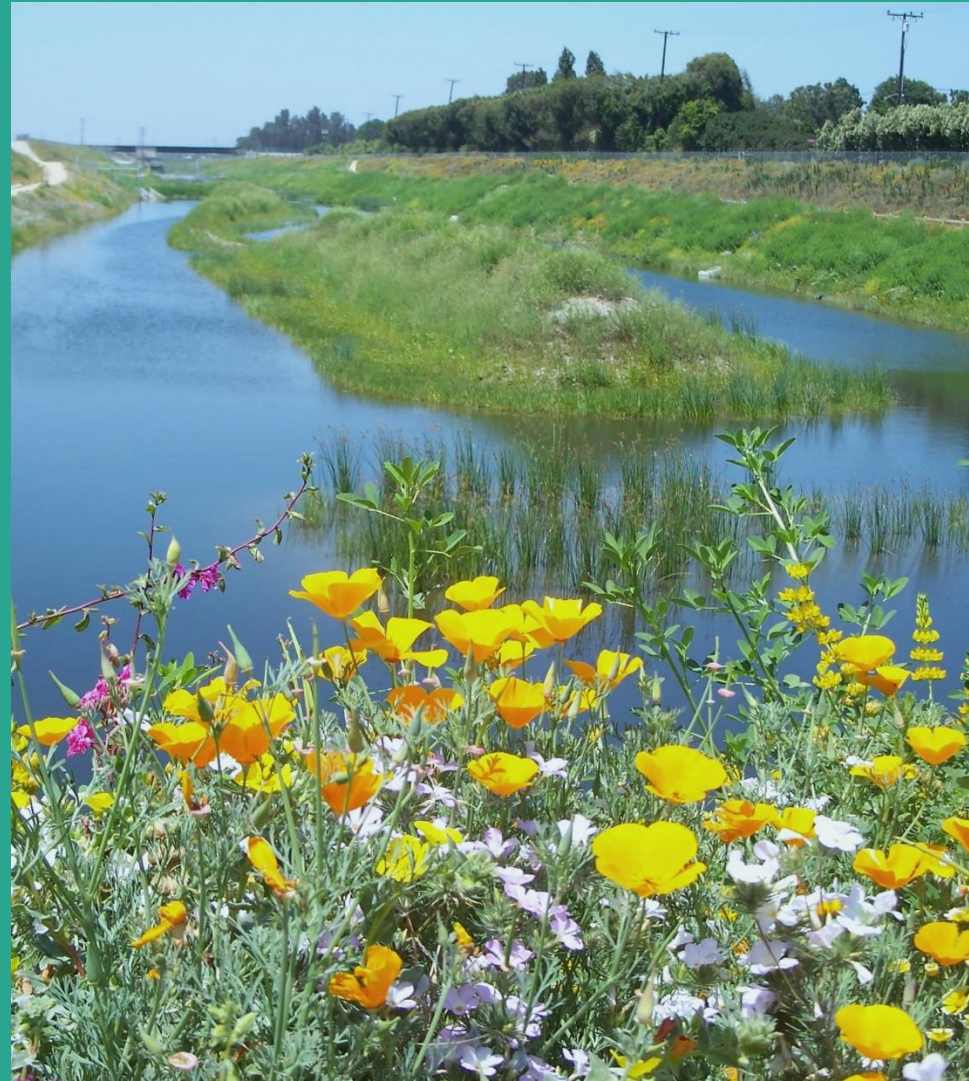




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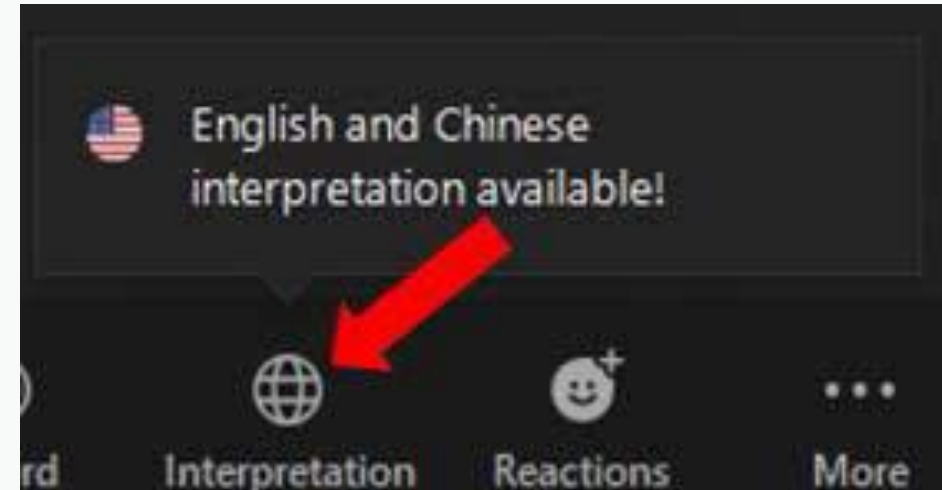
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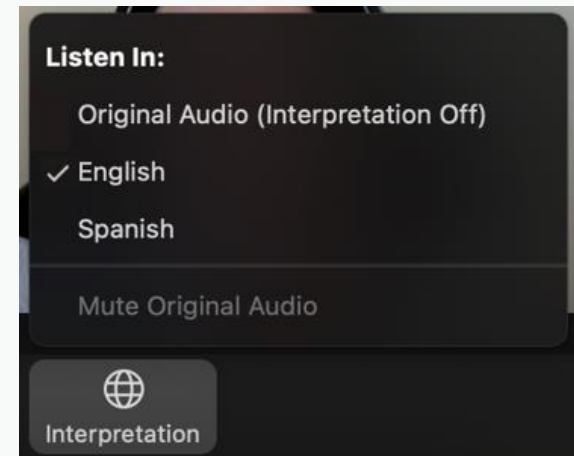


