

Regional issues...





Themes of Safe, Clean Water Program

Collaboration A Mana

Asset Management

Equity

Good Stewardship of Public Funds

Education & Community Engagement

- Developed & implemented with diverse stakeholders
- Unique dedicated funding for multi-benefit stormwater projects
- Comprehensive and diverse governance committees

- Funding for operation and maintenance
- Investments for longterm sustainability and resiliency
- Emphasis on Nature-Based Solutions

- Dedicated investments into Disadvantaged Communities
- Watershed Coordinators build inclusion and connect communities with resources
- Technical Assistance

- Accountability
- Transparency
- Reporting & Auditing
- Comprehensive tax relief options
- Public & School Education
- Workforce Training
- Collaboration with other programs
- Community engagement throughout project stages





WASC Roles and Responsibilities

Bring together each members' personal experiences, expertise, and perspectives in a collaborative setting to put forth the best multi-benefit projects for the region that addresses the Watershed Area's priorities and needs, meets the SCW Program Goals, and demonstrates a fiscally responsible and balanced use of SCW funds.

- Meet, confer, coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with one another, in good faith
- Share expertise and provide guidance, and information
- Develop annual SIP so to benefit stakeholder perspectives.

Refer to WASC Operating Guidelines for additional details



The communities you represent



- Most of the 10 million people in Los Angeles County
 - About half of whom live in low-income and pollution burdened census areas
- If a state, LA County would be 10th largest.
- 1 in 35 Americans
- >\$700 Billion in economic activity annually



The communities you represent



- Have decided to invest in improving environmental water quality (as required by MS4 permits)
- The decision included, however, ensuring the investments were community enhancing and job creating, overcoming of injustices and enhancing of water supply resilience.



Watershed Management in the SCWP

- Watershed Management encompasses
 - How challenges and opportunities resolve at water scales, not political scales
 - Upstream impacts downstream
 - Understanding and mimicking the system-of-systems that engages water, land, biology, policy, infrastructure, etc.
- Watershed Coordination
 - Relationships between people, and good communication are necessary
 - Listening to community expertise, developing investments that align with what the community requests



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	

Chair/Co-Chairs: Represent the Committee and facilitate Committee and Meetings

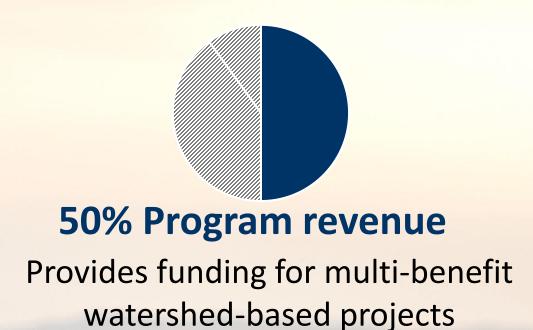
Vice-Chair: Support the Chair with their responsibilities and act on behalf in case of an absence of the Chair

District Staff: Assist with meetings and administer the SCW Program

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

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WATERSHED AREA	ANNUAL RETURN
Central Santa Monica Bay	\$17.3 Million
Lower Los Angeles River	\$12.4 Million
Lower San Gabriel River	\$16.4 Million
North Santa Monica Bay	\$1.8 Million
Rio Hondo	\$11.3 Million
Santa Clara River	\$5.8 Million
South Santa Monica Bay	\$17.6 Million
Upper Los Angeles River	\$37.6 Million
Upper San Gabriel River	\$18.5 Million



Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) FY 2020-2021

Board of Supervisors approved the 9 SIPs on October 13th

Program	Total SCW Funding Allocated FY20-25	Projects Submitted	Projects Recommended
Infrastructure Program (>85%)	\$358.2 M	58	41
Technical Resources Program (≤10%)	\$16.4 M	21	16
Scientific Studies Program (≤5%)	\$4.3 M	7	4
TOTAL	\$378.9 M	86	61

Forty-One Infrastructure Program Projects will:

- Capture stormwater from over 61,000 acres
- Reduce pollutants and support MS4 compliance
- Leverages nearly \$340M in other funding
- Includes 37 projects providing at least 3 community investment benefits
- Invests in projects benefiting members of disadvantaged communities
- Will be spread across 21 Municipalities, but benefitting the whole region
- Includes 37 projects incorporating natural processes or natural materials



