

South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, September 21, 2022
1:00pm - 3:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Cung Nguyen, LA County Flood Control District (Agency)
*Christopher Lapaz, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Agency)
*Darryl Ford, Los Angeles Recreation and Parks (Agency)
Craig Cadwallader, Surfrider Foundation (Community), Chair
Marissa Caringella, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Community)
Wendy Butts, Los Angeles Conservation Corps (Community)
Caryn Mandelbaum, Resident (Community)
*Roland Jen, Carson (Municipal)
Susie Santilena, Los Angeles (Municipal)
Thuan Nguyen, Los Angeles County (Municipal)
John Dettle, Torrance (Municipal)
Geraldine Trivedi, EWMP: Manhattan Beach (Municipal), Vice Chair
Lauren Amimoto, EWMP: Dominguez (Municipal)
Ken Rukavina, EWMP: Rancho Palos Verdes (Municipal)
Nancy Shrodes, Heal the Bay (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

*Committee Member Alternate

Committee Members Not Present

E.J. Caldwell, West Basin (Agency)
Robert Beste, Water Replenishment District (Agency)
Hany Fangary, Fangary Law Group (Community)

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

Craig Cadwallader, Chair of the South Santa Monica Bay (SSMB) WASC, welcomed Committee Members, conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx, and called the meeting to order.

District Staff facilitated the roll call of Committee Members. All Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2022

District Staff presented the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Member John Dettle motioned to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Ken Rukavina. The Committee voted to approve the August 17, 2022 meeting minutes, with 14 members in favor and zero opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

Member Dettle reported that the City of Rolling Hills does not intend to participate in the Torrance Airport Storm Water Basin Project, and the 2 acre-feet initially set aside for Rolling Hills will now be used by

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Caltrans. Member Dettle also provided an update that the Stormwater Basin Expansion Project was awarded construction funding.

District Staff provided an update, noting:

- On August 30, the Board of Supervisors (Board) voted to continue meeting virtually, acting under the authority of Assembly Bill 361 which authorizes public committees to meet without complying with all the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act when the situation warrants it. The Board announced they will conduct an in-person meeting open to the public on September 27 at Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. October WASC meetings are most likely to be held through teleconferencing. District Staff will continue to prepare moving forward with in-person meetings.
- All nine Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) were approved by the Regional Oversight Committee for advancement to the Board for approval. The Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 4.
- The District completed Round 4 Call for Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY23-24) completeness checks. In this WASC, there were 4 Infrastructure Projects (IP) and 1 Technical Resource Project (TRP). There were no Scientific Studies (SS).
- Attending meetings regularly is a requirement for WASC members under Article 5 of the WASC Operating Guidelines. An absence of two consecutive meetings or more than three meetings in one year will be considered failure to attend meetings and may result in the absentee member's removal from the WASC. If attendance by the Primary member is not possible for a particular meeting, it is requested that the Alternate Member be present at the meeting

Chair Cadwallader asked how Assembly Bill 2449 bill will impact teleconferencing provisions. District staff responded they will look further into this.

4. Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator Nancy Shrodes provided an update on recent and upcoming activities:

- Reached over 189 people through 3 presentations in SSMB from August to September
- Engaged with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice's Water Committee
- Presented to 100 high school students at San Pedro High School
- Reached 100 individuals through door-to-door outreach in Lennox
- Attended Inglewood Homecourt Advantage Event
- Hosted International Coastal Cleanup Day throughout Los Angeles County which engaged 4,000 volunteers and collected 9,700 pounds of trash
- Attended Scoring Committee meeting last month
- Upcoming plans to conduct door-to-door outreach in Lawndale
- Upcoming presentation with Central Santa Monica Bay and North Santa Monica Bay WASCs to Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

5. Public Comment Period

District Staff compiled all public comment cards received by 5:00pm the day before the meeting. No comment cards were received before the meeting. There were no public comments.

6. Discussion Items:

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Member Dettle disclosed that South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Committee met and discussed Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) projects.

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b) Summary of submitted feasibility studies, project concepts, and scientific studies submitted for SSMB WASC

Watershed Coordinator Shrodes shared project fact sheets and provided a brief overview of the IP projects submitted in Round 4. There are 4 IP and 1 TRP projects. No new SS projects were submitted.

IP projects submitted:

- Beach Cities Green Streets Project
- Glen Anderson Park Regional Stormwater Capture Green Streets
- Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation (MLER) Operations and Maintenance
- Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project

Slides summarizing the submitted IP projects are available on the SCWP website and attached.

TRP project submitted:

Holly Park Multi-Benefit Drought Resiliency and Stormwater Infiltration Project (Not included in the overview slide)

Member Mandelbaum asked a question about the \$7 million budget for eligible projects, and about outreach strategies to ensure project applications are being proposed. Watershed Coordinator Shrodes clarified that the SSMB WASC anticipate \$17.7 million each year. Engagement plans include further conducting outreach in cities that have not previously submitted a SCWP project application.

c) Discussion to send none, some, or all completed feasibility studies to Scoring Committee for consideration

Member Santilena identified a misprint on the August 17, 2022 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes recorded SSMB WASC received one (1) SS and zero (0) TRP. The update should be edited to reflect one (1) TRP and zero (0) SSs.

Members Santilena, Ford, and Trivedi all expressed support to send all completed feasibility studies to the Scoring Committee.

District Staff provided clarification that TRP applications are not scored by the Scoring Committee, and all unused funds will be rolled over to the following fiscal year.

7. Public Comment Period

Heecheol Kwon (City of Hawthorne Public Works) asked a question confirming that the WASC's one TRP submission is for Holly Park Multi-Benefit Drought Resiliency and Stormwater Infiltration Project. District Staff confirmed this is true.

