

Rio Hondo Watershed Coordinator Update

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WATERSHED COORDINATOR ROLE:

Each of the 9 Watershed Areas has an assigned Coordinator or team of Coordinators (depending on watershed size)

1

Solicit & Support New Projects

Identify parties with project ideas & connect them with the Technical Resources Program

2

Community Engagement

Gather input on community needs that SCW projects can help fulfill

3

Public Education

Educate the public about SCWP
+
Inform community members about how they can voice their input



Watershed Coordinator Activities

WC Activities
since Last
WASC
Meeting
(4-19-2022)

- Attended a County Water Plan meeting (4/21)
- Prepared tabletop engagement materials and posters for in-person outreach events
- Conducted outreach (tabling) at City of Monrovia Earth Day Event (4/22)
- Monitored Southern California Water Dialogue meeting (4/27)
- Attended April monthly Watershed Coordinator meeting (4/27)
- Participated in Engagement & Education subcommittee meetings hosted by CASQA

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WC Activities since Last WASC Meeting

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- Conducted outreach (tabling) during City of Alhambra/626 Golden Streets day-long event (5/1)
- Monitored meeting of San Gabriel Valley COG Water Policy and TAC (5/10)
- Attended DACIP Water Talks Workshop (Stormwater and the SCWP) (5/12)
- Participated in TRP project kick-off in-person tours/meetings for Washington Park (Pasadena), Sierra Madre Green Streets Project (Pasadena), and South El Monte High School (South El Monte) with project proponents, consultant teams, and SCWP staff

WC Activities since Last WASC Meeting

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- Attended Stormwater and Schools symposium (5/19)
- Attended special tribal allyship meeting (Watershed Coordinator program) (5/25)
- Attended a CFCC (California Financing Coordinating Committee) Spring Funding Fair (5/25)
- Attended Green Infrastructure, Climate Resilience & Health Equity Policy Opportunities meeting (5/25)
- Attended Sustainable Conservation meeting on A Watershed Approach to Drought, Fires, and Flood (5/26), and a workshop on Navigating the California Drought (6/14)

WC Activities since Last WASC Meeting

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- Attended LANI (Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative) Workshop on Transforming Underutilized Lots (5/26)
- Attended LA River Urban Waters Federal Partnership Meeting (5/26)
- Attended project outreach meetings to serve as liaison between municipal project proponents and CBO (dates in June and July)
- Attended ongoing feasibility study update meetings for Sierra Madre Green Streets Project, Washington Park Project, and South El Monte High School Project (TRPs)
- Attended Green Schoolyards Convening event (6/22) and Living Schoolyards Coalition meeting (4/29)

WC Activities since Last WASC Meeting

- Attended virtual Community Meeting held by NSM Bay Watershed Coordinator (6/29)
- Conducted outreach (tabling) at City of Alhambra Farmers' Market (6/10)
- Continued coordination with neighboring Watershed Coordinators re: planning joint outreach and education events
- Reviewed Rio Hondo Watershed Area project table to continue to improve understanding of project relationships and available SIP funds
- Participated as an invited panelist at a Water Education Symposium sponsored by Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL), geared toward educating elected officials about water policy and the SCWP
- Prepared and submitted monthly, quarterly, and annual reports for SCWP
- Prepared and submitted the revised Strategic Outreach and Engagement Program (SOEP)



Sample Tabletop Materials for Outreach Events



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM



County of Los Angeles

El agua es escasa en el Condado de Los Angeles
 Vivimos en un área donde el agua es escasa. Los residentes del Condado de Los Angeles dependen mucho de agua importada de las Montañas Sierrita, del Valle Central y de otros estados. Las condiciones climáticas extremas y la sequía de cinco años han impactado severamente a las comunidades en todo el Condado.

Se pierden más de 100,000 millones de galones de agua
 La lluvia que cae en el Condado de Los Angeles fluye por los ríos, arroyos y riachuelos de nuestra región. Eso vuelve a llenar las fuentes de agua subterránea, que es una fuente importante de agua potable local.

Sin embargo, debido a que gran parte de nuestra región está pavimentada, se pierde demasiada de esa valiosa lluvia, cuya agua llega al océano antes de que podamos captarla para aprovechar su uso. Cuando tenemos fuertes lluvias, nuestro sistema actual solo capta una fracción de la lluvia. Cada año se pierden más de 100,000 millones de galones de agua, lo cual es un desperdicio. Eso sería suficiente para cubrir las necesidades de más de 2 millones de personas por todo un año.

