



SAFE CLEAN
WATER PROGRAM

SIP Programming

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2026



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 26-27) Regional Program Budget	(FY 27-28) Projection	(FY 28-29) Projection	(FY 29-30) Projection	(FY 30-31) Projection
Infrastructure Program (not less than 85%)					
Project 1					
Project 2					
Project 3					
Project 4					
Project 5					
Scientific Studies (up to 5%)					
Scientific Study 1					
Scientific Study 2					
Technical Resources Program (up to 10%)					
Project Concept 1					
Project Concept 2					
Project Concept 3					
Watershed Coordinator					
Grand Total					

Reserving Funds

The SIP projection for the subsequent four years remains fluid because:

- The actual revenue for subsequent years is unknown and subject to change each year due to exemptions, credits, and appeals
- Other Infrastructure Projects, Scientific Studies, or Project Concepts may be submitted, including Projects that have advanced through the TRP
- Economic fluctuations may escalate estimated costs
- Contingencies for programmed projects may be required and/or changed
- Project Modification Requests with additional funding asks may be submitted

	Budget	Projections			
	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30
A.1 Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Collected	\$17.1M	\$17.1M	\$17.1M	\$17.1M	\$17.1M
A.2 Carryover from Previous SIP	\$3.5M	\$1.4M	\$4.5M	\$17.8M	\$32.2M
A.3. Removed Projects and Unused TRP Funds ⓘ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
A. Anticipated Regional Program Funds Available (A.1 + A.2 + A.3) ⓘ	\$20.5M	\$18.5M	\$21.6M	\$34.9M	\$49.3M
B.1 Total Allocated in Previous SIP(s)	\$17.3M	\$13.9M	\$3.7M	\$2.7M	\$400k
B.2 Total Recommendation in Current SIP	\$1.8M	\$116k	\$0	\$0	\$0
B. Total Allocated and Recommendation in SIP (B.1 +B.2) ⓘ	\$19.1M	\$14M	\$3.7M	\$2.7M	\$400k
C. Carryover in Current SIP (A - B)	\$1.4M	\$4.5M	\$17.8M	\$32.2M	\$48.9M
D. Percent Allocated (B / A) ⓘ	93%	76%	17%	8%	1%

To mitigate these uncertainties, the ROC recommended in 2026 SCW Program Biennial Progress Report to reserve 20% of projected future funding to provide flexibility and prioritize project completion.

Guidance for WASCs



1. Evaluate the uncertainty about potential future needs of projects (not just requested funding) when deliberating new requests



2. Consider reserving funding for future flexibility

3. Support project completion by prioritizing funding projects in final stages



4. Encourage or require developers to pursue leveraged funding



5. Carefully review reporting and request updates from Project Developers on progress, expenditures, and anticipated costs for future phases

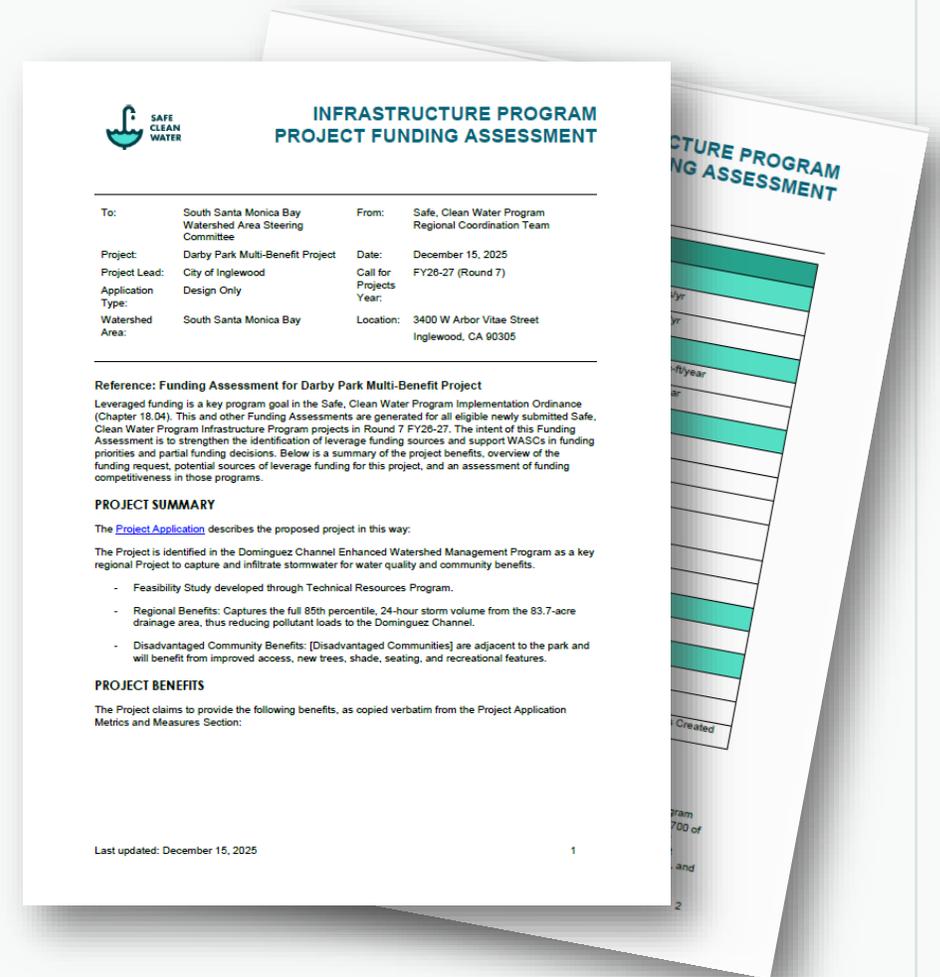


6. Recall and consider using the WASC's authority to recommend defunding projects that are at-risk or lagging in-favor of projects that can succeed with additional investments

This could be a pause for one Program Year (redistributing funds across years without changing the total ask), or a recommendation to no longer support a project with Regional Program Funds

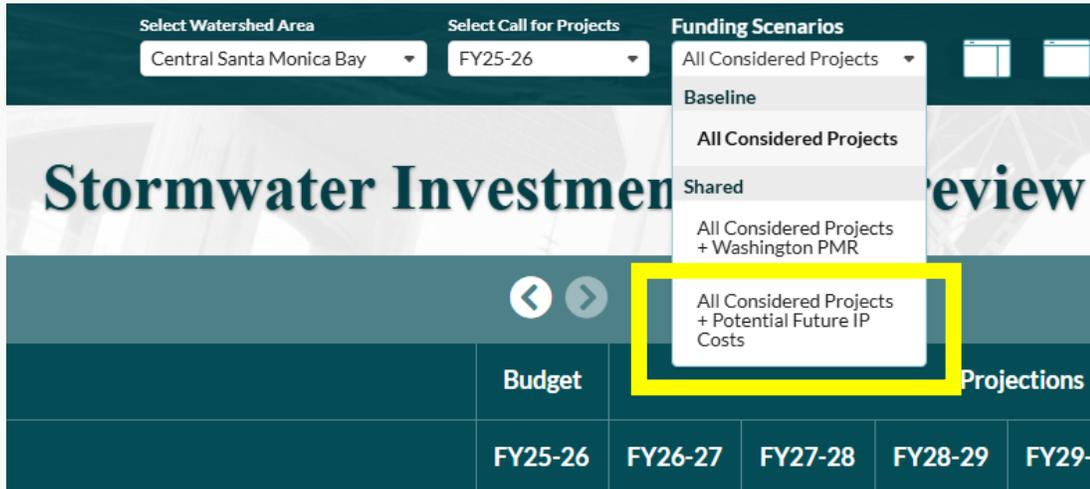
Leveraging Funds

- The SCW Program Goals emphasize the need to leverage other funding sources to **maximize the impact** of the SCW Program
- WASCs must delineate between the projects that will proceed to (or continue with) construction and/or O&M phases via SCWP funds and which will need to **rely on leveraged funds**.
- SCWP leverage funding resources:
 - Watershed Coordinators – Technical Assistance
 - Regional Coordination – IP Funding Assessments
 - Regional Coordination – Quarterly Funding Memos and Funding Database



SIP Tool Integration

Similar to previous years, the SIP Planning Tool has a long-term planning scenario to help WASCs consider the needs of possible returning projects.



