### Safe, Clean Water Program Rio Hondo



Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

Wednesday, January 15, 2019 9:00am - 11:00am City of Monrovia, Monrovia Room 321 S. Myrtle Ave Monrovia, CA 91016

#### Attendees

Committee Members and Alternates: Julian Juarez (LA County Flood Control District) Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin) Kristen Ruffell (Sanitation Districts) Tom Love (Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District) Brent Maue (City of Pasadena Parks and Recreation) Thomas Wong (San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District) Frank Lopez (Monterey Park)

Mark Hall (Greater LA County Vector Control District) Daniel Rossman (The Wilderness Society) David Dolphin (Alhambra Vanessa Hevener (Arcadia) Fernando Villaluna\* (LA County) Sean Singletary (Pasadena) James Carlson (Sierra Madre) Gloria Crudgington (Monrovia)

<u>Committee Members Not Present</u> Ron Miller (LA/OC Building Trades)

Michael Hurley (Cal Water)

\*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Carlson of Sierra Madre, the Chair of the Rio Hondo welcomed all of the members and confirmed a quorum of the committee was present. All committee members made self-introductions.

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2019

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Carlson asked the committee members for comments or revisions.

Ms. Ruffell of Sanitation Districts made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 6, 2019. Ms. Crudgington seconded the motion. Thomas Wong abstained. The committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from December 11, 2019 (14 votes in agreement, 1 vote abstain).

#### 3. Committee Member and District Updates

Ms. Crudgington informed the committee that the Regional Water Quality Control Board had a meeting to discuss the new MS4 permit. Specific details regarding the Rio Hondo watershed would become available in the coming months.

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Mr. Kevin Kim (District) provided a summary of the Call for Projects submittals including the amount of funding requested, the number of submittals per watershed area, and how the members and public may view the applications on www.safecleanwaterla.org.

#### 4. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

#### 5. Discussion Items:

### a. Summary of feasibility studies, project concepts, and scientific studies submitted for Rio Hondo River WASC for Consideration

Mr. Kim provided a summary of projects that were submitted through the Infrastructure Program, Technical Resources Program and Scientific Studies Program for the Rio Hondo River Watershed Area and discussed criteria related to the development of the Stormwater Investment Plan. The overview of the Project submittals for the Rio Hondo River Watershed Area can be found <u>here</u>.

### b. Monrovia Unified School District Campus Green Infrastructure Development Project (Amigos de los Rios)

Presentation by Ms. Claire Robinson. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hall asked why some projects were deemed complete when they appeared to be missing the vector minimization plan for the feasibility study. Mr. Kim responded that the applicants were contacted via email to confirm that a vector minimization plan would be completed as the project is developed.

Mr. Rossman asked what the definition of disadvantaged community (DAC) was used for the Safe, Clean Water Program. Mr. Kim defined DAC from the list of Ordinance definitions. Mr. Antos further clarified that the definition of DAC used by SCW Program is the same definition in the Water Code and is one of the two definitions used by the State.

Ms. Crudington stated that the City of Monrovia did not have the ability to evaluate projects within the city jurisdiction done by outside entities. She raised concern that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board may intend to assign school districts as permitees on the next version of the MS4 permit which would raise concern of school funds being spent towards water quality projects.

Ms. Gardner asked how the project reduced dependence on imported water and by how much. Ms Robinson responded that the statement was qualitative not quantitative at this time.

The committee discussed the Technical Assistance Teams, the recipients of the funding for Technical Resources Program, and the need for additional guidance from the District for allocating the TRP funds. District staff clarified that the intent of the Technical Resource Program is to provide Technical Assistance Teams to assist persons or organizations that do not have technical resources to complete and develop a feasibility study. District further clarified that Technical Assistance Teams will be provided by the District and that TRP funds will not be disbursed to TRP applicant.

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#### 6. Voting Items:

#### a. Send all completed feasibility studies to Scoring Committee for Consideration

The committee approved to send the three Infrastructure Project applications to the Scoring Committee by roll call (unanimous to approve).

#### 7. Items for next agenda (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January)

Ms. Ruffell requested a presentation for guidance to generate the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) and for further guidance on the process used to generate the SIP. Ms. Ruffell requested additional guidance for the funding provisions for 110% return of funds to Disadvantaged Communities.

Ms. Crudgington requested additional guidance for a review process for municipal approval for projects built within their jurisdiction.

