



**SAFE CLEAN
WATER PROGRAM**

Welcome Back!

WASC Roles & Responsibilities
Round 8 (FY27-28)

August 18, 2026

Rio Hondo (RH)



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.

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

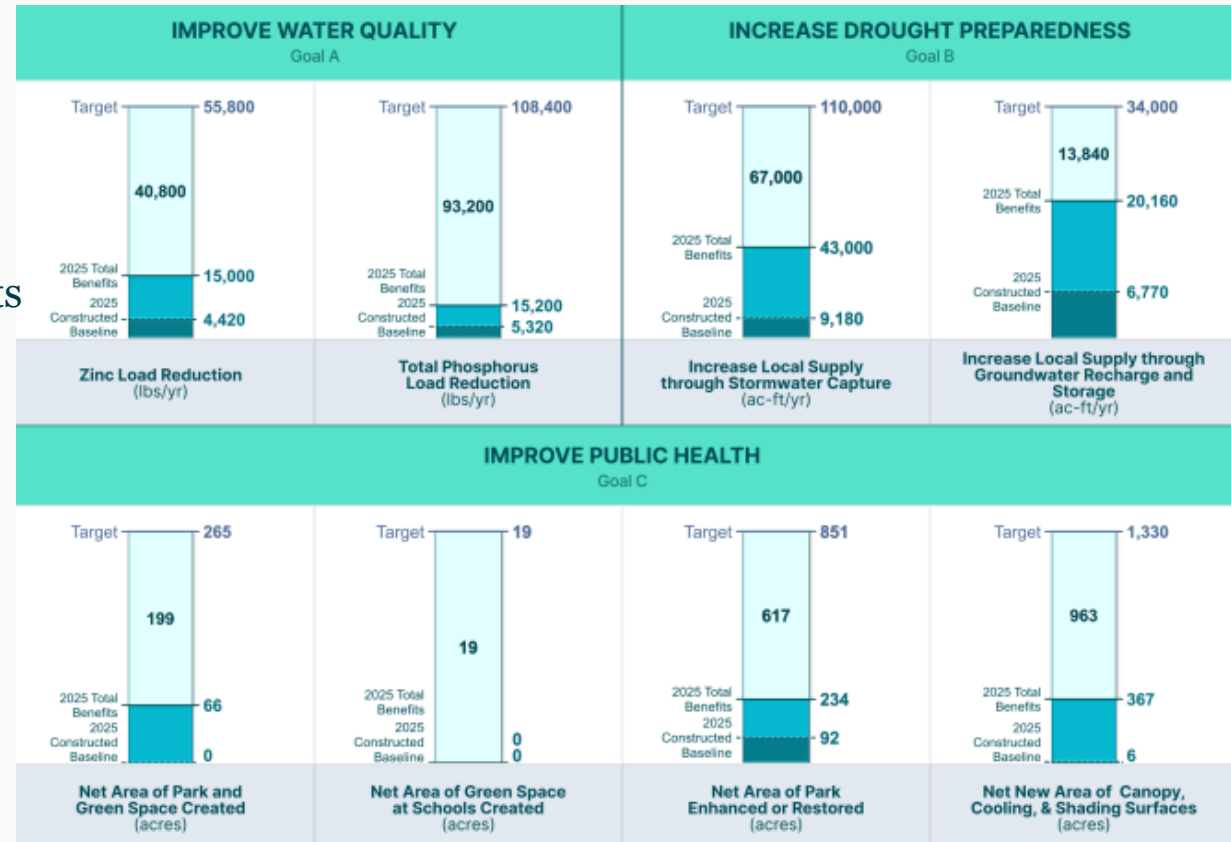
Municipal up to FY23-24 and Regional Program up to Strategic Investment Program (SIP) FY25-26