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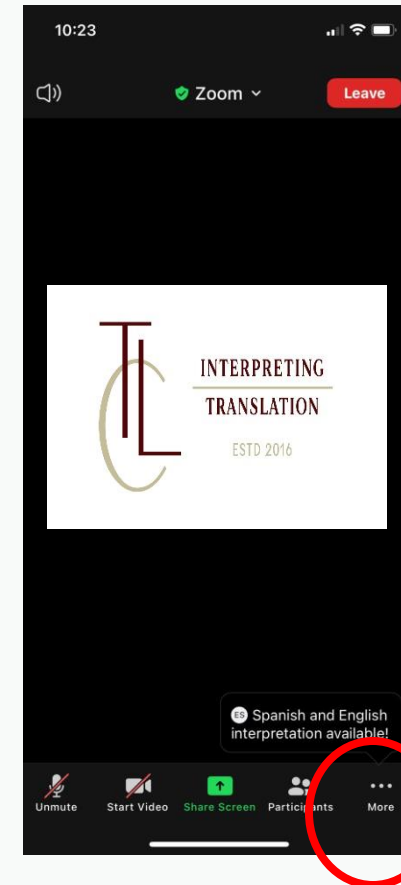
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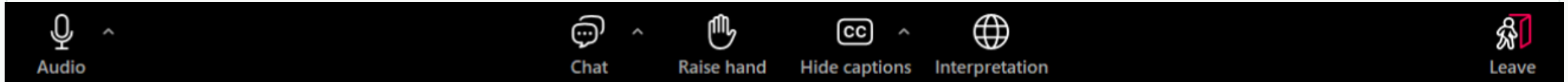


