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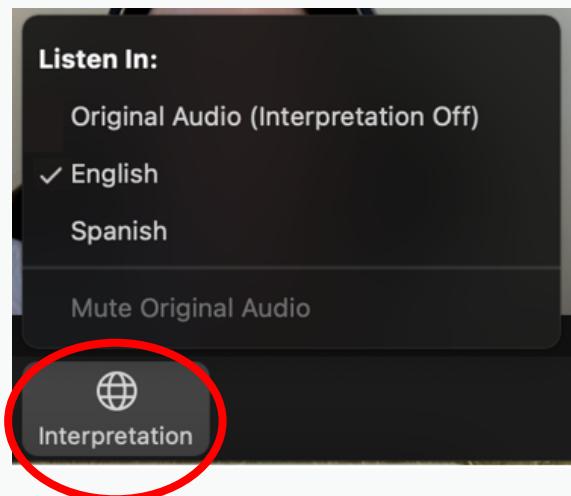
Regional Oversight Committee Meeting

February 11, 2026



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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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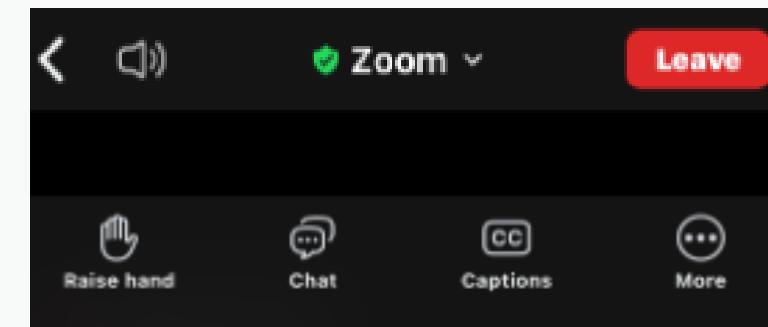
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Member	Expertise	Affiliation
Diana Tang, Chair	Water Quality	City of Long Beach
Maria Mehranian, Vice-Chair	Water Quality, Water Supply	Cordoba and Former LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Chair
Belinda Faustinos	Community Investment Benefits, 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
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)
Vacant		

Agenda Review & Meeting Purpose

Meeting Purpose:

- Provide an opportunity to preview the Initial Watershed Plans and discuss the approach for adaptive management of those plans.
- Provide an opportunity to share updates regarding Stormwater School Education & Greening Guidelines.

Agenda Review:

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review and Meeting Purpose
4. *Ex Parte* Communication Disclosures
5. Approval of January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes
6. Public Comment Period
7. Discussion Item: Preview Initial Watershed Plans & Approach for Adaptive Plans
8. Discussion Item: Update on Stormwater School Education & Greening Guidelines
9. Program Administration Updates
10. ROC Member Updates
11. Items for Next Agenda / Lookahead
12. Meeting Adjourned



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Agenda Item 7

Preview Initial
Watershed Plans
& Approach for
Adaptive Plans



What We're Covering Today

1. Overview of Efforts to Date
2. Updates to the Initial Watershed Plans
3. Other Actions/Updates in Response to Public Comments
4. Approach for Adaptive Plans
5. Near-term Next Steps