Number of
Projects Funded

300+

Number of Projects
Constructed

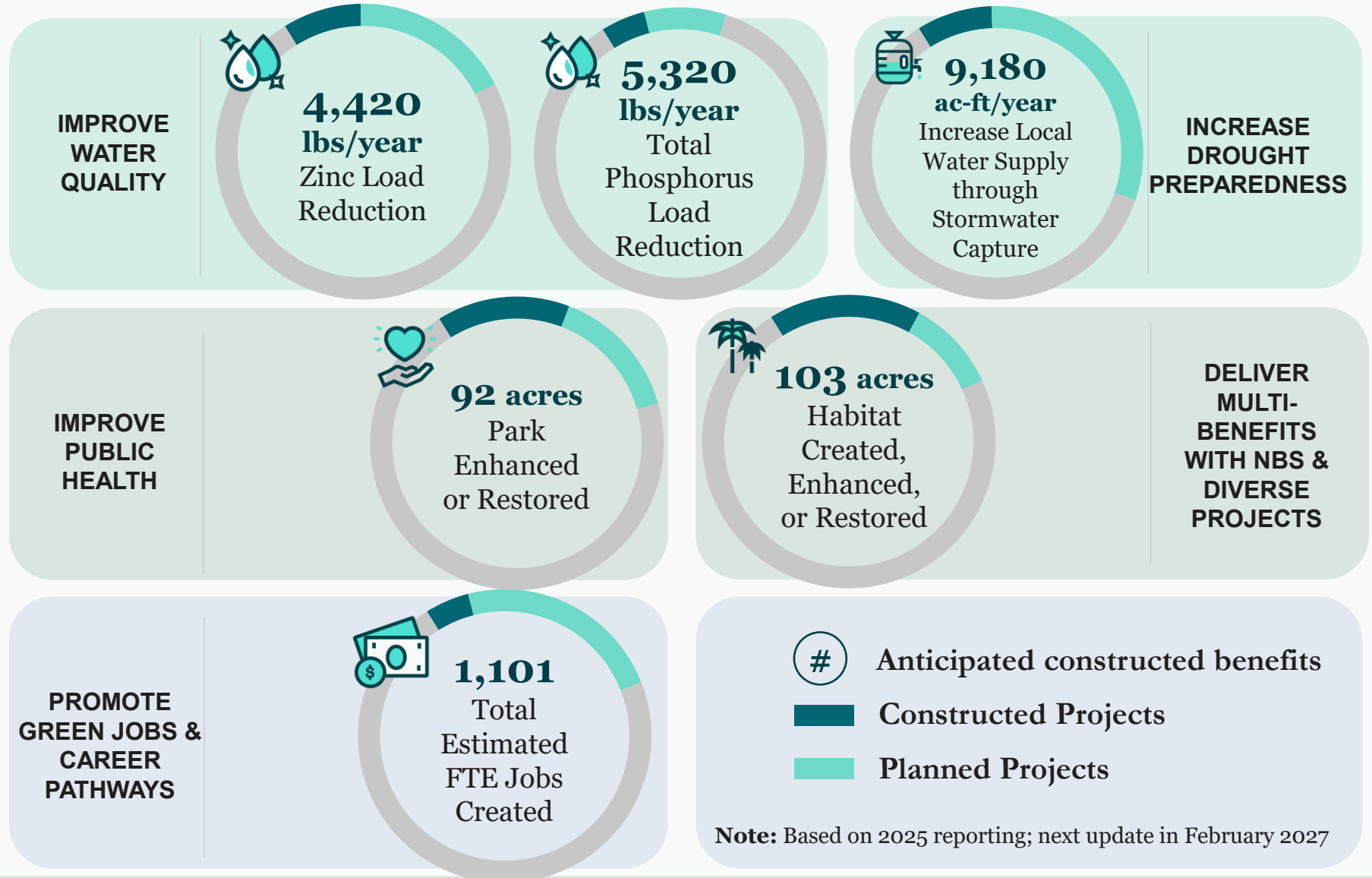
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SCW Program Highlights – Countywide Benefits from Constructed Projects



The **46**
constructed Projects
are anticipated to
provide multiple
countywide benefits,
including...



Watershed Planning – Initial Watershed Plans

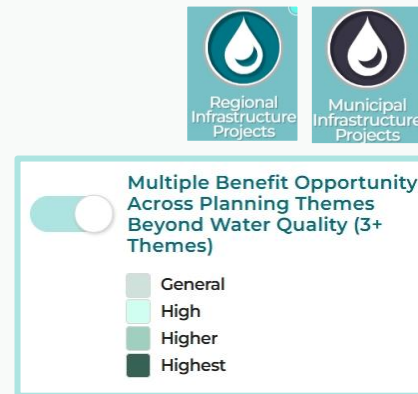
- Released in early 2026
- Unique to each of the nine SCW Program Watershed Areas
- Provide detailed information on Program-wide and Watershed Area-specific targets, needs, strategies, and opportunities within the scope of the SCW Program
- Introduces the SCW Program **Feasibility Study Guidelines'** 20th requirement
 - Requires Regional Infrastructure Program (IP) and Technical Resources Program (TRP) applicants to give a detailed description of how their proposed project/concept aligns with the Initial Watershed Plans



Watershed Planning Tool

Planning Map:

- Displays locations and details of projects approved by the WASCs
- Toggle filters on and off to search for a specific project or application
- Layer opportunity areas over the map to help prospective applicants identify potential project locations with the greatest impact on a certain issue/challenge
- Highest opportunity areas reflected in darkest teal blue shade



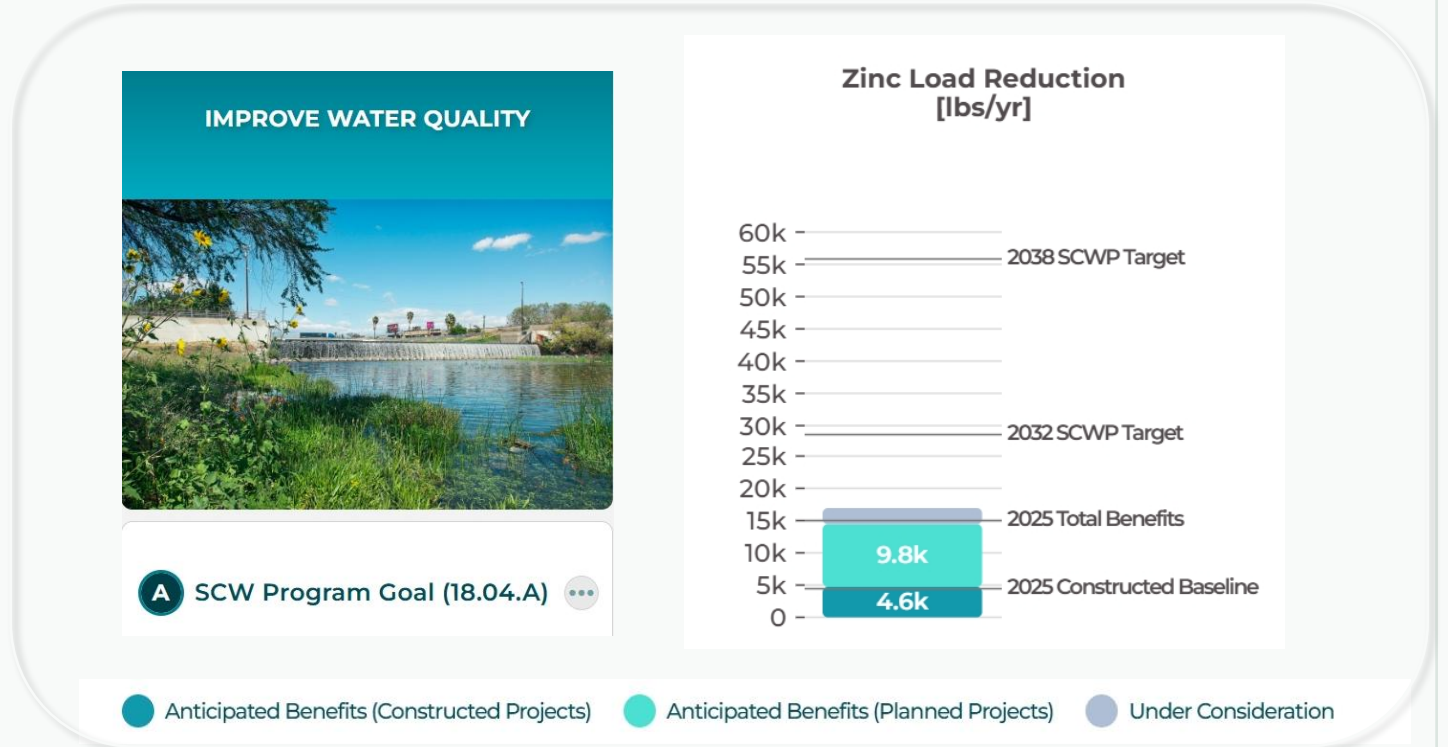
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 [Watershed Planning Tool Map](#)

