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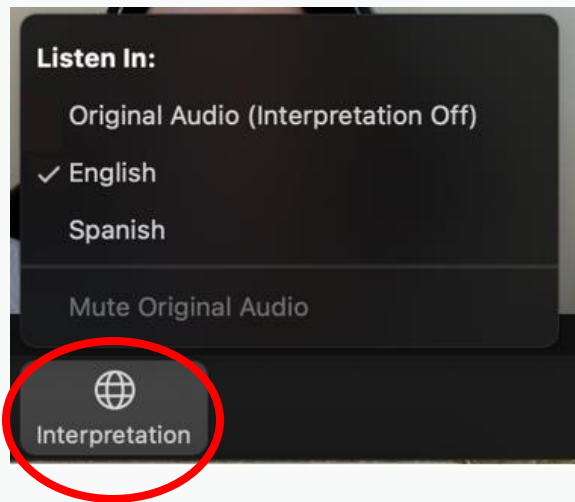
Regional Oversight Committee Meeting

April 8, 2026



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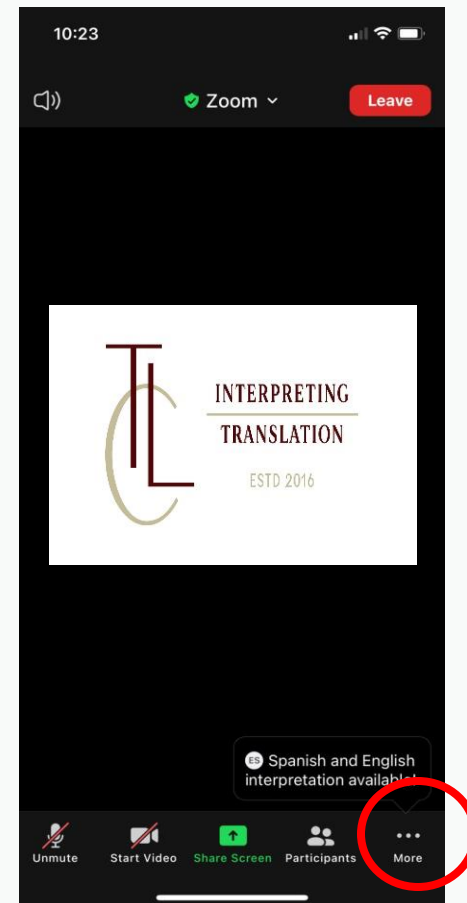


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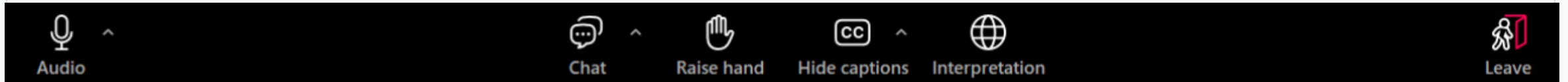


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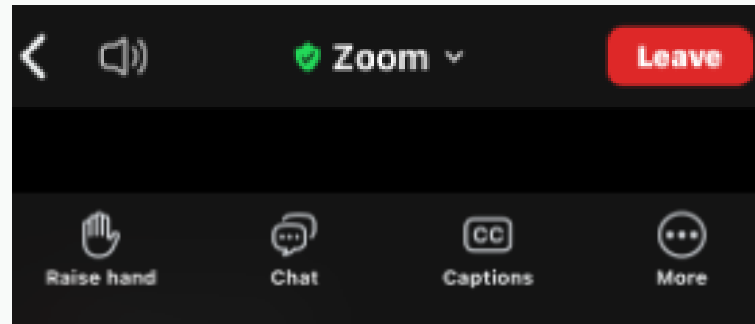


