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At its special meeting held on April 16, 2026, the Measure W – Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee approved the recommendations of the attached Bureau of Sanitation report, which is hereby transmitted to Council for consideration. Adoption of the report recommendations will allow the 2025-26 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan to be updated.

Fiscal Impact Statement: There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund from approval of the recommendations in this report as the action is administrative only.

for

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Attachment – April 16, 2026 Report from the Bureau of Sanitation regarding the Proposed City of Los Angeles FY 2025-26 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan

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Subject: Proposed City of Los Angeles FY 25-26 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan (WISP)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the City of Los Angeles FY 25-26 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan (WISP) - Attachment 1.

2. Direct LA Sanitation and Environment to publish and implement the City of Los Angeles FY 25-26 WISP and distribute the plan to other City of Los Angeles departments implementing Safe Clean Water Program projects.

BACKGROUND

In November 2018, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure W, which created the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) administered by the Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW). The SCWP was developed in collaboration with public health, environmental groups, cities, business, labor, and community-based organizations to protect water quality and provide new sources of water for the Los Angeles community. The SCWP generates an estimated $280 million annually from a countywide property tax assessment. These funds are utilized by LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), as well as other City departments, for the development of regional and municipal stormwater projects and programs.

As directed in the City of Los Angeles' (City) Administrative Code, LASAN has prepared the FY 25-26 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan (WISP) to provide program strategy, policy guidance, and project planning tools to manage the City's SCWP. Each annual WISP represents an organized, methodological, and strategic project management approach that will enable the City to meet the County's SCWP program requirements and the City's sustainability, equity, organizational, and other related objectives. The FY

25-26 WISP, the fourth WISP to have been prepared, was developed by LASAN in coordination with input and review by various City departments, non-governmental organizations, and community-proposed organizations.

CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

LASAN's Safe Clean Water Implementation Division (SCWID) is responsible for managing and overseeing the City's SCWP and project implementation. SCWID is tasked with managing the City's Stormwater Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that will guide the planning and implementation of the City's water quality, flood protection, and water supply projects utilizing Municipal, Regional, and outside leveraged funding sources. To help achieve the SCWP requirements and goals, LASAN has developed the FY 25-26 WISP to include:

- The regulatory context and updates for the SCWP, including the MS4 Permit and Water Management Plans for compliance.
- An overview of the SCWP Program's recent adaptive management strategy, including the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC's) Biennial Report, the LACPW's Watershed Planning Tool, new and revised SCWP guidelines, and revised SCWP Ordinances.
- An outline of the City's SCWP governance structure, department collaboration, outreach and engagement process, methods for interagency collaboration (e.g., LAUSD, CBO's, NGO's), and efforts toward workforce development.
- A description of the City's project identification and prioritization process, including various scoring methods that analyze a project's potential water quality, water supply, and community engagement benefits, along with Citywide priority projects from various Departments and Bureaus to maximize water quality, water supply, flood protection, transportation improvements, and community benefits.
- A rolling five-year CIP for the SCWP Municipal and Regional Program, including an in depth analysis for the three watersheds (Upper Los Angeles River, Central Santa Monica Bay, and South Santa Monica Bay) the City participates in and recommendations for securing additional funding for existing projects, as well as Citywide strategies for future funding requests from the SCWP.
- Proposed and planned O&M expenditures and the department(s) responsible for project implementation and O&M.
- Current and future leveraged funding opportunities.
- An outline of the guiding principles and recommendations that LASAN recommends for successful implementation of the SCWP in the coming year.

The WISP is a living document and will be updated annually to reflect progress on projects and on meeting regulatory compliance, as well as changes in the SCWP program goals and objectives, requirements, environmental regulations, new technologies, best management practices, and available funding sources.

To facilitate an efficient and impactful annual update of the WISP each year, LASAN recommends that the SCWP Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) approve the FY 25-26 WISP. As directed, LASAN would publish the WISP and distribute the document to other City departments implementing SCWP projects for further coordination.

Attachment 1: City of Los Angeles FY 25-26 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan

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Executive Summary

Los Angeles Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) is designated as the lead agency for implementing the Los Angeles County (County) Measure W - Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) within the City of Los Angeles (City). In June 2020, City Council reaffirmed and acknowledged LASAN's role as the lead agency in overseeing the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, stormwater infrastructure, watershed management and water quality compliance programs; and designated LASAN as the Program Manager and Fund Administrator for the City's SCWP and its Special Funds (CF 18-0384-S1)[1]. As directed in the City's Safe, Clean Water Ordinance, LASAN has been tasked to prepare a Watershed Investment Strategic Plan (WISP) to provide program strategy, policy guidance and project planning tools to manage the City's SCWP. The first WISP was approved by the City Council (CF 18-0384)[2] on April 25, 2023, and this document is the third annual update and fourth published version.

The City has been extremely successful at securing the City's proportional share of Regional funding in the first seven years of the SCWP and now has a robust slate of funded projects that are being delivered. To date, the City (Department of Public Works and Department of Water and Power) has been awarded $345 million in SCWP Regional funding to implement twenty eight (28) capital improvement projects, support two (2) scientific studies and the operations and maintenance (O&M) of 2 constructed projects. Twenty one (21) of the thirty two (32) funded projects are led by LASAN. To date, LASAN has successfully received $64 million of the awarded $345 million in Regional Funding. Additionally, the City's SCW local Municipal funds are supporting the implementation of twenty one (21) capital improvement projects. These projects, once completed, will provide multiple benefits to the City and its residents, including improved water quality and progress toward compliance with water quality standards, water supply augmentations, flood control and mitigation, urban greening and increased recreational opportunities.

LASAN continues to evaluate new project opportunities and develop a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan. Additionally, LASAN's current project prioritization list for the Municipal Program can be found in **Table 5-1**. **Table 6-9, Table 6-14,** and **Table 6-19** outlines the projects the City's proposed projects that should be considered for future Regional funding.

This year also represents a critical turning point for both the City and the county-wide program as the SCWP adjust to the rapid influx of funding into projects, takes the time for robust adaptive management, and focuses on delivering its existing commitments, while identifying the best way to broadcast the extensive goals and achievements of the SCWP to the public. The Fiscal Year (FY) 25-26 WISP outlines the key highlights as well as the strategy for the City to achieve Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) SCWP goals, as well as sustainability, equity, and organizational objectives, by addressing the following:

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[1] Council File 18-0384-S1. Ordinance 186612 added Chapters 187 and 188 to Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to establish the Measure W Safe, Clean Water **Regional** Projects Special Fund and Measure W Safe, Clean Water - **Municipal** Program Special Fund.

[2] Council File 18-0384 . The WISP was created in response to the May 1st Energy and Environment Motion requesting the BOS to report on the City's SCWP. More information can be found: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0384

- The regulatory context for the SCWP, including the MS4 permit and project identification processes for compliance (**Section 2**).
- An overview of the SCWP Program, the recent Adaptive Management Strategy, and Project evaluation criteria based on the County's SCWP goals (**Section 3**).
- An outline of the City's SCWP governance structure, department collaboration, and outreach and engagement process (**Section 4**).
- A description of the City's project identification and prioritization process, as well as various scoring methods that analyze a project's potential water quality, water supply, and community engagement benefits (**Section 5**).
- A rolling five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the SCWP Municipal and Regional Program, including an in depth analysis for each of the City's watersheds (**Section 6**).
- LASAN's pilot design-build approach for delivering smaller stormwater projects as well the development of a larger scale design-build delivery method for SCWP Projects (**Section 7**).
- Proposed and planned O&M expenditures and the department(s) responsible for project implementation and O&M (**Section 8**).
- Current and future leveraged funding opportunities as well as recommendations for securing additional funding for existing projects, as well as strategies of how to competitively package future funding applications (**Section 9**).
- An outlook of how the SCWP is expected to develop as well as a brief analysis of how set SCWP goals are being realized through the implemented program. The section will also note annual recommendations on future policy and program funding for SCWP Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) for consideration and/or approval (**Section 10**).

Regulatory Compliance and Project Identification

The Watershed Protection Division (WPD) within LASAN is responsible for implementing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 permit throughout the City. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) are regulatory limits on pollutants entering impaired waterbodies to meet water quality standards. Los Angeles has 21 TMDLs, with compliance deadlines ranging from 2004 to 2037. Failure to comply with these TMDL requirements can result in Notices of Violation (NOVs), enforcement actions, and potential fines, emphasizing the critical need for effective compliance strategies. Nine City TMDL compliance deadlines are scheduled to occur in the next five years. These include the Upper Los Angeles River Metals TMDL, Ballona Creek Toxics, Metals, Bacteria TMDLs, Santa Monica Bay Bacteria TMDL, and Marina del Rey's Toxics and Bacteria TMDLs. LASAN is in the process of planning and/or implementing projects to help achieve compliance by the given deadlines. Additional information regarding the specific TMDL compliance deadlines can be found in **Table 2-1.**

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To address these requirements, the NPDES MS4 Permit includes provisions for the development and implementation of Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) that allow permittees to achieve compliance by modeling the effectiveness of their stormwater programs through a Reasonable Assurance Analysis (RAA) and by customizing and iteratively improving them through adaptive management. The WMPs also allow MS4 permittees to address water quality issues more effectively through interagency collaboration on a watershed-wide basis.

Each member agency was tasked with developing specific projects to manage the required stormwater volume generated from their jurisdiction. Compliance strategies include a combination of smaller distributed projects such as green stormwater infrastructure corridors (green streets and alleys) and large Regional projects. As nine TMDL compliance deadlines are set to occur in the next five years, agencies will need to adapt to evolving regulations, including the potential renewal of the MS4 permit, which may require updates to the WMPs. The total capital cost for all projects identified in the WMPs for the City to achieve compliance is estimated to be $7.4 billion (B), discussed further in **Section 2**.

Status of the City's Safe, Clean Water Program

Measure W generates approximately $285 million per year County-wide, of which approximately $36 million is returned to the City of Los Angeles through the Municipal Program, and an average of around $46.1 million through the competitive Regional Program. In total, the City of Los Angeles receives approximately $82.1 million annually in total.

Funds distributed from the SCW Regional Program are awarded on a competitive basis. Based on the City's proportional contribution to the Regional Program, the City's goal is to secure $45.3 million annually, consisting of the City's available proportional share in the ULAR ($28.8 million), Central Santa Monica Bay ($13.2 million), and South Santa Monica Bay ($3.3 million) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) annual budgets. To provide continued success to the program, future Citywide requests should consider the respective WASC funding as well as the City's previously secured funding from the program. Funding is competitive, and future Regional Program project applications should collectively strive to achieve a goal of up to 120 percent of the City's anticipated Regional Program return (totaling $46.12 million) for each of the respective watersheds to provide sufficient funds. Additional information regarding the overview of the SCWP can be found in **Section 3**.

Seven years after the passage of Measure W, the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) is entering a pivotal phase focused on strengthening implementation through adaptive management. This effort is designed to strategically align future investments to maximize regional impact and long-term program effectiveness.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is advancing coordinated planning at the regional and watershed levels to identify priority opportunities and refine investment objectives. Building on prior initiatives, community input, and established data and best practices, this phase will deliver clear, practical guidance and planning tools. The outcomes are expected to inform future

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application, scoring, and funding processes, and provide additional direction for Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) in their deliberation of Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs). Key elements of the adaptive management plan are outlined in **Section 3.3**.

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LASAN SCWP Project Implementation and Maintenance

LASAN's Safe Clean Water Implementation Division (SCWID) is tasked with managing the City's Stormwater CIP that will guide the implementation of the City's water quality, flood protection, and water supply projects utilizing Municipal Program, Regional Program, and outside leverage funding sources. LASAN's Stormwater CIP has four categories of projects: Municipal SCWP, Regional SCWP, Flood Protection, and Prop O/Third-Party Partnership.

The Stormwater CIP offers a five-year outlook for each watershed. While the long-term perspective of the CIP horizon is critical for planning, a five-year CIP outlook is the desired product of this WISP. A five-year outlook provides sufficient resolution of the SCWP's current condition and allows structured implementation. As the WISP will be updated on an annual basis, the five-year CIP outlook will regularly evolve with updated information. The extensive process described in the WISP document has numerous decision points and assumptions, each with sound technical reasoning, that will continue to be refined in future years. Additional information detailing LASAN's multi-step prioritization process can be found in **Section 5.**

To date, LASAN has successfully secured $345 million in Regional funding, from the SCWP funds, for the implementation of green stormwater infrastructure, O&M, and special studies throughout the City over the next five years. In addition, the Bureau of Streets Service (StreetsLA), Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) have secured $138.7 million in regional funding for City-based water supply and stormwater infrastructure elements for their proposed projects. **Section 6** expands upon the various SCWP funded stormwater capture projects being implemented within the City.

Additionally, each annual WISP will include an updated outlook of LASAN's O&M projected budget and expenditures. Currently, there are over 70 completed stormwater water quality projects that require O&M and at least another 45 projects in LASAN's current Stormwater CIP that will require O&M within the next five years. Additional information regarding LASAN's O&M needs can be found in **Section 8.**

The WISP is a living document and will be updated annually at the start of each fiscal year to reflect progress on projects and on meeting regulatory water quality compliance requirements, as well as changes in the SCWP goals and objectives, environmental regulations, new technologies, best management practices, and available funding sources. To balance the various priorities with the limited funding and the existing state of the Regional Program, it is recommended that the City implement the FY 25-26 WISP guiding principles summarized in **Appendix A** over the next year. **Appendix A** also compares the FY 25-26 WISP guiding principles with the FY 24-25 WISP guiding principles and provides a status update, where applicable.

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List of Acronyms

Acronym/ Abbreviation	Definition	Acronym/ Abbreviation	Definition
AOC	Administrative Oversight Committee	DB	Design Build
B	Billion	DC	Disadvantaged Communities
BC	Ballona Creek	DDT	Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
Biennial Report	The Biennial Safe Clean Water Program Progress Report	EWMP	Enhanced Watershed Management Plan
BMP	Best Management Practice	FY	Fiscal Year
BOE	Bureau of Engineering	GIS	Geographic Information System
CalFire	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	LACFCD	Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation	LADWP	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
CAO	City Administrative Officer	LA Metro	Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
CBO	Community-Based Organization	LAR	Los Angeles River
CD	Council District	LASAN	Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	LAUSD	Los Angeles Unified School District
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	M	Million
CIP	Capital Improvement Program	MdR	Marina del Rey
City	City of Los Angeles	MMS	Metrics and Monitoring Study
CLA	City Legislative Analyst	MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
County	Los Angeles County	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
CSMB	Central Santa Monica Bay	MRCA	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
DAC	Disadvantaged Communities	MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

Acronym/ Abbreviation	Definition	Acronym/ Abbreviation	Definition
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization	SPA	Stormwater Pollution Abatement
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	SSMB	South Santa Monica Bay
O&M	Operations and Maintenance	SOP	polychlorinated biphenyl
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl	SOQ	Statement of Qualification
PMR	Project Modification Request	StreetsLA	Bureau of Street Services
Prop O	Proposition O	TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
RAA	Reasonable Assurance Analysis	TOS	Task Order Solicitation
RAP	Recreation and Parks	TPL	Trust for Public Land
Regional Board	California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region	TRP	Technical Resource Program
RFQ	Request for Qualifications	TSO	Time Scheduled Order
ROC	Regional Oversight Committee	ULAR	Upper Los Angeles River
RWL	Receiving Water Limitations	VR	Various
SB	Senate Bill	WARPP	Watershed Area Regional Program Progress
SCWID	Safe Clean Water Implementation Division	WASC	Watershed Area Steering Committee
SCWID INQS	Safe Clean Water Implementation Division Infrastructure Query System	WBPC	Waterbody-Pollutant Combination
SCWP	Safe Clean Water Program	WISP	Watershed Investment Strategic Plan
SEP	Supplemental Environment Project	WLA	Waste Load Allocation
SHOPP	State Highway Operation and Protection Program	WMG	Watershed Management Group
SIP	Stormwater Investment Plan	WMP	Watershed Management Program
SiteSAN	Stormwater Site Selection Analysis	WPD	Watershed Protection Division
SMB	Santa Monica Bay	WQBEL	Water Quality-Based Effluent Limits

Section 1: Introduction

In November 2018, Los Angeles County (County) voters approved the Measure W Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP), a parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface, to support the costs of stormwater-related projects and activities. The SCWP generates approximately $280 million per year county-wide, with approximately $82 million per year currently going to projects in the City of Los Angeles (City). Los Angeles Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) developed this Watershed Investment Strategic Plan (WISP) to provide program strategy and policy guidance, as well as capital project planning tools, to manage City SCWP projects. The WISP represents an organized, methodological, and strategic project management approach that will enable the City to meet the County's SCWP program requirements.

