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**Stormwater
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Santa Clara River
Watershed Area**

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The Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) is an annual five-year plan developed by each Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) that recommends funding allocations for Projects and Programs in the Regional Program’s Infrastructure Program, Technical Resources Program, and Scientific Studies Program.

The purpose of the SIP is to determine recommended programming for the upcoming fiscal year as well as anticipated recommendations for the next four subsequent years.

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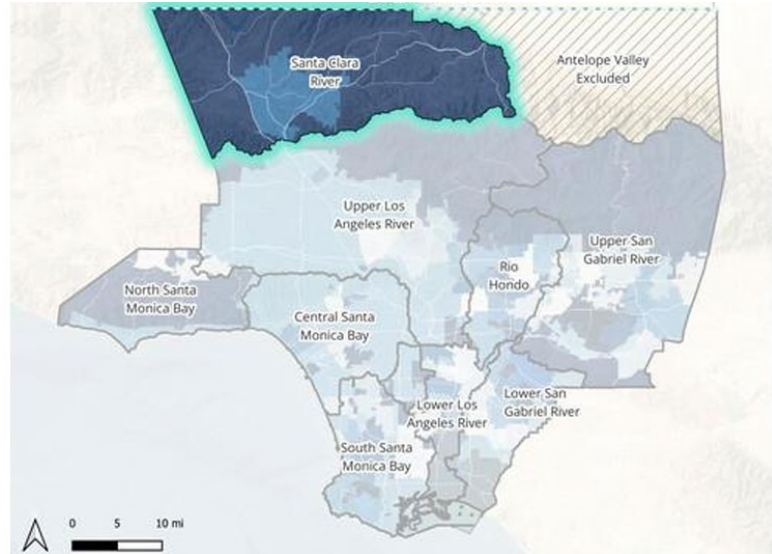
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1 Executive Summary

The Santa Clara River (SCR) WASC requests that the ROC advance the recommended Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY26-27) SIP to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The recommended SIP includes funding for one new Infrastructure Program (IP) Project, one new Scientific Studies (SS), all continuing projects, and the Watershed Coordinator. The recommended SIP allocates 12% of available funding in FY26-27 (Table 1-1) with 29% leveraged funding projected for IP Projects (Section 4.1.4).



The included Projects were selected based on information from applications and presentations, and robust discussion of Project benefits, anticipated future funding requests, and available funding.

Three key topics were the focus of the WASC during SIP deliberations:

- Investing in projects that produce local water supply benefits rather than diverting stormwater out of the watershed.
- Maximizing the cost-effectiveness of funded IP Projects and ensuring that project budgets include contingency funds.
- Prioritizing watershed-specific SS that address local restoration goals over contributions to general research.

During the February 19, 2026 meeting, the WASC voted to approve the recommended SIP. For contextual information on SCR watershed characteristics, benefits of Projects and Programs funded to date, and/or input from community members, please refer to the [Initial Watershed Plan](#) and [Community Strengths and Needs Assessment \(CSNA\)](#).

Table 1-1. Summary of SIP FY26-27 Allocations

Santa Clara River Watershed Area	Budget	Projections					5-Year Total	Annual O&M
	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	FY30-31			
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A.1 Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Collected	\$6.1M	\$6.1M	\$6.1M	\$6.1M	\$6.1M	\$30.5M		
A.2 Carryover from Previous SIP	\$6.8M	\$11.3M	\$16.7M	\$6.1M	\$12.0M			
A.3. Removed Projects and Unused TRP Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
B. Total Allocated and Recommendation in SIP	\$1.6M	\$672.8k	\$16.7M	\$200.0k	\$200.0k	\$19.4M	\$800.7k	
B.1 Total Allocated in Previous SIP(s)	\$345.4k	\$307.9k	\$16.5M	\$200.0k	\$200.0k	\$17.5M	\$742.7k	
B.2 Total Recommendation in Current SIP	\$1.2M	\$364.9k	\$238.4k	\$0	\$0	\$1.8M	\$58.0k	
C. Carryover in Current SIP (A - B)	\$11.3M	\$16.7M	\$6.1M	\$12.0M	\$17.9M			
D. Percent Allocated (B / A)	12%	4%	73%	2%	1%	52%		

Refer to Attachment A or the [SIP Tool](#) for the Final Recommended SIP with additional project details.

2 Summary of Anticipated Watershed Area Benefits

The Initial Watershed Plans (IWPs or Plans) set targets and define strategies tailored to local challenges and opportunities to serve as a strategic blueprint for what can be accomplished using SCWP funds and supplemented with local, state, federal and other leveraged funding sources. Figure 2-1 highlights the anticipated benefits for previously approved IP Projects and how the recommended IP Projects further advance progress toward SCWP Goals as reflected by the watershed area's targets for key indicators. Refer to the [Watershed Planning Dashboard](#) for more in-depth information on total program benefits.

Figure 2-1. Anticipated benefits, targets, and Watershed Area needs.

