



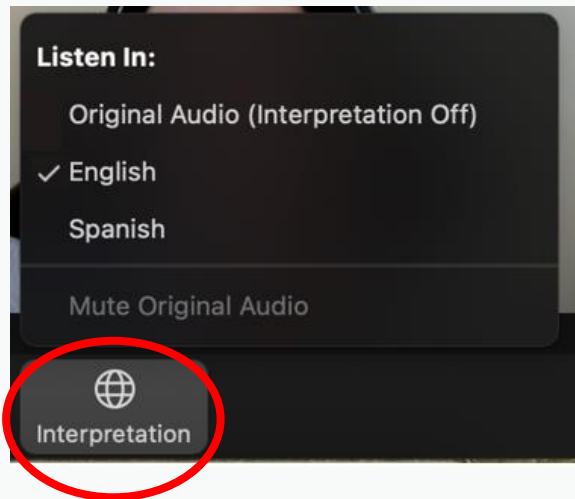
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October 8, 2025



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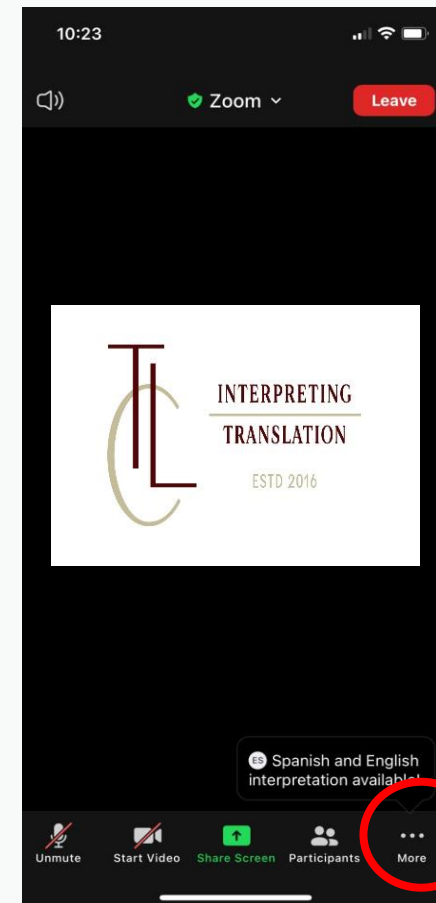


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Safe, Clean Water Program **Regional Oversight Committee Purpose:**

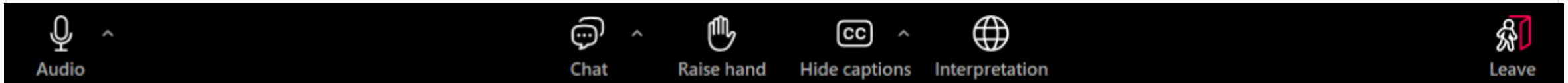
High-level review and assessment of the implementation of the Safe, Clean Water Program to help ensure that Program Purposes and Goals are met.

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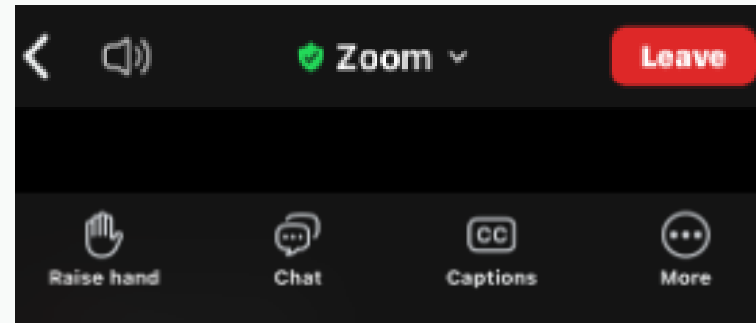


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Member	Expertise	Affiliation
Diana Tang, Chair	Water Quality	City of Long Beach
Maria Mehranian, Vice Chair	Water Quality, Water Supply	Cordoba and Former LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Chair
Belinda Faustinos	Community Investment Benefits,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

Agenda Review & Meeting Purpose

Meeting Purpose:

- ROC to discuss the working draft 2025 Biennial Progress Report developed by the Biennial Progress Report Working Group with support from PW staff.
- ROC to receive general overview of public comments received on the draft Initial Watershed Plans, understand how comments may be addressed in the final Initial Watershed Plans, and consider any additional recommendations regarding the Watershed Plans that may be made in the 2025 Biennial Progress Report.

Agenda Review:

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review and Meeting Purpose
4. *Ex Parte* Communication Disclosures
5. Approval of September 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes
6. Program Administration Updates
7. Public Comment Period
8. Discussion Items:
 1. Biennial Report Session 3 – Discussion on Working Draft Report & Recommendations
 2. Review of Watershed Planning Comments Received
9. ROC Member Updates
10. Items for Next Agenda / 2025 Look Ahead
11. Meeting Adjourned (2025 Scientific Studies Symposium (Replaces the November ROC meeting))



AGENDA ITEM #6

Program Administration Updates

**SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
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Agenda Item 8a

Biennial Report Session 3 - Discussion on Draft Report



What We're Covering Today

Discussion of SCW Program 2026 Biennial Progress Report

- ROC Role & Purpose of Biennial Progress Report
- Timeline for Developing 2026 Biennial
- Recap of Data Informing the 2026 Biennial
- Tiers / Authority of Recommendations
- Top Recommendations

Role of the Regional Oversight Committee & 2026 Biennial Progress Report

Primary Responsibilities:

- High-level review and assessment of the implementation of the Safe, Clean Water Program to help ensure that Program Purposes and Goals are met.
- **Prepare and submit the Biennial Progress Report to the Board.**



