Regional Program

50% Program revenue

Provides funding for multi-benefit watershed-based projects

WATERSHED AREA	2022-23 Regional Tax Return Estimates
Central Santa Monica Bay	$ 17.2 Million
Lower Los Angeles River	$ 12.4 Million
Lower San Gabriel River	$ 16.7 Million
North Santa Monica Bay	$ 1.8 Million
Rio Hondo	$ 11.6 Million
Santa Clara River	$ 5.8 Million
South Santa Monica Bay	$ 17.5 Million
Upper Los Angeles River	$ 38.6 Million
Upper San Gabriel River	$ 18.7 Million

Stormwater Investments in SCWP

Board of Supervisors will consider FY23–24 SIPs on August 8, 2023

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

Funded Projects

The SCR WASC has funded **8** Regional projects, including:

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

Program	Fiscal Year	Project Developer/Municipality	Project Name	Funding Amount
Infrastructure Project	FY20-21	City of Santa Clarita	Newhall Park Infiltration	$18M
Infrastructure Project	FY20-21	Los Angeles County Public Works	Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	$2.9M
Technical Resource	FY20-21	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator	$200k
Technical Resource	FY21-22	City of Santa Clarita	Via Princessa Park	$300k
Infrastructure Project	FY22-23	Los Angeles County	Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	$500k
Scientific Study	FY22-23	Gateway Water Management Authority	Regional Pathogen Reduction Study	$6.3M
Technical Resource	FY22-23	Los Angeles County	Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvements Project	$300k
Infrastructure Project	FY23-24*	City of Santa Clarita Environmental Services Division	Via Princessa Park and Regional BMP Project	$20.1M

*Pending BOS approval
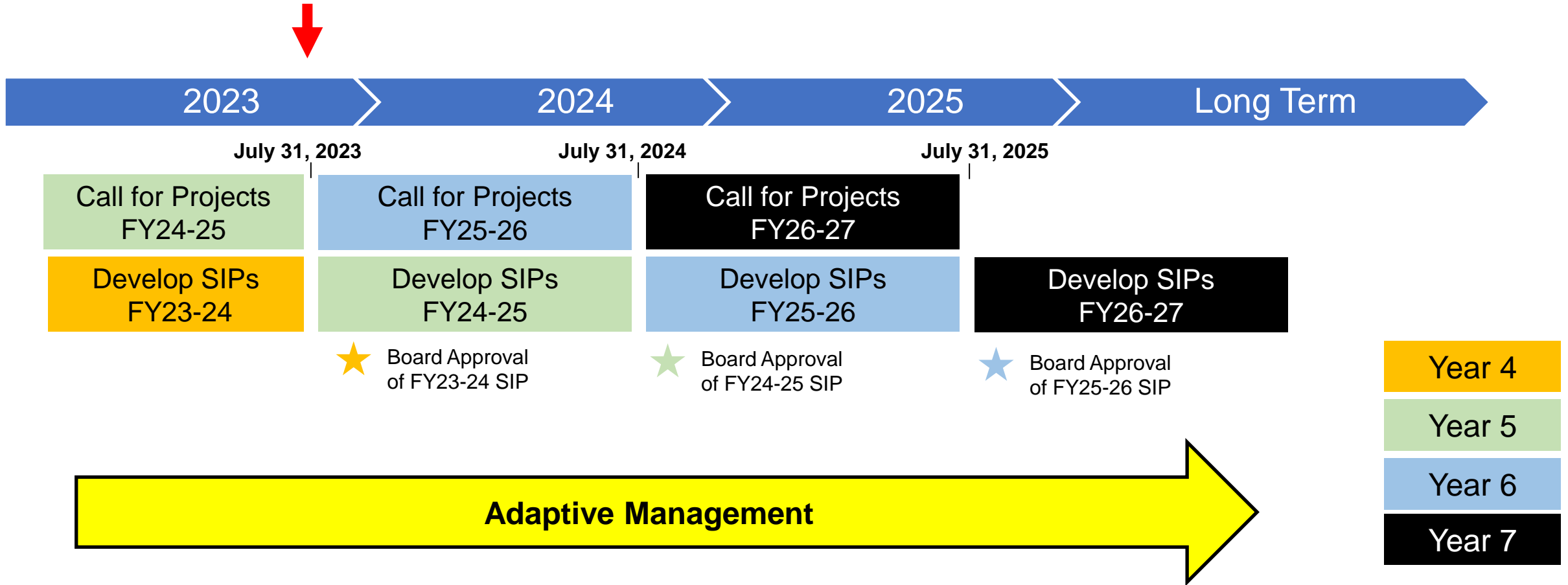
Year 5 Submitted Projects