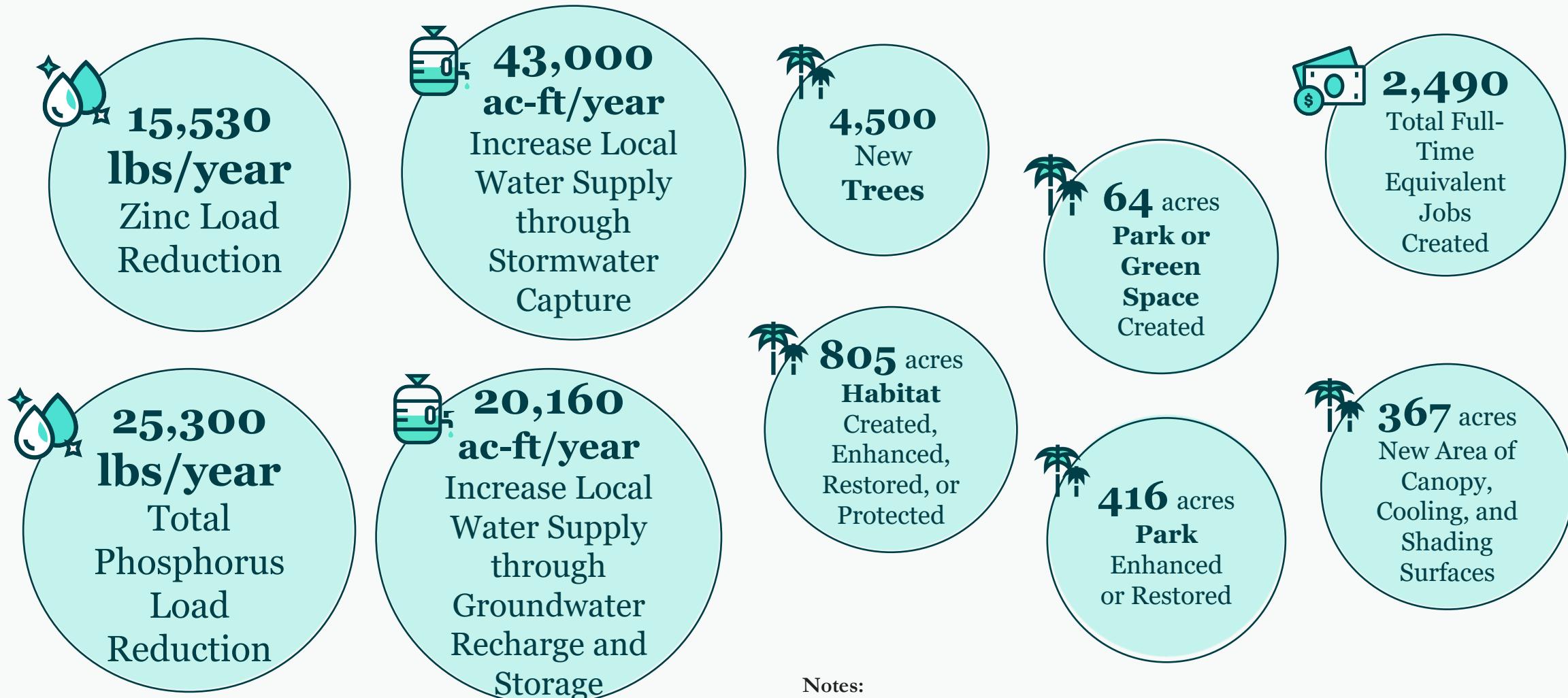


Overview of Efforts to Date

- Extensive Stakeholder and Community Engagement, including **over 50 meetings** and a **45-day public review period**
- **Over 1.3k responses** collected for the Community Strength & Needs Assessment
- Compiled data from **nearly 800 SCWP funded Projects and Programs**



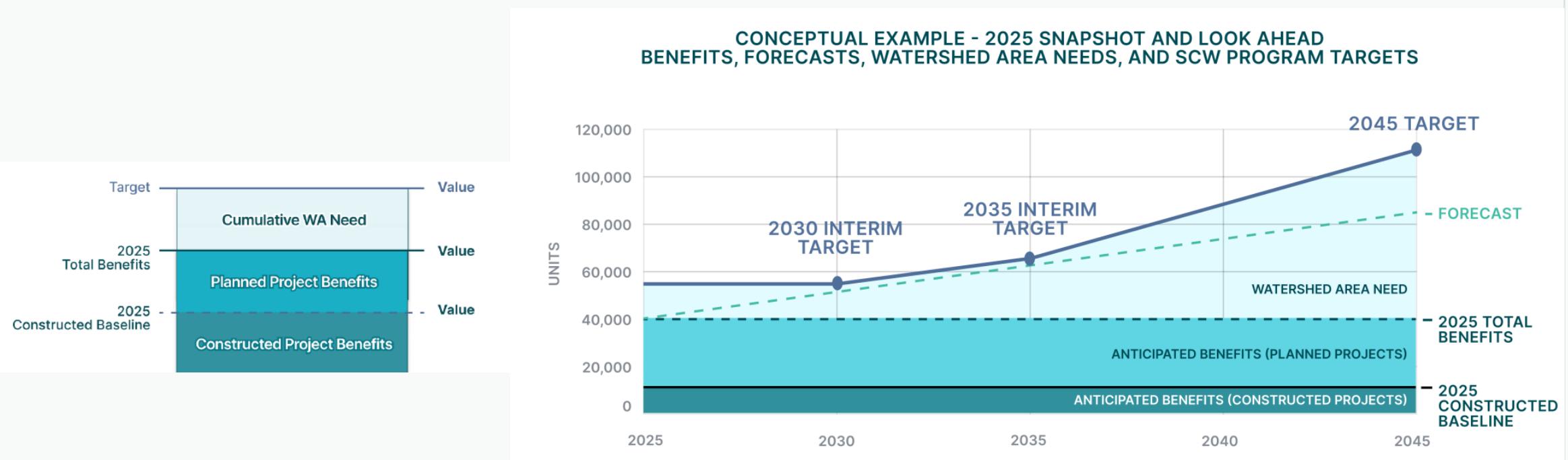
Anticipated Project Benefits from First 5 Years



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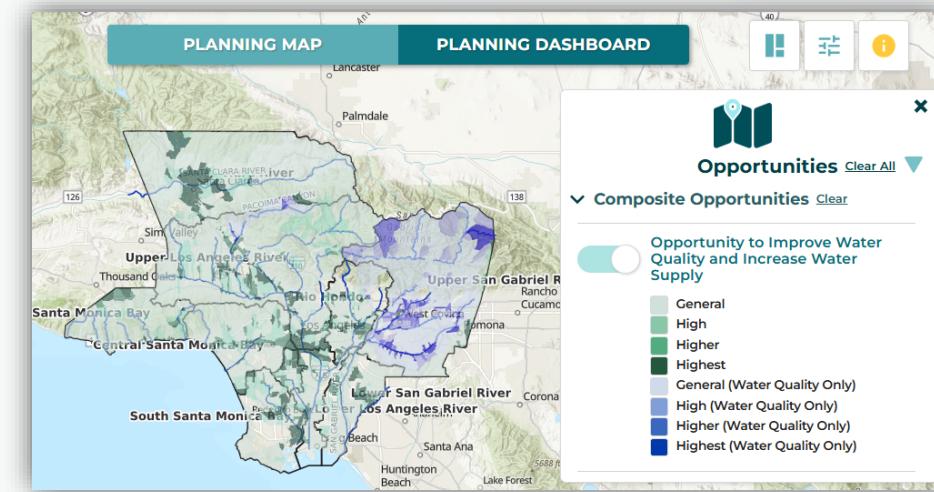
1. Anticipated planned benefits for projects funded through first 5 years of SCW Program.