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Member	Expertise	Affiliation
Diana Tang, Chair	Water Quality	City of Long Beach
Maria Mehranian, Vice-Chair	Water Quality, Water Supply	Cordoba and Former LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Chair
Belinda Faustinos	Community Investment Benefits, 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
Bruce Reznik	Water Quality, Community Investment Benefits, Nature-Based Solutions	Los Angeles Waterkeeper
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 receive a Preview of the 2026 Call for Projects (CFP) Information Sessions.
- ROC to receive updates on key aspects of the Scientific Studies Program.
- ROC to receive updates on the SCW Municipal Program.
- ROC to consider forming an Ad-Hoc Workforce Development Subcommittee

Agenda Review:

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review and Meeting Purpose
4. *Ex Parte* Communication Disclosures
5. Approval of March 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes
6. Public Comment Period
7. Program Administration Updates:
 1. General Updates
 2. Information Item: SCW Regional Program CFP – Preview of Information Sessions
 3. Information Item: Scientific Advisory Panel Status
8. Discussion Item: SCW Municipal Program Updates
9. Action Item: Consider forming an Ad-Hoc Workforce Development Subcommittee
10. ROC Member Updates
11. Items for Next Agenda / Lookahead
 1. May – Spring Recess – No Meeting
 2. June -
 1. SIP Review & Recommendations
 2. ROC Chair Selection & Charter Overview
 3. District Grants Program Update
12. 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

March

2026 Biennial Progress

Report

Regional Program Focus

Workforce Development

Today

▶ **Municipal Program
Focus**

▶ **Regional Program
Info Sessions**

▶ **Scientific Studies
Program**

Future

May

Spring Recess

June & July

SIP Recommendations

SCW Program 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.

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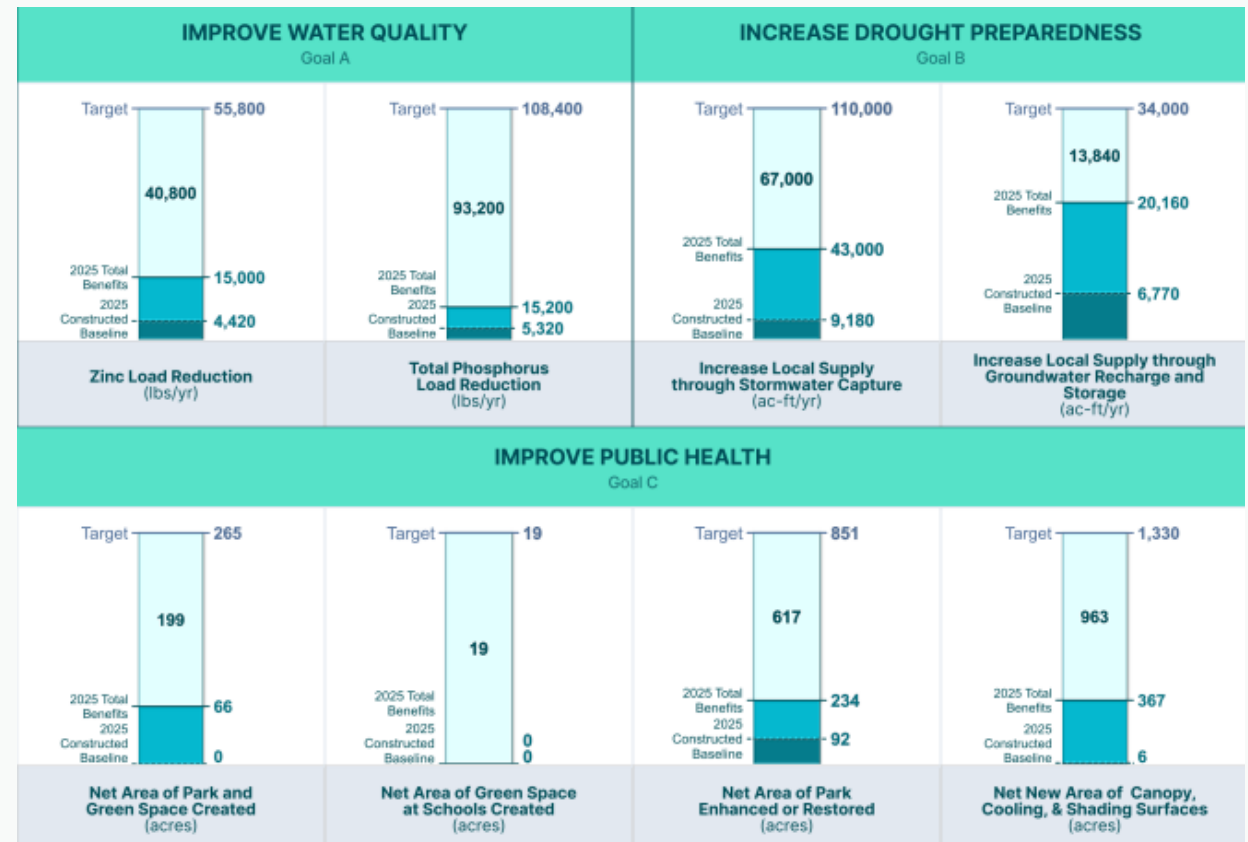
Number of Projects, Studies, Concepts and Program Activities Funded to date
Municipal up to FY23-24 and Regional Program up to SIP FY25-26

