

Stormwater Investment Plan Santa Clara River Watershed Area

Fiscal Year 2025-2026





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The Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) is an annual five (5) year plan developed by each Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) that recommends funding allocations for Projects and Programs in the Regional Program's Infrastructure Program, Technical Resources Program, and Scientific Studies Program.

The purpose of the SIP is to capture recommended programming for the upcoming fiscal year as well as anticipated recommendations for the next four subsequent years.

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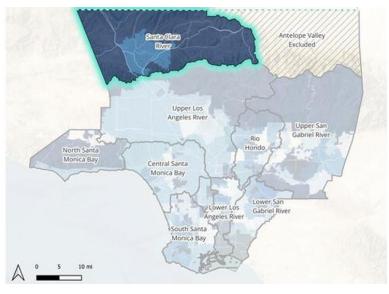
Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) concurs with the recommended SIP as-is	
Refer to ROC meeting minutes for comments	

Santa Clara River Watershed Area Background

The Santa Clara River (SCR)
Watershed Area is located on
the northwestern end of Los
Angeles County and is within
LA County Supervisorial
District 5. The SCR
Watershed Area covers
portions of the Angeles
National Forest and Los
Padres National Forest and
drains to the Santa Clara
River. The Groundwater basin
in the Watershed Area is the
Santa Clara River Valley East
Basin.

Waterways

The SCR Watershed Area encompasses the upper Santa Clara River region, the area that is within LA County's jurisdiction. The lower portion of the river runs through Ventura County and drains to the Pacific Ocean. Major tributaries include Castaic, San Francisquito, and



Bouquet, Canyon Creeks.

Cities & Demographics

The Watershed Area covers both urban and rural populations. The City of Santa Clarita is the one municipality in the Watershed Area, with major communities in County Unincorporated Area including Census Designated Places: Acton,

Agua Dulce, Castaic, Hasley Canyon, Stevenson Ranch, and Val Verde. The Watershed Area has a population of over 280,000 residents with a poverty rate of 7%. Approximately 83% of residents are homeowners and the median age is 41.

"The Santa Clara River is the largest river system in southern California that remains in a largely natural state and contributes significantly to groundwater recharge. The SCR WASC is focused on opportunities for infiltration and development of new facilities that can support MS4 compliance. With representatives from the City of Santa Clarita and unincorporated communities of Acton and Agua Dulce, the Committee enjoys a mix of perspectives and partnerships."

SCR WASC Chair Darin Seegmiller

1 Executive Summary

The SCR WASC requests that the ROC advance the recommended Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY25-26) SIP to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The recommended SIP includes funding for one new scientific study (SS), all continuing projects and studies, and the Watershed Coordinator. The recommended SIP allocates 6% of available funding in FY25-26 (Table 1-1).

The included Projects were selected based on information drawn from applications and proponent presentations, and robust discussion of Project benefits, anticipated future funding requests, and available funding. The recommended SIP addresses the required funding thresholds including ratio of funding allocated to Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects, Technical Resources Program (TRP) Project concepts, and SS (Table 4-1) and the required disadvantaged community benefits ratio of 12% (Table 4-2).

During deliberations, the WASC discussed the benefits of SS that request funding across multiple Watershed Areas and how SS funded across multiple watersheds could impact a study's scope depending on funding decisions made at other WASCs. The WASC additionally discussed the importance of funding SS that are not duplicative of existing efforts.

During the March 20, 2025 meeting, the WASC voted to approve the recommended SIP with 11 votes in favor, 4 opposed, 0 in abstention, and 0 absent at time of vote. Meeting minutes are available <u>here</u> with in depth summary of the deliberation and vote.

1.1 Summary of Anticipated Benefits

Development of additional project benefit metrics are currently being incorporated through ongoing adaptive management efforts, including updates to the Reporting and Application Modules and Initial Watershed Planning. Based on the best available data, the following anticipated benefits are expected to be created through this SIP:

- Area managed by Projects: 2,457 acres
- Project Storage Capacity: 35.46 acre-feet
- Annual Average Stormwater Capture: 1,014.27acre-feet

A summary of estimated aggregate benefits for continuing IPs in previously approved SIPs is included in Table 2-1.

