

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

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Tuesday April 26, 2022  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
WebEx Meeting

## Committee Members Present:

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

\*Committee Member Alternate

## Committee Members Not Present:

Edgar Campos, T.R.U.S.T. South LA (Community)

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

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## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

District staff conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx. Susie Santilena, Chair of the Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) WASC, welcomed Committee members and called the meeting to order.

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 March 22, 2022**

District staff presented the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Watershed Coordinator Michelle Struthers proposed a minor revision to the draft meeting minutes noted that Chair requested her to share the information about the Upper Los Angeles River WASC Living Schoolyards Study to the WASC and not the applicant, as stated in the draft meeting minutes. Member Nguyen motioned to approve the meeting minutes with the requested revision. The motion was seconded by Member Descalzo. The Committee voted to approve the March 22, 2022 minutes (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

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## 3. Committee Member and District Updates

Chair Santilena announced a public event hosted by the City of Los Angeles on April 23. The event will be held at MacArthur Park Lake, which is also the location of a regional project funded by the CSMB WASC.

District staff provided an update, noting:

- Per Section 16.10.C of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code, individuals that both own and reside on a residential parcel within the District, are head of household or are the sole providers of maintaining the costs of the home, and whose household income does not exceed the Very Low-Income or Extremely Low-Income limits, may apply for a reduction from the SCWP Special Parcel Tax. General Income-Based Tax Reduction Forms must be submitted on an annual basis and are due no later than May 1.
- On March 29, 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 and will act to cover all the commissions and committees under their authority.
- The County Executive Office issued a memo on April 8 for preparation of the return to in person meetings. The District will be sending out surveys to Committee members to gather feedback on returning to in person meetings. The County Executive Office also sent out letters of resignation to Committee members that did not adhere to the Board's vaccination policy.
- Public Review for the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) Guidance ended March 27. The District is now compiling comments and feedback and will present an update on that soon to help inform applicants for Round 4 (Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024).
- The Call for Projects for Round 4 will end July 31, 2022.
- Under the Municipal Program, Annual Plans were due April 1 to the SCWP. Annual Plans are required to receive the Municipal Program revenue.
- Quarter 3 Quarterly Reports are due May 15, which should capture all eligible expenditures through March. This applies for projects approved in Round 2 (FY21-22) Stormwater Investment Plans.

## 4. Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator Mikaela Randolph summarized the Watershed Coordinator Quarterly Report, which can be found on the SCWP website.

- The Watershed Coordinators continued to connect with strategic partnerships and work on soliciting potential projects from the community and emphasized the value of connecting with project applicants well ahead of the Round 4 deadline.
- The CSMB quarterly newsletter was distributed last week and highlighted this WASC meeting and an upcoming event on April 30 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.
- Several Watershed Coordinators are hosting a virtual event on May 19 to elevate school participation in the program.

Watershed Coordinator Michelle Struthers compared the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Living Schoolyards Study, approved in last year's Upper Los Angeles River WASC Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP), with the Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation project under consideration for this year's SIP.

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## 5. Public Comment Period

District staff compiled all public comment cards received by 5:00pm the day before the meeting, uploaded them to the SCWP website, and displayed them on-screen. During the meeting, District staff shared on the screen those public comment cards that were received prior to the deadline.

Nicole Heil (OurWaterLA) provided public comment regarding the project prioritization. Heil recommended including labor agreements for larger projects. OurWaterLA voiced support for the Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project, the Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project, and the Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation Scientific Study. OurWaterLA does not recommend funding the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study. Lastly, OurWaterLA recommended the WASC maintain an allocation of 70% or less in the SIP to ensure that sufficient funds remain for future projects, such as those supported by the Watershed Coordinators. See attached public comment card.

Brett Perry (Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project applicant) submitted letters expressing support from Destination Crenshaw and Council District 8. See attached support letters

Kidada Malloy (Planning Deputy for LA City Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson) provided public comment in support of the Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Project, noting it will bring significant community benefits to residents of the Park Mesa Heights neighborhood and contribute to the quality and sustainability of the regional water supply. The project area is within the Crenshaw District, which is the cultural center of Los Angeles' Black community. This project is a welcome investment in the quality of life of legacy residents in the community that have not received significant infrastructure investment in decades. The Councilmember looks forward to seeing this project come to fruition and is committed to working closely with LA Sanitation and the Environment to ensure the project yields maximum benefits to Park Mesa Heights residents. See attached support letters.

Richard Watson (Regional Pathogen Reduction Study applicant) shared that the study has been approved for inclusion in five WASC SIPs. Watson noted in particular that South Santa Monica Bay and North Santa Monica Bay have approved the study and expressed hope that Central Santa Monica Bay will follow suit to close the geographic gap along the coast. Watson shared that the Regional Water Board has also voiced their support for the study.

Johnny Escobedo (Ironworkers Local 416) provided public comment in support of the West Los Angeles College Soccer Field Basin Project, citing the local labor benefits. Apprentices in the Ironworkers' program will be able to participate in the skilled, trained labor project.

## 6. Discussion

### a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Member Brice disclosed discussions regarding the Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project.

Member Amimoto disclosed involvement with the Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project.

Member Reznik is not directly related to any of the projects but is part of LA Waterkeeper, which is part of OurWaterLA. OurWaterLA developed recommendations for the projects the Committee will consider for the SIP and Member Reznik was involved in that process. Member Reznik disclosed meeting with City and County employees about projects, but none in the SIP were discussed.

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Chair Santilena disclosed involvement with the Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project. Chair Santilena also had a discussion with the Watershed Coordinators about projects in the City of Los Angeles.

