



**SAFE CLEAN
WATER PROGRAM**

Welcome Back!

WASC Roles & Responsibilities

Year 6 (FY25-26)



Stormwater Investments in the SCW Program*

4
annual
Stormwater
Investment Plans

Programming
\$513.5M
for stormwater
investments

126
Infrastructure
Program Multi-
Benefit Projects

Capturing
stormwater from
over
260,000
acres

Providing an increase
in local water supply
of over
59,000
acre-feet per

38 Scientific
Studies
&
37 Technical
Resources Program

* From Rounds 1-4 as stated in the [SCW Program Biennial Report](#)

Regional Program



50% Program Revenue

Provides funding for multi-benefit watershed-based projects

| WATERSHED AREA | FY24-25 Regional Tax Return Estimates |
|--------------------------|--|
| Central Santa Monica Bay | \$ 17.1 Million |
| Lower Los Angeles River | \$ 12.5 Million |
| Lower San Gabriel River | \$ 16.5 Million |
| North Santa Monica Bay | \$ 1.8 Million |
| Rio Hondo | \$ 11.5 Million |
| Santa Clara River | \$ 5.8 Million |
| South Santa Monica Bay | \$ 17.3 Million |
| Upper Los Angeles River | \$ 38.2 Million |
| Upper San Gabriel River | \$ 18.6 Million |

Funded Projects: SSMB (Part 1 of 2)

The SSMB WASC has funded **30** Regional projects, including:

- **16** Infrastructure Program Projects
- **8** Technical Resources Projects + **1** Watershed Coordinator
- **5** Scientific Studies

**Adjusted amount after WASC approved PMR*

| Program | Fiscal Year | Project Developer/Municipality | Project Name | Funding Amount |
|------------------------|-------------|---|--|----------------|
| Infrastructure Project | FY20-21 | City of Torrance | Torrance Airport Storm Water Basin Project, Phase 2 | \$906k |
| Infrastructure Project | FY20-21 | City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation | Wilmington Q Street Local Urban Area Flow Management Project | \$4.9M |
| Infrastructure Project | FY20-21 | Los Angeles County | Alondra Park Multi Benefit Stormwater Capture Project | \$30M |
| Scientific Study | FY20-21 | City of Los Angeles Sanitation | Recalculation of Wet Weather Zinc Criterion | \$411k |
| Technical Resource | FY20-21 | Los Angeles County | Harbor City Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project | \$300k |
| Technical Resource | FY20-21 | City of Rancho Palos Verdes | Eastview Park | \$300k |
| Technical Resource | FY20-21 | Los Angeles County Flood Control District | South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinator | \$400k |
| Infrastructure Project | FY21-22 | City of Torrance | Stormwater Basin Expansion Project | \$4.5M |
| Infrastructure Project | FY21-22 | City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation and Environment | Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project | \$16.7M* |
| Infrastructure Project | FY21-22 | City of Manhattan Beach | South Santa Monica Bay Water Quality Enhancement: 28th Street Storm Drain Infiltration Project | \$17.6M |
| Infrastructure Project | FY21-22 | City of Carson | Carson Stormwater and Runoff Capture Project at Carriage Crest Park | \$1M |
| Technical Resource | FY21-22 | City of Rolling Hills Estates | Palos Verdes Peninsula Multi-Benefit Flow Diversion Project | \$300k |
| Technical Resource | FY21-22 | City of Torrance | Prioritization of Parkway BMPs for Dominguez Channel/ Harbors Toxics TMDL | \$300k |
| Scientific Study | FY21-22 | Gateway Water Management Authority | Regional Pathogen Reduction Study | \$8.5M |
| Infrastructure Project | FY22-23 | Hermosa Beach | Hermosa Beach Multi-Benefit Parking Lot Greening Project (Lot D) | \$424k |
| Infrastructure Project | FY22-23 | City of Redondo Beach | Fulton Playfield Multi-Benefit Infiltration Project | \$4.3M |
| Infrastructure Project | FY22-23 | City of Lomita | Downtown Lomita Multi-Benefit Stormwater Project | \$449k |
| Infrastructure Project | FY22-23 | Los Angeles County Public Works | West Rancho Dominguez - San Pedro Street Green Improvement | \$800k |
| Scientific Study | FY22-23 | University of California Riverside | Microplastics in LA County Stormwater | \$991k |
| Technical Resource | FY22-23 | City of Lawndale | City of Lawndale Southern Revitalization Project | \$300k |
| Technical Resource | FY22-23 | City of Inglewood | Darby Park Multi-Benefit Project | \$300k |