Table 1-1 Summary of SIP FY25-26 Allocations

	SIP Allocations					
	FY25-26 Budget	FY26-27 Projection	FY27-28 Projection	FY28-29 Projection	FY29-30 Projection	Totals
Anticipated Available Funds ¹	\$7.2M	\$12.5M	\$17.9M	\$23.4M	\$12.6M	-
Total Allocated to IP	\$27K	\$27K	\$27K	16.2M	\$0	\$16.3M
Total Allocated to SS	\$234K	\$118K	\$81K	\$85K	\$0	\$518K
Total Allocated to TRP	\$200K	\$200K	\$200K	\$200K	\$200K	\$1M
Total Allocation	\$461K	\$345K	\$308K	\$16.5M	\$200K	\$17.8M
Percent Allocated	6%	3%	2%	71%	2%	-

¹Anticipated Available funds include annual regional program funds collected, carryover from previous SIPs, and unused funds returning to the Watershed Area.

Refer to Attachment A or the SIP tool for the Final Recommended SIP with additional project details.

Below is a summary of the total funding allocated to projects in the recommended SIP, including both new projects and previously approved projects.

1.2 Newly Submitted Projects, Studies, and Concepts

The recommended SIP includes full funding for the one submitted SS.

Table 1-2 Summary of New Funding Allocations in Recommended SIP

	New Funding Allocations						
Submitted	Included in SIP	Funded project name	Funding Allocations FY25-30	Program			
0	0	(There was no Call for Projects for Infrastructure Program in FY25-26)		Infrastructure Program (IP)			
0	0	No Technical Resources Program projects were received		Technical Resources Program (TRP)			

	New Funding Allocations						
Submitted	Included	Funded project name	Funding Allocations	Program			
	in SIP		FY25-30				
1	1	Data-Driven Resource	\$49,111	Scientific			
		Optimization and Planning System		Studies (SS)			
		(DROPS) for Los Angeles County					
1	1		\$49,111	Total			

1.3 Continuing Projects and Studies

The recommended SIP includes funding for all continuing projects and studies, including 2 continuing IPs, 2 continuing SS, and TRP funding for the Watershed Coordinator. Continuing Project and Scientific Study Developers represent 1 municipality, 1 university, and 1 agency. Below is a summary of continuing projects and anticipated total funding remaining between FY25-30. Additional details about anticipated project benefits are included in Table 2-1.

Table 1-3 Summary of Continuing Projects and Studies in Recommended SIP

Continuing Projects, Studies					
Funded project name	Project Developer	Anticipated total remaining FY25-30	Program		
Via Princessa Park and Regional BMP Project	City of Santa Clarita	\$81,000	Infrastructure Program (IP)		
Newhall Park Infiltration	City of Santa Clarita	\$16,198,897	, ,		
SCR Watershed Coordinator	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	\$1,000,000	Technical Resources Program (TRP)		
Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	\$328,882	Scientific Studies (SS)		
Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	Gateway Water Management Authority	\$139,704			
Total		\$17,748,483			

1.4 Project Modification Requests (PMRs)

The SCR WASC received one Consistent PMR and no Inconsistent PMR.

Table 1-4. Summary of PMR Submissions and Additional Funding Awards

PMR Submissions*				
Project name	Modification Details	Original funding award	Additional funding request	New funding total– WASC approved
Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Consistent – schedule change, increase in Construction Cost	\$2,887,500.00	\$0	N/A

^{*}For more information on PMRs, see Section 3.1.6.

Consistent – PMR consistent with previously approved SIP Inconsistent – PMR inconsistent with previously approved SIP

2 Projected Watershed Area Benefits

Below is a summary of the estimated aggregate benefits for Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects included in the approved FY20-21, FY21-22, FY22-23, FY23-24, FY24-25, and recommended FY25-26 SIP.

Table 2-1. Summary of estimated benefits for IP Projects to date.

Number of IP Projects Providing Benefits			
Stormwater Benefits			
2,457	Area Managed by Projects (acres)		
35.46	Project Storage Capacity (acre-feet)		
1,014.27	Annual Average Stormwater Capture (acre-feet)		
0.92	Dry Weather Inflow to Projects (cubic feet per sec)		
Primary Pollutant	Addressed		
0	Zinc		
3	Bacteria		
1	Nitrogen		
0	Other*		
Water Supply Ber	nefits		
4	Connected to Aquifer		
0	Sends to WW Treatment Plant for Reuse		
0	Uses Water Onsite		
Community Investment Benefits			
1	Reduces Heat Island Effect		
4	Provides Recreational Opportunities		

Number of IP Projects Providing Benefits		
2	Increases Shade and Trees	
3	Improves Flood Protection	
1	Improves Waterways Access	
4	Enhances Habitat or Park Space	
1	Enhances Green Spaces at Schools	
Nature-Based So	lutions	
4	Mimics Natural Processes	
4 Uses Natural Materials		
Leveraging Funds		
4	Leverages Shared Funds	

^{*}Primary Pollutant Addressed does not apply to Dry Weather Projects. Therefore, Dry Weather Projects are categorized as "Other".

