

Scoring Committee

Meeting Minutes



September 1, 2022
9:00am - 12:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Bruce Reznik, LA Waterkeeper (Nature-Based Solutions/Water Supply), Chair
TJ Moon, LA County Public Works (Water Quality), Vice Chair
David Diaz, Active SGV (Community Investments)
Matt Stone, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Water Supply)

Committee Members Absent:

Dave Sorem, Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc (Water Quality)

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

1. Welcome and Introductions

District staff conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx. Bruce Reznik, Chair of the Scoring Committee, welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. All Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2022

District staff presented the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Vice Chair TJ Moon, seconded by Member David Diaz. The Committee voted to approve the March 14, 2022 meeting minutes, with 4 votes in favor and none opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

District staff provided an update:

- Kirsten Schwarz has resigned from the Scoring Committee and District staff will facilitate determining a replacement.
- On August 30, the Board of Supervisors voted to continue meeting virtually, acting under the authority of Assembly Bill 361 which authorizes public committees to meet without complying with all the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act. The Board is reviewing its position every 30 days.
- The County's Executive Office issued a memo on April 8, 2022 in preparation for returning to in-person committee meetings. The Committee may start meeting again in-person, with the District's office in Alhambra as a potential meeting location.
- All nine Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) were approved by the Regional Oversight Committee for advancement to the Board for approval, tentatively scheduled for the October 4, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Call for Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY23-24) closed on July 31, 2022. District staff is currently conducting completeness checks. The preliminary count of applications is as follows: 33 Infrastructure Program (IP), 4 Scientific Study (SS), and 4 Technical Resource Program (TRP) applications.
- Quarterly reports for IP and SS developers were due on August 15, 2022 and will be reviewed before uploading to the SCWP project portal.
- As a reminder to project developers that have received or will be receiving Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) funds, part of the Transfer Agreement includes abiding by the County's local and

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targeted worker hire policy or a similar policy. Depending on the cost of the project, a Project Labor Agreement will be required from one of the financial partners.

- District staff reminded members of the established guidelines on attendance for Scoring Committee meetings per Article 5 of the Scoring Committee Operating Guidelines. Failure to attend two consecutive meetings or more than five meetings in one year makes the member eligible for removal as a member of the Scoring Committee. If attendance is not possible, it is expected that the Alternate will be present.
- Every Committee Member is required to fill out Form 700. A Form 700 is required when a member is assuming office for the first time (part of the onboarding process), continuing to serve on a committee (annual requirement), leaving a committee (part of the offboarding process), or changing roles within a committee. District staff will contact individuals who need to fill out these forms.

Member Matt Stone commented that there may be legislation to implement virtual meetings as part of the Brown Act.

Chair Reznik mentioned that it would be useful to get an update on current projects' quarterly reports after scoring.

Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) introduced Ryanna Fossum as an addition to the Regional Coordination team.

4. Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

District staff compiled all public comment cards received by 5:00pm the day before the meeting and displayed them on-screen. Comment cards, public comments during the meeting, and other correspondence received after 5:00pm will be added to the meeting minutes.

District shared onscreen a public comment card from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11 and the National Electrical Contractors Association of Los Angeles regarding Project Labor Agreements.

5. Discussion Items:

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Vice Chair Moon shared the following disclosures:

- Met with City of LA and Cordoba on March 31 and May 12 regarding the Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor project regarding monitoring, modeling, and nature-based solutions.
- Received multiple emails from Star Water LLC about a La Habra Heights project application. The emails requested clarification on water supply benefits. Vice Chair Moon sent the applicant the public health standards and was invited to a site visit but declined.
- Received an email from Olaunu LLC regarding scoring questions on the SCWP website.
- Received an email from Dr. Shahriar Eftekhazadeh regarding the MacArthur Lake Rehabilitation project.

Chair Reznik shared the following disclosures:

- Received an email from Dr. Shahriar Eftekhazadeh regarding the MacArthur Lake Rehabilitation project.
- Attended general Water LA coalition meetings.
- Met with City of LA representing LA Waterkeeper and other Water LA groups on projects that had applied for Round 3 funding and specifically discussed operations and maintenance.

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- Restarted regular meetings with Los Angeles County Public Works to discuss projects, many of which receive SCWP funding.

b) SC Roles and Responsibilities Presentation

Regional Coordinator Antos shared a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the Scoring Committee, projects received in the FY23-24 Call for Projects, Interim Guidance, and the Metrics and Monitoring Study, and an update on funding. See slides available on the SCWP website.

There was a question from Vice Chair Moon regarding first flush flows and what the guidance recommends in considering projects as dry weather or wet weather. Regional Coordinator Antos explained that the guidance does not make an explicit recommendation and suggested that District may be better suited to provide clarity on the specific details.

Member Stone asked about guidance on evaluating projects that propose a variety of alternatives and ensuring those promised benefits are realized after receiving SCWP funds. It was noted that some projects may apply for design-only funding to determine the feasibility of alternatives. Chair Reznik noted that the biannual review of the SCWP is the pathway for major changes, and that District staff has been creating guidance to provide clarity. Round 3 demonstrated a clearer distinction between design projects and construction projects. Member Stone suggested an audit to compare benefits promised and benefits realized for projects that received SCWP funding.

