



# Training Event Summary

## **Event: WaterTalks Training #9 - WaterTalks Series Finale**

<b>Intended Audience</b>	WaterTalks CBOs and guests	<b>Date and Time</b>	2022.11.03 11am-12pm
<b>Producer / Facilitator</b>	TreePeople	<b>Event Format</b>	Virtual
<b>IRWM Region</b>	Greater LA County	<b>Number of Participants</b>	20

### **Event Summary:**

This event was the final part of a 9-part training session for WaterTalks CBOs in the Greater LA County area. The virtual workshop focused on a review of the previous 8 session, and understanding the process of moving water related projects through two funding streams: CA Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2, and LA County's Safe, Clean Water Program. This included a group discussion of "ah ha" moments that WaterTalks CBO members had, and a walk-thru of the "Chutes and Ladders" infographic. The session ended with a final survey.

Presentation slides continue on the following pages.



# WaterTalks Series Review

WaterTalks Leadership Group  
November 3, 2022

# Today's Meeting:



- Introduction
- Lessons learned - Workshop recap
- Chutes & Ladders
- Exit Poll
- Final Thoughts

# Land Acknowledgement

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# Objectives

- Review and share what was learned through the training series
- Understand the process of developing and moving water projects through the system toward



# Community Agreements

As leaders in our communities and advocates for water rights, we agree that Water is Life. Water is essential for our survival, it is cleansing, it is healing. Liberation is when water is accessible, free, safe and clean for all.

As we come together in solidarity, we agree to hold ourselves accountable to:

- Demonstrate self respect
- Be real
- Ask for what we need, offer what we can
- Treat others the way we want to be treated
- Honor our voice; listen to understand and speak to teach
- Be mindful of intent vs. impact
- Assume best intentions
- Acknowledge and hold space for the different ways we deal with conflict
- Learn as much as possible to connect the dots between worlds

As a community, we agree and acknowledge that we need new standards of operation because what we have is not working. In this space, we agree that we are all trying to be good human beings to ourselves, each other, the air, water, soil and living beings. With this in mind, we listen with respect, keep an open mind, and listen to all perspectives.

Within this coalition, we value taking time to build trust together and when others enter our space. We believe in working collaboratively, patiently and inclusively; this is a safe space for lessons and learning! We are transparent with one another.

We understand that people create harm through choices; people can make intentional choices to listen, reflect, apologize, repair harm, and choose not to create or replicate harm in the future. We uphold, return to, review in conflict, ground in and verbalize these agreements. Collectively, we work to ensure and practice community engagement that is NOT extractive, exploitative or perpetuates white supremacy and white saviorism.



# Lessons Learned

- ▶ Module 1 - Water in LA
- ▶ Module 2 - Integrated Regional Water Management
- ▶ Module 3 - Safe Clean Water Program
- ▶ Module 4 - Water Projects Tour
- ▶ Module 5-7 - Inside Water/Premise Plumbing
- ▶ Module 8 - Water Quality



