

WASC MEETING UPDATES

QUARTER 2

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**SAFE
CLEAN
WATER
PROGRAM**

AGENDA

- **Quarter 2 Update - November 2021 - January 2022**
- **February - March Update**
- **Overview of Projects**

OUR ROLE

The role of the Watershed Coordinator is to educate & build capacity in communities and to facilitate community and stakeholder engagement with the Safe, Clean Water Program.



OUR TASKS

Task 1

Facilitate Community Engagement in the SCWP

Task 2

Identify and Develop Project Concepts

Task 3

Work with Technical Assistance Teams

Task 4

Identification/Representation of Community Priorities

Task 5

Integrate Priorities Through Partnerships & Networks

Task 6

Cost Share Partners

Task 7

Leverage Funding

Task 8

Local Stakeholder Education

Task 9

Watershed Coordinator Collaboration



QUARTER 2

NOVEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022



FOCUS AREAS (SOEP)

1

Engage stakeholders, municipalities and community groups.

2

Solicit input and connect to technical assistance (TA) opportunities.

3

Ensure diverse perspectives are shared with the District and WASC.

4

Identify and ensure the involvement of members of disadvantaged & underrepresented communities.

5

Identify educational programming about watershed management, ecological & community issues.

AT-A-GLANCE



- **Connected with All 10 IP Funded Project Applicants**
- **Met with Elected Officials and/or Staff**
- **Hosted or Participated in 28 Engagement Events throughout Watershed Area**
- **Collaborating with Neighboring Watershed Coordinator to Maximize Impact & Reach**
- **Identifying Priority Areas for Projects**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Met with **Barnes Park** project applicant team to discuss project, timeline, needs, outreach plan and to discuss next steps.
- Conducted Safe Clean Water Program presentation at **Mt. SAC E.A.G.L.E Meeting**
- Met with Lauren Marshall from San Dimas to discuss **Marchant Park** project and Watershed Coordinator role.
- Met with **Finkbiner Park** project applicant team to discuss project, timeline, needs, outreach plan and to discuss next steps.
- Attended various **ESGVWVG** Meetings to learn ways to support **Fairplex, Pedley, Spreading Grounds** and **Lone Hill** projects

HIGHLIGHTS

- Met with **Bassett High School Stormwater Capture Multi-Benefit Project** applicant team to discuss project, timeline, needs, outreach plan and to discuss next steps.
- Conducted **Wingate Park** project site walkthrough visit and meeting with Sharon Gallant from Covina to discuss project needs and outreach plan.
- Met with project applicants for **Encanto Park** project to discuss project background, timeline and next steps.
- Met with Trust for Public Land to discuss **Zamora Park** background and learn how Watershed Coordinator can support project.

Encanto Park Stormwater Capture Project Concept Plan

Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project September 10, 2021

Kiosk and Seating Area

Enhanced Pavement

Low Water Use Planting

Landscape Plant List

Trees

- Cajon Live Oak (Quercus agrifolia)
- Mondel Pine (Pinus monterezii)
- African Sycamore (Ficus africana)
- London Plane Tree (Platanus occidentalis)

Low Water Use Vegetation

- Variegated Smooth Agave (Agave attenuata 'variegata')
- Deer Grass (Stipa sp.)
- Berkeley Sedge (Carex flacca)
- California Buckwheat (Eriogonum fasciculatum)
- Scale Brown (Lepidosaphalea sp.)
- India Hawthorne (Hesperaloe parviflora)
- Red Yucca (Yucca elata)
- Our Lord's Candle (Yucca filamentosa)
- Alkali Dropseed (Sporobolus airoides)
- California Sagebrush (Salvia leucantha)
- White Sage (Salvia albicaulis)
- New Gold Lantana (Lantana 'New Gold')

ENCANTO PARKWAY

North

Amanda Hamilton

Alfredo Camacho

Alex Tachiki - Cit...

Oliver Galang (Craftwater Engrg)

Courtney Semlow



Alfredo Camacho

Kyle Brown (he/him)

City of Pomona
Rene Guerrero
Public Works

DUDEK
Rose Newberry

City of Pomona
Kirk Pelsler
Administration

Henry Eckold

Michael Thomas

Josh Landis

Devon Hartman

Stella Ursua She/Her GRID Alternatives

Tobias Hecht

Jeff Johanssen

LESSONS LEARNED

FUNDED PROJECT COORDINATION

- Our Watershed Coordination work began with **10** projects funded through the Infrastructure Program funds and nearly 90% of the regional funds expended through FY 2025-2026. Most of our time during Quarter 2 was spent on connecting with SIP funded projects and learning how to support further development and project completion - not only to find opportunities to include community engagement, but to highlight the program's successes to the public.
- Connected with FY 20/21 and 21/22 project applicants; issues include delays with receiving funding or other administrative tasks that require completion before project can move forward,
 - community engagement process forthcoming, awaiting project applicant lead, potential partners and outreach plans are identified per community/project area.

LESSONS LEARNED

DELAYS WITH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- There are many considerations for project development - project development takes time
 - TRP process takes an average time of 26 - 40 months from project idea to project approval; Community or CBO-initiated projects require larger time investment and resources.
- Our staff is learning about municipal and county-planned projects in the pipeline through various channels - no centralized location for potential projects for Watershed Coordinator to support - Identified need to coordinate with all potential projects.
- Communicated with representatives from all cities in the Watershed; not all applicants are interested in applying for an IP project, or defer to their WMP or EWMP groups. Will continue to check-in with representatives from all cities.



