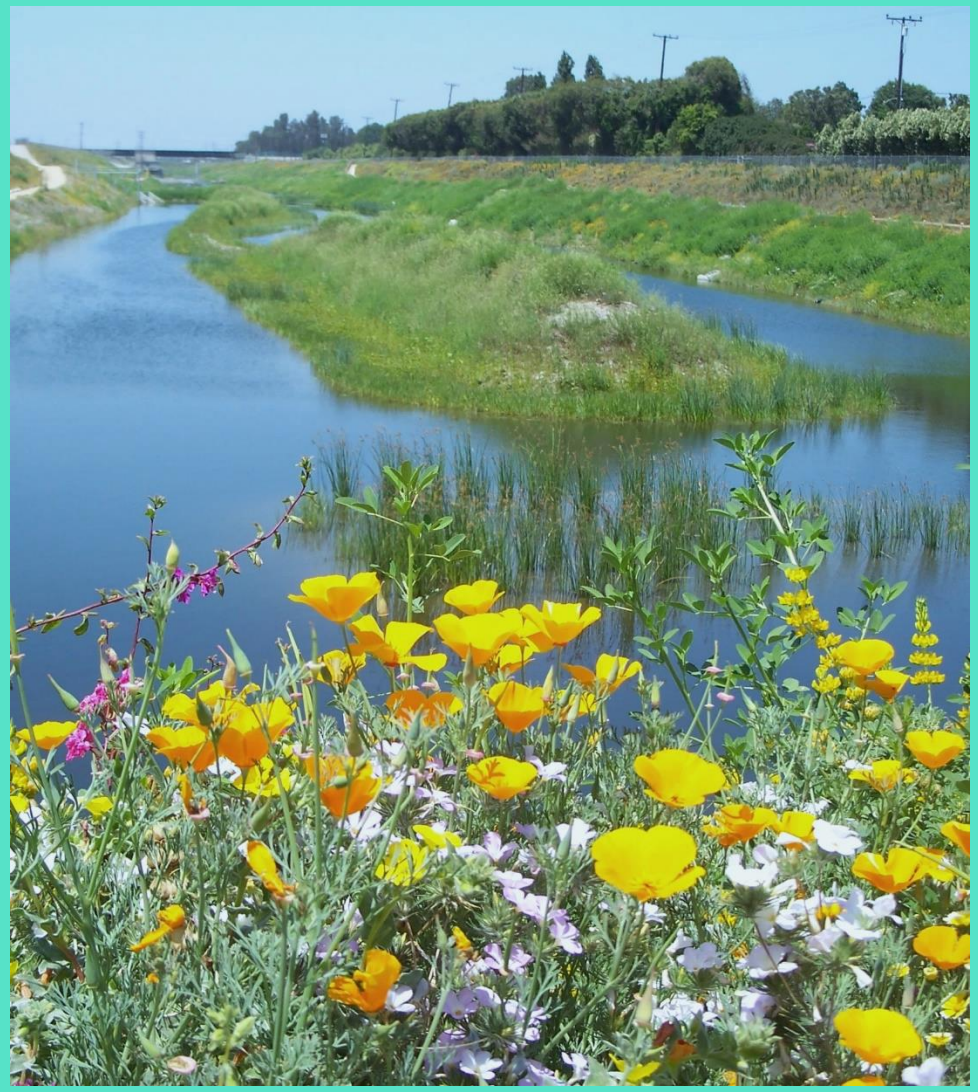
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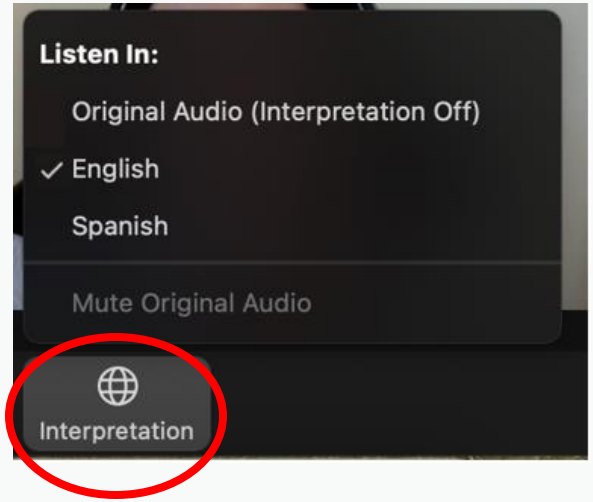
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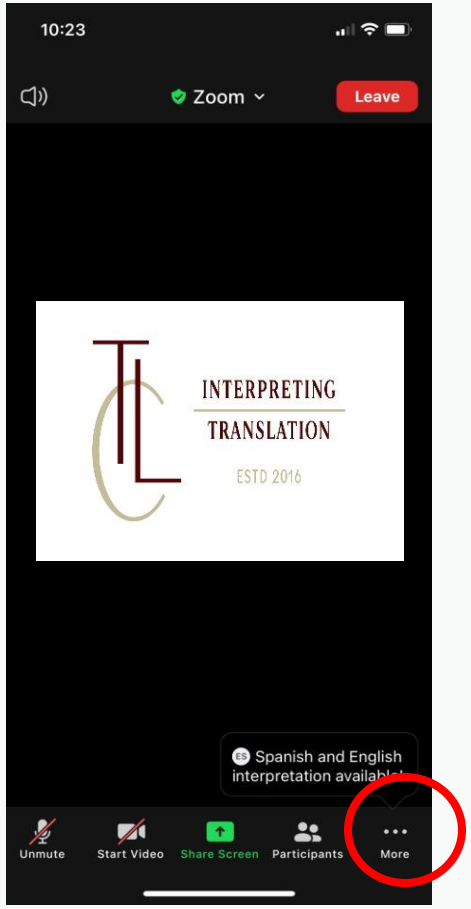


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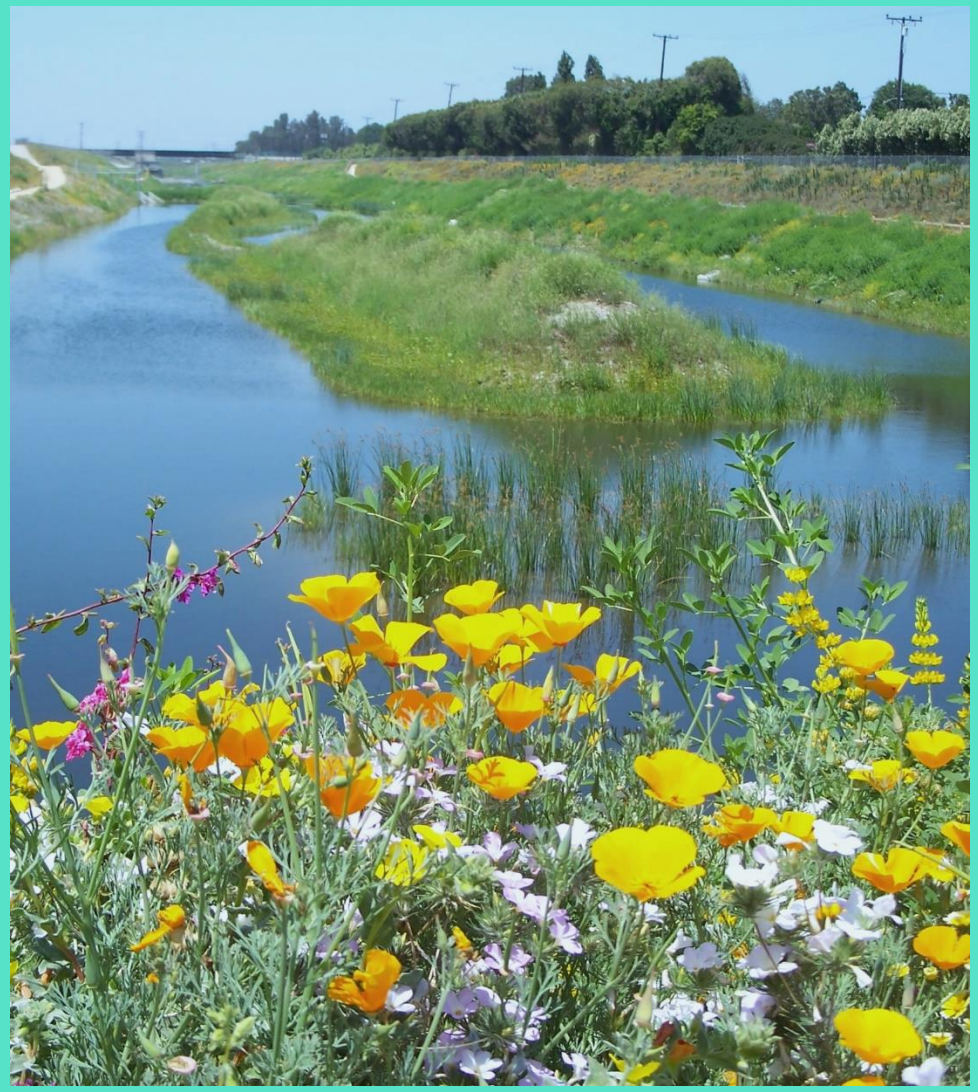
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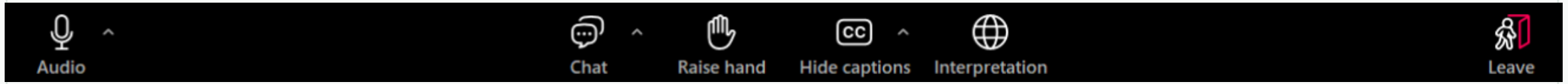


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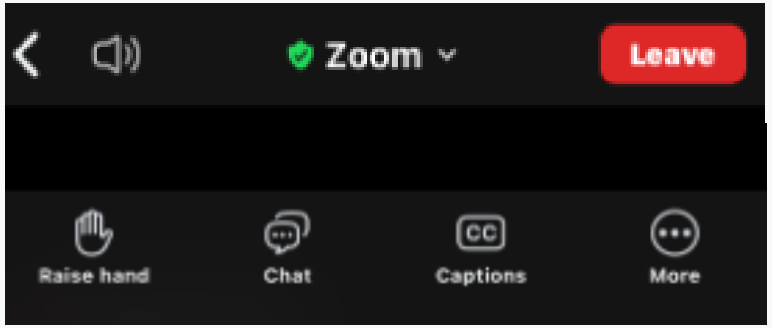
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ROC Committee Members

