Measure W: The Safe Clean Water Program provides local, dedicated funding to increase our local water supply, improve water quality, and protect public health.
Land Acknowledgement

Elena Rios at Taft Gardens, Ojai, California: First Nations Voices First

Photo by Lisa Fimiani
What did Elena Rios and I discuss? Biodiversity is family.
OUTREACH, RECENT
Set Up Local Meetings, including,

- Mark Abramson helping set up tour of Malibu Lagoon Parking Lot
- Calabasas Staff, CEC and I talked Community Outreach
- Connected Rindge Dam Removal Team with Calabasas City Staff to share project goals

Attended,

- Malibu Area Conservation Coalition
- Malibu-Las Virgenes Council of Governments
- USC Sea Grant /NOAA Event
- Native Water Stories: A Paya Film Screening, Held by Heal the Bay
OUTREACH, UPCOMING
October 7, 2023:
Community Conservation Day
Viewridge in Topanga

Image by Los Angeles County Department of Flood Control
October 21, 2023: Featured Speaker Oaktober at Taft Gardens in Ojai, California
October 22, 2023: Calabasas Pumpkin Festival

The goal is to share the story of creek restoration and fish passage opportunities via a series of tours for the public.
North Santa Monica Bay State of the Watershed 2024

• Looking for a site.

• Does your city or agency want to be the hero?
COMMUNITY PROJECT CONCEPTS
August 29: Waiting to Connect with Suzanne Goode, State Parks Emeritus to Set Up Tour for L.A. County Beaches and Harbors, Leslie Friedman Johnson, Mike Antos, Any Interested Parties of Parking Lot at Malibu Lagoon
Accelerated Resilience L.A. Project Proposal

Safe, Clean Water L.A. is designed to reflect community goals and values as we improve water quality and increase local water supply.
Calabasas and California Department of State Parks Meet: the Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Phase III Project Transforms Into a Fish Passage Planning Project
Agoura Hills: MS4 Compliance Project

SCWP Application turned in July 31, 2023
Calabasas Green Streets Project

Project is partly funded.

Potential SCWP Application for 2024.

Stay tuned.
Potential Watershed-wide Crayfish and Invasive Fish Removal Study, Possible Implementation Project Suggested by Wildlife Conservation Board

Project lead would be Debra Sharpton.

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RAINMAKING: CO-CREATING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Matching Funding Sources + Watershed/Regional Projects

- Offering support for potential NOAA and new Wildlife Conservation Board grant opportunities
- Co-writing new LOI for City of Calabasas for Wildlife Conservation Board Application
- Offering letter of support for application for analysis / potential removal of invasive species throughout Malibu Creek Watershed by Debbie Sharpton with Wildlife Conservation Board
- Newly introduced to CALTRANS underpass projects; will consider funding sources to share
Santa Monica Mountains Fund Interns

Met with,

• Santa Monica Mountains Funds and ARLA: Antonio, Devon, Melina and the Interns

• Ongoing conversations with Aaron Ordower, Supervisorial District 3
Joining Central Santa Monica Watershed and South Santa Monica Watershed Coordinators in meeting with Austin Toyama, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District to discuss project opportunities; thanks to Aaron Ordower for setting this up.
GROWING NEW CONNECTIONS
• Elena Rios, Chumash Teacher
• Jaide Whitman, Taft Gardens, Ojai
• Dr. David White, Once Upon a Watershed
• Lisa Fimian, Loyola Marymount Center for Urban Resilience
• Jan Williamson and Pamela Mass, 18th Street Arts Center, Santa Monica
• Jamiah Hargis, Crop Swap L.A. and I aim to connect in person
• Evelin Webb, Malibu Foundation
• Attended USC Sea Grant Event on Funding, met NOAA staff + others
• Invited CALTRANS staff to speak at NSMB WASC

Photo Courtesy of Taft Gardens
DUNES,
FROM MARS
TO
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Jim Montgomery,

Mars Science Lab Surface Operations and Lander Vision System System Engineer at Jet Propulsion Laboratory

South Bay Parkland Conservancy
Esplanade Bluff Restoration Project in Redondo Beach
NEXT GENERATION
Please welcome Imaan Deen, Student and Artist

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