Watershed Planning Tool

Planning Dashboard:

- Quantifies and visualizes Project benefits and Watershed Area progress toward Program goals according to themes identified in the Initial Watershed Plans
- Scenario-testing feature to show how different proposed projects would advance targets and priorities
- Intended to help WASCs strategize when developing their Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs)



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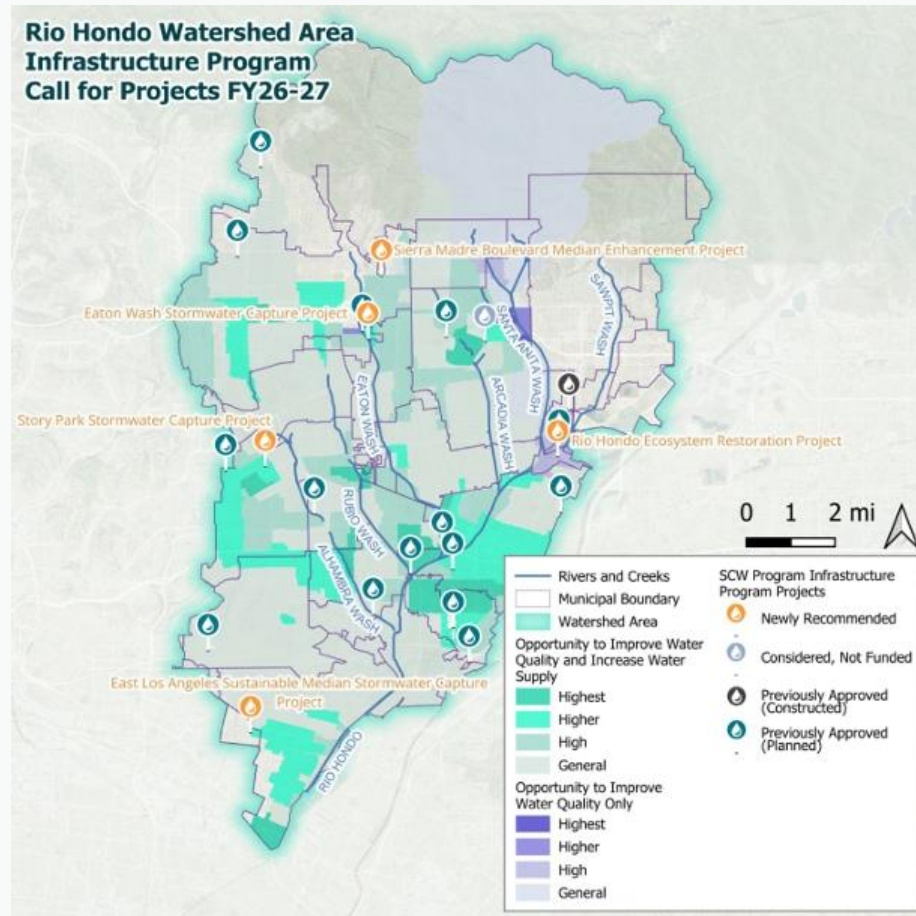
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[Watershed Planning Tool Dashboard](#)

RH Watershed Priorities

Opportunity Areas - FY 20-21 to FY 25-26



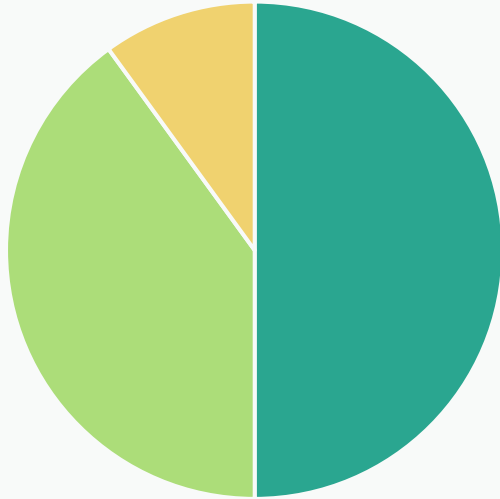
[Initial Watershed Plans](#)