Number of Projects Funded

300+

Number of Projects Constructed

46

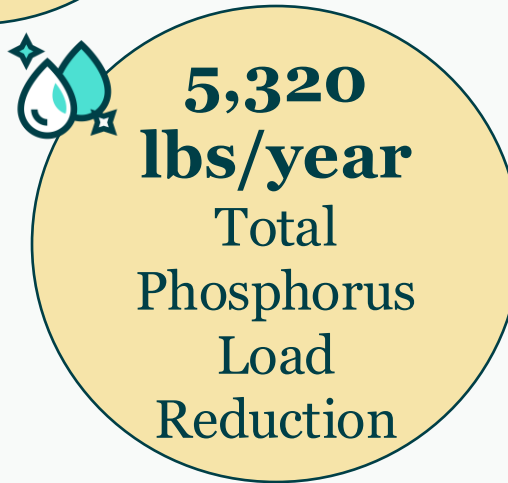
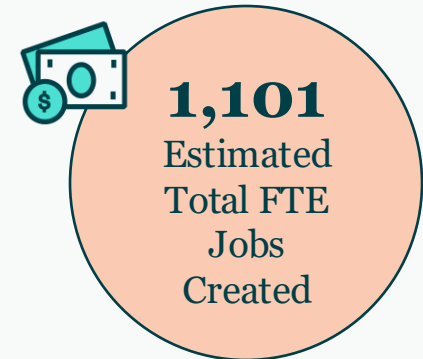
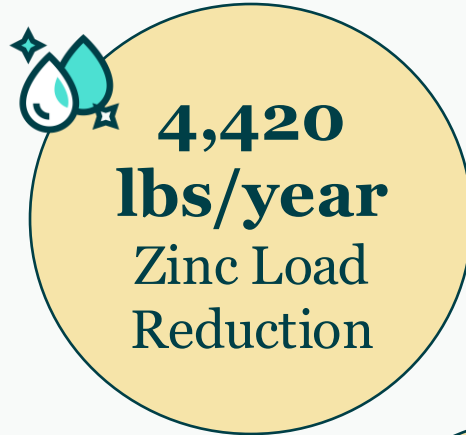


See [SCWP Planning Dashboard](#) for more details.

SCW Program Highlights – Countywide Benefits from Constructed Projects



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



Note: Based on 2025 reporting; next update in February 2027.