**b) Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) Project Prioritization and Selection Discussion for populating the FY 2022-23 Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) ([SIP Tool](#) & [CSMB Scoring Rubric](#))**

Committee members discussed approving the top three Infrastructure Program (IP) projects to leave adequate funding for the Technical Resources Program (TRP) projects and some Scientific Studies. Two IP projects are design-only, which will result in construction funding applications in future rounds. The need for Project Labor Agreements for larger projects, as originally outlined in Measure W was noted and requirements are outlined in the Regional Program Transfer Agreement.

Committee members discussed the West LA College Soccer Field Basin. Among its strengths are the fact that the community college is attended by members of disadvantaged communities (DAC), has a Project Labor Agreement in place, and may have a smaller financial impact on the SIP than other projects. Among its weaknesses are a lack of strong community engagement efforts, the fact that it is not located in a DAC, does not include strong Nature-Based Solutions or capture runoff from outside its own site, and has limited public access.

The Committee noted that construction cost estimates for the Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project are approximately \$40 million and therefore encouraged municipalities and the County, as project leads and collaborators, to provide a local match for the project.

The Ladera Heights – W Centinela Green Improvement Project is receiving matching funds from the County for design and construction. Chair Santilena noted that the project will be carried out in conjunction with another LA City project along La Cienega. The project scope only includes its own drainage area, though there is some overlap between the two projects' drainage areas.

The Committee discussed the Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture TRP Project, noting that it will require a large amount of construction funding. The Committee questioned whether the project capture area is correct, suggesting the value may be overstated given that a large amount of the capture area is undeveloped and would not capture anthropogenic pollution. Committee suggested that the project may be better suited to other funding sources since it seems to focus more on creek restoration than water quality. Member Reznik reminded the Committee that when Measure W was passed, the public placed a higher priority on greening than water quality improvement. Further, the Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture may develop a stronger focus on water quality through the TRP process.

Watershed Coordinator Randolph noted that the Watershed Coordinator role includes identifying funding to leverage and advised project applicants whose projects are approved to remain in communication with Watershed Coordinators to find cost share partners or grant opportunities.

The Committee discussed the Microplastics in LA County Stormwater Scientific Study, received a low rank despite positive peer reviews. Committee raised questions about the value of the study in the context of broader efforts under way to understand the impacts of microplastics. The Committee noted that the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study would help local agencies save money from spending funding on measuring Fecal Indicator bacteria, which is no longer as useful in identifying human health risks.

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The Committee discussed the difficulties surrounding the potential future construction cost estimates for projects that submit design applications. Chair Santilena suggested it would be valuable to collect the anticipated construction estimates when projects submit their design application, so that the SIP can be programmed with those needs in mind. Member Descalzo noted that the schedules for construction included in applications are likely to be pushed back since approvals take a long time and recommended caution when using those placeholders to program the SIP. Member Amimoto added that the estimated construction costs for the Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project were initially overestimated.

Vice Chair Kampalath noted that the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study may result in policy changes and should therefore be handled by an agency, to which Regional Watershed Coordinator Mike Antos clarified it would be managed by the Gateway Water Management Authority if approved.

The Committee expressed concern that some of the sites for the Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation Study are privately owned while others are public, which may lead to difficulties in coordination. The Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation Study has been approved in one WASC so far.

The Project Developer for the Slauson Connect Clean Water Project (FY21-22) communicated that they could shift their funding allocation across fiscal years to frontload construction costs, pending CEQA completion.

#### **7. Public Comment Period**

Juan Diaz-Carreras (Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation Scientific Study applicant) responded to comments regarding site ownership and explained that the Study will include a screening component to address those issues.

Oliver Galang (Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project applicant) highlighted that the project was submitted by a community organization, Friends at Griffith Park. One of the goals of the TRP is to support community organizations that lack the technical background with respect to water quality. Because the diversion structure is located on Los Feliz, there is opportunity to expand water quality benefits. The project is supported by the LA City, Council District 4, LA City Recreation & Parks, and LA Bureau of Sanitation.

Richard Watson (Regional Pathogen Reduction Study applicant) clarified that the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project compiled peer reviews but did not actually conduct them for the Scientific Studies. The main criticism was regarding a lack of specificity in the project scope and team, which was an intentional feature intended to allow involvement of the stakeholder committee in determining the scope of work and selection of the project team. The stakeholder committee would include NGOs, WASC representation, and 3 national experts.

Daniel Apt (West LA College Community Soccer Basin Dry Well Project applicant) explained that more than half of the student population receives financial aid. The soccer field is open to the public and hosts many community events. The topography of the campus, being on the top of a hill, is what made it difficult to include runoff from outside the project area and is also why dry wells were the only option. The existing basin is a detention basin, and the project would convert it to a retention basin. Apt explained that there would organizations to match funds and that the project utilizes existing infrastructure to maximize benefit.

Gerry Hans (President of Friends of Griffith Park) spoke regarding the Fern Dell Creek Restoration and Stormwater Capture TRP project. There is no assumption that the entire \$10 million dollars would be

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requested from the SCWP, noting that their organization has a history of raising funds. The undeveloped park that is part of the project area contains runoff from observatory roads, which would contain anthropogenic pollution. Hans reiterated that this project has demonstrated strong community outreach as well as support from the LA City Department Recreation and Parks.

## 8. Voting Items

- a) **Approve the Final Fiscal Year 2022-23 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendations for the CSMB Watershed Area and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) for review**

Member Medina expressed appreciation for project applicants' comments and emphasized the SCWP's ultimate goals of realizing tangible benefits in communities while providing clean water, noting that the Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation Scientific Study does both.

