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**Urban Planning & Stormwater Quality**

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Santa Clara River WASC  
c/o Safe Clean Water Program

Subject: Status of Regional Pathogen Reduction Study

Dear Santa Clara River WASC Members and associates:

I understand that the members of the Santa Clara River WASC are interested in the status of the Regional Pathogen Reduction Study. The key elements related to getting the study underway are as follows:

- The Study has now been included in all 9 Watershed Area Stormwater Investment Plans
- The final 4 SIPs to include the Study were Central Santa Monica Bay, Lower San Gabriel River, Rio Hondo, and Upper Los Angeles River, which included the study in their FY 23-24 SIPs.
- On April 20, 2023, the Regional Oversight Committee approved all 9 of the FY23-24 SIPs for submission to the Board of Supervisors.
- Safe, Clean Water Program staff are targeting July 25, 2023 for the Board hearing on the FY 23/24 SIPs.
- The Gateway Water Management Authority, the Study lead, is pursuing the work with SCWP staff after Board action on the FY 23-24 SIPs, to expedite approval of transfer agreements to obtain Year 1 funding as soon as possible.
- After Year 1 funding is received the GWMA will implement Task 1 of the Study which is the Stakeholder Process. This involves engagement of Study sponsors, interested stakeholders, an independent technical advisory committee, and regulators.
- Task 1 has four (4) sub-tasks:
  - Sub-task 1 includes development of the Stakeholder Coordination approach.

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- Sub-task 2 involves study sponsor coordination.
- Sub-task 3 includes Stakeholder meetings.
- Sub-task 4 includes Technical Advisory Committee Engagement.
- The core tasks of the project are *Task 2: Health Risk Assessment* and *Task 3: Risk Management*.
- The final task is application of study findings.
- The study will be conducted over 5 years.

I look forward to attending your WASC meeting remotely and to answering questions you might have about the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Watson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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