Stormwater Investment Review

Select Watershed Area: Central Santa Monica Bay

Select Call for Projects: FY25-26

Funding Scenarios:

- All Considered Projects
- Baseline
- All Considered Projects
- Shared
- All Considered Projects + Washington PMR
- All Considered Projects + Potential Future IP Costs

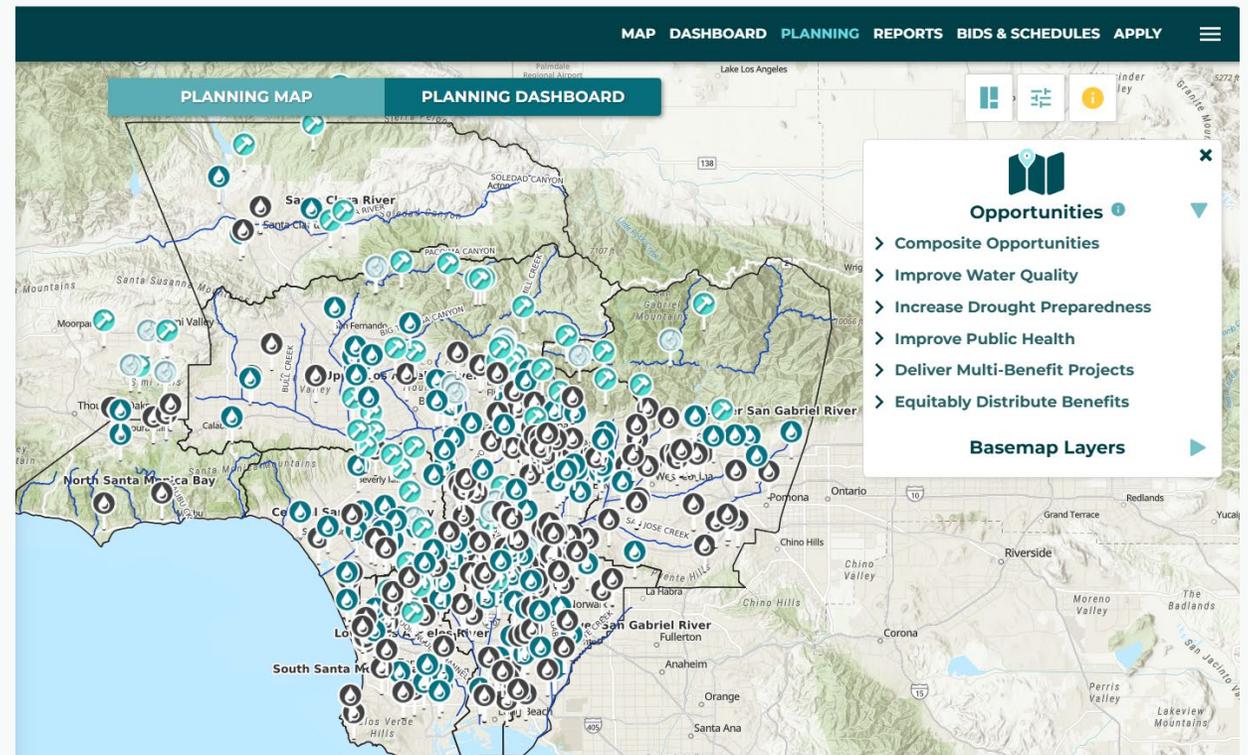
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- Potential future scenarios include possible costs such as estimated construction, O&M, and inflation costs for long term planning consideration
- Long-term planning scenarios assumes 50% cost share for estimated IP construction costs

Watershed Planning Tool Integration

The [Watershed Planning Tool](#) is an additional interactive tool that WASCs can use this year.

- Communicates progress toward SCW Program Goals
- Visually demonstrates how submitted projects benefits are predicted to contribute toward Program Targets
- Highlights strategies and opportunity areas to support achievement of goals



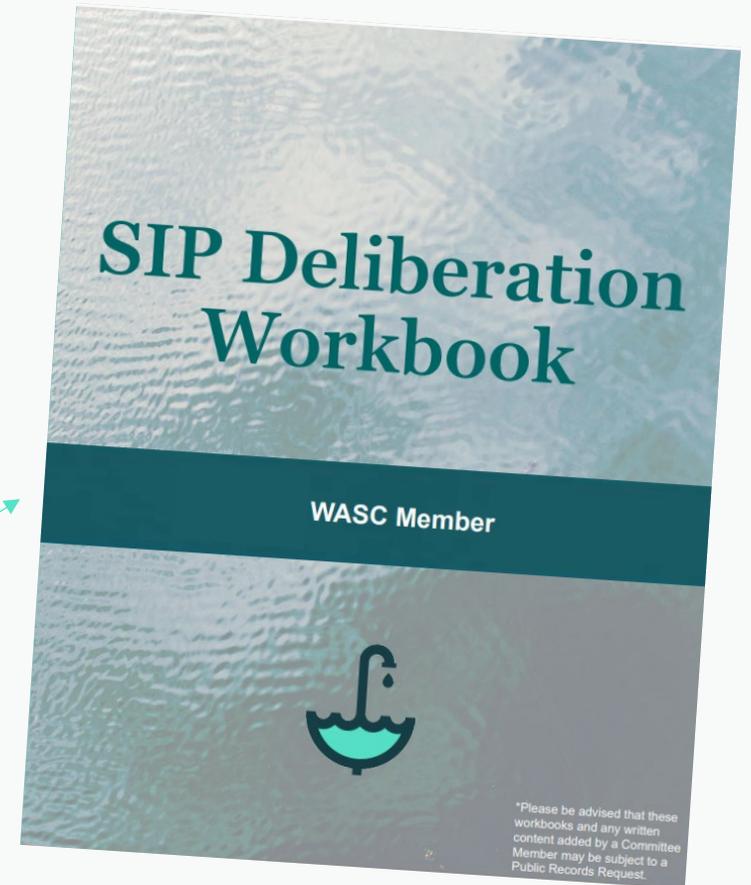
FY26-27 SIP

Preparation for SIP Deliberation

The WASC has a variety of tools and resources available to assist with SIP deliberations including: [SIP Tool](#), meeting minutes, presentation slides, applications, SS peer review summaries, PMRs, and more

In advance of SIP Deliberations:

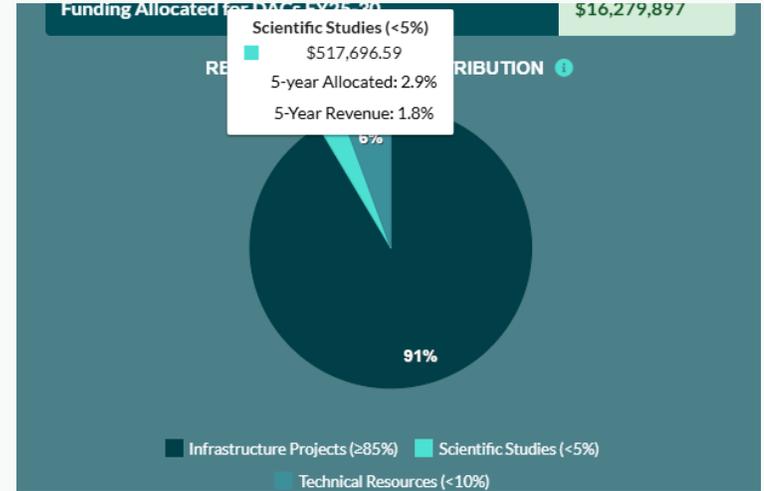
- A Summary of Resources document is posted on the WASC events webpage and shared with the WASC
 - ***Presentations and resources have been printed and compiled in SIP deliberation workbooks***
- When applicable, WASC members are asked to rank project submissions and PMRs
- Applicants, PMR, and continuing Project Developers are invited to answer questions, as needed



FY26-27 SIP Requirements

Percent allocations for each project type are evaluated over a rolling 5-yr period each year.

- At least 85% for IPs (based on total **funding allocated** over 5-year period)
- No more than 10% for TRPs (based on annual **revenue generated** by Watershed Area over 5-year period)
- No more than 5% for SS (based on annual **revenue generated** by Watershed Area over 5-year period)



Required Disadvantaged Community Ratio

- At least 110% of the ratio of the disadvantaged community population to the total population in each Watershed Area
- WASCs can determine disadvantaged community benefits on a project-by-project basis

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY (DAC) ALLOCATION	
Required DAC Ratio	30%
Required Funding for DACs FY25-30 (110%)	\$15,082,526
Funding Allocated for DACs FY25-30	\$17,037,385

FY26-27 SIP

Outcome of SIP Deliberation

Based on all information available, WASC priorities, and funding availability, the WASC has the discretion to:

1. Program newly submitted projects, concepts, and studies
2. Program some or no additional funding requests per PMR
3. Reallocate annual funding projections
4. Remove projects from the SIP that do not meet SCWP goals

FY26-27 SIP

All SIPs, once approved by the WASCs, are reviewed by the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) for achievement of program goals. The ROC can elect to return a SIP with comments to a WASC for further deliberation, or the ROC can deliver the SIPs to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for action.

Thank you

QUESTIONS?

Contact

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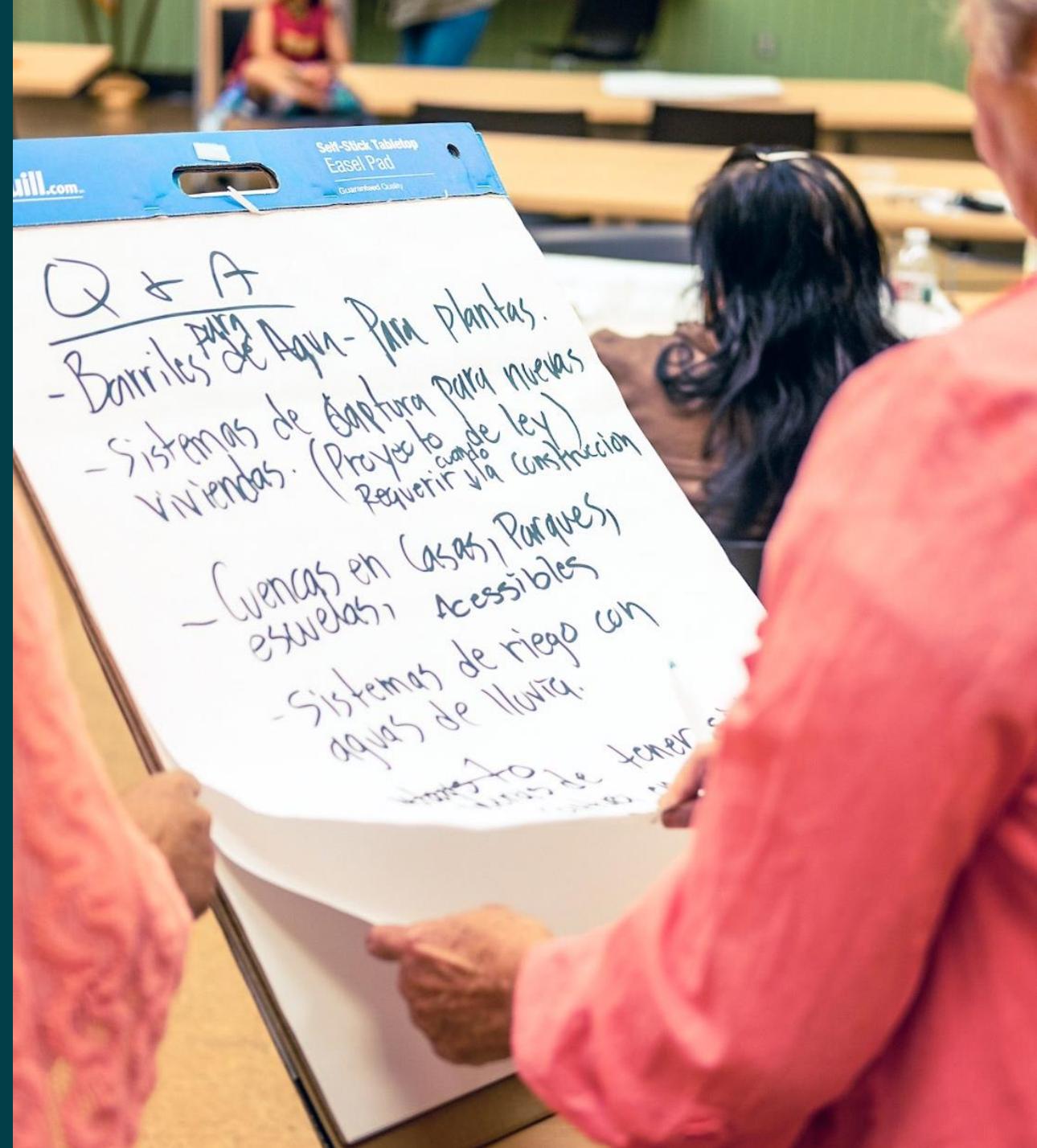
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Assessing Disadvantaged Community Benefits and Community Support for FY26-27 Project Applications

Upper San Gabriel River WASC



Purpose

- Inform WASC decision-making regarding direct benefits to disadvantaged communities
- Describe the community outreach and engagement conducted by applicants
- Review community strengths and needs assessment and documented community support relevant to proposals



Program Definitions

“**Disadvantaged Community**” means a census block group that has an annual median household income of < 80% of the Statewide annual median household income.