Safe, Clean Water Program
Regional Oversight Committee
Charter & Operating Guidelines

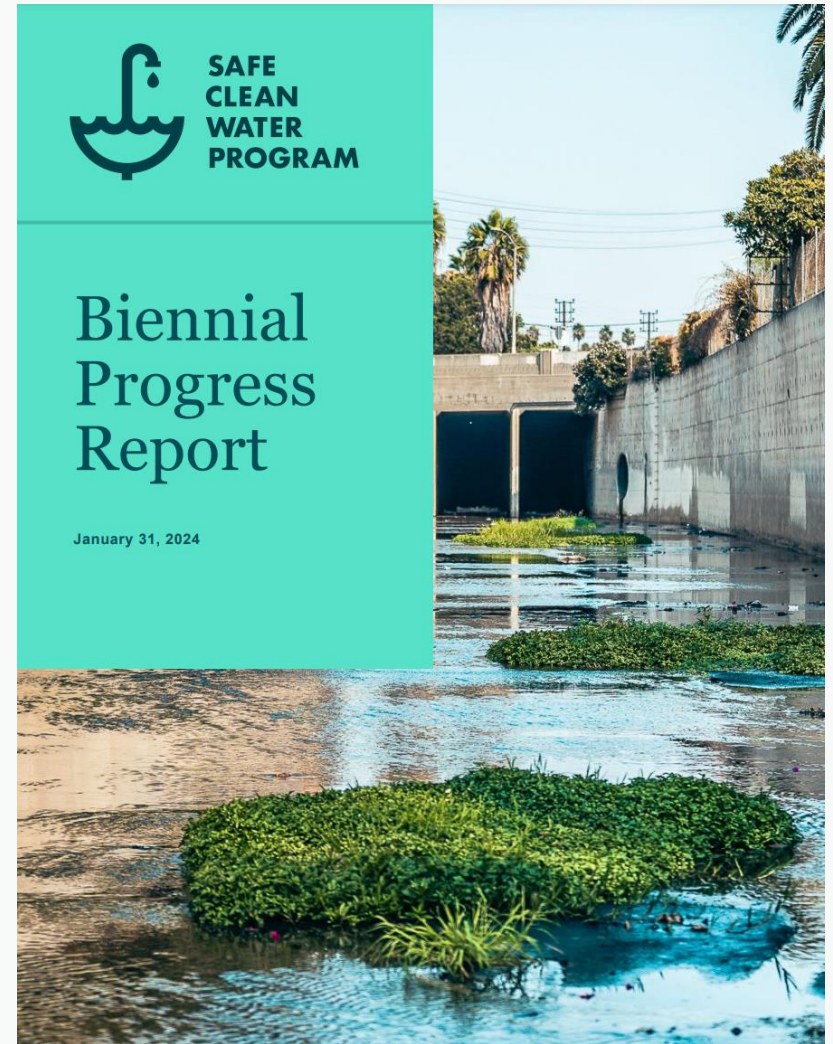


Chief Engineer of the
Los Angeles County Flood Control District

August 29, 2024
Date Adopted

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.*



Data & Information Included in the 2026 Biennial Progress Report



Reported Data – FY2020-21 to FY2023-24 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024)

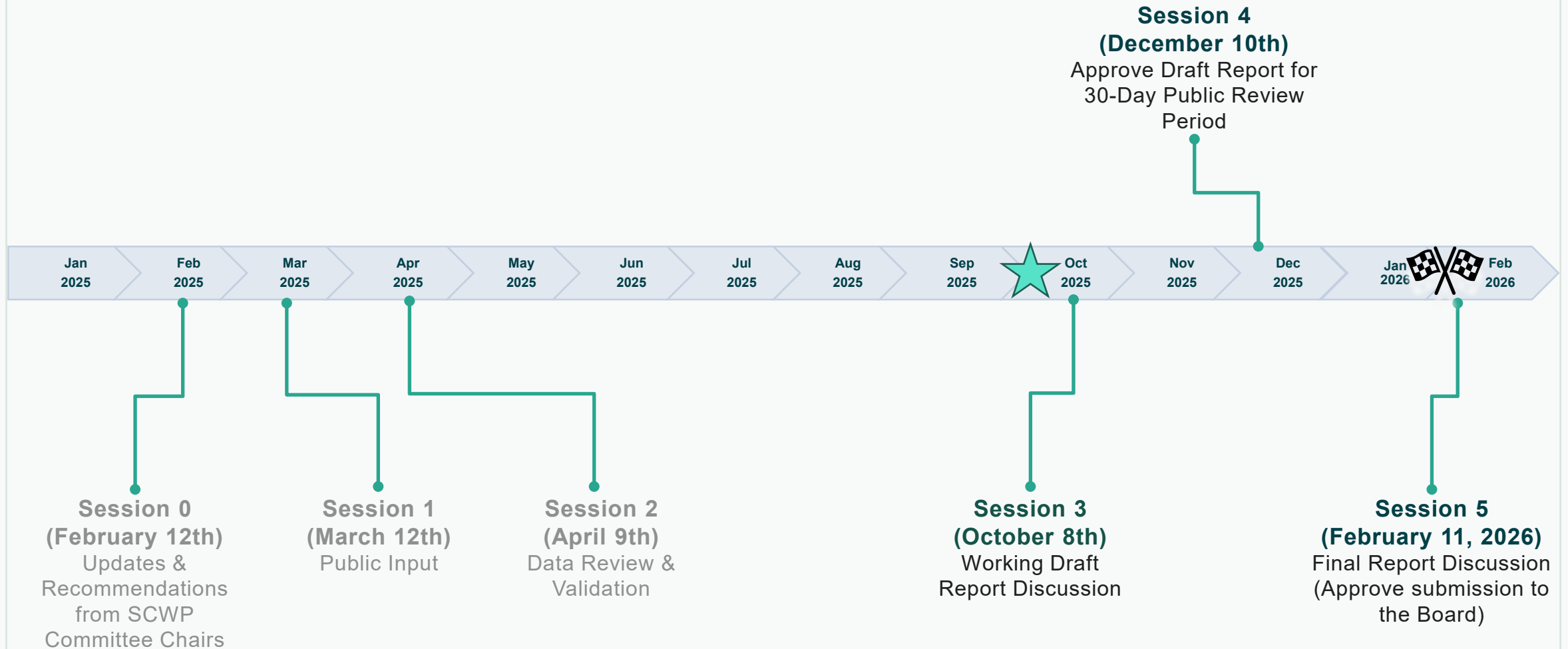
- Reviews and evaluates the first four complete fiscal years of SCWP data, building on the 2024 Biennial Report with last two complete fiscal years of reported data.



