SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Welcome Back!

Year 5 (FY24-25)
### Regional Program

50% Program revenue
Provides funding for multi-benefit watershed-based projects

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<th>Watershed Area</th>
<th>2022-23 Regional Tax Return Estimates</th>
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The Board of Supervisors will soon vote on whether to approve $162 million for 25 infrastructure projects, 5 feasibility studies, and 2 scientific studies, along with previously earmarked allocations for the next five years. These new and ongoing projects will:

- Capture stormwater across 293,000 acres in 52 cities and unincorporated communities
- Capture enough supply for more than 500,000 people for one year
- Reduce pollution and support regulatory compliance
- Invest over $719M in disadvantaged communities
- Fund 12 Watershed Coordinators who provide technical resources, education, and engagement
The SCR WASC has funded 8 Regional projects, including:

- **4 Infrastructure Program Projects**
- **2 Technical Resources Projects + 1 Watershed Coordinator**
- **1 Scientific Studies**

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Project Developer/Municipality</th>
<th>Project Name</th>
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<td>Infrastructure Project</td>
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*Pending BOS approval
Regional Program Timeline

2023
- July 31, 2023
  - Call for Projects FY23-24
  - Develop SIPs FY23-24
- Board Approval of FY23-24 SIP

2024
- July 31, 2024
  - Call for Projects FY24-25
  - Develop SIPs FY24-25
- Board Approval of FY24-25 SIP

2025
- July 31, 2025
  - Call for Projects FY25-26
  - Develop SIPs FY25-26
- Board Approval of FY25-26 SIP

Long Term
- July 31, 2026
  - Develop SIPs FY26-27

Adaptive Management
Year 5 Submitted Projects

Call for Projects closed on July 31st

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Preliminary Total SCW Funding Requested</th>
<th>Preliminary Projects Submitted*</th>
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<td><strong>Infrastructure Program (&gt;&amp;85%)</strong></td>
<td>~$173M</td>
<td>21</td>
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<td><strong>Technical Resources Program (≤10%)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>~$ 179M</td>
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*values subject to change pending completeness check by the District

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Roles & Responsibilities

WASC members have the responsibilities identified in the WASC Operating Guidelines

A. Select a Chair, Co-Chairs, and/or Vice-Chair as deemed prudent;
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WASC Operating Guidelines
Hold Regular Public Meetings

- No less than quarterly
- An absence of two consecutive meetings or more than three meetings in one year will make the member eligible for removal from the WASC
- WASC meetings are subject to the Brown Act and AB 2449

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After completeness checks, WASCS can vote to send none, some, or all complete feasibility studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration.
Completeness check:
Only IP projects meeting the following criteria shall be submitted to the SC for evaluation:
• Projects for which a Feasibility Study (or equivalent) has been completed.
• Projects are multi-benefit
• Projects designed for a minimum useful life of 30 years
• Projects that are included in a regional water management plan

1. Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (E/WMP) inclusion

2. Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) or Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Plan inclusion

More information: Pathway to Inclusion Document
WASC Roles & Responsibilities

NEW: Alternate Water Supply Scoring Pilot (Optional)

- Scoring tallies at one-point increments.
- This is for FY24-25 Call for Project cycle ONLY
- Scoring Committee will take the alternate scoring into consideration
Programming the SIP

- Projects evaluated over a rolling 5-yr period
- WASCs must balance:
  - 85%/10%/5% ratios
  - Spectrum of project types and sizes
  - Proportional municipality benefits
  - Disadvantaged community benefits
  - Prioritizing nature-based solutions
  - Reserving budget
• Prioritizing nature-based solutions
• Implementing disadvantaged community policies
  • Whether a Project provides a “direct benefit” as used in SCWP policy is a decision made by WASCs on a project-by-project basis.
• Strengthening community engagement
  • Engagement prior to application
  • Engagement plan for project implementations

Programming the SIP

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<th>Better</th>
<th>Best</th>
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<td>Inform</td>
<td>Provide the community with relevant information</td>
<td>Involve - Ensure community input, needs, and assets are integrated into processes, receive demonstrable consideration and appropriate responses, and inform planning</td>
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<td>Consult</td>
<td>Gather input from the Community</td>
<td>Educate - Grow community understanding of the existing infrastructure systems, purposes, perceived outstanding needs, pertinent history and regulations, SCW Program opportunities (including Watershed Coordinators) to establish</td>
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<td>Learn - Grow own understanding of existing community, perceived needs, pertinent history, key concerns, and other potentially interested parties.</td>
<td>Collaborate - Leverage and grow community capacity to play a leadership role in both planning and implementation</td>
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Good, Better, Best spectrum of community engagement, from 2022 Interim Guidance
The Program has many ways to support your “homework” outside of meetings, and your deliberation during meetings:

Outside of meetings

- Spatial Data Library
- Scoring Committee and WASC meeting minutes
- Interim Guidance policy documents
- Funding Memos (new)

Inside of meetings

- Project Proponent presentations
- Watershed Coordinator presentations
- Public Comment
- Discussion about needs and priorities in the watershed area

• Project Portal
• District staff and consultants
• Watershed Coordinators
Funding Memos (new)

- Generated for each SCWP IP project application submitted, every fiscal year
- Will reduce current constraints in identifying leverage funding sources and aid the WASC in funding priorities, such as partial funding

Project Summary & Benefits
- As stated in the submitted SCW IP project application

Overview of Funding Need for Project
- FY Breakdown of funding request
- Assessment of funding competitiveness for leverage funding sources

Funding Opportunities
- Identify potential funding themes
- Identify potential leverage funding opportunities
- Includes grant program overview, guidelines, timeline, etc.
Partial Funding Guidelines

- Goal to give WASCs additional flexibility when developing their SIPs
- A WASC can decide to offer funding that is less than what an Infrastructure Program or Scientific Study proponent requested
- The Proponent must:
  - Agree to deliver the proposed scope with a reduced funding award, and
  - Describe to the satisfaction of the WASC that they will be successful filling the funding gap

Programming of Partial Funding
Other options for project evaluation

• The WASC may consider shifting a Project from the Infrastructure Program to the Technical Resources Program for refined/new concept development

• The WASC may request the proponent to bring a revised proposal back to the WASC for consideration in a future year
Evaluation of continuing projects

Quarterly Progress/Expenditure Reports
- WASCs are responsible for reviewing quarterly progress reports submitted by project developers for funded projects to evaluate:
  - Changes in schedules, scopes, expected benefits
  - If efforts remain consistent with SCWP Goals

Watershed Area Regional Program Progress Reports (WARPP)
- Staff will prepare a draft WARPP report on behalf of each WASC
- ROC will review and make recommendations for adjustments to the following SIP, if any
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WASC Operating Guidelines
WASC Resources & Tools

Resources

• **2022 Interim Guidance**

• **Partial Funding Guidance**

• **WASC Operating Guidelines**

• **Regional Program Funding Process Handbook**
WASC Resources & Tools

Tools
- SCW PORTAL
  - Project Map
  - Dashboard
  - Reporting
  - SIP Tool
- Spatial Data Library
Discussion

Contact the program team at:

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1-833-ASK-SCWP (1-833-275-7297)