SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

2026 Call for Projects FY27-28 Information Session

SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
May 13 and 14, 2026

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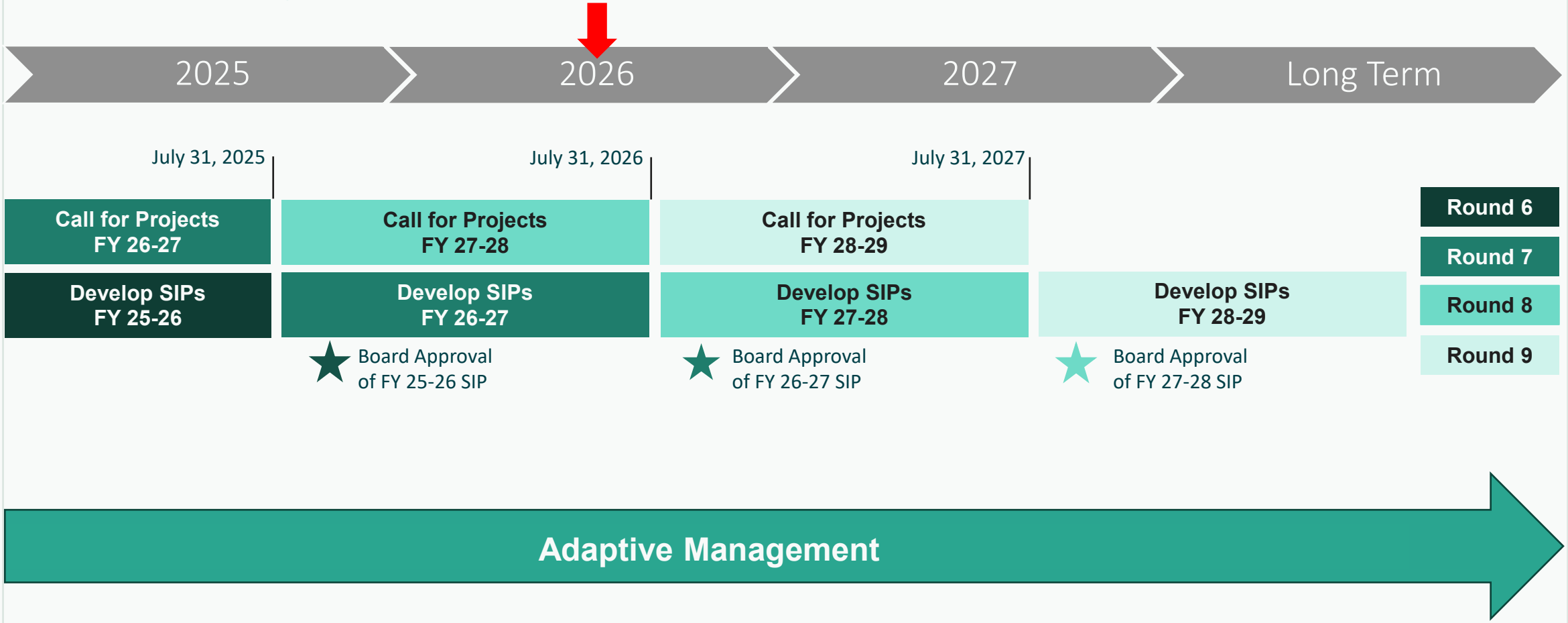
Call for Projects Timeline



SCW Program Goals

A. Improve water quality and contribute to attainment of water-quality requirements

B. Increase drought preparedness by capturing more Stormwater and/or Urban Runoff to store, clean, reuse, and/or recharge groundwater basins

C. Improve public health by preventing and cleaning up contaminated water, increasing access to open space, providing additional recreational opportunities, and helping communities mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change through activities such as increasing shade and green space

D. Leverage other funding sources to maximize SCW Program Goals

E. Invest in infrastructure that provides multiple benefits

F. Prioritize Nature-Based Solutions

G. Provide a spectrum of project sizes from neighborhood to regional scales

Reference: Section 18.04 of the Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation Ordinance

SCW Program Goals (continued)

H. Encourage innovation and adoption of new technologies and practices

I. Invest in independent scientific research

J. Provide DAC Benefits, including Regional Program infrastructure investments, that are not less than one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the ratio of the DAC population to the total population in each Watershed Area

K. Provide Regional Program infrastructure funds benefitting each Municipality in proportion to the funds generated within their jurisdiction, after accounting for allocation of the one hundred and ten (110%) return to DACs, to the extent feasible

L. Implement an iterative planning and evaluation process to ensure adaptive management

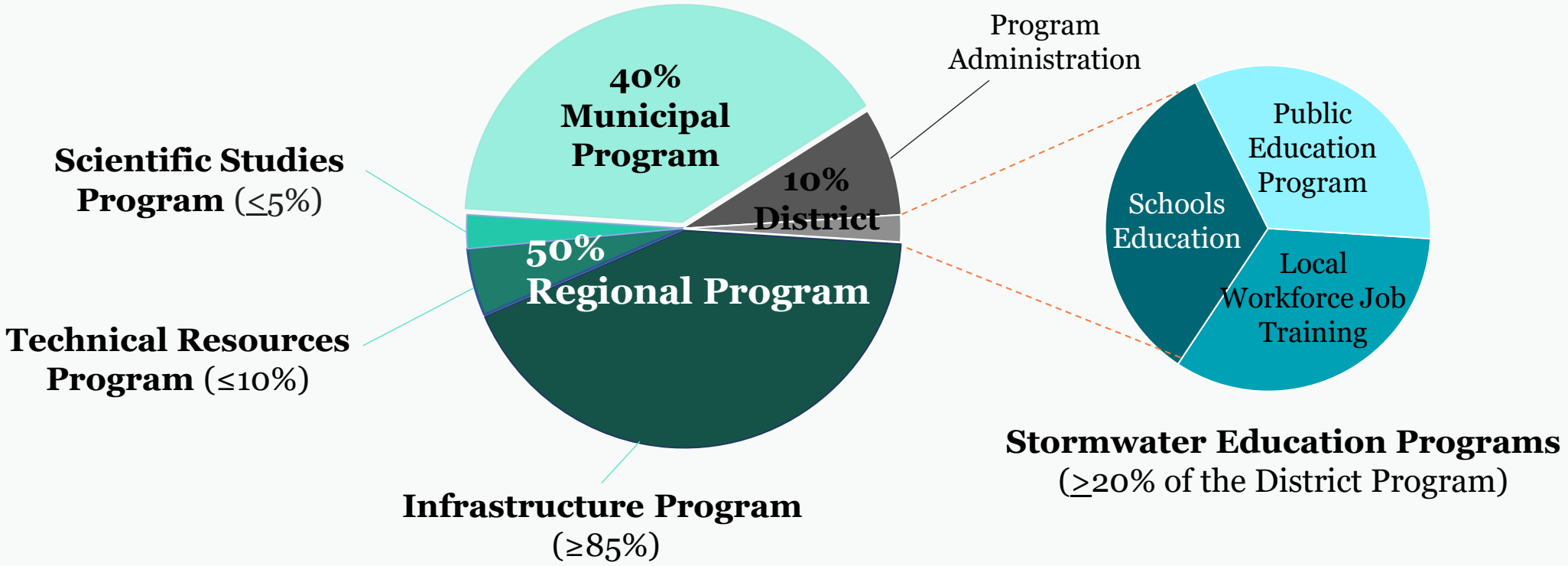
M. Promote green jobs and career pathways

N. Ensure ongoing operations and maintenance for Projects

Reference: Section 18.04 of the Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation Ordinance

SCWP Revenue Distribution

Special Parcel Tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable area $280M annually



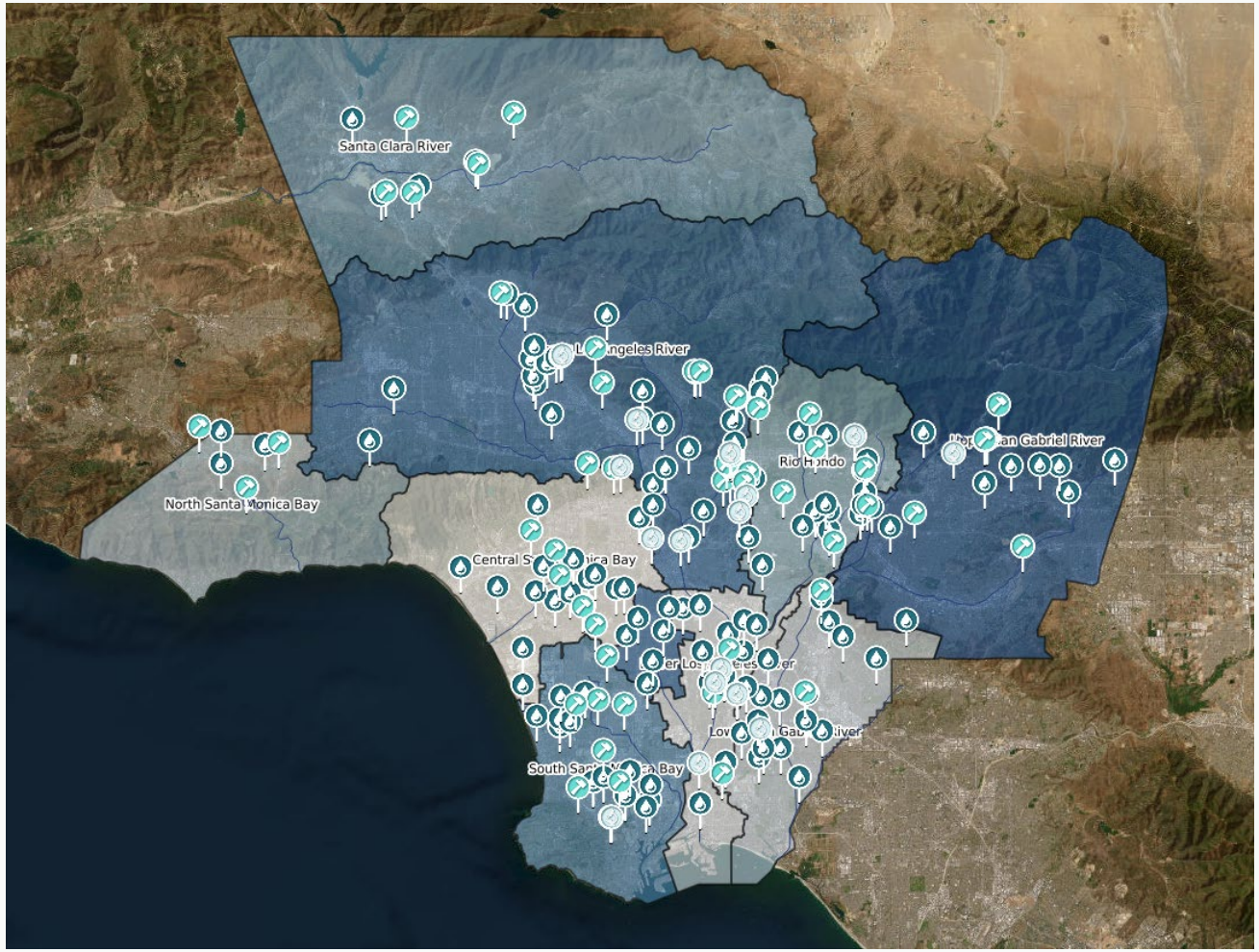
Call for Projects FY27-28

- Call for Projects for FY27-28 Funding is open for **Infrastructure Program (IP)** projects, **Technical Resources Program (TRP)** projects, and **Scientific Studies (SS)**
- Call for Projects currently scheduled to close **July 31, 2026**
  - All Applications received by the deadline will be reviewed for completeness and eligibility by SCW Program staff.
  - Complete and eligible Applications will be evaluated to present their projects, concepts, or studies to the committees. Applications are not prioritized based on the order they are received.
- Within the Projects Module, please review every form and tool tip carefully and ensure completeness prior to submitting your application(s).

What's New

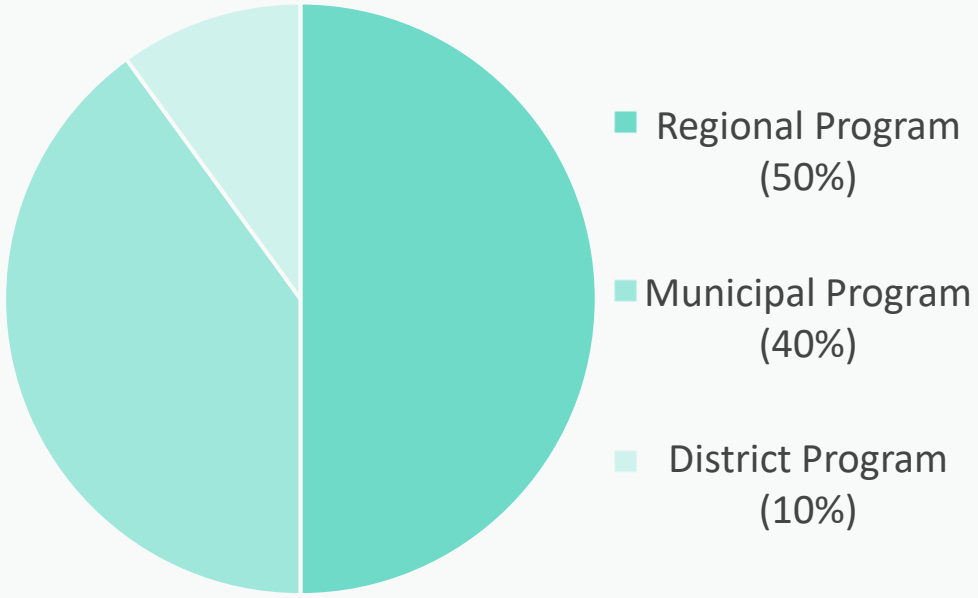
- Various updates to better guide and streamline inputs
- 20th Feasibility Study Requirement: Alignment with Watershed Plans
- "Continuing O&M" Projects Application Module Pathway
- Scientific Studies Program Guidance and enhanced Application Module
- Scoring Pilots for Water Quality, Water Supply, Community Investment Benefits

Regional Program



For SCWP purposes, the County is divided into 9 Watershed Areas

Regional Program



50% Program Revenue

Provides funding for multi-benefit watershed-based projects

WATERSHED AREA	ANTICIPATED ANNUAL FUNDS COLLECTED
Central Santa Monica Bay	$17.1 Million
Lower Los Angeles River	$12.3 Million
Lower San Gabriel River	$16.4 Million
North Santa Monica Bay	$1.8 Million
Rio Hondo	$11.4 Million
Santa Clara River	$5.8 Million
South Santa Monica Bay	$17.4 Million
Upper Los Angeles River	$38.3 Million
Upper San Gabriel River	$18.6 Million

