

Lower Los Angeles River  
**Implementation Advisory Group Committee Meeting**

December 4, 2025 | 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Online Meeting / Conference Call

**AGENDA SUMMARY**

**Purpose & Charge:** Provide a public venue for discussion of proposed projects related to the Lower LA River, ensure proposed projects are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan, and maximize multi-use opportunities and community benefits.

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

**II. Agency / Project Updates**

- o San Gabriel & Lower LA Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
  - o Para Todos Campaign (Blair Crossman – RMC)

The Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Para Todos Campaign is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year of its multiyear effort. Year 2 centers on engagement around community stabilization policies and programs.

- o City of Long Beach

- o LB-MUST (Alexa Reasoner – Long Beach PW)

Construction is ongoing for Phase 1 of the treatment facility which is expected to be completed by fall next year. The wetlands across from the treatment facility is currently open to the public. Phase 2 is currently in the planning and design stage.

- o Marine Trash & Debris Capture Project (Tammy Takigawa – Long Beach PW)

The City of Long Beach provided an update on their Marine Trash & Debris Capture Project, which aims to capture trash and debris from the Los Angeles River to reduce trash on the beaches, marinas, and Pacific Ocean. On November 12, 2025, the project team held a community outreach meeting to provide an overview of the project and gather community input. For more information, visit [Marine Debris and Trash Capture Project](#)

- o Department of Parks and Recreation

- o Lower LA River Trail Restoration and Access Project (Natasha Krakowiak – DPR)



The project proposes improvements along 1.3 miles of the Lower LA River Trail and the 72<sup>nd</sup> St Equestrian Park in the City of Long Beach. DPR has submitted proposals for RMC funding and have applied for Measure A, category 3 and 4 funding.

- o Flood Control District

- o SELA Cultural Center (Stephannie Rodriguez – District)

1. Update provided on behalf of PW Project Management Division. PW serves as the lead agency working with Supervisorial District 4, Chief Executive Office (CEO), the City of South Gate, and all financial stakeholders.
2. PW is waiting on Rivers and Mountain Conservancy as they are expected to act on the County latest grant applications to fund work at their upcoming RMC Board Meeting on January 21, 2026.

- o LA County Rainfall Data (Ezekiel Okoya – District)

1. The 2025-26 storm season is well underway as LA County has received a total of 6.2” from the two past storm events occurring in November, which is 40% of the 15.4” average annual precipitation.
2. This season our facilities have captured 13.6 billion gallons of stormwater thus far – contrast to 1.5 billion gallons captured last year in total.

### III. Grant / Funding Opportunities

- o RMC Lower LA River Grants, On-Going Call for Projects - <http://rmc.ca.gov/grants/>

RMC provided an update on the Lower LA River Grants and On-Going Call for Projects. The application process is still open, and RMC is prioritizing grant applications for project implementation. To better match grant applications to funding sources, RMC requires that all applicants submit a Concept Proposal Grant Application before completing a full grant application. Proposition 4 guidelines have been released but RMC will bring the final guidelines to the Board for approval in January 2026.

- o Safe Clean Water Program

Azucena Ramirez (SGA Marketing) provided an update on the Safe Clean Water Program. Draft Initial Watershed Plans for all 9 SCW Program Watershed Areas are available and final draft plans are

expected to be released early 2026. The annual grant deadline for Lower LA River Regional Project is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Lastly, the next Lower Los Angeles River WASC Meeting will be held on January 27, 2026. For more information, visit [Lower Los Angeles River WASC Meeting - Safe Clean Water LA](#)

#### **IV. Lower LA River Events**

- City of South Gate – Urban Orchard Fruit Picking Event
  - 9475 W. Frontage Road
  - Tuesday, December 9 from 9am-11am
- City of South Gate – Legislation Briefing Event with US Congresswoman Nanette Barragan
  - 9849 Atlantic Ave Suite H
  - Saturday, December 13 from 12pm-1:30pm
  - Doors open at 11:15am
- EYCEJ March Event
  - Location: TBD
  - Date: TBD

#### **V. Open Forum / Public Comment**

- Gladis Deras (City of South Gate) shared that the City is looking into improving Urban Orchard accessibility by constructing a bridge over the LA River. They are currently in the process of submitting grant applications to fund the feasibility study.
- Arturo Gonzalez (RMC) inquired about art engagements in the LA River.
- David Sall (CCLB) noted that they are looking into Measure W funds to utilize for training opportunities in the Urban Orchard space.
- Cris Sarabia (PVPLC) share that the Palos Verde Peninsula Land Conservancy will be planning bilingual “river or nature” walks for 2026
- Sean Kearns (Congressional District 44) provided an update on the Explore Act, a legacy partnership program with local municipalities, which aims to protect and codify funding for outdoor recreation. The Explore Act is currently awaiting appropriations, pending a Congressional funding bill.

