

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

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### **Year 2 Quarterly Report 1** April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022

#### **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.*

Coordinator invited Westlake Village to expand MS4 Compliance project idea by combining two projects into one Technical Resources Program (TRP) Measure W application. In addition, Coordinator discussed TRP outcomes / implementation process with Alex Farassati, City of Calabasas and reached out to Mark Johnson and leadership in Malibu regarding creating a TRP application as an MS4 compliance opportunity. Inspired by big picture concept from Madelyn Glickfeld, Coordinator is exploring developing a collaborative multi-city, multi-agency Measure W application to fund multiple large-scale cisterns for community water supply around the watershed.

As Dave Pedersen, General Manager of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District points out, much of community members' concern about water quality centers on the sustainability of the beautiful ecosystems we share. He expressed interest in seeing if the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains needed funding to continue to conduct southern steelhead trout surveys, however fish surveys in both Topanga and Malibu are already funded.

Outside funding efforts included pursuing options to fund cisterns at the Topanga Elementary School (TES) site as inspired by local, parent and teacher leadership, including T-K teacher Amy Weisberg. Explored potential funding for TES cistern project, both by talking with the RCDSMM about potential pending mitigation funding for damage done to oaks on campus during 2020 as a possible funding source and talking with an extensive leadership team at LAUSD about funding options, including a potential MWD Conservation Innovation grant this fall. Exploring the logistics and costs of cistern installations is important to being able to make realistic funding asks, so met with Mike Garcia, Enviroscapes and spoke with Leigh Gerrard, Greywater Corps. Discussing key lessons learned during cistern conversations with Jessica Forte and Roxanne Hughes, was impressed by their idea of hosting a Cistern Experts' Day.

Outreach is a foundation of the watershed program, so coordinator hosted a North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> and continued to put energy into planning for the Nature Based Solutions Success Stories conference and site tours set for November 2022. Building cross-community connections is a major element of the watershed coordinator program; thus, invited community members to attend LVMWD Town Hall Meeting - MWD Restrictions and District Response and to attend the delightful Pure Water Project Pure Coffee tasting event in May. After working with other watershed coordinators, invited school board leadership, elected officials and teachers to Stormwater School Symposium. When the NSMB WASC meeting was cancelled in May, created a newsletter in lieu of presentation at NSMB WASC. Coordinator continued to connect with community members via social media.

*Required elements of the Quarterly report to achieve in this summary are:*

- *Strategies used to integrate priorities for the community, municipalities, the watershed area, and the region*

In the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed, the watershed coordinator program has focused on,

- Madelyn Glickfeld's concept of a multi-agency, multi-city Measure W application that would fund large, centralized cisterns on public property has risen to the top of the pile in terms of watershed interest. The big issue seems to be, which agency or city can take on management of a big grant and big project like this?
  - Coordinator sees assisting local cities to take on TRP applications as relatively low-hanging – and likely to be ripe – fruit, inspired by the Calabasas application, the next up is City of Westlake Village.
  - Developed a great agenda both for the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community meeting on June 29 and for upcoming Nature Based Solutions Success Stories events in November.
- *Document the extent of partnerships and networks you have engaged.*
    - Continued to serve on California Watershed Network Board
    - Attended May Watershed Coordinators: Tribal Allyship Training Session
    - Reached out to [infrastructurela@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:infrastructurela@pw.lacounty.gov) regarding cisterns
    - Reached out to Gus Meza, WBMWD, regarding Bureau of Reclamation funding opportunity for the WaterSMART Drought Response Program's Drought Resiliency Projects

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- Met with Mike Garcia, Enviroscope L.A. and Suzanne Debeneditis, Greener Way Associates
- Met Jamiah Hargins, Crop Swap LA
- *Document your effort to engage a broad set of conventional and unconventional stakeholders*
  - Invited to give talk about watershed / book for returned nuns, some current priests, and members of the board of directors from Louisville School, encouraged them to connect to Adi Liberman, Upper L.A. River Watershed Coordinator
  - Invited to give talk about book by Mike Garcia, Enviroscope L.A., at his request, talked watersheds and Safe, Clean Water program, too.
- *Required elements detailed below that you should mention here:*
  - *Any of the four required engagement meetings you held during the quarter*
    - Held North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community Meeting, June 29
    - Developed Nature Based Solutions Success Stories event for November 10, 17 and 18
  - *Either of the two required educational events you held during the quarter*
    - North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community Meeting, June 29
  - *Highlights or summary of types of meetings you attended held by others*
    - Attended LACPW Trancas Canyon Restoration Stakeholder Meetings
    - Attended Topanga Lagoon Restoration Project
  - *Summary of cost-share partner relationship development*
    - Exploring if LAUSD will pay for cistern project at Topanga Elementary School
    - Attended California Finance Fair, exploring some options for cisterns
    - Explored multiple options in Sacramento for compost facilities for horse manure; none are feasible, all are geared for cow manure.
      - This is highly problematic for reaching goals to improve water quality in NSMB and set up composting
    - Continued to support revision of proposal to ARLA from TreePeople for Native Plants Kit
    - Suggested workforce grant to Santa Monica Mountains Fund
    - Set up Clark Stephens, RCDSMM to talk with ARLA to talk about funding cisterns project and potentially working on upcoming study
    - California Watershed Network contributing \$300 towards Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference
  - *Summary of leverage funding pursuits*
    - Exploring if LAUSD will pay for cistern project at Topanga Elementary School
    - Tracking SEP proposal (written by coordinator) for L.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board at TreePeople for Native Plants Kit project
    - Discussed CALFIRE grant with Monte Nideo community leader Kelly Kinkaid + asked if they would be willing to be a cistern candidate
    - Considered input from NSMB WASC to Measure W Scoring Committee
    - Asked Calabasas if they wanted to apply for state non-point source pollution funding for proposed NPS project; NPS gave it a hard pass
    - Exploring if LAUSD will pay for cistern project at Topanga Elementary School
    - Tracking SEP proposal (written by coordinator) for L.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board at TreePeople for Native Plants Kit project
    - Attended Measure W listening event to support NSMB watershed stakeholders

#### 8. Local Stakeholder Education

- Developed agenda for NSMB Watershed Community meeting on June 29
- Collaborated on School and Stormwater Symposium
- Developed Nature Based Solutions Success Stories event for November 10, 17 and 18; Senator Stern to be honorary chair
- Shared Ryan Ulyate presentation on firesafe gardening with Terri Alex

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- Suggested Mulholland project outreach event to Los Angeles County staff