Regional Program Funding Distribution

Not less than 85%: Infrastructure Program

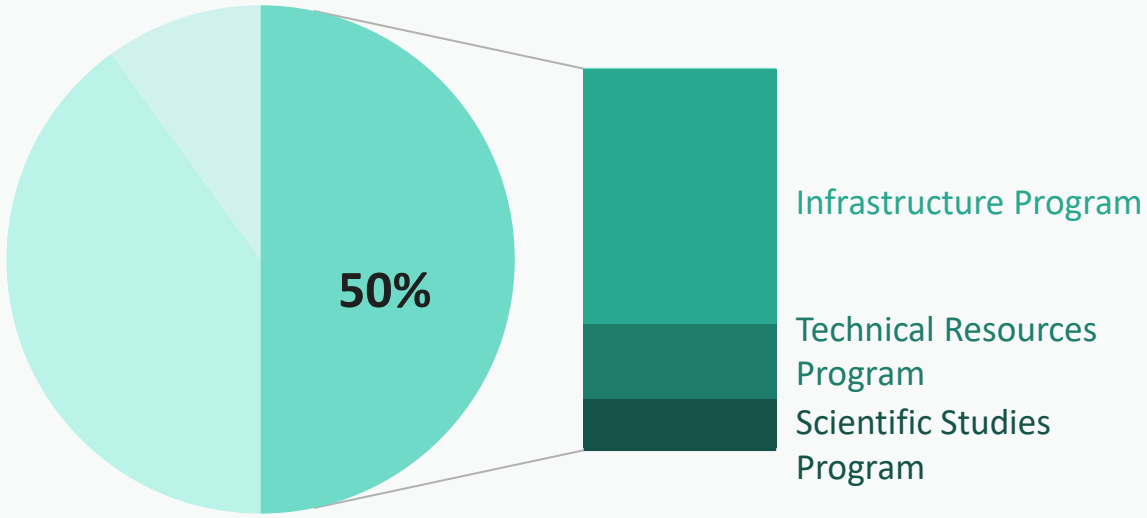
- To implement Multi-Benefit watershed-based Projects

Up to 10%: Technical Resources Program

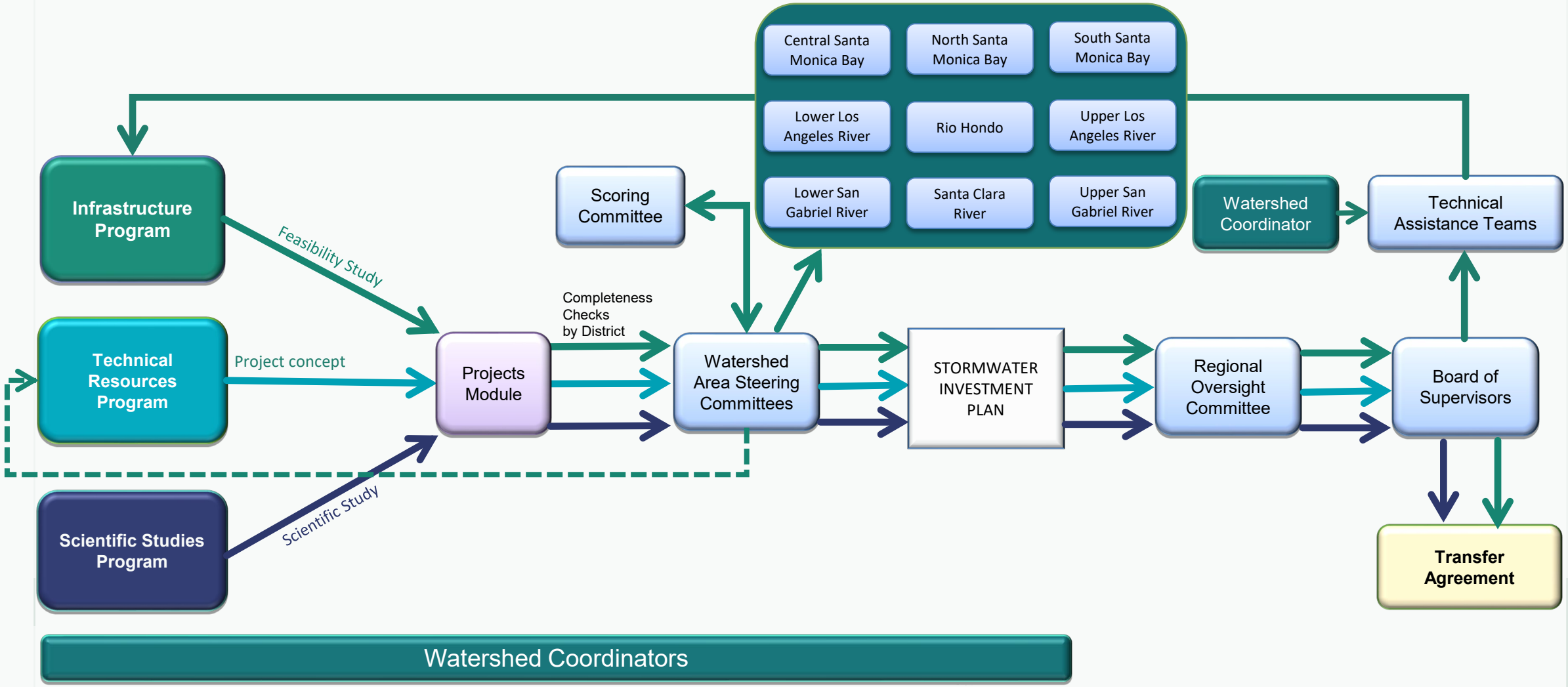
- To provide resources for the development of Feasibility Studies through support from Technical Assistance Teams
- To provide Watershed Coordinators to educate and build capacity in communities and facilitate community and stakeholder engagement

Up to 5%: Scientific Studies Program

- To provide funding for eligible scientific and other activities that can improve the understanding of stormwater in the region



Regional Program – Typical Process



Reminders for Developers who also serve on Committees

Participation in Committee Meetings

- To promote fair, impartial, and equitable deliberations, Committee members should **avoid using their position on the committee to advocate** for their own Projects, Concepts, or Scientific Studies

Conflict of Interest

- Voting and non-voting Members of the Regional Program committees shall be governed by and comply with State conflict of interest laws (e.g., Government Code section 87000 et seq.; and section 1090 et seq.)
- Conflict of Interest arises when a Committee decision could reasonably affect a member's personal **financial interests**
- If a conflict is identified, the Committee member must **recuse** themselves from **discussion and voting** on that items
  - Employees or elected officials of municipalities or public agencies do NOT have a personal financial interest in programs or projects proposed by their employer

Completeness Checks by the District

Applications reviewed for completeness & eligibility after Call for Projects deadline

- Verify that all required information is provided in applications and are consistent with the Ordinance and current Program guidance
- Confirm administrative completeness and assess overall eligibility and alignment with Program purpose

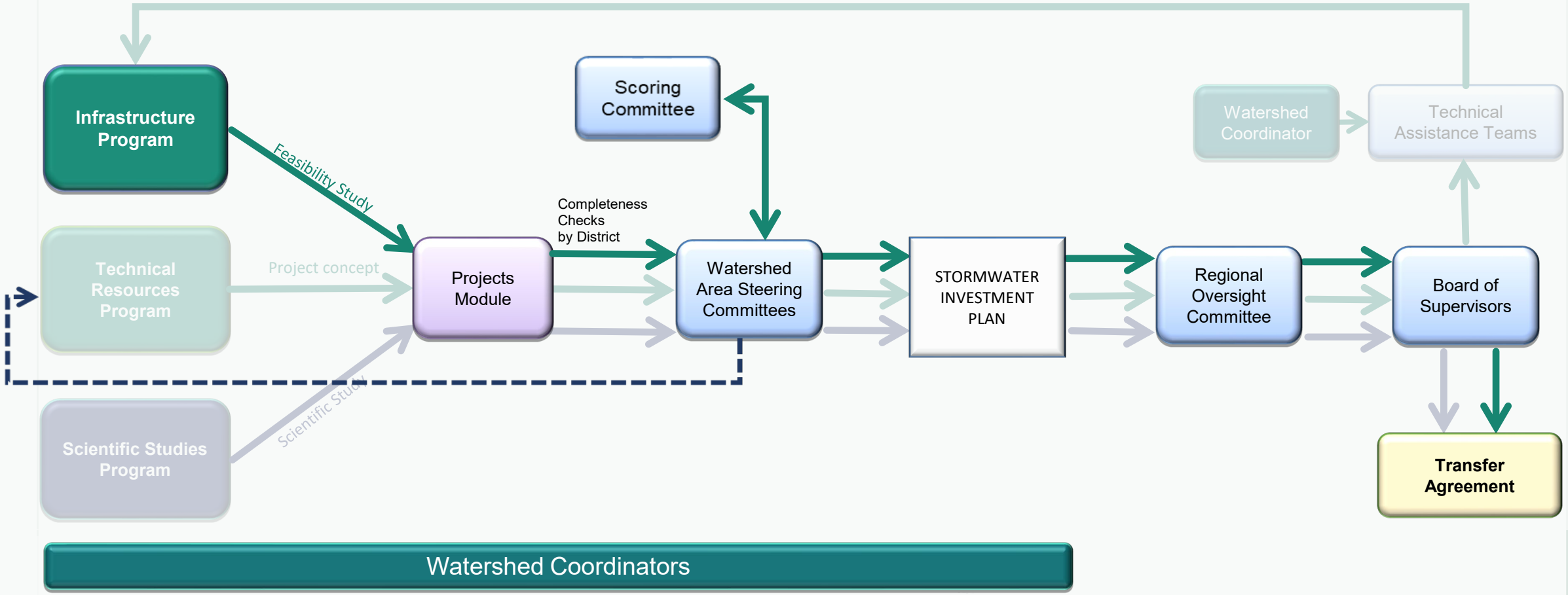
ELIGIBILITY

Does the application meet the fundamental criteria and purpose of the Program?

COMPLETENESS

Does the applications contain all information required to conduct an initial review?

Regional Program – Infrastructure Program Projects



Regional Program – Infrastructure Program Projects

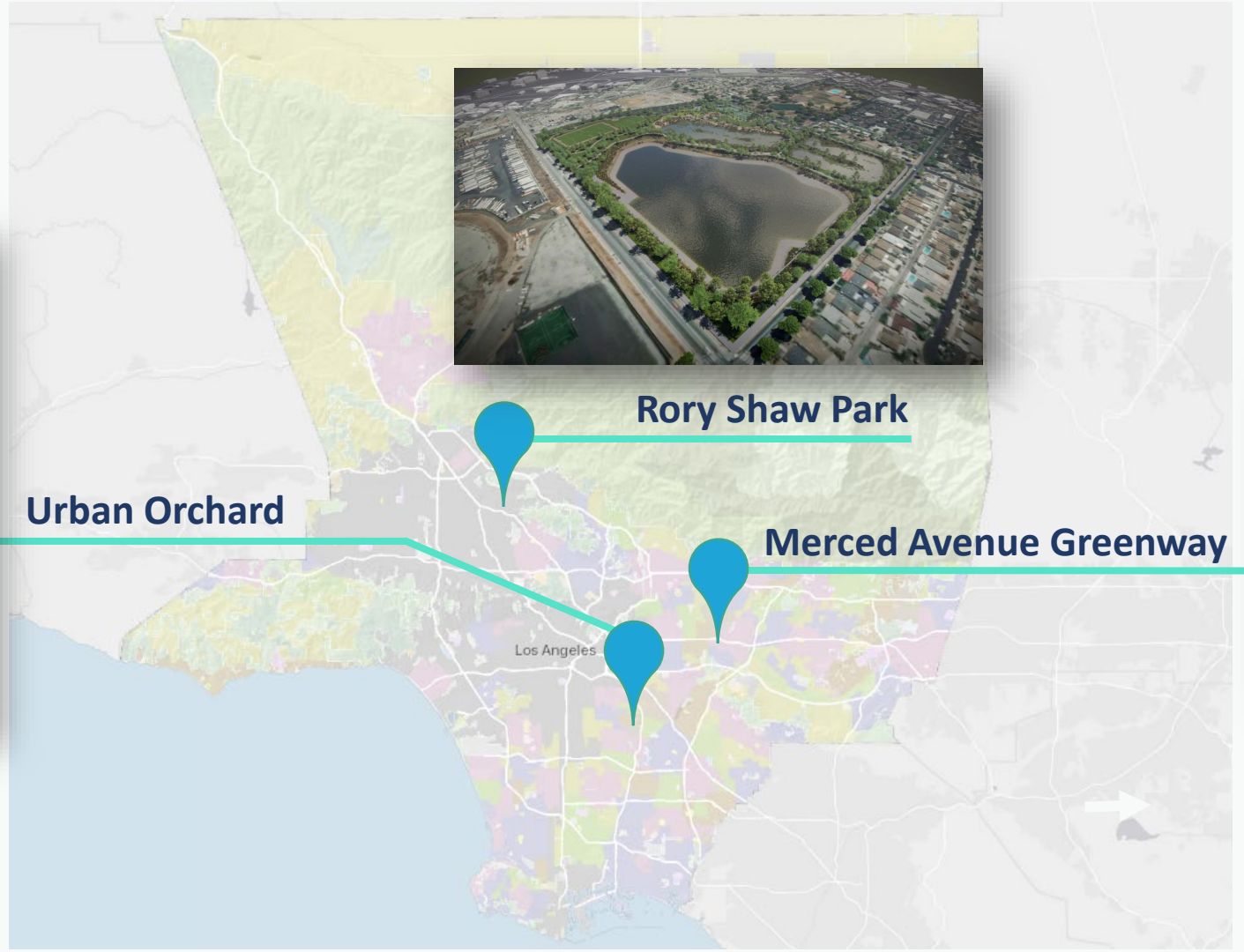
Project Applicants:

- Any Entity with a completed Feasibility Study
  - Including Feasibility Studies funded by the Technical Resources Program
- If Non-Municipality, requires letter of support from Municipality

Projects and Activities:

- Multi-benefit
- Watershed-based
- Design, construction, land acquisition, O&M, programs, and other eligible activities
- Projects must be included in an approved water quality plan (E/WMP, IRWM, etc.)