RH WASC Key Focus Areas for Future Call for Projects

- Projects that are led by smaller cities within the Watershed Area
- Scientific Studies that focus on the reduction of contamination on stormwater quality from manufactured products in compliance with the Interim Scientific Studies Program Guidelines

[- Key Focus Areas for Future Call for Projects Memo](#)

Regional Program



50% of all SCW Program Revenue

Provides funding for multi-benefit watershed-based projects

WATERSHED AREA	ANTICIPATED ANNUAL REGIONAL PROGRAM FUNDS COLLECTED
Central Santa Monica Bay	\$ 18.2 Million
Lower Los Angeles River	\$ 12.5 Million
Lower San Gabriel River	\$ 15.9 Million
North Santa Monica Bay	\$ 2.0 Million
Rio Hondo	\$ 11.8 Million
Santa Clara River	\$ 6.1 Million
South Santa Monica Bay	\$ 18.4 Million
Upper Los Angeles River	\$ 39.4 Million
Upper San Gabriel River	\$ 19.8 Million

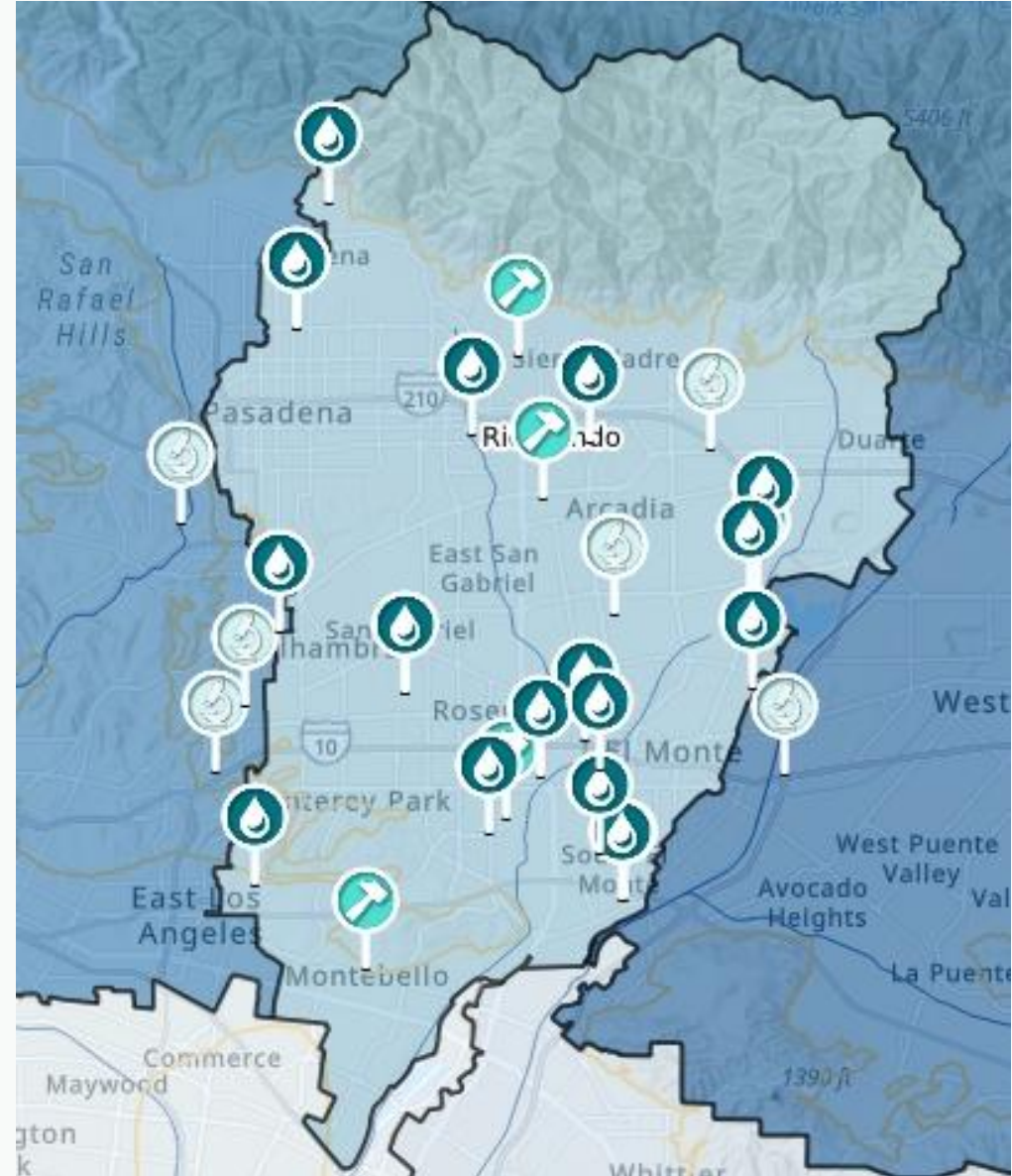
Regional Program Projects and Program: RH

The RH Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) has budgeted funding **38** Regional Projects and Programs, including:

- **22** Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects
- **7** Technical Resources Program (TRP) Concepts + **1** Watershed Coordinator
- **9** Scientific Studies (SS)



WASC-recommended FY26-27 IP, SS, and PMR are pending Board of Supervisors approval



Projects: RH (1 of 3)