The November 2019 Governance Structure for Measure W Report, issued by the City Administrative Officer (CF 18-0384-S1), defines two purposes of a WISP:

1. Provide policy guidance that encompasses the County's requirements and addresses the City's specific interests; and

2. Serve as a capital projects management tool to organize, prioritize, and manage both Municipal and Regional Programs.

LASAN is committed to planning and developing a Municipal and Regional Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that meets the objectives of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. LASAN will sustain these programs through Measure W funding equal to $20 million out of the annual Municipal return total of $36 million. The current CIP Master Schedule is provided in **Appendix B**.

Funds distributed from the SCWP Regional Program are awarded on a competitive basis. Based on the City's proportional contribution to the SCWP Regional Program, the City works to secure at least $45.3 million annually, consisting of the City's proportional contributions in the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) ($28.8 million), Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) ($13.2 million), and South Santa Monica Bay (SSMB) ($3.3 million) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) annual budgets. To provide continued success to the program, future Citywide requests should consider the respective WASC funding as well as the City's secured funding from the Regional Program. Future Regional Program project applications should collectively strive to achieve a goal of up to 120 percent of the City's anticipated Regional Program return (totaling $54.4 million) for each of the respective watersheds.

This WISP identifies the regulatory context for project selection. As outlined in **Figure 1-1,** the WISP builds on the Watershed Management Program (WMP) efforts with a focus on MS4 Permit compliance and the Reasonable Assurance Analysis (RAA), which identifies Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) milestones and the stormwater capture volume necessary for regulatory compliance in each of the City's four primary watersheds.

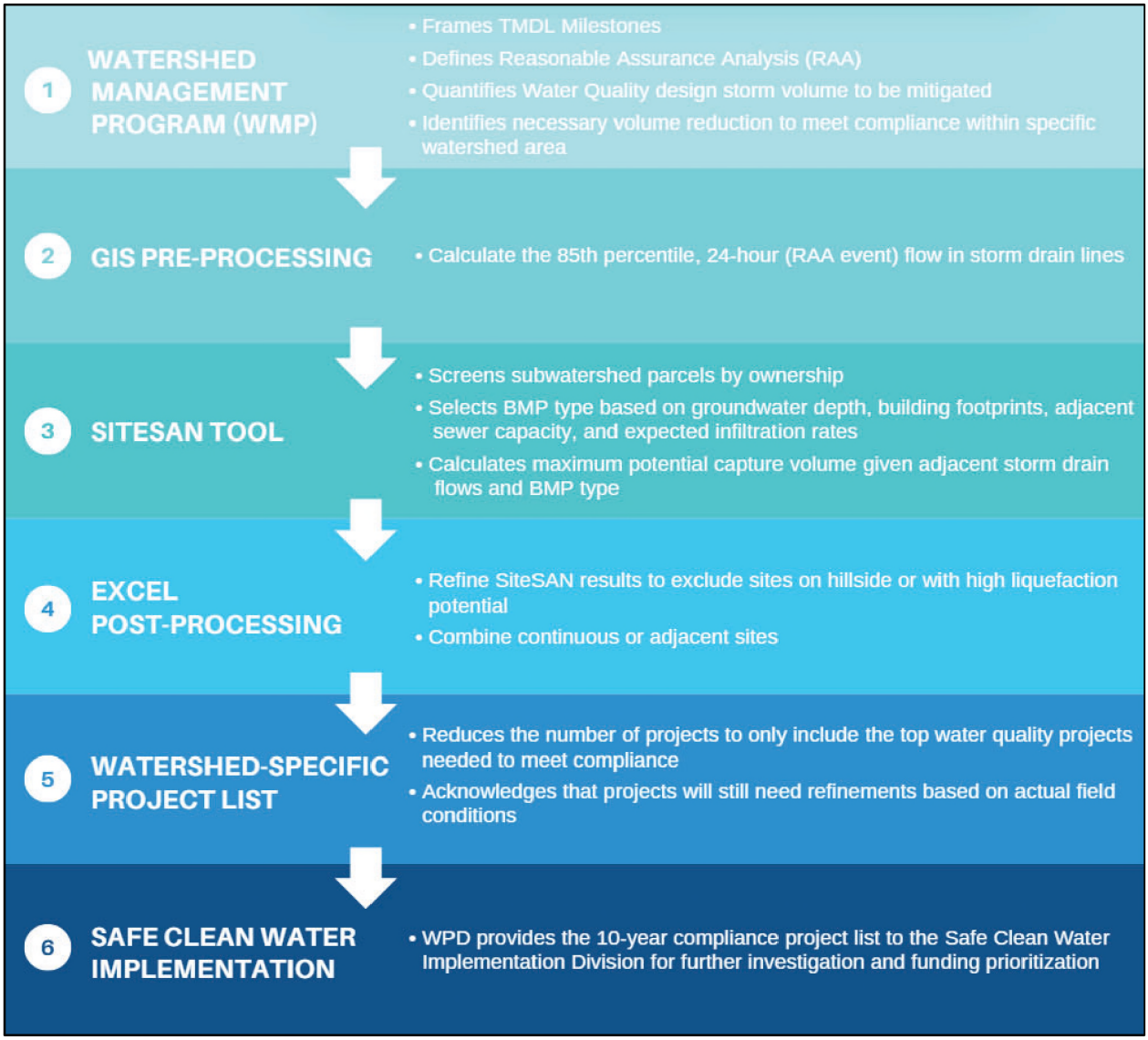

Figure 1-1. Project Site Identification Process

As shown in **Figure 1-1**, project identification is accomplished through the Geographic Information System (GIS)-based Site Selection Analysis (SiteSAN) tool. The SiteSAN tool is used Citywide to identify and evaluate project opportunity sites based on a defined set of parameters and criteria, including runoff volume to the site, the maximum runoff that could be captured on the site, liquefaction potential, depth to groundwater, and proximity to storm drains and sanitary sewers. The resulting master list of projects presents a path for the City to achieve compliance with regulatory requirements in each watershed.

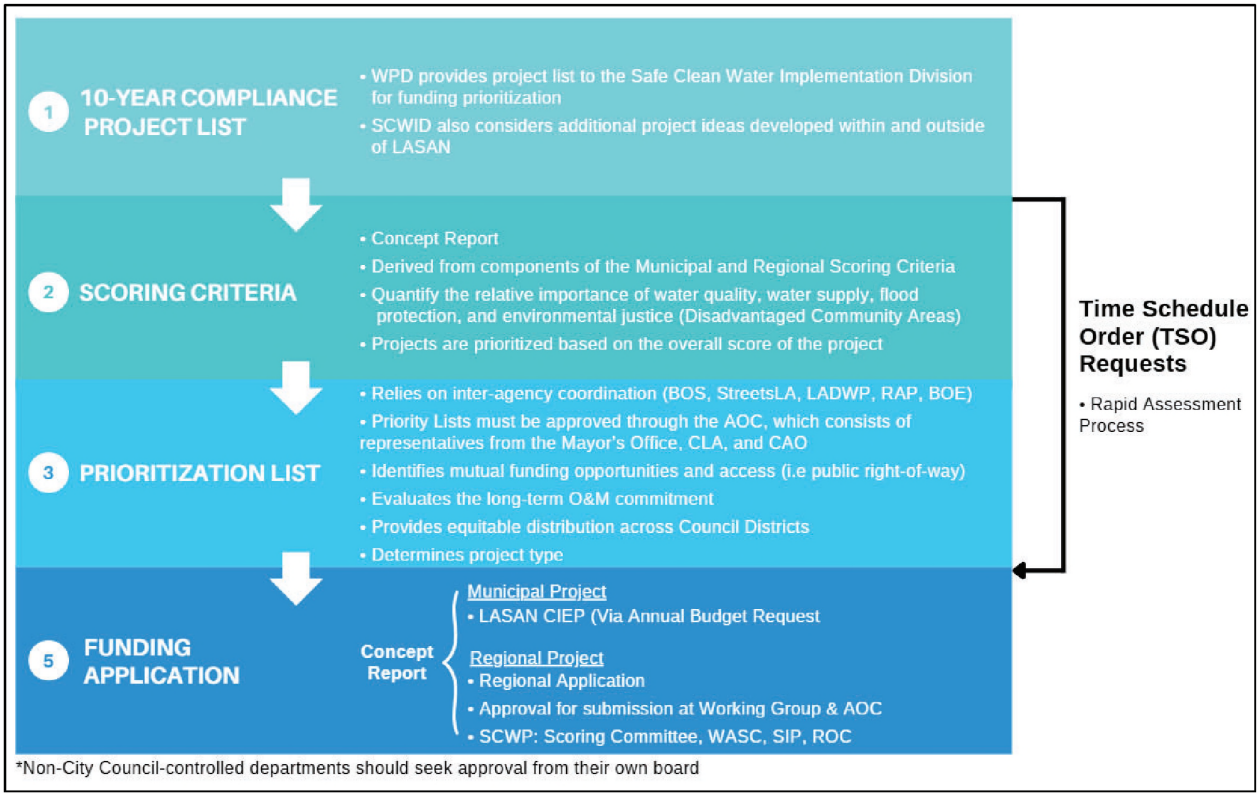

Figure 1-2. Project Prioritization Process

Figure 1-2 illustrates the SCWP project prioritization process, department collaboration, and LASAN's funding commitment, and outlines how funds are secured for stormwater regulatory compliance projects. Following the project definition and prioritization efforts by the Watershed Protection Division (WPD), and considering proposed projects from City partner agencies and organizations, the Safe Clean Water Implementation Division (SCWID) further develops the project list through the project concept reports and prepares the projects' funding applications.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 25-26 WISP outlines the City's strategy to achieve the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) SCWP goals while addressing sustainability, equity, and organizational objectives. **Section 2** through **Section 4** of the WISP cover the regulatory context, governance structure and project partnership process, and project identification processes for compliance with the MS4 permit, focusing on balancing water supply, resilience, and water quality. **Section 5** through **Section 9** details LASAN's project prioritization method, a five-year CIP, an overview of LASAN's design-build approach for stormwater projects, operations and maintenance (O&M) responsibilities, and leveraged funding strategies. The WISP concludes with **Section 10**, a program outlook that summarizes the SCWP's development, goal achievement, and future policy recommendations for the Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC).

Section 2: Regulatory Context and Compliance

A primary objective of the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) is to fund projects that deliver measurable water quality benefits and support compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. This section provides an overview of the MS4 Permit framework, identifies the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) applicable to the City, and summarizes the Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) that guide LASAN's compliance strategy. It also outlines the potential regulatory and financial risks associated with failing to meet MS4 Permit requirements.

2.1 MS4 Permit

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Permit Order No. R4-2021-0105 establishes the waste discharge requirements for stormwater and non-stormwater discharges within the watersheds of Los Angeles County. This NPDES MS4 Permit was adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) on July 23, 2021, and became effective on September 11, 2021. The permittees are the City, the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura, LACFCD, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, and 94 other cities within the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura. **Figure 2-1** maps the permitted area.

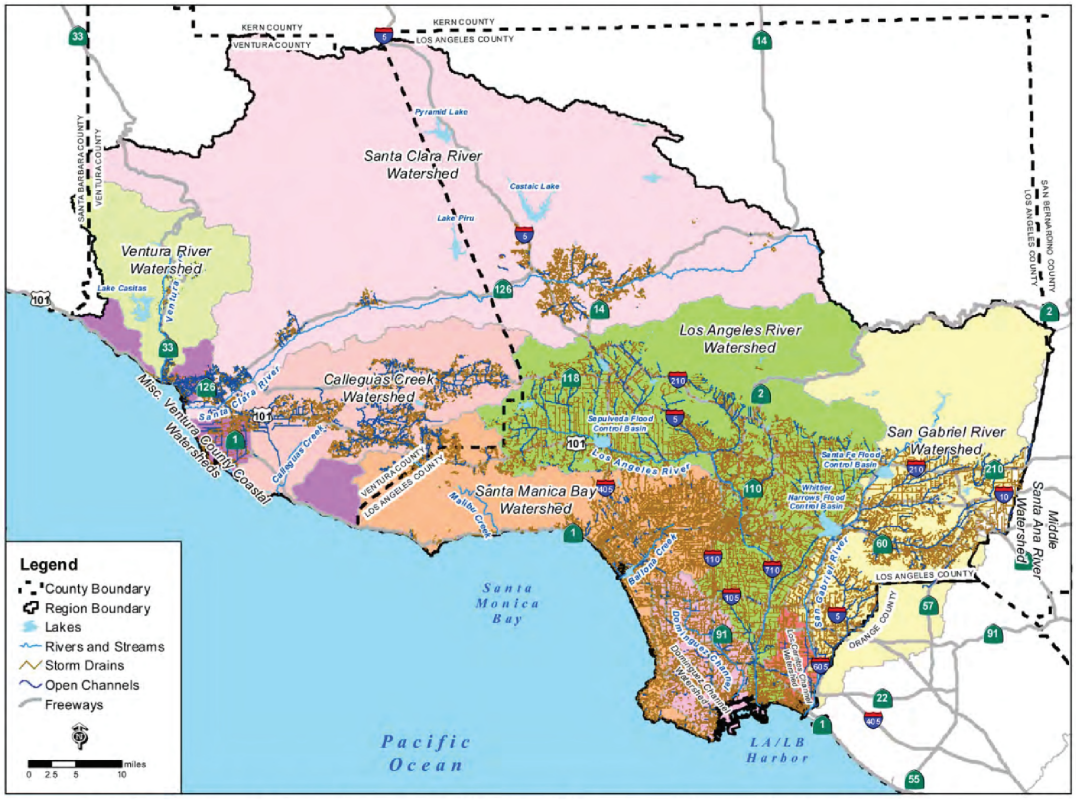

Figure 2-1. Map of MS4 Permitted Area[3]

[3] Source: 2021 MS4 NPDES Permit (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb4/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/#2)

The current MS4 Permit is the most recent of five consecutive permits (issued in 1990, 1996, 2001, 2012, and 2021). This MS4 Permit (and the previous iteration adopted in 2012) includes the most stringent requirements to date as it includes increased permittee responsibilities for inspections, land development, water quality monitoring, and complying with numeric receiving water limitations (RWLs) and water quality based effluent limitations (WQBELs).

The MS4 Permit outlines the process for developing WMPs. It incorporates the TMDL waste load allocations (WLAs) applicable to dry- and wet-weather conditions as water-quality-based effluent limits (WQBELs) and/or RWLs. The MS4 Permit requires compliance with the WQBELs and RWLs for each respective TMDL as outlined within permit attachments organized by watershed.

2.2 Total Maximum Daily Loads

Requirements related to waterbody-pollutant combinations (WBPCs) which have been determined to be impaired are documented as TMDLs. Urban stormwater runoff picks up various pollutants, including trash, oil, bacteria, fertilizers/nutrients, pesticides and toxics, which eventually end up in receiving waters. A TMDL is a limit on the amount of a pollutant that a specific waterbody can receive from all sources (including urban runoff) and still meet water quality standards.

Table 2-1 provides a summary of the TMDLs for watersheds within the City. The City's five primary regulatory watersheds as well as SMB Jurisdictional Group 7 are grouped into the three SCWP watershed areas as follows (**Figure 2-2**):

- ULAR Watershed Area includes the City's portion of the Los Angeles River (LAR) Watershed.
- CSMB Watershed Area includes the City's portion of the Ballona Creek (BC) Watershed, Santa Monica Bay (SMB) Jurisdictional Groups 2 and 3, and Marina del Rey (MdR) Watershed.
- SSMB Watershed includes the City's portion of the Dominguez Channel (DC) Watershed and SMB Jurisdictional Group 7.