9. Watershed Coordinator Collaboration

- Attended monthly Watershed Coordinator events
- Collaborated on School and Stormwater Symposium
- Attended May Watershed Coordinators: Tribal Allyship Training Session
- Collaborated on School and Stormwater Symposium
- Attended multi-watershed LAUSD conversation with Lisa Williams, later Tara loaned me 4-page presentation on Measure W which will be quite helpful

**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	
1.	Christos SP, LAUSD	04/01/2022	Cisterns at Topanga Elementary	LAUSD	Held	
2.	Roxanne Hughes, Jessica Forte	04/01/2022		WLV, AH	Held	
3	Ryan Maple	04/01/2022	CALTRANS film idea	Filmmaker	Held	
4.	School symposium planning	4/4/2022	Conversation with Watershed Coordinator Schools committee		Attended	
5.	Topanga Elementary School Oaks Mitigation Conversation	4/4/2022	LAUSD talks with RCDSMM about mitigation	Clark Stevens, RCDSMM, Rob Laughton, LAUSD	Held	
6.	Carlos Moran / Melina Watts	4/5/2022	Conversation about Facilitation	WC	Attended	
7.	Carlos Moran, Robert Laughton	4/7/2022	Insurance for LAUSD for stormwater projects		Held	
8.	Pepperdine Earth Day	4/8/2022	WC School Stormwater group		Attended	
9.	Debra Sharpton phone call	4/11/2022	Seminole Springs Opportunities	Seminole Springs	Held	
10	ARLA / NSMB points of commonality	4/13/2022			Held	
11.	NSMB WASC	4/14/2022			Attended	B-11 NSMB WASC Presentation
12.	Education Stormwater Committee meeting		Planning	Watershed Coordinators	Attended	
13.	Roxanne Hughes + Jessica Forte		Project opportunities		Held	
14.	Earth Day Calabasas	4/16/2022				

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15.	CalRecycle + Anaerobic Digesters for Horse Manure	4/18/2022	Seeking funding for nutrient reduction projects	Timothy Hall, Scott Beckner, Michelle Dewey	Held	B-15 CalRecycle Email
16.	Greening Partners Forum LAUSD	4/19/2022	LAUSD explaining project proponent obligations		Attended	
17.	Malibu-Las Virgenes COG	4/19/2022			Attended	
18.	GLAC IRWM	4/19/2022			Attended tail end (conflict with COG)	
19.	SMBF Governors Meeting	4/21/2022			Attended	
20.	Wildlife Crossing Celebration	4/22/2022			Attended	
21.	NSMB WASC Comments on 2022 Interim Guidance	4/27/2022	Madelyn Glickfeld Carolina Hernandez Freeman, Sophie David Pedersen Gonzalez, Gabriela Optional Guzman, Josie Optional Yvette Gutierrez		Attended	
22.	Hybrid Watershed Coordinators Meeting	4/27/2022			Attended	
23.	California Watershed Network Meeting	4/28/2022			Attended	
24.	Schools' Stormwater planning committee	4/29/2022			Attended	
25.	Scoring Committee conversation	4/29/2022			Attended	
26.	Roxane Hughes, Jessica Forte	4/29/2022			Attended	
27.	Ashley Kruythoff, UCLA	5/5/2022	Seeking outreach partnership opportunities		Held	
28.	Schools Stormwater meeting	5/6/2022			Attended	
29.	Westlake Village TRP collaboration	5/6/2022		Kelsey Reed, Roxanne Hughes	Held	
30.	Westlake Village TRP collaboration	5/10/2022		Kelsey Reed, Roxanne Hughes	Held	
31.	LVMWD Town Hall Meeting – MWD Restrictions and District Response	5/11/2022			Attended	
32.	Prepping for Stormwater Education Event	5/13/2022		Watershed Coordinators	Attended	

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33.	Roxanne Hughes, Jessica Forte	5/13/2022			Attended	
34.	LVMWD Pure Water Project Coffee	5/14/2022	Public Outreach		Attended	B-34 The Rydmans at Pure Water Project
35.	Harmon Canyon Event (Ventura)	5/14/2022	Open space acquisition	Extra-watershed community partners	Attended	
36.	CALFIRE grant conversation with Kelly Uchimura Kinkaid, potential cistern candidate	5/16/2022	Project development		Held	
37.	CA FINANCE FAIR WEBINAR	5/17/2022	Project development		Attended	
38.	Stormwater Symposium Debrief	5/19/2022			Attended	
39.	WLV TRP Revision	5/20/2022			Held	
40.	WLV Environmental Meeting	5/24/2022			Attended	
41.	May Watershed Coordinators: Tribal Allyship Training Session	5/25/2022			Attended	
42.	LA River Urban Waters Federal Partnership Meeting	5/26/2022			Attended	
43.	Topanga meeting	5/27/2022	Project development		Held	
44.	Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission)	06/1/2022	Tracking community goals/making connections		Attended	
45.	LACPW Trancas Canyon Restoration Stakeholder Meeting	06/02/2022	Tracking community goals/making connections		Attended	
46.	House-by-house stormwater management chat, Douglas Krauss, Hermosa Beach	06/07/2022			Held	
47.	NSMB WASC Meeting	06/09/2022			Attended	
49.	State Parks Public Scoping Meeting	6/11/2022	Tracking community goals/making connections		Attended	
50.	Meeting with Terri Alex	06/15/2022			Held	
51.	Cisterns: Clark Stevens	06/15/2022	Project development		Held	
52.	Topanga Town Council, online	6/15/2022			Attended	
53.	Louisville Nuns' Group: Earth Justice, Featured Speaker	6/18/2022			Attended	
54.	Trancas meeting	06/21/2022			Attended	
55.	Measure W Listening Event	06/22/2022			Attended	

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56.	California Watershed Network	06/23/2022			Attended	
57.	Watershed projects + LAUSD	06/29/2022		Lisa Williams, LAUSD, Michelle Struthers, Mikaela Randolph, Tara Dales	Attended	
58.	North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community Meeting	06/29/2022			Held	B-58 Agenda for North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community Meeting

**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
	LAUSD		Topanga Elementary School project	Project lead for cistern install	
	Topanga Elementary School		Potential Cistern Project	Project site for cistern / rain barrel install	
	Westlake Village		TRP project for MS4 Compliance	Providing support for TRP application	
	UCLA-IOES		Potential partner in CALTRANS grant app or TED Talk app	Requested site for TED talk, requested potential project lead for CALTRANS grant app	
	RCDSMM		Topanga Elementary School project	Requested as partner for TES Cistern project	
	California Watershed Network		Partner in Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference	Requested financial support for conference + input / support for conference planning	

