

## Watershed Area Regional Program Progress Report Central Santa Monica Bay

In November 2018, voters passed Measure W, which led to the creation of the Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program. This visionary initiative aims to increase Los Angeles County's local water supply, improve water quality, and enhance communities through strategic investments in multi-benefit stormwater capture projects and programs. The SCW Regional Program nine Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) annually develop Stormwater Investment Plan (SIPs), which are five (5) year plans that recommend funding allocations for projects, project concepts, and scientific studies (Projects and Studies) in the Infrastructure, Technical Resources, and Scientific Studies Programs, respectively. The SCW Program Watershed Area Regional Program Progress (WARPP) Report is an annual progress report of each Watershed Area's funded Projects and Studies. This WARPP Report describes the progress of Projects and Studies funded in Fiscal Years 2020-2021 (FY20-21) and 2021-2022 (FY21-22), which are the first 2 years of the SCW Program. Refer to section 2 of this report for a summary of the Regional Program process.

The purpose of this WARPP Report is to summarize how the implementation of previous Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) SIPs (FY20-21 and FY21-22) has led to the achievement of SCW Program Goals. The SCW Program is in its early years and most of the funded Projects have not completed construction to realize anticipated benefits. Instead, this WARPP Report will focus on anticipated benefits proposed by funded Projects and Studies. Projects and Studies in the FY22-23 SIP and recommended FY23-24 SIP are in progress and progress reports have not been completed nor reviewed by the WASCs. Expenditures, metrics, and progress for the individual Projects and Studies in the FY22-23 SIP and recommended FY23-24 SIP will be reported in the Regional Program Annual Reports, due December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2024, respectively, and all Projects and Studies will be collectively summarized in subsequent WARPP Reports after submitted Annual Reports become available. Refer to Section 2 for Regional Program reporting timeline. For more details on Projects and Studies benefits, metrics, expenditures, and progress, please refer to the following links:

- Approved SIP FY20-21: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/SIP-Cover-letter-CSMB-FINAL.pdf</u>
- Approved SIP FY21-22: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SIP-ROC-</u> <u>Transmittal-CSMB.pdf</u>
- Approved SIP FY22-23: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SIP-ROC-</u> <u>Transmittal-CSMB-FINAL.pdf</u>
- Recommended SIP FY23-24: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SIP-ROC-Transmittal-CSMB-1.pdf</u>
- SIP Board Letters: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/resources/documents-board-actions/</u>
- SIP Programming Tool: <u>https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/sip-tool/</u>
- Quarterly and Annual Reports: <a href="https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/scw-reporting/dashboard">https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/scw-reporting/dashboard</a>



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### 1 Summary of Funded Projects and Studies

The Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) Watershed Area receives approximately \$17.7M in annual Regional Program funds and to-date has collected \$51,538,698.

For FY20-21, 7 Infrastructure Program Projects, 1 Technical Resources Program Project Concept, and 0 Scientific Studies were approved in the SIP. For FY21-22, 2 Infrastructure Program Projects, 1 Technical Resources Program Project Concept, and 0 Scientific Studies were approved in the SIP. For FY22-23, 3 Infrastructure Program Projects, 1 Technical Resources Program Project Concept, and 2 Scientific Studies were approved in the SIP. Below is a summary of the total funding allocated by program and year in the CSMB Watershed Area.

| Funding Program                  | No. of Projects,<br>Concepts, Studies | Total SCW Funding<br>Budgeted & Projected<br>through FY26-27 | Total Projected<br>Leveraged Funds | Projected SCW<br>Funding Benefitting<br>Disadvantaged<br>Communities |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Infrastructure                   | 12                                    | \$76,714,594   | \$134,803,125                      | \$49,664,594   |
| Projects Approved<br>SIP FY20-21 | 7                                     | \$43,643,718   | \$117,409,125                      | \$32,093,718   |
| Projects Approved<br>SIP FY21-22 | 2                                     | \$19,899,444   | \$16,894,000                       | \$4,899,444  |
| Projects Approved<br>SIP FY22-23 | 3                                     | \$13,171,432   | \$500,000                          | \$12,671,432   |
| Scientific Studies               | 2                                     | \$626,035  | N/A                                | N/A  |
| Studies Approved<br>SIP FY20-21  | 0                                     | \$0  | N/A                                | N/A  |
| Studies Approved<br>SIP FY21-22  | 0                                     | \$0  | N/A                                | N/A  |
| Studies Approved<br>SIP FY22-23  | 2                                     | \$626,035  | N/A                                | N/A  |
| <b>Technical Resources</b>       | 3                                     | \$3,700,000  | N/A                                | N/A  |
| Watershed<br>Coordinators        | N/A                                   | \$2,800,000  | N/A                                | N/A  |
| Concepts Approved<br>SIP FY20-21 | 1                                     | \$300,000  | N/A                                | N/A  |
| Concepts Approved                | 1                                     | \$300,000  | N/A                                | N/A  |



