

Safe, Clean Water Program

Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Thursday, January 28, 2021
1:00pm - 3:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

Julian Juarez (LA County Flood Control District)	Kevin Kearney* (Bradbury)
Tom Love (Upper San Gabriel District)	Alison Sweet (Glendora)
Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin)	Joshua Nelson (Industry)
Kristen Ruffell (Sanitation Districts)	Fernando Villaluna* (LA County)
Sean Woods* (Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation)	Julie Carver (Pomona)
Bob Huff (Huff Strategies)	Lisa O'Brien (La Verne)
Debbie Enos (Watershed Conservation Authority)	
Ed Reyes (Ed P. Reyes & Associates)	
David Diaz (Active SGV)	
John Beshay (Baldwin Park)	

Committee Members Not Present:

Bryan Urias (Former USGVMWD Board Member)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached attendance report for the full list of attendees.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Joshua Nelson, Chair of the Upper San Gabriel River (USGR) WASC, called the meeting to order. Melanie Morita (District) conducted roll call, and a quorum was established. Joshua Nelson discussed WebEx housekeeping items and the public comment process.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from December 9th & 10th, 2020

The District provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meetings. Joshua Nelson asked the committee members for comments or revisions. Bob Huff requested to amend the December 10, 2020 meeting minutes, noting that he was in attendance despite arriving late to the meeting. Tom Love motioned to approve December 09, 2020 and amend December 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Kristen Ruffell seconded the motion.

The Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes. (Approved, see vote tracking sheet)

3. Committee Member and District Updates

Kevin Kim (District) provided the District update, noting: The Scoring Committee (SC) completed the scoring of 62 Infrastructure Program projects and rescored 24 projects, of which 3 projects did not meet the scoring threshold. Scores and SC comments have been posted under Scoring Committee in the Safe Clean Water (SCW) website. The District further noted Watershed Coordinator (WC) Phase I has been completed. Phase II is WC selection by the respective WASCs with anticipated onboarding in March 2021.

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The District noted that the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) met today to discuss Nature Based Solutions and Water Supply Benefits. The ROC is scheduled to meet in February to discuss Community Engagement and Disadvantaged Community Benefits.

The District also noted that the SCWP's Reporting Module is anticipated to be available on April 1, 2021 with first quarterly reports due in May 15, 2021.

Finally, the District noted Municipal Transfer Agreements (TAs) are being processed, and scopes of work for Regional TAs have been received but no agreements have been executed yet.

Joshua Nelson and the District clarified that the scoring rubric with notes from the SC is posted on the SCW website under Committees/Upper San Gabriel/Scoring Rubric. The District further noted that the Annual Plans were posted on the SCW website under Municipalities/Annual Plans/Annual Plans for FY 2020-2021.

4. Ex Parte Communication Disclosures

Joshua Nelson disclosed to have had general discussions regarding today's agenda and future agenda items with fellow municipal committee members, Alison Sweet, Julie Carver, Lisa O'Brien, John Di Mario, and Fabian Aoun.

Joshua Nelson, Ed Reyes, and Debbie Enos disclosed receiving a letter from Supervisor Hilda Solis' office regarding the Watershed Coordinator selection.

Kelly Gardner disclosed to have had general discussion with Tony Zampielo and LA County regarding the Water Supply Benefits scoring components.

5. Public Comment Period

No general public comment received.

6. Discussion and Voting Items:

a) Watershed Coordinator Selection

i) Interview Process Overview & Discussion

ii) Voting Process for Watershed Coordinator Selection

The District provided an overview of the WC selection process. Additionally, the District noted that EW Consulting Inc. had withdrawn their application for the WC position.

David Diaz requested for consideration of the Committee that all votes be submitted via the WebEx chat function and read-aloud once all votes were submitted to avoid influence or bias voting. The District noted to have had discussions with County Counsel regarding a similar scenario and that County Counsel had advised that the process would be considered a secret voting process. Therefore, verbal roll call voting would need to be conducted. Joshua Nelson noted that the WASC would still have its verbal discussions as to their preferred WC before voting.