# Lessons Learned

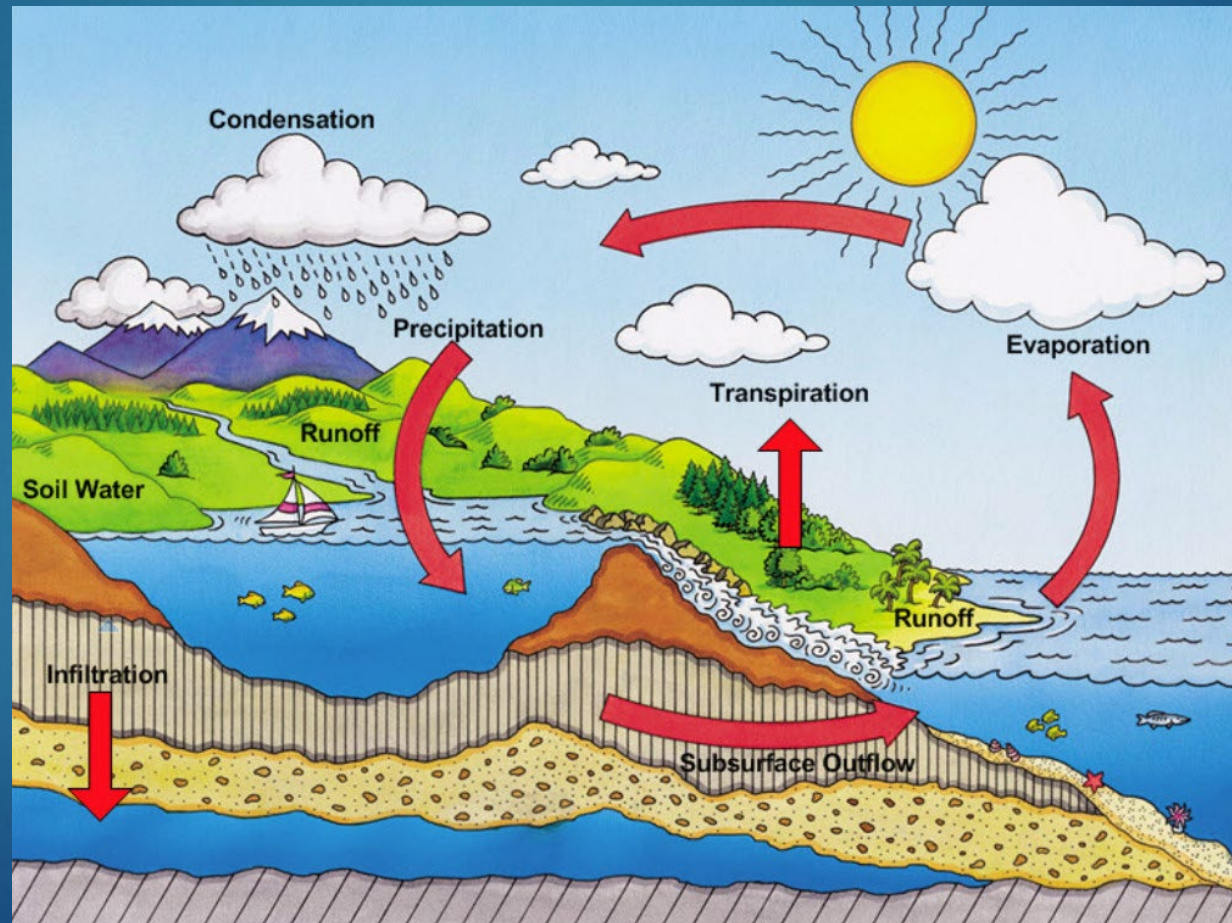
- ▶ Aha's
- ▶ I wish's
- ▶ Uses/implementation





# Lessons Learned

## ► Module 1 - Water in LA



# Lessons Learned



- ▶ Module 2 - IRWM at Mudtown Farms!
- ▶ Module 3 -
  - ▶ Stormwater Capture
  - ▶ Safe Clean Water Program

