

## Watershed Planning Initiative & Initial Watershed Plans

**What is the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP)?** The SCWP funds stormwater initiatives that improve water quality, increase our local water supply, and provide community benefits, like green spaces and parks. It works directly with communities, municipalities, agencies, and individuals to create projects that capture and clean stormwater, while also providing quality of life improvements.

**What is the purpose of the Watershed Planning Initiative (WP)?** The WP was initiated in 2023 to comprehensively and strategically enhance and track progress toward the SCWP’s 14 Goals. It uses data, collaboration, and community input to inform SCWP decisions, reduce redundancies, and enhance accountability across the region. This is accomplished by:

- Establishing aspirational targets tailored for each SCWP Watershed Area (WA).
- Reviewing and incorporating key information and targets from other efforts.
- Developing strategies and actions to achieve those targets.
- Identifying meaningful opportunities for multi-benefit investments in each WA.
- Compiling and integrating community input through the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) Survey and Dashboard.

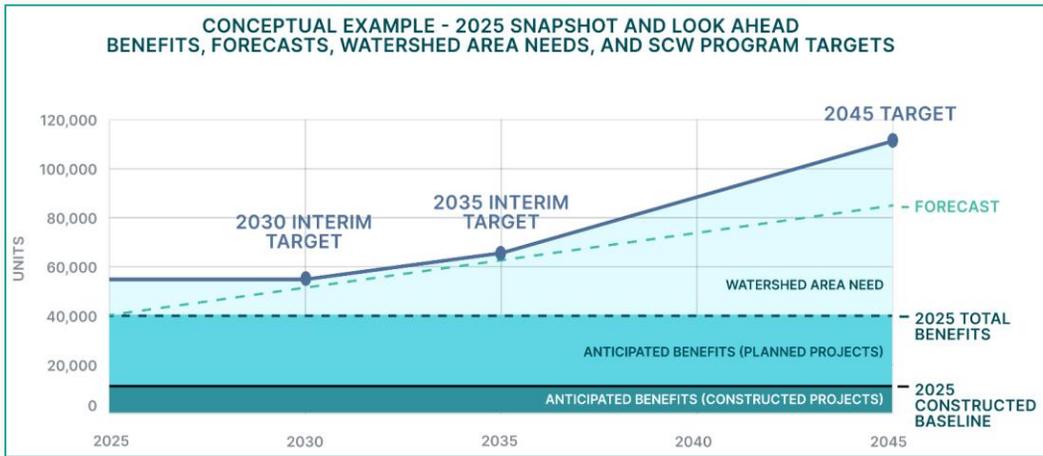


**What are SCWP Initial Watershed Plans (Plans)?** Released in February 2026, they are collaboratively developed strategic plans (along with other accompanying tools) released to communicate the WP outputs. The Plans provide detailed information on Program-wide and WA-specific targets, needs, strategies, and opportunities within the scope of the SCWP. They are adaptive and will be updated as new findings arise. Key elements of the Plans are anchored in the SCWP Goals, as follows:



**What is included in the Initial Watershed Plans?** Each of the nine WAs has its own Plan tailored to its unique characteristics, needs, and opportunities. The Plan's chapters are organized according to the below 'throughline', which translates the SCWP Goals to realistic strategies, actions, and opportunities that will enhance the benefits provided by the Program.

**Catalyst for the WP:** The LA County Board of Supervisors, Public Works, SCWP committees, and regional partners recognized the need for centralized leadership to establish clear measurable targets, a common language, align strategic priorities, and guide adaptive efforts for the long-term success of the SCWP.



**How should the Plans be used?** To collaboratively plan, implement, track, and evaluate SCWP investments.

**What are other important things to know about the Plans?**



- Targets translate the SCWP vision into measurable outcomes.
- They define the SCWP's contributions to regional targets for benefits supported by the Program, when established. Where none exist, WA Characteristics guide target setting for each benefit.
- WA Needs reflect the remaining gap between progress to date and established targets.
- For more information, visit [safecleanwaterla.org/what-we-do/watershed-planning/](https://safecleanwaterla.org/what-we-do/watershed-planning/)