Member Reznik motioned to include the top three Infrastructure Program projects in the FY22-23 SIP, seconded by Member Rafael Prieto. The WASC voted and passed this motion.

Member Reznik motioned to include the Fern Dell Creek Restoration and Stormwater Capture Technical Resources Program project to the FY22-23 SIP. The motion was seconded by Member Ford. The WASC voted and passed this motion.

Member Reznik motioned to include the Microplastics in LA County Stormwater study and the Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation Study in the FY22-23 SIP, seconded by Member Medina. The WASC voted and passed this motion.

Member Hamamoto motioned to include the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study in the FY22-23 SIP, seconded by Member Nguyen. The WASC voted and did not pass this motion.

Member Nguyen motioned to approve the FY22-23 SIP for the CSMB WASC including:

### Infrastructure Program Projects:

- Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements,
- Ladera Heights – W Centinela Ave Green Improvement, and
- Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor

### Technical Resource Program Project:

- Fern Dell Creek Restoration and Stormwater Capture

### Scientific Studies:

- Microplastics in LA County Stormwater and
- Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation.

The motion was seconded by Member Descalzo. The WASC voted and passed this motion. See vote tracking sheet.

## 9. Items for Next Agenda

District staff indicated that since the SIP has been finalized, May meeting may not be needed. The Committee may reconvene in June/July. See the SCWP website for meeting details.

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## **10. Adjournment**

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

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		Quorum Present				Voting Items					
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	03/22/2022 Meeting Minutes (w/ revision)	Top 3 IP in FY22-23 SIP	Include TRP in FY22-23 SIP	Include Microplastics & Community Garden SS in FY22-23 SIP	Include Regional Pathogen SS in FY22-23 SIP	Approve the FY22-23 SIP
Agency	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Cung Nguyen	x	Mark Beltran		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Agency	West Basin Metropolitan Water District	E.J. Caldwell	x			Not Present	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Agency	Los Angeles City Water & Power	Delon Kwan		Art Castro	x	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Agency	Los Angeles City Sanitation and Environment	Sheila Brice	x	Michael Scaduto		A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Agency	Los Angeles City Recreation & Parks	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	x	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office	Rita Kampalath	x	Gary Gero		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Community Stakeholder	PSOMAS / Business Sector	Alysen Weiland	x			A	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present
Community Stakeholder	The Solutions Project / SCOPE	Gloria Walton		Gloria Medina	x	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Community Stakeholder	Los Angeles Waterkeeper	Bruce Reznik	x	Maggie Gardner		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Community Stakeholder	T.R.U.S.T. South LA	Edgar Campos									
Municipal Members	Beverly Hills / West Hollywood	Josette Descalzo	x			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Municipal Members	Inglewood	Lauren Amimoto	x	Thomas Lee		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Roberto Perez	x			Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Rafael Prieto	x			Not Present	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Susie Santilena	x	Rebecca Rasmussen		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles County	Bruce Hamamoto	x	Geremew Amenu		Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Municipal Members	Santa Monica	Curtis Castle	x	George Rodriguez		Not Present	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Watershed Coordinator	Heal the Bay	Mikaela Randolph	x			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Watershed Coordinator	S. Groner Associates	Michelle Struthers	x			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yay (Y)	11	15	14	11	6	15
Total Voting Members Present		16			Nay (N)	0	0	1	4	8	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	2	0	0	0	1	0
Community Stakeholder		4			Total	13	15	15	15	15	15
Municipal Members		7				Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Not Approved	Approved

Other Attendees
Amanda Begley
Andrew Gray
Brad Parks
Brett Perry
Conor Mossavi
Cordoba Corporation Chupa
Daniel Apt
Danielle Chupa
Derek Nguyen
Diana Campos
Elizabeth Gallo
Geremew Amenu
Gerry Hans
Greg Sands
Ironworkers local 416 Escobedo
Jim Rasmus (Carollo)
Johanna Chang
Joyce Amaro
Kara Plourde
Katie Harrel
Ken Susilo
Kidada Malloy
Kindel Gagan Gagan
Lex S.
Maggie Gardner
Marian Dodge
Mary Breckell
Michael Scaduto
Mike
Nichole Heil
Oliver Galang
Paul CHOY
Richard Watson
Rochelle Wilson
Serena Zhu
Sunshine Saucedo
Thomas Lee
Tiffany Wong
WSP Diaz-Carreras

## Safe, Clean Water Program

### Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee FY22-23 Summary of Resources

Hello Central Santa Monica Bay WASC Members,

Prior to the FY22-23 SIP Discussion, please:

- Refresh your knowledge on the FY22-23 Project Submittals for an open discussion on the projects.
  - [SCW Portal](#)
  - [SIP Tool](#)
  - [CSMB IP Project Scores](#)
  - [Partial Funding Guidelines](#)
- See below for all project presentation slides and Stormwater Investment Plan discussion in the past meeting minutes.