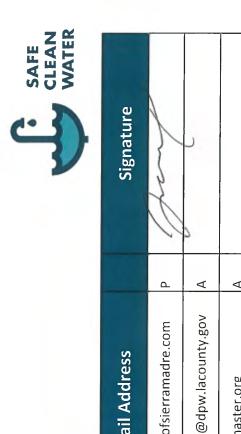
#### 8. Adjournment

Mr. Carlson thanked the committee members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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January 14, 2020



# Monrovia Unified School District Campus Green Infrastructure Development Project

## Managing Director - Claire Robinson Amigos de los Rios / Emerald Necklace Group claire@amigosdelosrios.org





"World-Class Schools For World-Class Students

### EMERALD NECKLACE FOREST TO OCEAN EXPANDED VISION PLAN: Towards a Common Vision

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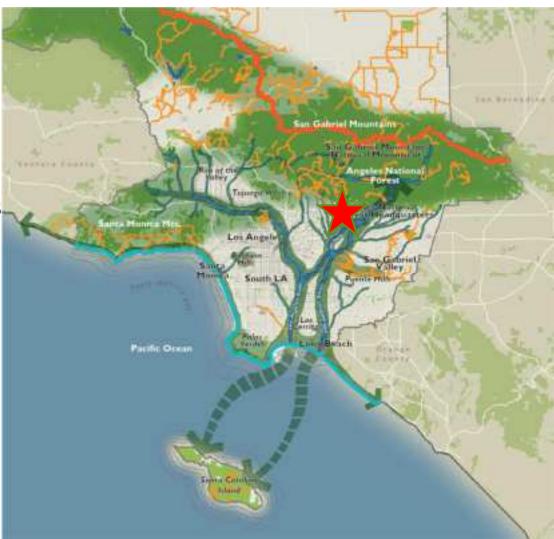




## EMERALD NECKLACE

501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to protecting water resources, restoring open space & natural resources in our urban environments by creating an 'Emerald Necklace' Green Infrastructure network of sustainable parks, trails and schools throughout the Los Angeles Basin from the Mountains to the Sea.

### WATERSHED APPROACH Olmsted Bartholomew Plan 1930 Founded 2003 RIO HONDO





A special thanks to the following California Conservation Corps, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, and San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps Members who have built Lashbrook Park for the benefit of current and future generations.

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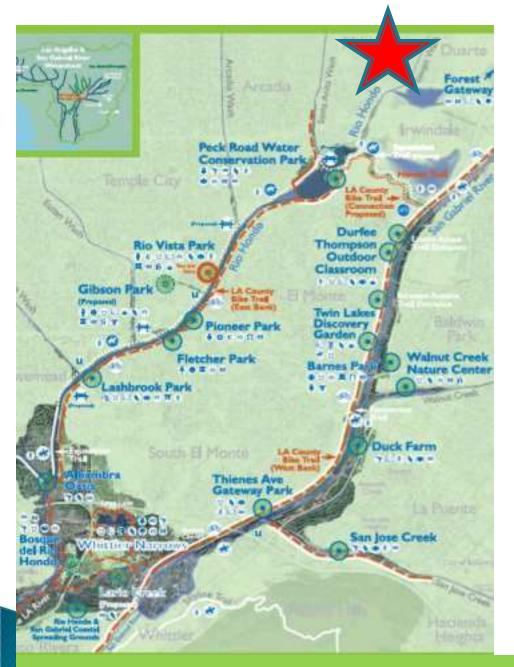
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### **FOCUS on DAC Communities**



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**RIO VISTA PARK** 



LASHBROOK PARK



GIBSON MARIPOSA PARK



DURFEE THOMPSON PARK

### NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

**Multi Objective Projects** 



# Monrovia Unified School District Campus Green Infrastructure Development RIO HONDO WATERSHED

Project Concept will retrofit three MUSD Schools and seeks to manage stormwater by increased capture, filtering and infiltration through a natural systems approach focused on community-based design of green infrastructure.