3 SIP Deliberation Process

The Call for Projects for FY25-26 funding ended on July 31, 2024. Facilitated by Los Angeles County Public Works (PW) staff, the WASC held 8 meetings between June 2024 and April 2025, at which they discussed and reviewed all necessary items to ultimately develop their recommended FY25-26 SIP. Refer to the <u>Santa Clara River WASC webpage</u> for the current list of WASC members, meeting dates, and meeting materials. Refer to the <u>Santa Clara River WASC Archive webpage</u> for all past meeting information and materials.

3.1 Summary of Meetings

3.1.1 June 20, 2024

The Watershed Coordinator provided an update of the <u>SCR Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP) for FY24-25.</u> The WASC voted to approve SOEP with the inclusion of the amendments suggested during the discussion.

The WASC received a <u>summary of FY23-24 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 progress and expenditure reports</u>, including a detailed status update on the Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project from the Project Developer.

For more information, refer to the <u>June 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes</u>.

3.1.2 July 18, 2024

The SCWP Watershed Planning staff facilitated a <u>workshop</u> in which WASC members identified strategies they would like to see implemented through future Projects and Studies to meet SCWP goals in the SCR Watershed Area.

For more information, refer to the <u>July 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes</u>.

3.1.3 September 19, 2024

The Watershed Coordinator provided an overview of the <u>Scientific Study application</u> submitted for the FY25-26 Call for Projects.

The WASC received a presentation on the <u>Invasive Species in the SCR Watershed</u> and discussed fire risks, plant origins, and alternatives for removal, including plant conversion.

The WASC received a <u>Roles and Responsibilities</u> presentation that informed new members, and reminded returning members, of their obligations and goals as members of the WASC.

The WASC voted to reselect Chair Darin Seegmiller and Vice Chair Sandra Cattell.

For more information, refer to the September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

3.1.4 October 17, 2024

The SCWP Watershed Planning staff provided an update on the <u>Initial Watershed Plan</u> <u>Framework and the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA)</u>.

For more information, refer to the October 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

3.1.5 December 19, 2024

The WASC received a presentation from one submitted Scientific Study applicant:

<u>Data-Driven Resource Optimization and Planning System (DROPS) for Los Angeles County</u>

The applicant was allotted 10 minutes of presentation time with 10 minutes for questions and answers; additional time for presentation or Q&A was accommodated when necessary.

The WASC received a follow up presentation on the topic of <u>managing invasive plant</u> <u>species</u>, <u>Arundo donax</u>, in the SCR watershed.

For more information, refer to the <u>December 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes</u>.

3.1.6 February 20, 2025

The WASC received an <u>overview of the Project Modification Request</u> (PMR) process based on the <u>Project Modification Guidelines</u>, which included a summary of determinations on each PMR submitted. Each PMR form was reviewed by PW staff and determined either consistent or inconsistent with the approved SIP. Ultimately, only one PMR form was submitted for the previously approved <u>Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project</u>. The PMR was deemed consistent with the approved SIP as their proposed modification was an increase in construction cost that does not impact the SCWP funding request and a schedule change that did not impact the funded activity completion date.

The WASC received a Peer Review Summary of the FY25-26 Scientific Studies, where CASC Engineering evaluated objectives, technical approaches, and whether each of the Studies met the goals of the SCWP.

<u>Data-Driven Resource Optimization and Planning System (DROPS) for Los Angeles County</u>

For more information, refer to the February 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

3.1.7 March 20, 2025

The WASC received a <u>summary and presentation of FY23-24 Quarter 3 and Quarter 4</u> <u>progress and expenditure reports</u> that showcased a more streamlined process for reviewing progress and expenditure reports from continuing Projects and Studies.

