



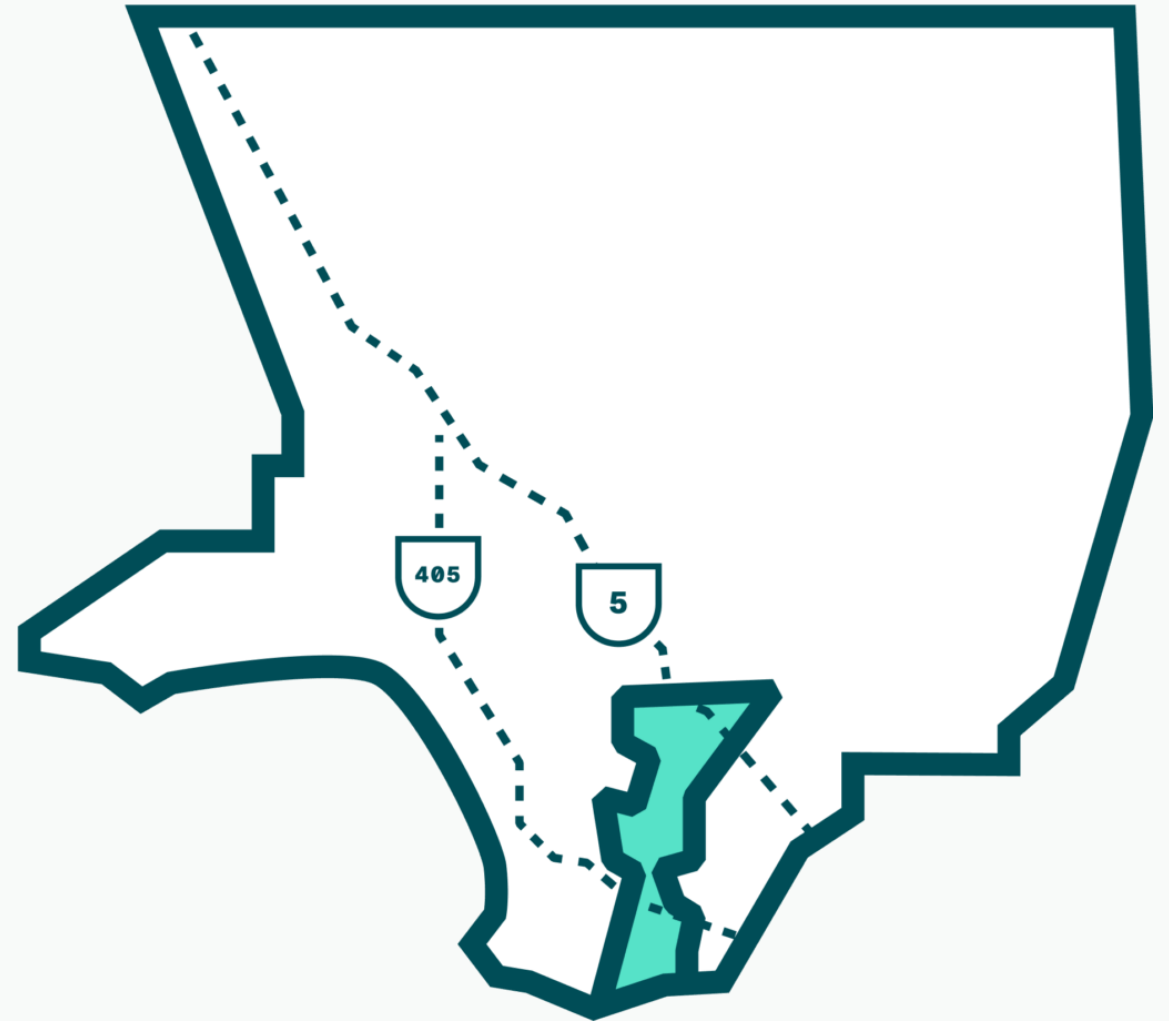
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WATER PROGRAM**

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WASC Roles & Responsibilities
Round 8 (FY27-28)