# Lessons Learned

## ▶ Module 4 - Water Project Tours



## Water Project Tours

### Green Streets & Green Alleys

Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area

May 26, 2022  
8:30am to 1:00pm

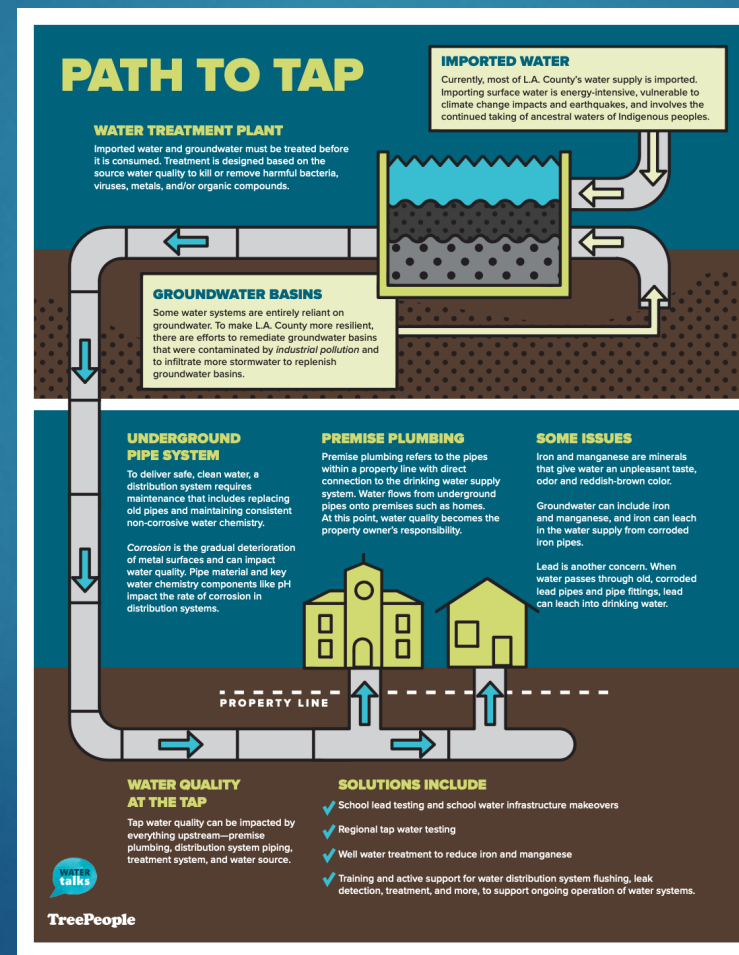
Join us for an in-person water project tour highlighting Green Streets and Green Alleys with a focus on community engagement, water supply, and water quality strategies.

#### Schedule

- **8:30am - 9:30am**  
Victory-Goodland Green Streets (San Fernando Groundwater Basin)
- **10:00am - 11:00am**  
Elmer Avenue and Elmer Paseo (Sun Valley)