Vice Chair Moon asked if project developers claiming sewer diversion for water supply benefits would be required to provide approval from the associated sanitation agency. District staff explained that a sewer analysis or study is not required but engaging the agency would be advantageous.

c) SCWP/Scoring Improvements

i. Final Scoring Memo

The Committee was encouraged to review the Revised Scoring Memo available on the SCWP website that details comments regarding the previous years' scoring discussions, updated after the March 14 meeting.

d) Summary of Year 3 Stormwater Investment Plans targeting October 4th BOS agenda

District staff gave an overview of the total benefits promised by the continuing Infrastructure Projects that will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Executive summaries are available on the SCWP website.

e) Round 4 Call for Projects

i. Information Session Participation

District staff noted that information session participation is an application requirement.

ii. Overview of Applications

There are 33 submitted IP projects, but fewer may be brought to the Scoring Committee based on the WASC's decision. District staff shared a list of submitted IP projects on screen and will be sharing on the website.

iii. Scoring Schedule

The Committee discussed a preliminary schedule for scoring. Chair Reznik and Vice Chair Moon agreed that discussing around 8 projects per meeting would be suitable. The committee is scheduled to have meetings on October 6, November 3, and December 1. Two additional meetings in October and November

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will be scheduled based on member availability. The Committee's goal is to finish the initial review by January and finish rescoring by the end of February 2023.

District staff will facilitate scheduling the two additional meetings. District staff will also transmit the project scoring schedule via email to the Committee Members and post it on the SCWP website for project applicants and other interested parties to view.

Regional Coordinator Antos noted that the current scoring schedule includes all 33 infrastructure projects, but only projects advanced by the WASC will be reviewed by the Scoring Committee.

f) Revisit Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

Both Chair Reznik and Vice Chair Moon are open to staying in their respective leadership positions in the Scoring Committee or having others take on the roles.

6. Public Comment Period for Agenda Items

No public comments were received.

7. Voting Items:

a) Selection of Chair, Vice Chair, or Co-Chairs

Member Stone motioned to select Bruce Reznik as Chair and TJ Moon as Vice Chair, seconded by Member Diaz. The motion was approved, with 4 votes in favor (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

8. Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022, 9:00am - 12:00pm. See the SCWP website for meeting details. Items on the Agenda include:

a) Scoring of Feasibility Studies

Chair Reznik said that any clarification District staff can provide on the first flush flows guidance would be appreciated.

9. Adjournment

Chair Reznik thanked Committee Members and District staff and adjourned the meeting.

SCORING COMMITTEE MEETING - September 1, 2022

	Quorum Present		Voting Items	
Member Type	Member	Voting?	3/14/22 Meeting Minutes	Bruce R. as Chair, & TJ M. as Vice-Chair
Water Supply	Matt Stone	x	Y	Y
Community Investments Benefits	David Diaz	x	Y	Y
Nature-Based Solutions / Water Quality	<u>Bruce Reznik</u>	x	Y	Y
Water Quality	Dave Sorem			
Water Quality	TJ Moon	x	Y	Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats	5	Yay (Y)	4	4
Total Voting Members Present	4	Nay (N)	0	0
		Abstain (A)	0	0
		Total	4	4
			Approved	Approved

Other Attendees	
Andrew Kim	Mara Luevano
Aric Martinez	Mark Nguyen
Brett Perry	Melina Watts
Cameron Castillo	Michelle Kim
Christine McLeod	Michelle Zhang
Daniel Rydberg	Mikaela Randolph
Danielle Chupa	Nancy Shrodes
Debby Reece	Noya Wang
Eugene Serrano	Oliver Galang
Fran Sereseres	Paige Bistromowitz
Gustavo Orozo	Phuoc Le
Hal Dash	Serena Zhu
Heather Merenda	Thom Epps
Joe Venzon	Tom Weissbarth
Joyce Amaro	Ida meisami-Fard
Katie	Juan S
Lorena Matos	Jay Palmer
Maggie Gardner	Vik Bapna
Susie Santilena	

Welcome Back!



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Regional issues...

1

Improve Water Quality

2

Increase Local Water Supply

3

Enhance Communities

Capture
Clean
Conserve

...Regional solutions





The communities you represent



- Most of the 10 million people in Los Angeles County
 - About half of whom live in low-income and pollution burdened census areas
- If a state, LA County would be 10th largest.
- 1 in 35 Americans
- >\$700 Billion in economic activity annually



The communities you represent



- Have decided to invest in improving environmental water quality (as required by MS4 permits)
- The decision included, however, ensuring the investments were:
 - community enhancing,
 - job creating,
 - overcoming of injustices,
 - improving water supply, and
 - relying on natural solutions to our problems whenever possible.



Scoring Committee Structure

	Member	Appointment
1	<u>Subject Matter Experts:</u> Water Quality Benefits Water Supply Benefits Nature-Based Solutions/ Community Investment Benefits	Appointed by Board of Supervisors
2		Appointed by Board of Supervisors
3		Appointed by Board of Supervisors
4		Appointed by Board of Supervisors
5		Appointed by Board of Supervisors
6		Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Scoring Committee includes:

- At least **2** subject-matter experts in Water Quality Benefits
- At least **1** subject-matter expert in Nature-Based Solutions/Community Investment Benefits
- At least **1** subject-matter expert in Water Supply Benefits



Scoring Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Score Projects and Feasibility Studies using the **Infrastructure Program Project Scoring Criteria** and apply Threshold Score. The initial Threshold Score is sixty (60) points.

Forward Projects with their respective score to the appropriate Watershed Area Steering Committees.

