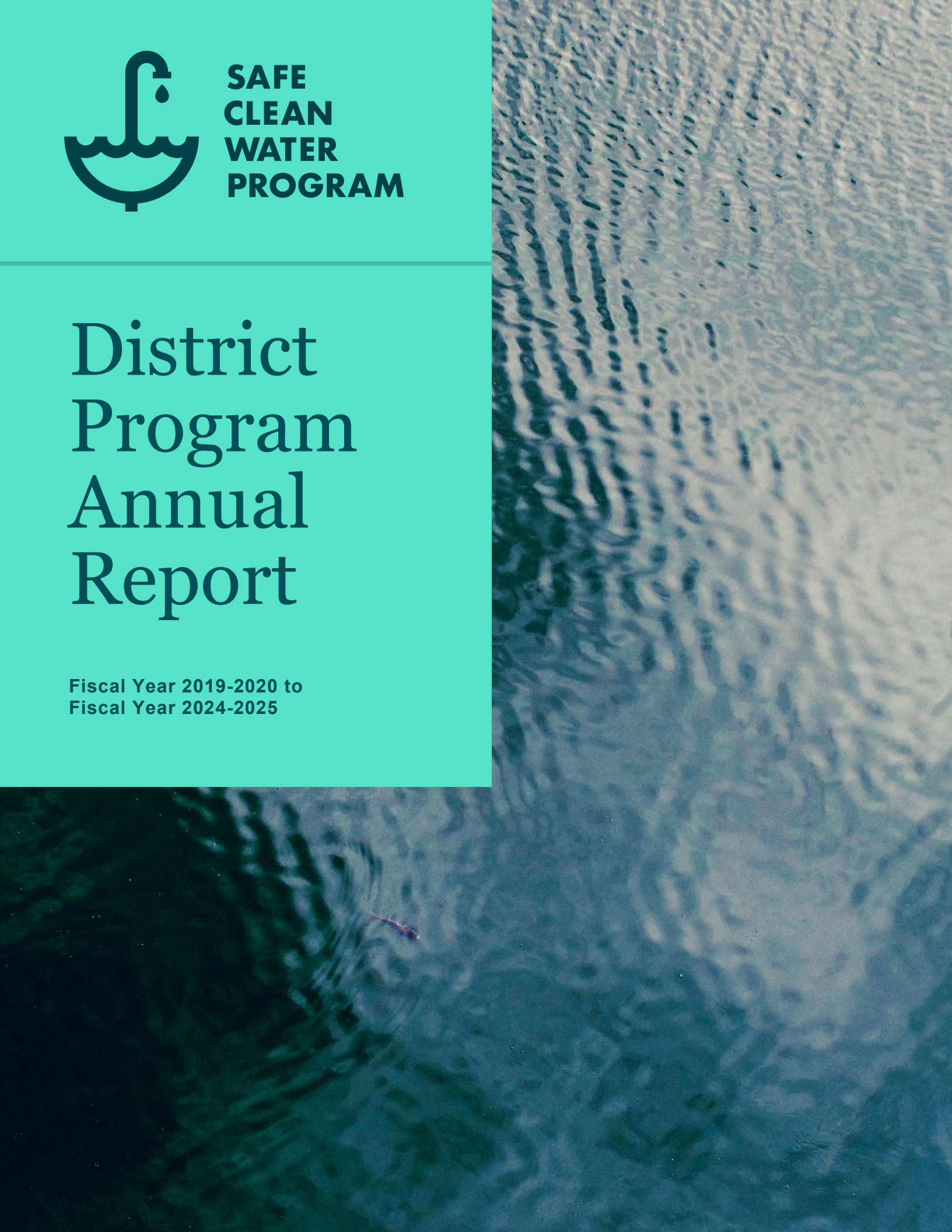




**SAFE
CLEAN
WATER
PROGRAM**

District Program Annual Report

**Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to
Fiscal Year 2024-2025**





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1 Overview

The Safe, Clean Water Program (SCW Program or SCWP), administered by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District), provides local, dedicated funding for initiatives that improve water quality, increase local water supply, and provide community benefits. The SCW Program currently generates approximately \$280M of annual funding. Ten percent (10%) shall be allocated to the District for implementation and administration of Projects and Programs, forty percent (40%) shall be allocated to Municipalities, and fifty percent (50%) shall be allocated to support the implementation, operation and maintenance of Projects and Programs implemented through the Regional Program.

This Report summarizes FY2019-20 to FY2024-25 SCW Program expenditures for the District Program and includes the latest District efforts to implement and administer the SCW Program.

