

Watershed Planning Framework

Framework Purpose – Describes the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCW Program) Watershed Planning process, progress to date, and outlines the key elements that will be included in the Initial Watershed Plans and online Watershed Planning Tools. The Framework can be viewed on the SCW Program website: [Adaptive Management - Safe Clean Water LA](#).

Key highlights of the Framework include:

- An outline for the nine Watershed Area Initial Watershed Plans and online Planning Tools including their purpose, intended users, and functionality.
- The planning process which builds upon available data, informed by significant engagement, to establish SCW Program and Watershed Area-based Targets and to identify Watershed Area Needs, Priority Goals and Strategies, and Opportunity Areas.
- Launch of the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA).
- The process to develop Performance Measures, Indicators and the SCW Program and Watershed Area Targets (see image to the right).
- Identification of key data gaps and limitations.
- Details of the phased planning approach for the Initial Watershed Plans (available mid-2025), future Adaptive Watershed Plans (anticipated 2026+), and reoccurring annual updates to the Planning Tools.

Initial Watershed Plans & Planning Tools – Living resources that support strategic project development and strategic funding decisions to better plan, track, and guide implementation of the most impactful multi-benefit stormwater capture Projects and Programs.



Initial Watershed Plans

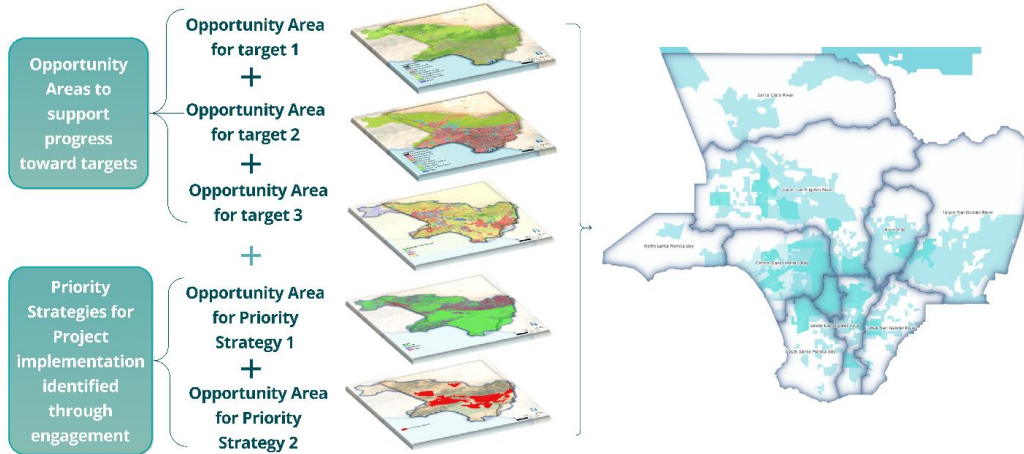
- A summary of Watershed Area characteristics
- A snapshot of the baseline of Municipal and Regional Program Funded Projects
- SCW Program-wide and Watershed Area-specific targets
- Watershed Area Needs
- Prioritized Goals and Priority Strategies
- Opportunity Areas
- Recommendations and Findings
- Key data gaps and limitations

Planning Tools

- Scenario functionality to support Strategic Investments
- Interactive maps to highlight Opportunity Areas and display CSNA outputs
- Dashboard to communicate Goals, priorities, and progress to date SCW Program-wide and by Watershed Area
- Automatic updates after each Call for Projects, Annual Plan submittals, and SIP approvals



The figure below demonstrates the process for developing Opportunity Areas, where areas of overlap represent areas where Project or Program implementation could address one or more target or Priority Strategy.



The Planning Tools will consist of a Planning Map and Dashboard shown below which will highlight Opportunity Areas for each SCW Program Goal and will communicate Watershed Area priorities and progress to date.

The screenshot shows the 'SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM' Planning Dashboard for 'CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY'. The dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Project and Program Proponents:**
 - Review and understand how Projects and Programs can contribute to Watershed Area Needs and Priority Goals.
 - Align Projects and Programs with Priority Strategies in the Watershed Area.
- WASCs and Municipalities:**
 - Use Dashboard during funding deliberations to understand impacts of funding decisions on progress toward achieving Goals.
 - Visualize the distribution of funded Projects and Programs and their resulting benefits.
- Community Members:** Track progress toward achieving Watershed Area Targets and SCW Program Goals.
- Performance Indicators:**
 - Increase Drought Preparedness
 - Increase Local Supply through Groundwater Recharge & Storage
 - Increase Local Supply through Stormwater Capture
 - Annual Volume Managed - Sorted By Type Of Capture/Storage [ac-ft/yr]
 - Average Annual Stormwater Capture [ac-ft/yr]
- Performance Measures:**
 - Increase Drought Preparedness:** The Indicators and Performance Measures below support tracking of progress through the implementation of Regional and Municipal Projects and Programs toward the following SCW Program Goal: Goal 18, increase drought preparedness by capturing more stormwater and/or urban runoff to store, clean, reuse, and/or recharge groundwater basins.
 - Indicators:**
 - Increase Local Supply through Groundwater Recharge and Storage (Target 2045)
 - Increase Local Supply through Stormwater Capture (Target 2045)
 - Stormwater Capture:**
 - ANNUAL VOLUME MANAGED BY PROJECT TYPE: Green Streets, Rain Gardens, Infiltration Basins, Dry Wells, Cisterns, Rain Barrels, Wetlands, Other.
 - ANNUAL VOLUME MANAGED BY FATE: Recharged, Infiltrated, Reused, Treated, Other.