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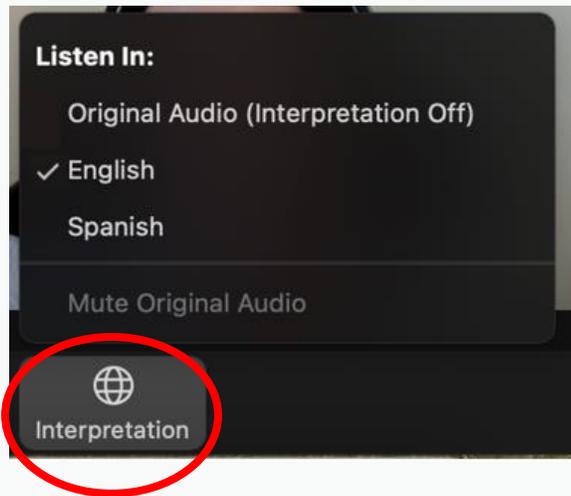
# Regional Oversight Committee Meeting

March 11, 2026



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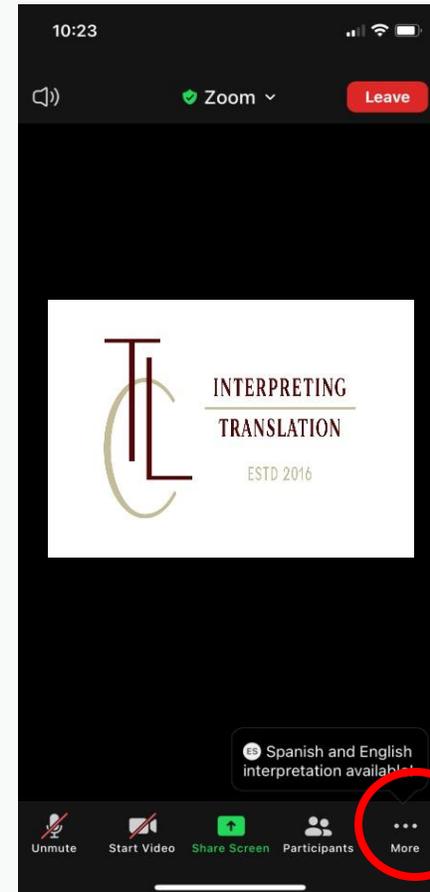


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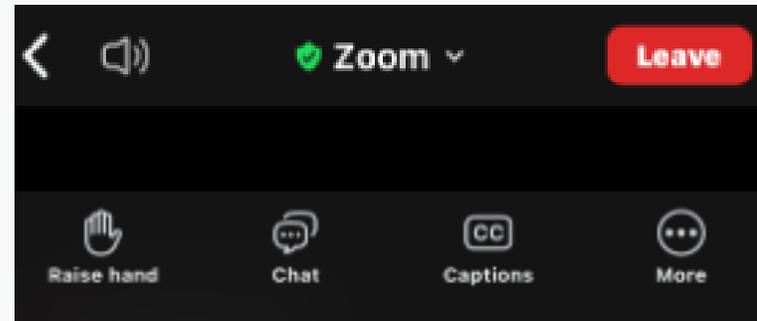


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Member	Expertise	Affiliation
<b>Diana Tang, Chair</b>	Water Quality	City of Long Beach
<b>Maria Mehranian, Vice-Chair</b>	Water Quality, Water Supply	Cordoba and Former LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Chair
<b>Belinda Faustinos</b>	Community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

## Agenda Review & Meeting Purpose

### Meeting Purpose:

- ROC to consider approving the 2026 Biennial Progress Report (BPR) and submitting the BPR to the Board of Supervisors.
- ROC to receive updates on the SCW Regional Program and 2026 Call for Projects (CFP) Preparations.
- ROC to receive a briefing on SCW District Program Workforce Development efforts.

### Agenda Review:

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review and Meeting Purpose
4. *Ex Parte* Communication Disclosures
5. Approval of February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes
6. Program Administration Updates
7. Public Comment Period
8. Voting Item: Biennial Report Session 5 – ROC to Consider Approving Final Report to Submit to Board of Supervisors
9. Discussion Item: Regional Program Updates & CFP Preparations
10. Information Item: Workforce Development Update
11. ROC Member Updates
12. Items for Next Agenda / Lookahead
13. Meeting Adjourned

## 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.

# SCWP Regional Oversight Committee – Past, Present & Future

## Past

### January

2026 Biennial Report  
Regional CFP Preview

### February

IWPs Preview  
K-12 Schools Education

## Today

- ▶ 2026 Biennial  
Progress Report
- ▶ Regional Program  
Focus
- ▶ Workforce  
Development

## Future

### April

Municipal Program Focus  
Scientific Advisory Panel

### June & July

SIP Recommendations

# SCWP Highlights – Regional + Municipal + District Programs

The SCWP has achieved **strong early progress** despite multi-year project complexity, with the **Watershed Planning Initiative** supporting more strategic, watershed-based investments going forward.

# 885

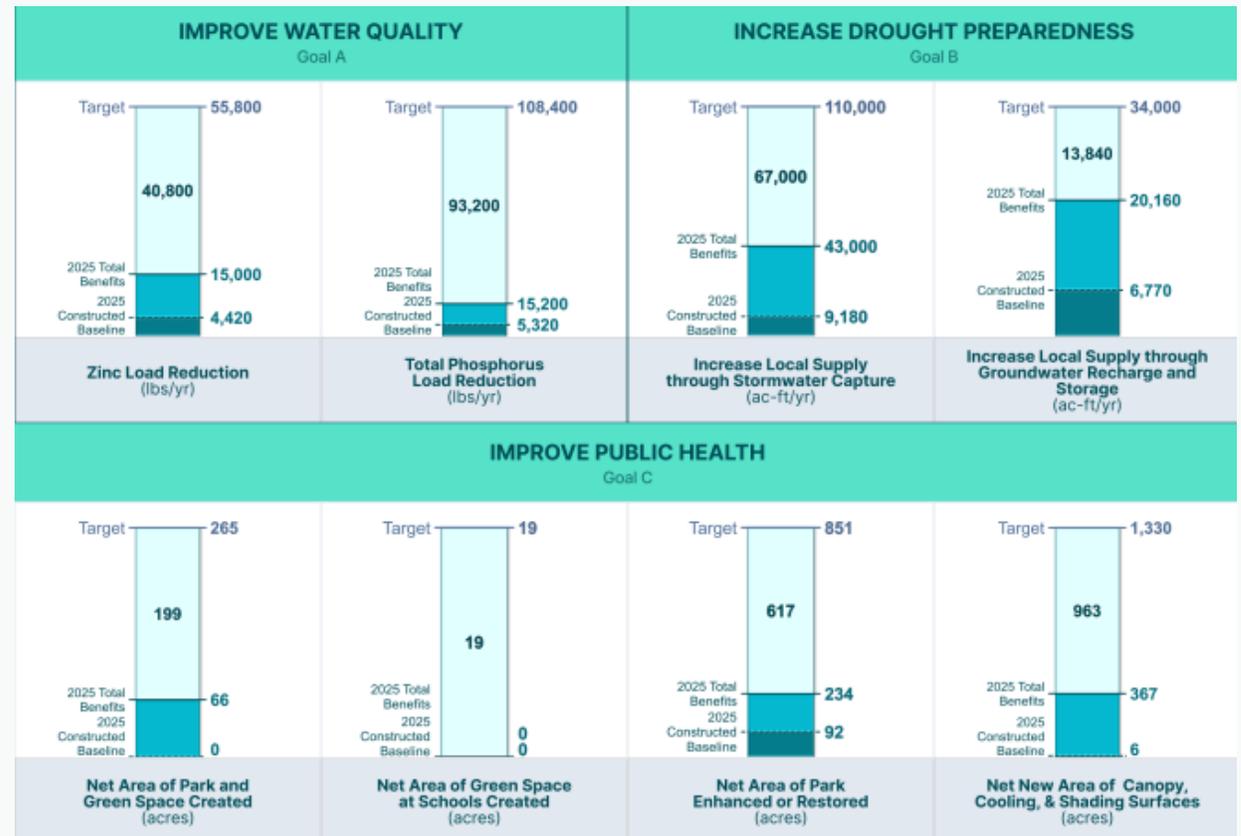
Number of Projects, Studies, Concepts and Program Activities Funded to date  
Municipal up to FY23-24 and Regional Program up to SIP FY25-26