The District Program is implemented according to the specific provisions outlined in SCW Program Implementation Ordinance [Section 18.05](#), ensuring consistent administration and oversight. Core responsibilities include managing the SCW Program—such as tax collection, fund distribution, credit programs, and audits—while annually forecasting revenues and planning District Projects. The District also delivers educational initiatives, including public engagement, workforce training, and school curriculum programs, with at least 20% of funds dedicated to these efforts over a five-year rolling period. Collaboration with stakeholders and special consideration for disadvantaged communities are emphasized throughout education program activities.

**Table 1 Funds Available and Allocation for Implementing District Program
FY2019-20 to FY2024-25**

Activity	FY2019-20 to FY2024-25
A: Total Funds Available Through FY2024-25	\$229.4M
SCW Program Tax Collection	\$167.1M
Interest Accrued for SCW Program ¹	\$62.3M
B: Total Allocation Through FY2024-25	\$146.1M
Program Administration - Administer the SCW District, Regional, and Municipal Programs	\$58.3M
District Projects - Plan, implement, and maintain District Projects	\$65.3M
Technical Assistance - Provide technical assistance, including the hiring and coordination of watershed coordinators	\$0.6M
District Planning & Studies - Oversee regional water quality planning and coordination, scientific studies, and water quality modeling	\$10.8M
Education Programs² - Public education and community engagement programs - Local workforce job training - Schools education and curriculum programs	\$11.1M
C: Total Ending Balance – i.e., Rollover for FY2025-26 (A-B)	\$83.3M

1. The District administers the SCW Program and holds SCW Program funds until they are ready to be disbursed to municipalities or developers. The District retains interest generated from both District Program funds and Regional and Municipal Program funds awaiting disbursement, and this accrued interest is allocated to the District Program.
2. Not less than twenty percent (20%) of District Program funds shall be allocated for Educational Programs over a revolving five (5) year period. Through the first 6 years of the District Program Education Program, **\$11.1M has been allocated (of the required \$33.4M), leaving \$22.3M that must be reserved for future Educational Program activity.**

2 Program Administration

The District provides overall program administration, coordination, and facilitation to support the effective implementation of the Safe, Clean Water Program. This includes oversight of program funding, coordination with County departments and external partners, and support for governance bodies to ensure alignment with program objectives and regulatory requirements. For the period of FY2019-20 to FY2024-25, **\$146.1M** was allocated for District Program Administration. Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Management & Facilitation of the Regional Oversight Committee
- Management & Facilitation of the Regional Program Governance Committees
- Development & Management of SCW Program Portal, Data and Tools
- Review & Approval of Reporting & Transfer Agreement Information and Disbursement of Funds
- Management of Technical Assistance Teams for Technical Resources Program
- Management of Tax Collection & Tax Relief Programs
- Management of the Credit Trading Program
- Development of Program-wide Reporting
- Regional Coordination & Watershed Coordinators
- Independent Review of Scientific Studies
- Disbursement of Regional & Municipal Funds
- Update and Maintain Website and Other Communication Tools

Additional details, including quantitative data for District Program Administration activities are provided in the [2026 Biennial Progress Report](#). Through these efforts, the District supports the development and implementation of projects that deliver Water Quality, Water Supply, and Community Investment Benefits in accordance with SCW Program ordinance.

3 District Projects

Through the District Program, the SCW Program can invest in efforts to plan, implement, and maintain District Projects in support of SCWP Goals. During the reporting period, funding was provided for the following projects. A description of the Projects and anticipated benefits are provided below.

Table 2 District Program Allocations to Flood Control District Projects for FY2019-20 to FY2024-25

Project	FY2019-20 to FY2024-25¹
Cogswell Reservoir Post-Fire Emergency Restoration Project	\$55.0M
LA River Segment B – Load Reduction Strategy Project	\$10.3M
TOTAL	\$65.3M

1. FY2024-25 is the first year District Program funds were allocated to Flood Control District projects, as they had been strategically accumulating to support the desired investments.

3.1 Cogswell Reservoir Post-Fire Emergency Restoration Project

Nearby Parcel Address for Reference:

Cogswell Dam, Azusa, CA, 91702

Project Description:

The Cogswell Reservoir Post-Fire Emergency Restoration Project encompassed the excavation of 2 million cubic yards of sediment from Cogswell reservoir, construction of drainage structures and asphalt concrete pavement, repair and replacement of utility infrastructure damaged by the Bobcat Fire, and the completion of appurtenant work. This project restores reservoir capacity, improving the dam's ability to capture stormwater to replenish local groundwater supplies, restores the dam's flood control management capabilities, and safeguards critical water infrastructure.

