

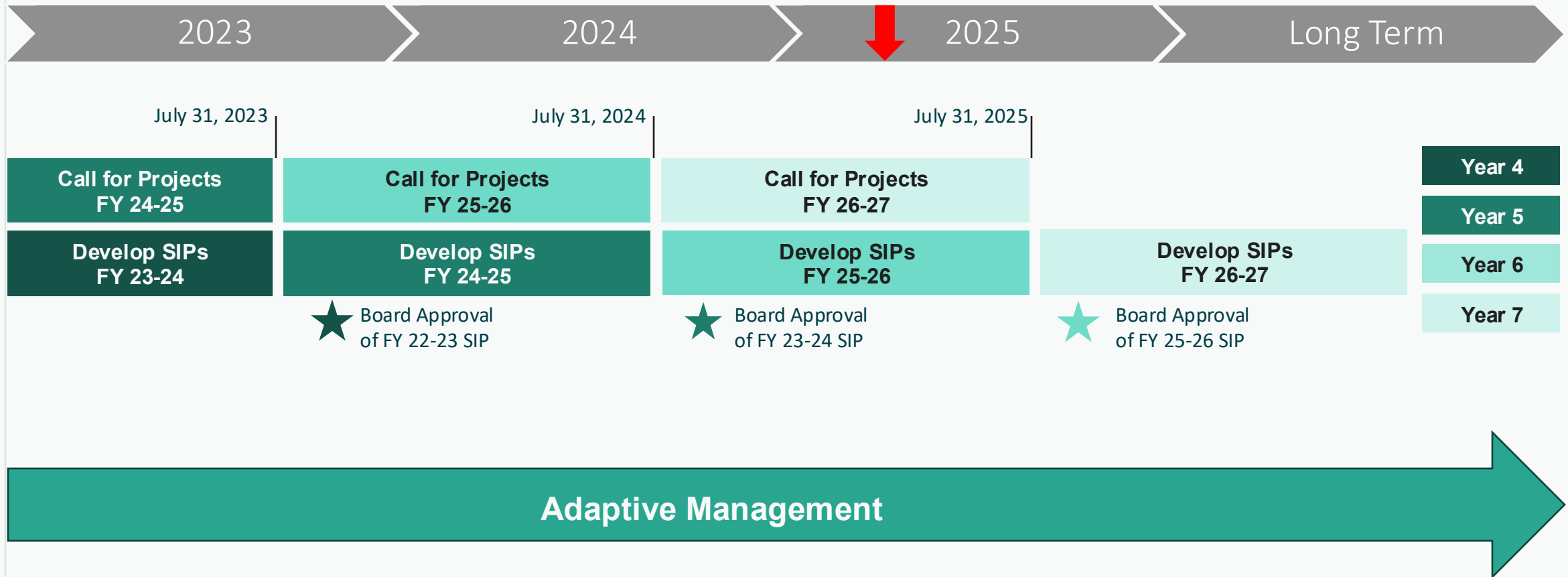


# Project Modification Requests

SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM  
Scoring Committee  
April 2025



## Regional Program Cycle



## Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs)

### Current Year Budget

- Budget for current year is transferred to Project Developers subject to the Transfer Agreement

### Subsequent 4 Year Projections:

- Conditional funding for full Project cost
- Watershed Area Steering Committees will verify annually:
  - Project schedule, budget, scope and benefits are consistent with initial proposal
- Projects over budget, behind schedule, or reduced scope or benefits may be subject to discontinued funding

	(FY 25-26) Regional Program Budget	(FY 26-27) Projection	(FY 27-28) Projection	(FY 28-29) Projection	(FY 29-30) Projection
<b>Infrastructure Program (not less than 85%)</b>					
Project 1					
Project 2					
Project 3					
Project 4					
Project 5					
<b>Scientific Studies (up to 5%)</b>					
Scientific Study					
Scientific Study 2					
<b>Technical Resources Program (up to 10%)</b>					
Project Concept 1					
Project Concept 2					
Project Concept 3					
Watershed Coordinator					
<b>Grand Total</b>					