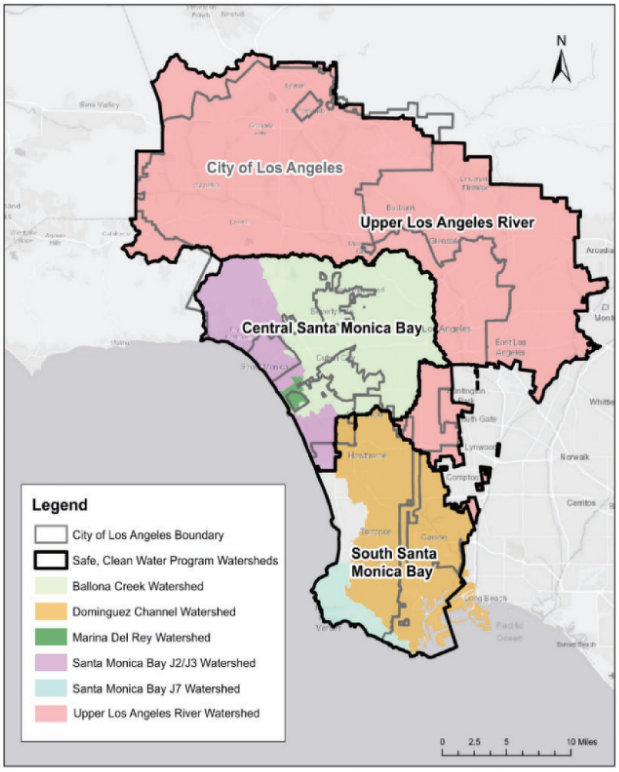

Figure 2-2. City of LA Boundaries within SCWP Watersheds

The City continues to assume a leadership role in protecting the quality of its waters and is currently subject to the TMDLs listed in **Table 2-1**. These TMDLs address multiple water quality impairments in the LAR, BC,

SMB, MdR, and DC and several lakes within the City. TMDL details, including the implementation timeline, are provided in **Appendix C**.

Table 2-1. Summary of TMDLs

Regulatory Watershed	TMDL	Waterbodies Included	Constituents	Weather Type	Compliance Deadline
Upper Los Angeles River Safe Clean Water Watershed Area					
Los Angeles River	LAR Nitrogen	All Waterbodies	Ammonia-N, Nitrate-N, Nitrite-N, and Nitrate-N + Nitrite-N	All	3/23/2004
	LAR Trash	All Waterbodies	Trash	All	9/30/2016
	LAR Metals	Mainstem LAR, Bell Creek, Tujunga Wash, Burbank Western Channel, Verdugo Wash, Arroyo Seco, Compton Creek	Copper, Lead, and Zinc (Rio Hondo Reach 1 only)	Dry	1/11/2024
		All Waterbodies	Copper, Lead, Zinc, and Cadmium	Wet	1/11/2028
	LAR Bacteria	All Waterbodies	*E. coli*	Dry	2022-2037 (Date dependent on which Segment/ Tributary)
				Wet	3/23/2037
	DC and Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Toxics	LAR Estuary	Sediments: DDTs, PCBs, Copper, Leads, Zinc, and PAHs	All	3/23/3032
	USEPA Lakes	Echo Park Lake	Total Phosphorus, Total Nitrogen, Ammonia, Chlorophyll a, Dissolved Oxygen, and pH	All	9/11/2021
			Trash	All	9/11/2021
			Suspended Sediment and Water: PCBs, Chlordane, and Dieldrin	All	N/A
Central Santa Monica Bay Safe Clean Water Watershed Area					

Regulatory Watershed	TMDL	Waterbodies Included	Constituents	Weather Type	Compliance Deadline
Ballona Creek	BC Trash	All Waterbodies	Trash	All	9/30/2015
	SMB Debris	SMB	Trash	All	3/20/2020
	BC Toxics	BC Estuary	Sediment: Cadmium, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Silver, DDT, Chlordane, and PCBs Fish Tissue: Chlordane, DDT, and PCBs	All	7/15/2026
	BC Metals	BC Reach 1 and 2 and Sepulveda Canyon	Copper, Lead, and Zinc	Dry	1/11/2016
				Wet	7/15/2026
	BC Bacteria	BC Reach 1 and 2, Sepulveda Channel, and Benedict Canyon	*E. coli*, Fecal Coliform (Reach 1 only)	Dry	4/27/2013
				Wet	7/15/2026
		BC Estuary, Centinela Creek, BC Reach 1	Total Coliform, Fecal Coliform, and Enterococcus	Dry	4/27/2013
				Wet	7/15/2026
	USEPA SMB DDT and PCBs	SMB	DDT and PCBs	All	9/11/2021
	USEPA BC Wetlands for Sediment and Invasive Exotic Vegetation	BC Wetlands	Sediment	All	9/11/2021
Central Santa Monica Bay Safe Clean Water Watershed Area (continued)					
Santa Monica Bay Jurisdictional Groups 2 and 3	SMB Beaches Bacteria	SMB Beaches	Total Coliform, Fecal Coliform, and *Enterococcus*	Dry (Summer)	7/15/2006
				Dry (Winter)	11/1/2009
				Wet	7/15/2026

Regulatory Watershed	TMDL	Waterbodies Included	Constituents	Weather Type	Compliance Deadline
	SMB Trash	SMB	Trash	All	3/20/2020
	USEPA SMB DDT and PCBs	SMB	DDT and PCBs	All	9/11/2021
Marina del Rey	MdR Harbor Toxics	MdR Harbor	Sediment: Copper, Lead, Zinc, Chlordane, PCBs, DDTs, and p'p-DDE Fish Tissue: PCBs	All	7/15/2024
	MdR Mothers' Beach and Back Basins Bacteria	Basins D, E, F, Main Channel	Total Coliform, Fecal Coliform, and Enterococcus	Dry	3/18/2007
				Wet	7/15/2024
South Santa Monica Bay Safe Clean Water Watershed Area					
Domingue z Channel	DC and Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Toxics	DC, Torrance Lateral, DC Estuary, Consolidated Slip, Fish Harbor, Inner Cabrillo Beach, Cabrillo Marina, Inner Harbor, and Outer Harbor	Copper, Lead, Zinc, Toxicity Sediment: Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Mercury, DDTs, PCBs, and PAHs (Pollutant varies by Waterbody)	All	3/23/2032
	Machado Lake Trash	Machado Lake	Trash	All	3/6/2016
	Machado Lake Nutrient	Machado Lake	Total Phosphorus, Total Nitrogen, Dissolved Oxygen, Chlorophyll-a, and Ammonia	All	9/11/2018
	Machado Lake Pesticides and PCBs	Machado Lake	DDT, PCBs, Chlordane, and Dieldrin	All	9/30/2019
	Los Angeles Harbor Bacteria	Main Ship Channel and Inner Cabrillo Beach	Indicator Bacteria	All	3/10/2010
Santa Monica Bay	SMB Debris	SMB	Trash	All	3/20/2020
	USEPA SMB DDT	SMB	DDT and PCBs	All	9/11/2021

Regulatory Watershed	TMDL	Waterbodies Included	Constituents	Weather Type	Compliance Deadline
Jurisdictional Group 7	and PCBs				

2.3 Watershed Management Programs

The MS4 Permit requires the development and implementation of Watershed Management Programs (WMPs), which allow permittees to tailor stormwater strategies to achieve compliance with TMDLs and other Clean Water Act requirements. WMPs prioritize water quality issues, identify control measures and best management practices (BMPs), and incorporate stakeholder input.

WMPs promote watershed-wide collaboration. The City leads four major watersheds—Ballona Creek, Dominguez Channel, Upper Los Angeles River, and Santa Monica Bay J2/3—and participates in the County-led Marina del Rey watershed. LASAN, through the Watershed Protection Division (WPD), implements the MS4 Permit and partners with other agencies through five established Watershed Management Groups (WMGs).

Each WMP provides a framework to address exceedances of water quality objectives and establishes stormwater capture targets. While regional projects are identified, member agencies are responsible for developing site-specific projects to meet required flow volumes within their jurisdictions. The total estimated capital cost for all City-identified WMP projects is approximately $7.4 billion as shown in **Figure 2-3**.

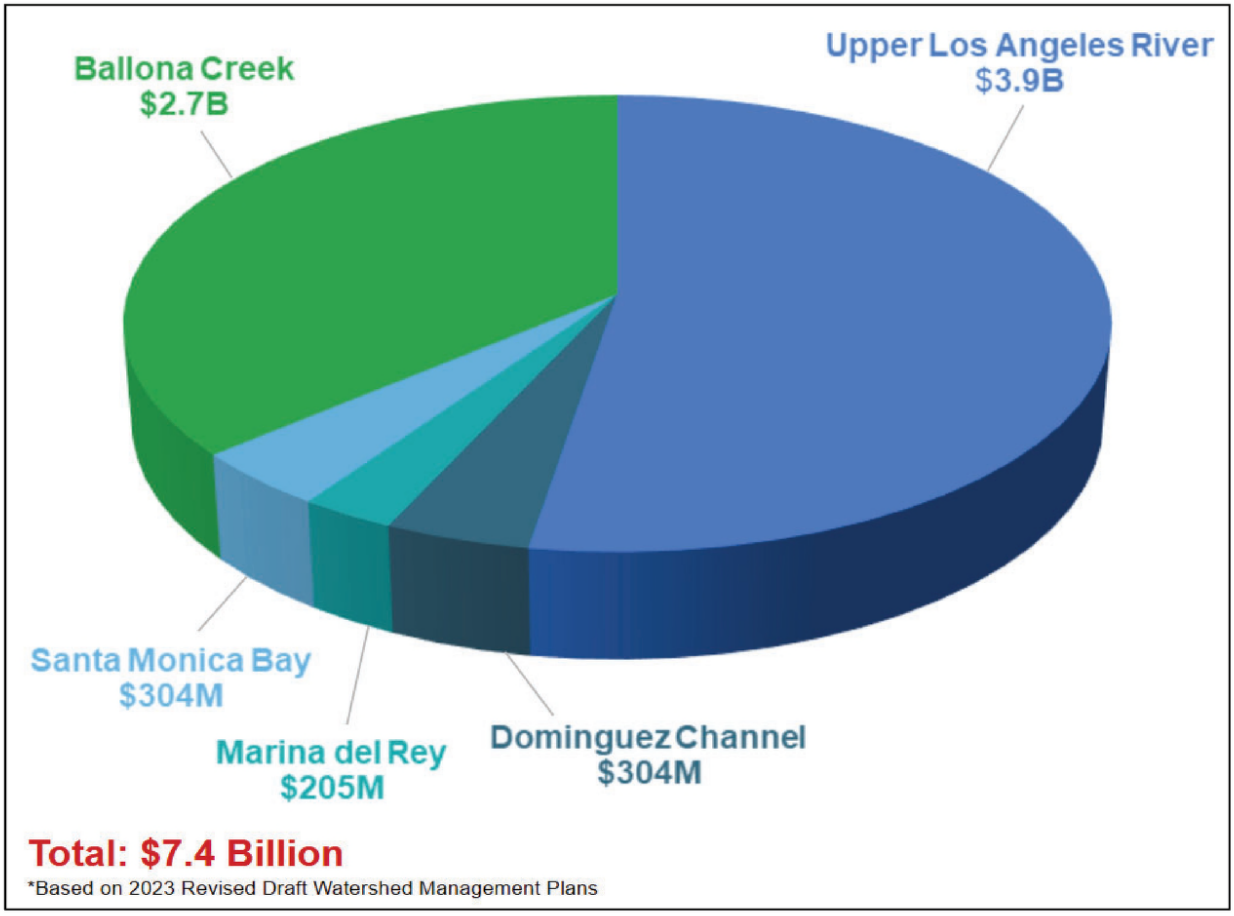

Figure 2-3. Estimated Total WMP Implementation Capital Cost by WMP

Over the past decade, the City implemented a significant number of projects focused on improving water quality and meeting MS4 Permit requirements. The City's 2004 Proposition O (Prop O) program, a ballot measure approved by the City's residents, provided $500 million to fund water quality projects. The City also received funding from various other sources and many signature stormwater projects were successfully implemented. However, funding insecurity limited the speed at which projects could be implemented.

With the passage of Measure W and establishment of the SCWP, the City has been able to expand the stormwater program. LASAN will continue to develop a stormwater CIP that aligns with the SCWP allocated funds while continuing to seek additional outside funding (e.g., partnering with other regulated entities such as commercial and industrial facilities).

2.4 Regulatory Compliance

The City is subject to extensive regulatory requirements to protect receiving waters from pollutants conveyed through its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). A central component of compliance is implementation of water quality improvement projects identified in the Watershed Management Programs (WMPs). Failure to meet Receiving Water Limitations (RWLs) and Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations (WQBELs) can result in enforcement actions by the Regional Board, including Notices of Violation (NOVs), fines, and other penalties.

The City has made significant investments to improve water quality, including installation of catch basin trash capture devices citywide, dry weather diversions to protect Santa Monica Bay beaches, and major projects in the Ballona Creek watershed to improve recreational water quality. Additional projects are being pursued in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed to reduce bacteria loading. However, the most significant compliance challenges relate to wet weather TMDLs, where the scale of stormwater flows during storm events makes compliance substantially more complex and costly.

Although the WMPs provide a roadmap toward compliance, current TMDL deadlines are not realistically achievable within the remaining timeframes due to the multi-year design and construction schedules required for large-scale stormwater capture projects. Several key TMDLs will reach final compliance milestones by July 15, 2026, increasing the City's exposure to enforcement actions and potential third-party litigation. While recent NOVs resulted in Mandatory Minimum Penalties totaling $126,000 (with the City's share at $48,000), future violations could trigger significantly higher Administrative Civil Liabilities, potentially reaching tens of millions of dollars annually.

Given this regulatory and financial risk, it is critical for the City to continue advancing stormwater infrastructure, pursuing external funding—including Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) regional and municipal funds—and prioritizing projects that deliver the greatest water quality benefit. Continued scientific study, regulatory engagement, and optimization of source control measures will also be essential to strategically allocate limited resources and maintain good standing with the Regional Board. Appendix D summarizes the Watershed Protection Division's wet-weather infrastructure strategy and outlines the City's path toward long-term compliance.

Section 3: Safe Clean Water Program Overview

On November 6, 2018, County voters approved Measure W, the SCWP, a parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface to support the costs of stormwater-related projects and activities. Measure W generates approximately $285 million per year County-wide, of which approximately $36 million is returned to the City through the Municipal Program, and an average of around $46.1 million through the competitive Regional Program. The SCWP designates three watershed areas within the City's jurisdiction (**Figure 2-2**) for funding purposes:

- the ULAR Watershed Area: includes the City's portion of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.
- the CSMB Watershed Area: includes the City's portion of the Ballona Creek Watershed, Santa Monica Bay (Jurisdictions 2 and 3, and Marina del Rey) Watershed.
- the SSMB Watershed Area: includes the City's portion of the Dominguez Channel Watershed and Santa Monica Bay (Jurisdiction 7).

LASAN is responsible for managing, overseeing, and coordinating Measure W activities for the City of Los Angeles. LASAN's SCWID coordinates LASAN's responsibilities in managing the City's stormwater program (flood protection, watershed management, and water quality compliance) allowing it to work effectively with City departments, community partners, and regional agencies. This collaboration, including stakeholder interaction, helps prioritize projects within the City and identify opportunities for leveraging funding.

The SCWP includes two primary sources of funding: the Municipal Program and the Regional Program. Municipalities within the County receive a certain, proportional amount of funding through the Municipal Program; this is a non-competitive process.

A separate Regional Program awards funds to applicants within each SCWP watershed area on a competitive basis. To be selected for Regional Program funding, project developers must submit a feasibility study application to the District SCWP Application Module by July 31st of each year. This process is further discussed in Section 3.2.

Both of these funding sources are available to the City, as discussed below.