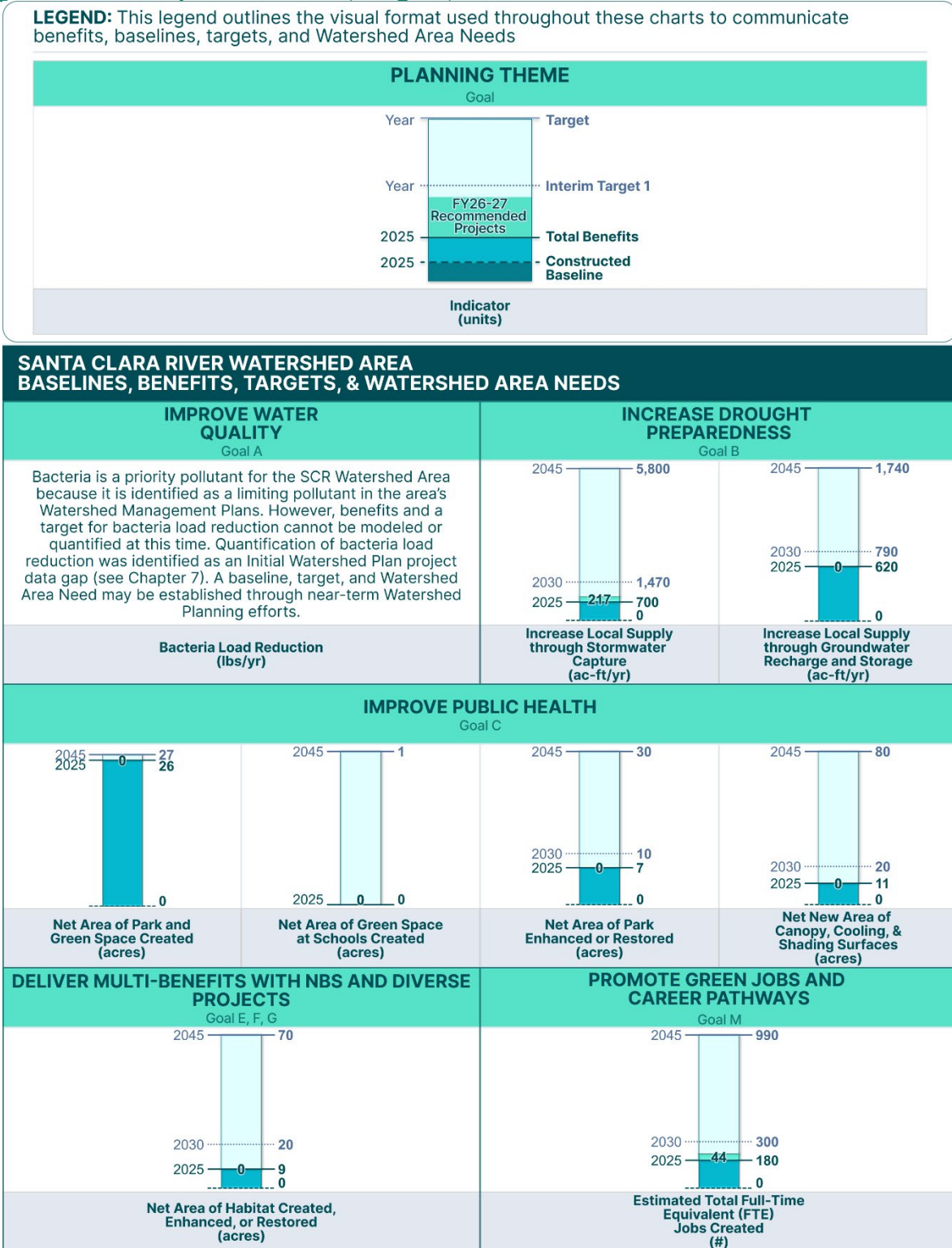
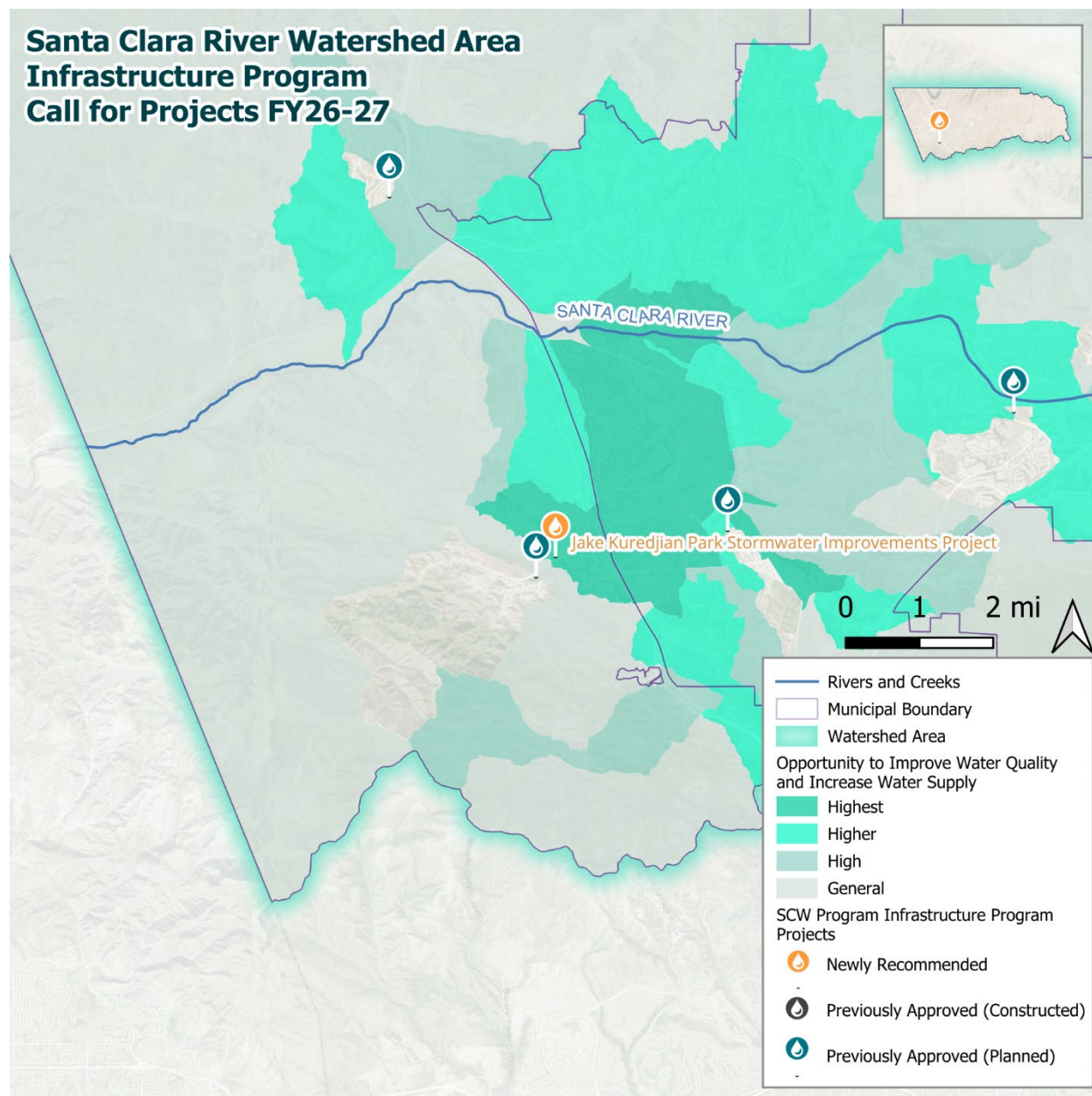