8. Voting Items

a) Vote to send none, some or all complete feasibility studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration

Member Dettle motioned to send all complete feasibility studies to Scoring Committee for consideration, seconded by Member Santilena. The motion was approved, with 14 in favor and zero opposed (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

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9. Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 19, from 1:00 - 3:00pm. See the SCWP website for details. Items proposed for the next meeting agenda include:

- a) Regional Program Quarterly Report Summary for FY21-22 Q1 and Q2

10. Adjournment

Chair Cadwallader thanked WASC members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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Member Type	Organization	Quorum Present				Voting Items		
		Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Vote to approve August 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes	Send all 4 Infrastructure Projects to Scoring Committee for a review	
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	x	Ramy Gindi		y	y	
Agency	West Basin MWD	E.J. Caldwell						
Agency	Water Replenishment District	Robert Beste		Aimee Zhao				
Agency	LAC Sanitation District	Kristen Ruffell		Christopher Lapaz	x	y	y	
Agency	LA Recreation & Parks	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	x	y	y	
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Caryn Mandelbaum	x			y	y	
Community Stakeholder	Surfrider Foundation South Bay Chapter	Craig Cadwallader	x	Mary Simun		y	y	
Community Stakeholder	Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission	Marissa Caringella	x			y	y	
Community Stakeholder	Fangary Law Group	Hany Fangary						
Community Stakeholder	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Wendy Butts	x	Bo Savage		y	y	
Municipal Members	Carson	Eliza Jane Whitman		<i>Roland Jen</i>	x	y	y	
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Susie Santilena	x	Ryan Jackson		y	y	
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	Thuan Nguyen	x	Jalaine Verdiner		y	y	
Municipal Members	Torrance	John Dettle	x			y	y	
Municipal Members	EWMP: Beach Cities	Geraldine Trivedi	x	Doug Krauss		y	y	
Municipal Members	EWMP: Dominguez	Lauren Amimoto	x	Heecheol Kwon		y	y	
Municipal Members	EWMP: Peninsula	Ken Rukavina	x	David Wahba		y	y	
Watershed Coordinator	Heal the Bay	Nancy Shrodes	x			N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17				Yay (Y)	14	14
Total Voting Members Present		14				Nay (N)	0	0
Agency		3				Abstain (A)	0	0
Community Stakeholder		4				Total	14	14
Municipal Members		7				Approved	Approved	

Other Attendees

- Austine Racelis
- Ava Farriday
- benny kona
- brett perry
- Call-in User_2
- Call-in User_3
- Christine McLeod
- Doug Krauss
- Emily Ng
- Eric Bonilla
- Heecheol Kwon
- Ida Meisami
- Jacqueline Mak
- Kara Plourde
- Kathleen McGowan
- Larry Tran
- Lorena Matos
- Mark Hall
- Mark Nguyen
- Melanie Morita-Hu
- Michael Scaduto
- Michelle Staffield
- Mikaela Randolph
- Paige Bistromowitz
- Ryan Jackson
- Ryanna Fossum
- Safe Clean Water LA
- Sheila Brice
- Tammy Takigawa
- Thomas Lee
- Tori Klug (Regional Coordination)
- Veronica Carrillo

Safe Clean Water Program South Santa Monica Bay WASC

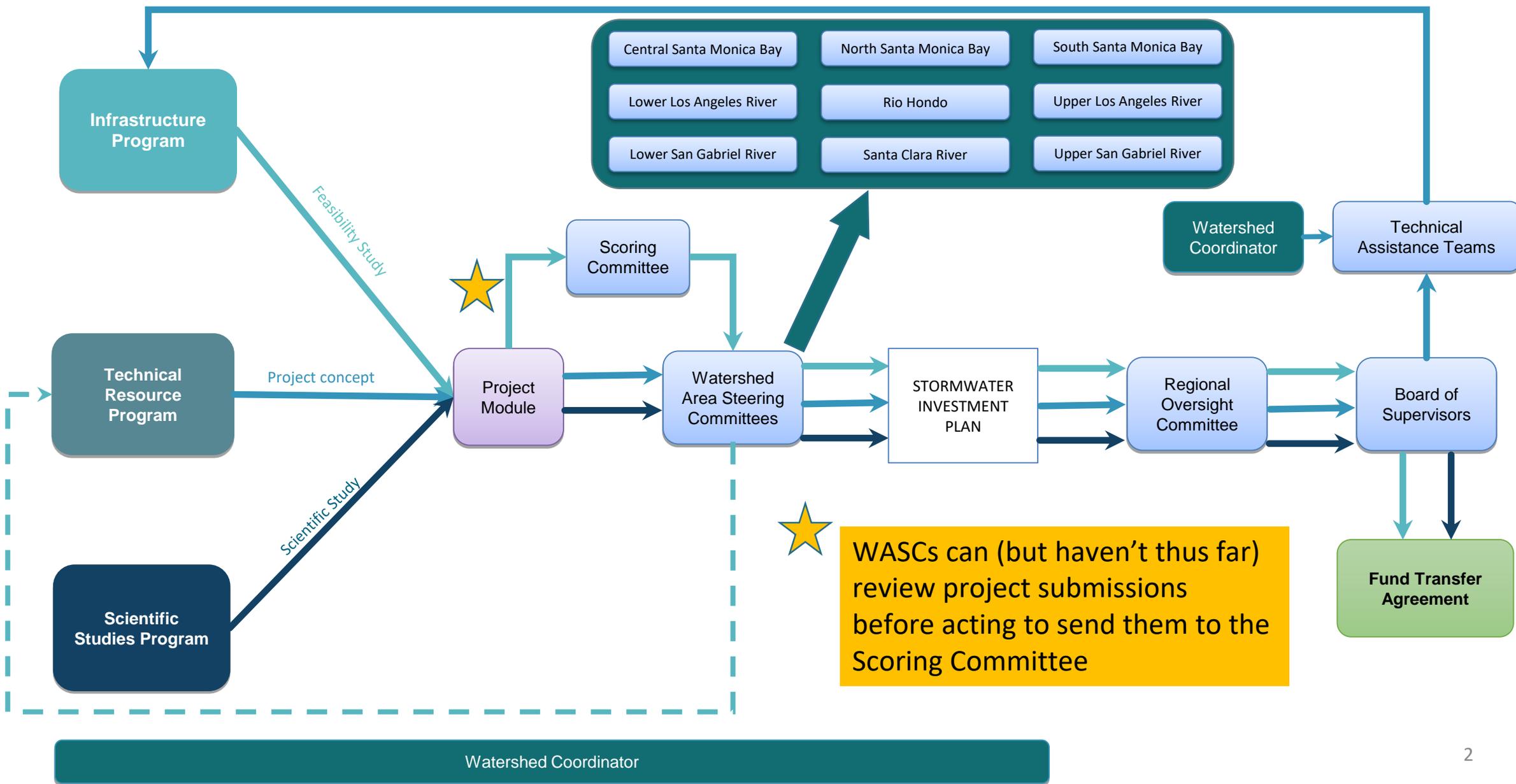
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Providing FY23-24 project summaries to support WASC decision-making