Call for Projects closed on July 31st

Program	Preliminary Total SCW Funding Requested	Preliminary Projects Submitted*
Infrastructure Program (>85%)	~$173M	21
Technical Resources Program (≤10%)	$1.5M	5
Scientific Studies Program (≤5%)	~$4.5M	4
TOTAL	**~$ 179M**	**30**

*values subject to change pending completeness check by the District

Watershed Area	IP Projects	TRP Projects	SS Projects
Central Santa Monica Bay	1	0	3
Lower Los Angeles River	1	0	1
Lower San Gabriel River	5	0	2
North Santa Monica Bay	1	0	1
Rio Hondo	2	0	1
Santa Clara River	0	2	1
South Santa Monica Bay	3	2	3
Upper Los Angeles River	7	1	3
Upper San Gabriel River	1	0	1

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WASC Operating Guidelines

WASC Roles & Responsibilities

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

Each committee member should assign an **Alternate** to attend on behalf of the **Primary** in case of an absence.

| Member Type	Position
Agency	Flood Control District
Agency	Water Agency
Agency	Groundwater / Water Agency 2
Agency	Sanitation
Agency	Open Space
Community Stakeholder	At Large
Community Stakeholder	At Large
Community Stakeholder	Environmental
Community Stakeholder	Business
Community Stakeholder	Environmental Justice
Municipal Members	
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Watershed Coordinator(s)	

WASC Roles & Responsibilities

Regional Program Structure and Flow Chart

After completeness checks, WASCS can vote to send none, some, or all complete feasibility studies to the Scoring Committee for consideration.
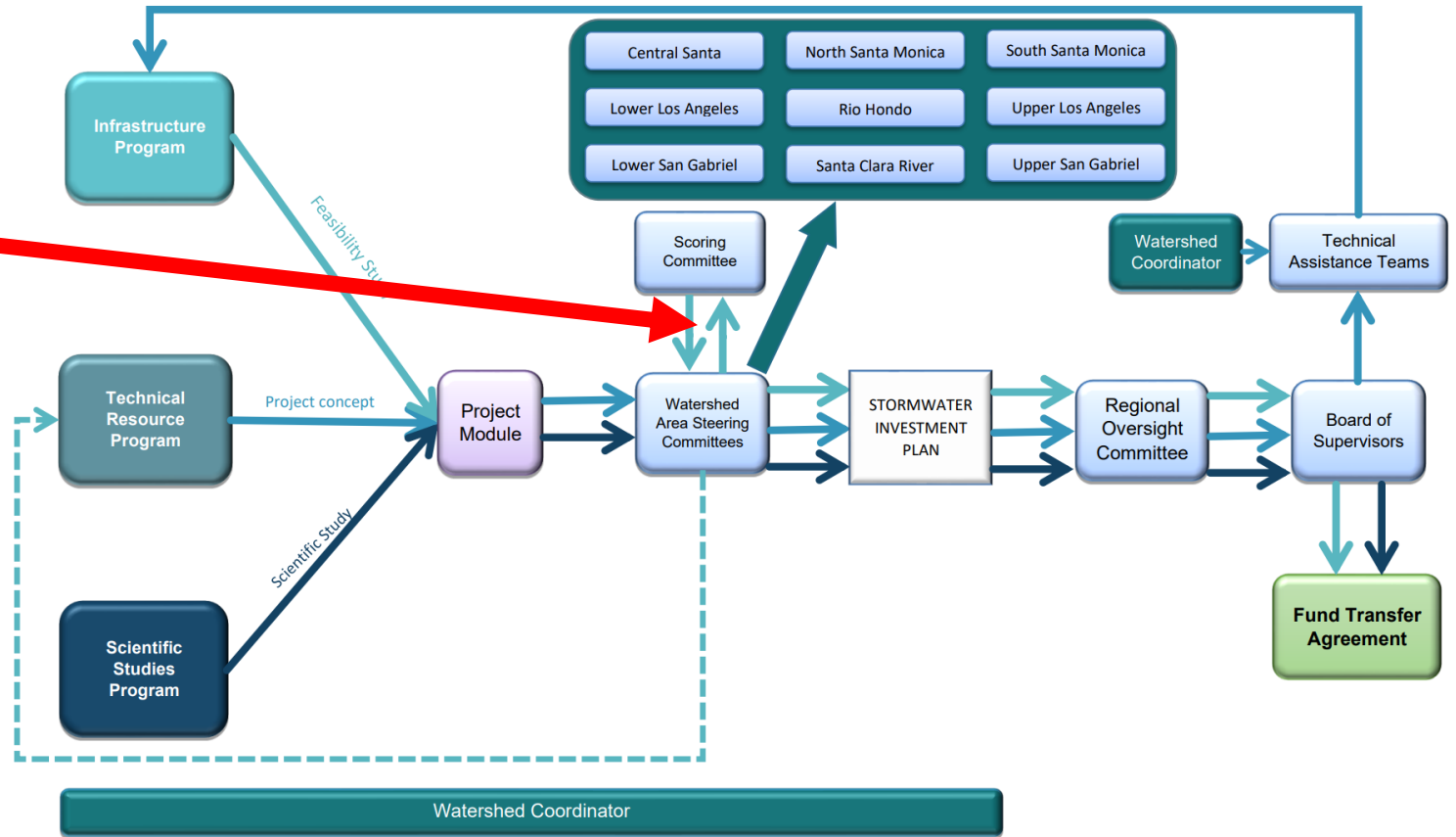
WASC Roles & Responsibilities

