

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



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Thursday, February 9, 2023  
1:00pm – 3:00pm  
WebEx Meeting

## Committee Members Present:

Cung Nguyen, LA County Flood Control District (Agency)  
David Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Agency), Chair  
Craig Jones, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Agency)  
Chad Christensen, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Agency)  
\*Richard Ambrose, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability UCLA (Community),  
Doug Marian, California Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association (Community)  
Kirsten James, Resident (Community)  
\*Kelly Fisher, Agoura Hills (Municipal)  
Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation Ventura County (Community)  
Joe Bellomo, Hidden Hills (Municipal)  
Bruce Hamamoto, Los Angeles County (Municipal)  
Mark Johnson, Malibu (Municipal)  
Roxanne Hughes, Westlake Village (Municipal)  
Melina Sempill Watts, Melina Sempill Watts Inc. (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)  
\*Committee Member Alternate

## Committee Members Not Present:

Russ Bryden, LA County Waterworks Districts (Agency)  
Elias Garcia, LA Area Chamber of Commerce (Community)  
Alba Lemus, Calabasas (Municipal)  
Sophie Freeman, Los Angeles County (Municipal)

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

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## 1. Welcome and Introduction

LA County Flood Control District (District) staff provided a brief WebEx tutorial. David Pedersen, Chair of the North Santa Monica Bay (NSMB) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC), welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. All Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

## 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 08, 2022

Chair Pedersen presented the minutes from the previous meeting. Member Roxanne Hughes motioned to approve, seconded by Member Cung Nguyen. The WASC voted to approve the December 08, 2022 meeting minutes with 11 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 in abstention, and 3 member absent at the time of vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

## 3. Committee Member and District Updates

District staff provided an update, noting:

- WASC Community Stakeholders seats are up for reappointment in 2023, under Article 4, Section 5 of the WASC operating guidelines. This WASC has five community stakeholder seats. Individuals interested in serving as a Community Stakeholder should submit the Interest to Serve Form, [available here](#).

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- The COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023. Starting March 1, 2023, to ensure quorum and effective communication during critical Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) deliberations such that all committee members can participate equally, committee members are highly encouraged to attend in person or send an alternate to attend in their place. If the meeting venue can accommodate hybrid meetings, committee members may have the option to attend virtually in compliance with the Brown Act and/or Assembly Bill (AB) 2449. The District will send a survey prior to each meeting to confirm a quorum and solicit Brown Act teleconference requirements include:
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    - a. According to AB2449 teleconference requirements, Board members' teleconference location does not need to be posted on the meeting notice or agenda and does not have to be open to the public. However:
  - e) A quorum must participate in the meeting from a single physical location;
  - f) Committee member must submit a disclosure of "just cause";
  - g) Committee member must participate remotely by audio *and* video;
  - h) Committee member may not participate remotely under "just cause" more than two meetings within a calendar year;
  - i) Committee member may not participate remotely under AB2449 for more than three consecutive months, or for 20 percent of the regular meetings within a calendar year.
- Annual report functionality is now available. Annual reports for FY21-22 for projects and studies funded in Round 1 and Round 2 SIPs were due on December 31, 2022.
- Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY22-23) Quarter 2 reports are due on February 15. Quarterly reports are still required by project developers even if there was no project activity or the transfer agreement has not been executed.

Upon inquiry, District Staff provided clarification about the County's vaccination policy for in-person meetings. Proof of vaccination is required to serve on these committees and as of today, there is no rescinding on such requirement. Member Hughes asked about there being legal basis for such requirement with the state of emergency coming to an end. District Staff noted that supplemental guidance will be provided and sent to all members.

The next meeting will be held at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Conference Room. The address is: 4232 Las Virgenes Rd Calabasas, CA 91302.

District Staff specified that they will be responsible for providing the equipment necessary for video services. Access to the projection utilities in the conference room and troubleshooting prior to the first in-person meeting will be required. A test run and troubleshooting will occur in the next few weeks.