- Share expertise and provide guidance and information
- Use technical documents for reference and consideration such as new water quality and water supply studies, plans, and white papers

Refer to Infrastructure Program Project Scoring Criteria for additional details



Stormwater Investments in SCWP

Board of Supervisors will consider 22-23 SIPs on 10/04/22

One Hundred and One new & continuing Infrastructure Program Projects:

- Leverage over \$540M in other funding
- Capture stormwater from over 220,000 acres increasing annual capture by over 55,000 AF
- Invest over \$340M in projects benefiting members of disadvantaged communities
- Will benefit the nine watershed areas through construction in 38 municipalities



Call for Projects FY 2023-2024

Call for Projects closed on July 31st

Program	Preliminary Total SCW Funding Requested	Preliminary Projects Submitted
Infrastructure Program (>85%)	~\$247M	33*
Technical Resources Program (≤10%)	\$1.2M	4
Scientific Studies Program (≤5%)	~\$ 8M	4
TOTAL	~\$ 256M	41

Watershed Area	Approximate Number of IP Projects
Central Santa Monica Bay	3
Lower Los Angeles River	2
Lower San Gabriel River	5
North Santa Monica Bay	1
Rio Hondo	4
Santa Clara River	1
South Santa Monica Bay	4
Upper Los Angeles River	13
Upper San Gabriel River	0
Grand Total	33

*values subject to change pending completeness check by the District



2022 Interim Guidance

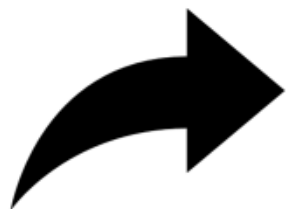


With stakeholder input, the District developed the 2022 Interim Guidance. Each component includes a brief vision for future guidance



2022 Interim Guidance

- Strengthening Community Engagement and Support (**New**)
- Water Supply Guidance (**New**)
- Programming of Nature-Based Solutions (no substantive changes from 2021 guidance)
- Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies (no substantive changes from 2021 guidance)



Other program aspects continue to be clarified or addressed through the Metrics and Monitoring Study and/or advancement of various regional studies



Strengthening Community Engagement and Support

This guidance includes:

1. Engagement Prior to Application
2. Engagement Plan for Project Implementation

	Good	Better	Best
Engagement Levels	<p>Inform - Provide the community with relevant information</p> <p>Consult - Gather input from the Community</p>	<p>Involve - Ensure community input, needs, and assets are integrated into processes, receive demonstrable consideration and appropriate responses, and inform planning</p> <p>Educate – Grow community understanding of the existing infrastructure systems, purposes, perceived outstanding needs, pertinent history and regulations, SCW Program opportunities (including Watershed Coordinators) to establish</p> <p>Learn – Grow own understanding of existing community, perceived needs, pertinent history, key concerns, and other potentially interested parties.</p>	<p>Collaborate - Leverage and grow community capacity to play a leadership role in both planning and implementation</p> <p>Incorporate - Foster democratic participation and equity by including the community in decision-making, bridge divide between community and governance</p> <p>Partner – Establish certain project concepts based on community-driven and identified needs, solidify formal partnerships, and build in sustained paths forward to joint implementation and management with well-defined roles per agreement</p>



Strengthening Community Engagement and Support



LEADERSHIP: COLLABORATION

LD1.3 Provide for Stakeholder Involvement

18
POINTS

INTENT

Early and sustained stakeholder engagement and involvement in project decision making.

METRIC

Establishment of sound and meaningful programs for stakeholder identification, early and sustained engagement, and involvement in project decision making.

LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

IMPROVED	ENHANCED	SUPERIOR	CONSERVING	RESTORATIVE
A + B	A + B + C	A + B + C + D	A + B + C + D + E	A + B + C + D + E + F
(3) Active Engagement	(6) Direct Engagement	(9) Community Involvement	(14) Community Satisfaction	(18) Stakeholder Partnerships
(A) Primary and secondary stakeholders are identified through a stakeholder mapping process. Stakeholder concerns and specific objectives for stakeholder engagement are defined.				
(B) A proactive stakeholder engagement process is established with clear objectives. This occurs at the earliest stages of planning and is sustained through project construction. Engagement moves beyond education into active dialogue. Stakeholder views are monitored, and a two-way line of communication is established to reply to inquiries. Sufficient opportunities are provided for stakeholders to be involved in decision making. The participation process is transparent with opportunities to provide meaningful input.				
(C) A lead person from the project team, in addition to any public involvement lead or manager, works with stakeholder groups to understand communication needs and the desire for and scope of involvement.				
(D) There are specific cases in which public input influenced or validated project outcomes. Potentially conflicting stakeholder views were evaluated and addressed equitably during decision making.				
(E) Feedback is sought from stakeholders as to their satisfaction with the engagement process, and the resulting decisions were made based on their input.				
(F) One or more stakeholders, having mutual interests or interdependencies, are identified and engaged as partners.				

This guidance includes several resources for designing and implementing engagement



Strengthening Community Engagement and Support

Tools and strategies to evaluate Community Engagement and Support that WASC and Scoring Committee members can use:

- Read the justification provided in the application and submitted Feasibility Study about Community Engagement and Support for the Project.
- During presentations by Project proponents or SC evaluations, ask questions about the Community Engagement and Support for the Project.
- Ask Watershed Coordinator(s) to evaluate and report to the WASC how the people, city and county agencies, and other stakeholders would describe community needs, concerns, and objectives in the Watershed Area.

Tips

- Remember: outreach TO communities is different from support **FROM** or partnerships **WITH** communities.
- When showing community support, provide evidence of **partnerships with NGOs**, or **compelling evidence** that project enjoys **widespread community support** (e.g., multiple letters of support from diverse constituencies within the community; public polling; documentation that the community helped inform the project).



Water Supply Guidance

1. Establishes shared vocabulary
2. Clarifies characterization of Water Supply Benefits
3. Provides working guidance for some prominent uncertainty about water supply

Water Supply Benefits in the Safe, Clean Water Program

Los Angeles Flood Control District Code Section 16.03.00: ***“Water Supply Benefit”*** means an increase in the amount of locally available water supply, provided there is a nexus to Stormwater or Urban Runoff capture. Activities resulting in this benefit include, but are not limited to, the following:

- reuse and conservation practices,
- diversion of Stormwater or Urban Runoff to a sanitary sewer system for direct or indirect water recycling,
- increased groundwater replenishment or available yield, or
- offset of potable water use.