#### [October 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

- SS: **Regional Pathogen Reduction Study**  
*Gateway Water Management Authority*
- SS: **Community-Centered Optimization of Nature-Based BMPs Starting with the Gaffey Nature Center Facility / SEITec**
- SS: **Microplastics in LA County Stormwater / Dr. Andrew Gray, UC Riverside**
- SS: **Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation**  
*Los Angeles Community Garden Council*

#### [November 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

- TRP: **Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project**  
*Friends of Griffith Park*
- IP: **Ladera Heights – W. Centinela Green Improvement**  
*LA County Public Works*
- IP: **West Los Angeles College Soccer Field Basin Dry Well Project**  
*LA Community College District & BuildLACCD*
- IP: **Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project**  
*City of LA, Sanitation and Environment*

#### [January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

- IP: **Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project**  
*City of Inglewood*

#### [February 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

- Project Prioritization and Selection Discussion for populating the FY22-23 SIP

#### [March 22, 2022 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

- [FY22-23 Scientific Study Summaries](#)
- Project Prioritization and Selection Discussion for populating the FY22-23 SIP

## **Watershed Coordinator Quarterly Report A Project of Safe, Clean Water L.A.**

Watershed: Central Santa Monica Bay  
Watershed Coordinator: Mikaela Randolph  
WC Contact: mrandolph@healthebay.org

Quarterly Report 3  
Date of Submission: [December 23, 2021]  
Contract Execution Date: [March 22, 2021]

### **A. Summary of Activities**

*Provide a high-level summary of activities completed this quarter and progress made toward completion of the annual scope of work.*

The work this third quarter continued to focus on creating materials and curriculum to integrate Safe, Clean Water Program (SCW) goals into Heal the Bay's (HtB) existing outreach programs on water quality and water supply. We trained new volunteers to talk about the SCW in general and our staff was trained to talk about the SCW in greater detail to expand our outreach and engagement capacity within the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed (CSMB). Outreach and Programmatic activities included generating novel Safe Clean Water Program (SCW) talks, workshop activities, promotional flyers, targeted one-pagers, and QR codes to facilitate outreach and engagement activities, and a landing page to support the community's ability to navigate some of the specifics about the program and connect with Watershed Coordinators (WCs) directly. We worked to develop materials that are relatable to community members in our respective watershed areas, with a focus on disadvantaged community members. Our partnership with Social Justice Learning Institute (SJLI) has proved valuable throughout this process.

In October, Mikaela focused on participating in meetings with interested parties and research on the WHAM and 10 by 10 initiatives. Mikaela volunteered to join the Green Schools Committee among the WCs to work towards facilitating school district participation in the SCW. Stephen Groener & Associates (SGA) and HtB Central Santa Monica Bay WCs continued to work collaboratively to coordinate tasks and meet deliverables highlighted in the Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP). We met with identified interested parties to discuss project concepts and identify opportunities for outreach and engagement within the Central Santa Monica Bay watershed area. In addition to coordination amongst the CSMB WCs, we have continued collaboration with the South Santa Monica Bay WC and the Lower L.A. River WC.

In November, Mikaela focused on the identification of community priorities. This materialized as participation in events, including Welcome Days at the Natural History Museum that allowed the CSMB WCs to engage in general education with the public around the SCW program and administer the Community Needs Survey. Children and their families were engaged through an interactive board that allowed us to capture some community priorities around infrastructure projects in their community (e.g., green schoolyards, tree planting etc.). Mikaela additionally worked with the National Charity League (NCL) to discuss the importance of water quality in the context of the SCW program. Mikaela continued to deepen her commitment to equity in the urban water space. Of particular interest was Mikaela's participation in the 2-part Equity in Water Training and the 8-part Race + Ocean trainings.

In December, Mikaela and the Heal the Bay team hosted the first watershed-wide educational workshop for the CSMB Watershed on December 9. The event was planned and executed in partnership with Social Justice Learning Institute (SJLI) and Consultant Jesse de la Cruz. Spanish translation services were provided as well as a bilingual slide deck. The workshop was also simulcast on Facebook, as well as advertisement in English and Spanish. 291 individuals registered for the event and 112 attended on zoom while 100+ more watched the recording on Facebook after the event. We

administered the Community Needs Survey to this group and heard more nuanced feedback from them live through breakout room and main room discussions. Several community members were so activated by the content of the SCW that they stayed on for 30 minutes after the workshop was over to continue discussions, and we have reached out to those folks in particular to discuss future partnerships. In addition, many attendees expressed wanting more workshops like this to be offered. Additionally, Mikaela supported the Heal the Bay Communications team to launch a SCW program landing page on the Heal the Bay website to facilitate increased engagement with WCs for the CSMB watershed area and the South Santa Monica Bay (SSMB) watershed area and the SCW program. That page is now launched and includes access to the Community Needs Survey and a sign-up for our watershed-specific newsletter, which we aim to distribute on a quarterly basis (<https://healthebay.org/safecleanwater/>).

Collaboration with SGA WCs Michelle Struthers (CSMB) and Tara Dales (LLAR) has continued as we have shared resources and strategy tactics. Mikaela continues to coordinate on a frequent basis (multiple times a week) with fellow Heal the Bay WC (Nancy Shrodes).

Overview, at a glance:

- + Continued implementing existing Heal the Bay outreach programs with SCW program integration
- + Trained 5 volunteers to give Know the Flow local water supply *Speaker's Bureau* presentations that include SCW content
- + Speakers Bureau Presentations and tabling engagements by month:
  - October:
    - 340 people reached through 4 Know the Flow, 5 Ocean Pollution, and 1 SCW presentations throughout the County (6 of these presentations with 255 people were in the CSMB)
  - November:
    - 100 people reached through 3 Know the Flow and 1 Ocean Pollution presentations throughout the County (3 presentations with 60 attendees were in the CSMB)
    - Tabled at the Natural History Museum during *Welcome Day* on November 7
  - December:
    - 222 people reached through 1 Know the Flow and 2 Ocean Pollution presentations throughout the County (1 presentation with 96 attendees was hosted in the CSMB)
    - Tabled at Natural History Museum during *Welcome Day* on December 12
    - Tabled at CicLAvia South L.A. event on December 5
- + Organized and held first SCWP watershed-wide educational workshop – 291 registrants, 112 participants, 100+ Facebook views of the recording
- + Attended WC monthly meetings
- + Collaboration with other WCs

### B. Engagement Meetings Held or Attended

Use the table below for high-level summary of all engagement events held or attended. Flag for events held and attach attendance records and materials provided. Add an attachment number here and on the attachment to correlate. Add rows when needed.