Proceeds of the Municipal and Regional Programs are focused on funding only water quality and water supply projects. There will be instances that flood control projects may be funded through Measure W if significant water quality and water supply elements are incorporated into the design of the project.

3.1 Municipal Program Overview

Municipalities receive direct funding via the SCW Municipal Program proportional to the Measure W revenues generated within their boundaries. The City of Los Angeles expects to receive

approximately $36 million per year through the Municipal Program. Municipal funds can be used for a variety of purposes related to the SCWP, including CIP projects, staff salaries, O&M, project development, and related water quality efforts. The Municipal Program funds are expected to vary year-to-year as the SCWP approves and denies the tax credit, exemption, and appeal applications, as outlined in the approved Measure W ordinance. For FY 24-25, the City received its municipal disbursement on February 26th, 2025 in the amount of $36.7M. The City is still awaiting the FY 25-26 disbursements. **Figure 3-1** plots this past return as well as past and projected SCWP Municipal Program returns to the City.

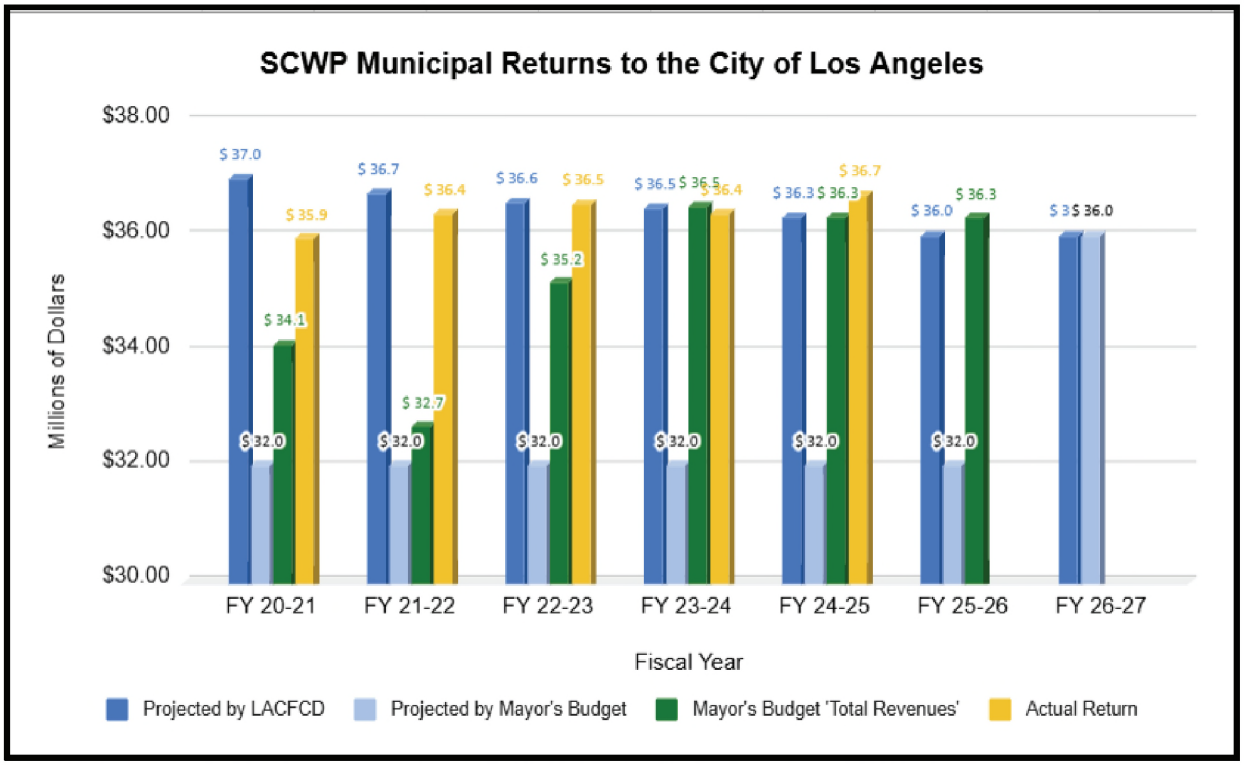

Figure 3-1. Breakdown of Recent and Projected Municipal Program Returns

While the City adopts its Fiscal Year budget by July 1st of each year, it should be expected that the County will not provide the City with their municipal funding disbursements until February of the subsequent calendar year. Therefore, LASAN as part of their annual budget request will be requesting adequate funding for its program and projects assuming it will need to secure the funds to cover half to the next FY until the next funding disbursement is received.

It is critical that the City budget provides adequate funding towards the infrastructure projects that will begin construction in the following year. To give assurance that the City can continue to demonstrate progress in implementing stormwater water quality projects throughout the City to meet its regulatory requirements, LASAN recommends the City annually support funding a $15 - $20 million CIP program, or at least half of the total municipal return, for the next five years. The Municipal Program funds, to the best of LASAN's ability, will be distributed proportionally among

the various watersheds such that the City can demonstrate progress towards achieving the required target capture volumes in each watershed.

3.1.1 Municipal Transfer Agreement

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 18 of the Measure W ordinance (LACFCD Code), all recipients of SCWP Municipal funds must enter into a Transfer Agreement every four years to ensure compliance with the requirements of the SCWP and other appropriate provisions established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Currently, LASAN is in its second Municipal Transfer Agreement. The FY 24-25 Municipal Transfer Agreement is consistent with the previously executed FY 20-21 Municipal Transfer Agreement and will be valid through the end of FY 27-28.

Upon expiration, LASAN and the LACFCD shall thereafter enter into a new agreement based on the most recent Municipal Transfer Agreement Standard Template at the time. Additionally, the expiration of the Municipal Transfer Agreement necessitates a Municipal Program Audit. LASAN will prepare an independent audit in the coming year.

3.1.2 Municipal Audit

All recipients of Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) Municipal funds are required to undergo an independent audit every three years. As the City's lead agency, LASAN completed its inaugural audit covering the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The audit evaluated compliance with the County Municipal Transfer Agreement and applicable provisions of Chapters 16 and 18 of the LACFCD Code, and identified six findings requiring governance attention and prioritized remediation.

LASAN prepared a formal Management Response outlining corrective actions for each finding and has since completed the necessary measures to address them. As LASAN prepares for the second Municipal Program Audit in the upcoming fiscal year, it will apply lessons learned from the first audit to strengthen program management and ensure continued compliance.

3.2 Regional Program Overview

The City must compete for Regional Program funding each annual "Round" through submission of applications to one of the following programs: Infrastructure/O&M, Special Studies Program, or the Technical Resource Program (TRP). At least 85 percent of the Regional Program revenue is used for infrastructure and O&M projects. Not more than 10 percent of the Regional Program revenue can be used for the TRP, and not more than five percent of the Regional Program revenue can be used for the Special Studies Program.

Regional Program funding is further distributed to projects within the watershed areas in proportion to the revenue received from those areas, after accounting for allocation of the 110 percent return to disadvantaged communities to the extent feasible. The Regional Program tax

return estimates (program revenue) expected to be available for program funding in FY 25-26 for the three SCW watersheds (ULAR, SSMB, and CSMB) that the City participates in is estimated at $72.8 million. **Table 3-2** summarizes the FY 25-26 program revenue by watershed and the City's proportional contribution to each of the watersheds.

Table 3-2. Regional Tax Return Estimates for the City by Watershed Area

SCW Watershed Area	Watershed Area's FY 25-26 Regional Tax Return Estimates	City Percent of Total Watershed Impervious Area	City's Proportional Amount in Return
Upper Los Angeles River	$38.30M	75%	$28.7M
Central Santa Monica Bay	$17.10M	77%	$13.2M
South Santa Monica Bay	$17.40M	19%	$3.3M
Total:	**$72.8M**	**--**	**$45.2M**

Regional funding secured by the City varies from year to year as this funding is programmed through a competitive process by the WASCs. If funding is equitably distributed to agencies based on their proportional tax contributions, the City should secure $45.2 million per year in funding from the Regional Program.

The $45.2 million includes projects implemented by the City as well as projects benefiting the City that are implemented by other entities such as Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), or community-based organizations (CBO). Regional returns to the City also include funded O&M, Special Studies, and TRP applications that are funded by the respective WASC and benefit the City. A watershed-specific assessment is provided in **Section 6.**

It is important and critical that City Departments, Bureaus and third-party applicants seeking SCW Regional Program Funding coordinate given the competitiveness and limited funding within the Regional Program as well as the possible long term O&M obligations each project may have to a specific Department. Each cycle, prior to the submission of a regional project application to the Regional Program, all City Departments will present their proposal to the City's Working Group and AOC for consideration. Additionally each cycle, LASAN will initiate an invitation for collaboration to all non-municipal organizations seeking funding through the SCWP. Each non-municipal organization's application will also be presented at the AOC for approval. Additional information regarding the policy and application information can be found in **Section 4.1.3**. Final recommendations for approval of a Regional Program application submission will then be sent to the City Council and Mayor's Office. Proprietary departments are encouraged to participate in the SCW Working Group and provide Department updates to the Working Group and AOC, but should seek approval from their own board.

Figure 3-2 outlines each type of project approval through the Regional selection process after City approval and submission to the Regional Program.

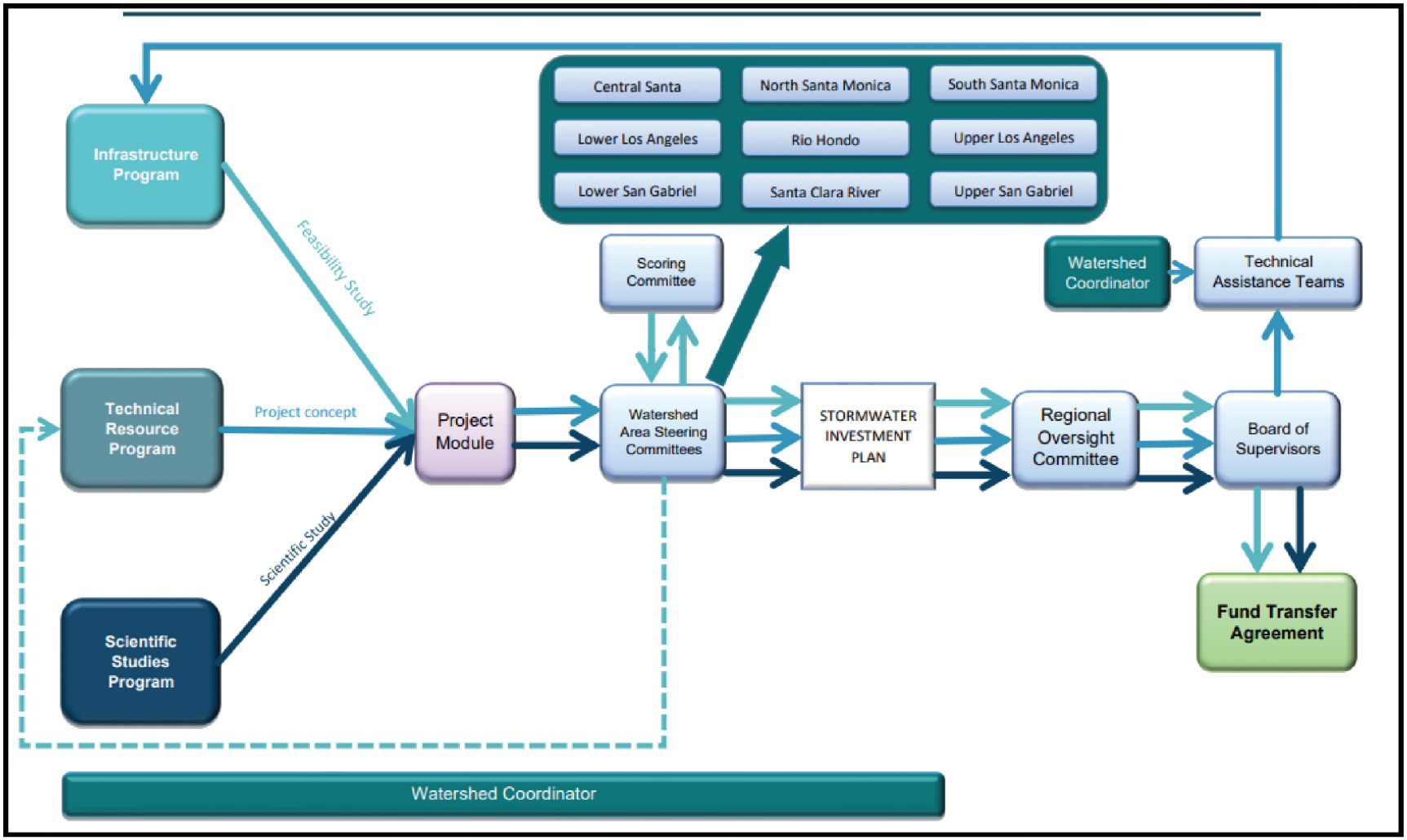

Figure 3-2. Outline of Regional Program Process for Regional Project to be Approved[4]

[4] Source: SCW Development (https://safecleanwaterla.org/)

3.2.1 Project Modification Guidelines

In September 2023, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) implemented a formal Project Modification Request (PMR) process for Regionally funded Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) projects. Project developers must submit a PMR outlining proposed changes to scope, budget, or schedule by October 31 to be considered in the current Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) cycle. LACFCD reviews each request for consistency with the most recently approved SIP and, when appropriate, consults the applicable Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC). If deemed consistent, the developer may update the Reporting Module to reflect the approved changes.

If the PMR is deemed inconsistent, the project developer will not immediately be permitted to implement the proposed changes. In this case, the project would have to be considered alongside the current Call for Projects cycle to be vetted by the respective WASC and approved for inclusion in the upcoming SIP by the WASC, Regional Oversight Committee (ROC), Board of Supervisors. If said project or study is included in the Board-approved SIP for the pending fiscal year, the modifications proposed will be adopted. If the project does not pass the next cycle, the project developer will be forced to either abandon the proposed modification or withdraw the project from consideration and issue a repayment of unspent funds.

Starting FY 25/26, the SCWP is transitioning to an electronic PMR submission via the Regional Reporting Module. The PMR submission is intended to provide more specific guidance to WASCs, applicants, funds recipients, and other interested stakeholders when modifications to a project are proposed during a typical fiscal year. PMRs are submitted and reviewed at distinct points in the SIP deliberation process. **Table 3-3** summarizes the submitted PMRs for FY 25/26 by the City. More information regarding the PMR process and LASAN's approach to requesting modifications and additional funding can be found in **Section 6.2**.

Table 3-3: FY 25/26 PMR Submissions from the City of Los Angeles

Project	PMR Reporting		
	Schedule Change	Scope Change	Additional Funding Request
Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project (Rd 1, CD 2 & 6)	X	-	-
Oro Vista Local Area Urban Flow Management Project (Rd 1, CD 7)	X	-	-
Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project (Rd 5, CD 14)	X	-	-
Sylmar Channel Project (Rd 4, CD 7)	X	-	-
Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Project (Rd 2, CD 1 & 14)	X	-	-
Eagle Rock Blvd: A Multi-Modal Stormwater Capture Project (Rd 4, CD 14)	X	-	-
Broadway-Manchester Multi-Modal Green Streets Project (Rd 2, CD 8,9)	X	-	-
MacArthur Lake Rehabilitation Project (Rd 1, CD 1)	X	-	-
Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project (Rd 3, CD 8)	X	-	-
Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure (Rd 4, CD11)	X	-	-
Wilmington Q Street Local Urban Area Flow Management Project (Rd 1, CD 15)	X	X	-
Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project (Rd 2, CD 15)	X	X	-
Wilmington - Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project (Rd 4, CD 15)	X	-	-

3.3 SCWP Adaptive Management

The SCWP is at a critical phase aimed at enhancing implementation through adaptive management of the program and at ensuring that future investments are strategically optimized to yield maximum benefits. The LACFCD's ongoing efforts will facilitate planning at both regional and watershed levels that pinpoint areas with potential project opportunities and further refine objectives to guide strategic investments. This approach builds upon previous and ongoing initiatives, integrates valuable community feedback, and utilizes existing data and best practices to develop practical, transparent, and user-friendly plans and resources. The outcomes from this adaptive management phase are anticipated to impact the overall application, scoring, and funding process. It is also expected to produce additional guidance for the WASCs to consider when deliberating SIPs. The main components of the current adaptive management plan are detailed in the following sections.