Infrastructure Program Projects – Examples



Regional Program – Infrastructure Program Projects – Phased Applications

Project Applicants with < 60% design plans can apply for:

- Design

Project Applicants with > 60% design plans can apply for:

- Design
- Construction
- Operations & Maintenance

Project Applicants with constructed projects can apply for:

- Operations & Maintenance

Infrastructure Program – 20 Feasibility Study Requirements

1. Detailed description of the proposed Project
   - Level of detail based on phase.
2. Description and estimate of the benefits provided
3. Estimated schedule
   - Include ALL project phases.
4. Review of effectiveness of similar types of Projects

Infrastructure Program – 20 Feasibility Study Requirements

5 Monitoring Plan
- Monitoring data, if available

6 Lifecycle Cost Estimate and Schedule
- Calculated in the Project Module. Must include ALL project costs.

7 Operation and Maintenance Plan

8 Engineering Analysis
- Soil Sampling, Geotechnical Investigations, Hydrology Report, etc.

Infrastructure Program – 20 Feasibility Study Requirements

9 Potential CEQA-related and permitting challenges
- Include associated time requirement and cost.

10 Letter of Support from the Municipality
- Must include concurrence with the plan for O&M.

11 Outreach/Engagement Plan
- Outreach/engagement conducted to date and detailed plan for future.
- See Community Strengths and Needs Assessment Dashboard

12 Comply with any County-wide anti-displacement goals

Infrastructure Program – 20 Feasibility Study Requirements

13 Vector Minimization Plan
- Recommend review by local vector control district

14 Description of how Nature-Based Solutions are utilized

15 Summary of any legal requirements of obligations

16 Confirmation of conceptual approval from LACFCD

Infrastructure Program – 20 Feasibility Study Requirements

17	Acknowledgement of Eligible Expenditures • Only those incurred on or after November 6, 2018
18	Leveraged Funds
19	Summary of how project will benefit Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)
20	Alignment with Watershed Area's Watershed Plans

Infrastructure Program – LACFCD Conceptual Approval (#16)

16 Confirmation of conceptual approval from LACFCD

- Request confirmation of conceptual review from LACFCD no less than two months prior (May 31, 2026)
- Contact LACFCD representative for each Watershed Area:
  - Lower Los Angeles River and Upper Los Angeles River (Ernesto Rivera)
  - Lower San Gabriel River and South Santa Monica Bay (CJ Caluag)
  - Central Santa Monica Bay, North Santa Monica Bay, and South Santa Monica Bay (Daniel Bradbury)
  - Lower San Gabriel River, Rio Hondo, Santa Clara River, and Upper San Gabriel River (Julian Juarez)
- Watershed Area Boundaries Map and Watershed Manager Contact Information
- Refer to Section 16 of the Supplemental Guidelines to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines

Infrastructure Program – Alignment with Watershed Plan (#20)

20 Alignment with Watershed Area's Watershed Plan

- Project proponents are encouraged to intentionally select and describe Project design features that align with the respective Watershed Area Needs and strategies as identified in the Watershed Plans (refer to Chapter 5).
- Examples of Alignment can be found in the Watershed Plans under “Section 5.2.1.11 Aligning Projects with Strategies, Actions, and Opportunities”.
- See Initial Watershed Plans Info Session to Developers for more information.

Opportunity Example:
Improve Water Quality (Goal A)
Zinc Load Reduction
Total Phosphorus Load Reduction

Strategy Example:
1.1 Prioritize high performance Projects and Programs in areas with the highest pollutant loads.

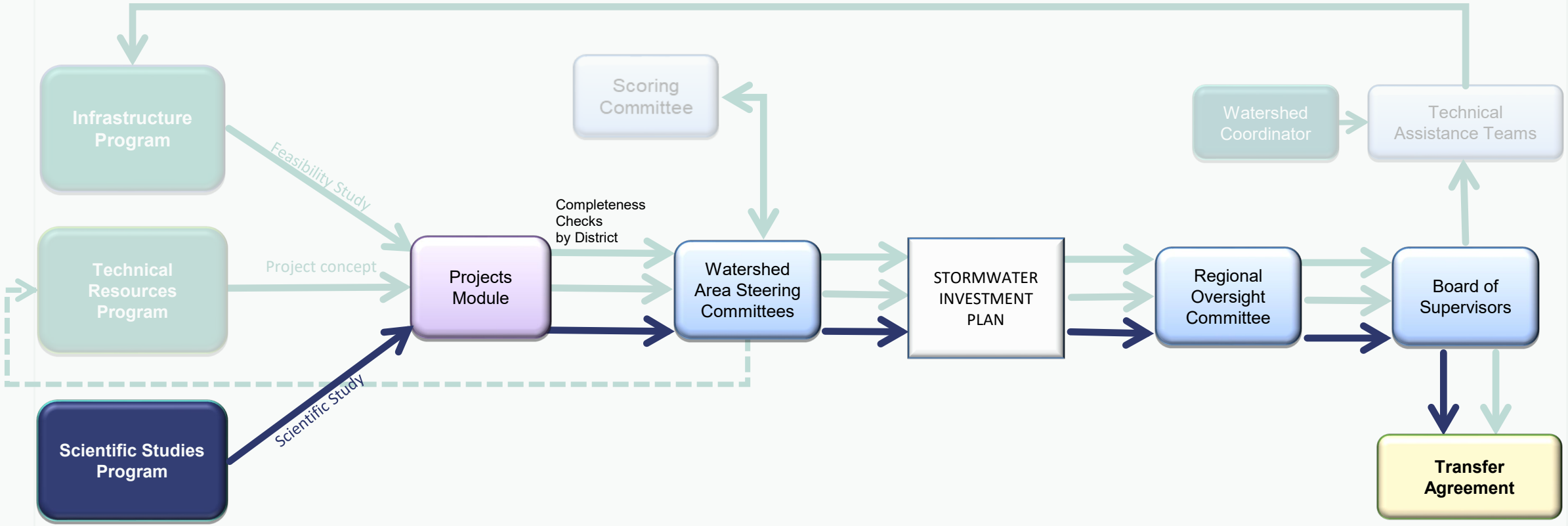
Project Benefit:
X ac-ft of 24-hour Project Storage Capacity
Identified Zinc and Total Phosphorus as Primary Pollutant

Infrastructure Program – Project Scoring Criteria

18.07.B.1.c. Only Projects meeting the following criteria shall be submitted to the Scoring Committee for evaluation:

- Projects for which a Feasibility Study (or equivalent) has been completed.
- Projects that are Multi-benefit Projects
- Projects that are included in a Regional Water Management Plan
  - Refer to Section 1 (Description) in the Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines
- Projects designed for a minimum useful life of 30 years.

Regional Program – Scientific Studies Program



Regional Program – Scientific Studies Program

Scientific Studies Program provides funding for Scientific Studies, Technical Studies, Monitoring, Modeling and other similar activities that increase Stormwater and Urban Runoff capture and reduce Stormwater and Urban Runoff pollution.

References: 16.05.D.3 & 18.07.E of the Safe, Clean Water Program & Implementation Ordinance

The purpose of Scientific Studies Program

The Scientific Studies Program (SSP) supports rigorous, data-driven research to advance science and inform SCW Program strategy, funding, planning and decision-making – producing actionable study findings developed using accepted scientific protocols.

Scientifically Rigorous Studies

Structured, methodical approaches to ensure results are reproducible, well-documented, and analytically sound.

Aligned with SSP Purpose

Every funded study must demonstrate a clear, direct, measurable nexus to an increase in Stormwater and Urban Runoff capture and/or pollution reduction.

Informs SCW Decision-Making

Findings advance knowledge and directly support program strategy, planning, funding prioritization, and policy decisions.

What are Accepted Scientific Protocols?

Reproducible Results

Structured and methodical approaches that yield consistent, verifiable results

Data Validation

Validation steps comparing against established benchmarks, historical data, and independent datasets

Clear Documentation

Study problem statement, Study questions, Objectives, Methodology, Data collection procedures, Analytical methods, Findings, Conclusions

Measurable Nexus

Clear, direct, and measurable connection between the proposed Scientific Study and its potential findings related to increasing Stormwater and Urban Runoff capture and/or reducing pollution

Scientific Studies Program Application Requirements

Study Details

- Problem Statement
- Study Questions
- Objectives
- Data Collection Criteria
- Data Validation Criteria
- Baseline Conditions
- Documentation Procedures

Big Picture

- Nexus
- Expected Outcomes & Results Analysis
- Engagement & Dissemination Plan
- Alignment

Background

- Previous Research
- Regulations (if applicable)
- Study Team Qualifications

Cost & Schedule

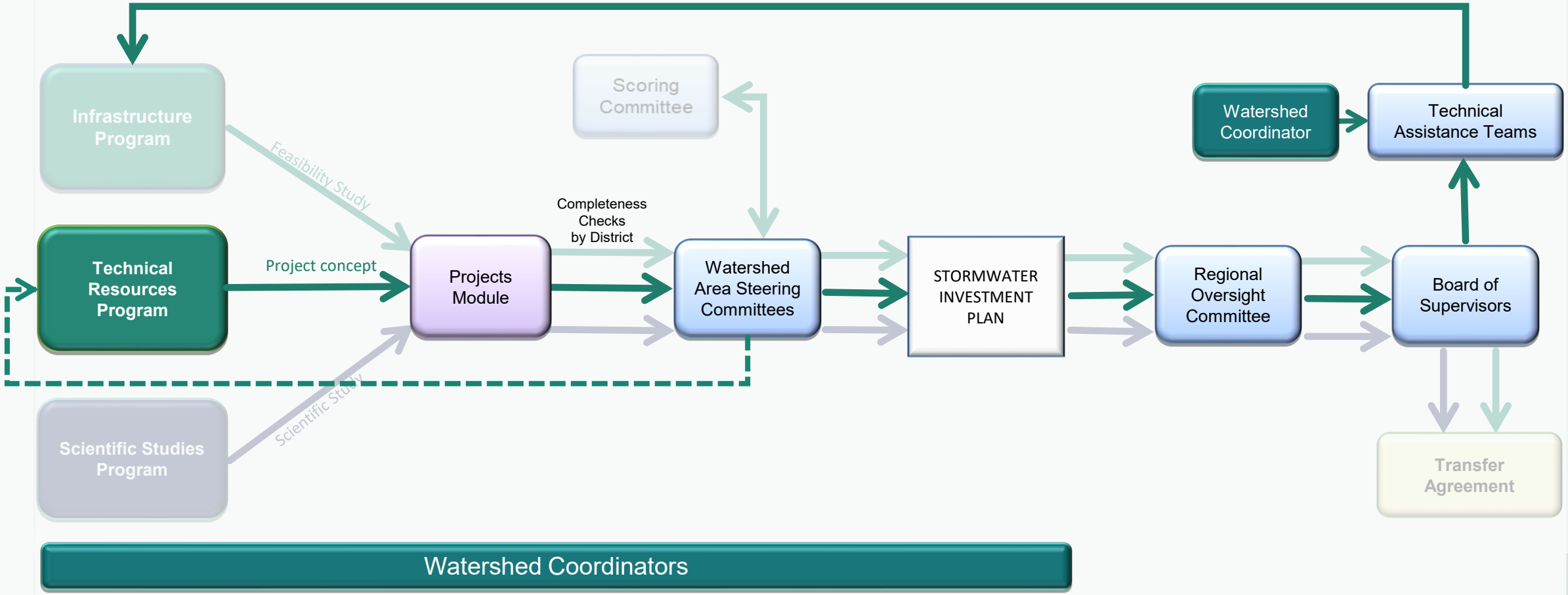
- Cost & Schedule
- Cost Share
- Funding Request

Additional Information

- Supporting Details

For more details on application requirements, please review Interim Scientific Studies Program Guidelines.

Regional Program – Technical Resources Program



Technical Resources Program

The Technical Resources Program (TRP) provides support to **community groups, municipalities, and individuals*** who need assistance developing their project concepts and applications.

The TRP Provides:

- Dedicated **Watershed Coordinators** for each Watershed Area
- **Technical Assistance Teams** comprised of subject matter experts
- Funding and support for the development of **Feasibility Studies (up the $400,000)**

* Non-municipal TRP applicants should provide Letter of Non-Objection from municipality

The Technical Resources Program does NOT:

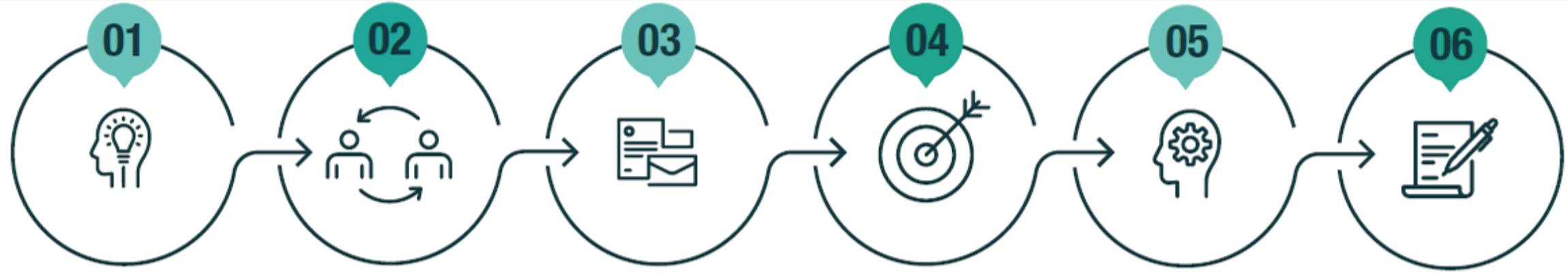
- ✕ Award money to project proponents to conduct their own Feasibility Study or to hire a consultant to conduct a Feasibility Study on their behalf.
- ✕ Guarantee project eligibility for Infrastructure Program funding. Some projects may be deemed infeasible or impractical.

What does being selected for Technical Resources Program support mean?

- A District **Technical Assistance Team (TAT)** is assembled, led by an assigned subject matter expert, to develop a Feasibility Study in partnership with and on behalf of the project proponent
- Completed Feasibility Studies will include the **20 Feasibility Study Requirement** of an Infrastructure Program application

Technical Assistance Webpage

Technical Resources Program



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Project idea!	Engage with **Watershed Coordinator** and municipality	Submit project concept and presents to WASC	Funding recommendation by WASC and ROC, then approval by Board	Assigned **Technical Assistance Teams** develop Feasibility Study	Feasibility study used to apply for Infrastructure Program

Technical Resources Program – Example Projects

Green Streets Demonstration Project on Main Street

Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements

Sorensen Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project

Watershed Coordinators

TASK	OUTCOMES
1. Facilitate Community Engagement in SCWP	…sustained community engagement…
2. Identify and Develop Project Concepts	…projects that fulfill program goals…
3. Work with Technical Assistance Teams	…contribute to technical assistance…
4. Facilitate Identification and Representation of Community Priorities	…addressing community priorities…
5. Integrate Priorities Through Partnerships and Extensive Networks	…share lessons learned…
6. Cost-Share Partners	…identify cost-sharing for projects…
7. Leverage Funding	…identify funding…
8. Local Stakeholder Education	…conduct education for communities…
9. Watershed Coordinator Collaboration	…ensure consistency across SCWP…

Watershed Coordinators

WATERSHED AREA	WATERSHED COORDINATORS
Central Santa Monica Bay	Heal the Bay, S. Groner Associates, Inc.
Lower Los Angeles River	S. Groner Associates, Inc.
Lower San Gabriel River	Dudek
North Santa Monica Bay	Melina Sempill Watts Consulting, LLC
Rio Hondo	Active San Gabriel Valley
Santa Clara River	TreePeople, Inc.
South Santa Monica Bay	Heal the Bay
Upper Los Angeles River	Council for Watershed Health (2); Environmental Outreach Strategies
Upper San Gabriel River	Day One Inc.