The WASC deliberated on the SIP. Ahead of this meeting, PW Staff provided WASC members with a <u>Summary of Resources for FY25-26 SCR SIP</u>, which included links to all information discussed in meetings that helped them have a robust discussion and make an informed decision.

The WASC held an in-depth discussion, which included many follow-up questions to the Study applicant, developers for previously approved Projects and Studies, and deliberating several scenarios on the SIP Tool. The WASC determined to continue funding for previously approved Projects and Studies.

Ultimately, the WASC decided to recommend funding for one Scientific Study (Data-Driven Resource Optimization and Planning System (DROPS) for Los Angeles County County)

For more information, refer to the March 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

3.1.8 April 17, 2025

The SCWP Watershed Planning Staff provided a <u>presentation</u> to update on the ongoing efforts for the Initial Watershed Plans and CSNA development.

For more information, refer to the April 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

3.2 Summary of Public Comment

The WASC received public comments which are available in the WASC meeting minutes on the <u>SCWP website</u>. The WASC did not receive any strong public comments contrary or in support to the SIP or the Study under consideration.

4 Infrastructure Program

4.1 Discussion of Criteria

As noted in previous sections, new Infrastructure Program applications were not accepted for FY25-26. Only continuing Infrastructure Program Projects from previously approved SIP are included in this final recommended SIP. Per LACFCD Code Ch18.07.B.2, the SIPs shall be developed by the WASC in accordance with the criteria described below.

4.1.1 Regional Program Allocations

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.07.B.2.a

Below is a summary of the Regional Program allocations over the 5-year SIP, which includes previously approved projects.

Table 4-1. Regional Program allocations over the 5-year SIP

Funding Program	Total SCWP Funding Allocated FY25-30	Funding Distribution for Subprograms FY25-30*
Infrastructure Program (≥85%)	\$16,279,897.00	91.5 %
Scientific Studies (<5%)	\$517,696.59	1.8 %
Technical Resources Program (<10%)	\$1,000,000.00	3.5 %
Grand Total	\$36,474,251.80	

*Note: The funding distribution for the Infrastructure Program is based off of the total funding allocated over the 5-year period. The funding distributions for Scientific Studies and Technical Resources Program are based on the total revenue collected for the 5-year period.

4.1.2 Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Benefits

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.07.B.2.c.

Based on the total Infrastructure Program funding allocations for the SIP and the ratio of the DAC population to the total population in each Watershed Area, funding for Projects that provide DAC Benefits over the 5-year SIP shall not be less than the value shown below. Below is an overview of Funding Allocated for DACs from FY25-30.

Table 4-2. Funding allocated for DACs over the 5-year SIP

Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Allocation	
Required DAC Ratio	12%
Required Funding for DACs FY25-30 (110%)	\$2,211,624.01
Funding Allocated for DACs FY25-30	\$16,279,897.00

^{*}Note: These figures are based on the 2020 US Census and will be updated periodically.

As shown, the total SCWP Funds benefiting DACs over a rolling 5-year period for the recommended SIP is greater than the required funding for DACs for this Watershed Area. To better assist with and standardize this determination in the future, the District updated interim guidance for implementing Disadvantage Community Policies in the Regional Program. <u>Interim guidance</u> is available on the <u>SCWP website</u>.

4.1.3 Leveraged Funds and Community Support

Although Infrastructure Program applications were not accepted for FY25-26, Project Developers for continuing projects continue to seek leveraged funding opportunities to complement SCWP funding.

4.1.4 Long Term Planning Considerations

The WASC incorporated long term planning by considering anticipated future construction costs for previously approved projects during SIP development. In the past, future anticipated construction costs were estimated and confirmed by project applicants. This year, an enhanced hypothetical scenario was developed that includes potential construction costs and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) for projects that have only been funded for design, inflation costs, and a 50% assumption of leveraged funds. Actual future SCWP funding requests for construction may differ due to updated project estimates, leveraged funding, awarded grants, or local matches.

In addition, the annual O&M projections provided in the Project applications for previously approved Projects were included in the SIP Tool and shown below. The recommended SIP anticipates a total annual O&M cost of \$0.74M of the anticipated \$5.8M annual Regional Program funds collected and will be accounted for in future SIPs.

Below is a summary of the total funding allocated per year in the recommended SIP, including estimated construction costs for previously approved projects. This represents the theoretical SIP projections based on currently anticipated additional funding requests to cover subsequent phases.

