

Safe, Clean Water Program

South Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
2:00pm - 4:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

Cung Nguyen (LACFCD)	Wendy Butts (LA Conservation Corps)
E.J. Caldwell (West Basin)	Susie Santilena (Los Angeles)
Lindsey Bloxom* (WRD)	TJ Moon (LA County Public Works)
Kristen Ruffell (LAC Sanitation District)	John Dettle (Torrance)
Darryl Ford* (Los Angeles Rec & Park)	Geraldine Traveti* (EWMP: Beach Cities)
Craig Cadwallader (Surfrider Foundation)	Heecheol Kwon (EWMP: Dominguez)
Guang Yu Wang (SMB Restoration Commission)	Ken Rukavina (EWMP: Peninsula)
Hany Fangary (Fangary Law Group)	

Committee Members Not Present:

Julio Gonzalez (Carson)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for the full list of attendees.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kristen Ruffell, Chair of the South Santa Monica Bay WASC, welcomed the WASC and called the meeting to order.

The District gave a tutorial on WebEx and facilitated the roll call. WASC made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2021

The District provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Kristen Ruffell asked the WASC for comments or revisions.

John Dettle made a motion to approve the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes and Darryl Ford seconded the motion. The WASC voted to approve the meeting minutes. (14 Approved, see Vote Tracker sheet).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

Kirk Allen (District) provided the District updates, noting:

- Fund Transfer Agreements (TAs) are being executed across the Municipal and Regional programs; over half of the Cities have received their local returns (approximately \$80M). Second Annual Plans were due April 1, 2021 and the Second Annual payment is scheduled for August 2021.
- Regional Program: 38 of 48 TAs have been received and 14 have been funded from the first Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs).

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- WASC will utilize online SIP Planning Tool to select projects to include in SIP. Final SIP should be completed by early May to reach the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) by June, and then will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval by July 2021.
- Watershed Coordinators (WC): 4 of the 12 WCs have executed agreements. Nancy Schrodes is the (WC) for SSMB WASC. Mike Antos (Stantec) will continue in his Regional WC role.
- Technical Resource Program (TRP): 14 of 16 consultants have received Notices to Proceed. The Harbor City Park Project (WatEarth) and Eastview Park Project (WSP) have been selected by this WASC.
- The deadline for Round 3 call for projects is July 31, 2021.
- Tax relief applications are due May 1, 2021. Low-Income Senior-Owned (LISO) properties and general income-based tax reductions (GIBTR) are available to property owners who meet the minimum income and/or age thresholds.
- Partial funding guidelines have been prepared for utilization by the WASCs.

Cung Nguyen reminded project proponents that Feasibility Studies should be provided to LACFCD 2 months in advance for conceptual approval.

4. Public Comment Period

Nancy Schrodes, (WC) from Heal the Bay submitted a comment card regarding funding information from the Ocean Protection Council (see attached comment card). Currently, there is a solicitation for letters of intent from environmental justice communities in DAC areas near the Coast using Prop 1 funds, including LA Harbor, San Pedro, and Wilmington. LOI are due April 23, 2021. More details are available at opc.ca.gov/prop1/

Fernando Navarrete, Wilmington Field Deputy, on behalf of City of Los Angeles Councilman Joe Buscaino of District 15, extended support for the Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project. Also, Jacob Haik, Deputy Chief of Staff of Councilman Joe Buscaino, extended support for Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project.

5. Discussion Items:

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Kristen Ruffell participated in meeting with the City of Carson on general Safe, Clean Water Program information.

Susie Santilena participated in a meeting with Accelerating Resilience Los Angeles (ARLA) regarding the SCW Program that focused on DAC Benefits.

b) South Santa Monica Bay (SSMB) Project Prioritization and Selection Discussion for populating the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Stormwater Investment Plan ([SCW Portal](#) & [SSMB Scoring Rubric](#))

i) Infrastructure Program (IP)

- (1) [Carson Stormwater and Runoff Capture Project at Carriage Crest Park](#) – City of Carson
- (2) [Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex Mitigation Project](#) – City of Rancho Palos Verdes
- (3) [South Santa Monica Bay Water Quality Enhancement: 28th Street Storm Drain Infiltration Project](#) – City of Manhattan Beach
- (4) [Stormwater Basin Expansion Project](#) – City of Torrance

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- (5) Torrance Airport Storm Water Basin Project, Phase 2 Construction – City of Torrance
- (6) Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project – City of Los Angeles

ii) Technical Resources Program (TRP)