Adaptive Management – To Date

- Reflects on and considers all efforts and adaptive management actions undertaken, with emphasis on most recent activities.

SCW Program 2026 Biennial Progress Report – Overall Timeline



SCW Program 2026 Biennial Progress Report – Key ROC Touchpoints

May 2024

- 1st Strategic Planning Session with Director

June 2024

- 2nd Strategic Planning Session with Director

October 2024

- Review Municipal Program Reporting

November 2024

- Review Regional Program Reporting

February 2025

- Adaptive Management Update
- Biennial Report Session 0 – SCWP Committees Updates

March 2025

- Biennial Report Session 1 – Public Input

April 2025

- Biennial Report Session 2 – Data Review & Validation

May 2025

- Watershed Coordinator Update + Biennial Report Input

June 2025

- Update on Adaptive Management Board Motion Items

August 2025

- Initial Watershed Plans Preview
- SCWP Education Programs Update

September 2025

- Discussion of Initial Watershed Plans

October 8, 2025

- Biennial Report Session 3 – Initial Draft Report Discussion

December 10, 2025

- Biennial Report Session 4 – Approve Draft Report & Open 30-Day Public Comment Period

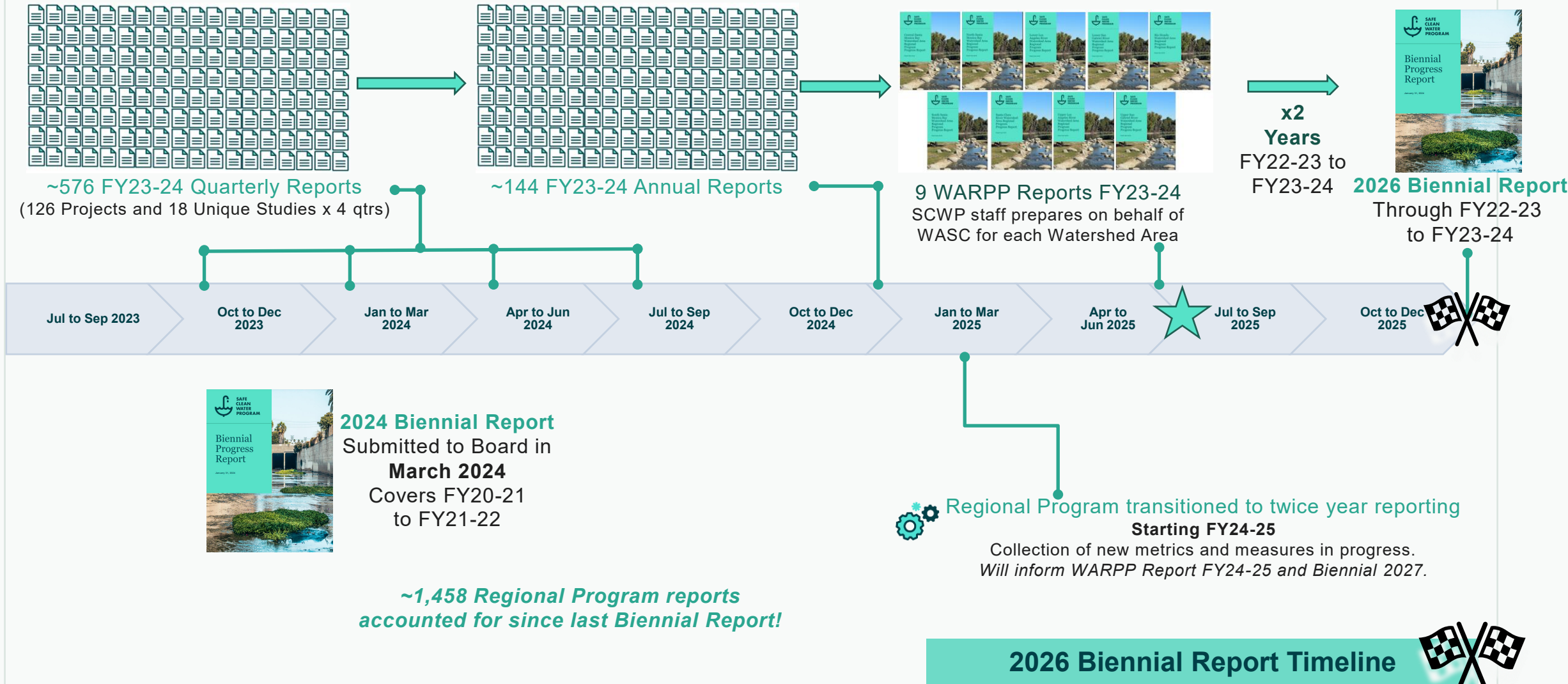
February 11, 2026

- Biennial Report Session 5 – Approve Final Report to Submit to Board of Supervisors

