

WASC MEETING UPDATES

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**SAFE
CLEAN
WATER
PROGRAM**

TASK 1

FACILITATE COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT ABOUT THE
SCWP.

EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- Grocery Outlet Pop-Up Event, *Basset/Avocado Heights*
- EM Partnership for Youth & Families, *El Monte*
- Instagram Live: SCWP Introduction, *Virtual*
- Lopez Urban Farm Community Event, *Pomona*
- SCWP Presentation for Mt. SAC Students, *Walnut*
- Healthy Harvest Event at San Angelo Park, *La Puente*

MEETINGS

- Melissa Kozono, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center (ESGVJCC), *West Covina*
- Stephen Yorba, Lopez Urban Farm, *Pomona*
- Claudia Goytia, American Heart Association, *LA County*
- Mary Sinclair, Parks & Recreation, *San Dimas*

TASK 2 & 3

IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP
PROJECT CONCEPTS

WORK WITH TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE TEAMS

TECHNICAL RESOURCE PROGRAM (TRP) PRESENTATIONS

- Collective Watershed Coordinator TRP Presentation, approved for use.
- Finalizing dates to present to service orgs and community groups.

GETTING HELP WITH YOUR STORMWATER IDEA

FROM THE TECHNICAL RESOURCES
PROGRAM



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DISTRIBUTING TRP MATERIALS

- Distributing physical materials about the TRP
- Emailing Fact Sheets to Interested Parties

Technical Resources Program Support from the Safe, Clean Water Program

If your agency or organization has identified a project that increases local water supply, improves water quality, and/or invests in communities, you may be eligible for Safe, Clean Water Program support.

There are three programs that offer support to project proponents. The Infrastructure Program (IP) offers funding for design, construction, and/or operations and maintenance efforts; a completed Feasibility Study is required to apply for IP. The Technical Resources Program (TRP) offers technical support from District staff to develop a Feasibility Study, enabling project proponents to then apply to the IP. Lastly, the Scientific Study Program offers funding for scientific and technical activities related to stormwater and urban runoff capture and pollution reduction.

The timeline below provides details about how you can apply for TRP support and what to expect during the process.

What does being selected for Technical Resources Program support mean?

- District Technical Assistance Teams (TATs) will complete Feasibility Studies from project concepts in partnership with the project proponent.
- Completed Feasibility Studies will include the nineteen required components of an Infrastructure Program application.

The Technical Resources Program does NOT:

- x Include community engagement efforts or guarantee support from the County.
- x Award money to project proponents to conduct their own feasibility study or to hire a consultant to conduct their feasibility study.
- x Produce a conceptual project design, 30% design, or similar.
- x Guarantee project eligibility for Infrastructure Program funding. Some projects may be deemed infeasible or impractical.

What is a Fund Transfer Agreement?

The Fund Transfer Agreement establishes program requirements, obligations, and general terms and conditions between the project proponent and the District in order to disburse Safe, Clean Water Program funds. Template Fund Transfer Agreements with exhibits are available at safecleanwaterla.org.

Anticipated* Timeline for Your Proposal

- Start**: Project proponent engages with Watershed Coordinator to learn about Safe, Clean Water Program implementation and projects in their Watershed Area.
- July**: Project proponent submits project concept to the TRP of the relevant Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC).
- Spring**: WASC selects project concepts that can receive support from District TATs.
- Summer**: Following Board approval of the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) identifying the TRP concept, District TATs work with project proponent (on proponent's own time) to begin developing a complete Feasibility Study. *Depending on District TAT turnaround, can be 13-25 months*
- July**: If deemed feasible, project proponent uses Feasibility Study developed by the District TATs to submit an application to the Infrastructure Program.
- Spring**: Infrastructure Program applications are considered for funding. See figure on back to understand the roles the WASCs, Scoring Committee, Regional Oversight Committee, and LA County Board of Supervisors play in these funding decisions.
- Summer**: Following Board approval of the SIP identifying the IP project, District and project proponent initiate execution of the Fund Transfer Agreement to allow disbursement of funds.

*Timeline subject to change, see safecleanwaterla.org for current information

The Safe, Clean Water Program provides local, dedicated funding to increase our local water supply, improve water quality, and invest in communities.

For more information and to find your watershed area, go to www.safecleanwaterla.org

Application Process and the Role of the Feasibility Study

TECHNICAL RESOURCES PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

PROJECT PROPONENT → TECHNICAL RESOURCES PROGRAM APPLICATION → WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEE → REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE → BOARD OF SUPERVISORS → DISTRICT TATs MOBILIZED → FEASIBILITY STUDY → PROJECT PROPONENT → FEASIBILITY STUDY AS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM APPLICATION (IF PROJECT IS FOUND FEASIBLE) → WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEE → REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE → BOARD OF SUPERVISORS → FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

19 Feasibility Study Components

- Detailed description of the proposed project
- Description and estimate of the benefits provided
- Estimated schedule
- Review of effectiveness of similar types of projects
- Monitoring plans
- Lifecycle cost estimate and schedule
- Operations and maintenance plan
- Engineering analysis
- Potential CEQA-related and permitting challenges
- Letter of support from the Municipality
- Outreach/engagement plan
- Compliance with any County-wide anti-displacement goals
- Vector minimization plan
- Description of how nature-based solutions are utilized
- Summary of any legal requirements or obligations
- Conceptual approval from LACFCDD, if applicable
- Acknowledgment of eligible expenditures
- Summary of leveraged funds
- Summary of how project will benefit disadvantaged communities

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

PROJECT PROPONENT → FEASIBILITY STUDY AS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM APPLICATION (IF PROJECT IS FOUND FEASIBLE) → WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEE → REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE → BOARD OF SUPERVISORS → FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

Infrastructure Program Scoring Criteria

Infrastructure Program projects must receive a minimum scoring threshold of 60 points to be considered for funding by the WASC.