Figure 2-2 below shows the continuing projects (both constructed and in-progress) and newly recommended projects in relation to the opportunity areas to improve water quality and increase water supply. For more information about opportunity areas, refer to SCR's [IWP](#).

Figure 2-2. Opportunities to Improve Water Quality and Water Supply and constructed, planned, and recommended projects map.



3 Recommended FY26-27 SIP

The WASC evaluated all previously approved and newly eligible IP Projects, TRP Project Concepts, and SS across all Regional Program subprograms and recommends the following SIP.

3.1 Newly Recommended IP Projects, TRP Project Concepts and SS

Below is a list of all IP Projects and SS submitted to the FY26-27 IP for this Watershed Area. Submissions shown in white rows have been included in the recommended SIP, whereas submissions greyed out were not selected. No TRP Project Concepts were submitted to the SCR WASC for FY26-27. A placeholder to fund one Watershed Coordinator for up to \$200,000 per year was included in the recommended SIP.

Table 3-1. Submitted and recommended IP Projects for FY26-27

Project Name	Project Applicant	Recommended in SIP	Phase(s)	Total Funding Allocated
Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County	Yes	Design	\$1,250,000

Table 3-2. Submitted and recommended SS for FY26-27

Scientific Study Name	Scientific Study Applicant	Recommended in SIP	Total Funding Allocated in this WASC
Benefits of Restoration and Land Preservation as Nature-Based Solutions to Water Quality and Water Supply	Council for Watershed Health	Yes	\$593,260.00
A Holistic Assessment of Trash in Watersheds	Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research	No	\$366,000.00

The District conducted completeness checks as part of routine SCWP administrative responsibilities. Completeness checks were conducted pursuant to the SCWP Ordinance to confirm application eligibility and consistency with Chapters 16 and 18 of the Ordinance. The District determined application eligibility in its role as Program Administrator. Some applicants for the SS program were deemed ineligible by the District during completeness checks and were not included in SIP deliberations.

Refer to Attachment A or the [SIP tool](#) for the Final Recommended SIP with complete project details.

3.2 Continuing IP Projects, TRP Project Concepts, and SS

The WASC received updates on IP Projects, TRP Project Concepts, and SS that were previously approved through reporting updates and/or from submitted Project Modification Requests (PMRs) from prior applicants.

Below are tables of previously approved IP Projects, TRP Project Concepts, and SS recommended in the SIP for this Watershed Area. Projects, Project Concepts, and SS that are still active and continuing as previously approved are shown in white.