Funded Projects: SSMB (Part 2 of 2)

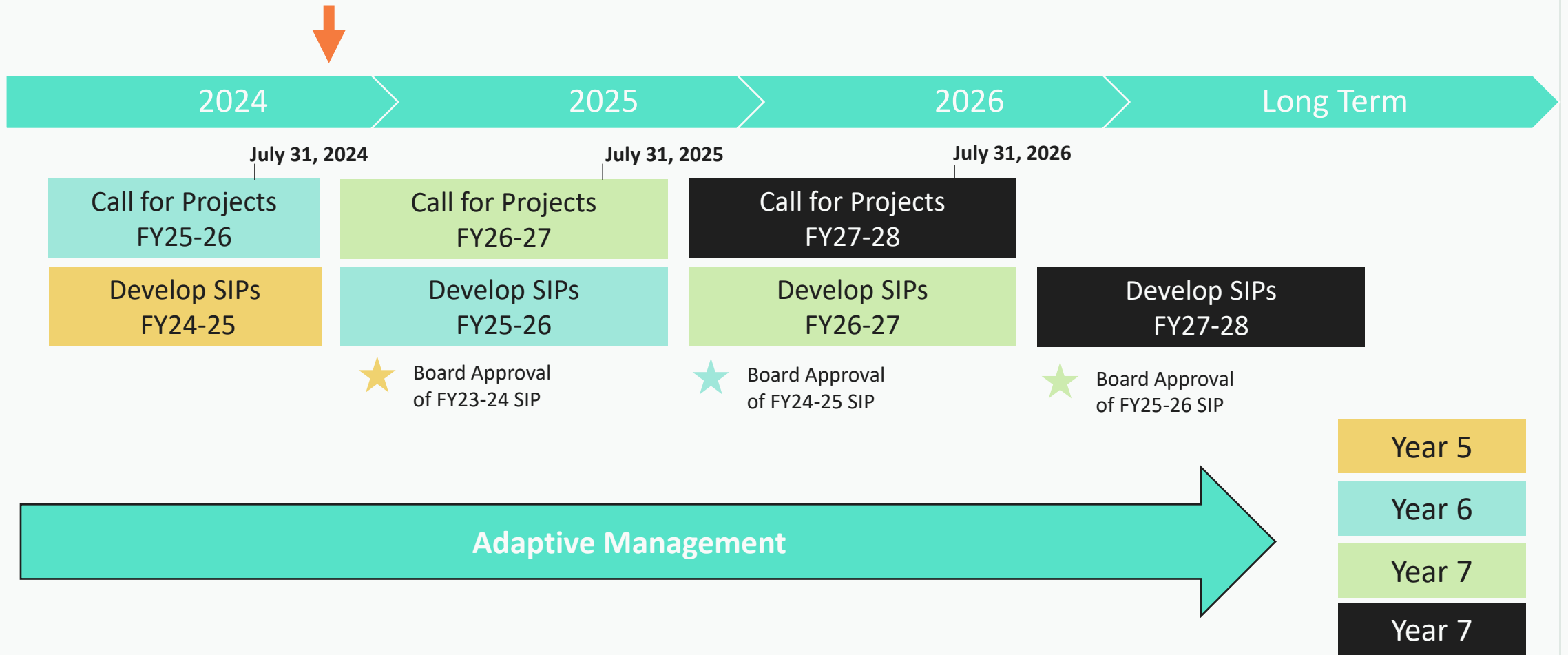
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**Pending
BOS
approval**