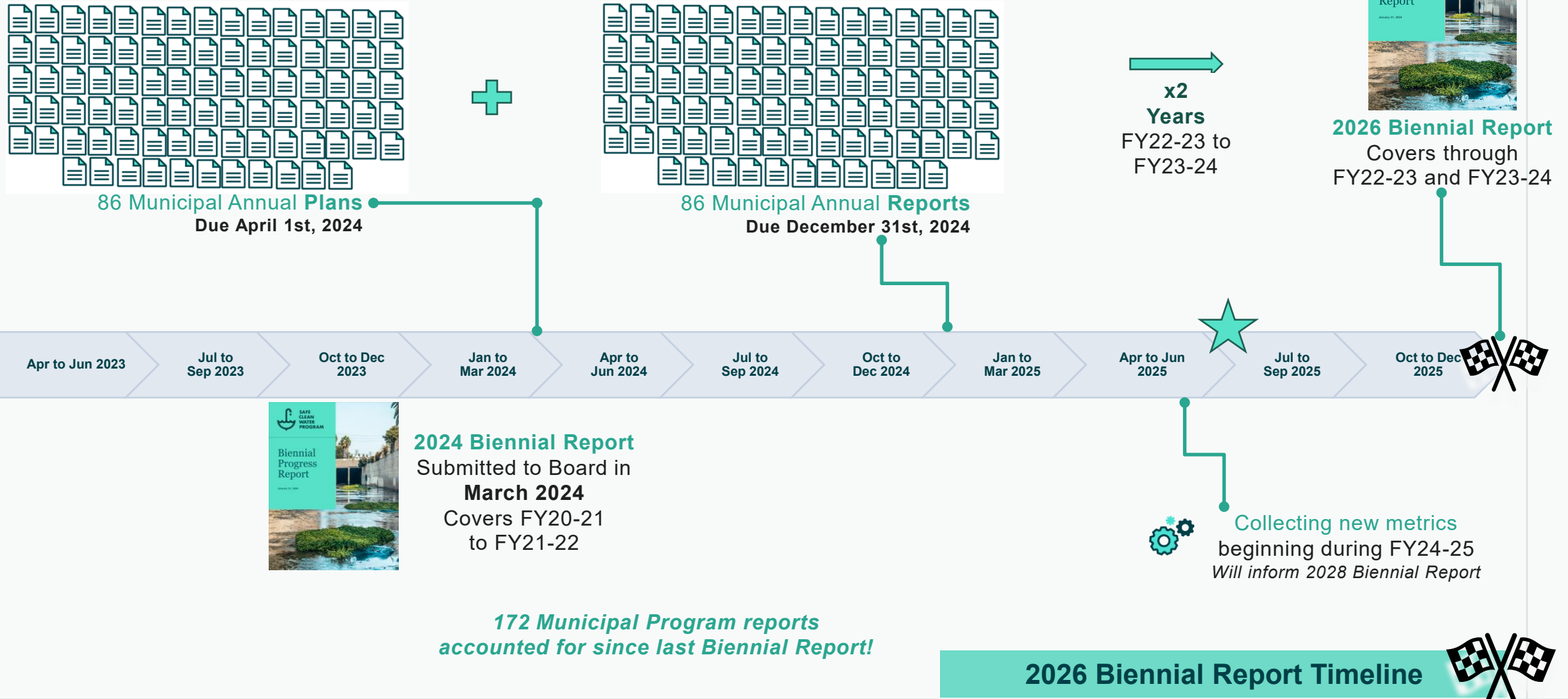
Biennial Working Group Meetings

May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep (x2), Oct (x2), Nov

SCWP Regional Program Reporting Informing 2026 Biennial Report (FY23-24 Shown)



SCWP Municipal Program Reporting Informing 2026 Biennial Timeline (FY23-24 Shown)

