

Rio Hondo Watershed Coordinator Update

Presented to the Rio Hondo WASC

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Watershed Coordinator Activities

WC Activities
since Last
WASC
Meeting
(3-15-2022)

- Convened a virtual municipal-focused educational event on 3/21 through the SGVCOG
- Convened a virtual community-focused outreach event (with USGR Watershed Coordinator team) on 3/22
- Started planning for the next two outreach events – 4/22 in Monrovia (at the City’s Earth Day event) and 5/1 in Alhambra (at the City’s ECO Fair)
- Started planning for next municipal-focused educational event with SGVCOG staff
- Conducted one-on-one interview with WASC member James Tong

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WC Activities since Last WASC Meeting

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- Coordinated with current project proponents and their consultants
- Updated Rio Hondo Watershed Area Project table to continue to improve understanding of project relationships and available SIP funds in upcoming project years
- Reviewed SOEP to focus planned update
- Coordinated with neighboring Watershed Coordinators re: planning upcoming events together
- Calls with SCWP program staff and RH WASC members re: projects, outreach
- Participated in Watershed Coordinator meeting

WC Coordination:

Coordination Efforts with Interested Parties in Identified Disadvantaged Communities

- Email outreach City of Rosemead City Council Member re: outreach event
- Email outreach attempts to City of Montebello Public Works re: outreach event and potential SCWP project
- Communications with Active SGV re: potential future project in El Monte
- Communication with consultant to El Monte regarding addition of a drainage ditch naturalization and a bike path connecting the proposed Merced Avenue Bike Trail project to Rio Hondo linear park.



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Engagement with Community- Based Organizations

- Meeting with APIFM rep and City/project rep about proposed Alhambra project and upcoming tabling event
- Outreach to Nature for All and APIFM re: March 22 outreach event
- Meetings and conversations with Day One regarding potential projects and future outreach events
- Conversations with Council for Watershed Health regarding shared cities and future outreach events.

Planned Upcoming Activity Focus

- Planning and convening outreach events on April 22 (in Monrovia) and May 1 (in Alhambra) in conjunction with community events happening in those cities.
- Convening a second educational event with a focus on municipal stakeholders – especially City Managers - through SGVCOG (likely to May or early June)
- Updating SOEP, including developing a new section on original inhabitants of area
- Consult with TreePeople DACIP project manager and Council for Watershed Health project manager re: needs assessment.

FYI – Virtual Funding Fair

- California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) hosting a free virtual funding fair on May 17 and May 25.
- Opportunity to learn about available grant, loan, and bond financing options for infrastructure projects
- See www.cfcc.ca.gov (or email Julie) to be connected with information.



SAVE-THE-DATE
May 17 and 25, 2022
California Financing Coordinating Committee
FREE Spring 2022 Virtual Funding Fair on


Registration and Zoom Link information coming soon

Seeking Funding for Your Infrastructure Project
OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT, LOAN AND BOND FINANCING PROGRAMS, AND OPTIONS

Connect with federal, state, and local agencies to discuss the financial and technical resources available.

Presentations
9:00 a.m. to an estimated time of 12:30 p.m.

Virtual Booths
Estimated time of 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The funding fair provides an opportunity for attendees to speak directly with program staff about specific projects and issues affecting their community.

Please visit the CFCC website at www.cfcc.ca.gov for more information and member directory.

Call to Action for Project Proponents

- July 31 deadline is coming quickly!
- Please engage with the Watershed Coordinator team – we can be a resource to Cities, community groups, and other project proponents.
- If you will be submitting a project in July, start outreach to potential project supporters ASAP.
 - Community engagement and support is critical
 - Document your outreach (support letters, etc.)
 - New [Safe, Clean Water Program Interim Guidance document](#) details requirements for outreach/engagement at all stages of project development



Questions and Discussion

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