Program Administration Updates



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SCW Regional Program CFP – Preview of Information Sessions



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

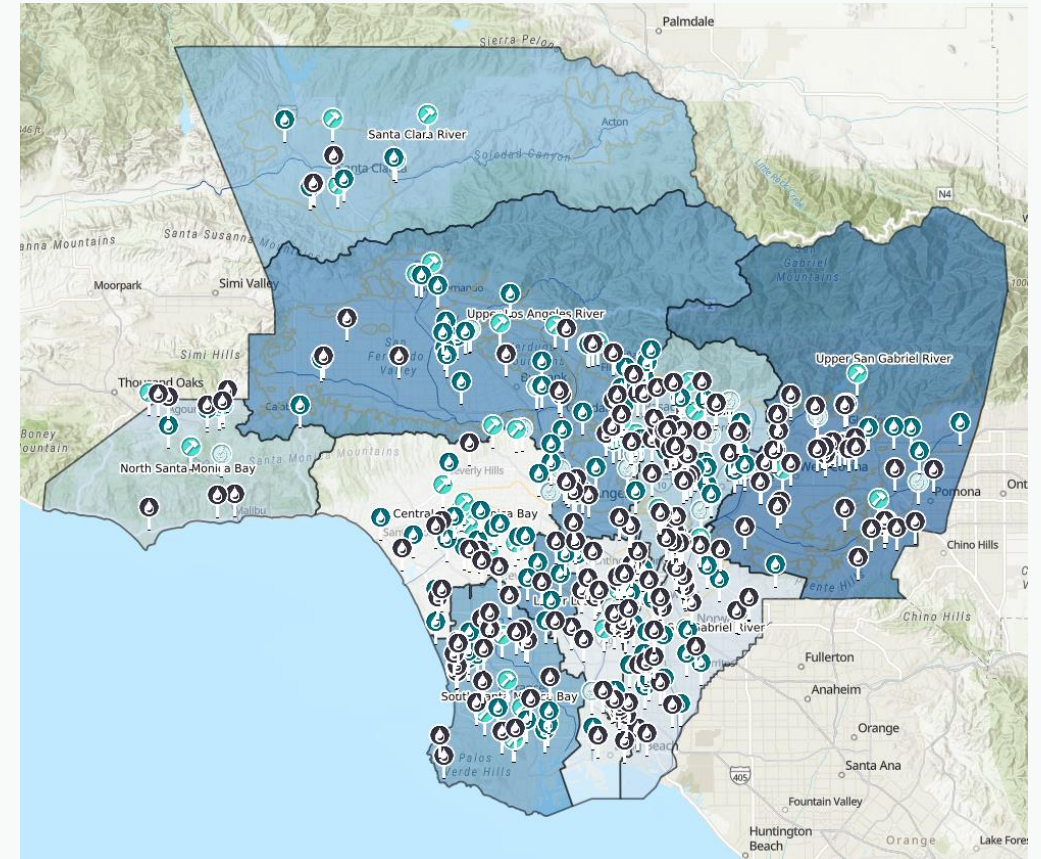
Updated Projects Application Module Release ~ May 31 (TBA)

LACFCD Deadline to Request Conceptual Approval – May 31

Call For Projects Application Deadline – July 31, 2026

Overview of Call for Project Info Sessions

- Timeline
- SCW Program Goals and Fund Overview
- Call for Projects
 - What's New, Process, Requirements, Application, Scoring Criteria
- Stormwater Investment Plan Overview
- Guidance Documents
- Projects Module Live Tutorial
- Q&A



Questions?



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Scientific Studies Program Updates



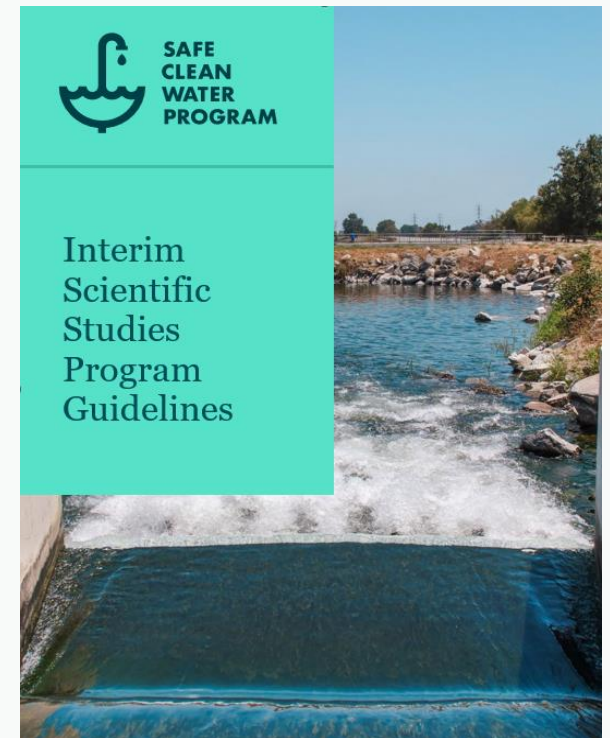
Interim Scientific Studies Program Guidelines