<u>Completeness check:</u>

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

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

B. Significant Water Supply Benefits	25 points max	The Project provides water re-use and/or water supply enhancement benefits
	13 points max	B1. Water Supply Cost Effectiveness. The Total Life-Cycle Cost[2] per unit of acre foot of Stormwater and/or Urban Runoff volume captured for water supply is: • > \$104,000/ac-ft = 1 point • \$39,700-104,000/ac-ft = 2 points • \$29,400-39,700/ac-ft = 3 points • \$19,400-29,400/ac-ft = 4 points • \$13,600-19,400/ac-ft = 5 points • \$8,880-13,600/ac-ft = 6 points • \$7,020- 8,880/ac-ft = 7 points • \$5,360-7,020/ac-ft = 8 points • \$2,930-5,360/ac-ft = 9 points • \$2,290-2,930/ac-ft = 10 points • \$1,786-2,290/ac-ft = 11 points • \$976-1,786/ac-ft = 12 points • <\$976/ac-ft = 13 points

Section	Score Range	Scoring Standards
B. Significant Water Supply Benefits, continued	12 points max	B2. Water Supply Benefit Magnitude. The yearly additional water supply volume resulting from the Project is: • >0-2 ac-ft/year = 1 point • 2-6 ac-ft/year = 2 points • 6-11 ac-ft/year = 3 points • 11-34 ac-ft/year = 4 points • 34-61 ac-ft/year = 5 points • 61-100 ac-ft/year = 6 points • 100-137 ac-ft/year = 7 points • 137-189 ac-ft/year = 8 points • 189-263 ac-ft/year = 9 points • 263-420 ac-ft/year = 10 points • 420-692 ac-ft/year = 11 points • >692 ac-ft/year = 12 points

