- 15 - Central Reseda/S. Northridge
- 16 - Central San Pedro
- 17 - Central South Gate
- 18 - Central Whittier
- 19 - Central Wrentham
- 20 - Chatsworth/Cerritos
- 21 - City Terrace
- 22 - Compton/Self Gardens
- 23 - County Hospital
- 24 - Covina/El Monte Hills
- 25 - CIBOLA and Neighborhood
- 26 - Cypress/Glendale Park
- 27 - East Central Long Beach
- 28 - East Del Rey
- 29 - East Hollywood
- 30 - East LA/Mantebella/Pico Rivers
- 31 - Eastern West Hollywood
- 32 - El Sereno
- 33 - Elysian Park
- 34 - Elysian Valley/Froggswan
- 35 - Florence Firestone
- 36 - Gardena/N. Harbor Gateway
- 37 - Glen Park
- 38 - Goodyear/Van Meter Springs
- 39 - Greater Athens
- 40 - Greater Baldwin Park
- 41 - Greater Compton
- 42 - Greater Echo Park
- 43 - Greater El Monte
- 44 - Greater Lincoln Heights
- 45 - Greater North Hollywood
- 46 - Greater Wilton/Brook
- 47 - Hawaiian Gardens
- 48 - Hawthorne
- 49 - Highland Park
- 50 - Hollywood
- 51 - Hyde/Harvard Park
- 52 - Inglewood
- 53 - Koreatown
- 54 - Laundale
- 55 - Lakewood Park
- 56 - Lemoore
- 57 - Little Tokyo/Toy District/Skiel Row
- 58 - Lomita/Southwest Canyon
- 59 - Los Feliz
- 60 - Los Nietos
- 61 - Manchester/Harvard/Chatsworth
- 62 - Mid-City
- 63 - Mid-City West
- 64 - North Lynnwood
- 65 - Northeast Pasadena
- 66 - North Long Beach
- 67 - Northern Lower LAR Cities
- 68 - Northern Tarzana
- 69 - Northwest Glendale Park
- 70 - Northwest Norwalk
- 71 - Outer Expo Park
- 72 - Pacoima
- 73 - P. Arts
- 74 - Pasadena City
- 75 - Paramount
- 76 - Peck Union
- 77 - Rowland/Industry
- 78 - San Fernando
- 79 - Santa Monica I-10 Corridor
- 80 - Sanwalk
- 81 - Silverlake
- 82 - South Boyle Heights
- 83 - South Central
- 84 - S. Harbor Gateway/West Canyon
- 85 - South Park/Pasadena/Lofts District
- 86 - South Puente Valley
- 87 - Sun Valley East
- 88 - Sun Valley South
- 89 - Southeast Mar Vista
- 90 - Sylmar/Foothill Blvd Corridor
- 91 - Tujunga/Foothill Blvd
- 92 - Valley Glen/Valley Village
- 93 - Van Nuys
- 94 - Van Nuys Airport
- 95 - Vermont Knolls
- 96 - Vermont Square
- 97 - Walnut Proper
- 98 - Watts West
- 99 - West Adams/Jefferson Park
- 100 - West Long Beach
- 101 - West SOV 10 Freeway
- 102 - Western South Whittier
- 103 - Westlake
- 104 - Westmont
- 105 - Wilmington
- 106 - Castas Springs
- 107 - Bilibi
- 108 - Fillmore
- 109 - Highland Acres
- 110 - Oxnard
- 111 - Pico
- 112 - Santa Paula
- 113 - Saticoy
- 114 - West Ventura
- 115 - Boquet Canyon
- 116 - Canyon Country
- 117 - Castas
- 118 - Lake Hughes
- 119 - Newhall
- 120 - Santa Clarita
- 121 - Val Verde
- 122 - Agua Dulce
- 123 - Arroyo
- 124 - Avalon

WaterTalks

MULTI-PHASE



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PHASE I COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Initial wave of outreach: 50 meetings, 107 communities.

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PHASE II NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Listening sessions; formal needs assessment of institutions and community

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PHASE III FINDINGS ENGAGEMENT

Second wave of outreach to communicate findings; groundtruth

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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

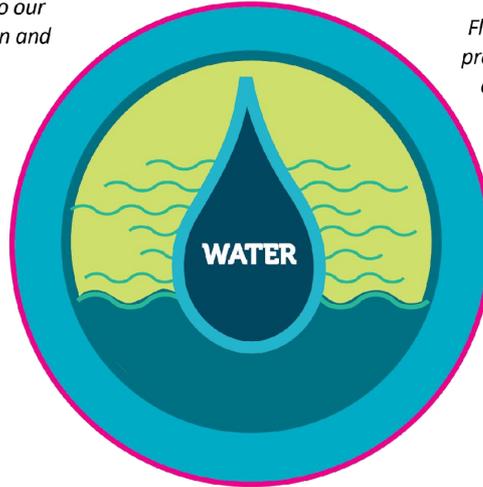


Flood protection strategies are vital to preventing flooding catastrophes in our counties, cities and neighborhoods.

