



# Water, Health & Equity in the Los Angeles Region: Recommendations

*“A Good Solution Solves Multiple Problems”*

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# Landscape analysis focus and purpose

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- Landscape analysis focused on water, health, and equity, included interviews and literature review.
- Examined key challenges to establishing integrated systems for stormwater, groundwater, and drinking water as the key to resilience.
- Advanced a strategic framework for outreach, engagement, and advocacy for future water infrastructure investments.

# Recommendations

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1. Cultivate a new narrative that links all aspects of water
2. Incorporate health equity provisions into future funding measures
3. Support innovative policy and system change solutions using local authority

## Recommendations (cont.)

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4. Invest in community capacity to address water-related health inequities
5. Formalize collaboration among agencies, academics, non-profit leaders, and other stakeholders

## Recommendations (cont.)

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7. Expand and enhance the role of public health in regional water efforts
8. Develop a peer learning/strategy network among mainstream environmental groups and CBOs

## Recommendations (cont.)

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9. Improve data collection, research, and documentation of water-related health inequities, especially through participatory action research