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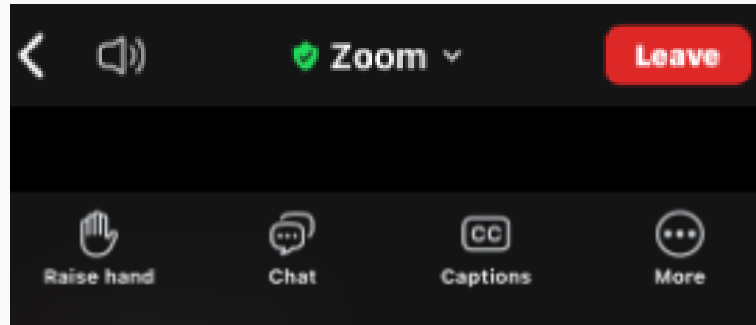


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| Member                          | Expertise  | Affiliation  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Belinda Faustinos, Chair</b> | Community Investment Benefits, Nature-Based Solutions                | NGO (retired) and State Agency Executive                                 |
| <b>Diana Tang, Vice Chair</b>   | Water Quality  | City of Long Beach   |
| <b>Maria Mehranian</b>          | Water Quality, Water Supply  | Cordoba and Former LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Chair         |
| <b>Charles Trevino</b>          | Water Supply   | Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District                        |
| <b>Lauren Ahkiam</b>            | Community Investment Benefits  | LAANE (Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy)                           |
| <b>Kristine Guerrero</b>        | Water Quality  | League of California Cities  |
| <b>Barbara Romero</b>           | Water Quality, Community Investment Benefits, Nature-Based Solutions | City of Los Angeles  |
| <b>Mark Gold</b>                | Water Quality, Water Supply  | Natural Resources Defense Council  |
| <b>Diana Mahmud</b>             | Water Supply, Community Investment Benefits                          | Former City Councilmember, City of South Pasadena                        |
| <b>Carl Blum</b>                | Water Quality, Water Supply  | LA County Flood Control District (non-voting member)                     |
| <b>Norma Camacho</b>            | Water Quality  | Chair of the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board (non-voting member) |

# Safe, Clean Water Program **Regional Oversight Committee Purpose:**

High-level review and assessment of the implementation of the Safe, Clean Water Program to help ensure that Program Purposes and Goals are met.

## Agenda Review & Meeting Purpose

### Meeting Purpose:

- Provide dedicated opportunity for public input regarding the 2025 Biennial Report
- Receive updates related to workforce development in the Safe Clean Water Program

### Agenda Review:

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review and Meeting Purpose
4. *Ex Parte* Communication Disclosures
5. Approval of February 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes
6. Discussion Items:
  - a. Biennial Report Process Review
7. Biennial Report Session 1 – Public Input Session
  - a. Special Public Comment Period
8. Discussion Items (continued)
  - a. Workforce Development
9. Voting Items (none)
10. ROC Member Updates
11. Program Administration Updates
12. Items for Next Agenda / 6 – month look-ahead
  - a. Biennial Report Session 2 – Data Review
  - b. Revisit Municipal & Regional Program Reporting
  - c. Overview of Audits to Date
13. Meeting Adjourned (Next meeting April 9, 2025)





**AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEM #6**

# 2025 Biennial SCWP Progress Report Process

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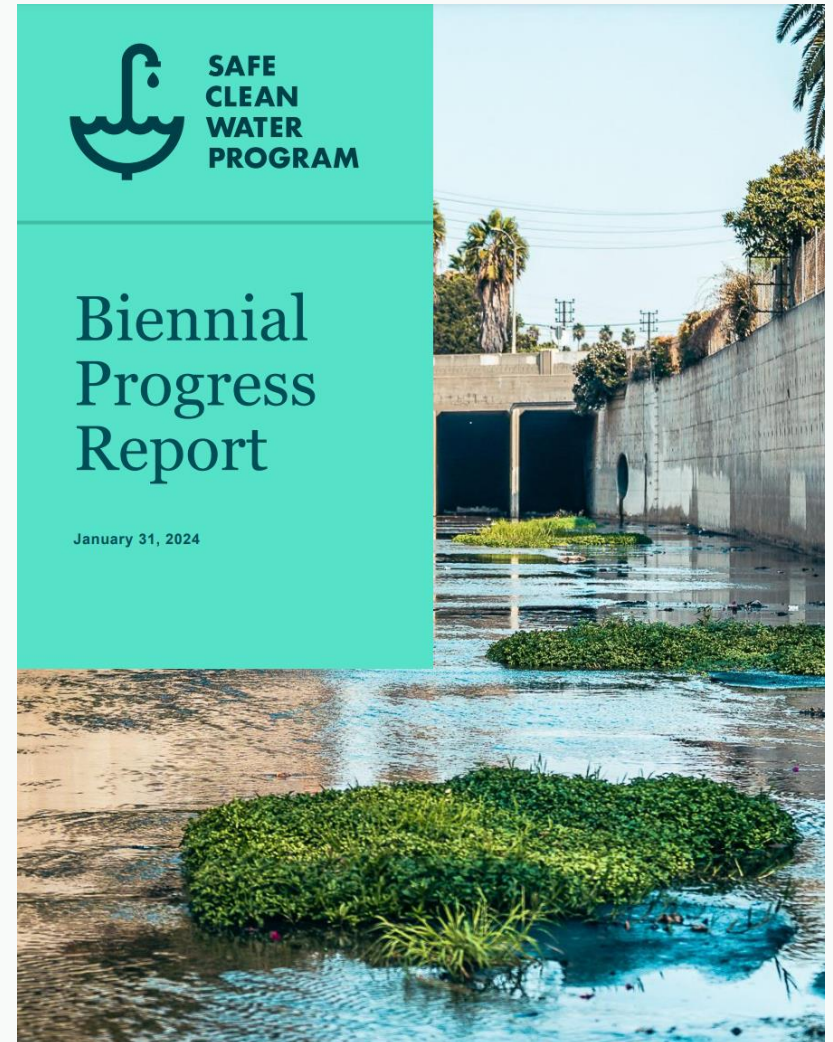


## 2025 Biennial SCWP Progress Report Process

- Purpose of SCWP Biennial Progress Report
- ROC's Role in the Biennial Report
- Outcomes of 2023 Biennial Report
- 2025 Biennial Report Process

## Purpose of SCW Program Biennial Progress Report

**Ordinance 18.02:** *“SCW Program Progress Report” means a biennial report that summarizes all Regional Program WARPP Reports, all Municipal Program annual progress and expenditure reports, and all District Program annual reports and makes findings regarding whether and the extent to which SCW Program requirements were met and SCW Program Goals were achieved.”*