**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.

	Potential Outside Funding Source	Status or Outcome of the Pursuit	Attachments #
1.	USEPA EJ Small Grants	Grant co-written with Pacoima Beautiful, submitted June 30, 2021, expect to hear by August 12, 2021.	D-1
2.	CALRECYCLE	Met with leadership to discuss horse composting grants; none available	D-2 CalRecycle Email Response
3.	MWD	Discussed Innovation Conservation Grant	
4	California Finance Fair	Listened to + read about opportunities	
5.	DWR	Discussed possibility of DWR creating a grant to fund suburban cisterns	

**E. Detailed Progress Report**

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

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Task #	Task	Total Task Level of Effort (from workplan)	LOE this quarter	Accumulated LOE to-date (from monthly reports)
1	Facilitate Community Engagement	15%	15%	14%
2	Identify and Develop Project Concepts	15%	15%	13%
3	Work with Technical Assistance Teams	0%	10%	8%
4	Facilitate Identification and Representation of Community Priorities	10%	10%	12%
5	Integrate Priorities through Partnerships and Extensive Networks	10%	10%	11%
6	Cost-share Partners	15%	15%	12%
7	Leverage Funding	15%	5%	11%
8	Local Stakeholder Education	10%	10%	11%
9	Watershed Coordinator Collaboration	10%	10%	8%
	<b>Overall</b>	100%	100%	100%

**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.

As always, Coordinator is thinking about ways to better served members of disadvantaged communities both within the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed and in other watersheds in the county. Potentially new connections with Mike Garcia, Enviroscap L.A. Associates and Jamiah Hargins, Crop Swap LA will grow collaborative opportunities.

**G. Scheduling concerns or issues**

From the point of view of funding and implementing Measure W funded projects in the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed, the primary issue will be to find an entity willing to be a grant and project manager for a multi-city/multi-agency Measure W application.

**H. Expected activities next quarter**

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

- Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference, set for November 2022
- Nature Based Solutions Site Visits: Calabasas and Agoura Hills, set for November 2022
- Nature Based Solutions Site Visits, Santa Barbara, set for November 2022
- Westlake Village to submit TRP application for Measure W

**Upcoming Events:**

- Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference, set for November 2022
- Nature Based Solutions Site Visits: Calabasas and Agoura Hills, set for November 2022
- Nature Based Solutions Site Visits, Santa Barbara, set for November 2022

**Funding Applications:** Prepping Measure W TRP application with Westlake Village, discussing other options.

**Attachments:**

- B-11 NSMB WASC Presentation, April 14, 2022
- B-15 Calrecycle Email, 4/18/2022 (ish)
- B-34 The Rydmans at Pure Water Project
- B-58 Agenda for North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community Meeting 6/29/2022
- D-2 CalRecycle Email Response

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

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### **Year 2 Quarterly Report 2** July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022

#### **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.*

Focusing on opportunities to assist local stakeholders in achieving Measure W funding in the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed, coordinator collaborated with Josafat Flores, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to share Mulholland Greenway Project concept with community members in the Mulholland / Kanan area, while supporting the efforts of city engineers from Westlake Village in creating a Technical Resources Program (TRP) application that would combine two M4 compliance projects into one application. In addition, coordinator focused on exploring how to potentially implement the suggestion of Madelyn Glickfeld to develop a multi-agency / multi-city underground cistern concept.

Accepted an invitation from Amos White, ED [100K Trees 4 Humanity](#), in Alameda, California, to meet with Kristopher Tjernell, Deputy Director, Integrated Watershed Management at California Department of Water Resources to talk about the role of trees and water in conservation, which evolved into a conversation with Julie Saare-Edmonds and Julia Ekstrom, both Senior Scientists at the California Department of Water Resources, discussing the viability of suburban cisterns to increase local water supply and what DWR would need to know to create a grant to fund these kinds of projects..

While continuing to track coordinating the upcoming Nature Based Solutions Success stories event in November, focused on setting up the September North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community meeting, which included speakers such as Liz Crosson, MWD, April A. Coady, Eastern Municipal Water District, Alberto Grajeda, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Dave Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo, Danielle LeFer, California Department of State Parks, Doug Krauss, City of Hermosa Beach District, Clark Stevens, Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains and Melanie Winter, The River Project.

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- *Strategies used to integrate priorities for the community, municipalities, the watershed area, and the region*

In the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed, strategies used to integrate community and stakeholder priorities included,

- Coordinated an outreach event with Josafat Flores for LADPW Cornell/ Mulholland project
- Continued to focus on social media, including sharing fab photos from LVMWD of their raptor perch with local newspaper editors and sharing the Agoura Hills fantastic drought podcast starring Dave Pedersen and Ramiro Adeva
- Spoke to Eastern MWD outreach team about water conservation approach especially lawn removal
- Hosted NSMB Watershed Community meeting 9/29/2022; see attached agenda
- Shared newsletter

Project specific work included,

- Met with Leigh Jerrard to help develop Topanga Elementary School cistern project budget at request of LAUSD
- Worked to try to develop a multi-agency / multi-city underground cistern concept at suggestion of Madelyn Glickfeld
- Assisted with Westlake Village with TRP application + obtained letter of non-objection / support from Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- Connected Clark Stevens RCDSMM with Andy Lipkis and ARLA to develop collaborative research project to analyze consider multiple cistern water supply opportunities; ARLA brought Mr. Stevens in as a project consultant
- Reviewed GLAC fact sheet + Southern California Water Coalition 2018 analysis of cistern costs
- Talked with Julie Saare-Edmonds and Julia Ekstrom, senior scientists at DWR, to discuss a grant for local suburban/urban water supply project modeled after agricultural [SWEEP](#) grant funded by the California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Discussed house-by-house cistern projects with ARLA, RCDSMM, DWR, WBMWD, LVMWD
- LAUSD will be applying for MWD for funding for cistern at Topanga Elementary School
- SMMUSD would love to apply to MWD for funding for a cistern at Malibu High School, but is too busy
- Doug Krauss talking collaboration with Melanie Winters on stormwater BMP outreach booklet



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- Mark Johnson, City of Malibu, connects with The River project on house-by-house BMPs
- Revisited idea of a project at Seminole Springs'
- Received input from State Parks of a possible project conflict with USACE at Liberty Canyon, a big thank you to Cung Nguyen for researching that this was outdated information and was erroneous
- Created Eventbrite for events in November
- Drew Ready will be reaching out to try to get me into potential ongoing monthly conversations about water conservation with MWD
- Reached out to City of Malibu about TRP application next year
  
