



# LOWER LA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR

## WASC Meeting - August 2023



# AGENDA

## SUMMARY OF FY 24-25 (YEAR 5) REGIONAL PROGRAM PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

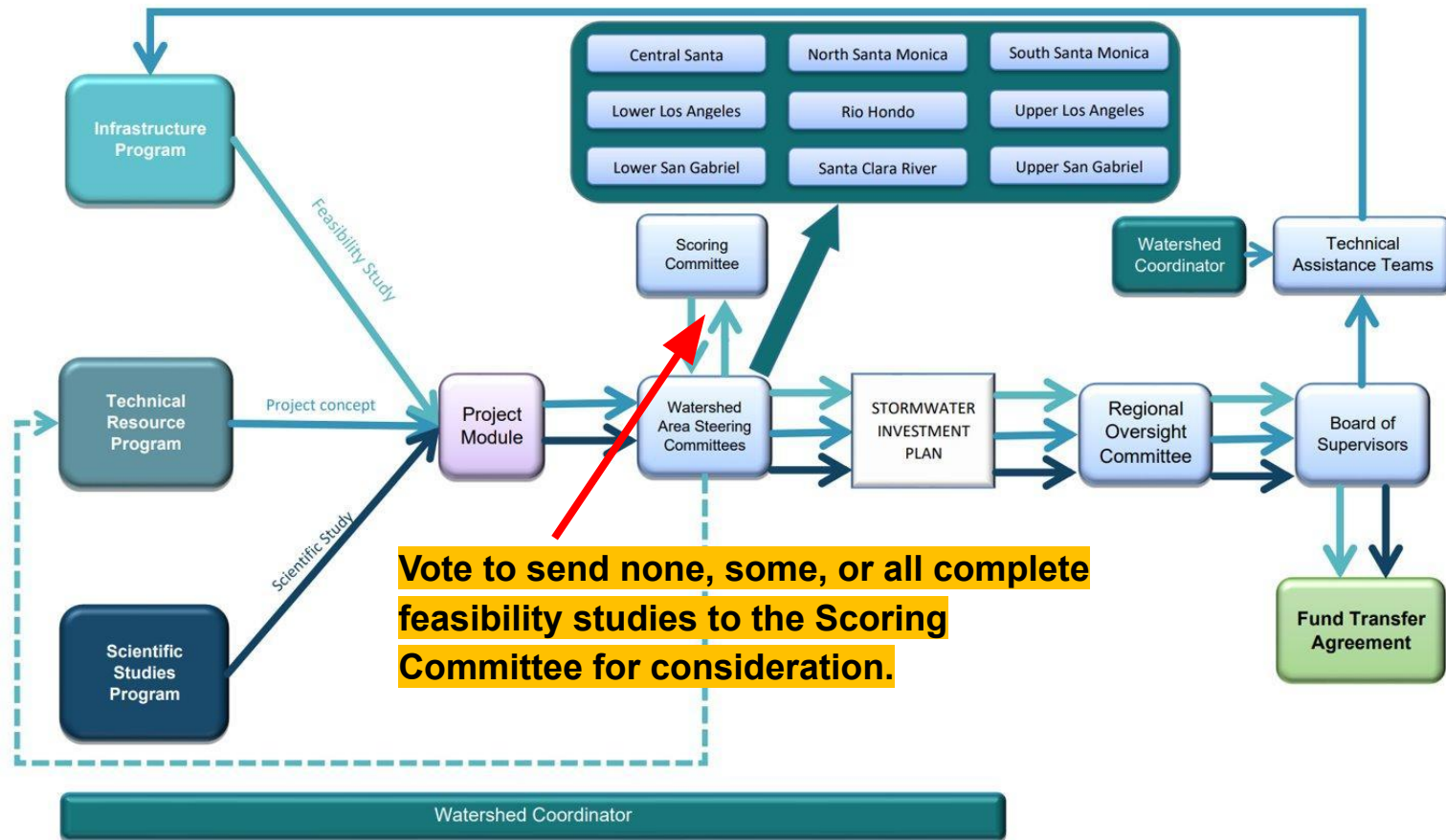
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## RECENT COORDINATOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS





# Regional Program Structure and Flow Chart





# Infrastructure Project Summary

**Lynwood City Park Stormwater Capture Project - received a qualifying score** (preliminary score: 80)

**Lead:** City of Lynwood; Additional project collaborators: Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

**Location:** 11301 Bullis Rd, Lynwood, CA 90262

**Total request: \$22,200,000 over five years (Construction only, no O&M)**

**Timeline:** Planning\* - 07/2023; Design\* - 07/2024; Construction - 01/2025; Completion date - 06/2029

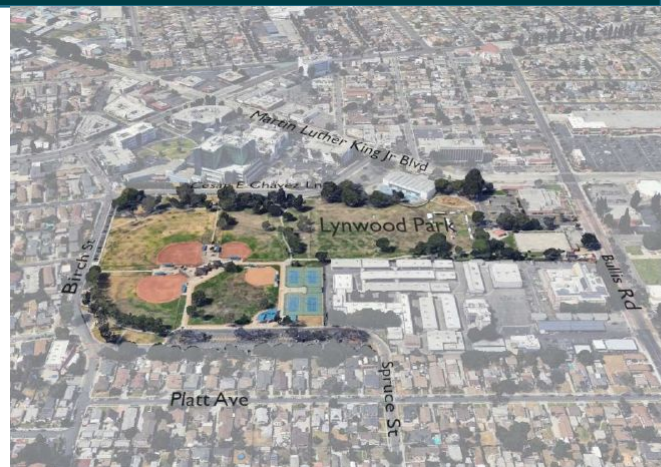
- \*Completed under prior funding award of \$1,691,629 (FY 21-22)

## Benefits include:

- Underground infiltration vault & diversion structures (annual average capture of 232 ac-ft)
- Expected to capture 100% of zinc and other pollutants during dry weather and 231 pounds of zinc on an annual average basis
- Nature-based solutions: ephemeral stream to supplement infiltration

## Claimed Disadvantaged Community Benefits:

- Located within a census tract designated disadvantaged
- Upgraded park utility and recreational facilities: improved soccer field with new turf grass, addition of native vegetation throughout the park
- Biofiltration creek replicating natural waterways formerly found in the region
- Compliance with all LA County anti-displacement avoidance measures



## Engagement/Support:

- Conducted community outreach (April 2023) asking Park users what they mainly use the park for, desired improvements, and what they like from the original project design plan
- Local support from Holster Middle School and Neighborhood Block Watch
- Letter of Support from the City



# Scientific Study Summary

## Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity

- **Lead:** California State Polytechnic University, Pomona;
  - Additional study collaborators: University of California Santa Barbara, Hydrology Laboratory, Kindred Hydro, Inc, Groundswell Technologies, LLC.
- **Location:** at least one municipality from each Watershed Area
- **Total request across all watersheds applied to:** \$4,951,453 over five years
  - **Estimated cost for Lower LA River Watershed Area: \$408,871 over five years**
- **Timeline:**
  - Study-site selection - 06/30/25;
  - Planning field program - 09/30/25;
  - Operations documentation - 12/31/25;
  - Reporting, Outreach & Engagement, Field Visits: O&M Activities, and Infiltration Testing - 6/30/29

## Benefits include (expected outcomes):

- Assessment of drywell design approaches, pre-treatment strategies, and maintenance
- Baseline for monitoring long-term performance and sustainability of drywells
- Outreach & engagement to ensure broad dissemination and practical application of findings
- Engineering workforce development with focus on disadvantaged and underrepresented groups
- Support regional stormwater management, water quality, and water supply goals

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# **RECENT LLAR WATERSHED COORDINATOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:**



# JUNE - AUGUST COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. June 17, 2023: Juneteenth event in **Compton**
2. August 3, 2023: Para Todos Community Kick-off Event in **South Gate**
3. August 12, 2023: Back to School Giveaway in **Bell Gardens**





# COMMUNITY KICK OFF

**Over the next three years, RMC will be engaging with public agencies, community-based organizations, and community members along the river to ensure that parks and other projects align with the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan's community vision for equitable revitalization and open space development.**



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## LONG BEACH MUST PROJECT TOUR ATTENDEES INCLUDE:

- City of Long Beach Councilmember Mary Zendejas
- Office of Assemblymember Lowenthal, District Director, Brian Mineghino
- CA Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Deputy Secretary for Access, Katherine Toy
- CA State Parks Director, Armando Quintero
- CA State Parks Chief Deputy Director, Liz McGuirk
- CA State Parks Manager of Planning, Public Affairs and Community Engagement, Angeles District, Stephanie Campbell







# LAEJN (LA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NETWORK) EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

## July 29th, 2023

The Los Angeles Environmental Justice Network, (LAEJN) a project of the [Del Amo Action Committee](#) (DAAC), is a series of workshops that builds capacity for environmental justice in the Del Amo community.

**Workshop included 55 participants representing 6 community organizations throughout South LA (I Heart East LA, Del Amo Action Committee, Cudahy Alliance, I Heart South East LA, Comite Pro Uno)**

### Workshop Covered:

- Watersheds 101 & Stormwater 101
- SCW Program overview and application process
- Community Visioning Exercise
- Tour of Magic Johnson Park Stormwater Features



# LAEJN WORKSHOP

## Community Visioning Exercise

Coordinators used the Accelerate LA (ARLA)'s Visioning tool for an exercise that helped participants to identify potential projects and develop project sketches to be used for project concept planning and funding proposals.

### PROJECT REMEDIES



COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
1x



WALKING PATH  
6x



LIGHT  
6x



SHADE TREE  
6x



BIOSWALE  
3x



STORAGE  
POND  
1x



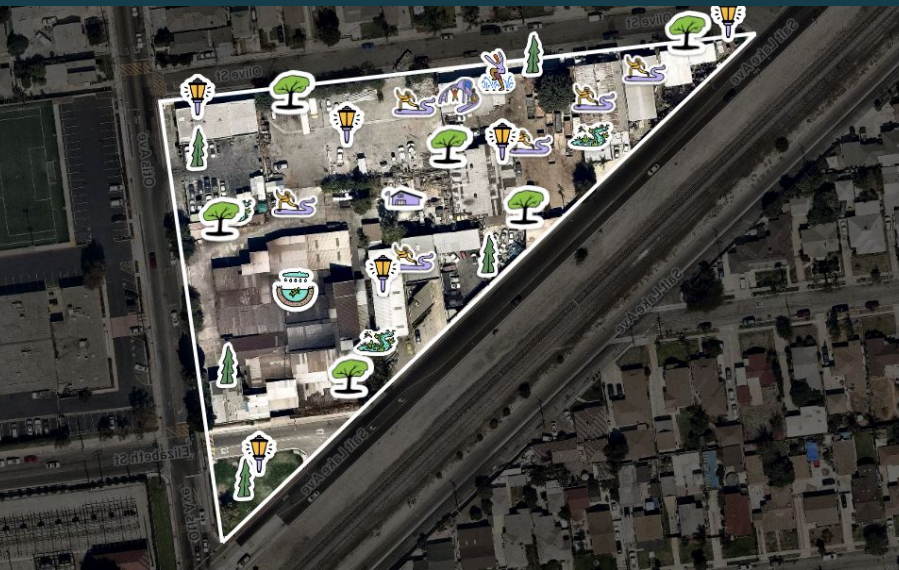
BUFFER TREE  
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SPLASH PAD  
1x



PLAYGROUND  
1x





# NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES STAFF PRESENTATION

August 2nd, 2023



NHS strengthens communities by developing and maintaining quality affordable housing, creating and preserving affordable homeownership opportunities.

NHS is interested in developing a green alleyway in one of their affordable housing developments.





# Stakeholder Outreach July & August

## **Stakeholder meetings included:**

1. Watershed Conservation Authority and Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) regarding outreach to the City of Bell and Cudahy
2. City of Cudahy Parks and Recreation Department
3. City of Lynwood Public Works Department

## **SGA correspondence included with:**

- Downey Unified School District and Long Beach Unified School District regarding the status of their potential project application
- RMC and Kounkuey Design Initiative regarding the status of the Bell Gardens Golf Conversion project
- Introductory emails sent to the Compton Community Farm and Laguna Nueva School Staff