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| SIP FY21-22                      |    |              |               |              |
|----------------------------------|----|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Concepts Approved<br>SIP FY22-23 | 1  | \$300,000    | N/A           | N/A          |
| Grand Total                      | 17 | \$81,040,626 | \$134,803,125 | \$49,664,594 |

The 12 funded Infrastructure Program Projects represents over \$76M invested through FY26-27 and are anticipated to achieve the following benefits:

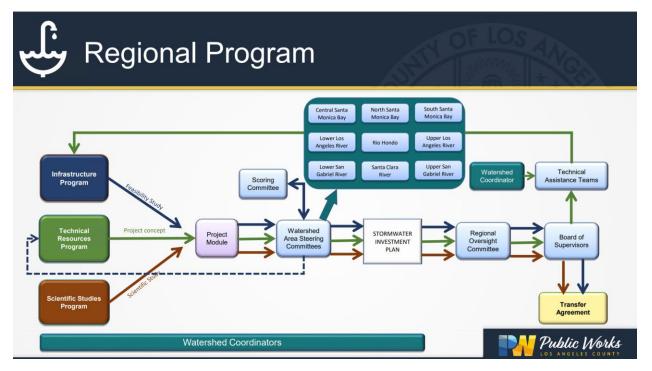
- 77,930 acres of area managed through stormwater capture best management practices
- \$49M investment in projects benefiting Disadvantaged Communities (DAC).
- 64 acre-feet of increased water quality treatment capacity for stormwater runoff.
- 7,060 acre-feet of increased local water supply annually on average.
- 3 acres of impervious area removed, reducing concentrated stormwater flows and pollution • runoff from impermeable surfaces. Reducing hardscape and increasing greenspace can also reduce the urban heat island effect and increase opportunities for community activities.
- \$134M in leveraging from other funding sources to complete the projects.
- Reduction of numerous pollutants in waterways and the prioritization of projects that contribute to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit compliance for stormwater discharges and water quality.

For FY23-24, 1 Infrastructure Program Project, 2 Technical Resources Program Project Concepts, and 1 Scientific Study were recommended in the SIP. The SIP is scheduled to be on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board of Supervisors) Agenda for final approval on August 8, 2023. For more details and projected benefits, refer to the links on page 1.



### 2 Regional Program Process

This section summarizes the selection process on how Projects and Studies get incorporated into a SIP and the reporting requirements of the SCW Program Regional Program.



- 1. Applicants may apply during each Call for Projects (deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year): https://safecleanwaterla.org/call-for-projects/
- 2. The Scoring Committee, one of three types of SCW Program governance committees, reviews and scores Infrastructure Program project applications, including the required Feasibility Study: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/scoring-committee/.</u> Applicants who submit complete applications are invited to present their projects, concepts, or studies to the CSMB WASC, followed by a questions and answers period. The WASC then deliberates on which projects, concepts, and/or scientific studies to include in a recommended SIP. See the CSMB WASC's webpage for meeting information: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/central-santa-monica-bay-watershed-area/</u>
- 3. The Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) reviews the WASC's recommended SIP and provides recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. See ROC webpage for meeting information: <a href="https://safecleanwaterla.org/regional-oversight-committee/">https://safecleanwaterla.org/regional-oversight-committee/</a>
- 4. Board of Supervisors reviews SIPs and recommendations from the ROC and has the authority to approve the recommended SIPs. See webpage for Board actions related to the SCW Program: https://safecleanwaterla.org/resources/documents-board-actions/
- 5. Fund Transfer Agreement is executed and SCW Program funds are disbursed to project developers. See Regional Program Funding Process Handbook for more information:

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https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SCWP-Regional-Program-Funding-Process-2023-April.pdf

- 6. Project developers of newly funded projects and studies start reporting in Fiscal Year Quarter 3 (January to March), the following year after SIP approval, and continue reporting on a quarterly and annual basis until the funded activity is complete. See below for more information:
  - SCW Dashboard: <a href="https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/scw-reporting/dashboard">https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/scw-reporting/dashboard</a>
  - Reporting and audit requirements: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/reporting-and-audits/</u>
  - See Regional Program Reporting timeline below: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/SCW-Reporting-Timeline-20230123.pdf</u>