Roll Call - AGENDA ITEM 2:

Member	Expertise	Affiliation
Diana Tang, Chair	Water Quality	Long Beach Resident
Maria Mehranian, Vice-Chair	Water Quality, Water Supply	Cordoba and Former LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Chair
Belinda Faustinos	Community Investment Benefits, Nature-Based Solutions	NGO (retired) and State Agency Executive
Charles Treviño	Water Supply	Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Lauren Ahkiam	Community Investment Benefits	LAANE (Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy)
Barbara Romero	Water Quality, Community Investment Benefits, Nature-Based Solutions	LA City Resident
Dave Pedersen	Water Supply, Water Quality	General Manager, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Ken Farfsing	Water Quality, Water Supply	Retired City Manager
Bruce Reznik	Water Quality, Community Investment Benefits, Nature-Based Solutions	Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Carl Blum	Water Quality, Water Supply	LA County Flood Control District (non-voting member)
David Nahai	Water Quality	Chair, LA Regional Water Quality Control Board (non-voting member)

Agenda Review & Meeting Purpose

Meeting Purpose:

- ❑ ROC to receive Charter & Operating Guidelines, review/select 2027 ROC Chair/Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs
- ❑ ROC to receive informational items
  - ○2026 Biennial Progress Report Updates
  - ○Update on Initial Watershed Plans Influence to date
  - ○District Program Grants Updates
  - ○Scoring Revision Updates

Agenda Review:

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review and Meeting Purpose
4. *Ex Parte* Communication Disclosures
5. Approval of September 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes
6. Public Comment Period
7. Program Administration Updates
8. Action Item: ROC Charter & Operating Guidelines Review and 2027 ROC Chairs Selection
9. Information Item: Update on Initial Watershed Plans Influence to date
10. Information Item: District Program Grants Updates
11. Information Item: Scoring Revision Updates
12. ROC Member Updates
13. Items for Next Agenda / Lookahead
    1. December 2026- Winter Recess
    2. January 13, 2027 – 1pm-4pm
       1. 2027 Lookahead
       2. Regional Program WASC SIP Deliberations Process Review and 2027 Call for Projects anticipated updates
       3. 2028 Biennial Progress Report Kickoff
       4. 2026 Biennial Progress Report Updates
14. Meeting Adjourned

Safe, Clean Water Program

Regional Oversight Committee Purpose:

High-level review and assessment of the implementation of the Safe, Clean Water Program to help ensure that Program Purposes and Goals are met.

SCWP Regional Oversight Committee – Past, Present & Future

Past

September

District Program Focus & Updates

BPR26 Update: Interagency Task Force

Ad-Hoc WFD Subcommittee Report-Out

Today

- **ROC Chairs Selection & Charter Overview**
- **BPR26 Updates**
- **District Grants Program Updates**
- **Updates on Initial Watershed Planning Influence To-Date**
- **Scoring Revisions**

Future

January

Annual Lookahead

Regional Program Focus & 2027 CFP Updates

BPR26 Updates

2028 Biennial Progress Report Kickoff

SCW Program Highlights – Regional + Municipal + District Programs

The SCWP has achieved **strong early progress** despite multi-year project complexity, with the **Watershed Planning Initiative** supporting more strategic, watershed-based investments going forward.

885

Number of Projects, Studies, Concepts and Program Activities Funded to date

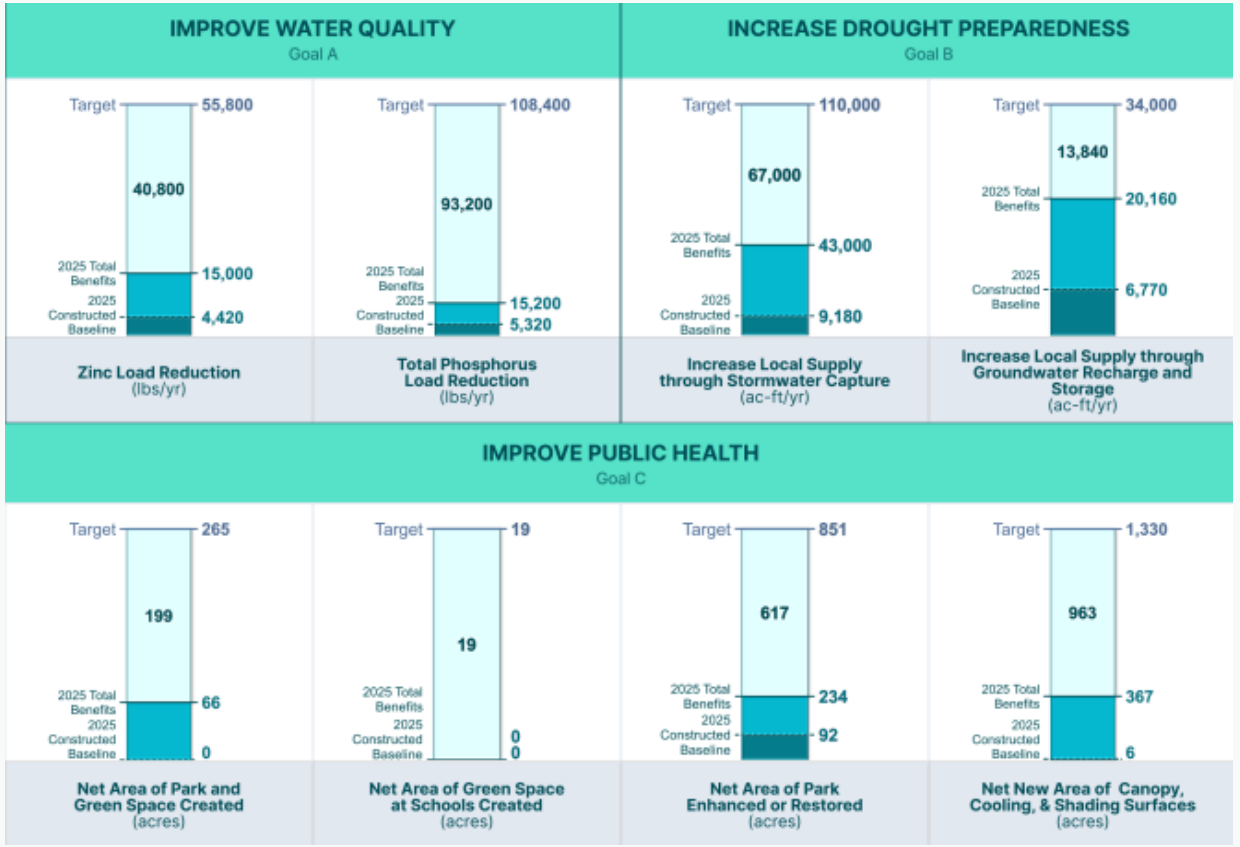
Current as of Regional Program SIP FY25-26 and Municipal Program FY23-24. Next update Spring 2027.

Number of Projects Funded

300+

Number of Projects Constructed

46



See SCWP Planning Dashboard for more details.

SCW Program Highlights – Countywide Benefits from Constructed Projects



The **46** constructed Projects provide multiple countywide benefits, including…

IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

- **4,420 lbs/year** Zinc Load Reduction
- **5,320 lbs/year** Total Phosphorus Load Reduction

INCREASE DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS

- **9,180 ac-ft/year** Increase Local WS through Stormwater Capture

IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH

- **92 acres** Park Enhanced or Restored

DELIVER MULTI-BENEFITS WITH NBS & DIVERSE PROJECTS

- **103 acres** Habitat Created, Enhanced, or Restored

PROMOTE GREEN JOBS & CAREER PATHWAYS

- **1,101** Total Estimated FTE Jobs Created



Note: *Data current as of **February 2026**.*
Next update follows Annual Reporting in Spring 2027.

Program Administration Updates

SCW Program – Administration Updates

1. **Watershed Planning & Adaptive Management**
2. **Regional Program**
   - BPR26 Update – Financial Forecasting
3. **Municipal Program**
   - BPR26 Update – Fund Carryover Policies
4. **District Program**
5. **SCWP Project Highlight**
6. **Upcoming SCWP Deadlines**

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ROC Chair Selection & Charter Overview

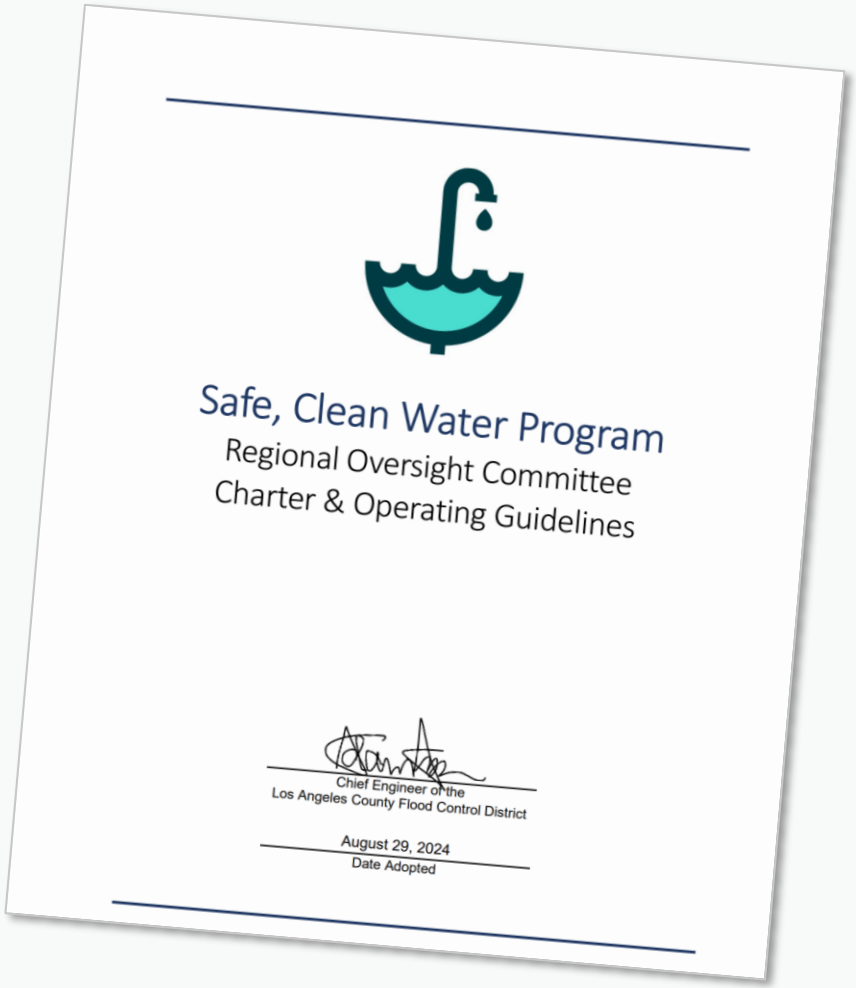


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ROC Charter & Operating Guidelines

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The purpose of these Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Oversight Committee Charter & Operating Guidelines…is to describe the purpose of the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) and establish procedures, requirements, and protocols for members of the ROC and the conduct of ROC business.