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| Infrastructure Project | FY23-24 | City of Torrance | Beach Cities Green Streets Project | \$5.4M |
| Infrastructure Project | FY23-24 | City of Redondo Beach | Glen Anderson Park Regional Stormwater Capture Green Streets | \$782k |
| Infrastructure Project | FY23-24 | City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment | Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation (MLER) Operations and Maintenance | \$3.2M |
| Infrastructure Project | FY23-24 | City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment | Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project | \$10.3M |
| Technical Resource | FY23-24 | City of Hawthorne | Holly Park Multi-Benefit Drought Resiliency and Stormwater Infiltration Project | \$300k |
| Infrastructure Project | FY24-25 | City of Torrance | Torrance Airport Stormwater Basin Project | \$19M |
| Scientific Study | FY24-25 | California State Polytechnic University, Pomona | Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity | \$409K |
| Scientific Study | FY24-25 | City of Los Angeles | Street Sweeping Study | \$113K |
| Technical Resource | FY24-25 | City of Gardena | Gardena Willows Wetland Stormwater Enhancement Project | \$300K |

Regional Program Timeline



WASC Roles & Responsibilities

WASC Members have the responsibilities identified in the WASC Operating Guidelines

- A. Select a Chair, Co-Chairs, and/or Vice-Chair as deemed prudent;
- B. Work with Public Works staff to schedule and commit to meetings in advance;
- C. Regularly attend WASC meetings and conduct other WASC business. An absence of two consecutive meetings or more than three meetings in one year will be considered failure to attend meetings making the member eligible for removal as a member of the WASC;
- D. Communicate regularly with Public Works staff via phone, electronic messaging, email, and other means of communication;
- E. Meet, confer, coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with one another, in good faith, to carry out the responsibilities of the WASC;
- F. Share expertise and provide guidance, and information on those matters for which it has specific expertise;
- G. Participate in the development of Stormwater Investment Plans (SIP) so that the development of the SIPs benefits from various stakeholder perspectives;
- H. Consider findings and recommendations from the Regional Oversight Committee before submitting final recommended SIP;
- I. Collectively confirm Scoring Committee Members from the Board approved member lists of eligible candidates;
- J. Use discretion and good business judgment in discussing the affairs of the WASC with Non-WASC-related parties – any media related inquiries shall be directed to Public Works;
- K. If intending to claim a stipend for attended meetings, submit certification that he/she is not otherwise being compensated per ARTICLE VI, Section 8 of Operating Guidelines.

[WASC Operating Guidelines](#)

