

Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, January 24, 2023
10:00am – 12:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

Cung Nguyen, LA County Flood Control District (Agency)
E.J. Caldwell, West Basin Metropolitan Water District (Agency)
Art Castro, LA Department of Water and Power (Agency)
*Hubertus Cox, LA City Sanitation and Environment (Agency)
*Darryl Ford, LA City Recreation & Parks (Agency)
Rita Kampalath, LA County Chief Sustainability Office (Community), Vice-Chair
Alysen Weiland, PSOMAS (Community)
*Gloria Medina, The Solutions Project/SCOPE (Community)
*Maggie Gardner, LA Waterkeeper (Community)
Edgar Campos, T.R.U.S.T. South LA (Community)
Josette Descalzo, Beverly Hills (Municipal)
Sean Singletary, Culver City (Municipal)
Roberto Perez, Los Angeles (Municipal)
Rafael Prieto, Los Angeles (Municipal)
Susie Santilena, Los Angeles (Municipal), Chair
Bruce Hamamoto, Los Angeles County (Municipal)
Curtis Castle, Santa Monica (Municipal)
Mikaela Randolph, Heal the Bay (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)
Michelle Struthers, S. Groner Associates (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

*Committee Member Alternate

No Committee Members were absent. See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

1. Welcome and Introductions

District staff conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx. Susie Santilena, Chair of the Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) WASC, welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order.

District staff facilitated the roll call of Committee Members. All Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from [November 29, 2022](#)

District received feedback about the hyperlinks in the meeting minutes document and will verify that the links are accessible. Member Campos made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Descalzo. The Committee voted to approve the November 29, 2022 minutes, with 12 votes in favor and 3 votes in abstention, and two members absent at the time of the vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet attached).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

Member Hamamoto shared that Ladera Park Stormwater Improvements Project, partially funded by the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP), is approaching 100% completion within the next month. Members were invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 1, 2023, from 10:00am-11:00am at the project site.

District staff provided an update, noting:

- On January 10, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (Board) voted to continue meeting virtually, acting under the authority of Assembly Bill 361 which authorizes public committees to meet without

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complying with all the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act. The Board is reviewing its position every 30 days.

- Governor Newsom announced that the COVID-19 state of emergency will end on February 28, 2023. Due to this, the Safe, Clean Water governance committee meetings will return to in-person meetings starting in March. A goal for this WASC is to approve the Round 4 Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) at the last virtual meeting scheduled for February 28, 2023. Starting in March, in-person meetings will be held in the City of Culver City, but District staff is open to other agencies or groups that have an appropriate meeting location within the CSMB Watershed Area.
- The District distributed the first batch of Transfer Agreements and Addendums for new and continuing projects approved in the Round 3 SIPs. Project developers should look out for emails from the District and provide requested items in a timely manner. Developers should create an account on the SCWP Portal and submit the Infrastructure Program (IP) project developer form, signed Transfer Agreement or Addendum, scope of work, resolution or authorization to execute the agreement, and vendor identification form. If projects require California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, project proponents should send their CEQA documentation to the District.
- Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY21-22) Quarterly Reports for Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 will be discussed at the next meeting. Project developers will be invited to share a summary and answer questions.
- FY22-23 Quarter 2 Reports are due on February 15. Quarterly Reports are still required by project developers even if there is no project activity.
- FY22-23 Quarter 1 Reports were due on November 14, 2022. Please submit these as soon as possible.
- WASC Community Stakeholder seats are up for re-selection this year. Per Article 4 Section 5 of the WASC Operating Guidelines, there will be a reselection of Community Stakeholders this year. Current Community Stakeholder members may serve additional 3-year terms if they are reappointed. The current term ends at the end of this fiscal year. Community Stakeholders are appointed by the Board's Commission Services Division. Individuals interested in serving as a Community Stakeholder should submit the Interest to Serve Form; the link is available on the first page of the agenda.
- Attending meetings regularly is a requirement for WASC members under Article 5 of the WASC Operating Guidelines. An absence of two consecutive meetings or more than five meetings in one year will be considered failure to attend meetings and may result in the absentee member's removal from the WASC. If attendance by the Primary member is not possible for a particular meeting, it is requested that the Alternate member be present at the meeting.

Watershed Coordinator Mikaela Randolph confirmed with District staff that the key considerations for choosing the location of in-person meetings are that the venue is publicly accessible, free, and adequately sized.

The Committee discussed returning to in-person meetings. District staff explained that the state of emergency lent individual WASCs the discretion to hold virtual meetings without complying with the full teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act (i.e., the ability to conduct virtual meetings without posting the locations of all Committee Members). After the state of emergency ends, the Committee will no longer have the option to act under AB 361 and will need to comply with all elements of the Brown Act requirements (i.e., meet in person or post all virtual meeting locations). Member Campos mentioned that several city council meetings have been discussing the possibility of continuing to meet virtually to allow more public participation.

Member Gloria Medina confirmed with District staff that the current term for Community Stakeholder Committee Members will expire at the end of the current fiscal year in June 2023 and that the new term begins in July 2023.

4. Watershed Coordinator Updates

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District staff mentioned that the Watershed Coordinator position is also up for re-selection at this meeting.

The Watershed Coordinators shared current updates contributing to the CSMB WASC Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan. The presentation can be found on the SCWP website and attached.

Member Campos suggested a list of entities that the Watershed Coordinators could engage with, such as the California Charter Schools Association, California Community Foundation, The California Endowment, Center for Non-Profit Management, United Way of Greater LA, as well as private businesses or various cities' Chambers of Commerce.

Several Committee Members also agreed that the Watershed Coordinators could speak with schools outside of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). The Watershed Coordinators agreed and mentioned that the focus on LAUSD was because of the large opportunity available as the second largest school district in the nation. The Watershed Coordinators have met with smaller school districts, such as El Segundo and Inglewood, that were receptive. Stormwater education across schools still needs more development, especially regarding the topic of accepting offsite runoff for stormwater capture projects. Member Campos mentioned connections with LAUSD board members and offered to connect the Watershed Coordinators, who also mentioned interfaces with LAUSD from the Watershed Coordinators' current involvement in the Living Schoolyards Coalition and Schools + Stormwater Workshops.

Member Descalzo expressed gratitude for the efforts of the Watershed Coordinators, recognizing that progress takes place over the span of multiple years, and asked District staff to consider longer contracts for Watershed coordinators to ensure adequate time to develop outreach programs. Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) appreciated Member Descalzo's comment but mentioned that the Watershed Coordinator contracts are funded by each year's SIP and is why the contracts must be executed in a one-year cycle.

5. Public Comment Period

No comment cards were received before the meeting. There were no public comments.

6. Discussion

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Chair Santilena disclosed a coordination meeting with District staff about issues regarding the Blackwelder Tract Greenbelt BMPs and Landscape Improvement project's application status and project type.

b) Technical Resources Program (TRP) Presentation:

i. Blackwelder Tract Community Greenbelt BMPs and Landscape Improvement

California Greenworks

Presenters: Nancy Ngugi and Michael Berns, California Greenworks

District staff explained that during the Round 4 Call for Projects this project was submitted as an Infrastructure Program (IP) Project but due to not meeting SCWP Ordinance requirements, it was recommended by the Committee for the applicant to apply to the TRP to further develop the Project's Feasibility Study. District staff has been working with the project applicant, who is interested in moving forward with the TRP application.

Michael Berns presented an overview of this project. The presentation can be found on the SCWP website and attached.

Chair Santilena confirmed with California Greenworks that nothing in the scope has changed since changing their application to a TRP application, and that California Greenworks is looking to receive additional technical support in meeting the requirements of the IP.

Member Nguyen noted that while Ballona Creek is in Los Angeles County Flood Control District's (LACFCD) easement, the levee was created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and therefore any

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proposed work requires a 408 Permit. Member Nguyen mentioned that the USACE is sensitive with levee vegetation or greenways and recommended the project applicant to address the 408 Permit during the TRP process.

Chair Santilena mentioned that it is great to see community driven projects come to the WASC.

Member Hamamoto asked California Greenworks who will be responsible for the long-term operations and maintenance (O&M) of the project after construction. Nancy Ngugi said that while O&M details should not affect the viability of the project for the TRP, the project team intends to further discuss the O&M plan with LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) and explore the available partnership options, such as partnering with California Conservation Corps.

Watershed Coordinator Struthers asked California Greenworks to elaborate on how the project will increase green space. It was explained that the project is a greenbelt, meaning that the project itself will be a green space with walking trails, stormwater basins, gardens, benches, and will also act as a connector to other green spaces in the area. The project would provide access to the nearby Metro line, Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook and Baldwin Hills Park, and connect to the Westside Neighborhood Park.

This TRP project is seeking \$300,000 to further develop the Feasibility Study with the intention of submitting an IP project application in the future.

Member Gloria Medina asked how the bike paths will be included in the project. California Greenworks explained that through the TRP process, the project team will evaluate the various options available in incorporating existing bike paths as well as planned future bike paths.

Member Descalzo confirmed with California Greenworks that through the TRP process all requirements for the IP, including permitting requirements, will be addressed.

c) Funded TRP Projects Update

i. Year 1: Edward Vincent Junior Park Stormwater Improvements

Lead: City of Inglewood
Consultant: Woodard & Curran

District staff noted that this project successfully applied for IP funding and is currently in the design phase.

ii. Year 2: Syd Kronenthal Park Stormwater Capture

Lead: City of Culver City
Consultant: Chris Carandang, Paradigm Environmental

Paradigm Environmental gave a presentation on the status of the Syd Kronenthal Park Stormwater Capture TRP Project. The presentation can be found on the SCWP website and attached. The project proponent intends to apply for design and/or construction funding for FY24-25.

Member Hubertus Cox asked if the project intends to divert dry weather flow and partial wet weather flow from Adams Channel and it was confirmed.

Chair Santilena explained that new projects should focus on wet weather capture in Ballona Creek to avoid redundancy with existing dry weather flow projects. Paradigm Environmental agreed and explained that the Syd Kronenthal Park Stormwater Capture Project is large enough to capture more than the dry weather flow but not large enough to capture the entire wet weather flow from Adams Channel. The project will be sized to capture full wet weather flows from local storm drains.

Member Hamamoto confirmed with Paradigm Environmental that irrigation will be completely subsurface and utilizes a shallow irrigation reservoir which will rely on capillary action.

iii. Year 3: Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture

Lead: Friends of Griffith Park
Consultant: TBD

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District staff noted that all Year 3 TRP projects will be assigned engineering consultants within the next month.

d) Selection of the CSMB Watershed Coordinators for the next term

Chair Santilena asked the current Watershed Coordinators to leave the call during this agenda item. District staff noted that the current contracts expire in March and April of this year and the Committee has the option to reselect the current coordinators or select different coordinators for the next annual term.

The Committee Members concluded that the Watershed Coordinators are interested in continuing, as mentioned in the presentation in an earlier agenda item. District staff reminded the committee that the Watershed Coordinator contracts are with the firms, not specific individuals.

Several Committee Members noted that the current Watershed Coordinators have been valuable to the WASC and recommend the renewal of their contracts.

Member Medina asked if there is a requirement to make information related to this opportunity publicly available in case there are other interested parties. District staff explained that an existing consultant list is used to select new Watershed Coordinators and once that list expires, a new group of consultants would be solicited for the roster of potential Watershed Coordinators.

e) Preference for ranking projects to facilitate SIP deliberations

District staff summarized that this WASC has one IP project, two TRP projects, and one Scientific Study (SS) in consideration for this round's SIP. District staff is currently updating the SIP tool on the SCWP website and will share the tool with pre-saved scenarios along with additional resources to help Committee Members prepare for SIP deliberation next meeting. This will include the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project's review of the Scientific Study. Committee Members can view the Scoring Committee's scoring rubric for IP projects on the SCWP website.

f) Future WASC Meetings Schedule

Chair Santilena mentioned that it may be more useful to discuss a change in meeting time at the next meeting, after seeing if additional meetings are required to continue discussing the SIP.

7. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

8. Voting Items

- a) Reselect current CSMB Watershed Coordinators for the next term

Member Nguyen motioned to reselect the Watershed Coordinators (Heal the Bay and SGA Marketing) for the next term, and Member Gardner seconded. The Committee voted to approve the motion with 16 votes in favor and one member absent at the time of the vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet attached).

9. Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on February 28, 2023. See the SCWP website for details. Items on the agenda include:

- a) Project prioritization, selection, and voting for FY 2023-24 (Round 4) Stormwater Investment Plan
- b) Project Quarterly Reports
- c) Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings under Assembly Bill 361 (if needed)

10. Adjournment

Chair Santilena thanked WASC members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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		Quorum Present				Voting Items	
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Approval of 11/29/22 Meeting Minutes	Reselection of Existing Watershed Coordinators for another 1 year term
Agency	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Cung Nguyen	x	Mark Beltran		Y	Y
Agency	West Basin Metropolitan Water District	E.J. Caldwell	x			Not Present	Not Present
Agency	Los Angeles City Water & Power	Delon Kwan		Art Castro	x	Y	Y
Agency	Los Angeles City Sanitation and Environment	Sheila Brice		Hubertus Cox	x	A	Y
Agency	Los Angeles City Recreation & Parks	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	x	A	Y
Community Stakeholder	Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office	Rita Kampalath	x	Kristen Pawling		Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	PSOMAS / Business Sector	Alysen Weiland	x			Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	The Solutions Project / SCOPE	Gloria Walton		Gloria Medina	x	Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	Los Angeles Waterkeeper	Bruce Reznik		Maggie Gardner	x	Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	T.R.U.S.T. South LA	Edgar Campos	x			Y	Y
Municipal Members	Beverly Hills / West Hollywood	Josette Descalzo	x	Matthew Magener		Y	Y
Municipal Members	Culver City	Sean Singletary	x	Yanni Demitri		Y	Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Roberto Perez	x			A	Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Rafael Prieto	x			Not Present	Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Susie Santilena	x	Ryan Jackson		Y	Y
Municipal Members	Los Angeles County	Bruce Hamamoto	x	Geremew Amenu		Y	Y
Municipal Members	Santa Monica	Curtis Castle	x	Selim Eren		Y	Y
Watershed Coordinator	Heal the Bay	Mikaela Randolph	x			N/A	N/A
Watershed Coordinator	SGA Marketing	Michelle Struthers	x			N/A	N/A
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yay (Y)	12	16
Total Voting Members Present		17			Nay (N)	0	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	3	0
Community Stakeholder		5			Total	15	16
Municipal Members		7				Approved	Approved

Other Attendees
brett perry
Camila Grases
Chris Carandang
Christine McLeod
City of LA - Sanitat Scaduto
Conor Mossavi
Daniel Rydberg
Demitri Demitri
Geremew Amenu
Jenny Chau
Johanna Chang
Josafat Flores
Lorena Matos
Lorna Avila
Marisol Serrano
Mark Nguyen
Matthew Magener
Michael Berns
Michelle Staffield
nancy ngugi
Nancy Shrodes
Paige Bistromowitz
Ryan Jackson
Serena Zhu
Thomas Lee
Tiffany Wong
Woodard & Curran Ponton

CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY

**FY 22-23 Q3 Update
Strategic Outreach & Engagement Plan (SOEP)**

January 2023





OUR
FOCUS
AREAS



**1 UNDERSTAND COMMUNITY NEEDS
AND PRIORITIES IN WATERSHED**

2 SOLICIT NEW PROJECTS

3 SUPPORT FUNDED PROJECTS

**4 RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT
THE SCWP**

5 SUPPORT THE WASC

MIKAELA RANDOLPH

Heal the Bay



Senior Watershed
Specialist, Central
Santa Monica Bay



Nancy Shrodes, Senior
Watershed Specialist,
South Santa Monica Bay



Nicole Steele
Social Justice Learning
Institute



Jesse de la Cruz
Urbano Strategies



Ava Farriday
Watershed Program
Coordinator



Annelisa Moe
Water Quality
Scientist



Katherine Pease
Science & Policy
Director

MICHELLE STRUTHERS

SGA Marketing



WATERSHED COORDINATOR
PUBLIC HEALTH/RESEARCH



Stephen Groner, P.E.
TECHNICAL SUPPORT
STRATEGIC/FUNDING SUPPORT



Tara Dales
LLAR WATERSHED COORDINATOR
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
+ OUTREACH



Arisa Cleaveland
TECHNICAL SUPPORT
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Jeremy McGranahan
OUTREACH SUPPORT
FUNDING SUPPORT



Trevor Hernandez
OUTREACH SUPPORT
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Carina Rodriguez
OUTREACH SUPPORT
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Savreen Kaur
OUTREACH SUPPORT
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FOCUS AREA: UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEEDS

HIGHLIGHTED NUMBERS at a GLANCE

- Held/Attended over **180 meetings**
- Presentations:
 - **45 presentations** throughout the County, reaching **1,724 people**
 - Since November: **10 presentations** reaching **over 485 people**
- Tabling:
 - **33 tabling events** in the CSMB
- 1st Watershed Wide Event
 - **300 RSVPs, 200+ participants, 196 FB views**
- 2nd Watershed Wide Event
 - **94 RSVPs, 59 participants, 794 views** on Eventbrite
 - **34 people** joined the bus tour for CSMB
- Canvassing in South L.A., Koreatown, West Adams
 - **504 doors** knocked, over **800 flyers** distributed, **53 people** engaged
- Coastal Cleanup Day
 - **39 sites** across LA County with **4,583 volunteers** (SCWP tabling presence at 3 CSMB sites)

FOCUS AREA: UNDERSTAND COMMUNITY NEEDS

INTERESTED PARTY MEETINGS

37 Neighborhood
Councils Contacted
(105% of goal)

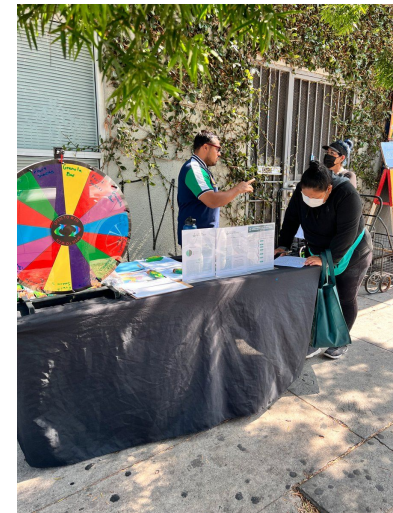
10 Presentations
Given

Neighborhood Councils				
Bel-Air Beverly Crest	Los Feliz	P.I.C.O Neighborhood Council	United Homeowners Association II	Westside
Central Hollywood	Mar Vista Community Council	Park Mesa Heights	Venice	Westwood
Del Rey**	MacArthur Park	Pico Union	Voices	East Venice*
East Hollywood	Mid City*	SilverLake	Westchester/Playa	Westlake North*
Empowerment Congress West*	Mid City West*	South Central	West Adams	Hollywood United*
Greater Wilshire	North Westwood	South Robertson	Westlake South	Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance*
Hollywood Studio District	Olympic Park	United Neighborhoods	West Los Angeles (Sawtelle)*	

FOCUS AREA: UNDERSTAND COMMUNITY NEEDS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

33 events attended
(275% of goal)



FOCUS AREA: UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEEDS

WATERSHED TOUR

Follow the Flow:
A Stormwater Projects Tour

REGISTER AT: followtheflow.eventbrite.com

December 3rd, 2022
9am-1:30pm
1001 Stadium Drive
Inglewood, CA

SAFE CLEAN WATER

SoFi Stadium

Event Promotion on Socials

E-Newsletter Promotion

FOCUS AREA: UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEEDS

WATERSHED TOUR



SoFi Stadium

Ladera Park

Westwood Greenway

FOCUS AREA: UNDERSTAND COMMUNITY NEEDS

REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM



A promotional graphic for the 'Schools & Stormwater Symposium'. The background is a photograph of a school building with a blue sky and green trees. In the top left corner, there is a logo for the 'SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM' featuring a stylized water drop icon. The main text is centered in two overlapping circles: a white circle on the left containing 'JOIN US!' and 'May 19th, 2022 9AM - Noon PST', and a dark teal circle on the right containing 'SCHOOLS & STORMWATER SYMPOSIUM: A MULTI-BENEFIT OPPORTUNITY'. In the bottom right corner, there is smaller text: 'Presented in collaboration with LA County Watershed Coordinators: Council for Watershed Health, Day One, Heal the Bay, TreePeople, and Melina Sempill Watts Consulting, LLC'.

Council for Watershed Health is pleased to invite you to the upcoming 1-day Schools & Stormwater Symposium. This exciting event is hosted in partnership with [Watershed Coordinators](#) for L.A. County's [Safe Clean Water Program!](#)

Schools and Stormwater Symposium: A Multi-Benefit Opportunity
May 19th, 2022, Virtual on Zoom
9 AM-Noon PST

May 19, 2022 - School & Stormwater Symposium

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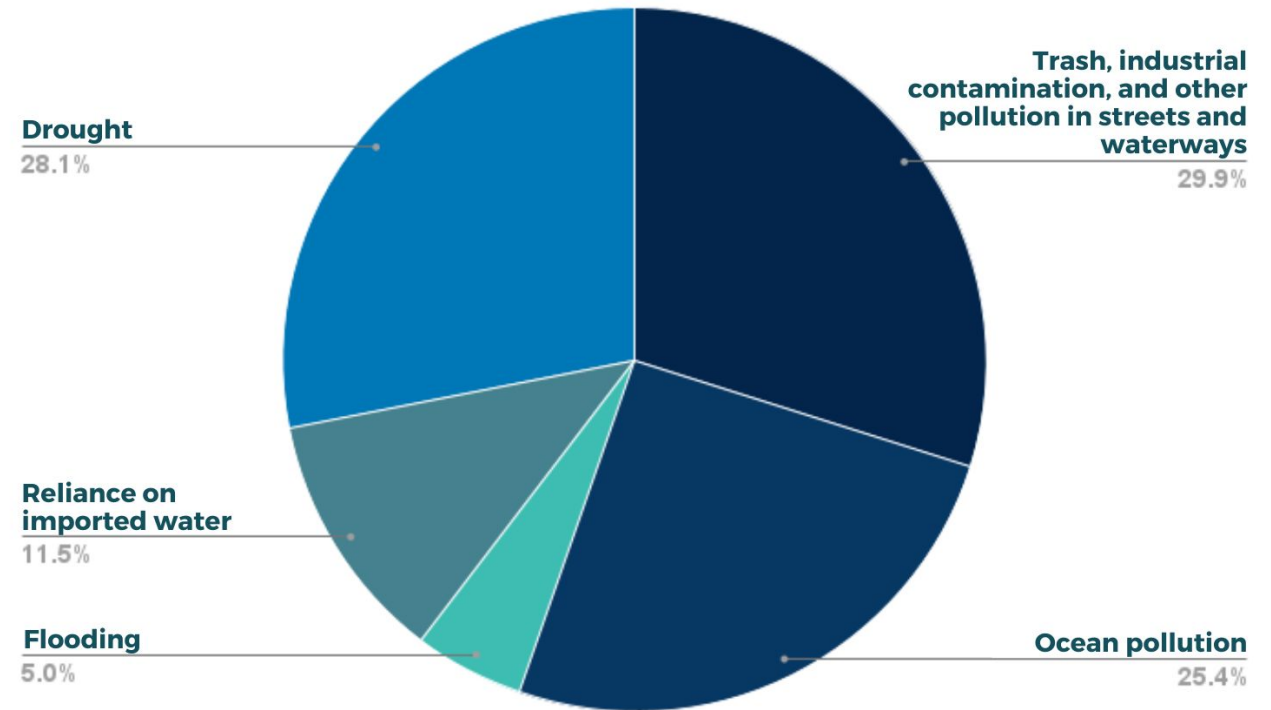
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Summary of Responses:

542 Total Responses

130 CSMB Responses

What water-related issues are of greatest concern in your community?



