

# Safe, Clean Water Program

## Central Santa Monica Bay

### Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

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#### **Meeting Minutes:**

Thursday, November 19, 2020  
10:00am - 12:30pm  
WebEx Meeting

#### **Attendees**

##### WASC Members Present:

Cung Nguyen (LACFCD)  
EJ Caldwell (West Basin)  
Art Castro\* (LADWP)  
Sheila Brice (LA Bureau of Sanitation)  
Darryl Ford\* (LA Recreations & Parks)  
Rita Kampalath (LA County CEO)  
Gloria Walton (SCOPE)

Kim Martin\* (LA Waterkeeper)  
Josette Descalzo (West Hollywood)  
Charles Herbertson (Culver City)  
Rafael Prieto\* (Los Angeles)  
Liz Crosson (Los Angeles)  
Bruce Hamamoto (LA County)

##### WASC Members Not Present:

Jacob Lipa (Lipa Consulting)  
Ackley Padilla (Los Angeles)

Curtis Castle (Santa Monica)

\*WASC Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Liz Crosson, the Chair of the Central Santa Monica Bay WASC, called the meeting to order.

All WASC members made self-introductions, and a quorum was established.

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2020**

The District provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Liz Crosson asked the WASC members for comments or revisions.

Josette Descalzo made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Bruce Hamamoto seconded the motion. The WASC voted to approve the meeting minutes. (unanimous)

#### **3. Public Comment Period**

No public comments received.

#### **4. Committee Member and District Updates**

Kirk Allen provided the District update noting: Watershed Coordinator solicitation closed with 67 applications, the next steps will be for the WASCs to review and rank these applications; Transfer Agreements have been sent to all cities, and several cities have already sent back their annual plans; the County BOS adopted the 2020-21 SIP; and all regional Transfer Agreements have been sent to regional project developers.

#### **5. Discussion Items:**

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#### **a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosures**

No ex parte communication disclosures received.

#### **b) Safe, Clean Water Program updates, review of WASCs roles and responsibilities, schedule and timeline (Presentation by District and Stantec)**

The District and Stantec provided a summary of the latest District updates, WASC roles, and schedule for the new year. (See attached presentation pdf)

#### **c) Member Seat Vacancies**

##### **i) Reference - WASC Operating Guidelines (Page 6, Section 5 of Article IV - Term Lengths and Vacancies)**

The Districted noted that there is a vacancy currently on the Community Stakeholder block of members. This vacancy will be filled by the Board of Supervisors, and the District will keep the SSMB WASC updated. Additional information was provided on the alternate replacement processes for members. These processes can be found within the Committee Member handbook.

#### **6. Public Comment Period**

No public comments received.

#### **7. Voting Items:**

##### **a) Selection of Chair, Co-Chairs, and/or Vice Chair**

EJ Caldwell nominated Liz Crosson to continue on as chair. Cung Nguyen seconded the nomination. Liz Crosson offered to continue on as Chair and thanked the Committee for all the accomplishments they have been able to achieve to date.

Josette Descalzo nominated Charles Herbertson to continue on as vice chair. EJ Caldwell seconded the motion. Charles Herbertson offered to continue on as Vice Chair.

The Committee voted to approve voting item 7a. (unanimous)

##### **b) Send all completed feasibility studies to Scoring Committee for scoring**

Cung Nguyen made a motion to approve the voting item. Darryl Ford seconded the motion. The Committee voted to approve voting item 7b. (unanimous)

#### **8. Items for next agenda**

The District noted that the following meeting would include any update to scoring, update to watershed coordinator review and ranking, scheduling an additional meeting in December, as well as the process to begin presentations for projects.

#### **9. Adjournment**

Liz Crosson thanked the WASC members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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**CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY WASC MEETING - November 19, 2020**