- *Document the extent of partnerships and networks you have engaged.*
  - Attended Mike Garcia's monthly event which showing how he transformed a backyard pool into a cistern and ponds
  - Amos White from 100K Trees for Humanity invited me to meet with him and Kristopher Tjernell from DWR; Mr. Tjernell was unavailable on day of meeting; we met with Julia Ekstrom and Julie Saare-Edmonds
  - Introduced to Alison Diaz who founded four environmental charter schools; she requested support for presentations on Dominguez Channel Workshop with Environmental Charter School; requested support from both Cung Nguyen and watershed coordinator Nancy Schroder but due to very quick turnaround time both parties were already booked
  - Met Carter Ling at Deep Root, sharing with Gus Meza, team at LVMWD
  - TinyPlants asked to do pop up at outreach event for public works project, perceived of as conflict so no thank you
  - Connected with Lisa Williams Sr. Sustainability Specialist | Los Angeles Unified School District Office
  - Attended Meet the Mayor event in Agoura Hills, met Sheriff Seetoo, toured Lost Hills Sherriff's station
  - Met with Jessica Hall and Melanie Winter, then with Tim Pershing
  - Spoke to cistern expert Leigh Jerrard and Kim O'Cain, water conservation consultant (formerly City of Santa Monica)
  - Talked to Drew Ready about stormwater capture research with Center for Watershed Health, possibly using team from UCLA IOES, possibly a collab with Andy Lipkis and ARLA
  - Met with California Watershed Network
  - Brought in speakers to NSMB WC meeting, including Liz Crosson, MWD, April A. Coady, Eastern Municipal Water District, Alberto Grajeda, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Dave Pedersen, LVMWD, Tevin Schmitt, Wishtoyo, Danielle LeFer, California Department of State parks, Doug Krauss, City of Hermosa Beach District, Clark Stevens, RCDSMM and Melanie Winter, The River Project
  - Attended fundraiser for Waterkeepers as Guest to celebrate award given to Madelyn Glickfeld
  - Mr. Rudy Ortega, Jr.,Tataviam People Facing the Sun, per Dr. Shelley Luce, have yet to connect
  - Shared comment letters from architect Isabelle Duvivier with NSMB WASC
  - Exploring feasibility of idea from Madelyn Glickfeld to co-create a 2023 Measure W application focusing on multiple underground cisterns with multiple cities and agencies
  - Invited to MACCC on 9/13
  - NSMB WASC members interested in learning more about proposed SCWP Credit Training Program
  - Shared community feedback that Agoura Hills resident hopes to see 2 Liberty Canyon construction projects by Public Works and Flood Control synchronized to limit community impact
  - Prepared presentations for NSMB WASC on Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project Concept + WLV MS4 Compliance TRP Application
  - Connected Tyler Hehr, LVMWD to Carrie Carrier, Topanga story idea on replacing rodenticides with hawks
  - Discussed potential ideas for who could serve on newly empty Scoring Committee seat with Kirk Allen, Dave Pedersen, Madelyn Glickfeld
  
- *Document your effort to engage a broad set of conventional and unconventional stakeholders*
  - Stayed in touch with NSMB stakeholders and community meetings by attending public events, email, phone call and in person meetings
  - Connected with speakers for North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community meetings and Nature Based Solutions Success Stories events
  - Used public-facing events as a writer to connect with water / conservation innovators outside of the North Santa Monica Bay such as Melissa Baffa, Ventura Land Trust, Mike Garcia, Enviroscope and Jamiah Hargins, Crop Swap LA

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    - Coordinated outreach event for community to learn about proposed Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Mulholland Greening Project in July
  - *Either of the two required educational events you held during the quarter*
    - Coordinated outreach event for community to learn about proposed Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Mulholland Greening Project in July
  - *Highlights or summary of types of meetings you attended held by others*
    - Met several times with WLVC city staff to support their work on a TRP application to address MS4 Compliance
  - *Summary of cost-share partner relationship development*
    - Helped to obtain over \$100K from ARLA for Native Plants Kit project at TreePeople, project concept created by Dave Roberts, LVMWD
    - ARLA considering support for RCDSMM cistern demonstration project
    - ARLA funds Clark Stevens, RCDSMM, as project advisor on cistern study
    - Invited Nature Based Solutions Success Stories: Invitations for ARLA; seeking funding from them
    - Discussed concept of grant funding for domestic cisterns
    - Shared 2022 MPA and Climate Grant Proposal opportunity with State Parks and RCDSMM; RCDSMM interested but did not have the bandwidth to apply
    - ARLA funds research project by RCDSMM after Watts sets up meeting
    - Explored idea of CICLAVIA with water supply education element ... turns out they only work in L.A. City or L.A. city adjacent cities; they offered to help our cities set up their own event
    - Shared information about Measure H with local green architect Laura Belevica
    - Met with ARLA, RCDSMM, WBMWD, LVMWD, DWR to discuss grant collaboration opportunities
  - *Summary of leverage funding pursuits*
    - Met with ARLA, RCDSMM, WBMWD, LVMWD, DWR to discuss grant collaboration opportunities
    - RCDSMM receives funding from ARLA for cistern/water supply analysis project
    - Shared RFP Solicitation: On-Call Smart Gardening Program (BRC000031) with potential implementers
    - DWR grant concept under discussion
    - Offered to apply to LUSH Prize for funding support for water-related work by ARLA and DASHBOARD Earth; they declined with appreciation
    - Working on creating project ideas for DWR Urban Community Drought Relief, Measure W, MWD Innovative Conservation and, thanks to Craig Jones, LVMWD, explored Forest Fire Dry Hydrant Grant
    - Shared Michelle Struthers' query re addressing inflation with Measure W funding with Dave and Madelyn
    - Inspired by TJ Moon's talk on L.A. County collaboration on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

#### 8. Local Stakeholder Education

- Continued to prepare for upcoming Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference and Site Visits to Calabasas, Agoura Hills and Santa Barbara
- Held North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Community meeting in September.
- Set up public event featuring Josafat Flores, L. A. County Public Works and invited community to tour of proposed Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project Concept
- Working on article about Mulholland Highway project for Carrie Carrier, Topanga with Josafat Flores
- Shared segment of video of NSMB Watershed Community meeting featuring Josafat Flores as part of an outreach effort for LADPW proposed Cornell/ Mulholland project
- Coordinated in person outreach event for this project
- Walked community with flyers; this resulted in a support letter from Jacques, local business owner of Charmed'Antan and interest in project from Tim Skogstrom who owns Cornell Wineries.
- Continued to share information via social media
- Planned and hosted NSMB Watershed Community meeting for 9/29 from 2:30 – 5:00
- Provided updates at NSMB WASC