Water Supply Guidance

Guidance for the Scoring Committee using Five Scenarios

1. Projects in watersheds with existing downstream stormwater capture facilities or other proposed downstream projects
2. Projects claiming to capture the “first flush” flows that would not be captured by existing facilities or concurrent projects (and therefore would otherwise be wasted to the ocean)
3. Projects claiming future Water Supply Benefit due to future projects or infrastructure
4. Projects diverting onsite runoff to a sanitary sewer
5. Projects claiming infiltration of water



Water Supply Guidance

1. Projects in watersheds with existing downstream stormwater capture facilities or other proposed downstream projects
 1. Project proponents must complete a good faith effort to establish and describe the relationship to downstream projects, as required by the Feasibility Study, such as development of a stormwater model, references to relevant studies, a letter of concurrence from the downstream project developers, etc.
 2. The Scoring Committee should consider the fact-based analysis provided by the project proponent.
 3. The Scoring Committee should be the site of evaluating the relationship between the proposed project, and other downstream projects. Stakeholders or agencies with input about these questions should engage at the Scoring Committee to support decision-making there.



Water Supply Guidance

2. Projects claiming to capture the “first flush” flows that would not be captured by existing facilities or concurrent projects (and therefore would otherwise be wasted to the ocean)
 - In the interim, such projects should demonstrate the benefit of capturing these limited events, including the anticipated capture amount, other factors impacting the scale of the beneficial use, detailed discussion of downstream facilities/projects that are not suited to capture first flush flows, the intended beneficial use, and clear justification of how the proposed efforts to capture first flush flows will not have any adverse impacts (e.g., to water quality, etc.).
 - Scoring Committee should use only the first flush flows, substantiated by modeling, to determine Water Supply Benefit.



Water Supply Guidance

3. Projects claiming future Water Supply Benefit due to future projects or infrastructure
 - Projects cannot receive Water Supply Benefit points for water diverted to a downstream project that is not yet built and operational. The future project may receive Water Supply Benefits from the water diverted to it.
4. Projects diverting onsite runoff to a sanitary sewer
 - It can be a challenge to calculate how much volume of the stormwater runoff would reach a water reclamation plant and be converted to locally available water supply. At this time, the full calculated diversion volume will be considered locally available water supply. This may change in the future when a more refined quantitative analysis becomes available



Water Supply Guidance

5. Projects claiming infiltration of water

- For infiltration Projects, it remains difficult to quantify the volume of water (and the time it would take) to reach a managed, usable, groundwater aquifer as locally available water supply. The District is conducting research in partnership with the US Bureau of Reclamation that may provide additional insights for this topic. As Interim Guidance, if a project proponent provides written concurrence from the agency managing the groundwater basin that the project is believed to increase local groundwater supplies, then the project's full calculated capacity to infiltrated water will be considered by the Scoring Committee and WASCs as a benefit to locally available water supply.




Water Supply Guidance


Long-Term Vision for Water Supply Guidelines


In the long term, the District may further enlist third-party experts to assist in informing additional guidance to score and evaluate Water Supply Benefits, in conjunction with any pertinent results from the ongoing Metrics and Monitoring Study. Future updates to this guidance are currently expected to consider the following:


1. Refinement or Additions to 2022 Interim Guidance

 **2. Assessment of Watershed-Specific Conditions:** Analysis of hydrogeological conditions and groundwater management on a watershed basis, including where it is believed that all dry weather and stormwater runoff is captured or recharged or is accounted for in existing management agreements – and where that lack of opportunity may have a significant impact on the ability of projects within those watersheds to meet the minimum Threshold Score.

3. Establish and/or Refine Definitions and Metrics: Guidance for what is considered locally available water supply and the scale at which those benefits should be considered.

 a. Further guidance for understanding how regional improvements in local water supplies can be judged as benefiting individual municipalities or disadvantaged communities (for now, see Disadvantaged Community Benefits guidance for current practice).

 b. Further standardization regarding how to calculate first flush flows and how/whether to apply benefits for projects capturing such flows;

 c. If and/or how cleaned dry weather or stormwater runoff to streams or waterbodies with habitat beneficial uses could be judged a water supply for nature or environmental water and therefore counted towards water supply benefits; and

4. Guidance for Addressing Water Rights Implications

Additional issues warranting further guidance may also be considered in the future, with the next round of updated guidance currently anticipated in 2024 to include findings of the District-led Metrics and Monitoring Study, anticipated to be completed in 2023.

Ongoing Related Efforts

- The SCWP Metrics & Monitoring Study
- FCD / USBR Study
- Other efforts



Programming of Nature-Based Solutions

The guidance clarifies how best to prioritize Nature-Based Solutions by:

1. Establishing a shared vocabulary
2. Providing guidance to the nine WASCs
3. Clarifying prioritizing Nature-Based Solutions; and
4. Highlighting how the Feasibility Study requirements and the Projects Module support Project proponents and WASCs in the prioritization of Nature-Based Solutions





Links between Needs, SCWP Goals, and NBS

Identified Need or Desired Outcome	Potential Natural Processes & Nature-Mimicking Strategies	SCW Program Benefits
Improved environmental water quality	Bioretention; biofiltration; removed impermeable area; increase of permeability; soil enhancement; green streets	Water Quality Benefit
Increased local water supply	Surface and subsurface infiltration to groundwater; treat and release clean stormwater flows for a justified beneficial use; stormwater capture to offset irrigation with potable water; soil enhancement to offset irrigation with potable water; new native and climate-appropriate planting to offset irrigation with potable water; remove impermeable area; increase permeability	Water Supply Benefit
Improved flood management	Bioretention; native and climate appropriate planting; removal of impermeable area; increase of permeability; microtopography changes; protection or restoration of riparian or wetland systems	Community Investment Benefit (CIB): Flood Management
Improved flood conveyance	Stream daylighting; bioretention; microtopography changes; removed impermeable surfaces; increase of permeability; localized infiltration to groundwater	CIB: Flood Conveyance



NBS in the Funds Transfer Agreement

Recipients are to consider using Nature-Based Solutions for infrastructure projects and tinclude in each quarterly and annual report whether and how their project achieves a good, better, or best for each of the 6 NBS methods in accordance with the guidance below. Additionally, reports should include discussion on any considerations taken to maximize the class within each method. If at least 3 methods score within a single class, the overall project can be characterized as that class.