Duties and responsibilities centered around connecting potential Regional Program applicants with technical resources and building inclusion and meaningful engagement in pursuit of SCW Program Goals

*Positions are dependent on revenue and population

Find Your Watershed Tool

Scoring Criteria

Infrastructure Program

Scoring Criteria – Overview

All Regional Infrastructure Program Projects must meet the Threshold Score of 60 points or more.

Section	Score Range
A.1 Wet + Dry Weather Water Quality Benefits	50 points max
-OR-	
A.2 Dry Weather Only Water Quality Benefits	40 points max
B. Significant Water Supply Benefits	25 points max
C. Community Investments Benefits	10 points max
D. Nature-Based Solutions	15 points max
E. Leveraging Funds and Community Support	10 points max
TOTAL	**110 points**

Scoring Criteria – Water Quality Benefits

A.1 Wet + Dry Weather Water Quality Benefits	50 points max	The Project provides water quality benefits
	20 points max	A.1.1: For Wet Weather BMPs Only: Water Quality Cost Effectiveness (Cost Effectiveness) = (24-hour BMP Capacity)[1] / (Capital Cost in $Millions) * • <0.4 (acre feet capacity / $-Million) = 0 points • 0.4-0.6 (acre feet capacity / $-Million) = 7 points • 0.6-0.8 (acre feet capacity / $-Million) = 11 points • 0.8-1.0 (acre feet capacity / $-Million) = 14 points • >1.0 (acre feet capacity / $-Million) = 20 points *[1]. Management of the 24-hour event is considered the maximum capacity of a Project for a 24-hour period. For water quality focused Projects, this would typically be the 85th percentile design storm capacity. Units are in acre-feet (AF).*
- OR -	30 points max	A.1.2: For Wet Weather BMPs Only: Water Quality Benefit - Quantify the pollutant reduction (i.e. concentration, load, exceedance day, etc.) for a class of pollutants using a similar analysis as the E/WMP which uses the Districts Watershed Management Modeling System (WMMS). The analysis should be an average percent reduction comparing influent and effluent for the class of pollutant over a ten-year period showing the impact of the Project. Modeling should include the latest performance data to reflect the efficiency of the BMP type. <u>Primary Class of Pollutants</u> • >50% = 15 points • >80%= 20 points *(20 Points Max)* <u>Second or More Classes of Pollutant</u> • >50% = 5 points • >80%= 10 points (10 Points Max)
A.2 Dry Weather Only Water Quality Benefits	20 points	A.2.1: For dry weather BMPs only, Projects must be designed to capture, infiltrate, treat and release, or divert 100% (unless infeasible or prohibited for habitat, etc) of all tributary dry weather flows.
	20 points max	A.2.2: For Dry Weather BMPs Only. Tributary Size of the Dry Weather BMP • <200 Acres = 10 points • >200 Acres = 20 points

* Note that Section A.1 the Water Quality Cost Effective calculation in the project module uses Construction Cost and not Capital Cost

Section A.1
Applies to any Water Quality Projects

Section A.2
- Projects designed for 0.25-inch rain events or below.
- Projects that capture, infiltrate, or divert 100% dry weather flows.

Scoring Criteria – Water Quality Benefits (A.1.2)

		Pick Any One Primary Pollutant Class and Any One Secondary Pollutant Class		
Pollutant Class	**Pollutant Name**	**Method 1 (% Concentration Reduction)**	**Method 2 (% Load Reduction)**	**Method 3 (% Exceedance Day Reduction)**
Primary or Secondary	Bacteria	✔	✔	✔
	Metals	✔	✔	
	Toxics		✔	
	Nutrients	✔	✔	
	Chloride	✔	✔	
Secondary	Trash		✔	✔
	Bacteria	✔	✔	✔
	Metals	✔	✔	
	Toxics		✔	
	Nutrients	✔	✔	
	Chloride	✔	✔	

Notes:
-The Secondary Pollutant Class includes all primary pollutants with the addition of trash (NOTE: the primary pollutant class cannot be the same as the secondary pollutant class).
-Primary and secondary pollutants are pollutants subject to TMDLs for the nearby downstream receiving waters of the project.
-Secondary pollutants may also include 303(d)-listed pollutants and pollutants that have been subject to exceedances during recent monitoring programs.
-Trash is not considered a valid primary pollutant. For estimate of trash reduction, the analysis can demonstrate equivalence with the Full Capture System definition for 100% reduction.

Long-term pollutant reduction can be calculated in the Project Module through the Watershed Management Modeling System (WMMS)

LACountyWMMS.com

Scoring Criteria – Water Quality Benefit Pilot Rubric (Optional)

Section	Score Range	Scoring Standards
A.1 Wet + Dry Weather Water Quality Benefits	50 points max	The Project provides water quality benefits
	20 points max	A.1.1 : For Wet Weather BMPs Only: Water Quality Cost Effectiveness (Cost Effectiveness) = (24-hour BMP Capacity)[1] / (Capital Cost in $Millions) • < 0.12 = 0 points • 0.12–0.169 = 1 point • 0.17–0.219 = 2 points • 0.22–0.259 = 3 points • 0.26–0.309 = 4 points • 0.31–0.349 = 5 points • 0.35–0.399 = 6 points • 0.40–0.449 = 7 points • 0.45–0.489 = 8 points • 0.49–0.539 = 9 points • 0.54–0.579 = 10 points • 0.58–0.629 = 11 points • 0.63–0.679 = 12 points • 0.68–0.719 = 13 points • 0.72–0.769 = 14 points • 0.77–0.819 = 15 points • 0.82–0.859 = 16 points • 0.86–0.909 = 17 points • 0.91–0.949 = 18 points • 0.95–0.999 = 19 points • ≥ 1.000 = 20 points *(20 Points Max)* *[1]. Management of the 24-hour event is considered the maximum volume managed by a Project during a 24-hour, 85th percentile design storm event. Units are in acre-feet (AF).*

- 85th percentile storm capture volume
- More granularity by having 1-point increments
- Scoring Committee will take the alternate scoring pilot into consideration
- Attachment A of Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines

Scoring Criteria – Water Quality Benefit Pilot Rubric (Optional)

Section	Score Range	Scoring Standards
Wet + Dry Weather Water Quality Benefits - OR -	30 points max	A.1.2: For Wet Weather BMPs Only: Water Quality Benefit - Quantify the pollutant reduction (i.e. concentration, load, exceedance day, etc.) for a class of pollutants using a similar analysis as the E/WMP which uses the Districts Watershed Management Modeling System (WMMS). The analysis should be an average percent reduction comparing influent and effluent for the class of pollutant over a ten-year period showing the impact of the Project. Modeling should include the latest performance data to reflect the efficiency of the BMP type. Primary Class of Pollutants • < 3.0% = 0 points • 3.1–6.9% = 1 point • 7.0–9.9% = 2 points • 10.0–12.9% = 3 points • 13.0–16.9% = 4 point • 17.0–19.9% = 5 points • 20.0–22.9% = 6 points • 23.0–26.9% = 7 points • 27.0–29.9% = 8 points • 30.0–32.9% = 9 points • 33.0–36.9% = 10 points • 37.0–39.9% = 11 points • 40.0–42.9% = 12 points • 43.0–46.9% = 13 points • 47.0–49.9% = 14 points • 50.0–55.9% = 15 points • 56.0–61.9% = 16 points • 62.0–67.9% = 17 points • 68.0–73.9% = 18 points • 74.0–79.9% = 19 points • ≥ 80.0% = 20 points *(20 Points Max)* Second or More Classes of Pollutant • < 10.0% = 0 points • 10.0–19.9% = 1 point • 20.0–29.9% = 2 points • 30.0–39.9% = 3 points • 40.0–49.9% = 4 points • 50.0–55.9% = 5 points • 56.0–61.9% = 6 points • 62.0–67.9% = 7 points • 68.0–73.9% = 8 points • 74.0–79.9% = 9 points • ≥ 80.0% = 10 points (10 Points Max)

A.2 Dry Weather Only Water Quality Benefits	20 points	A.2.1: For dry weather BMPs only, Projects must be designed to capture, infiltrate, treat and release, or divert 100% (unless infeasible or prohibited for habitat, etc) of all tributary dry weather flows.
	20 points max	A.2.2: For Dry Weather BMPs Only. Tributary Size of the Dry Weather BMP • < 20.0 Acres = 10 points • 20.0–39.9 Acres = 11 points • 40.0–59.9 Acres = 12 points • 60.0–79.9 Acres = 13 points • 80.0–99.9 Acres = 14 points • 100.0–119.9 Acres = 15 points • 120.0–139.9 Acres = 16 points • 140.0–159.9 Acres = 17 points • 160.0–179.9 Acres = 18 points • 180.0–199.9 Acres = 19 points • ≥ 200.0 Acres = 20 points *(20 Points Max)*

Scoring Criteria – Water Supply Benefits

B. Significant Water Supply Benefits	25 points max	The Project provides water re-use and/or water supply enhancement benefits
	13 points max	B1. Water Supply Cost Effectiveness. The Total Life-Cycle Cost[2] per unit of acre foot of Stormwater and/or Urban Runoff volume captured for water supply is: • >$2500/ac-ft = 0 points • $2,000–2,500/ac-ft = 3 points • $1500-2,000/ac-ft = 6 points • $1000–1500/ac-ft = 10 points • <$1000/ac-ft = 13 points *[2]. Total Life-Cycle Cost: The annualized value of all Capital, planning, design, land acquisition, construction, and total life O&M costs for the Project for the entire life span of the Project (e.g. 50-year design life span should account for 50-years of O&M). The annualized cost is used over the present value to provide a preference to Projects with longer life spans.*
	12 points max	B2. Water Supply Benefit Magnitude. The yearly additional water supply volume resulting from the Project is: • <25 ac-ft/year = 0 points • 25 - 100 ac-ft/year = 2 points • 100 - 200 ac-ft/year = 5 points • 200 - 300 ac-ft/year = 9 points • >300 ac-ft/year = 12 points

Typically for spreading facilities or diversions to sanitary sewer for recycled water.

Refer to 2025 Interim Guidance for Water Supply Guidance.

Scoring Criteria – Water Supply Benefit Pilot Rubric (Optional)

Section	Score Range	Scoring Standards
B. Significant Water Supply Benefits	25 points max	The Project provides water re-use and/or water supply enhancement benefits
	13 points max	B1. Water Supply Cost Effectiveness. The Total Life-Cycle Cost[2] per unit of acre foot of Stormwater and/or Urban Runoff volume captured for water supply is: • ≥ $69,420.00/ac-ft = 1 point • $69,419.99 – $43,240.00/ac-ft = 2 points • $43,239.99 - $29,870.00/ac-ft = 3 points • $29,869.99 - $19,740.00/ac-ft = 4 points • $19,739.99 - $13,440.00/ac-ft = 5 points • $13,439.99 - $9,370.00/ac-ft = 6 points • $9,369.99 - $7,180.00/ac-ft = 7 points • $7,179.99 - $5,560.00/ac-ft = 8 points • $5,559.99 - $4,200.00/ac-ft = 9 points • $4,199.99 - $2,430.00/ac-ft = 10 points • $2,429.99 - $1,830.00/ac-ft = 11 points • $1,829.99 - $930.00/ac-ft = 12 points • < $930.00/ac-ft = 13 points *[2]. Total Life-Cycle Cost: The annualized value of all Capital, planning, design, land acquisition, construction, and total life O&M costs for the Project for the entire life span of the Project (e.g. 50-year design life span should account for 50-years of O&M). The annualized cost is used over the present value to provide a preference to Projects with longer life spans.*
	12 points max	B2. Water Supply Benefit Magnitude. The yearly additional water supply volume resulting from the Project is: • 2.6 ac-ft/year = 1 point • 2.7 - 6.9 ac-ft/year = 2 points • 7.0 -18.6 ac-ft/year = 3 points • 18.7 - 37.9 ac-ft/year = 4 points • 38.0 - 62.2 ac-ft/year = 5 points • 62.3 - 101.0 ac-ft/year = 6 points • 101.1 - 144.8 ac-ft/year = 7 points • 144.9 - 186.0 ac-ft/year = 8 points • 186.1 - 247.4 ac-ft/year = 9 points • 247.5 - 412.4 ac-ft/year = 10 points • 412.5 - 746.3 ac-ft/year = 11 points • ≥ 746.4 ac-ft/year = 12 points

- Evenly scales scoring criteria across the range of expected project performance from past SCWP Projects
- More granularity by having 1-point increments
- Scoring Committee will take the alternate scoring pilot into consideration
- Attachment B of Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines

Scoring Criteria – Community Investment Benefits

Section	Score Range	Scoring Standards
C. Community Investments Benefits	10 points max	The Project provides Community Investment Benefits
	10 points	C1. Project includes: • One of the Community Investment Benefits identified below = 2 points • Three distinct Community Investment Benefits identified below = 5 points • Six distinct Community Investment Benefits identified below = 10 points Community Investment Benefits include: • Improved flood management, flood conveyance, or flood risk mitigation • Creation, enhancement, or restoration of parks, habitat, or wetlands • Improved public access to waterways • Enhanced or new recreational opportunities • Greening of schools • Reducing local heat island effect and increasing shade • Increasing the number of trees increase and/or other vegetation at the site location that will increase carbon reduction/sequestration and improve air quality.