As of August 2026, the Project has completed construction.

Water Quality Benefits:

The project was designed to address the accumulation of sediment and debris in Cogswell Reservoir resulting from the Bobcat Fire and subsequent storm events. The Bobcat Fire affected 115,997 acres, including key watershed areas that supply the reservoir, which led to considerable deposits of ash, organic matter, and related pollutants during periods of rainfall. By removing these materials, the project directly enhances water quality by reducing the quantities of sediment, organic substances, and contaminants that could be transported downstream and impact other water resources. Restoring reservoir capacity further improves its ability to capture and retain incoming

debris, allowing for the settling of pollutants before controlled releases of water are made to downstream systems.

Furthermore, the project contributes significantly to flood risk mitigation. The combined operation of Cogswell, San Gabriel, and Morris Dams provides protection for the San Gabriel River system, which traverses densely populated urban areas. Effective flood prevention minimizes the introduction of urban runoff—including oils, chemicals, and solid waste—into the river during high-intensity storm events. By lowering the probability of floodwaters mobilizing these pollutants, the project supports the preservation of downstream water quality and the overall health of the watershed.

Water Supply Benefits:

Cogswell Dam operates as part of a system alongside San Gabriel and Morris Dam that supports the regional groundwater supply by capturing stormwater to be released to downstream spreading grounds, replenishing regional groundwater aquifers. When reservoir capacity is reduced, the dam's ability to capture storm flows diminishes. The project restored approximately 1,250 acre-feet of capacity in the facility for water capture, directly supporting regional water supply reliability, improving flood protection, and bolstering climate resilience and sustainability.

Community Investment:

The project safeguards downstream communities by restoring the operational capacity of Cogswell Dam. The restored capacity allows increased attenuation of peak storm flows, reduces the risk of downstream flooding, and improves local water supply for the residents of Los Angeles County.

3.2 LA River Segment B – Load Reduction Strategy Project

Nearby Parcel Address for Reference:

3848 Bandini Boulevard, Vernon, CA 90023-4532

Project Description:

The LA River Segment B LRS Project is located on Bandini Boulevard in a disadvantaged community in the City of Vernon. The project consists of installation a low-flow diversion structure to capture dry-weather flows, with the potential to capture a portion of wet-weather runoff and divert them to an existing sewer. This improvement will contribute toward compliance with the LA River Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

As of August 2026, the Project is in planning and design.

Water Quality Benefits:

The Project is designed to capture and divert 100% of dry-weather runoff, from a 2,037-acre drainage area and discharge to an existing sewer for treatment. The R2-04 outfall has been identified as a significant contributor to bacteria loading, so eliminating nuisance flows from this outfall will help improve the water quality of the downstream LA River.

Water Supply Benefits:

By capturing 100% of dry-weather flows and discharging them into LA County Sanitation District's sewer system during off-peak hours, the Project supports water supply augmentation through the reuse of treated flows as potable water.

Community Investment:

The Project enhances local communities by reducing pollutant discharges, improving regional stormwater quality, and contributing to local water supply resilience.

4 Technical Assistance

For the period of FY2019-20 to FY2024-25, **\$572,000** of District Program funding was allocated for Technical Assistance beyond what can typically be accommodated through Regional Program funding for Feasibility Studies developed through the Technical Resources Program (TRP). This supplemental support is intended for exceptionally complex Feasibility Studies, unforeseen technical needs, or to leverage existing Public Works resources to maintain consistency with County practices, at the discretion of the District. Key support services include:

- Hydrology study review and mapping support
- Geotechnical investigations and reporting
- Utility identification and coordination
- Sanitary sewer capacity analysis
- Best Management Practice (BMP) design and water quality/supply modeling

5 District Planning & Studies

The District conducts and supports planning initiatives and studies that improve SCW Program implementation and deepen technical understanding of local watershed conditions and project performance. During the reporting period, funding was provided for the following planning initiatives and studies. Descriptions of the studies are provided below.

Table 3 District Program Allocations for Planning & Studies for FY2019-20 to 2024-25

Plans & Studies	FY2019-20 to FY2024-25
Metrics & Monitoring Study	\$2.9M
Watershed Planning Initiative	\$7.6M
Scientific Studies Peer Review	\$0.3M
TOTAL	\$10.8M

5.1 Metrics & Monitoring Study (MMS)

The District Program oversees and manages a number of one-time efforts like the Metrics & Monitoring Study, MMS Equity White Paper, and development of specific guidance and guideline documents. Many of these efforts are described in the Adaptive Management Appendix C of the [2026 Biennial Progress Report](#).