## Project Modification Requests

- **Call for Projects FY26-27 deadline** for Infrastructure Program (IP), Scientific Studies (SS) and Technical Resources Program (TRP) is **July 31, 2025**
- IP projects **previously approved** in SIPs remain eligible for future funding, subject to approval in the pending SIP
  - Any proposed modifications to a continuing Project shall be disclosed in a **Project Modification Request (PMR) form** and evaluated in accordance with the [Project Modification Guidelines](#)
- Project Modification Requests were first introduced in FY24-25 Call for Projects
- Once a Project or Study has been included in the SIP for a fiscal year and a Transfer Agreement or Addendum has been executed for that fiscal year, a Recipient that proposes modifications to the **schedule, scope, benefits or funding amounts** of the Project or Study, should contact Public Works and submit a PMR Form.



## Project Modification Guidelines



- The Project Modification Guidelines provide more specific guidance when modifications to a project 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

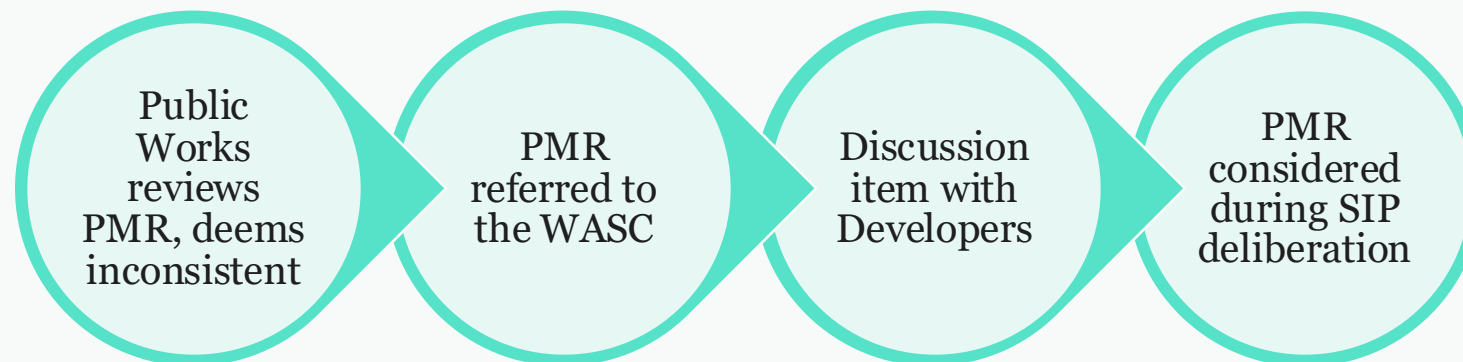
### 1. Consistent with SIP

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



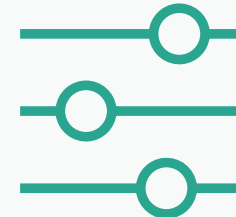
### 2. Inconsistent with SIP

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



## Overview of PMR SIP Deliberation at the WASC

- Deem modified project as no longer meeting SCWP Goals, remove all projected SCWP funding or abandon modification
- Deem modified project as meeting SCWP Goals, and continue to support only the original funding request (no additional funding)
- Deem modified project as meeting SCWP Goals, and adjust funding in line with request, up to the amount requested in PMR



## WASC's Role in the PMR Process

### Potential questions for the Recipient:

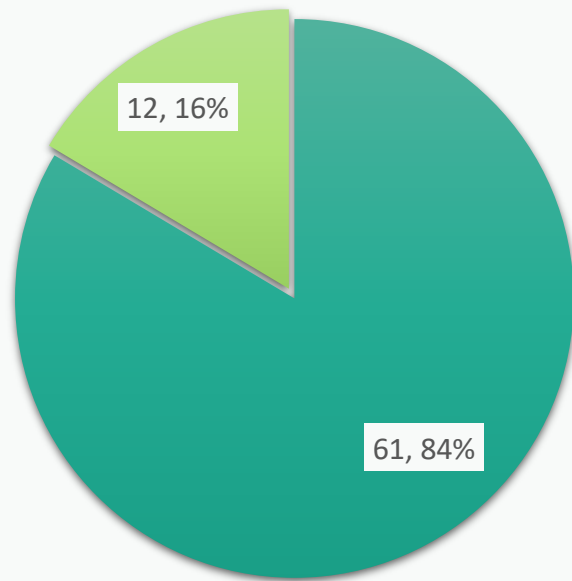
1. Would the additional funding request be the **only option** that would allow the project to be implemented?
2. Would **delaying funding allocations** impact the project's ability to be implemented?
3. Would funding only a **portion** of the additional funding request impact the project's ability to be implemented?
4. If a Recipient has multiple projects under consideration, which projects are the **highest priority** for the Recipient?
5. Has the Recipient considered **other funding sources**?