Explanation must include supporting analysis and information

Scoring Criteria – Community Investment Benefit Pilot Rubric (Optional)

Section	Score Range	Scoring Standards
C. Community Investment Benefits	10 points max	The Project provides Community Investment Benefits
	10 points max	C1. Project includes: • Zero Community Investment Benefits identified = 0 points • One or Two Community Investment Benefits identified = 2 points • Three Community Investment Benefits identified = 4 points • Four Community Investment Benefits identified = 6 points • Five Community Investment Benefits identified = 8 points • Six or Seven Community Investment Benefits identified = 10 points [3]. *Community Investment Benefits include:* • *Improved flood management, flood conveyance, or flood risk mitigation.* • *Creation, enhancement, or restoration of parks, habitat, or wetlands.* • *Improved public access to waterways.* • *Enhanced or new recreational opportunities.* • *Greening of schools.* • *Reducing local heat island effect and increasing shade.* • *Increasing the number of trees and/or other vegetation at the site location that will increase carbon reduction/sequestration and improve air quality.*

- Support the SCW Program's objective of equitably incentivizing CIB integration
- More granularity by having 2-point increments
- Scoring Committee will take the alternate scoring pilot into consideration
- Attachment C of Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines

Scoring Criteria – Nature-Based Solutions

D. Nature-Based Solutions	15 points max	The Project implements Nature-Based Solutions
	15 points	D1. Project: • Implements natural processes or mimics natural processes to slow, detain, capture, and absorb/infiltrate water in a manner that protects, enhances and/or restores habitat, green space and/or usable open space = 5 points • Utilizes natural materials such as soils and vegetation with a preference for native vegetation = 5 points • Removes Impermeable Area from Project (1 point per 20% paved area removed) = 5 points

If Nature-Based Solutions are not utilized, include an explanation, with supporting analysis and information of why it is not feasible to do so.

Refer to 2025 Interim Guidance for Programming of Nature-Based Solutions.

Scoring Criteria – Leveraging Funds & Community Support

E. Leveraging Funds and Community Support	10 points max	The Project achieves one or more of the following:
	6 points max	E1. Cost-Share. Additional Funding has been awarded for the Project. • >25% Funding Matched = 3 points • >50% Funding Matched = 6 points
	4 points	E2. The Project demonstrates strong local, community-based support and/or has been developed as part of a partnership with local NGOs/CBOs.

Cost-Share Ratio =

Sum of Cost Share Funding **÷ [** ***Cost Share Funding + Funding Request*** **]**

Other funding sources could include funds from the SCW Municipal Program, Grants, Partnerships, etc.

Refer to 2025 Interim Guidance for Strengthening Community Engagement and Support

Scoring Criteria – Definition, Tips, and Examples

General Tips (from Scoring Committee)

- Help us help you!!!
- Show your work
- Quantify need and benefits
- Be clear & simple
- Include back-up info for all sections/in right place

Scoring Criteria – Water Quality Benefits (Definition, Tips, and Example)

Definition

- Project components that capture, infiltrate, divert, or treat and release stormwater or urban runoff for either wet- or dry-weather flows

Tips

- Projects Module now allows for modeling treatment trains of Projects to estimate net runoff capture
- Projects Module now generates an estimate of runoff captured during an 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event for defining projects as Wet or Dry Weather BMPs
- **Explain all assumptions**
- Projects Module has a button to submit your work and calcs – be sure to use this feature!

Example

Strathern North Stormwater Capture Project

Benefits include:

- Utilizes a hydrodynamic separator to separate and trap trash, debris, sediment, oil, grease, and fine particulates from stormwater runoff
- Captures and infiltrates the entirety of the 85th-percentile storm from two tributary areas

Scoring Criteria – Water Supply Benefits (Definition, Tips, and Example)

Definition

- Project components that capture stormwater or urban water runoff for reuse onsite or to augment existing water supplies through infiltration or diversion
- “New” water has been defined in the 2025 Interim Guidance

Tips

- Provide a **note from the Watermaster or purveyor** proving that the project will recharge water
- Provide **proof of dry weather flow**: monitoring data over several months (preferred), nearby stream gauge, or studies showing flow for different types of land use

Example

Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park Project

Benefits include:

- Detention pond holding ~1,880 acre-feet of collected runoff from the upstream tributary area
- Cooperative agreement between LADWP and project applicant (LACFCD) showing the acceptance of the project

Scoring Criteria – Community Investment Benefits (Definition, Tips, and Example)

Definition

- Community investment benefits include the components of a project that improve the public health and well-being of the surrounding community, such as flood management, creation of green space, and more

Tips

- Be **specific** about (and **quantify** whenever possible!) the community **NEEDS** being addressed (e.g., flooding, heat) & how the project will **ADDRESS** those needs (e.g., # of trees or canopy coverage; # of visitors to park)
- Provide concise and easy-to-understand (pictures, graphics) **back-up** in **appropriate** section where possible (e.g., rendering of plantings, pictures of flooding, etc.)

Example

Urban Orchard Project

Benefits include:

- Creation of new green space via the transformation of 30 acres of brownfields into a park
- Creation of new recreational spaces via the construction of a new education garden and 196-tree orchard
- Creation of new habitat for native fish via construction of a wetland

Scoring Criteria – Nature-Based Solutions (Definition, Tips, and Example)

Definition

- Nature-based solutions means a Project that utilizes natural processes that slow, detain, infiltrate or filter Stormwater or Urban Runoff

Tips

- **Identify specific components** of project that implement or mimic natural processes and whether each is **nature-based OR nature mimicking**
- **Quantify** nature-based solution elements (e.g., square feet of bioswale; acres of wetland; etc.)
- Include quantification in NBS section, not just in attachments

Example

Merced Ave Greenway (Phase I-South Residential Corridor)

Nature-based Solutions include:

- Bioretention and biofiltration
  - 6,830 ft² bioretention BMPs: nature-based
  - 11,078 ft² of plantings (132 trees and 2900 shrubs): nature-based
  - 10,420 ft² of permeable pavement: nature mimicking
  - Hardscape removal: 0.7 acres

Scoring Criteria – Community Support (Definition, Tips, and Example)

Definition

- Support from and/or partnerships with the local community as a result of engagement throughout project development

Tips

- Remember: outreach TO communities is different from support **FROM** or partnerships **WITH** communities
- When showing community support, provide evidence of **partnerships with NGOs**, or **compelling evidence** that project enjoys **widespread community support** (e.g., multiple letters of support from diverse constituencies within the community; public polling; documentation that the community helped inform the project)
- Be **specific** and **quantify** the community engagement that has occurred (e.g., how many meetings were held and how many participated in each meeting)

Scoring Criteria – Community Support (Definition, Tips, and Example)

Example

Bowtie Demonstration Project

Support includes:

- Engaged over 2,000 individuals through in-person community events and a community survey in 1 year
- Outreach to local organizations and community groups, direct outreach at community events, door-to-door canvassing, workshops, and social media and email communications
- Partners and/or supports by local community groups (Prevention Institute, Mujeres de la Tierra, Friends of the LA River, Kizh- Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians, 100 Acre Partnership, and Neighborhood Councils)
- 12 letters of support

Example

Beach Cities Green Streets Project

Support includes:

- Over 20 community meetings
- Site signage, project website, social media and email communications, direct mailing, door-to-door canvassing, and community meetings
- Focus groups with local community groups (South Bay Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, Neighborhood Watch groups, and homeowner associations)
- 2-way engagement: 3 phases of engagement during design (conceptual design, design details, and final design)

Stormwater Investment Plans

(SIPs)

Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs)

Current Year Budget:

- 5-year plan that assigns funding for projects, scientific studies, and project concepts in the:
  - Infrastructure Program
  - Technical Resources Program
  - Scientific Studies Program
- Budget for current year is transferred to Project Developers subject to the Transfer Agreement

	(FY 27-28) Regional Program Budget	(FY 28-29) Projection	(FY 29-30) Projection	(FY 30-31) Projection	(FY 31-32) 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					

Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs)

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
- Project Modification Request (PMR) submitted will be considered by WASC to be included in SIP

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Watershed Coordinator					
Grand Total					

FY2026-27 SIP Programming Guidelines

SIP Criteria

A. **Not less than 85**% of the budget shall be allocated to Infrastructure Program activities, **not more than 10%** of the budget shall be allocated to Technical Resource Program activities, and **not more than 5%** of the budget shall be allocated to Scientific Studies Program activities;

B. Projects that assist in achieving compliance with a **MS4 Permit** shall be prioritized, to the extent feasible;

C. Funding for Projects that provide **DAC Benefits shall not be less than one hundred and ten percent** (110%) of the ratio of the DAC population to the total population in each Watershed Area. To facilitate compliance with this requirement, the District will work with stakeholders and Watershed Coordinator(s) to utilize existing tools to identify high-priority geographies for water-quality improvement projects and other projects that create DAC Benefits within DACs, to help inform WASCs as they consider project recommendations;

D. Each **Municipality shall receive benefits in proportion to the funds generated within their jurisdiction**, after accounting for allocation of the one hundred ten percent (110%) return to DACs, to the extent feasible, to be evaluated annually over a rolling five (5) year period;

Reference: Section 18.07.2 of the Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation Ordinance

SIP Criteria (continued)

E. A spectrum of **Project types and sizes** shall be implemented throughout the region, to the extent feasible, to be evaluated annually over a rolling five (5) year period;

F. **Nature-Based Solutions** shall be prioritized, to the extent feasible;

G. Projects, Feasibility Studies, scientific and technical studies, and other activities selected for inclusion in a SIP should be recommended to receive funding for their **total estimated costs**, unless a lesser amount has been requested;

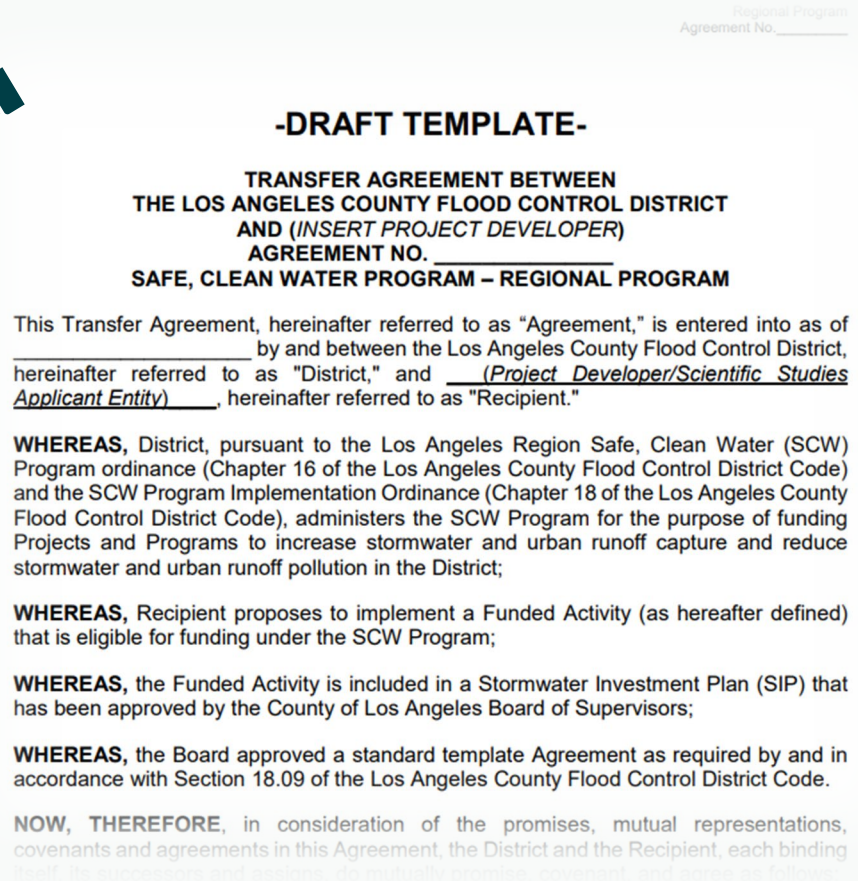
H. **Operation and maintenance** costs for any Project may be included in the Infrastructure Program portion of a SIP, whether or not the design and construction of that Project was included in a SIP; and

I. Only Projects that **meet or exceed the Threshold Score** shall be eligible for inclusion in the Infrastructure Program. Projects that receive a score below the Threshold Score may be referred to the Technical Resources Program at the discretion of the Watershed Area Steering Committee.

Reference: Section 18.07.2 of the Safe, Clean Water Program Implementation Ordinance

Regional Program Transfer Agreements

- **Funds are typically disbursed within 45-days of receipt of the fully executed transfer agreement by both parties, pending completion of all required documentation, including:**
  - Exhibit A – Scope of Work
  - Resolution/Authorization
  - Infrastructure Program Project Developer (IPPD) Form
  - CEQA approval (construction)
- Sample Transfer Agreement available on SCW website; Actual Transfer Agreement will be provided by the District for signature



Regional Program
Agreement No._____

-DRAFT TEMPLATE-

TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
AND (*INSERT PROJECT DEVELOPER*)
AGREEMENT NO. _____
SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM – REGIONAL PROGRAM

This Transfer Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement," is entered into as of _____ by and between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, hereinafter referred to as "District," and ___*(Project Developer/Scientific Studies Applicant Entity)*____, hereinafter referred to as "Recipient."

WHEREAS, District, pursuant to the Los Angeles Region Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program ordinance (Chapter 16 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code) and the SCW Program Implementation Ordinance (Chapter 18 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code), administers the SCW Program for the purpose of funding Projects and Programs to increase stormwater and urban runoff capture and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution in the District;

WHEREAS, Recipient proposes to implement a Funded Activity (as hereafter defined) that is eligible for funding under the SCW Program;

WHEREAS, the Funded Activity is included in a Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) that has been approved by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the Board approved a standard template Agreement as required by and in accordance with Section 18.09 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, mutual representations, covenants and agreements in this Agreement, the District and the Recipient, each binding itself, its successors and assigns, do mutually promise, covenant, and agree as follows:

Guidance Documents

Guidance to provide information related to best practices and additional clarity on select issues

Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines

- Supplemental Guidance
  - Guidance for applications based on phase
  - Clarification of Feasibility Study requirements
  - Guidance on benefits, metrics, and scoring
  - Scoring Pilots

Feasibility Study Guidelines Requirement #7	
Phase	**Specific Requirements**
Design-Only	• Provide **preliminary maintenance considerations and an acknowledgment** that an O&M plan will be submitted after Design is complete.
Construction	• Identify the responsible party that has agreed to perform O&M. Provide a **detailed O&M plan** including the required elements listed in the *Feasibility Study Guidelines*.
O&M (for previously funded SCW Program Infrastructure Projects)	• Provide a **detailed O&M plan and identify the responsible party** that has agreed to perform O&M. • Document ongoing maintenance activities – including evidence of the performance of O&M – and describe how those informed the O&M plan.
O&M (for separately funded Projects)	

2025 Interim Guidance

- 2025 Interim Guidance
  - Strengthening Community Engagement and Support
  - Water Supply
  - Programming of Nature-Based Solutions
  - Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies
- Other program aspects continue to be clarified or addressed through on-going adaptive management.