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- Created presentation on current funding for water quality and upcoming opportunities for upcoming COG meeting

9. Watershed Coordinator Collaboration

Attended monthly Watershed Coordinator events

- Continued to work with Amanda Begley, TreePeople and Kevin Gaston, TreePeople on Native Plants Kit project
- Asked Tara Dales to please share (wonderful) 4 page presentation on Measure W
- Read UCLA Stantec DAC outreach paper
- Working on collaborative presentation to SMBRF on Measure W

**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.

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Ex.	GLAC IRWM Leadership Meeting	7/4/21	Quarterly business meeting	GLAC Leadership	Attended	
1.	WLV TRP	07/01/2022	Working on RRP application	Roxanne Hughes, Kelsey Reed, Chelsea	Attended	
2.	Mike Garcia, Enviroscope	07/02/2022	Book event / watershed convos	Mike Garcia + audience	Attended	
3.	Amanda Begley, Kevin Gaston and Melina Watts	07/05/2022	Native Plants Kit convo	Amanda Begley, Kevin Gaston	Attended	
4.	Leigh Jerrard <a href="mailto:leigh@greywatercorps.com">leigh@greywatercorps.com</a>	07/11/2022	Cistern Convo	Leigh Jerrard	Held	
5.	ARLA/Clark Stevens call re Cistern Design	07/13/2022	Background info for cisterns for ARLA	ARLA staff, Clark Stevens	Held	
6.	Mulholland Community Meeting with Josafat Flores	07/14/2022	Planning outreach	Josafat Flores	Held	
7.	Aquarium Science Camp, HTB	07/15/2022	HTB convos		Attended	
8.	Mako Surf Camp	07/18/2022	Water convos with parents		Attended	
9.	CA Water Access: w Kris, Amos, Janet, Melina	07/18/2022	Amos White, Julie Saare-Edmonds +Julia Ekstrom, DWR	Amos White, Julie Saare-Edmonds +Julia Ekstrom, DWR	Attended	
10.	Landscape Stakeholders Advisory Grp: feedback	07/19/2022	Amos White	Amos White	Attended	
11.	Mulholland Greening Project planning	07/19/2022	Josafat Flores	Josfat Flores	Held	
12.	Dave Roberts Memorial, LVMWD	07/21/2022	Community + LVMWD		Attended	
13.	Proposed Mulholland Greening Project outreach event	07/21/2022	Community members, J. Flores	Community members, J. Flores	Held	

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14.	Collaborative Cistern Project Idea per Madelyn Glickfeld	07/25/2022	Madelyn Glickfeld	Madelyn Glickfeld	Held	
15.	Sue Schmitt	07/27/2022	Sue Schmitt	Sue Schmitt	Held	
16.	Schools and stormwater group	07/29/2022	Watershed Coordinators	Watershed Coordinators	Attended	
17.	Lisa Williams, Senior Sustainability Director, LAUSD	08/01/2022	WC , guests, LAUSD	WC , guests, LAUSD	Attended	
18.	Roxanne Hughes, Jessica Forte	08/05/2022	Watershed convo	Roxanne Hughes, Jessica Forte	Attended	
19.	Josafat Flores, Planning	08/09/2022	Planning	Josafat Flores	Attended	
20.	Water Tasting Series: Pure Gelato Las Virgenes Municipal Water District,	08/13/2022	Outreach	Community	Attended	
21.	Malibu-Las Virgenes COG	08/16/2022	Community outreach		Attended	
22.	CERES meeting	08/16/2022		Hosted by Kirsten James	Attended in part	
23.	Mayor's Table AH	08/18/2022	Community Outreach	Mayor, community	Attended	
24.	Wild & Scenic Film Festival Ventura	08/20/2022	Conservation education		Attended	
25.	Jessica Hall, Melanie Winter	08/24/2022	Watershed convo	Jessica Hall, Melanie Winter	Attended	
26.	California Watershed Network	08/25/2022	Watershed convo	CWN Board of Directors	Attended	
27.	Jessica Hall	8/31/2022	Watershed convo	Jessica Hall	Attended	
28.	Clark Stevens	8/31/2022	Watershed convo	Clark Stevens	Attended	
29.	Scoring Committee	9/1/2022				
30.	NSMB WASC	9/8/2022			Attended	
31.	Agoura Hills Creek Clean Up :X	Had wrong venue				
32.	Online MACC meeting	9/13/2022	Watershed convo		Attended	
33.	EMWD presentation on conservation: planning	9/14/2022	Planning talk for NSMB WC	April Coady	Held	
34.	Online Mountain Lion Crossing	9/15/2022	Community outreach		Attended	
35.	Craig Jones, LVMWD Grants Conversation	9/19/2022	Grant talks		Held	
36.	Malibu Las Virgenes COG	9/20/2022			Attended	
37.	ARLA Cistern Study Conversation	9/21/2022	Devon, Deborah		Attended	
38.	ARLA/LVMWD/RCDSMM Cisterns Grants conversation	9/22/2022	Many		Held	
39.	Forest Service Wildlife Defense Grants	9/22/2022			Attended	
40.	Waterkeeper Event at Paradise Cove	9/24/2022	Community outreach		Attended	
41.	Innovative Conservation Program (ICP) Webinar	9/26/2022			temdedAt	

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42.	Grants conversation with Craig Jones, LVMWD	9/26/2022	Discussion		Held	
43.	Monthly Watershed Coordinator Gathering	9/28/2022			Attended	
44.	NSMB WASC Meeting	9/29/2022			Attended	

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	DWR	7/19/2022		Discussed that DWR is potentially willing to explore creating urban cistern funding.	
	LAUSD	<i>Prior to this quarter</i>	<i>Topanga Elementary School cisterns project</i>	Looking at MWD funding, internal funding, mitigation funding	
	SMMUSD	<i>Prior to this quarter</i>	<i>Malibu High School cistern project</i>	Discussed MWD Innovative Conservation grant; they are too busy	
	ARLA	<i>Prior to this quarter</i>	Cistern Study; funds Clark Stevens, RCDSMM as project consultant		

**D. Leveraged / Outside Funding Pursued**

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	DWR	Discussed that DWR is potentially willing to explore creating urban cistern funding.	
	MWD Innovative Conservation Grant	Lisa Williams, Sustainability Lead at LAUSD offers to submit MWD Innovative Conservation Grant to fund cisterns project at TES, due December 15, 2022	
	ARLA	Cistern Study; funds Clark Stevens, RCDSMM as project consultant	
	ARLA	Funds Native Plants Kit project with LVMWD and TreePeople	

**E. Detailed Progress Report**

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

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<i>Ex.</i>				
1	Facilitate Community Engagement	15%	15%	
2	Identify and Develop Project Concepts	15%	15%	
3	Work with Technical Assistance Teams	0%	0%	

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4	Facilitate Identification and Representation of Community Priorities	10%	10%	
5	Integrate Priorities through Partnerships and Extensive Networks	10%	10%	
6	Cost-share Partners	15%	15%	
7	Leverage Funding	15%	15%	
8	Local Stakeholder Education	10%	10%	
9	Watershed Coordinator Collaboration	10%	10%	
	<b>Overall</b>	100%	100%	100%

**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.

Continued to stay connected to leaders in this space outside of the North Santa Monica Watershed such as Amos White, who included me in meeting with staff at California Department of Water Resources.