Call for Projects FY 2021-2022

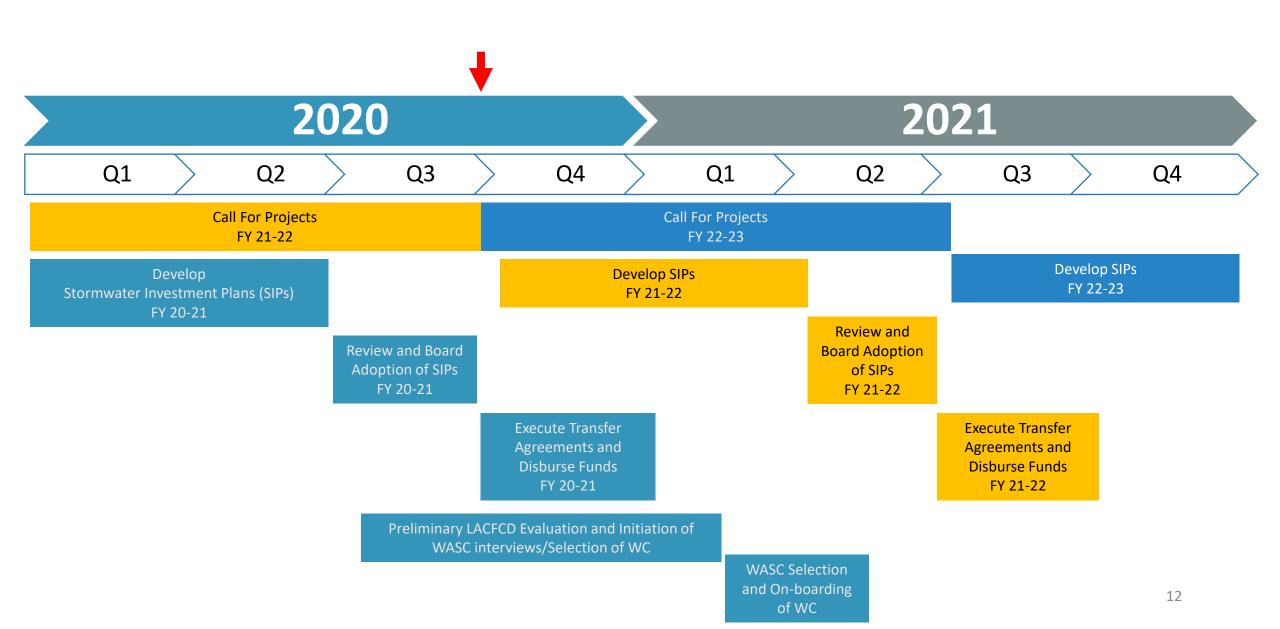
Call for Projects closed on October 15th

Program	Total SCW Funding Requested	Projects Submitted
Infrastructure Program (>85%)	\$547.4 M	62
Technical Resources Program (≤10%)	\$13.1 M	9
Scientific Studies Program (≤5%)	\$4.2 M	14
TOTAL	\$564.7 M	85

	Watershed Area	Approximate Number of IP Projects
	Central Santa Monica Bay	9
1	Lower Los Angeles River	8
	Lower San Gabriel River	5
	North Santa Monica Bay	2
	Rio Hondo	9
	Santa Clara River	0
	South Santa Monica Bay	7
\	Upper Los Angeles River	16
	Upper San Gabriel River	6
	Grand Total	62



Call for Projects and Timeline





Watershed Coordinator Timeline

 The Qualified Proposers will be invited to provide a presentation of their Capabilities and Qualifications to the applicable WASC who will conduct an interview at a public meeting to select the Watershed Coordinator(s) in December.

Milestone	Anticipated Completion Date
WASC Interviews	December 2020
Execution of Agreement	January 2021
Start of Agreement	February 2021

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Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs)

Current Year:

- 5 year plan
- Assign funding for
 - Infrastructure Program
 - Technical Resource Program
 - Scientific Studies Program
- Budget for current year is transferred to Project Developers subject to the transfer agreement

(FY 21-22) Regional Program Budget	(FY 22-23) Projection	(FY 23-24) Projection	(FY 24-25) Projection	(FY 25-26) Projection
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FY 21-22 SIP Programming Guidelines

- The 85%/10%/5% ratios, DAC benefits, Municipality benefits, and spectrum of project types and sizes will be evaluated over a rolling 5-yr period.
- WASCs have set the precedent of **reserving budget** to allow SIPs to handle unexpected decreases in revenue in the program, and so future project proponents have available resources.