#### **VI. Next Steps**

Next IAG Meeting – Thursday, March 26, 2025, 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

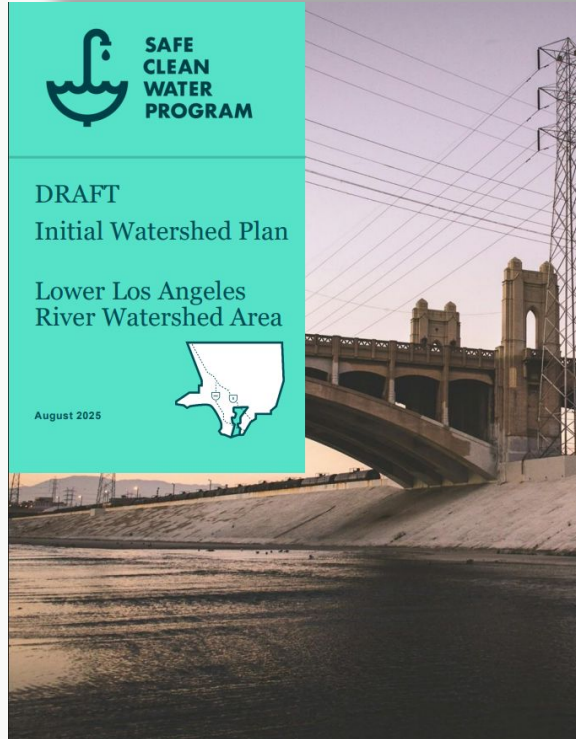


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## LLAR IAG Meeting - December 2025



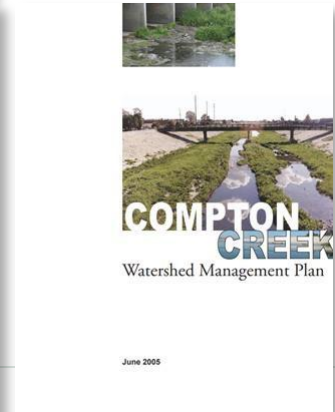
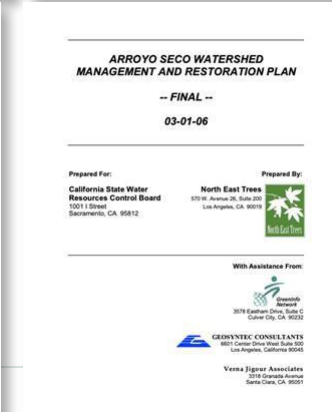
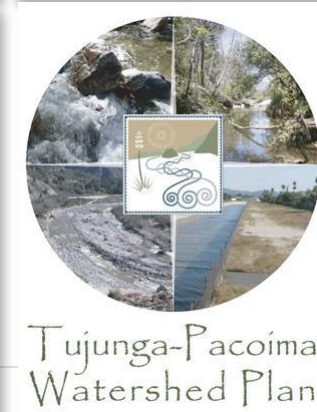
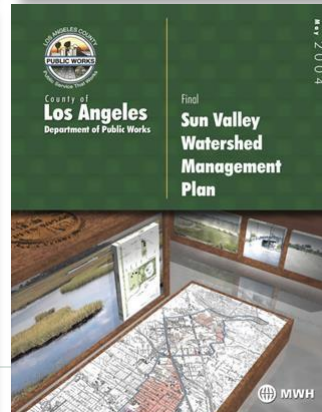
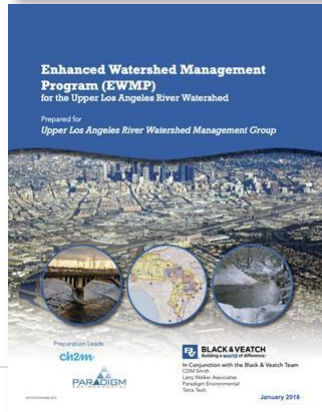
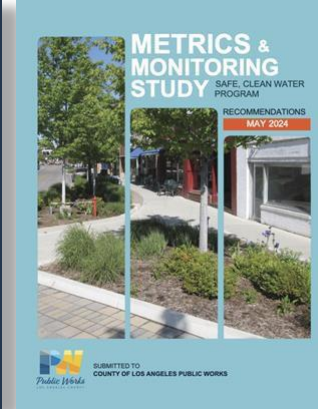
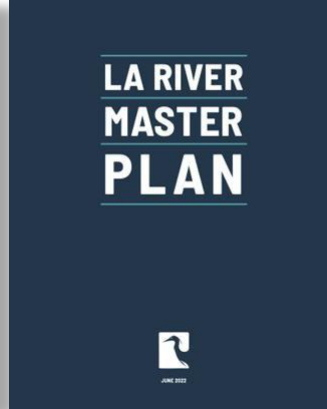
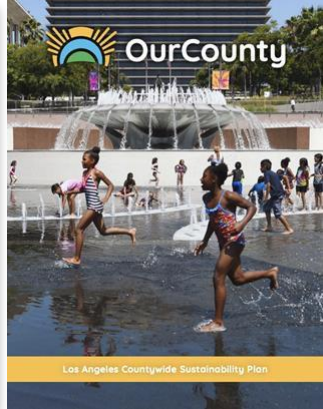
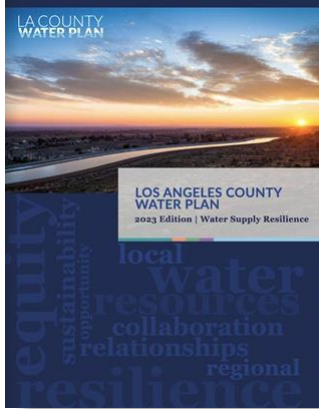
# Safe Clean Water- Watershed Planning Efforts