Multi Objective Goals: Key Stormwater, Ecosystem & Community Health Benefits: Pervious Paving & Permeable Surfaces, Healthy Soil Bioswales, Rain Gardens, Landscape Infiltration Planters, Urban Forestry, Mulched Native Plant Landscape Areas, Watershed Education Program





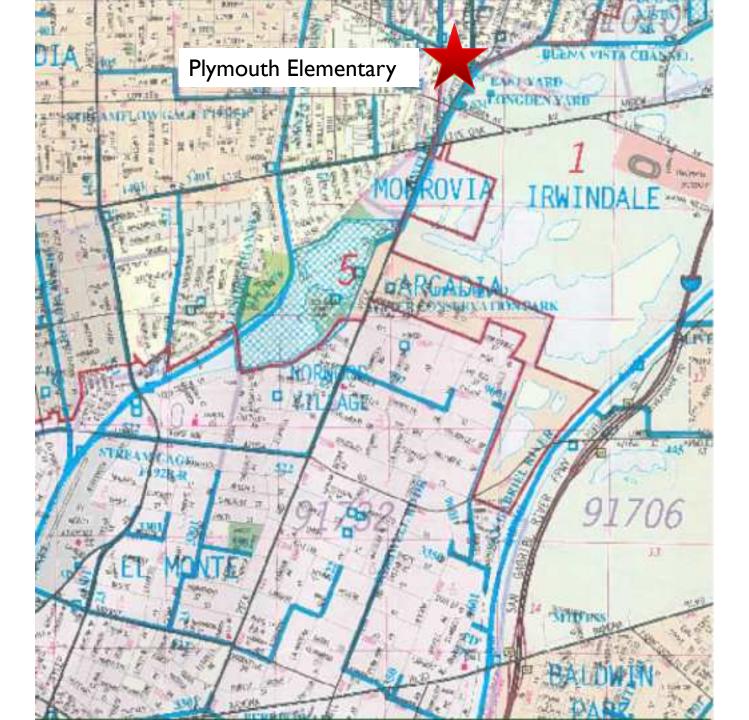
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# **REGIONAL GOAL**



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- Created 350 linear foot decomposed granite trail
- **Removed sublemanean concrete from former** QHONY.
- Total trees planted to date 240
- Total shrubs planted to date 1.411
- Total trees planted to date 8,712







phase I completed







# Water Resources & Quality Benefits

## Storm Water Management

- Capture Urban Runoff & Storm Water w/Green Infrastructure Elements
- Recharge groundwater /Reduce waste of Imported Water/RainWater
- Preventing pollutants from entering Storm Drain System & Waterways.
- Address Drainage Issues, Local Flooding & Vector Control
- Water quality concerns downstream
  - Copper, lead, zinc, DDT, PAHs, PCBs coliform and enterococcus.
  - Natural infrastructure elements filter pollutants before entering water sources
- Public Health Vector Issues
  - West Nile & Zika Virus
- Water Conservation grass removal /Native Plant Landscape/Efficient Irrigation





Monrovia Unified School District Campus Green Infrastructure Development Project Measure W Safe Clean Water





# Monrovia Unified School District Campus Green Infrastructure Development

### Estimated Implementation Budget

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Contingency	\$120,446
Construction	\$2,039,140
Establishment	\$192,000
Design, Outreach, Permissions /Construction Admin	\$390,000
Overhead	\$328,990
TOTAL	\$3,070,576

Project Management & Admin	\$ 57,000
Community Based Design/Outreach	\$ 60,000
Civil Engineering/Monitoring Design	\$ 105,000
Landscape Architecture/Arborist	\$ 40,000
Survey Engineer	\$ 45,000
Overhead	\$ 36,840
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TOTAL	\$ 343,840

# Technical Assistance Request \$343,840







### The Health Benefits of Urban Greening

#### Urban Greaning Improves Physical Wellness

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General spaces periodic nacessary places and opportunities for physical activity. Exercise improves sugnitive function, inscretes, and mercury."

In a study, residents of areas with the highest levels of greenery with three times as likely to be physically action and 40% leve likely to be overweight or obein than residents high the level onen withings.<sup>5</sup>

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### Urban Greening Improves Mental Wellness

The experience of nature beins to restore the mind from the mental fatigue of work or atories, contributing to anorowed work performance and satisfaction.<sup>5,4,7</sup>

People who shill green spaces for 30 minutes or more a week have tower rates of dependion and high blood pressure."

Even brief glimpses of notocal elements improve brain performance by providing a cognitive break from the complex demands of urban life."