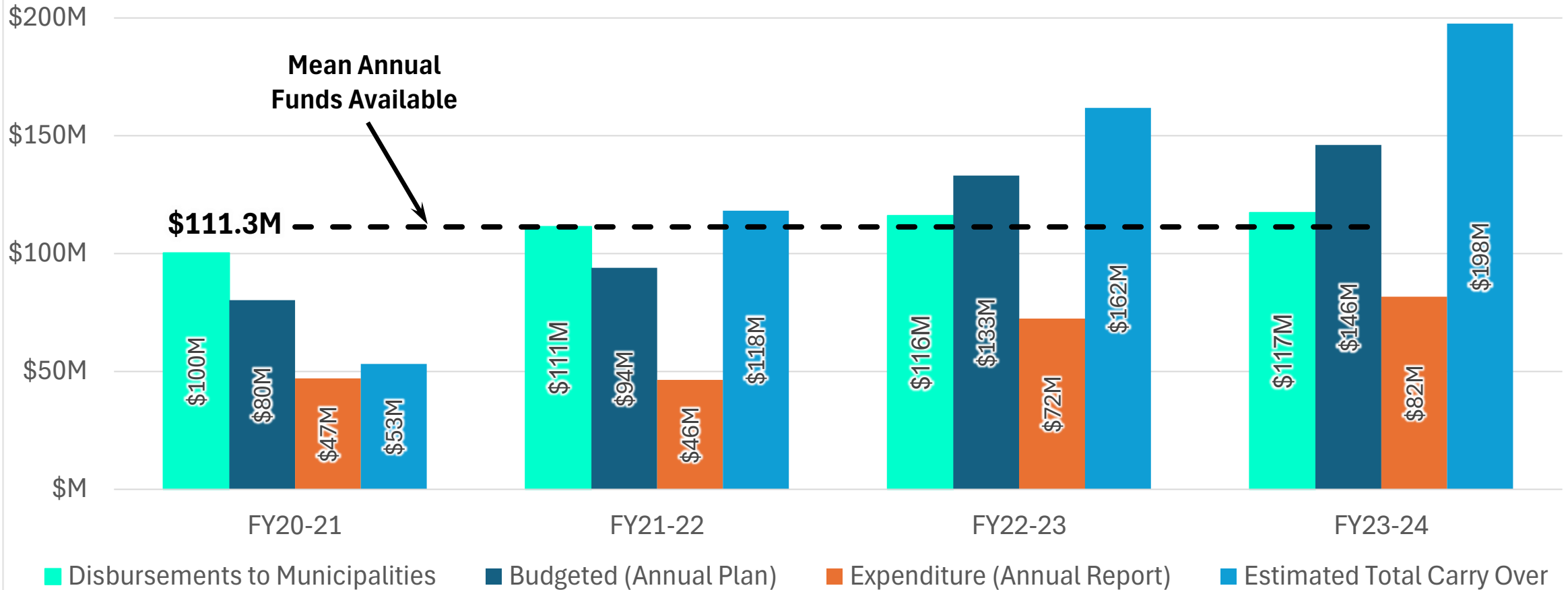


SCWP District Program Administration & Implementation

- Facilitate the Regional Oversight Committee
- Oversee the Scoring Committee and nine Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs)—including formation, management, and facilitation
 - Support over **171** committee members, **12** Watershed Coordinators across the region
 - Facilitate approximately **80** public governance meetings annually
- Manage Technical Assistance Teams for Project concept development
- Oversee tax collection, tax relief programs, and fund disbursements for both the Regional and Municipal Programs

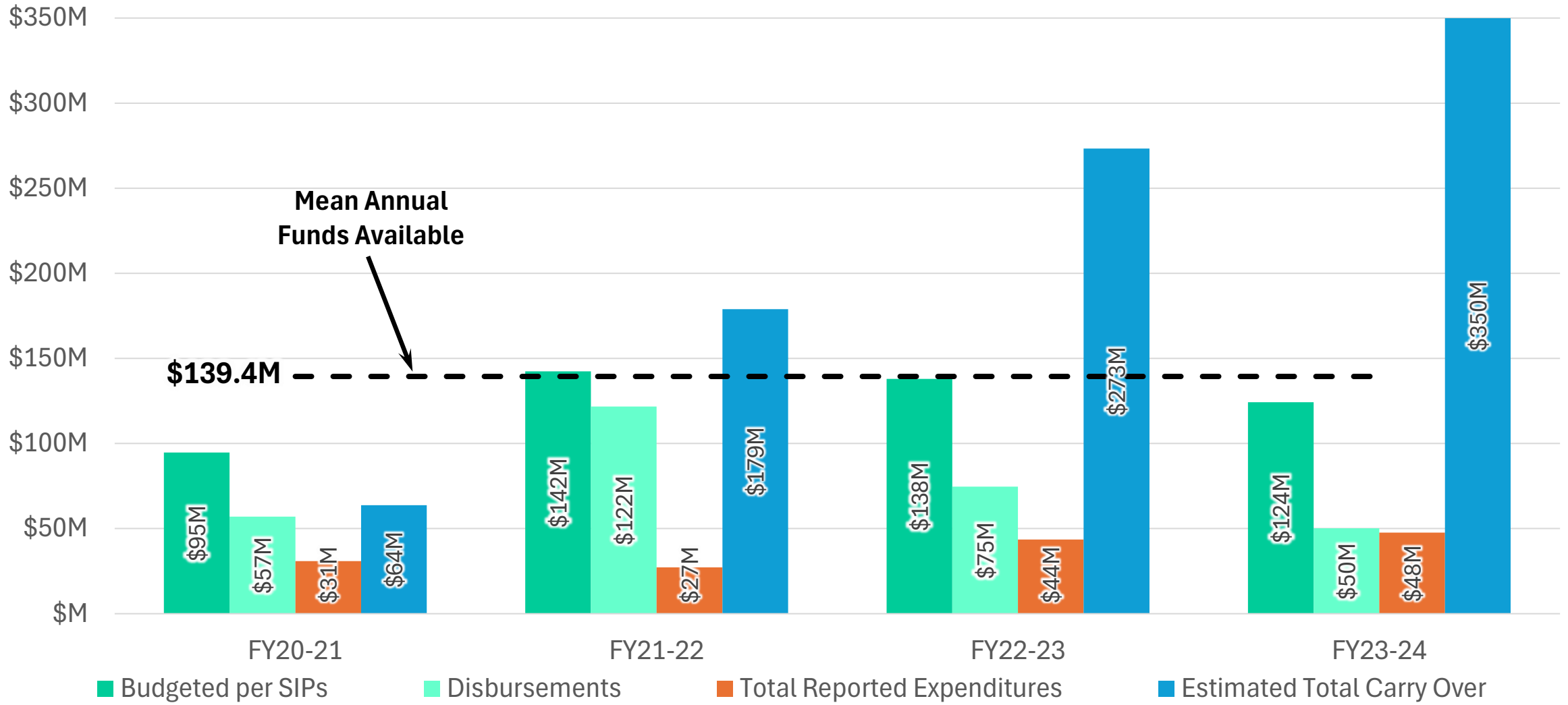


Municipal Program Funds Summary up to FY23-24 (6/30/24)