**Draft Initial Watershed Plans are  
now available for review:**

**[safecleanwaterla.org/what-we-do/  
watershed-planning/](https://safecleanwaterla.org/what-we-do/watershed-planning/)**

# Watershed Targets and Goals Informed by Existing Planning Efforts



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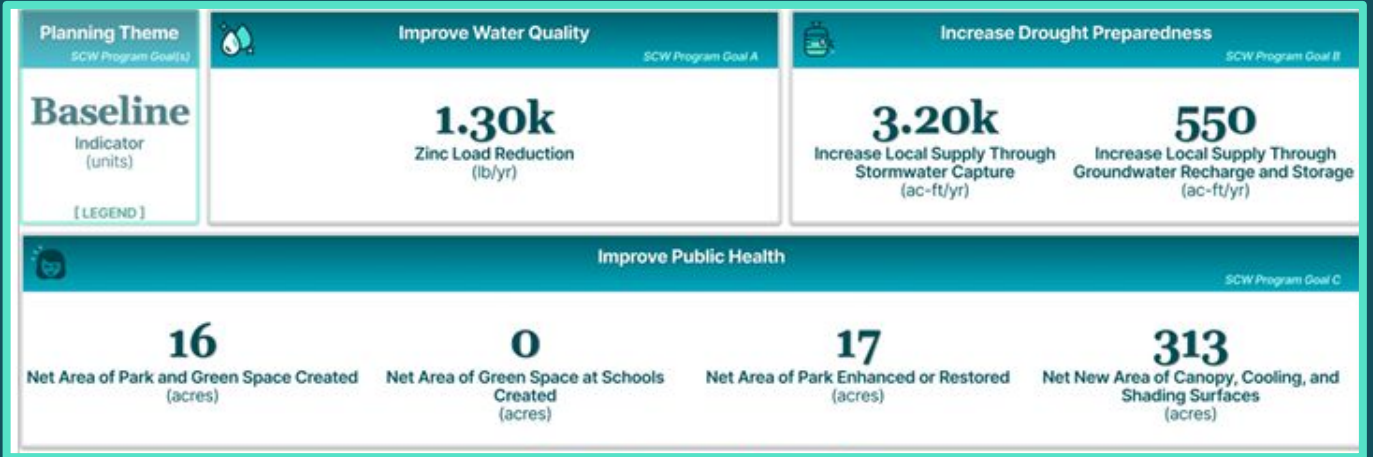
Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Area Strategies and Actions 			
Increase Drought Preparedness			SCW Program Goal B
 <b>Watershed Area Needs</b> (by 2045)	<b>2,300</b> Increase Local Supply through Stormwater Capture (ac-ft/year)	<b>70 ac-ft</b> Approx. 24-hr Capacity for Projects that Increase Local Water Supply	<b>100</b> Increase Local Supply through Groundwater Recharge and Storage (ac-ft/year)
			<b>10 ac-ft</b> Approx. 24-hr Capacity for Groundwater Recharge Projects
Strategies	Action(s)	Who Should be Involved	
<b>2.1.</b> Link MS4 compliance and water supply planning to maximize stormwater capture for water quality and water supply*	<b>2.1.1</b> Plan and implement Projects and Programs that link MS4 compliance, groundwater recharge, and water reclamation planning by prioritizing Projects that align with strategies 1.1, 2.2, and 2.3 and by referencing the <i>Opportunity to Improve Water Quality and Increase Water Supply</i> composite layer.	NEAR TERM	WASCs, Municipalities, Project proponents
	<b>2.1.2</b> Ensure Projects are included in a stormwater resource plan or a regional Water Management Plan (see SCW Program Implementation Ordinance 18.07.c.3).	NEAR TERM	WASCs, Municipalities, Project proponents
<b>2.2.</b> Maximize stormwater runoff capture and management for water supply	<b>2.2.1</b> Implement Projects that augment water supply where stormwater runoff is not currently managed to a <b>total estimated 24-hour Project capacity of approx. 100 ac-ft</b> or more. Reference the <i>Opportunity to Improve Water Quality and Increase Water Supply</i> composite layer.	NEAR TERM	WASCs, Municipalities, Project proponents
	<b>2.2.2</b> Target the highest runoff capture areas with distributed Projects using BMPs such as dry wells, infiltration galleries, diversion to sanitary sewer, and green infrastructure, which have exhibited high performance in augmenting water supply in this WA. Reference the <i>Bacteria Load Reduction Opportunity</i> layer, which reflects on runoff volume, and the <i>Opportunity to Improve Water Quality and Increase Water Supply</i> composite layer.	NEAR TERM	WASCs, Municipalities, Project proponents