	Budget	Projections						
	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	TOTAL	Annual O&M	
A.1 Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Collected	\$5.8M	\$5.8M	\$5.8M	\$5.8M	\$5.8M	\$28.8M		
A.2 Carryover from Previous SIP	\$1.5M	\$6.8M	\$10.4M	\$14.1M	\$1.4M			
A.3. Removed Projects and Unused TRP Funds 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
A. Anticipated Regional Program Funds Available (A.1 + A.2 + A.3) 1	\$7.2M	\$12.5M	\$16.2M	\$19.9M	\$7.1M			
B.1 Total Allocated in Previous SIP(s)	\$412k	\$2.1M	\$2.1M	\$18.5M	\$1M	\$24.1M	\$743k	
B.2 Total Recommendation in Current SIP	\$49.1k	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49.1k	\$0	
B. Total Allocated and Recommendation in SIP (B.1 +B.2) 1	\$461k	\$2.1M	\$2.1M	\$18.5M	\$1M	\$24.1M	Total: \$743k	
C. Carryover in Current SIP (A - B)	\$6.8M	\$10.4M	\$14.1M	\$1.4M	\$6.1M			
D. Percent Allocated (B / A) 1	6%	17%	13%	93%	14%	80%		

Note: This is not the recommended SIP.

A is the sum of Total Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Available and B is the sum of Total Recommended in Current SIP and Total Allocated in Previous SIP(s).

C is the Remaining Balance.

Figure 4-1. SIP Tool final funding scenario annual budget, including construction costs, for FY25-30.

Refer to the <u>SIP tool</u> or the "Final – 3/20/25 with Potential Future IP Costs" scenario. As shown in the theoretical SIP, other funding sources will be required to bring all projected Projects to completion, and most of the members in the WASC were confident in the Watershed Area's ability to do so. If unable to do so, the WASC understands they will need to defer the construction of certain Projects to occur in later years.

4.1.5 Other Considerations

As previously noted, the SCWP did not accept any applications for the Infrastructure Program for FY25-26. The only Infrastructure Program Projects included in the SIP are

those continuing Projects that were earmarked funds in FY25-30 in previous SIP's. The WASC had several opportunities to inquire about the status of these Projects. The WASC was presented progress report summaries for these Projects at both the June 20, 202 and March 20, 2025 meetings. Project Developers were present at both meetings to respond to any questions or concerns from the WASC. For more details on these Projects, see Section 7.

5 Technical Resources Program

Per LACFCD Code Ch18.07.D, the purpose of the Technical Resources Program is to provide Technical Assistance Teams to assist with the development of Feasibility Studies and to provide Watershed Coordinators.

5.1 Submitted and Recommended Project Concepts

There were no Project concepts submitted to the FY25-26 Technical Resources Program for this Watershed Area. A placeholder to fund one Watershed Coordinator for up to for \$200k/year was included in the recommended SIP.

5.2 Discussion

The WASC did not receive any Technical Resources Program applications. The WASC recommended funding 1 Watershed Coordinator.

6 Scientific Studies Program

Per LACFCD Code Ch18.07.E, the purpose of the Scientific Studies Program is to provide funding for scientific and technical activities.

6.1 Submitted and Recommended Studies

Below is a list of all Scientific Studies submitted to the FY25-26 Scientific Studies Program for this Watershed Area. Studies shown in white have been included in the recommended SIP.

Table 6-1. Summary of submitted and recommended Scientific Studies for FY25-26

Project Name	Project Developer	Included in SIP	Total Funding Allocated in this WASC
Data-Driven Resource Optimization and Planning System (DROPS) for Los Angeles County	Foothill Municipal Water District	Not Included	\$49,111.00

Refer to Attachment A or the <u>SIP Tool</u> for the Final Recommended SIP with additional scientific study details.

6.2 Discussion

The WASC received presentations from the Scientific Studies Program applicant during the WASC meeting on December 19, 2024. The District hired CASC Engineering to provide independent, rapid, and unbiased evaluation (summary) of the technical adequacy of each scientific study proposal, which were shared with the project applicants and WASC members. The WASC decided to recommend funding the Data-Driven Resource Optimization and Planning System (DROPS) for Los Angeles County.

7 Previously Approved Projects, Project Concepts, and Scientific Studies

All previously approved Projects, Project concepts, and Studies were evaluated as described above in Section 3 Summary of Meetings and Process.