Number of Projects Funded

# 300+

Number of Projects Constructed

# 46

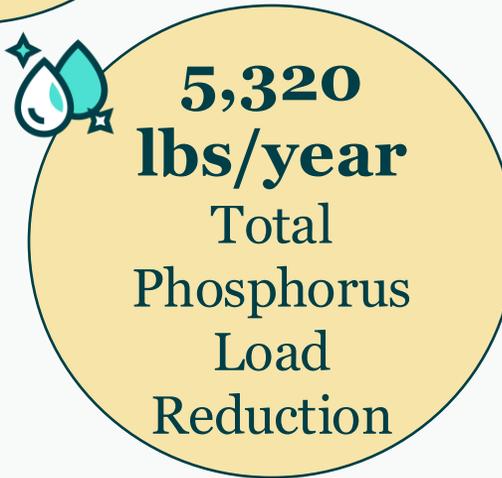
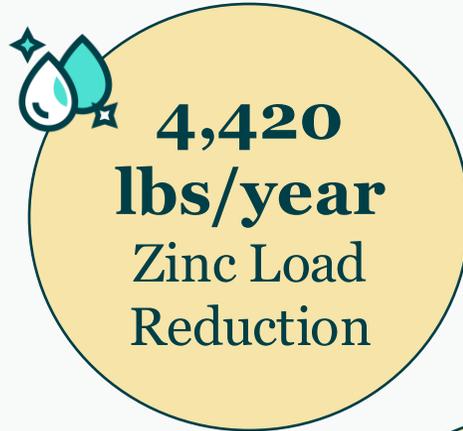


See [SCWP Planning Dashboard](#) for more details.

# SCWP Highlights – Countywide Benefits from Constructed Projects



The **46** constructed Projects are anticipated to provide...



Based on submitted information from 2025 reporting

# Program Administration Updates

# Reporting & Accountability

## Regional Program Reporting Schedule

- **Mid-Year** Progress/Expenditure Report due Feb 15
- **Annual** Progress/Expenditure Summary Report due Aug 15
- **Financial and Compliance Audit** due 9 months after Activity Completion



## Review & Compliance Support

- District consultant reviews submitted reports for completeness
- Coordinates with developers to resolve **deficiencies** and follow up on **overdue reports**

## Funding Accountability

- **Funds lapse** after 5 years (first set June 2026) + optional 12-month extension to show commitment of funds
- Transfer Agreement **default** (e.g. late reporting, lack of progress, ineligible expenditures) may result in termination of the agreement and repayment of funds

## Program Support & Guidance

- SCWP will provide **reasonable assistance** to avoid defaulting or lapsing funds
- **Default Funding & Lapsed Funding Guidelines** will be released in the coming months to provide additional clarity

# ROC Operating Guidelines

## Appointment Process:

- Candidates must submit an [interest to serve form](#).
- Commission Services Division (CSD) within the Board's Executive Office shares submitted interest forms with Public Works.
- Public Works reviews candidate information and supports Board offices in making nominations to fill vacant seats and/or seats for re-appointment.
- CSD solicits Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from each nominee.
- Cyclical Board appointments
  - Board offices communicate their final nominations to CSD nominations to a Board agenda for consideration.
- Mid-term appointments
  - No Board action is required; Chief Engineer fills the vacancy in coordination with Board.
- Public Works conducts onboarding, including securing Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)

# ROC Operating Guidelines

## Overview:

- **Nine (9) Voting Subject-Matter Expert Members:** Water Quality (>2), Water Supply (>1), Nature-Based Solutions and/or Community Investment (>1), public health, and sustainability.
- **Two (2) Non-Voting Members:** Represent the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District).
- Term lengths: 4 years. Current terms expire **12/31/27**.
- Members may serve multiple terms and may serve on more than one committee.
- Members can withdraw by providing **60 days' notice** (or as far in advance as feasible or be removed by the Chief Engineer if determined they are unable to serve on the committee(s) and/or have not met attendance requirements.
- [ROC Charter and Operating Guidelines](#)



Agenda Item

# Biennial Report Session 5



## **Recommended Motion:**

### **The Safe, Clean Water Program**

### **Regional Oversight Committee moves to:**

- Approve the Final 2026 Biennial Progress Report to Submit to the Board of Supervisors

# Public Comment Summary

- **30-Day Public Comment:**  
January 15 – February 14, 2026
- **Received 10 Submissions**
  - WASC Members
  - Watershed Coordinator
  - Municipalities, CBOs
  - Resident
- Received over **80+** individual comments
- Overall **supportive and aligned** with BPR recommendations
- Most comments **offer implementation suggestions** for the recommendations
- Most common comments:
  - Watershed Plans Integration
  - Refine Scoring
  - Nature-Based Solutions
  - District Education Program





salute the leadership and guidance the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) has provided to the Program,



Once again, we want to applaud the tremendous work that has already been done in preparing your Biennial Progress Report



We are glad that this report is so comprehensive and believe that the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) has identified important aspects of the program that can be adapted to make it even stronger.



commends the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) for its hard work and dedication to successfully implement and administer the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP or Program).



would like to thank the County for its work on the SCWP and all their efforts in developing the Biennial Progress Report.