#### 4. Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator Melina Watts shared thoughts on the Brown Act compliance, particularly in relation to stakeholders being Measure W collaborative project leads.

Watershed Coordinator Watts provided an update about recent and upcoming outreach efforts in facilitating community engagement, identifying and developing project concepts, working with technical assistants, facilitating identification and representation of community priorities, integrating priorities through partnerships and extensive networks, leveraging funding and cost-share partners, continuing educational efforts, and promoting watershed coordinator collaboration. Watershed Coordinator Watts included action

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items for the WASC in the hope of getting committee member input. See slides available on the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) website and attached.

## 5. Public Comment Period

District staff compiled all public comment cards received by 5:00pm the day before the meeting. No comment cards were received before the meeting. There were no public comments.

## 6. Discussion

### a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

In preparation for this meeting, Member Richard Ambrose, Vice Chair Madelyn Glickfeld's alternate, shared communications with Vice Chair Glickfeld to have necessary information to cover the meeting.

### b) Regional Program Quarterly Reporting Summary FY2021-22 Q3 and Q4

Project developers were alerted about exhibit notifications and have been invited to attend the meeting.

Alberto Grajeda, associate civil engineer with LA County Public Works, shared a few modifications to the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project. The changes are mostly due to lessons learned from other projects in the effort of finding ways to maximize efficiency. The modifications are not affecting water quality nor pollutant removal as noted in the application, nor are they changing the construction cost. Rather, modifications are minor design changes. The 90% design plans are expected by March 2023 and will be submitted for comments. The 100% design plans are expected by August 2023. The construction phase is targeted to begin in January 2024 and project completion is estimated by 2025.

### c) North Santa Monica Bay Prioritization and Selection Discussion for populating the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Stormwater Investment Plan ([SCW Portal](#) & [Summary of Resources](#))

Chair Pedersen noted that this will also be a voting item. The topics will be discussed first and voting will occur under agenda item number 8.

#### (1) Infrastructure Program (IP)

##### a) Cornell – Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project Alberto Grajeda, Project Manager

Alberto Grajeda (LA County Public Works) presented an update on the Cornell - Mulholland Green Improvement Project in the unincorporated community of Cornell, whose objectives are to improve water quality and provide community enhancement. Grajeda noted that when this project was first submitted to the Scoring Committee, it was difficult to reach the 60-point Threshold Score. Based on the Scoring Committee's feedback, the proposal was reviewed and adjusted to receive additional water quality points. The project was resubmitted in December 2022, after which it passed the 60-point threshold with a total score of 63 points.

Member Hughes commented that the project seems to have a large request for funding. Grajeda noted that the design cost estimate is preliminary and based on other projects. Since the project is currently at 30% design, it is not possible to give a more concise answer regarding the project cost. Grajeda also clarified that the request for funding is just for design, not construction.

Questions about how the work and the utilization of funds are tracked were raised by several members. Grajeda explained how every project is billed to a specific project number to track the amount of work going towards it.

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Upon inquiry, District Staff noted that if the project cost is lower than anticipated, it would be outlined in the expenditure report and it would also be part of the quarterly reports, which are used to prevent deviation from the original proposal. Additionally, Member Hamamoto commented that prices have increased, so the range of funding being requested for this project does not seem unusual.

Member Ambrose shared that based on a conversation with Vice Chair Glickfeld, both have concerns about the project location and the overall cost. Member Ambrose noted that the project is in a low-density area and is uncertain that the benefits match the cost of the project. In response, Grajeda noted that many of the benefits presented are based on modeling exercises that use historical rain data and current water quality data. Using that, project developers were able to determine and quantify the benefits of the project. Member Ambrose reiterated that it is not clear if there is enough return for the money being invested in this project because of its location. Member Hamamoto also added that higher-density areas are located within cities such as Calabasas and Westlake but the County primarily prioritizes and develops projects in the Unincorporated Areas for the watershed area.