This chart depicts answers from residents of the CSMB watershed area.

FOCUS AREA: UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEEDS

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

What is one outdoor area in your community that is in need of beautification or improvement?

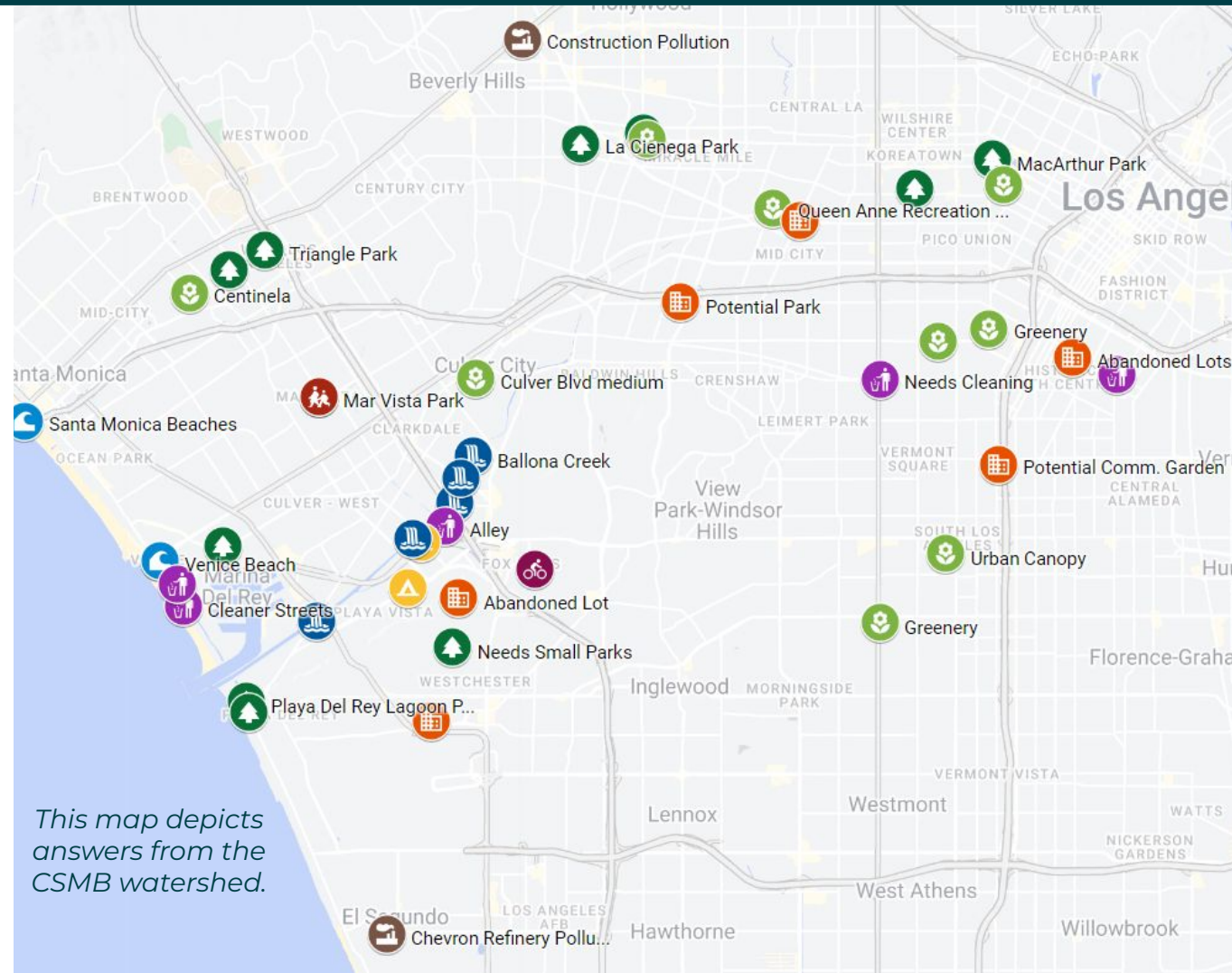
Cohesive streetscape plan for Wilshire Blvd. from Fairfax to San Vicente that includes shade trees and permeable ground, mitigation of heat-island impact from new high-rise developments, between the new subway stops.

Alley between McDonald Ave + Culver Dr. Cross st Mesmer Ave

14th st. Between Washington & Wilshire could be cleaned up and beautified

Fire station abandoned lot on Westchester parkway (station 5)

Jefferson and Budlong Ave., Community Gardens

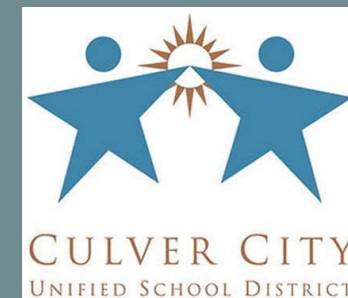
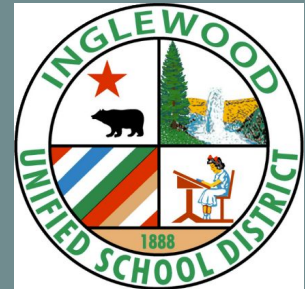


FOCUS AREA: SOLICIT NEW PROJECTS

OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Outreached to 4 schools and college campuses (57% of goal):

- *SMMUSD*
- *LAUSD*
- *Inglewood Unified School District*
- *El Segundo School District*



FOCUS AREA: SUPPORT FUNDED PROJECTS

IDENTIFICATION OF COST-SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

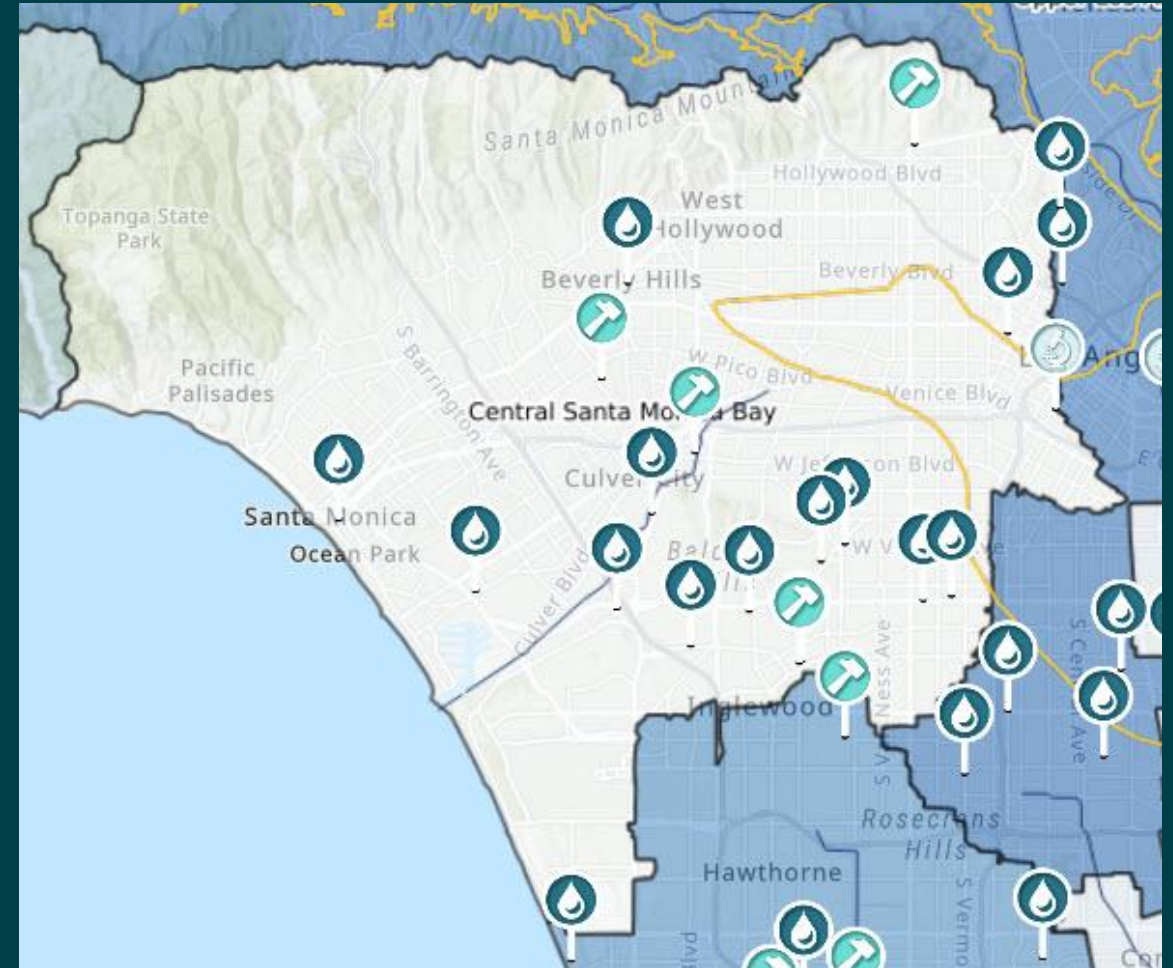
- *Identified 16 potential cost-sharing opportunities for SCWP projects and project leads*
 - *EVJ Park*
 - *Ladera Heights W Centinela Ave*
 - *Macarthur Lake Restoration*
 - *Fern Dell Restoration TRP*
 - *LA County DPW*
- *Researched and catalogued new external funding opportunities on the cost-share database*

NAME	DESCRIPTION (2-4 lines)	GRANT AMOUNT RANGE	DEADLINES
Proposition 1 – Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Program	Encourage integrated regional strategies for water resource management in California by providing funding for projects and programs throughout the state including climate change adaptation, providing incentives for collaboration and setting priorities in water resource and infrastructure management, and improving regional water self-reliance while reducing reliance on Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.	Total estimated funding for LA county: \$40.67M (\$6.37M reserved exclusively for DAC); Award Ceiling: unclear	2/1/2023
Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program	Funds to optimize the benefits of trees and related vegetation through multiple objective projects as specified in the California Urban Forestry Act of 1978. Greenhouse gas benefit, and provide environmental services and cost-effective solutions to the needs of urban communities and local agencies. Cobenefits of the projects include increased water supply, clean air and water, reduced energy use, flood and storm water management, recreation, urban revitalization, improved public health, improved urban forest management, and producing useful products such as bio-fuel, clean energy, and high-quality wood. There are six grants types within this program that offer different ranges of funding. Please reference page 20 of the grant guidelines for more details.	\$150,000-\$10M (dependent on grant type)	3/3/2023
2022 AB 617 Community Air Grants Program	The purpose of Community Air Grants (CAG) is to provide community-based organizations in DACs with logistical and technical assistance to support their efforts in improving local air quality. CAG priorities include projects that: foster workforce development, prioritize equitable public participation and demonstrate local partnership building and coordination, leveraging, in-kind support, or other forms of collaboration and advance environmental justice within the context of California's air quality policies. Funding available for projects through three programs: 1. Educational (up to \$100K), 2. Technical (up to \$300K), 3. Targeted (up to \$300K).	Total estimated available funding: \$10M; Award ceiling: \$300,000	3/3/2023
Port of Long Beach_ COMMUNITY GRANTS INVESTMENT PLAN: Bicycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Solicitation	The Community Grants Program is accepting proposals for bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure projects that improve bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure, and street projects reducing the negative effects of vehicular traffic. This may include new or expanded bike lanes, new or expanded pedestrian sidewalks and overcrossings, and streetscaping (including trees and other landscaping). Projects must be located within the priority zone to be eligible.	Total estimated available funding: \$3M (expected to fund multiple projects)	4/10/2023
Land and Water Conservation Fund	Provides funding for the acquisition or development of land to create new outdoor recreation opportunities for the health and wellness of Californians. Since 1965, over one thousand parks throughout California have been created or improved with LWCF assistance.	Award range: \$300,000-\$10M	5/31/2023
Community-Based Park Investment Program	Under the the measure A Annual Allocations Grant Programs, this funding is used for park creation/enhancement projects. Funded: Willow Springs Park: Wetland Restoration Expansion	35% of Measure A expenditure plan	7/1/2023
Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program	Under the the measure A Annual Allocations Grant Programs, Grants funded with Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program funds shall involve the acquisition of real property and the construction and rehabilitation of parks and recreation facilities that provide safe places and facilities for after-school, weekend, and holiday programs for local children, youth and families; provide opportunities for healthy living in all neighborhoods, and improve the quantity and quality of green spaces in the county. Funded: Willow Springs Park: Wetland Restoration Expansion	13% of Measure A expenditure plan	7/1/2023