		Quorum Present				Voting Items		
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Meeting Minutes	Voting Item 7a	Voting Item 7b
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	X	Carolina Hernandez		Y	Y	Y
Agency	West Basin MWD	E.J. Caldwell	X	Alex Heide		Y	Y	Y
Agency	LA Water & Power	Delon Kwan		Art Castro	X	Y	Y	Y
Agency	LA Sanitation District	Sheila Brice	X	Michael Scaduto		Y	Y	Y
Agency	LA Recreation & Parks	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	X	Y	Y	Y
Community	LAC Chief Sustainability Office	Rita Kampalath	X	Gary Gero		Y	Y	Y
Community	Lipa Consulting Company /	Jacob Lipa		Alysen Weiland				
Community	SCOPE	Gloria Walton	X			Y	Y	Y
Community	LA Waterkeeper	Bruce Reznik		Kim Martin	X	Y	Y	Y
Community								
Municipal	Beverly Hills /	Josette Descalzo	X	Hany Demitri		Y	Y	Y
Municipal	Culver City	<b>Charles Herbertson</b>	X	Kim Braun		Y	Y	Y
Municipal	Los Angeles	Ackley Padilla		Max Podemski				
Municipal	Los Angeles	Jeff Camp		Rafael Prieto	X	Y	Y	Y
Municipal	Los Angeles	<b>Liz Crosson</b>	X	Susie Santilena		Y	Y	Y
Municipal	LAC Public Works	Bruce Hamamoto	X	Armando D'Angelo		Y	Y	Y
Municipal	Santa Monica	Curtis Castle		Rick Valte				
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yay (Y)	13	13	13
Total Voting Members Present		13			Nay (N)	0	0	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	0	0	0
Community Stakeholder		3			Total	13	13	13
Municipal Members		5				Approved	Approved	Approved

Other Attendees
Armando D'Angelo
Brenda Ponton
Brett Perry
Bronwyn Kelly
Chanel Kincaid
Christine McLeod
Conor Mossavi
Dave Mercier
Gus Orozco
Ilene Ramirez
Jessica Cassman
Johanna Chang
Katie Harrel
Katie M
Kim Braun
Lauren Amimoto
Michael Gagan
Nichole Heil
Nick S
Ryan Jackson
Shahram Kharaghani
Susie Santilena



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**Regional issues...**

- 1 Improve Water Quality
- 2 Increase Local Water Supply
- 3 Enhance Communities

**Capture  
Clean  
Conserve**

**...Regional solutions**

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# Themes of Safe, Clean Water Program

<p><b>Collaboration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Developed &amp; implemented with diverse stakeholders</li> <li>❖ Unique dedicated funding for multi-benefit stormwater projects</li> <li>❖ Comprehensive and diverse governance committees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Asset Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Funding for operation and maintenance</li> <li>❖ Investments for long-term sustainability and resiliency</li> <li>❖ Emphasis on Nature-Based Solutions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Equity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Dedicated investments into Disadvantaged Communities</li> <li>❖ Watershed Coordinators build inclusion and connect communities with resources</li> <li>❖ Technical Assistance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Good Stewardship of Public Funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Accountability</li> <li>❖ Transparency</li> <li>❖ Reporting &amp; Auditing</li> <li>❖ Comprehensive tax relief options</li> </ul>	<p><b>Education &amp; Community Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Public &amp; School Education</li> <li>❖ Workforce Training</li> <li>❖ Collaboration with other programs</li> <li>❖ Community engagement throughout project stages</li> </ul>
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## WASC Roles and Responsibilities

Bring **together** each members' personal **experiences, expertise, and perspectives** in a collaborative setting to put forth the **best multi-benefit projects** for the region that addresses the **Watershed Area's priorities and needs**, meets the **SCW Program Goals**, and demonstrates a **fiscally responsible and balanced use of SCW funds**.

- Meet, confer, coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with one another, in good faith
- Share expertise and provide guidance, and information
- Develop annual SIP so to benefit stakeholder perspectives.

Refer to WASC Operating Guidelines for additional details

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## The communities you represent



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- Most of the 10 million people in Los Angeles County
  - About half of whom live in low-income and pollution burdened census areas
- If a state, LA County would be 10<sup>th</sup> largest.
- 1 in 35 Americans
- >\$700 Billion in economic activity annually

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## The communities you represent



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- Have decided to invest in improving environmental water quality (as required by MS4 permits)
- The decision included, however, ensuring the investments were community enhancing and job creating, overcoming of injustices and enhancing of water supply resilience.