### Regional Program Reporting Timeline

Infrastructure Program Project Developers and Scientific Study Developers shall prepare quarterly and annual progress/expenditure reports per Implementation Ordinance 18.07.F.3. Reporting should be submitted via the <u>SCW Reporting Module</u>.

| Q1 (July-Sept)                       | Q2 (Oct-Dec) Q3 (Jan-Mar) Q4 (Apr-Jun)  | ) 📏 Q1 (July-Sept) 🔪 Q2 (Oct-Dec) 🔪 Q3 (Jan-Mar) 🔪 Q4 (Apr-Jun)                           |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Review and Board<br>Adoption of SIPs | Initiate FTA Process to Disburse<br>Year 1 Funding  | Review and Board Initiate Addendum Process to<br>Adoption of SIPs Disburse Year X Funding |
|                                      | Q3 Reporting Period Q4 Reporting Perio<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> report due <b>May 15</b> ) (report due <b>Aug 15</b> )                     |   |
|                                      | Year 1 Annual Reporting Period<br>(report due 6 months after end of FY - Dec 31   | Year X Annual Reporting Period<br>(report due 6 months after end of FY - Dec 31)          |
| Scope of We                          | ork to execute the Fund Transfer Agreement (FTA) is di<br>mple Transfer Agreement for reference)<br>-months after Activity Completion | ue 45 days after Board approval of the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP)                   |

7. Applicable only to project concepts being developed through the Technical Resource Program: Technical Assistance Teams are formed to develop Feasibility Studies on behalf of an applicant (project lead). Once Feasibility Studies are completed, the project lead may apply to the Infrastructure Program for funding during a future Call for Projects. Refer to steps 1 to 6 above in this section.

### 3 Achievement of Safe, Clean Water Program Goals

Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Code Chapter 18.04 (Ch18.04) identifies the 14 goals of the SCW Program. The following sections summarize how the FY20-21 and FY21-22 SIPs support progress towards these goals.



#### 3.1 Infrastructure Program

#### 3.1.1 Project's Status & Phase

The following is a status summary of the 9 Infrastructure Program Projects funded in the FY20-21 and FY21-22 SIPs in the CSMB Watershed Area:

- 2 projects are in the planning or design phase
- 7 projects are in the bid/award or construction phase

#### 3.1.2 Funding and Expenditures

Below is a summary of expenditures for the 9 Infrastructure Program Projects funded in the FY20-21 and FY21-22 SIPs:

| Funding<br>Year | Total SCW Funds Awarded<br>to Date (12/31/2022) | Total SCW<br>Expenditures to Date<br>(12/31/2022) | Total Cost Share<br>Expenditures to Date<br>(12/31/2022) |
|-----------------|---|---|--|
| FY20-21         | \$36,997,900                                    | \$16,182,209                                      | \$22,108,544   |
| FY21-22         | \$6,733,831                                     | \$0   | \$347,606  |
| Grand<br>Total  | \$43,731,731                                    | \$16,182,209                                      | \$22,456,150   |

Refer to CSMB Watershed Area quarterly reports on the SCW Dashboard & SIP transmittals for additional details.

#### 3.1.3 Projects Benefits

The Scoring Committee evaluated the purported benefits of each eligible project using the Project Scoring Criteria in the Feasibility Study Guidelines, which includes the following benefit categories: Water Quality, Water Supply, Community Investment, Nature-Based Solutions, and Leveraging Funds and Community Support. The web plot below shows the overall scoring category distribution of the 9 Infrastructure Program Projects included in the FY20-21 and FY21-22 SIPs. The web plot graphically demonstrates that projects, collectively, scored the highest in the Water Quality and Leveraging Funds benefit categories.





Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.04.E, the tables and "raindrop" graphics below summarize the information collected in the online projects module and project applications for the funded Infrastructure Program (IP) Projects. The numbers in the raindrops represent the number of IP Projects providing the listed benefit.