## Submitted PMRs

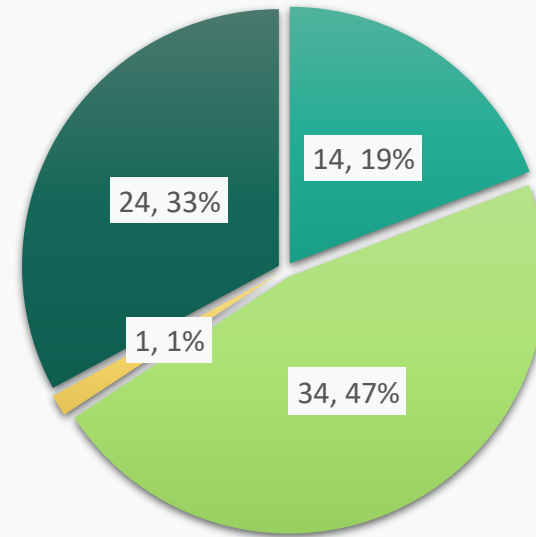
**73** PMRs submitted to date (46 in FY24-25 and 27 in FY25-26)

IP vs. SS



■ IPs ■ SS

Recommended Determination

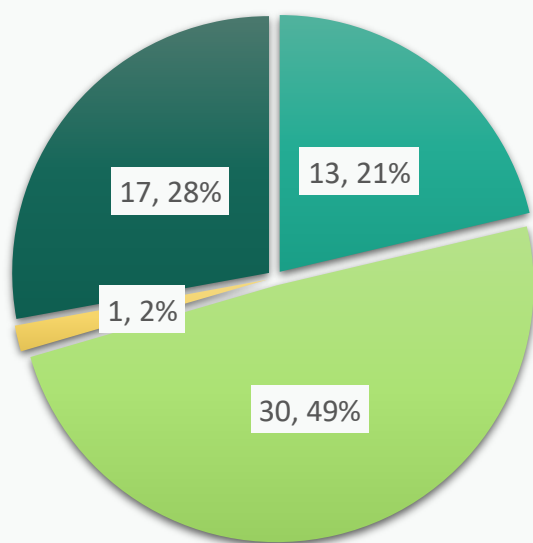


■ Consistent ■ Inconsistent  
■ Withdrew PMR ■ PMR not needed

