Optimizing Safe, Clean Water Capture Opportunities in NSMB

Scientific Studies Program

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

North Santa Monica Bay

Craftwater

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Study Overview

Investigates the potential benefits, costs, and Regional Program viability of alternative scales and types of stormwater capture projects in NSMB

Study Team & Location

Technical Team

CRAFTWATER

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Science + Planning + Design

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Collaborators

LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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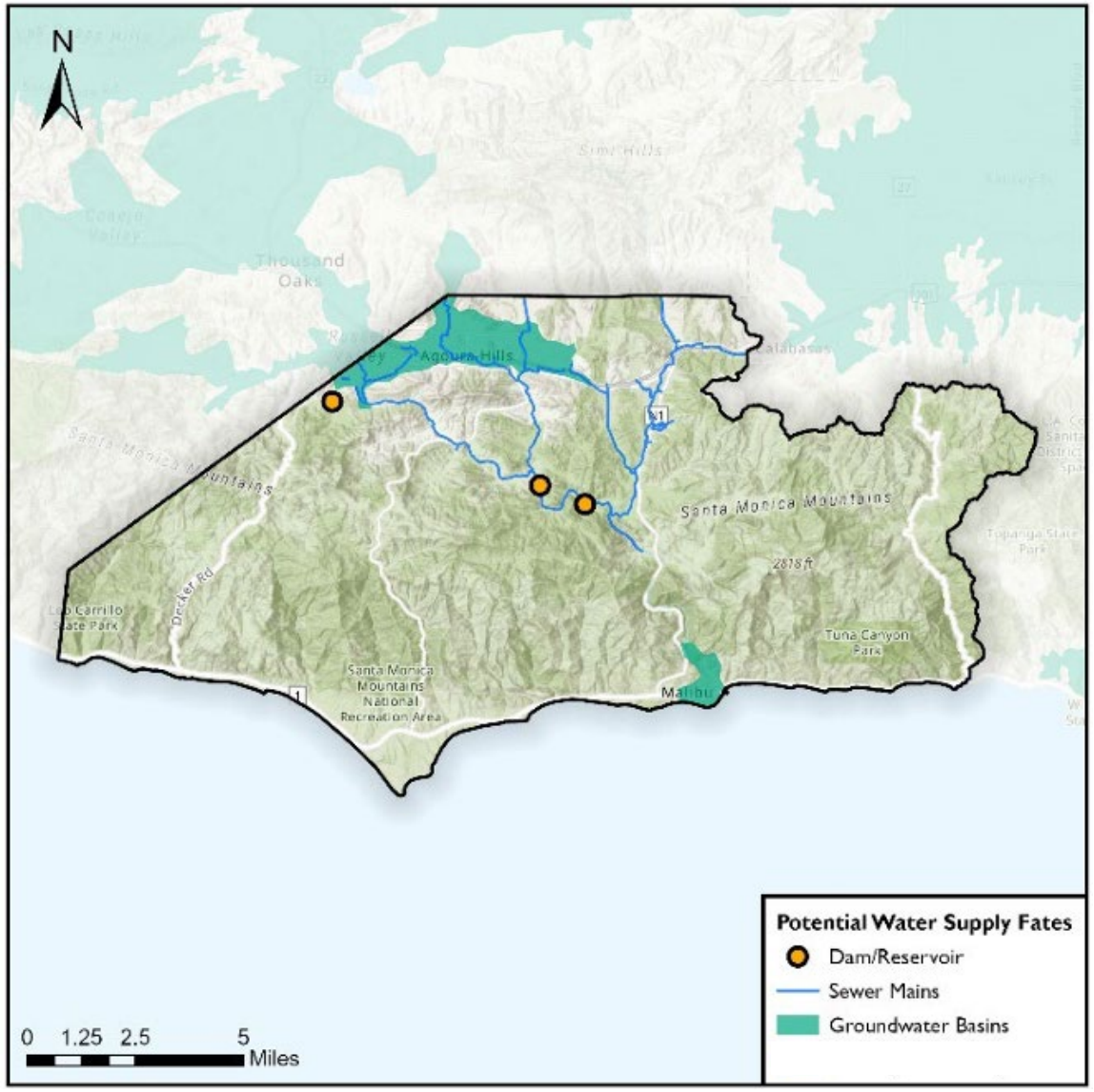
ARLA