Technical Resource Program

Infrastructure Program

Scientific Studies Program



FY 21-22 SIP Programming Guidelines

- The District has committed to complete feasibility studies for a rate of \$300,000 to be approved and budgeted in the SIP.
- A placeholder of \$200,000 shall be programmed in the current SIP for watershed coordinator services.
 - (for Upper LA River and Central Santa Monica Bay WASCs it is \$200,000 per coordinator)

Technical Resource Program

Infrastructure Program

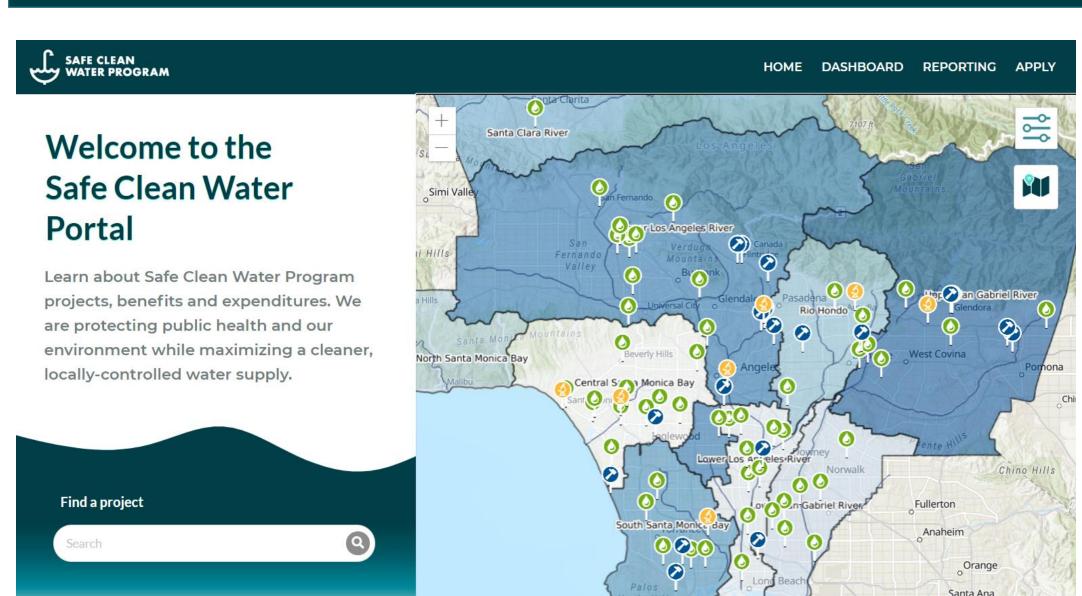
Scientific Studies Program



FY 21-22 SIP Programming Guidelines

- The District intends to develop and include additional guidelines for FY 21-22 which will be available for public review.
 - This includes guidance for allocating partial funding, documenting disadvantaged communities benefits, assessing Nature-Based Solutions, Community Engagement and Water Supply benefit.
 - Once available, adopted guidance could inform governance committee discussions, begin establishing standard terminology, and be fully available for Round 3 considerations.





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Project Module



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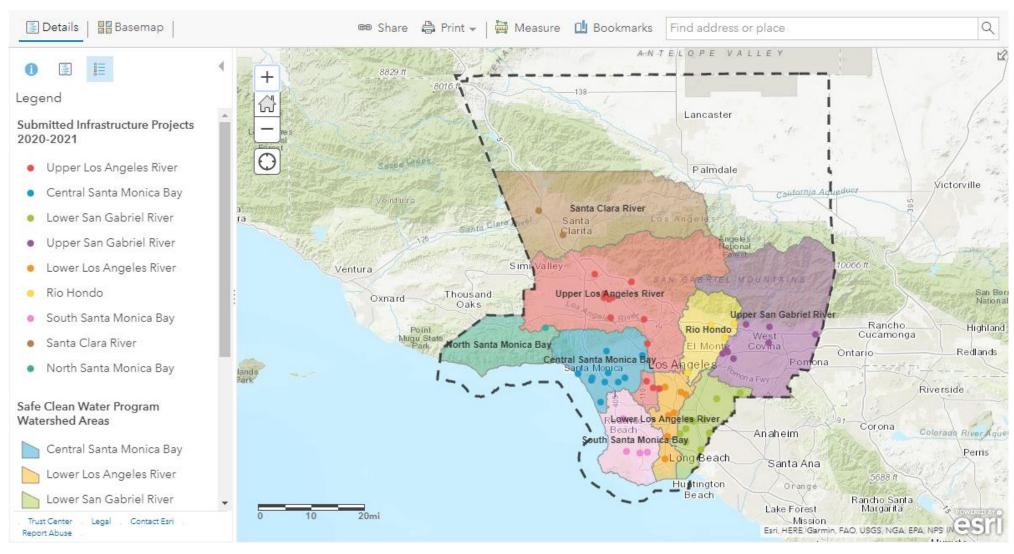


