



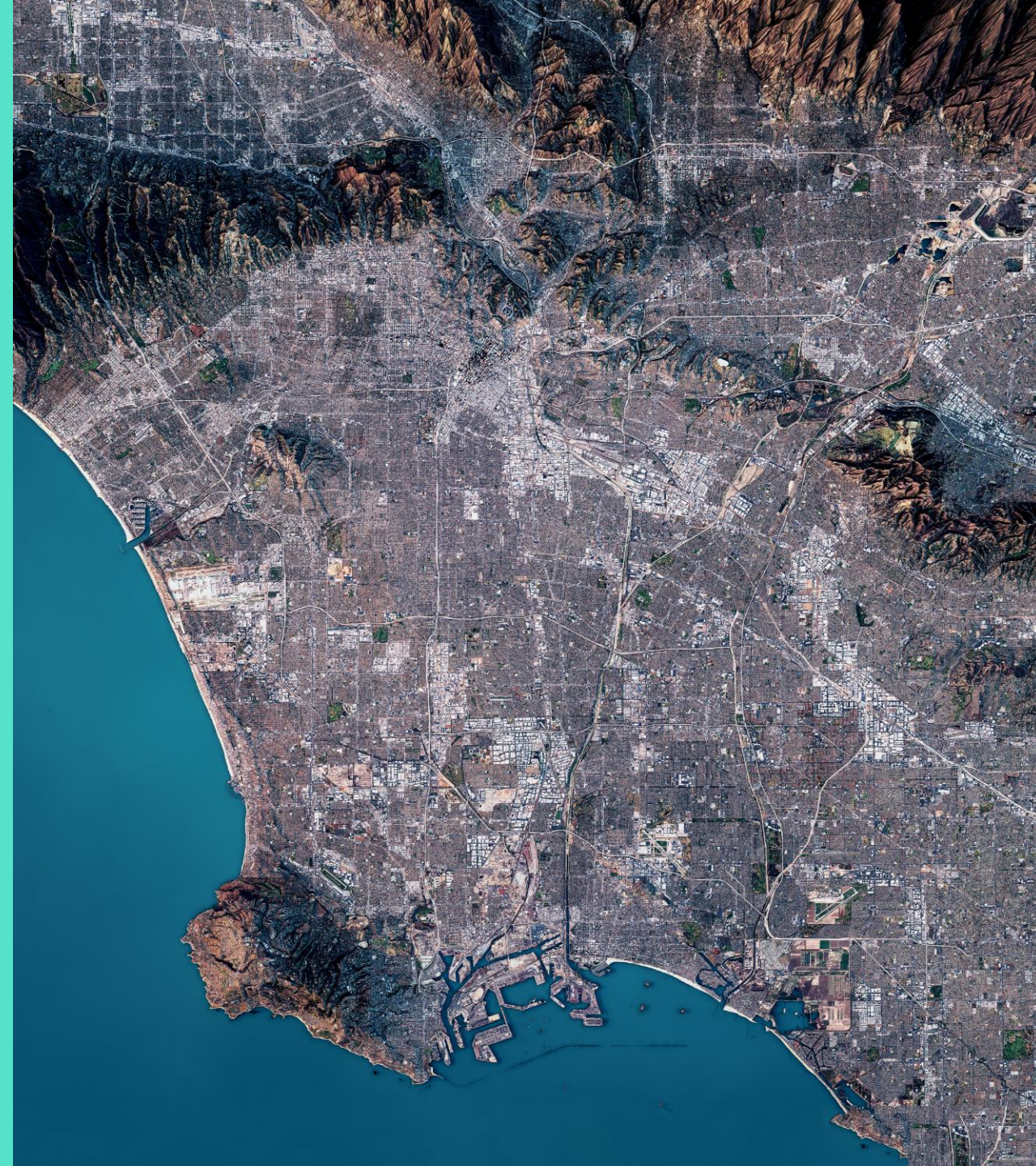
Scoring Committee Initial Watershed Plan Presentation