PW received 1 PMR forms from previously approved Projects and Studies for this Watershed Area. Please refer to the <u>PMR Guidelines</u> for more details.

Below are lists of previously approved Infrastructure Program Projects, Technical Resources Program Project concepts, and Scientific Studies recommended in the SIP for this Watershed Area. Projects, Project concepts, and Studies that are still active and continuing as previously approved are shown in white.

Table 7-1. Summary of previously approved Infrastructure Program Projects

Project Name	Project Developer	SIP Year	SIP Status	Funded Phase(s)	Remaining Funding Request
Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County Public Works	FY20-21	Continuing	Planning / Design	\$0.00
Newhall Park Infiltration	Dan Duncan, Oliver Cramer	FY20-21	Continuing	Planning / Design	\$16,198,897.00
Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County	FY22-23	Continuing	Design	\$0.00
Via Princessa Park and Regional BMP Project	Heather Merenda, City of Santa Clarita Environmental Services Division	FY23-24	Continuing	Construction, O&M	\$81,000.00

Table 7-2. Summary of previously approved TRP Project Concepts

Project Name	Project Applicant	SIP Year	Status of Feasibility Study	Notes
Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	FY20-21	Continuing	
Via Princessa Park	Oliver Cramer	FY21-22	Complete	Funded for IP in FY23-24 SIP
Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County	FY22-23	Continuing	
Old Orchard Park - PD 0717	Heather Merenda	FY24-25	Continuing	
Bacteria Mitigation - MTD 1643	City of Santa Clarita	FY24-25	Continuing	

Table 7-3. Summary of previously approved Scientific Studies

Project Name	Project Developer	SIP Year	Remaining Funding Requested	SIP Status
Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	Gateway Water Management Authority	FY22-23	\$139,703.59	Continuing
Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	FY24-25	\$328,882.00	Continuing

8 Next Steps

To best accelerate the effective adaptive management of the SCWP and ensure the most strategic investments going forward, certain new efforts must be prioritized, while certain existing efforts must be modified so that they can proceed according to evolved information, best practices, and tools. Doing so is a critical aspect for advancing the recently adopted County Water Plan's vision of a shared, inclusive, regional path forward to achieve safe, clean, and reliable water resources sustainably and equitably for Los Angeles County

PW continues to develop guidance documents, as part of adaptive management efforts, to further inform and support the annual SIP development process. Various tools are regularly updated and maintained to assist with the WASC's decision making. PW is advancing regional and watershed-based planning through the development of Initial Watershed Plans and an online planning tool. The Initial Watershed Plans build upon the SCWP's foundation and support future strategic decision making. The plans align with broader regional and local planning efforts; and will establish baseline of benefits, set quantitative targets, and define tailored strategies and opportunities. Committee members, Municipalities, Project and Program proponents and other interested parties will have the opportunity to use the Plans upon their release in early 2026. The WASC Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) requests the to advance recommended SIP to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Next WASC meeting(s):

- June 23, 2025 from 1:00 pm 3:00 pm (to consider ROC feedback, if available)
- Additional meeting to be scheduled to consider ROC feedback, if necessary.

Attachment A Final Recommended SIP

Watershed Area	Santa Clara River
Included in SIP?	Yes

				FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Anticipated SCW
Row Labels	Project Lead	DAC	FY 25-26 Budget	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Funding FY 25-30
FY20-21								
Infrastructure Project			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,198,897.00	\$0.00	\$16,198,897.00
Newhall Park Infiltration	City of Santa Clarita	Yes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,198,897.00	\$0.00	\$16,198,897.00
Technical Resource			\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator WC: TBD	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	No	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
FY22-23								
Scientific Study			\$103,520.32	\$36,183.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139,703.59
Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	Gateway Water Management Authority	No	\$103,520.32	\$36,183.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139,703.59
FY23-24								
Infrastructure Project			\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81,000.00
Via Princessa Park and Regional BMP Project	City of Santa Clarita	Yes	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81,000.00
FY24-25								
Scientific Study			\$81,181.00	\$82,176.00	\$80,937.00	\$84,588.00	\$0.00	\$328,882.00
Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	No	\$81,181.00	\$82,176.00	\$80,937.00	\$84,588.00	\$0.00	\$328,882.00
FY25-26								
Scientific Study			\$49,111.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,111.00
Data-Driven Resource Optimization and Planning System (DROPS) for Los Angeles County	Foothill Municipal Water District	No	\$49,111.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,111.00
Grand Total			\$460,812.32	\$345,359.27	\$307,937.00	\$16,483,485.00	\$200,000.00	\$17,797,593.59