September 22, 2026

Lower Los Angeles River



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

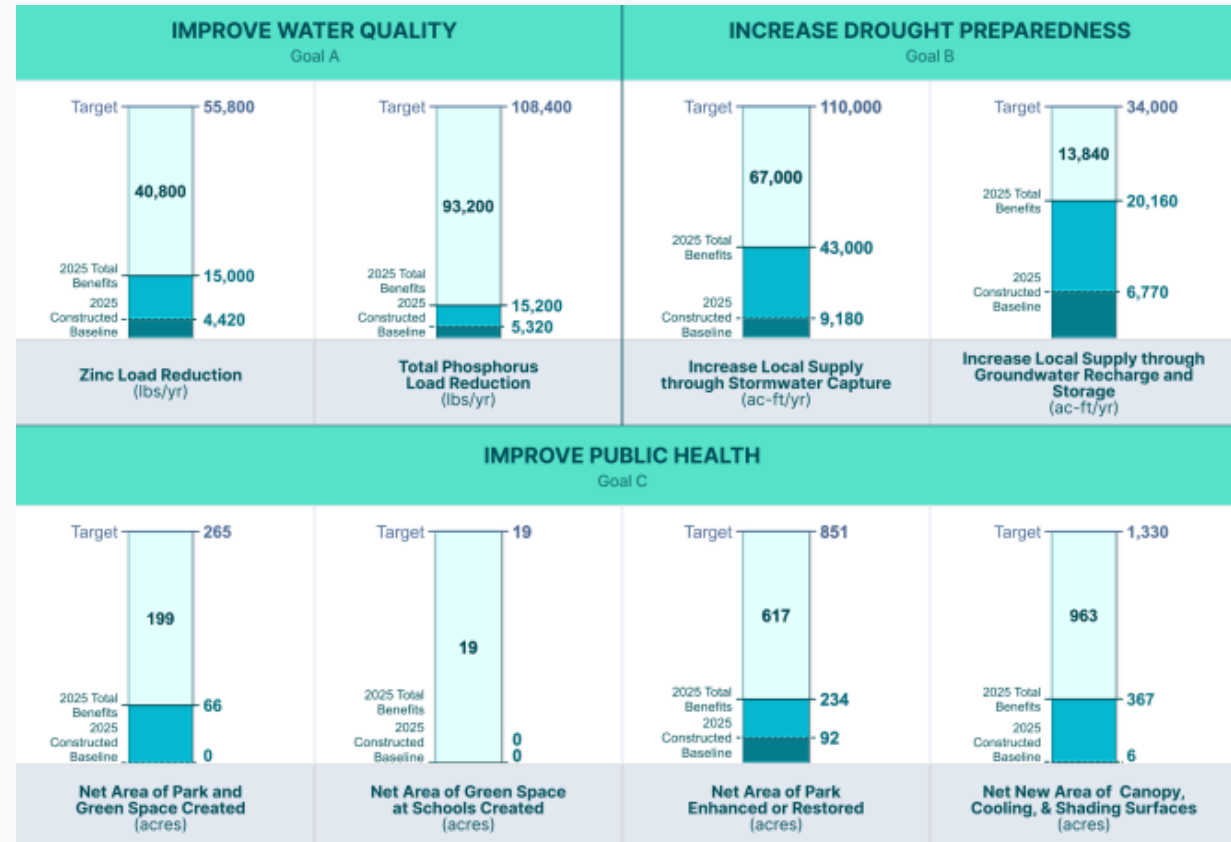
Municipal up to FY23-24 and Regional Program up to Strategic Investment Program (SIP) FY25-26

Number of Projects Funded

300+

Number of Projects Constructed

46

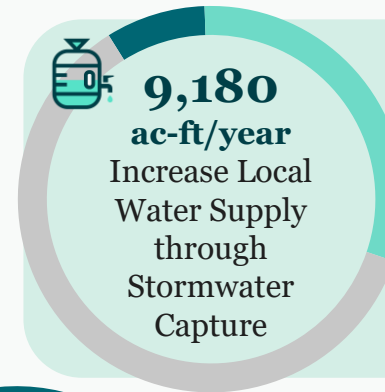
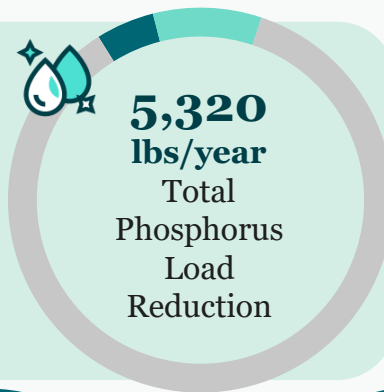
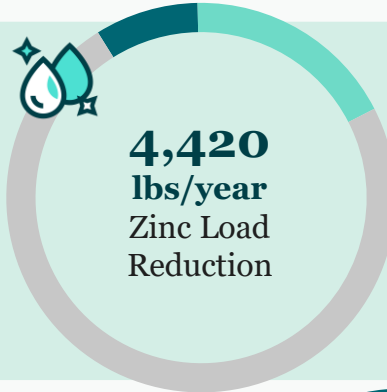


SCW Program Highlights – Countywide Benefits from Constructed Projects



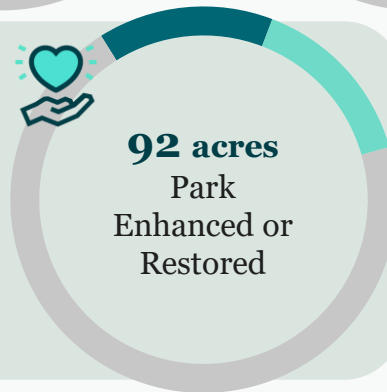
The **46**
constructed Projects
are anticipated to
provide multiple
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including...

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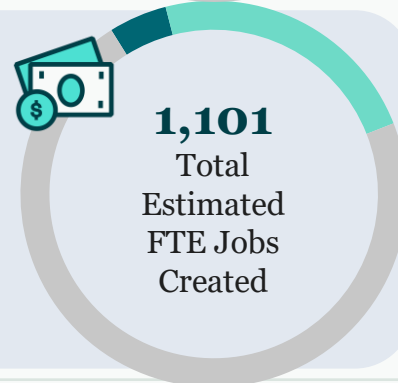
INCREASE
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DELIVER MULTI-
BENEFITS WITH
NBS & DIVERSE
PROJECTS

PROMOTE
GREEN JOBS &
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Anticipated constructed benefits



Constructed Projects



Planned Projects

Note: Based on 2025 reporting; next update in February 2027.