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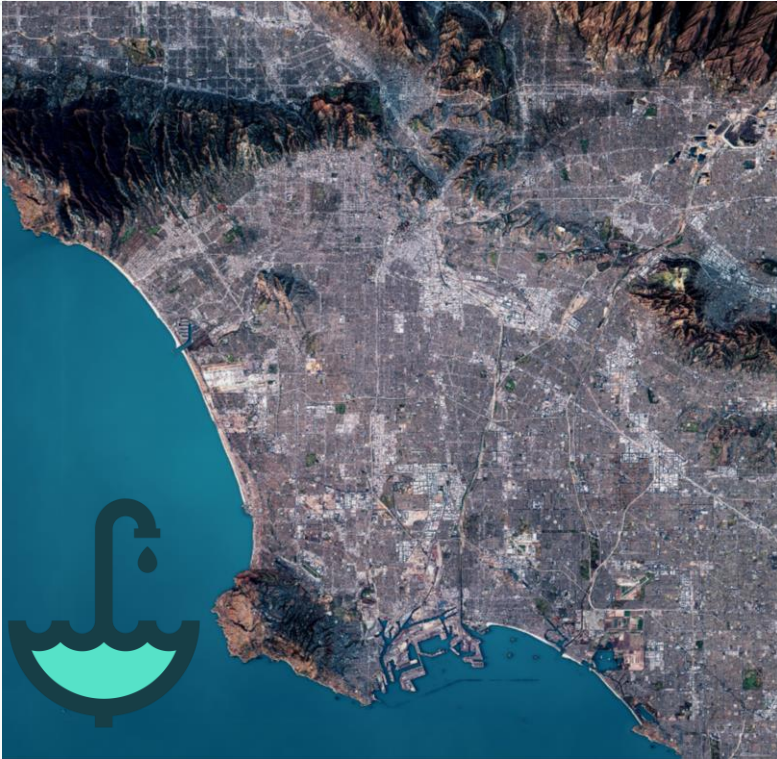


What We're Covering Today

1. How We Got Here
2. Intro to Initial Watershed Plans and Planning Tool
3. Feasibility Study Guidelines 20th Requirement
4. Next Steps for Watershed Planning
5. Q&A



SCW Program Watershed Planning – An Accelerated Timeline



SCW Program BOS Motion

LA County Board of Supervisors Motions to Accelerate the SCW Program implementation and develop Watershed Area Plans



Forming a Team, Developing a Framework

Public Works Watershed Planning Section formed, Community Strengths & Needs Assessment developed and launched, Watershed Planning Framework developed, SCWP governance committees and interested parties engaged



Making Plans for Everyone

Conducted technical analysis of cross-county programs and plans, emphasizing watershed coordination, and developing models for planning

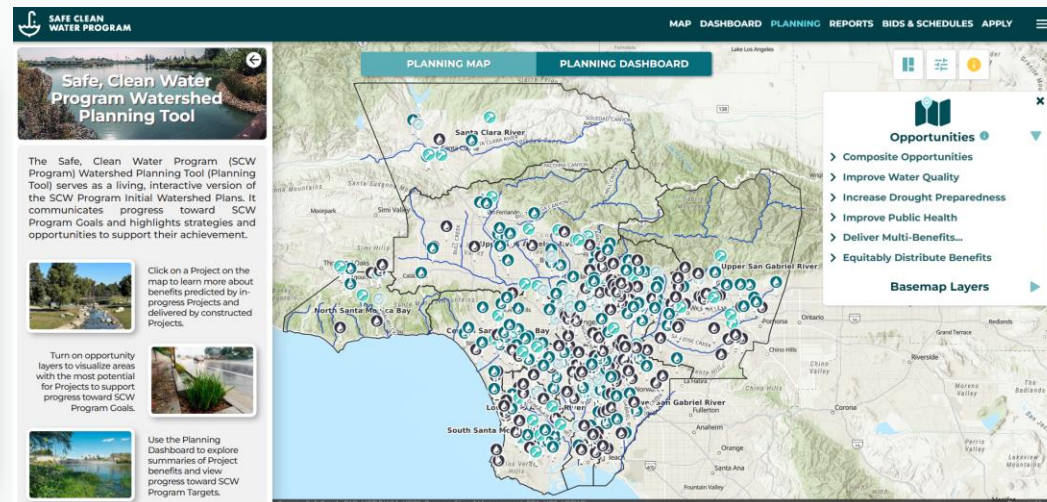
Watershed Planning Initiative: Initial Watershed Plans and Online Planning Tool