Baselines & Benefits



Strategic Advancement

- Release of the Initial Watershed Plans for each of the **nine Watershed Areas** and the Online Planning Tool
- Including development of Watershed specific:
 - Targets, Strategies, Actions, and Opportunity Areas

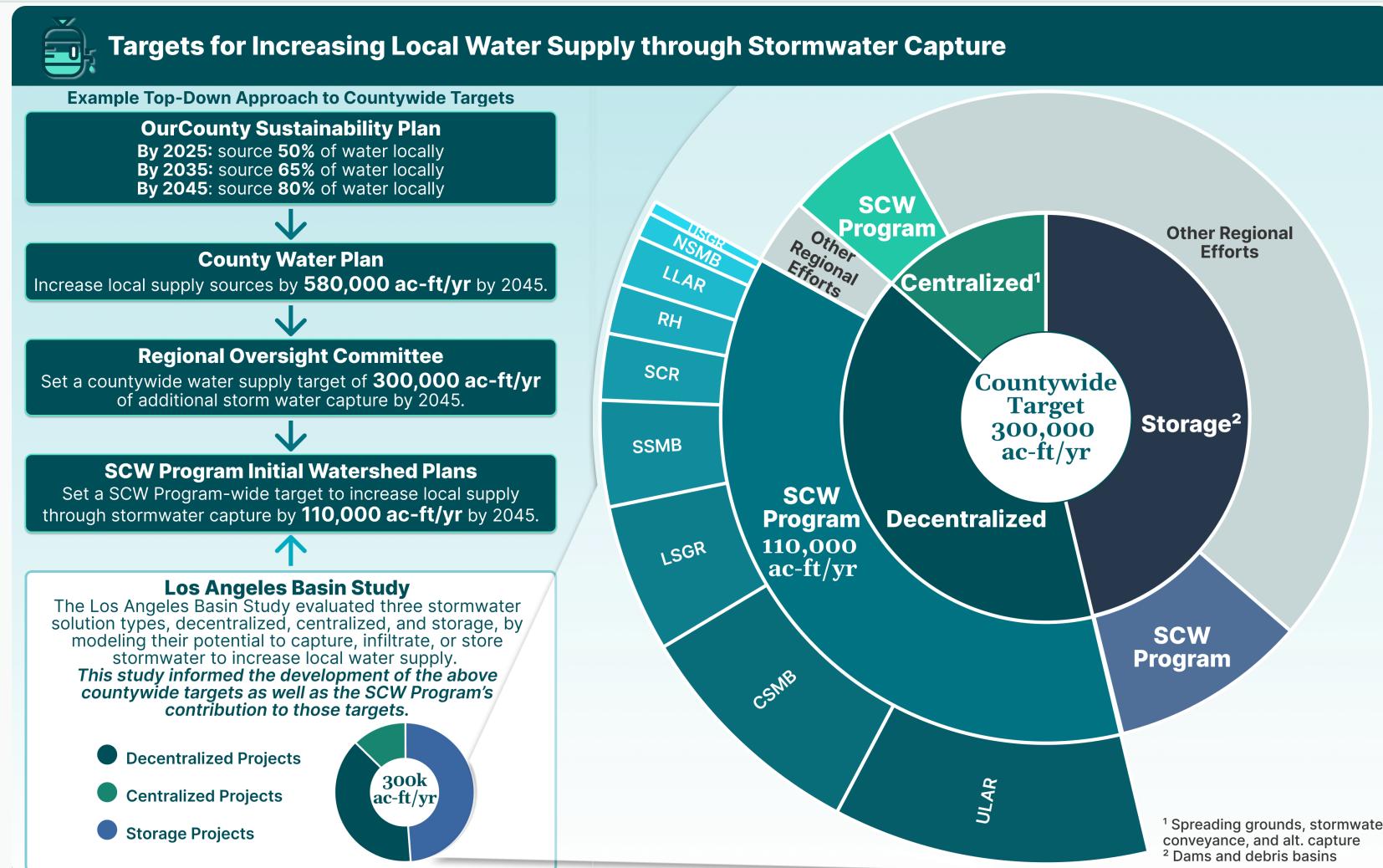


Data / Transparency Updates

- Ongoing data verification
- Expanded references to Appendices
- Increased transparency around data sets and methodology



Water Supply Target Methodology



Updates for Clarity & Consistency

- Clarified Baseline and Benefit terminology
- Refresh of Baseline/Benefit Data
- Updated Estimated Total FTE Jobs Created Quantification
- Updated Leveraged Funding Benefit/Baselines
- Clarified Habitat Created, Enhanced, Restored, Protected
- Planning Tool enhancements

Public Comments & Planned Actions (Part 1)