Program	Fiscal Year	Project/Scientific Study Developer	Project/Scientific Study Name	Funding Amount
Technical Resource	FY20-21	Active San Gabriel Valley	Rio Hondo Watershed Coordinator	\$2.2M
Technical Resource	FY20-21	City of Monrovia	Arcadia Wash Water Conservation Diversion	\$300k
Technical Resource	FY20-21	City of San Gabriel	Vincent Lugo Park Stormwater Capture Feasibility Study	\$300k
Scientific Study	FY20-21	SGVCOG	LRS Adaptation to Address the LA River Bacteria TMDL for the ULAR Watershed Management Group	\$264k
Scientific Study	FY20-21	SGVCOG	preSIP: A Platform for Watershed Science and Project Collaboration	\$591k
Infrastructure Project	FY20-21	Los Angeles County	East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project	\$7M
Infrastructure Project	FY20-21	Los Angeles County Public Works/Flood Control District	Baldwin Lake and Tule Pond Restoration Project	\$8.5M
Technical Resource	FY21-22	City of Pasadena	Sierra Madre Boulevard Green Street Stormwater Capture Project	\$300k
Technical Resource	FY21-22	City of Pasadena	Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project	\$300k
Technical Resource	FY21-22	El Monte Union High School District	South El Monte High School	\$300k
Scientific Study	FY21-22	SGVCOG	Fire Effects Study in the ULAR Watershed Management Area	\$281k
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	City of Monrovia	Rio Hondo Ecosystem Restoration Project	\$2.3M
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	City of South El Monte	Merced Ave Greenway (Phase I - South Residential Corridor)	\$3.2M
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	Los Angeles County	Mt. Lowe Median Stormwater Capture Project	\$800k

Projects: RH (2 of 3)

Program	Fiscal Year	Project/Scientific Study Developer	Project/Scientific Study Name	Funding Amount
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	East Los Angeles College/BuildLACCD	East Los Angeles College Northeast Drainage Area and City of Monterey Park Biofiltration Project	\$1.03M
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	Amigos de los Rios (ADLR)	Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project	\$668k
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	SGVCOG	Rubio Wash Dry-Weather Diversion	\$2.81M
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	SGVCOG	Eaton Wash Dry-Weather Diversion	\$1.73M
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	SGVCOG	Alhambra Wash Dry-Weather Diversion	\$2.57M
Scientific Study	FY22-23	SGVCOG	Maximizing Impact of Minimum Control Measures	\$560k
Scientific Study	FY22-23	SGVCOG	Additional Funding Request to Support the LRS Adaptation Addressing the LA River Bacteria TMDL for the ULAR Watershed Management Group	\$115k
Infrastructure Project	FY22-23	City of San Gabriel	Vincent Lugo Stormwater Capture Project	\$4.08M
Scientific Study	FY23-24	Gateway Water Management Authority	Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	\$694k
Infrastructure Project	FY23-24	City of El Monte	Merced Avenue Stormwater Capture Project	\$9.80M
Infrastructure Project	FY23-24	City of Alhambra	Burke Heritage Park & Marengo Yard Stormwater Capture Project	\$4.42M
Infrastructure Project	FY23-24	City of Pasadena	Kinneloa Yard Stormwater Capture Project Preliminary Design and Feasibility Study	\$2.29M
Infrastructure Project	FY23-24	Trust for Public Land	El Monte Norwood Elementary School Stormwater Capture Project	\$9.83M

Projects: RH (3 of 3)

Pending Board of
Supervisors approval

Program	Fiscal Year	Project/Scientific Study Developer	Project/Scientific Study Name	Funding Amount
Scientific Study	FY24-25	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity	\$409k
Infrastructure Project	FY24-25	City of Pasadena	Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project	\$12.6M
Infrastructure Project	FY24-25	El Monte Union High School District	South El Monte High School Stormwater Improvement Project*	\$1.26M
Technical Resource	FY25-26	City of Montebello	City of Montebello Stormwater Capture Project	\$400k
Technical Resource	FY25-26	City of Rosemead	Klingerman Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project	\$400k
Scientific Study	FY25-26	TreePeople	Next Gen Bioretention: Towards Living and Adaptive Stormwater Systems for a Resilient Los Angeles County	\$466k
Scientific Study	FY26-27	Council for Watershed Health	Depave Rio Hondo: Prioritizing Parking Lots for Green Retrofitting and Exploring Broader Hardscape Transformation Considerations	\$285k
Infrastructure Project	FY26-27	City of Pasadena	Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project	\$10.6M
Infrastructure Project	FY26-27	Los Angeles County	East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project	\$1.5M
Infrastructure Project	FY26-27	City of Pasadena	Sierra Madre Boulevard Median Enhancement Project	\$1M
Infrastructure Project	FY26-27	City of Alhambra	Story Park Stormwater Capture Project	\$1.65M
Infrastructure Project	FY26-27	Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Watershed Management Authority	Rio Hondo Ecosystem Restoration Project	\$19.4M

*Project Withdrawn

RH– Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) Allocations

**FY27-28 Call for Projects
closed on July 31st**

	Budget	Projections					
	FY26-27	FY27-28	FY28-29	FY29-30	FY30-31	TOTAL	Annual O&M
A.1 Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Collected	\$11.8M	\$11.8M	\$11.8M	\$11.8M	\$11.8M	\$59M	
A.2 Carryover from Previous SIP	\$6.9M	\$878k	\$2.5M	\$3.2M	\$3.2M		
A.3. Removed Projects and Unused TRP Funds ⓘ	\$1.3M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
A. Anticipated Regional Program Funds Available (A.1 + A.2 + A.3) ⓘ	\$20M	\$12.7M	\$14.3M	\$15M	\$15M		
B.1 Total Allocated in Previous SIP(s)	\$3.7M	\$6M	\$5.1M	\$5.3M	\$521k	\$20.7M	\$3.5M
B.2 Total Recommendation in Current SIP	\$15.4M	\$4.1M	\$6.1M	\$6.4M	\$2.5M	\$34.5M	\$2.1M
B. Total Allocated and Recommendation in SIP (B.1 + B.2) ⓘ	\$19.1M	\$10.1M	\$11.1M	\$11.7M	\$3M	\$55.2M	Total: \$5.6M
C. Carryover in Current SIP (A - B)	\$878k	\$2.5M	\$3.2M	\$3.2M	\$12M		
D. Percent Allocated (B / A) ⓘ	96%	80%	78%	78%	20%	84%	