Initial Watershed Plans

- Communicate the Initial Watershed Outputs
- Provide detailed information on Program-wide and WA-specific targets, needs, strategies, and opportunities within the scope of the SCW Program

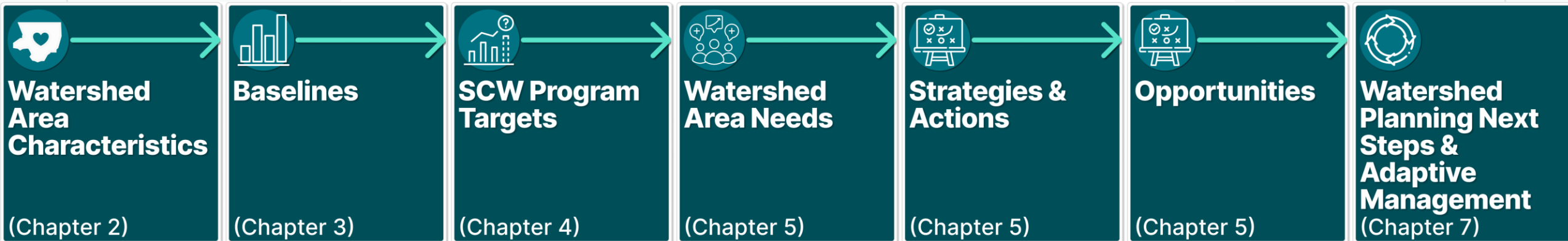
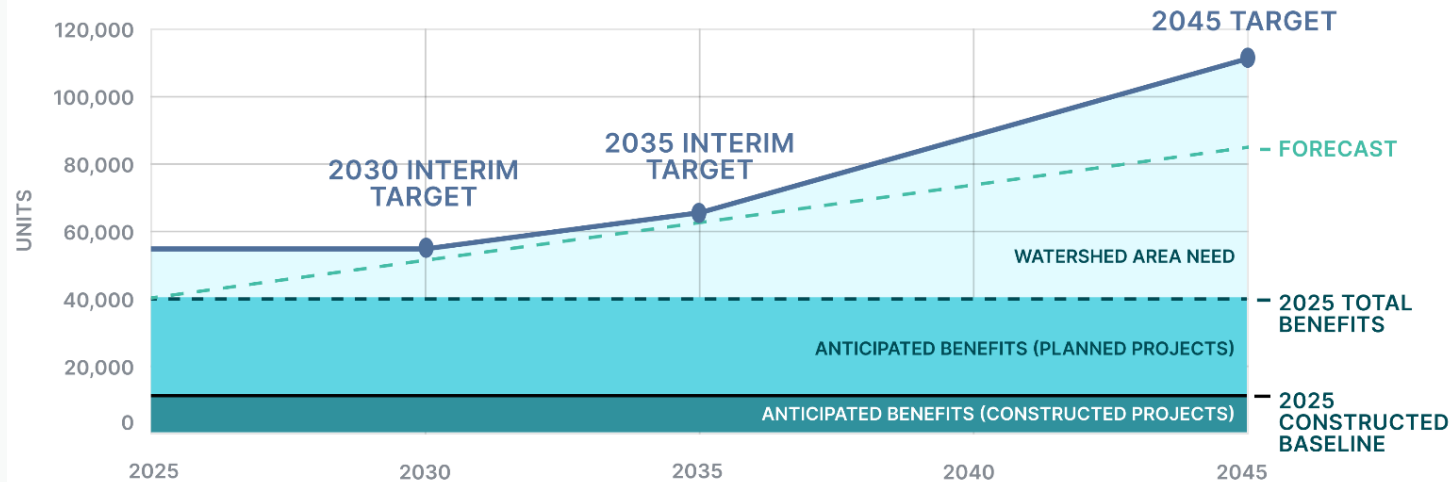
Online Planning Tool

- Serves as a live, interactive version of the Plans
- Communicates and tracks progress toward SCW Program Goals and highlights strategies and opportunities to support their achievement