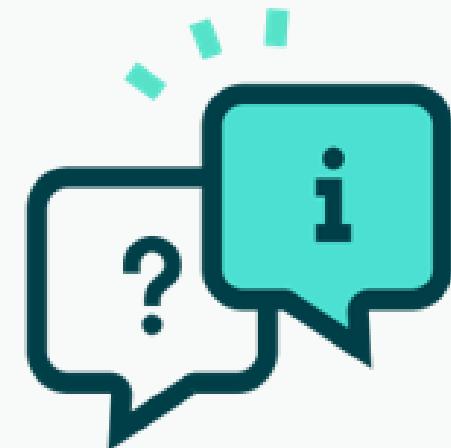
Category	Action(s)
Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PW initiating project to develop school greening design guidelines and engage schools on coordinated greening and education outcomes (may inform adaptive management of targets).
Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current targets are intentionally aspirational for the current scope and scale of the SCW Program to date and may be exceeded over time. As part of the adaptive planning process, PW will assess, track, and adjust targets, as appropriate.
Strengthening Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities will continue to engage through the Community Strength & Needs Assessment and the Watershed Coordinators. 2025 Interim Guidelines for Strengthening Community Engagement and Support provides near term guidance, while guidance updates and ongoing efforts from the WCs Tribal Allyship Working Group may inform future IWP updates. Municipal engagement anticipated to increase via new Municipal Support team.
O&M/Monitoring Costs & Metrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refined O&M costs will be incorporated into future financial forecasting. Leveraged Funding Reports will continue to explore O&M funding opportunities. Efforts to evaluate and integrate post construction monitoring metrics are in progress (may inform adaptive management of IWPs).
Wildfire Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IWPs currently include strategies to support wildfire resilience Ongoing efforts from the WC Working Group, Post-Fire Recovery Group, and efforts to address data gaps identified in the IWPs many inform future IWP updates.

Public Comments & Planned Actions (Part 2)

Category	Action(s)
Planning Tool Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical info session and supporting guidance documents are planned in the coming months.
Scientific Studies & Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies and assessments will be supported by creation of new interim guidance and a Scientific Advisory Panel, outcomes of which will inform future iterations of the IWPs.
Watershed Area Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WA Characteristics were updated in the IWPs per public input, as appropriate. • <i>Note, IWP are not site specific and detailed site analysis should be considered during project development.</i>
NBS/Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations and ongoing efforts by the CWP NBS Task Force will be an input considered for the development of the planned IWP NBS Addendum and updates to NBS Guidance.
Strategic Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County Depts Watershed Planning Working Group was initiated in January 2026.
IWP Process & Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LACFCD will lead IWP integration into SCWP processes by providing technical support, strengthening partnerships, identifying leveraged funding opportunities, and advancing/leading collaborative project development. • Progress toward SCWP targets will be tracked and shared to support countywide alignment (see new CWP dashboard).

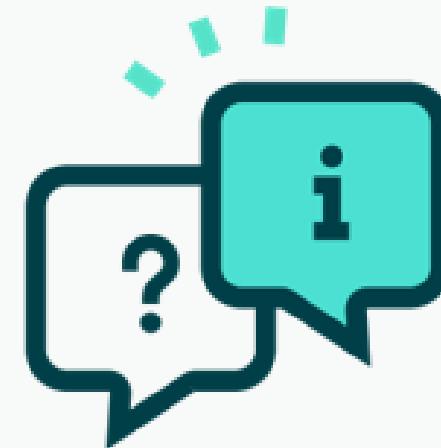
County Water Plan NBS Task Force - Update

- Phase 1:
 - NBS Definition and Standard
 - Recommendations for NBS in SCWP
 - Task Force Recommendations Report – Jan 2026
- Phase 2:
 - Metric Recommendations



Watershed Planning County Departments Working Group - Update

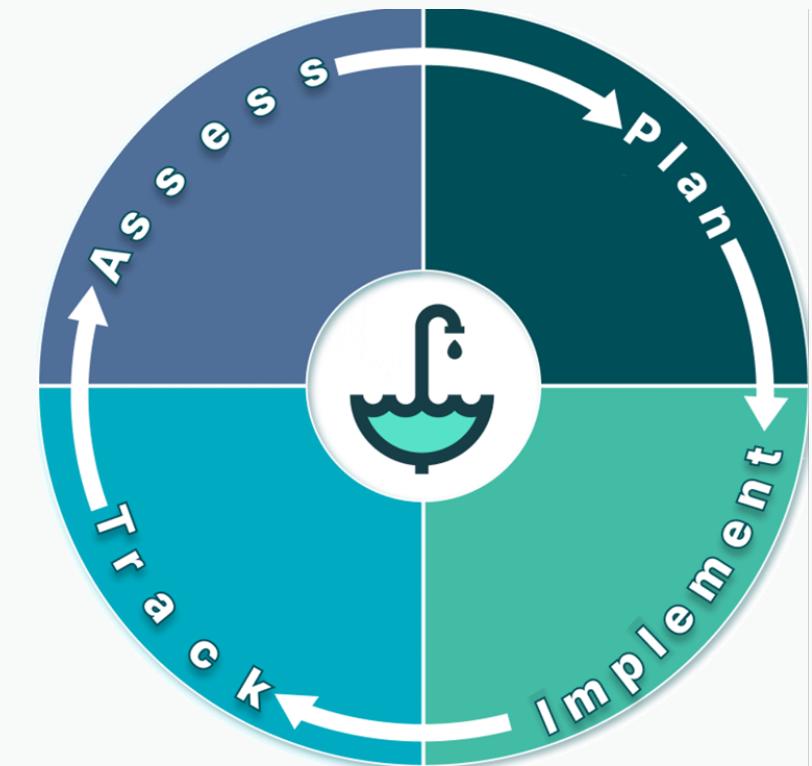
- Kickoff Meeting in January 2026
- SCWP 101
- Watershed Planning & Initial Plans 101
- Group discussion on potential synergies
- Return for a follow up meeting to report back
- Next meeting: Spring 2026