Below is a summary of the estimated aggregate benefits to date of funded Projects.

| Area Managed by Projects (acres)                    | 76,567 |
|---|--------|
| Project Storage Capacity (acre-feet)                | 40     |
| Annual Average Stormwater Capture (acre-feet)       | 7,060  |
| Dry Weather Inflow to Projects (cubic feet per sec) | 22     |
| Impervious Area Removed (acres)                     | 3      |

#### 3.1.3.1 Water Quality

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.04.A, below is a summary of the number of FY20-21 and FY21-22 IP Projects that achieve SCW Program Goals for Water Quality.

| ВМР Туре              | Number of IP Projects |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Wet                   | 6                     |
| Biofiltration         | 0                     |
| Infiltration Facility | 1                     |
| Treatment Facility    | 0                     |
| Infiltration Well     | 2                     |
| Cistern               | 3                     |



| ВМР Туре              | Number of IP Projects |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Dry                   | 1                     |
| Biofiltration         | 0                     |
| Infiltration Facility | 0                     |
| Treatment Facility    | 1                     |
| Infiltration Well     | 0                     |
| Cistern               | 0                     |

| PRIMA | RY POLLUTANT ADDRESSED |
|-------|------------------------|
| 5     | Zinc                   |
| 1     | Bacteria               |
| 0     | Nitrogen               |
| 3     | Other                  |
|       |                        |

\*Note Primary Pollutant Addressed does not apply to Dry Weather Projects. Therefore, for Dry Weather Projects, Copper, Lead, Toxics, Phosphorus, and Chlorides are included in the "other" category.

#### 3.1.3.2 Water Supply

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.04., below is a summary of the number of FY20-21 and FY21-22 IP Projects in the CSMB Watershed Area that achieve SCW Program Goals for Water Supply.





#### 3.1.3.3 Community Benefits

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.04.C, below is a summary of the number of FY20-21 and FY21-22 IP Projects in the CSMB Watershed Area that achieve SCW Program Goals for Community Benefits.



#### 3.1.3.4 Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Benefits

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.04.J and Ch18.07.B.2.c., based on the total IP funding allocations included in a SIP, and the ratio of the DAC population to the total population in each Watershed Area (Required DAC Ratio), the total funding that must be expended on Projects that provide benefits to DACs over a 5-year period, shall be 110% of the Required DAC Ratio multiplied by the total funding available for project programming in the Watershed Area . In FY21-22, the total available funding for programming of projects in the CSMB Watershed Area for the period of FY21-22 to FY22-26 (5 years) was \$52.7M, of which \$29M must be allocated for the programming of projects within DACs in the CSMB Watershed Area (see below graphic). The graphic indicates that for the CSMB Watershed Area the DAC funding requirement was met and exceeded, since \$31.1M was allocated to projects benefitting DACs.

| Required DAC Ratio                       | 50%          |  |  |
|--|--------------|--|--|
| Required Funding for DACs FY21-26 (110%) | \$28,988,114 |  |  |
| Funding Allocated for DACs FY21-26       | \$31,093,162 |  |  |



Note: The total and DAC populations were based on the 2016 US Census and will be updated periodically.

The figures in the below table are for funded projects in the CSMB Watershed Area.

| Total Number of IP<br>Projects<br>benefitting DAC | Projected SCW<br>Funding<br>benefitting DACs<br>FY20-26 | Total SCW Funds<br>benefitting DAC<br>Awarded to Date | Total SCW Expenditures<br>Benefitting DAC to Date<br>(12/31/2022) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4   | 64.7%   | 56%   | 39.7%   |

#### 3.1.3.5 Nature-Based Solutions

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.04.F and Ch18.07.B.2.f, below is a summary of the number of FY20-21 and FY21-22 IP Projects in the CSMB Watershed Area that implement Nature-Based Solutions.



#### 3.1.4 Other Benefits

**Benefits to Municipalities**: Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.04.K, the current number of FY20-21 and FY21-22 IP Projects located in the Municipalities within the CSMB Watershed Area is shown in the below table.

| Municipalities in the CSMB<br>Watershed Area | Number of IP Projects<br>located in each Municipality |
|--|---|
| Beverly Hills                                | 1   |
| Culver City                                  | 3   |
| El Segundo                                   | 0   |
| Inglewood                                    | 2   |
| Los Angeles                                  | 3   |
| Santa Monica                                 | 1   |
| Unincorporated County                        | 1   |
| West Hollywood                               | 0   |



#### 3.2 Scientific Studies

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.04.I and Ch18.07.E, the Scientific Studies Program is part of the SCW Regional Program and provides funding for activities such as scientific studies, technical studies, monitoring, and modeling.

There were no scientific studies included in the FY20-21 and FY21-22 SIPs in the CSMB Watershed Area.

