

Regional Oversight Committee Meeting
10/26/2023
Draft Biennial Report Overview



SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM



Role of the Regional Oversight Committee

The overarching role of the ROC is to assess the Regional and Municipal Programs regarding whether, or the extent to which, the SCW Program Goals are being achieved.

Two primary means:

- 1) Review Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) and Regional/Municipal Program reports and provide recommendations/feedback to the Board and WASCs.
- 2) Prepare and submit the biennial SCW Program Progress Report to the Board.



Ordinance Chapter 18

Flood Control District Code Section 18.08.C.5:

The ROC shall biennially prepare a SCW Program Progress Report for the Board in accordance with the following procedures:

- The ROC shall prepare a draft SCW Program Progress Report, circulate the draft for public comment, and conduct a noticed public hearing to receive public comments on the draft;
- After the conclusion of the public hearing, the ROC shall revise the draft SCW Program Progress Report as it determines necessary or appropriate based on the public comments received; and
- The ROC shall submit the final SCW Program Progress Report to the Board and make the final Report available to the public.

"SCW Program Progress Report" means a biennial report that summarizes all Regional Program WARPP Reports, all Municipal Program annual progress and expenditure reports, and all District Program annual reports and makes findings regarding whether and the extent to which SCW Program requirements were met and SCW Program Goals were achieved. (18.02.K)



Biennial Report Outline

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Tiers of Implementation/Authority

Authority	Mechanism for Recommendation to be Implemented
Tier 1 (District Staff)	Regional Program Application Portal Supplementary data, plans, and tools Supplementary guidance documents Regional and Municipal Program Reporting Module
Tier 2 (District Chief Engineer or designee)	Operating Guidelines Feasibility Study Guidelines and Scoring Criteria
Tier 3 (Board of Supervisors)	Funds Transfer Agreement Provisions Ordinance Revisions within authority of County Supervisors
Tier 4 (Legislation or Voters)	Ordinance Revisions requiring vote and/or legislation



Recommendation 1

Expedite Watershed Planning

ROC Recommendation 1: “Expedite watershed planning efforts to include consideration of previous and concurrent studies, confer with subject-matter experts, and incorporate input from Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) related to watershed-specific priorities (consistent with July 25 motion by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath) (Tier 1 and Tier 2)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Assess Watershed Area needs.



Recommendation 2

Regional Program Metrics/Criteria

ROC Recommendation 2: “Implement new metrics, monitoring, and project assessment criteria into Regional Program Application and Reporting Modules (Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Complete the MMS in early 2024
- Potential: Consider development of new guidance, as well as to revise scoring criteria in the Feasibility Study/Reporting Guidelines, including public review and comment



Recommendation 3

Infrastructure Program Processes

ROC Recommendation 3: “Assess separate processes for projects applying for different stages of the Infrastructure Program (design, construction, operations and maintenance) and different project sizes, with the overarching goal of streamlining application processes (consistent with July 25 Board Motion) (Tier 1 and Tier 2)”



Recommendation 4

Municipal Program Metrics/Criteria

ROC Recommendation 4: “Implement new metrics, monitoring, and project assessment criteria for the Municipal Program Annual Plan and Annual Reporting processes (Tier 1 and Tier 3)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Complete the MMS in early 2024
- Potential: Revisions to Municipal Program requirements



Recommendation 5

Assess and Revise Scoring

ROC Recommendation 5: “Assess and revise scoring criteria for the Regional Program to account for metrics proposed by the MMS and others, including cost indexing, the addition of Disadvantaged Community scoring criteria, and other goal-specific considerations (Tier 2)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Complete the MMS in early 2024
- In-Progress: Assess recommendations of MMS within context of other efforts and clarify pertinent definitions



Recommendation 6

Water Supply Definitions and Targets

ROC Recommendation 6: “Clarify definitions for locally available water supply and establish initial water supply targets for each of the nine watershed areas with focus on areas of greatest opportunity, starting with an estimate based on percentage of runoff and adapting as appropriate over time and in consideration of other existing information and targets (or portions of targets) established through other efforts”(Tier 1 and Tier 2)

Related Action(s):

- Potential: Establish approach(es) to estimate water supply target



Recommendation 7

Disadvantaged Community Guidance

ROC Recommendation 7: “Expand Disadvantaged Community guidance to establish a clear process for determining and defining Disadvantaged Community Benefits informed by the MMS (Tier 1 and Tier 2)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Complete the MMS in early 2024
- Potential: Revise Disadvantaged Community Benefits definitions and Guidance
- *Note: Spatial Data Library already includes means for identifying Disadvantaged Communities and Severely Disadvantaged Communities*