5.2 Watershed Planning Initiative

The District Program funded the Watershed Planning Initiative to enhance and track SCW Program progress. It uses data, collaboration, and community input to inform SCW Program decisions, reduce redundancies, and enhance accountability across the region. Its output included nine Initial Watershed Plans that provide detailed information on Program-wide and Watershed Area-specific targets, needs, strategies, and opportunities within the scope of the SCW Program. Refer to [Watershed Planning Initiative](#) website for more information and the nine Initial Watershed Plans.

5.3 Scientific Studies Peer Review

The District Program funds an independent review process to provide an unbiased evaluation of the technical adequacy and robustness of each Scientific Studies Program application to support governance committee decision-making on the awarding SCW Regional Program Funds.

6 Education Programs

Of the \$146.1M in District Program allocations for the period of FY2019-20 to FY2024-25, stormwater educational Programs constituted 7.6% of the allocation, totaling \$11.1M, with the most substantial expense attributed to the Public Education & Community Engagement Grants Program Pilot. Additional activities following this reporting period will be described in future District Program Annual Plans and Reports which is expected to include contributions to existing education programs like Generation Earth, a new school yard transformation pilot program, and educational stormwater exhibits at the Discovery Cube Los Angeles.

Table 4 District Program Allocations to Stormwater Educational Programs for FY2019-20 to FY2024-25

Activity	FY19-20 to FY24-25
Water for LA Campaign	\$850K
Community Outreach Vehicle	\$232K
Grants Program Pilot	\$10M
Total	\$11.1M

6.1 General Public & Community Engagement

The primary method for distributing information about the SCW Program is through the [website](#), which includes events, public resources, and updates on key initiatives and stormwater improvement projects and management across the region. In March 2024 the District completed a strategic refresh of SCW Program communications, which included website redevelopment aimed at delivering consistent, clear, up-to-date, and culturally relevant information about the SCW Program. The website and other communication tools are tailored to diverse audiences and promote participation and

engagement, with an emphasis on increasing understanding of watershed health, stormwater capture, and the local benefits of SCWP investments. While these efforts contribute to Public & Community Engagement goals, work related to the website and other communication tools were funded through District Administration.

The SCW Program also amplifies communication through the Water for LA initiative, which is a trusted resource on all things water to help Los Angeles County residents understand and nurture their relationship with water. SCW Program Education funds were provided for Water for LA efforts that align with SCWP goals as a one-time cost share. A one-time cost share was also provided for the Public Works Community Outreach Vehicle to amplify SCW Program public and community engagement.

6.2 Public Education & Community Engagement Grants Program Pilot

As part of the District Education Program, the District entered into an agreement with the Water Foundation to develop and administer a Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program Pilot (Grants Program) for the SCW Program. The Grants Program awards grants to non-profits, community groups, small municipalities, and others to support sustained community engagement and education efforts that advance the Program Goals. The Grants Program is intended to increase awareness of the SCWP and enable community participation in achieving Program goals. The Sole Source Agreement with the Water Foundation was adopted on June 6, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$10M over a three-year term. To date, three rounds of grants have been reviewed, resulting in 52 grants funded for a total of \$8.5M. Grant funds have been distributed and proposed grant activities are currently in progress. The timeline for spending the funds will depend on the length of the proposal activities. However, all funds must be fully expended no later than **July 31, 2026**, and final reports must be submitted no later than **September 30, 2026**, which marks the Grants Program's final deadline.

7 Outlook

The District continues to steward SCW Program funds to support effective administration, project delivery, technical assistance, planning and studies, and education. Collectively, these investments have strengthened the processes, tools, resources, partnerships, and capacity needed to advance the SCW Program's water quality, water supply, and community investment goals. The District will continue to manage available resources strategically, align investments with evolving Program needs, and use information and experience gained through implementation to further strengthen the Program over time.

While this Report summarizes activities through FY2024-25, the District continues to strengthen Program implementation through adaptive management. Ongoing and emerging efforts include Scoring Criteria revisions, financial forecasting, updated Program guidance, Map and Dashboard enhancements, regional Project partnership services with Municipalities, establishment of a Scientific Advisory Panel, workforce development partnerships, the schools education Program, Discovery Cube Los Angeles, Baldwin Lake and Tule Pond Restoration Project, the Eaton Wash Dam Post-Fire Emergency Project, and other efforts to support Program administration and advance SCW Program goals. These ongoing efforts build on prior investments and will be reflected in future Program reporting.