Watershed Planning – Initial Watershed Plans

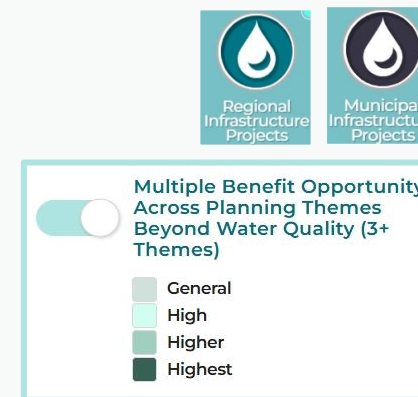
- Released in early 2026
- Unique to each of the nine SCW Program Watershed Areas
- Provide detailed information on Program-wide and Watershed Area-specific targets, needs, strategies, and opportunities within the scope of the SCW Program
- Introduces the SCW Program **Feasibility Study Guidelines' 20th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



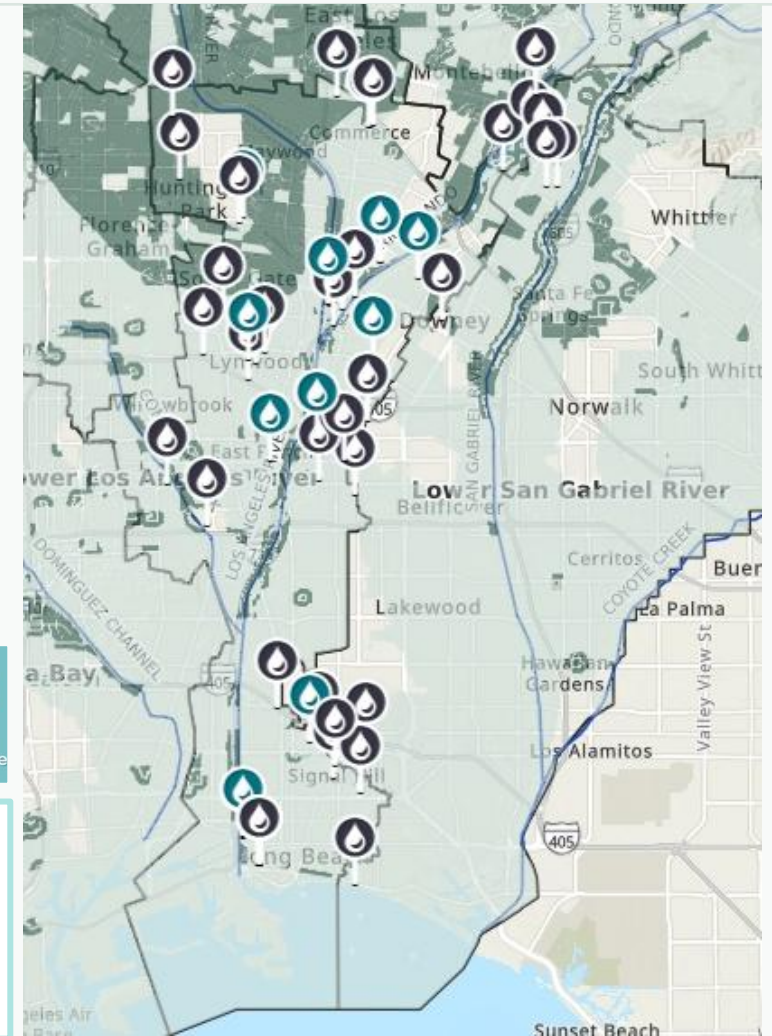
Watershed Planning Tool

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



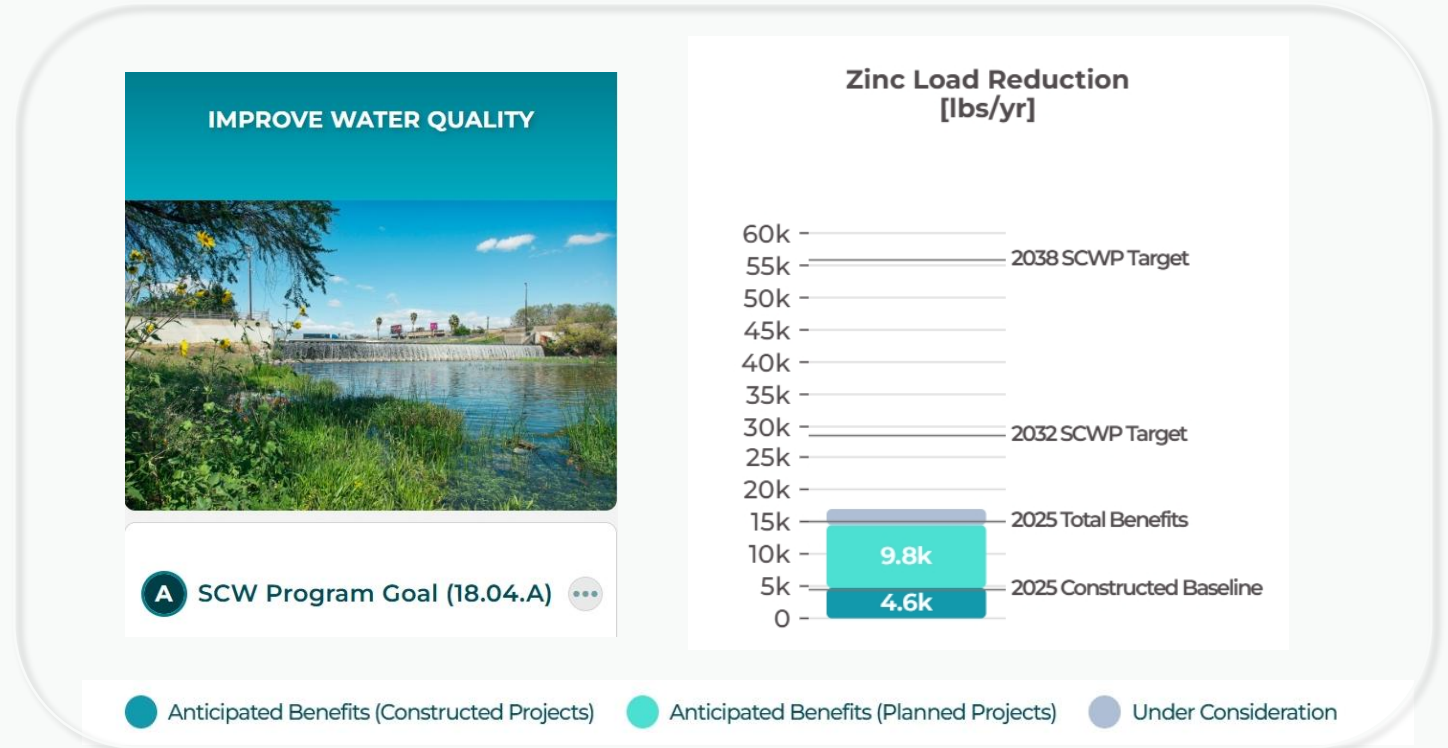
Benefits shown for in-progress Projects reflect anticipated benefits based on available data, while those for constructed Projects reflect realized or delivered benefits.