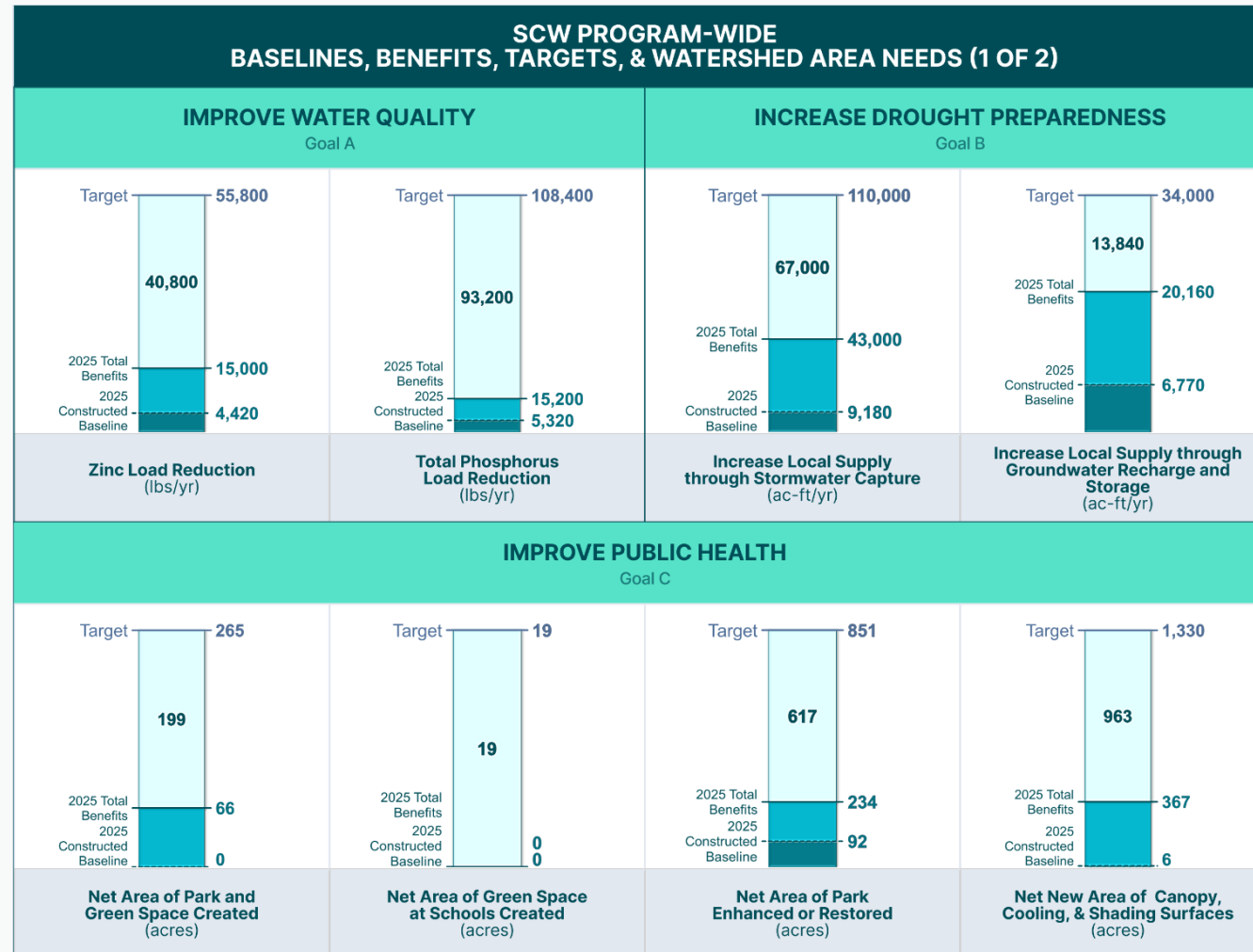


Initial Watershed Plan Outputs

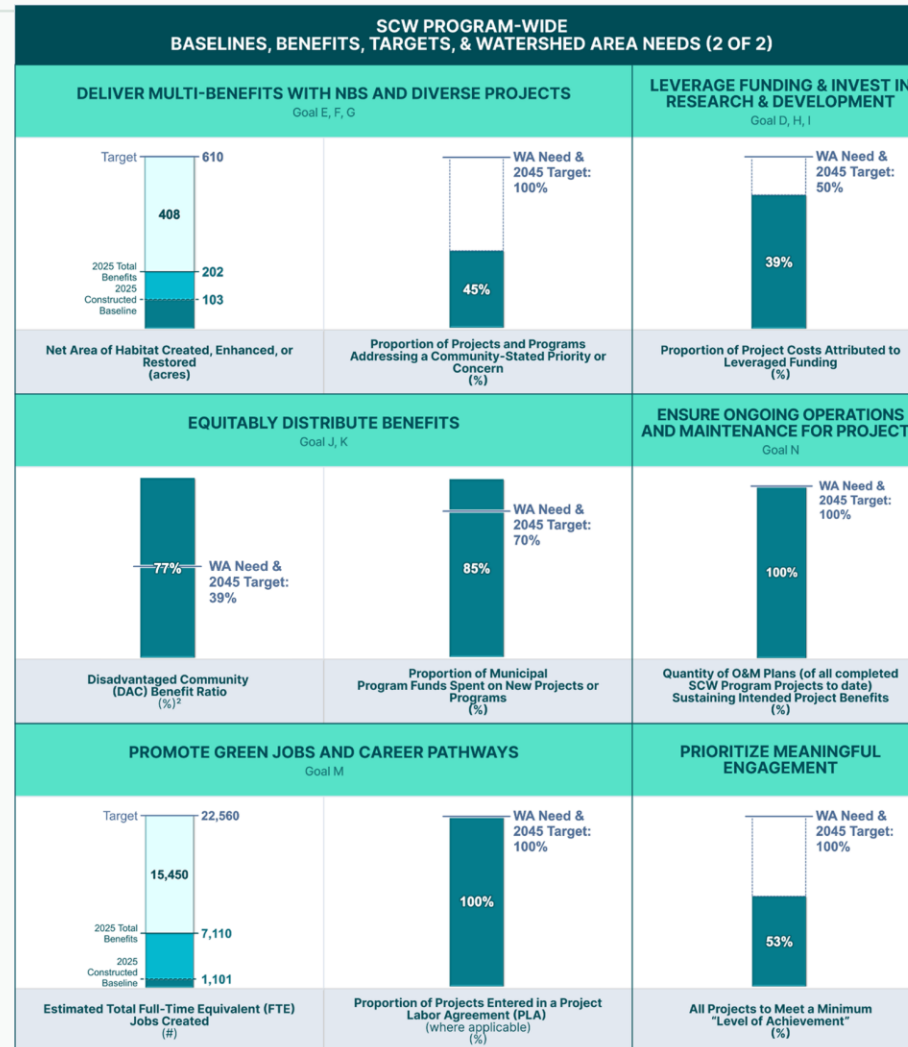
CONCEPTUAL EXAMPLE - 2025 SNAPSHOT AND LOOK AHEAD
BENEFITS, FORECASTS, WATERSHED AREA NEEDS, AND SCW PROGRAM TARGETS