FEBRUARY & MARCH

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- Met with **Baldwin Park** Parks & Recreation Staff to discuss Safe Clean Water Program, discuss park needs and identify potential project sites.
- Conducted outreach and education at **La Puente** Farmer's Market
- Participating in "**Water Talks**" - the GLAC DACIP Program to help identify and develop projects in the USGR Area.
- Working with the **City of Pomona** - Development Services staff as they undergo their Complete Streets process.
- Met with City of **Irwindale** - Public Works Department to discuss Safe Clean Water Program and to identify potential project sites

HIGHLIGHTS

- Met with Laura Santos, **Bassett/La Puente** community leader and Mt. SAC Trustee to discuss Bassett project. and potential projects.
- Met with Lopez Urban Farm in **Pomona** to discuss Safe Clean Water Program and discuss potential project opportunity.
- Met with SGVCCC staff and connected with El Arbol de San Jose to discuss potential projects in **South San Jose Hills**.
- Attended **MacLaren Hall** Community Advisory Committee Meeting and Community Meeting.
- Participating in **ReDesign LA**'s next cohort to identify projects and build capacity for community-based projects.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Working with **Council for Watershed Health** and **Heal the Bay** on a Schools and Stormwater Symposium in May.
- Working with **Council for Watershed Health** to provide engagement and curriculum support on their upcoming IRWM DACIP Training Program.
- Met with Councilmember Brian Tatanbatai and Commissioner Robert Torres from **West Covina** and toured Jeff Seymour Family Center in El Monte - possible West Covina stormwater capture project.
- Met with **La Puente** Director of Development Services and Public Works Director to discuss Safe Clean Water Program and potential projects.
- Met with Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier and Avocado Heights to discuss Safe Clean Water Program and potential project sites.



Bassett High School



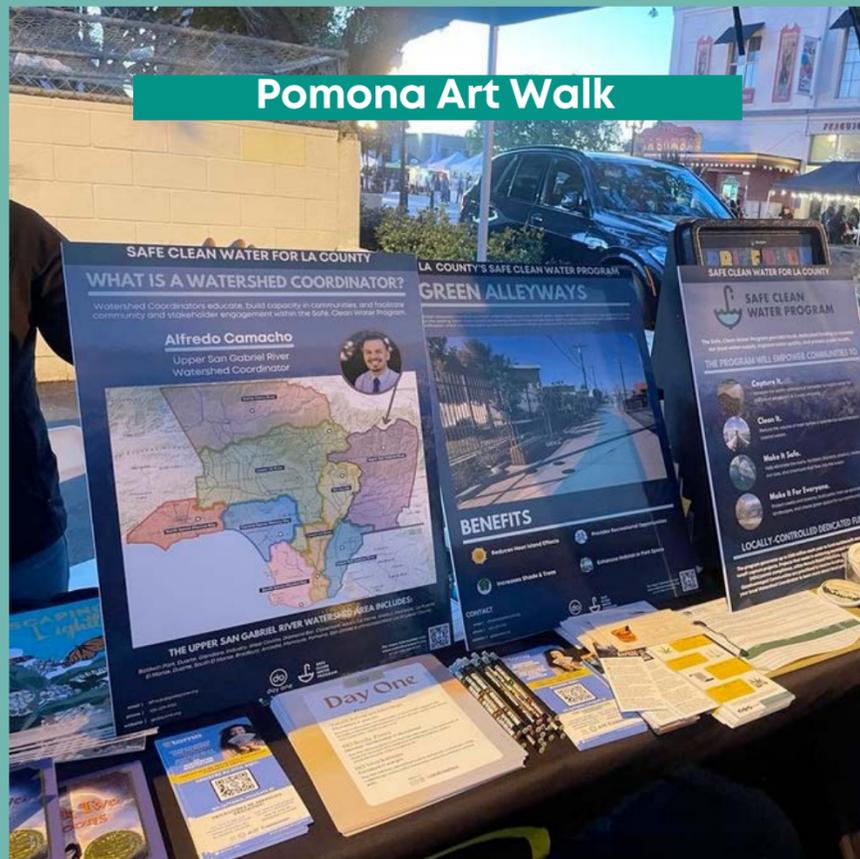
Clean Air Coalition



Lopez Urban Farm



Monrovia



Pomona Art Walk



La Puente Farmer's Market



School of Arts & Enterprise



Avocado Heights



Monrovia



Bassett Park



Tony Cerda Park Garden



Day One Youth Advocates

PROJECT UPDATES



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	Project Name	Project Cost	SCWP Award	Cost Share	Needed	Received To Date
20-21	Bassett High School Stormwater Capture Multi-Benefit Project	\$62,400,000	\$ 31,200,000	\$ 31,200,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
20-21	Pedley Spreading Grounds	\$2,825,900	\$2,825,900	\$0	\$0	\$102,760
20-21	Encanto Park Stormwater Capture Project	\$2,825,900	\$1,529,860	\$1,000,000	\$296,040	\$702,860
20-21	Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Drainage Improvement Project	\$4,100,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0

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20-21	Barnes Park	\$17,318,419	\$14,735,690	\$0	\$2,582,729	\$1,000,000
20-21	Wingate Park Regional EWMP Project	\$25,106,815	\$24,177,675	\$0	\$929,140	\$929,142
21-22	Zamora Park Renovation Project	\$6,055,829	\$2,000,000	\$4,680,436	\$0	\$0
21-22	Finkbiner Park Stormwater Capture Project	\$24,380,008	\$2,581,286	\$645,322	\$21,153,400	\$0

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21-22	Fairplex	\$31,900,000	\$2,900,000	\$0	\$29,000,000	\$0
21-22	Lone Hill Park Stormwater Capture Project	\$ 9,900,000	\$900,000	\$1,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$0



QUESTIONS?