



WATERSHED & COASTAL  
RESOURCES DIVISION

Public Facilities and Resources Division



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# Lessons Learned

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Watershed Planning Process



Pollution Hotline



Stormwater Program



Watersheds



Public Education



Rainfall & Weather



Who We Are



# Purpose of Program Review

- ❖ Evaluate value of County/Corps partnership
- ❖ Identify problems and constraints
- ❖ Recommend changes to improve program efficiency and effectiveness

## Background

- ❖ Corps LA District became lead agency for Aliso Creek study in 1995
- ❖ To date more than 23 documents have been published
- ❖ Total estimated cost to date: \$2M

# Data Collection

- ❖ Hired Non-biased Facilitator
- ❖ Conducted Workshops
  - ◆ County internal managers and staff
  - ◆ Cost-share partners
  - ◆ Corps LA District staff
- ❖ Conducted Interviews
  - ◆ Public stakeholders
  - ◆ Resource agency staff

# Watershed Program Review

- ❖ Original drivers
- ❖ Original goals and objectives
- ❖ Accomplishments during past 10 years
- ❖ Constraints for greater success

## What We Learned

- ❖ County Project Manager must understand Corps process
- ❖ Level of investment and cooperation has been significant
- ❖ Need for more defined roles and responsibilities for study team
- ❖ Need to fast-track studies and implementation projects
- ❖ Need to manage the budget

## For More Information

- ❖ [www.ocwatersheds.com](http://www.ocwatersheds.com/watersheds/Aliso_reports_studies.asp)  
watersheds/Aliso\_reports\_studies.asp
- ❖ [www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/  
cw/hot\\_topics/watershed.pdf](http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/hot_topics/watershed.pdf)