Source: SCWP Watershed Planning Framework Watershed Area Characteristics Summary

Problem Statement

- The NSMB is very unique
  - Lack of managed aquifers in majority of Watershed Area
  - Runoff generally drains to canyons and natural creeks instead of concentrating in large storm drains
  - High-flow events in steep topography are flashy and challenging to manage
- SCWP Goals - particularly related to runoff capture and water supply - do not always align with NSMB needs and opportunities

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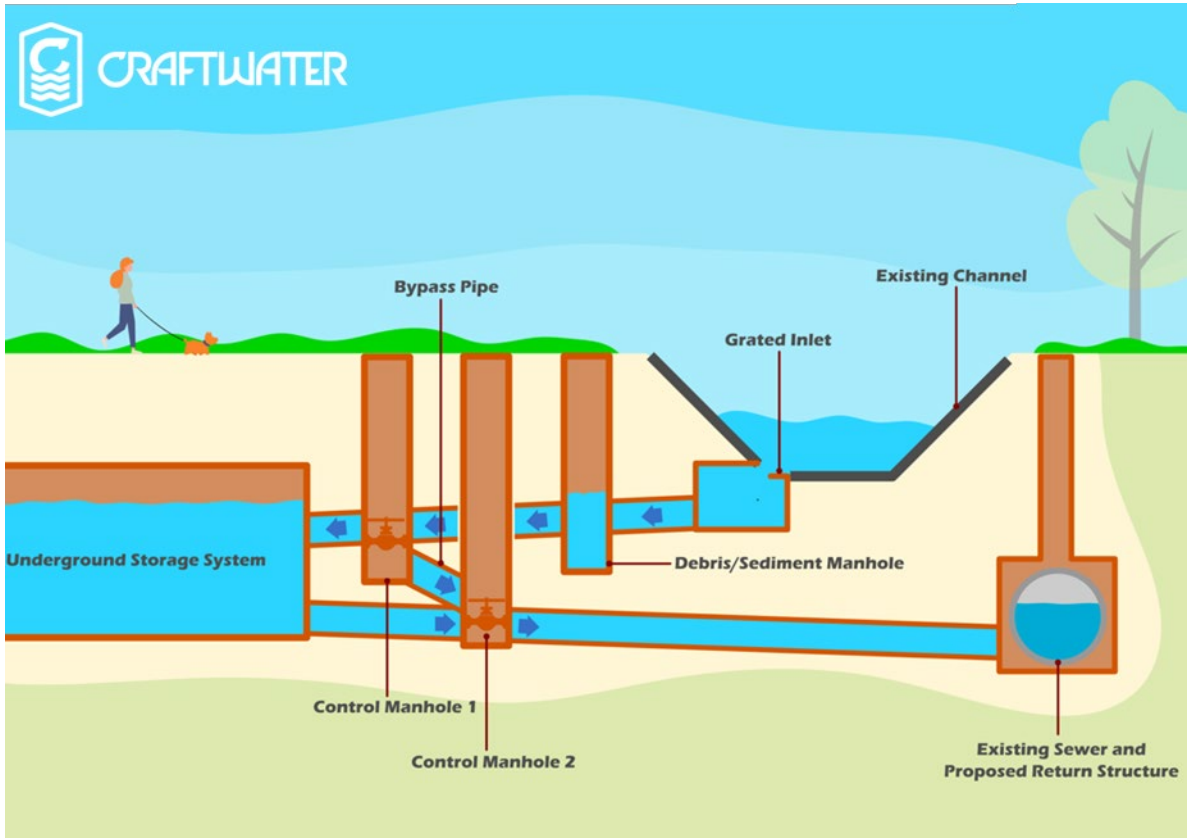