Purpose:

- Support applicants by providing clarity and consistency on eligibility and application requirements
- Expand on definitions and procedures described in the Ordinance

High Level Overview:

- Expanded Definitions for Scientific Studies Program
- Defined Accepted Scientific Protocols
- Application Requirements
- Application Review Process – Eligibility & Completeness verification



Scientific Advisory Panel – Purpose

Signal Priorities

- Evaluate research needs in stormwater science by identifying subjects and questions for investigation.

Define Application Categories

- Similar to Regional Program Infrastructure Types of Projects
- Categorize studies into relevant areas
- Capture information during application phase

Guide Study Selection

- Use existing plans to help guide the selection of Scientific Studies
- Plans include the Initial Watershed Plans, County Water Plan, Stormwater Monitoring Coalition 5-year Research Plan

Scientific Advisory Panel – Proposed Timeline

Formation of SAP

- Partnership with SCCWRP
- Summer 2026

Collaborative Workshops

- Fall 2026

Draft Guidance Document

- Winter 2026

Scientific Symposium

- April 2027

Include a Categories selection to the SCWP application

- May 2027



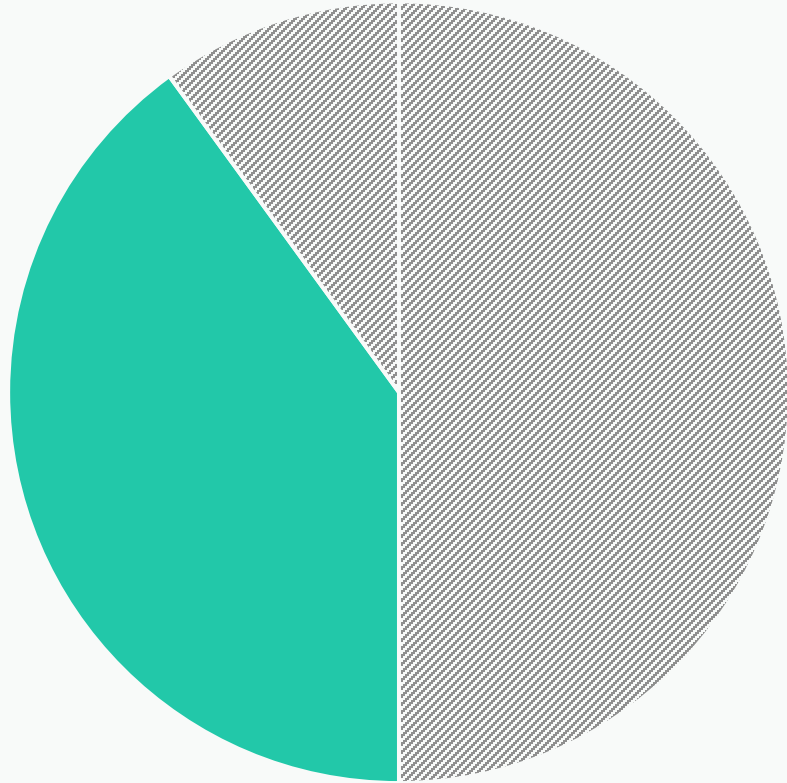
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SCW Program Municipal Program Update