FOCUS AREA: SUPPORT FUNDED PROJECTS

FUNDING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH GUIDANCE

- *Attending monthly progress meetings for the Syd Kronenthal Park TRP and providing community engagement support*
- *Community Engagement presentations to South Bay IRWM*



FOCUS AREA: RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE SCWP

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Outreach at 9 public events (75% of goal)

- *Ballona Migration Celebration*
- *West Hollywood National Night Out*
- *South L.A. National Night Out*
- *Annual Walk Rock & Roll*
- *Culver City Ebb & Flow*
- *Stoneview Nature Center 5th Anniversary*
- *Nothing But Sand Beach Clean Up -4*
- *Earth Month Bioblitz - Stoneview Nature Center*
- *CicLAvia South L.A.*



FOCUS AREA: RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE SCWP

COMMUNITY EVENTS



May 21: Friends of Ballona Migration Celebration

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November 19: Nothing but Sand

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E-NEWSLETTER FOR INTERESTED PARTIES



Updates from the Lower LA River and Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinators

IN THIS EMAIL:

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Voice Your Opinion on the SIP Decision

Make sure to attend the upcoming WASC meetings in late January to learn what project applications have been submitted this year and to voice your opinion on which should get funded.

[Check here for details about the next virtual LLAR WASC Meeting](#)

[Check here for details about the next virtual CSMB WASC Meeting](#)

To submit a [public comment](#) (or a request to make a public comment), email: SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov by at least 5:00pm the day prior to the meeting.

July Application Deadline

The deadline to apply for SCW funding for Fiscal Year 2024-25 is July 31, 2023.

Please submit an application through the [Regional Program Projects Module Web Application](#) to request funding for a Multi-Benefit Infrastructure Project, Feasibility Study, or Scientific Study.

Reach out to your [Watershed Coordinator](#) if you plan on applying!



Project Development Resources

Meaningful community engagement is important for ensuring that SCW projects deliver tangible and welcomed benefits on the ground. If you're a project developer, please review the [Interim Guidance on Community Engagement and Support \(Pg 3\)](#) to make sure your project demonstrates adequate stakeholder engagement.



Additional Resources:

[ReDesignLA's Outreach and Engagement Resource Library](#) offers free resources that can help you build inclusive community-driven multi-benefit projects.

[ReDesignLA's Project Development Tool Library](#) provides GIS-based (mapping) toolkits to help identify project opportunities, prioritize locations, and assess environmental and public health concerns. Here are just a few offered:

- [The TreePeople Tree Canopy Map](#) highlights existing and potential tree canopy coverage in Los Angeles County.
- [The Parks Needs Assessment](#) quantifies the need for parks and recreation resources in Los Angeles County.



Also, check out the [LA River STEW-MAP](#) which maps environmental stewardship organizations in LA County.



Image Source: The Guardian

Los Angeles is becoming too hot to bear. Can it design its way cooler?

"Los Angeles has the worst "urban heat island effect" – a phenomenon in which cities trap and retain heat due to their high concentration of buildings, roads and other developments – of any city in California".

In this article, the Guardian explores some of the current research and projects underway which use city design to reduce the heat island effect. SCW project applicants receive community benefit points for designing with this in mind.

[Read Article](#)

FOCUS AREA: SUPPORT THE WASC THROUGH INFORMATION SHARING

WASC PRESENTATIONS

- *Watershed Coordinators' Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan for FY 22-23 (Jul '22)*
- *Watershed Coordinators' Quarterly Update (Sep '22)*
- *Findings from the Watershed Coordinators' Community Needs Survey (Sep '22)*
- *Funding Opportunities to Note (Sep '22)*
- *Summary of FY 23-24 Applications (Sep '22)*
- *Public-Private Partnerships Case Study: Washing Blvd Project in Culver City (Oct '22)*
- *Findings from the Park Needs Assessment (Oct '22)*
- *Reminder on Project Labor Agreements (Oct '22)*
- *Intro to the Redesign LA Funding Database (Oct '22)*
- *Interim Guidance on Nature-based Solutions (Nov '22)*
- *InfrastructureLA (Nov '22)*

LET'S CONNECT!



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An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Santa Monica, showing a dense urban grid, a bay, and mountains in the background. The image is partially obscured by a dark teal overlay on the left side where the text is placed.

Blackwelder Community Greenbelt BMPs and Landscape Improvement

Technical Resources Program

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Central Santa Monica Bay

Project Lead(s): Nancy Ngugi, Mike Meador, Michael Berns

Presenter Name(s): Nancy Ngugi, Michael Berns



Project Overview

Our proposed Blackwelder Community Greenbelt project will create a green infrastructure network along the boundaries of the Adams Chanel and Ballona Creek; consisting of stormwater gardens, bike trails, and walking paths can unite this portion of the Lower Ballona Creek while increasing opportunities for the pollination of the native flora. Pathways and seating gardens can be set within abundantly landscaped areas with native plant materials selected to transform the current site conditions. Beyond habitat restoration, the project design promotes public interaction with the surrounding natural environment through increased access points, seating areas, and educational signage. Landscape improvement at the selected sites shows potential to create an outdoor classroom by providing histories of the Gabrielino/Tongva, and about the systems, habitats, and species required for restoring natural resources.

- **Primary Objective:** to capture and clean stormwater
- **Secondary Objectives:** to balance climate equity and DAC resilience
- **Project Status:** TRP
- **Total Funding Requested:** \$300,000





Project Background

- **Why was the Project Location selected?**
 - The Blackwelder/ Adams Channel was selected based on community interests and needs. Additionally, the potential to maximize multi-benefits was a main criteria
- **How was the Project developed?**
 - Community Outreach workshops were conducted in 2018-2019 (CGW is currently still engaged with our stakeholders about Blackwelder)
 - Distillation and analysis of community feedback created 22 points of improvement
 - A feasibility study was compiled in 2018 which assessed BMPs via nature-based solutions to help with the project's goals



Project Background, cont.

- Which regional water management plan includes the proposed project?
 - CGW is in the process of finalizing introjection into IRWM
- Description of benefits to municipality/municipalities
 - Water quality and stormwater capture enhancement
 - Opportunities for engagement between local businesses and community
- Description of benefits to Disadvantaged Communities
 - Easier/ increased access to green spaces
 - Connectivity to more green spaces (Park to Playa)
 - Climate resiliency for vulnerable communities

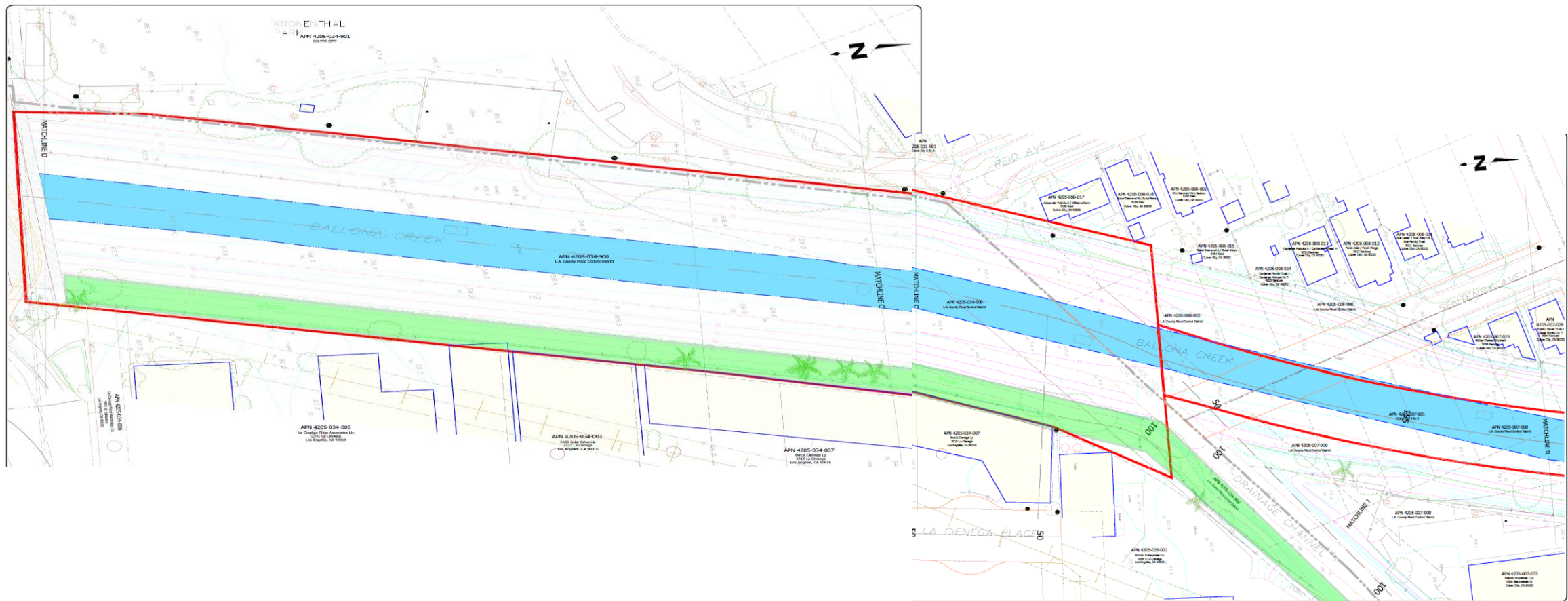


Partners

- Who are the implementation partners already identified?
 - California Conservation Corp, Duane Border Design, LADWP
- What communities or groups have expressed support for the project?
 - Baldwin Hills Conservancy, California Conservation Corp, Ballona Creek Renaissance, Streets for All
- Have you received a letter of concurrence from the municipality (if needed)
 - NA
- Have you received a letter of concurrence from the Flood Control District (if needed)
 - NA
- Have you yet engaged the appropriate vector control district about the project concept?
 - NA

