



# WRCOG *Communicator*

## WRCOG Has Moved!



**WRCOG has officially left our University Avenue location and has moved to our new office on Chicago Avenue.**

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For payments, committee meetings, and program updates, please visit our website.

Thank you for staying connected with us as we move forward!



## Love Your Neighborhood Program Honored for Community Impact

The Love Your Neighborhood (LYN) Program was recently honored with the Outstanding Public Outreach and Engagement Project or Program Award at the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) Annual Conference. The recognition celebrates the program's success in reducing pollution and bringing residents together to make a difference in their communities.

Launched in 2022 through a partnership between WRCOG and the Riverside County Watershed Protection Program, LYN

focuses on hands-on outreach and local cleanup events that help residents learn about pollution prevention and take action close to home. Since its launch, the program has hosted 16 events, removed more than 24,000 pounds of trash, and involved over 1,300 participants. Each event helps foster community pride and encourages residents to play an active role in protecting our local environment.



[Learn More About LYN](#)



## Regional Leaders Discuss Opportunities through WRCOG's VMT Mitigation Program



WRCOG Deputy Executive Director Chris Gray joined regional partners at the 2025 California American Planning Association Conference in Monterey for the session “VMT Mitigation Roundtable.” The panel highlighted WRCOG’s Regional Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program—one of the first of its kind in California.

VMT, or vehicle miles traveled, measures how far and how often people drive. Under SB 743 (Steinberg, 2013), California now evaluates transportation impacts based on VMT rather than congestion, encouraging projects that help people drive less, reduce emissions, and support sustainable growth.

WRCOG’s Program provides a regional, voluntary system that allows agencies to offset project-related VMT impacts through shared mitigation efforts such as transit investments and bike and pedestrian improvements. As Program Administrator, WRCOG coordinates participation and facilitates credit exchanges—helping agencies meet CEQA requirements while advancing regional sustainability goals.

The discussion in Monterey drew statewide attention to WRCOG’s leadership in creating practical, collaborative tools that make it easier for local governments to meet state mandates and plan for a cleaner, more connected future.

**Learn more about our VMT Mitigation program:**  
[VMT Mitigation Program](#)

## Congratulations and Farewell



Please join us in congratulating Princess Hester, WRCOG's Administrative Services Director, on her retirement. We extend our heartfelt thanks for her many years of dedication and service to WRCOG and our member agencies, and we wish her all the best in this next chapter.

## What's Happening in Your Community?

WRCOG is comprised of 22 member agencies including cities, the County of Riverside, Water Districts and the Office of Education all serving within Western Riverside County. Learn more about what is happening in your community.

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[City of Beaumont](#)  
[City of Calimesa](#)  
[City of Canyon Lake](#)  
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[City of Eastvale](#)  
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[County of Riverside](#)  
[Eastern Municipal Water District](#)  
[Western Water](#)  
[Riverside County Office of Education](#)

## Upcoming Events

| Date | Event | Location |
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| 11/1  | <a href="#">Used Oil &amp; Recycling Event</a> | Temecula |
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| 11/5  | Banning State of the City                      | Banning  |
| 11/6  | <a href="#">Hemet State of the City</a>        | Hemet    |
| 11/7  | <a href="#">Menifee State of the City</a>      | Menifee  |
| 11/13 | <a href="#">Wildomar State of the City</a>     | Wildomar |
| 11/20 | <a href="#">Corona State of the City</a>       | Corona   |

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