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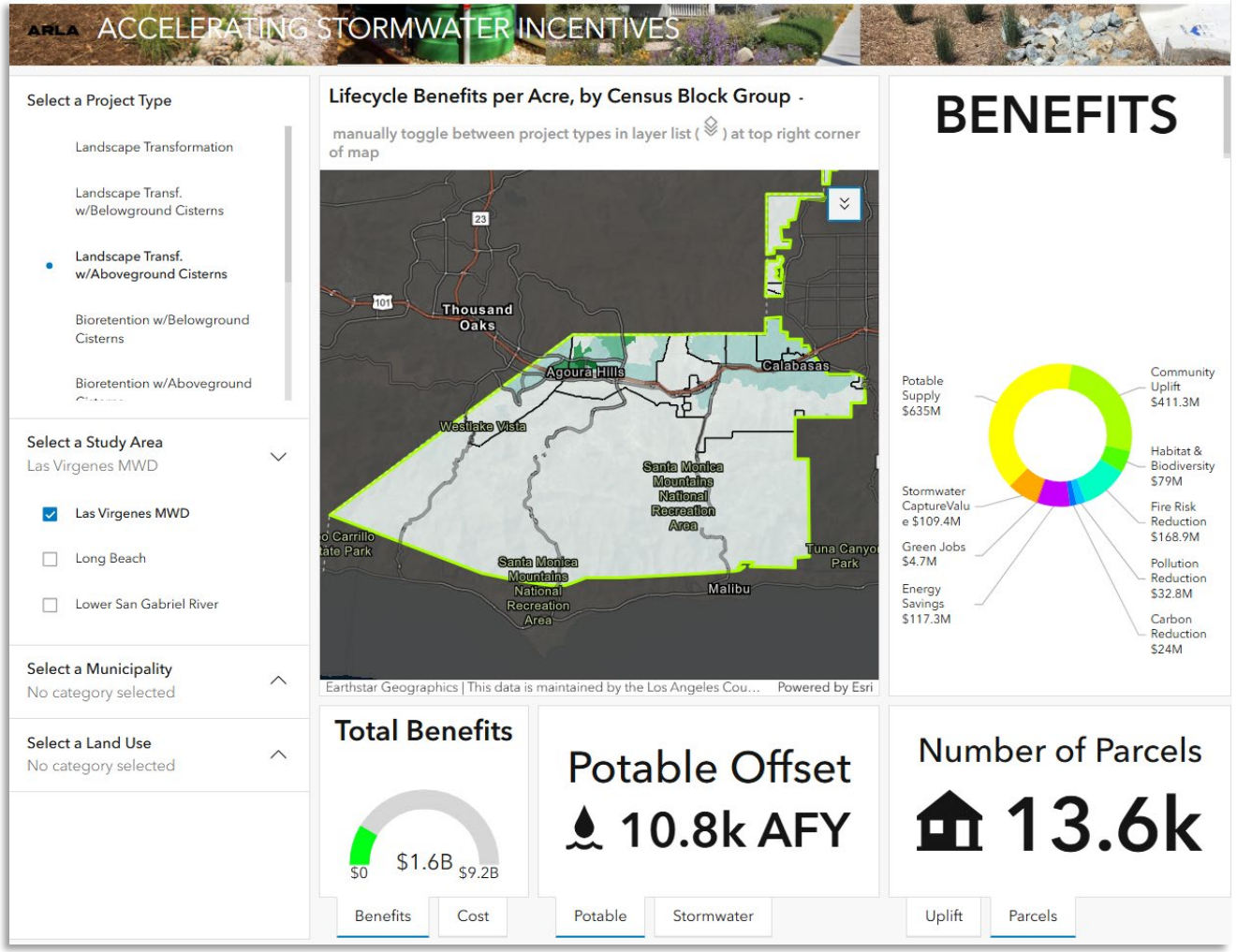
ARLA Parcel-Based Retrofit Incentives Dashboard



