

WaterTalks For Agencies and Electeds



Workshop 2: Community-Engaged Planning

South Bay Watershed Area

Tuesday, Dec. 6th | 10AM – 12PM | On Zoom!

Expert Speaker Bios:

Oscar Cisco

Program Coordinator, The Council of Mexican Federations

Oscar Cisco is the Community Network & Conservation Program Coordinator at the Council of Mexican Federations. He leads the organization's efforts in building a diverse base of support for ensuring that everyone in the Los Angeles area - no matter where they live - has equitable access to the wide range of benefits that nature can provide. Oscar has been helping to diversify the outdoors by engaging our community members to advocate for the protection of public lands and increasing the educational and recreational opportunities for the immigrant community since he joined the organization in 2020.

Daffodil Robles

Utility Services Specialist – Water Quality Division Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

Daffodil Robles is a Utility Services Specialist in the Water Quality Division of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Her group oversees a Community Partnerships Water Quality Grant that contracts community-based organizations to conduct public outreach and education campaigns which communicate the environmental, health and economic benefits of drinking LADWP's high quality tap water.

Michelle Struthers

Watershed Coordinator, SGA

Michelle Struthers is a project manager at SGA Marketing and oversees water and recycling-focused community outreach and public education campaigns. She is currently one of two Central Santa Monica Bay watershed coordinators for the Safe Clean Water program, serving alongside Mikaela Randolph from Heal the Bay. Past clients include the County of San Diego's Watershed Protection Program, the County of Orange, San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, San Mateo County Environmental Health Services, the Russian River Watershed Association, and Sonoma County Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Mikaela Randolph

Watershed Coordinator, Heal the Bay

Mikaela is a Senior Watershed Specialist with Heal the Bay and serves as 1 of 2 Watershed Coordinator for the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area, as part of L.A. County's Safe Clean Water program. In this role she engages community and interested parties by educating them on stormwater management practices that improve our local water quality and increase our local water supply while elevating community priorities. She is a champion of multi-benefit projects that offer the opportunity to green communities and improve water quality and supply, with a focus on the most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. Mikaela brings a wealth of policy expertise to this position ranging on a variety of issues both nationally and locally, she often utilizes this multi-issue lens to connect community priorities to the stormwater work.

[Biographies continued...](#)

Nancy Schrodes

Watershed Coordinator, Heal the Bay

Nancy is a Senior Watershed Specialist at Heal the Bay and serves as the Watershed Coordinator for the South Santa Monica Bay as part of L.A. County's Safe Clean Water Program. Throughout her ten years at Heal the Bay, she managed campaigns and spearheaded outreach programs with a passionate commitment to protect our watersheds and educate local communities. While working, Nancy earned her Master's Degree in Water Resource Engineering at LMU. In her role as Watershed Coordinator, she continues to engage folks, elevate community priorities, and support projects across this watershed. Her goals include achieving high water quality outcomes through stormwater capture projects with multiple benefits that emphasize investment in our most vulnerable communities, using a multi-faceted solutions approach to create a more equitable and climate resilient region.