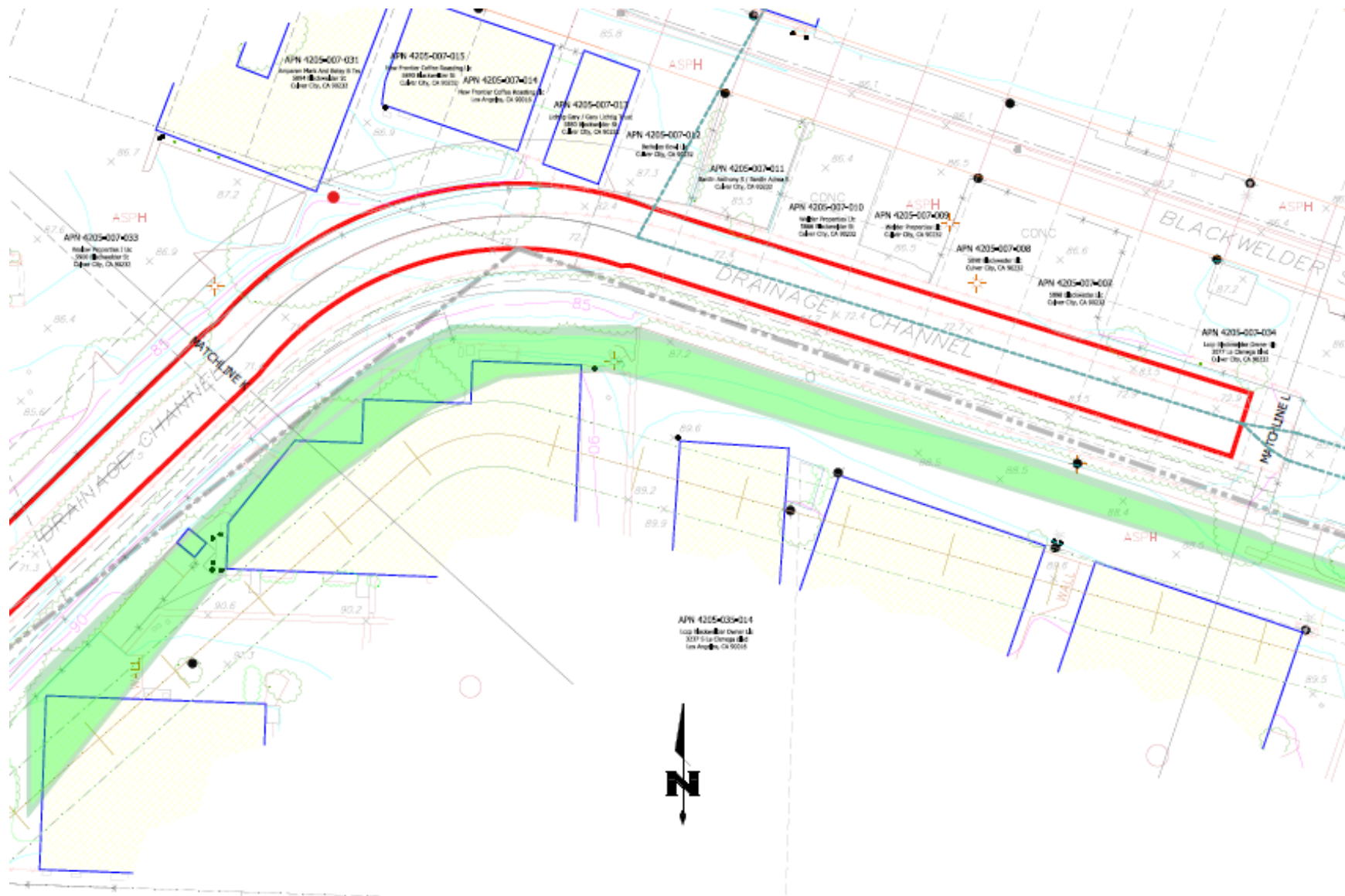


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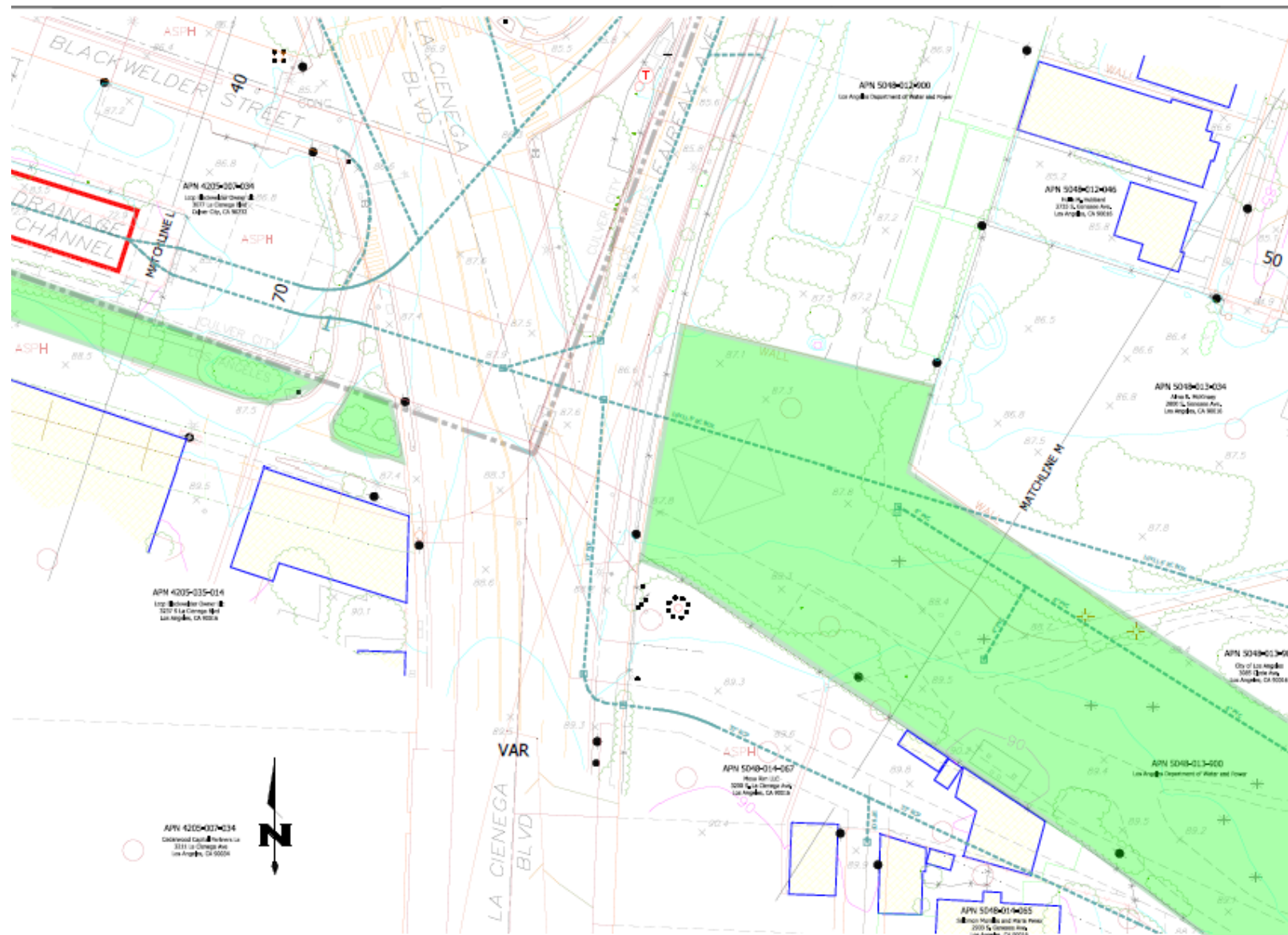


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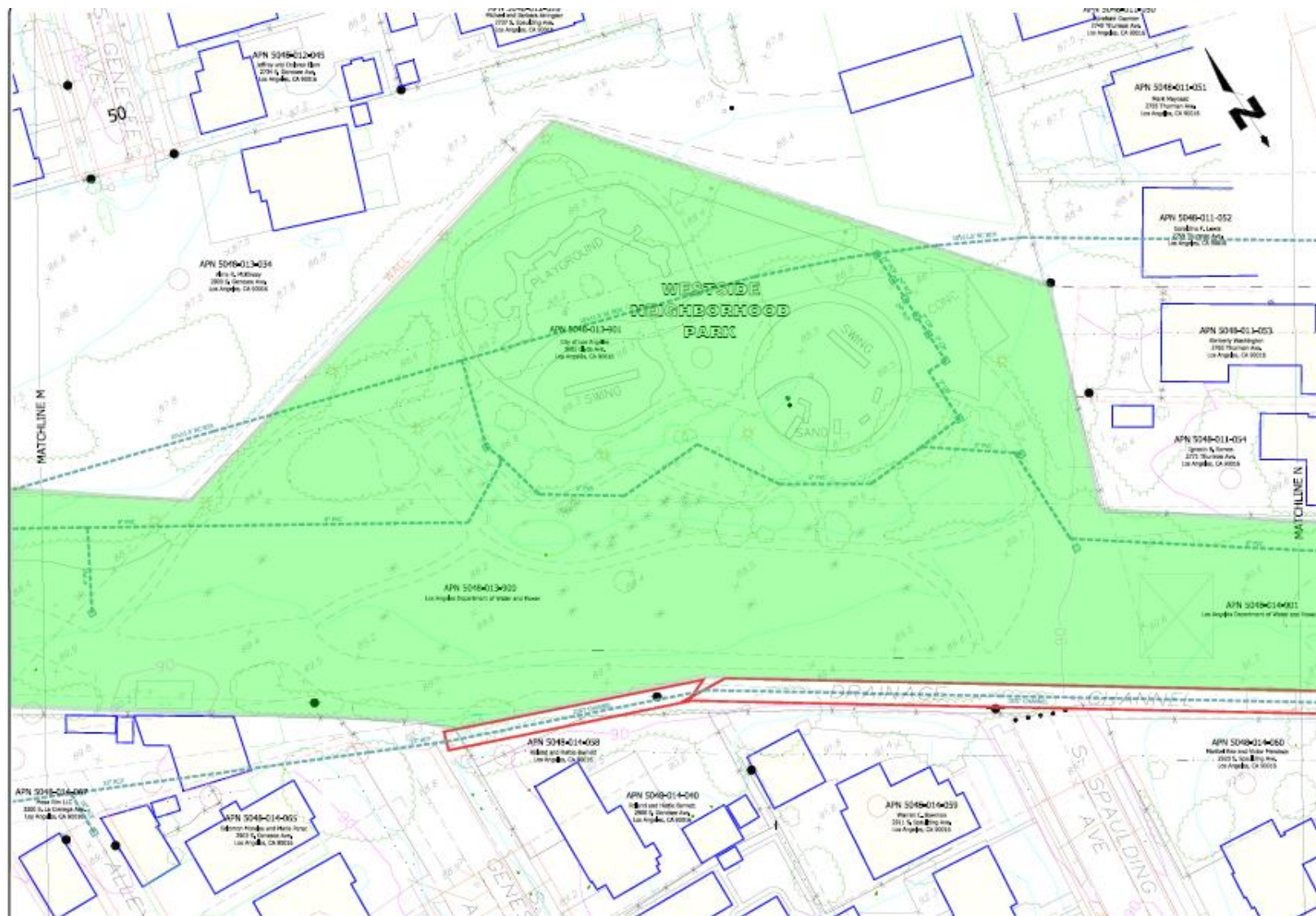


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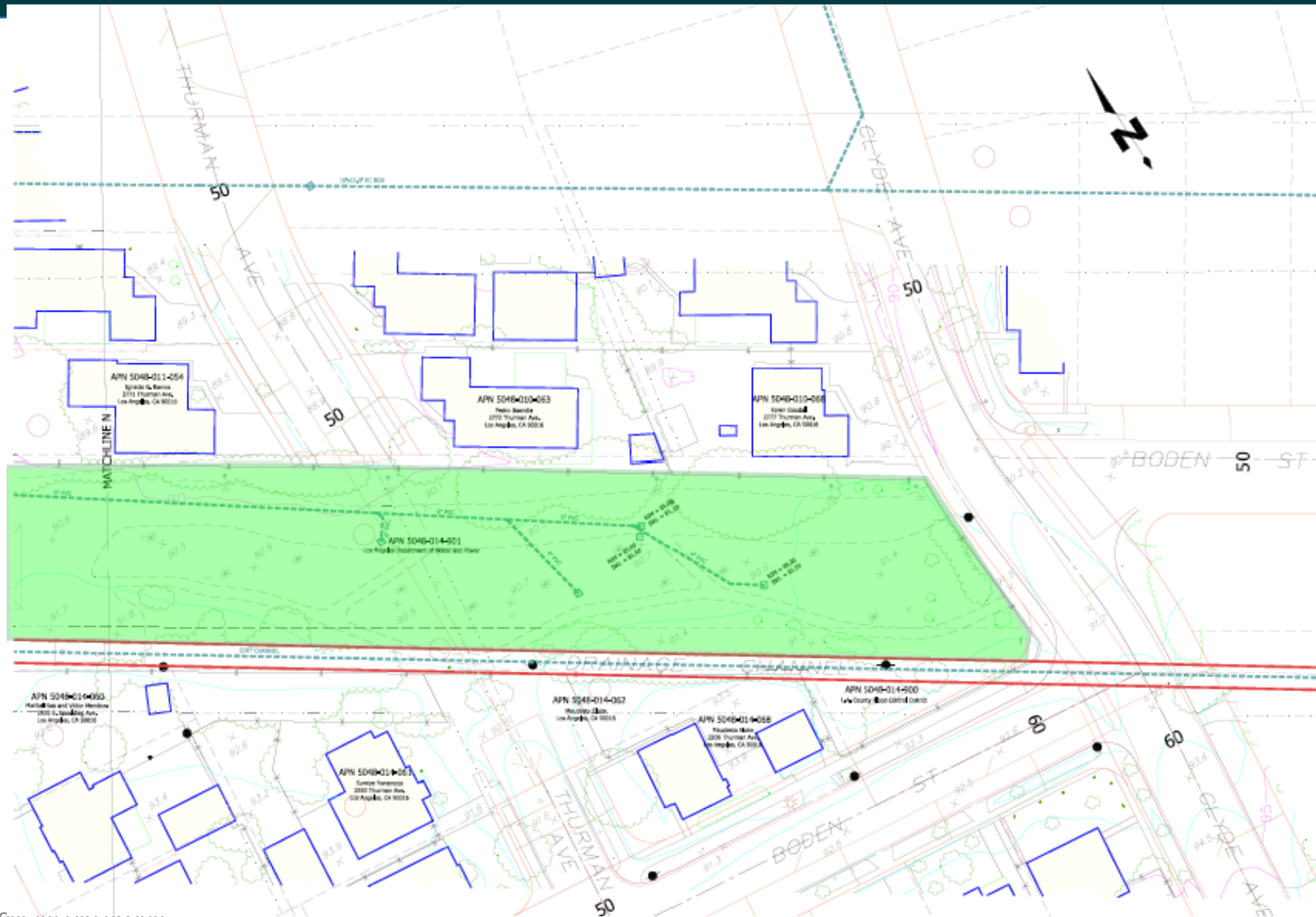