Programming the SIP

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

Infrastructure Program ≥ 85%

Technical Resource Program ≤ 10%

Scientific Studies Program ≤ 5%

Programming the SIP

- 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
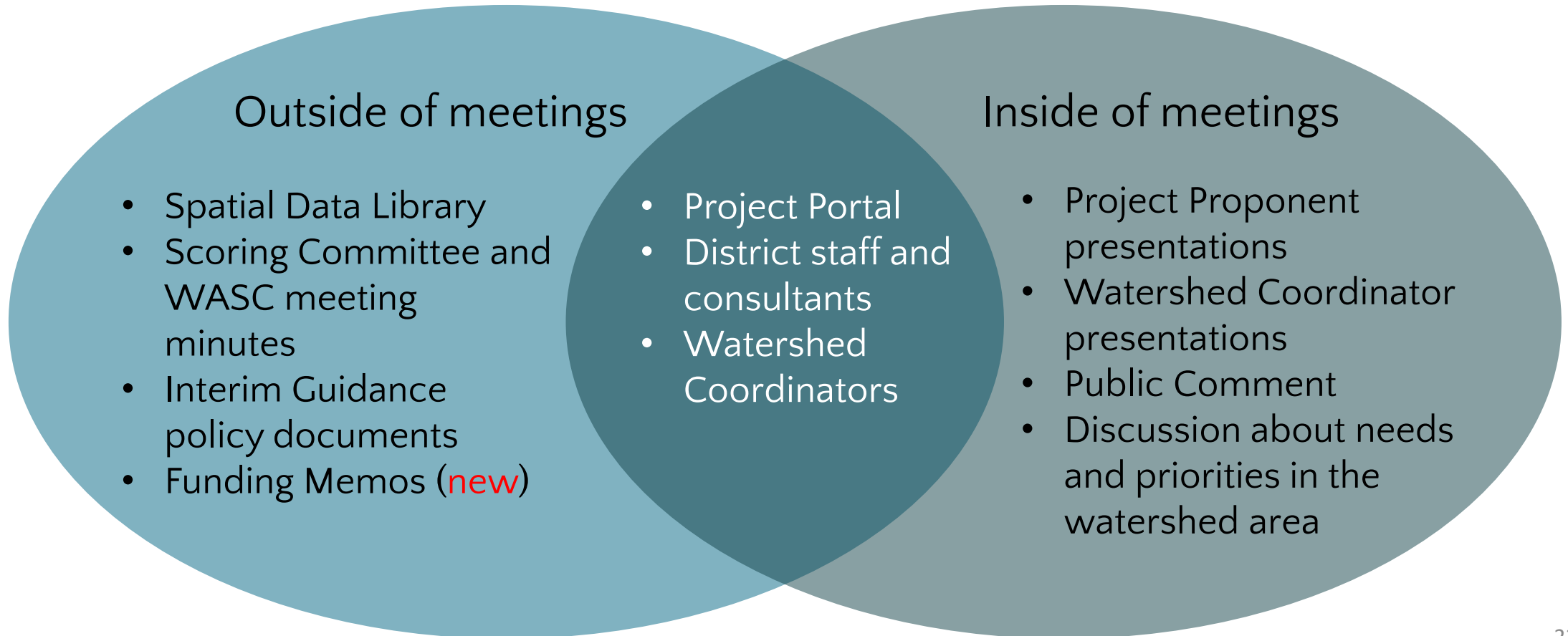 - Engagement plan for project implementations

Engagement Levels	Good	Better	Best
	Inform - Provide the community with relevant information **Consult** - Gather input from the Community	**Involve** - Ensure community input, needs, and assets are integrated into processes, receive demonstrable consideration and appropriate responses, and inform planning **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 **Learn** – Grow own understanding of existing community, perceived needs, pertinent history, key concerns, and other potentially interested parties.	**Collaborate** - Leverage and grow community capacity to play a leadership role in both planning and implementation **Incorporate** - Foster democratic participation and equity by including the community in decision-making, bridge divide between community and governance **Partner** – Establish certain project concepts based on community-driven and identified needs, solidify formal partnerships, and build in sustained paths forward to joint implementation and management with well-defined roles per agreement

Good, Better, Best spectrum of community engagement, from 2022 Interim Guidance

Programming the SIP

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)