	Meeting or Event	Date	Summary of Meeting or Event	Stakeholders Engaged	Held or Attended?	Attachments #
Ex.	GLAC IRWM Leadership Meeting	7/4/21	Quarterly business meeting	GLAC Leadership	Attended	B-1
1.	South Bay IRWM Meeting	10/5/21	Presentation of LA County Water Plan	IRWM	Attended	B1
2.	Safe Clean Water Program Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) meeting	10/7/21	LA County Flood Control District provided update of SCW program to date	ROC and general public attendees	Attended	
3.	Watershed Coordinator (WC) Green Schools Working Group	10/13/21	Discussed the opportunity for school district/schools in the SCW program	Regional Watershed Coordinators (WCs) of the SCW program	Attended	
4.	Konkuey Design (Interested Party Meeting)	10/13/21	Met with Konkuey Design to discuss Safe Clean Water (SCW) program Goals, Watershed Coordinator roles, and engagement with SCWP and potential project concepts	Konkuey Design staff and CSMB WCs	Held	
5.	Ballona Creek Community Meeting	10/13/21	Attended Ballona Creek Community Design meeting after meeting	Mar Vista Garden residents and Konkuey Design team	Attended	B2

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			with Konkuey Designs to better understand the project and listen to community concerns			
6.	L.A. County Native American dialogue	10/14/21	Attended meeting to better understand Native American concerns and how they might integrate with the SCWP	L.A. County agency, supervisors, Native American population	Attended	
7.	Speakers Bureau Know the Flow Training – Part 1	10/19/21	HtB held a speakers Bureau training which included SCWP talking points to support trainees in connecting Know the Flow talking points with SCW program	HtB volunteers and individuals interested in participating in Speakers Bureau	Held	
8.	Central Santa Monica Bay bi-weekly Watershed Coordinator meeting	10/20/21	Bi-Weekly check-in call with Michelle (SGA) to ensure the work is on track and coordinate efforts across the CSMB watershed area	CSMB WCs (Michelle and Mikaela)	Held	
9.	Speakers Bureau Training – Part 2	10/21/21	Continued training to attendees on important connecting points on water	Speakers' Bureau trainees from throughout the region	Held	

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			and the SCW program			
10	Central Santa Monica Bay WASC meeting	10/21/21	Attended and provided updated to WASC on WC activities	CSMB WASC members and attendees	Attended	
11	Monthly Watershed Coordinator Meeting	10/27/21	Convened Watershed Coordinators, developed and facilitated led the agenda which included a MS4 permit and Safe Clean Water talk from Annelisa Moe (HtB staff)	Regional Watershed Coordinators	Held & Attended	B4
12	Welcome Day at the Natural History Museum	11/9/21	Educated museum attendees on watershed and SCW program goals	Natural History Museum visitors	Attended	B5
13	City of L.A. Sanitation District and SCW WCs	11/8/21	Discussed effective ways to include WCs in the City of L.A.'s Safe Clean water program activities	WCs representing City of L.A. (Nancy, Michelle, Carlos, Clarasophia and Mikaela)	Attended	
14	Recycle the Runoff: A roadmap for stormwater by <i>Council for Watershed Health</i>	11/10/21	Workshop on how to implement stormwater diversions in L.A. County to improve water quality.		Attended	
15	Equity in Water Training by Urban Waters Learning	11/16/21	Training addressing systemic racism and access in	Broader Southern California Water community	Attended	

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			connection with Water work in SoCal region.			
16	Central Santa Monica Bay WASC meeting	11/18/21	Provided WC update	CSMB WASC members and attendees	Attended	
17	SCWP Scoring Committee	11/22/21	Attended Scoring committee meeting to better understand how the process is done	CSMB scoring committee and attendees of the public	Attended	
18	SCWP Monthly Watershed Coordinators (WCs) Meeting	12/1/21	Attended and participated in monthly regional watershed coordinator (WC) meeting	SCWP WCs	Attended	
19	Water Equity and Anti-racism trainings for SCWP WCs	12/2/21	Water Equity and Anti-Racism for the LA Basin SCWP watershed coordinators (WC)	Part 2 focused on specific equity issues/considerations of the SCW program	Attended	
20	One Water Beach Clean Up	12/3/21	Assisted in Beach Clean Up, engaged with interested party water agencies focused on One-Water collaborative efforts including SCWP	City/County water agencies, engineering firms	Held	B6
21	South Bay IRWM Steering Committee	12/7/21	Election of Chair and Vice Chair (no quorum)	IRWM steering committee members	Attended	
22	SCWP Scoring Committee	12/9/21	Attended to hear how some Infrastructure projects were	Scoring Committee and members of the public	Attended	