Regional Program Process





Project Summary 1

Beach Cities Green Streets Project – received a qualifying score

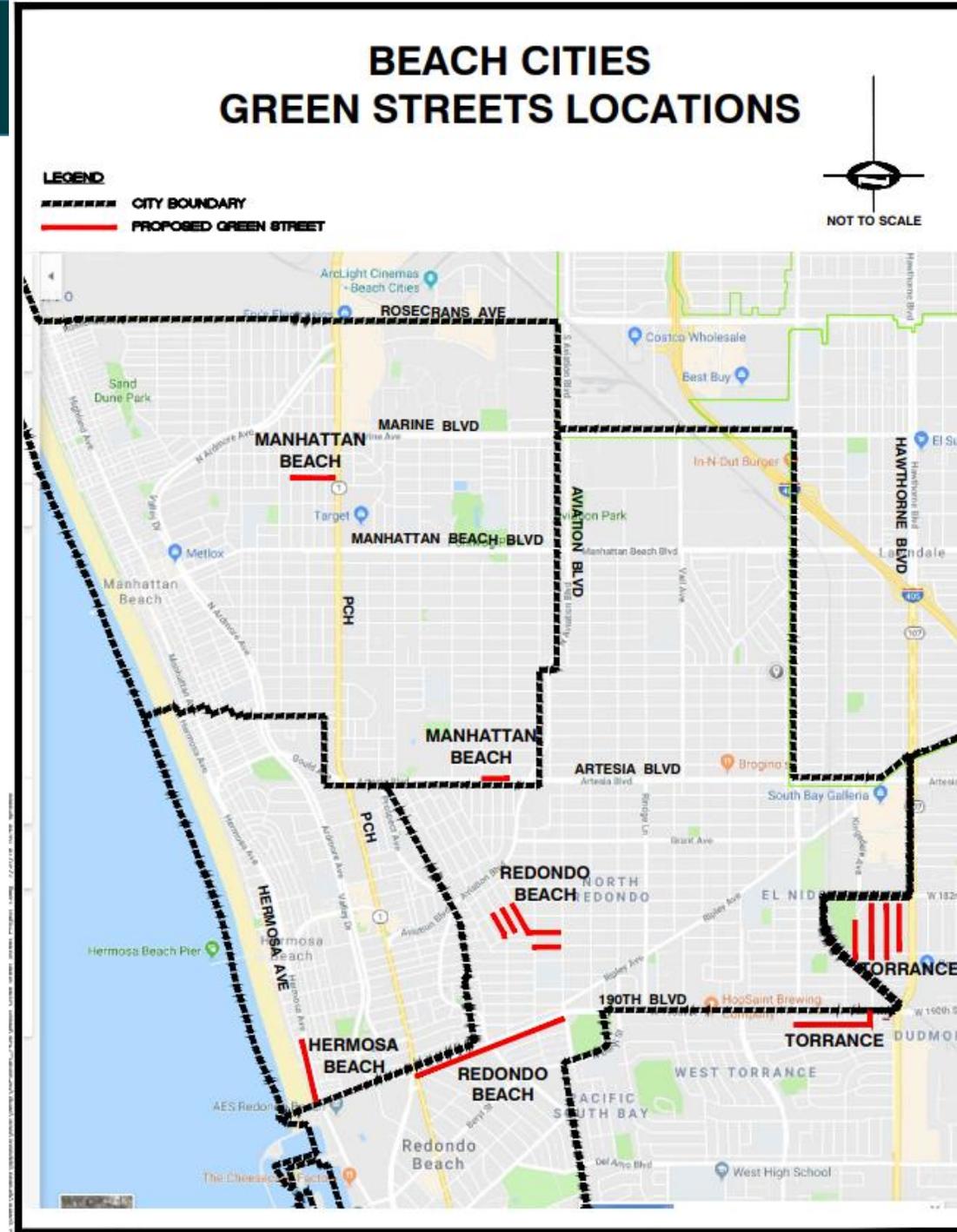
- *Lead: City of Torrance; Additional project collaborators: Beach Cities (Hermosa, Manhattan, and Redondo), California Coastal Conservancy, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission*
- *Location: multiple locations, shown on map →*
- *Total request: \$5,366,953 for one year of construction*
- *Timeline: Planning - 03/2022; Design -06/2023; Construction - 06/2024*

Benefits include:

- Planting at least 200 trees
- Capturing and infiltrating from 198 acres (volume of 9 AF per storm event of 85% storm)
- Recharging the the WCGW Basin to prevent seawater intrusion