## Submitted PMRs

# Recommended Determination: IP vs SS

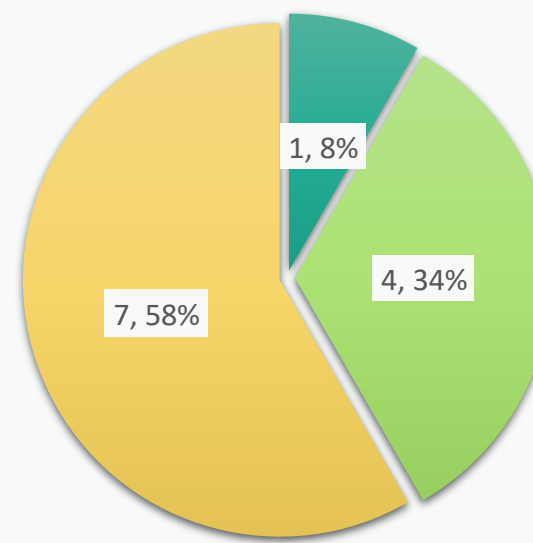
IPs



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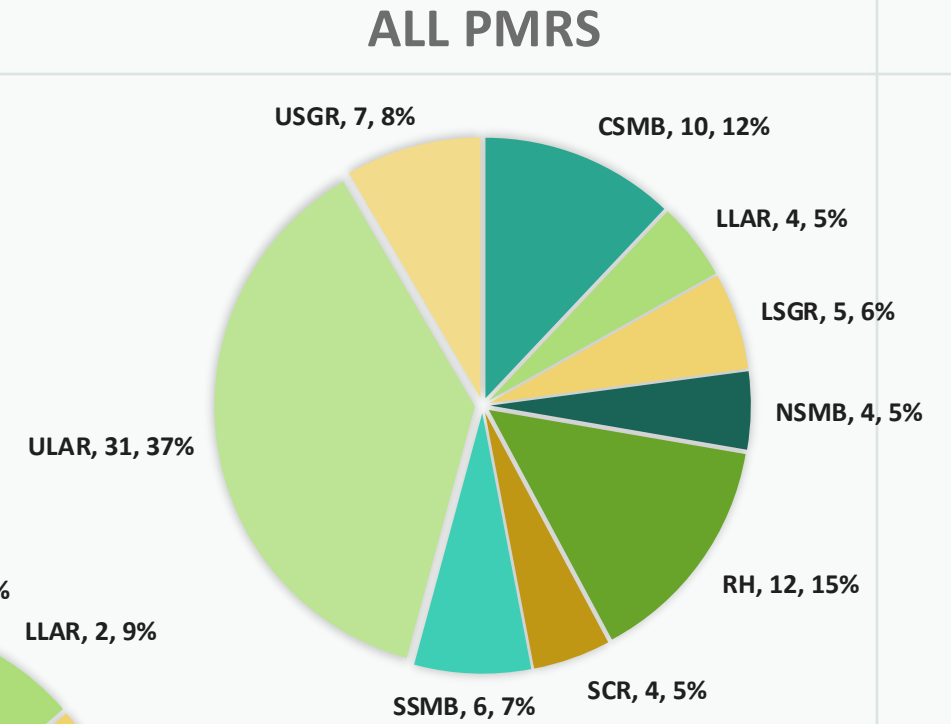
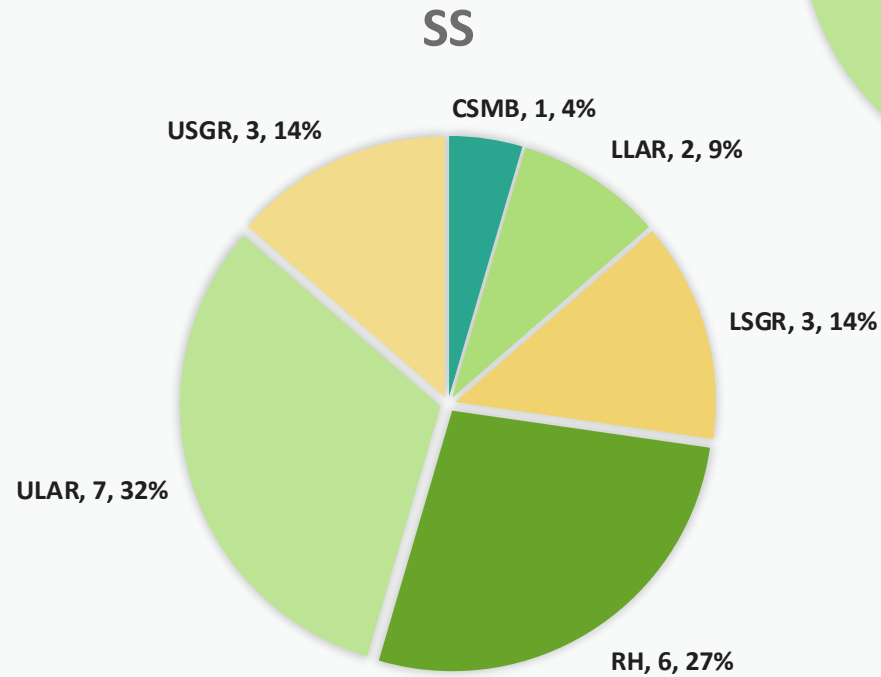
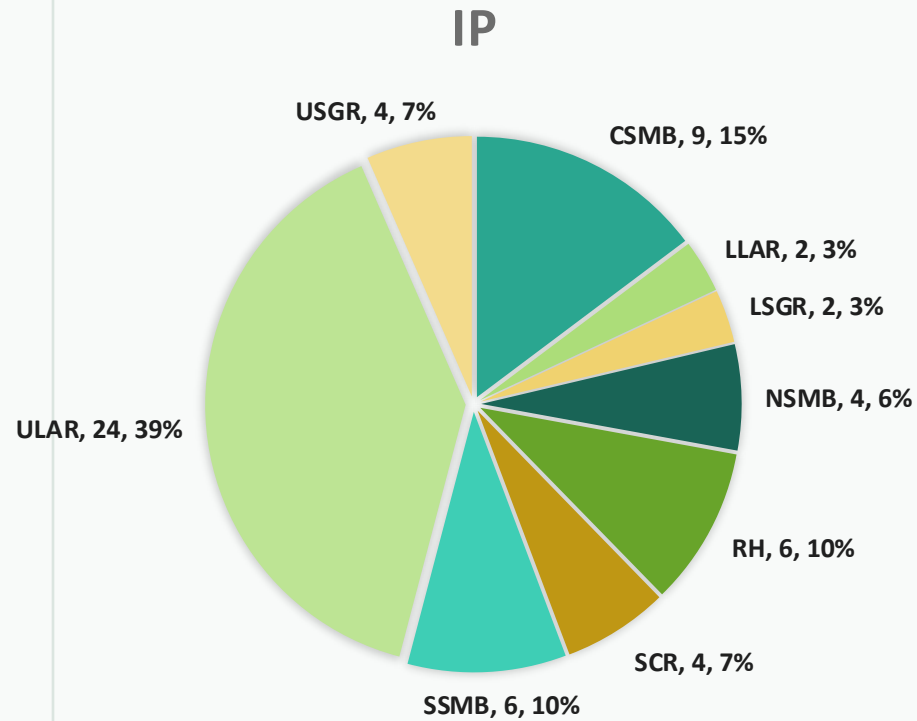
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# Submitted PMRs to each WASC