Note that because Nature-Based Solutions are inherently holistic approaches, many attributes of projects that meet the description under one method will receive credit under other methods.

NBS Methods described:

1. Vegetation/Green Space
2. Increase of Permeability
3. Protection of Undeveloped Mountains & Floodplains
4. Creation & Restoration of Riparian Habitat & Wetlands
5. New Landscape Elements
6. Enhancement of Soil

Good, Better, Best for Vegetation/Green Space

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
GOOD	Use of climate-appropriate vegetation (groundcover, shrubs, and trees) / green space 5%-15% covered by new climate-appropriate vegetation
BETTER	Use of native, climate-appropriate vegetation (groundcover, shrubs, and trees) / green space 16%-35% covered by new native vegetation
BEST	Establishment of plant communities with a diversity of native vegetation (groundcover, shrubs, and trees) / green space that is both native and climate-appropriate More than 35% covered by new native vegetation



Programming of Nature-Based Solutions

Scoring nature-based solutions – **unchanged this round**

D. Nature-Based Solutions	15 points max	The Project implements Nature-Based Solutions
	15 points	<p>D1. Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implements natural processes or mimics natural processes to slow, detain, capture, and absorb/infiltrate water in a manner that protects, enhances and/or restores habitat, green space and/or usable open space = 5 points• Utilizes natural materials such as soils and vegetation with a preference for native vegetation = 5 points• Removes Impermeable Area from Project (1 point per 20% paved area removed) = 5 points

- 5 points for implementing natural processes (yes/no)
- 5 points for utilizing natural materials (yes/no)
- Up to 5 points for removing impermeable surface (1 point for every 20% impervious area removed)



Programming of Nature-Based Solutions

Long-term Vision for NBS

- **Regional Program Scoring:** Assessment of potential adjustments to **scoring** as part of comprehensive **scoring** review following MMS and robust stakeholder processes that may include modifications related to any or all of the following:
 - Desirable Nature-Based Solutions are competitive in **scoring** (i.e., pass threshold)
 - Nature-Based Solutions on the lower end of the good/better/best spectrum are not awarded de facto full points
 - Nature-Based solutions be a means to desired outcomes related to the primary benefits and Goals of the SCW Program.



Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies

This guidance includes the following:

1. Clarification of how to interpret and substantiate a Project's ability to deliver Disadvantaged Community Benefits
2. Procedures for consistently accounting for the 110% SIP provisions
3. Considerations to inform deliberation and discussion

**No role for Scoring Committee
in DCB beyond community
engagement considerations**

SCW Program 2022 Interim Guidance

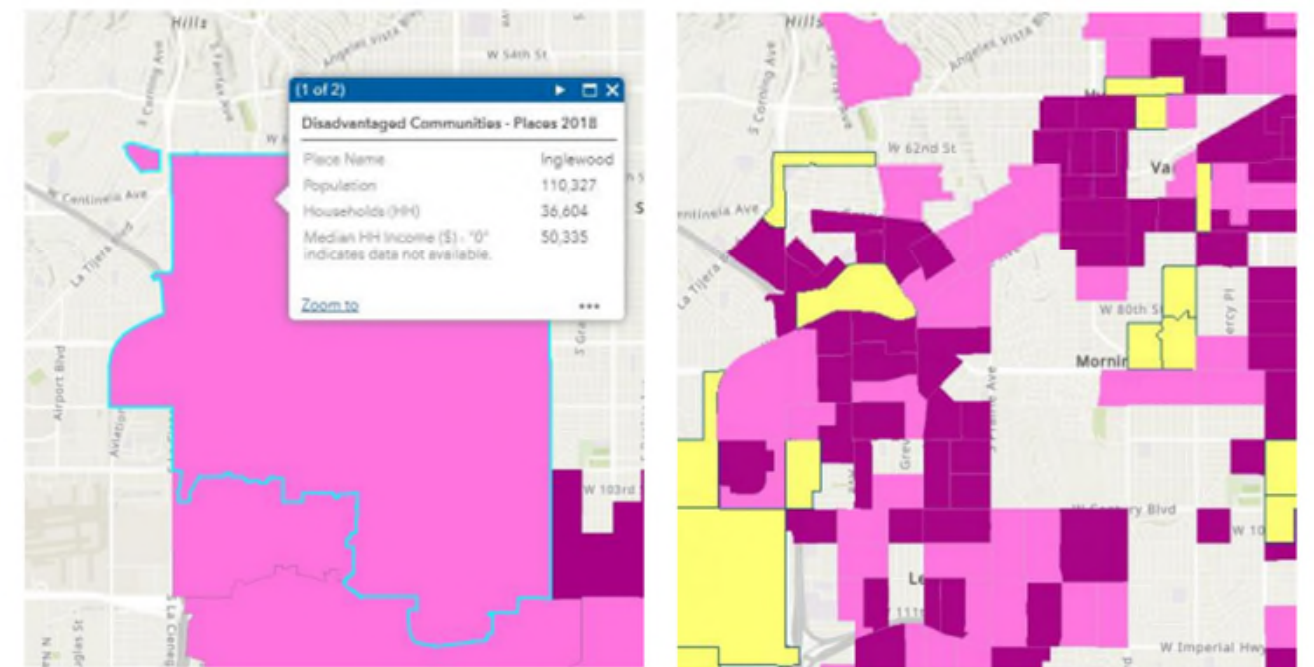
Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies in the Regional Program



- Link to DWR Disadvantaged Community Mapping Tool: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>
- Link to CalEPA CalEnviroscreen: <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen>

Inglewood Example

If you calculate the median household income for the city of Inglewood as a Census Place (Figure 1), you find that the city has a median household income below 80% of the statewide median household income, and therefore can be considered a disadvantaged community. However, when you review the many Census Block Groups within the city of Inglewood (Figure 2), you find that some are considered disadvantaged, some severely disadvantaged (defined in the State Water Code as having a median household income below 60% of the statewide median household income), and some are neither.