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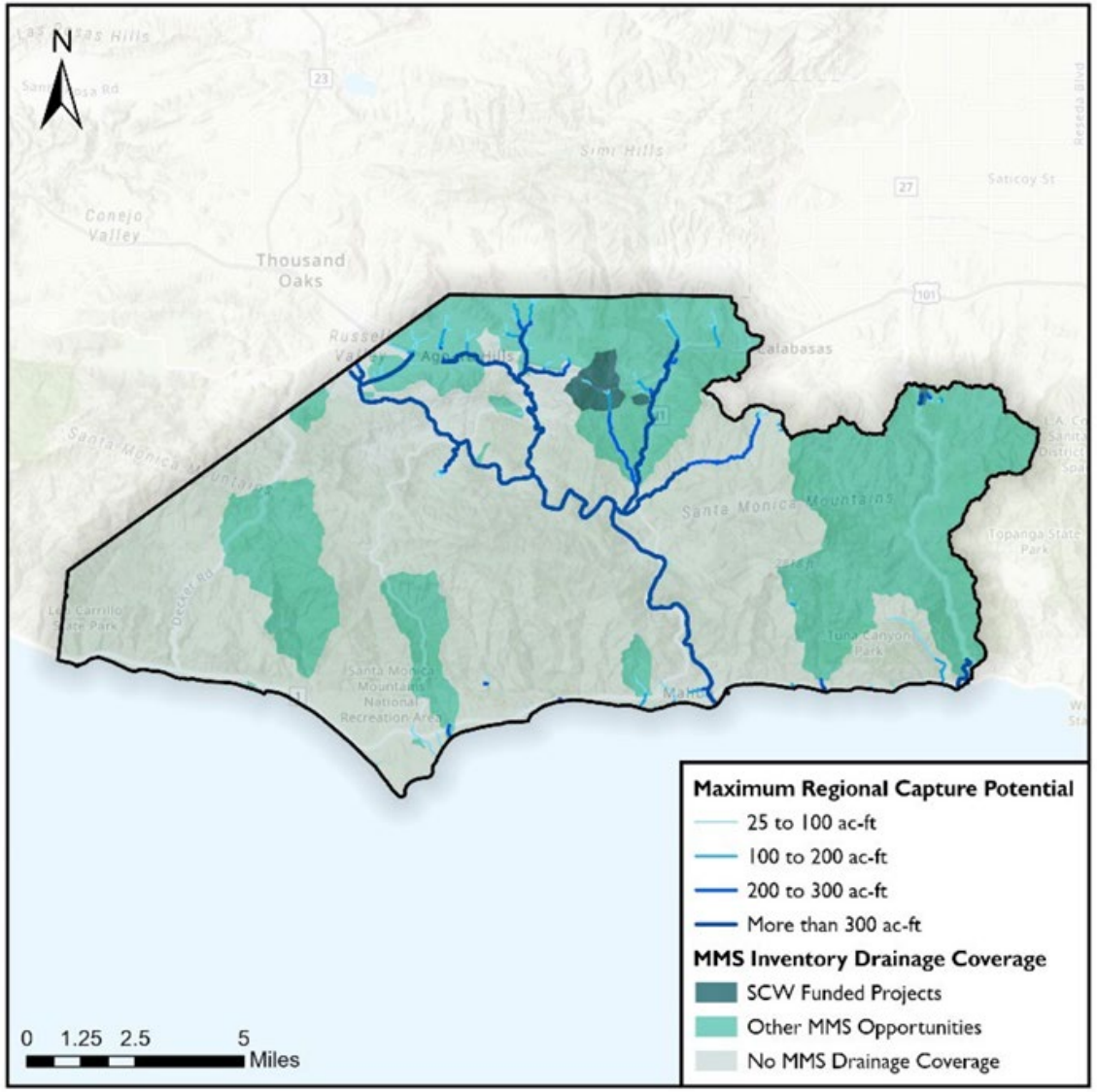
SCWP MMS: Runoff Capture Potential



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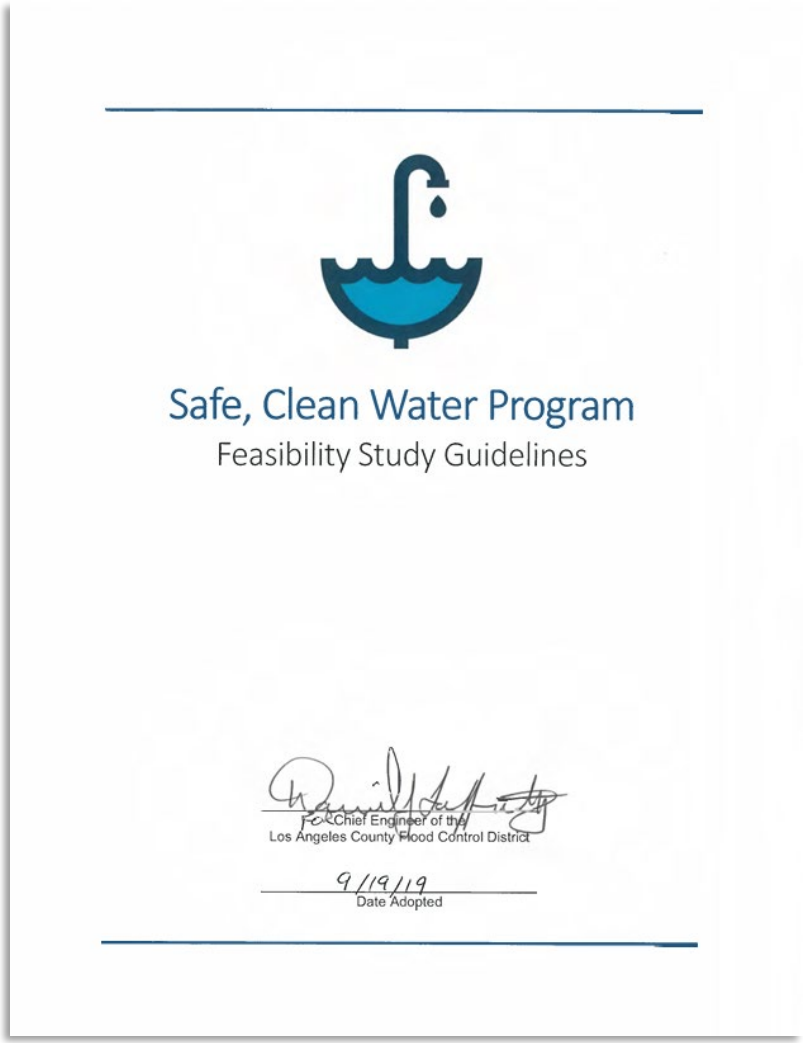
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Feasibility Study Guidelines
For Chief Engineer of the
Los Angeles County Flood Control District
9/19/19
Date Adopted