- Chief Sustainability Office
- Department of Economic Opportunity
- Parks & Recreation
- Public Health
- Public Works
- Regional Planning

Approach for Adaptive Plans

- **Adaptive Management:** Utilize Plans, Track Progress, Assess, and Adjust
- **2030+:** 5 Year Adaptive Plans
 - Will incorporate new planning elements and data to reflect ongoing progress, emerging priorities, and evolving WA conditions
- **Ongoing Efforts** to advance and expand the District's leadership in the region:
 - Engagement and collaboration
 - Data collection
 - New guidance and guidelines
 - Scientific Studies
 - Accessibility and transparency



Near-term Next Steps

- Release Final Initial Watershed Plans (Feb)
- Planning Tool Update (Feb)
- WP Info Session for Project Developers (Mar)
- WP Integration with Application Module (May)
- CFP Opens + Info Session (May)
- NBS Task Force Phase 2 Finishes (June)
- CFP Deadline (July 31)
- Scoring Revisions informed by IWP (by 2027 CFP)
- NBS Addendum to the IWP (TBD)



Discussion



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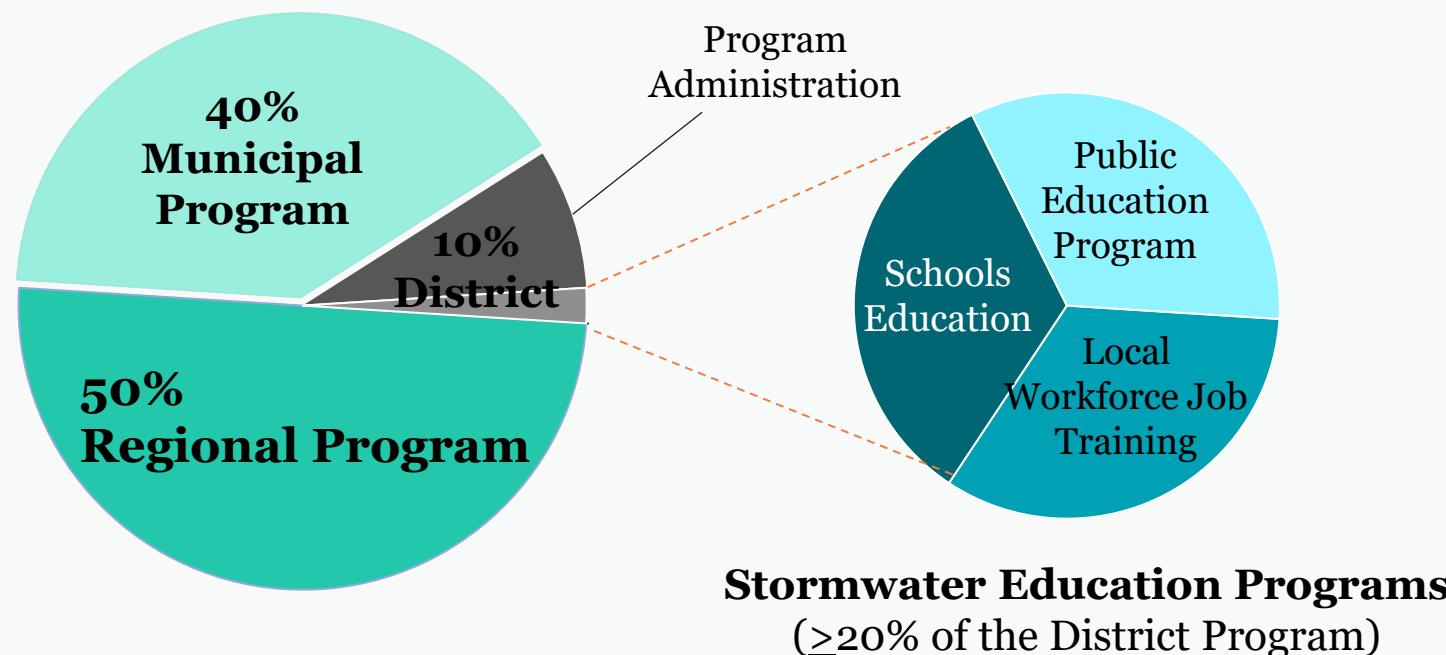
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Update on Stormwater School Education & Greening Guidelines



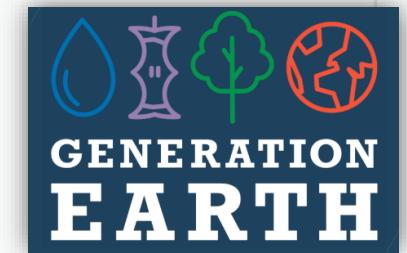
SCWP Ordinance

Ten Percent (10%) of SCWP funds are allocated to the District Program, with **Twenty Percent (20%)** of that amount dedicated to Public education program, School education, and Local workforce training.