3.3.1 Metrics and Monitoring Study/Metrics and Measures

The SCWP Metrics and Monitoring Study (MMS), led by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), was undertaken to develop program methods, metrics, and monitoring criteria to support tracking, planning, reporting, and decision-making across key areas of the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP). Given the complexity and nuance of the SCWP, additional quantitative strategies, tools, and methodologies were needed at multiple program levels to support informed decision-making, measure progress toward program goals, and guide adaptive management.

The MMS was conducted by an interdisciplinary consultant team with expertise in both technical and socio-political aspects of metrics development. The effort was coordinated closely with LACFCD and informed by extensive stakeholder engagement. Through this process, the MMS refined 86 existing and new Performance Measures to better track progress toward SCWP goals and support decision-making at various scales.

As a result of the MMS, Metrics and Measures reporting has been incorporated into requirements for all funded Regional and Municipal Program projects. These metrics highlight anticipated project benefits, including water supply benefits by type, mass-based pollutant load reductions, specific community investment benefits, incorporation of native vegetation, and other outcomes. Across LASAN's currently funded Regional and Municipal Program projects, more than 5,000 individual metrics are now tracked and reported. These data inform the District's Initial Watershed Planning Tool, described further in Section 3.3.3.

MMS recommendations will continue to inform adaptive management of the SCWP, potentially leading to updates to LACFCD guidance documents, scoring criteria, monitoring protocols, and project development processes. However, expanded reporting requirements create additional administrative burdens for project developers, and many metrics—particularly those related to nature-based solutions—are abstract and challenging to quantify.

Next steps for integrating the new Performance Measures into the SCWP include establishing a shared language and standardized inputs for applications and reporting, revising indicators within the context of watershed planning, and evaluating how certain metrics may be incorporated into other program elements, such as scoring criteria. The updated metrics have been implemented in the Round 6 (FY 25–26) Call for Projects and are reflected in upcoming Municipal Annual Plans and Reports. LASAN will continue to work with the County to recommend practical refinements that enhance clarity, consistency, and efficiency, while reducing reporting burdens for project developers.

3.3.2 Regional Oversight Committee Biennial Progress Report

The Biennial SCWP Progress Report (Biennial Report)[5] is being developed by the SCWP ROC to provide an update on SCWP progress and provide recommendations to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. It summarizes all Watershed Area Regional Program Progress (WARPP) reports, Municipal Program annual progress and expenditure reports, and LACFCD's Program annual reports. The Biennial Report includes both findings regarding whether SCWP goals are being achieved and specific recommendations from the ROC for program improvements. The report will be the second Biennial Report compiled since the establishment of the SCWP, covering the substantial efforts of the SCWP's past two years since the initial Biennial Report. Much of the Biennial Report details the SCWP's functions, processes, and progress to date; it also highlights areas that are already being adaptively managed and refined. It includes observations and recommendations developed by the ROC, along with feedback from stakeholders and the public. Given the SCWP's complexity and scope, the recommendations outlined in the Biennial Report are expected to represent the ROC's highest-priority and most time-sensitive issues.

3.3.3 Initial Watershed Plans

In alignment with the ROC's recent recommendations, SCWP Watershed Planning efforts have been initiated in each WASC to facilitate regional and watershed-based planning that identifies opportunity areas and refines Population Indicators (i.e., targets) that will support strategic investments. This effort incorporates input to date from the ROC, Board Motions, other Countywide planning initiatives, and other interested parties' work. Each WASC will meet over the course of a year to discuss and engage on Population Indicators to draft Initial Watershed Plans that highlight priority areas and project types to guide prospective applicants in developing projects that best serve the watershed area.

Initial Watershed Plans were released for the ULAR, CSMB, and SSMB watersheds on August 13th, 2025 and will be updated on a regular basis to ensure each WASC is investing in projects that support specific watershed needs and SCWP goals. Each Initial Watershed Plan will be made up by the following sections: Introduction, Watershed Characteristics, Watershed Targets, Water Needs and Strategies, and Next Steps. The Initial Watershed Plans will be accompanied by a Watershed Planning Tool that will include: 1) Scenario building to support strategic funding decisions, 2) Planning maps to highlight opportunity areas, 3) A dashboard to communicate goals, priorities, and progress to date, and, 4) Automatic updates after each Call for Projects, Annual Plans submittals and SIP approvals. The final Initial Watershed Plans and their companion online Planning Tool will be launched in early 2026.

In preparation for this launch and in alignment with the public comment period lasting from August 14th to September 28th, 2025, LASAN's SCWID worked internally and with their consultant team to publish a public comment letter to the District SCWP. This letter provided high level technical and thematic suggestions to the District's Watershed Planning team in order to facilitate future project applications that address the needs of each respective watershed. LASAN continues to have discussions with the District SCWP team to identify needs of the program and efforts to continue adaptive management.

[5] SCWP Biennial Progress Report. January 31, 2024. SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM (safecleanwaterla.org)

3.3.4 New and Revised SCWP Guidelines and Tools

The LACFCD has also developed numerous guidance documents and guidelines to further inform and support various elements of the SCWP. These guidelines include but are not limited to the Project Modification Guidelines, 2025 Interim Guidance, Alternative Water Supply Scoring Pilot, Partial Funding Guidelines, Feasibility Study Guidelines, Community Strength and Needs Assessment Survey and Dashboard, and the Initial Draft Watershed Plans and Planning Tool. These tools and guidance documents are regularly updated and maintained as part of adaptive management and are anticipated to be revised based on the findings of the Biennial Report and MMS Study. The LACFCD is also developing additional guidance documents to accompany new policies created through the adaptive management strategy. These documents are expected to be published within the next year.

For Round 7, FY 26-27, and in accordance with the ROC's recommendations, the LACFCD implemented different applications for various stages of infrastructure project development. These applications were divided into Design only (<60% design) and Design/Construction/O&M (60% design). As part of the Round 7, FY 26-27 Call for Projects, the City submitted a singular Infrastructure Program project application for the Ballona Creek TMDL Operations and Maintenance Project. Funding for this project ensures the sound operability of the Round 2 Ballona Creek TMDL Project, expected to be completed by February 2026.

3.4 District Program Overview

The majority of funding from the SCWP is allocated to the Regional and Municipal Program to implement multi-benefit stormwater capture projects. The remaining 10% of the Program's resources, however, are reserved for administration, technical assistance, and county-wide initiatives. The District Program funds LACFCD staff and ensures the effective operation of the Safe, Clean Water Program by providing oversight and support. It also manages countywide efforts, including public education campaigns and workforce training programs designed to prepare the next generation to build, operate, and maintain the new infrastructure implemented. The following sections outline recent highlights and updates to the SCWP District Program.

3.4.1 Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program

The LACFCD has partnered with the Water Foundation to administer the SCWP Public Education and Community Engagement Grant (Grant) to support education and community engagement efforts related to stormwater and urban runoff capture within the County of Los Angeles. The Grant will allocate $8.5 million in total to fund SCWP-specific community outreach activities such as site visits, field trips, tours, tribal engagement, water leadership training, community meetings, and other similar public education and community engagement activities. The District SCWP Team notified potential applicants of this Grant program in July of 2024. Applications were accepted on a three round basis starting September 2024 and continued through May 2025. All organizations that are considered tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code were encouraged to apply. Eligible funded activity may not include any work that may require California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis. Additional information regarding the application process can be found on the Water Foundation's website[6].

LASAN, as a municipal organization, was not encouraged to apply and receive funding from this grant program. However, as a major participant in the SCWP, LASAN has provided input on three of those grant applications to date. The three projects that LASAN was consulted on are identified in **Table 3-4**:

Table 3-4: Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program - LASAN Supported Projects

Project	Applicant	Funded Amount	Project Description
Westwood Neighborhood Greenway Project	Westwood Greenway, Inc.	$100,842	The awarded funding will be used to improve facilities to accommodate on-site docents, augment community outreach, and enhance curriculum preparation. Additional support for creation of a program co-created with LASAN for K-12 field trips will be provided and a self-contained mobile trailer parked on site serving as an information center will be placed adjacent to the Metro Station. Portable restrooms will also be placed on-site to accommodate increased foot traffic.
MacArthur Lake Stormwater Capture Project	Mujeres de La Tierra	$219,286	This effort aims to support outreach and education programs to engage Disadvantaged Communities around MacArthur Park. Specifically, a community microentrepreneur association will be developed, comprising local vendors and small businesses to promote water-wise practices, community safety, and workforce development
Historic Filipino Town Alleys Project	Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative	$250,000	This project plans to utilize the grant amount to perform outreach to the community regarding the desire for green alley improvements, which will include preservation of existing murals and beautification of local community characteristics

[6] SCWP Public Education and Community Engagement Grant Program (https://waterfdn.org/safe-clean-water-program)

3.4.2 Workforce Development

The Los Angeles County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Section 16.05.A.2.j states that expenditures eligible for SCW Program funds include local workforce job training. Such training would be funded by the District Program (10% of annual revenue). According to the County Code Chapter 16, Section 16.05.B.6, "Not less than twenty percent (20%) of District Program funds shall be allocated for these Programs over a revolving five (5) year period." This equates to no less that $5.7 million, or 2% of the SCWP returns per year used for a combination of public education programs, schools education and curriculum programs, and local workforce job training, which will provide certification classes and vocational training at the community level for the design, construction, inspection, operation and maintenance of Stormwater or Urban Runoff management and Multi-Benefit Projects. The SCWP intends for these to be implemented throughout the County with special attention to the needs of DACs and in partnership with stakeholders.

To date, the Measure W SCWP revenue allotted has not been significantly spent, and the County PW's workforce development program is still under development. Los Angeles County Public Works provided a presentation on workforce development to both the SCWP Regional Oversight Committee and Central Santa Monica Bay WASC. The presentation highlighted regional workforce initiatives to support long-term infrastructure maintenance. The District Program aims to train and place up both in-house staff and private contractors -- for SCWP projects to encourage sustained career opportunities for a qualified workforce. Workforce development programs include PLACE (Preparing LA for County Employment), with Construction Industry Workforce and Operations and Maintenance Workforce initiatives recently launched. The County Department of Economic Opportunity has set an ambitious goal to train 150 construction industry participants and 150 operations and maintenance participants, for a total of 300 individuals within two years.

As this regional effort is under development, other agencies have taken initiative and steps to build out and create their own workforce development programs. For instance, LASAN is in the initial stages of developing a workforce development program called "BlueLA" that would utilize targeted local hiring and serve as a training and employment program. Green infrastructure projects implemented through the SCWP in the City would serve as a training ground for vocational trainees. Training and certification would funnel trainees to career pathways into full-time employment with the City.

Section 4: Program Administration and Collaboration

LASAN is responsible for managing, overseeing, and coordinating all Measure W, SCWP activities for the City of Los Angeles. LASAN's SCWID coordinates LASAN's responsibilities in managing the City's stormwater program (flood protection, watershed management, and water quality compliance) and strives to work effectively with other City departments, community partners, and regional agencies. This collaboration helps prioritize projects within the City and identify opportunities for project partnerships and leveraging funding. The following sections outline the City's Program Governance and Collaboration efforts.

4.1 Interagency and City Department Collaboration

On October 2, 2019, the City Council approved a collective governance model for both the Regional and Municipal Programs, CF #. In addition to LASAN, program governance involves participation from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA). LASAN was designated as the City's lead agency to work with County staff to support Steering Committee activities and efforts associated with Central Santa Monica Bay, Upper Los Angeles River, and South Santa Monica Bay Watersheds.

On November 27, 2019, the City Council adopted a Governance Structure for Measure W.[7] The Governance Structure established a SCWP AOC and a Working Group within LASAN to develop the WISP. The SCWP AOC oversees all City projects and programs funded with proceeds from Measure W and provides proper administration of the City's SCWP. Any actions or recommendations by the AOC are subject to approval by the City Council and the Mayor.

The Mayor and City Council provide oversight of both the SCWP Municipal and Regional Programs through existing administrative processes or those established under the ordinance. Annual project selections under both programs require approval from the Mayor and City Council. LASAN is the program manager, fund administrator, and custodian of projects seeking Measure W funding. LASAN confirms that projects adhere to the County's funding criteria and shepherds projects through the City's annual administrative process.

Prior to starting the development of feasibility reports for Regional Program consideration each year, LASAN presents a list of recommended regional projects to the SCWP Working Group for consensus. The Working Group consists of staff from the Mayor's office, City Administrative Officer (CAO) office, City Legislative Analyst (CLA) office, RAP, LADWP, BOE, StreetsLA, other City staff that hold seats on WASCs, interested departments, and Council District representatives. This group meets monthly to check that recommended projects are moving forward to meet the

[7] Governance Structure for Measure W – Safe, Clean Water Program (CF 18-0384-S1), November 27, 2019

County's annual call for projects deadline. LASAN, with the concurrence of the Working Group, then moves the regional projects into feasibility report development.

Other City departments seeking SCWP funding (Municipal and/or Regional) have an opportunity to participate in the Working Group. Given the competitiveness and limited funding within the Regional Program, it is important that all City departments anticipate and coordinate with LASAN on potential upcoming proposals so that these projects can be considered for inclusion in the WISP. Each cycle, prior to the submission of a project to the Regional Program, all City departments will present their proposals to the Working Group and AOC for consideration. Final recommendations for approval of Regional project submission will then be sent to the City Council. Proprietary departments should seek approval from their own board.

Many Regional projects may involve other City departments and agencies and require coordination in their development. This effort is performed in parallel with the project outreach efforts. Depending on the City departments or agencies involved, various forms of agreements, including easements and memorandum of agreement (MOA), may be needed to enable construction of the projects.

Citywide initiatives, such as the Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Improving Project Planning and Delivery in the Public Right-of-Way, and the Mayor's Executive Directive #9: Streamlining Capital Project Delivery and Equitably Investing in the Public Right-of-Way, are intended for City departments to coordinate on project scoping, agency coordination, data sharing, and joint work program development to deliver more holistic projects in the Public Right-of-Way. SCWID will be working closely with the Mayor's Office and other departments in the coming year to further leverage this effort to improve and increase project collaboration.

4.1.1 Community Partnership on School and Community Greening

LASAN is proactively working to establish partnerships with the community to pursue opportunities to leverage additional funding sources, while evaluating the feasibility of creating new green space in park-poor communities through community partnerships, especially with local schools. LASAN strives to encourage the development of multi-benefit projects with significant water quality improvements that also include school greening and new green space within the City. LASAN staff has met with LAUSD staff, including the Chief Eco-Sustainability Officer, to better understand where LAUSD's priority areas of stormwater capture and greening projects are located, as well as to discuss challenges and opportunities for initiating an MOA for a future joint project where schools might accept offsite runoff to assist the City in meeting water quality and capture goals. As these discussions did not result in progress partnering on school greening projects, Council District 5 became involved in work to advance the issue, convening numerous meetings to discuss and resolve disagreements around liability and acceptance of offsite runoff.

To additionally encourage collaboration, and as a part of the public review period for the Phase II Small Municipal Stormwater Permit, the City submitted a comment letter requesting for the State Water Board to explore options to incentivize engagement from K-12 schools, a key partner who is not currently included in the Informal Draft Small Municipal Stormwater Permit. While not formally requesting for K-12 schools to be included in the requirements set by the Permit, the City notes that fostering this collaboration between MS4 Permittees and K-12 schools presents a valuable opportunity to enhance environmental stewardship and improve water quality for discharges from both school and municipalities. Unfortunately, due to intervention by the Governor's Office, the State Water Board did not take steps toward including schools infinalized Small Municipal Stormwater Permit is expected to be reissued in 2025, which would have been a key driver for schools and cities to partner.