# Summary of Updates to the 2026 Biennial Progress Report

- **New Table** summarizing Biennial Progress Report recommendations and key milestones
- **Updated Introduction** with latest data from approved FY2025-26 SIPs
- **Updated Table 1** anticipated project benefits with latest data from released IWPs
- **Revised BPR #5:** Once IWPs are finalized, **revisit refine** scoring by May 2027 in light of new metrics, targets, and other policy and program changes as part of the adaptive management process.
- Replaced Initial Watershed Plans (IWP) Program Wide Executive Summary and clarified when/how users should start using IWPs
- Updated Adaptive Management with latest efforts such as IWP release and School Education
- Clarified and contextualized the gap between budgeted SIP funds and disbursements
- Clarified SCW District Education Program investments

# Biennial Progress Report Recommendation Cycle



Biennial Progress Report Recommendations



**Plan**, collaborate, and update Program guidance



**Implement** updates to portals, tools, and administration.



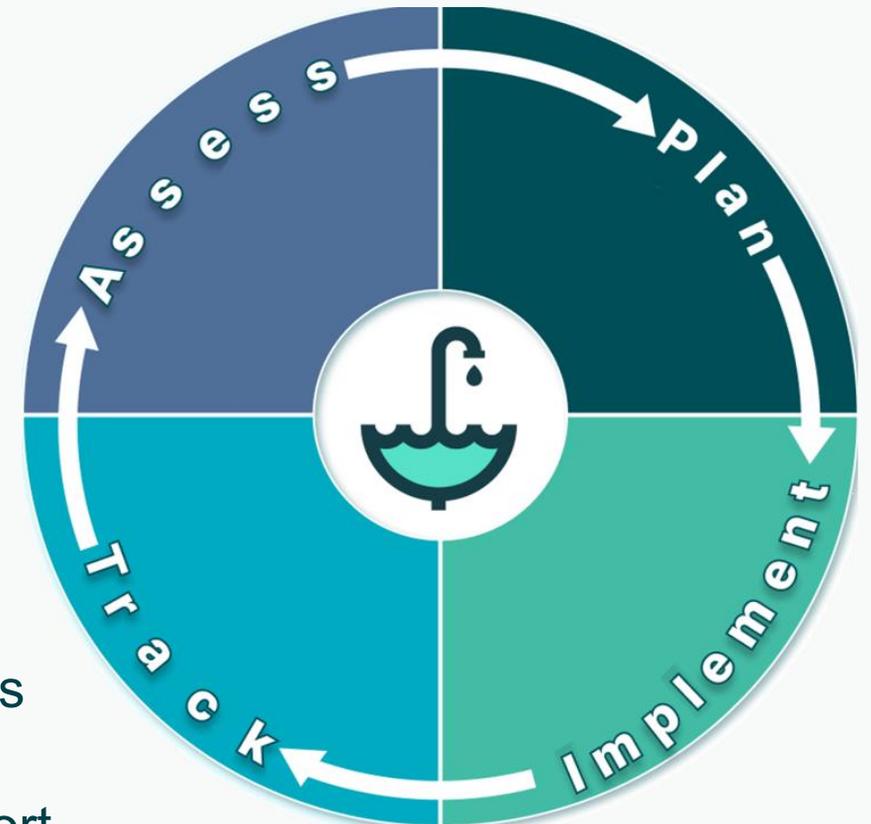
Support committee members, municipalities, and developers in understanding and implementing updates



**Track** progress and data from applications and reports



**Assess** Program progress for Biennial Progress Report and offer recommendations for adaptive management for Program enhancements



# Public Comment Summary

## Informing Adaptive Management – Part 1

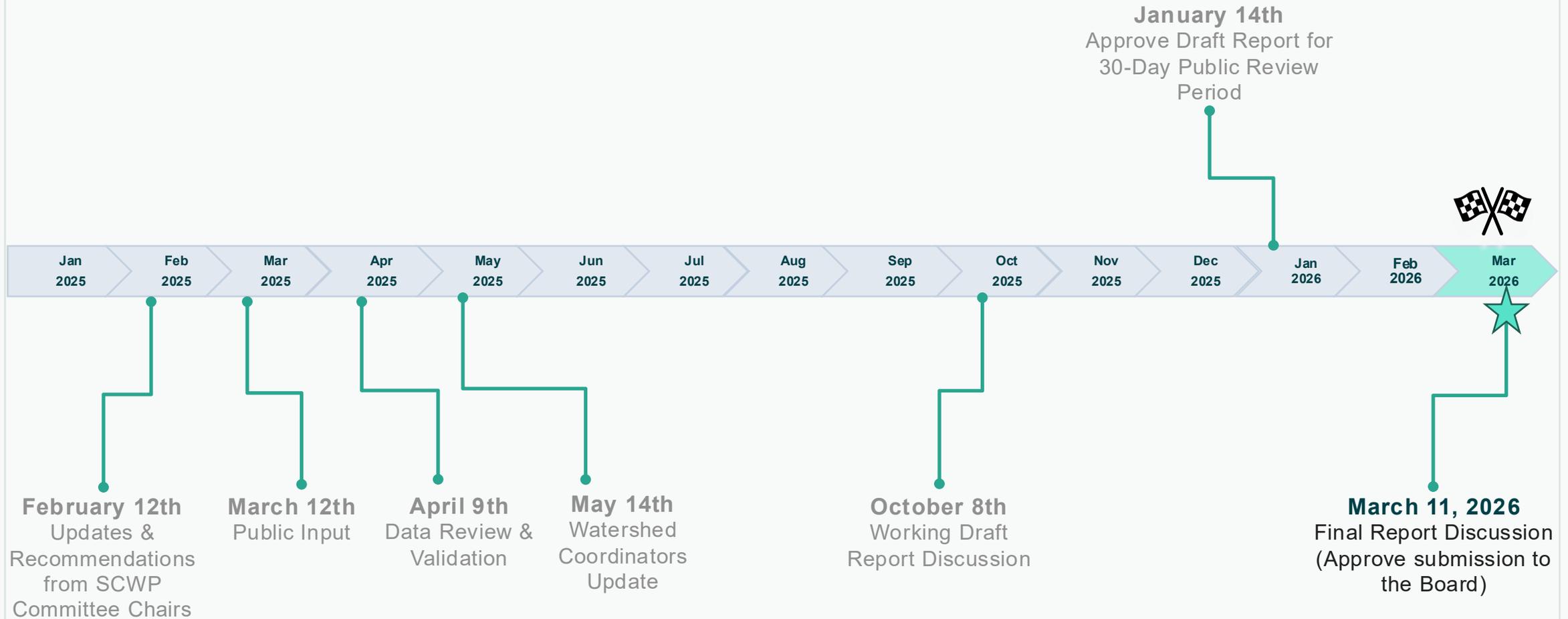
Category	2026 BPR Recommendation	Comment Summary
Scoring Criteria	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider <b>watershed specific-scoring</b> and consider integrating/enhancing <b>NbS, DACs, inflation, and engagement criteria</b></li> </ul>
Reporting	3, 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly distinguish <b>anticipated planned, anticipated constructed, and reported benefits</b>, as they become available</li> <li>Enhance reporting dashboards</li> </ul>
NbS	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate <b>NbS Task Force</b> recommendations and metrics into watershed planning and scoring</li> </ul>
Financial Forecasting	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen long-term funding and <b>O&amp;M forecasting</b></li> <li>Consider having WASCs develop <b>20-year investment plans</b></li> </ul>