The District noted that the Supervisor's letter would be presented by the Supervisor's representative as part of the Public Comment period.

iii) Public Comment Period

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Edith Gonzalez, Deputy of District Operations for Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis' office read public comment letter from Supervisor Solis, who expressed gratitude for the WASC's leadership during the previous Stormwater Investment Program funding cycle and asked that the WASC select a WC that meets the multifaceted needs of the communities in San Gabriel Valley. (See Public Comment Card)

Bryan Matsumoto, representing Nature for All Coalition, commented on the selection of the WC and asked that the WC job description be displayed during discussions. Bryan Matsumoto further commented on the role of WC, strongly recommended prioritizing a coordinator who is locally based and has extensive community engagement experience, and expressed his organization's endorsement for Day One. (See Public Comment Card)

For submitted Public Comment Cards without representatives present at the meeting, the District read-aloud Public Comment Cards. Kristin McGuire from Covina and Director of Young Invincibles, Dr. Kyle Brown from Cal Poly Pomona University, Lisa Engdahl with Clean & Green Pomona, Mayor Tim Sandoval of Pomona, Nora Garcia District 3 Councilmember from Pomona, and Rene Jimenez with San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps wrote in support of Day One as WC. (See Public Comment Cards)

Belinda Faustinos with Our Water LA commented on their support for Day One as WC.

Carlos Goytia, Director with Three Valleys Municipal Water District commented on their support for Day One as the WC. He noted that he represents Division 1 which is half of the City of Pomona and is very involved in community working closely with City of Pomona's Mayor, City Council and Day One in various capacities. Day One has helped coordinate events for Water Conservancy and have been an excellent partner.

iv) [Voting Item] – Watershed Coordinator Selection

Joshua Nelson referenced the WC Roles and Responsibilities and noted that there is a need for a WC with both technical and community outreach capabilities and can bring projects to the WASC that the community supports.

Debbie Enos requested clarification from the District regarding WC conflict of interest. Secondly, Debbie Enos noted the County and others would be able to provide technical support for any WC who may have a more deeper reach and understanding of community engagement. For this reason, she supported Day One for WC. Kirk Allen (District) noted that regarding the conflict of interest, the selected WC would not be able to pursue work in that Watershed Area. Joshua Nelson requested clarification if there would be a conflict of interest if the selected WC had or has existing projects in the Watershed. The District noted that such circumstances will need to be discussed with County Counsel, however that the solicitation documents included an addendum addressing conflicts of interest. Debbie Enos further inquired if the selected WC could bring their own studies or projects referring to one of the WC applicant's proposed region wide study presented to the WASC in a previous session. The District noted that in situations where a WC is attempting to influence the vote on whether to fund in that Watershed Area, they would need to seek legal advice.

Kristen Ruffell asked if the District was committed to providing technical assistance to assist a more community-based WC. The District indicated the District can support through the Technical Resources Program (TRP) and that there would be discussions between the WASC and the WC on which projects to support.

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David Diaz requested clarification from the District regarding if a selected WC has a current contract for engineering services with a City, if they would be considered to be in a conflict of interest. The District indicated that is a legal question and the WASC would need to identify and elevate such situations.

David Diaz preferred the WASC have this information before deciding on its WC selection. The District noted that WC applicants were present for follow up questions from the Committee. David Diaz asked the Committee Chair if WC applicants could respond to questions regarding applicable Municipality contracts currently held that may be considered conflicts of interest.

Joshua Nelson agreed that the question regarding possible conflicts of interest should be directed to the WC applicants, however; he preferred to continue with Committee member comments and discussions and list questions that may arise from the discussions.

Sean Woods stated that all 5 WC applicants have the technical expertise, however; Day One is the only firm that emphasized the intersectionality of the work and how stormwater project funding can be leveraged to address a host of societal issues. He also stated to be impressed with Fresh Coast Capital, LLC dba Greenprint Partners.

Melanie Morita (District) noted that all WC applicants were provided with a form to fill out and disclose any relationships and/or conflicts of interest. These forms were vetted by County Counsel therefore any issues that might have arisen have been resolved.

Ed Reyes noted that the WASC is in a unique place and hopes for more creative approaches and create that blend of access and open mindedness to understand different languages, cultures, and how they want to interpret their own space.