Indicators for Tracking SCW Program Progress



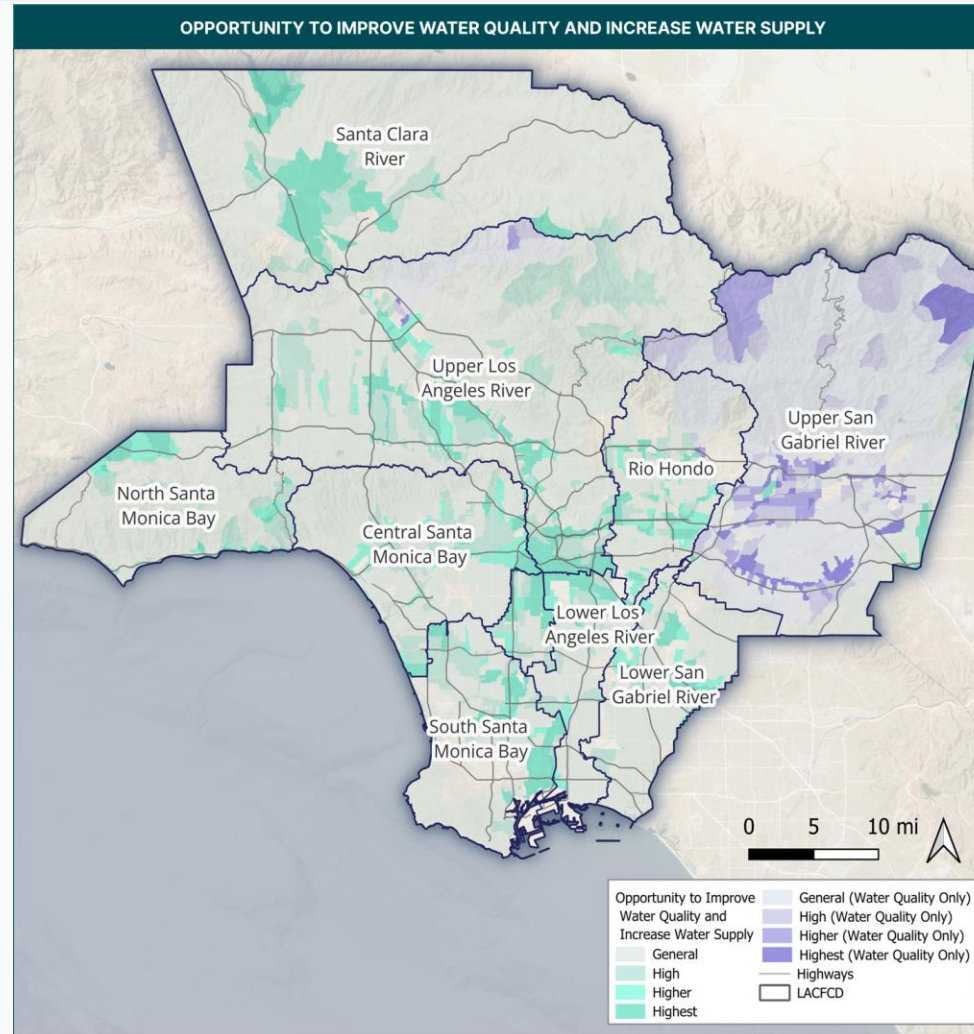
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Strategies for Addressing Needs and Achieving Goals

SCW PROGRAM-WIDE STRATEGIES	
IMPROVE WATER QUALITY Goal A	
1.1	Prioritize high performance Projects and Programs in areas with the highest pollutant loads
INCREASE DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS Goal B	
2.1	Link MS4 compliance and water supply planning to maximize stormwater capture for water quality and water supply*
IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH Goal C	
3.1	Evaluate open space and large lot potential, particularly on school campuses*
3.2	Create, enhance, and restore park and green space, especially in high-need communities
3.3	Help communities most affected by extreme heat mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change
DELIVER MULTI-BENEFITS WITH NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS & DIVERSE PROJECTS Goal E, F,G	
4.1	Acknowledge, where feasible, other capital improvement programs that can contribute to regional outcomes*
4.2	Deliver nature-based, multi-benefit Projects and Programs that improve water quality while addressing community priorities and concerns
LEVERAGE FUNDING & INVEST IN RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT Goal D, H, I	
5.1	Bolster SCW Program and regional coordination to support identification and communication of alternative funding sources and opportunities
5.2	Bolster the Scientific Study Program through enhanced review, coordination, and dissemination of results
EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE BENEFITS Goal J, K	
6.1	Consider historic land use disparities and environmental justice metrics across the SCW Program area*
6.2	Advance equity and prioritize new investments particularly in communities not currently served by a SCW Program Project or Program
PROMOTE GREEN JOBS AND CAREER PATHWAYS Goal M	
7.1	Prioritize smaller Projects for which construction and maintenance jobs are more likely to come from a local labor force
7.2	Invest in research and Programs that promote permanent career pathways
7.3	Coordinate job placement and partner with workforce training and pre-apprenticeship programs
ENSURE ONGOING OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FOR PROJECTS Goal N	
8.1	Maintain a skilled, local workforce to ensure quality construction and comprehensive operations & maintenance (O&M)
8.2	Ensure sufficient resources are set aside for Project O&M and monitoring
8.3	Promote wildfire resilience through fire-resilient O&M protocols for Projects
8.4	Integrate post-construction monitoring data into O&M plans
PRIORITIZE MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT	
9.1	Promote meaningful and sustained outreach and engagement through regional coordination and expertise
9.2	Ensure sufficient resources are set aside for Project O&M and monitoring
9.3	Promote fire-adapted communities through enhanced education and outreach

Opportunities Help Maximize Return on Investments by SCW Program



Watershed Planning Tool: Planning Map



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.