Current Stormwater School Education Efforts

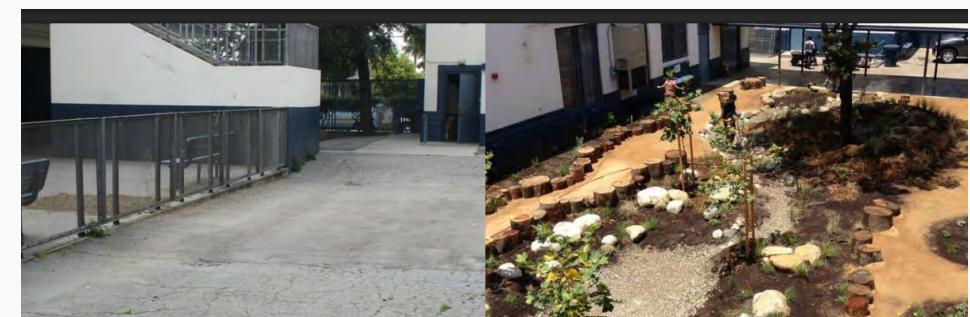
- **Generation Earth Partnership**
 - Up to 7-year partnership with County's existing Environmental Education Program (grades 6-12)
 - Educates students and residents on SCWP goals and develops future environmental stewards
- **Discovery Cube LA Partnership**
 - Serves as a regional hub that will provide expanded hands-on and interactive outdoor learning space highlighting LA County's water infrastructure
 - Demonstrates on-site stormwater capture and management practices
- **Watershed Coordinator Schools Working Group**
 - Ongoing coordination with Los Angeles County Office of Education
 - Planned participation at Green Schoolyards Symposium at LA County Natural History Museum, April 21, 2026



DiscoveryCube

Highlight of SCWP-Funded School Projects and Studies

- Bassett High School Stormwater Capture Multi-Benefit Project
 - Multi-benefit project to divert, treat, and infiltrate 668 acre-feet of stormwater annually
 - 36-acre campus will feature underground infiltration gallery, recreational amenities, NBS, drought-tolerant landscaping, and educational signage
- LAUSD Living Schoolyards Program Pilot Study
 - Pilot program at 10 schools in ULAR to integrate stormwater capture, green infrastructure, and community engagement



LAUSD: Living Schoolyards Study

A Safe Clean Water Program Scientific Study Proposal for the Upper Los Angeles River WASC from TreePeople and Studio-MLA

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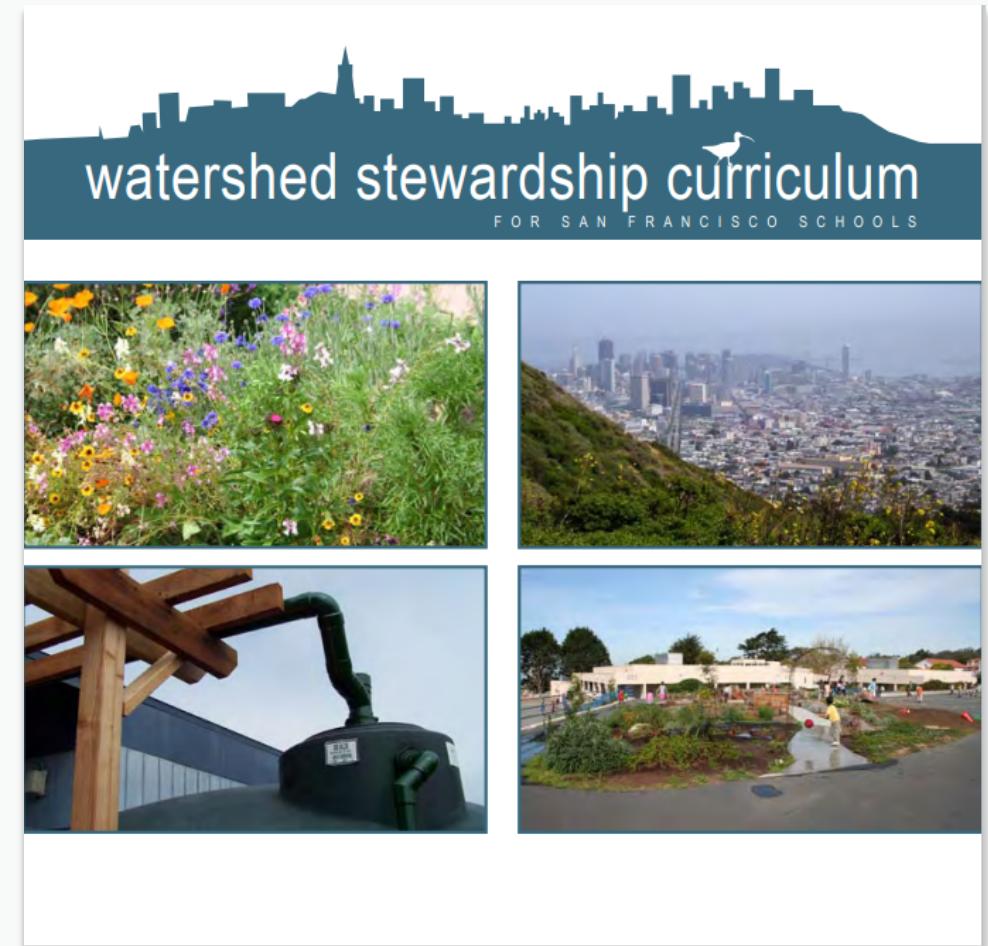
Brown & Caldwell