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Program Overview



40% of SCW Program
≈ \$112 M Annually

- Helps local governments address stormwater and urban runoff challenges
- Funding is allocated proportionally to each municipality's contribution
- Distributed annually to 86 municipalities

SCW Municipal Program – Adaptive Management

- Strengthen technical assistance for municipalities
- Monitor high-dollar projects for timely delivery
- Lookout for lapsed funds

Implement 2026 Biennial Progress Report Key Recommendations:

- Integrate Watershed Plans (Recommendation #1)
- Support Growing SCWP (Recommendation #4)
- Support for Municipal Staffing Challenges (Recommendation #8)
- Improve Transparency in Municipal Program (Recommendation #9)

SCW Municipal Program – County's Services

County's Services for Project Development and Delivery

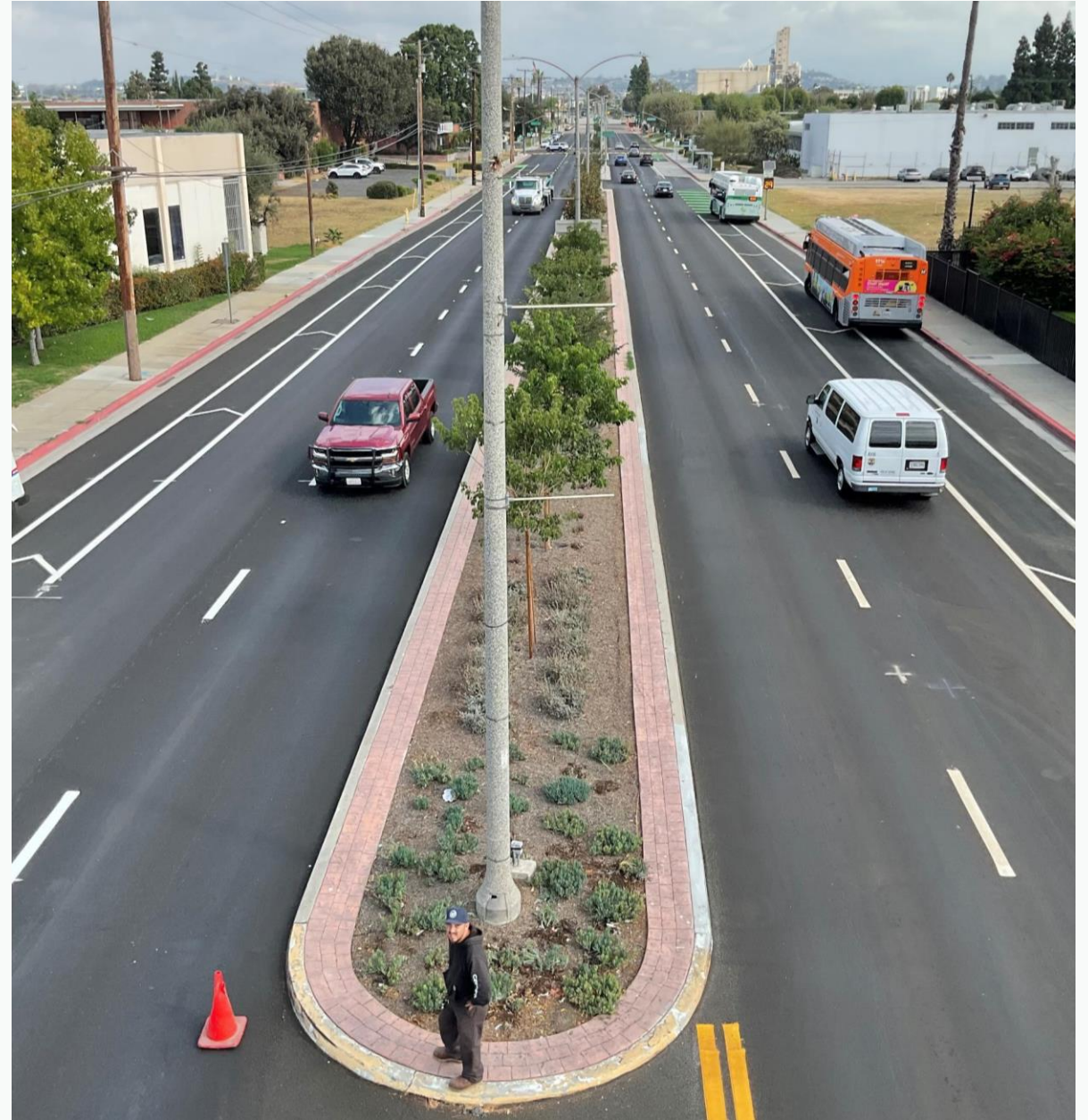
- Project planning and design support (potential for additional support services in the future)
- Piloting services to select cities
- Formalizing robust region-wide rollout plan and solicitation