# Lessons Learned

## ► Module 5-7 - Inside Water & Premise Plumbing

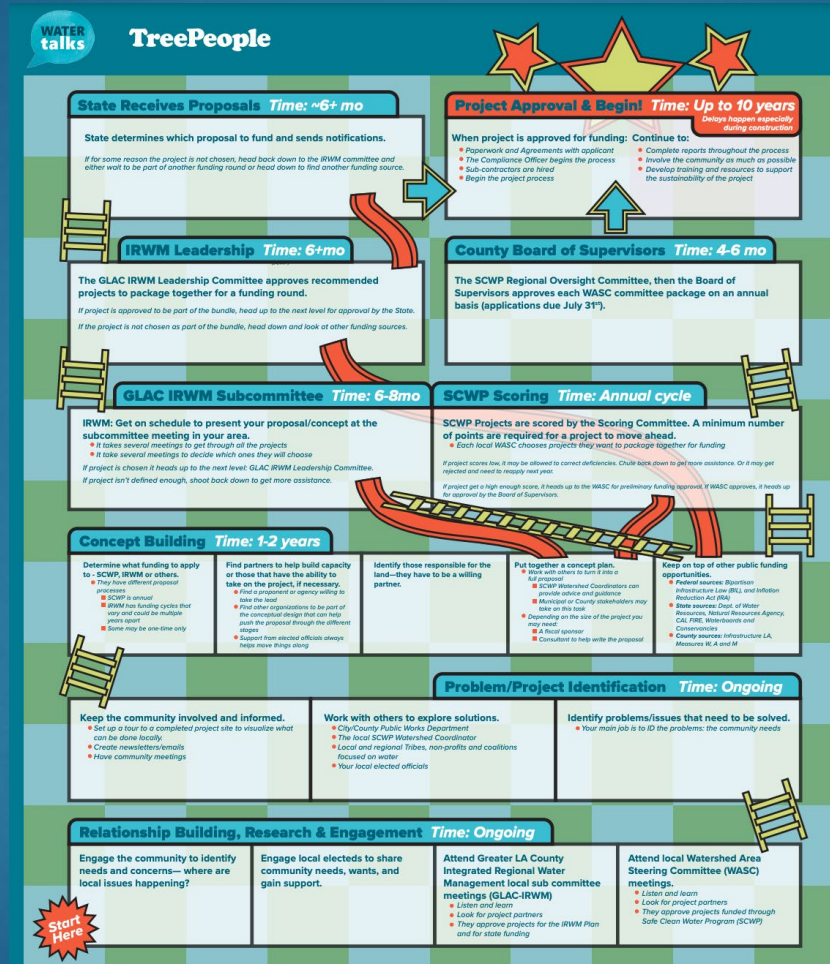


# Lessons Learned



- ▶ Module 8 - Drinking Water Quality

# Chutes & Ladders



## Chutes and Ladders!

Making Your Way Through the Project Process

# Chutes & Ladders



## Relationship Building, Research & Engagement *Time: Ongoing*

Engage the community to identify needs and concerns— where are local issues happening?

Engage local electeds to share community needs, wants, and gain support.

Attend Greater LA County Integrated Regional Water Management local sub committee meetings (GLAC-IRWM)

- Listen and learn
- Look for project partners
- They approve projects for the IRWM Plan and for state funding

Attend local Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) meetings.

- Listen and learn
- Look for project partners
- They approve projects funded through Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP)



# Chutes & Ladders



## Problem/Project Identification *Time: Ongoing*

### Keep the community involved and informed.

- Set up a tour to a completed project site to visualize what can be done locally.
- Create newsletters/emails
- Have community meetings

### Work with others to explore solutions.

- City/County Public Works Department
- The local SCWP Watershed Coordinator
- Local and regional Tribes, non-profits and coalitions focused on water
- Your local elected officials

### Identify problems/issues that need to be solved.

- Your main job is to ID the problems: the community needs







# Tap Water Quality Testing Program

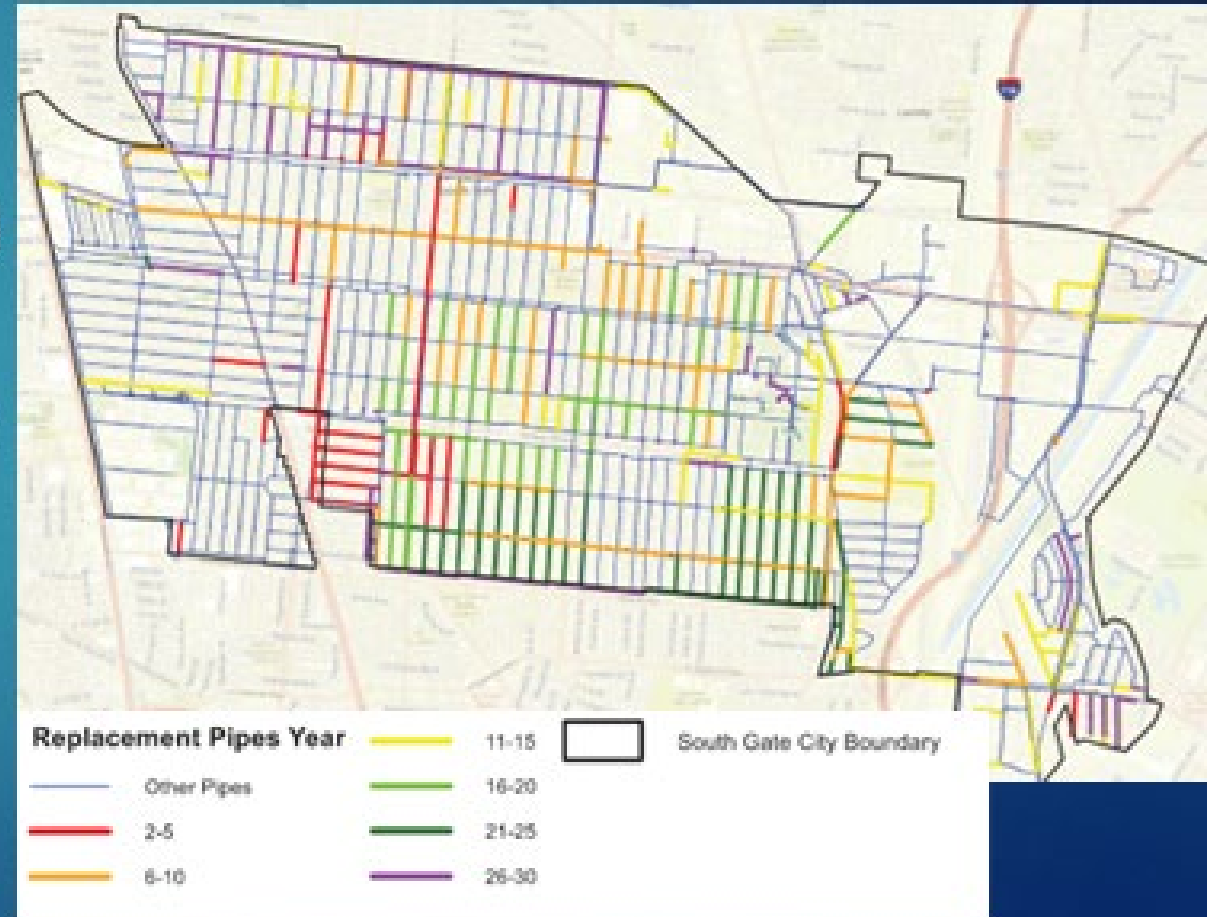
- **Project Overview:** Increase community awareness and understanding of water quality as well as potential sources of contamination through a tap testing program
- **Key Components:**
  - Educational outreach to communities and residents
  - Engagement with water providers
  - Tap water quality testing & follow up
- **Potential Proponents:**
  - LADWP, small water system, WaterTalks Leadership Group
- **What's Next:**
  - Review LG survey feedback and determine approach
  - Engage Bay Area IRWM program to share findings and lessons learned from tap testing program