- **Rosey Jencks – Program Director**
 - Co-launched San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance in 2000
 - SFPUC Urban Watershed Program Manager, 2005-2017
 - Developed the SFPUC Stormwater Schoolyard program
 - 2023 Benchmarking Study
- **Hans Tremmel, PE – Project Manager**
 - Schoolyard GI Experience
 - Stormwater Design Expert



2023 Benchmarking Study

- Stormwater schoolyards offer a powerful, tangible platform for environmental stewardship, ecological literacy, outdoor learning, and community use.
- There is a clear opportunity to scale education through a coordinated, age-appropriate nature-based experiences
- Los Angeles County has strong existing stormwater and watershed education programs that provide a solid foundation for expansion and alignment.
- Cross-sector collaboration can efficiently advance multiple community goals



Safe, Clean Water Stormwater School Education Program

- Building on 2023 benchmarking study
- Leverage and amplify current educational programs
- Directly address WA needs while supporting the OurCounty Sustainability Plan and LAUSD's Green Schoolyards for All Plan
- Clear guidance to help schools, districts, and partners plan, design, and implement stormwater schoolyard projects



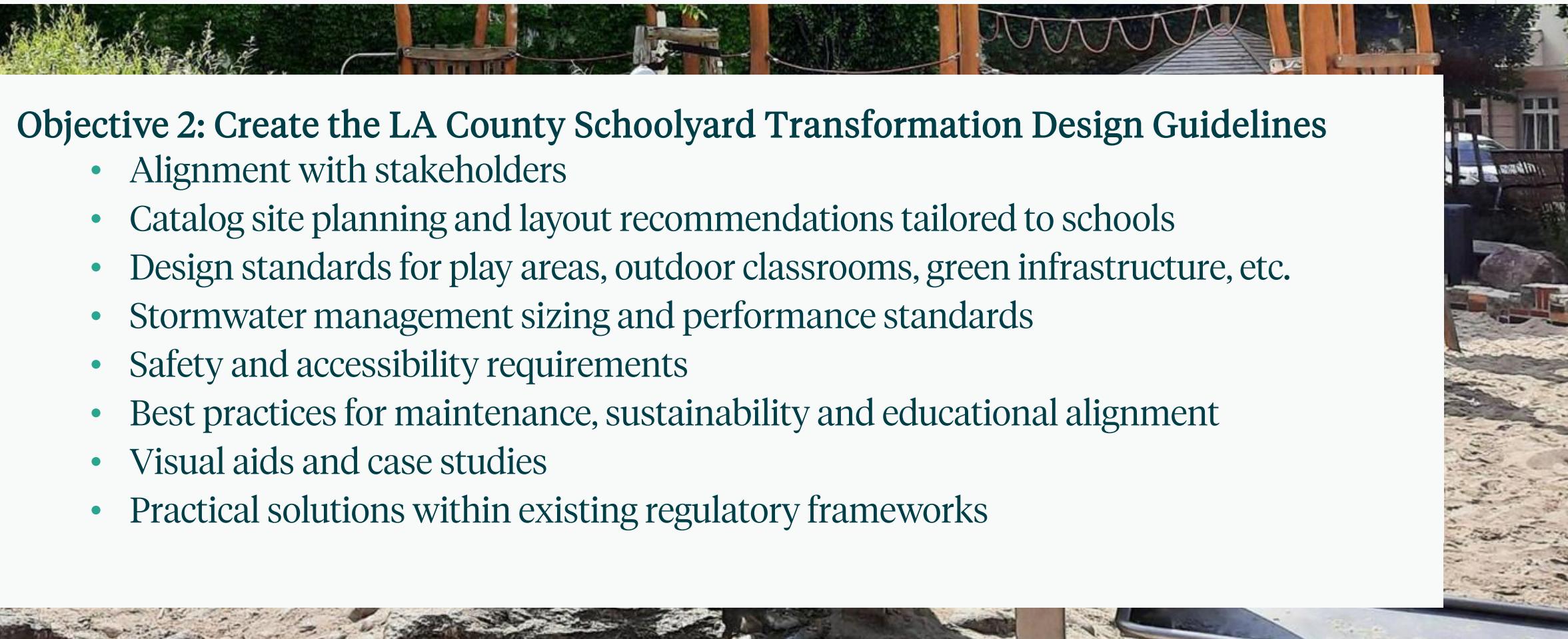
Safe, Clean Water Stormwater School Education Program

Objective 1: Develop the SCWP Stormwater School Education Program Vision Document

- Build on existing work
- Articulate the overarching goals, aspirations, and guiding principles of the Program at current, 3, 10, and 15 years into the future
- Level Setting, Vision, and Roadmap for schoolyard transformation and implementation



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Objective 2: Create the LA County Schoolyard Transformation Design Guidelines

- Alignment with stakeholders
- Catalog site planning and layout recommendations tailored to schools
- Design standards for play areas, outdoor classrooms, green infrastructure, etc.
- Stormwater management sizing and performance standards
- Safety and accessibility requirements
- Best practices for maintenance, sustainability and educational alignment
- Visual aids and case studies
- Practical solutions within existing regulatory frameworks

Safe, Clean Water Stormwater School Education Program

Authentic engagement will shape and inform the program design

- Feedback will be incorporated at multiple stages before final deliverables are completed
- Stakeholder input will:
 - Identify gaps and implementation barriers
 - Shape program priorities and design guidance
 - Ensure tools reflect real school and community needs