- **‘Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Benefit’** means a Water Quality Benefit, Water Supply Benefit, and/or Community Investment Benefit located in a DAC or providing benefits directly to a DAC population.” (*Section 16.03(I)*)
- **SCWP Disadvantaged Community Benefit Policy:** Provide Disadvantaged Community Benefits that are $\geq 110\%$ of the ratio of the disadvantaged community population to the total population in the Watershed Area. (*Section 18.04 (J)*)

Direct Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities

Whether a Project provides a “direct benefit” to disadvantaged communities will be a **decision made by WASCs on a project-by-project basis**, considering:

- The priorities and concerns of the community
- The goals of the SCW Program
- The benefits provided to the community by each project
- The area within which those benefits will be felt

Projects provide a Disadvantaged Community Benefit if:

Any part of the project is located within a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community.

OR

The project is **not located** within a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community **BUT it provides a “direct benefit”** to a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community.

How can you as a WASC validate direct benefits?

Hearing from community members is the best way to validate a direct benefit.

Other Possible Considerations:

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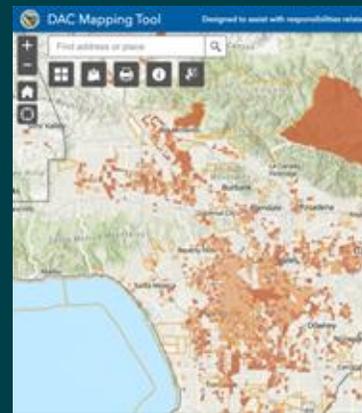


Some projects are near disadvantaged block groups.

External Datasets:



Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) (Dashboard)



Other Census data (DWR DAC Mapping Tool)



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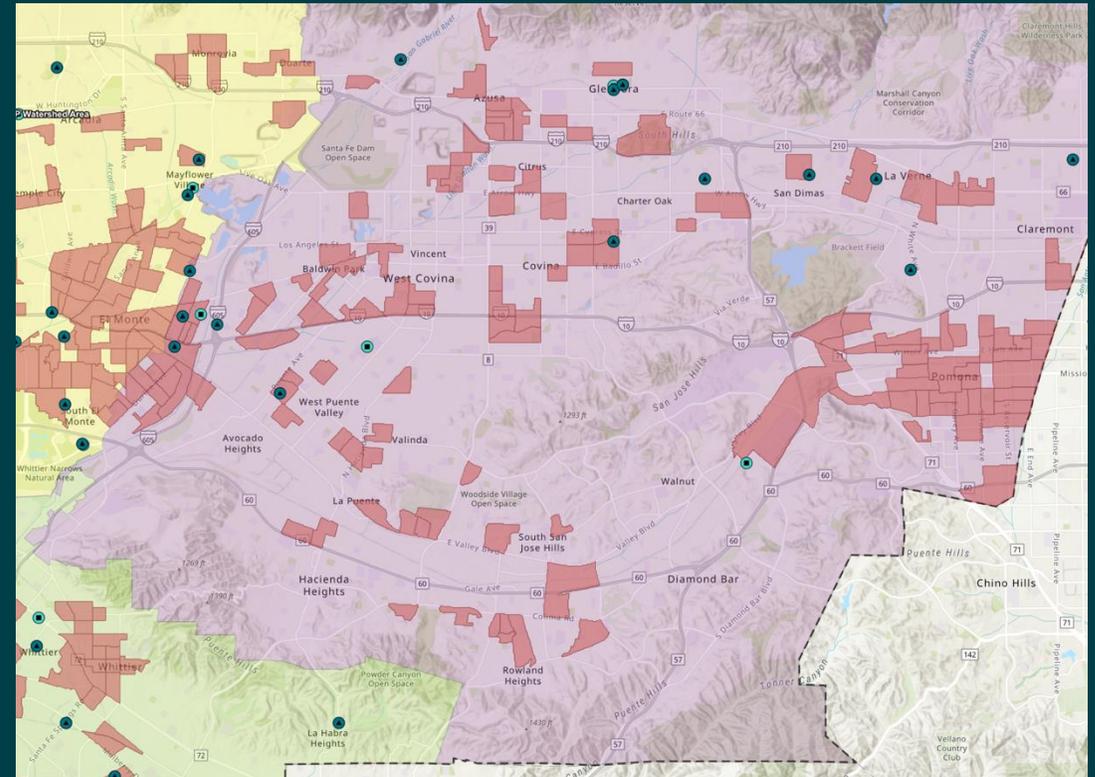


LA County RPOSD Park Needs Assessment

Awarded Projects to Date in the USGR

110% disadvantaged community investment requirement met and exceeded.

	Within a disadvantaged community block group	Not within block group and no benefit	Not within block group but does benefit
IP	7	6	1
TRP	3	1	-



Disadvantaged community designations for funded projects are included on the [SIP tool](#).

Disadvantaged community census block groups (2020)

FY26-27 Projects Under Consideration

FY26-27 Projects Under Consideration

	Within a DAC block group	Not within block group and no benefit	Not within block group but does benefit
5 IP	Garvey Ave Grade Separation Drainage Improvement O&M	ESGVWVG Drywells Project	Arrow Highway Beautification and Stormwater Capture Project
			Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project
			San Jose Creek Greenway Project
2 TRP			Royal Oak Middle School Greening and Forestry Plan
			Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies

Project Overview

Lead: City of Irwindale

Funding Requested: \$1,724,000

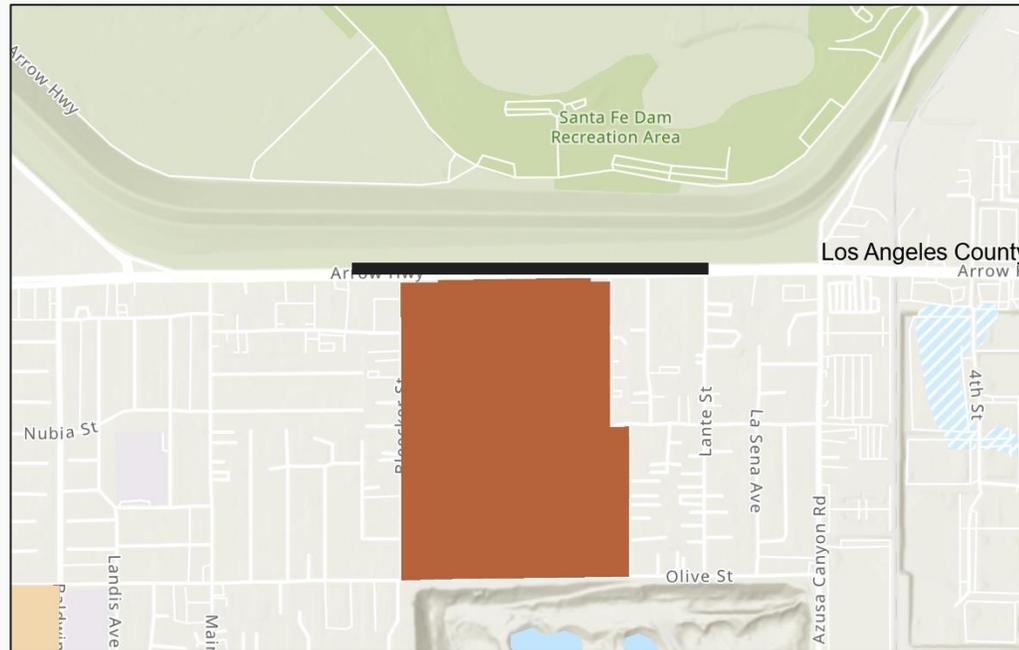
Timeline/Current Phase: Design

Community Engagement and Support

5 letters of support (Chamber of Commerce, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, ActiveSGV, Athens Services); 3 Outreach booths at community events; feedback via survey and conversations; detailed future outreach and engagement plan.

