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FY27-28 Call for Projects: Infrastructure Program Scoring Strategies

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Agenda

- **Supplemental Guidance Overview**
- **Project Funding Phases**
- **Scoring Criteria Pilot Adaptations**

Supplemental Guidance Overview

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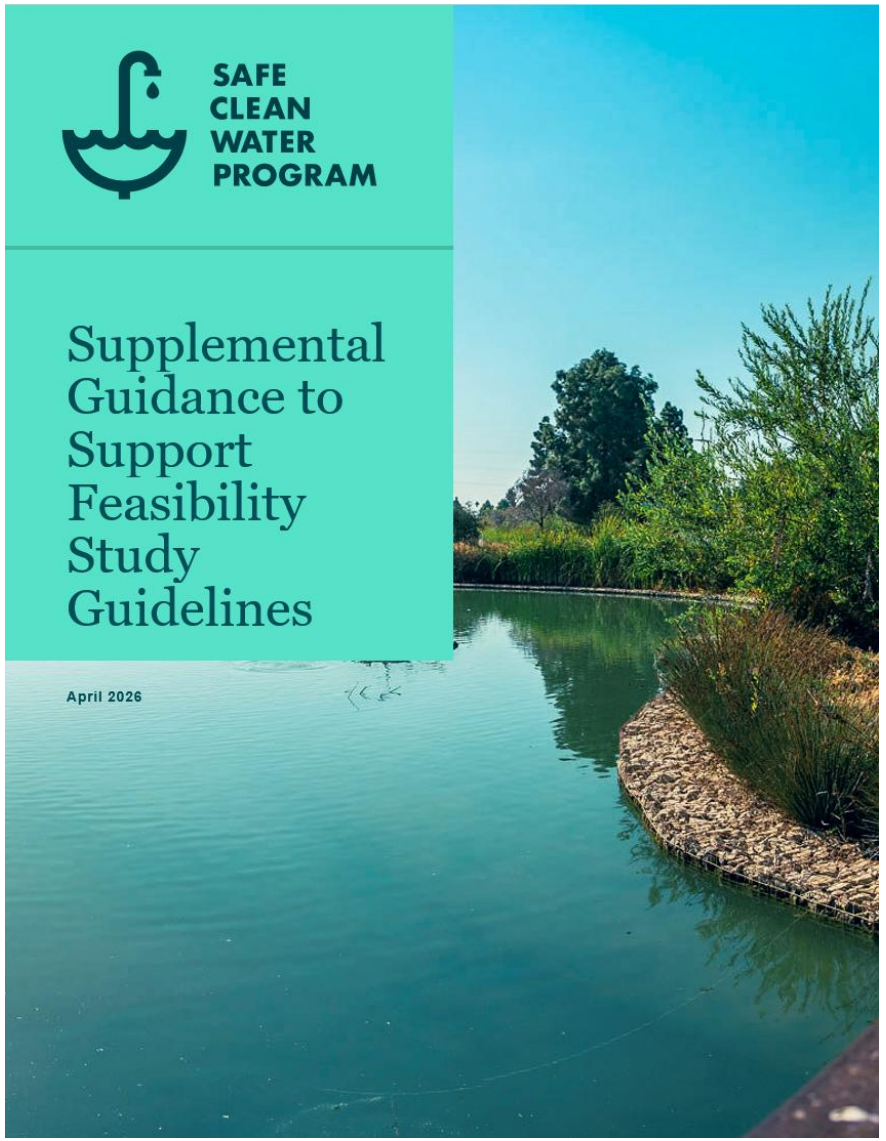
Intent:

- Clarify Feasibility Study Guidelines (FSG) requirements
- Improve Project evaluation and accelerate implementation
- Define Project funding phases
- Align Feasibility Study content with Project attributes/benefits
- Support Project Applicants with benefit estimation