Watershed Area Santa Clara River Included in SIP? Yes

													Total Anticipated	
Row Labels	Project Lead	DAC	FY 20-21 Budget	FY 21-22 Budget	FY 22-23 Budget	FY 23-24 Budget	FY 24-25 Budget	FY 25-26 Budget	FY 26-27 Projection	FY 27-28 Projection	Y 28-29 Projection	FY 29-30 Projection	SCW Funding	Total Cost Share
FY20-21			\$4,888,603.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$16,398,897.00	\$200,000.00	\$22,887,500.00	\$5,387,500.00
Infrastructure Project			\$4,688,603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,198,897.00	\$0.00	\$20,887,500.00	\$5,387,500.00
Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements	Los Angeles County Public Works	No	\$2,887,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,887,500.00	\$2,387,500.00
Newhall Park Infiltration	City of Santa Clarita	Yes	\$1,801,103.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,198,897.00	\$0.00	\$18,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Technical Resource			\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
	Los Angeles County Flood Control													
Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator WC: TBD	District	No	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00		\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00		\$200,000.00		\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
FY21-22				\$300,000.00		\$0.00					\$0.00		\$300,000.00	\$0.00
Technical Resource				\$300,000.00							\$0.00			
Via Princessa Park	Oliver Cramer	No		\$300,000.00		\$0.00		\$0.00			\$0.00			\$0.00
FY22-23					\$815,866.36	\$111,064.53	\$95,198.17	\$103,520.32			\$0.00		\$1,161,832.65	\$500,000.01
Infrastructure Project					\$500,000.00	\$0.00					\$0.00			\$500,000.01
Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County	No			\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$500,000.01
Scientific Study					\$15,866.36	\$111,064.53	\$95,198.17	\$103,520.32	\$36,183.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$361,832.65	\$0.00
	Gateway Water Management													ı
Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	Authority	No			\$15,866.36	\$111,064.53	\$95,198.17	\$103,520.32			\$0.00		\$361,832.65	\$0.00
Technical Resource					\$300,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00			\$0.00		\$300,000.00	\$0.00
Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements	Los Angeles County	No			\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		\$300,000.00	\$0.00
FY23-24						\$11,055,619.00	\$8,943,149.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00		\$0.00		\$20,079,768.00	\$10,000,000.00
Infrastructure Project						\$11,055,619.00	\$8,943,149.00				\$0.00			\$10,000,000.00
Via Princessa Park and Regional BMP Project	City of Santa Clarita	Yes				\$11,055,619.00	\$8,943,149.00	\$27,000.00			\$0.00			\$10,000,000.00
FY24-25							\$679,989.00	\$81,181.00	\$82,176.00		\$84,588.00	\$0.00	\$1,008,871.00	\$0.00
Scientific Study							\$79,989.00	\$81,181.00	\$82,176.00	\$80,937.00	\$84,588.00	\$0.00	\$408,871.00	\$0.00
Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining	California State Polytechnic													i .
Stormwater Drywell Capacity	University, Pomona	No					\$79,989.00	\$81,181.00	\$82,176.00		\$84,588.00		\$408,871.00	\$0.00
Technical Resource							\$600,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$0.00
Bacteria Mitigation - MTD 1643	City of Santa Clarita	No					\$300,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$0.00
Old Orchard Park - PD 0717	Heather Merenda	Yes					\$300,000.00	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$0.00
FY25-26								\$49,111.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$49,111.00	\$109,800.00
Scientific Study								\$49,111.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,111.00	\$109,800.00
Data-Driven Resource Optimization and Planning														1 .
System (DROPS) for Los Angeles County	Foothill Municipal Water District	No						\$49,111.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,111.00	\$109,800.00
Grand Total			\$4,888,603.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,015,866.36	\$11,366,683.53	\$9,918,336.17	\$460,812.32	\$345,359.27	\$307,937.00	\$16,483,485.00	\$200,000.00	\$45,487,082.65	\$15,997,300.01

Attachment C Project Modification Request Forms



ATTACHMENT A: Project Modification Request (PMR) FORM

The purpose of this PMR form is to initiate the Project modification process and provide the District with information necessary to evaluate the Project modification request.