Joshua Nelson opened the discussion to ask if any of the WC applicants have any contracts with a Public Agency. Richard Watson & Associates Inc. noted that they are a planning firm, not an engineering firm or community-based organization. Regarding Debbie Enos' question, Richard Watson stated that he was the spokesperson for a regional project that involved pathogen or bacteria reduction study last year and it will be going back again this year as a pathogen reduction study. He noted to have presented to all nine of the Watershed Areas as he was the organizer for the group, including the City of LA, County and others. He further stated that there was no personal benefit as he has not and will not work on this study therefore there is no conflict of interest. Regarding contracts with any Cities, he stated not to have any contracts within the USGR WASC. They are a principal consultant to one Watershed group and a sub-consultant to two other Watershed groups, however; they did not apply for a WC position in those Watersheds due to possible conflicts of interest.

Environmental Outreach Strategies noted that they did not have any contracts with other Cities. CASC Engineering & Consulting (CASC) noted to have read the addendum and completed the disclosure form and stated not to have a conflict of interest. CASC further noted to have contracts with the City of Industry, Irwindale, El Monte and Pomona. Fresh Coast Capital, LLC dba Greenprint Partners noted that they did not have any active projects in the Watershed. If selected, they would not seek projects in the Watershed due to conflicts of interest. Day One noted not to have contracts with any City or conflicts of interest. Day One's contracts are held with the County and State and are public health contracts.

David Diaz requested clarification from the District regarding CASC's contracts with multiple Cities and as WC. Kirk Allen (District) indicated that County Counsel would need to make a determination before executing an agreement if CASC were the selected WC.

Julie Carver noted that the contract with the City of Pomona and CASC is a professional services agreement for planning, reviews and construction, industrial and commercial inspection, not project based. Joshua Nelson noted that contract with the City of Industry and CASC is for compliance and issues related to stormwater, not project related or anything that would come before the WASC.

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David Diaz expressed support for Day One. He referenced their qualifications and relevant experience.

Joshua Nelson asked the Committee members if they had any questions or additional comments before moving forward with the voting process. District staff facilitated a roll call vote.

The Committee selected Day One as their Primary WC, CASC Engineering & Consulting as their 1st Alternate WC, and Environmental Outreach Strategies as their 2nd alternate WC. (See vote tracking sheet)

7) Presentations

a) Technical Resources Program presentation

- i) Sunset Crossing Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Project – Fabian Aoun
The City of Diamond Bar is planning to incorporate a regional, multi-benefit, stormwater project at a proposed new park.

Kelly Gardner asked if the project had support from the City Council and others. Fabian Aoun stated that City Council and the City Planning Commission support the project and supported the funds for the initial design and supported the Prop 68 grant application which required a Council Resolution.

John Beshay asked if there was a target construction date for the project. Fabian Aoun stated as soon as funding is secured.

Debbie Enos asked if there was an opportunity for naturalizing the channel. Fabian Aoun noted that conceptual design depicted without the basin was developed before the SCW Program was in place. However, the vegetated basin is part of the park plan. Fabian Aoun and Michelle Kim further noted they have started conversations with the City of Industry and Army Corps of Engineers as they have jurisdiction over these waters and basin. Debbie Enos requested clarification on the area at the top of the project area slope. Joshua Nelson noted there are industrial buildings encompassing 200 acres. She then asked if this could be a receiving site for the water from the project. Joshua Nelson noted answering Debbie Enos's question is part of the feasibility study.

Bob Huff noted he believes the project aligns with the SCW Program goals.

8. Items for next agenda

Presentations from FY21-22 Project Applicants

9. Adjournment

Joshua Nelson thanked the members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

Watershed Coordinator	Shorthand	Tally	Tally2	Tally3	Tally4
Richard Watson & Associates Inc.	RWA	0	0	0	6
Environmental Outreach Strategies	EOS	0	0	4	10
CASC Engineering & Consulting	CASC	0	7	12	0
Fresh Coast Capital, LLC dba Greenprint Partners	GP	0	0	0	0
Day One	DO	0	9	0	0