# Public Comment Summary

## Informing Adaptive Management – Part 2

Category	2026 BPR Recommendation	Comment Summary
Engagement & Equity	6, 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand <b>meaningful public participation</b></li> <li>Strengthen support for <b>CBOs, schools, and small jurisdictions</b></li> <li>Track <b>equity metrics</b></li> </ul>
Administrative Burden	3, 6, 8, 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use funding caps and leverage funding targets as <b>guidelines</b></li> <li>Streamline applications/reporting, provide <b>advance notice of changes</b></li> <li>Enable <b>design-build delivery</b></li> </ul>
Expedite District Education Program	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expedite rollout, leverage partnerships, and <b>maintain momentum</b></li> </ul>
Artificial Intelligence	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish <b>legal, privacy, and IT governance guidance</b></li> </ul>

# How We Got Here – Timeline for Developing 2026 Biennial



# Discussion



Agenda Item

# Regional Program Update & Call for Projects Preparations



## What We're Covering Today

- **Regional Program Overview / Reporting**
  - Infrastructure Program Review
  - Technical Resources Program Review
  - Scientific Studies Review
- **2026 Call for Projects**
- **Regional Program Adaptive Management**



## Regional Program: Progress to Date & What's In Progress

Six successful rounds of SIPs approved, 7th is underway

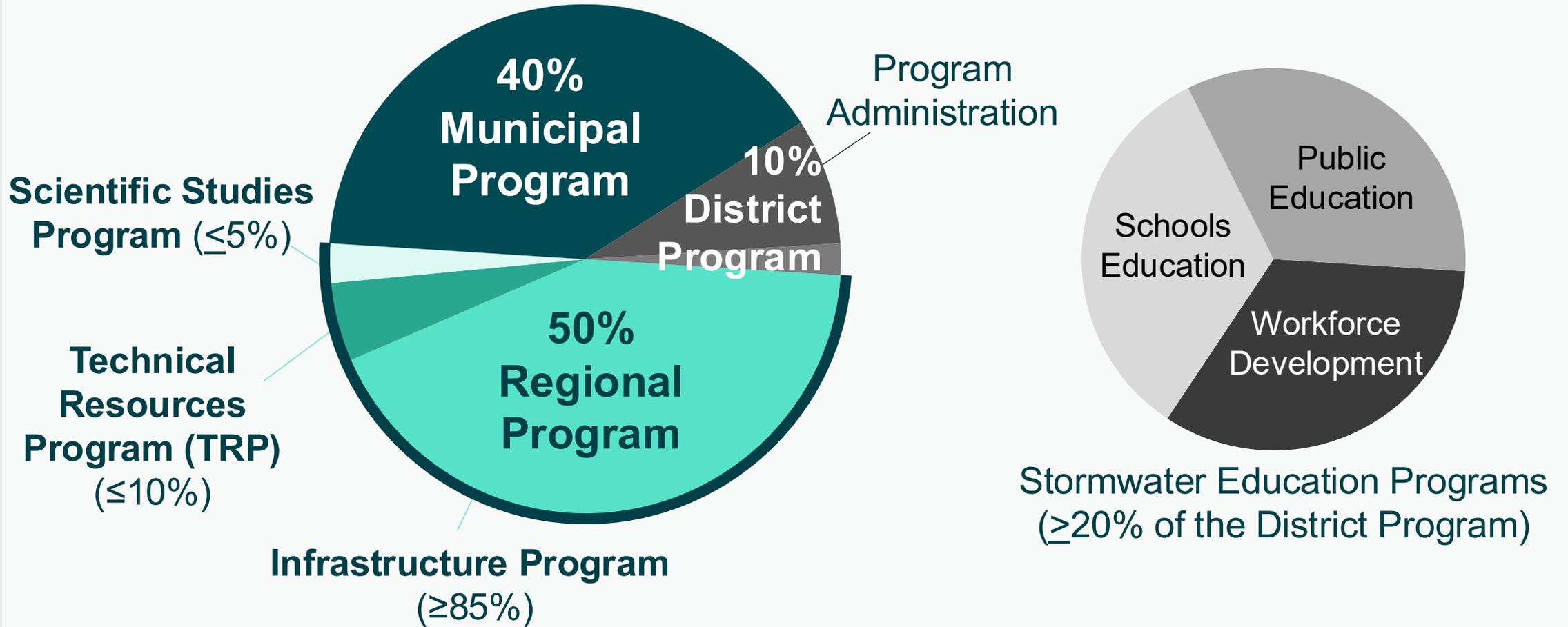
### Progress to Date for the Regional Program:

- **Portal & reporting enhancements** – balancing transparency with administrative burden
- **Refinement of knowledge around key issues** - NBS Task Force, ROC working groups, Science Symposium
- **Program guidance updates** – clearer, more consistent implementation
- **TRP updates** – additional support for Feasibility Study development
- **Initial Watershed Plans** – shift to proactive, strategic watershed planning

### What's In Progress for the Regional Program:

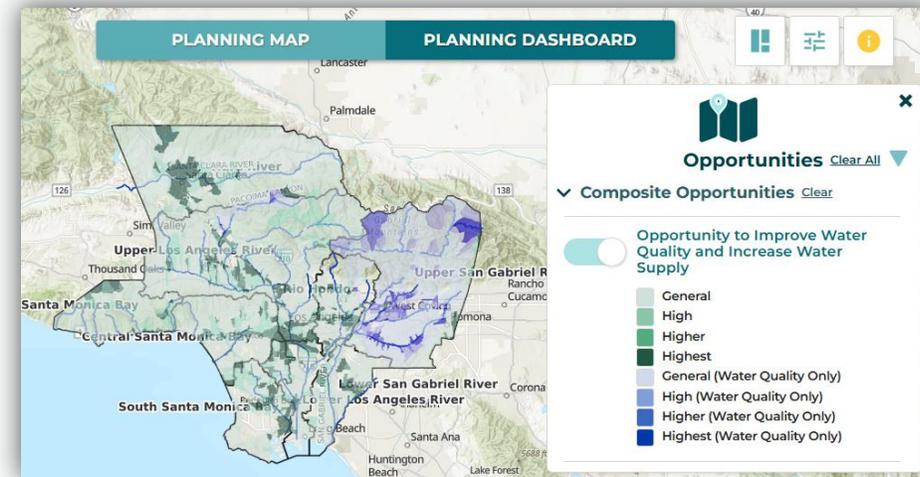
- Further Integration of the Initial Watershed Plans
- Updated scoring criteria, applications, and reporting
- Post-construction monitoring guidance
- Scientific Advisory Panel

# Overview of Regional Program



# Watershed Planning – Supporting Strategic Investments

- Release of the Initial Watershed Plans for each of the **nine Watershed Areas** and the online Planning Tool to support strategic investments
- Developed through a collaborative multi-stakeholder process
- Includes watershed specific:
  - Targets
  - Strategies
  - Actions
  - Opportunity Areas



# Planning Tool Demo

**Safe, Clean Water Program Watershed Planning Tool**

The Safe, Clean Water Program (SCW Program) Watershed Planning Tool (Planning Tool) serves as a living, interactive version of the SCW Program Initial Watershed Plans. It communicates progress toward SCW Program Goals and highlights strategies and opportunities to support their achievement.