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			being re-scored under the project			
23	City of Inglewood & SCWP WCs meeting	12/9/21	Met and discussed SCWP needs for City of Inglewood. Introduced the role of the Watershed Coordinators (WCs)	City of Inglewood storm management (Lauren) and WCs (Nancy, Michelle, and Mikaela)	Held	
24	What Stormwater Can Do for US! Watershed -Wide Workshop	12/9/21	Educate over 200 people about the Safe Clean Water Program (the impetus for the program, how to become more engaged with the program). Included breakout rooms for the SSMB and CSMB	General Public within the L.A. County region	Held	B7
25	Welcome Day at Natural History Museum	12/12/21	Tabled at the Natural History Museum. Engaged museum attendees on watersheds and the SCW program.		Attended	B8
26	SCWP Schools Working Group	12/16/21	In collaboration with other WCs, discussed goals, opportunities and approach to supporting schools' participation in the SCW program	The Working Group of WCs	Attended	

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27	Call with Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT)	12/17/21	Met with Tori Kjer to discuss SCWP goals, introduce the role of the watershed coordinator, and assess needs of org to potentially support participation in the SCWP	Tori, Michelle, Nancy, Erin, and Mikaela	Held	
28	CWEA P3 Conference	12/20/21	Met with Susan Hiestand about a speaker request for an upcoming conference on stormwater and pollution etc.	Susan, Annelisa, Nancy, and Mikaela	Held	

### C. Potential Cost-Share Partners Contacted

Provide a list of potential cost-share partners contacted for projects within and adjacent to the Watershed Area. Attach relevant materials. Add an attachment number here and on the attachment to correlate. Add rows when needed.

	Potential Partner Name	Date First Contacted	Project name / type	Nature of potential partnership	Attachments #
Ex	County of Ventura	7/4/21	Malibu Creek Watershed Awesomeness Project	MOU for project that crosses county boundary	C-1
1	N/A		Have not identified a project that has requested additional funding assistance. Team continues to update the Cost-Share Partners database		

### D. Leveraged / Outside Funding Pursued

Share all outside funding opportunities pursued and the status or outcome of the pursuit. Attach relevant materials. Add an attachment number here and on the attachment to correlate. Add rows when needed.

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Ex	USEPA EJ Small Grants	Grant co-written with Pacoima Beautiful, submitted June 30, 2021, expect to hear by August 12, 2021.	D-1
1	N/A	Continue to attend potential webinars to support projects once funding needs have been identified	

### E. Detailed Progress Report

Provide an update on the amount of effort expended for each Task this quarter and note percentage complete:

Task #	Task	Total Task Level of Effort (from workplan)	LOE this quarter	Accumulated LOE to-date (from monthly reports)
Ex.		25%		
1	Facilitate Community Engagement	38.26%	37%	46%
2	Identify and Develop Project Concepts	6.69%	4%	3%
3	Work with Technical Assistance Teams	3.88%	0%	2%
4	Facilitate Identification and Representation of Community Priorities	11.74%	16%	10%
5	Integrate Priorities through Partnerships and Extensive Networks	7.03%	9%	6%
6	Cost-share Partners	5.52%	1%	1%
7	Leverage Funding	5.90%	2%	2%
8	Local Stakeholder Education	16.21%	40%	30%
9	Watershed Coordinator Collaboration	4.79%	15%	19%
	<b>Overall</b>	100%	125%	119%

### F. Engagement efforts benefitting Disadvantaged Communities

*Summarize activities undertaken which have benefitted members of disadvantaged communities. Distinguish between targeted efforts and ones that could benefit all communities.*

Mikaela has begun engagement with the SLATE-Z Promise zone working groups to target South L.A. residents that may reside in disadvantaged communities. Additionally, Michelle and Mikaela have worked to strategically identify interested parties that may represent disadvantaged communities or the interest of disadvantaged communities as we work to do targeted outreach.

Other interested party meetings have included meeting with Konkuey Designs, a community-driven design firm. Attended a community meeting in the Mar Vista Gardens community for a potential project concept, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, and the Prevention Institute, etc.

Mikaela along with SGA representatives participated in Welcome Day at the Natural History Museum to better understand community concerns or priorities.

#### **G. Scheduling concerns or issues**

*Discuss any scheduling concerns and issues encountered that may delay completion of the program or project. Describe any anticipated schedule or budget modifications.*

We are completing a year's worth of tasks in 2021 under a shortened timeline, and therefore are averaging 123% effort to accomplish our goals by the deadline. Our contract execution date was March 23, 2021. The notice to proceed was given May 27, 2021.

#### **H. Expected activities next quarter**

*Summarize expected activities in the next quarter, include dates if known for outreach or education events being held.*

- Train new Street Fleet tabling volunteers to be able to explain the SCWP and answer questions
  - Trainings in February
- Attend monthly WC meetings
  - Continue to meet and collaborate with fellow Central Santa Monica Bay WC (Michelle) and South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinator (Nancy)
  - Continue collaboration with WCs on Schools and Stormwater Capture with a focus on green infrastructure and community benefits
- Attend South Bay Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) meetings
- Attend Technical Resource Program (TRP) meetings for Edward Vincent Jr. Park (City of Inglewood)
- Attend WASC meetings
  - Provide Updates on Watershed Coordinator Activities
- Continue to seek out leveraged funds opportunities for program
- Engage with potential cost share partners through the exploration of WHAM opportunities and beyond
- Outreach, and engage with interested parties (NGOs) with a focus on Neighborhood Councils, Chambers of Commerce to discuss Safe Clean Water Goals and opportunities
- Attend events and host events, including another watershed-wide event
- Meet with potential cost-share partners to discuss SCW program project goals
- Connect with project proponents to better understand community outreach and engagement plan
- Develop SCWP Outreach Toolkit to support project proponents with guidance from LACFCD



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- \*Per Brown Act, completing this information is optional. At a minimum, please include an identifier so that you may be called upon to speak.