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		Quorum Present				Voting Items (see meeting minutes for additional details)			
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Approve Meeting Minutes	Preferred WC	1st alt. WC	2nd alt. WC
Agency	FCD	Julian Juarez	X	Carolina Hernandez		Y	CASC	CASC	EOS
Agency	Upper San Gabriel District	Tom Love	X	Robert O. Tock		Y	CASC	CASC	RWA
Agency	Main San Gabriel Basin	Kelly Gardner	X	Tony Zampello		Y	CASC	CASC	EOS
Agency	Sanitation Districts	Kristen Ruffell	X	Martha Tremblay		Y	CASC	CASC	RWA
Agency	Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation	Alina Bokde		Sean Woods	X	Y	DO	CASC	EOS
Community Stakeholder	Huff Strategies	Bob Huff	X			Y	CASC	CASC	RWA
Community Stakeholder	Former USGVMWD Board Member	Bryan Urias		Brian Villagomez					
Community Stakeholder	Watershed Conservation Authority	Debbie Enos	X	Jane Tsong			DO	CASC	EOS
Community Stakeholder	Ed P. Reyes & Associates	Ed Reyes	X	Miguel Luna		Y	DO	EOS	RWA
Community Stakeholder	Active SGV	David Diaz	X	Wesley Reutimann		Y	DO	EOS	EOS
Municipal Members	Baldwin Park	John Beshay	X	Mark Persico		Y	DO	EOS	EOS
Municipal Members	Duarte	Amanda Hamilton		Kevin Kearney	X	Y	CASC	CASC	RWA
Municipal Members	Glendora	Alison Sweet	X	Sharon Gallant		Y	DO	CASC	EOS
Municipal Members	Industry	Joshua Nelson	X	John Di Mario		Y	CASC	CASC	RWA
Municipal Members	Los Angeles County	Paul Alva		Fernando Villaluna	X	Y	DO	EOS	EOS
Municipal Members	Pomona	Julie Carver	X	Fabian Aoun		Y	DO	CASC	EOS
Municipal Members	La Verne	Lisa O'Brien	X	Shari Garwick		Y	DO	CASC	EOS
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Votes	15	16	16	16
Total Voting Members Present		16			Nay (N)	0			
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	0	0	0	0
Community Stakeholder		4			Total	15	16	16	16
Municipal Members		7			Approved				

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Adi Liberman	Jennifer Amarant
Alexander Iglesias - SCWP	John Beshay
Alfredo Camacho	Joshua Nelson
ALISON SWEET	Julian Juarez
Alysha Chan	Julie Carver
Arlene Todd	katie m
Aydin Pasebani	Kelly Gardner
Belinda Faustinos	Kevin Kim (LACFCD)
Benjamin Shorofsky	Kevin Kearney
Blake Whittington, TreePeople	Kirk Allen - SCWP LACFCD
Bob Huff	Kristen Ruffell
Bryan Matsumoto	Lisa Skutecki
Cameron McCullough	Lisa O'Brien
Carlos Moran	Maritsa DRA Inc
caroline b	Michelle Kim
Christy Zamani	Mike Antos
Clarasophia Gust	Monica (DRA) Owens
Cynthia Gabaldon	Nate D
D Ready	Oliver Galang (Craftwater)
David Diaz	Paul Glenn (GHD)
Debbie Enos	Richard Watson
Ed Reyes	Robert Warren
Ed Suher, CASC	Ryan Kearns - CWE
Edith Gonzalez	Samantha Matthews
Eileen Alduenda	Sean Woods
Eve Flores	Sharon Gallant
Fabian Aoun	Stephanie Tong (LACFCD)
Fernando Villaluna	Tom Love
Goytia	Tori Klug
Hans Tremmel	Victoria Allegra
James Cramsie	William OBraitis
Jason Casanova	youssef chebabi



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January 27, 2021

Upper San Gabriel River WASC
Safe, Clean Water Program
Los Angeles County Public Works
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**RE: Upper San Gabriel River (USGR) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)
Watershed Coordinator**

Dear Committee Members,

As Los Angeles County Supervisor to the First District, I want to thank you for your leadership during the 2020 Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) cycle. By revising your initial SIP, you helped set an equitable precedent on how Measure W funds should be allocated. It is in that spirit – one of equity – I write to the Committee Members of the USGR WASC today.