# System-Level Drinking Water Quality Project 1: South Gate Water Main Replacement



- **Project Overview**
  - Support key water main replacements within the City of South Gate to improve water quality and reliability
- **Key components**
  - Engagement between City Water Dept and community members
  - Replace old water mains to reduce tap water discoloration and water leaks, and to increase firefighting flow capacity
- **Proponent:** South Gate City Water Department
- **What's next**
  - Community engagement
  - IRWM app prep



# Sleepy Lagoon at Maywood Riverfront Park

- **Project Overview:** A multi-partner effort to renovate and enhance *Maywood Riverfront Park*
- **Key Components:**
  - New sports courts, water play features, exercise equipment
  - Stormwater capture elements and native plant habitat
  - Memorial to the original Sleepy Lagoon site that includes recognition of native and migrated indigenous peoples
- **Potential Proponent:** LANLT, EYCEJ, Tongva
- **What Next?**
  - Analysis of infiltration (slow it, spread it, sink it, store it) or diversion capabilities
  - Community-driven design activities
  - IRWM or SCWP app



# Hygiene and Water Stations Pilot Project – City of Carson

- **Project overview:** Establish hygiene services near public parks, transit stops, riverways, and where people experiencing homelessness gather to improve sanitary conditions
- **Key Components:**
  - The Portland Loo, a customizable single occupancy restroom was one of the prioritized facilities, and have been proven effective in other municipalities
- **Potential Proponent:** City of Carson
- **What's Next:**
  - Potential IRWM app
  - Community engagement on potential sites and facility features



**Portland Loo:** Customizable stand-alone single occupancy bathroom

# Chutes & Ladders



- Tap Water Quality Testing
- Drinking Water Technical project (Southgate)
- Sleepy Lagoon at Maywood Riverfront Park
- Hygiene Station Pilot

# Chutes & Ladders



## Concept Building *Time: 1-2 years*

### Determine what funding to apply to - SCWP, IRWM or others.

- They have different proposal processes
  - SCWP is annual
  - IRWM has funding cycles that vary and could be multiple years apart
  - Some may be one-time only

### Find partners to help build capacity or those that have the ability to take on the project, if necessary.

- Find a proponent or agency willing to take the lead
- Find other organizations to be part of the conceptual design that can help push the proposal through the different stages
- Support from elected officials always helps move things along

### Identify those responsible for the land—they have to be a willing partner.

### Put together a concept plan.

- Work with others to turn it into a full proposal
  - SCWP Watershed Coordinators can provide advice and guidance
  - Municipal or County stakeholders may take on this task
- Depending on the size of the project you may need:
  - A fiscal sponsor
  - Consultant to help write the proposal

