

Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) Initial Watershed Plans

Why Watershed Planning? The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Public Works, SCWP Governance Committees, and other practitioners recognized the added value in centralized leadership to set specific targets, steer strategic investments towards those targets, and facilitate adaptive management for the betterment of the SCWP.

What is the SCWP Initial Watershed Plan? A collaboratively developed strategic plan (with accompanying tools) that:

- Identify meaningful opportunities for multi-benefit investments (does not prescribe specific projects) to advance the 14 SCWP Goals within each of the 9 unique SCWP Watershed Areas (WAs).
- Articulates targets (desired outcomes) as well as strategies and actions to plan for, achieve, and track progress towards those targets.
- Proactively directs implementation i.e., empowers and guides the LA region to implement the SCWP's Goals across all 3 of its subprograms, using the same shared language, and to lead in the pursuit of shared countywide targets through WA-specific contributions.



How should everyone use the Plans? To collaboratively plan, implement, track, and assess SCWP investments. The following key constituents will use them as follows:

- **Project Developers & Municipalities** will partner with interested parties to craft strategic project proposals and will be required to describe alignment in applications and reports.
- **SCWP Governance Committees** will review project proposals for alignment with Plans.
- Public Works will apply lessons learned to inform adaptive management (e.g. Feasibility Study Guidelines and Scoring Criteria revisions, supplemental guidance, etc.)



What is included in the Initial Watershed Plans? Each of the 9 WAs has its own unique Plan which includes the following components:



- 1 SCWP Programmatic Executive Summary
- 1 WA-specific Executive Summary
- 7 Chapters and 14 Appendices Key Appendices
 - Appendix E. Key Efforts to Date
 - Appendix F. SCW Program Regional Program Financial Outlooks
 - o Appendix H. Baselines, Targets, and Needs

Data, Tools, Guidance about achieving SCWP Goals Indicators (metrics) for measuring and selecting targets

Targets related to the SCWP Goals Baseline (snapshot) of progress already initiated towards the targets

Insight of WA Needs to reach the targets Strategies
for
addressing
needs to
reach
those
targets

Opportunities,
tools for
decisions,
planning, and
tracking progress
towards targets

What are other important things to know about the Plans?

- Targets reflect the vision of the SCWP and its desired outcomes.
- The Plans establish the SCWP's targeted contribution to existing Countywide targets.
- If there is no Countywide target, WA Characteristics are used to determine a SCWP target for a given Indicator.
- Theme specific methodologies were used to reach beyond current trajectory and establish aspirational targets.
- WA Needs are the difference between baselines and targets.