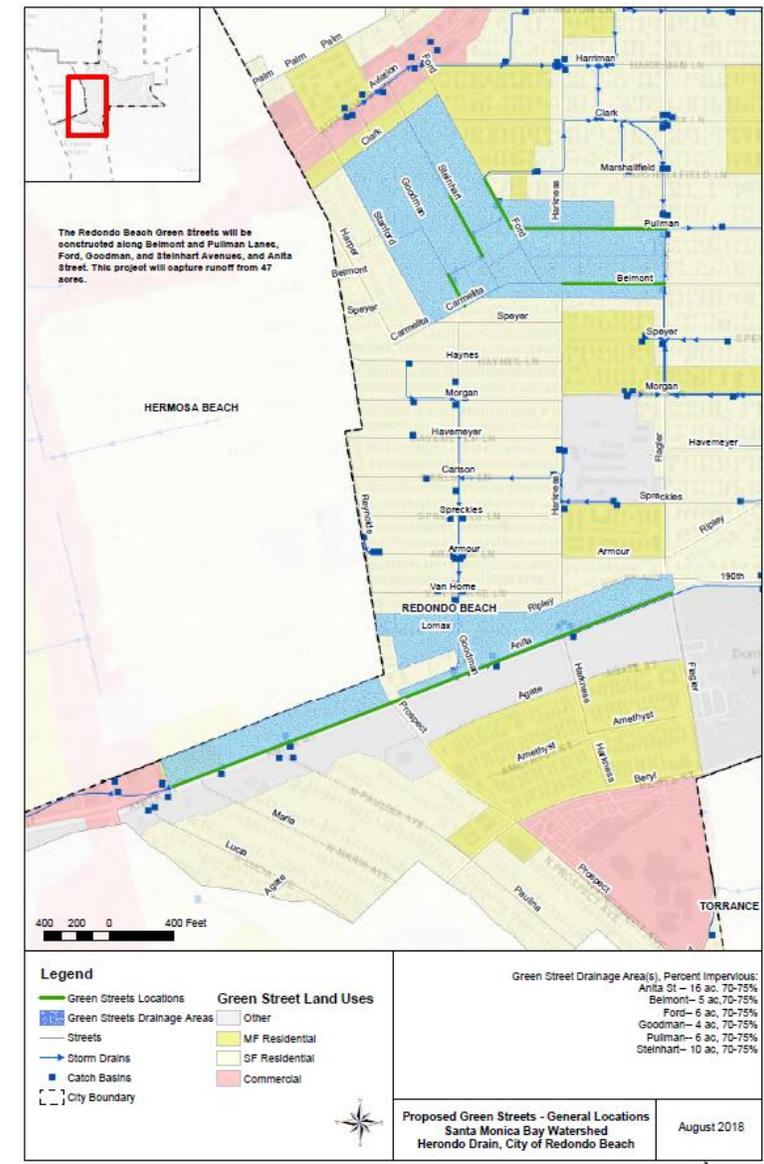
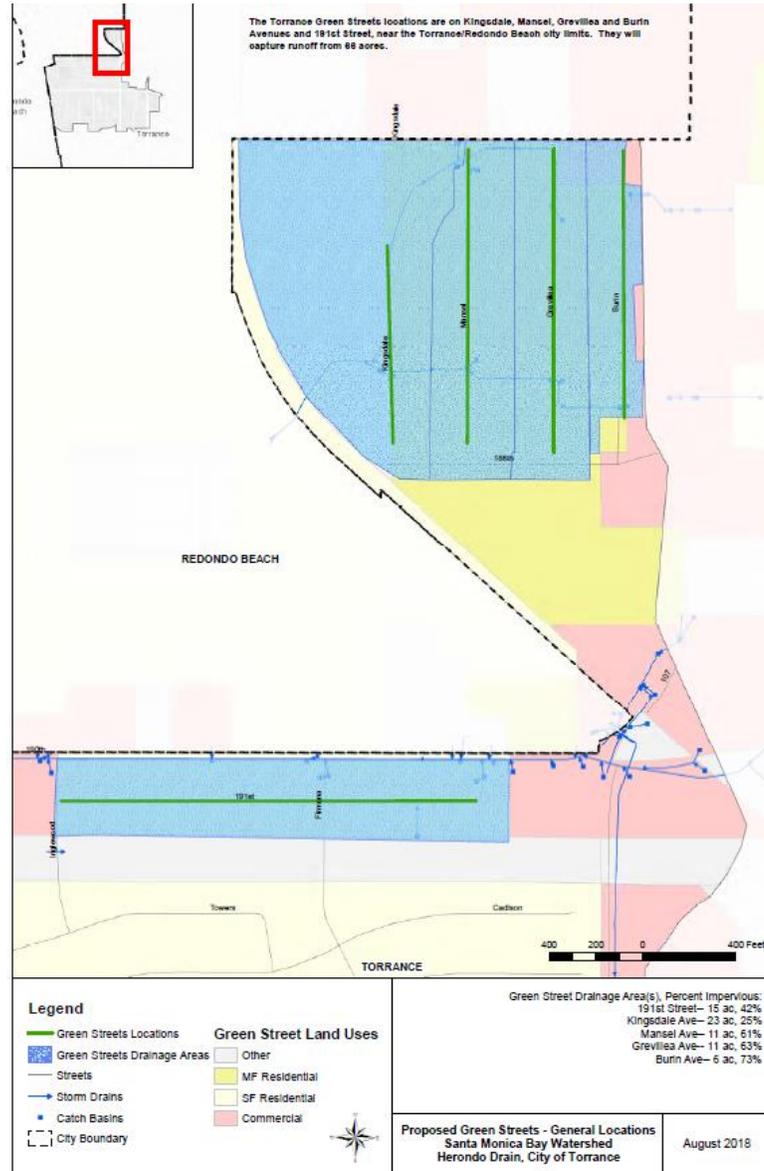
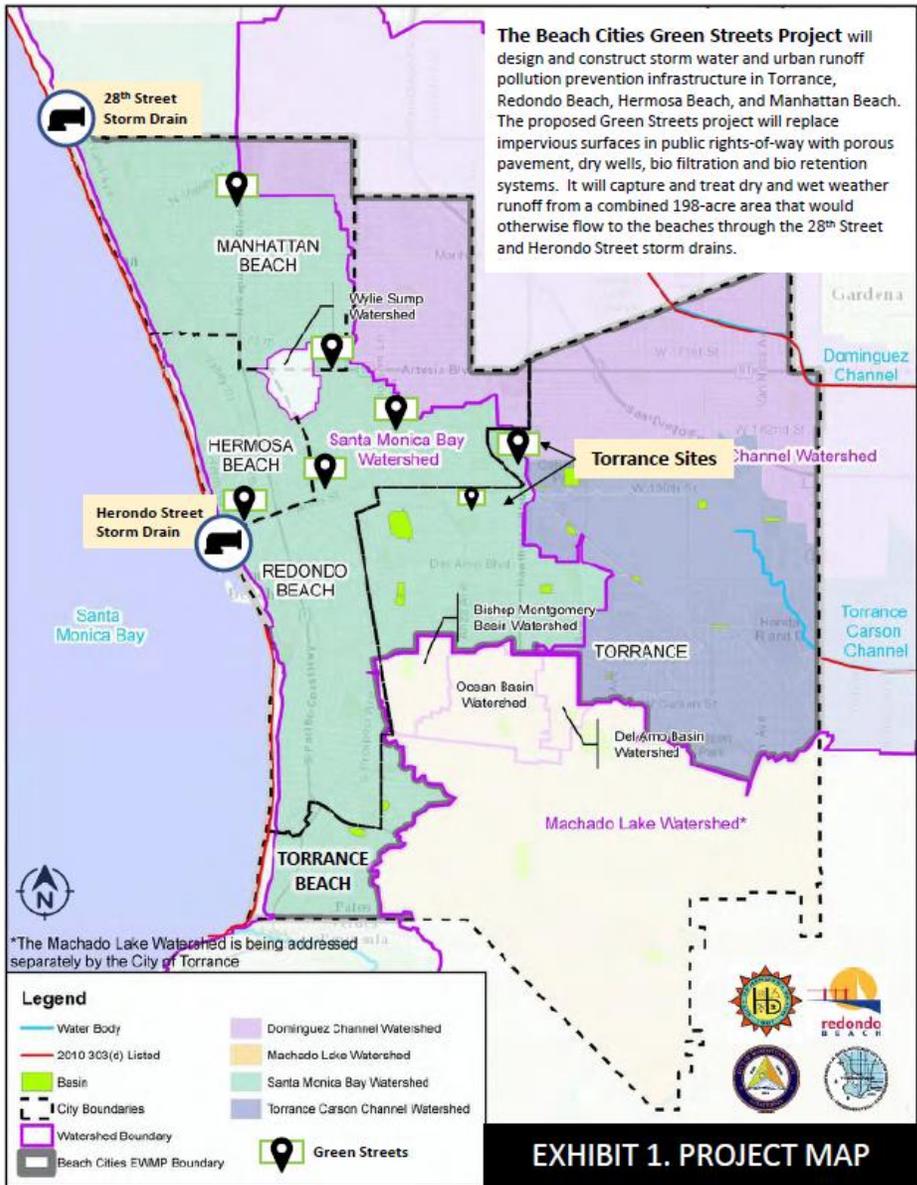
Claimed Disadvantaged Community Benefits:

- No
- Anti displacement measures considered, as the project is intended to be constructed on public rights of way and will not impact any affordable housing





Project Summary 1





Project Summary 2

Glen Anderson Park Regional Stormwater Capture Green Streets –
received a qualifying score

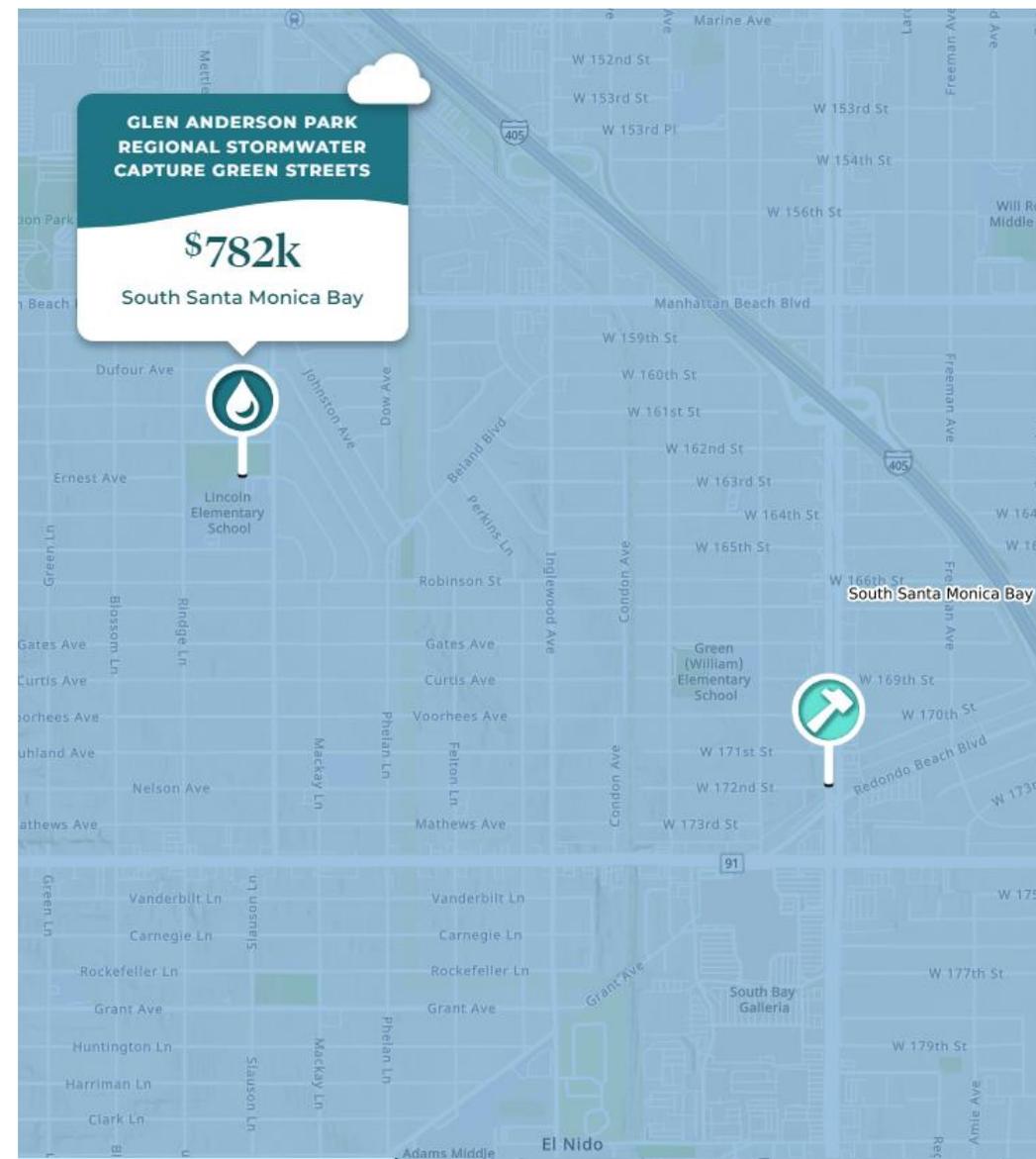
- *Lead: City of Redondo Beach; Additional Project Collaborators: Redondo Beach Unified School District, Beach Cities WMP*
- *Location: 2229 Ernest Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90278*
- *Total request: \$782,000 over two years for planning and design*
- *Timeline: Planning - 07/2024; Design - 07/2026; Construction - 07/2028*