Project Details, site location D





Project Details, site location E





Project Details, cont.

- Description of current site conditions and completed studies/analysis
 - a narrow, dense drainage channel corridor surrounded by major arterial streets, industrial buildings, and commercial buildings
 - Blackwelder Tract drainage area is less than half a mile from high-density housing development that serve low-income minority population
 - Adams Channel straddles Culver City and Los Angeles, however the proposed project is solely on the LACFCD easements, in Los Angeles
- Description of any alternatives considered
 - A macro-level hydrology analysis was performed to determine overall drainage patterns and quantify runoff at discharge locations along an approximately one mile stretch of the Ballona Creek from Washington Boulevard to Higuera Street
 - Sites were then narrowed down by the volume of storm water runoff, placing priority on sites closest to the largest clusters of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
 - Use of the CalENVIRO tool helped site selection



Project Details, cont.

- Design and implement green Best Management Practices (BMPs) consistent with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) flood management and environmental enhancement goals.
- Create new green space and parkway using nature-based solutions, piloting a new type of land-use on underutilized easements in highly developed urban environment.
 - Improve local water quality and support achievement of the Ballona Creek Enhance Watershed Management Program (EWMP) objectives.
- Restore local ecosystems and habitat connectivity between Ballona Creek, Baldwin Hill Park and Outlook as well as linkage to public transit system.
- Provide access and multiple benefits to disadvantaged communities (DACs) that include recreational and educational opportunities, including out-door learning activities for surrounding communities.
- Engage and increase public participation through stewardship while promoting social responsibility.
- Promote storm water capture and re-use through low-impact-development (LIDs) design elements for landscape improvement consistent with the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).
- Restore habitat and create connectivity to existing Baldwin Hills Park, Scenic Outlook and Ballona Creek.



Cost & Schedule*

Phase	Description	Cost	Completion Date
Construction Cost	Construction of project	\$1,697,395.00	3-4 years after grant award
Planning and Design	Planning, designing along with technical studies, administrative costs and overhead.	\$1,975,976.80	No more than 2 years after grant award
Annual Maintenance Costs	Maintaining landscape, safety and upkeep	\$40,700.00	30 year life cycle
Annual Operation	Project Management and Admin.	\$65,000.00	First five years after construction is complete
Annual Monitoring	Reports and studies	\$45,000.00	First five years after construction is complete
TOTAL		\$3,673,371.80/ annually \$150,700	


*subject to revision based on current market rates



Questions?

Nancy Ngugi

Michael Berns



Syd Kronenthal Park Stormwater Capture Project

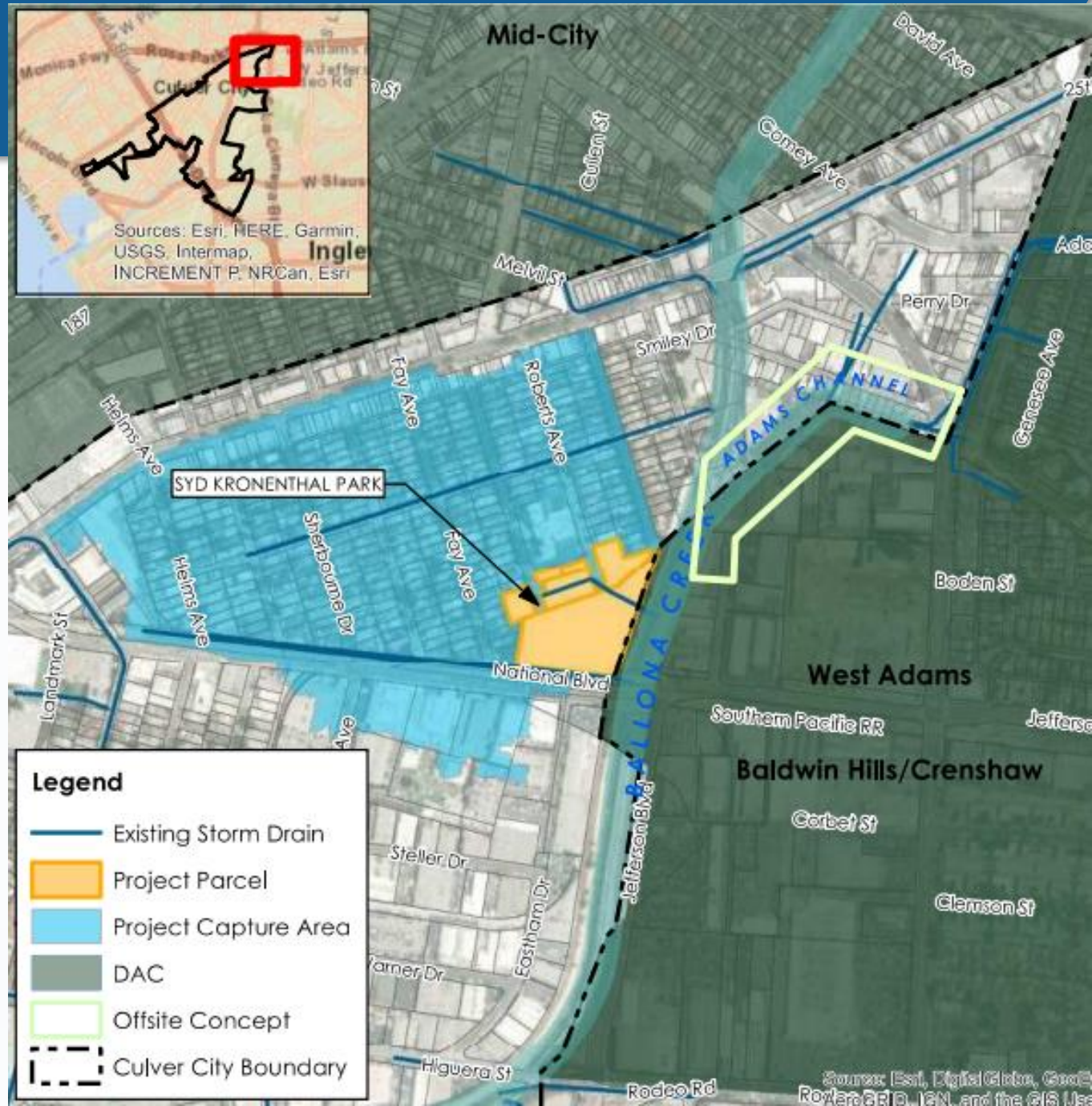
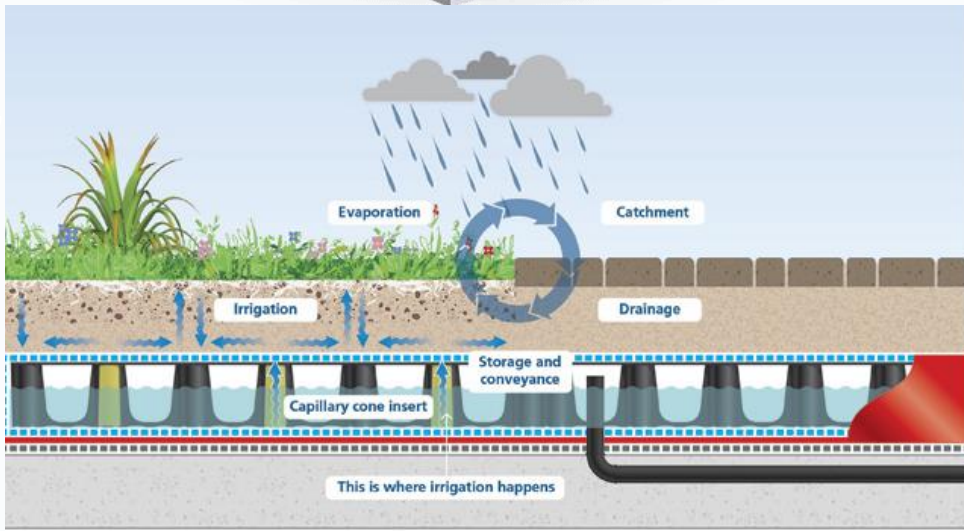
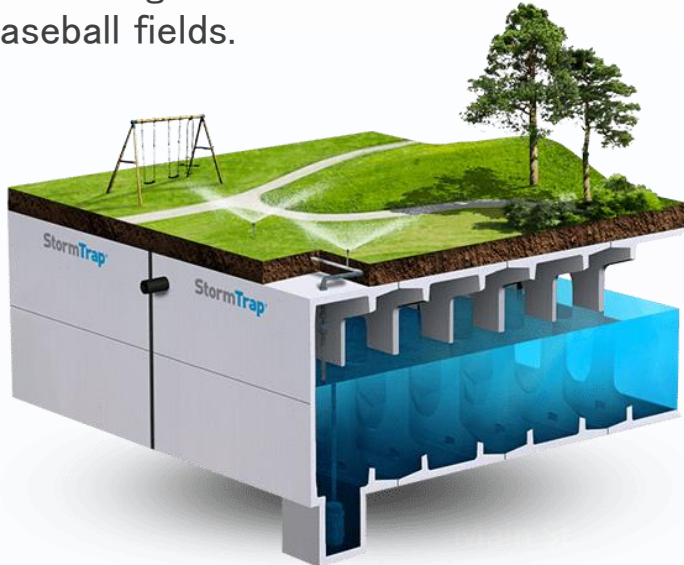
Technical Resources Program Feasibility Study – Status Update

01/24/2023

**Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Applicant: Culver City
Presenter: Chris Carandang, Paradigm Environmental (consultant)**