#### 3.3 Technical Resources Program

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.07.D, the purpose of the Technical Resources Program (TRP) is to provide technical resources to project leads such as community groups, municipalities, and individuals for the development of Feasibility Studies through support from Technical Assistance Teams (TAT) and Watershed Coordinators who provide guidance on technical assistance, outreach and education.

Below is a summary of Project Concepts included in the FY20-21 and FY21-22 SIPs.

| Funding Years | SCW TRP Funds<br>Awarded to Date |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| FY20-22       | \$900,000                        |

| Status of TRP   | Number of TRP Project<br>Concepts |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Completed       | 1                                 |
| In Progress     | 2                                 |
| Submitted to IP | 1                                 |
| Funded as IP    | 1                                 |

From the above, "Completed" refers to TRP concepts that were funded and developed, by a TAT, into a completed Feasibility Study; "In Progress" denotes that a Feasibility Study is currently being developed by a TAT; "Submitted to IP" refers to completed Feasibility Studies that were submitted for IP funding consideration; and "Funded as IP" refers to projects that successfully went through the TRP Feasibility Study development process and were awarded IP funding.

#### 3.3.1 Watershed Coordinator

The Technical Resources Program provides Watershed Coordinators to educate and build capacity in communities and to facilitate community and stakeholder engagement with the SCW Program. The CSMB WASC funds two Watershed Coordinators each year. In the FY20-21 and FY21-22 contracts, one Watershed Coordinator was from Heal the Bay and the other from SGA Marketing. The Watershed



Coordinators began their work in May 2021. To date, they've engaged over 4,000 community members and have held 91 educational and 58 engagement events across the CSMB Watershed Area.

Watershed Coordinator progress presentations and reports may be reviewed on the CSMB WASC webpage (<u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/central-santa-monica-bay-watershed-area/</u>). Their most recent updated Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan for FY22-23 may be viewed <u>here</u>. The Watershed Coordinator FY21-22 Annual Report may be viewed <u>here</u> and the FY22-23 Annual Report may be viewed <u>here</u>.

Below, the two CSMB Watershed Coordinators provide insight on their efforts and roles:

"The Ballona Creek Regional Watershed Coordination convening held in June 2023 in partnership with the newly expanded Baldwin Hills Urban Watershed Conservancy is a success we're proud of. It is the culmination of our years-long effort to build relationships with project developers in CSMB and identify how we as watershed coordinators can help improve regional coordination in the watershed area. As the Syd Kronenthal Park and Blackwelder Tract project concepts matured in FY 22-23, we identified a need to create a space for project developers to collaborate and coordinate - share resources, lessons learned, information, and identify opportunities for partnership or collaboration. Unlike the LA River, the Ballona Creek Watershed doesn't have regular meetings or committees supporting collaboration among interested parties; we are working with the Conservancy to change that."

#### Watershed Coordinator Michelle Struthers, SGA Marketing

"As part of the Fiscal Year 22-23 Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (SOEP) for CSMB, we included outreach and engagement with Neighborhood Councils and Homeowners Associations in an effort to educate communities around the SCWP program and better understand how the programs goals might align with community priorities. We provided upwards of a dozen presentations to the more than 35 Neighborhood Councils in Central Santa Monica Bay. These efforts have elevated several projects that were slated as beautification projects to potential stormwater infrastructure projects utilizing nature-based solutions. Many of these projects are still in their infancy stage, but the fact that our work as WCs was able to augment the communities thinking around multi-benefit solution projects has been incredibly exciting."

Watershed Coordinator Mikaela Randolph, Heal the Bay

Below is a summary of the Watershed Coordinator expenditures in the FY20-21 and FY21-22 SIPs.

| Funding Years | SCW Funds<br>Awarded to Date |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| FY20-22       | \$1,200,000                  |



### 4 Adaptive Management

The SCW Program is designed to be adaptively managed so that it can best meet LA County's water quality, water supply, and community investment needs. Occasionally, changes to the program, including the Regional Program, will be made to ensure the effective advancement of the SCW Program goals, which will include refining guidance, processes, and tools that demonstrate/report on SCW Program Goals and metrics and facilitate enhanced long-term planning. Overall, the SCW Program goals are being achieved through implementation of a variety of multi-benefit infrastructure projects that improve water quality, increase local water supply, enhance communities, and improve public health.

#### 4.1 Adaptive Management to Date

To assist in adaptively managing projects, the CSMB WASC reviews project quarterly progress and expenditure reports and annual summary reports. The WASC evaluates whether the schedules, budgets, scopes and expected benefits are aligned with the SCW Program Goals. Additionally, Projects that are over budget or behind schedule, or that demonstrate reduced or significant changes to original benefits, may be adjusted or removed from future SIPs at the WASCs discretion.

