

## Watershed Coordinator Quarterly Report

### A Project of Safe, Clean Water L.A.

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### A. Summary of Activities

Following is a summary of activities completed during the second quarter of Year 2, and progress made toward completion of the annual scope of work. TreePeople is honored and grateful to serve as Coordinator for the Santa Clara River Watershed Area.

#### **1. Strategies used to integrate priorities for the community, municipalities, the watershed area, and the region**

TreePeople moved further on project development for unincorporated areas in the watershed, drawing on resources provided by the WaterTalks Program (IRWM Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program). This is a continuation of a key strategy used throughout Year One. These projects include:

- 1) Rural Water Supply Reliability
- 2) Septic System Evaluation Support Program
- 3) Acton Flooding Multi-benefit Solution
- 4) Native American Land Restoration with the Tataviam Land Conservancy
- 5) Tap Water Quality Testing Program
- 6) Small Water System Partnership

Funding has been awarded for the first project, and a draft work plan has been submitted to Dept. of Water Resources for review. The remaining projects are under development, which is expected to carry into 2023. The outcome is expected to be preparing projects for funding applications.

In addition, we have been working with the Watershed Wide Arundo Management group, which includes members of the WASC. A full proposal was submitted by TreePeople to the Strategic Growth Council to provide coordination across the watershed, build capacity of small CBOs and engage local, under-resourced communities and Tribes in the program. Should this effort be successful, it would provide the Watershed Wide Arundo Management group with multi-year coordination to help define a Watershed-wide management structure and launch campaigns to secure major funding for implementation.

## **2. Partnerships and networks engaged**

Much of our focus continued to be on meetings related to project development, including the Acton and Agua Dulce Town Councils and the Watershed-Wide Arundo Management Group (WWAM). With the latter, we met in depth with potential partners for the Strategic Growth Council Regional Climate Collaborative grant, including the Santa Clara River Conservancy, Friends of the Santa Clara River, the Nature Conservancy, Fernandeno Tataviam, Ventura County Resource Conservation District, CalTrout and UC Santa Barbara Institute of Marine Biology. Several of these organizations joined TreePeople to form a brand new environmental coalition in the region, including the California Native Plant Society, Citizens Climate Lobby, Sierra Club, Santa Clarita Hiking Club, and Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment, among others. We led group leaders from these organizations on a tour of TreePeople's restoration site in the upper watershed at San Francisquito Canyon and also hosted the monthly coalition meeting in October.

Another major network continues to be the collective of Watershed Coordinators across the SCWP. We attended monthly Coordinator meetings throughout the quarter and supported other Coordinator's efforts. Of special note was our collaboration with Watershed Coordinators on best practices for hosting stormwater project site tours. A site tour is planned for Quarter 3 in collaboration with Heal the Bay, Watershed Coordinators.

## **3. Engagement of conventional and unconventional stakeholders**

We continued surveying the region to determine topics of interest from which we can shape education events. TreePeople's engagement also included a presence at the Santa Clara River Rally, with an estimated audience of 1,200 people.

TreePeople supported the WASC by arranging two site tours for members, hosted by LA County Public Works. These tours were of two project sites that have been funded by SCWP in the SCR watershed area and have generated repeated questions from members.

Finally, updates on our activities were provided to the WASC as well as Town Council leaders throughout the period. We began and will continue engagement with the Val Verde Civic Association as well.

We also established an ongoing monthly presence at the Canyon Country and Newhall Farmers markets, where the market manager promotes our work and residents continue to request our presence.

## B. Engagement Meetings Held or Attended

### Summary (required elements)

Element	Minimum	This Qtr.	Total YTD
Engagement meetings held	4	3	6
Educational events held	2	1	3
Other meetings attended	0	41	60
Cost-share partner relationships	0	2	4
Leveraged funding pursuits	0	1	3

### Detail

	Meeting or Event	Date	Summary of Meeting or Event	Stakeholders Engaged	Held or Attended?	ATTCH #
1	Gina Natoli	8.3.22	Briefing on SCWP	GSA Board member	Held	
2	Sierra Club	8.4.22	Workshop planning	Sierra Club	Attended	
3	SCR WASC	8.4.22	Monthly meeting	Committee	Attended	
4	Metrics & Monitoring Study	8.9.22	Stakeholder feedback	Study members	Attended	
5	Citizens Climate Lobby	8.13.22	Mo mtg; TP presentation	Members	Attended	
6	FTBMI	8.15.22	Arundo mgmt briefing	Tribal staff	Held	
7	Martin Araiza	8.23.22	Bouquet Canyon project research	staff	Held	
8	Watershed Coords	8.24.22	WaterTalks projects briefing	Coordinators	Attended	
9	Steve Cole, SCVWA	8.25.22	Bouquet Canyon project research	WASC member	Held	
10	Ivan Volschenk, SCV Chamber	8.25.22	Briefing on SCWP	WASC member	Held	
11	Damon Letz, City of SC	8.30.22	New WASC member briefing	WASC member	Held	
12	WWAM Group	8.31.22	RCC grant discussion	Multiple river	Attended	