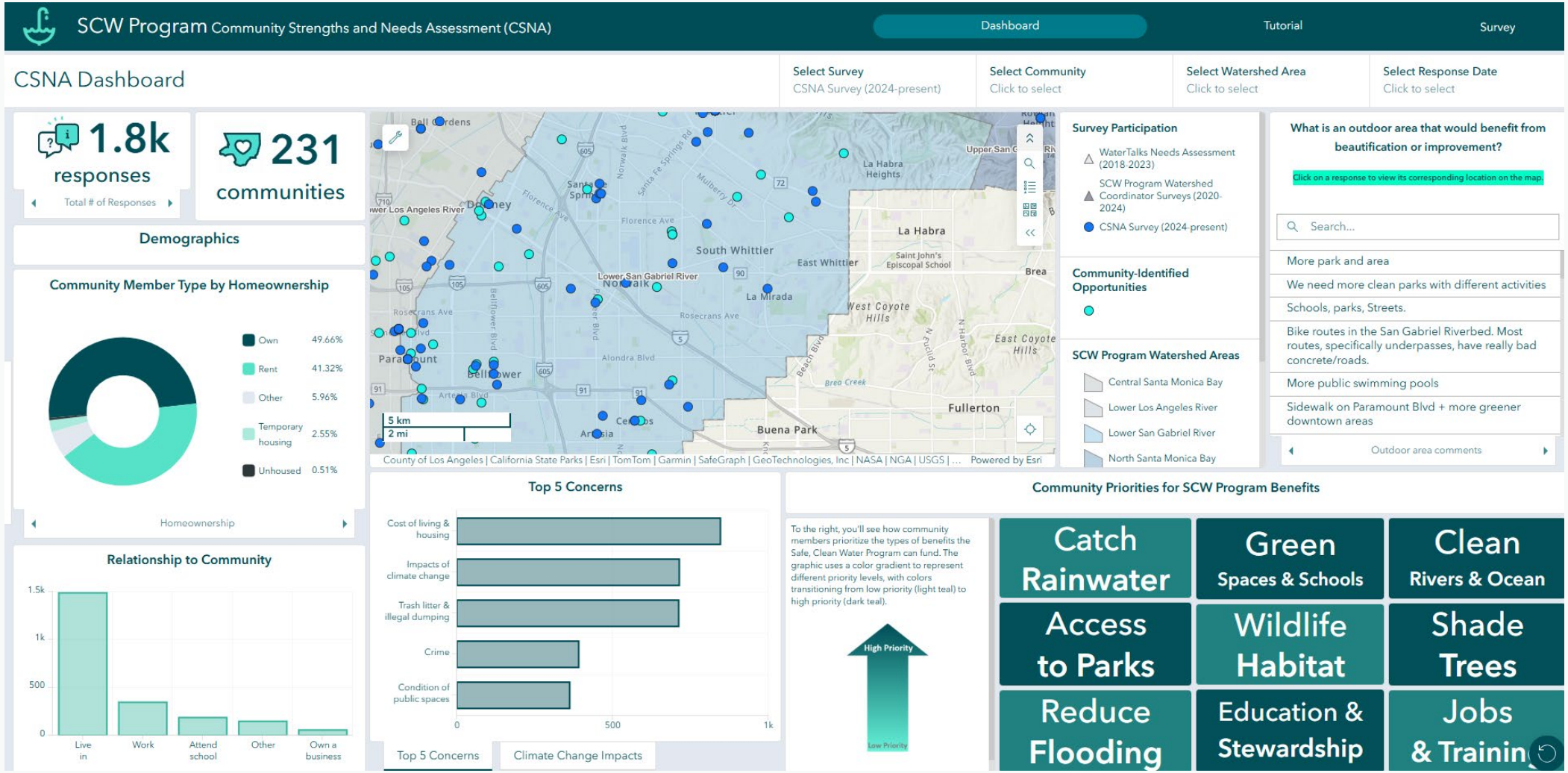
Strengthening Community Engagement and Support

This guidance includes:

1. Engagement Prior to Application
2. Engagement Plan for Project Implementation

Outreach/ Engagement Practice	Good	Better	Best
Engagement Levels	**Inform** - Provide the community with relevant information **Consult** - Gather input from the Community	**Involve** - Ensure community input, needs, and assets are integrated into processes, receive demonstrable consideration and appropriate responses, and inform planning **Educate** – Grow community understanding of the existing infrastructure systems, purposes, perceived outstanding needs, pertinent history and regulations, SCW Program opportunities (including WCs) to establish **Learn** – Grow own understanding of existing community, perceived needs, pertinent history, key concerns, and other potentially interested parties.	**Collaborate** - Leverage and grow community capacity to play a leadership role in both planning and implementation **Incorporate** - Foster democratic participation and equity by including the community in decision-making, bridge divide between community and governance **Partner** – Establish certain project concepts based on community-driven and identified needs, solidify formal partnerships, and build in sustained paths forward to joint implementation and management with well-defined roles per agreement, including appropriate compensation for community partners

Community Strengths and Needs Assessment



Refer to Community Strengths and Needs Assessment Dashboard

Water Supply Guidance

1. Establishes shared vocabulary
2. Clarifies characterization of Water Supply Benefits
3. Provides guidance to the Scoring Committee
4. Provides guidance to the nine Watershed Area Steering Committees

The following fates of captured water **count as new locally available water supply** and a Water Supply Benefit (claims to be confirmed through modeling, geotechnical analysis, and/or engagement):

- **Net water used onsite for potable offset** (not including offset of project-created water supply demand).
- **Water that is diverted to sanitary sewers tributary to existing treatment/reuse plants**.
- **Water that is diverted to sanitary sewers tributary to future planned treatment/reuse plants operational within 10 years** with concurrence from treatment/reuse plant on timeline and capacity.
- **Water infiltrated to managed useable groundwater aquifers**.
- **Water infiltrated to unmanaged aquifer** with geotechnical analysis and/or community acknowledgement to confirm infiltration and use.
- **Water that is treated and discharged to storm drain or receiving water** when tributary to a downstream water recharge facility in the project facilitates the recharge of water that would otherwise not be used to augment water supply.

Programming of Nature-Based Solutions

The guidance clarifies how best to prioritize Nature-Based Solutions by:

1. Establishing a shared vocabulary.
2. Providing guidance to the nine WASCs.
3. Clarifying how project developer can support program goal.
4. Highlight how the Feasibility Study requirements and the Projects Module support Project proponents and WASCs in the prioritization of Nature-Based Solutions.

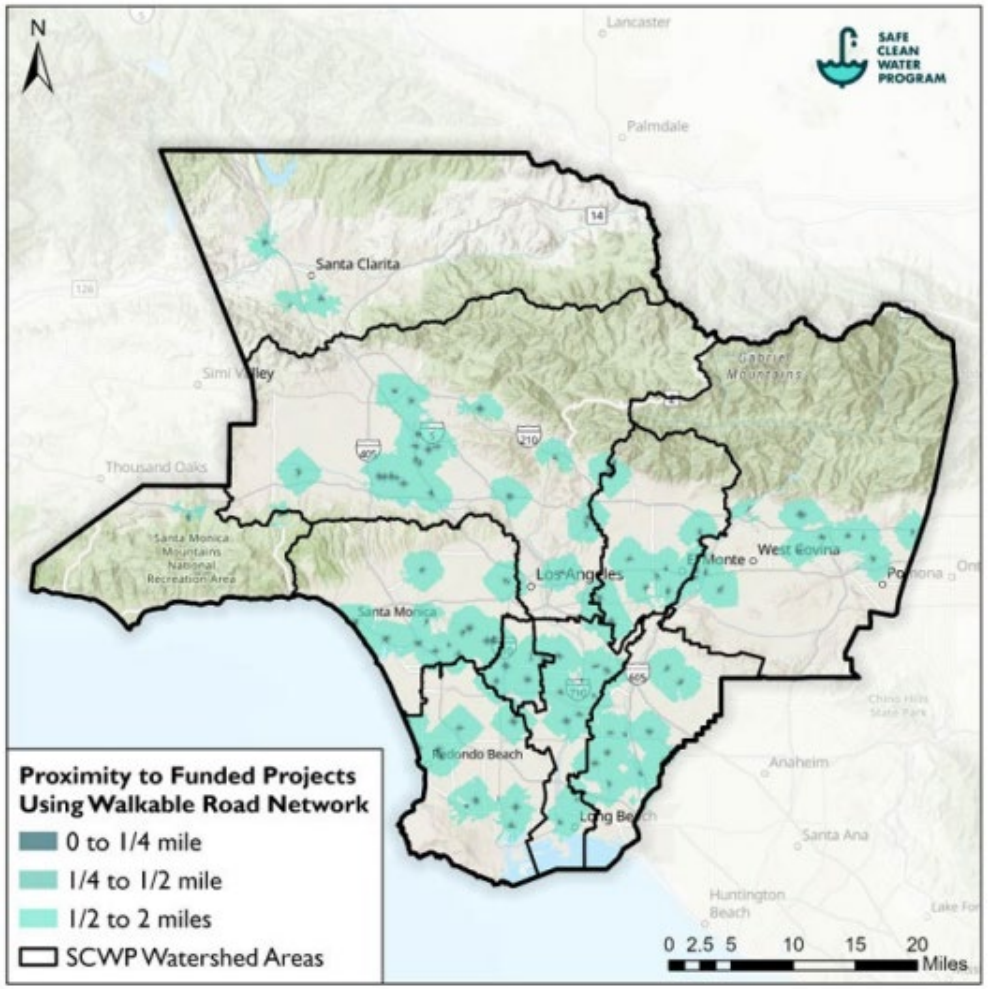
Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies

1. Clarification of how to interpret and demonstrate project's ability to deliver DAC Benefits

2. Procedures for consistently accounting for the 110% SIP provisions

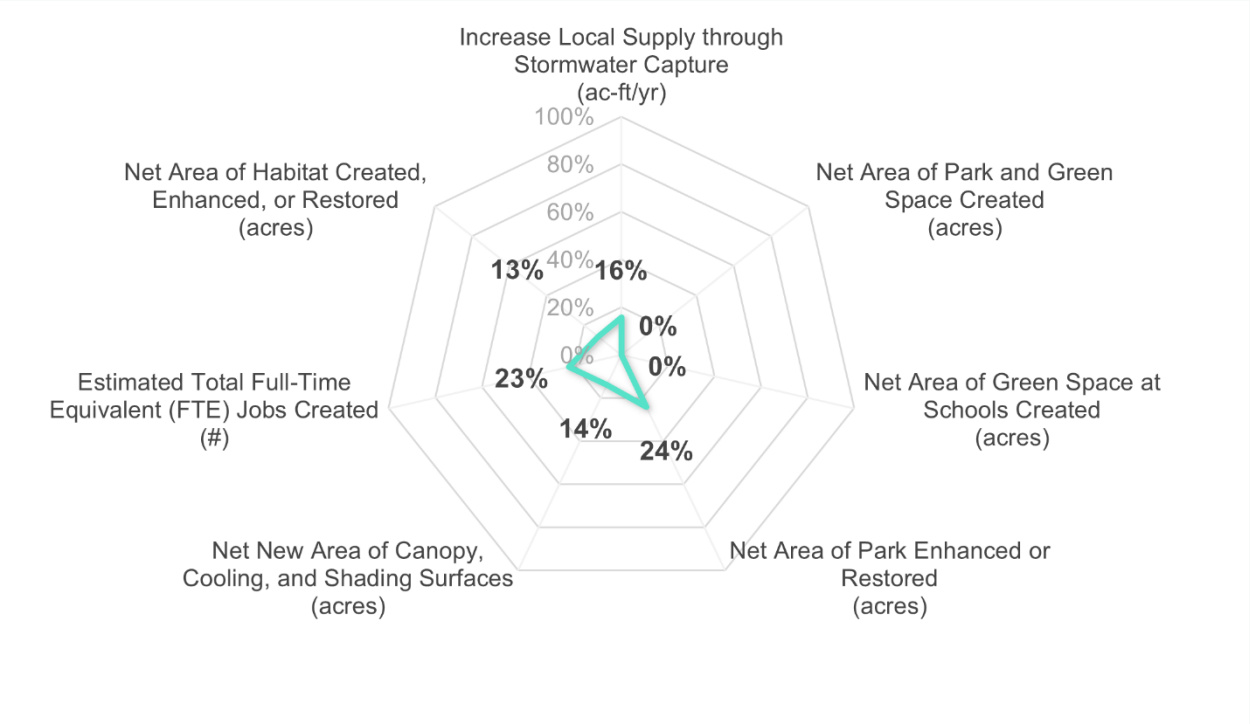
3. Considerations to inform deliberation and discussion

4. Process for estimating DAC benefits using Place-Based Measures



Key Areas of Interests for Upcoming Call for Projects

- WASCs will convene in May/June to identify priority areas for the next Call for Projects.

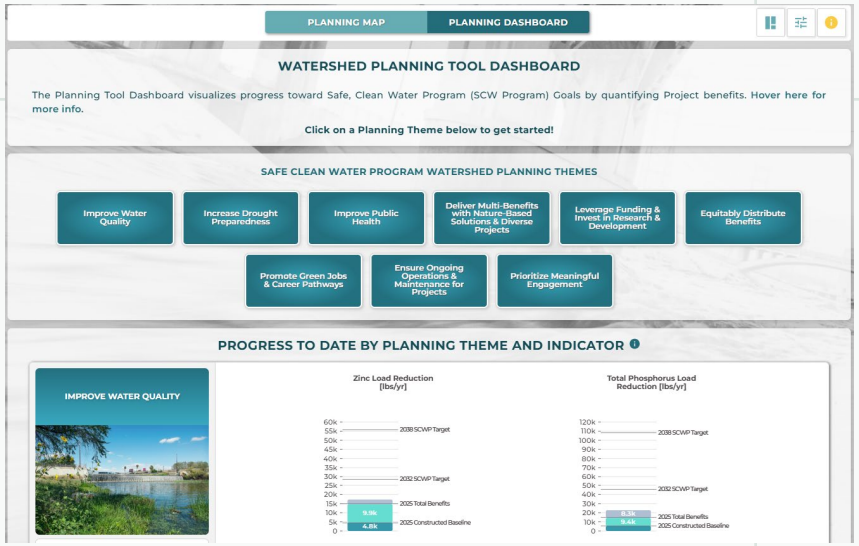


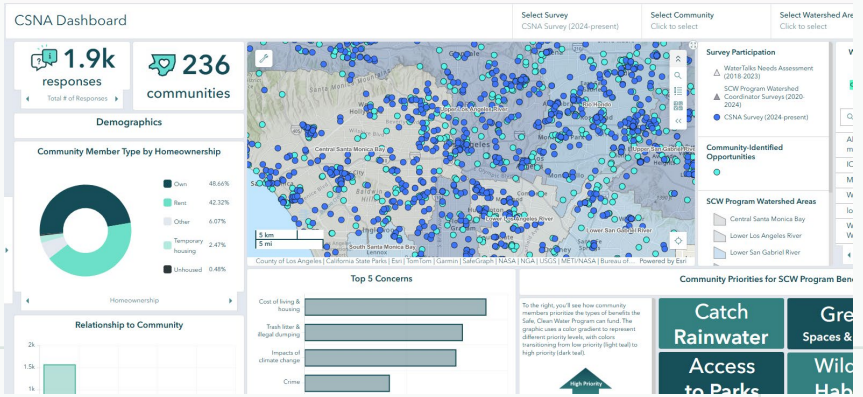
Refer to SCWP Committees website to learn more about upcoming meetings.