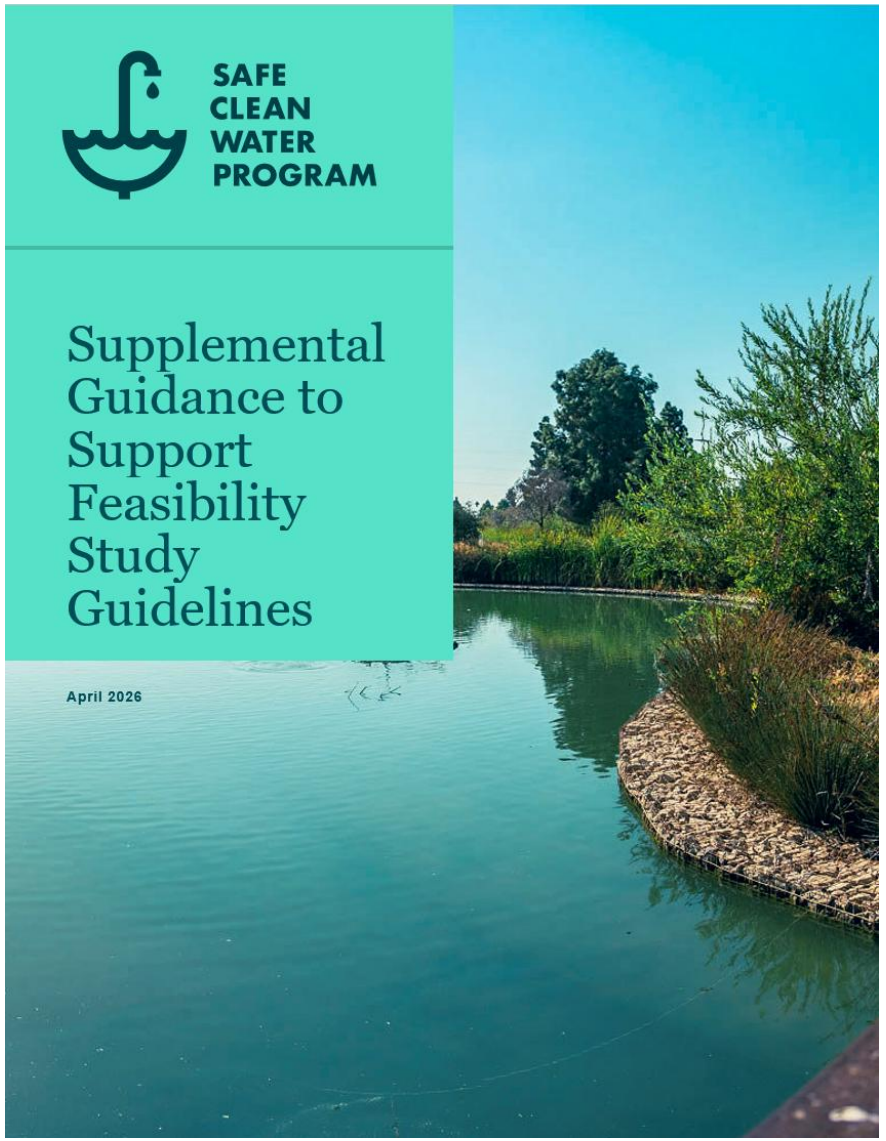


Link: *Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines*

Supplemental Guidance

Recent changes:

- Added section covering new FSG requirement #20: Watershed Planning Alignment
- Consolidation of Project funding phases: reduced from 5 major phases to 3
- Updates to Scoring Criteria Pilot Adaptations:
  - Revisions to Water Quality/Supply pilots
  - Addition of Community Investment Benefit (CIB) pilot



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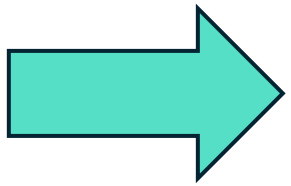
Prior to Supplemental Guidance:

- Project Applicants could apply for:
  1. Planning
  2. Design
  3. Construction
  4. O&M
  5. Bid/Award



Under Supplemental Guidance:

- Streamlined application process
- Consolidated funding request phases:
  1. Design
  2. Construction
  3. O&M
     a. For previously funded SCWP Infrastructure Projects
     b. For separately funded Projects

Streamlined Applications

Why has this funding application framework been changed?

- Support SCWP Goals
- Simplify/clarify application process and requirements
- Avoid redundancy for previously-funded SCWP Projects
  - Incentivize applying for O&M funding
  - Support adequate maintenance of SCWP Projects

Example:

Leveraged Funding: FSG Requirement #18	
Phase	**Specific Requirements**
Design-Only	• Provide documentation **demonstrating the certainty of leveraged funding**.
Construction	• Provide **confirmation of leveraged funding and timeline**, in the form of support letter, grant award notice, etc.
O&M (for previously funded SCWP Infrastructure Projects)	• Summarize **leveraged funding received** to date.
O&M (for separately funded Projects)	• Summarize **leveraged funding** and **non-SCW Program Regional Program funded construction costs** to date.