A person with a beard is shown in profile on the left, looking towards a wall covered in numerous yellow sticky notes. The notes contain handwritten text in Spanish, such as "¿Podemos...?", "¿Qué...?", and "¿Qué...?". The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from a window with blinds in the background.

Discussion

Contact the program team at:

www.SafeCleanWaterLA.org

SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov

1-833-ASK-SCWP (1-833-275-7297)

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	900 South Freemont Ave Alhambra, CA 91803		300 North Lake Avenue #400 Pasadena, CA 91101
File:	File Name	Date:	April 18, 2022

Reference: Scoring Committee Systemic Comments

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

At the October 5, 2021 Scoring Committee meeting, Chair Bruce Reznik requested that note-takers keep a list of the items discussed regarding the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) scoring system. The following memorandum includes a list of systemic updates discussed or mentioned during Scoring Committee meetings since August 2021.

At March 14, 2022 Scoring Committee meeting, the committee reviewed the summary materials here, and further refined their feedback about each category of comments.

COMMITTEE'S ABILITY TO SCORE BASED ON SUBMITTALS

The following comments reflect the Committee's understanding of how it seeks additional information when a submittal is insufficient to verify the score, and what can and cannot happen during the back-and-forth with project proponents.

- December 9, 2021 - The Scoring Committee can only ask for clarifying information when planning to rescore projects. They cannot give guidance for improving projects. Applicants cannot make revisions after submitting (District staff).
- December 9, 2021 - For projects that are being rescored, funding requests cannot be changed from the original submittal (Vice Chair Moon).
- December 9, 2021 - Points requested by the applicant cannot be increased due to an update in the project (comment by Vice Chair Moon, concurrence from Chair Reznik and District staff).

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022
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The Scoring Committee is not meant to be a working group; it is meant to validate the scores of projects. Information clarifications will likely be required, but projects cannot be fundamentally reworked.

The Scoring Committee expressed interest in having both the District's completeness check and the WASCs' reviews filter out projects not ready for scoring. SCWP may consider making pre-submittal workshops mandatory to get projects as final as possible before they reach the Committee. In addition, the Committee would like to treat incomplete submittals with more finality, rather than having back and forth correspondence regarding how to complete projects. District staff may also consider specifying the portions of the projects that are to be re-scored before they get sent to the Committee.

Reference: Scoring Committee Systemic Comments

PROJECTS DESIGNED TO EARN POINTS

The following comments reflect the Scoring Committee's thinking about projects that they deem to be designed or documented in such a way to earn high numbers of points, rather than designed towards the technical merits of the potential project.

- October 19, 2021- Applicants are encouraged to focus on their presentations to the WASC, instead of focusing on raising their scores beyond 60 points, because it is not necessary to exceed the 60-point minimum (Chair Reznik).
- January 10, 2022 - The Scoring Criteria encourages applicants to overbuild/overdesign projects to receive Water Quality and Water Supply Benefits. (Chair Reznik).

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022

The Scoring Committee wishes to make holistic comments about each project reviewed to benefit the WASCs and have those comments captured by notetakers and shared with the WASCs.

VARIATION IN INFRASTRUCTURE SUBMITTAL TYPES

The following comments reflect the Scoring Committee's thinking about how projects submitted for design funding only or a previously or concurrently implemented project seeking only O&M funding are difficult to evaluate alongside projects seeking design, implementation, and O&M funding.

- October 19, 2021 - Projects submitting for only Operations and maintenance (O&M) funding should be evaluated with a separate criteria (comment by Chair Reznik, concurrence from Vice Chair Moon).
- October 19, 2021 - Scoring should be based on O&M costs, rather than original project costs. Clearer direction needs to be provided (Vice Chair Moon).
- October 19, 2021 - [A] project [that is seeking only O&M funding] does not need to be modeled because it has already been constructed (Vice Chair Moon).
- January 10, 2022 - Evaluation of the Water Quality and Water Supply scores will be / is more relaxed for projects seeking design-only funding (Member Matt Stone and Vice Chair Moon).
- January 10, 2022 - Design-only projects should be assessed under a different Scoring Criteria (Chair Reznik).

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022

The Scoring Committee feels strongly that the Infrastructure Program application process does not sufficiently manage the three types of project submittals: design, construction, and O&M. The Committee believes a slightly different Scoring Criteria should be used for each IP submittal 'type'.

Reference: **Scoring Committee Systemic Comments**

EVALUATING WET WEATHER VS. DRY WEATHER FOCUS

The following comments reflect the Scoring Committee considering the issues around assessing a project as providing wet weather Water Quality Benefits as opposed to dry weather Water Quality Benefits.

- October 5, 2021 - The Scoring Criteria does not factor the cost-effectiveness of dry weather projects. Cost needs to be considered, like wet weather projects (comment by Member David Sorem, concurrence by Vice Chair TJ Moon).
- October 19, 2021 - Need clearer criteria to determine whether large drainage projects apply as wet weather or dry weather projects (Chair Reznik).

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022

The Scoring Committee feels that having a scaled point system might help projects get points for partial pollutant reduction in situations where large drainage areas are being partially managed by a project.