Level of Achievement For Community Engagement stated by proponent: **Better**
Activities conducted under the *Better* category include *Involving, educating, and learning* from the public at community events. Education materials to educate the public; a survey to gather input; and residents were involved through concept designs
(See 2025 Interim Guidance “Expectations for Community Engagement by Project Phase.”)

Disadvantaged Community Benefit Validation



Disadvantaged community census block groups (2020)

Does application claim benefits to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Located within 2020 disadvantaged community Census Block Group?	No (is on border)
Distance to nearest disadvantaged community	Across the Street
CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Score	83 percentile
Park Need	Border of Low & High

Community Priorities and Concerns

- Project application and design informed by:
 - Survey undertaken by applicant to identify community needs in the project area
 - Discussions with community members
 - Observations by proponents and Watershed Coordinator
 - Heavy use of area by residents for parking and walking to Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area

Project Overview

Lead: City of Pomona

Funding Requested: \$350,000

Timeline/Current Phase: Design

Community Engagement and Support

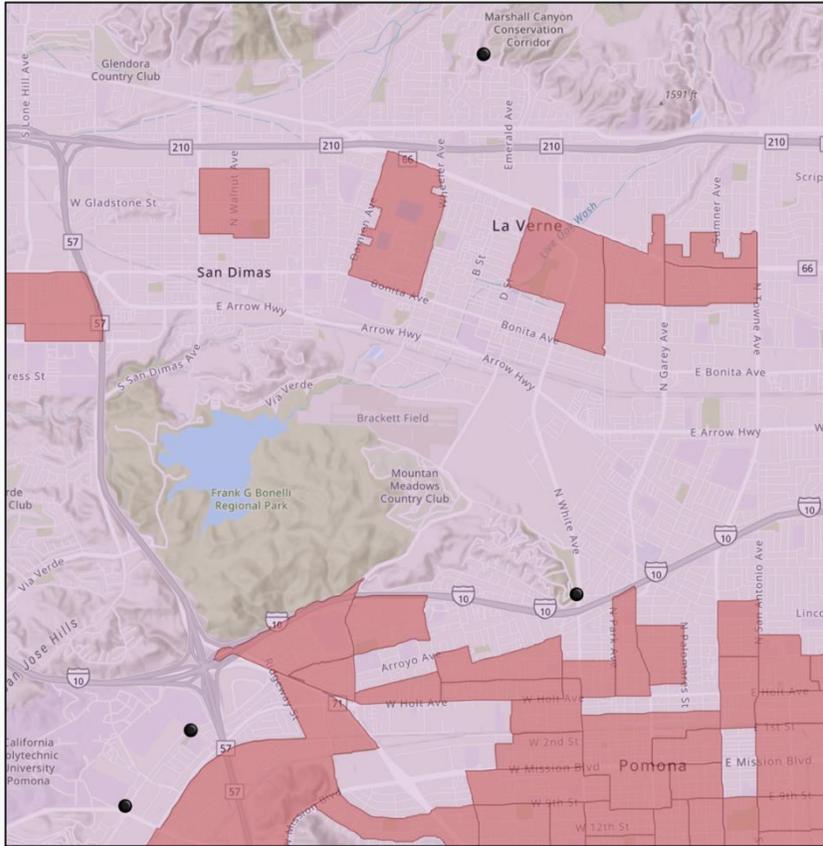
Meeting with Pomona USD and Letter of support from PUSD. Plans included for future engagement, including public meetings, mailers, posts, digital media, and engagement with elected officials.

Level of Achievement For Community Engagement: **Good**

Activities conducted under the *Good* category include informing and consulting with Pomona USD and receiving support. Future engagement efforts fall within *Better* category, including educating residents and learning from community.

(See 2025 Interim Guidance “*Expectations for Community Engagement by Project Phase.*”)

Disadvantaged Community Benefit Validation



Disadvantaged community census block groups (2020)

Does application claim benefits to disadvantaged communities?	No
Located within 2020 disadvantaged community Census Block Group?	No
Distance to nearest disadvantaged community	<1 miles
CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Score	23, 79, & 90 percentile
Park Need	Low to Moderate

Community Priorities and Concerns

- CSNA priorities in Pomona and La Verne

To the right, you'll see how community members prioritize the types of benefits the Safe, Clean Water Program can fund. The graphic uses a color gradient to represent different priority levels, with colors transitioning from low priority (light teal) to high priority (dark teal).



**Catch
Rainwater**

**Green
Spaces & Schools**

**Clean
Rivers & Ocean**

**Access
to Parks**

**Wildlife
Habitat**

**Shade
Trees**

**Reduce
Flooding**

**Education &
Stewardship**

**Jobs
& Training**

Project Overview

Lead: City of Pomona

Funding Requested: \$18,557,573

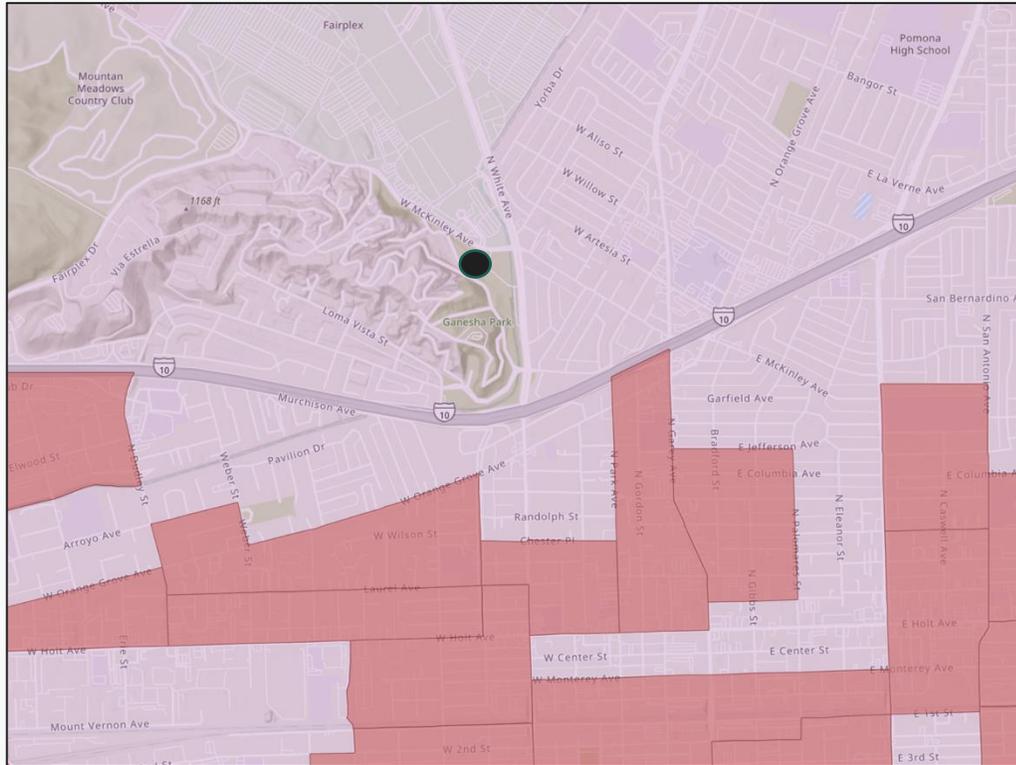
Timeline/Current Phase: Construction

Community Engagement and Support

3 community meetings at Ganesha Park with livestream presentation; collected feedback, dot-ocracy, responded to resident queries. 3 pop-up events to share plan, goals. Amenities reflect community preferences.