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 Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs)



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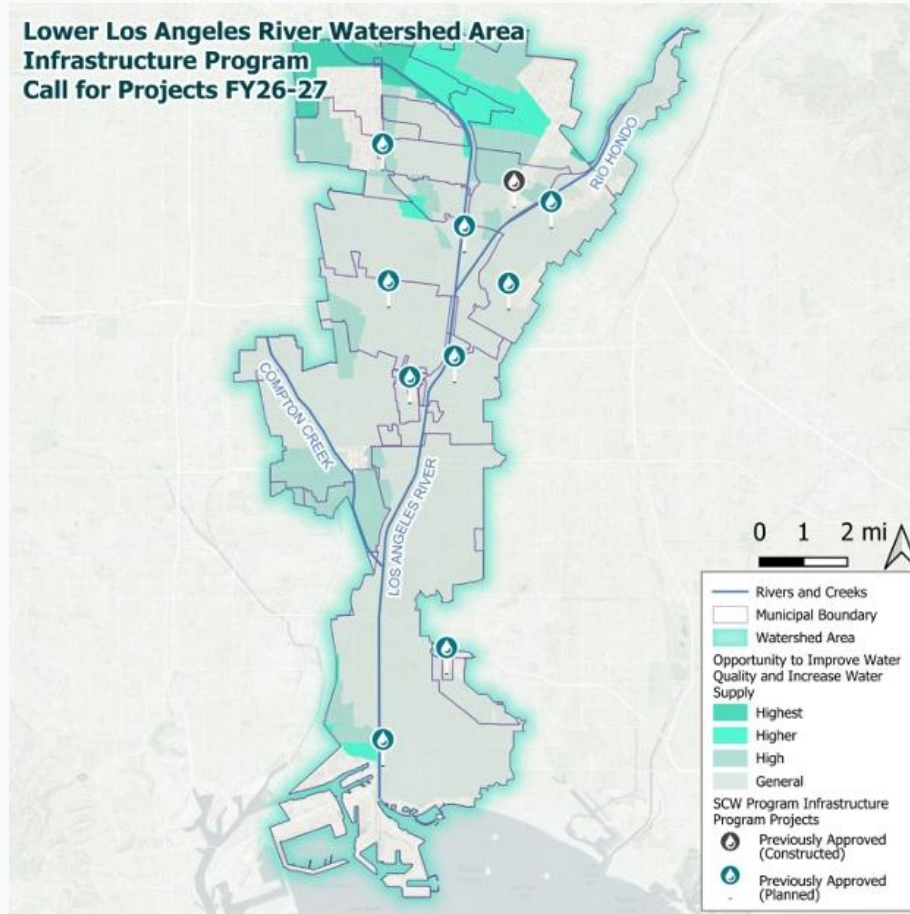
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[Watershed Planning Tool Dashboard](#)

LLAR Watershed Priorities

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



 [Initial Watershed Plans](#)

LLAR WASC Key Focus Areas for Future Call for Projects

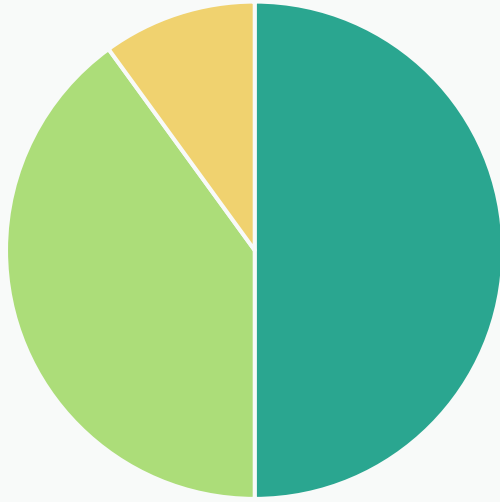
Projects that:

- Advance nature-based solutions and support school greening
- Engage with the Water Replenishment District on the feasibility of infiltration alternatives
- Leverage additional funding
- Engage and collaborate with community-based organizations and larger entities
- Provide benefits to disadvantaged communities and address community stated concerns
- Are in high opportunity areas with few existing projects
- Studies that address watershed-specific science, technical, or data gaps

Infrastructure Program projects prioritized over Scientific Studies.