- (1) Palos Verdes Peninsula Multi-Benefit Flow Diversion Project – City of Rolling Hills Estates
- (2) Prioritization of Parkway BMPs for Dominguez Channel/Harbors Toxics TMDL – City of Torrance
- (3) Watershed Coordinator

iii) Scientific Studies Program (SSP)

- (1) Regional Pathogen Reduction Study – Gateway Water Management Authority

Kirk Allen commented that the WASC has not yet received scientific summaries from SCCWRP. A ranking poll was sent to the WASC. The Technical Resource Projects and Scientific Studies were not included in the rankings submitted by the WASC.

iv) Preliminary Ranking of Projects

The FY21-22 SSMB Ranking Tool sheet, which showed most of the WASC's project rankings, was shared at the meeting. Hany Fangary, E.J. Caldwell, and Guang Yu Wang provided their rankings verbally at the meeting (see attached ranking tool sheet).

The top 3 ranked projects are:

1. Carson Stormwater and Runoff Capture at Carriage Crest Park
2. SSMB Water Quality Enhancement: 28th Street Storm Drain Infiltration
3. Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project

The WASC reviewed various funding scenarios which were saved on the online SIP tool.

Susie Santilena confirmed that the funding request for the Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project fell within the City of Los Angeles' funding allotment.

John Dettle reviewed the drainage breakdown for the Torrance Airport Stormwater Basin Project. Susie Santilena noted that the Torrance Airport Project should not claim DAC Benefits. John Dettle confirmed with TJ Moon that the Torrance Airport Project would be waiting until FY23-24 to request IP funding.

Mamerto Estepa, Civil Engineer for the City of Manhattan Beach, noted that the Manhattan Beach Project is open to partial funding and that they are seeking other funding opportunities from Prop 1 and Caltrans. TJ Moon commented in support of funding the design phase for the SSMB Water Quality Enhancement project. The City of Manhattan Beach has submitted a form to redistribute funding over 5 years.

The topic of DAC designations was mentioned by several WASC members and will be a topic of discussion at the next meeting. The WASC members also discussed budget concerns of programming too many future projects.

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6. Public Comment Period

Kathleen McGowan commented on behalf of the Peninsula Cities in support of the DAC designation for the Torrance Airport Project. TJ Moon expressed support for the Torrance Airport Project. John Hunter, on behalf of Rancho Palos Verdes, commented in support of Torrance Airport Project. Ken Rukavina commented in support of the Torrance Airport Project.

7. Voting Items

a) Approve the final Fiscal Year 2021-22 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendations for the SSMB Watershed Area and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee for review

Will be moved to the next meeting.

8. Items for Next Agenda

a) Approve the final Fiscal Year 2021-22 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendations for the SSMB Watershed Area and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee for review (if needed).

b) Discussion of Technical Resource Project decisions

c) Review of Scientific Studies from SCCWRP summaries.

9. Adjournment

Kristen Ruffell thanked the WASC and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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		Quorum Present			Voting Items	
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	03/17 Meeting Minutes
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	x	Ramy Gindi		Y
Agency	West Basin MWD	E.J. Caldwell	x	Alex Heide		Y
Agency	Water Replenishment District	Diane Gatza		Lyndsey Bloxom	x	Y
Agency	LAC Sanitation District	<u>Kristen Ruffell</u>	x	Mike Sullivan		Y
Agency	LA Recreation & Parks	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	x	Y
Community Stakeholder	VACANT					
Community Stakeholder	Surfrider Foundation South Bay Chapter	Craig Cadwallader	x	Mary Simun		A
Community Stakeholder	Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission	Guang Yu Wang	x			Y
Community Stakeholder	Fangary Law Group	Hany Fangary	x	Justin Massey		Y
Community Stakeholder	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Wendy Butts	x	Bo Savage		Y
Municipal Members	Carson	Julio Gonzalez		Eliza Jane Whitman		
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Susie Santilena	x	Ilene Ramirez		Y
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	TJ Moon	x	Thuan Nguyen		Y
Municipal Members	Torrance	John Dettle	x	Wilson Mendoza		Y
Municipal Members	EWMP: Beach Cities	Shawn Igoe		Geraldine Trivedi	x	Y
Municipal Members	EWMP: Dominguez	Heecheol Kwon	x	Mitchell Wagner		Y
Municipal Members	EWMP: Peninsula	Ken Rukavina	x	David Wahba		Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yay (Y)	14
Total Voting Members Present		15			Nay (N)	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	1
Community Stakeholder		4			Total	15
Municipal Members		6				Approved