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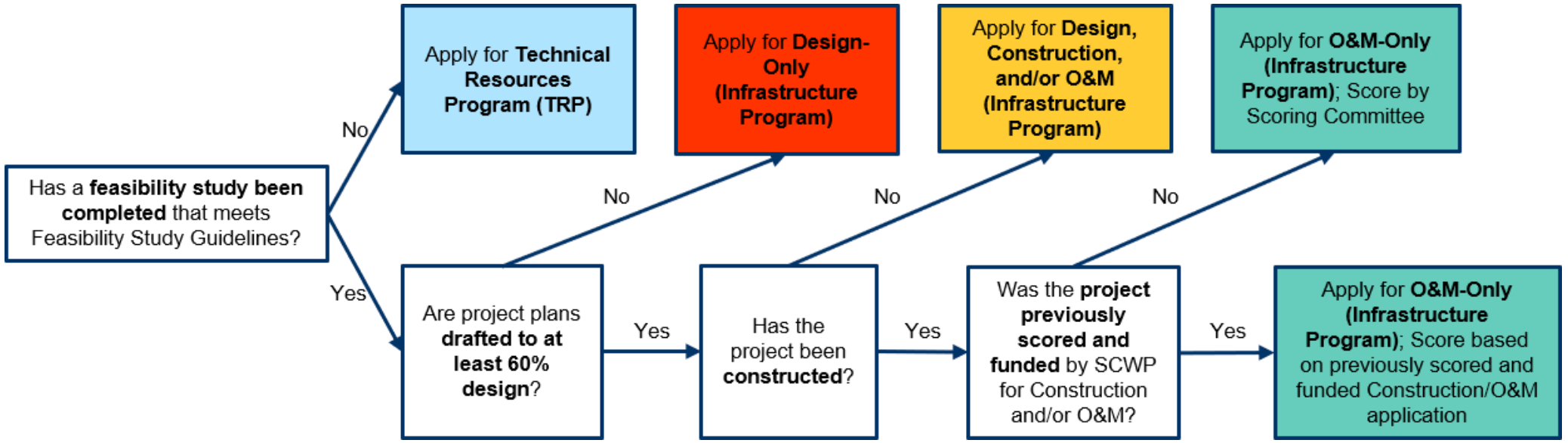

O&M Funding Phase

Two distinct tracks considering previous Scoring Committee input:

- Avoiding redundancy for previously funded SCWP Projects
- Retrofits to existing SCWP Projects
- Demonstrating claimed benefits using monitoring data
- Previous non-SCWP capital investments
    - Treated as matching funds for leveraged funding scoring

O&M (for previously funded SCWP Infrastructure Projects):

Includes O&M funding for Projects and/or retrofits of Projects for which construction has been completed and was previously funded through the SCWP Infrastructure Program.

O&M (for separately funded Projects):
Includes O&M funding for Projects and/or retrofits of Projects for which construction has been completed and was previously funded through an external source to the SCWP Infrastructure Program.

Scoring Criteria Pilot Adaptions

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Optional, granularized Scoring Criteria adaptations:

- Water Quality Benefits
  - Pilot tested during FY26-27 CFP
- Water Supply Benefits
  - Pilot tested during FY24-25 and FY26-27 CFP
- Community Investment Benefits
  - Newly developed

Water Quality Benefit Scoring Adaptation Pilot Rubric

- 1-point incremental scoring
  - Nuanced evaluation of Project benefits
- Option to use 85th percentile storm runoff capture volume
  - In lieu of 24-hr BMP capacity
- Objective:
  - Enable a range of project types/sizes while still encouraging substantial Water Quality Benefits and cost-effectiveness

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).*

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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)*

Water Supply Benefit Scoring Adaptation Pilot Rubric

- 1-point incremental scoring
  - Nuanced evaluation of Project benefits
- Calibrated to historical SCWP Project performance
- Objectives:
  - Align scoring with multi-benefit Project performance and cost
  - Adjust rubric to consider economic changes (i.e., inflation)

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

Community Investment Benefit Scoring Adaptation Pilot Rubric

- 2-point incremental scoring across ranges of CIB integration
  - Reduces score compression
  - Improves differentiation between levels of CIB integration
- Compatible with existing CIB categories
  - Avoids added complexity
- Objectives:
  - Enhance transparency
  - Align scoring increments with real-world Project performance
  - Support SCWP Goals

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.*

Thank you

QUESTIONS?