 [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

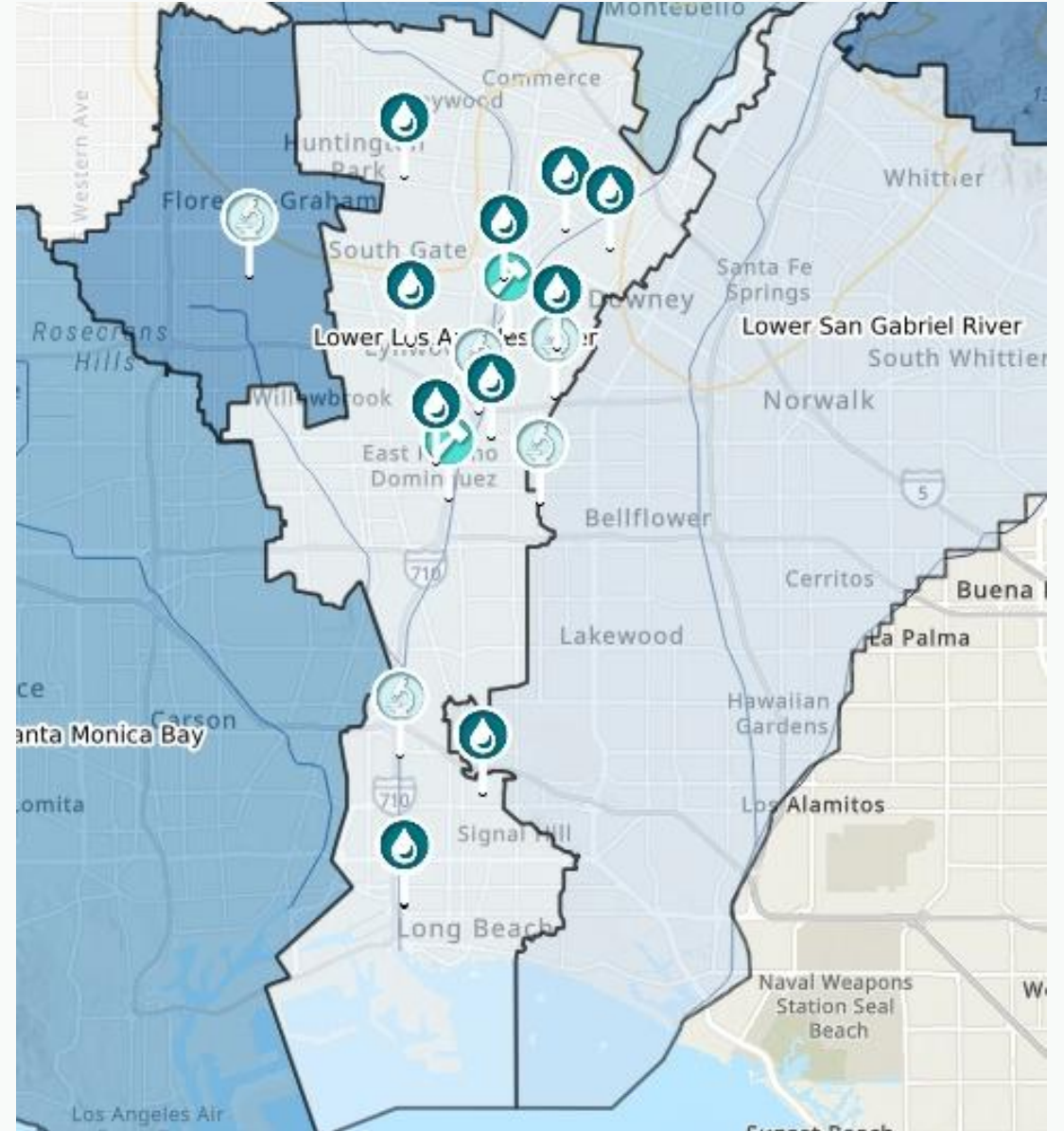
Regional Program Projects and Program: LLAR

The LLAR Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) has budgeted funding for **24** Regional Projects and Programs, including:

- **12** Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects
- **2** Technical Resources Projects (TRP) + **1** Watershed Coordinator
- **9** Scientific Studies (SS)



WASC-recommended FY26-27 SS are pending Board of Supervisors approval



Projects: LLAR (1 of 2)

Program	Fiscal Year	Project Developer/ Municipality	Project Name	Funding Amount
Technical Resource	FY20-21	City of Long Beach	Willow Springs Park: Wetland Restoration Expansion	\$300k
Technical Resource	FY20-21	Watershed Conservation Authority	Parque Dos Rios Bioswale	\$300k
Technical Resource	FY20-21	SGA Marketing	Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Coordinator	\$200k/yr
Infrastructure Project	FY20-21	City of Long Beach	Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB MUST) - Phase 1	\$10.8M
Infrastructure Project	FY20-21	City of Bell Gardens	John Anson Ford Park Infiltration Cistern	\$10M
Scientific Study	FY21-22	Gateway Water Management Authority	Gateway Area Pathfinding Analysis (GAP Analysis)	\$75k
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	City of Paramount	Spane Park	\$892k
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	City of Downey	Furman Park Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project	\$12.3M
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	City of South Gate	Urban Orchard Project	\$5.4M
Infrastructure Project	FY21-22	City of Lynwood	Lynwood City Park Stormwater Capture Project	\$1.7M
Scientific Study	FY22-23	University of California Riverside	Microplastics in LA County Stormwater	\$248k
Scientific Study	FY22-23	Gateway Water Management Authority	Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	\$772k
Scientific Study	FY22-23	Gateway Water Management Authority	Gateway Area Pathfinding Analysis (GAP Analysis) - Phase 2	\$230k