Safe, Clean Water Stormwater School Education Program

Starting Now

- Organize engagement partners and stakeholders
- Gap analysis
- Education program level setting

Next Steps

- Stakeholder mapping and key guidance documents
- Initiate the Vision and Design Guidelines Documentation

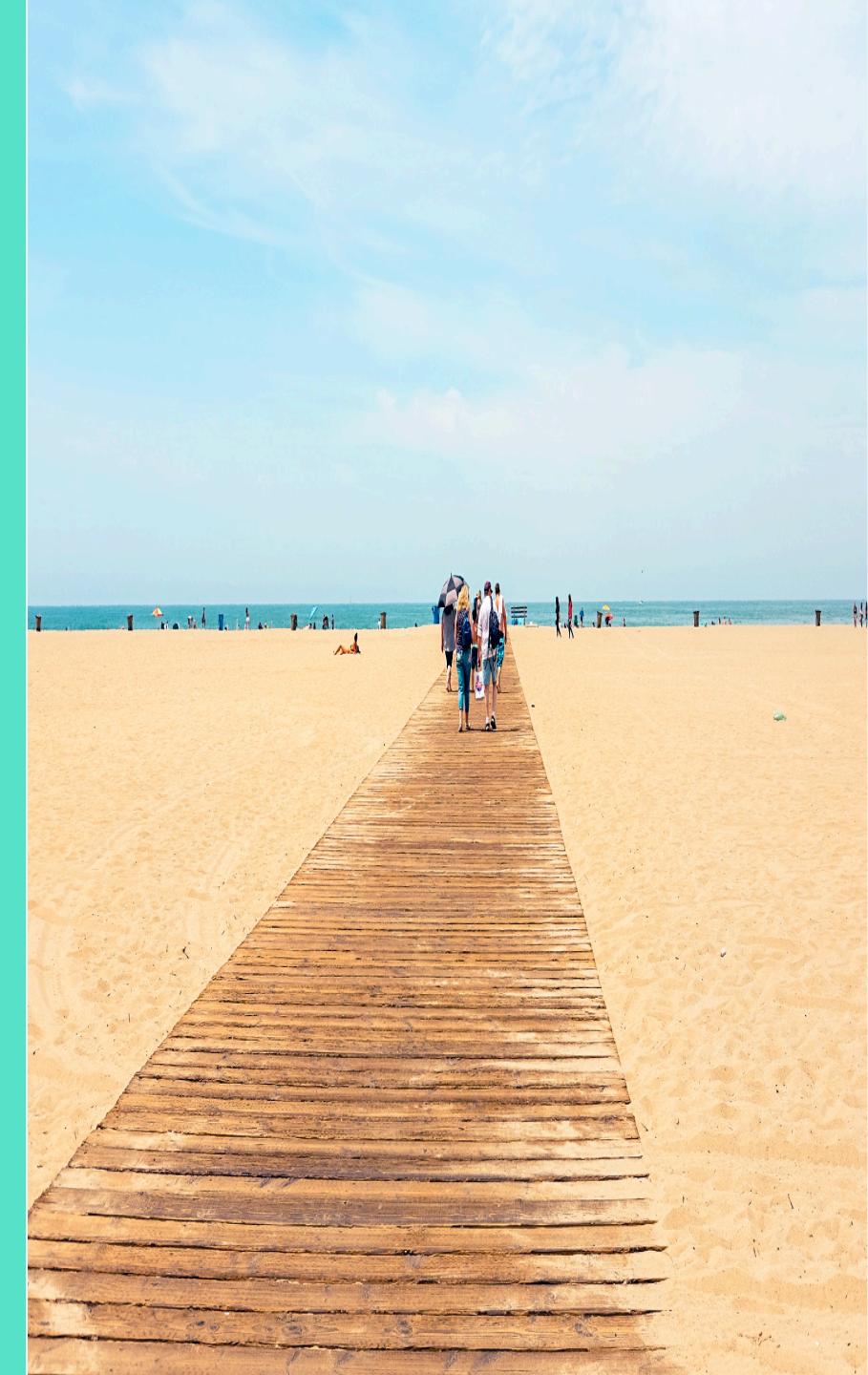
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AGENDA ITEM #9

Program Administration Updates

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ROC Lookahead 2026 (TENTATIVE)

March 11, 2026

- Biennial Report Session 5 – Approve Final Report to Submit to Board of Supervisors
- Regional Program Update & CFP Preparations
- Workforce Development Update

April 8, 2026

- Municipal Program Update
- Regional Program CFP – Info Sessions Preview
- Scientific Advisory Panel Status

May 13, 2026

Spring Recess

June 10, 2026

- Review & Approve FY26-27 SIPs
- ROC Chair Selection
- District Grants Program & K-12 Update

July 8, 2026

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

August 12, 2026

- Review & Approve FY26-27 SIPs (If Needed)
- Regional Program – Mid-Year Summaries
- Scoring Revisions & Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance

September 9, 2026

- District Program Focus
- Initial Watershed Plans Influence on Call For Projects (2026 & 2027)

October 14, 2026

- Financial Forecasting

November 11, 2026

- Nature-Based Solutions
- Coordination with Regional & County Agencies

December 9, 2026

Winter Recess

Recurrence Second Wednesday

Thank you

QUESTIONS?

Contact the
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Executive Clerk

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

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