**G. Scheduling concerns or issues**

Continued to focus on options that might make a multi-agency, multi-city Measure W application feasible.

**H. Expected activities next quarter**

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

- November: Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference
- November: Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Site Visits to Calabasas and Agoura Hills
- November: Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Site Visit to Santa Barbara
- December 15: MWD Innovation Conservation Grant due, hope to assist LAUSD with application for Topanga Elementary School cistern project
- DWR Urban Drought Grant due January 31, seeking interest from multiple entities as potential project applicants
- Waiting to talk WCB opportunities with successor to Alex Farassati at City of Calabasas for Las Viregens Creek Restoration Phase II.

**Upcoming Events:** Will invite NSMB WASC stakeholders to help to select events sand set dates for next year at next NSMB WASC meeting.

**Funding Applications:**

**Attachments:**

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

Watershed: North Santa Monica Bay  
Watershed Coordinator: Melina Watts  
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### **Year 2 Quarterly Report 3**

October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Submitted: January 11, 2022

#### **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.  
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*Required elements of the Quarterly report to achieve in this summary are:*

- *Strategies used to integrate priorities for the community, municipalities, the watershed area, and the region*

In the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed, the watershed coordinator program has focused on,

- high level public outreach and education,
- connecting with stakeholders and community members to elicit great water projects and
- working collaboratively to make progress towards funding community's dream water projects.

- *Document the extent of partnerships and networks you have engaged.*

Cities, agencies, and community members' interest in finding opportunities to store rainwater via cisterns is a priority. Thus, coordinator reached out to multiple stakeholders to discuss the viability of building underground cisterns and collaborating on writing and managing a multi-city multi-agency Measure W application. Not one entity is available to take on such a heavy responsibility; thus coordinator continues to explore options for how to structure a collaborative project with Accelerated Resilience LA (ARLA), Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and interested stakeholders. Can we set up a scenario where a city, an agency, possibly the COG or a JPA manages a consultant who manages a large watershed grant? Stay tuned.

ARLA has brought together an array of expert people and entities to develop a feasibility analysis of extensive use of cisterns in the LVMWD footprint along with regions in the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed and Long Beach, Coordinator has been supportive of this effort and met many new partners through this process. Conversely, coordinator introduced ARLA to Clark Stevens, RCDSMM, and they brought him in as part of their consulting team. Coordinator shared with ARLA that staff scientists at DWR asked her for a document assessing real costs for suburban cisterns so that DWR would have tools to consider creating a grant that could fund suburban cisterns to start to provide genuinely local water supply in Southern California; this dovetails nicely into the idea Craig Jones, LVMWD has been urging which is to build a budget template that would allow homeowners to consider the likely pricetag of a cistern on their property relative to size and utility.

Coordinator continues to work with long-term partnerships and networks including all NSMB WASC stakeholders and related regional community leaders such as Center for Watershed Health, L.A. Waterkeepers, Heal the Bay, schools, and school districts such as SMMUSD and LAUSD. Coordinated attended both the Malibou Lake Centennial and the Agoura Hills 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. While putting together the three-day event for the Nature Based Solutions Success Stories events in November, range of partners increased to include thought leaders such as author Erica Gies, poet Nadine Salas, creek restoration experts such as Anne Riley and Jessica Hall and the whole team at Santa Barbara Creeks Division. Working with ARLA has led to working with partners such as the Nature Conservancy, The River Project, One Water Econ, Urban Water Group and many cistern vendors. Mike Garcia at Enviroscap L.A., Jamiah Hargins, Crop Swap L.A. and Environmental Charter School leaders, Alison Diaz, school founder, Tashanda Giles, phenomenal environmental educator .and Danielle Marquez, parent volunteer, are part of the extended circle of Watts' outside-of-NSMB watershed water-focal partners.

Coordinator suggested to the Watershed Coordinators' Schools' Committee that we ask for a direct meeting with Leslie Friedman Johnson to discuss how Measure W can best address education / outreach program development, as well as answering earlier related surveys sent out by STANTEC. Along those lines, shared Madelyn Glickfeld's suggestion that we

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fund outreach to Gardeners / Landscape Managers to increase water conservation / improve water quality, mirroring past work by City of Malibu and LVMWD in this space.