Having worked collaboratively with the WASCs in the First District, I know firsthand of the Safe, Clean Water Program's commitment to supporting disadvantaged communities, which is why I stress that the Watershed Coordinator position be selected to meet the multi-faceted needs of our communities in the San Gabriel Valley. Selecting a Watershed Coordinator that raises issues of equity, conducts inclusive community engagement, provides technical assistance to multi-benefit projects that best address community priorities, and builds capacity in our most underserved communities must be our highest priority. To select a Watershed Coordinator that does not promote the principles of equity nor works to identify high priority locations for water-quality improvement projects in disadvantaged communities, would not meet the core themes of the Safe, Clean Water Program.

The USGR WASC's vote will signify that equity remains a priority for this Watershed as it does for the First Supervisorial District. During this time, there is an opportunity to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged communities most exposed to pollution and vulnerable to climate change. On behalf of Los Angeles County's First District, I respectfully urge the Committee Members to select a Watershed Coordinator that will best address disadvantaged community priorities in the San Gabriel Valley.

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Please contact Aydin Pasebani of my staff at 213-974-4111 AyPasebani@bos.lacounty.gov if you have questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilda L. Solis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and "S".

HILDA L. SOLIS

Supervisor, First District

Chair, Board of Supervisors



Public Comment Form

Name:* Bryan Matsumoto Organization*: Nature for All
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Meeting: USGR WASC Date: 1/28/2021

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Comments

Good afternoon members, my comments here represent the Nature for All Coalition. As you deliberate on the selection of our Watershed Coordinator, here are some respectful suggestions:

First, we would ask staff to display the Job Description for your reference. As it states, the role of Watershed Coordinators is to "EDUCATE and BUILD capacity in COMMUNITIES, and to facilitate COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT with the Safe, Clean Water Program." The primary duties and responsibilities focus on community engagement, in collaboration with the program's Technical Assistance teams.

2) On choosing the Watershed Coordinator: To fulfill the goals of the Program, we strongly recommend prioritizing a Watershed Coordinator who is **LOCALLY BASED**, and has **EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** experience to facilitate multi-benefit projects with our communities, and ensure accountability to the taxpayers. With this we endorse **DAY ONE**.

Day One are a **TRUSTED** community organization, with a long history - working across the San Gabriel Valley with offices in Pomona, El Monte and Pasadena, and with **DEEP ROOTS** and **RELATIONSHIPS** in the community. Their commitment to the health of **DIVERSE**, **UNDERREPRESENTED** communities make Day One an excellent candidate for Watershed Coordinator, to serve the Upper San Gabriel River WASC cities and residents in achieving the water, equity and community engagement goals of the Safe Clean Water Program.

Thank you.

Alexander Iglesias Rosales

From: Kristin McGuire <kristin.mcguire@younginvincibles.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:01 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA
Subject: Public Comment- SGV River Watershed

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Watershed Steering Committee,

My name is Kristin McGuire. I'm a resident of Covina and Director of [Young Invincibles](#), a national young adult advocacy organization.

I'm writing today in support of Day One as Watershed Coordinator. I have worked with Day One for over a decade on many community projects and have seen firsthand their ability to engage the community by translating complex policy and environmental issues into easy to understand concepts.

Day One has successfully involved young people and their families in a variety of projects throughout the San Gabriel Valley from Pasadena to Pomona. They inspire the community to care about and for our environment in a way that is fun and exciting. They are skilled in this because their staff members are from the communities they serve, which is a vital component of community engagement.

I am in full support of Day One, as a local organization, becoming the watershed coordinator for our watershed. I look forward to their creative community and youth engagement activities.

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In solidarity,

Kristin R. McGuire
Western Region Director

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Young Invincibles' mission is to amplify the voices of young adults in the political process and expand economic opportunity for our generation



Public Comment Form

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Comments

I am in support of Day One's application for the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Coordinator Position. I have had the opportunity to work extensively with Day One on a number of projects in recent years, and believe they are excellent candidates for this important position.