Chair, Vice-Chair, Co-Chairs

- Annually the Committee will Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs.
  - If a Chair/Vice/Co-Chair is unable to serve the full term, the Committee will select a replacement from among its members



Duties of the Chairs:

- Support the Committee in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities
- Work with Public Works staff to develop meeting agendas
  - Attend routine pre-meetings
  - Coordinate and prepare to conduct each meeting
- Preside over meetings:
  - Facilitating public comment
  - Ensuring productive discussions amongst committee members
  - Responsible for fulfilling the agenda, following procedures and administrative guidance
- Represent the ROC before the LA County Board of Supervisors

(Chairs selected today will begin serving in January 2027, with a transition meeting in December with the outgoing chairs, Public Works, and Executive Clerk.)



Chair Selections

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Initial Watershed Planning Influence



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2026 Call for Projects – Summary of Submitted Applications

WASC	IP	TRP	SS	Total per WASC
CSMB	1	1	5	**7**
LLAR	0	1	4	**5**
LSGR	2	1	4	**7**
NSMB	0	1	3	**3**
RH	0	2	4	**6**
SCR	1	0	3	**3**
SSMB	1	1	6	**8**
ULAR	7	4	7	**18**
USGR	3	0	3	**6**
Total Count	**15**	**11**	**12 (*Unique*)**	**38**
Total Request	**$76.3 M**	**$4.4 M**	**$15.2 M**	**$95.9M**

Watershed Planning Alignment

Opportunities Identified at Project Location

Please use the check boxes below to select opportunities that align with your project and that you would like included in the application.

The opportunities below are automatically identified using latitude and longitude information provided in the Location portion of this application.

☑ Opportunity to Improve Water Quality and Increase Water Supply	General
☑ Multiple Benefit Opportunity Across Planning Themes Beyond Water Quality (1+ Themes)	Higher
☑ Multiple Benefit Opportunity Across Planning Themes Beyond Water Quality (2+ Themes)	Higher
☑ Multiple Benefit Opportunity Across Planning Themes Beyond Water Quality (3+ Themes)	General
☑ Bacteria Load Reduction	General
☑ Total Phosphorus Load Reduction	General
☑ Zinc Load Reduction	General
☑ Increase Local Supply Through Stormwater Capture (by Project Type)	General (Wet or Dry)
☐ Increase Local Supply Through Groundwater Recharge and Storage	N/A
☐ Park and Green Space Creation	N/A

Improve Water Quality

Select strategies under this Planning Theme that this project will support

- 1.1 Prioritize high performance Projects and Programs in areas with the highest pollutant loads ✖
- 1.3 Improve water quality and mitigate post-fire runoff through targeted Nature-Based Solutions ✖

Please describe project benefits related to the selected strategies.

The project proposes the installation of a subsurface infiltration gallery that will capture and treat stormwater by reducing bacteria, zin

Zinc Load Reduction	Total Phosphorus Load Reduction
-- lbs/yr	-- lbs/yr

Increase Drought Preparedness

Select strategies under this Planning Theme that this project will support

- 2.1 Link MS4 compliance and water supply planning to maximize stormwater capture for water quality and water supply* ✖

Please describe project benefits related to the selected strategies.

This project is proposed within the USGR Watershed Area and will feature an underground storage and infiltration system as mentione

Average Annual Stormwater Captured for Water Supply	Average Annual Stormwater Captured & Recharged
78.42 ac-ft/yr	78.42 ac-ft/yr

Infrastructure Projects

Since the FSG 20th Requirement Released:

- **12** Infrastructure Program Project Applications were received (excluding O&M only).

Opportunities Addressed:

- **All 12** provide a Water Quality Benefit
- **11** Address the Opportunity to Improve Water Quality **and** Increase Water Supply
- **11** Address Canopy, Cooling, and Shade Surfaces Creation
- **10** Address Zinc Load Reduction
- **9** Address Total Phosphorous Load Reduction

Technical Resources Program

Since the FSG 20th Requirement Released:

- **11** Technical Resource Program Applications were received.

Opportunities Addressed:

- **11** Address the Opportunity to Improve Water Quality **and** Increase Water Supply
- **11** Address Bacteria Load Reduction
- **11** Address the Opportunity to Increase Local Supply Through Stormwater Capture
- **9** Address Canopy, Cooling, and Shade Surfaces Creation

Scientific Studies

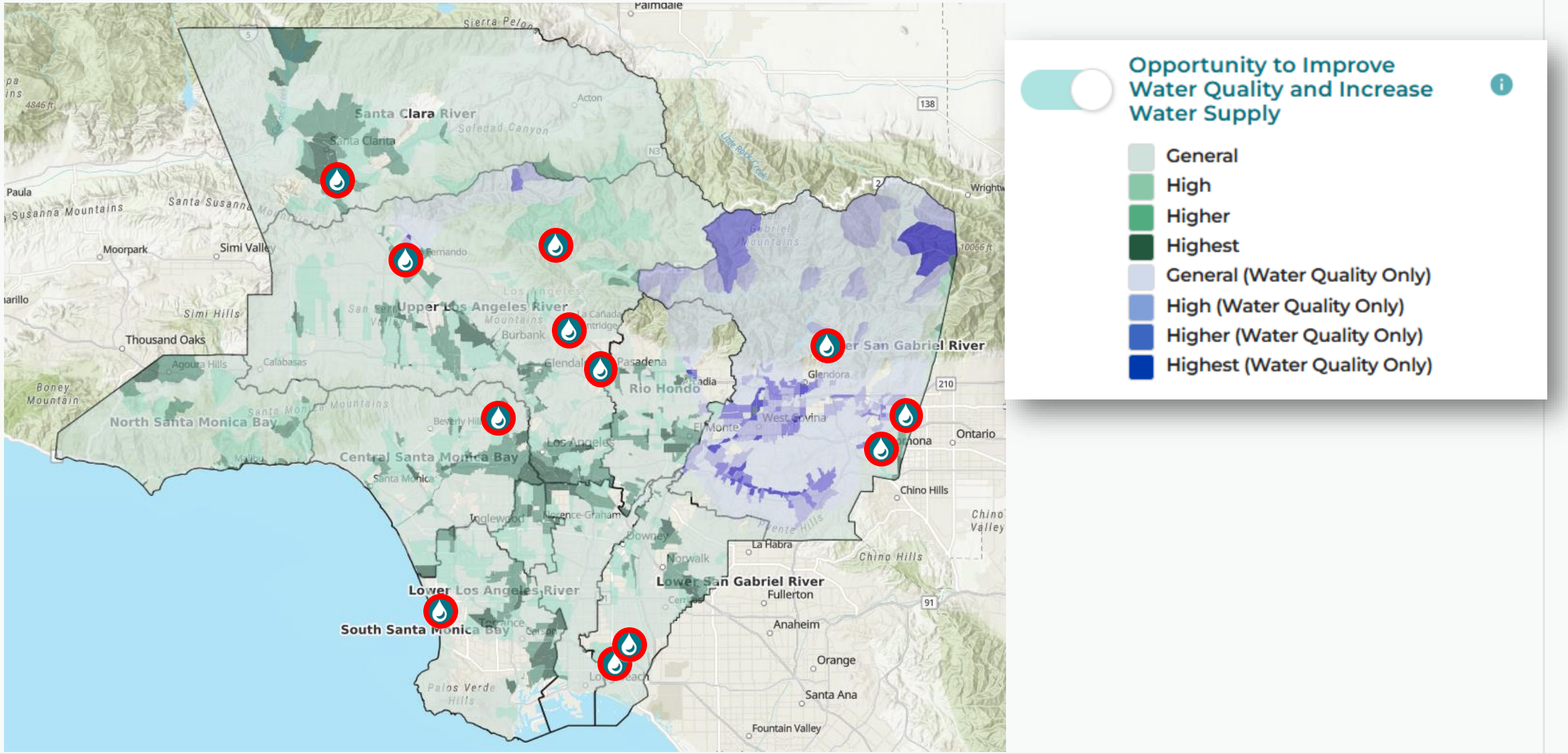
Since the FSG 20th Requirement Released:

- **12** Scientific Study Applications were received.