Chair Pederson agreed that prioritizing investments with higher return would be a positive approach, but because only one project is before the committee, the choice is either to approve or not.

Member Nguyen shared experiences as parts of other WASCs where projects are often just clearing the eligibility threshold in the scoring criteria because the cost-benefit ratio calculations are hard to meet, and because water supply benefits are constrained. Because this project was judged eligible with a relatively high score, Member Nguyen suggests the committee approve it to move forward.

## **(2) Technical Resources Program (TRP)**

### **(a) Westlake Village Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Compliance Project**

**Kelsey Reed, Project Contact**

Member Hughes is the City Engineer for the Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project. District Staff noted that committee members are discouraged from advocating for the projects submitted by their home entity, but the member may provide a general overview. Member Hughes noted that the Westlake Village MS4 Project combines two areas to meet 42% of the MS4 Permit, as per the Malibu Creek Watershed Enhanced Watershed Management Program (MCW EWMP) and adds 2.5-acre feet to the water supply.

It was noted that this project intends to implement nature-based solutions as much as possible and will use native and other drought tolerant plants. More details will be evaluated in the feasibility study.

Member Ambrose expressed support for this project, particularly about the design and the step towards compliance with the MS4 Permit.

### **d) Education/Outreach Dates and Working Committee**

**Melina Watts, NSMB Watershed Coordinator**

Watershed Coordinator Watts gave a presentation to facilitate an education and outreach conversation. See slides available on the SCWP website and attached.

The discussion was focused on determining dates for some of the activities proposed. Watershed Coordinator Watts asked members to consider their calendars throughout the conversation.

The Community Cisterns Event: Sustain the Rain has the objective of giving community members practical tools to go DIY with access to cisterns, contractors, and any other key tools. After discussing several options, it was recommended that this event takes place in September, to have it before the rainy season starts.

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The goal of the State of the Watershed/WaterTalks Event is to showcase environmental stewardship and demonstrate its need in the NSMB Watershed Area. Upon discussion, it was suggested to aim for late June or early July for this event.

Lastly, the question to emulate CicLAvia was raised to the committee. Watershed Coordinator Watts invited Committee Members to explore having their city or agency be the project lead for this event. Members should contact Watershed Coordinator Watts if there is interest.

Watershed Coordinator Watts also invited Committee Members to join the NSMB Watershed Education/Outreach working subcommittee. Interested parties can reach out directly to Watershed Coordinator Watts.

## 7. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

## 8. Voting Items

- a) **Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendations for NSMB Watershed Area and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee for review**

The Safe Clean Water (SCW) team provided an overview of SCW SIP tool. It was reminded that there were two projects calling for funding: the Cornell-Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project and the Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project. The SIP budget projections and funding details were reviewed prior to the vote. After looking at several scenarios in which projects would affect budgeting projections, it was concluded that there is a good amount of existing funds for both projects.

There was some hesitation expressed by several Committee members about the projected funding numbers presented. To clarify, Mike Antos (Regional Coordination, Stantec) noted that each year the money that gets approved, the recommendation to the Board, and the Board's approval of SIPs is for that year only. Tables in the SCW SIP tool show draft numbers of expected required funds in future years, but those are placeholders that need to be reconsidered every year. Additionally, the SCW team explained that it is possible to redistribute the funding. Currently, the table shows funds allocated from FY24-25 through FY 26-27. The total is fixed, but the funding can be redistributed each year.

Updates on the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study were requested, and District Staff noted that the Study is currently waiting for other WASCs to approve the project before beginning the work.