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 [SCW SIP Tool](#)

SIP Flow

1. Applications submitted to Project Module

2. Independent Review for IP and SS

3. Watershed Area Steering Committee

4. Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP)

Projects (IPs)

IPs meeting 20 Feasibility Study requirements may apply to IP

- <60% design complete: Design-only
- >60% design complete: Design, Construction, and/or O&M



- District checks applications for completeness and eligibility
- WASC receives summary of submitted applications
- WASC vote to send some, none, or all completed IPs to Scoring Committee



- Scoring Committee evaluates Feasibility Studies (IPs)
- IPs must meet minimum eligibility threshold score to be considered



- Eligible Applicants present to the WASC
- WASC deliberates on 5-year SIP



Project Concepts (TRPs)

Project Concepts that do not meet 20 Feasibility Study requirements may apply to TRP



- District checks applications for completeness and eligibility
- WASC receives summary of submitted applications



No independent review



- Eligible Applicants present to the WASC
- WASC deliberates on 5-year SIP



Scientific Studies (SS)

Scientific Studies, technical studies, monitoring, modeling, and other similar activities may apply to SSP



- District checks applications for completeness and eligibility
- WASC receives summary of submitted applications



- Independent research/academic institutions peer review summaries of applications



- Eligible Applicants present to the WASC
- WASC deliberates on 5-year SIP



Non-municipal IP applicants to have Letter of Support and TRP applicants to have Letter of Non-Objection

WASC Roles & Responsibilities - from WASC Operating Guidelines:

- A. *Select a Chair, Co-Chairs, and/or Vice-Chair as deemed prudent;*
- B. *Work with Public Works staff to schedule and commit to meetings in advance;*
- C. *Regularly attend WASC meetings and conduct other WASC business. An absence of two consecutive meetings or more than three meetings in one year will be considered failure to attend meetings, making the member eligible for removal as a member of the WASC;*
- D. *Communicate regularly with Public Works staff via phone, electronic messaging, email, and other means of communication;*
- E. *Meet, confer, coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with one another, in good faith, to carry out the responsibilities of the WASC;*
- F. *Share expertise and provide guidance and information on those matters for which it has specific expertise;*
- G. *Participate in the development of Stormwater Investment Plans (SIP) so that the development of the SIPs benefits from various stakeholder perspectives;*
- H. *Consider findings and recommendations from the Regional Oversight Committee before submitting final recommended SIP;*
- I. *Collectively confirm Scoring Committee Members from the Board approved member lists of eligible candidates;*
- J. *Use discretion and good business judgment in discussing the affairs of the WASC with Non-WASC-related parties – any media related inquiries shall be directed to Public Works;*
- K. *If intending to claim a stipend for attended meetings, submit certification that he/she is not otherwise being compensated per ARTICLE VI, Section 8 of Operating Guidelines.*



[- WASC Operating Guidelines](#)
[- Current Committee Members](#)

Programming the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP)

- **Projects are evaluated over a rolling 5-year period**
- WASCs must balance:
 - 85%/10%/5% ratios
 - Spectrum of project types and sizes
 - Proportional municipality benefits
 - Disadvantaged Community Benefits
 - Prioritizing nature-based solutions, to the extent feasible
 - 80% funding cap in the 4 subsequent years
 - More than 25% leveraged funding

Infrastructure Program

≥ 85%

Technical Resources Program

< 10%

Scientific Studies Program

< 5%



FY27-28 profile will be developed before SIP deliberations



[SIP Programming Guidelines](#)

Programming the SIP

- Strengthening community engagement
 - Engagement prior to application
 - Engagement plan for project implementations
 - Alignment with Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) responses
- Water Supply Guidance
- Prioritizing Nature-Based Solutions
- Implementing Disadvantaged Community policies
 - Whether a Project provides a “direct benefit” as used in SCWP policy is a **decision made by WASCs on a project-by-project basis**

Table 3. Best practices for conducting outreach and engagement

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
Example Activities	• Fact Sheets with translation as needed • Open Houses • Presentations • Videos • Online Media • Social Media • Local Media • Listening Sessions • Public Comment • Focus Groups • Surveys • Polling	• Open house Meetings • Interactive Workshops & Tours • Community Forums • Canvassing • Transparent responses to community comments • Document expanded understanding and commitment to ongoing relationships	• MOUs / support letters from CBOs or Elected Officials • MOUs / support letters from impacted Tribes • Community Organizing • Citizen Advocacy Committees • Open Planning Forums with Citizen Polling • Community-Driven Planning • Consensus Building • Participatory Action Research • Participatory Budgeting • Cooperatives • Volunteerism activities • Workforce Development activities • Compensate community partners for their time and expertise



Good, Better, Best Spectrum of Community Engagement, from [2025 Interim Program Guidance](#)

Scientific Studies Guidelines

Scientific Studies Program (SSP): supports rigorous, data-driven research to advance science and inform SCW Program strategy, funding, planning and decision making.