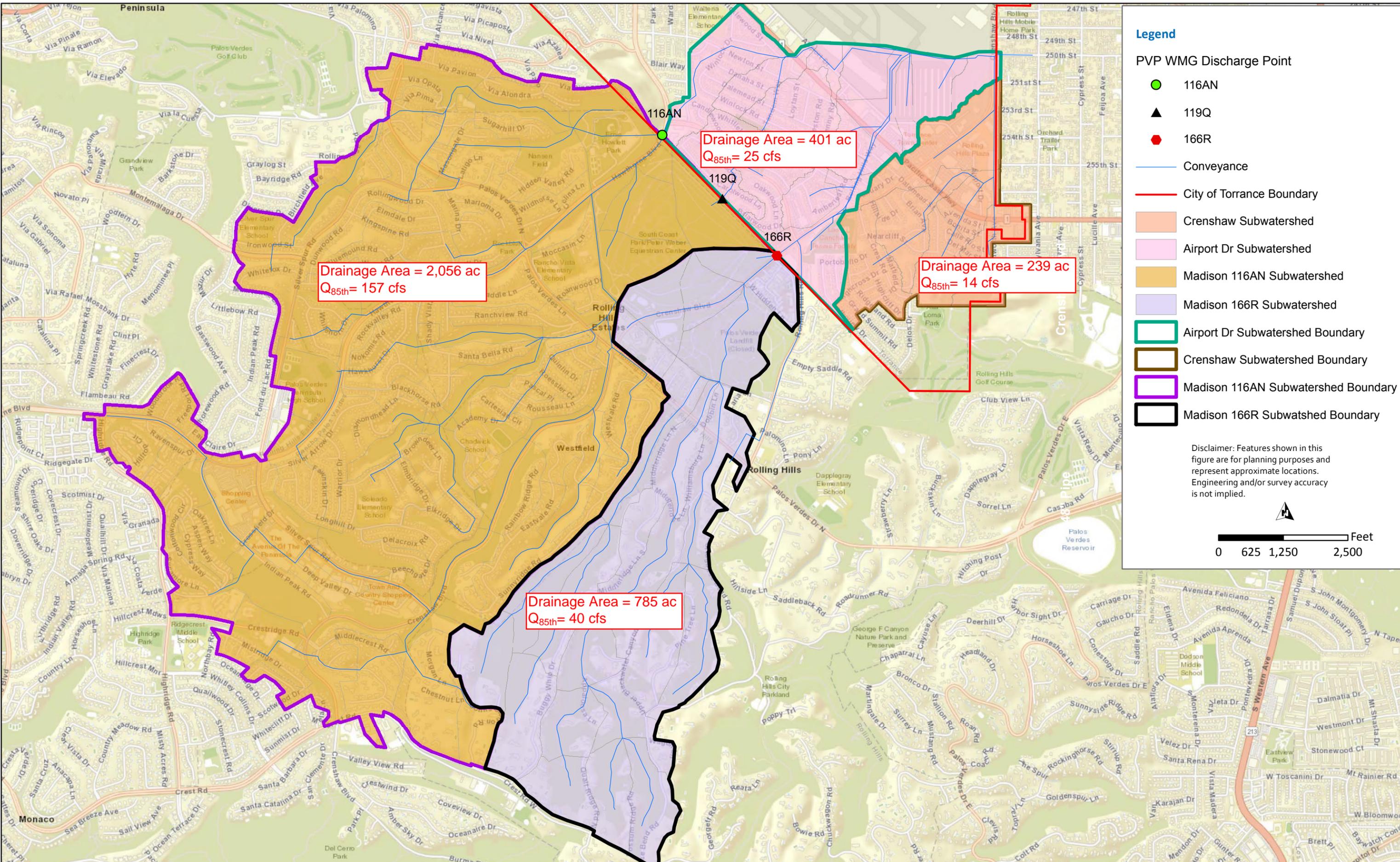
Other Attendees	
Brett Perry	Seth Carr
Christine McLeod	Shahram Kharaghani
Fernando Navarrete	Sheila Brice
I EC	Tammy Takigawa
Ilene Ramirez	Taraneh.nik-khah
Jacob Haik	Wilson Mendoza
Jacqueline Mak	Lauren Amimoto
John Hunter	
Jose Avina	
Kathleen McGowan	
Lorena Matos	
Mercedes Passanisi	
Michelle Staffield	
Mo Estepa	
Nate Schreiner	
Paul Glen	
Prem	

Torrance Airport Stormwater Basin Project, I-174
Breakdown of Drainage Area by City