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## Comments



Date: April 19, 2022

To: Central Santa Monica Bay WASC Committee Members  
cc: SCWP Staff, Watershed Coordinators

From: OWLA Core Team (Heal the Bay, LAANE, LA Waterkeeper, Nature for All, NRDC, Pacoima Beautiful, SCOPE, The Nature Conservancy and TreePeople)

RE: Input on Project Prioritization for SCWP SIP

OurWaterLA is a diverse coalition of community leaders and organizations from across Los Angeles County united to create a strong water future for Los Angeles. Our goal is to secure clean, safe, affordable and reliable water for drinking, recreation and commerce now and for the future. We have a deep commitment to uphold the trust that voters had in us when passing this measure and that projects which achieve Safe Clean Water Program objectives of water quality, water supply, nature-based solutions and community investments are prioritized. Your active participation on this body is appreciated and we are excited about the prospects of working together to achieve a better water future for our region.

As we have identified in previous letters to you, this program is dynamic, and based on the first two rounds of project reviews, interested stakeholders such as OWLA, committee members and staff recognize the need for improvements to program metrics. With contributions from various stakeholders we are optimistic that future rounds of program funding will yield projects that not only improve water quality and water supply, but also provide community investments that are developed with community participation from concept to implementation and operations. The priorities for OWLA have always been clear, community-led project designs using nature-based solutions. These types of designs will not only address MS4 permit issues, but will also result in projects that can meet the multiple priorities for our region including addressing climate change, providing healthy recreational opportunities and developing engagement tools so that water issues are more broadly understood and supported by our communities.

#### Recommendations for Disadvantaged Community Benefits

As has been reported by staff to the committee, there is currently an assessment being conducted to determine how investments and benefits are attributed to disadvantaged communities. The position of OWLA on this issue is very clear; projects must be located in disadvantaged communities in order to be counted. We are expecting that the reports in development by the SCWP staff working with subject matter experts for Round 4 projects will provide us all with the metrics necessary to plan for and achieve our disadvantaged community investment goals. Until that time, we are urging all WASCs to use only the benchmark of

projects located in and providing benefits to a disadvantaged community to count toward the 110% threshold, until new assessment strategies are further refined.

### Assessment of Local Support/Community Engagement

Across all SCWP Round 3 projects, we found most applicants did not provide enough information on both prior and planned engagement to allow a clear assessment on community engagement. For example, in some cases, applicants mentioned community meetings but lacked details on who participated, how many people attended, and whether/how input was solicited and incorporated. We see this as an important area where WASC members can request more information from applicants, especially given they may receive additional feedback from ongoing community engagement while under WASC consideration.

We also found many applicants mainly listed discussions with organizations as part of their outreach/engagement activities. We would like to see more emphasis on direct engagement with community members, especially across a broad cross-section of stakeholders. For example, the City of Lakewood held focus groups with seniors, youth, parents, and center users in addition to two community meetings and a survey with over 1,000 responses to guide Lakewood Equestrian Center renovations. Additionally, Amigos De Los Rios connected with Jackson Elementary students, teachers, admin, parents, and area residents to design its school greening and stormwater project.

For projects claiming to benefit disadvantaged communities, few applicants explicitly outlined targeted and direct engagement with members of these communities which further obscured whose needs are being addressed, who is benefitting, and whether there is local support.

We are encouraged to see more references to project proponents proactively seeking Tribal consultations and cross-agency collaborations as well as reaching out to Watershed Coordinators. We hope to see these efforts lead to more community-driven, multi-benefit projects.

Finally, we want to caution WASC members about efforts to claim prior local support when there have been major changes to project concepts, such as the North Hollywood Park Stormwater Capture Project, or a significant gap in time since the last engagement, such as projects coming from prior Watershed Management Program or Master Plan planning processes.

### Recommendations for Infrastructure Projects

The task before you is to consider the prioritization of projects for funding in this round for the 2022-23 SIP. After careful review of the project submissions, OWLA strongly recommends that you approve only those projects that include strong remarks for water quality and water supply and that:

- clearly demonstrate a strong community engagement plan and process took place;
- include a significant community investment element;

- provide benefits to and, as applicable, are located in a disadvantaged community; and
- utilize vegetated nature-based solutions.

For this WASC, the following projects are recommended for approval:

### **Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project – SUPPORT**

The elements of this application that OWLA finds commendable include:

1. Addressing flooding issues and improving traffic safety for students along school routes.
2. Located within and providing benefits to a disadvantaged community.
3. Most likely covered under a Project Labor Agreement.
4. Great water quality benefits utilizing multiple treatment approaches including pre-treatment processes, dry-well infiltration, and bioswales.
5. Clear operations and maintenance plan to ensure long-term viability of this BMP.
6. Addition of approximately 120 primarily California native trees that will provide 60,000 square feet of new canopy upon maturity.
7. Integration of nature-mimicking and vegetated nature-based solutions including green streets, planters, and parkway vegetated areas to allow infiltration and offer multiple benefits.