After discussion, it was decided that the motion would be to approve the FY 23-24 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendations for the NSMB Watershed Area, including both the Cornell-Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project and the Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project and any additional rollover fundings, including funding for the Watershed Coordinator Funding and the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study, and to approve the submission to the Regional Oversight Committee for review. Member Craig Jones motioned, and Member Cung seconded. The motion was approved with 13 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 in abstention (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

## 9. Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023, 1:00pm – 3:00pm and will be held in person at the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Conference Room. See SCWP website for meeting details. Items on the agenda include:

- a) **Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings under Assembly Bill 361 (if needed)**
- b) **Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendations for NSMB Watershed Area and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee for review (if needed)**

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In addition to the items listed above, committee members requested to include a presentation to provide an update on a nutrient study that is being developed at Malibu Creek Watershed and an update on the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study.

## **10. Adjournment**

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



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# Safe, Clean Water Program Watershed Area Steering Committee North Santa Monica Bay

**Date** Thursday, February 9, 2023  
**Time** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
**Location** WebEx Meeting – See below or [SCW website](#) for WebEx Meeting details

## WebEx Meeting Details

Committee members and members of the public may participate by joining the WebEx Meeting below. Please refer to the [Video Conferencing Guidelines](#) available on the Safe, Clean Water Program website for additional information.

### Join via WebEx Events (recommended)

Event number: 2487 099 4097

Password: scwp

<https://lacountydpw.webex.com/lacountydpw/onstage/g.php?MTID=e56e469b53539e8b68a127e4ea7d53529>

### Join by phone

+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll or

+1-213-306-3065 United States Toll (Los Angeles)

Access Code: 2489 484 0189

## Public Comment

Phone participants and the public are encouraged to submit public comments (or a request to make a public comment) to [SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov). All public comments will become part of the official record.

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Para solicitudes de comentarios públicos en español, envíe un correo electrónico a [SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov) o lláme al (833) 275-7297 dos días antes de la reunión para asegurarse de que haya un traductor presente para transmitir el comentario para consideración del comité.

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## Agenda:

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 08, 2022
- 3) Committee Member and District Updates
  - a) Community Stakeholder Seat Reselection, 2023  
[Commission Service Division \(CSD\) – Interest to Serve Form](#)
- 4) Watershed Coordinator Updates
- 5) Public Comment Period
- 6) Discussion
  - a) Ex Parte Communications Disclosure
  - b) Regional Program Quarterly Reporting Summary FY2021-22 Q3 and Q4
  - c) North Santa Monica Bay Prioritization and Selection Discussion for populating the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Stormwater Investment Plan ([SCW Portal](#) & [Summary of Resources](#))
    - (1) Infrastructure Program (IP)
      - (a) Cornell – Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project
        - Alberto Grajeda, Project Manager
      - (2) Technical Resources Program (TRP)
        - (a) Westlake Village MS4 Compliance Project
          - Kelsey Reed, Project Contact
    - d) Education/Outreach Dates and Working Committee
      - Melina Watts, NSMB Watershed Coordinator
- 7) Public Comment Period
- 8) Voting Items
  - a) Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendations for NSMB Watershed Area and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee for review.
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10) Adjournment

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023 (TBD)**  
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**NORTH SANTA MONICA BAY WASC MEETING - February 9, 2023**