Sample of Infrastructure Program project benefits and progress toward targets

Key Areas of Interest for Upcoming Call for Projects

- Projects and project concepts meeting address remaining Watershed Area needs
  - Planning Dashboard
- Scientific Studies target data and knowledge gaps
  - Initial Watershed Plans
- Applications rooted in community-stated priorities
  - Community Strengths and Needs Assessment
- Projects and studies leveraging outside funding
- Applications sized appropriately for WASC funding limits





Resources

- Call for Projects Webpage

2026 Call for Projects for the FY27-28 Stormwater Investment Plan

The next call for Projects (Infrastructure Program), Project Concepts (Technical Resources Program), and Studies (Scientific Studies Program) will open by June 1. Please review each program's requirements to prepare your application and note the upcoming Key Dates.

Key Dates

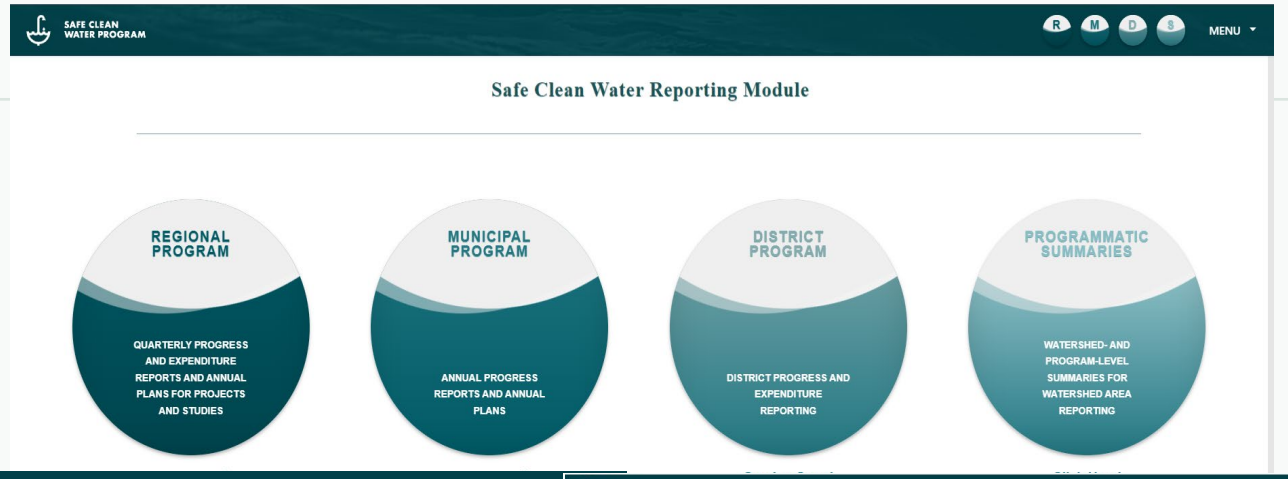
- Call for Projects Info Sessions were scheduled via WebEx on:
  - Wednesday, May 13, 2026: 9:00AM – 11:00AM (password: scwp)
  - Thursday, May 14, 2026: 3:00PM – 5:00PM (password: scwp)
- Deadline to request a letter for conceptual approval from the LACFCD (if applicable): May 31,

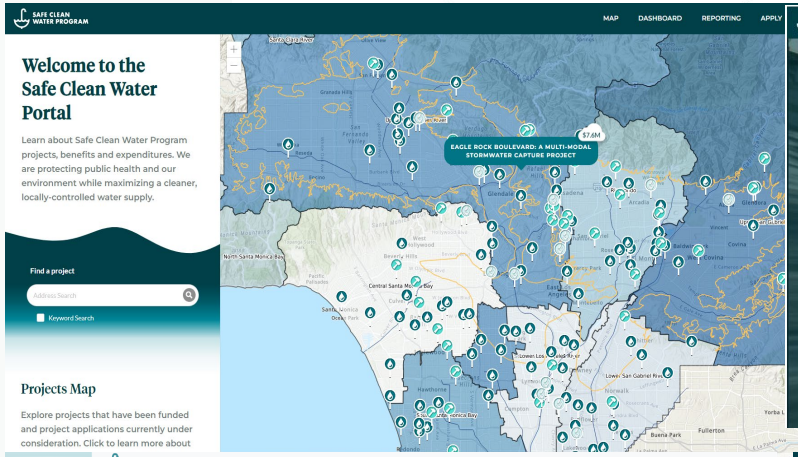
- Projects Module
- Read all about the funding process
- LACFCD Code Chapter 16
- LACFCD Code Chapter 18
- 2025 Interim Guidance
- Feasibility Study Guidelines
- Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines

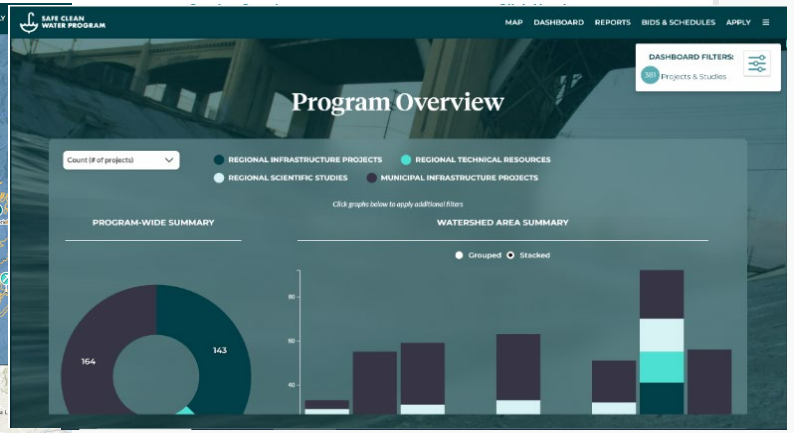
Resources

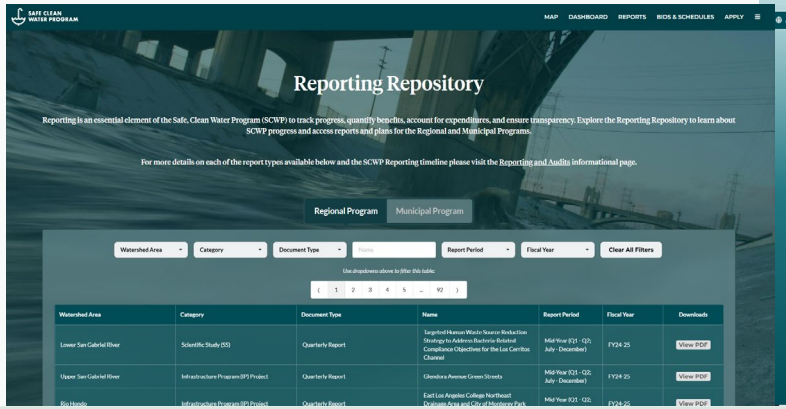
SCW PORTAL:

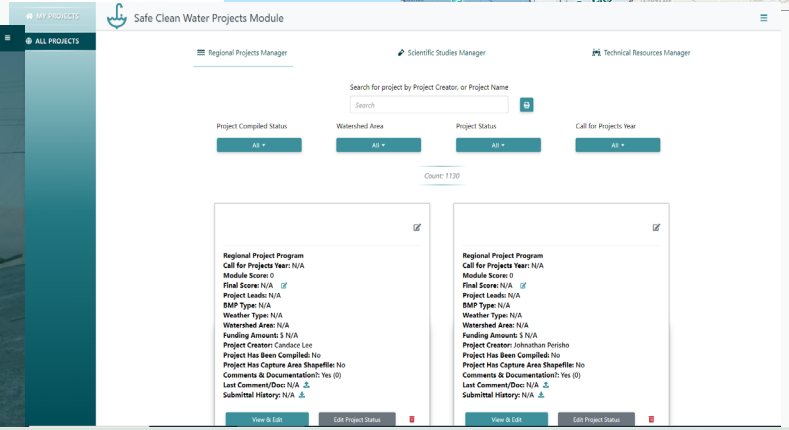
- Project Map
- Dashboard
- Apply for Funding
- SIP Tool
- Watershed Planning Tool