	☐ Infrastructure Program Project
Regional Program	☐ Scientific Studies Program
	☐Technical Resources Program
Project/Study Name	
Project/Study Lead	
Watershed Area(s)	
Current Project Phase	
Approved Stormwater Investment Plan Fiscal Year	
Transfer Agreement ID (e.g., 2020RPULAR52)	
Has Transfer Agreement or mo	est recent Addendum been executed (i.e., signed by the project lead and
What type(s) of modification re	equest?
☐ like-for-like modifications	·
☐ functionally equivalent BMP	modifications
☐ modifications to Project or S	tudy components that were not material to the WASC, ROC, or Board's
decision to include the Project	or Study in the SIP
\square minor modifications to the b	udget or schedule of intermediate tasks where the total Funded Activity
amount and Funded Activity co	mpletion date is unchanged
☐ change in primary or second	ary objective
☐ change in Project benefits	
☐ change in methodology (e.g.	, infiltration instead of diversion to sanitary sewer)
☐ decrease in BMP capacity	
☐ change in Project or Study lo	cation
☐ change in capture area wher	e benefits claimed are diminished or where there is a change in the
municipalities that are receiving	g benefits
☐ updated engineering analysis	s resulting in a reduction of benefits claimed
☐ increase in Construction Cos	t or Life Cycle Cost greater than 10%
\square increase or reallocation of ar	nnual funding distribution
☐ change in Funded Activity co	mpletion date
☐ other, please describe:	

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Impact on scope or benefits?		
\square Improved	☐ Neither	
☐ Diminished	☐ Not Sure	
	lification(s) and the reason(s) why the modification(s) is	s/are being
proposed.		

If applicable, list previously approved funding allocations/disbursements and revised funding request:

Note, if some or all of a previously Funded Activity cannot be completed as a result of the proposed modification, please include a description and indicate the amount of unused funds. Any unused funds should be reallocated and accounted for in your revised funding request.

Fiscal Year	Approved Funding Allocations	Revised Funding Request	Description/Phase If applicable, include description of unused funds
Future Funding			
TOTAL			

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Project Modification Guidelines



A: SCWP Approved Total Funding Allocations		
B: Revised SCWP Anticipated Total Funding Request		
C: Difference between B and A		
If applicable description of difference in	SCWP Anticipated Total Funding Request. As	a reminder
	ASC, ROC, and ultimately the Board of Supervis	
Brief description of Supporting Documenta	tion provided.	
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I certify the information and supporting d	ocumentation provided is accurate and true.	☐ YES
· •	er the WASC's discretion to consider requested	☐ YES
modifications.		
Name	Organization	
MI		
Signature Monbos	Date	



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Proposed Modifications to Projects or Studies:

	Status	Date
Modified Project or Study is consistent with the Project or Study included in the		
current fiscal year's SIP and proposed modifications were approved by the	X YES	1/7/25
District.		
Modified Project or Study is NOT consistent with the Project or Study included	☐ YES	
in the current fiscal year's SIP. If yes, select all that apply:		
PMR was received after October 31 of a fiscal year and the PMR will be		
considered for approval during the preparation of subsequent SIP for	☐ YES	-
the fiscal year <u>after</u> the next		
For Infrastructure Program Projects, modified Project was sent to		
Scoring Committee.	☐ YES	
If yes, revised score:		
Project or Study abandoned the proposed modifications	☐ YES	
Projector or Study was withdrawn from consideration by the WASC and	□ VFS	
shall issue repayment of unspent funds	☐ YES	
Proposed modifications were recommended for approval in the SIP	☐ YES	
	\square NO	

Proposed Modifications to Project Concepts:

	Status	Date
Proposed modifications were deemed consistent with the Project concept that was approved by the WASC, ROC and Board for inclusion in the SIP and can be addressed within the existing budget. District will proceed to incorporate the proposed modification into the Feasibility Study immediately.	☐ YES	
Proposed modifications were deemed significant enough to result in a significantly different Project concept from the one approved by the WASC, ROC and Board for inclusion in the SIP. If yes, select one:	☐ YES	
District to discontinue work on the Feasibility Study, return unused funds to be programmed in the SIP for the next fiscal year, and advise the proponent to submit the modified Project concept during the Call for Projects for a future fiscal year.	☐ YES	-
District to abandon the proposed modifications and proceed with the Project concept included in the SIP.	☐ YES	-