- *Document your effort to engage a broad set of conventional and unconventional stakeholders*
  - Reaching out to and interviewing Erica Gies, author of *Water Always Wins*, appeared in [Valley News](#), [Happy Eco News](#); Multiple people in watershed now reading *Water Always Wins* by Erica Gies
  - Invited a diverse set of excellent speakers to Nature Based Solutions Success Stories events, including Cameron Benson, ED, and Dr. Jill Murray, chief scientist, Santa Barbara Creeks, Ann Riley who has written key books on creek restoration and teaches at UC Berkeley, Jessica Hall, whose use of ecological history in presentations changes how people see hydrology and Latinx poet Nadine Salas in order to inspire attendees to think about what best case scenario Nature Based Solutions can be.
  - Developing friendships with Mike Garcia at Enviroscope L.A., Jamiah Hargins, Crop Swap L.A. has helped me to expand my thinking outside the borders of the NSMB watershed and to re-see all parts of our community here.
  - Continuing to work with ARLA is critical to forward momentum in terms of creating sources of affordable local water supply for the NSMB watershed.
  - Chatted about drainage tiles with Todd Marcus at Starbucks in Malibu; seems more like a (problematic) solution used in the Midwest in agriculture rather than something that would fit the NSMB watershed.
  - Inspired by Miguel Luna, MWD Board of Directors, working on open space acquisition project ideas
  - At request of Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, began to develop potential nature-based solutions project list for NSMB region.
  - Attended part of OWLA Broader Coalition Meeting (it was the day before conference coordinator was running)
  - Attended Safe Clean Water Program Metrics & Monitoring Study - Public Workshop – evening
  - Published about events in local city calendars, in One Topanga, and shared with LAT writer
  - Called or direct messaged folks like Susan Nissman, Mike Pestrella, David Nahai, Meena Westford, Elizabeth Crosson etc. Kian Shulman shared invites on her (very popular) Facebook pages for PoisonFreeMalibu etc.
  - Hope Sexton who manages Malibu Creek Watershed TMDLs at L.A. Regional Water Quality Board, came and attended the Calabasas and Agoura Hills Creek Restoration site tours.
  - Sent invites out to newsletter readers
  - Shared public outreach records to Allen Ma and Alberto Grajeda, Mulholland project
  - Talked creek restoration with Tessa Charnofsky, 11/30
  - Helped coordinate first ever North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Prize, which was won by Alex Farassati See: [Daily Valley News](#).
  - Attended MAR talks coordinated by Orit Kalman from California State University Sacramento featuring Rajendra Singh a water conservationist and environmentalist from Rajasthan in India.
  - Set up follow up zoom meeting on creek restoration as tool for wq improvement with Dr. Jill Murray and landscape architect Jessica Hall; looking to connect them with other interested colleagues
  - Met with Dave Pedersen, LVMWD, to discuss Community Priorities
  - Tracking potential outreach event at development in Calabasas that includes cisterns per Roxanne Hughes
  - Looking to support composting project in Topanga
- *Required elements detailed below that you should mention here:*
  - *Any of the four required engagement meetings you held during the quarter*
    - *Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference*
    - *Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Site Visits to Calabasas and Agoura Hills*
    - *Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Site Visits to Santa Barbara*
  - *Either of the two required educational events you held during the quarter*
    - *Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference*
      - *Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Site Visits to Calabasas and Agoura Hills*
      - *Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Site Visits to Santa Barbara*
  - *Highlights or summary of types of meetings you attended held by others*
    - *Attended watershed coordinator meetings*
    - *Attended talks by grantors*
    - *Attended Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Government Meetings*



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- *Attended Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission meeting and presented*
- *Summary of cost-share partner relationship development*
  - Asked T.J. Moon for advice on Bipartisan Infrastructure Application(s) from Los Angeles County
  - Maintained close ties with LVMWD, WBMWD, LAUSD, Waterworks District #29 and local cities as potential grant recipients
  - Reached out to staff at Wildlife Conservation and California Southern Coastal Conservancy about Calabasas Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Phase III project
  - Wrote first draft of MWD Conservation Innovation Grant that was submitted by LAUSD to fund small cisterns at Topanga Elementary School
- *Summary of leverage funding pursuits*
  - Wrote first draft of MWD Conservation Innovation Grant that was submitted by LAUSD to fund small cisterns at Topanga Elementary School; outcome TBD
  - Asked if City of Calabasas could / should submit Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Phase III to California Southern Coastal Conservancy; told that it would not fit as a restoration project (too far inland) but could fit as a trails project; may help with an application for that later on
  - Set up talk (had to reschedule until January) with Wildlife Conservation Board and City of Calabasas; we are optimistic about this opportunity but will need to get asked to write full application
  - California Watershed Network provided \$300 for Nature Based Solutions Success Stories event
  - The majority of the speakers provided time in kind, including Santa Barbara Creeks Division team
  - Gus Meza stated that inclusion of 6 cisterns in NSMB IRWM application inspired by conversations with coordinator
  - Shared insights on \$500 million in available funding from Megan Cooper of the California Coastal Commission with State Parks

#### 8. Local Stakeholder Education

Coordinator hosted a trio of events in November,

- Eventbrite for Agenda for [Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference](#), registered: 103
- Eventbrite for [Nature Based Solutions Success Stories: Site Visits to Calabasas and Agoura Hills](#), registered: 9 (more attended)
- Eventbrite for [Nature Based Solutions Success Stories, Site Visits to Santa Barbara](#), registered: 9

Coordinator wrote a series of articles and interviews to encourage local news readers to attend these events,

See:

- On Erica Gies, [Valley News](#),
- On Erica Gies, [Happy Eco News](#)
- On Alex Farassati, : [Daily Valley News](#)  
On Jessica Hall, [Happy Eco News](#)

#### 9. Watershed Coordinator Collaboration

- Attended monthly Watershed Coordinator events
- Joined Mikaela Randolph, Nancy Shrodes and Michelle Struthers in giving talk on watershed coordinator / Measure W programs to Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. Ms. Randolph organized the talk and made sure each of us had slides to share so as to give SMBRC a sense of the geographic and personal scope of the program.
- Attended Central + South Santa Monica Watershed Tour; elected to see South Santa Monica Watershed sites during second half of tour

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2.	Planning for Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Site Tour	10/11/2022	Planning site visit with Santa Barbara Creeks Division	Santa Barbara Creeks Division	Held	
3.	ARLA /Madelyn Glickfeld	10/15/2022	Cisterns Conversation		Attended	
4.	LAUSD Lisa Williams + Watts	10/17/2022	Prep: MWD Grant cistern application	LAUSD, Topanga Elementary School	Held	
5.	25 Year anniversary: Center for Watershed Health	10/18/2022	Center for Watershed Health Dinner	Center for Watershed Health + guests	Attended	
6.	Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission	10/20/2022	Watershed Coordinator Presentation	Led by Mikaela Randolph with Nancy Schroder, Michelle Struthers, Me	Presented + Attended	
7.	LAUSD Grant planning conversation	10/21/2022	LAUSD MWD cistern grant application	Lisa Williams, Christos Chrysiliou, Ruben Valenzuela, me	Attended	
8.	Nadine Salas and MSW	10/22/2022	Water Poetry conversation		Held	
9.	Agoura Hills 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	10/24/2022	City Councilmembers, Community, Senator Pavley etc.		Attended	
10.	Interview with Alex Farassati	10/26/2022	For Daily Valley News article	Alex Farassati, City of Calabasas	Held	
11.	Monthly Watershed Coordinator meeting	10/26/2022	For collaboration	Stantec, L.A. County, Watershed coordinators	Attended	
12.	California Watershed Network	10/28/2022	Watershed convo; planning event		Attended	
13.	WLV, Calabasas, AH + me	10/28/2022	Watershed convo	Jessica Forte, Roxanne Hughes, Tatiana H., Madelyn Glickfeld	Attended	
14.	LVMWD Craig Jones	10/31/2022	Grants opportunities	Craig Jones	Attended	