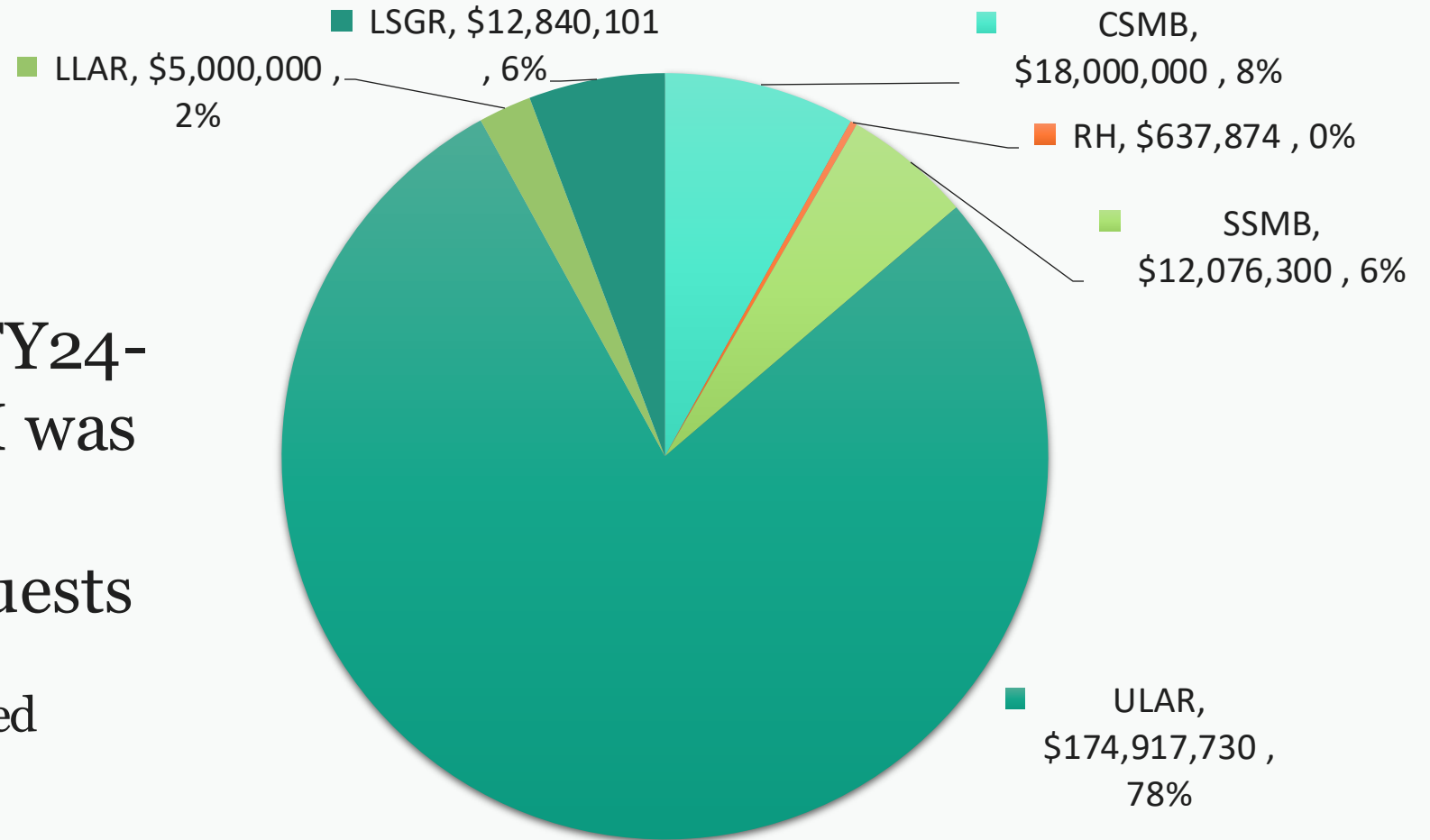
\*Some PMRs submitted to multiple WASCs

## Inconsistent PMRs- Additional funding requested to date

- Total additional funding requested: \$244M (+88% original requests)
  - \$205M requested across 17 projects in FY24-25 and \$39M requested across 11 projects in FY25-26
  - Average funding requested: \$6.3M
  - Funding requests ranged between 5% - 407% of original project award
  - Avg % increase in funding request: 106%
  - Min funding requested: \$221K (+9% original)
  - Max funding requested: \$34.5M (+130% original)

## Additional funding requested per WASC – FY24-25

Per approved FY24-25 SIPs, **\$48M** was awarded out of **\$205M** in requests  
 7 awarded in full  
 2 partially awarded  
 8 not awarded