Technical Working Group

- Comprised of municipalities and developers of *constructed Regional Program Projects*
- Developing Region-wide references and publications related to lessons learned for design, project delivery, O&M, etc.



Project Highlights – City of Bell: Street Improvements Project



Project Highlights – City of Commerce: Eastern Avenue Median Improvements Project



Project Highlights – City of Hermosa Beach: Beach Cities Green Streets Project



Project Highlights – City of Vernon: Tree Canopy Project

Review of Municipal Program Audit Reports

Independent audits of SCW Program fund use every 3 years

Audit required in executed Transfer Agreement

During review of Audit Reports, looked for the following:

1. Report appears complete, including cover and contents.
2. Firm used must be CA licensed or have Practice Privilege; verified license on Department of Consumer Affairs website.
3. Report included an independent auditor's or accountant's signed letter on firm letterhead.
4. Report noted compliance review with Flood Control District Code Chapters 16 & 18.
5. Report opinion stated compliance or non-compliance with Chapters 16 & 18.
6. Report did not reference any material findings or exceptions.

Review of Audit Reports for the Period of FY20-21 to FY22-23

Reports Summary (86 Municipalities)

- 55 Compliant
- 1 still pending submissions
- 1 not due until next year
- 29 Non-Compliant or Partly Compliant
 - Late submittal of reporting requirements (majority)
 - Discrepancy or weakness in reporting their financials (e.g. inaccurate expenditures, interest not reported)
 - 70-30 Maintenance of Effort

Review of Audit Reports

Response to Non-Compliant or Partly Compliant

- Letters sent out included the following:
 - Reference Audit Requirement in Transfer Agreement
 - Reference District Code Chapter 18.14 for enforcement authority
 - Table highlighting the audit findings and corrective actions
 - Due date to complete corrective actions and respond
 - Due date to make an appeal

Consideration for the next Audit Reports

Next Audit Reports due in 2027

Need consistent/same level of effort on reports from ***all*** municipalities

Provide Template for Statement of Work

Questions

Contact

SCWPMunicipal@pw.lacounty.gov



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Action Item 9:
Consider forming an Ad-
Hoc Workforce
Development
Subcommittee

April 2026



Structure for the Ad-Hoc Workforce Development Subcommittee

Proposed Scope

- Engage with technical and logistical material from staff to support oversight alignment with overall SCW Program goals.
- Recommend on-the-ground needs across sectors.

Composition (Non-Brown Act)

- Administered by the County
- Can only include ROC Members (up to 4)

Proposed Meetings

- Two listening sessions:
 - Construction industry workforce needs
 - Operations and maintenance workforce needs
- Final session:
 - Review feedback received
 - Confirm shared themes, prepare for report-back to ROC

Thank you

QUESTIONS?

Contact the

Regional Oversight Committee

Executive Clerk

Los Angeles County Public Works

Hotline: 1-833-ASK-SCWP (7297)

SCWP_ROC_ExecClerk@pw.lacounty.gov

[Safe Clean Water LA - LA County's Safe Clean Water Program Website](https://safecleanwaterla.org/)

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