Member Type	Organization	Quorum Present				Voting Items	
		Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Vote to Approve December 08, 2022 WASC Meeting Minutes	Include the Cornell-Mulholland Highway Improvement IP, Westlake Village MS4 Compliance TRP, and continue funding for Watershed Coordinator and the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Stormwater Investment Plan and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	x	Ramy Gindi		y	y
Agency	LAC Waterworks District	Russ Bryden					
Agency	MRCA	Chad Christensen	x			y	y
Agency	LVMWD	<b>David Pedersen</b>	x	Craig Jones		y	y
Agency	LVMWD	<b>David Pedersen</b>		Craig Jones	x	y	y
Community Stakeholder	UCLA	<b>Madelyn Glickfeld</b>		Richard Ambrose	x	y	y
Community Stakeholder	CPMCA	Doug Marian	x				y
Community Stakeholder	LA Area Chamber of Commerce	Elias Garcia					
Community Stakeholder	Wishotoyo Chumash Foundation Ventura County	Tevin Schmitt	x			y	y
Community Stakeholder	Community Stakeholder	Kirsten James	x			y	y
Municipal Members	Agoura Hills	Jessica Forte		Kelly Fisher	x		y
Municipal Members	Calabasas	Alba Lemus					
Municipal Members	Hidden Hills	Joe Bellomo	x	Kerry Kallman		y	y
Municipal Members	LAC Supervisor District 3						
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	Bruce Hamamoto	x	Allen Ma		y	y
Municipal Members	Malibu	Mark Johnson	x	Christine Shen		y	y
Municipal Members	Westlake Village	Roxanne Hughes	x	Phillipe Eskandar		y	y
Watershed Coordinator	Melina S. Watts Consulting, LLC	Melina Watts	x				
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16				Yay (Y)	11
Total Voting Members Present		13				Nay (N)	0
Agency		4				Abstain (A)	0
Community Stakeholder		4				Total	11
Municipal Members		5				Approved	Approved

**Other Attendees**

- Alberto Grajeda
- Allen Ma
- Andrea Prado Iriarte
- Annelisa Moe
- Craig Doberstein
- Diego Carrizo
- Jenny Chau
- Kayla Urbina
- Mayra Martinez
- Nate Schreiner
- Stacy Luell

North Santa Monica Bay  
Regional Program Quarterly Report Summary

Watershed Area	North Santa Monica Bay
Report Year	FY21-22

Full reports are available at: <https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/scw-reporting/map>

Row Labels	Project Developer	Report Period	Report Status	Active Phase List	Scope Modification	Exhibit Modification	Activity Concern	Activity Delay	Funding Projected	Funds Awarded to Date	Expenditures to Date
<b>FY21-22</b>											
<b>Infrastructure Project</b>											
Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project	<b>Los Angeles County Public Works</b>	Q3 (January - March)	<b>Complete</b>	Design	<b>No</b>	A-1 Budget Plan Modifications, A-10 Work Schedule and Completion Date Modifications, A-3 Total Activity Cost Modifications	<b>N/A</b>	No	\$800,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$0.00
		Q4 (April - June)	<b>Complete</b>	Design	<b>No</b>	A-1 Budget Plan Modifications, A-10 Work Schedule and Completion Date Modifications, A-3 Total Activity Cost Modifications	<b>N/A</b>	No	\$800,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$0.00

**Future Governance Committee  
Meetings**



**SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**



# Timeline and Where We Are Today

- March 2020 – Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency for California as a result of the threat of COVID-19
- September 2021 - Assembly Bill (AB) 361 signed into law to continue suspending Brown Act teleconference requirements when a local agency meets during a declared state of emergency, or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.
- October 17, 2022 – Governor announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023





# Future Committee Meetings

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# Future SCW Committee Meetings

Questions?





# **SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

**A North Santa Monica Bay  
Watershed Area**

**Education / Outreach Conversation**

By Melina Sempill Watts

Watershed Coordinator, Safe Clean Water L.A.

February 9, 2022

Photo and Logo, Los Angeles County



# State of the Watershed / WaterTalks Event

## State of the Watershed Vision:

Craig Jones, "We're looking to tell good stories about conservation and clean water in our watershed."

- **Logistics:**
  - Potentially on site at LVMWD, starting or ending with Pure Water Project tour, also Hybrid option with Zoom
  - Potentially every year or every other year.
  - Event could be 3-4 hours. Bagels and coffee for guests. If longer, perhaps food trucks for lunch.
- **Funding:** Melina could apply for MWD \$2000 outreach funds (can only apply once per year).
- **Timing:**
  - **A Saturday**
  - **Earth Day, May or June 2023**
  - **Or November**
- **Audience:** Community members with an emphasis on inviting elected officials as per WaterTalks.
- **Speakers:** TBD: include First Nations leadership as part of event, hope that we can include the hawks that provide rodent management at LVMWD
- **Goal:** Showcase environmental stewardship / need for same in NSMB Watershed

# Community Cisterns Event: Sustain the Rain

**Event Vision:** Provide core information for DIY cisterns and/or connections to the people to hire to DIY with cisterns in your own backyard.

