

# WASC MEETING, WC UPDATES **28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**UPPER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR**



**SAFE  
CLEAN  
WATER  
PROGRAM**



# AGENDA

1. Community Events & SCWP Engagements
2. Community Feedback
3. Upcoming Events and Outreach
4. Discussion



# 1. Community Events & SCWP Engagements

- 8/1/23. Resource booth at Pomona National Night Out event
- 8/3/23. Attended Hollydale Park Community Kick-off event
- 8/3/23. Meeting with Mariposa Alliance for project identification
- 8/5/23. Educational hike activity in Claremont with Pride Center
- 8/9/23. Resource booth at 'Concert in the Park' series in San Dimas
- 8/15/23. Resource booth at Summer BBQ and Community Resource Fair in El Monte
- 8/17/23. Outreach Resource booth at Gidley School parent event



# 1. Community Events & SCWP Engagements

- 8/30/23. Outreach Resource booth at Rosemead Adult School
- 8/31/23. Attended Hamilton Park Grand Opening in Pomona
- 9/5/23. Held Resource booth at the CommUnity Pull Up Event at Tom Greene Park
- Identification and research of potential USGR project in City of Industry
- 9/12/23. SCWP presentation to Pomona Youth Advocates group
- 9/12/23. SCWP: Schools & Stormwater Working Group
- 9/18/23. Attendance and presentation of poster at 'State of the LA River event'



# Outreach and Engagement Events





# Social Media and Day One Newsletter



## The Importance of Going Native:

Why should we celebrate and cultivate native plants like Chinese Houses? The answer lies in their ability to provide a myriad of benefits to our local ecosystems and communities:

- **Biodiversity Boost:** Native plants are essential for supporting local wildlife, including insects, birds, and other small animals. They've evolved alongside these creatures, offering them valuable food sources and habitats.
- **Water-Wise Landscaping:** In a time where water conservation is paramount, native plants shine. Chinese Houses and other natives are adapted to our region's climate, requiring less water and reducing the strain on our water resources.
- **Reduced Maintenance:** These plants have adapted to our soil types and weather conditions, making them hardier and less demanding in terms of care. This means less time, effort, and resources spent on maintenance.
- **Erosion Control:** The root systems of native plants play a vital role in preventing soil erosion, which is especially important for stabilizing slopes and areas prone to heavy rainfall.
- **Preserving Our Heritage:** Native plants are part of our natural heritage, connecting us to the history and beauty of our region. By cultivating them, we're preserving our ecosystems for future generations to enjoy.

## Supporting Safe Clean Water LA:

Our commitment to the environment and our community aligns perfectly with the mission of Safe CleanWater LA. This program is dedicated to improving water quality, increasing water supply, and enhancing the natural habitat in the Los Angeles area. By incorporating native plants like Chinese Houses into our landscapes, we're actively contributing to their efforts and promoting a sustainable future.

## Ready to make a difference? Here's how you can get involved:

- **Plant Natives:** Consider adding Chinese Houses and other native plants to your garden or landscaping.
- **Spread Awareness:** Share the importance of native plants with your friends and neighbors.
- **Volunteer:** Join local initiatives that focus on habitat restoration and conservation.
- **Support Organizations:** Contribute to efforts like SafeCleanWater LA to further their impactful work.



## 2. Community Questions/Feedback

- **Pollution.** Discussion about polluting sites. Concern that during heavy rain, runoff enters storm drains and groundwater.
- **Park Space.** Concern about passive recreation parks. Importance of undertaking engagement.
- **Unhoused individuals.** Comments about encampments and RVs discharging wastewater directly into storm drains or streams.
- **Project identification.** Initial considerations with resident about potential stormwater capture project in City of Industry. Park area unusable for residents.



### 3. Upcoming Events and Outreach

- Hahamongna Watershed Walk with Upper LA River WC on Oct 7
- Day One Art Night in Pasadena on Oct 13
- Eaton Canyon Watershed Walk with Rio Hondo WC on Oct 28
- Best Practices for Community Engagement Educational Presentation
- Educational Hike with Pride Centers in East San Gabriel Valley



# 4. Discussion

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## Suggestions for Events or Engagements?