### Keep on top of other public funding opportunities.

- **Federal sources:** Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- **State sources:** Dept. of Water Resources, Natural Resources Agency, CAL FIRE, Waterboards and Conservancies
- **County sources:** Infrastructure LA, Measures W, A and M

# IRWM List - (June)

	GLAC AREA	
LLASGR	Drinking Water Technical Project with Site Assessment	South Gate, Maywood, Lynwood, Watts
LLASGR	Green = Clean: Transforming Contaminated Sites to Multi-benefit	TBD
LLASGR	Sleepy Lagoon at Maywood Riverfront Park	Maywood
ULAR	School Greening and Education Program	South Glendale
ULAR	Industrial Greening and Brownfield Remediation	Boyle Heights
ULAR	Green Infrastructure Project (flooding)	Panorama City
USGR/RH	School Water Make over	Pomona Unified
USGR/RH	Green, Complete Streets	El Monte
USGR/RH	Healthy Pocket Parks and Schools	South El Monte
South Bay	Sacred Waters Community Education Project (SW Capture)	Queen Park, Inglewood
South Bay	Healthy Pocket Parks and Schools	TBD

# Chutes & Ladders



## GLAC IRWM Subcommittee *Time: 6-8mo*

**IRWM:** Get on schedule to present your proposal/concept at the subcommittee meeting in your area.

- It takes several meetings to get through all the projects
- It takes several meetings to decide which ones they will choose

*If project is chosen it heads up to the next level: GLAC IRWM Leadership Committee.*

*If project isn't defined enough, shoot back down to get more assistance.*

## SCWP Scoring *Time: Annual cycle*

**SCWP Projects** are scored by the Scoring Committee. A minimum number of points are required for a project to move ahead.

- Each local WASC chooses projects they want to package together for funding

*If project scores low, it may be allowed to correct deficiencies. Chute back down to get more assistance. Or it may get rejected and need to reapply next year.*

*If project get a high enough score, it heads up to the WASC for preliminary funding approval. If WASC approves, it heads up for approval by the Board of Supervisors.*





## ROUND 2 IRWM - CONFUSION in 2022 !!

- Two sources of funding:
  - General Implementation and Disadvantaged Community set aside.
- Water Talks Task Force made recommendations for DAC funds.
- Water Talks submitted 2 projects for DAC funds.
- Others were also submitted to Task Force.
- WT projects selected due to Community connection.
- Task Force shared with GLAC Disadvantaged Community Committee for concurrence.
- Then shared with Subcommittees, who decide how the General Implementation funds are spent.
- DAC projects can use GI funds, but GI projects cannot use DAC funds.

# Chutes & Ladders



## IRWM Leadership *Time: 6+mo*

The GLAC IRWM Leadership Committee approves recommended projects to package together for a funding round.

*If project is approved to be part of the bundle, head up to the next level for approval by the State.*

*If the project is not chosen as part of the bundle, head down and look at other funding sources.*

## County Board of Supervisors *Time: 4-6 mo*

The SCWP Regional Oversight Committee, then the Board of Supervisors approves each WASC committee package on an annual basis (applications due July 31<sup>st</sup>).

# Chutes & Ladders



## TreePeople



### State Receives Proposals *Time: ~6+ mo*

State determines which proposal to fund and sends notifications.

*If for some reason the project is not chosen, head back down to the IRWM committee and either wait to be part of another funding round or head down to find another funding source.*



### Project Approval & Begin! *Time: Up to 10 years*

*Delays happen especially during construction*

- When project is approved for funding: Continue to:
- Paperwork and Agreements with applicant
  - The Compliance Officer begins the process
  - Sub-contractors are hired
  - Begin the project process
  - Complete reports throughout the process
  - Involve the community as much as possible
  - Develop training and resources to support the sustainability of the project



# Exit Poll

Please complete the google form sent out!



# Final Thoughts

1. Invoicing Updates & Timelines
2. Community Agreements
3. Continued Education through LG
  - a. IRWM meeting on Nov 16
  - b. Keep calendar dates