PERMUTATIONS OF WATER SUPPLY BENEFITS

The following comments reflect the Scoring Committee considering how Water Supply Benefits can be assessed and considered for other-than infiltration to groundwater.

- October 5, 2021 - A project's capacity to capture a large amount of water should not be held against applicants when a project is well-sited and has a good permeable surface (Vice Chair Moon).
- October 5, 2021 - Need to determine how to assess the offsetting of existing potable water use while providing water for additional vegetation (although it is a valuable form of community investment) (Chair Reznik).
- October 19, 2021 - Should offsetting new demand count towards a project's Water Supply Benefit? (Chair Reznik)
- October 19, 2021 - Net Water Supply Benefits should be considered. For example, it should be assessed whether the project offsets an existing need or if it simply offsets needs generated by the project itself (i.e., through new plantings).
- November 17, 2021 - In regard to the Water Supply credit for partial infiltration and partial diversion to water recycling – the Committee should consider how diversion to recycling will augment Water Supply if capacity of treatment facilities is (currently) already fully accounted for (Chair Reznik).

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022

The Scoring Committee will employ the new draft Interim Guidance about groundwater and recycled Water Supply Benefits.

Reference: **Scoring Committee Systemic Comments**

NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

The following comments reflect the Scoring Committee considering the elements of Nature-Based Solutions.

- October 5, 2021 - Applicants should be asked whether trees being removed will be replaced (Member Kristen Schwarz).
- October 5, 2021 - Not enough points are awarded for connectivity between habitat patches or between community areas with open space (Chair Reznik and Member Schwarz).
- October 5, 2021 - Generally disappointed by the amount of hardscape removed in projects across the SCWP (Chair Reznik).
- October 19, 2021 - Points awarded for impervious surface removal should be based on actual square footage, rather than a percentage (Chair Reznik).
- October 19, 2021 - For Nature-Based Solutions, the Scoring Criteria should consider the size of impermeable surface removed, rather than the percentage, because proponents limit project area to receive maximum impermeable surface reduction points (Chair Reznik).
- November 22, 2021 - Why is the boundary for impervious surface counted toward the total benefit?

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022

The Scoring Committee sees the awarding of points within wants to make sure that significant points are awarded to projects removing a significant amount of hardscape. The impervious surface calculation is a major issue. Additional details regarding addition of trees would be helpful. The Committee would like to be able to assign points for projects that connect habitats and community hubs. The Committee also want to pay more attention to the net benefits of projects.

OTHER ITEMS

The following comments reflect other issues raised by members of the Scoring Committee that were not similar to the categories identified above.

Community Engagement

- October 19, 2021 - The Community Engagement Assessment for developing projects should reflect what applicants have already done in addition to what they should plan to do if/when they receive SCWP funding.

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022

The Scoring Committee hopes that more information can be requested of the applicants -- number of community members contacts, community demographics, demonstration of representation from the neighborhood, and demonstration by applicants of strong local support.

Reference: **Scoring Committee Systemic Comments**

School Greening Projects / Goal

- October 5, 2021 - A project that is adjacent to a school, rather than within a school, should not receive points for achieving school greening (Chair Reznik).

Displacement

- October 5, 2021 - The Scoring Criteria does not address projects' impacts on displaced communities.

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022

Applicants are required to disclose information about anti-displacement. SCWP needs to determine how this information will be used.

Infrastructure capacity

- January 10, 2022 - Los Angeles Sanitation requests that a sewer capacity study be a required component of the feasibility study (Member Stone).

Leverage Funding

- October 5, 2021 - The Scoring Criteria for Leveraging Funds points is too rigid. A project with 24.5% shouldn't get zero, while a project with 25% gets 3 (Member David Diaz).

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022

The Scoring Committee shared that job creation does not contribute to application score, and that the program likely should start weighing the climate-related pros and cons of projects. For example, some projects require a significant amount of pumping which uses energy which may be producing GHG.

IDENTIFYING EXEMPLARS:

The following are examples of the Scoring Committee members identifying an element of a project that has one or more elements that were exemplary.

- October 5, 2021 - The project advisory committee that Amigos de los Rios assembled for the Jackson Elementary Project is a great example of community engagement prior to project submittal (Chair Reznik).
- October 5, 2021 - Bilingual materials used for the Whitsett Fields Park North Stormwater Capture Project (Member Schwarz).

Notes from Scoring Committee Review, March 14, 2022

This item was not discussed for lack of time.