In 2019, LASAN identified the Rosa Park Learning Center, owned by LAUSD and located in the East San Fernando Valley of the City of Los Angeles (Council District [CD] 6) as a potential stormwater capture site to pilot partnership with LAUSD. The project site, approximately two acres in size, is located on the south side of the facility and is currently an underutilized vacant parcel. The goal of the LAUSD Rosa Park Learning Center's two-acre project site is to capture runoff from the surrounding 25-acre drainage area and to infiltrate up to 18 acre-feet of runoff per year. The total project cost estimated in 2019 (pre-pandemic) was $2.5 million, and if the project were to move forward, the cost estimate would need to be updated based on final scope and budget. In 2021, LASAN successfully secured $1.5 million in Prop O funding for the pilot project located at Rosa Park Learning Center. To date, LASAN and LAUSD have been unable to successfully enter into an MOA to move the project forward. The Council For Watershed Health attempted to advance the greening of this campus by developing 50% design plans for a complementary school greening project on the campus. However, school administrators have not yet opted to advance plans further.

To move the City toward compliance, LASAN built upon the potential projects identified in the City's Watershed Management Plans (WMPs) and further assessed which projects may be feasible and should be further investigated. With respect to LAUSD projects, this effort resulted in identifying 20 potential LAUSD school sites that could manage surrounding area stormwater runoff and mitigate it onsite (**Table 4-1**). This would assist in moving the City and LAUSD closer to meeting their respective stormwater mandates. This list was shared with the Watershed Coordinators of the Upper Los Angeles, Central Santa Monica Bay, and South Santa Monica Bay WASCs, who noted overlap between these 20 priority projects and eight projects that were awarded California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) Schoolyard Greening grant funding to plan projects for school greening on campus. LASAN and the Watershed Coordinators continue to collaborate as those planning efforts develop further.

LASAN met with NGOs, such as TreePeople, to compare notes on school greening efforts and share lessons learned. A SCWP Regional Program funded special study carried out by TreePeople entitled Untapped Potential: Leveraging Schoolyards for Stormwater Management & Climate Resilience that eloquently describes the immense potential school greening can provide to improve water quality in the region. LASAN has also continued to research example language for

agreements between schools and public agencies that might act as precedents for future partnerships. LASAN has requested a draft agreement between the Los Angeles Community College District and the City of Los Angeles for a project at Los Angeles Valley College. LASAN has also met with Amigos de los Rios regarding their Plymouth Elementary School Greening Project that serves as an example of a school that captures offsite runoff as part of an agreement between Amigos de los Rios, the Monrovia Unified School District, and the City of Monrovia. In parallel, CD 5 staff convened a meeting with LAUSD officials to identify and discuss barriers to collaboration and potential solutions. These efforts are ongoing.

Table 4-1. Top Potential Safe Clean Water Projects Located on School Properties

Project	Capture Volume (acre-feet)	Benefits a DAC	City Council District	Project Summary Sheet Available	Latitude	Longitude
Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area						
Animo Lake Charter High School #2	4.9	Yes	8	No	33.9345153	-118.2689987
Ascot Avenue Elementary School	9.5	Yes	9	No	34.003204	-118.249112
California Children's Academy	3.1	Yes	1	No	34.078693	-118.215703
Griffin Ave Elementary School	18.7	Yes	1	No	34.0686757	-118.2127652
Nevin Ave Elementary School	8.9	Yes	9	No	34.012786	-118.246533
Rosa Parks Learning Center	1.5	Yes	6	Yes	34.2308146	-118.46176
Samuel Gompers Middle School	7.4	Yes	8	No	33.932778	-118.270432
Verdugo Hills High School	13.4	Yes	7	Yes	34.2615932	-118.2984759
Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area						
Belmont Community Adult School	3.9	Yes	1	No	34.052334	-118.270585
Berendo Middle School	10.7	Yes	1	No	34.050136	-118.294582
Clover Ave Elementary School	81.8	Yes	5	Yes	34.026351	-118.424576
Johnnie L. Cochran and Arlington Heights Elementary School	5.4	Yes	10	Yes	34.0431983	-118.3279983
Ramona Elementary School	11.8	Yes	13	Yes	34.091524	-118.299987
Robert F. Kennedy Community School	36.1	Yes	10	No	34.0601129	-118.2966047

Project	Capture Volume (acre-feet)	Benefits a DAC	City Council District	Project Summary Sheet Available	Latitude	Longitude
West Adams Preparatory High School	8.3	Yes	1	No	34.0391209	-118.2899353
Wilton Place Elementary School	18	Yes	5	Yes	34.058564	-118.315186
South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area						
Gardena Elementary School	39.8	Yes	15	Yes	33.882288	-118.286561
Gulf Avenue STEAM Elementary School and Magnet Center	16.4	Yes	15	Yes	33.78533	-118.272744
Mark Twain Middle School	4.7	No	11	Yes	33.9998229	-118.4480037
Normont Elementary School	13.1	Yes	15	Yes	33.796085	-118.293245

4.1.2 Non-Governmental Organizations in Stormwater Greening Opportunities

This FY 25-26 WISP provides a comprehensive prioritized list of stormwater projects that have a concept report (scope, schedule, and budget), meet the minimum internal scoring criteria of 62 points (refer to **Section 5.3** and **Section 5.4** for scoring process), and are unfunded. The priority project list will be actively updated and projects added or deleted based on various factors such as funding, need for projects based on watershed assessment and activities and MS4 Permit requirements. During the annual WISP updates, the list of priority projects will be updated.

The list has been shared with Regional Watershed Coordinators (Upper LA River, Central Santa Monica Bay, South Santa Monica Bay), Heal the Bay, LA WaterKeeper, Trust for Public Land (TPL), Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and Council Offices with the intent that one of the projects can be identified as an opportunity to have a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) lead in the delivery of the project. The City has already received over 20 inquiries from third party applicants requesting various levels of support for their respective projects. As the SCWP continues to expand its funding of various NGO-led projects, LASAN acknowledges the need to augment its internal resources to keep pace with the ever expanding priority list. As the City encompasses a large majority of the jurisdiction within the region, additional staff and external coordination will be required to ensure collaboration stays consistent and equitable to both parties. LASAN will continue to share these identified stormwater project opportunities as the prioritization is regularly updated.

Building off the recent success of the South LA Green Alleys Project (CD 9) where LASAN partnered with the Trust for Public Lands on delivering the Project, LASAN has several ongoing projects with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and CBOs that are being supported by the City's Safe Clean Water Program utilizing Municipal returns. **Table 4-2** provides a summary of active partnership projects with NGOs and CBOs, including projects within the City of Los Angeles in which the City has supported the NGO/CBO in submission of a Regional SCWP application.

Table 4-2. Active Partnership Projects with NGOs and CBOs

Round #	Project	CD	NGO / CBO Lead	Total Project Cost	Status	City O&M
-	Water Wheel Project (aka Bending Back the River)	1	Metabolic Studios	$9.00M	Completed 2024	Yes
-	Inell Woods Park	9	Heal the Bay	$3.20M	Completed 2025	Yes
-	Caballero Creek Park Project	3	MRCA	$5.45M	May 2025	Yes
-	Reseda Park Triangle	3	MRCA	TBD	TBD	TBD
-	El Dorado Park	7	MRCA	$2.54M	December 2025	TBD
3	Watts Civic Center Serenity Greenway*	15	East Side Riders	$2.67M	Design	TBD
-	Reseda River Loop Phase II	3	Trust for Public Land	$5.62M	June 2026	TBD
2	Slauson Connect Clean Water Project*	9	Corvias	$4.90M	July 2028	TBD
3	Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project**	4	Friends of Griffith Park	$300k	Predesign	No
4	Blackwelder Tract Community Greenbelt BMPs and Landscape Improvement**	10	California Greenworks	$300k	TBD	TBD
5	Bowtie Wetland Demonstration Project*	1	The Nature Conservancy	$11.3M	Design	No
5	Elephant Hill Open Space and Stormwater Infrastructure Project**	14	Save Elephant Hill	$300k	TBD	TBD
6	Western Gage Green Alleys**	8	Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative	$400k	TBD	No
6	Hayden Tract Community Greenbelt**	10	California Greenworks	$400k	TBD	TBD
7	Culver Median LA**	11	Del Rey Neighborhood Council	$400k	TBD	TBD
7	Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits*	5	LA County Museum of Natural History Foundation	$435M	December 2028	No
7	UCLA Mobility, Stormwater Capture, and Greening Project**	5	UCLA / Metro	$15.1M	October 2029	No
7	Los Angeles Harbor College Central and West Campus Underground	15	Los Angeles Community College District & BuildLACCD	$6.3M	February 2027	No

	Infiltration and Biofiltration Project*					
7	Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Project	4,13	Silver Lakes Reservoir Conservancy	TBD	TBD	TBD
8	Pacoima Wash Greenway, Community Green Infrastructure Project	7	SALT, LA	TBD	TBD	No
8	Hollywood Bowl Stormwater Quality Improvement and Sustainability Project*	4	Hollywood Bowl	TBD	TBD	No
8	Green Alley and Sidewalk Project in Historic Filipinotown*	13	Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative	$400K	TBD	No
8	Blythe Street, Panorama City	6	Estalano Advisors	TBD	TBD	TBD
8	Canoga Park - Sherman Way Medians	3	Pacoima Beautiful	$400k	TBD	No
8	Ballona/Venice Canals Tidal Project	11	Venice Canals Association	TBD	TBD	TBD

* City of Los Angeles supported the submission of Regional SCWP Infrastructure Program Application
** City of Los Angeles supported the submission of the Regional SCWP TRP Application

LASAN will continue to coordinate and engage with the regional watershed coordinators and various NGOs and CBOs in an effort to explore future partnership opportunities.

4.1.3 SCWP Community Letters of Support and Non-Objection

According to the LACFCD's SCWP Ordinance Chapter 18 and Feasibility Guidelines for Regional Project Applications, any non-municipal applicant must first obtain a Letter of Support or Letter of Non-Objection from the municipality in which the project is proposed prior to utilizing SCWP funding. To assist these applicants in the SCWP application process, the City created a policy titled the *City of Los Angeles Community (Non-Municipal) Proposed Projects* (approved on May 17, 2023 through CF 18-0384-S3)[8] that outlines the policy, process, and guidelines the City will use regarding writing Letters of Support and Letters of Non-Objection for SCW projects. This policy helps provide a transparent and equitable process for ensuring that projects align with City priorities, capital programs, and use of resources in furthering the common objectives of the City and requesting entities. The Policy also outlines the approval timeline, project assessment process and O&M planning requirements to allow for seamless project community collaboration and project partnerships. To request collaboration efforts please contact san.safecleanwater@lacity.org and complete the associated Request to Collaborate Google Form

[8] Additional information regarding the Policy can be found: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0384-S3_misc_4-12-23.pdf

4.2 Community Engagement and Collaboration

Development and implementation of community outreach and engagement activities are requirements for projects funded by both the SCWP Regional Program and Municipal Program, as well as O&M activities associated with funded projects. The SCWP defines community outreach as activities that include online media outreach, local media outreach and grassroots outreach, as appropriate, and defines community engagement as activities that include council, commission or committee meetings, where public input is invited, or festivals, fairs, or open houses. The SCWP requires community outreach and engagement activities at the onset, during the design phase, and throughout the construction of funded projects to solicit, address, and seek input from community members. Emphasis is placed on activities that create the opportunity for two-way communication.

These County SCWP requirements are consistent with the City's values and commitment to meaningful engagement with local communities and stakeholders. The City's *SCW Program Community Outreach and Engagement Strategic Plan* (approved on July 2, 2025 through CF 18-0384-S11} reflects these core values and demonstrates how the City's SCWP will be conducted in accordance with the County SCWP requirements. The Plan includes:

- Communication goals and objectives
- A three-pronged approach (programmatic outreach, Regional Program project-specific outreach, and Municipal Program project-specific outreach)
- Strategies, methods, and materials for community outreach and community engagement
- Reporting requirements mandated by the County SCWP
- Coordination with WASC Watershed Coordinators to align with their watershed-specific Outreach Plans.

4.2.1 Stakeholder Engagement Process

LASAN's SCWID will outreach and engage community stakeholders as described in the City's Safe Clean Water Program Community Outreach and Engagement Strategic Plan. The ongoing support and engagement with the SCWP Watershed Coordinators are key for the City to identify and incorporate projects from entities and partners outside of the City into the WISP. The goals of the Watershed Coordinators include facilitating community engagement, identifying priorities within the watershed's communities, developing project concepts, integrating priorities through partnerships and stakeholder networks, leveraging funding, educating local stakeholders and collaborating with municipal partners and other Watershed Coordinators on a broader regional basis. The Watershed Coordinators bring community-developed projects involving the City to the attention of LASAN SCWID. These projects can then be included in the City's project prioritization and scoring processes to determine if they are beneficial projects for the City and represent opportunities for collaboration.

It is LASAN's intent to engage the project's surrounding community with culturally relevant outreach that considers the present needs of the community and those of future residents that

will enjoy the outcome of the project. The outreach will offer interested stakeholders an opportunity to provide input on the overall product design and inform/educate the community on the benefits of these water quality projects (per flyers and internet sites; an example is shown in **Figure 4-1**). Outreach includes virtual meetings, in-person workshops, and impromptu site gatherings with project stakeholders.

Furthermore, as previously mentioned in **Section 3,** LASAN also engaged the local communities through the SCWP's Community Strength and Needs Assessment (CSNA) Survey and Dashboard. This tool, published by the District SCWP team, consists of a brief Survey, to gather input from the public about community needs, strengths, and priorities, and a Dashboard (an online GIS-based tool) that visually showcases survey results and tracks trends in responses. Information gathered through the CSNA may serve as a resource for anyone interested in engaging with Los Angeles County's Safe, Clean Water Program (SCW Program). The CSNA Survey and Dashboard will remain open to new responses on an ongoing basis, acting as a "living database" of community voices in Los Angeles County. Input gathered through the CSNA will serve as an important resource for consideration during SCW Program Regional, Municipal, and Project Planning, which may lead to the development of more community-informed multi-benefit stormwater capture projects and studies. C

Figure 4-1. Example of SCWP Public Outreach for the MacArthur Lake Stormwater Capture Project

Section 5: Project Planning, Development, and Scoring

As shown in **Figure 1-1**, prioritizing projects is a multi-step process with different scoring criteria in each step. Prior to the SCWP application process, LASAN investigates the projects' technical feasibility, elaborates on the proposed concepts by conducting in-depth site investigations and preparing project concept reports, and applies program-specific scores to create a project prioritization list. SCWID is currently working to build a comprehensive list of all proposed stormwater projects for the City. This effort requires ongoing collaboration among different organizations such as various City departments, County departments, federal organizations, CBOs, and NGOs.

5.1 Project Planning and Tracking

LASAN, as the lead implementer of the City's MS4 permit and SCWP, is responsible for tracking and managing project information for hundreds of capital stormwater projects being planned, implemented, and/or operated and maintained over the span of 50 years and by dozens of different agencies. This information has historically been held in a series of spreadsheets and dated reporting systems. To better address growing programmatic requirements, LASAN developed a robust, centralized system to house critical, standardized project information, generate a wide variety of program-wide reporting outputs, and reliably assist in the planning, coordination, and selection of future projects to meet an array of program needs. Known as the Safe, Clean Water Implementation Division Infrastructure Query System (SCWID INQS), this centralized dashboard system was designed to have a clean, user-friendly interface that allows for the functionality to identify a user and limit their access/controls. SCWID INQS' three core applications include:

- Capital Improvement Program Book: This application displays a clean representation of expenditure and funding cash flows, a wide array of project details and benefits, scheduling, status updates, and GIS locations and drainage area information. The data is viewable through both sortable and filterable tables and a GIS window that visualizes basic location information and drainage areas.
- Program Reporting: An interface and customizable reporting compilation tool that allows user control over the selection of project subsets. The program reporting output is modular with sections that enable the user to toggle off and on sections to be produced in the output. The application generates a single output, but the output is flexible and can be configured by the user in terms of content/sections included.
- Planning Tool: The planning tool enables the program reporting outlook to be evaluated under multiple scenarios where projects are included or excluded and their resulting impact on spending, benefits, etc. can be evaluated. A selection of projects can be saved and modified in a "mock" planning, which can be stored and compared with other saved mock planning scenarios without corrupting the project's original data.