Table 3-3. Previously approved IP Projects

Project Name	Project Developer	SIP Year	Funded Phase(s)	Remaining Funding Request	Reported Construction End Date
Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County Public Works	FY20-21	Construction	\$0.00	September 2029
Newhall Park Infiltration	City of Santa Clarita	FY20-21	Design, Construction	\$16,198,897.00	December 2028
Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project*	Los Angeles County Public Works	FY22-23	Design	\$0.00	Previously November 2028*
Via Princessa Park and Regional BMP Project	City of Santa Clarita	FY23-24	Construction O&M	\$54,000.00	December 2028

*Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project is expected to withdraw when the Board of Supervisors approves the FY26-27 SIP as it is being combined with the recommended Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project.

Table 3-4. Previously approved TRP Project Concepts

Project Name	Project Applicant	SIP Year	Notes
Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	FY20-21	Continuing
Via Princessa Park	City of Santa Clarita	FY21-22	Approved for IP in FY23-24 SIP
Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County	FY22-23	Approved for IP in FY26-27 SIP
Old Orchard Park - PD 0717	Heather Merenda	FY24-25	Feasibility Study under Development
Bacteria Mitigation - MTD 1643	City of Santa Clarita	FY24-25	Feasibility Study under Development

Table 3-5. Previously approved SS

Study Name	Study Developer	SIP Year	Remaining Funding Requested In This WASC	Status
Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	Gateway Water Management Authority	FY22-23	\$36,183.27	In Progress
Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	FY24-25	\$247,701.00	In Progress
Data-Driven Resource Optimization and Planning System (DROPS) for Los Angeles County	Foothill Municipal Water District	FY25-26	\$0.00	In Progress

Refer to Attachment A or the [SIP tool](#) for the Final Recommended SIP with additional project details and refer to Attachment B for a Summary to Date.

3.2.1 Project Modification Requests

The SCR WASC did not receive PMRs for the WASC's consideration before the October 31, 2025 deadline.

3.2.2 Funds Returned to the WASC

After SIPs are approved by the Board each year, unused SCWP Regional Program funds can be returned to the respective Watershed Area for WASC to program in future SIPs. Some reasons for return of SCWP funds include:

- Completion of funded activity for IP, SS, TRP and returning unused SCWP funds
- Withdrawal of IP Project, TRP Project Concept, or SS by developer
- Removed and discontinued IP Project, TRP Project Concept, or SS
- PMR for reduced funding request

No funds were return to SCR Watershed Area for this SIP consideration.

4 SIP Development Process and Considerations

The Call for Projects for FY26-27 funding ended on July 31, 2025. Facilitated by SCWP staff, the WASC held 4 meetings between July 2025 and February 2026, at which they discussed and reviewed all necessary items to ultimately develop their recommended FY26-27 SIP. PW provided WASC members with a SIP Deliberation Workbook containing reference documents to facilitate informed, robust discussions during regular WASC meetings. A compilation of these documents can be found in the [Summary of Resources for FY26-27 SIP](#). Refer to the [Santa Clara River WASC webpage](#) for the current list of WASC members, meeting dates, and meeting materials. Refer to the [Santa Clara River WASC Archive webpage](#) for all past meeting information and materials.

4.1 Ordinance and Guideline Compliance Summary

The recommended SIP complies with all applicable requirements per Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Code Ch18.07.B.2 and took into consideration the most recent guidance from the [SIP Programming Guidelines](#).

4.1.1 Scoring

The Scoring Committee evaluated each IP project submittal and provided an official score based on the scoring criteria defined in the [Feasibility Study Guidelines](#) and [Supplemental Guidance](#). Since all Regional Program projects must meet the Threshold Score of 60 points or more to be eligible for consideration in the IP, only qualifying projects were returned to the WASC for further evaluation. All IP project applications met the 60-point minimum threshold. Below is a summary of the final scores.

Table 4-1. IP Project's Final Score

Project Name	Final Score	Eligible For WASC Consideration
Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project	76	Eligible

See [Final Scoring Rubric for FY26-27](#) for more details.

4.1.2 Regional Program Allocations

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.07.B.2.a

Below is a summary of the Regional Program allocations for IP, SS Program, and TRP over the 5-year SIP, which includes previously approved projects, studies, and project concepts.

Table 4-2. Regional Program allocations over the 5-year SIP

Funding Program	Total SCWP Funding Allocated FY26-31	Funding Distribution for Subprograms FY26-31*
Infrastructure Program (≥85%)	\$17,502,897.00	90.3%
Scientific Studies (<5%)	\$877,144.27	2.9%
Technical Resources Program (<10%)	\$1,000,000.00	3.3%
Grand Total	\$19,380,041.27	

*Note: The funding distribution for the IP is based off of the total funding allocated over the 5-year period. The funding distributions for SS and TRP are based on the total revenue collected for the 5-year period.

4.1.3 Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Benefits

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.07.B.2.c.

Based on the total IP funding allocations for the SIP and the ratio of the DAC population to the total population in each Watershed Area, funding for Projects that provide DAC Benefits over the 5-year SIP shall not be less than the value shown below. As shown in Table 4-3, the total SCWP Funds benefiting DACs over a rolling 5-year period for the recommended SIP is greater than the required funding for DACs for this Watershed Area.