FY23-24 Submitted IP Projects
Dated 8/11/2022

Watershed Area	Project Name	Project Lead	Funding Requested	Phase(s)	Project Type	BMP Type	Total Capture Area
Central Santa Monica Bay	Baldwin Vista Green Streets Project	City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment	\$6,097,900.00	Planning, Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Infiltration Well	89
Central Santa Monica Bay	Blackwelder Tract Lower Ballona Creek Green BMPs and Landscape Improvement Project	California Greenworks 501c3	\$5,716,653.00	Planning, Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Biofiltration	5.6
Central Santa Monica Bay	Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project	City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment	\$5,232,000.00	Planning, Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Infiltration Well	19.7
Lower Los Angeles River	Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB MUST) - Phase 2	City of Long Beach	\$10,387,527.00	Construction, Design	Dry	Treatment Facility	3672
Lower Los Angeles River	Spane Park	City of Paramount	\$18,913,128.00	Construction	Wet	Infiltration Facility	1338
Lower San Gabriel River	Artesia Park Urban Runoff Capture Project	City of Artesia	\$1,568,876.00	Design	Dry	Treatment Facility	585
Lower San Gabriel River	Heartwell Park at Palo Verde Channel Stormwater Capture Project	City of Long Beach	\$3,313,865.00	Design, Construction	Wet	Treatment Facility	2099
Lower San Gabriel River	La Habra Heights Stormwater Treatment and Reuse System The Park Hacienda Road	City of La Habra Heights	\$705,348.00	Planning, Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Biofiltration	4.205
Lower San Gabriel River	La Mirada Creek Park Project	City of La Mirada	\$5,752,200.00	Construction	Dry	Bioretention	2949
Lower San Gabriel River	Progress Park Stormwater Capture Project	City of Paramount	\$2,161,744.00	Design	Wet	Infiltration Facility	729
North Santa Monica Bay	Cornell – Mulholland Highway Green Improvement Project	Los Angeles County Public Works	\$350,000.00	Design	Wet	Treatment Facility	72.3
Rio Hondo	Burke Heritage Park & Marengo Yard Stormwater Capture Project	City of Alhambra	\$4,424,118.00	Design, Construction	Wet	Treatment Facility	111
Rio Hondo	El Monte Norwood Elementary School Stormwater Capture Project	Edna Robidas (Trust for Public Land)	\$9,828,559.00	Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Biofiltration	61.2
Rio Hondo	Kinneloa Yard Stormwater Capture Project Preliminary Design and Feasibility Study	City of Pasadena	\$2,292,762.00	Design	Wet	Treatment Facility	10254
Rio Hondo	Merced Avenue Stormwater Capture Project	City of El Monte	\$9,799,210.00	Design, Construction	Dry	Treatment Facility	670
Santa Clara River	Via Princessa Park and Regional BMP Project	Heather Merenda, City of Santa Clarita Environmental Services Division	\$19,359,952.00	Construction, O & M	Wet	Infiltration Facility	997.8
South Santa Monica Bay	Beach Cities Green Streets Project	City of Torrance	\$5,396,213.00	Construction	Wet	Infiltration Facility	200
South Santa Monica Bay	Glen Anderson Park Regional Stormwater Capture Green Streets	City of Redondo Beach	\$782,000.00	Design, Planning	Wet	Infiltration Well	483.2
South Santa Monica Bay	Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation (MLER) Operations and Maintenance	City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment	\$3,200,000.00	O & M	Wet	Bioretention	14156
South Santa Monica Bay	Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project	City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment	\$10,274,500.00	Planning, Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Diversion to Sanitary Sewer	173
Upper Los Angeles River	Arroyo Seco Projects	City of South Pasadena	\$33,995,086.06	Construction, Design, Planning	Wet	Infiltration Facility	444.42
Upper Los Angeles River	Bowtie Demonstration Project (Updated)	The Nature Conservancy	\$7,164,575.00	Construction, O & M	Dry	Bioretention	2775
Upper Los Angeles River	Brookside Park Stormwater Capture Project	City of Pasadena	\$2,198,612.00	Design	Wet	Infiltration Facility	1166
Upper Los Angeles River	California Avenue and Adjacent Streets Stormwater Capture Project	City of Glendale	\$2,970,899.00	Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Infiltration Well	164.47
Upper Los Angeles River	Eagle Rock Boulevard: A Multi-Modal Stormwater Capture Project	City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, StreetsLA	\$7,632,723.00	Design, Construction, Bid/Award	Dry	Biofiltration	2220
Upper Los Angeles River	Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park Operation and Maintenance Project	Los Angeles County Public Works	\$1,625,000.00	O & M	Wet	Treatment Facility	375
Upper Los Angeles River	Emerald Necklace John Muir High School Campus Natural Infrastructure Improvement Project	Claire Robinson, Amigos de los Rios	\$1,891,500.00	Planning, Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Infiltration Well	21.9
Upper Los Angeles River	Green Street Demonstration Project on Main Street	City of Alhambra	\$3,773,000.00	Design, Construction	Wet	Bioretention	38
Upper Los Angeles River	Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project	City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment	\$25,161,316.00	Planning, Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Infiltration Facility	460.1
Upper Los Angeles River	McCambridge Park Stormwater Capture Multi-Benefit Project	City of Burbank Public Works Department	\$2,930,000.00	Design	Wet	Infiltration Facility	977.9
Upper Los Angeles River	Mission Mile Sepulveda: A Climate Resilient Urban Greenway to Cultural Connections Project	City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, StreetsLA	\$22,914,301.00	Design, Construction, Bid/Award	Wet	Infiltration Facility	386
Upper Los Angeles River	South Pasadena Huntington Drive Regional Green Street Project	City of South Pasadena	\$2,986,000.00	Planning, Design, Construction	Wet	Infiltration Facility	678.34
Upper Los Angeles River	Sylmar Channel Project	City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment	\$5,005,515.00	Planning, Design, Construction, O & M	Wet	Infiltration Facility	271.5

June 24th, 2022



Honorable Chair and Committee Members
Safe Clean Water Los Angeles Scoring Committee

Re: Labor Standards and Community Impact of Measure W Projects

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing on-behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11 and the National Electrical Contractors Association of Los Angeles to express our support for meaningful labor standards in all Measure W Projects.

The people of Los Angeles voted overwhelmingly for Measure W in order to improve the environmental and economic resiliency of our County. Requiring that all Measure W projects are performed under Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) will realize the full spirit and intent of this vote. By requiring all projects to have PLAs, the Measure W Steering Committee will be maximizing the economic benefits of its projects for the tax-payers of Los Angeles County. This is a clear step the steering committee can take to help ensure its success.

The success of Measure W for our communities is critical. Workforce standards such as PLAs ensure the use of the highest caliber and most equitable labor force. Good workforce policies will create local high-road careers that contribute to a sustainable local economy. This will in turn help create the economic benefits and community stakeholderhip necessary to support any further bond issuances.

Ensuring all your projects use Project Labor Agreements will not require any material changes to your procedures or projects. Moreover, Project Labor Agreements are the standard on the vast majority of public works projects throughout our County, and for good reason, Measure W projects should be no exception.

We greatly appreciate your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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