Benefits include:

- Capturing 9.4 AF with 24 hr retention from 483 acreage area
- Prevention of seawater intrusion with the ~133 AF/yr infiltrated
- Two trees for shade, 50 rain garden plants, permeable pavement in parking lot, and ADA compliance

Claimed Disadvantaged Community Benefits:

- Nearest census block group designated disadvantaged is 0.25 miles away, several are within 1 mile of the project
- Minimize local flooding, increase community greening, provide shade and reduce heat island, and enhanced recreation opps





Project Summary 2



Figure 1. Surface (Left) and Subsurface (Right) Project Site Layout

The Project consists of three interconnected components:

1. Converting approximately 200-feet of right-of-way along May Ave. into a green street that consists of pedestrian-friendly pervious surfaces and bioretention area to capture and infiltrate surface runoff;
2. Retrofitting the existing Glen Anderson Park parking lot with ADA compliant pervious surface, bioretention area and tree filter wells to capture and infiltrate surface runoff; and
3. Constructing 14 drywells with pretreatment under the green streets and the parking lot to capture and treat stormwater runoff from the regional storm drain, as well as overflows from the green streets, bioretention and tree filter wells



Project Summary 3

Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation (MLER) Operations and Maintenance – received a qualifying score

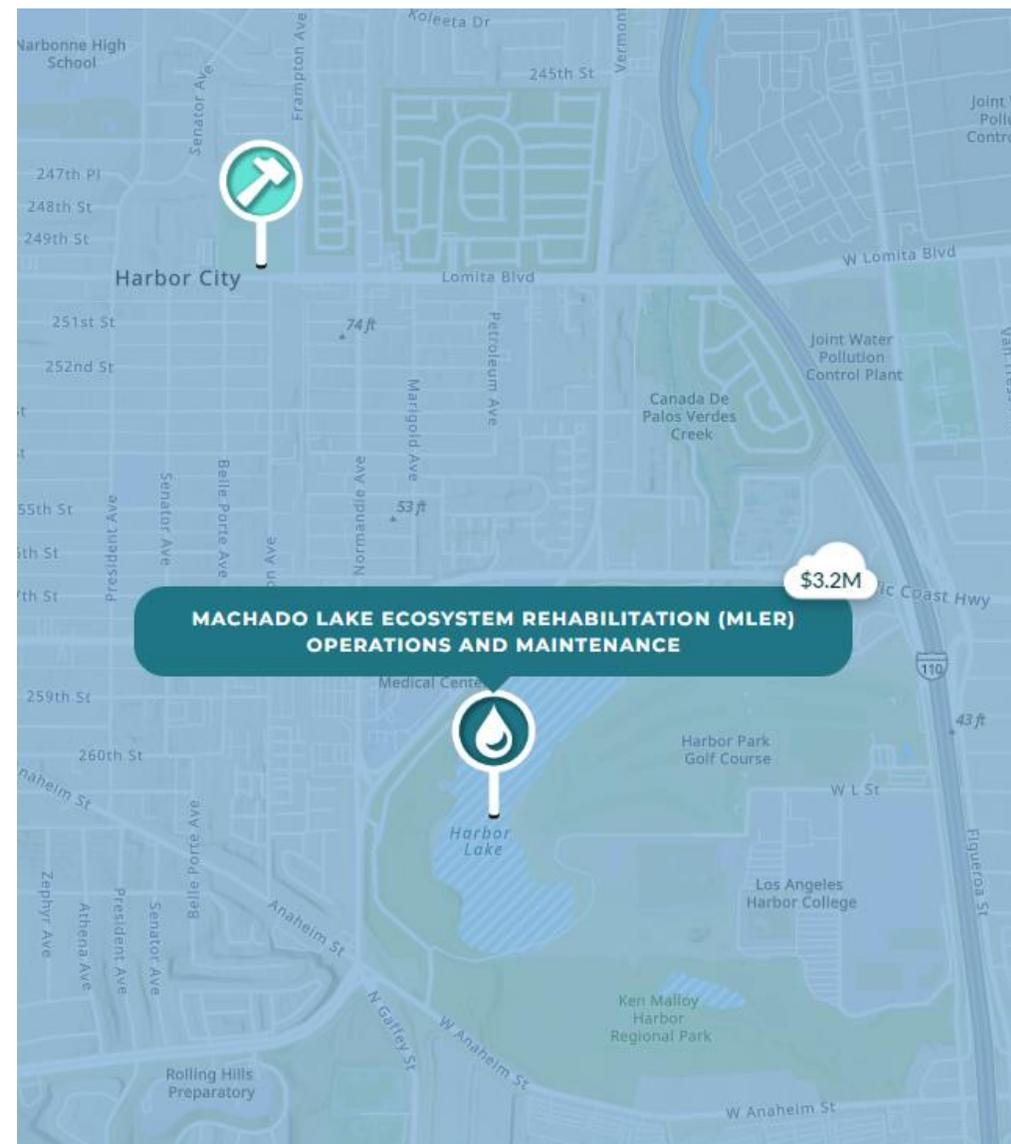
- *Lead: City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment; Additional project collaborators: City of LA Recreation and Parks Department*
- *Location: 25820 Vermont Ave, Harbor City, CA 90710*
- *Total request: \$3,200,000 over five years*

Benefits include:

- Continuation of improved water quality, flood management, and open space
- Habitat enhancement, improvement of recreation opportunities, protection and maximization of public access
- Capturing 100% of the first flush and ~235 AF/yr of water