Highlights of Watershed Planning Alignment:

- CSMB Floodplain Reclamation and Nature-Based Solutions Opportunity Study
- Linking Land Use and Receiving Water Conditions for CECs and Conventional Pollutants in the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed

2026 Call for Projects – Infrastructure Projects Map

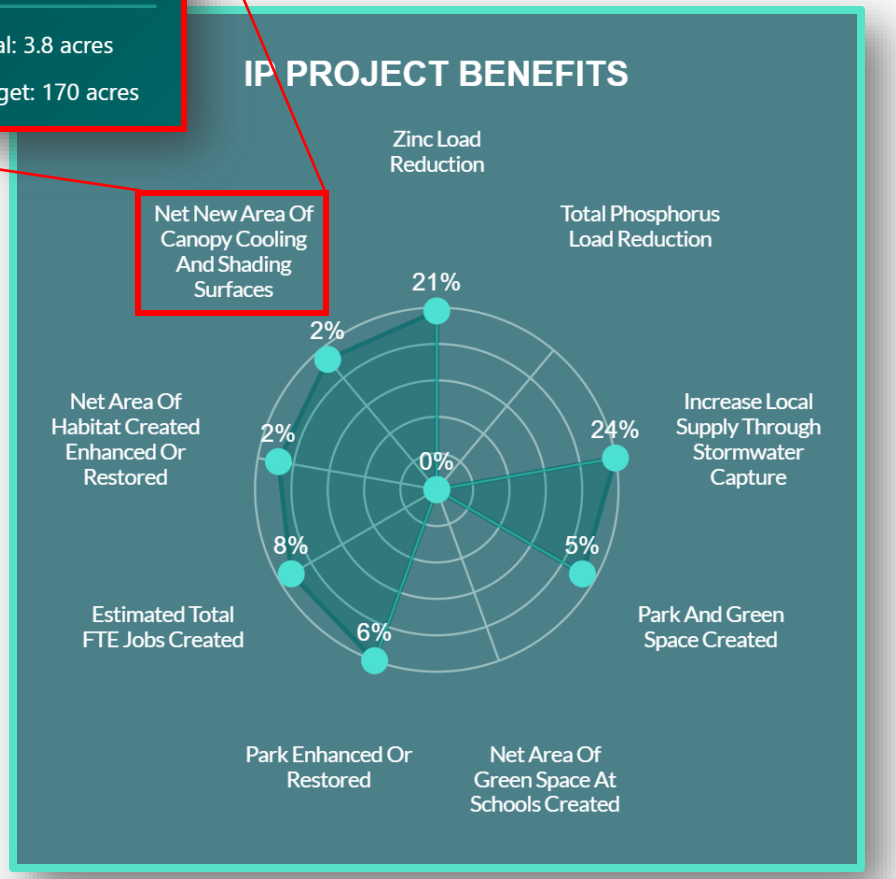


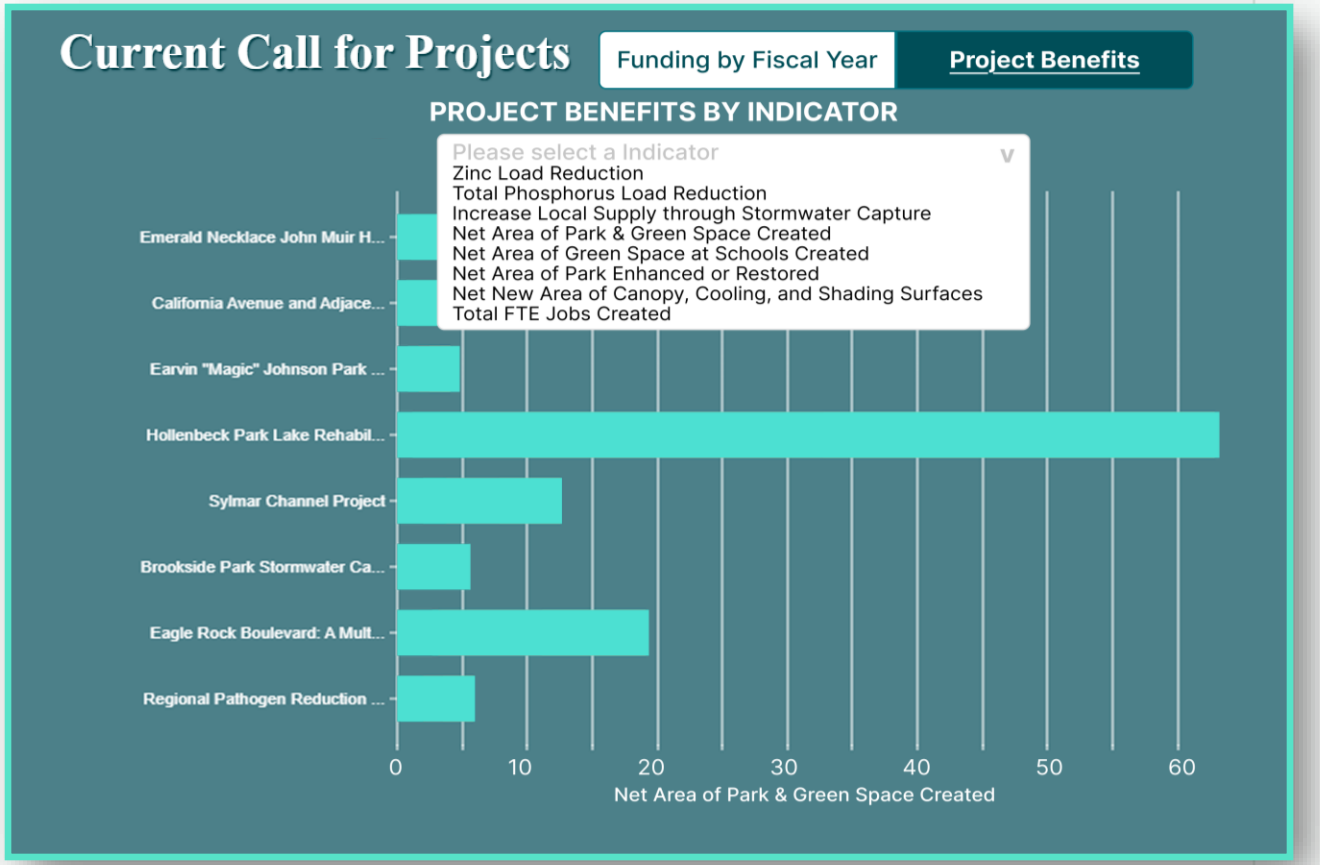
SIP Tool Updates

NET NEW AREA OF CANOPY COOLING AND SHADING SURFACES PROGRESS TOWARD TARGET
2%

New Projects Total: 3.8 acres

Watershed Area Target: 170 acres





Next Steps

Early 2027

- **Release Enhanced Map and Dashboard**
- **Release NBS Addendum**



2030+

- **Release Adaptive Watershed Plans**



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District Grants Program Updates

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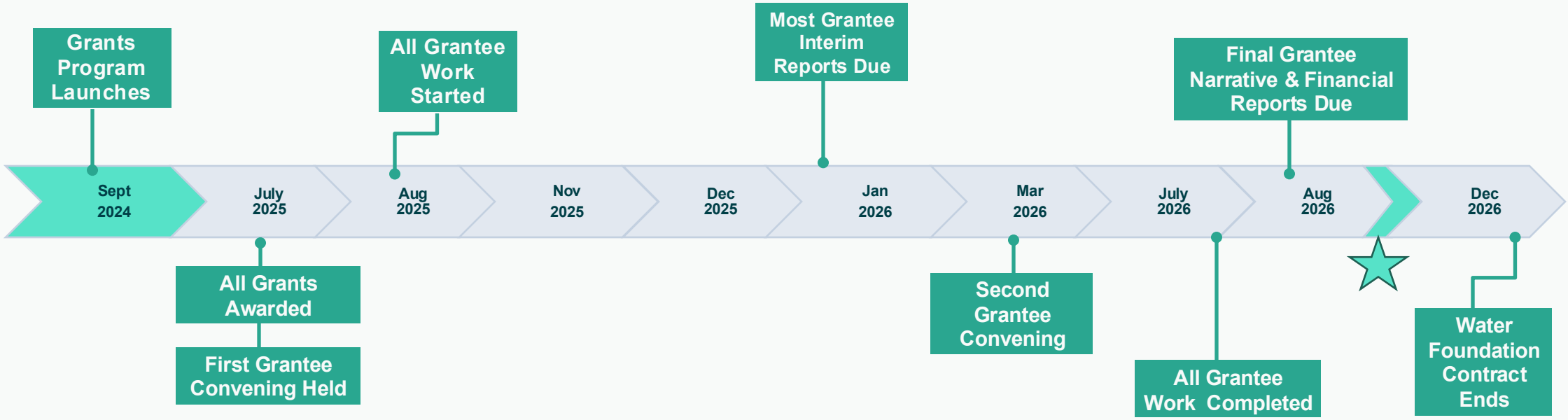
Grants Program Objectives

- Increase community awareness of Safe, Clean Water Program
- Support community members to envision their own stormwater solutions
- Engage community members in active stewardship of neighborhood green infrastructure
- Increase community understanding of stormwater management



Photo courtesy of Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL)

Grants Program Timeline



Grants Program – Round 1-3 Funding Summary

Metric	Funding Overview
Total Applications Received (from 72 organizations)	92
Total Grant Funding Requested	$15.9 Million
Total Applications Funded (from 49 organizations)	52
Total Grant Funding Allocated	$8.5 Million

Different Paths to Engagement









Photo credit, clockwise from top left: Black Women for Wellness (Sarahi Apaez / Blue Veil Films), LA Nature for All, Active San Gabriel Valley, East Side of the River

Round 1-3 Key Statistics

Metric	Statistic
Educational & Engagement Events	750+
School Districts Engaged	25
Stormwater Solutions Developed	100+
Grantees Planning to Apply for SCWP Funding	10
Ambassadors / Promotores / Interns Trained	81
Social Media Views	691K+

Qualitative Outcomes

"This internship taught me that climate resilience is as much about infrastructure as it is about fostering imagination and building relationships. I'm inspired by this work, and truly believe the most enduring solutions are the ones communities imagine for themselves."

- Active SGV Intern



Evaluation Purpose

- Evaluate the impact of the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) Grants Program Pilot in the context of the four objectives of the program and to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement to inform the adaptive management of future program cycles

Evaluation Team

Estolano ADVISORS

Better World Group

Rhonda Schlangen
EVALUATION FOR CHANGE MAKERS

Evaluation Methodology: Four Overarching Questions

EQ1 What progress are grantees making toward the purposes of their Safe Clean Water Program grants, and what conditions are shaping that progress?