Table 4-3. Funding allocated for DACs over the 5-year SIP

Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Allocation	
Required DAC Ratio	12%
Required Funding for DACs FY26-31 (110%)	\$2,377,769
Funding Allocated for DACs FY26-31	\$17,502,897

*Note: These figures are based on the 2020 US Census and will be updated periodically.

To support and improve consistency in these determination, SCWP staff updated [interim guidance](#) for implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies in the Regional Program and is available on the [SCWP website](#). In addition, the Watershed Coordinator prepared a [presentation](#) to support the WASC assessment of DAC benefits and community support for newly submitted projects. Table 4-4 below provides an overview of the WASC-confirmed for DAC benefits for the new FY26-27 IP Projects included in the recommended SIP.

Table 4-4. Newly Recommended IP Projects providing DAC benefits for FY26-27

Project Name	Provides Benefit to a DAC	Total Funding Allocated
Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Yes*	\$1,250,000.00

*Note: Project applicant did not claim DAC benefit, WASC changed to “Yes” due to project being in 2020 DAC Census block group.

4.1.4 Monetary Cap and Leveraged Funding

To mitigate for uncertainties in the SIP projections in FY27-31 such as changes in actual tax revenue, economic fluctuations, and potential contingencies for programmed projects, the ROC recommended in the 2026 Biennial Progress Report that SIPs do not exceed 80% of the available funding in any future year. This recommended Monetary Cap for WASCs aims to provide flexibility and prioritize project completion.

Table 4-5. Percent allocation of anticipated available funding over the 5-year SIP

Recommend FY26-27 SIP	Budget	Projected			
	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	FY30-31
Percent Allocated	12%	4%	73%	2%	1%

The SCWP Goals emphasize the need to leverage other funding sources to maximize impact of the Program. In alignment with this goal, the ROC also recommended in the 2026 Biennial Progress Report that each SIP, in aggregate, include at least 25% leveraged funding. Leveraged funding memos are generated for all eligible, newly submitted SCWP IP Projects in FY26-27. The intent of these documents is to strengthen the identification of leverage funding sources and support WASCs in funding priorities and partial funding decisions.

The SIP Tool was updated to support WASC decision making and calculated leverage funding percentage for newly recommended and continuing IP using project application data or latest data reported by project developers.

The recommended SIP includes **28.7%** leveraged funding. This percentage represents the proportion of leveraged funding relative to total project funding across all new and continuing projects.

4.1.5 Long Term Planning Considerations

The WASC incorporated long term planning by considering anticipated future costs for previously approved projects during SIP development. A hypothetical scenario was developed that includes potential construction costs and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) for projects that have only been funded for design, inflation costs, and a 50% assumption of leveraged funds. Actual future SCWP funding requests for construction may differ due to updated project estimates, leveraged funding, awarded grants, or local match.

In addition, the annual O&M projections provided in the Project applications for previously approved Projects were included in the SIP Tool and shown below. The recommended SIP anticipates a total annual O&M cost of \$801,000 of the anticipated \$6,100,000 annual Regional Program funds collected and will be accounted for in future SIPs.

Below is a summary of the total funding allocated per year in the recommended SIP, including estimated future funding requests for previously approved projects. This

represents the theoretical SIP projections based on currently anticipated additional funding requests to cover subsequent phases.

Figure 4-1. SIP Tool long-term planning scenario including potential future IP costs with 50% leveraged funding assumed.

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A.3. Removed Projects and Unused TRP Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
B. Total Allocated and Recommendation in SIP	\$1.6M	\$785.1k	\$22.0M	\$3.8M	\$399.9k	\$28.6M	\$800.7k	
B.1 Total Allocated in Previous SIP(s)	\$345.4k	\$416.1k	\$18.5M	\$393.0k	\$399.9k	\$20.0M	\$742.7k	
B.2 Total Recommendation in Current SIP	\$1.2M	\$369.0k	\$3.5M	\$3.4M	\$0	\$8.5M	\$58.0k	
C. Carryover in Current SIP (A - B)	\$11.3M	\$16.6M	\$687.7k	\$3.0M	\$8.7M			
D. Percent Allocated (B / A)	12%	5%	97%	56%	4%	77%		

Note: This is NOT the recommended SIP.

A is the sum of Total Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Available. (A.1 + A.2 + A.3).

B is the Total Recommended in Current SIP and Allocated in Previous SIP(s).

C is the Remaining Balance.

D is the Percent Allocation (B divided by A). **“Budget Error!”** indicates estimated negative funds available in “A” for given year.

Refer to the [SIP Tool](#) or the “Final – 2/19/2026 with Potential Future IP Costs with 50% Leveraged Funds” scenario.

4.2 Summary of SIP Discussion

At the February 19, 2026 meeting, the WASC deliberated on the SIP. Ahead of this meeting, PW provided WASC members with a Summary of Resources containing relevant information from previous WASC meetings. The compilation of relevant documents are provided in the [Summary of Resources for FY26-27 SIP](#).