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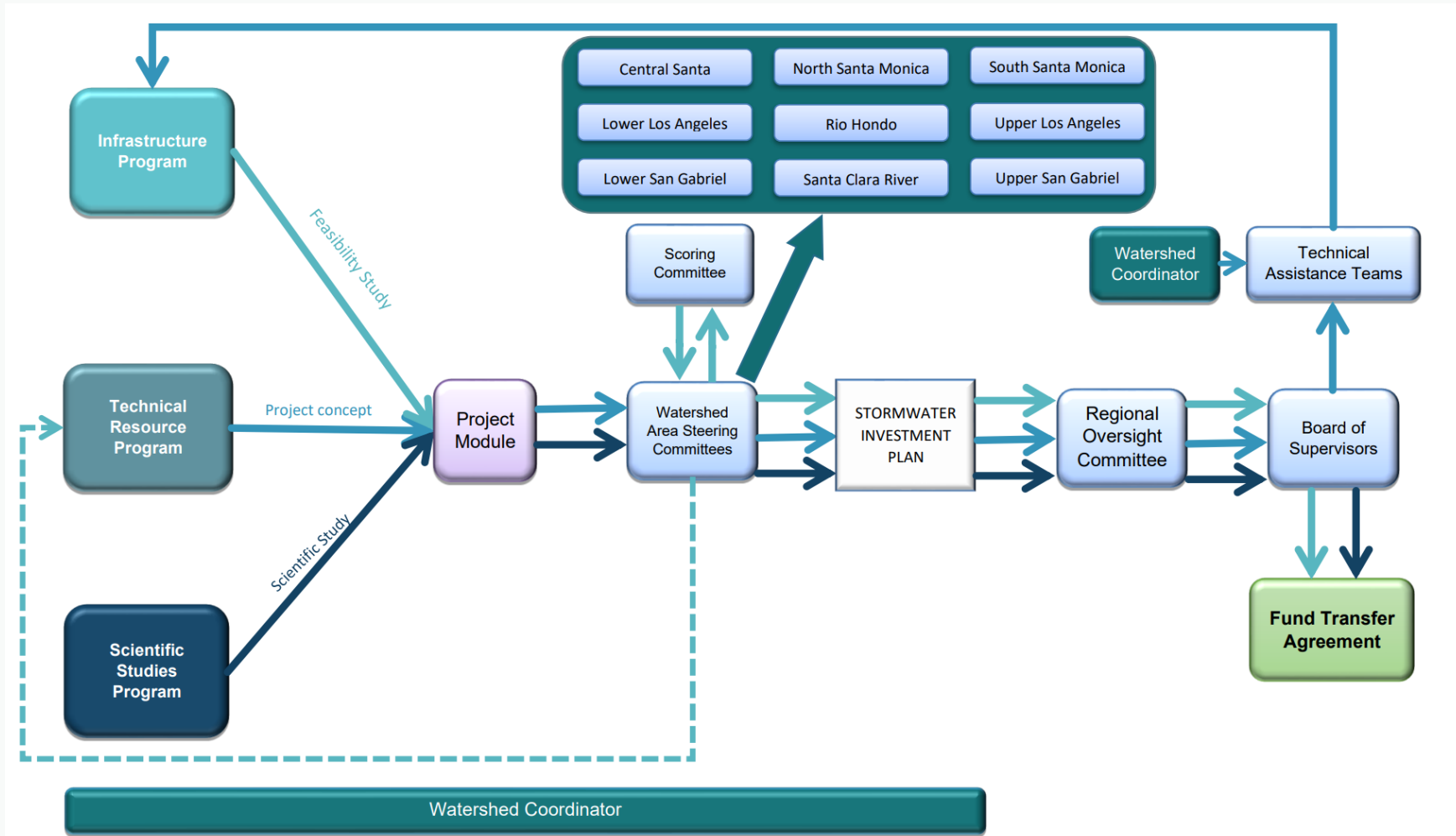
Hold Regular Public Meetings

- No less than quarterly
- An absence of two consecutive meetings or more than three meetings in one year will make the member eligible for removal from the WASC
- WASC meetings are subject to the Brown Act and AB 2449

| Member Type | Position |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Agency | Flood Control District |
| Agency | Water Agency |
| Agency | Groundwater / Water Agency 2 |
| Agency | Sanitation |
| Agency | Open Space |
| Community Stakeholder | At Large |
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| Community Stakeholder | Environmental |
| Community Stakeholder | Business |
| Community Stakeholder | Environmental Justice |
| Municipal Members | |
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| Watershed Coordinator(s) | |

WASC Roles & Responsibilities

Regional Program Structure and Flow Chart



Project Modification Guidelines



- The [Project Modification Guidelines](#) provide more specific guidance when modifications to a project, project concept or study are proposed during the course of a typical fiscal year
- The Project Modification Request (PMR) form facilitates a [timely](#) and [transparent](#) resolution of proposed modifications

