



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

**North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Advisory Steering Committee
and
Safe Clean Water L.A.**

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MS4 Compliance Opportunities





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Conversations about MS4 Compliance Opportunities – How Do Cities Afford Applications?

- Agoura Hills
- Hidden Hills
- L.A. County
- Malibu
- Westlake Village
- Collaborative application concept



1. Facilitate Community Engagement in SCWP

- Met with Malibu City Councilmember Mikke Pierson
- Offered outreach for Careful et al Super Green Streets project
- Committed to Earth Day events at Pepperdine, Calabasas and tried to facilitate event for Westlake Village
- Lead water talks at Malibu High School
- Coordinating Nature Based Solutions event for November

2. Identify and Develop Project Concepts

- Met with Rob Duboux, Yolanda Bundy, and Mark Johnson at City of Malibu to discuss Measure W
- Met with Ms. Jessica Forte and Ms. Roxanne Hughes to discuss possible MS4 compliance projects
- Agoura Hills now funding science project with UCLA
- Pairing Native Plants Kit group and ARLA to discuss funding
- WBMWD and RCDSMM discussing cistern projects; ARLA to join conversation.
- Attended LAUSD Bond Oversight Committee Meeting; spoke on behalf of water projects at request of Mr. Mark Hovatter



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Melissa Capriglione @ Basil and Oregano!!
@mcapriglioneart



When you ask me how I'm doing and I say "I'm functioning" this is what I mean



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3. Work with Technical Assistance Teams

- Unclear if there is any TRP money remaining for the next 3 years.
- If so, would like to encourage City of Malibu to apply.

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4. Facilitate Identification and Representation of Community Priorities



- Reached out to all NSMB WASC stakeholders for NSMB SOEP revision
- Attended Malibu-Las Virgenes COG
- Spoke with Debra Sharpton / Mark Abramson re: idea for Lake Lindero; push back probable
- Staying in touch with Topanga Elementary School people
- Connecting to Malibu High School students + Councilmember Mikke Pierseon + Austin Toyoma, SMMUSD

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5. Integrate Priorities Through Partnerships and Extensive Networks



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Thanks to Mark Johnson, connected with:

- Megan Swanson, Sustainability Lead, Pepperdine University
- Austin Toyama, Sustainability Lead, SMMUSD

Thanks to Sophie Freeman, connected with:

- Mark Hovatter, Director of Operations, LAUSD, 2x

And,

- Meeting with Malibu City Staff
- Spoke to Kevin Kunz, www.aquipor.com



6. Cost-Share Partners

- Teaming up ARLA with LVMWD, TreePeople
- Teaming up RCDSMM and WBMWD and possibly ARLA
- Measure RR funding seems to be already allocated but... LAUSD may self-fund Topanga Elementary Schools project

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Innovative Local Water Supply in the North Santa Monica Bay



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x 90,000 =



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***Cistern in photo holds 5,000 gallons**



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7. Leverage Funding

- Discussing inclusion of cisterns / native plants kit project in IRWM application with WBMWD.
- Plan to submit multiple SEP applications for Native Plants Kit and cisterns projects.
- Looking to connect RCDSMM / WBMWD to ARLA which has articulated that it may have access to DWR funding.
- Looked for original application for garden program, city of Santa Monica, will recreate to memory.
- Exploring CALFIRE funding.
- Talking to CWN about if DWR might consider using SWEEP model for suburban projects

8. Local Stakeholder Education

- Prepping for water talks at Malibu High School held in biology classes in lieu of to whole school.
- Participating in conversations with Dr. Rich Ambrose, Dr. Mike Stenstrom, Jessica Forte, and Madelyn Glickfeld for pathogen; funded by Agoura Hills.
- Spoke with Center for Watershed Health to support their conference.
- Next NSMB Watershed Community meeting is June 30, 2022. Thinking of doing 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Monthly Newsletter



9. Watershed Coordinator Collaboration



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- Attended monthly watershed coordinator meeting
- Participating with Schools & Stormwater Working Group preparing for event on May 19.
- Developing Nature Based Solutions success stories event for November; Santa Barbara Creeks Division, The Nature Conservancy and others confirmed attendance.

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