The District has refined guidance, processes, and tools and developed iterative guidance materials listed below. Please refer to the <u>Project Portal (https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/scw-reporting/map)</u>, Regional Program webpage (<u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/regional-program-2/</u>), and the WASC webpage on the <u>Safe, Clean Water website (www.safecleanwaterla.org)</u> for details.

- Watershed Area Steering Committee Operating Guidelines (<u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Regional-Program-WASC-Operating-Guidelines-20190924-FINAL.pdf</u>)
- Guidelines for public participation and public comments during Governance Committee in-person or virtual meetings (<u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/video-conference-guidelines/</u>)
- Guidance for project applicants, including but not limited to, project applications, factsheets, and information sessions
  - Call for Projects Information Sessions (<u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/call-for-projects/</u>)
- Regional Program Funding Process Handbook (<u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Handbook-20191007-1630.pdf</u>)
- Reporting Module for Project Developers to submit progress reports (<u>https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/reporting/</u>)
- Safe Clean Water Spatial Data Library (<u>https://stantec.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=35df45808fe6470a8eff10</u> 75967c2156)
  - WASCs utilize the SCW GIS Maps to help assess multi-benefit projects across the watershed area to aid in development of SIPs
- SIP Programming Tool (<u>https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/sip-tool/</u>)
- Preliminary Committee Member rankings of projects for discussion purposes, as applicable
- Requested that project developers provide anticipated construction costs for projects that were awarded design-only funding



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- Program Guidance (<u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/2022-interim-guidance/</u>)
  - Programming of Nature-Based Solutions
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies in the Regional Program
  - Strengthening Community Engagement and Support
  - Water Supply
    - Alternate Water Supply Scoring Pilot for FY24-25 Call for Projects
- Partial Funding Guidelines
  - <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Partial-Funding-Guidelines-</u> 20220216.pdf

#### 4.2 Ongoing and Future Adaptive Management

Compliant with LACFCD Code Ch18.04.L, progress reports and audits submitted by project developers provide meaningful insight on the extent projects and studies are achieving SCW Program Goals (https://safecleanwaterla.org/reporting-and-audits/). To ensure adaptive management, WASCs will continue to review the Infrastructure Program Project Developers' quarterly progress and expenditure reports and the annual summary reports to evaluate whether the schedules, budgets, scopes and expected benefits remain consistent with the SCW Program Goals. The Benefits Dashboard and the Reporting modules that track project benefits, expenditures, and progress reports are available at the SCW Portal (https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/scw-reporting/map). As the early suite of SCW Program funded projects complete their funded activities or complete construction, project developers will report on the post-performance of their completed projects. The post-performance report information will help inform future improvements to the Regional Program process and requirements to better achieve SCW Program Goals.

The District's in-progress Metrics and Monitoring Study (MMS) is intended to help inform future SIP development through the support of both early/coordinated planning as well as more meaningful tracking/monitoring of projects and benefits. The MMS will use a robust stakeholder and consensus-based approach to assess and develop metrics that can be used across the SCW Program to support SCW Program Goals. Additionally, the District commissioned a white paper as part of the Metrics and Monitoring Study (MMS) by UCLA and Stantec (Equity in Stormwater Investments: Measuring Community Engagement and Disadvantaged Community Benefits for Equitable Impact in the Safe Clean Water Program) which is published on the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation website: https://innovation.luskin.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Equity-in-Stormwater-Investments.pdf.

The first biennial SCW Program Progress Report will be completed at the end of 2023. The biennial report summarizes the progress of the Regional Program, Municipal Program, and District Program and makes findings regarding the extent SCW Program Goals have been met. The District will assist with preparing the biennial report on behalf of the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC). The ROC will hold noticed public meetings to obtain feedback from the public and recommend actions and adjustments to the SCW



Program to better achieve Program Goals. Below are anticipated ROC meetings dates for the biennial SCW Program Progress Report:

- August 31, 2023 Review outline for report
- October 5, 2023 Release biennial report draft and initiate 30-day public comment period
- December 7, 2023 Revised biennial report

Visit ROC webpage for meeting details: <u>https://safecleanwaterla.org/regional-oversight-committee/</u>

These results, along with other efforts and regional plans related to identifying needs, priorities, and lessons learned, will continue to be incorporated into the Regional Program process.