50 points max A1 Wet+Dry Weather Water Quality Benefits	- OR -	40 points max A2 Dry Weather Only Water Quality Benefits	25 points max B Significant Water Supply Benefits
10 points max C Community Investment Benefits		15 points max D Nature-Based Solutions	10 points max E Leveraging Funds and Community Support

Este folleto está disponible en inglés y español en www.safecleanwaterla.org | This handout is available in English and Spanish at www.safecleanwaterla.org

Getting Help with Your Stormwater Idea

Using the Technical Resources Program to Receive Support from the Safe, Clean Water Program.

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- Municipality, CBO, NGO, or organization/individual has an idea for a Multi-Benefit Project in their community but does not yet have a feasibility study satisfying the 19 minimum requirements in SCW Feasibility Study Guidelines.
- Project proponent engages with relevant Watershed Coordinator and formalizes project concept.
- Project proponent submits the relevant Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) through the Safe, Clean Water project module for Technical Resources Program support.
- WASC selects project concepts for further development and recommends selected concepts in its Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) to receive support from Technical Assistance Teams.
- Board approves SIPs and District Technical Assistance Teams begin work with project proponent to develop a project feasibility study.
- Project proponent uses feasibility study developed by the Technical Assistance Teams to submit an application to the Infrastructure Program.

Anticipated Total Time Elapsed: 26 - 40 Months

If project is deemed infeasible or does not meet Safe, Clean Water Program requirements for Infrastructure Program funding, project proponent should not apply for Infrastructure Program funding.

QA What role does the Watershed Coordinator play?

Watershed Coordinators educate, build capacity in communities, and facilitate community and stakeholder engagement within the Safe, Clean Water Program. Each Watershed Area will typically have at least one Watershed Coordinator (number of positions is dependent on revenue and population for each Watershed Area).

QA What kinds of projects are being developed?

Projects that provide Water Supply, Water Quality and Community Investment Benefits are eligible for Safe, Clean Water Program funding. Multi-Benefit Projects that prioritize Nature-Based Solutions and provide Disadvantaged Community Benefits are highly encouraged.

QA What role do WASCs play?

Nine WASCs, made up of representatives from cities, agencies, and community stakeholders, review proposed projects and develop annual SIPs that identify recommendations for funding under the three regional subprograms – the Infrastructure, Technical Resources, and Scientific Studies Programs.

QA How can my idea become a project?

Technical Resources Program support is available to help develop feasibility studies from project concepts. Infrastructure Program funding is available for the design, construction, and/or operations and maintenance costs of projects that already have a completed feasibility study.

TASK 4

FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION
AND REPRESENTATION OF
COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Safe Clean Water Program Survey

- Collection community feedback about the Safe, Clean Water Program - both digital and physical surveys, in multiple languages

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COMMUNITY SURVEY

SURVEY LINK
bit.ly/usgr_water

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Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Community Survey

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey! Your answers are an important part of gathering community feedback! For any questions, please visit: safecleanwaterla.org

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¡Gracias por tomarse el tiempo para completar esta encuesta! ¡Tus respuestas son una parte importante de la recopilación de comentarios de la comunidad! Si tiene alguna pregunta, visite: safecleanwaterla.org

 alfredo@godayone.org (not shared) [Switch account](#) 

* Required

Have you previously heard of the Safe Clean Water Program? //// ¿Ha oído hablar anteriormente del Programa Safe Clean Water?

Yes / Si

No

Barnes Park

- Meeting with CWE to discuss project and to coordinate/maximize outreach efforts.

USGR Project Lead Outreach

- Introductions to USGR Project Leads on the Infrastructure Program, Scientific Studies and Technical Resources Program projects to help facilitate community engagement.

TASK 5

INTEGRATE PRIORITIES
THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND
EXTENSIVE NETWORKS

Partnerships and Networks

- **Ongoing:** Capturing community priorities.
- **Ongoing:** Fostering partnerships and networks.

TASK 6 & 7

COST-SHARE PARTNERS

LEVERAGE FUNDING



WATERSHED COORDINATOR FUNDING LIST

- Watershed Coordinator shared funding source list, will provide opportunities to applicants, municipalities, or community partners as they become available.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Actively looking for grants that focus on equity or other intersections with water that can supplement SCWP projects.

TASK 8

LOCAL STAKEHOLDER EDUCATION

ELECTED OFFICIAL INTRODUCTION MEETINGS

- Connecting with Council Members and other elected officials across the Watershed Area, brief introduction on SCWP and our role as Watershed Coordinator.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- Attending commission/committee and workgroup meetings throughout the Watershed Area; brief introduction on SCWP and our role as Watershed Coordinator.

TASK 9

WATERSHED COORDINATOR COLLABORATION



WATERSHED COORDINATOR MEETINGS

- Meeting happens every last Wednesday of the month
- Oct. 27

WATERSHED COORDINATOR COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES

- ***Rio Hondo:*** Working with Julie Millett on outreach efforts.
- ***Lower San Gabriel:*** Planning community outreach/education virtual event.