Urban nature can provide calming anil amptiding environments and encourages learning, inquisitionness, and alertoess.<sup>1611</sup>



### Urban Greening Improves Academic Performance

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Memory performance and attention span improve by 20 percent after spending an hour interacting with nature.<sup>11</sup>

Symptoms of ADD in children can be reduced through activity in green settings, thus "green time" can act as an effective supplement to traditional medicinal and behavioral treatments.<sup>111411</sup>

Nature experiences are important for encouraging imagination and creativity, cognitive and intellectual development, and social relationships.<sup>10118</sup>

College students with more natural views from their dorm windows scored higher on attention tests and rated themselves as able to function more effectively.<sup>15</sup>



## Jeff Seymour Family Center Green Infrastructure Campus





## **Jeff Seymour Family Center**

### Green Infrastructure Campus

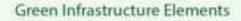
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Funding for this project has been provided by the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Urban and Community Forestry Program.

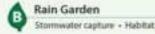






**Urban Community Forestry** Habitat + Heat Island reduction Stormwater capture + Carbon sequestration







Bioswale



Stormwater capture + Habitat



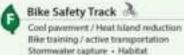
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**Rain Modules** Stormwater capture



Stormwater Basin Stormwater capture + Rain modules





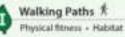


**Community Garden** Food production - Education



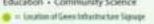


Bike Park / Skills Track Bike training / active transportation Nature-based play



Interpretive Elements

Education + Community Science





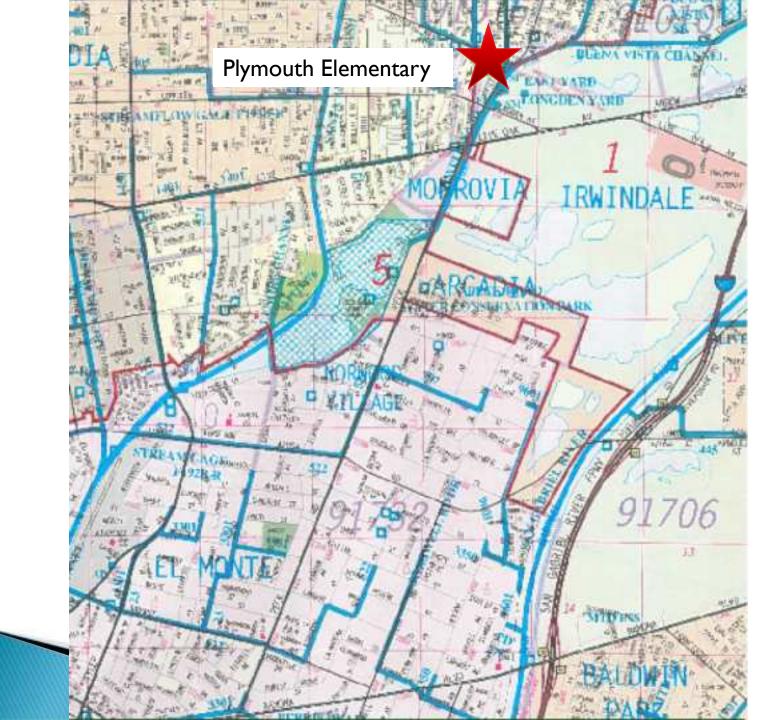
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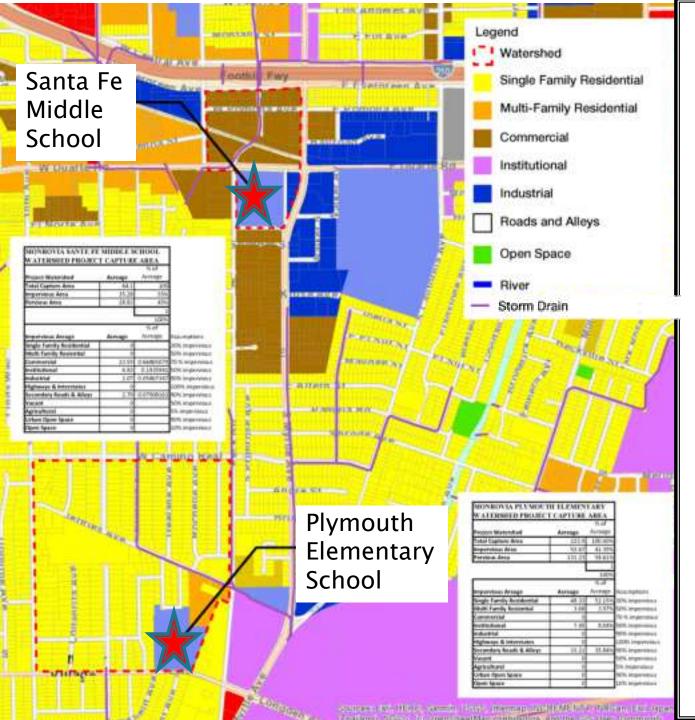