Types of PMRs

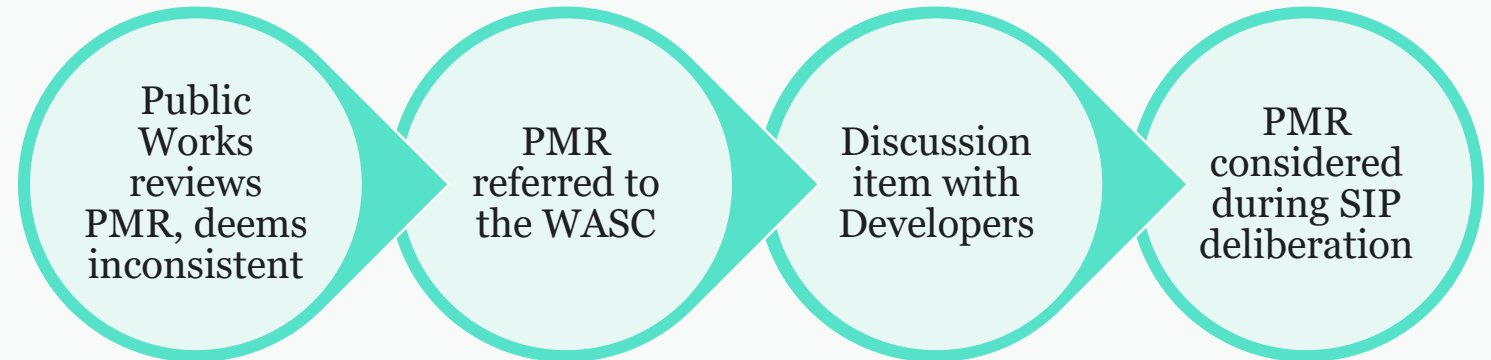
1. Consistent with SIP

- Schedule change or minor scope/benefit modifications with no impact to future funding allocations



2. Inconsistent with SIP

- Any modifications to the Funding Request
- Significant modifications to Scope and/or Benefits



Programming the SIP

- **Projects evaluated over a rolling 5-year period**
- WASCs must balance:
 - 85%/10%/5% ratios
 - Spectrum of project types and sizes
 - Proportional municipality benefits
 - Disadvantaged community benefits
 - Prioritizing nature-based solutions
 - Reserving budget

Infrastructure Program

$\geq 85\%$

Technical Resource Program

$\leq 10\%$

Scientific Studies Program

$\leq 5\%$

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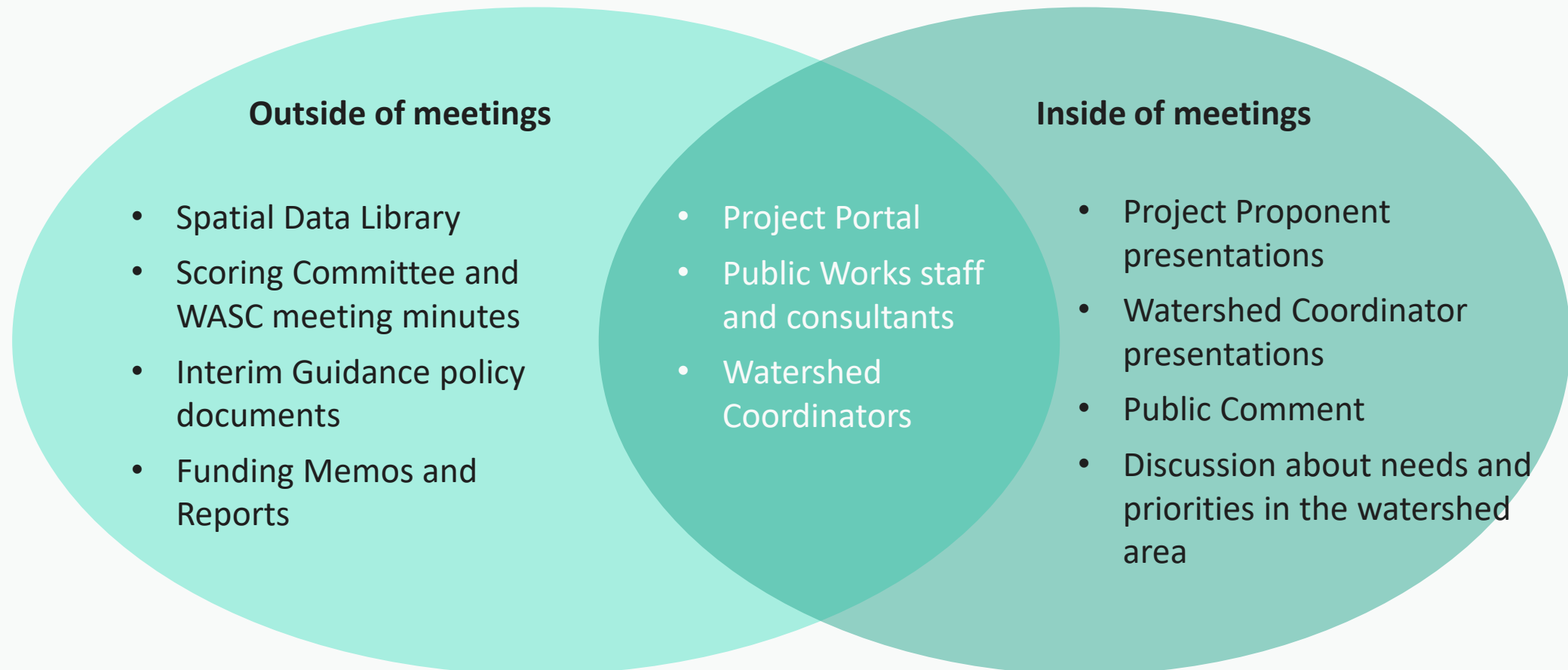
- Prioritizing nature-based solutions
- Implementing disadvantaged community policies
 - Whether a Project provides a “direct benefit” as used in SCWP policy is a **decision made by WASCs on a project-by-project basis.**
- Strengthening community engagement
 - Engagement prior to application
 - Engagement plan for project implementations