Projects: LLAR (2 of 2)

Program	Fiscal Year	Project Developer/ Municipality	Project Name	Funding Amount
Infrastructure Project	FY22-23	City of Downey	Apollo Park Stormwater Capture Project	\$2.8M
Infrastructure Project	FY22-23	City of Long Beach	Willow Springs Park Wetland Restoration and Expansion Project	\$1.2M
Infrastructure Project	FY22-23	City of Huntington Park	Salt Lake Park Infiltration Cistern	\$4.5M
Scientific Study	FY23-24	TreePeople	Ground truth: guiding a soils-based strategy for impactful nature-based solutions	\$446k
Infrastructure Project	FY23-24	City of Paramount	Spane Park	\$18.9M
Infrastructure Project	FY23-24	City of Long Beach	Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB MUST) - Phase 2	\$10.4M
Infrastructure Project	FY24-25	City of Lynwood	Lynwood City Park Stormwater Capture Project	\$22.2M
Scientific Study	FY24-25	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity	\$409K
Scientific Study	FY25-26	Gateway Water Management Authority	Maximizing Impact of Minimum Control Measures	\$270k
Scientific Study	FY26-27	USC Dornsife Public Exchange	Characterizing and Optimizing the Water Quality Benefits of In-Channel Vegetation	\$86K
Scientific Study	FY26-27	Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research	A Holistic Assessment of Trash in Watersheds	\$366K

Pending Board of Supervisors approval

LLAR– 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	\$12.5M	\$12.5M	\$12.5M	\$12.5M	\$12.5M	\$62.3M	
A.2 Carryover from Previous SIP	\$269k	\$820k	\$2.7M	\$6.3M	\$18.4M		
A.3. Removed Projects and Unused TRP Funds ⓘ	\$600k	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
A. Anticipated Regional Program Funds Available (A.1 + A.2 + A.3) ⓘ	\$13.3M	\$13.3M	\$15.1M	\$18.8M	\$30.9M		
B.1 Total Allocated in Previous SIP(s)	\$12.4M	\$10.5M	\$8.7M	\$333k	\$200k	\$32.1M	\$2.1M
B.2 Total Recommendation in Current SIP	\$149k	\$149k	\$107k	\$47k	\$0	\$452k	\$0
B. Total Allocated and Recommendation in SIP (B.1 + B.2) ⓘ	\$12.5M	\$10.6M	\$8.8M	\$380k	\$200k	\$32.5M	Total: \$2.1M
C. Carryover in Current SIP (A - B)	\$820k	\$2.7M	\$6.3M	\$18.4M	\$30.7M		
D. Percent Allocated (B / A) ⓘ	94%	80%	58%	2%	1%	52%	

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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 Resource 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.

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



WASC's Role in Project Modification Requests (PMRs)

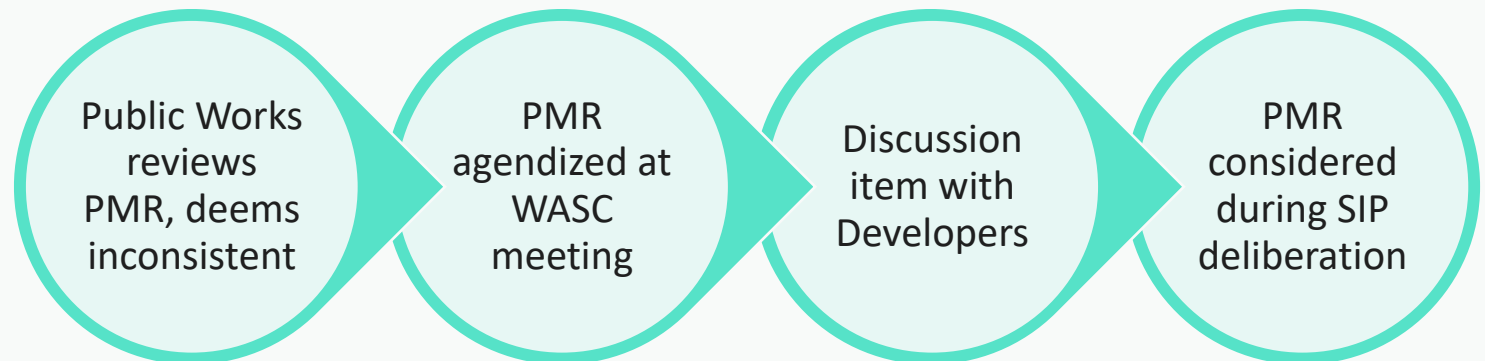
1. PMRs consistent with SIP:

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



2. PMRs inconsistent with SIP:

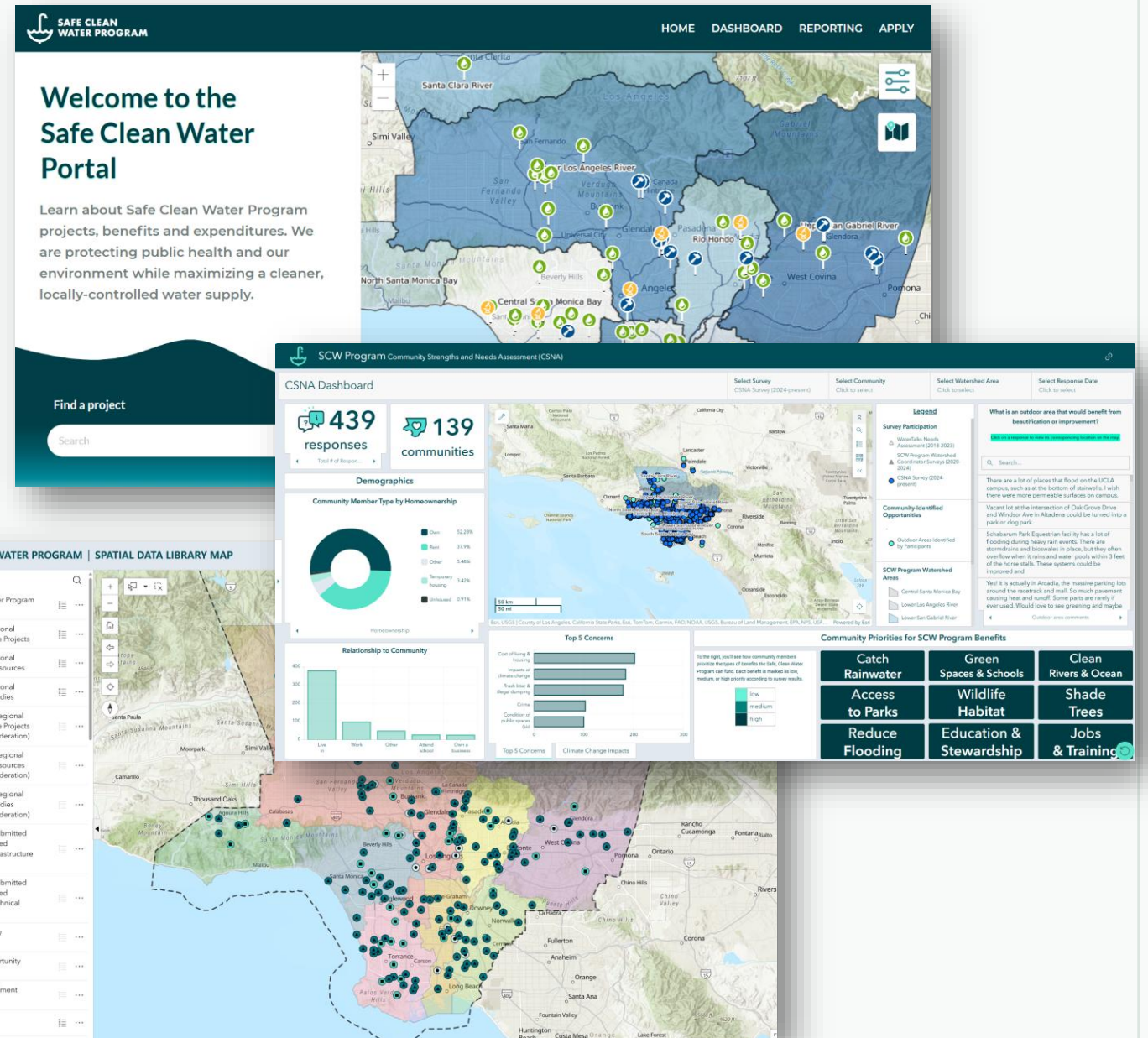
- Significant modifications to scope and/or benefits
- Any modification to the funding request