<b>2.3.</b> Enhance local water supply through groundwater recharge, diversion to sanitary sewer, and onsite reuse	<b>2.3.1</b> Of the total estimated 24-hour Project capacity identified in action 2.2.1, implement Projects that infiltrate to the West Coast Groundwater Basin for a <b>total estimated 24-hour Project capacity of approx. 10 ac-ft</b> or more. Utilize high-performing BMPs such as infiltration galleries and dry wells. Reference the <i>Opportunity to Increase Water Supply Through Groundwater Recharge and Storage</i> layer.	NEAR TERM	WASCs, Municipalities, Project proponents
	<b>2.3.2</b> Of the total estimated 24-hour Project capacity identified in action 2.2.1, implement Projects that reuse water onsite and/or divert to the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility or Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant for a <b>total estimated 24-hour Project capacity of approx. 60 ac-ft</b> or more.	NEAR TERM	WASCs, Municipalities, Project proponents
	<b>2.3.3</b> Utilize Scientific Studies to address knowledge gaps related to sewer system capacity for stormwater diversion, and to map potential locations for Project tie-ins.	NEAR TERM	Public Works, WASCs, Scientific Study proponents
<b>2.4.</b> Enhance local water supply through enhancements to existing LACFCD major capture facilities	<b>2.4.1</b> Invest in rehabilitation, expansion, and O&M enhancements for spreading grounds to <b>yield approx. 1,460 ac-ft</b> of additional annual water supply per the Los Angeles Basin Study.	NEAR TERM	Public Works

\*SCW Program-wide Priority Strategy based on engagement

Note: Although the strategies and actions under this Planning Theme may not explicitly reference water quality, it is important to remember that, in accordance with the SCW Program Implementation Ordinance (LACFCD Code §16), all SCW Program funded Projects and Programs are required to include a Water Quality Benefit.

Baseline  
FY 20-25

2045  
Target



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**SAFE  
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## **Annual Grant Deadline for Lower LA River Regional Projects is July 31st, 2026**

Email watershed coordinator, if you need project development and application support:  
**[LLAR\\_WC@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:LLAR_WC@pw.lacounty.gov)**