EQ2 In what ways did the funding contribute to what grantees were able to do?

EQ3 How well did the program's grantmaking model serve grantees?

EQ4 What design features of the grantmaking program supported or constrained grantees' effectiveness, and what should change in a future cycle?

Approach to Data Collection

SURVEYS

28

BREADTH

- Qualitative and quantitative questions across all four EQs
- Complements the depth of the interviews
- *All 49 grantees invited*

VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS

19

DEPTH

- Representation from grant type, geography, SCWP / water-sector experience, and DACs
- Staff from Water Foundation and LA County Public Works
- *Subset of grantees invited based on project activity status*

SITE VISITS

3

CONTEXT

- Observe grantees in the field at project activities and/or sites
- Surface context and detail that interviews or documents alone may miss

Next Steps and Tentative Timeline

Building on the success and lessons learned of the initial Pilot, Grants 2.0 will establish a coordinated and more continuous multi-year funding framework to support education goals

- Public & Community Engagement
- Workforce Development
- Schools Education



$20M
Total funding allocation over 7 years



3+2+2
3-year initial contract with two optional 2-year extensions

December 2026	RFP Release to solicit a Grants Program Administrator
Spring 2027	Proposal Review and Administrator Selection
Summer 2027	Board Approval and Contract Execution
Fall 2027	Program Development informed by Pilot Evaluation
Winter 2027	Targeted Program rollout

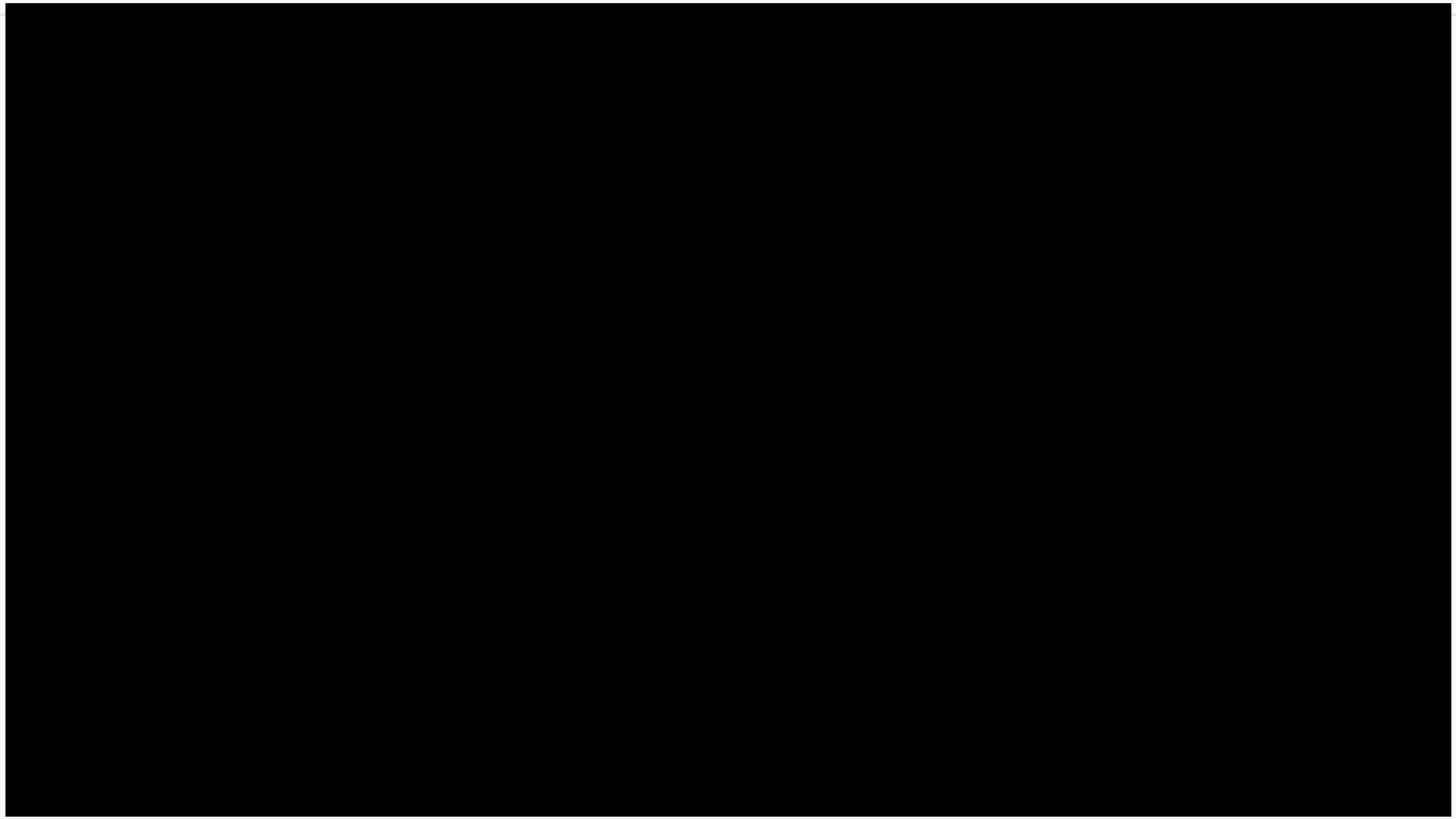
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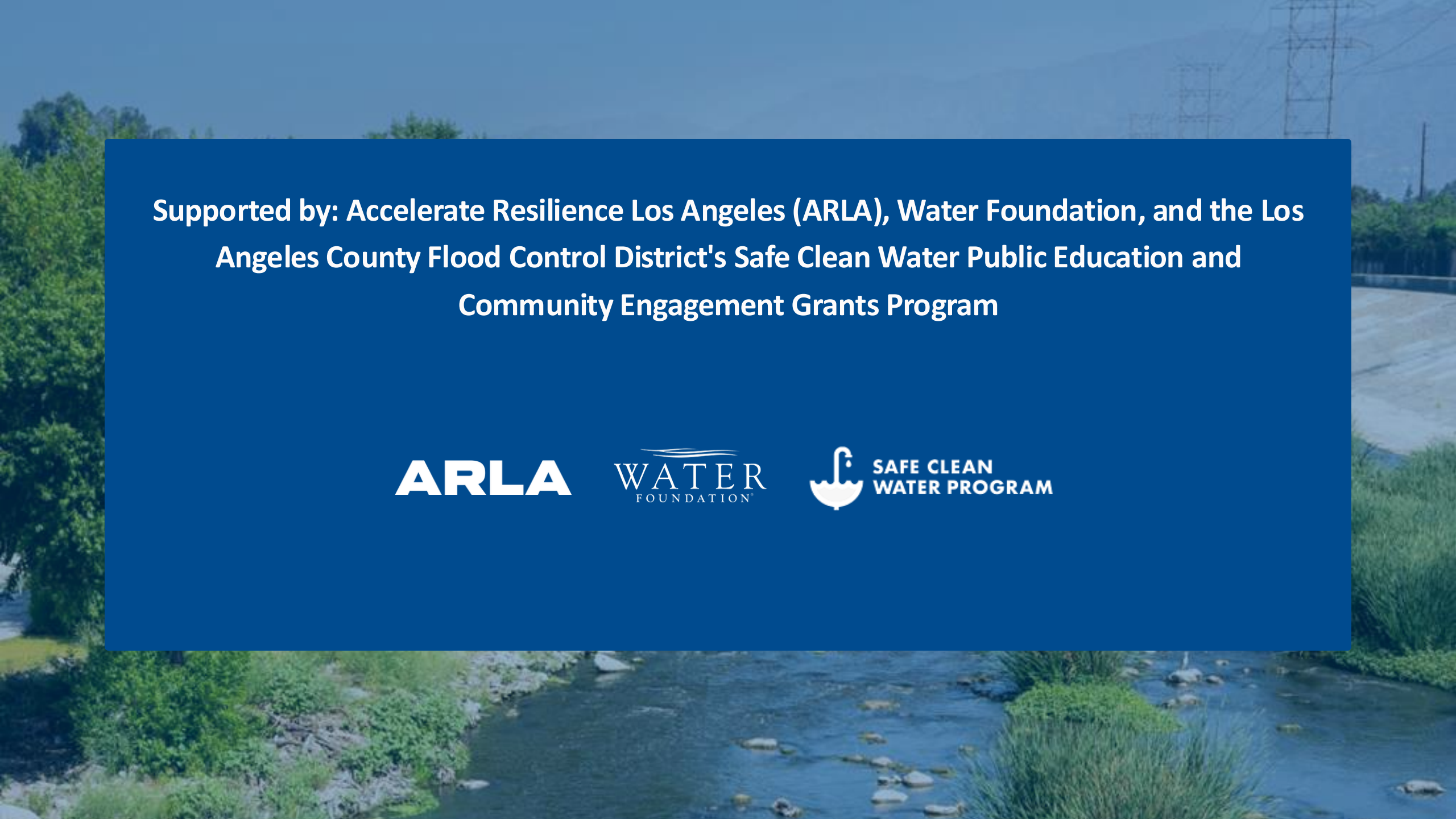
Resource Media – Water Legacy LA





Beyond Watershed Planning:
Engaging Communities to Improve Outcomes of the Safe Clean Water Program

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Supported by: Accelerate Resilience Los Angeles (ARLA), Water Foundation, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Safe Clean Water Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program