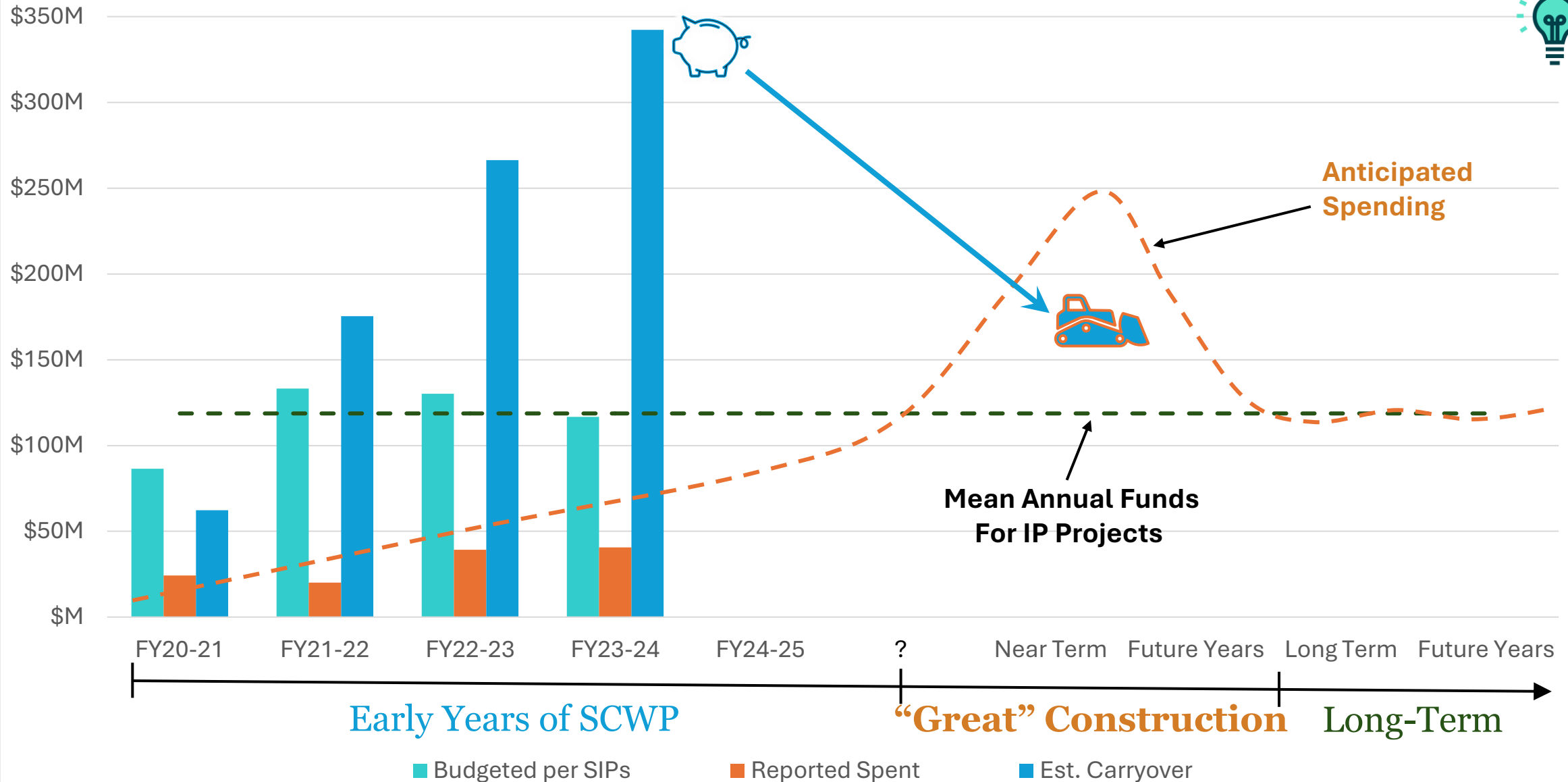
- **\$52.3M (21%) of Municipal expenditures towards 29 Regional IP Projects**
 - **April 1** – Annual Plan due for upcoming FY (*includes proposed budget*)
 - **December 31** – Annual Report due for prior FY (*includes actual expenditures and progress*)

Regional Program Funds Summary up to FY23-24 (6/30/24)



Note: Assumes full Technical Resources Program Concepts and Watershed Coordinator expenditures unless funds returned from closed out contracts managed by SCWP staff.

Anticipated Future “Periods” of SCWP Regional Program – Infrastructure Program Projects



Tiers of Implementation / Authority for Recommendations

Authority	Mechanism for Recommendation to be Implemented
Tier 1 (SCWP Staff)	• Regional Program Application Portal • Supplementary data, plans, and tools • Supplementary guidance documents • Regional and Municipal Program Reporting Module
Tier 2 (District Chief Engineer or Designee)	• Operating Guidelines • Feasibility Study Guidelines and Scoring Criteria
Tier 3 (Board of Supervisors)	• Funds Transfer Agreement Provisions • Entering into Agreements / Contracts • Ordinance Revisions within authority of County Supervisors
Tier 4 (Legislation or Voters)	• Ordinance Revisions requiring vote and/or legislation

Recommendations – Top Priorities (Slide 1 of 6)

1. Watershed Plans: Guiding Strategic Investments (Tier 1)

Recommendation: Integrate Initial Watershed Plans to guide strategic investments to achieve greatest impact.