Level of Achievement For Community Engagement: **Better**
Better: activities included involving, educating and informing residents. Activities also included addressing community queries and incorporating feedback/preferences into park design.
(See 2025 Interim Guidance “Expectations for Community Engagement by Project Phase.”)

Disadvantaged Community Benefit Validation



Disadvantaged community census block groups (2020)

Does application claim benefits to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Located within 2020 disadvantaged community Census Block Group?	Yes- Census tract No- Census block
Distance to nearest disadvantaged community	0 miles
CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Score	79 percentile
Park Need	Moderate

Community Priorities and Concerns

- Project area identified in two surveys
 - Surveys expressed need to improve park and reduce localized flooding
- WC conducted two outreach events at project location
 - Park amenities a common discussion point
- Strong understanding of location priorities and concerns

- CSNA priorities in Pomona:

Catch Rainwater	Green Spaces & Schools	Clean Rivers & Ocean
Access to Parks	Wildlife Habitat	Shade Trees
Reduce Flooding	Education & Stewardship	Jobs & Training

Project Overview

Lead: City of El Monte

Funding Requested: \$510,000

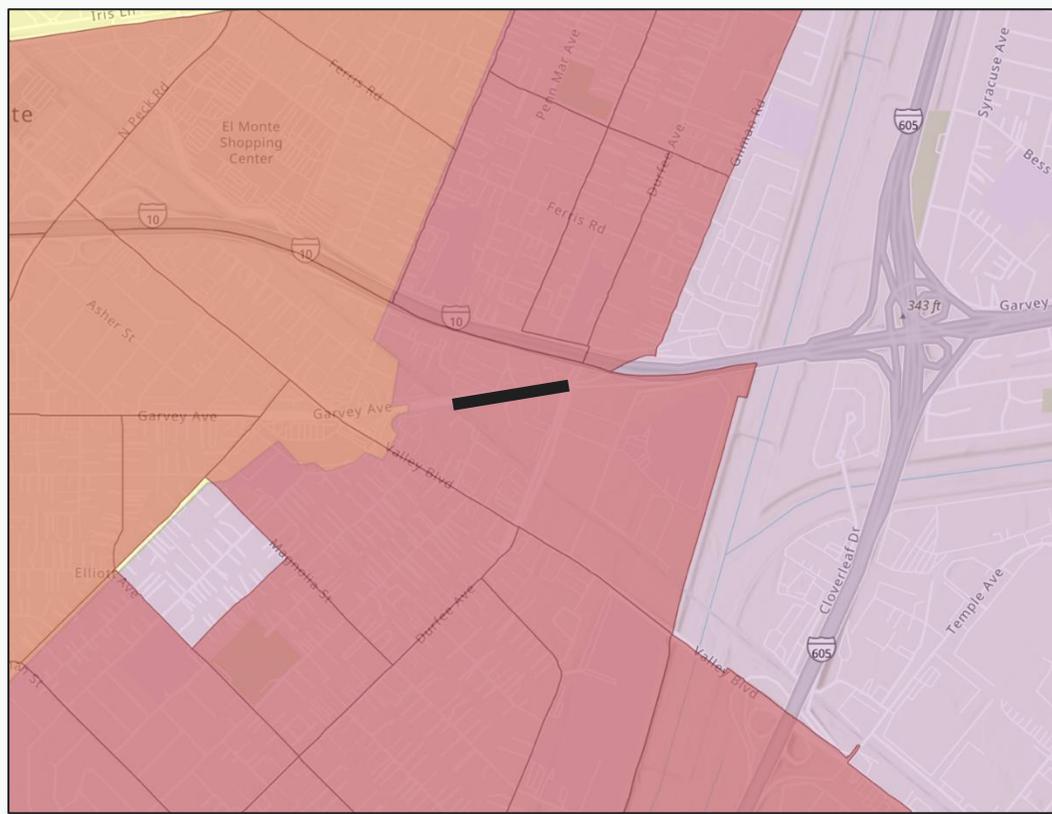
Timeline/Current Phase: O&M

Community Engagement and Support

Held outreach and engagement events in 2021 and 2023 and groundbreaking ceremony in 2024. Response to severe flooding events.

No dedicated efforts conducted for O&M application.
Level of Achievement For Previous Community Engagement: **Better**
Activities conducted under the *Better* category include informing, learning, and consulting with community members and non-profits agencies and letters of support.
(See 2025 Interim Guidance “Expectations for Community Engagement by Project Phase.”)

Disadvantaged Community Benefit Validation



 Disadvantaged community census block groups (2020)

Does application claim benefits to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Located within 2020 disadvantaged community Census Block Group?	Yes
Distance to nearest disadvantaged community	0 miles
CalEnviroScreen Score	94 percentile
Park Need	High

Community Priorities and Concerns

- Project application and design informed by highly needed upgrades
 - Project location identified by a CSNA survey
 - Flooding on Garvey a common discussion point at community outreach events conducted by WC

- CSNA priorities in El Monte:

Catch Rainwater	Green Spaces & Schools	Clean Rivers & Ocean
Access to Parks	Wildlife Habitat	Shade Trees
Reduce Flooding	Education & Stewardship	Jobs & Training

Project Overview

Lead: City of Industry

Funding Requested: \$5,532,000

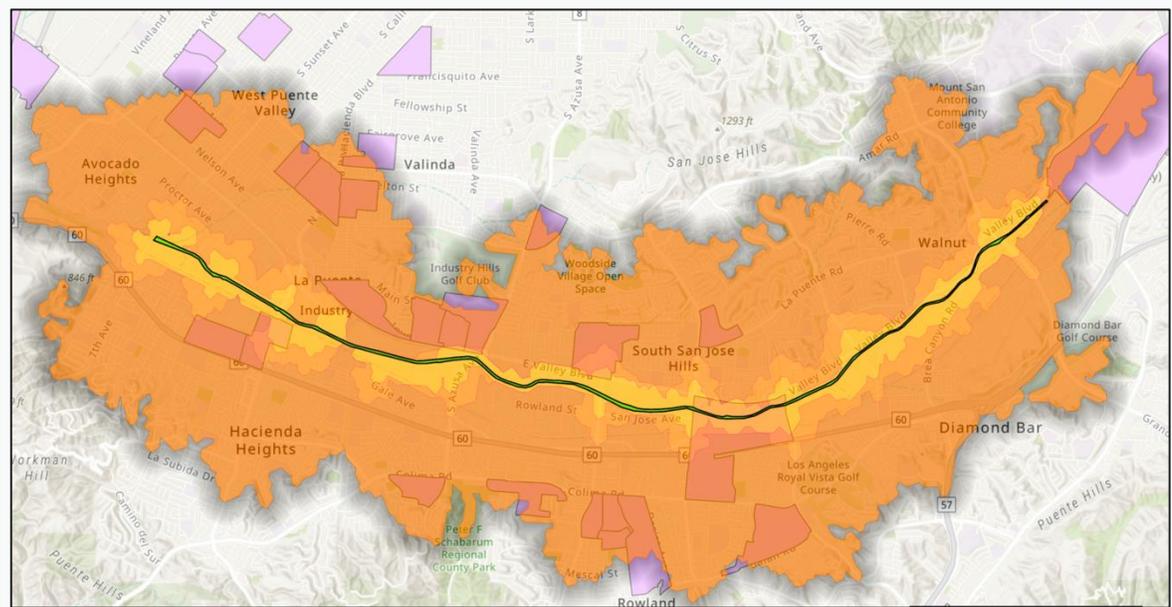
Timeline/Current Phase: Design Only

Community Engagement and Support

Project part of SGV Greenway Network Plan, which held extensive outreach and engagement. Lessons learned from Greenway Plan helped shape project. Project support from 8 CBOs.