## SCW Program Goals (Paraphrased)

Improve water quality

Increase drought preparedness through stormwater capture

Improve public health by providing community investment benefits

Invest in multi-benefit infrastructure

Prioritize nature-based solutions

Provide disadvantaged community benefits

Leverage other funding

Provide a spectrum of project sizes

Encourage innovation

Invest in independent scientific research

Provide proportional funding to municipalities

Ensure adaptive management

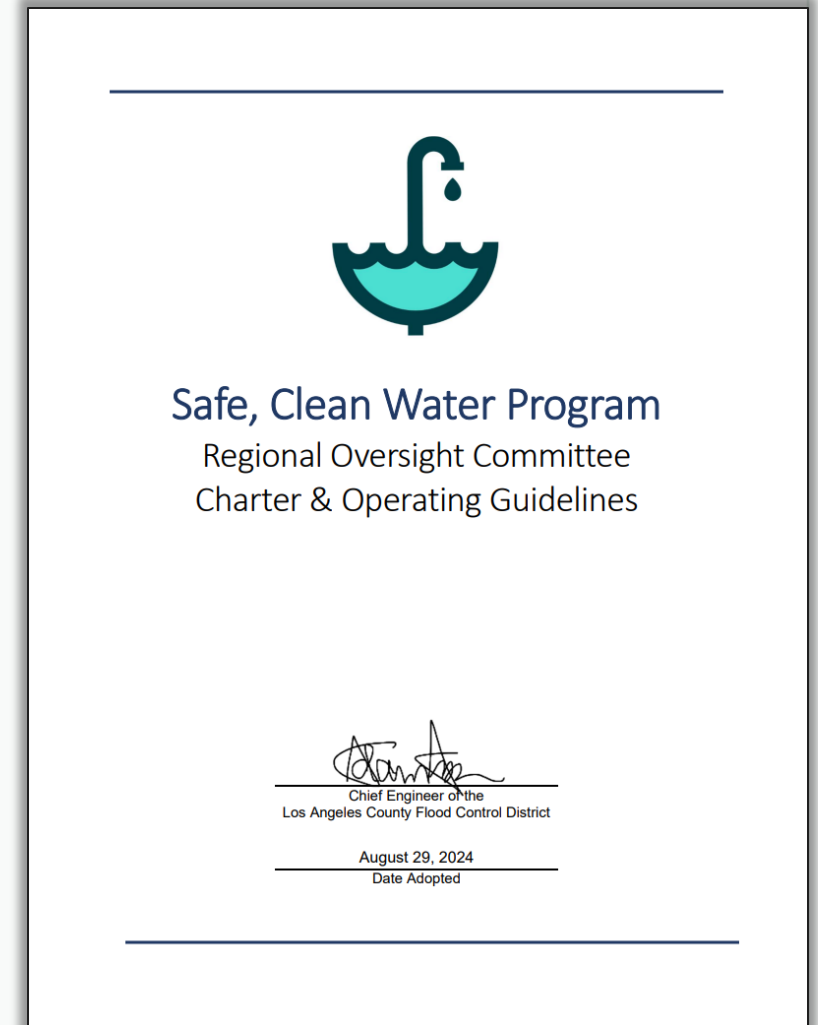
Promote green jobs

Provide ongoing operations and maintenance of projects

## Role of the Regional Oversight Committee

### Primary Responsibilities:

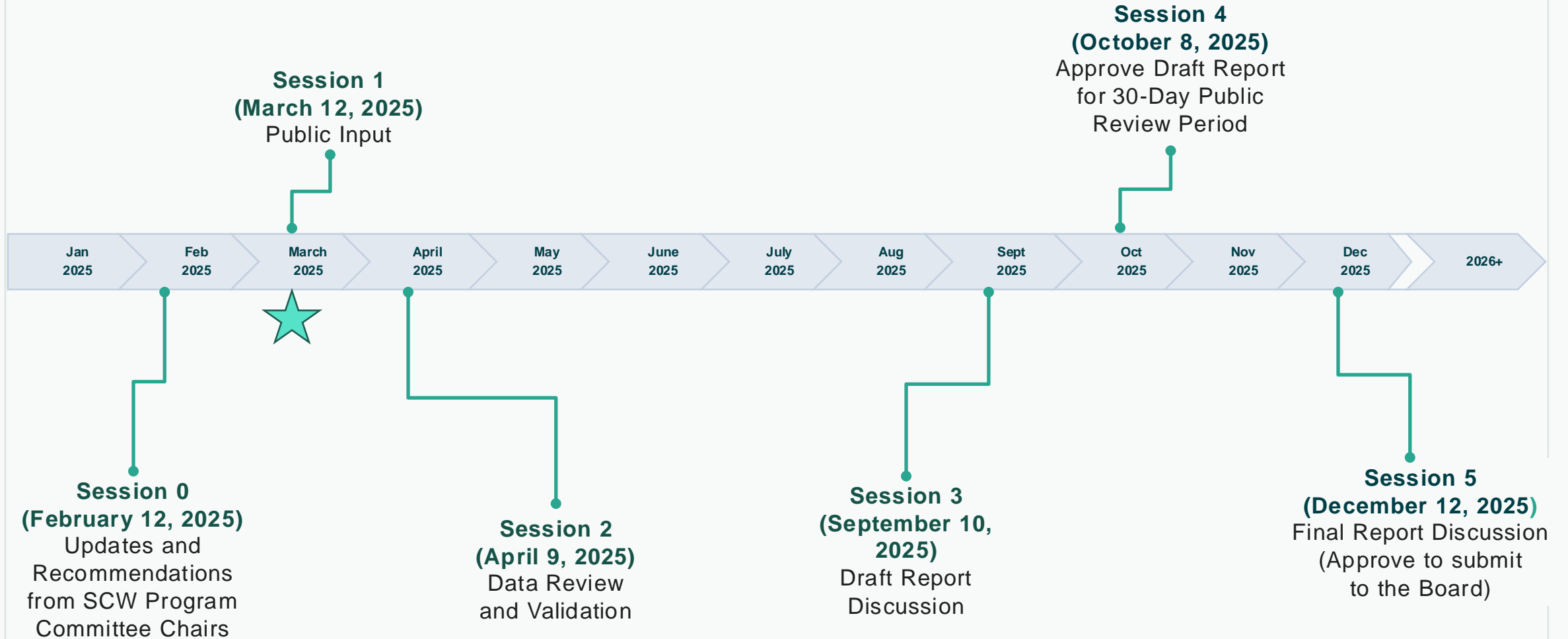
- Review Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) and Regional/Municipal Program reports, adaptive management progress and provide recommendations/feedback to the Board and WASCs.
- **Prepare and submit the Biennial Report to the Board.**



