

Safe, Clean Water Program

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

SIP Programming Guidelines



Infrastructure Program

- WASC shall review and recommend projects as they were submitted.
- The SIP shall program the total requested funding amount by the applicant or none. For multi-year infrastructure program projects, the WASC may re-distribute funding without changing the total funding request. There are other methods, which are detailed out in **“Attachment A”**.
 - If a project that has been programmed into the SIP experience changes in project cost or scope, a revised application will need to be submitted, which will also be re-scored by the scoring committee as requested by the WASC.
- The 85/10/5% ratios and DAC benefits will be evaluated over a rolling 5-yr period each year. These criteria are calculated based on the funding allocated, not the regional funding available.
- If the WASC determines a project provides DAC benefits and the project is included in the SIP, the full funding amount will be used toward the DAC criteria calculation.
- Municipality benefits and spectrum of project types and sizes will be evaluated using total project cost, to the extent feasible, over a rolling 5-year period each year. Additional methodology and process to be determined by District in year 2.

Technical Resources Program

- The District has committed to complete feasibility studies for a rate of \$300,000 to be approved and budgeted in the SIP. If less, the excess will be returned to the WASC. If more, District will use District Program SCW Funds to cover the excess cost.
 - The WASC may choose to allocate more than \$300,000 to a TRP, if they choose. Unused funds will be returned to the WASC regional program funds.
- The resulting feasibility studies will, at minimum, address the 19 requirements outlined in the SCW Feasibility Study Guidelines. Additional technical analysis will be included at the District’s discretion.
- Projects that do score above the threshold score cannot be referred to the Technical Resources Program.
- A placeholder of \$200,000 shall be programmed in the current SIP for watershed coordinator services.

General Notes

- For the current year, the District recommends the WASCs allocate no more than 80% of the estimated revenue to account for potential lesser revenue due to tax relief programs, to ensure future capacity for new projects and consider contingencies for programmed projects. For the subsequent 4 years, the District recommends the WASCs earmark no more than 50% of the estimated revenue.
- Under extenuating circumstances where the SIP criteria cannot be met, an exception may be permitted and disclosed in the SIP. For example, if very few IP projects were submitted such that it significantly restricts available funding for TRPs and SSs, up to 10% and 5% of revenue generated by the Watershed Area can be allocated towards TRP and SS, respectively.
- As a part of quarterly/annual reporting, applicants will have the opportunity to adjust their funding distribution for consideration during programming next year’s SIP.

Attachment A

SIP development for multi-year Infrastructure Program Projects- Example Scenarios/Methods

Infrastructure Program Project Developer (IPPD) desires \$30 M over 3 years (design/construction) for Project A; \$20 M elsewhere (\$50 M total)

	SIP	TOTAL SCW FUNDS REQUESTED	FY 20-21 (Budgeted)	FY 21-22 (Projection)	FY 22-23 (Projection)	FY 23-24 (Projection)	FY 24-25 (Projection)
Scenario	INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM						
1	Project A	\$30 M	\$10 M	\$10 M	\$10 M		
2	Project A	\$10 M	\$10 M				
3	Project A	\$30 M	\$10 M	\$10 M	\$10 M		
4	Project A	\$30 M	\$5 M	\$10 M	\$15 M		
5	Project A	\$30 M	\$30 M				
6	Project A	\$30 M				\$30 M	

Scenario 1: Project is structured in phases (or re-structured into phases without changing the overall scope or project cost) that can be funded annually; IPPD receives \$10 M in year 1 with documented anticipation of two subsequent \$10 M allocations for Phases 2 and 3.

Scenario 2: Project is structured in phases that can be funded annually; IPPD receives \$10 M in year 1 but needs to request future \$10 M allocations because the total project cost was not requested initially. This option is discouraged for planning purposes.

Scenario 3: Project is not structured in phases, but IPPD demonstrates the capacity and acknowledges the risk of performing the work without encumbering the entirety of funds in advance (with documented earmarks/anticipation of two subsequent \$10 M allocations)

Scenario 4: Project is not structured in phases and WASC chooses to allocate funding over multiple years/SIPs to be accrued by IPPD. The IPPD will begin work once all funding is in hand (annual amounts accrued could vary).

Scenario 5: Project is granted full request in its entirety up front, even if start of construction is multiple years away. This option is discouraged due to likely long-term uncertainties.

Scenario 6: Project is earmarked for full funding in a future SIP year. WASC may anticipate or plan for rolled over funds from prior years to allow for full funding in single future budget but is not guaranteeing any official recommended budget at this time.

NOTES:

- Future funding requests are subject to WASC annual confirmation of budget, scope, and schedule, and ultimately Board Approval.
- Example assumes that the SIP has met other requirements in LACFCD Code and accompanying guidelines (85/10/5; DAC %; etc.)
- Contingencies should be built-in to recommended SIP allocations at WASCs discretion.
- Operations and Maintenance still can be requested.