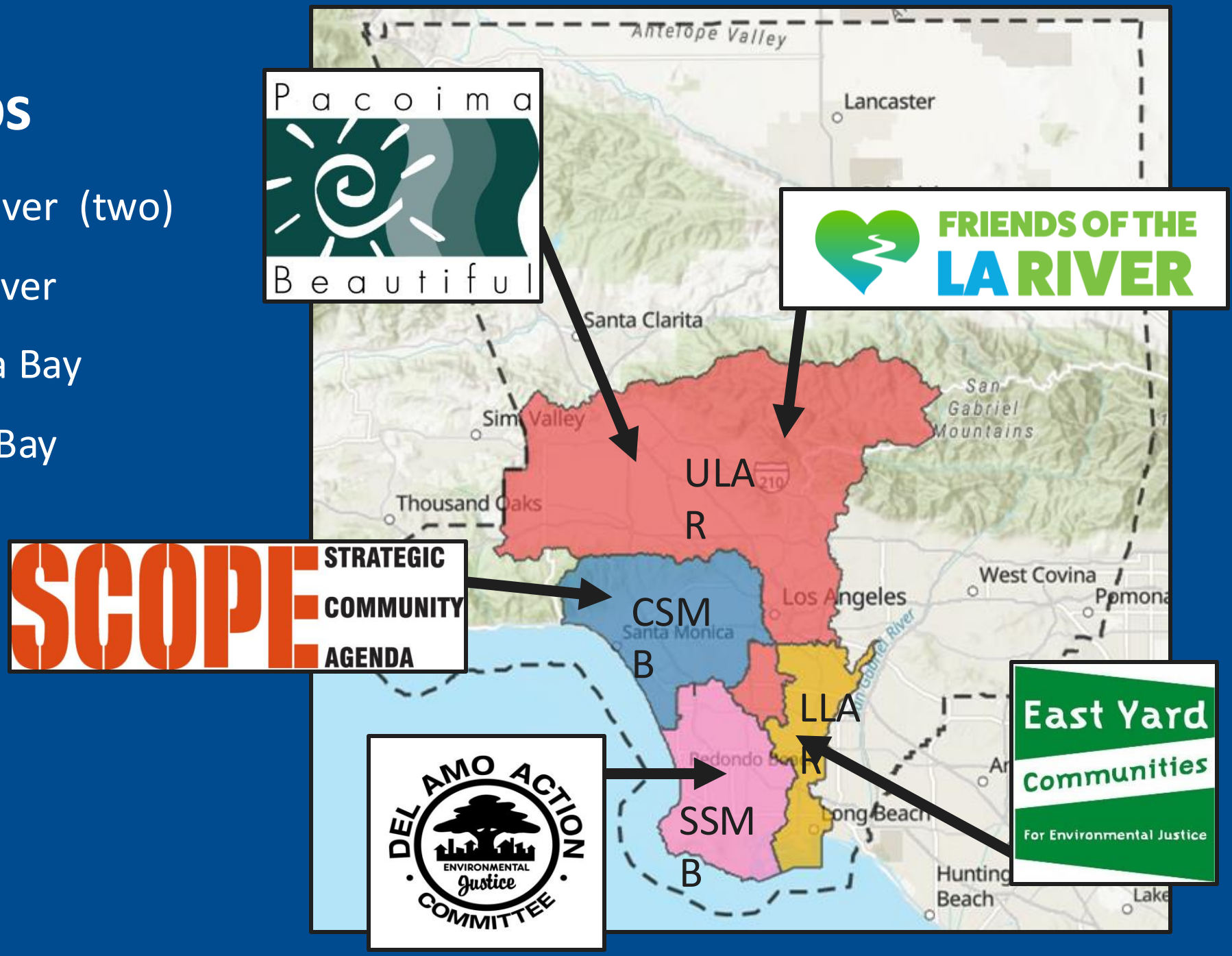
ARLA

WATER FOUNDATION

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Five Workshops

- Upper Los Angeles River (two)
- Lower Los Angeles River
- Central Santa Monica Bay
- South Santa Monica Bay



Participants

- 140 total participants across 5 workshops
  - Community voices
  - Environmental & social justice NGOs/CBOs
  - Municipalities and agencies
  - Consultants
  - Academics
  - SCWP experts (Watershed Coordinators, committee members, staff, and consultants)



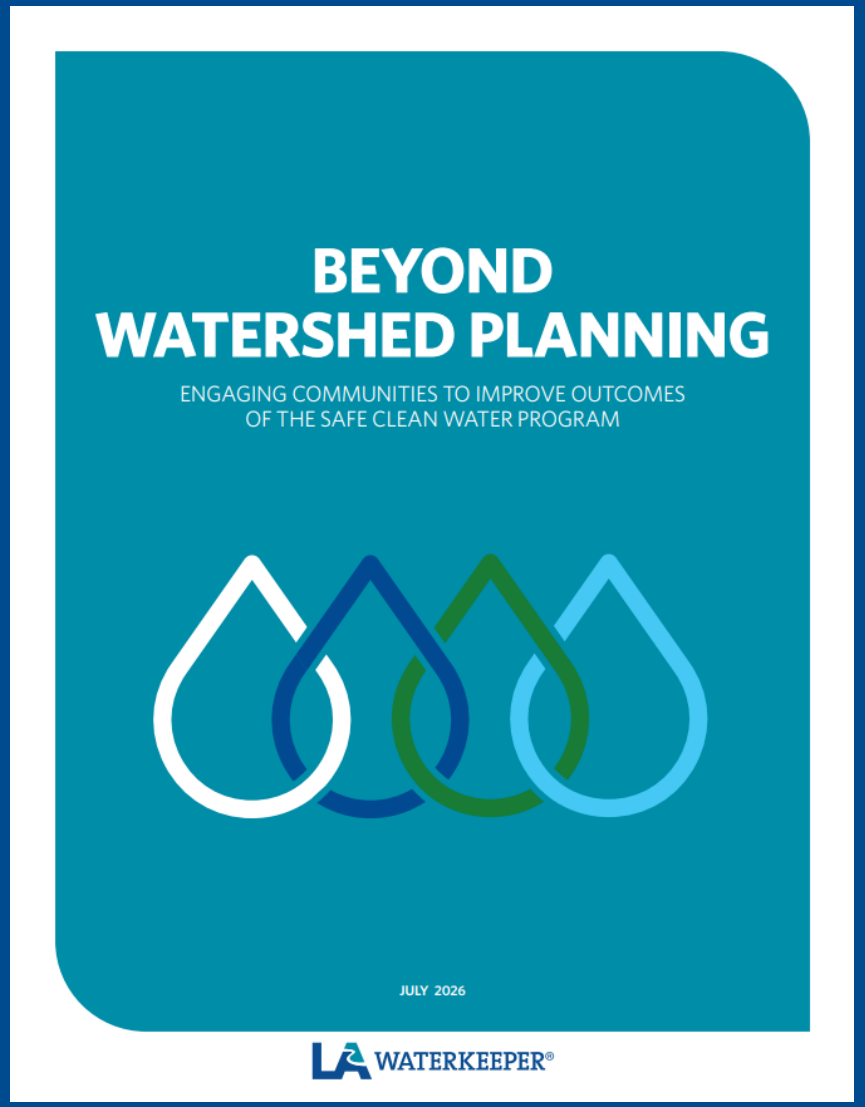
Workshop Input

- Overall thoughts on the watershed & community needs
- Identifying underutilized spaces
- Priority project types
- Specific priority projects



Key Findings

- The SCWP is **complex** and **can lack a holistic view of watershed needs**
- The annual funding cycle creates **structural challenges** that **favor mid-scale projects over large-scale and community-driven projects.**
- **Narrow scope** of project types being funded
- **Water quality prioritized** over other needs.
- **New green space creation targets are inadequate**.
- The SCWP is **too reactive** as currently structured.

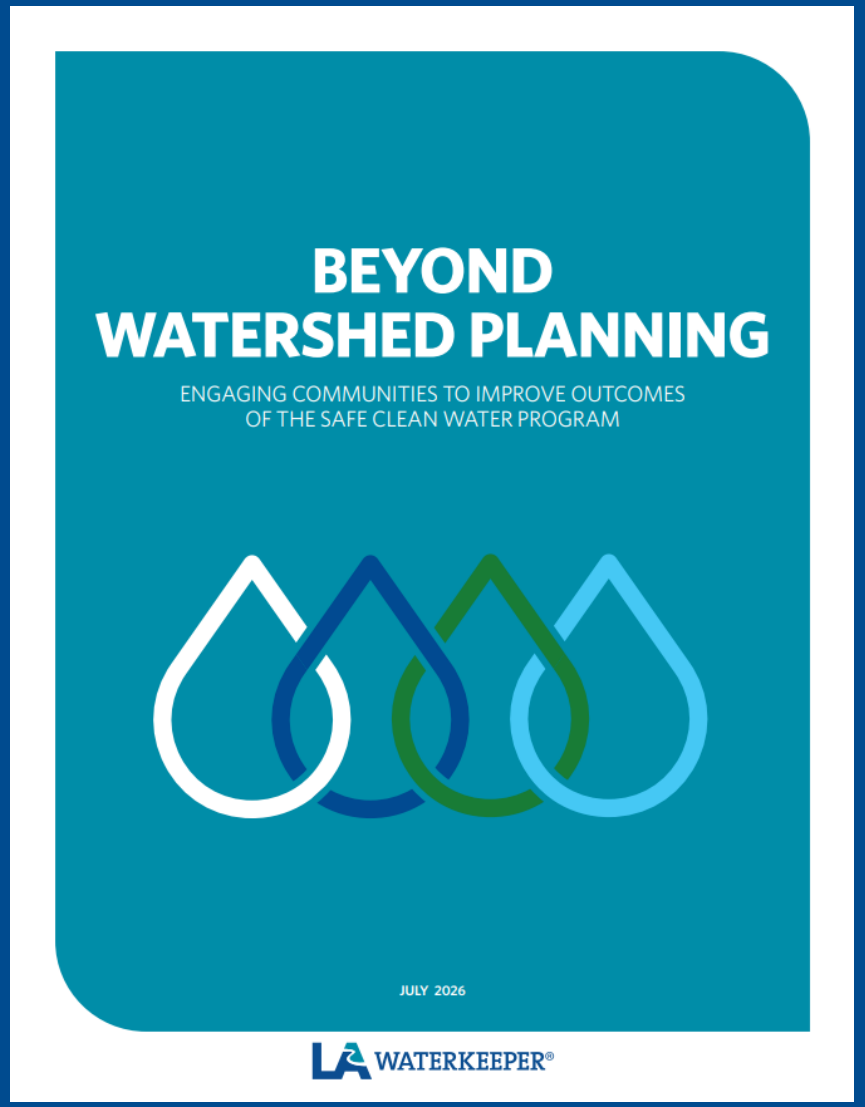


Additional Findings

- Measuring achievement is only as strong as metrics and definitions allow
- Watershed Coordinators need **more support and resources**
- SCWP Regional Program **application process can be too technical**
- Ecological health and biodiversity **missing from scoring criteria**
- Community engagement should be required and measured in project applications
- **SCWP falls short on outreach to Tribal communities and incorporating Traditional Ecological Knowledge**

Recommendations

- Move toward a **proactive watershed planning approach** and develop a 20-year investment cycle that identifies priority projects or project types that collectively will meet watershed specific community and environmental goals.
- Improve **metrics and definitions**
- Strengthen targets for **greening and community benefits.**
- Improve **community and Tribal engagement**.