The WASC held an in-depth discussion, which included many follow-up questions to applicants for IP projects and SS and deliberated on several different scenarios on the SIP Tool.

During SIP Deliberations, the WASC expressed a desire to invest in Projects that directly benefit the Santa Clara Watershed, prioritizing Projects that contribute to local groundwater supplies rather than divert stormwater out of the watershed. The WASC emphasized the importance of taking a tailored approach to the Watershed Area’s

unique geography and challenges, including SS that focus on local challenges with a clear stormwater nexus, rather than contribute to generalized research. The Committee praised the Benefits of Restoration and Land Preservation as Nature-Based Solutions to Water Quality and Water Supply SS for addressing key priorities and building strong relationships with local community partners.

A majority of Committee Members expressed support for the Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project and agreed that it should be updated to reflect the DAC benefits it would provide. The WASC highlighted that the Project arose from a previous TRP and was combined with the Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project, a result of the Committee's previous guidance. The WASC reflected on the importance of early engagement with applicants to help the SCWP address regional challenges proactively and emphasized the value of budgeting for contingency costs. Most Committee Members also expressed support for the Benefits of Restoration and Land Preservation as Nature-Based Solutions to Water Quality and Water Supply SS for its forward-looking approach to help the SCWP quantify the benefits of removing invasive species, acquiring land, and protecting open space, emphasizing that these strategies advance a wide range of SCWP goals.

The WASC heard a presentation on efforts to remove invasive species from the watershed and expressed their commitment to furthering the work of restoring native plants and habitats. Removal of invasive species emerged consistently as a priority for the WASC, particularly since the Watershed Area is one of the few remaining natural river systems in the region. Ultimately, the WASC recommended 1 IP Project and 1 SS (Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project; Benefits of Restoration and Land Preservation as Nature-Based Solutions to Water Quality and Water Supply Scientific Study).

The WASC voted to approve the recommended SIP with 15 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 in abstention.

For more details on SIP deliberation, refer to the [February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#).

4.2.1 Summary of Public Comment

The WASC received public comments which are available in the WASC meeting minutes on the [Safe, Clean Water website](#).

The SCR WASC received multiple public comments supporting the SS application for Building a Green Infrastructure Workforce in the LA Region submitted by the City of

Pasadena. However, the SS Application was deemed ineligible for the SS Program during completeness checks. Completeness checks are conducted for all proposed IP Projects, SS, and TRP Project Concepts to ensure consistency with LACFCD Code Chapters 16 and 18. The SCWP and City of Pasadena are engaging in discussions to explore a partnership for Workforce Development efforts through the SCWP District Program.

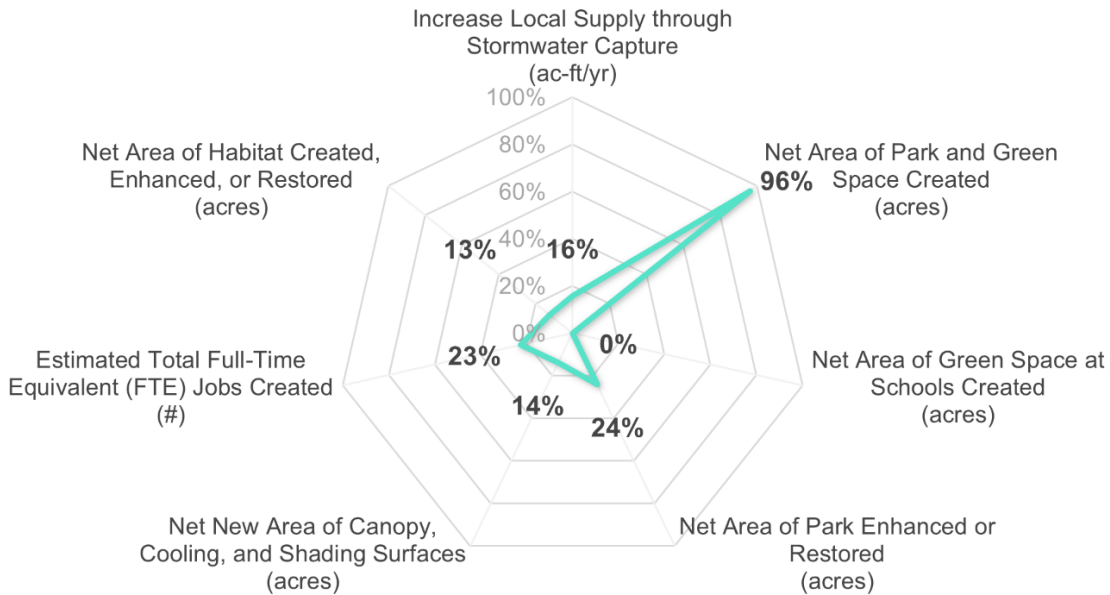
The WASC did not receive any strong public comments in support of nor contrary to the SIP or any of the Projects or SS under consideration.