As part of the SCWID INQS dashboard management efforts, SCWID is in the process of updating INQS with historical, in-progress, and completed water quality projects. This consolidation of project data allows LASAN to improve its project delivery and strategization efforts by improving access to project information, which ultimately aids the City's strategy in developing future projects to meet water quality standards and meet overall watershed goals.

SCWID INQS represents a vast improvement to past data management and reporting methodologies, a strong and secure foundation for further development of public information tools, and facilitates better communication and ease of collaboration as the region works to meet historic watershed management challenges. The development of the new dashboard will greatly improve LASAN's ability to plan and manage stormwater projects across the City.

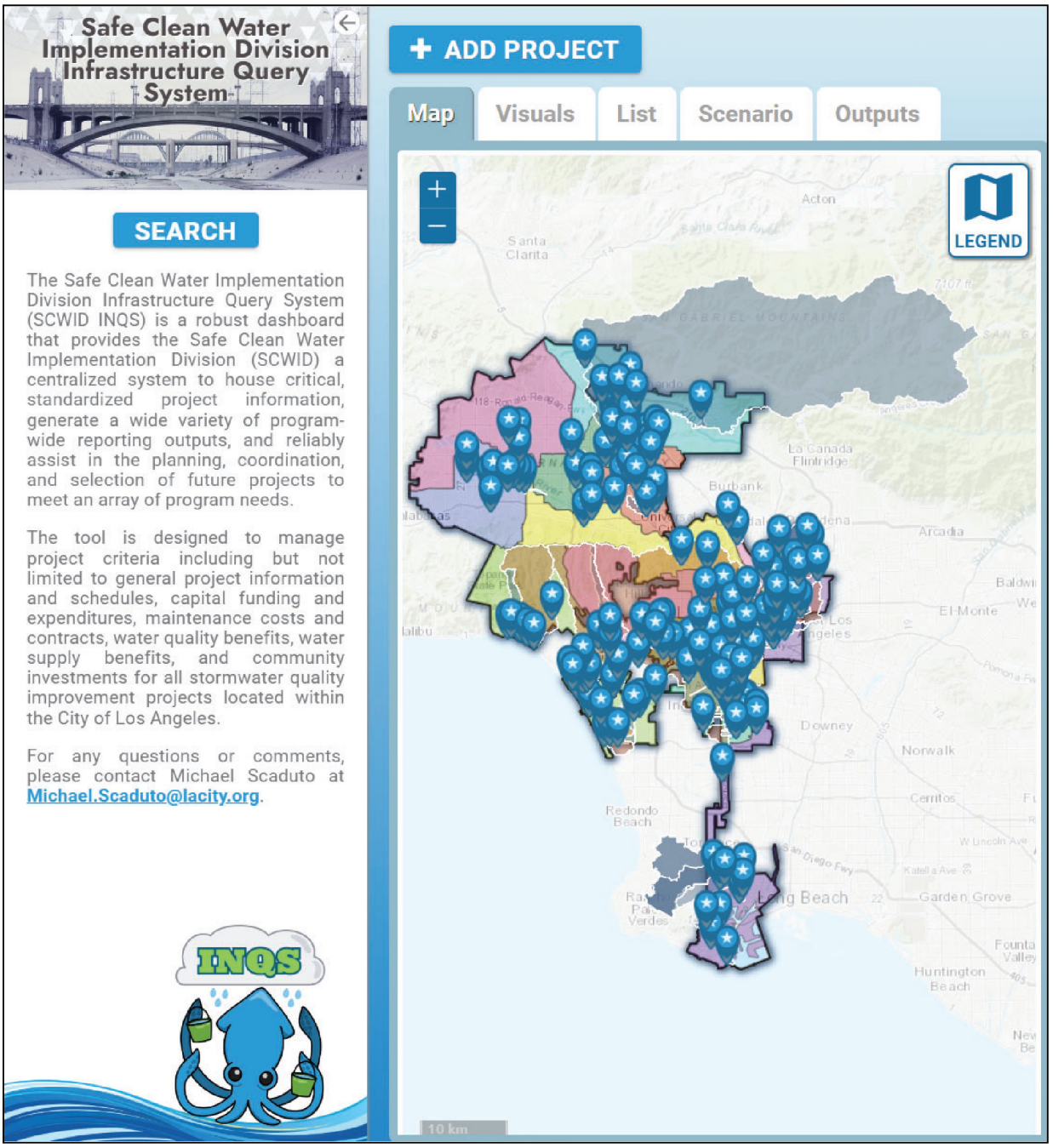

Figure 5-1. LASAN SCWP Dashboard

5.2 Project Identification and Development

Utilizing a GIS-based tool coined SiteSAN, developed by LASAN's Watershed Protection Program, SCWID has worked to identify, screen, and prioritize its initial list of projects from Watershed Management Programs. SiteSAN utilized several data inputs to properly evaluate each site, determining preliminary flow rates, site characteristics, stormwater capture capacities, and costs and budget estimates. These factors were then weighted to output a prioritized list of potential project locations. LASAN draws upon the SiteSAN output to identify projects to be considered for both the Municipal Program and Regional Program funding.

Alongside SiteSAN projects, LASAN also considers project ideas through various sources like project partnership opportunities with other City departments, Council District priorities, community input, and NGOs ideas. Prior to scoring each project idea, LASAN conducts technical analysis of the project's hydrological features, site conditions and restraints, geological factors and proposed water quality and supply benefits to determine a project's feasibility. This process is highlighted as a "red flag analysis" to identify potential obstacles that would prevent significant issues with implementation. Projects are then placed into a prioritized list based on the determined feasibility and eclipse factors. These projects are then subjected to the SCWP Municipal Scoring and/or Regional Scoring Criteria. These scores, outlined in the below sections, help further prioritize which project concepts move forward towards development.

From the list, LASAN develops approximately three to six concept reports per year. A concept report outlines the practicality of the site to meet water quality objectives of the MS4 Permit (i.e., upcoming TMDL compliance milestones in each watershed), validates geotechnical assumptions, investigates utility coordination of right-of-way issues, and establishes a refined scope, schedule, and a class "O" budget estimate. From the concepts developed, the most promising projects are advanced further into full feasibility studies. The development process from project concept to feasibility study can take upwards of six to nine months and must be completed prior to the preparation of a SCWP technical application for Regional funding consideration.

Upon completion of a project's technical feasibility and concept report, each project will be given a municipal score based on the City's adopted scoring criteria. Projects that will assist the City in meeting TMDL requirements, leveraging funding equitability throughout the City, and interdepartmental and/or community project collaboration are also considered in determining which projects will move forward for funding consideration.

For projects seeking funding from the Regional Program, it is recommended that Departments begin the process of developing a SCW application and feasibility report approximately 12 months prior to the Call for Projects for the Regional Program at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Other Bureaus and City Departments seeking to secure SCWP funding are highly encouraged to participate in the SCWP Working Group and AOC, which aid in deciding the selection of Municipal and Regional Program projects

5.3 Municipal Scoring Criteria

The SCW Working Group and AOC approved the City's "Municipal Program Scoring Criteria" shown in **Figure 5-2** to score projects based on a combination of County SCWP goals and City policy objectives. The City's Municipal Program Scoring Criteria follow the same general categories as the SCWP Regional Program Scoring Criteria and include additional criteria that prioritize the City-specific policy objectives (citywide equitability, flood protection needs, resiliency, biodiversity, and O&M cost-effectiveness). A project scored using the City's Municipal Program Scoring Criteria can receive a maximum of 110 points.

SCWID is currently in the process of updating the Municipal Program Scoring Criteria, coined the Municipal Scoring Tool version 2 (MST v2). MST v2 builds upon the work of the previously approved Municipal Program Scoring Criteria and improves user functionality, data accessibility, and streamlines the scoring process for SCWID staff. The revised scoring will also consider guidance published during the SCWP Adaptive Management period to more accurately score the proposed water quality, water supply, and community investment benefits provided. Additionally, objectives and goals pertinent to the City are also taken into account, including, but not limited to, connections to biodiversity, flood control benefits, and identified leveraged funding opportunities. Before implementation, SCWID will bring forth the updated scoring tool for consideration and approval at the SCWP Working Group and AOC.

As part of SCWID's Municipal Program project development, SCWID staff also perform an initial red flag analysis to identify potential impediments to project implementation. The red flag analysis is followed by physical site assessments to visually confirm the project's potential, and concept report drafting and publication. This process augments LASAN's Project Identification and Development efforts by providing a procedural, holistic method by which the City ranks and prioritizes water quality projects for implementation.

All City projects requesting funding through the Municipal Program will be scored and prioritized based on the following MST v2 criteria: water quality, water supply, flood protection, environmental justice and disadvantaged communities, internal and external partnerships, site location, and operation and maintenance. **Table 5-1** provides a summary of projects that have a completed concept report and/or regional feasibility study and have been assigned a municipal score and ranked for future funding consideration through the City's budget process. Projects listed without a ranking and municipal score are already in LASAN's five-year CIP or have yet to be prioritized.

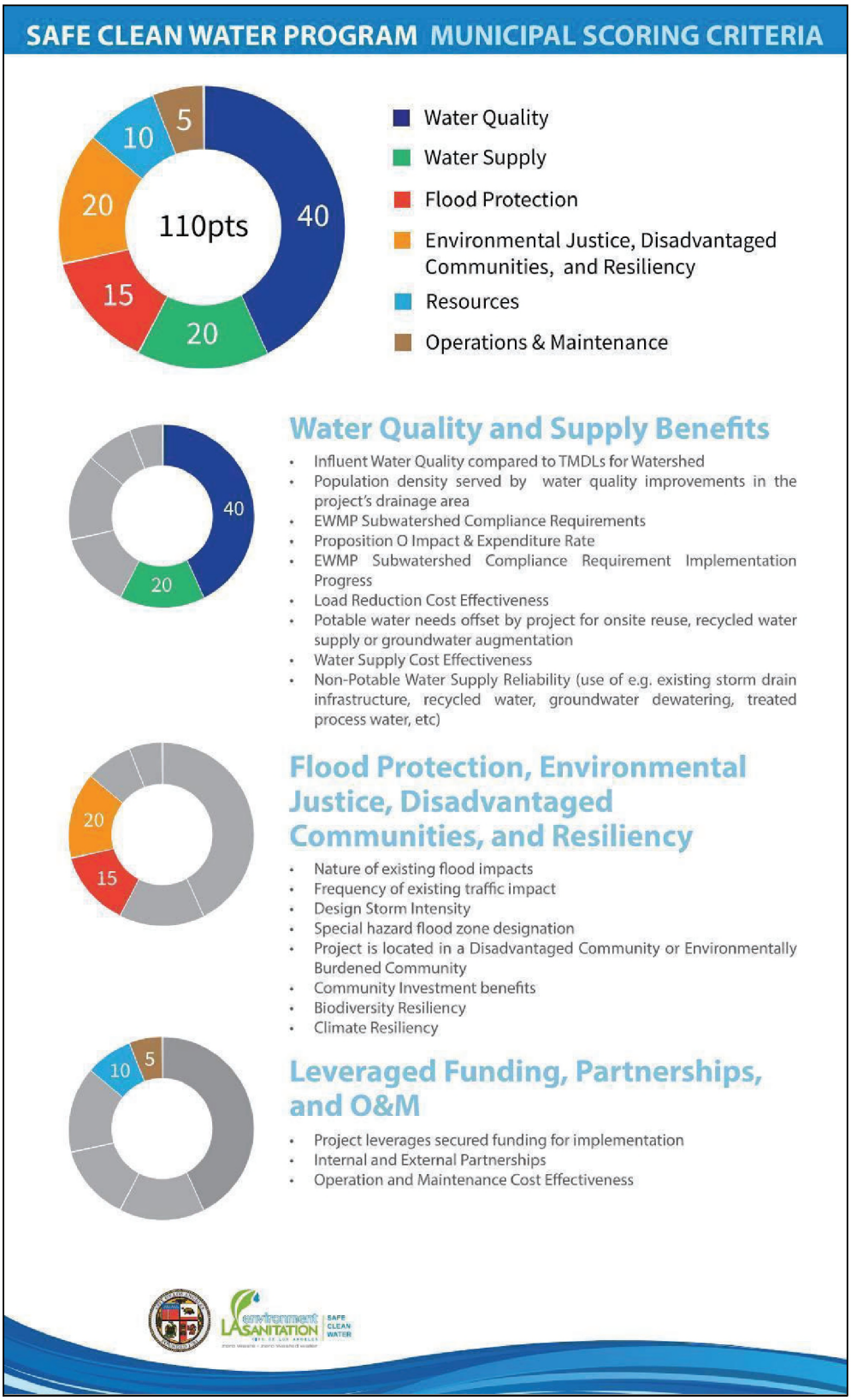

Figure 5-2. City's Original Municipal Scoring Criteria for SCWP Municipal Program Funding

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Table 5-1. LASAN's SCWP Potential Projects Prioritization List for Municipal Program Funding

5.4 Regional Scoring Criteria

Infrastructure projects submitted to the County SCWP Regional Infrastructure Program will be scored by the Scoring Committee and those that meet the minimum score (60 pts) will then be sent to the respective WASC for funding consideration. The SCWP criteria were published on September 2019[9] and consist of eight criteria and two alternate criteria for dry-weather projects. These criteria are contained in five groups consisting of:

- Water Quality
- Water Supply
- Community Investment Benefits
- Nature Based Solutions
- Leveraging Funds and Community Support

Regional Program infrastructure projects are required to meet the threshold score of 60 points or more out of a maximum 110 points to be eligible for funding consideration. **Figure 5-3** shows the scoring criteria based on the Infrastructure Program Project Scoring Criteria.

In June 2023, the SCWP issued Guidance for Alternate Water Supply Scoring Pilot for the FY 24-25 Call for Projects[10]. The Alternate Water Supply Scoring Pilot provides additional point scale flexibility so that project scores can be tallied in one-point increments (as compared to the current stepwise criteria), enabling projects managing smaller drainage areas to earn points. This approach better aligns the cost-effectiveness and magnitude scoring with the true range of multi-benefit project efficiencies and performance, and inherently accounts for County-wide opportunities, constraints, and economic changes over time.

As part of the adaptive management process, the LACFCD is expected to issue additional scoring pilots for water quality, community benefits, and community outreach/leveraged funding. Like the Alternate Water Supply Scoring Pilot, these pilots will allow for more tailored, one-point increment, scoring that accounts for more specific measures. For the Round 7, FY 26-27 Call for Projects, the LACFCD implemented a pilot program that establishes an alternative scoring criteria for Water Quality Benefits and Water Supply Benefits. Infrastructure Program Project applicants can select whether their proposal should be scored per the original or pilot scoring options.