Additional Recommendations

The report includes additional recommendations aimed at :

- Maximizing biodiversity benefits to align with other LA County priorities.
- Looking for opportunities to support smaller organizations and municipalities securing SCWP funding.
- Looking for opportunities to integrate the best available science into the program's approach for prioritizing project types.

How This Report Can be Used by the ROC

- Supplement the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment
- Inform next Biennial Progress Report



How This Report Can be Used by the WASCs

- Helping refine WASC priorities
- Identify challenges within the watershed
- Identify priority project types that could inform WASC-based RFP and/or project evaluation for SIP
- Identify specific projects that could be uplifted (even from the ground)
- Provide a workshop template if the WASC wants to continue watershed planning (and develop proactive, long-term investment strategy) in the future

Link to Report and Factsheet



Public Education and Community Engagement Grant Program: Water Ambassador Program



Eric Wilson, Senior Manager Watershed Health at TreePeople

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Water Ambassador Program Overview

- Hire and Train 3 Water Ambassadors
- Provide a robust training program: local water issues, the SCWP, and urban forestry
- Engage their local community on the goals of the SCWP through community organizing, engagement and integration with existing TP events and relationships



Leveraging in-house educational materials, TreePeople provided the Ambassadors with a robust onboarding and training schedule.

Water Ambassadors in the Community



Tabling Events



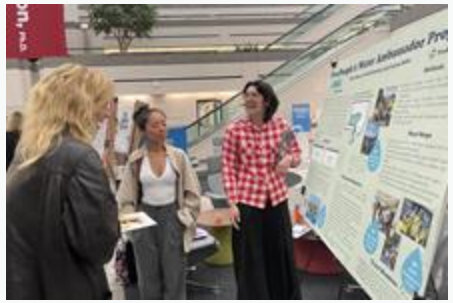
Hands-on Demonstrations



Group Presentations



Neighborhood Canvassing



Conference Attendance



Water Infrastructure Tours

Program Impact



People Impacted

Number of People Directly Impacted: 1,485



Outreach Events

58 community outreach and a dozen tabling and surveying events.

Social Media

Posts on OWLA's Instagram account yielded 1,585 likes



Total Events

Participated in 132 events across Los Angeles County



Public Education

Water Ambassadors worked in a variety of settings to educate the public about the goals of the SCWP and promote the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA):

- Community events
- TreePeople events
- Classrooms



Community Engagement

The Ambassadors took on an individual project tailored to their interests and communities. Their activities were varied, but connected to water issues in the community, including:

- Leading an education program centered on watershed health
- Community event focused on ARLA's Living Infrastructure Field Kit and the CSNA
- Multi-week incubator-style educational program at a high school focused on community input regarding local water issues

Community Engagement

Southeast Los Angeles Water Ambassador:

- Partnered with several organizations and presented information about SCWP goals.

- Collected CSNA responses from individuals that experienced housing insecurity. This often difficult to reach demographic had the opportunity to share their knowledge through this unique engagement led by the Water Ambassador.





Thank You!

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Scoring Revisions



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Intent of Scoring

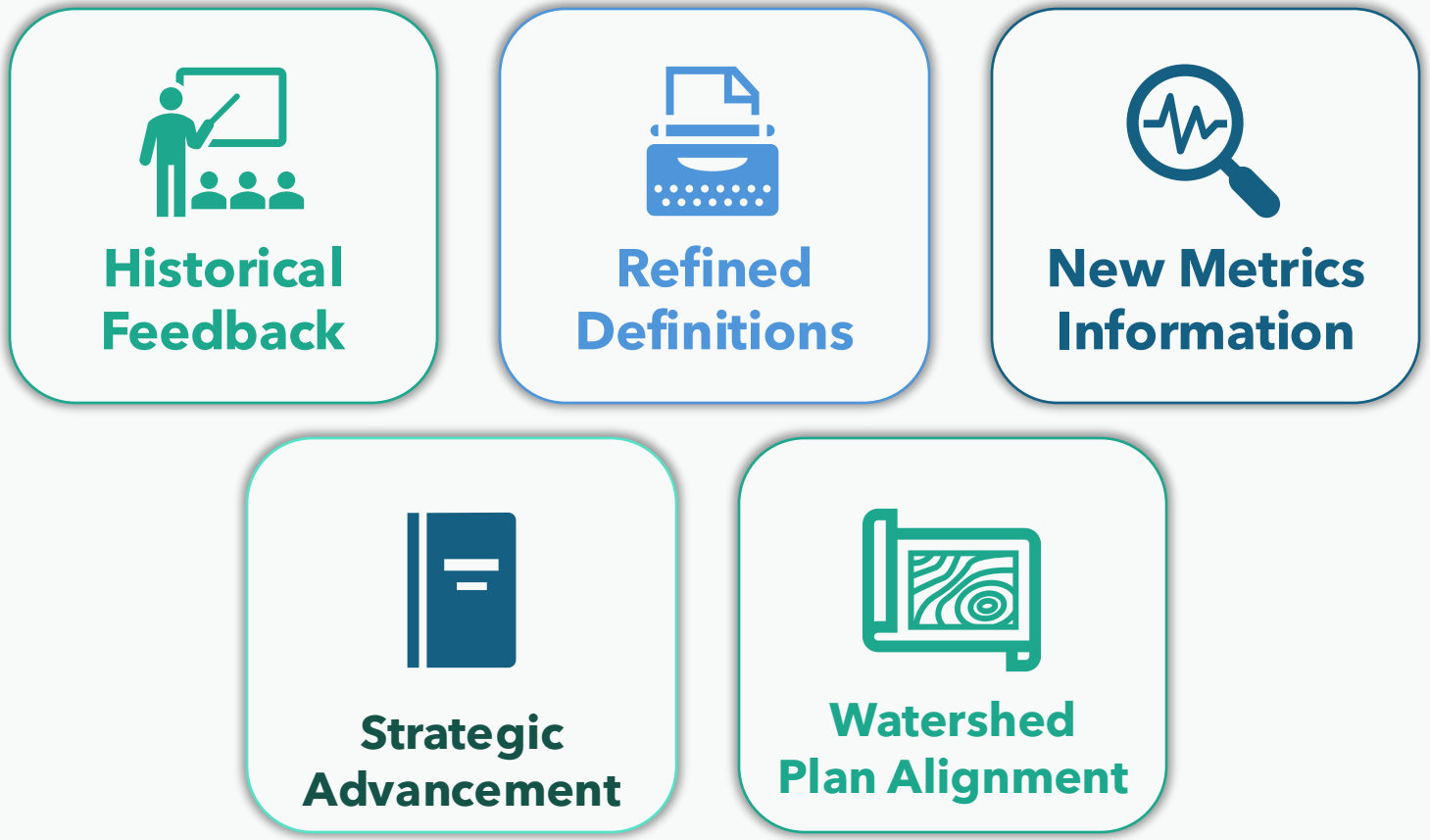
The scoring framework **establishes project eligibility** that **prioritizes water quality**, **encourages multi-benefit projects**, and **maintains a pathway for a broad spectrum of projects** to be eligible for funding. Scoring is also not a ranking mechanism and aims to preserve a governance structure of providing the WASCs with projects deemed eligible for funding.

Scoring Decision Hierarchy

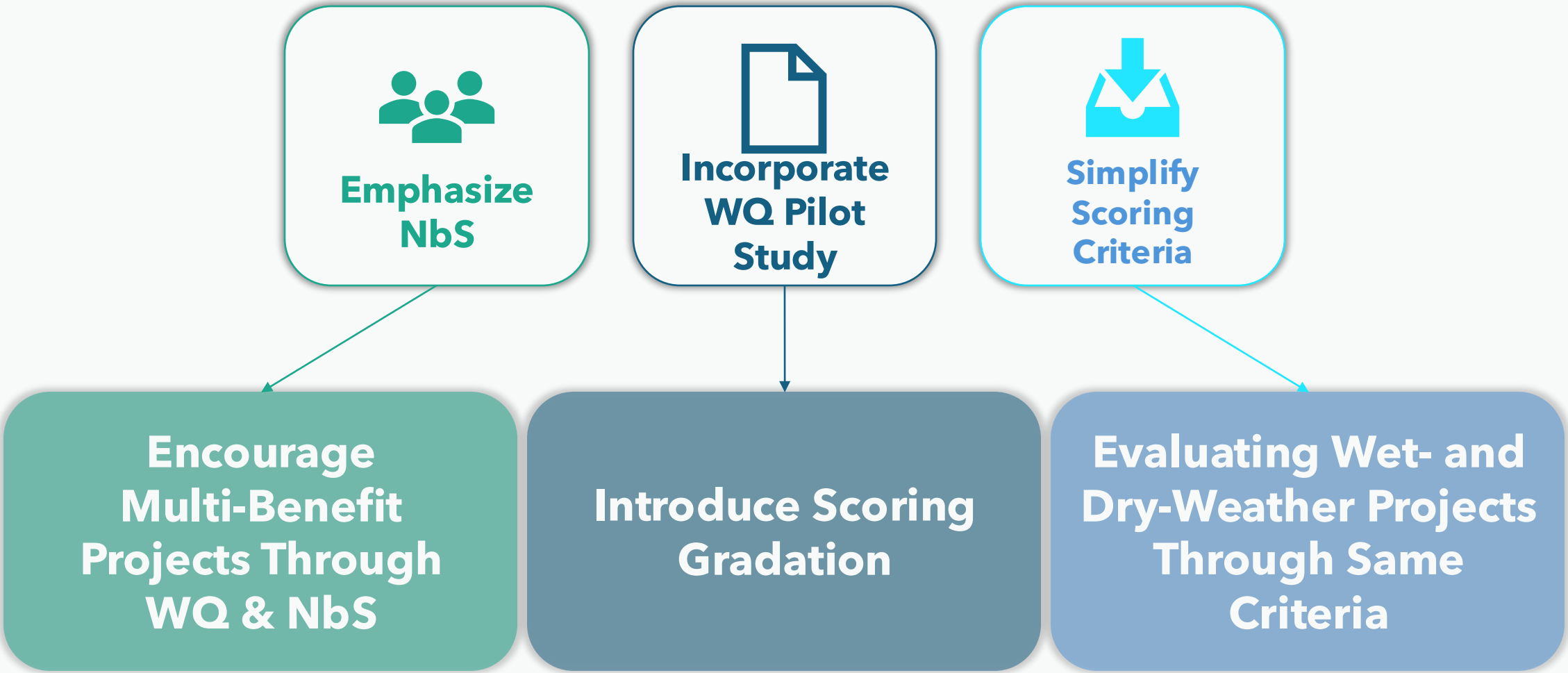
Work **from broad program decisions to detailed scoring refinements**, establishing the overall scoring framework before evaluating component-specific metrics and scoring options.