Click on a Project on the map to learn more about benefits predicted by in-progress Projects and delivered by constructed Projects.

Turn on opportunity layers to visualize areas with the most potential for Projects to support progress toward SCW Program Goals.

Use the Planning Dashboard to explore summaries of Project benefits and view progress toward SCW Program Targets.

Click to see more

**PLANNING MAP** | **PLANNING DASHBOARD**

Use the arrows below to navigate between different themes.

Filter: SCW Program-wide

Increase Drought Preparedness (2 of 6)

Increase Drought Preparedness

The Indicators and Performance Measures below support tracking of progress through the implementation of Regional and Municipal Program Projects toward the following SCW Program Goal(s):

SCW Program Goal (18.04.B)

Indicators

Increase Local Supply Through Stormwater Capture (ac Ayr)

Increase Local Supply Through Groundwater Recharge and Storage (ac Ayr)

Anticipated Benefits (Constructed Projects)

Anticipated Benefits (Planned Projects)

Under Consideration

**PLANNING MAP** | **PLANNING DASHBOARD**

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Increase Water Quality (2 of 6)

Increase Drought Preparedness

Improve Water Quality

The Indicators and Performance Measures below support tracking of progress through the implementation of Regional and Municipal Program Projects toward the following SCW Program Goal(s):

SCW Program Goal (18.04.A)

Indicators

Zinc Load Reduction (lbs/yr)

Total Phosphorus Load Reduction (lbs/yr)

Anticipated Benefits (Constructed Projects)

Anticipated Benefits (Planned Projects)

Under Consideration

**PLANNING MAP** | **PLANNING DASHBOARD**

**WATERSHED PLANNING TOOL DASHBOARD**

The Planning Tool Dashboard visualizes progress toward Safe, Clean Water Program (SCW Program) Goals by quantifying Project benefits. Hover here for more info.

Click on a Planning Theme below to get started!

**SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM WATERSHED PLANNING THEMES**

- Improve Water Quality
- Increase Drought Preparedness
- Improve Public Health
- Deliver Multi-Benefits with Nature-Based Solutions & Diverse Projects
- Leverage Funding & Invest in Research & Development
- Equitably Distribute Benefits
- Promote Green Jobs & Career Pathways
- Ensure Ongoing Operations & Maintenance for Projects
- Prioritize Meaningful Engagement

**PROGRESS TO DATE BY PLANNING THEME AND INDICATOR**

**IMPROVE WATER QUALITY**

Zinc Load Reduction [lbs/yr]

Total Phosphorus Load Reduction [lbs/yr]

SCW Program Goal (18.04.A)

Anticipated Benefits (Constructed Projects)

Anticipated Benefits (Planned Projects)

Under Consideration

# Anticipated Infrastructure Program Project Benefits

**136**

Approved Infrastructure Program (IP) Project Applications

**18**

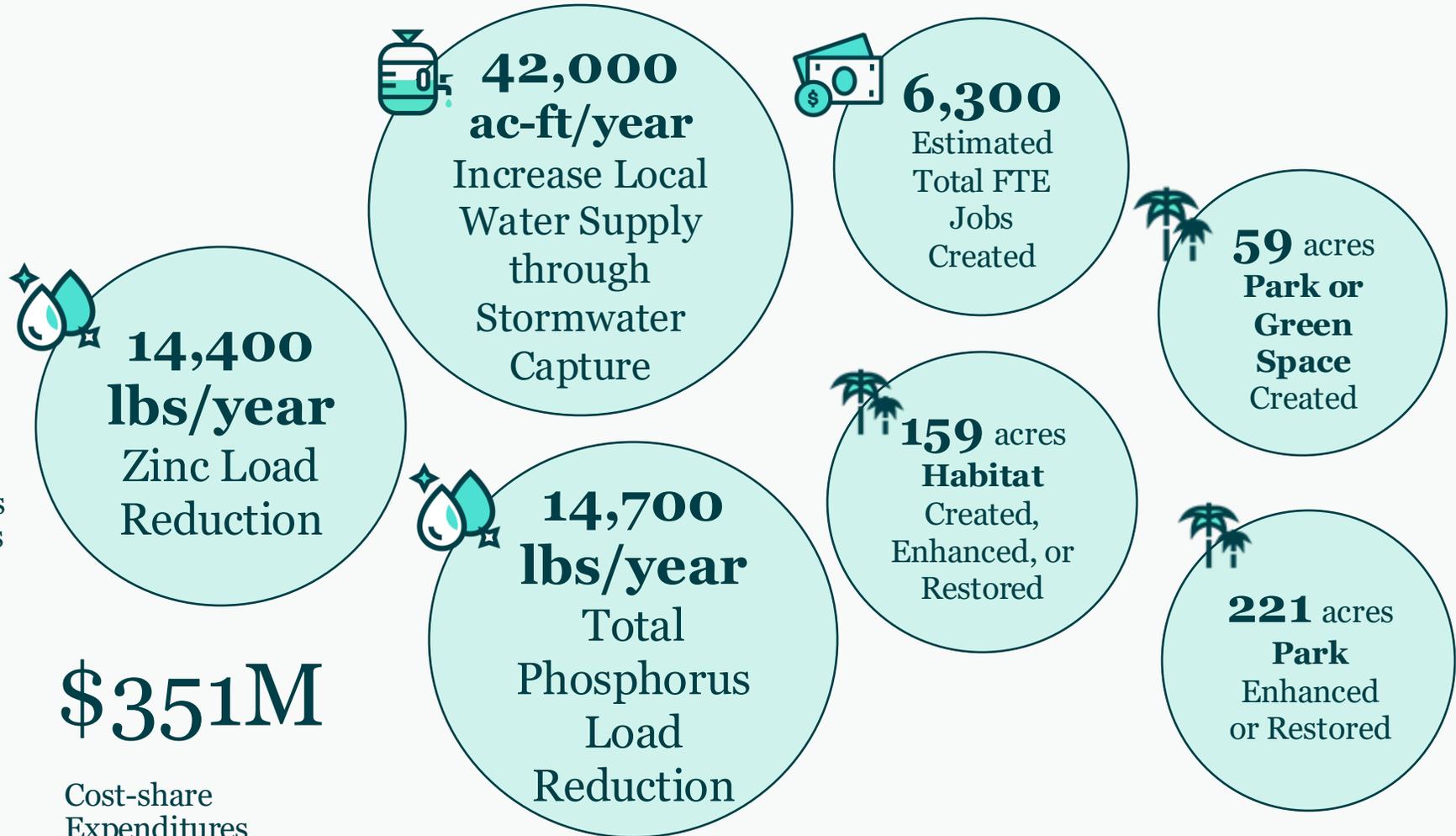
Constructed IP Projects as of July 2025 Reports