WASC Resources & Tools

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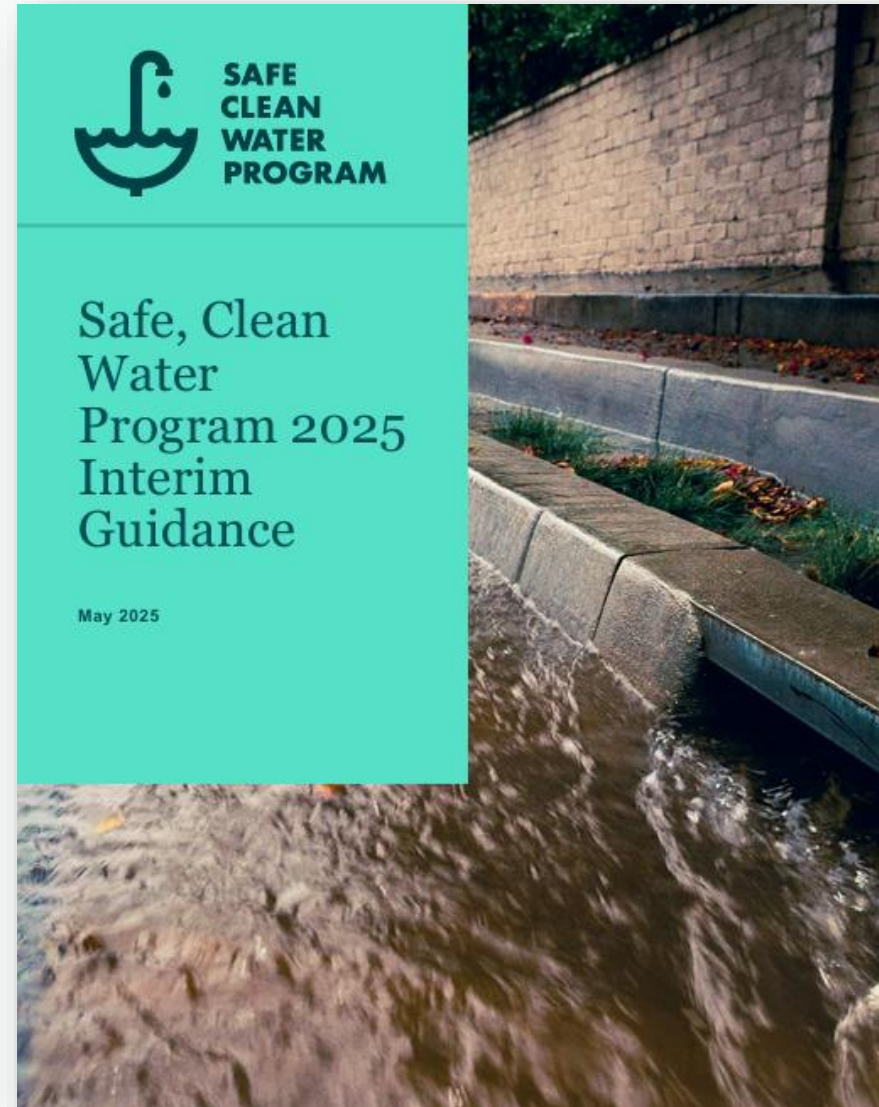
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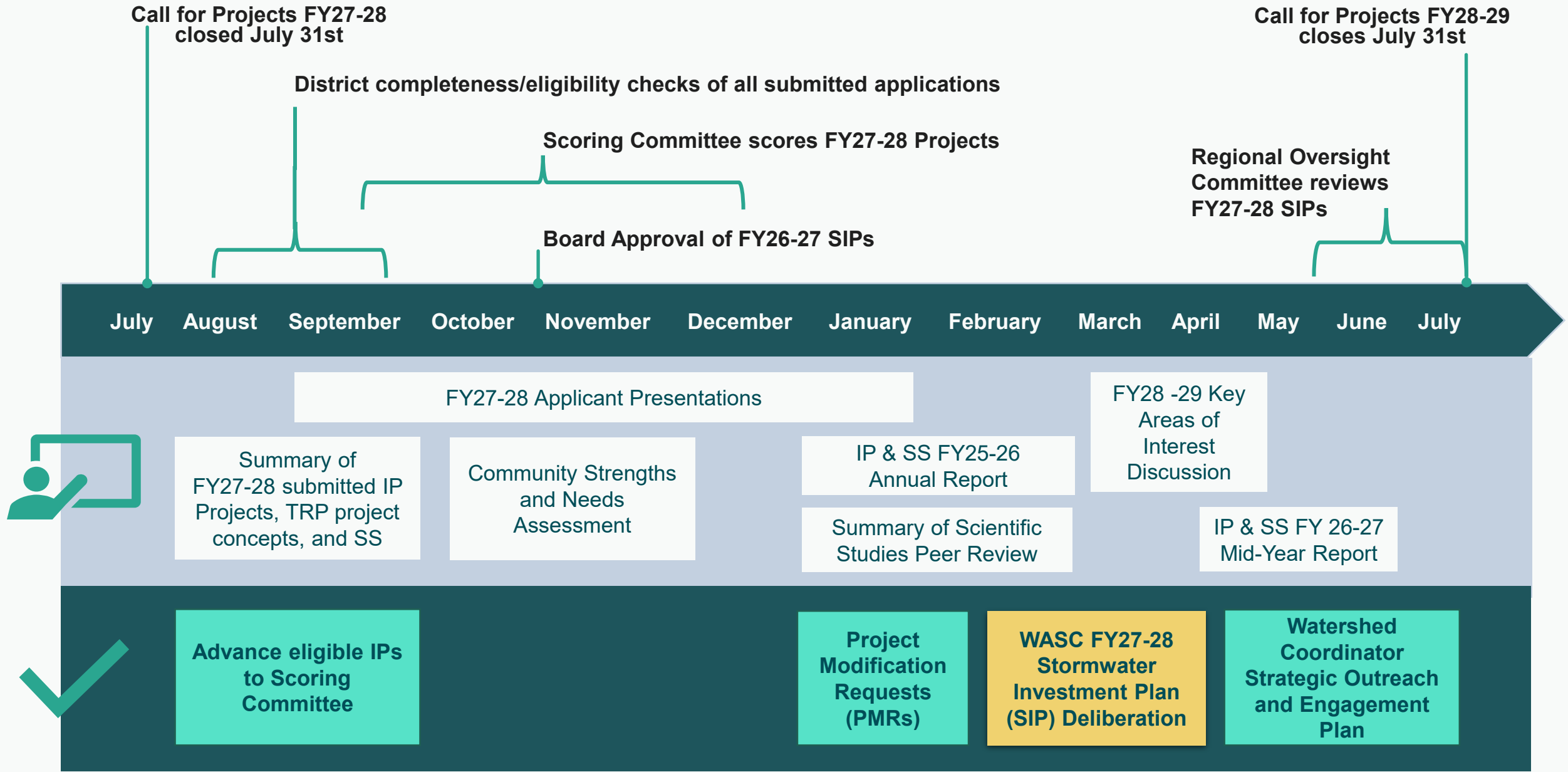
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- [Upcoming Meetings \(Event Webpage\)](#)
- [Upcoming Meetings and Members \(Committee Webpage\)](#)
- [Meeting Guidelines \(Brown Act, Rules of Conduct\)](#)
- [Regional Program Committee Handbook](#)
- [2025 Interim Program Guidance](#)
- [Partial 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)



Thank you

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