5 Key Focus Areas for Future Call for Projects

In 2023 the SCWP established the Watershed Planning Initiative with the goal of enhancing and tracking SCWP progress. This ongoing effort uses data, collaboration, and community input to inform SCWP decisions, reduce redundancies, and enhance accountability across the region. In early 2026, the SCWP produced the Initial Watershed Plans (Plans) and the online interactive Watershed Planning Tool (Planning Tool) which provide detailed information on Program-wide and Watershed Area specific targets, needs, strategies, and opportunities within the scope of the SCWP. The WASCs and project developers will use the Plans and Planning Tool as important resources to help guide future project development and Regional Program investments.

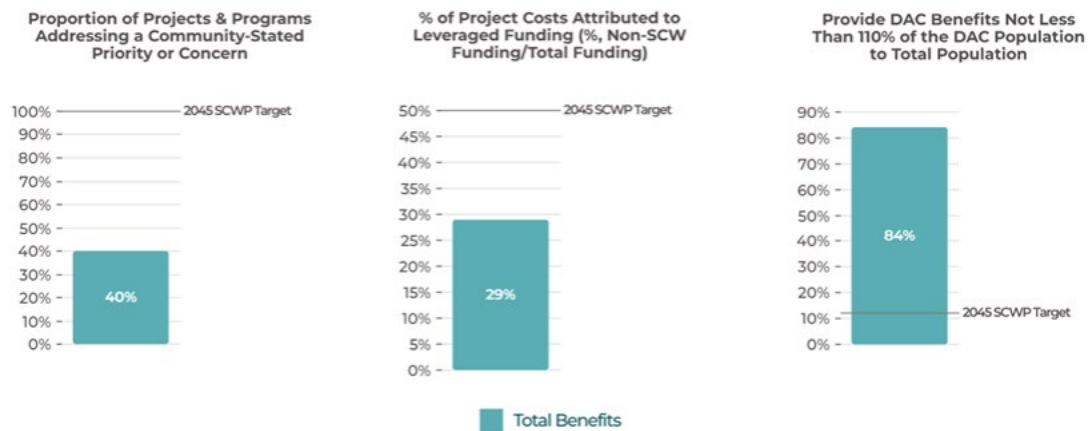
As described in Section 2: Summary of Anticipated Watershed Area Benefits, Projects included in the current recommended SIP advance several Indicators (metrics that measure progress), and their targets (numeric values), identified in the Plans. Figure 5-1 summarizes the anticipated cumulative benefits of magnitude-based Indicators for Projects approved in previous SIPs, as well as the benefits of the Projects newly recommended in the current SIP based on metrics provided by the Project Developers. for the SCR Watershed Area, the recommended SIP advances progress towards increasing drought preparedness, improving water quality, and improving public health as reflected by the two Indicators with the most progress towards their respective targets: *Net Area of Park Enhanced or Restored*, *Net Area of Park Enhanced or Restored*, and *Estimated Total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Created*. Disclaimer: Progress on benefits and related targets may change as new information becomes available and Project statuses are periodically updated.

Figure 5-1. Magnitude-based Indicators – Anticipated cumulative Project benefits and progress toward targets.



The current recommended SIP also advances progress toward SCWP goals reflected by percentage-based Indicators and their targets; however, they do not accrue benefits in a linear or additive manner like the magnitude-based Indicators so their percentages may fluctuate (increase or decrease) from year to year depending on the evolving proportion of benefits realized throughout the lifetime of the SCWP. For the SCR Watershed Area, Figure 5-2 shows the status of a few of the percentage-based Indicators that are being tracked through the Watershed Planning Initiative based on metrics provided by Project Developers.

Figure 5-2. Percent-based Indicators – Anticipated Project benefits and progress toward targets.



Based on current progress toward targets, available funding capacity, and key data and knowledge gaps, and desired alignment with strategies and opportunities identified in the Plans, the following key areas of interest are presented to guide the next Call for Projects in support of continued progress toward SCR Watershed Area targets and broader SCWP goals:

- IP Projects and TRP Project Concepts that deliver multiple benefits and address SCWP goals as reflected by magnitude-based Indicators with limited progress or substantial remaining needs toward their targets, such as the following (for graphical representations visit the [Planning Tool Dashboard](#)):
 - Improve Water Quality
 - *Bacteria Load Reduction (lbs/yr)*
 - Increase Drought Preparedness
 - *Increase Local Supply Through Stormwater Capture (ac-ft/yr)*
 - *Increase Local Supply Through Groundwater Recharge and Storage (ac-ft/yr)*
 - Improve Public Health
 - *Net Area of Green Space at Schools Created (acres)*
 - *Net New Area of Canopy, Cooling, & Shading Surfaces (acres)*
 - Deliver Multi-Benefits with Nature-Based Solutions and Diverse Projects
 - *Net Area of Habitat Created, Enhanced, or Restored (acres)*