Scientific Studies must:

- Demonstrate clear and measurable nexus with stormwater capture or pollution reduction
- Deploy accepted scientific protocols to validate data and verify findings
- Generate reproducible, well-documented results



 [Interim Scientific Studies Program Guidelines](#)

WASC's Role in Project Modification Requests (PMRs)

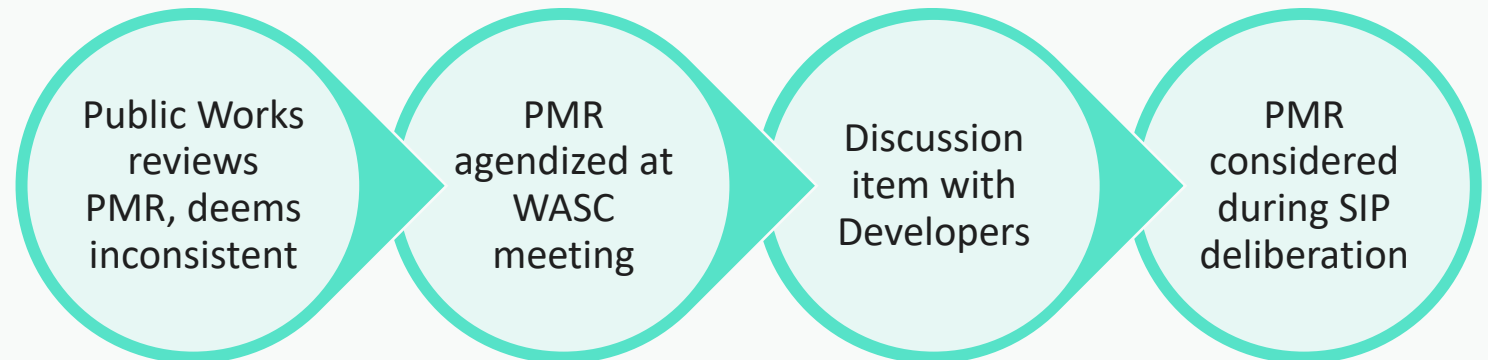
1. PMRs consistent with SIP:

- Schedule change or minor scope/benefit modifications
- No impact to future funding allocations



2. PMRs inconsistent with SIP:

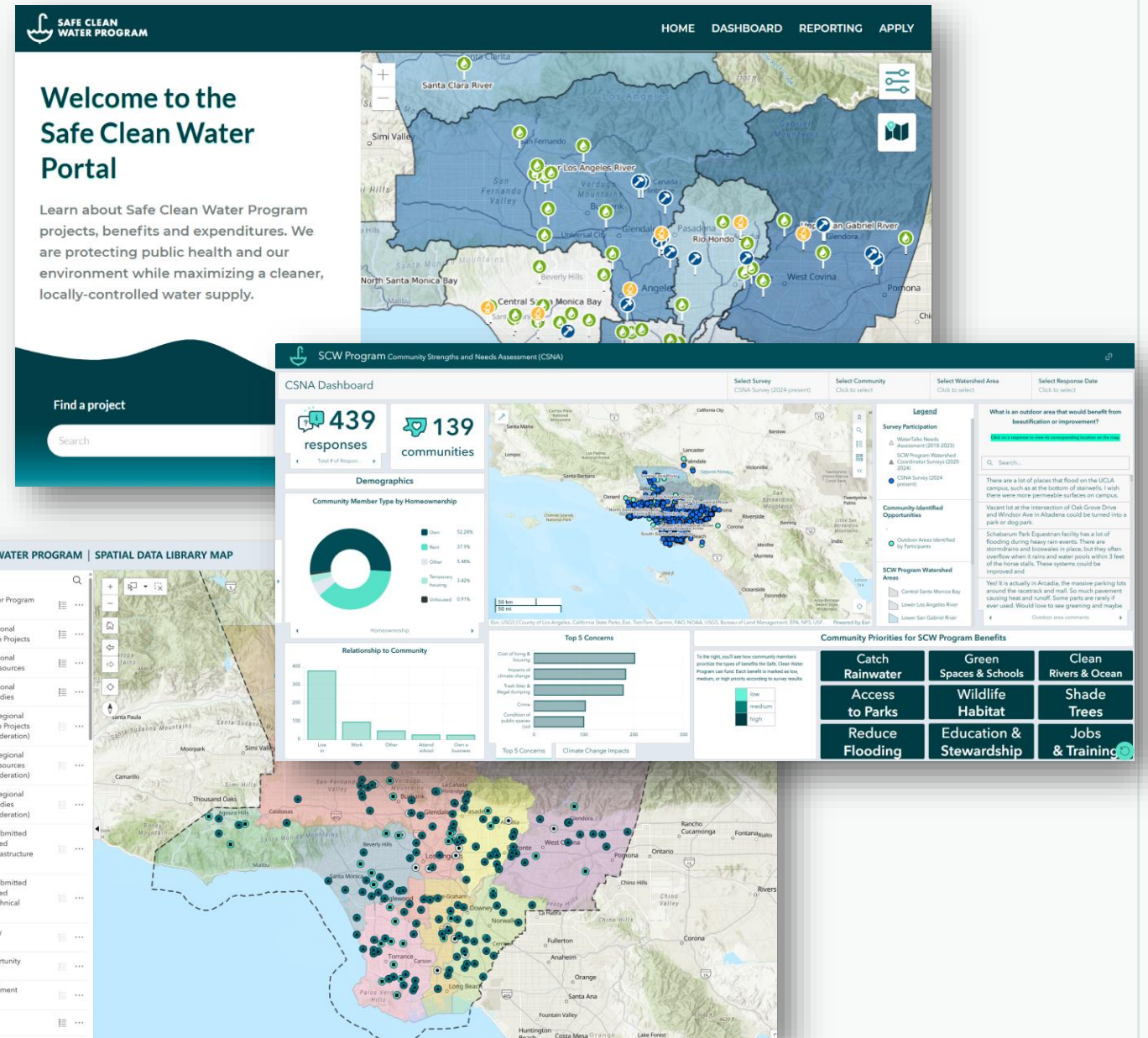
- Significant modifications to scope and/or benefits
- Any modification to the funding request