Los contaminantes amenazan a la salud pública, a nuestros recursos hídricos y al medio ambiente
 Las aguas producidas por las lluvias recogen basura, plásticos y restos fecales de las mascotas mientras fluyen por nuestras calles y otras áreas urbanizadas, llevándolos hacia nuestros ríos y arroyos, y terminan llegando al océano, lo que se convierte en una amenaza para la salud pública y la vida marina. Es por eso que casi siempre que llueve fuertemente se cierran las playas.

Cada año, muchos mamíferos marinos, aves marinas y peces mueren al comer basura plástica y otros toxinas, o por quedar enredados. Cada año, se recogen más de 4,200 toneladas de basura en nuestras playas locales.


El Condado de Los Angeles ha dependido de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de los EE.UU. (EPA) y de las Leyes de Agua Limpia Estatales y Federales para garantizar buenos estándares de calidad del agua. Sin embargo, estas agencias ofrecen sólo un financiamiento mínimo y de suma importancia actuar localmente para mejorar los recursos de agua para los residentes del Condado de Los Angeles.

Nuestra solución: Programa de Agua Segura y Limpia
 La buena noticia: Hay soluciones sencillas y mudetas para ayudar a resolver estos problemas. Podemos usar la ciencia, la tecnología y las soluciones basadas en la naturaleza para proteger la salud pública y nuestro medio ambiente y aprovechar al máximo un suministro de agua limpia y con control local.

- Captar más agua de lluvia para almacenarla, limpiarla y reutilizarla
- Proteger las lagos, ríos, arroyos y playas locales, y al océano, de la contaminación
- Mejorar la protección de las comunidades para lidiar con patrones climáticos extremos y a la vez agregar áreas naturales, áreas de sombra y espacios verdes para el disfrute de la comunidad

Los líderes del Condado y el Distrito de Control de Inundaciones del Condado de Los Angeles han trabajado con las personas interesadas en nuestras comunidades locales para desarrollar el Programa de Agua Segura y Limpia para lograr esas metas. La Junta de Supervisores del Condado ha puesto el Programa de Agua Segura y Limpia en la boleta de votación del 6 de noviembre de 2018.

Por favor, visita: www.safeandcleanwaterLACounty.org y haz clic en Preguntas Frecuentes y Detalles del Programa para más información sobre el programa y la medida de financiación.



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM (SCWP)

Have an idea?

Is there a park on your block that could be improved?
 A concrete channel you could imagine being "naturalized?"
 Share it here!

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SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM (SCWP)

KEY GOALS:

Improve **water quality**,
 increase **water supply**, and create
multi-benefit projects

HOW?

Capture it -
 increase water supply

Clean it -
 Reduce volume of runoff
 and trash that reaches
 waterways and the ocean

Make it safe -
 Eliminate toxins and other
 pollutants from our
 waterways

Make it for everyone -
 Provide community
 benefits

What are "multi-benefit projects?"

Projects that provide:

- 1) a water quality benefit, AND
- 2) a water supply benefit or a community investment benefit, or BOTH

Visit SCWP on the web!



WC Coordination:

Coordination Efforts with Interested Parties in Identified Disadvantaged Communities

- Engagement with community members, Mayor of Alhambra, and others during two in-person tabling events in City of Alhambra



- Participation in project meetings with school district members re: South El Monte High School

Engagement with Community- Based Organizations

- Served as liaison in meetings with APIFM and municipal project proponent (City of Alhambra)



- Meetings and conversations with Day One and Council for Watershed Health regarding shared cities and future outreach events.
- Conversations with Active SGV re: ongoing project activity in the area.

Planned Upcoming Activity Focus

- Review applications for Rio Hondo Watershed Area FY 2023-24 projects submitted to prepare an objective review of projects to present to WASC in September
- Interview new WASC members
- Work with SGVCOG to plan delayed educational event for City Managers
- Further update and expand Interested Party Mapping to reflect and include parties met through outreach to date

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Planned Upcoming Activity Focus

- Research potential cost-share partners for prepared IP projects
- Continue regular engagement with TRP project teams
- Research events planned by other groups to determine relevance and potential ability to meaningfully participate in such events.
- Update materials for future tabling events



Questions and Discussion

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