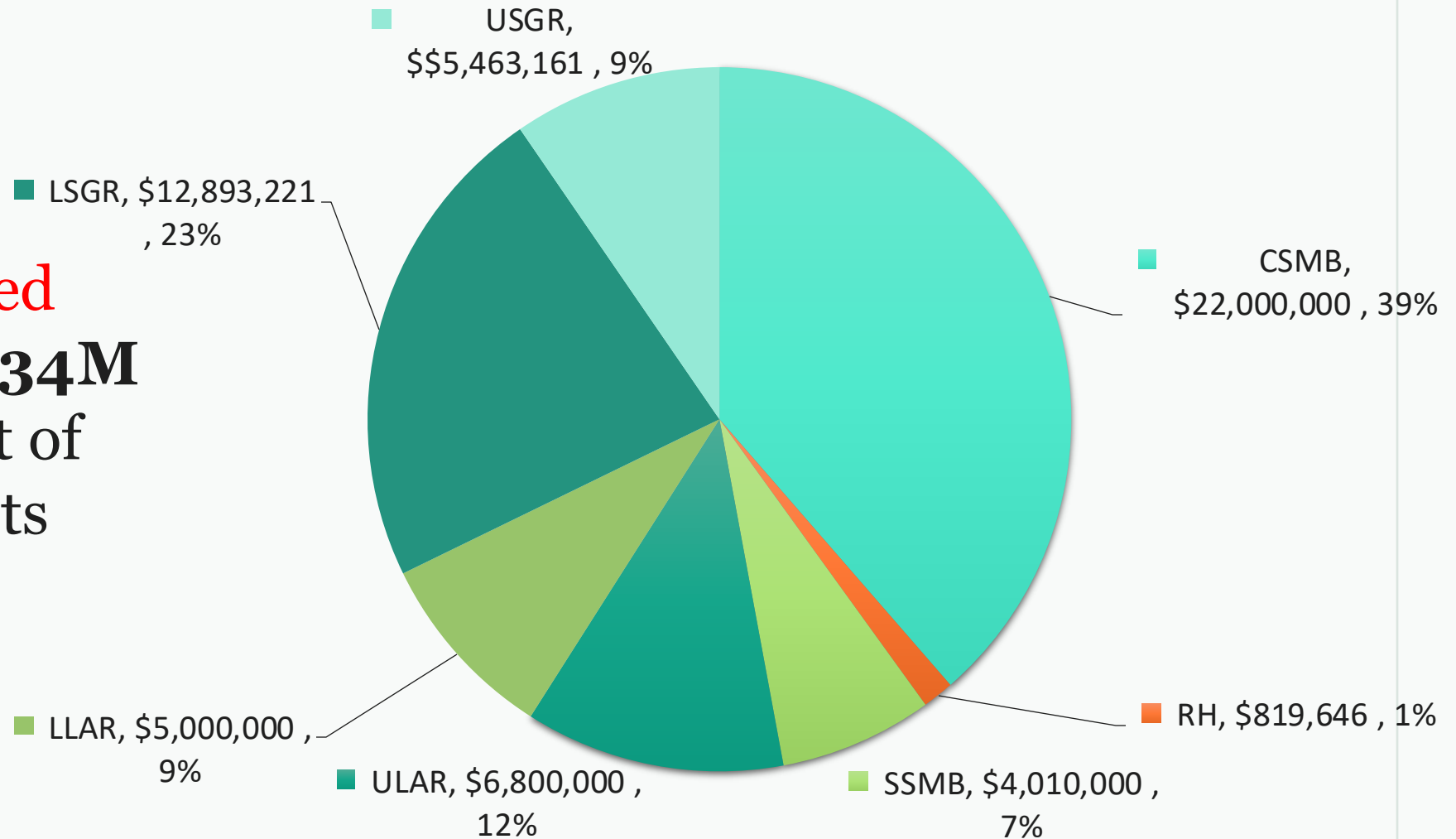




## Additional funding requested per WASC – FY25-26

Per **recommended**  
FY25-26 SIPs, **\$34M**  
was awarded out of  
**\$39M** in requests

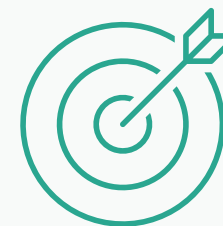
9 awarded in full  
1 partially awarded  
1 not awarded



## Self-reported justification for submitted IP PMRs (consistent)

### Consistent

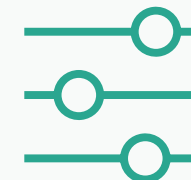
- Most common reason:
  - change in schedule or completion date, mostly due date of funds disbursement
- Other causes:
  - Like-for-like modifications, for example:
    - Components relocated within same parcel
    - Functionally equivalent BMP modifications
    - Additional BMPs to maintain claimed benefits
  - Capital cost increases with no additional SCWP request



## Self-reported justification for submitted IP PMRs (inconsistent)

### Inconsistent

- Most common reason:
  - Change in funding request. Inflation was the most cited reason for Construction and Life Cycle Cost increases
- Other causes
  - Decrease in BMP capacity. For one case, BMP reductions cause removal of a project from the SIP.
  - Change in benefits claimed
  - Expanded/ reduced scope
  - Project location change



## Future Scoring Committee Considerations for PMRs

- SC has not rescored projects with submitted PMRs to date
  - Inconsistent PMRs are evaluated by WASCs
  - WASCs cannot currently request rescore of PMRs
- Considerations for rescoring:
  - Increase to costs may impact Water Quality and Water Supply cost effectiveness scores based on prior criteria
  - Changed BMPs may impact Benefit scores
  - Rescoring older projects with existing criteria vs. new criteria
- Anticipated revised scoring criteria in future Call for Projects

# Thank you

QUESTIONS?

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