Project/Program Prioritization Criteria

The following describes project selection and scoring criteria for the Safe, Clean Water Program. Selection and scoring criteria for programs is TBD.

I. Overarching Project/Program Criteria

Types of Benefits (Definitions) Changes to the initial definitions are shown in red

- Water supply – Increase in the amount of locally available water. Activities resulting in this benefit include **the following, provided there is a nexus to** stormwater capture **or urban runoff diversion** ~~for~~:
  - Reuse
  - **Water** recycling
  - Increased groundwater **replenishment**, storage **or** ~~and~~ available yield
- Water quality – **Consistent** improvement in the chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of stormwater and urban runoff and/or protections of these characteristics in surface waters, rivers, **creeks,** lakes, streams and the marine environment. Activities resulting in this benefit include:
  - Infiltration or treatment of stormwater runoff
  - Non-point source pollution control
  - **Diversion of urban runoff or stormwater to sanitary sewer system**
- Community enhancements - A benefit in addition to water supply or water quality, such as:
  - Improved flood management and flood risk mitigation
  - Creation or restoration of ~~riparian~~ habitat and wetlands
  - Reduction of urban heat island effect through urban greening
  - Improved public access and/or enhanced or new recreational opportunities ~~along rivers, lakes, and streams~~
  - **Greening of schools**
  - **Creation of parks and wetlands**

Funding Program Requirements

Regional Program

- All regional projects must be multibenefit and provide two or more of the following benefits: Water Supply, Water Quality, Community Enhancement
- All projects must be watershed-based and must impact a combined tributary area exceeding one hundred (100) acres of land, and/or provide benefits to more than one Municipality.
- Regional Program projects will be designed, constructed, and operated and maintained by FCD in partnership with project proponents (unless other arrangements are made)
- Regional Program Funds restrictions are as follows:
  - Not less than TBD% of Regional Program funds will be used to benefit DACs (where applicable)

Municipal Program

- All Municipal projects must be multibenefit and provide two or more of the following benefits: Water Supply, Water Quality, Community Enhancement.
- An exception to the multibenefit requirement may be made for single-purpose water quality projects

FCD Program

- All FCD projects must be multi-benefit and provide two or more of the following benefits: Water Supply, Water Quality, Community Enhancement

II. Project Prioritization Criteria (Scoring)

Regional Program projects will be scored using the following framework:

Section	Score Range	Scoring Standards
A. Significant Water Supply Benefits	**TBD points max**	**The project provides water supply benefits**
	Yes / No	A1. Project provides Water Supply benefits as defined above and results in a significant increase in local water supply of >TBD acre feet per year (includes offseting existing potable water use through capture/on-site reuse or reduction in required irrigation).
	TBD points *(If A1 = Yes Only)*	A2. Water Supply Cost Effectiveness. The total cost per unit of acre foot of stormwater captured for water supply is awarded as follows: • <$1000/ac-ft = TBD pts • $1000-2000/ac-ft = TBD pts • >$2000/ac-ft = TBD pts
	TBD points *(If A1 = Yes Only)*	A3.Water Supply Benefit Magnitude. The additional water supply resulting from the project is as follows: • >50 ac-ft/year = TBD pts • >100 ac-ft/year = TBD pts • >500 ac-ft/year = TBD pts
		Total Points Section A
B. Significant Water Quality Benefits		**The project provides water quality benefits**
	Yes/No	B1. Project provides Water Quality benefits as defined above and addresses polluntants of concern.
	TBD points *(If B1 = Yes Only)*	B2.Water Quality Cost Effectiveness. The (Ac-Ft Volume of stormwater managed in a 24 hour period) / (Construction Cost in $Millions) is awarded as follows: • >1.0 = TBD pts • 0.99-0.5 = TBD pts • <0.49 = TBD pts
	TBD points *(If B1 = Yes Only)*	B3. Water Quality Benefit Magnitude. Quantify the pollutant reduction for the controlling pollutants identified in appropriate E/WMP using the LACFCD's Watershed Management Modeling System. The analysis should be an average reduction over a ten year period showing the impact of the project. • >75%= TBD pts • 74-50% = TBD pts • <50% = TBD pts
		Total Points Section B
C. Community Enhancement Benefits	**TBD points max**	**The project provides community enhancement benefits**
	TBD points	C1. Project benefits a disadvantaged community
	TBD points	C2. Project has at least one of the Community Enhancement benefits as defined above
	TBD points	C3. Project has at least two of the Community Enhancement benefits as defined above
	TBD points	C4. Project results in the following: • Carbon reduction/sequestration = TBD pts • Heat reduction/urban cooling = TBD pts • Green waste reduction/diversion = TBD pts • Improved air quality = TBD pts • Utilizes green infrastructure = TBD pts
		Total Points Section C

D. Cost-Effective	**TBD points max**	**The project achieves one or more of the following:**
	TBD points	D1. Cost-Share. Additional Funding has been awarded for the project. • >25% Funding Matched = TBD pts • >50% Funding Matched = TBD pts
	TBD points	D2. The total cost of operations and maintenance is awarded as follows: • Annual O&M is <5% total cost = TBD pts • Annual O&M is >5% total cost = TBD pts
		Total Points Section D
E. Readiness for Implementation	**TBD points max**	**The project achieves one or more of the following:**
	TBD points	E1. The project demonstrates strong local, community-based support through partnerships with NGOs/CBOs.
	TBD points	E2. There is a site available for the project or a plan and a process underway for acquiring the site.
	TBD points	E3. CEQA requirements have been satisfied; CEQA is ready, well underway or expected to be completed within a year.
	TBD points	E4. Project will begin construction within 18 months
		Total Points Section E
Total		**Total Points All Sections**