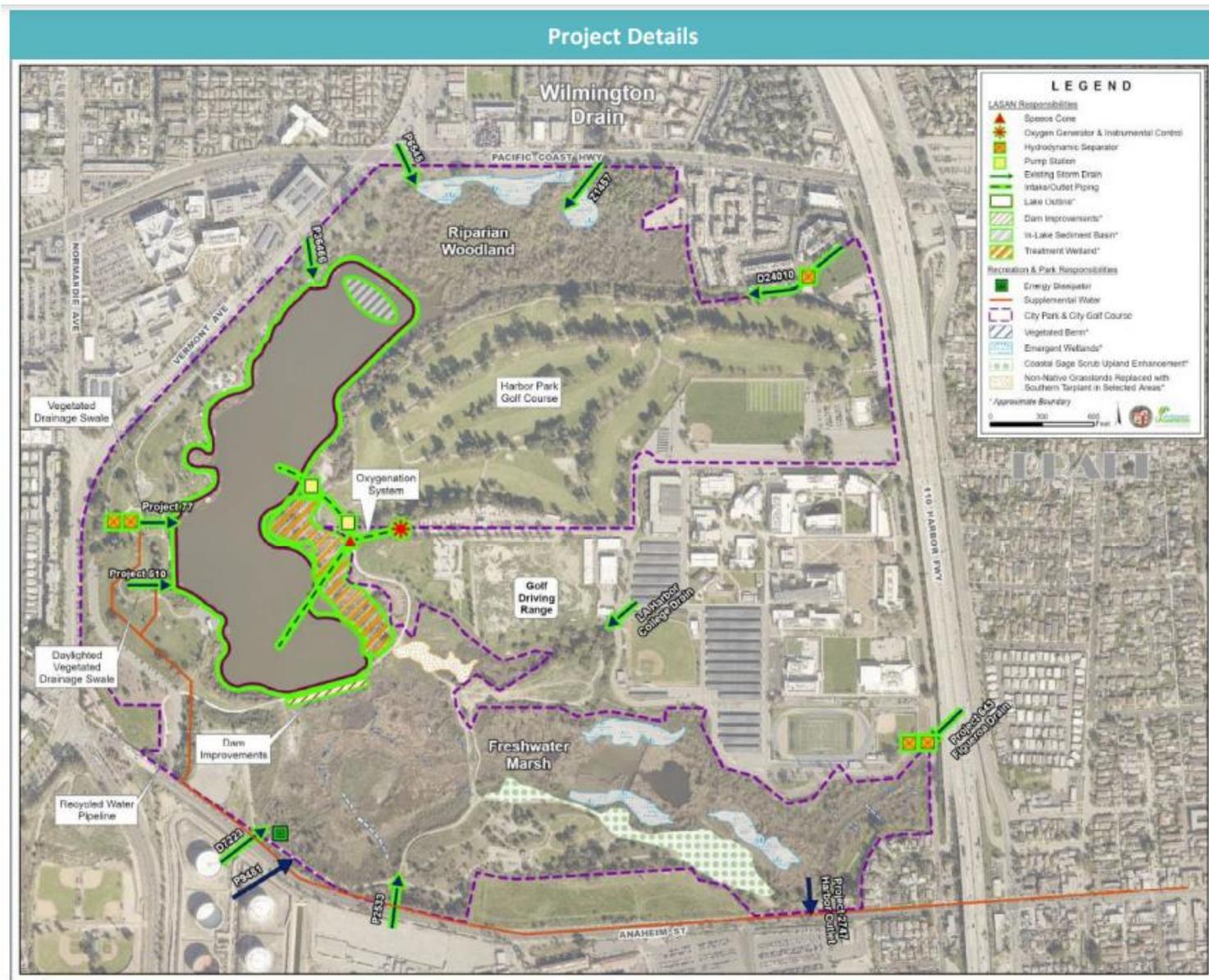
Claimed Disadvantaged Community Benefits:

- Directly adjacent to several census block group designated disadvantaged
- Located in a heavily industrialized area with few parks/open space
- Natural resource and recreation space to enjoy lake and





Project Summary 3





Project Summary 4

Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project –

received a qualifying score

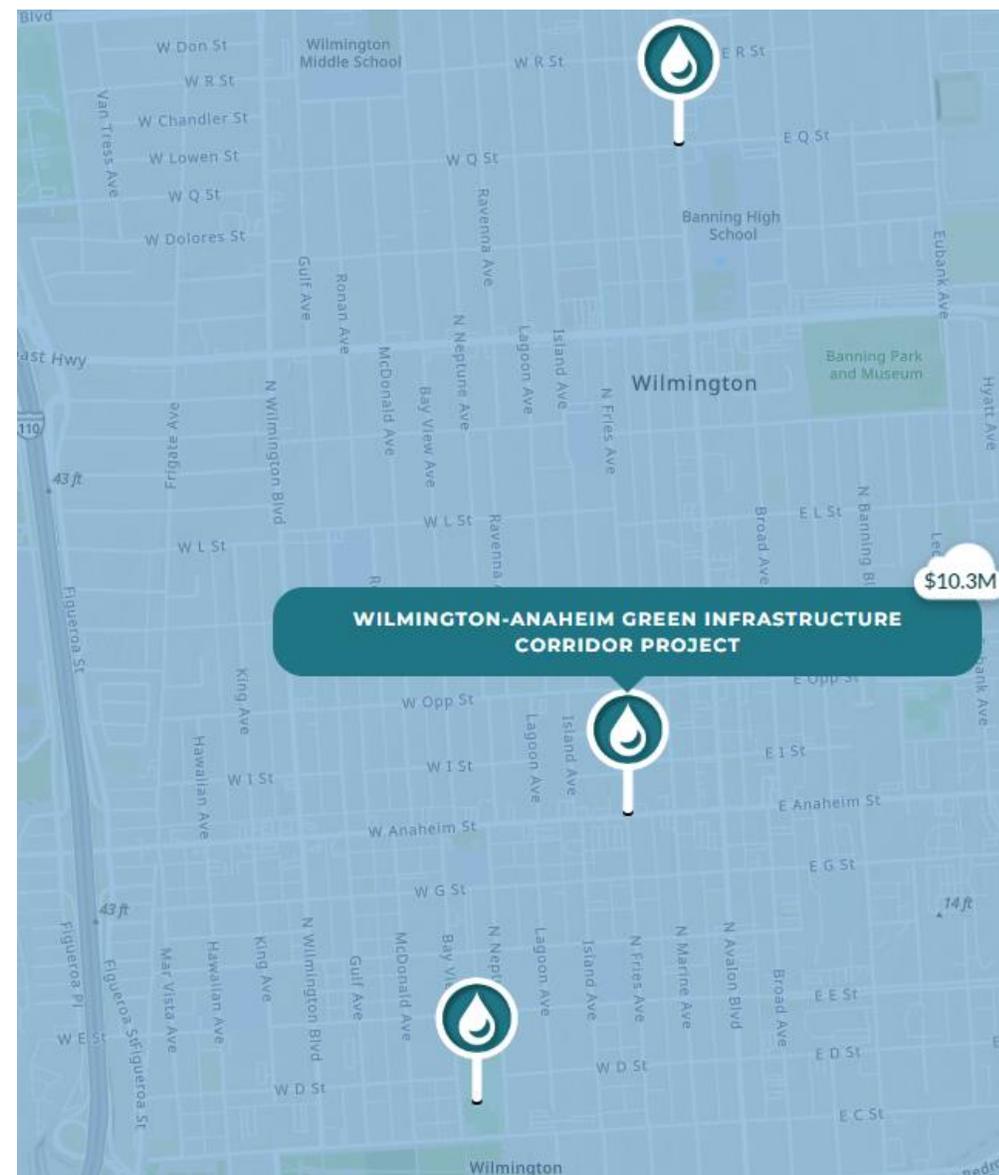
- *Lead: City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment*
- *Location: Anaheim Street from Bay Avenue to Fries Avenue and Fries Avenue from Anaheim Street to C Street, LA, CA 90744*
- *Total request: \$10,274,500 over five years*
- *Timeline: Planning - 12/2023; Design - 12/2024; Construction - 12/2026; O&M 12/2028 (first year after construction complete)*