- Project Portal
- District staff and consultants
- Watershed Coordinators

Inside of meetings

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

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
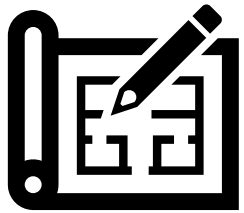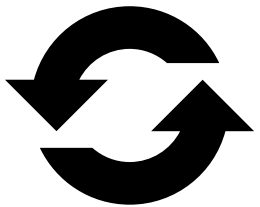
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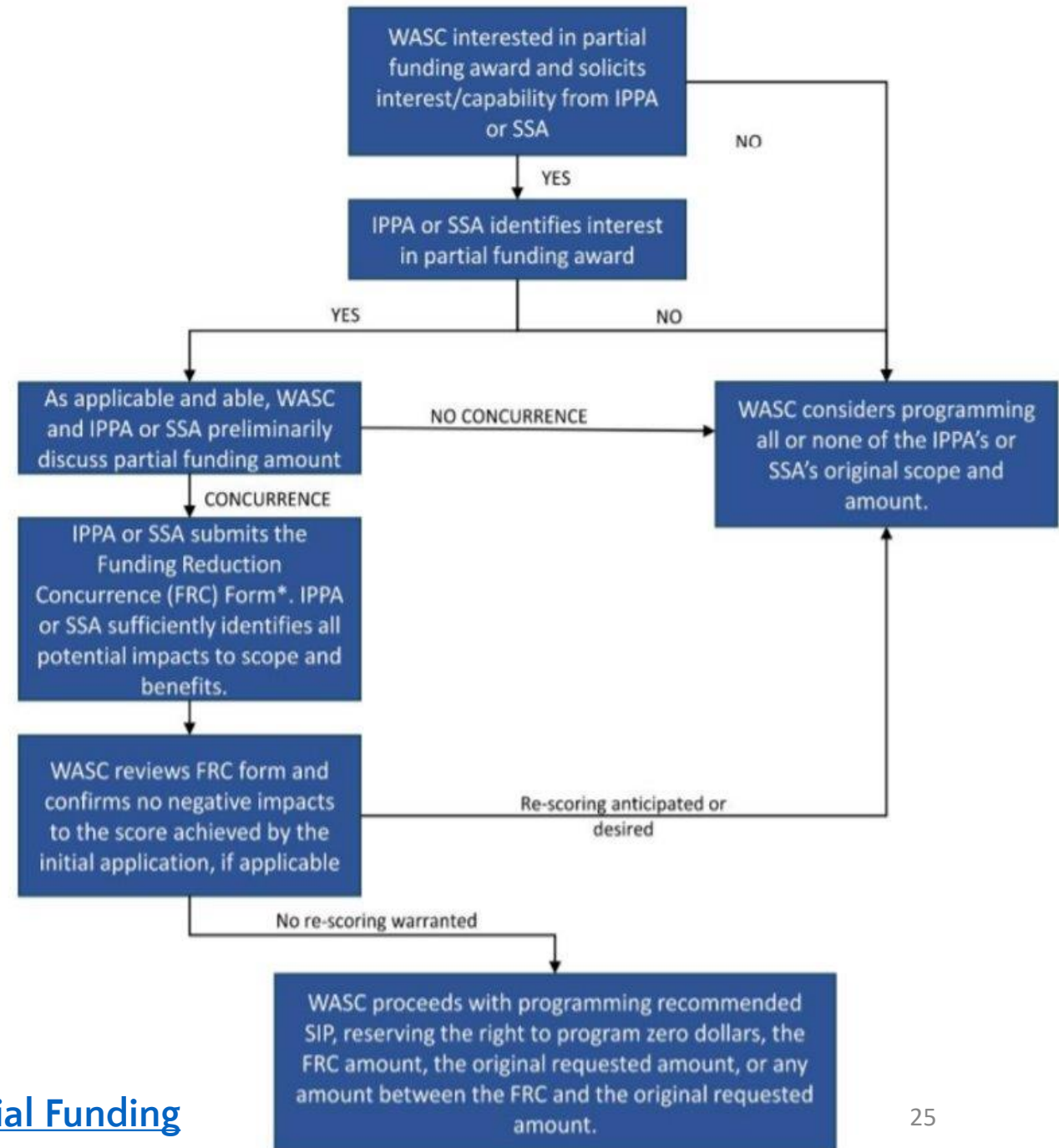
Other options for project evaluation
- The WASC may consider shifting a Project from the Infrastructure Program to the Technical Resources Program for refined/new concept development
- The WASC may request the proponent to bring a revised proposal back to the WASC for consideration in a future year

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 Resources & Tools

Resources

- [2022 Interim Guidance](#)

- [Partial Funding Guidance](#)

- [WASC Operating Guidelines](#)

- [Regional Program Funding Process Handbook](#)

SCW Program 2022 Interim Guidance
Water Supply Guidance

SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Evaluating Water Supply Benefits at the WASC

As Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) develop Stormwater Investments Plans (SIPs), they can benefit from the following strategies in determining the appropriateness of each Project's claim of providing, or not providing, Water Supply Benefits:

Tools and strategies to evaluate Water Supply Benefits that WASC members should use during Project evaluation:

- Read the justification provided in the application, submitted Feasibility Study, and scoring rubric about Water Supply Benefits claimed for the Project, including how the project creates locally available water supply.
- Where applicable, review applications for assurance that infiltrated water reaches an aquifer managed for beneficial use through demonstration of high infiltration potential or proximity to a water reclamation facility.
- During presentations by Project proponents, ask follow-up questions about the Water Supply Benefits claimed for the Project, as appropriate.

Tools and strategies to evaluate Water Supply Benefits that WASC members can use at any time:

- Ask Watershed Coordinator(s) to evaluate and report to the WASC how the people, public agencies, and other stakeholders would describe the preferred Water Supply Benefits in the Watershed Area (i.e., desired outcomes and watershed-specific goals).
- Invite informational presentations from agencies, organizations, and other stakeholders to better understand potential Water Supply Benefits sought and challenges faced in the Watershed Area.

WASC Resources & Tools

Tools

- SCW PORTAL
  - [Project Map](#)
  - [Dashboard](#)
  - [Reporting](#)
  - [SIP Tool](#)
- [Spatial Data Library](#)

Discussion

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