### **Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project – SUPPORT**

The elements of this application that make it stand out include:

1. Concept development and park features based on community engagement, such as the reintroduction of a historical creek feature and daylighting to address public safety.
2. Project located within a disadvantaged community with park improvements directly benefiting community members.
3. Significant support from community-based organizations, with sixteen letters in total, and good outreach and engagement plan for community input and increased ownership.
4. Good water quality benefits to address zinc and bacteria pollution through a variety of treatment approaches including infiltration and bioretention.
5. Although no water supply points have been awarded for this project, infiltration will allow this water to contribute to ecosystem benefits in the Central Santa Monica Bay watershed area.
6. The project includes a clear operations and maintenance plan to ensure long-term viability of this BMP.
7. Addition of approximately 2.49 acres of vegetation and 30 trees using native, climate appropriate vegetation and shade trees.
8. Utilizes nature-based solutions like bioswales to support bioretention and additional community benefits.

### **Recommendations for Scientific Studies**

With respect to the special studies presented to this WASC, our recommendation is as follows:

## **Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation – SUPPORT**

OWLA sees the direct connection between this proposed study and the goals of the Safe, Clean Water Program to provide community investment through multi-benefit projects, with a wide range in project sizes. The acquisition of land comes with a high capital cost, so identifying any opportunities for cost sharing partnerships will provide a benefit to the program. We encourage the Los Angeles Community Garden Council to work in close collaboration with the Watershed Coordinators on this study, if funding is approved. Our only concern with this study is with the lack of accessibility of these community garden green spaces. If public funds from the Safe, Clean Water Program are used in any way in coordination with community gardens across Los Angeles County, there must be public access. Therefore, we recommend that the WASC include funding for this study in their SIP, but require an accessibility assessment to be included as part of the study.

## **Regional Pathogen Reduction Study – DO NOT SUPPORT**

We recommend that no funding be allocated for the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study. We have serious concerns about the legitimacy of this proposed study as no scientific professionals were involved in the development of the study, which is required under the SCWP Scientific Studies Program when feasible. We do appreciate the external review conducted by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, but these external experts seem conflicted about how well this study will achieve its proposed goals. OWLA agrees, as we do not understand what new information will be achieved with this study. Additionally, this proposal targets a specific source of a specific pollutant rather than providing multiple benefits, and will potentially weaken water quality objectives rather than improving our water quality. This proposed study therefore will not support many of the program goals. There are already other potential opportunities to conduct a study like this, including through the Stormwater Monitoring Coalition, which already has a similar study in its 5-year plan. Therefore, funding should instead be spent to invest in our communities with multi-benefit stormwater capture projects.

## **Recommendations for WASC Funding Allocations**

Lastly, we recommend that WASCs maintain their SIP at 70% funding allocation or below each year to ensure that sufficient funds remain for future projects such as those supported by the Watershed Coordinators.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations. We look forward to continuing our engagement with this committee and the Watershed Coordinators to ensure a better water future for the region.

Sincerely,  
OurWaterLA Core Team

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Good Afternoon,

Please see attached letters of support from Destination Crenshaw and Los Angeles City Council Marqueece Harris-Dawson. Please share with the CSMB WASC Members for tomorrow's meeting. Thank you.

**Christine McLeod, PMP**

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Good Afternoon Christine,

Please find attached two letters of support from the Office of Councilmember Marqueece Harris Dawson and from Destination Crenshaw - Can you please forward these to the SCWLA email address?

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**Roberto Perez**

*Economic Development Deputy*

Office of Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson

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Safe Clean Water Program  
Scoring, Regional Oversight, and Central Santa Monica Bay Area Steering Committees

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Dear Safe Clean Water Program Committees,

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Good afternoon Chair Santilena and District staff,

Please include and present the two new letters of support regarding the Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project (attached) at tomorrow's Feb 26th CSMB WASC meeting.

Thank you very much,

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April 25, 2022  
Safe Clean Water Program  
Scoring, Regional Oversight, and Central Santa Monica Bay Area Steering Committees

**SUBJECT: Safe, Clean Water Program Project Application – Letter of Support for the Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project**

Dear Safe Clean Water Program Committees,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), to fund this regional multi-benefit project as part of the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 22/23.

The Angeles Mesa project will be located in the Park Mesa Heights neighborhood, located near the iconic Crenshaw Boulevard, which is the center of Los Angeles' Black community. The project will accomplish stormwater quality compliance, provide increased water supply, and generate community investment and environmental sustainability benefits consistent with the goals of the County Safe Clean Water Program. Crenshaw Blvd is due to receive transformative investments in the coming year when the Metro K-Line opens, and when the community-led Destination Crenshaw project transforms the streetscape with monumental Black art and architecture. When implemented, the Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project will complement these investments and extend additional improvements to the surrounding residential neighborhood.

The Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project will provide the following benefits for the Angeles Mesa community in South Los Angeles:

- Installs 30 underground dry well systems to capture and infiltrate rainwater from a 162-acre drainage area
- Capture and infiltrate more than 21.8 million gallons of rainwater annually during a normal rainy season plus 25.7 million gallons of dry-weather runoff.
- Plants approximately 120 new trees (primarily California-native species), which upon maturity, will provide an additional 60,000 square feet of new tree canopy and will remove approximately 11,400 lbs of carbon from the Los Angeles atmosphere annually.

I fully support the Angeles Mesa Project's Application for Round 3 Regional funding to install critical water infrastructure in our community, and to create beautiful, vibrant streets in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
Councilmember, Eighth District

cc:     Shahram Kharaghani, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
         Alfredo Magallanes, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
         Sheila Brice, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
         Brett Perry, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
         Wendy Dinh, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
         Roberto Perez, Council District 8, Marqueece Harris-Dawson



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- \*Per Brown Act, completing this information is optional. At a minimum, please include an identifier so that you may be called upon to speak.

Please complete this form and email to [SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto: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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