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**



Community Education | 2019: In-Person Events



September 19, 2019
Wilmington WaterTalk
Communities for a Better Environment



TreePeople

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



Community Education | 2019: In-Person Events

ACTIVE
SGV

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

A dark blue landing page for the WaterTalks survey. On the left, two pink callout boxes with white text and arrows point to the survey options. The top callout says "WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD!" and the bottom one says "GANA UNA TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$100!". The main content area has the heading "Take the WaterTalks Survey!" and three paragraphs of text in English and Spanish. There are two buttons: "Take the survey in English" and "Tomar la encuesta en español". On the right, there are three white boxes with blue icons: "Upcoming Virtual Events", "View Past Events", and a warning icon with the text "View a Fact Sheet related to Covid-19 and water safety and water supply". At the bottom of this section are two orange buttons: "English" and "Spanish".

WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD!
After completing the survey, you will be invited to enter an opportunity drawing to win one of several \$100 gift cards

GANA UNA TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$100!
Después de completar la encuesta, se le invitará a participar en un sorteo de oportunidades para ganar una de varias tarjetas de regalo de \$ 100

Take the WaterTalks Survey!

Participation in our WaterTalks community survey will help ensure that communities' needs, concerns, questions, and insights can be considered to become part of the State's future water projects.

By identifying community needs and priorities, your input will help identify and prioritize projects within the LA-Ventura IRWM region for Prop 1 technical assistance funding as well as ongoing and future funding decisions.

This Survey will take approximately 10 minutes.

[Take the survey in English](#)

La participación en nuestra encuesta comunitaria WaterTalks ayudará a garantizar que las necesidades, inquietudes, preguntas y conocimientos de las comunidades se puedan considerar como parte de los futuros proyectos de agua del estado.

Al identificar las necesidades y prioridades de la comunidad, su aporte ayudará a identificar y priorizar proyectos dentro de la región de LA-Ventura IRWM para el financiamiento de asistencia técnica de la Prop 1, así como para las decisiones de financiamiento actuales y futuras.

Esta encuesta tomará aproximadamente 10 minutos.

[Tomar la encuesta en español](#)

[Upcoming Virtual Events](#)

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View a Fact Sheet related to Covid-19 and water safety and water supply

[English](#) [Spanish](#)

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

IRWM REGIONS
Integrated Regional Water Management

WHAT IS WATERTALKS?

- Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act (SB 1672)

IRWM provides a framework for collaboratively identifying and implementing regional water solutions.

- There are three Southern California's planning areas.
 - Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC)
 - Upper Santa Clara River (USCR)
 - Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC)

The GLAC IRWM region is comprised of five subregions for planning purposes.

IRWM meetings for GLAC and its subregions are open to the public!
To learn more visit: <https://dwp.lacounty.gov/wmd/irwmp/>

Participants in the Zoom meeting: Bryan Medina (Tr...), Stephen Salazar..., Yvette Castellanos, Bren Boo, Marjorie Maxon, Peter Massey.

Needs Assessment | Changes

Original Approach

- Online Survey
- In-Person Listening Sessions
- Small Group Interviews
- One-on-One Interviews
- Canvassing
- Paper Surveys at Events

COVID-19 Approach

- Online Survey - *elevated*
- Digital Listening Sessions
- Phone Banking
- Paper Surveys - New Reality
- Incentives
 - Art Supply Kits
 - Water Testing Kits
 - Fruit Trees
- Timeline Extensions

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

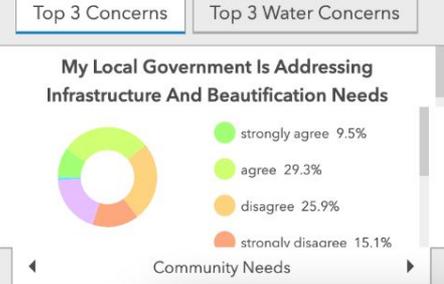
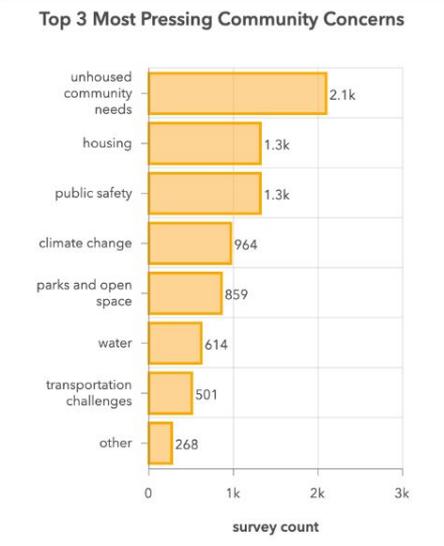
Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) | Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP)

SELECT AN ORGANIZATION:
None

SELECT A COMMUNITY:
No community selected

Survey Selection
3,106

Total Survey Participants
3,106



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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