Level of Achievement For Community Engagement stated by proponent: **Best**
Activities of SGV Greenway Network conducted include *Involving, educating, and learning* from the public at many community events. Education materials to educate the public and identify community needs. Strong outreach moving forward.
(See 2025 Interim Guidance “Expectations for Community Engagement by Project Phase.”)

Disadvantaged Community Benefit Validation



Disadvantaged community census block groups (2020)

Does application claim benefits to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Located within 2020 disadvantaged community Census Block Group?	No
Distance to nearest disadvantaged community	Varies
CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Score	56-92 percentile
Park Need	Low to High

Community Priorities and Concerns

- Project application and design informed by highly needed upgrades identified extensively in SGV Greenway Network Plan
 - Other sections of SGV Greenway already under way
- Project location and idea identified by a CSNA surveys
- Community priorities identified by WC during outreach events
 - Access to waterway and development of recreational opportunities

Project Overview

Lead: Charter Oak USD

Funding Requested: \$400,00

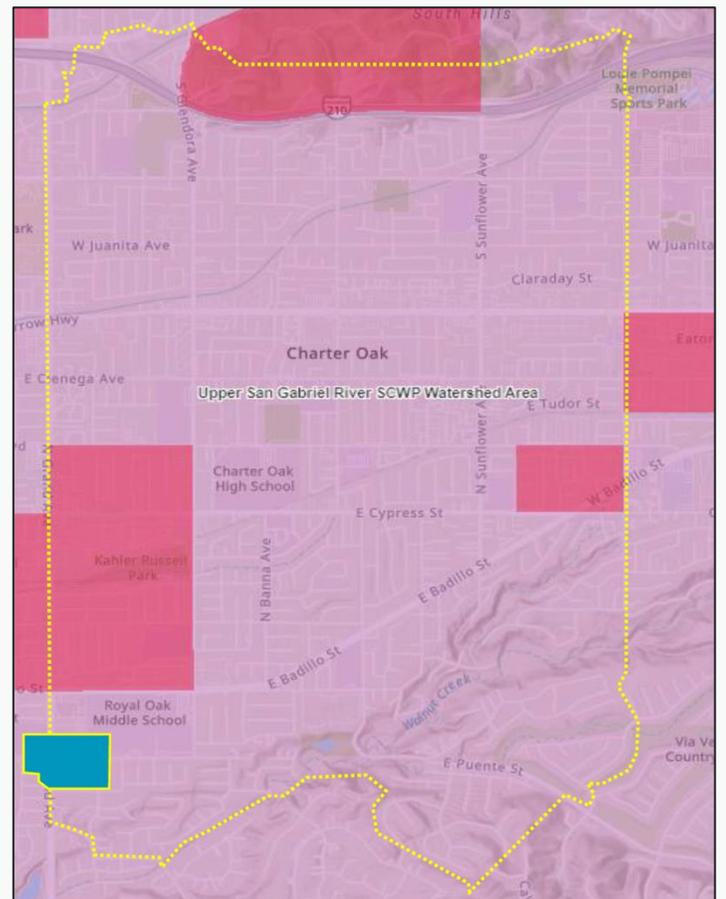
Timeline/Current Phase: Feasibility Study

Community Engagement and Support

3 in-person pop-ups; 1 staff meeting; mailers sent to nearby community; social media posts; online survey (246 responses); printed materials; In-person canvassing to 300+ homes; Text messages to 20,000+ residents

Level of Achievement For Community Engagement stated by proponent: **Best**
CalFire Grant allowed extensive community engagement. Design is a product of *incorporating* community preferences and *partnering* with a community-based organization.
School grounds serve as a park for community.
(See 2025 Interim Guidance “Expectations for Community Engagement by Project Phase.”)

Disadvantaged Community Benefit Validation



 Disadvantaged community census block groups (2020)

Does application claim benefits to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Located within 2020 disadvantaged community Census Block Group?	No
Distance to nearest disadvantaged community	Borders/Serves
CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Score	64 percentile
Park Need	Moderate

Community Priorities and Concerns Information collected by applicant through survey and discussions.

Pre-design

- Over 40% use the property for Basketball, Soccer, and Baseball
- Common Concerns include Safety, Maintenance, and preserving open space for the community
- Top 5 greening elements: Increase Trees, Walking Paths, Picnic Areas, Community Garden, Water Conservation
- Additional (Open ended): Better field/lawn, shade, track, water play, pollinator garden
- Where to add more trees/shade? Most responded "field", but 24/70 specified to keep field open.

Draft Concept

- What do you like most about the design?
- Outdoor classrooms
 - Shade is a great idea
 - Like how it didn't turn into homes or condos
 - Lots of trees
 - Added trees
 - Keep it green is a great idea + drought tolerant
 - More shade and contact with nature
- Opportunities for improvement?
- Provide access/link walking trail to parking
 - Benches instead of logs
 - Green space for AYSO
 - Provide lights for the walking trail at night to make it safe
 - Find partnership to upgrade soccer, baseball and track field "not in scope" so that final project is cohesive
- Anything else?
- Great idea! Our kids need the shade. Thank you.
 - Love the addition of greenery. Will there be something interactive for youth +families
 - Really like the shade
 - In front of the library – fresh green plants in the sitting area, water area.
 - Add signs of plant names