2. Financial Forecasting, Funding Reserves & Leveraged Funding (Tier 1)

Recommendations: In time for the July 2027 Call for Projects, complete the following:

- a. Set standard and transparent methods for financial forecasting
- b. Set standard/minimum contingencies
- c. Further assess financial instruments/bonds (including outside grant opportunities)
- d. Regional Program – Set interim funding cap of 80% for future years in the annual SIPs, and revisit cap annually for each WASC, based on the best available financial forecasts
- e. Regional Program – Each SIP must include not less than 25% leveraged funding
- f. Municipal Program – Evaluate fund accumulation and carryover policies

Recommendations – Top Priorities (Slide 2 of 6)

3. Monitoring Improvements & Greater Integration (Post-Construction and Integration with Regional Monitoring) (Tier 1)

Recommendations:

- a. Release Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance in Summer 2026
- b. Link Post-Construction Monitoring to existing processes and Watershed Planning in time for the July 2027 Call for Projects
- c. Coordinate with Regional Board to align water quality monitoring conducted through Municipal and Regional Program elements such as reporting, and report back to ROC in 2026
- d. Coordinate with County Departments and other agencies on monitoring programs and metrics, and report back to ROC in 2026
- e. Integrate metrics/monitoring into planning and reporting in time for the July 2027 Call for Projects

Recommendations – Top Priorities (Slide 3 of 6)

4. Increased Opportunities for Access & Participation (Tier 1)

Recommendation: Assess how a continuum of support can be provided to help all applicants access the Program.

5. Nature-based Solutions (NbS) (Tier 2)

Recommendation: Incorporate NbS definitions, standards, and performance measures into the SCW Program, using Blue-Ribbon Panel findings as a resource, and report back to the ROC during 2026.

- Continue convening NbS Task Force in 2026-27
- Develop performance measures with NbS Task Force
- Incorporate definitions, and, when available, newly developed metrics into:
 - Program Guidance documents
 - Feasibility Study Guidelines / Scoring Revisions
 - Reporting Module (as updated – all by 2027)

Note: All above recommendations are contingent on the timing and completion of NbS performance measures.

6. Refine Scoring (Tier 2)

Recommendation: Once Initial Watershed Plans are finalized, revisit and refine Regional Program scoring in 2026, in time for use during the July 2027 Call for Projects.

Recommendations – Top Priorities (Slide 4 of 6)

7. SCWP Governance Committee Appointments & Attendance (Tier 2, 3)

Recommendation: Expedite filling of vacancies for members/alternates and enforce maximum allowable absences. For establishing WASC quorum, lower the number of representatives from each category required – from 2 to 1 per category.

8. Municipal Staffing Challenges (Tier 3)

Recommendation: Increase capacity of Public Works staff to support municipalities and enhance services for SCW Program project development, with goal of having cities achieve a 100% timely performance of Municipal Program transfer agreements, annual plans, and reports.

9. Increased Transparency in Municipal Program Expenditure & Activities (Tier 1,3)

Recommendation: Integrate additional metrics and criteria for reporting and communicating contributions towards SCW Program Goals and expenditures for the 2026 reporting cycle.

Note: This recommendation is aligned with and related to. Recommendation #3 - Monitoring Improvements & Greater Integration (Post-Construction and Integration with Regional Monitoring)

Recommendations – Top Priorities (Slide 5 of 6)

10. Growing Program, Growing Administrative Workload (Tier 1,2,3)

Recommendations:

- Provide additional staff/resources
- Identify further opportunities to reduce complexities and gain improved efficiencies (e.g., AI engines)

11. District Education Programs (Tier 1,2,3)

Recommendations:

- a. Review and extend Public Education & Community Engagement Grants program or other similar opportunities
- b. Develop and deliver training program for elected officials and agency staff about SCW Program, in collaboration with appropriate partners and/or programs
- c. Make additional investments in Workforce Programs during 2026 and report back to ROC by June 2026
- d. Make additional investments in K-12 Programs and report back to ROC by June 2026
 - i. Hire consultant to evaluate existing educational programs and develop curriculum elements
 - ii. Invest directly in established programs like Generation Earth

Recommendations – Top Priorities (Slide 6 of 6)

12. Scientific Studies (Tier 1,2)

Recommendations:

- a. Establish a clearinghouse for scientific study information
- b. Create a Scientific Advisory Committee to review and score new scientific study proposals and propose future research topics.

Recommendations – Current Committed Efforts to Continue

1. Unspent Funds Accounting & Reporting

Action: New requirements in annual reporting to further identify unspent funds, interest accrued, and reason for unspent funds, along with any remedial actions.

2. CIB Targets & Interdepartmental Coordination/Integration

Action:

- Public Works is reaching out to agencies related to CIB targets and metrics as part of IWP revisions.
- An interagency task force (via an existing platform or new) will be used for ongoing coordination and to support adaptive management of the SCW Program. Report back to ROC on status by August 2026.

Discussion



Agenda Item 8b

Review of Watershed Planning Comments Received



Public Comment Summary

- **Received over 30 submissions**
 - ROC and WASC Members
 - Watershed Coordinators
 - Town Councils, Municipalities, CBOs
 - County Departments
- Received over 300 individual comments
- General Comments received for all plans
- Specific Comments for Watershed Areas
- Planning themes most referenced:
 - Water Quality
 - Nature-Based Solutions
 - Water Supply



Key Themes from Public Comments

Positive Feedback

Editorial & Technical Revisions for Clarity / Consistency

Project Funding & Prioritization

Equity & Community Benefits

Metrics & Reporting

Nature-Based Solutions, Greening & Resilience

Process Improvements

Education & Outreach



“**Excellent job** of pulling overarching goals from various county plans (PNA+, County WaterPlan, etc.) and then allocating the percentage that should be accomplished by the SCWP as targets.”