Day One has a commitment to, and well-deserved reputation for, exhaustive community engagement in their projects. I have observed first-hand, their efforts to reach networks and individuals who may be marginalized due to linguistic isolation, educational attainment, legal status, disabilities, or other barriers to participation. I believe they are particularly strong at engaging youth within our community. Their personnel exhibit the care, commitment and training necessary to ensure inclusion and meaningful participation of a broad spectrum of constituents. For this reason, the Pomona ACTS Working Group, a consortium of community-based organizations and city officials which I lead, has partnered with Day One to support community outreach related to our Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant.

A second strength of Day One is their ability to translate complex information for a broad audience. I have observed that they are adept in communicating science-based evidence and best practices concerning stormwater management and climate change, as well as health and nutrition. They make effective use of language and graphics in their multi-lingual presentations and materials prepared for a variety of audiences, including young people and community members with limited backgrounds and experiences in environmental issues.

I urge you to select community-based Day One for this vital position.



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Comments

I am writing in support of Day One's application for the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area Coordinator Position. As President of Clean & Green Pomona, a community-based environmental non-profit, I have had the opportunity to work with Day One on a number of projects, and believe they are excellent candidates for this important position that focuses on community engagement.

Day One is committed to inclusive community engagement in their projects. I have observed their work in communities where many experience isolation due to linguistic differences, legal status, or other challenges. Our organization has partnered with them on placemaking activities, community beautification efforts, and legislative advocacy, and have found them to be good colleagues and effective at connecting with community members. They are skilled at communicating complex information to a broad audience, often tailoring their material to specific groups, such as young people.

I believe it is essential for your program to select community-based organizations such as Day One for leadership positions on this important project. A central challenge for outside consultants on these types of projects is the lack of connections to vital and diverse social networks, meaning that large segments of our community are left un-engaged. I have seen this repeatedly in my community organizing experience, and the result is always ignored concerns and missed opportunities for strengthening our community. Selecting Day One as a Coordinator would be an important step in ensuring meaningful community participation in your program. I urge you to select them for this important position.



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: Watershed Area Steering Committee Meeting Date: 1/27/2021

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Comments

As Mayor of the City of Pomona, I am pleased to support Day One's proposal to be the USGR Watershed Coordinator. Day One has been a valuable and active partner in bringing necessary education, providing engaging programs, and joining the City to offer resources at numerous community events. Day One has an expressed interest in and proven record in committing to working to improve the lives of our residents through increased access to open spaces and I support their efforts to that end. - Mayor Tim Sandoval, City of Pomona.



Public Comment Form

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Comments

Hello,

My name is Nora Garcia, I am the District 3 Councilmember for the City of Pomona, and I am writing in support of Day One being selected for the Watershed Coordinator position for the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed.

Day One is an organization that has effectively established the trust, cultural competence, and expertise needed to provide outreach, engagement, and education to the community.

As a councilmember of the City of Pomona, I proudly support projects and initiatives which promote safe and clean water access in Pomona and our surrounding communities. This is an issue close to my heart as I represent a city district with an industrial zone as well as some of the most challenged neighborhoods. Environmental Justice - safe and clean water access - for a community like mine is not an option, it is a necessity.

As a Councilmember for the City of Pomona, I respectfully request favorable consideration to Day One's application, which will allow Day One to advocate for a healthier and more connected San Gabriel Valley. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at nora_garcia@ci.pomona.ca.us or 909-630-3378, if you have any questions.



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: Watershed Steering Committee Date: 1/28/2021

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Please complete this form and email to SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov by at least 5:00pm the day prior to the meeting with the following subject line: "Public Comment: [Watershed Area] [Meeting Date]" (ex. "Public Comment: USGR 4/8/20").

Comments

Dear Watershed Steering Committee,

My name is Rene Jimenez and I am a representative of the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps.

The mission of the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC) is to develop and transform disadvantaged youth in the San Gabriel Valley by providing academic, vocational, and leadership development while also employing them to provide valuable services to improve their communities and the natural environment.

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps, we are proud to show our support for DayOne's Watershed Coordinator application. DayOne has demonstrated effective community engagement to our diverse communities and has provided leadership, facilitation and garnered substantial community input from the greater Pomona valley. If awarded, we are confident they will represent the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area well, with dignity and distinction. DayOne is an organization comprised of public servants and any endeavor in which they can continue or provide more services to our communities is one worth supporting.

Thank you for your time.