- Promote Green Jobs & Career Pathways
 - *Estimated Total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Created (#)*
- IP Projects and TRP Project Concepts that address SCWP goals as reflected by percent-based Indicators with limited progress or substantial remaining needs towards their targets, such as the following:
 - Deliver Multi-benefits with Nature-Based Solutions & Diverse Projects
 - *Proportion of Projects & Programs Addressing a Community-Stated Priority or Concern (%)*
 - Leverage Funding & Invest in Research & Development
 - *% of Project Costs Attributed to Leveraged Funding (%)*
 - Prioritize Meaningful Engagement
 - *All Projects to Meet a Minimum “Level of Achievement” (Good/Better/Best) (%) for prioritizing meaningful engagement*
- SS using accepted scientific protocols that may additionally address one or more of the data gaps and limitations identified in Chapter 7.1 of the Plans, which include the following gap categories (Note: Not all identified gaps may be applicable to the SS Program and each Watershed Area):
 - Definitional
 - Community Data
 - SCWP Project and Program Data
 - Knowledge & Spatial Data
 - Other non-SCWP Activity Data
- IP Projects, TRP Project Concepts, or SS that incorporate and/or address community-stated priorities or concerns as identified in the [Community Strengths and Needs Assessment](#) and/or from other community engagement efforts.
- IP Projects or SS that maximize leveraged funding to support alignment with the SIP Programming Guidelines and the 2026 Biennial Progress Report recommendation for each SIP in aggregate to include not less than 25% in leveraged funds.
- IP Project or SS applications that are financially structured to fit the Watershed Area’s available funding capacity and monetary cap considerations.

The above key areas of interest may inform community outreach, Project development, and future Project Concepts and guide upcoming Call for Projects cycles to ensure that future SIPs continue to advance the Watershed Area’s needs and SCWP’s Goals.

To further strengthen alignment with the Plans, the Regional Program’s Feasibility Study Guidelines now require that Project proponents applying for SCWP IP funding to align

their Projects and applications with the Plans. In addition, the Project application module has been updated to streamline submissions and to provide clear direction on how Projects are expected to describe this alignment.

For additional information, refer to the [Plans](#) and the [Watershed Planning Tool](#) (opportunity areas are updated after SIPs are approved by the Board of Supervisors).

6 Next Steps

The WASC requests the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) to advance the recommended SIP to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Next WASC meeting(s):

- July 16, 2026 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (to consider ROC feedback, if available)

Attachment A
Final Recommended SIP

Watershed Area	Santa Clara River
Included in SIP?	Yes

Row Labels	Project Lead	DAC	FY26-27 Budget	FY27-28 Projection	FY28-29 Projection	FY29-30 Projection	FY30-31 Projection	Anticipated SCW Funding FY26-31
FY20-21			\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 16,398,897.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 17,198,897.00
Infrastructure Project			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,198,897.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,198,897.00
Newhall Park Infiltration	City of Santa Clarita	Yes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,198,897.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,198,897.00
Technical Resource			\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator WC: TreePeople, Inc.	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	No	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
FY22-23			\$ 36,183.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,183.27
Scientific Study			\$ 36,183.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,183.27
Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	Gateway Water Management Authority	No	\$ 36,183.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,183.27
FY23-24			\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,000.00
Infrastructure Project			\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,000.00
Via Princessa Park and Regional BMP Project	City of Santa Clarita	Yes	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,000.00
FY24-25			\$ 82,176.00	\$ 80,937.00	\$ 84,588.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 247,701.00
Scientific Study			\$ 82,176.00	\$ 80,937.00	\$ 84,588.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 247,701.00
Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	No	\$ 82,176.00	\$ 80,937.00	\$ 84,588.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 247,701.00
FY26-27			\$ 1,239,967.00	\$ 364,875.00	\$ 238,418.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,843,260.00
Infrastructure Project			\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000.00
Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County	Yes	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000.00
Scientific Study			\$ 239,967.00	\$ 114,875.00	\$ 238,418.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 593,260.00
Benefits of Restoration and Land Preservation as Nature-Based Solutions to Water Quality and Water Supply	N/A	No	\$ 239,967.00	\$ 114,875.00	\$ 238,418.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 593,260.00
Grand Total			\$ 1,585,326.27	\$ 672,812.00	\$ 16,721,903.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 19,380,041.27

Attachment B
Summary of All Recommended SIPs to Date

Row Labels	Project Lead	DAC	FY20-21 Budget	FY21-22 Budget	FY22-23 Budget	FY23-24 Budget	FY24-25 Budget	FY25-26 Budget	FY26-27 Budget	FY27-28 Projection	FY28-29 Projection	FY29-30 Projection	FY30-31 Projection	Total Anticipated SCW Funding
FY26-27									\$ 1,239,967.00	\$ 364,875.00	\$ 238,418.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,843,260.00
Infrastructure Project									\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000.00
Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Los Angeles County	Yes							\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000.00
Scientific Study									\$ 239,967.00	\$ 114,875.00	\$ 238,418.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 593,260.00
Benefits of Restoration and Land Preservation as Nature-Based Solutions to Water Quality and Water Supply	N/A	No							\$ 239,967.00	\$ 114,875.00	\$ 238,418.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 593,260.00
Grand Total			\$ 4,888,603.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,015,866.36	\$ 11,366,683.53	\$ 9,918,336.17	\$ 460,812.32	\$ 1,585,326.27	\$ 672,812.00	\$ 16,721,903.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 47,530,342.65