# Outcomes of 2023 SCWP Biennial Progress Report

| Recommendations   | Status  |
|---|---|
| <b>Expedite watershed planning efforts</b>                                    | Framework presented December 2024<br>Community Strengths & Needs Assessment (CSNA) Survey went live Feb 2025<br>Ongoing engagement (Working Groups/WASCs/other) and development |
| <b>Establish DAC investment quantitative goals and develop a plan</b>         | Early performance measures already incorporated into program (see 5/8/24 workbook), & additional evaluation/opportunities are part of watershed planning.                       |
| <b>Make strategic investments in workforce development programs</b>           | In-progress with County's Dept of Economic Opportunity (DEO)  |
| <b>Revise Regional Program quarterly reporting to twice yearly</b>            | Ordinance amended on 5/21/24 (email blast sent out on 6/5/24); Next report from Project and Scientific Study developers were due 2/28/2025.                                     |
| <b>Revise the process and timeline for the ROC to evaluate Goals and SIPs</b> | 2025 monthly ROC schedule established; Strategy sessions completed; Routine 12-month look ahead incorporated into agendas.  |
| <b>Evaluate recommendations from the Metrics and Monitoring Study (MMS)</b>   | Study completed; District implementing some recommendations and evaluating/utilizing others via watershed planning; MMS Info Session recording available online.                |

# SCWP 2025 Biennial Report Process



# Discussion







**AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEM #7**

# Public Input Session

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# Key Questions to Consider



- 1) How have you seen the Safe, Clean Water Program achieving its goals in the past two years?
- 2) How do you hope the Safe, Clean Water Program can improve in the coming two years?
- 3) What do you feel are the most important improvements over the long term that will help the Safe, Clean Water Program be successful and achieve its goals?



**AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEM #8**

# Workforce Development

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# Workforce Development Program(s) Objectives

- A trained in-house (County) workforce for SCWP Projects and Programs
- A trained workforce available to other municipalities, private contractors for SCWP Projects and Programs
- Pathways for those with traditional barriers to employment
- Connection of people/communities to training, jobs and careers
- Connection of trained workforce with available, long-term jobs and career pathways
- Projects supporting SCWP goals that are built, operated and maintained by a qualified workforce

# Potential Job Types Needed for Multi-Benefit/SCWP Projects (Entry- and Mid-Level)

- General Maintenance Worker (entry)
- Grounds Maintenance Worker I & II (mid)
- Power Sweeper Operator (mid)
- Plant Nursery Worker (mid)
- Head Plant Nursery Worker (mid)
- Tree Trimmer and Pest Coordinator (mid)
- Power Equipment Technician Helper (entry)
- Power Equipment Technician (mid)
- Electrical Helper (entry)
- Electro-mechanic (mid)
- Laborer (entry)

## March 2024 SCWP Board Motion

# Workforce Development

"Collaboration with and funding of the Department of Economic Opportunity to design and implement Workforce Development program(s) to support SCWP program goals..."

## Department of Economic Opportunity Workforce Development Expertise:

- Entry level job training program(s)
- Career pipeline opportunities
- Strategies to target hard to reach/hard to employ populations
- Ongoing case management and job readiness support services
- Training certification program(s) for County workers
- Coordination across County initiatives for multi-benefit project workforce

# Preparing LA for County Employment (PLACE)

- **PLACE** prepares and places people with high barriers to employment into entry-level, permanent County jobs with a career pathway.
  - **Focus:** Training for entry-level Public Works positions such as Electrical Helper and Laborer.
  - **Program Customization:** DEO will work with Public Works and the training provider to tailor curriculum to focus on stormwater maintenance and operations.



# High Road Training Partnerships (HRTPs)

- **Program Overview:** HRTPs bring together industry, education and training providers, labor, and community to build employer-informed, skill-based training models that meet evolving market needs and promote job quality, equity, and sustainability.
- **Focus:**
  - Construction pre-apprenticeship training and support services, with a focus on placements at SCWP-related local hire projects.
  - Develop stormwater-specific HRTP(s) based on current model, including curriculum development in collaboration with community colleges.

## Next Steps

- \$10 million committed over next 2 years for workforce development and training (ongoing amounts TBD)
- Launch early DEO programs
- Evaluate other potential investments in programs identified through 2024 SCW Program Workforce benchmarking study



**AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEM #11**

# Program Administration Updates

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# Public Education & Community Engagement Grants Program

- **Round 1**

- 26 completed proposals submitted
  - 4 proposals deferred to Round 2
  - 7 proposals denied
  - 15 proposals approved (totaling appx. \$3,1M of approved grant funding)

- **Round 2 (*proposals currently under evaluation*)**

- 39 completed proposals submitted
  - 35 new proposals
  - 4 proposals rolled over from Round 1



# Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program

- Round 3 proposals due April 4, 2025.
  - **This is the LAST CALL for grant proposals.**



**\$8.5M**

Total grant funding

**\$3.13M**

Approved grant  
funding for Round 1  
(15 proposals)

**\$5.37M**

Grant funding left  
for Round 2& 3

## Look-ahead – 2025 Preview

### April 9

- **Biennial Report Session 2** – Data Review
- Revisit Municipal & Regional Program Reporting
- Overview of Audits to Date

### May 14

- Review & Approve FY25-26 SIPs (*tentative*)

### June 11

- Review & Approve FY25-26 SIPs (IF NEEDED)
- Update on Adaptive Management Board Motion Items

### July 9

- Review & Approve FY25-26 SIPs (IF NEEDED)

### August 13

- Update on regional project development/partnerships
- **Initial Watershed Plans**
- **SCWP Education Programs**

### Standing Topics in all ROC Meetings:

- Status of Watershed Planning
- Updates related to ROC Recommendations



### September 10

- **Biennial Report Session 3** – Draft Report Discussion

### October 8

- **Biennial Report Session 4** – Approve Draft Report & Open 30-Day Public Comment Period
- Watershed Planning Update

### November 12

- Scientific Studies Symposium

### December 10

- **Biennial Report Session 5** – Approve Final Report to Submit to Board of Supervisors
- Set Course for Adaptive Watershed Plans

# Thank you

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact the

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