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15.	Heal the Bay	11/1/2022	Support for Nature Based Solutions event	Ava Ferriday	Held	
16.	LAUSD Greening Event	11/10/2022	Discussing rules for partnership on green schools	Big event	Attended in part; reviewed presentation	
17.	NSMB WASC	11/10/2022			Attended	B-17 Presentation to NSMB WASC on November 10, 2022
18.	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Better Together	11/14/2022	Federal opportunities led by L.A. County		Attended	
19.	Heal the Bay	11/14/2022	Support for Nature Based Solutions event	Ava Farriday	Held	
20.	Nature Based Solutions Success Stories: Conference	11/17/2022	See agenda	109 people registered	held	B-20, Agenda for Nature Based Solutions Success Stories
21.	Nature Based Solutions Success Stories: Site Visits to Agoura Hills and Calabasas	11/18/2022	See agenda	Approximately 15 people attended	held	B-21 Site Visits to Calabasas and Agoura Hills Photo C and AH
22.	Nature Based Solutions Success Stories: Conference	11/18/2022	See agenda	Approximately 10 people attended	held	B-22 Site Visit to Santa Barbara Creeks
23.	Wonderwomen Event (First Responders Locally)	11/20/2022			Attended	
24.	SCWP Schools and Stormwater Group	11/29/2022			Attended	
25.	South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Tour	12/3/2022	Learned about projects in Central and South Santa Monica Bay		Attended	
26.	MAR Lunch	12/17/2022			Attended	
27.	Watershed Conversation	12/8/2022		Dr. Jill Murray, Jessica Hall, MSW		
28.	NSMB WASC	12/8/2022			Attended	B-28-A, Presentation to NSMB WASC; B-28-B, Presentation on Nature Based Solutions Project Ideas
29.	Planning January watershed Coordinator Meeting	12/16/2022		Carlos Moran, Mike Antos, Tori Klug, Ryanna		
30.	California Coastal Conservancy + City of	12/29/2022	Discussed funding opportunities	Megan Cooper + Alba Lemus	Held	

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	Calabasas and Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Phase III				
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1.	ARLA; RCDSMM;	Discussed co-writing multiple grants; recommended inclusion of Clark Stevens, RCDSMM as participant in cistern study, RCDSMM received contract	
2.	LAUSD, MWD, Topanga Elementary School	Suggested LAUSD write MWD Conservation Innovation grant for 50K for Topanga Elementary School Cistern Project	Submitted 12/15/2022
3.	ARLA, RCDSMM, WBMWD, LVMWD to explore Urban Drought DWR application	Explored multiple avenues to fund collaborative DWR Urban Drought application; without willing applicant, not possible	
4.	Calabasas and California State Coastal Conservancy	Introduced two parties to discuss funding Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Phase III, may work later on for a trail project, not for now	
5.	Set January call with Wildlife Conservation Board + City of Calabasas	Will discuss Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Phase III: spoiler alert, they're interested and in January Watts will write a draft LOI	
6.	Reached out to MRCA, NPS and State Parks re WCB + California State Coastal Conservancy	No responses; MRCA has grant writers winning these awards without watershed coordinator's assistance	
7.	California Watershed Network	Funding for author's honorarium (\$300) for Erica Gies for Nature Based Solutions Success Stories, received and paid	

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4	Facilitate Identification and Representation of Community Priorities	10%	10%	10%
5	Integrate Priorities through Partnerships and Extensive Networks	10%	10%	15%
6	Cost-share Partners	15%	10%	15%
7	Leverage Funding	15%	10%	11%
8	Local Stakeholder Education	10%	10%	9%
9	Watershed Coordinator Collaboration	10%	10%	7%
	<b>Overall</b>	100%	100%	100%

**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.

Connecting with community leaders who live and work in DAC communities inspires me to do more and better with the low-income community members who live and work in the NSMB watershed. These include Environmental Charter School founder Alison Diaz, teacher Tashanda Giles and parent Danielle Marquez, with whom I have been connecting over at the in the South Santa Monica Bay Watershed and Mike Garcia at Enviroscope, who is deeply inspiring.

I'm very appreciative of watershed coordinator Carlos Moran's experience in working with the unhoused community and looking forward to learning more during the upcoming January watershed coordinator's meeting.

**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.

Program is staying schedule as planned.

Coordinator plans to set up a schedule for education / outreach events in 2023 as soon as possible in January or February at our next NSMB WASC meeting based on a stakeholder-driven discussion.

Based on feedback from Dave Pedersen and other stakeholders, looks like we will be trying to merge the idea of a State of The Watershed event with a WaterTalks approach (which emphasizes bringing in local elected officials and staff for learning) and, if it is feasible, will be doing a public outreach event modeled after the very popular CicLAvia program centering on the Pure Water Project as a venue and idea around which to communicate goals and opportunities of the Safe, Clean Water L.A. program.

**H. Expected activities next quarter**

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

Working on obtaining dates for our two big education / outreach projects for 2023.

In theory could be State of the Watershed/WaterTalks event in late summer, an event inspired by CicLAvia that would showcase the Pure Water Project could happen in the fall.

Planning on collaborating with City of Calabasas on letter of intent for Wildlife Conservation Board grants. As of this week, they have the first draft in their hands. Stay tuned.

Hoping that Dave Pedersen can inspire the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments to agree to hire a consultant to write and manage a Measure W collaborative application on January 17, 2022. I'll be there on Zoom with morning coffee and my fingers crossed.

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**Upcoming Events:** Will be setting dates at next NSMB WASC meeting. Hope to send out newsletter.

**Funding Applications:** LAUSD submitted MWD Conservation Innovation grant for about \$50,000 on December 15, 2022.

Looking forward to supporting City of Calabasas in preparing Wildlife Conservation Board application for Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Phase III project.

\$300 donation from California Watershed Network spent on honorarium for Erica Gies, *Water Always Wins* author.

Significant in-kind donations via time from staff from project participants in Nature Based Solutions Success Stories.

LVMWD contributes physical award for first annual Watershed Award given to Alex Farassati, City of Calabasas.

**Attachments:**

B-17 Presentation to NSMB WASC on November 10, 2022  
B-20, Agenda for Nature Based Solutions Success Stories  
B-21 Site Visits to Calabasas and Agoura Hills Photo C and AH  
B-22 Site Visit to Santa Barbara Creeks  
B-28-A, Presentation to NSMB WASC  
B-28-B, Presentation on Nature Based Solutions Project Ideas

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Eventbrite for Agenda for [Nature Based Solutions Success Stories Conference](#), registered: 103

Eventbrite for [Nature Based Solutions Success Stories: Site Visits to Calabasas and Agoura Hills](#), registered: 9 (more attended)

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**Articles:**

On Erica Gies, [Valley News](#),

On Erica Gies, [Happy Eco News](#)

On Alex Farassati, : [Daily Valley News](#)

On Jessica Hall, [Happy Eco News](#)