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## Watershed Management in the SCWP

- Watershed Management encompasses
  - How challenges and opportunities resolve at water scales, not political scales
  - Upstream impacts downstream
  - Understanding and mimicking the system-of-systems that engages water, land, biology, policy, infrastructure, etc.
- Watershed Coordination
  - Relationships between people, and good communication are necessary
  - Listening to community expertise, developing investments that align with what the community requests

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## WASC Structure

Member Type	Position
Agency	Flood Control District
Agency	Water Agency
Agency	Groundwater / Water Agency 2
Agency	Sanitation
Agency	Open Space
Community Stakeholder	At Large
Community Stakeholder	At Large
Community Stakeholder	Environmental
Community Stakeholder	Business
Community Stakeholder	Environmental Justice
Municipal Members	

**Chair/Co-Chairs:** Represent the Committee and facilitate Committee and Meetings

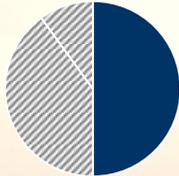
**Vice-Chair:** Support the Chair with their responsibilities and act on behalf in case of an absence of the Chair

**District Staff:** Assist with meetings and administer the SCW Program

Each committee member should assign an **Alternate** to attend on behalf of the **Primary** in case of an absence.

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# Regional Program



## 50% Program revenue

Provides funding for multi-benefit watershed-based projects

WATERSHED AREA	ANNUAL RETURN
Central Santa Monica Bay	\$17.3 Million
Lower Los Angeles River	\$12.4 Million
Lower San Gabriel River	\$16.4 Million
North Santa Monica Bay	\$1.8 Million
Rio Hondo	\$11.3 Million
Santa Clara River	\$5.8 Million
South Santa Monica Bay	\$17.6 Million
Upper Los Angeles River	\$37.6 Million
Upper San Gabriel River	\$18.5 Million

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## Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) FY 2020-2021

Board of Supervisors approved the 9 SIPs on October 13<sup>th</sup>

Program	Total SCW Funding Allocated FY20-25	Projects Submitted	Projects Recommended
Infrastructure Program (>85%)	\$358.2 M	58	41
Technical Resources Program (≤10%)	\$16.4 M	21	16
Scientific Studies Program (≤5%)	\$4.3 M	7	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$378.9 M</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>61</b>

Forty-One Infrastructure Program Projects will:

- Capture stormwater from over 61,000 acres
- Reduce pollutants and support MS4 compliance
- Leverages nearly \$340M in other funding
- Includes 37 projects providing at least 3 community investment benefits
- Invests in projects benefiting members of disadvantaged communities
- Will be spread across 21 Municipalities, but benefitting the whole region
- Includes 37 projects incorporating natural processes or natural materials

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## Call for Projects FY 2021-2022

Call for Projects closed on October 15<sup>th</sup>

Program	Total SCW Funding Requested	Projects Submitted
Infrastructure Program (>85%)	\$547.4 M	62
Technical Resources Program (≤10%)	\$13.1 M	9
Scientific Studies Program (≤5%)	\$4.2 M	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$564.7 M</b>	<b>85</b>

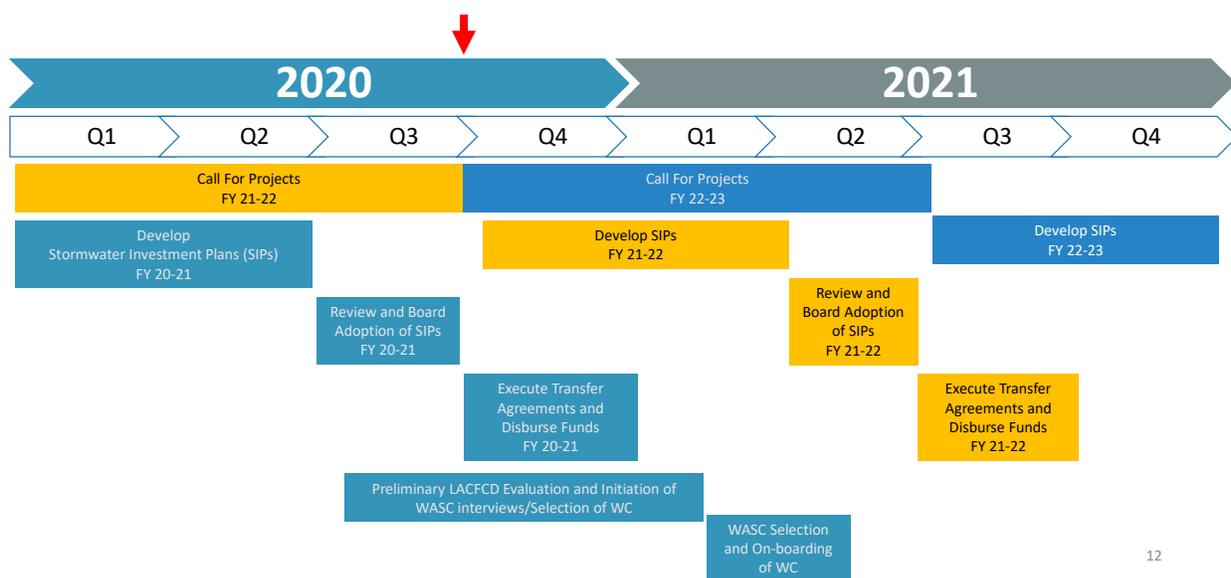
Watershed Area	Approximate Number of IP Projects
Central Santa Monica Bay	9
Lower Los Angeles River	8
Lower San Gabriel River	5
North Santa Monica Bay	2
Rio Hondo	9
Santa Clara River	0
South Santa Monica Bay	7
Upper Los Angeles River	16
Upper San Gabriel River	6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>62</b>