Partner Cities	Drainage Area*		Share (%)
	Acre	Square Miles	
			(Based on Drainage Area)
Torrance	401.00	0.63	12.37%
Palos Verdes Estates	83.37	0.13	2.57%
Rancho Palos Verdes	569.42	0.89	17.56%
Rolling Hills Estates	1,034.41	1.62	31.90%
Rolling Hills	718.78	1.12	22.17%
LA County Unincorporated	435.22	0.68	13.42%
Total	3,242.20	5.07	100.0%

* From Preliminary Design Report (Carollo, July 2019)

** Estimated Final Design and Construction Cost. Actual cost will be based on RFP-based proposals, bids, etc.



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Programming of Partial Funding



ATTACHMENT A: Funding Reduction Concurrence (FRC) FORM

The purpose of this FRC form is to demonstrate an IPPA’s or SSA’s willingness and ability to complete a project or study with a lesser amount than the amount requested in its application (“partial funding”), in order for the project or study to be recommended in a Stormwater Investment Plan for partial funding. The partial funding award must not negatively impact the score achieved by the initial application or result in any changes to the project’s or study’s scope or benefits as identified in the application and submitted Feasibility Study, if applicable. The IPPA or SSA is required to submit a FRC form to facilitate the partial funding process.

Project/Study Name	South Santa Monica Bay Water Quality Enhancement: 28th Street Storm Drain Infiltration Project
Project/Study Lead	City of Manhattan Beach (Mamerto Estepa Jr., Prem Kumar, and Shawn Igoe)
Watershed Area(s)	South Santa Monica Bay

Brief description of why and how the funding request included in the application is being reduced (e.g. Project or Study will be phased, more information has become available, additional leveraged funding was secured, etc.):

The City proposes a funding reduction during Year 1 (FY21-22) in order to make the project more attractive to SCW and other funding source grant reviewers, by preparing the project to be "shovel-ready" with a completed design and realistic project completion timeline. Funds for construction administration will be removed from Year 1 and construction costs will be distributed through Years 2-5. Furthermore, the cost for construction and construction administration will be distributed through Years 2-5. The City will aggressively pursue other grant funding opportunities to fund the project, since the City cannot self-fund the project in its entirety. Currently, the City is one of six agencies placed on the "standby" list for the Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Round 2, meaning that funding may be awarded if other projects are canceled or if additional funding becomes available. The City requested \$8.535 million (48% of the total project cost) under the Proposition 1 grant. The City is also pursuing a funding under the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program, authorized under the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018. See attached letters for reference. It should be noted that, to date, the City has expended \$56,000 of in-kind services and \$122,000 of City General CIP Fund expenditure for CWE's Feasibility Study for a total of \$178,000.

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Revised Eligible Expenditure Projections:

Funding Year	Fiscal Year	Amount	Description/Phase
1	21-22	\$1,497,100.00	Design
2	22-23	\$4,005,732.50	25% of Construction and Construction Management
3	23-24	\$4,005,732.50	25% of Construction and Construction Management
4	24-25	\$4,055,732.50	25% of Construction and Construction Management, Monitoring and Analysis
5	25-26	\$4,055,732.50	25% of Construction and Construction Management, Monitoring and Analysis
Future Funding		TBD	TBD
TOTAL		\$17,620,030.00	

A: Total Original SCW Funding Request	\$17,620,030.00 [\$2,545,330.00 for Year 1]
B: Total Revised SCW Funding Award	\$17,620,030.00 [\$1,497,100.00 for Year 1]
C: Shortfall (A-B)	\$17,620,030.00 [\$1,048,230.00 for Year 1]

Compensation plan for shortfall – Include evidence of the status (must be assurance of timely secured funds for WASC to consider partial funding award) and amount of each additional funding source to ensure completion of all activities proposed in the application and submitted Feasibility Study, if applicable (cost share, grants, SCW Municipal Program funds, subsequent SCW funding request, etc.). Also, include description of the which elements will be funded by this SCW funding request and by funds outside this SCW funding request to demonstrate all elements are funded. For phased projects or studies, provide information on additional funding sources to complete all activities proposed in the phased scope of work (if any).

Note that compensation was reduced in Year 1, to include only funds to complete the design phase of the project. For programming purposes, the request to reduce funding by \$1,048,230.00 is for construction administration.

Because of the financial impact to the City in delivering this high dollar project and the pandemic negative impact to revenues, the City may have to wait until Year 3 or 4, when sufficient accumulated funds are programmed through SCW before we can award the construction contract. Due to the City's inability to self-fund the project in its entirety, the City will continue to actively seek and explore other project funding sources. Recently the City applied for funding under the Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Round 2 and was placed on the "standby" list, meaning that funding may be awarded if other projects are canceled or if additional funding is available. In addition, the City is currently exploring the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program, authorized under the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018. See attached letters for reference.