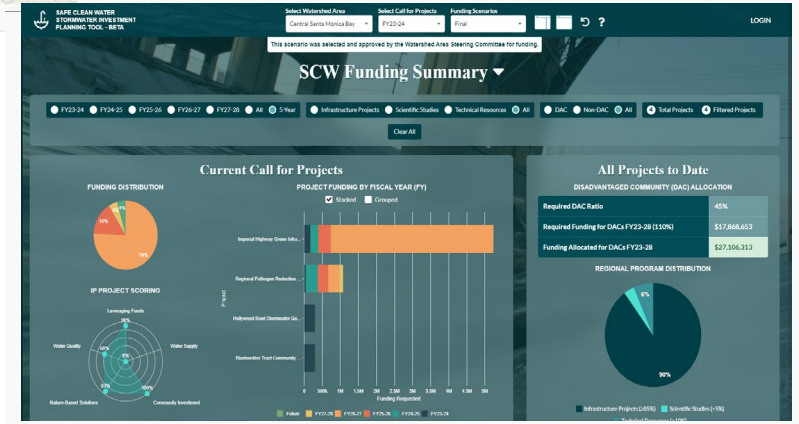




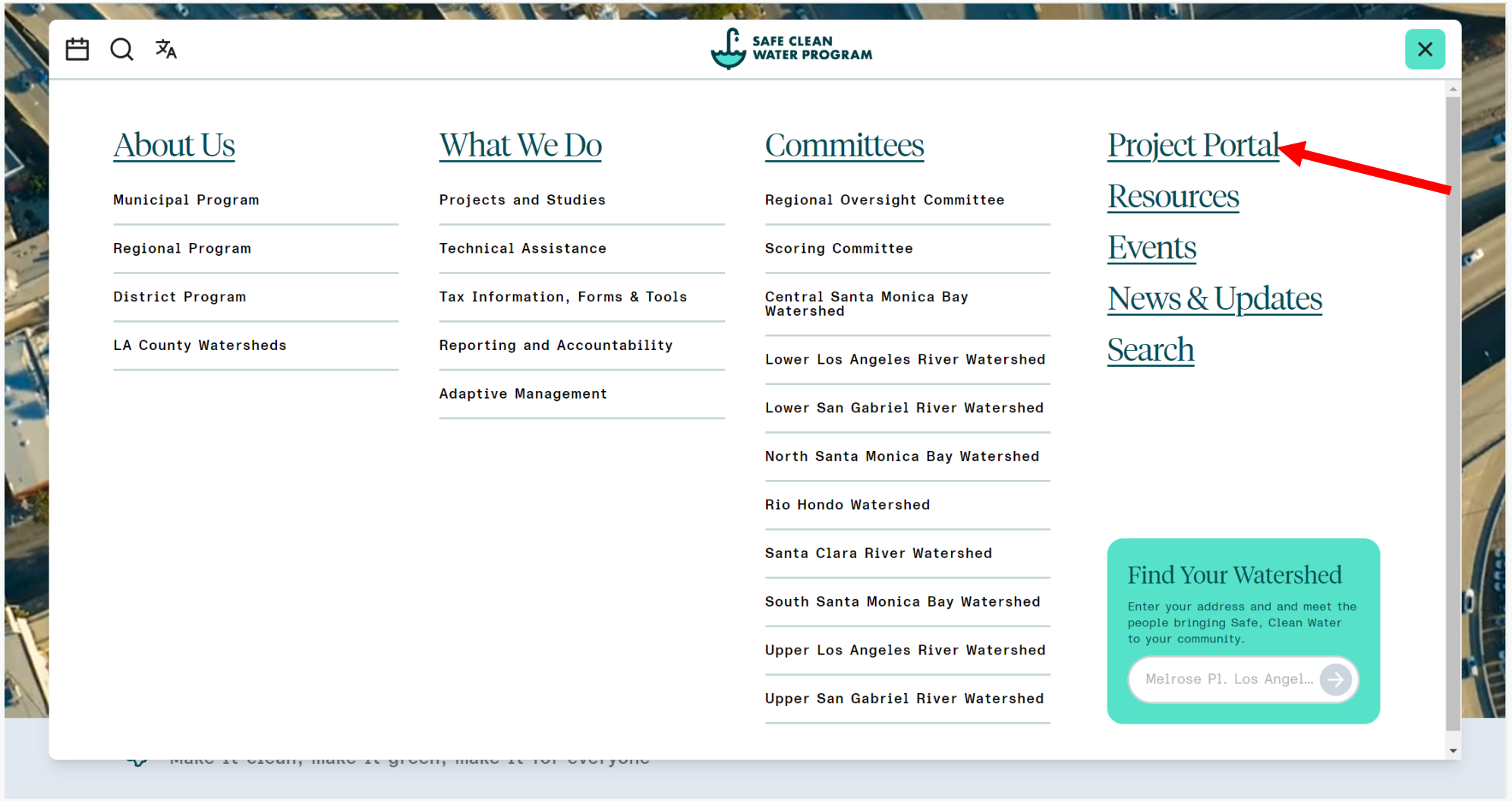






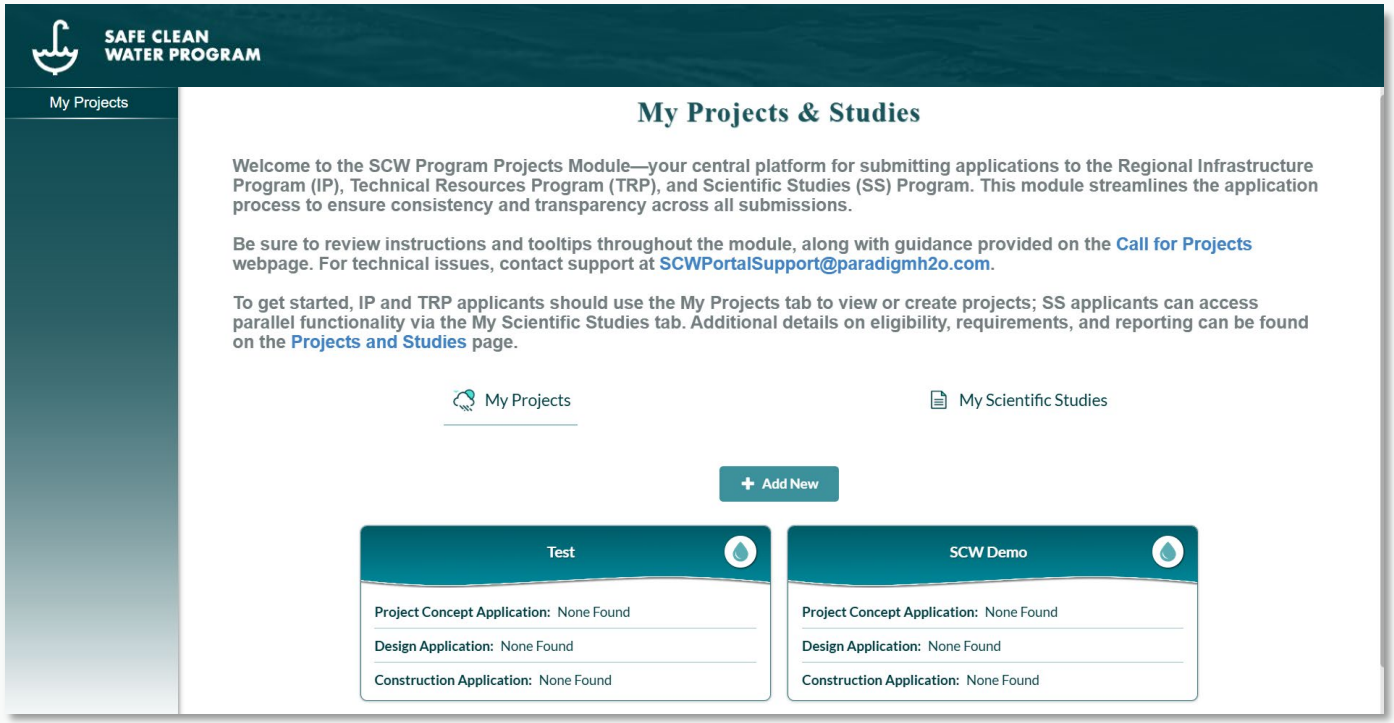


Projects Module Live Tutorial



Projects Module Overview

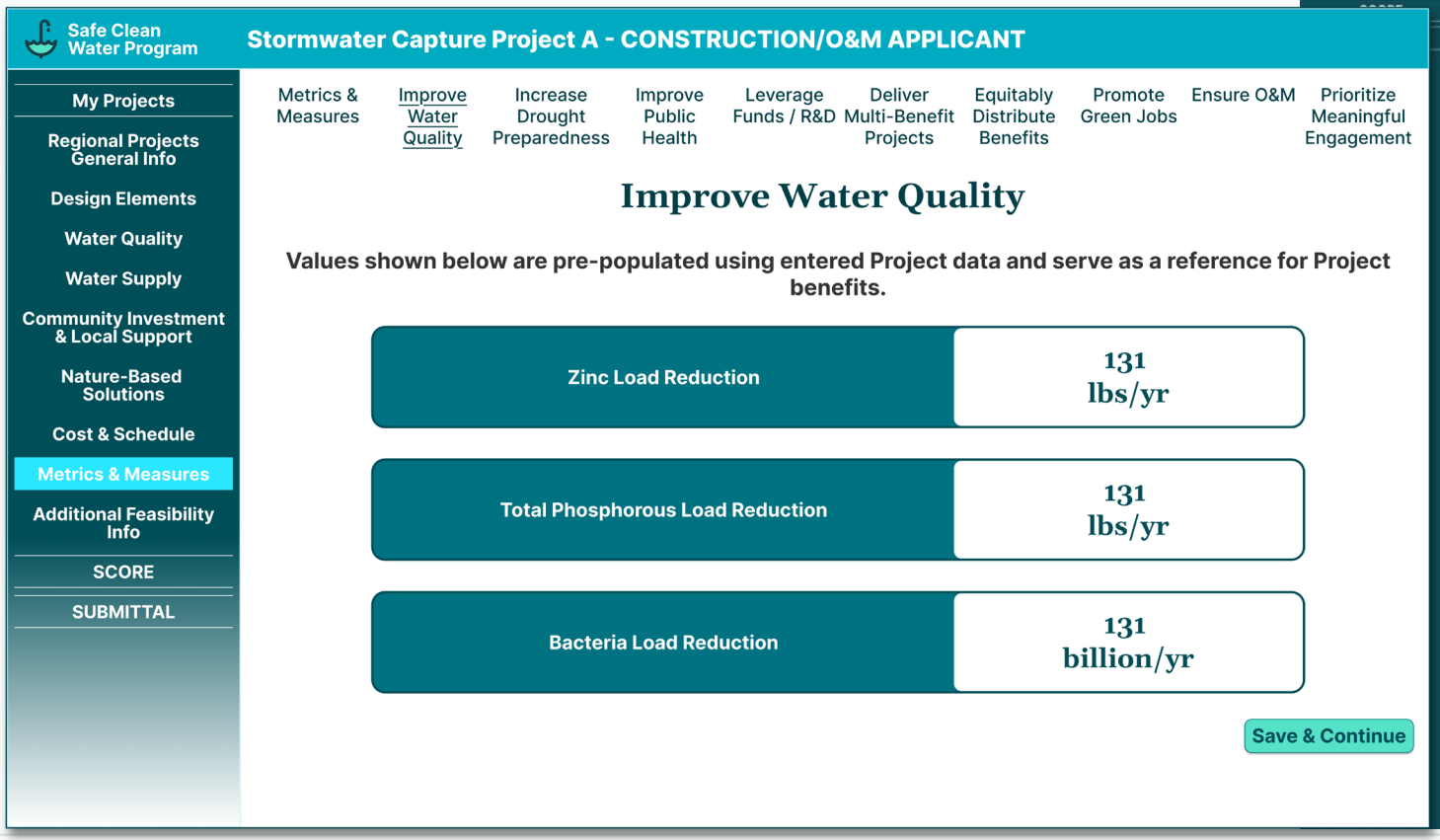
- Streamlined applications with enhanced functionality and features
- Project/Study-oriented architecture
- Use **My Projects** tab to view your projects and to view/create a (1) TRP, (2) IP – Design-only, or (3) IP – Design, Construction, and/or O&M application
- Use **My Scientific Studies** tab to view your Studies and to view/create a SS Program application

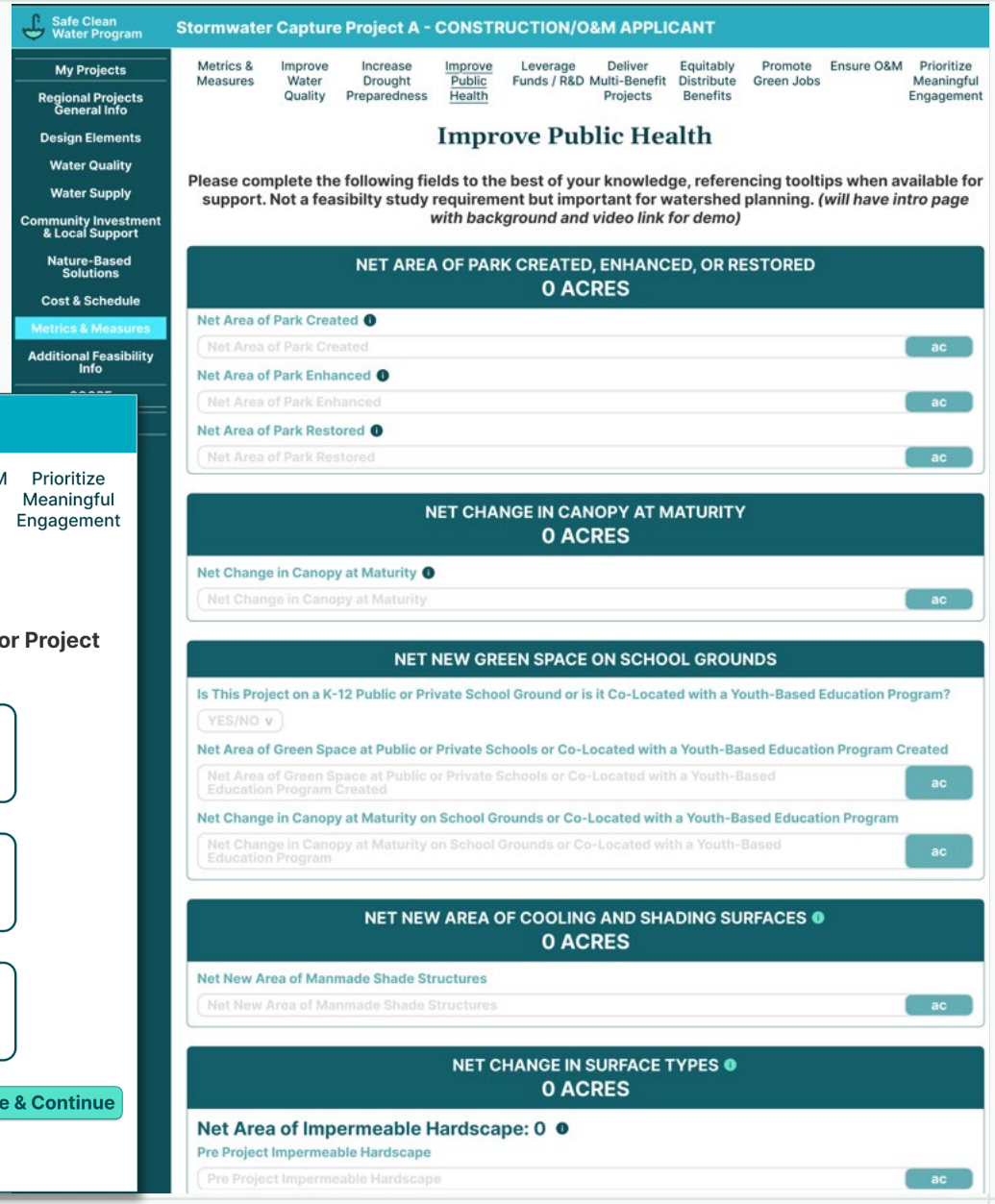


Submit applications by July 31st, 2026

Projects Module – Metrics & Measures

- Infrastructure Program Project applicants only





Call for Projects Webpage

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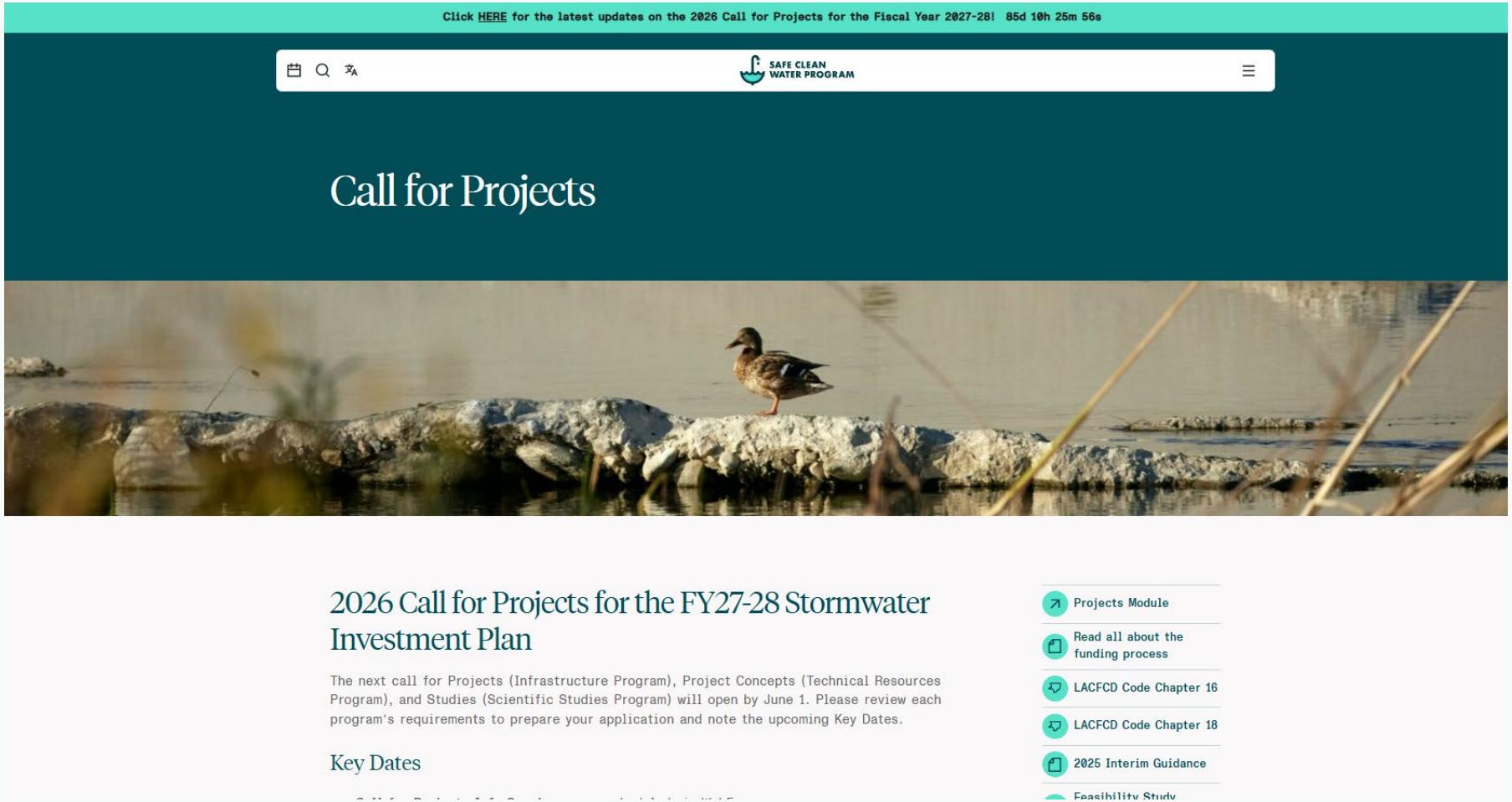

Regional Program Adaptive Management – What's Next

- Revisions to the Feasibility Study Guidelines and Scoring Criteria
- Development of Nature-Based Solutions Addendum to the Watershed Plans
- Development of Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance
- Consolidation and streamlining Program Guidance documents
- Establishment of a Scientific Advisory Panel
- Continuous updates to the Portal to streamline, enhance, and improve usability

Questions?

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