Project Overview

Lead: Cal Poly Pomona

Funding Requested: \$400,000

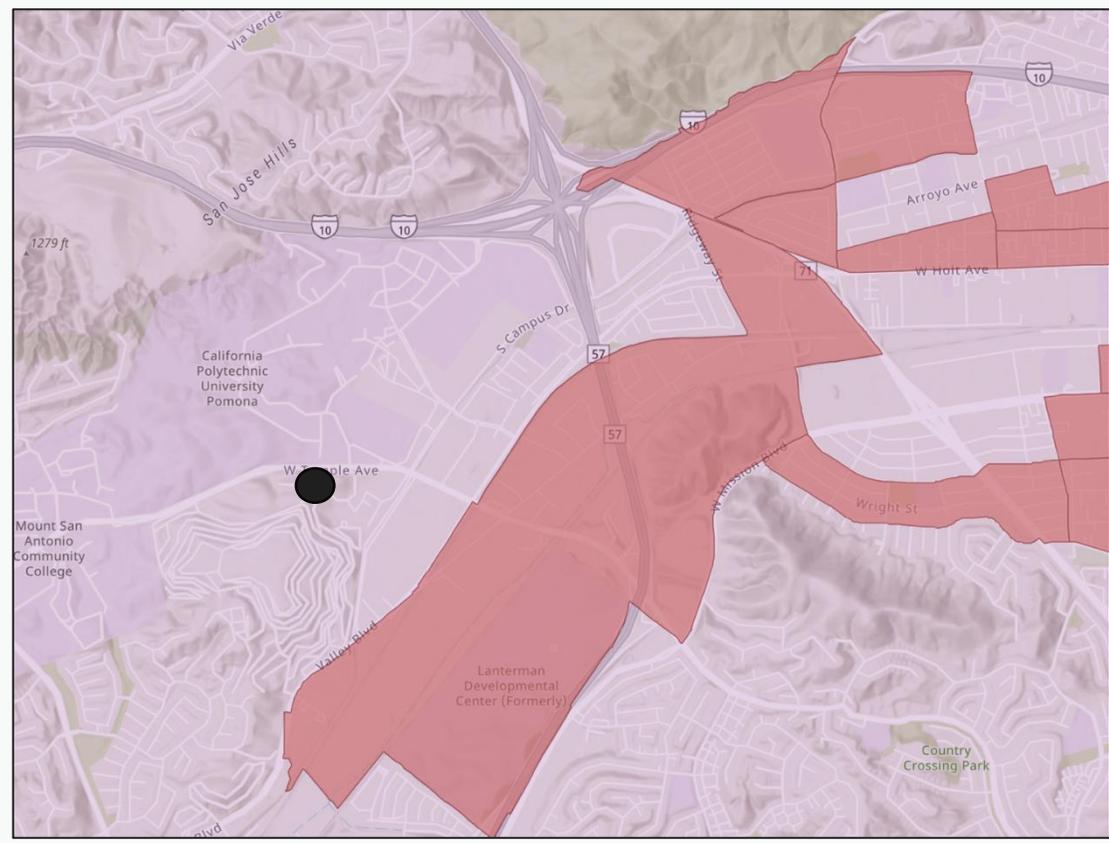
Timeline/Current Phase: Feasibility Study

Community Engagement and Support

‘outreach has been internal to the Cal Poly Pomona students and staff, the College of Environmental Design and Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies’

Level of Achievement For Community Engagement stated by proponent: **Good**
Engagement within university to *inform* and *consult* about project design and scope. Future outreach and engagement to involved several academic departments. May also include ‘field trips, community groups, regional workshops’
(See 2025 Interim Guidance “*Expectations for Community Engagement by Project Phase.*”)

Disadvantaged Community Benefit Validation



Disadvantaged community census block groups (2020)

Does application claim benefits to disadvantaged communities?	Yes
Located within 2020 disadvantaged community Census Block Group?	No
Distance to nearest disadvantaged community	About 1 miles
CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Score	90 percentile
Park Need	Low to Moderate

Community Priorities and Concerns

- Project application and design informed by highly needed upgrades at Lyle Center
- Benefit student population
- Concerns identified during WC presentations at Cal Poly Pomona
- Potential to provide other community benefits
 - Stewardship & Education
 - On site grown fruits & vegetables

Moving Forward

Remember...

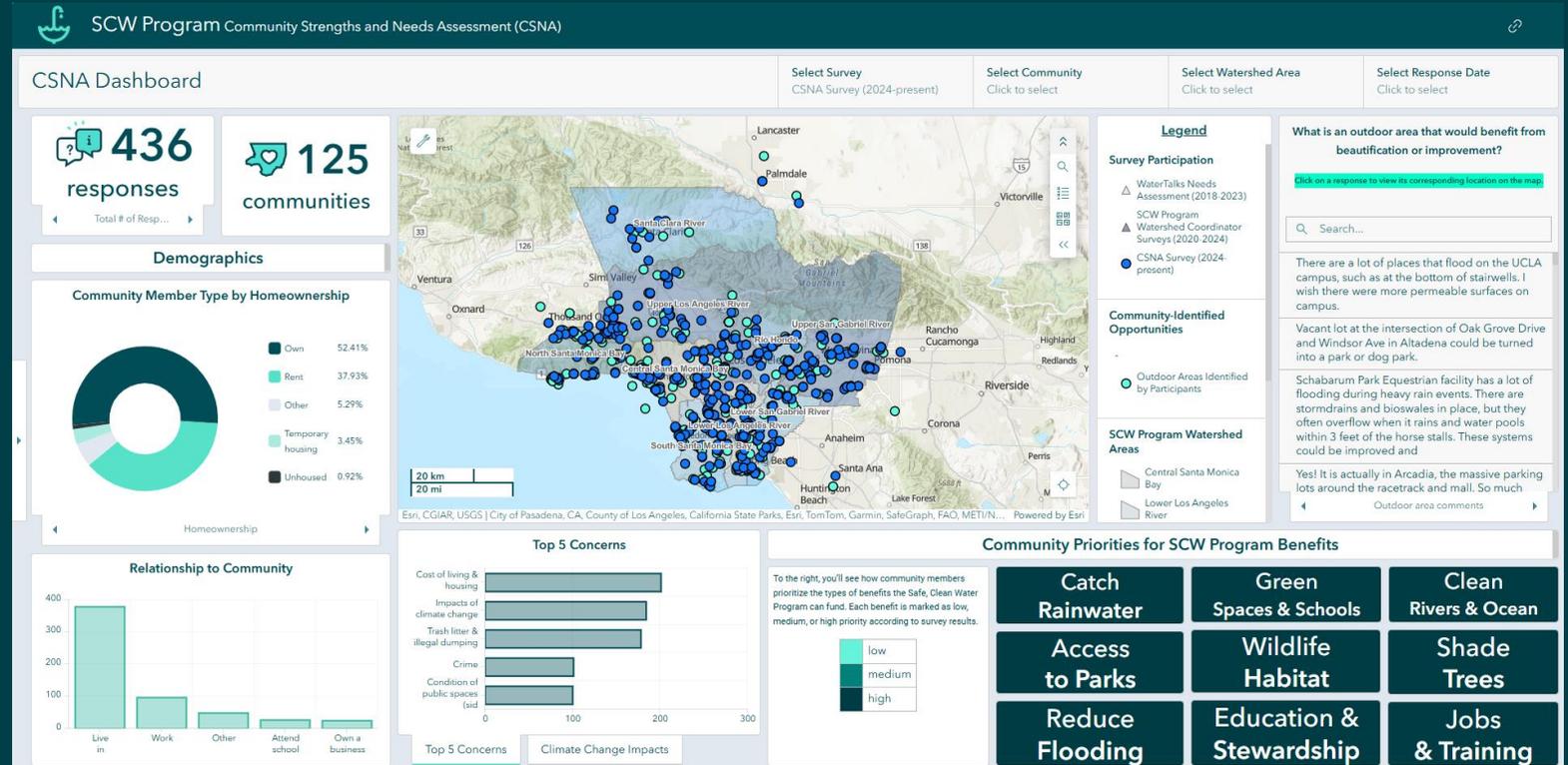
WASCs must decide if a Project provides a “**direct benefit**” to a DAC. This is done on a project-by-project basis and is part of your recommended SIP.

Take into consideration:

- What have you heard from the community themselves?
- What benefits will the project provide and how are these quantified?
- What areas will experience those benefits?
- Do project benefits meet community-identified priorities and concerns?
- What other project-specific considerations should be considered? (e.g., community access, workforce agreements, etc.).

Resources

- Safe, Clean Water Program Spatial Data Library
- Interim Disadvantaged Community Programming Guidelines
- CSNA Dashboard
- Initial Watershed Plans



Thank you

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