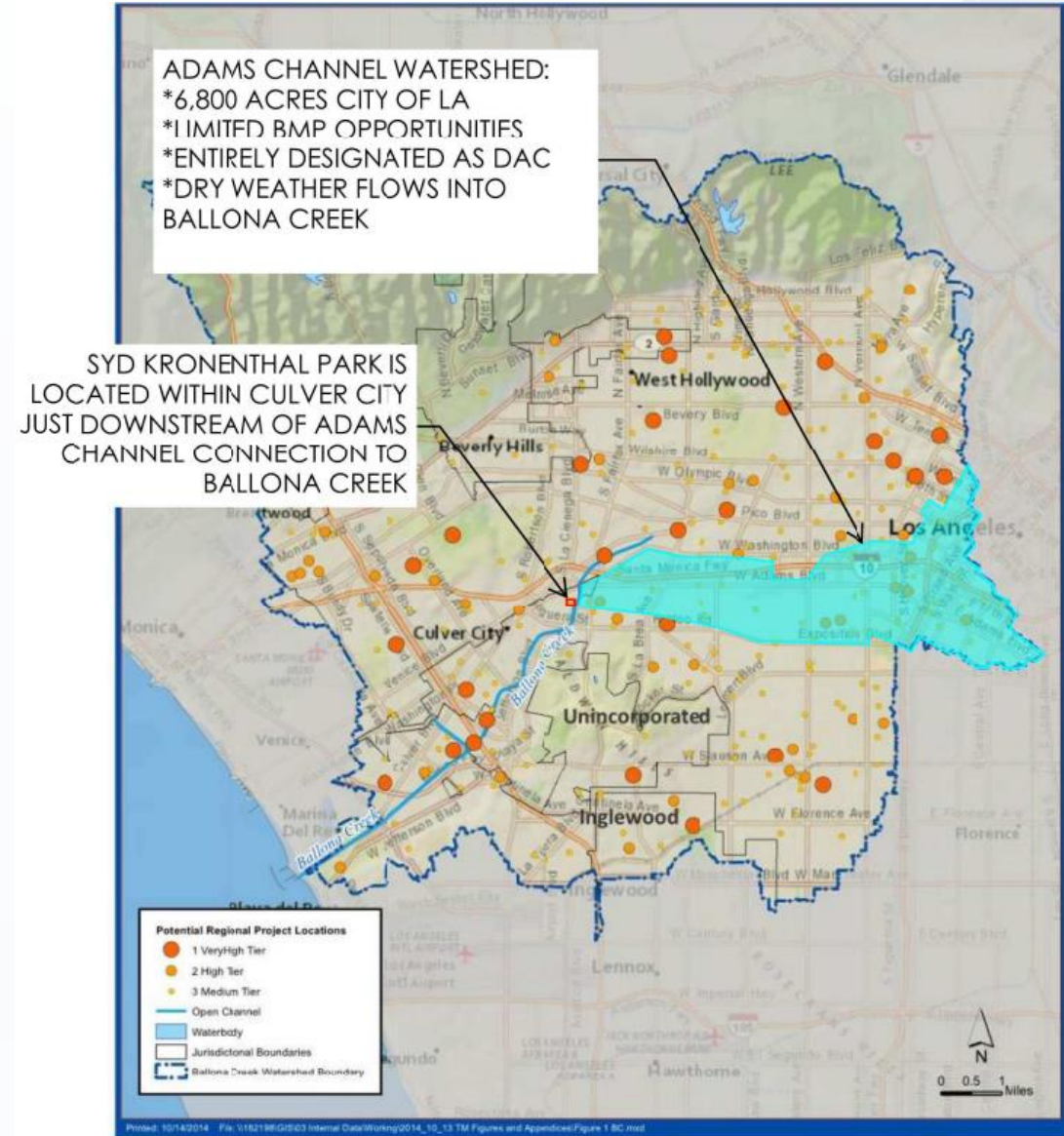
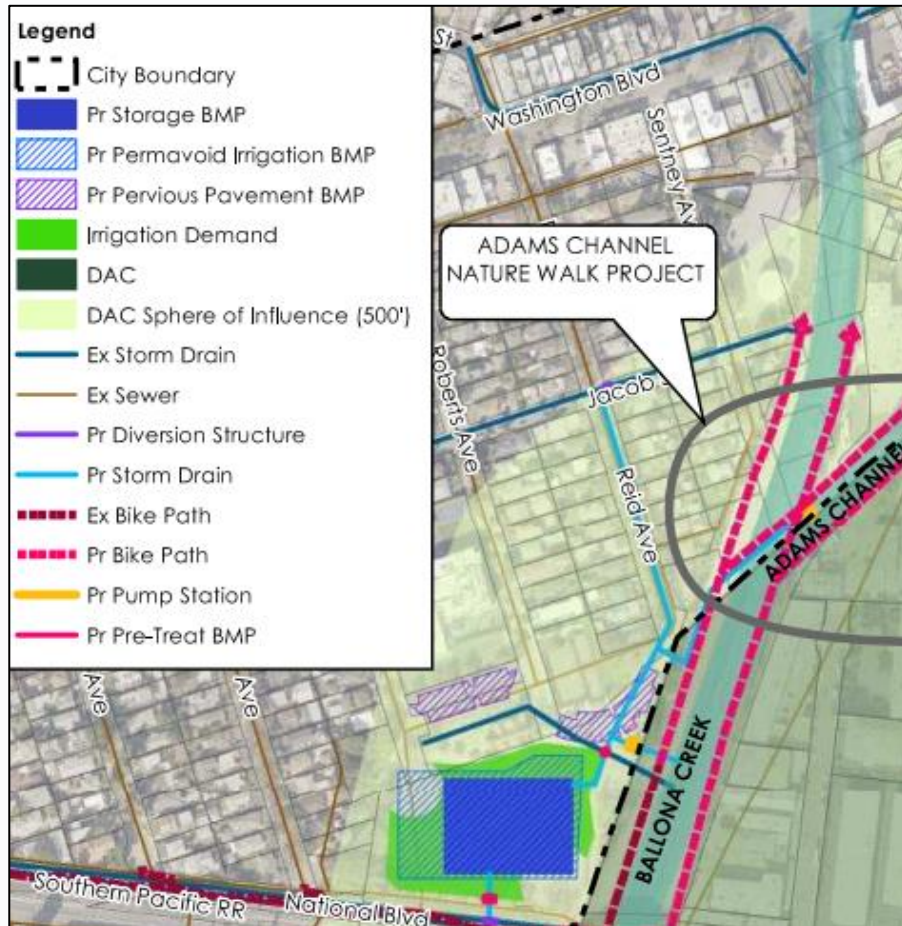
Concept in TRP application

- 1.2 acres Underground storage chamber and 2.0 acres permavoid irrigation shallow reservoir beneath Park grass and baseball fields.



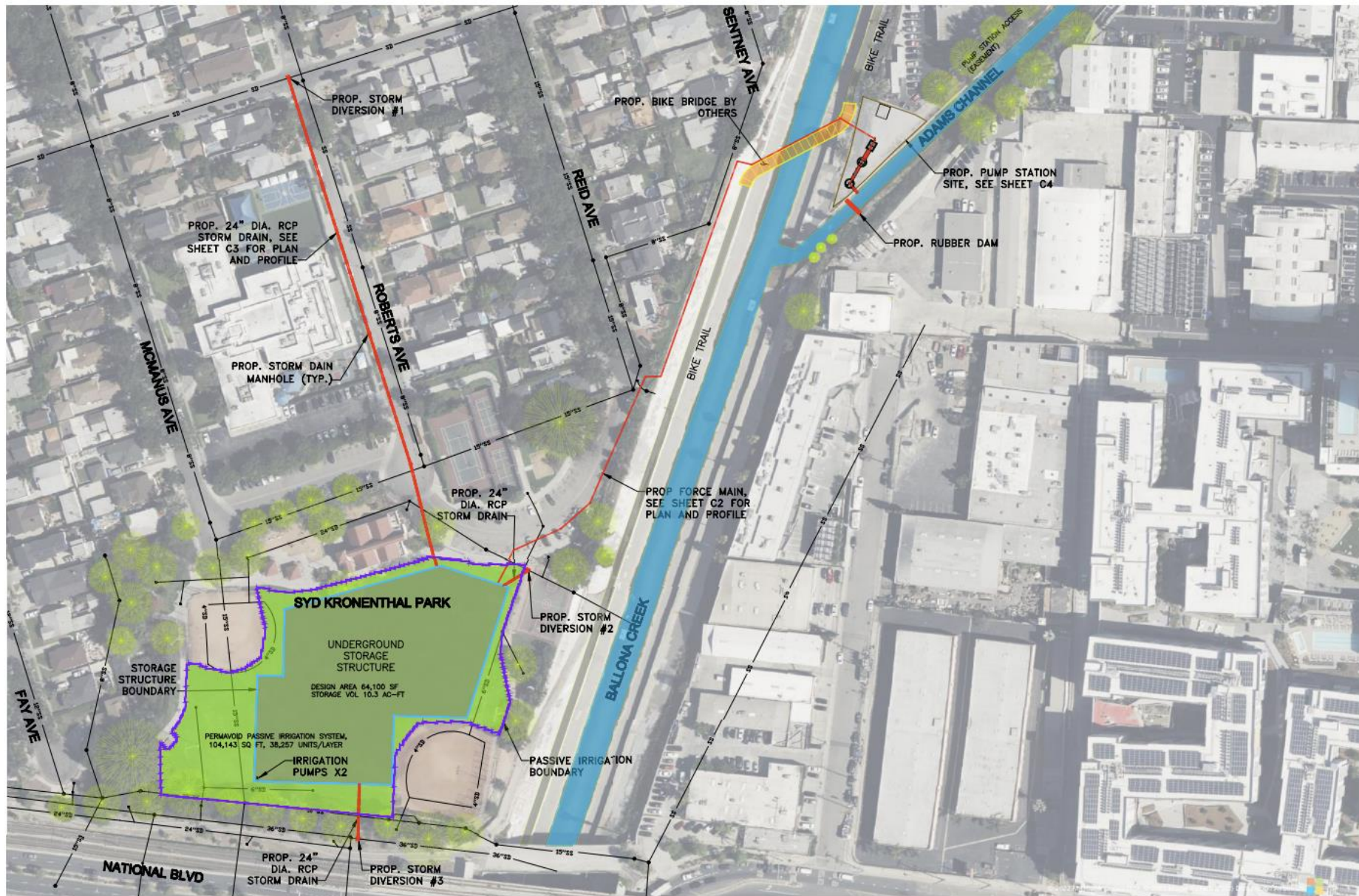
Concept in TRP application

- Adams Channel Concept – Dry weather flow capture from 6,800 acres.
 - Dry weather flows are the biggest contaminant for our natural water bodies in Southern California and include runoff from over-irrigation, car washing, and other urban discharges.



Status

1. Desktop analyses (completed)
2. Site visit (completed)
3. Hydrology report (completed)
4. Geotechnical report (completed)
5. Design details (draft completed)
6. Benefits analysis (in progress)
7. Plan development