# SCHEDULE

- Design by 7/2020 –10/2020
- Permit & Construction by 2/2021-8/2021
- Establish of Natural Infrastructure Elements by 2/2021 – 5/2022





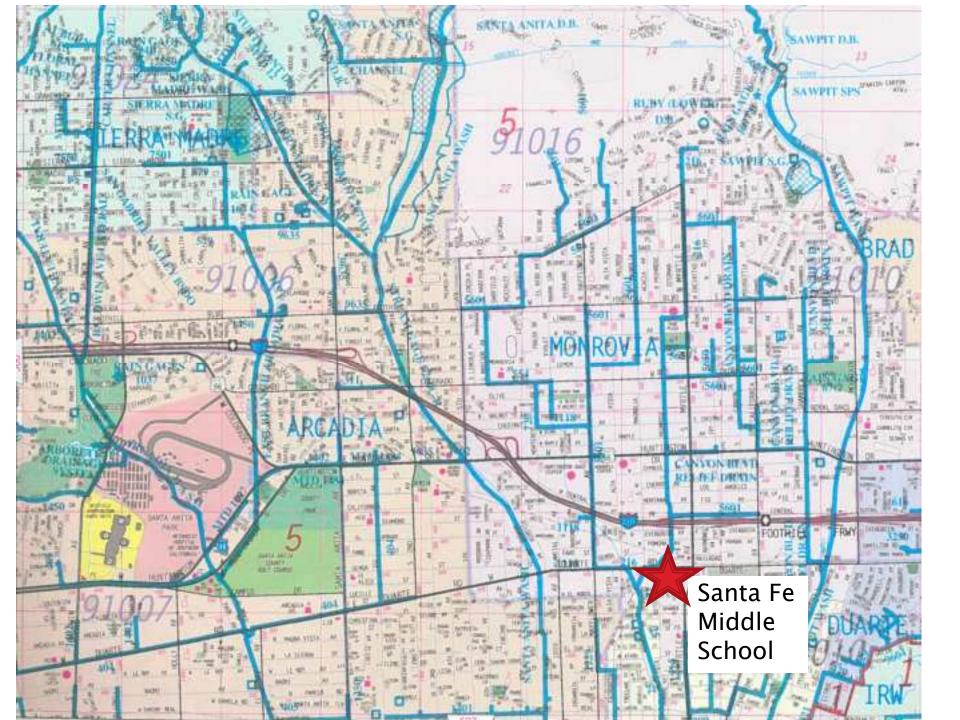


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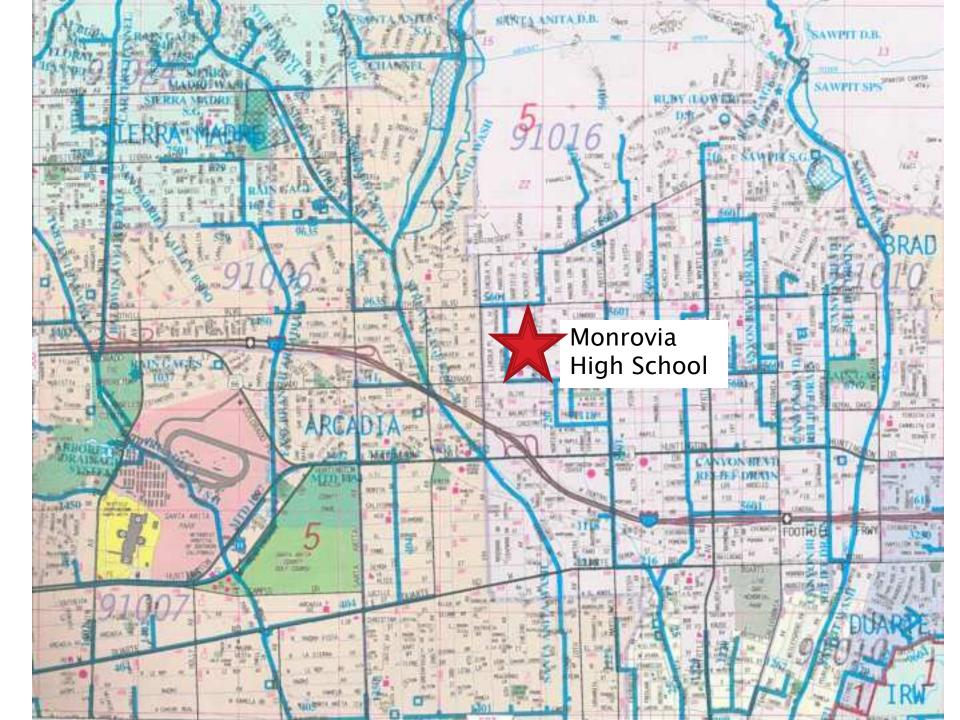