 **SAFE CLEAN
WATER PROGRAM**

MAP DASHBOARD **PLANNING** REPORTS BIDS & SCHEDULES APPLY

PLANNING MAP

PLANNING DASHBOARD







Opportunities

➤ Composite Opportunities

✓ Improve Water Quality

☐ Bacteria Load Reduction

- General
- High
- Higher
- Highest

☐ Total Phosphorus Load Reduction

- General
- High
- Higher
- Highest

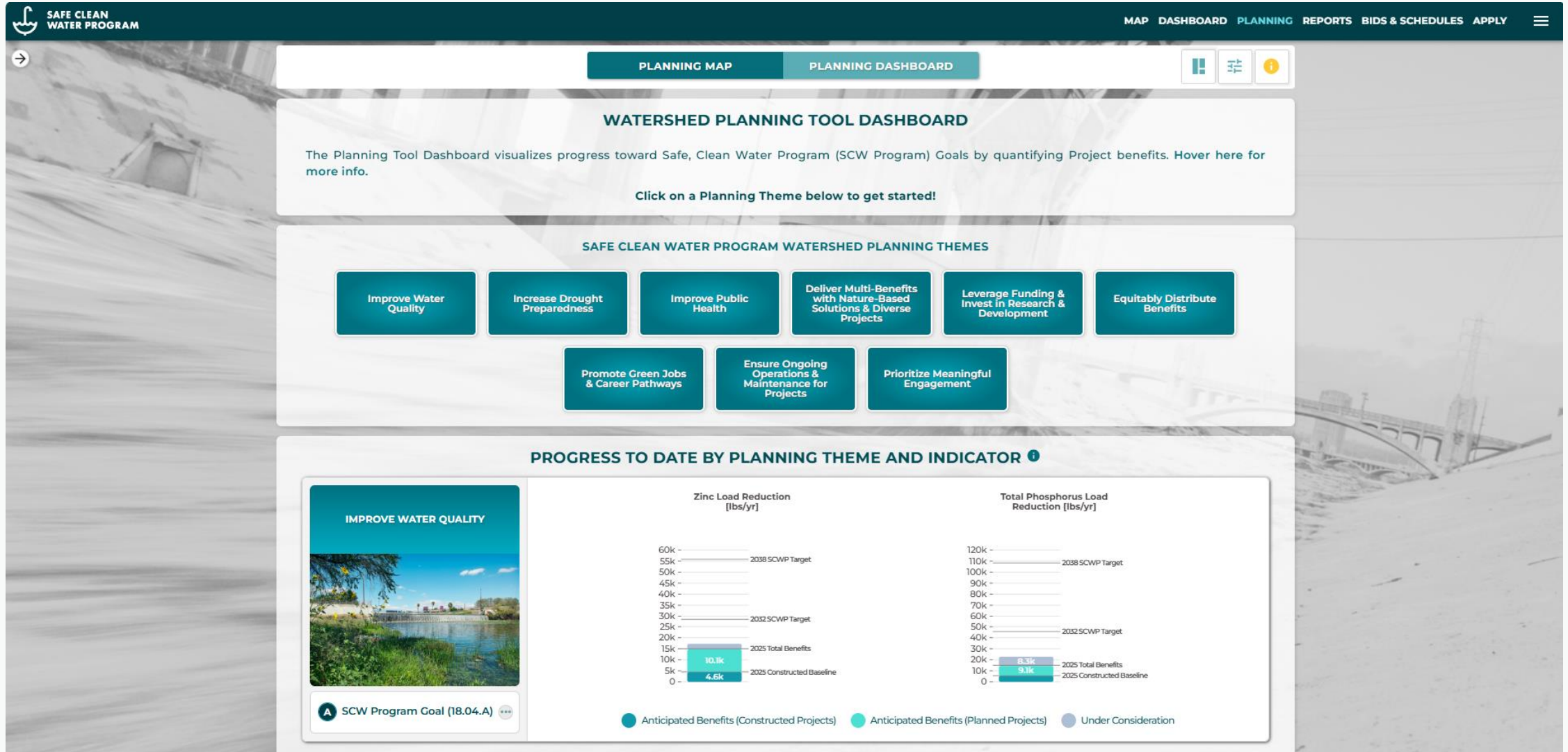
☐ Zinc Load Reduction

- General
- High
- Higher
- Highest

➤ Increase Drought Preparedness

➤ Improve Public Health

Watershed Planning Tool: Planning Dashboard



New FSG 20th Requirement

What is it:

- An addendum to the SCW Program Feasibility Study Guidelines

Who it affects:

- Regional Infrastructure Program and TRP Applicants

What it requires applicants to do:

- Describe how proposed projects align with the Initial Watershed Plans



Safe, Clean Water Program
Feasibility Study Guidelines

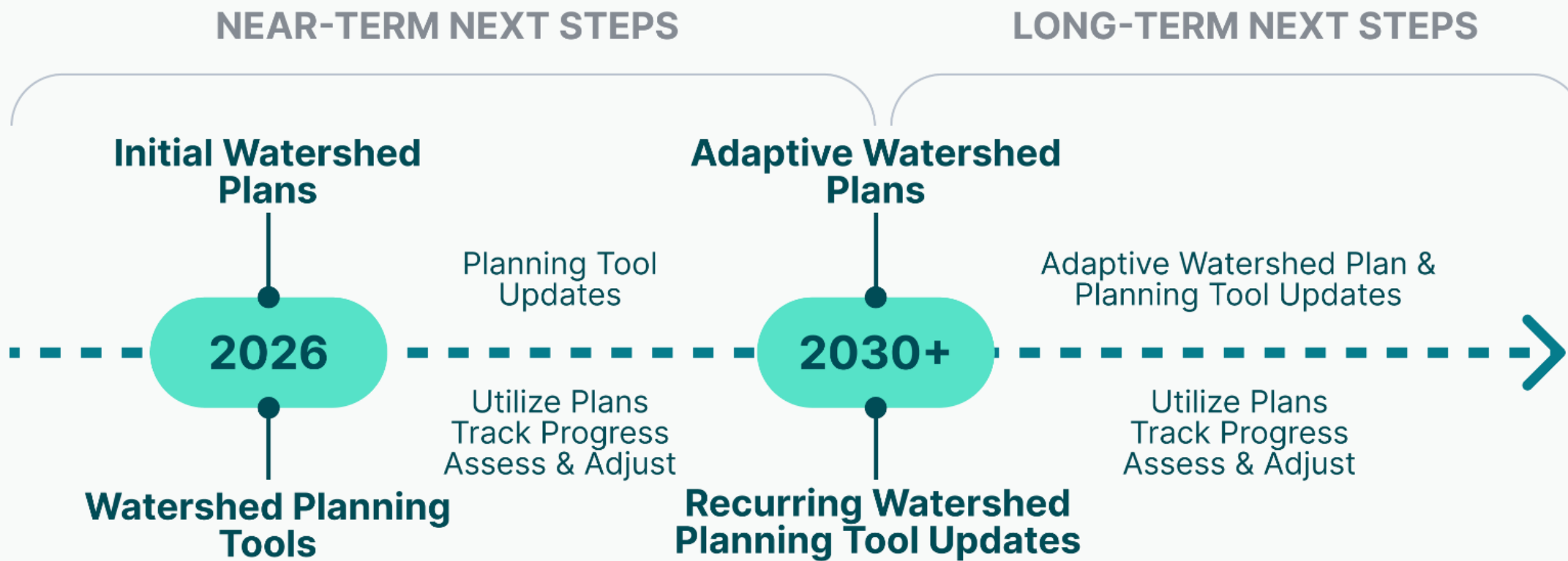


Chief Engineer of the
Los Angeles County Flood Control District

November 19, 2025
Date Adopted

20. A detailed description of how the Project aligns with the applicable Watershed Area's watershed plan, including how it supports identified goals and priorities.¹

Next Steps and Recommendations for Watershed Planning



Questions?

Thank you

QUESTIONS?

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