**10% SUBMITTAL
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION**

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OVERALL SITE PLAN
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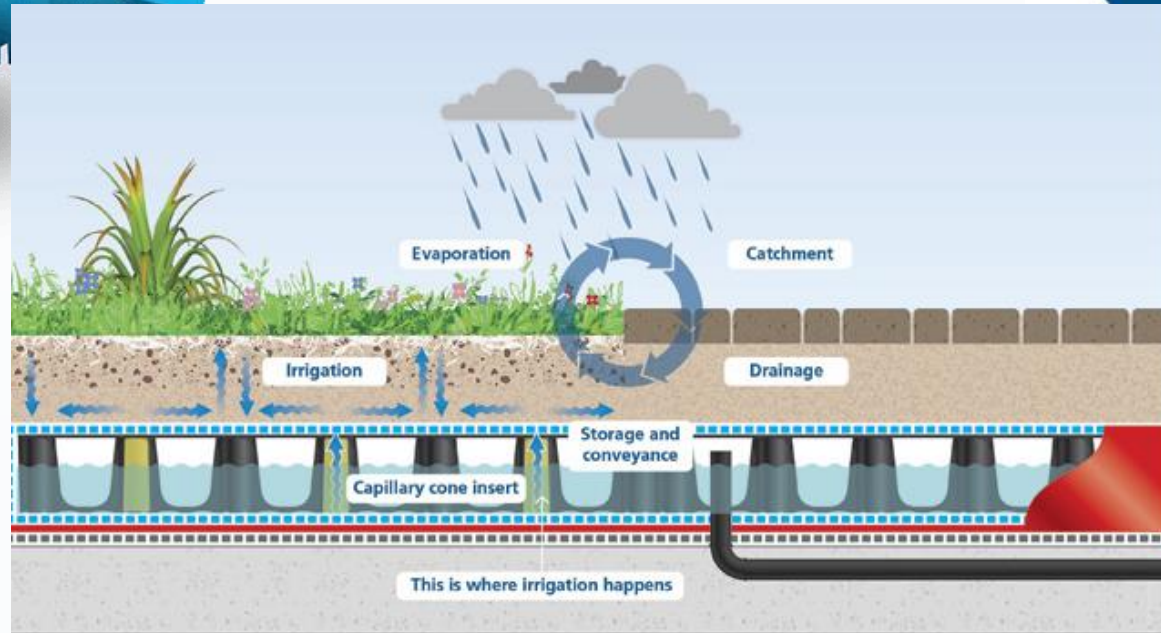
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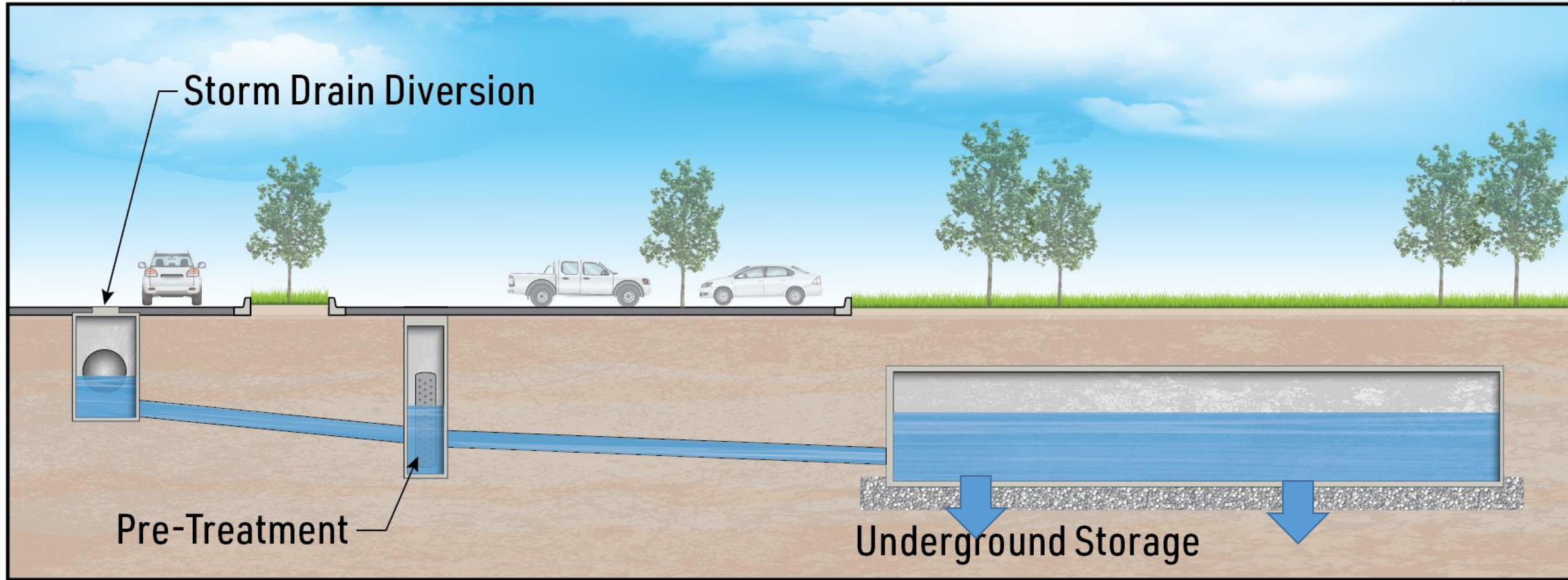
A photograph of a concrete-lined water channel, likely a storm drain or canal, with a large circular text overlay in the upper left corner. The channel is filled with dark, stagnant water and some debris. The concrete walls are weathered and show signs of wear. In the background, there are several palm trees and a hillside with dense green vegetation under a cloudy sky. A power line runs across the top of the frame.

Adams
Channel
confluence
with Ballona
Creek

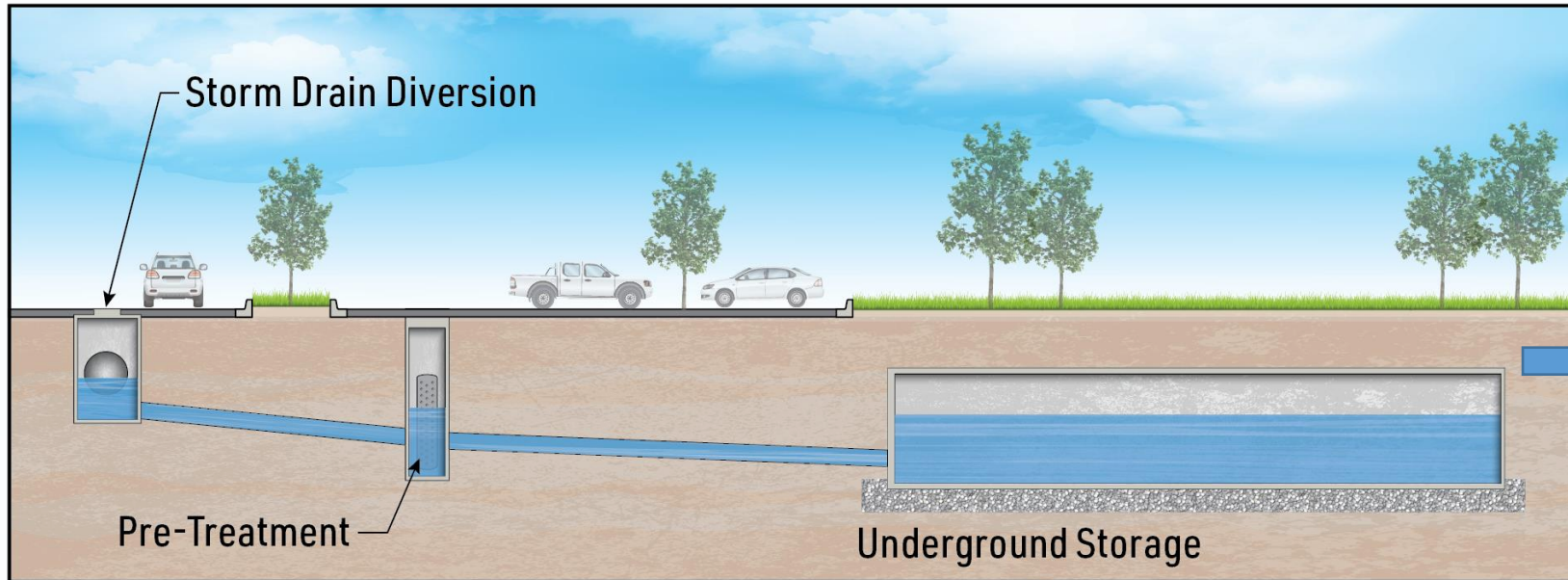
Primary Treatment – Capture and Use



Secondary Treatment Alternatives – Infiltration

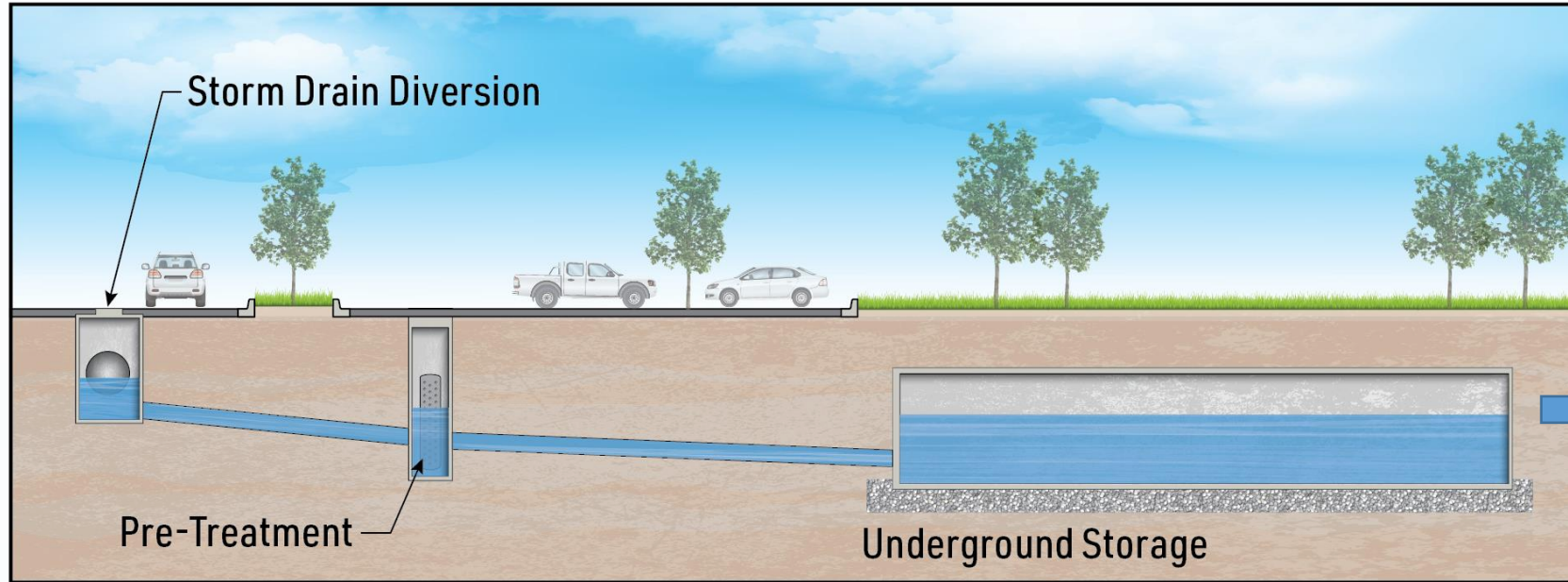


Secondary Treatment Alternatives – Divert to Sewer



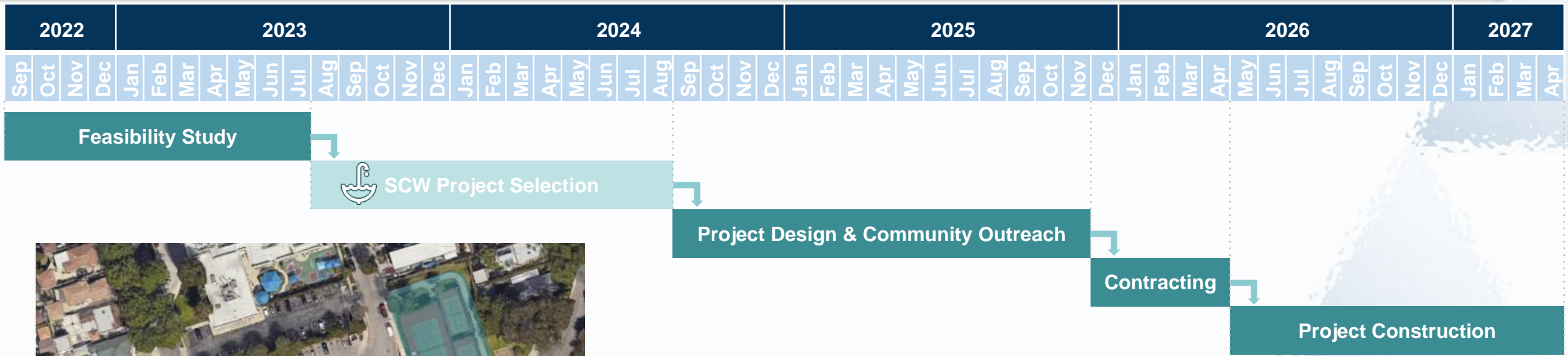
Hyperion Treatment Plant

Secondary Treatment Alternatives – Treat and Release



Treatment Device

Estimated Project Timeline



Approx. Facility Access During Construction

- Accessible During Construction
- Construction Area - No Access