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## Call for Projects and Timeline



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## Watershed Coordinator Timeline

- The Qualified Proposers will be invited to provide a presentation of their Capabilities and Qualifications to the applicable WASC who will conduct an interview at a public meeting to select the Watershed Coordinator(s) in November/December.

Milestone	Anticipated Completion Date
WASC Interviews	December 2020
Execution of Agreement	January 2021
Start of Agreement	February 2021

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## Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs)

### Current Year:

- 5 year plan
- Assign funding for
  - Infrastructure Program
  - Technical Resource Program
  - Scientific Studies Program
- Budget for current year is transferred to Project Developers subject to the transfer agreement

	(FY 21-22) Regional Program Budget	(FY 22-23) Projection	(FY 23-24) Projection	(FY 24-25) Projection	(FY 25-26) Projection
<b>Infrastructure Program (not less than 85%)</b>					
Project 1					
Project 2					
Project 3					
Project 4					
Project 5					
<b>Scientific Studies (up to 5%)</b>					
Special Study					
Monitoring					
<b>Technical Resources Program (up to 10%)</b>					
Feasibility Study 1					
Feasibility Study 2					
Feasibility Study 3					
Watershed Coordinator					
<b>Grand Total</b>					

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## FY 21-22 SIP Programming Guidelines

- The 85%/10%/5% ratios, DAC benefits, Municipality benefits, and spectrum of project types and sizes will be **evaluated over a rolling 5-yr period**.
- WASCs have set the precedent of **reserving budget** to allow SIPs to handle unexpected decreases in revenue in the program, and so future project proponents have available resources.

Technical Resource Program

Infrastructure Program

Scientific Studies Program

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## FY 21-22 SIP Programming Guidelines

- The District has committed to complete feasibility studies for a rate of **\$300,000** to be approved and budgeted in the SIP.
- A placeholder of **\$200,000** shall be programmed in the current SIP for **watershed coordinator services**.
  - (for Upper LA River and Central Santa Monica Bay WASCs it is \$200,000 per coordinator)

Technical Resource Program

Infrastructure Program

Scientific Studies Program

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## FY 21-22 SIP Programming Guidelines

- The District intends to develop and include additional guidelines for FY 21-22 which will be available for public review.
  - This includes guidance for allocating partial funding, documenting disadvantaged communities benefits, assessing Nature-Based Solutions, Community Engagement and Water Supply benefit.
  - Once available, adopted guidance could inform governance committee discussions, begin establishing standard terminology, and be fully available for Round 3 considerations.

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## SCW Portal

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### Welcome to the Safe Clean Water Portal

Learn about Safe Clean Water Program projects, benefits and expenditures. We are protecting public health and our environment while maximizing a cleaner, locally-controlled water supply.

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# GIS Reference Map

ArcGIS Safe Clean Water Program GIS Reference Map

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Legend

Submitted Infrastructure Projects 2020-2021

- Upper Los Angeles River
- Central Santa Monica Bay
- Lower San Gabriel River
- Upper San Gabriel River
- Lower Los Angeles River
- Rio Hondo
- South Santa Monica Bay
- Santa Clara River
- North Santa Monica Bay

Safe Clean Water Program Watershed Areas

- Central Santa Monica Bay
- Lower Los Angeles River
- Lower San Gabriel River

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# Project Module



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## SIP Planning Tool Overview