| | 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> |

Good, Better, Best spectrum of community engagement, from [2022 Interim Guidance](#)

Programming the SIP

The Program has many ways to support your “homework” outside of meetings, and your deliberation during meetings:



WASC Roles & Responsibilities

Evaluation of continuing projects

Quarterly Progress/Expenditure Reports

- WASCs are responsible for reviewing quarterly progress reports submitted by project developers for funded projects to evaluate:
 - Changes in schedules, scopes, expected benefits
 - If efforts remain consistent with SCW Program Goals

Watershed Area Regional Program Progress Reports (WARPP)

- Staff will prepare a draft WARPP report on behalf of each WASC
- Each WASC will review and discuss the WARPP before submittal of the report to the ROC



WASC Resources & Tools

- [2022 Interim Guidance](#)
- [Partial Funding Guidance](#)
- [Project Modification Guidelines](#)
- [WASC Operating Guidelines](#)
- [Regional Program Funding Process Handbook](#)

SCW Program 2022 Interim Guidance

Water Supply Guidance



Evaluating Water Supply Benefits at the WASC

As Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) develop Stormwater Investments Plans (SIPs), they can benefit from the following strategies in determining the appropriateness of each Project's claim of providing, or not providing, Water Supply Benefits:

Tools and strategies to evaluate Water Supply Benefits that WASC members should use during Project evaluation:

- Read the justification provided in the application, submitted Feasibility Study, and scoring rubric about Water Supply Benefits claimed for the Project, including how the project creates locally available water supply.
- Where applicable, review applications for assurance that infiltrated water reaches an aquifer managed for beneficial use through demonstration of high infiltration potential or proximity to a water reclamation facility.
- During presentations by Project proponents, ask follow-up questions about the Water Supply Benefits claimed for the Project, as appropriate.