**\$603M**

SCWP Funds Awarded

**\$351M**

Cost-share Expenditures

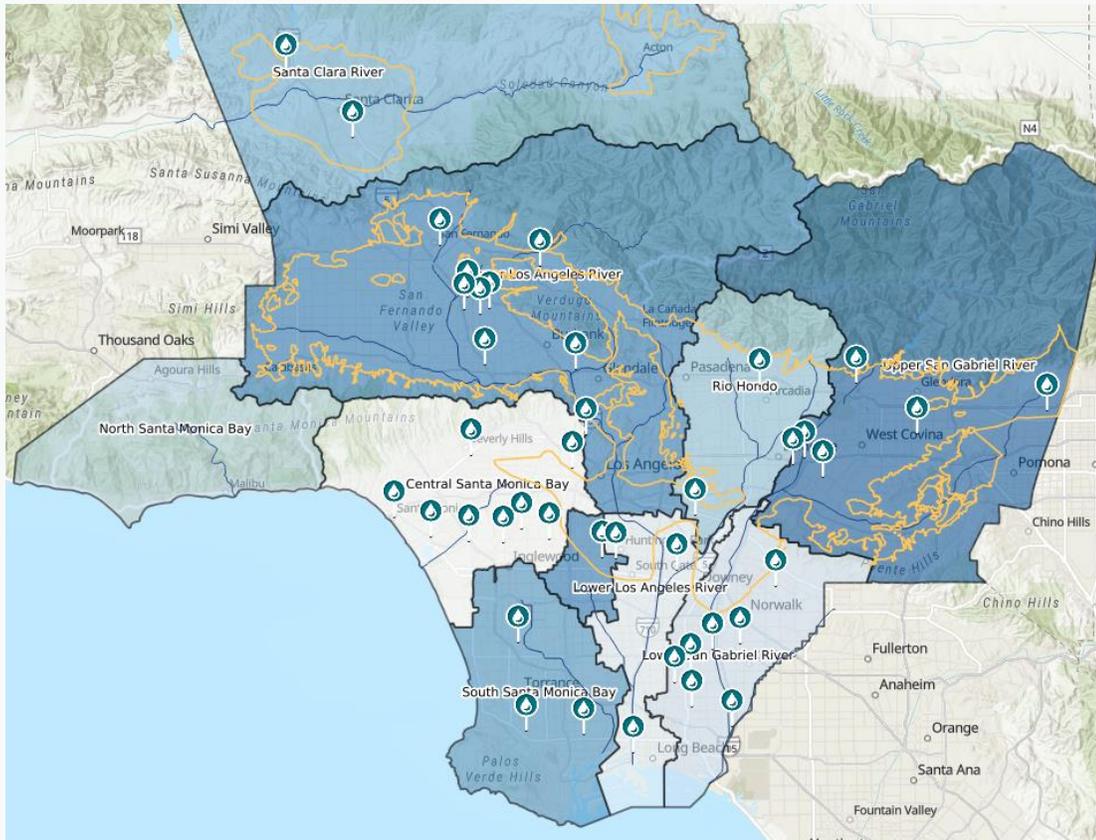


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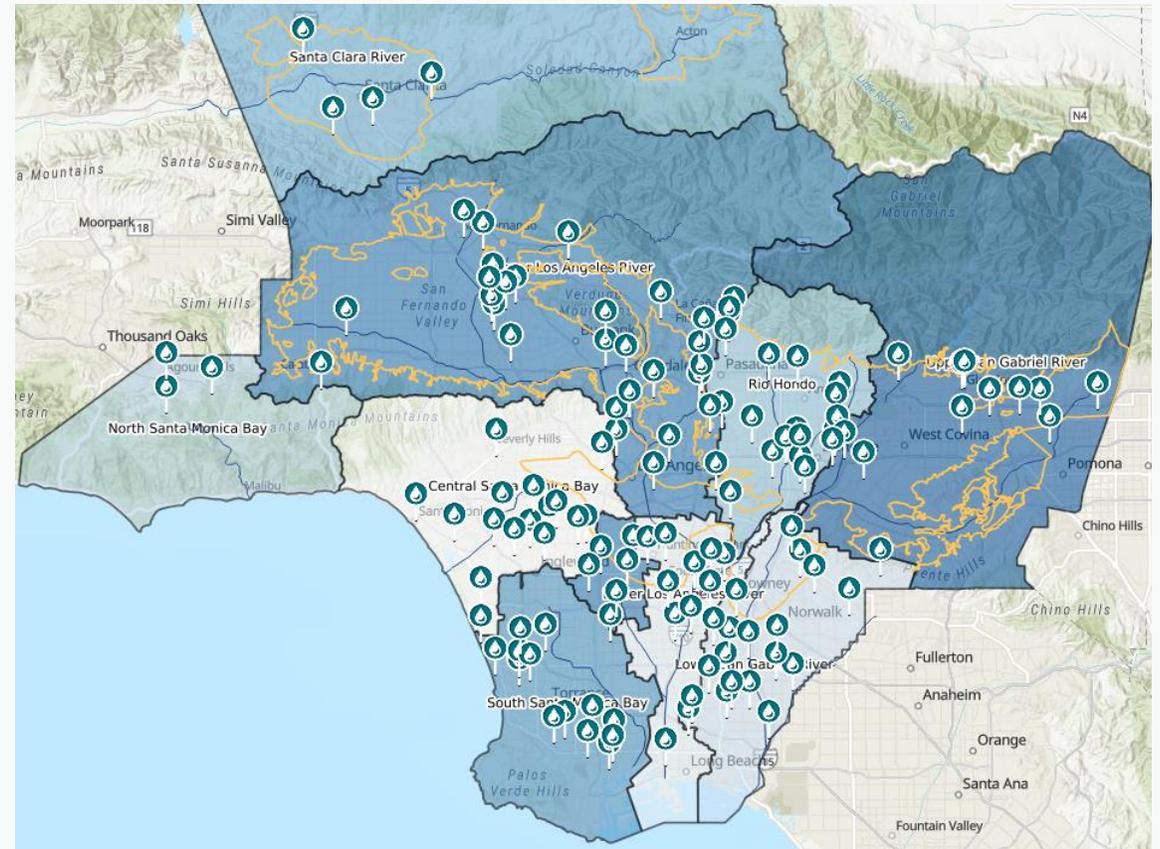
1. Anticipated planned benefits for projects funded through first 5 years of SCW Program.