GIS Reference Map

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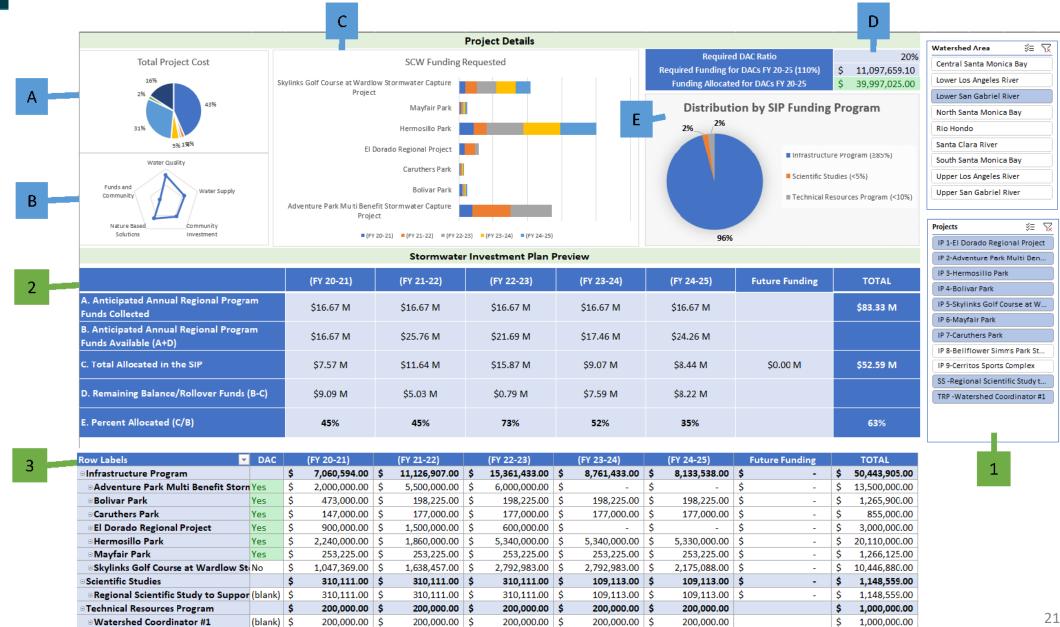


SIP Planning Tool Overview

7,570,705.00 \$

11,637,018.00 \$

Grand Total



15,871,544.00 \$

9,070,546.00 \$

8,442,651.00 \$

- \$ 52,592,464.00



WASC Operating Guidelines – Additional Responsibilities

Meetings

- Each WASC shall 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**.

Quarterly Progress/Expenditure Reports

 WASCs are responsible for reviewing quarterly progress and expenditure reports submitted by project developers for funded projects.

Watershed Area Regional Program Progress Reports

- District staff will prepare a draft WARPP report on behalf of each WASC. Each WASC will be responsible for review and approval of the WARPP before submittal of the report of the ROC.
- First WARRP report is due 6/30/22



Links to important tasks and documents for reference

- Designation of Alternate Member (Please notify District staff via email)
- Regional Program Committee Handbook
- Ex Parte Communication Guidelines
- WASC Acknowledgment Form (Please complete and submit to District staff)
- Conflict of Interest (COI) Training Video (online)
 - COI Training Slides
 - COI Q & A (updated 1/16/2020)
 - <u>COI Acknowledgement Form</u>
- Expectations of Chair, Co-Chair, and/or Vice Chair
- Overview of the Safe, Clean Water Program (presentation)
- SCW Portal
- Video Conference Guidelines
- Supplemental Documents and Online Resources

