



LOWER LA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR

WASC Meeting - October 2023





**HIGHLIGHTS FROM
LA WATERKEEPER'S
SCWP RESEARCH SHOWCASE**

SCHOOL TOURS

**RECENT COORDINATOR
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT &
OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS**

PARQUE DOS RIOS

AGENDA



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July 27th, 2023

LA WATERKEEPER RESEARCH SHOWCASE



Participants included: SCOPE, UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation and Stantec, ARLA Working Group, the Scoring Committee

Highlights

- Consensus around prioritizing hardscape removal and creating new green space, particularly at schools and in park-poor communities
- Many recommendations for adaptive management of scoring, metrics and monitoring
 - E.g. sliding scales for more nuanced scoring, publicly available monitoring dashboard
- Reactive → Proactive approach based on specific watershed and subwatershed “signatures”



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UCLA Research:

The Link model

A municipal
government or
public agency

that wants to improve
access to safe, clean
parks in underserved
neighborhoods and needs
additional assistance with
planning, community
engagement, grant writing,
and contracting.

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A nonprofit
technical assistance
provider

with expertise and a track
record of success in grant
writing, planning, and
contracting to build and
revitalize parks in high-need
communities.

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A community-
based
organization

with established
relationships in the
community and successful
experience in community
organizing and running
community engagement
campaigns.

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New and improved
parks in underserved
communities

come from community-
driven planning that leads
to successful funding
proposals to renovate
and build parks in high-
need communities. Safe,
clean parks contribute
to community health,
well-being, and civic
engagement.

UCLA

Luskin Center
for Innovation

ARLA Research:

- Assessed which guidance, criteria, structure, and processes are driving meaningful progress toward SCWP Goals.
- Created “Watershed signatures” to inform investment decisions by suggesting which scenarios maximize benefits and meet local hydrological needs.

ARLA
Accelerate Resilience L.A.

SCOPE Research:

- Focused on Equitable Implementation of the SCWP
- Shared rubric to enhance community engagement guidance

SCOPE
STRATEGIC
COMMUNITY
PLANNING

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The Pilot Watershed: Alhambra Wash

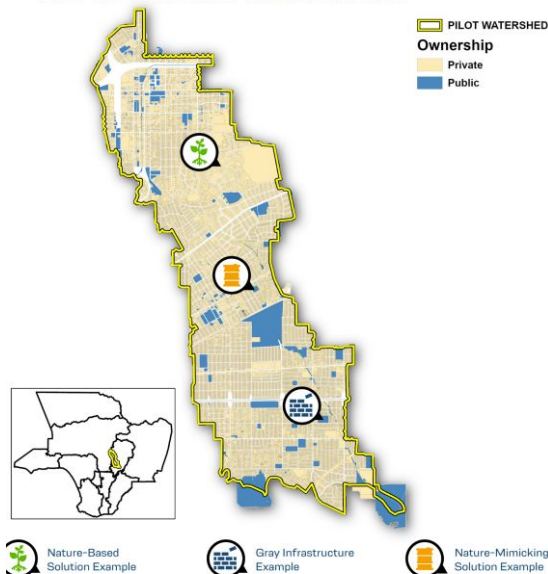


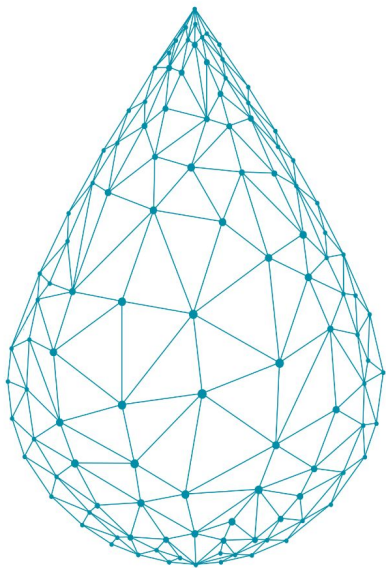
Figure 8. Alhambra Wash pilot watershed.

ARLA SCWP Working Group

- Assessed the extent to which SCWP guidance, criteria, structure, and processes are successfully driving meaningful progress toward the fourteen SCWP Goals.
- Used custom-built watershed modeling to simulate long-term implementation scenarios.
- Community needs assessment to identify local needs
- “Watershed signatures” can be used to inform investment decisions by suggesting which scenarios maximize benefits and meet local hydrological needs in that particular watershed.



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of funded IPs decreased & **projects scaled down.**



in total cost of project



24-hour stormwater capacity



and volume captured

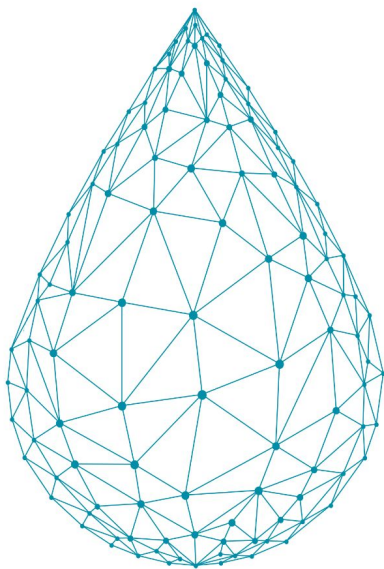


Leveraging outside funds dropped significantly in Round 3.



Design-only projects increased in Round 3, despite having fewer projects funded overall.

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Larger public agencies were better able to navigate the process as others struggle for success

- Only **4 NGOs** (out of 8)
- Only **2 Schools** (out of 6)

Hardscape removal is not occurring as intended

- Only **30.3 acres** hardscape removed (out of **~2.6M acres** in LA County, **30%** hardscape)

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RECENT LLAR WATERSHED COORDINATOR ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

Stakeholder Outreach September & October

1. **Parque dos Rios Site** Project team from Watershed Conservation Authority (08/28).
2. **Friends of the LA River** (FOLAR) Grant administrator (08/25).
3. Jenny Newman from the **Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board** (08/22).
4. **South Gate community member** about a Hollydale Park amenity and its eligibility for SCWP funding (09/14)
5. SCWP update presentation at the **quarterly Lower LA River Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) meeting** (09/28)
6. **City of Compton City Manager** (10/17)
7. **Long Beach Charter School** 'We The People' Teacher (10/17)

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Contacted 20 Council Members in DACs across watershed to offer introductory SCWP presentations

Community Events

Coastal Cleanup Day 09/23



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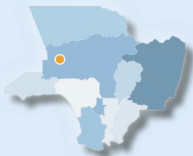
UPCOMING: OCTOBER - NOVEMBER SCHOOL TOURS

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JOIN US FOR A TOUR! **LIVING SCHOOLYARDS** CAPTURING STORMWATER



NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



17960 Chase St
Northridge, CA 91325

Friday November 17, 2023
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Come tour an example of a living, water-capturing schoolyard in the **Upper LA River Watershed** with the Safe, Clean Water Program Watershed Coordinators. Hear from LAUSD staff and partners about how the project came to be and lessons learned. Please note: Due to limited space, tours are invite-only and require an RSVP.



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VICTORY BLVD. ELEMENTARY



6315 Radford Ave
North Hollywood, CA 91606

Tuesday October 24, 2023
3 PM - 4:30 PM

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