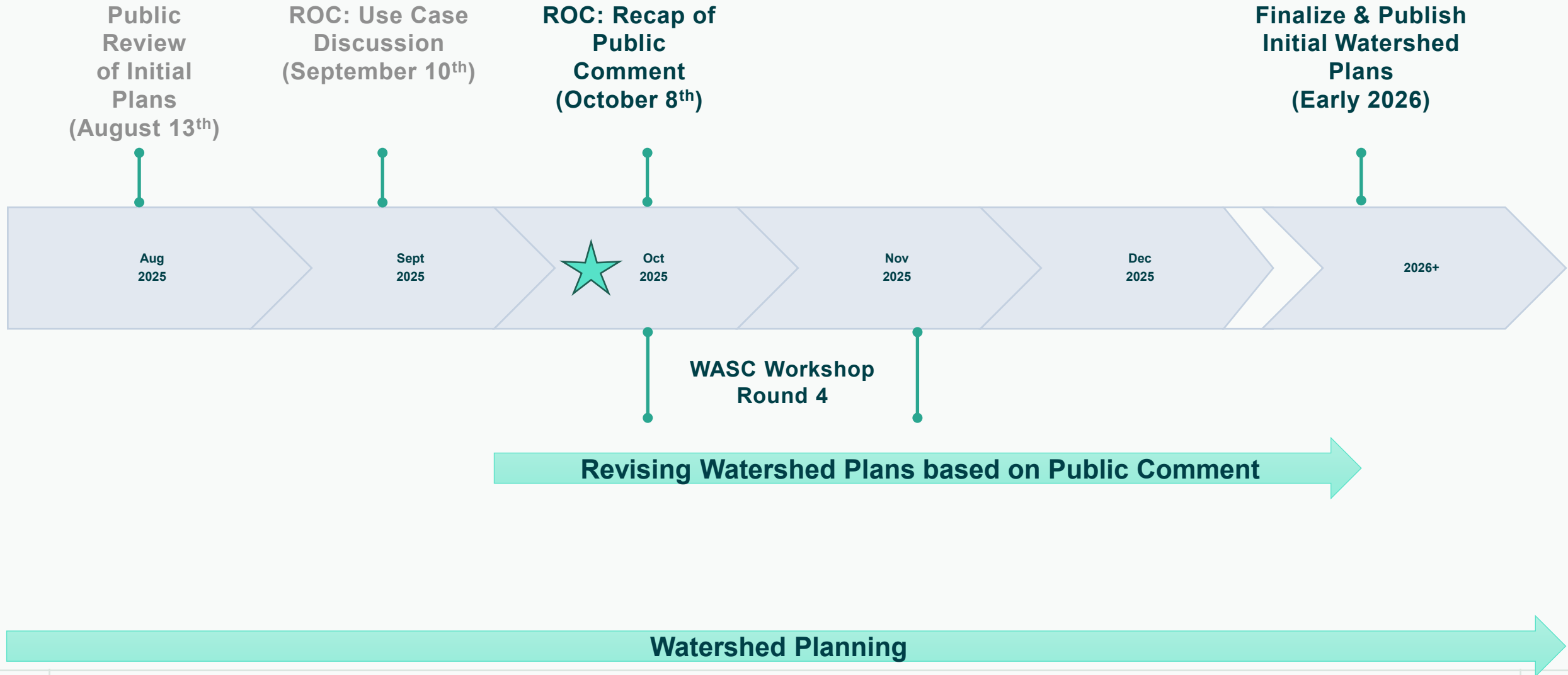
“...we commend the County for the **extensive effort** that went into preparing these plans and advancing water quality, equity, and community engagement.”

“The Initial L.A. County Watershed Planning document is beautiful and is **thoughtful** at integrating a variety of long-term concerns...”

“...the roll-out of the Draft Initial Watershed Plans and the new Planning Tool represent an historic milestone in the timeline of the Safe, Clean Water Program. We congratulate the Watershed Planning Section on completion of this **Herculean task** and appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.”

“I am **impressed** by the iterative planning process and this document. A lot of material was pulled together and synthesized, with the plan to continue to update it.”

SCW Program Watershed Planning Timeline



Discussion

ROC Look-Ahead 2025



November 12

- No official ROC meeting
- Replaced with public 2025 Scientific Studies Symposium

December 10

- **Biennial Report Session 4** – Approve Draft Report & Open 30-Day Public Comment Period
- Set Course for Adaptive Watershed Plans

January 14, 2026

- 2026 Look-Ahead
- Preview of Watershed Plans to be published

February 11, 2026

- **Biennial Report Session 5** – Approve Final Report to Submit to Board of Supervisors

Reoccurrence Second Wednesday

ROC Look-Ahead 2026 (TENTATIVE)



January 14, 2026

- 2026 Look-Ahead
- Preview of Watershed Plans to be published

February 11, 2026

- **Biennial Report Session 5** – Approve Final Report to Submit to Board of Supervisors
- Workforce / DEO update

March 11, 2026

- Tentative: Municipal Program Update

April 8, 2026

- Tentative: Spring Break / Recess

May 13, 2026

- Review & Approve FY26-27 SIPs

June 10, 2026

- Review & Approve FY26-27 SIPs (Continued)

July 8, 2026

- Review & Approve FY26-27 SIPs (If Needed)
- Chairs Selection

August 12, 2026

- Tentative: Summer Break / Recess

September 9, 2026

- TBD

October 14, 2026

- TBD

November 11, 2026

- 2026 Scientific Studies Symposium (TBD)

December 9, 2026

- TBD

Recurrence Second Wednesday

Note: Based on final 2026 Biennial Progress Report recommendations, priority topics will be added to future ROC Meetings as needed.

Thank you

QUESTIONS?

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Executive Clerk

Los Angeles County Public Works
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SCWP ROC ExecClerk@pw.lacounty.gov

Safe Clean Water LA - LA County's Safe Clean Water Program Website
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