Scoring Framework: Drivers for Scoring Refinements

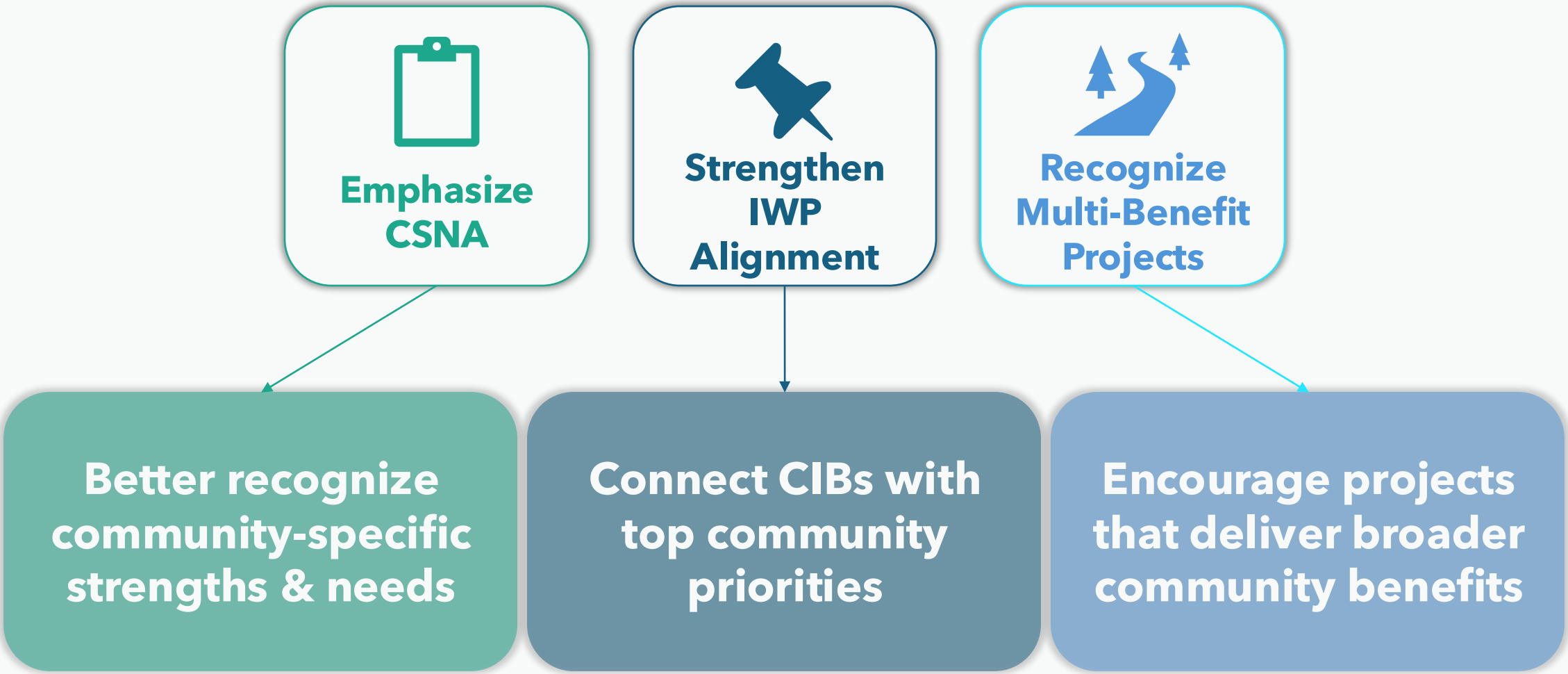
Scoring refinements are informed by program experience, evolving priorities, and historical recommendations to strengthen alignment with broader SCWP goals.



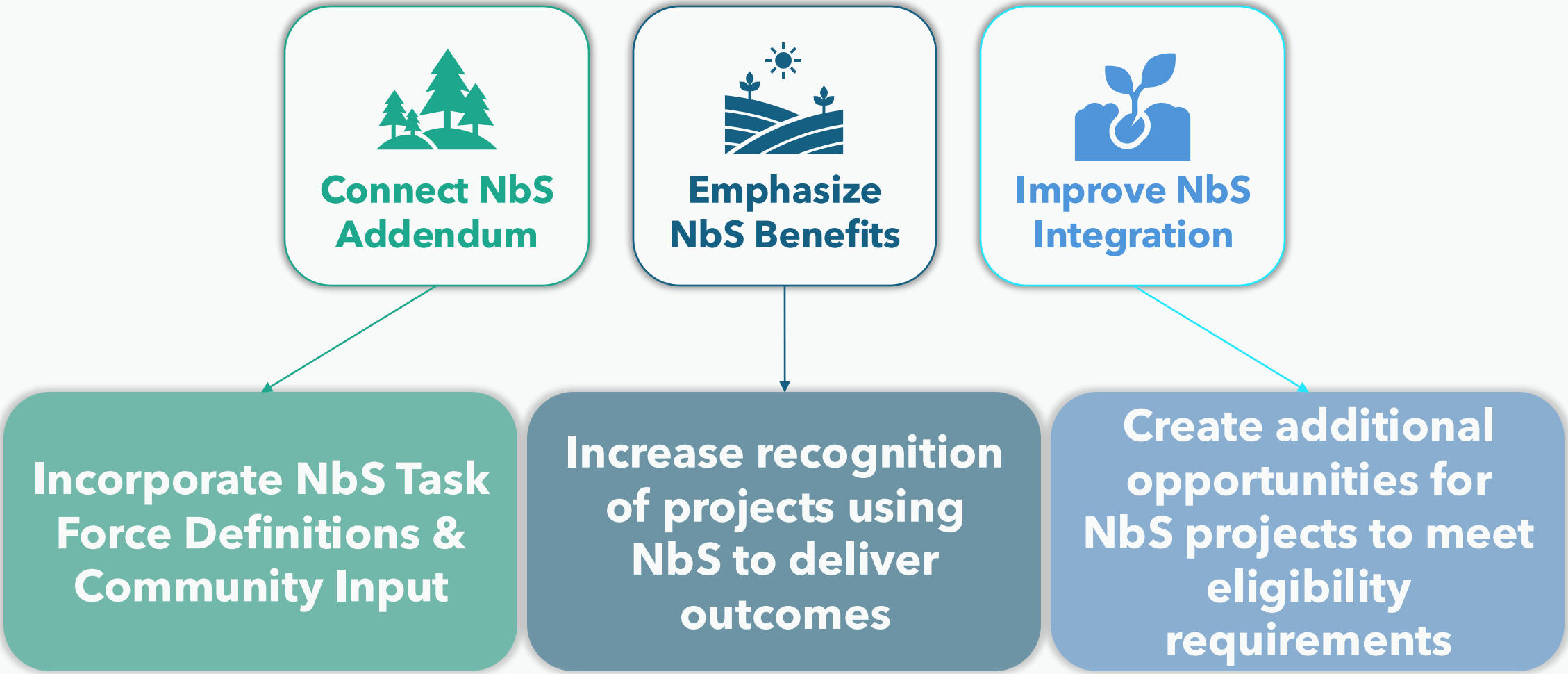
Water Quality: Intended Outcomes



Community Investment Benefits (CIB): Intended Outcomes



Nature-Based Solutions (NbS): Intended Outcomes



Additional Incentives Being Considered

Additional Incentives are <u>NOT CURRENTLY</u> part of the scoring criteria.

Proposed Additional Incentives:

- **Community Support Incentive**
- **Disadvantaged Community Incentive**
- **IWP Opportunity Incentive**

Scoring Framework: Intended Outcomes



The refinements aim to create a more cohesive, accessible, and strategically aligned scoring framework.

Next Steps

Confirm
Scoring Priorities

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Refine & Validate
Score Validation

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Feedback
30-Day Public Comment Period – Jan 2027

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Finalize
Scoring Criteria – May 2027



Discussion

SCW Program
Regional Oversight Committee
Upcoming Meetings & Locations

December
Winter Recess – No Meeting

January – Public Works, Alhambra Room
Regional Program Focus
2028 Biennial Progress Report – Kickoff
- WASC & Scoring Committee Chairs

February – Public Works, Alhambra Room
2028 Biennial Progress Report – Input
- Public Comment & Watershed Coordinators

Thank you

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