# Growth of Infrastructure Program Project Map

FY20-21

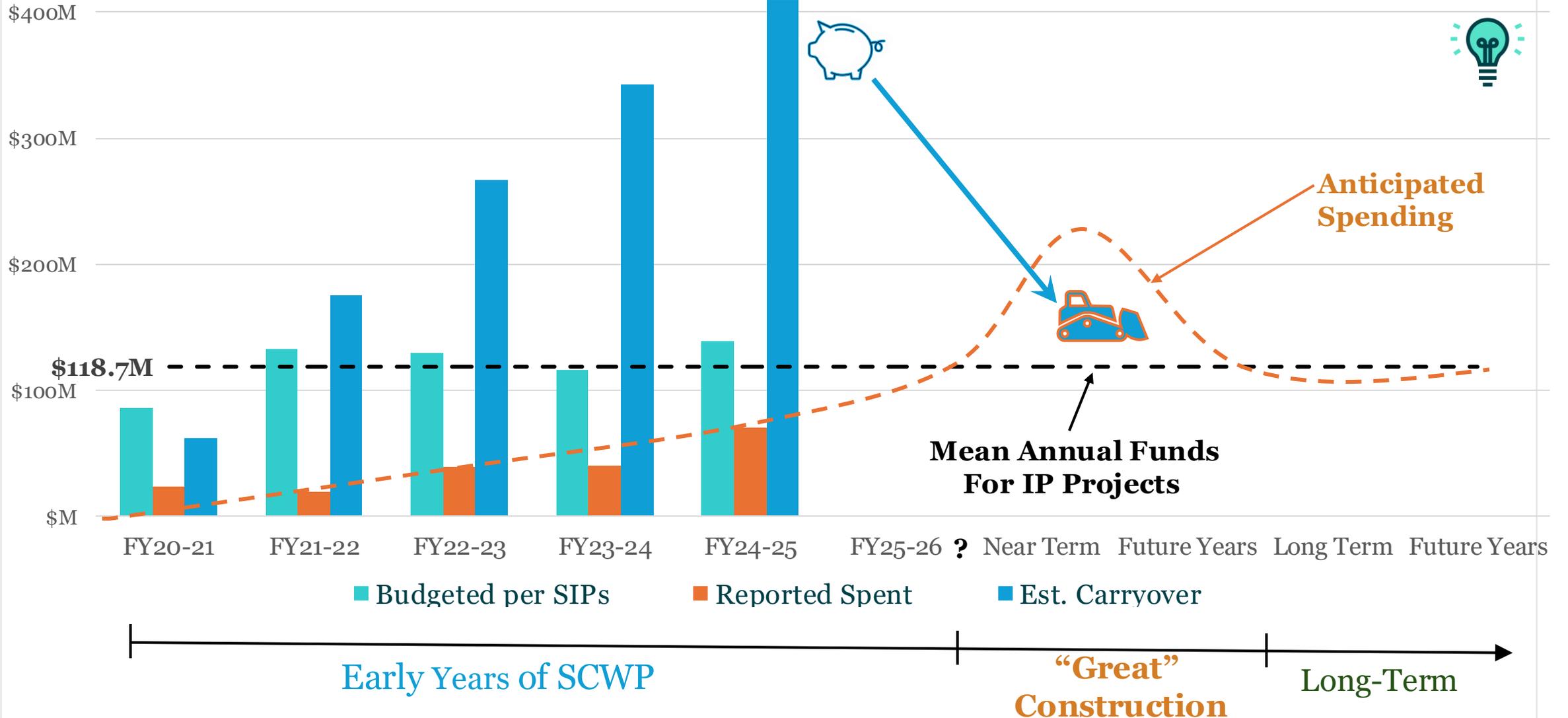


FY24-25



<https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/scw-reporting/map>

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



# Technical Resources Program (TRP)

## Technical Assistance Teams

- Assist with the development of Feasibility Studies for application to the Infrastructure Program

## Watershed Coordinators

- To educate and build capacity in Watershed Areas and facilitate community and Stakeholder engagement with the Technical Resources Program and the Watershed Area Steering Committees as a whole.

# Technical Resources Program – Project Concepts Summary FY20-21 to FY24-25

# 50

Funded Technical Resources Program  
Project Concepts

# \$15.9M

Budgeted to Date

Number of Project Concepts  
that Completed  
Development

# 27

Number of Project  
Concepts currently in  
progress

# 19

Number of Project Concepts  
withdrawing or infeasible

# 6

Number of Developed  
Project Concepts that have  
applied for Infrastructure  
Program

# 22

Number of Developed Project  
Concepts that have been  
funded as Infrastructure  
Program Project

# 11

# Technical Resources Program – Watershed Coordinators

TRP provides Watershed Coordinators to educate and build capacity in communities and to facilitate community and stakeholder engagement for SCWP.



71,013

Estimated People  
Reached



613

Outreach Events



790

Education Events

Outreach estimates through April 2025 provided by Watershed Coordinators.

# Scientific Studies Program Summary

## FY20-21 to FY24-25

# 17

Unique Funded Scientific Studies

# \$26.2M

Budgeted and Projected to Date

Number of Studies  
currently in progress

# 9

Number of Studies  
Completed

# 8

# Scientific Studies Program Updates

## Science Symposium

- To present findings, share information related to completed and ongoing research, and signal direction of the Scientific Studies Program
- First Annual Science Symposium was held November 2025
- Next Symposium to be held in Spring 2027

## Scientific Advisory Panel

- To set priorities and ensure research aligns with program goals and regional needs
- Development of the Scientific Advisory Panel is currently in progress

# 2026 Call for Projects

## Guiding Upcoming Call for Projects

### After current SIP Approval by WASCs

- WASCs will evaluate available funding capacity, funded Project progress, and alignment with Initial Watershed Plans to signal priority sub programs, project types, or phases
- This input will flag key areas of interest and guide proposers in the 2026 Call for Projects

### Enhanced SIP Transmittals to the ROC

- **New section highlighting** how recommended projects advance progress toward Watershed Area targets
- Identifies remaining gaps and Watershed Area needs
- Summarizes key areas of interest for future Call for Projects

# What's New for the 2026 Call for Projects

## 20th Feasibility Study Requirement: Alignment with Watershed Plan

- Projects Module updated to guide and streamline inputs for describing alignment with the Initial Watershed Plans

## Updated Projects Application Module Release

- New "O&M-only application" pathway to further streamline process
- Recall: Last year the application portal was separated based on the phase of the project: Early Design vs Advanced Design/Construction/O&M

# What's New for the 2026 Call for Projects

## Scientific Studies Program Guidance

- Guidance to clarify eligibility and expectations to ensure the submissions of scientifically rigorous studies and technical activities.

## Scoring Pilots

- Updated Alternate Water Quality Scoring Pilot that uses 85th storm capture volume and applies more granularity.
- Updated Alternate Water Supply Scoring Pilot by evenly scaling scoring criteria across the range of expected project performance from past SCWP Projects.
- New Alternate Community Investment Benefit Scoring Pilot that applies more granularity.