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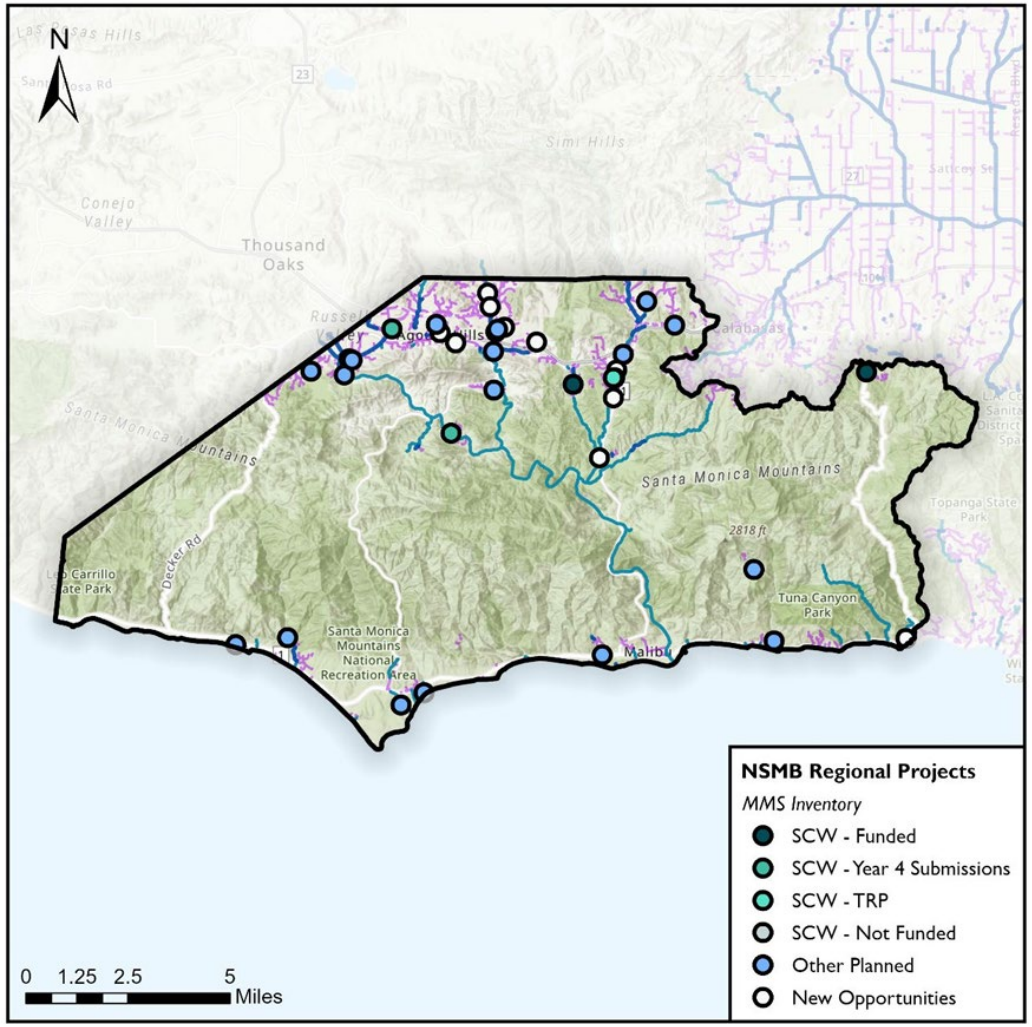
SCWP MMS: Project Opportunity Inventory