The City's Prop 1 funding request is \$8.535 million. If the City is awarded this amount, the City will leverage these funds along with the in-kind services provided and to be provided by the City, to fund nearly 50% of the total project cost.

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If applicable, provide a description and justification of any de minimis scope changes that will maintain or increase the Project Score or improve the Scientific Study. De minimis scope changes should be within the parameters and design of the project or study scope identified in the submitted Feasibility Study or Scientific Study application and any associated additional cost, in addition to the shortfall from the original request, must be covered by other non-SCWP funds.

Not applicable.

I confirm that partial funding award will not negatively impact the achieved score or result in changes to Project or Study scope or benefits provided as described in the application and submitted Feasibility Study, if applicable. YES

If Project or Study is to be considered in phases, I understand that funding for future phases is not guaranteed, and that submission of a new application is required for funding for future phases not shown in the current SIP, and that annual funding is at the discretion of the WASC, ROC, and ultimately the Board of Supervisors. YES N/A

Mamerto A. Estepa Jr.

City of Manhattan Beach

Name _____

Organization _____

Signature Mamerto A. Estepa Jr., PE

March 16, 2021
Date _____



State Water Resources Control Board

February 23, 2021

Sent via email to: pkumar@citymb.info

Prem Kumar
City of Manhattan Beach
3621 Bell Ave
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 2 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT SOLICITATION FUNDING DECISION, FAAST PIN 46188

Thank you for your application for funding through our Proposition 1 (Prop 1) Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP) Round 2 Implementation Grant solicitation. After an evaluation of proposals based on programmatic requirements, we regret to inform you that your project was not chosen for funding. This was a highly competitive funding round and only 24 of 67 proposals received funding.

Although not selected for funding at this time, your project was favorably reviewed and is one of six projects that has been placed on the "standby" list. We may eventually award funding to your project if other awarded projects are cancelled or funding becomes otherwise available. In the next several months, it is anticipated that up to an additional \$30 million in bond funds may be appropriated for SWGP projects, which may enable us to award funds to a significant portion of the Round 2 "standby" projects. So that we can plan accordingly, please let us know if you do not want to remain on the "standby" list.

With your proposal, we know that you see the major shift in California in how we think about storm water. Rather than viewing storm water only as a nuisance due to threats posed by flooding or pollutants in storm water, communities throughout the state are looking for ways to turn storm water into a resource to combat drought and the effects of climate change. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to addressing these urgent issues.

Although we were not able to fund your project at this time, we know it is important to you. Below we have provided more information about potential alternative funding sources. We are also available to provide feedback on your proposal.

A new federal funding program, the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program, was authorized under the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018. A total of approximately \$7 million is available for projects in California. This program will have many of the same program requirements as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. If you are interested in pursuing funding from this new program, for the project described in your SWGP Round 2 proposal, please send an email indicating your interest to the SWGP Program Manager, Daman Badyal (contact information provided below), by March 31, 2021. After more specific program

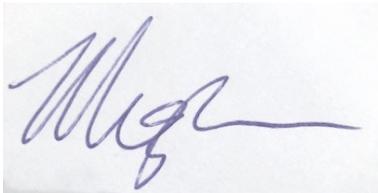
E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

guidance is provided by the United State Environmental Protection Agency, eligible proposals that expressed interest may be prioritized for award as appropriate.

For other current and future storm water grant funding opportunities, please visit the California Grants Portal, a new online resource with information regarding all state grant and loan opportunities, at: <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>.

Please contact the SWGP Program Manager, Daman Badyal with any questions at damanvir.badyal@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Meghan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Meghan Tosney, Bonds Section Chief
Division of Financial Assistance



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March 23, 2021

Via Electronic Mail

State Water Resources Control Board
Attn: Daman Badyal, SWGP Program Manager
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

**RESPONSE TO PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 2 IMPLEMENTATION
GRANT SOLICITATION FUNDING DECISION**

Dear Daman Badyal,

The City of Manhattan Beach Public Works Engineering Division received the State Water Resources Control Board's decision letter, dated February 23, 2021, regarding the City's proposal for funding through Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGP) Round 2. Thank you for reviewing our proposal and placing us on the "standby" list. We hope to be considered for future funding.

In addition, the City is interested pursuing funding through the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program, authorized under the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018. Please forward any information regarding this grant to mestepa@citymb.info. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mamerto A. Estepa Jr., PE".

Mamerto A. Estepa Jr.
Senior Civil Engineer