**Take Home Message:** backyard cisterns are dinghies or sailboats, not the space shuttle!

- **LVMWD leads:** Craig Jones, Riki Clark
- **Logistics:** Saturday morning, in person
- **Funding:** Requests from ARLA or Malibu Foundation, possible MWD grant, possible from the company BUSHMAN
- **Potential Event Partners:** TreePeople, ARLA, ARCSA
- **Timing:** A Saturday, September OR November (October is too busy)
- **Audience:** NSMB Community Members
- **Speakers:** Local contractors to tell us good stories about how they did it and you can too!
- **Pure Water Project Tour:** Riki Clark
- **Panel/Tabling:** local cistern contractors Urban Water Group, Mike Garcia etc.
- **Vendors Display:** Bushman, possibly other vendors, possibly easy install of drip irrigation / hoses
- **Goal:** Give community members the practical tools to go DIY with access to cisterns and contractors and any other key tools. Per Alexa Hendricks, this approach mirrors the successful approach to parallel projects by the Calleguas Municipal Water District.



# Agency Cisterns Seminar

**Event Vision:** Help leadership come to see that cisterns are a doable endeavor.

**Take Home Message:** backyard cisterns are dinghies or sailboats not the space shuttle!

- **LVMWD lead:** Craig Jones
- **Logistics:** Date TBD based upon city / agency interest / availability; probably Fall or October, via ZOOM
- **Potential Host:** Agoura Hills or other City, Permittee
- **Potential Partners:** Many! (i.e. Gus Mezs, ARLA etc.)
- **Funding:** None
- **Timing:** Probably during work week; potentially part of a series
- **Audience:** City / Agency staff
- **Speakers:** TBD, looking to focus on,
  - successful implementation of cisterns by other agencies / other places
    - Marin Water, City of Tucson, Bermuda
  - by our own cistern installing leaders such as Tom and Marilyn
    - possibly, possibly not: L.A. County permitting / Department of Health
- **Goal:** Get city / agency leadership over the hump of "water quality testing will be prohibitively expensive," "permitting is too difficult" and other perceived stumbling blocks that are L.A. County / Santa Monica Mountains specific. Get them to see what easy cistern programs look like by sharing successes by sister waters agencies.





# CicLAvia: Does the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Want to Create Our Own Car-free Event?

**Event Vision:** Emulate [CicLAvia](#) via a locally based a car-free Sunday in the mountains centering guests on a number of watershed-focal stops including potential Pure Water Project, King Gillette Ranch and TBD sites, demonstrating the feasibility of climate friendly transit AND creating an organic opportunity to showcase Pure Water Project demonstration site.

**Concerns:**Jeremy Wolg raised a number of questions..

- Would Sheriff's department support this?
  - Would there be additional costs for sheriff staffing to support event?
- What would liability insurance cost? Who would hold central responsibility?
- LVMWD supports being a partner but not a lead on this event.

As such, they could become one of the host sites on the event IF another city or agency or non-profit takes the lead on this.
- **Would you like to explore having your city or agency be project lead?**

# An Invitation: Join the Nxorth Santa Monica Bay Watershed Education / Outreach Working Subcommittee



- Meetings will be publicly noticed, so Brown Act will be met.
- Meetings will be open to the public
- Participants will be able to collaborate on education / outreach efforts
  - Project costs will be reduced
  - Public impact will be magnified
  - Cohesive watershed messaging
    - There may be pastry