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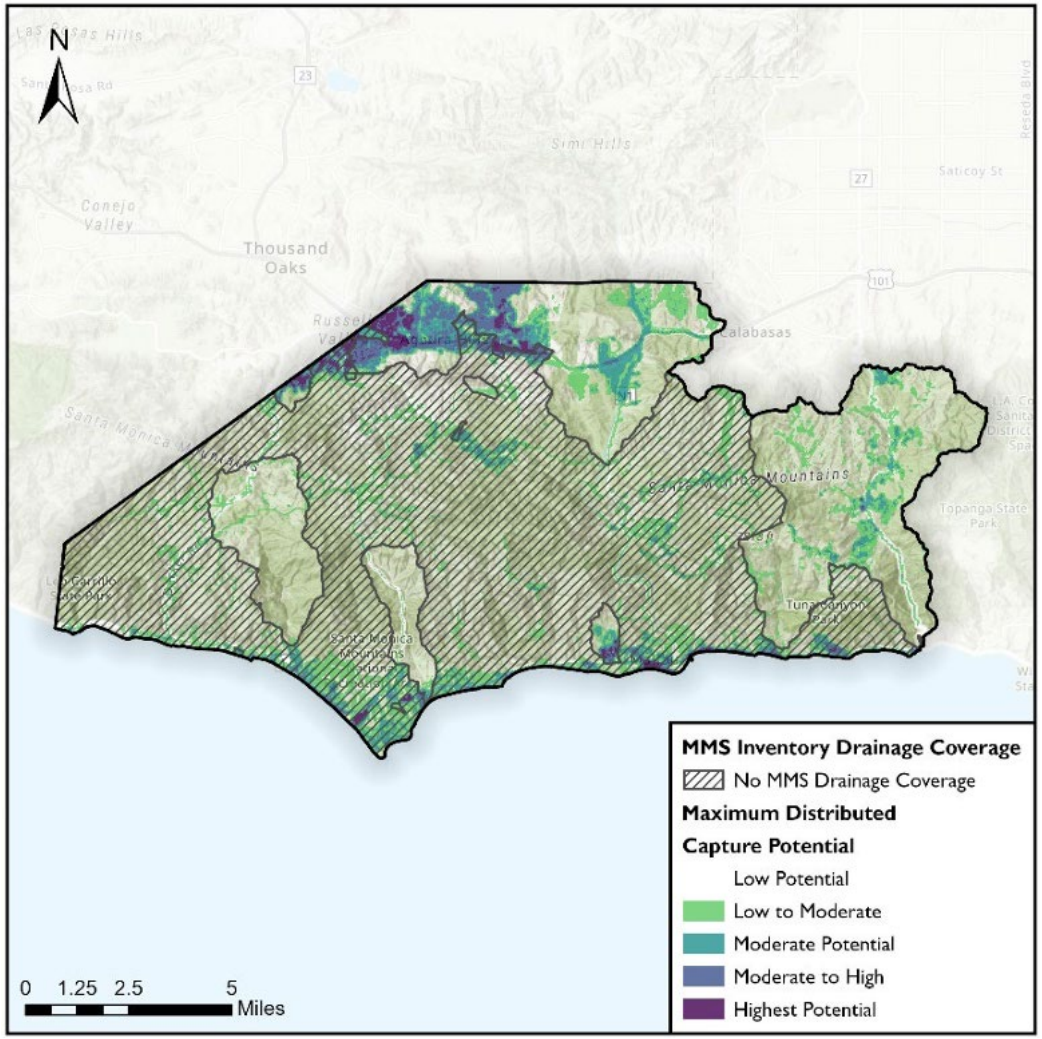
SCWP MMS: Distributed Capture Potential



Phase 2: Landowner Engagement, Site Selection, & Feasibility

Next steps not included in this funding request – for reference only

- **Local Interested Party Engagement**
- **Prioritization Updates**
- **Landowner Engagement and Site Visits**
- **Pre-feasibility Study**

Cost & Schedule

Phase	Description	Cost	Completion Date
1	**Concept Viability**	**$293,000**	**12 months after funding transfer**
2	Landowner Engagement, Site Selection, & Feasibility	TBD – not part of this request	
TOTAL		**$293,000**	

- Cost-efficiency was achieved by combining two studies (parcel-scale and larger-scale evaluations)
- Expediency will be achieved by leveraging available datasets (e.g., ARLA, MMS)

Summary of Benefits

- Identifies cost-effective strategies to provide **Water Quality Benefits**
- Validates alternative scales to achieve **Water Supply Benefits** in NSMB
- Investigates opportunities for flood reduction **Community Investment Benefits**


Questions?