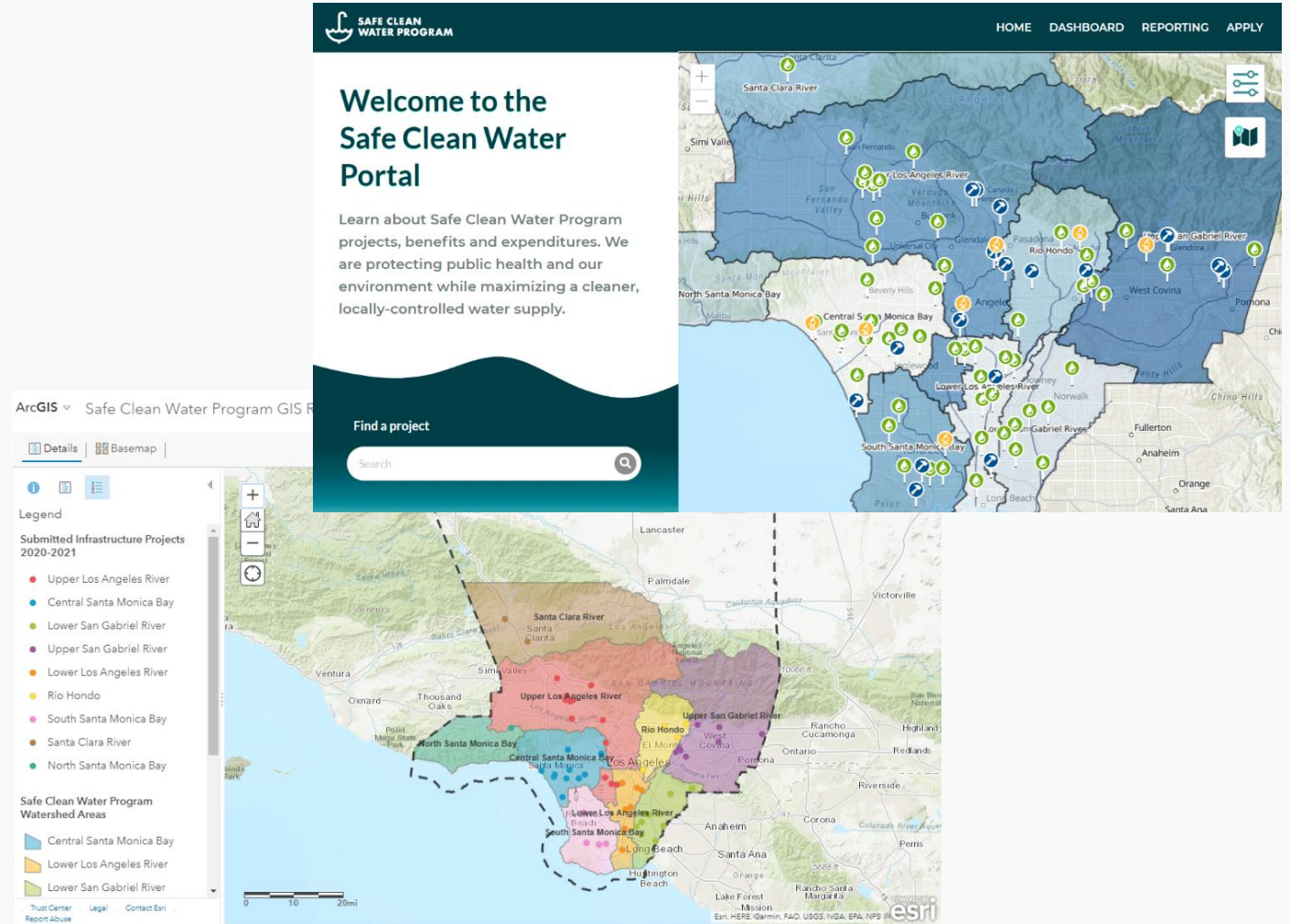
Tools and strategies to evaluate Water Supply Benefits that WASC members can use at any time:

- Ask Watershed Coordinator(s) to evaluate and report to the WASC how the people, public agencies, and other stakeholders would describe the preferred Water Supply Benefits in the Watershed Area (i.e., desired outcomes and watershed-specific goals).
- Invite informational presentations from agencies, organizations, and other stakeholders to better understand potential Water Supply Benefits sought and challenges faced in the Watershed Area.

WASC Resources & Tools

Tools

- SCW Portal
 - [Project Map](#)
 - [Dashboard](#)
 - [Reporting](#)
 - [SIP Tool](#)
- [Spatial Data Library](#)



Thank you

QUESTIONS?

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