**A** Total Project Cost

**B** Watershed Area

**C** Project Details

**D** Required DAC Ratio

**E** Distribution by SIP Funding Program

Watershed Area

Projects

	(FY 20-21)	(FY 21-22)	(FY 22-23)	(FY 23-24)	(FY 24-25)	Future Funding	TOTAL
A. Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Collected	\$16.67 M		\$83.33 M				
B. Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Available (A+B)	\$16.67 M	\$25.76 M	\$21.69 M	\$17.46 M	\$14.26 M		\$95.85 M
C. Total Allocated in the SIP	\$7.57 M	\$11.64 M	\$15.87 M	\$9.07 M	\$8.44 M	\$0.00 M	\$52.99 M
D. Remaining Balance/Rollover Funds (B-C)	\$9.09 M	\$5.83 M	\$8.79 M	\$7.99 M	\$8.22 M		
E. Percent Allocated (C/B)	45%	45%	73%	52%	59%		63%

Row Labels	DAC	(FY 20-21)	(FY 21-22)	(FY 22-23)	(FY 23-24)	(FY 24-25)	Future Funding	TOTAL
Infrastructure Program		\$ 7,060,594.00	\$ 11,126,907.00	\$ 15,861,833.00	\$ 8,781,433.00	\$ 8,133,538.00	\$ -	\$ 50,443,905.00
Adventure Park Multi Benefit Storm	Yes	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 5,500,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,500,000.00
Bayfair Park	Yes	\$ 473,000.00	\$ 198,225.00	\$ 198,225.00	\$ 198,225.00	\$ 198,225.00	\$ -	\$ 1,265,900.00
Caruthers Park	Yes	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 177,000.00	\$ 177,000.00	\$ 177,000.00	\$ 177,000.00	\$ -	\$ 858,000.00
El Dorado Regional Project	Yes	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00
Hermosa Park	Yes	\$ 2,240,000.00	\$ 1,860,000.00	\$ 5,340,000.00	\$ 5,340,000.00	\$ 5,330,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,110,000.00
Mayfair Park	Yes	\$ 253,225.00	\$ 253,225.00	\$ 253,225.00	\$ 253,225.00	\$ 253,225.00	\$ -	\$ 1,266,125.00
Skylinks Golf Course at Warflow St	No	\$ 1,047,369.00	\$ 1,638,457.00	\$ 2,792,983.00	\$ 2,792,983.00	\$ 2,175,088.00	\$ -	\$ 10,446,886.00
Scientific Studies		\$ 310,111.00	\$ 310,111.00	\$ 310,111.00	\$ 109,113.00	\$ 109,113.00	\$ -	\$ 1,148,556.00
Regional Scientific Study to Supper	(blank)	\$ 310,111.00	\$ 310,111.00	\$ 310,111.00	\$ 109,113.00	\$ 109,113.00	\$ -	\$ 1,148,556.00
Technical Resources Program		\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
Watershed Coordinator #1	(blank)	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$ 7,270,709.00	\$ 11,827,018.00	\$ 15,871,844.00	\$ 9,270,346.00	\$ 8,443,851.00	\$ -	\$ 52,382,464.00

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## WASC Operating Guidelines – Additional Responsibilities

- **Meetings**
  - Each WASC shall hold regular public meetings, no less than quarterly.
  - An absence of **two** consecutive meetings or more than **three** meetings in one year will make the member eligible for removal from the WASC.
  - WASC meetings are subject to the **Brown Act**.
- **Quarterly Progress/Expenditure Reports**
  - WASCs are responsible for reviewing quarterly progress and expenditure reports submitted by project developers for funded projects.
- **Watershed Area Regional Program Progress Reports**
  - District staff will prepare a draft WARPP report on behalf of each WASC. Each WASC will be responsible for review and approval of the WARPP before submittal of the report of the ROC.
  - First WARRP report is due 6/30/22

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## Links to important tasks and documents for reference

- Designation of Alternate Member (Please notify District staff via email)
- [Regional Program Committee Handbook](#)
- [Ex Parte Communication Guidelines](#)
- [WASC Acknowledgment Form](#) (Please complete and submit to District staff)
- [Conflict of Interest \(COI\) Training Video \(online\)](#)
  - [COI Training Slides](#)
  - [COI - Q & A \(updated 1/16/2020\)](#)
  - [COI - Acknowledgement Form](#)
- [Expectations of Chair, Co-Chair, and/or Vice Chair](#)
- [Overview of the Safe, Clean Water Program](#) (presentation)
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