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13	Ventura Co Watershed Coords.	8.31.22	Briefing on SCWP & WC program	Lynn Rodriguez, Lara Schellenbarger	Held	
14	WASC	9.1.22	Monthly mtg, update	WASC, public	Attended	
15	CAUSE	9.7.22	Meet and brief on SCWP, RCC	Staff	Hosted	
16	Sierra Club	9.8.22	Monthly mtg	Members	Attended	
17	RCC Team (4 SCR orgs)	9.9.22	Build application to RCC Grant program	Staff from SCR orgs	Hosted	
18	Agua Dulce TC	9.14.22	Monthly mtg, update	Members, public	Attended	
19	Friends of the SCR	9.14.22	Meet and brief on SCWP, RCC	Staff	Hosted	
20	The Nature Cons	9.15.22	Meet and brief on SCWP, RCC	Staff	Hosted	
21	SCV Coalition	9.16.22	Founding mtg	Members/orgs	Attended	
22	RCC Team (4 SCR orgs)	9.16.22	Build application to RCC Grant program	Staff from SCR orgs	Hosted	
23	SC River Rally	9.17.22	Tabling	Public	Table host	
24	Acton TC	9.19.22	Monthly mtg, RCC brief	Members, public	Attended	
25	Castaic Town C	9.21.22	Monthly mtg	Members	Attended	
26	Steelhead Trout C	9.21.22	Qtly mtg, RCC brief	Members	Attended	
27	WASC Site Tour 1	9.27.22	Pico/Kuredjian Parks tour w PW	WASC members	Attended	
28	Learn@Home	9.27.22	Drought 101 (presenter), SCWP briefing	Public (online)	Held	
29	WWAM group	9.28.22	Monthly mtg, RCC brief	Members	Attended	
30	Watershed Coord	9.28.22	Monthly mtg	SCWP WCs	Attended	
31	RCC Team (5 SCR orgs)	9.30.22	Build application to RCC Grant program - final	Staff from SCR orgs	Hosted	
32	Newhall Farmers Market	10.1.22	Outreach on SCWP	Community	Hosted table	
33	The Nature Conservancy	10.5.22	SCWP / RCC briefing	Staff	Hosted	
34	Many Winters Gathering	10.6.22	Tribal network	Tribal members	Attended	
35	SCWP Scoring Committee	10.6.22	SCR project review	Committee, public	Attended	
36	Manzanar Diverted - When Water Becomes	10.11.22	Tribal film screening & Panel, SCWP briefing	Sierra Club members, public	Attended	

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37	WASC Site Tour 2	10.11.22	Pico/Kuredjian Parks tour w PW	WASC members	Attended H	
39	Agua Dulce TC	10.12.22	Monthly mtg, update	Members, public	Attended	
39	LA Community College District	10.20.22	Aridity and Water Workshop (panelist); SCWP briefing	LACCD community, public	Attended	
40	CalTrout	10.24.22	Check-in, river coord.	PM Russell Marlow	Hosted	
41	WVCV DAC Committee	10.26.22	SCWP & RCC Presentation	Multiple orgs, County staff	Attended	
42	WWAM	10.26.22	Watershed coord. Planning	Multiple orgs, SCVWA	Attended	
43	Watershed Coord	10.26.22	Monthly mtg	SCWP WCs	Attended	
44	SCV State of the City	10.27.22	Planning, networking	Agencies, organizations	Attended	
45	SCV Environmental Coalition	10.29.22	Tour and meeting	Multiple CBOs serving SCR	Hosted tour and meeting	

### C. Potential Cost-Share Partners Contacted

	Potential Partner Name	Date First Contacted	Project name / type	Nature of potential partnership	ATTCH #
1	CA Strategic Growth Council / Technical Asst. with Estolano Advisors	8.12.22	Guidance on SGT Proposal	Funding for Watershed Wide Arundo Management	
2	CA Strategic Growth Council / Technical Asst. with Estolano Advisors	9.19.22	Guidance on SGT Proposal	Funding for Watershed Wide Arundo Management	

### D. Leveraged / Outside Funding Pursued

	Potential Outside Funding Source	Status or Outcome of the Pursuit	ATTCH #
1	CA Strategic Growth Council	Proposal for Regional Climate Collaborative was submitted 10.6; award may be made as early as December.	D#1

## E. Detailed Progress Report

Task #	Task Name	LOE per Work Plan	LOE this period	LOE YTD
1	Facilitate Community Engagement in SCWP	40%	54%	66%
2	Identify and Develop Project Concepts	10%	18%	14%
3	Work with Technical Assistance Teams	5%	0%	0%
4	Facilitate, ID and Represent Community Priorities	10%	1%	0%
5	Integrate Priorities Through Partnerships / Networks	5%	1%	1%
6	Cost-Share Partners	5%	0%	1%
7	Leverage Funding	5%	22%	12%
8	Local Stakeholder Education	10%	3%	2%
9	Watershed Coordinator Collaboration	10%	2%	4%
	<b>Overall</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## F. Engagement efforts benefitting Disadvantaged Communities

TreePeople continued to prioritize outreach efforts during the period on unincorporated communities in the Watershed Area. These areas are considered “underrepresented” by the WaterTalks program. TreePeople engaged a dedicated Community Organizer for the watershed area in Quarter 1, who canvassed state-defined Disadvantaged Communities in general outreach, and is now participating in monthly Farmers Markets in Canyon Country and Newhall.

## G. Scheduling concerns or issues

There were no scheduling concerns during this period.

## H. Expected activities next quarter

- Support for development of WaterTalks projects (listed in Section A1)
- Farmers Markets outreach
- Schools and Stormwater Working Group (Watershed Coordinators)
- Fruit tree distribution with Fernandeno Tataviam

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