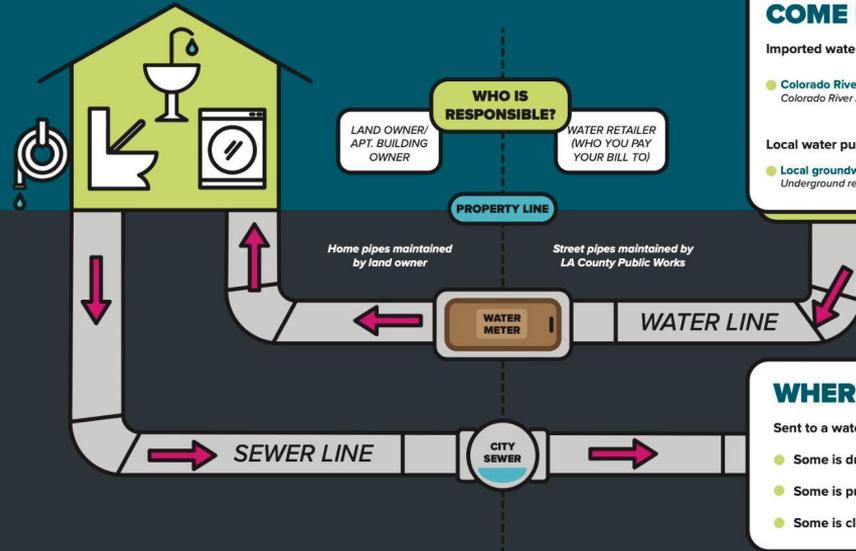
INSIDE WATER

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WATER
talks

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
Colorado River Aqueduct
- Owens Valley and Mono Basin
Los Angeles Aqueduct
- Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta
California Aqueduct

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.

State Receives Proposals Time: ~6 mo

State determines which proposal to fund and sends notifications.

If for some reason the project is not chosen, head back down to the IRWM committee and either wait to be part of another funding round or head down to find another funding source.



IRWM Committee Time: 6+mo

IRWM committees choose projects they want to package together for a funding round.

If project is approved to be part of the bundle, head up to the next level for approval by the State.
If the project is not chosen as part of the bundle, head back down and look at other funding sources.



GLAC IRWM Sub-Committee Time: 6+mo

IRWM: Get on schedule to present your proposal/concept at the subcommittee meeting in your area.

- It takes several meetings to get through all the projects
- It takes several meetings to decide which ones they will choose

If project is chosen it heads up to the next level: GLAC committee.

If project isn't defined enough, shoot back down to get more assistance.



Concept Building Time: 1-2 years

Determine if you will be submitting through IRWM or WASC.

- They have different proposal processes
- WASC is a one shot
- IRWM has funding cycles that vary and could be multiple years apart

Find partners to help build capacity or those that have the ability to take on the project, if necessary.

- Find other organizations to be part of the operation design that can help push the proposal through the different design
- Support from elected officials always helps more things along

Identify those responsible for the land—they have to be a willing partner.

Put together a concept plan for your area to find the right interested coordinators are treated with helping develop community concept into feasible projects.

- Depending on the size of the project you may need:
 - A local sponsor
 - Consultant to help write the proposal

Keep on top of other State/County funding opportunities to continue to build capacity.

- State sources: California Department of Water Resources, California National Resource Agency, California State Watersheds, Contra, California State Compendium
- County sources: Measure K/A, and M

Project Approval & Begin! Time: Up to 10 years

Delays happen especially during construction

When project is approved for funding: Continue to:

- Partner and Agreements with assistant
- The Compliance Officer begins the process
- Sub-contractors are hired
- Begin the project process
- Complete reports throughout the process
- Involve the community as much as possible
- Develop training and resources to support the sustainability of the project

County Board of Supervisors Time: 1-2 mo

Board of Supervisors approve each WASC committee package on an annual basis (due July 31st).

WASC Scoring Time: Annual cycle

WASC: Projects are scored by a scoring committee. A minimum number of points are required for a project to move ahead.

- Each year WASC chooses projects they want to package together for funding

If project scores low they may allow projects one chance to correct deficiencies. Shoot back down to get more assistance. Or it may get rejected for the funding cycle.

If project gets a high enough score, head up to the next level for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Problem/Project Identification Time: Ongoing

Keep the community involved and informed.

- Set up last person for a trip to demonstration locations to share what can be done
- Create newsletters/emails
- Have community meetings

Work with others to explore solutions.

- Work with your City/County Public Works Department or the Los Angeles County Public Works Department
- Work with the Watershed Coordinator of your area
- Work with TreePeople for community greening projects
- Work with Council for Watershed Health
- Work with local electeds.

Identify problems/issues that need to be solved.

- Your main job is to ID the problems; the community needs

Relationship Building, Research & Engagement Time: Ongoing

Engage the community to identify needs and concerns—where are local issues happening?

Engage local electeds to share community needs, wants, and gain support.

Attend GLAC-IRWM subcommittee meetings in your area.

- Listen and learn
- Look for project partners
- They approve projects funded through the State

Attend local Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) meetings.

- Listen and learn
- Look for project partners
- They approve projects funded through Safe Clean Water Program



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





Q & A