Recommendation 8

CIB Guidance

ROC recommendation 8: “Develop Community Investment Benefit (CIB) guidance to include specific metrics, clarify definitions, and quantify benefits informed by the MMS and comprehensive watershed planning (Tier 1 and Tier 2)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Complete the MMS in early 2024
- In-Progress: Assess Watershed Area needs
- Potential: Consider program to sustainably solicit and assess community strengths and needs and to inform ongoing watershed planning
- Potential: Consider revisions to CIB Guidance



Recommendation 9

NBS Definitions and Prioritization

ROC Recommendation 9: “Revise Feasibility Guidelines to require distinction between Nature-Based Solutions and Nature-Mimicking Solutions, and clarify what it means to prioritize Nature-Based Solutions (Tier 1 and Tier 2)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Complete the MMS in early 2024
- Potential: Develop interim guidance while other metrics/planning efforts are underway
- Potential: Initiate processes to revise Feasibility Study Guidelines, including public review and comment



Recommendation 10

Water Quality Metrics/Criteria

ROC Recommendation 10: “Assess water quality metrics, monitoring, and assessment criteria within the context of other regional water quality programs and projects, and better characterize upstream and downstream project interactions (Tier 1 and Tier 2)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Complete MMS in early 2024
- Potential: Revise water quality metrics and criteria



Recommendation 11

Increase Engagement and Participation

ROC Recommendation 11: “In conjunction with Watershed Coordinator annual Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plans (SOEP) and other SCWP outreach efforts, leverage the education and engagement grants program to increase Program participation by community groups, schools, and tribes (Tier 1)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Develop education and engagement grants program
- Potential: Assess and pursue opportunities with Watershed Coordinators to engage with aforementioned groups



Recommendation 12

Community Input and Needs

ROC Recommendation 12: “In conjunction with Watershed Coordinator SOEPs, establish a means to solicit and incorporate community input and needs in an ongoing manner for the Technical Resources Program (TRP), Infrastructure Program, and Scientific Studies (Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3)”

Related Action(s):

- In-Progress: Coordinate with Watershed Coordinators
- Potential: Consider program to sustainably solicit and assess community strengths and needs and to inform ongoing watershed planning



Recommendation 13

ROC Timeline and Processes

ROC Recommendation 13: “Refine the process and timeline for the ROC to evaluate whether Program Goals are being advanced at the Program and watershed levels per the Ordinance, including bringing Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) to the ROC as they are approved by the WASCs to allow for more timely review and deliberation, and developing a dashboard to assess Program-wide benefits (Regional Program, Municipal Program, and District Program) over time (Tier 1 and Tier 2)”

Related Action(s):

- In-progress: Establish annual ROC timelines and processes



Recommendation 14

Regional Program Reporting Timelines

ROC Recommendation 14: “Revise Regional Program quarterly reporting to twice-yearly in conjunction with Project Modification Reports (Tier 3)”

Related Action(s):

- Potential: Draft Ordinance changes for Board review and approval



Recommendation 15

Additional Staff

ROC Recommendation 15: “Establish additional dedicated staff resources to support planning, adaptive management, implementation, and success of SCWP as it continues to expand, including the Board-directed comprehensive watershed planning group (Tier 2 and Tier 3)”



Adaptive Management

Completed to Date:

- Tax relief programs
- Feasibility Study Guidelines
- Operating Guidelines
- Other Supplemental Guidance
- Web-based application and reporting modules
- Data dashboards and SIP Programming Tools
- Spatial Data Library
- Equity in Stormwater Investments White Paper
- Project Modification Guidelines

In Progress:

- Project Application and Reporting Modules
- Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program
- Metrics and Monitoring Study
- Complementary and Related Studies
- Website and SCWP Communication
- Additional Guidance



SCWP Accomplishments in first 4 years

Regional Program:

The Board of Supervisors has **approved four SIP rounds** (36 SIPs in total for 9 watersheds), programming **\$513.5M** for:

- 126 Infrastructure Program Multi-benefit Projects
- 38 Scientific Studies
- 37 Project Concepts via the TRP
- 12 Watershed Coordinators

Municipal Program:

\$446.2M has been committed to **85 municipalities and the Unincorporated County**. From reporting to date (first two years), over **360 non-Regional Program Projects and Programs**.

District Program:

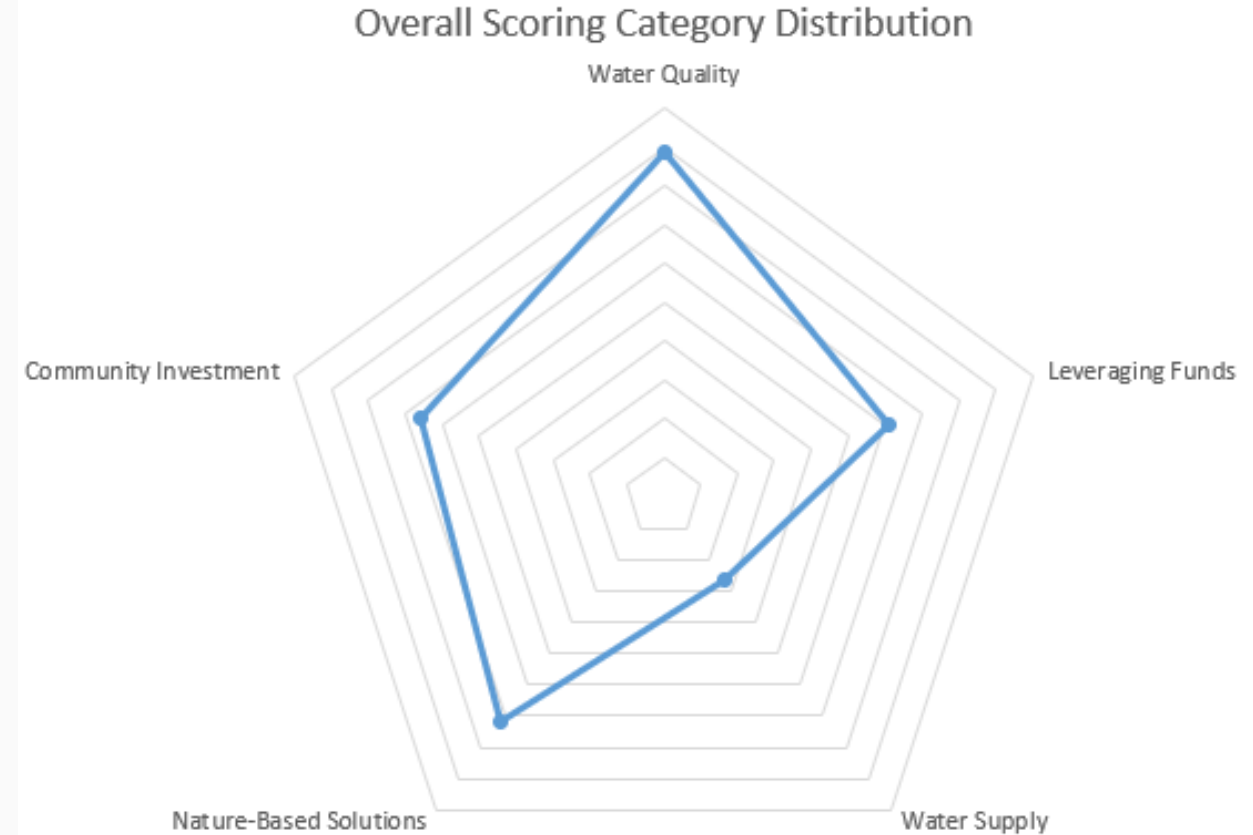
\$111.5M has been allocated for **administering the Program**, including technical assistance, regional coordination of the 12 Watershed Coordinators, and District Education Programs including **workforce development, K-12 education programs, and general outreach, education, and engagement**.



Regional Program Summary

Total SCW Funding Budgeted & Projected through FY27-28	Total Projected Leveraged Funds	Projected SCW Funding Benefitting Disadvantage Communities
\$834,431,000	\$624,277,000	\$668,828,000

Project Characteristics	Value
Total # of IP Projects	126
Area Managed by Projects (acres)	265,000
Project 24-hour Storage Capacity (acre-feet)	4,400
Annual Average Stormwater Capture (acre-feet)	60,000
Dry Weather Inflow to Projects (cubic feet per sec)	144
Impervious Area Removed (acres)	47





Municipal Program Summary

Municipal Activity Type	Number of Activities Reported (FY20-21 and FY21-22)	Total Reported Expenditures (FY20-21 and FY21-22)
Projects	115	\$43,312,000
Program	269	\$42,808,000
Operation & Maintenance	59	\$6,931,000
Stakeholder & Community Outreach/Engagement	10	\$115,000
Total	453	\$93,166,000



District Program Summary

- Formation, management, and facilitation of governance committees
- Development and management of SCWP website/Portal, data, and tools
- Development and management of tax collection and tax relief programs
- Development and management Credit Program and Credit Trading Program
- Development and management of Transfer Agreements and fund allocations
- Development and management of Program-wide Reporting
- Development of Education Programs
- Regional Coordination and Watershed Coordinator contract management
- Independent review of Scientific Studies
- Technical Resources Program support



Agenda Item 8c - Water Supply Focus Group Recommendations

Focus Group Recommendations:

- Set regionwide water supply target of 300,000 acre-feet [per year] of additional stormwater capture by 2045, with initial focus on certain watershed areas.
- ROC works with County, WASCS and others to develop prioritized recommendations for large-scale projects by mid-2024
- Clarify definitions for water supply
- Initiate review of overall Scoring Criteria as one-size fits all approach
- Develop program to incentivize large infrastructure improvements and investments
- Build new collaborative funding and management partnerships