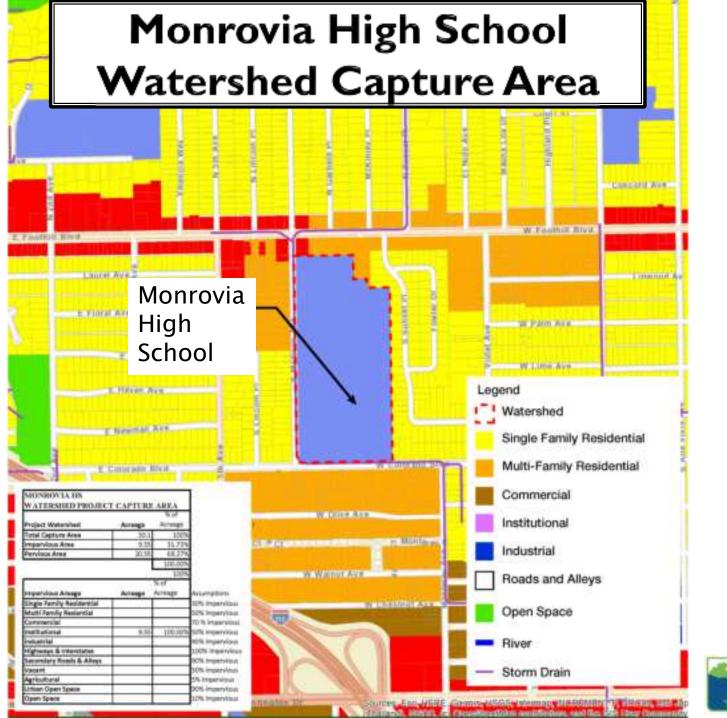
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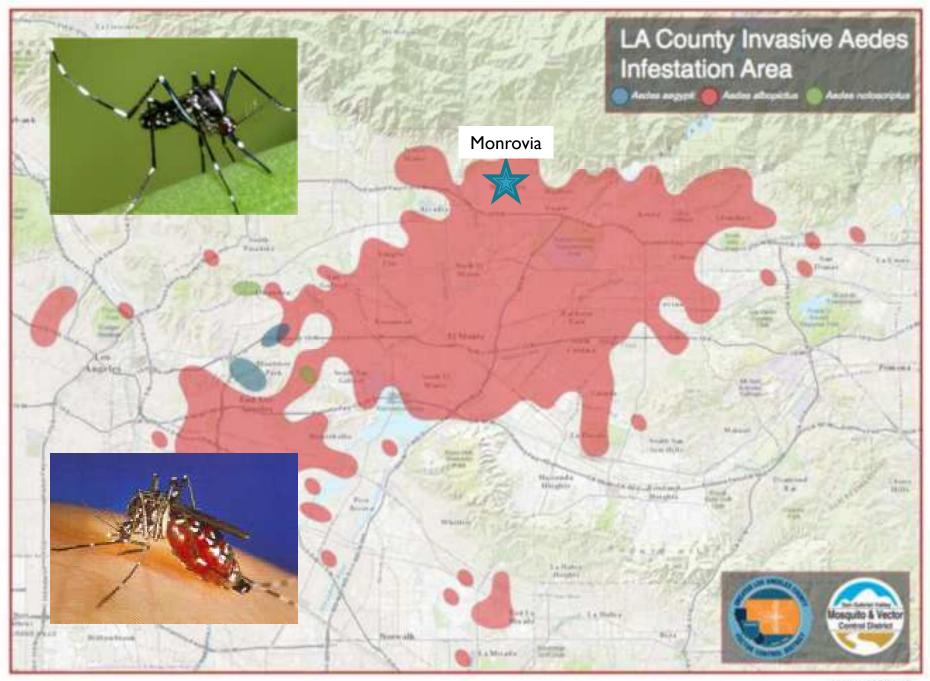
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# Development of NEXT Generation Watershed Stewards