## 2026 Call for Projects Timeline

**20th Feasibility Study Requirement (describe Project alignment with Initial Watershed Plans)** – November 2025

**Watershed Planning Info Session** – March 18 @ 10am

**Call for Projects Info Sessions** – May 13 @ 9am & May 14 @ 3pm

**Updated Projects Application Module Release** ~ May 31 (TBA)

**LACFCD Deadline to Request Conceptual Approval** – May 31

**Call For Projects Application Deadline** – **July 31, 2026**

# Regional Program Adaptive Management

# Regional Program Adaptive Management



Actions	Now	Later (2027+)
<b>Integration of Initial Watershed Plans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue interagency task force coordination</li> <li>Update Portal to guide and streamline inputs to describe alignment</li> <li>Support developers, committees, and public in using the Watershed Plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates to guidance documents, scoring criteria, and Portal</li> <li>Nature-Based Addendum to Watershed Plans</li> <li>Adaptive Watershed Plans</li> </ul>
<b>Feasibility Study Guidelines (Scoring Revisions)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updating/Developing Alternate Water Quality, Water Supply, and Community Investment Benefit Scoring Pilot (updated scaling and more granularity)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive scoring update and update to Feasibility Study Guidelines reflecting input to date, MMS, and Watershed Planning.</li> </ul>
<b>Nature-Based Solutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature-Based Solutions Task Force Phase 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature-Based Addendum to Watershed Plans</li> <li>Integrate into scoring revisions, as appropriate</li> </ul>

# Regional Program Adaptive Management (Continued)



Actions	Now	Later (2027+)
<b>Post-Construction Monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance.</li> <li>Partner with Regional Board to evaluate integration with regional monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate regional monitoring</li> <li>Update Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance.</li> </ul>
<b>Projects Module</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separating applications based on the phase of the project: Early Design, Advanced Design/Construction/O&amp;M, and O&amp;M (new).</li> <li>Initial Watershed Plans integration.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update Projects Module and Reporting Module per scoring revisions, NbS, and post construction monitoring guidelines.</li> </ul>



# Regional Program Adaptive Management (Continued)



Actions	Now	Later (2027+)
<b>Guidance and Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates to current guidance (e.g. SIP Programming Guidance, Supplemental Guidance)</li> <li>• Establish new guidance (e.g. Post Construction Monitoring, SS Program Guidance)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive Program Guidance based on Watershed Planning, scoring revisions, NbS, and key definitions.</li> </ul>
<b>Scientific Advisory Panel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with SCCWRP to establish and facilitate the Scientific Advisory Panel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific Advisory Panel to review and assess scientific study proposals and propose future research topics in alignment with Program priorities.</li> </ul>



# Questions?



# SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

## Workforce Development Update

March 2026



# Safe Clean Water Program Ordinance

District Program: Ten percent of the revenue from the annual Special Parcel Tax shall be allocated for the District Program.

And 20% of the District Program includes an Education Program which shall allocate a portion of funds to a Workforce Development Program:

Local workforce job training, which will provide certification classes and vocational training at the community level for the design, construction, inspection, operation and maintenance of Stormwater or Urban Runoff management and Multi-Benefit Projects ...”

County Code, Chapter 16, Section 16.05.A.2.j



# Workforce Development Program(s) Objectives

- Train an in-house (County) workforce for SCWP Projects and Programs
- Train a workforce available to other municipalities, private contractors for SCWP Projects and Programs
- Establish a pathway for those with traditional barriers to employment
- Connect people/communities to training, jobs and careers
- Connect a trained workforce with available, long-term jobs and career pathways
- Build, operate and maintain SCWP Projects with a qualified workforce



## March 2024 Board Motion Workforce Development

"Collaboration with and funding of the Department of Economic Opportunity to design and implement Workforce Development program(s) to support Safe Clean Water Program goals..."

**department  
of economic  
opportunity**  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# Department of Economic Opportunity Workforce Development Expertise:

- Creates tailored training programs for both employers and job seekers.
- Entry level job training program(s) as well as high-road career pipeline opportunities
- Strategies to target hard to reach/hard to employ populations
- Ongoing case management and job readiness support services
- Strong partnerships with local trainers who can develop training certification program(s)
- Leverage resources across County initiatives

# Preparing LA for County Employment (PLACE)

- PLACE prepares and places people with high barriers to employment into entry-level, permanent County jobs with a career pathway.
  - Focus: Training for entry-level Public Works positions such as Electrical Helper and Laborer.
  - Program Customization: Public Works will work with the training provider to tailor curriculum to focus on stormwater maintenance and operations.



# Construction Industry Workforce



Entering a training partnership with a local union to provide pre-apprenticeship training and support services with an emphasis on fulfilling local and targeted hiring goals.

# Operations and Maintenance Workforce

- Job Market Analysis of current and near future vacancies
- Curriculum identification or development with local community colleges and/or Union
- High Road Training Partnerships
  - Bring together industry, training providers, labor and community



## Next Steps

- \$5 million committed over next 2 years for workforce development and training
- Launch DEO programs: Pre-apprenticeship for construction industry and High Roads Training Program for operations and maintenance
- Evaluate other potential investments in programs identified through 2024 SCW Program Workforce benchmarking study
- Continue to explore other existing opportunities to leverage workforce development efforts (e.g. utilize space at new Environmental Justice Center, etc.)

# Thank you.



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# LA County Department of Economic Opportunity and Public Works Safe, Clean Water Workforce Development Collaboration

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On February 17, 2026, the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the LA County Flood Control District, operated through the Department of Public Works (PW), executed an MOU establishing the Safe Clean Water (SCW) Workforce Development Collaboration to provide training and in green jobs and career pathways related to the construction, inspection, operation and maintenance of stormwater or urban runoff management and multi-benefits projects.

The partnership is supported by a Board Motion authored by LA County Third District Supervisor Lindsay Horvath on March 19, 2024, calling for collaboration between DEO and PW to implement workforce development programs to support SCWP program goals.

# Partnership Overview

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**\$3 million in SCW funding will be provided in the first year to start up the program, with \$2 million provided in subsequent years to achieve the following goals:**



Launch a High Road Training Partnership (H RTP) to train 75 participants annually in construction trades pre-apprenticeship program for Local Hire on SCWP infrastructure projects.



Develop and launch a new H RTP program for related water pathways to train and support the hire of 75 individuals annually across operations, maintenance, and other occupations related to SCWP projects.

# Why HRTPs?

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- DEO's H RTP programs connect local job seekers to paid training, real work experience, and direct pathways to good-paying jobs and businesses to a qualified talent pool, at no cost.
- Since 2024, DEO has invested \$34 million across 24 H RTPs providing training to over 1,700 participants.
- The H RTP model brings together workers, employers, labor, educators, and community service organizations to design and deliver worker-centered, industry-informed training for quality jobs and offer clear paths to advancement as well as meet the long-term hiring and training needs of high-growth and opportunity sectors.
- H RTPs support targeted local hire and equitable access to infrastructure careers for individuals facing barriers to employment.
- H RTPs are designed to meet the workforce needs of large-scale public investments, such as, green stormwater infrastructure projects through the SCW Program
- More info at [opportunity.lacounty.gov/hrtp](https://opportunity.lacounty.gov/hrtp)

# Key Features and Timeline for SCW HRTPs

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- ✓ Align with SCWP's approximately \$280 million annual stormwater investment by developing a pipeline of qualified candidates for stormwater infrastructure construction, operations and maintenance, and other stormwater-related occupations.
- ✓ Providers will work directly with SCWP project developers and labor unions to connect program graduates to meet their skill needs and gather feedback on training curricula.
- ✓ Participants will receive training stipends, case management, supportive services, and job placement assistance upon completion of the training programs.
- ✓ A competitive procurement will be released in March for the construction H RTP, with a procurement for the stormwater infrastructure operations and maintenance H RTP to follow.
- ✓ Interested applicants should invest in their H RTP and prepare for application.
- ✓ DEO will engage employers to better understand the demand pipeline to align the H RTP opportunities.



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