Benefits include:

- 50 new street trees to reduce heat island effect
- 1,000 linear feet of vegetation in bioswales to increase biodiversity
- Capturing 160 AF/yr from 173 acres for irrigation needs of Wilmington Recreation Center with the excess water diverted

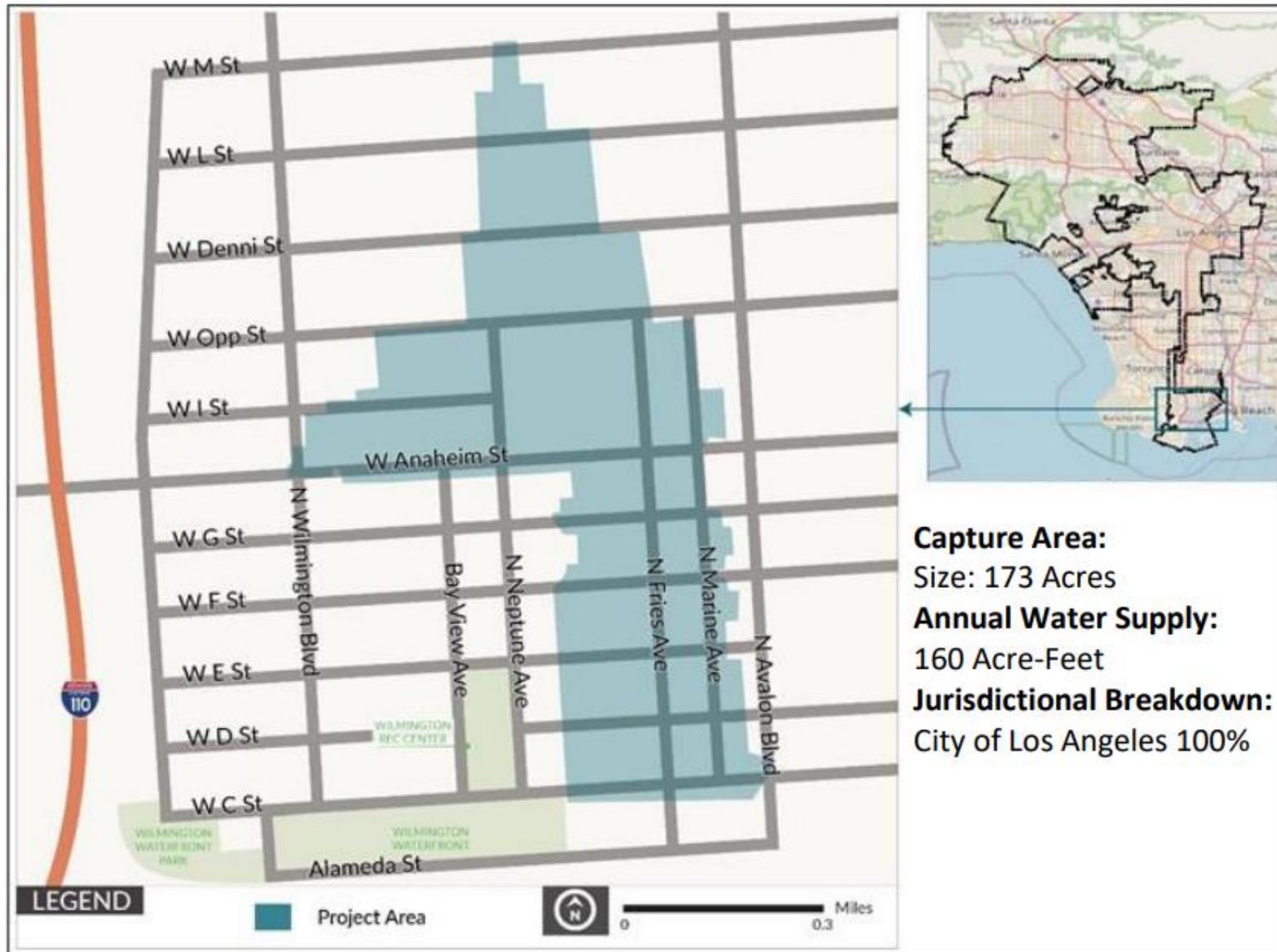
Claimed Disadvantaged Community Benefits:

- Within a census block group designated disadvantaged
- Improved aesthetic of local area with greening, reduced flooding to improve traffic and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists





Project Summary 4



Thank You!



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