WASC Resources & Tools

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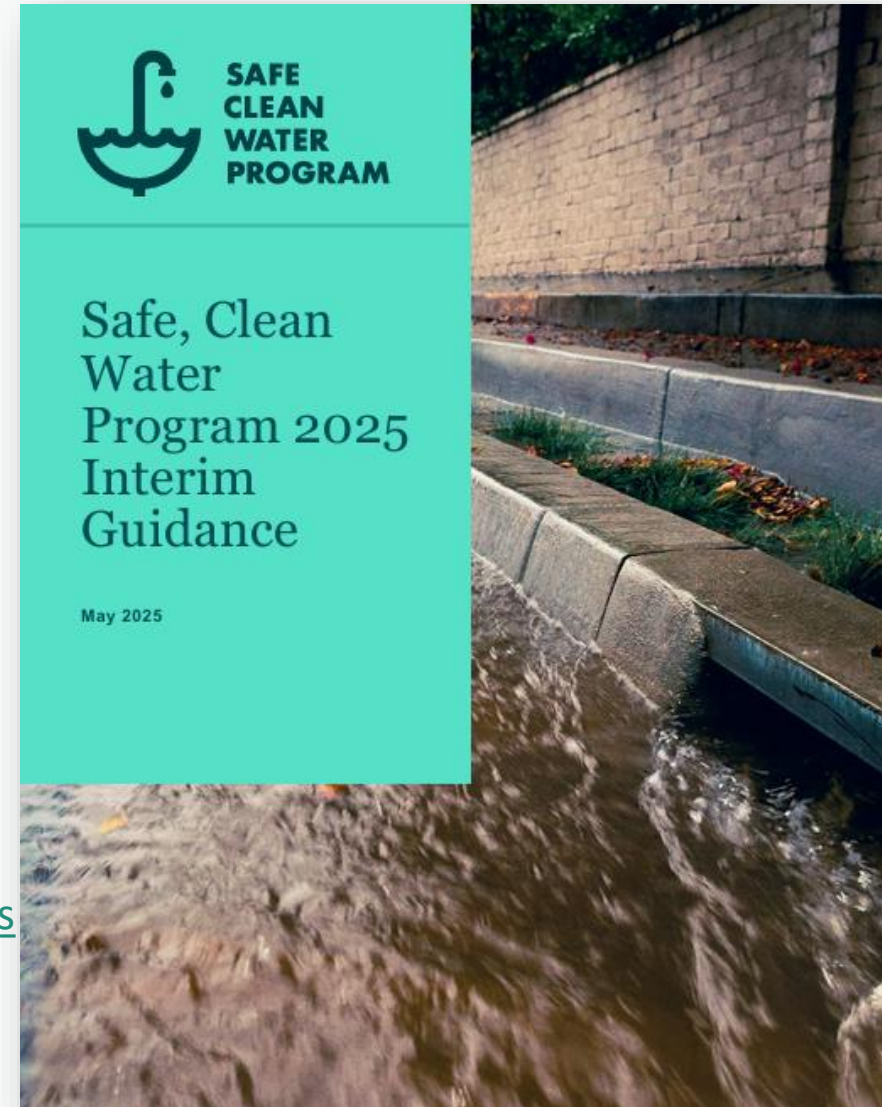
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- [SIP Tool](#)
- [Reporting Module](#)
- [Spatial Data Library](#)
- [Community Strengths and Needs Assessment \(CNSA\) Dashboard](#)



WASC Resources & Tools

Resources

- [WASC Operating Guidelines](#)
- [Upcoming Meetings \(Event Webpage\)](#)
- [Upcoming Meetings and Members \(Committee Webpage\)](#)
- [Meeting Guidelines \(Brown Act, Rules of Conduct\)](#)
- [Regional Program Committee Handbook](#)
- [2025 Interim Program Guidance](#)
- [Partial Funding Guidance](#)
- [Project Modification Guidelines](#)
- [Feasibility Study Guidelines](#)
- [Supplemental Guidance to Support Feasibility Study Guidelines](#)
- [Interim Scientific Studies Program Guidelines](#)
- [Call for Projects Webpage](#)
- [Post-Construction Monitoring Guidance](#)



WASC Lookahead (Tentative)

Call for Projects FY27-28
closed July 31st

Call for Projects FY28-29
closes July 31st

District completeness/eligibility checks of all submitted applications

Scoring Committee scores FY27-28 Projects

Board Approval of FY26-27 SIPs

Regional Oversight
Committee reviews
FY27-28 SIPs

July August September October November December January February March April May June July

FY27-28 Applicant Presentations

FY28-29 Key
Areas of
Interest
Discussion

Summary of
FY27-28 submitted IP
Projects, TRP Project
Concepts, and SS

Community Strengths
and Needs
Assessment

IP & SS FY25-26
Annual Report

Summary of Scientific
Studies Peer Review

IP & SS FY26-27
Mid-Year Report

Advance eligible IPs
to Scoring
Committee

Project
Modification
Requests
(PMRs)

WASC FY27-28
Stormwater
Investment Plan
(SIP) Deliberation

Watershed
Coordinator
Strategic Outreach
and Engagement
Plan

Thank you

QUESTIONS?

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