[9] LA County Safe, Clean Water Program Feasibility Study Guidelines, Exhibit A - Infrastructure Program Project Scoring Criteria, September 19, 2019 https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Feasibility-Study-Guidelines -20190917-FINAL-1.pdf

[10] Implementation of the Alternate Water Supply Scoring Pilot in Fiscal Year 2024-25 Call For Projects https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Alternate-WS-Scoring-Pilot-202306.pdf

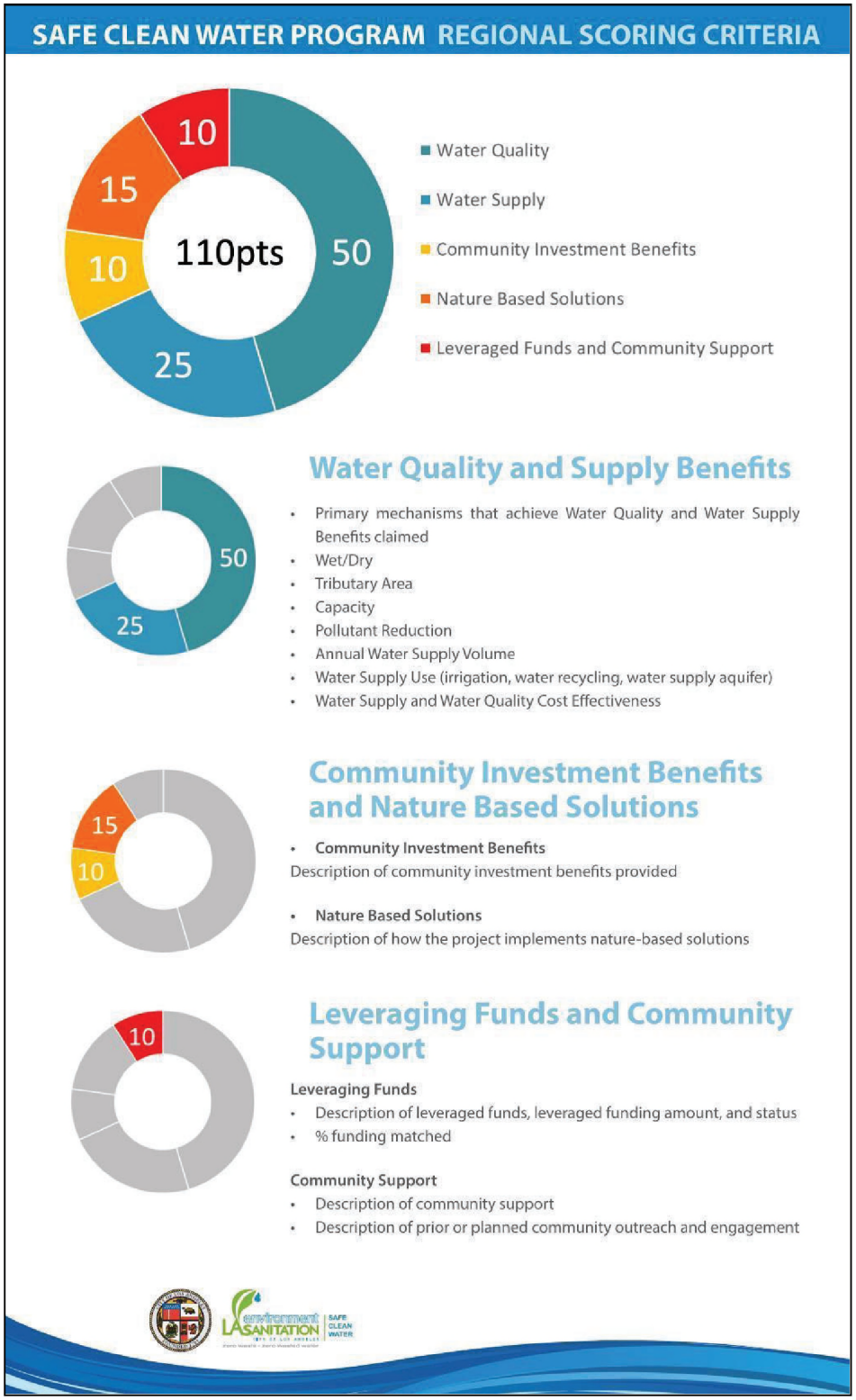


Figure 5-3. SCWP Regional Scoring Criteria

Section 6: Program and Project Implementation

Based on its jurisdiction, the City is estimated to receive $36 million annually in Municipal Program funds. As LASAN is the lead agency for watershed management and water quality compliance programs, SCWID has been partnering with other City departments, municipalities, regional agencies, and community-based organizations to coordinate the City's implementation of the SCWP. The annual operating budget for the Municipal Program funds project concept development and coordination, the implementation of capital improvement projects, ongoing O&M of existing projects, and salary appropriations to support the program[11].

SCWID is tasked with managing the City's Stormwater CIP that will guide the implementation of the City's water quality, flood protection, and water supply projects utilizing Municipal Program, Regional Program, and outside leverage funding sources. The Stormwater CIP is comprised of projects within four categories:

- Municipal Safe, Clean Water
- Regional Safe, Clean Water
- Flood Protection
- Prop O and Third-Party Partnership Projects (Other)

The Stormwater CIP offers a five-year outlook for each watershed. While the long-term perspective of the CIP horizon is critical for planning, a five-year CIP outlook is the desired product of this WISP. A five-year outlook provides sufficient resolution of the SCWP's current condition and allows structured implementation. As the WISP will be updated on an annual basis, the five-year CIP outlook will regularly evolve with updated information. The extensive process described in the WISP document has numerous decision points and assumptions, each with sound technical reasoning, that will continue to be refined in future years. For the proposed FY 25-26 WISP, the focus will be on the status and outlook of Municipal and Regional Programs CIP funding.

A summary of the CIP for the four LASAN stormwater program categories is provided in the following tables. **Table 6-1**. includes planned construction expenditures.

[11] The Municipal Safe, Clean Water Fund is not dependent on the General Fund and budgets for reimbursement of General Fund costs annually.

Table 6-1. LASAN Planned Construction Expenditure Summary

Program Name	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Total
Municipal	$7.1M	$4.1M	$0.02M	$0.6M	$ -	$11.8M
Regional	$87.0M	$48.0M	$65.1M	$18.7M	$0.5 M	$219.3M
Flood Control	$18.3M	$13.3M	$5.3M	$4.04M	$13.2M	$54.0M
Prop O / Third Party	$4.0M	$4.7M	$26.6M	$26.6M	$21.9M	$83.8M
Total:	**$116.4M**	**$70.1M**	**$97.02M**	**$49.9M**	**$35.6M**	**$368.9M**

Although the Municipal and Regional Program are two distinct programs, the funding associated with each are interdependent. Municipal Program funds used for the project development (concept and feasibility reports) and geotechnical work can all be used as leverage funding for a Regional Program application. All Regional Program applications submitted by LASAN are packaged with Municipal Program share as a matching contribution towards the project. Municipal Program funds also fund Regional Program project shortfalls that have occurred as a result of project cost increases and are not funded in a PMR. Under the terms of the project-specific transfer agreements, the City has an obligation to construct the project as originally described and to demonstrate completion of the project scope of work regardless of cost escalations. Large Regional funding shortfalls may also require O&M expenses for existing stormwater projects be scaled down or deferred for the future years.

6.1 Municipal CIP

Although Measure W was approved by voters in November 2018, LASAN did not receive its first Municipal Program disbursement of local return funds until December 2021. To date, 14 Municipal Program projects and five Regional Program projects have been funded by the SCW Municipal Program.

With post-pandemic economic inflation, project budgets for many of the infrastructure projects throughout the City have been subject to escalation. While all 14 Municipal Program projects within LASAN's CIP are fully funded, many of the Regional Program funded projects have experienced projected project cost increases, resulting in shortfalls in their funding. For FY 25-26, LASAN submitted an original Municipal Program funding CIP request of $34.8 million.

To fully fund all current projects, LASAN strongly recommends the following:

- Increase the Municipal Program CIP budget to $20 million annually for the next five years to provide funding for anticipated Regional Program project funding shortfalls.
- Until the Regional Program projects from Rounds 1 through 4 are fully funded and project shortfalls are addressed, no new Municipal Program projects will be added to the current CIP.

The City's strategy within utilizing Municipal Program funds lies first and foremost in achieving regulatory water quality compliance, followed by projects within the City that are in currently in progress, and lastly those in need of optimization. Following completion of the City's completion of six low flow diversions in FY 24/25, this is observed in the City's prioritization of the Ballona Creek TMDL Project. This dry weather solution augments the City's effort in both complying with water quality regulations for the Ballona Creek watershed and contributing to locally augmented water supply. Following this, LASAN plans to prioritize upgrading current features at the South LA Wetlands, Santa Monica Canyon Channel Low Flow Diversion, and evaluating the service life and replacement of existing water quality projects. **Table 6-2** summarizes the Municipal Program projects and the current Regional Program projects supported by Municipal Program funding.

Table 6-2. Municipal CIP Program

Project	CD	Total Measure W Municipal Appropriations	Previous Funding	FY 25-26	FY 26-27*	FY 27-28*	FY 28-29*	FY 29-30*	FY 30-31*
Arroyo Seco Low Flow Diversion (Sycamore Grove Park, LFD#1, AS-15) (M)	1	$2.77M	$2.77M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Arroyo Seco Low Flow Diversion (Hermon Dog Park, LFD#2, AS-21) (M)	14	$4.22M	$4.22M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
LA River LFD (2nd St & Rose, LFD#1, R2-02) (M)	14	$5.18M	$5.18M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
LA River LFD (Palmetto, LFD#2, R2-J) (M)	14	$5.54M	$5.54M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
LA River LFD (Mission Rd, LFD#3, R2-G) (M)	14	$5.92M	$5.92M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Haynes St Greenway (Phase I of Haynes St LFD) (M)	3	$0.75M	$0.75M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Reseda Blvd Alley Green Streets (M)	12	$3.36M	$ 3.36M	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
North Sepulveda Pedestrian Island (M)	6	$2.66M	$2.66M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
La Cienega Blvd Green Infrastructure Corridor (M)	11	$4.39M	$4.0M	$0.39M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
LA River Low Flow Diversion (Compton Creek, 1 LFD) (M)	15	$5.75M	$5.25M	$0.5M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
E 6th St Green Infrastructure Corridor (M)	14	$5.08M	$5.08M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Stormwater Control System Upgrade and Integration (M)	VR	$7.60M	$3.1 M	$4.48M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Project	CD	Total Measure W Municipal Appropriations	Previous Funding	FY 25-26	FY 26-27*	FY 27-28*	FY 28-29*	FY 29-30*	FY 30-31 *
Ballona Creek TMDL Project (R)	11	$27.0	$24.04.M	$3.00M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$-	$ -
Oro Vista Local Area Urban Flow Management Project (R)	7	$18.83	$5.83M	$2.00M	$5.0M	$6.0M	$-	$-	$ -
MacArthur Lake Stormwater Capture Project (R)	1	$11.7M	$0.90M	$3.50M	$3.0M	$4.30M	$ -	$-	$ -
Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Project (R)	2 & 6	$25.0M	$ -	$3.00M	$6.0M	$6.0M	$10.0M	$-	$ -
Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project (R)	15	$18.5.0M	$1.00M	$1.50M	$11.0M	$5.0M	$ -	$-	$ -
Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network Project (R)	14	$37.1M	$2.3M-	$ -	$16.3M	$18.5M	$-	$-	$ -
Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Project (R)	8	$9.56M	$1.00M	$ -	$ -	$0.67M	$7.3M	$0.59M	$ -
Sylmar Channel Project (R)	7	$22.55M	$2.3M	$ 1.50M	$-	$7M	$11.75 M	$-	$ -
Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Project (R)	15	$10.9M	$0.30M	$ -	$2.5M	$7.9M	$ -	$-	$ -
Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project (R)	11	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$-	$-	$ -
Hollenbeck Lake Rehabilitation Project (R)	14	$-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$-	$-	$-	$ -
Total:		**$218.6M**	**$58.36M**	**$19.87M**	**$43.8M**	**$118.4M**	**$29.1 M**	**$0.59M**	**$ -**

* Proposed Future FY Measure W Request

6.2 Regional Program and Capital Improvement Plan

The Regional Program process has been refined with lessons-learned over the last seven cycles. With that, the program itself remains highly competitive, with many jurisdictions, partner agencies, and community-based organizations competing for funding their priority projects. The City participates in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed, Central Santa Monica Bay watershed, and South Santa Monica Bay watershed projects and initiatives. With each watershed effort moving independently, it is notable that stakeholder dynamics and challenges in projects and initiatives selection are unique to each of the watersheds.

The City has been successful in the first six rounds of the Regional Program. **Table 6-4** provides a summary of all the Regional Program funds within the City. Over the past six rounds of the SCWP Regional Program funding, the City has been successful in procuring $349 million for Regional Program-funded projects.

Table 6-4. City of LA Regional Program Infrastructure, O&M, and Scientific Studies Funding Summary

SCWP Round	Infrastructure	O&M	Scientific Study	Total
1	$117.5.M*	$0.40M	$0.41M	$118.3M
2	$139.6M*	$ -	$ -	$139.6M
3	$19.8M	$2.40M	$ -	$22.2M
4	$53.9M	$3.20M	$ -	$57.1M
5	$10.9M	$ -	$0.29M	$9.81M
6	$ -	$ -	$0.69M	$1.49M
Total:	**$341.7M**	**$6.0M**	**$1.39M**	**$349.1M**

*Includes additional funding awards from the SCWP Regional Program

An in-depth analysis for each of the watersheds in which the City participates is performed to evaluate if the funds awarded in each of the watersheds is proportional to the funds collected by the City. As the Regional Program continues to approve their annual SIPs, LASAN will continue to track and assess the program's progress. An annual evaluation of each WASC will give insight to how much funding has been programmed and how much funding is available for each watershed to program new projects. The City will strategically consider future funding requests to each of the watersheds in order to confirm that the City is receiving its proportionate share and not over-extending the WASC distribution to the City. In addition, future project applications being submitted to the Regional Program should strive to represent equitable project distribution throughout the City. Proposed projects are presented below in **Table 6-9, Table 6-14,** and **Table 6-19** for each of the SCWP watershed areas. LASAN will regularly provide updates to the Working Group and AOC throughout the year. In May of each year, LASAN will evaluate all the projects being considered for submission and provide a recommendation to the AOC for approval.

6.2.1 Upper Los Angeles River

There are currently 23 ULAR Regional Program applications funded that are within the City boundaries (18 Infrastructure Projects, two O&M applications, two Scientific Studies, and one TRP). The ULAR SIP has programmed $232 million towards these applications since FY 20-21.

In the Round 6, FY 25-26, SIP, the City of LA was awarded a total of $27.8 million in funding to be disbursed over the next five years. This includes the funding of one new Scientific Study ($688k). **Table 6-5** provides a summary of ULAR Regional Program funded applications within the City limits.

Table 6-5. Upper Los Angeles River Regional Program Revenue to the City by Round

Project	CD	Total Programmed SCWP Funding	Previous FY Funds Secured	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Future Funding
Round 1 (FY 20-21)									
Lankershim Blvd Local Area Urban Flow Management Network (**LASAN**)*	2 & 6	$31.7M	$20.6MM	$6.14M	$5.00M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Oro Vista Local Area Urban Flow Management Project (**LASAN**)	7	$10.6M	$8.5M	$2.12M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation O&M (**LASAN**)	13	$0.40M	$0.40M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Recalculation of Wet Weather Zinc Criterion ULAR (**LASAN**)	VR	$0.35M	$0.35M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Fernangeles Park Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	6	$8.36M	$8.36M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Strathern Park North Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	2	$9.28M	$9.28M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Valley Village Park Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	2	$3.18M	$3.18M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Active Transportation Rail Corridor Project - Segment A (**LA Metro**)	8 & 9	$8.43M	$8.0M	$0.13M	$0.13M	$0.13M	$ -	$ -	$ -
Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park (**LACFCD**)	6	$10.0M	$10.0M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 2 (FY 21-22)									
Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network (**LASAN**)	1 & 14	$18.6M	$11.2M	$3.73M	$3.73M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Broadway–Manchester Multi-modal Green Street Project (**StreetsLA**)*	8	$12.3M	$8.9M	$2.83M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)*	7	$33.4M	$4.7M	$3.10M	$7.74M	$9.54M	$8.34M	$ -	$ -

Project	CD	Total Programmed SCWP Funding	Previous FY Funds Secured	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Future Funding
Valley Plaza Park Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	2	$26.45M	$4.23M	$-	$4.23M	$7.67M	$5.29M	$5.02M	$ -
LA Pierce College Northeast Campus Stormwater Capture and Use and Biofiltration Project (**LA Community College District**)	3	$5.24M	$5.24M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 3 (FY 22-23)									
Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation O&M (**LASAN**)	13	$2.40M	$1.44M	$0.48M	$0.48M	$ -	$ -	$	$ -
Whitsett Fields Park North Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	2	$8.40M	$4.2M	$1.69M	$2.52M	$ -	$ -	$	$ -
Watts Civic Center Serenity GreenWay (**East Side Riders Bike Club**)	15	$2.67M	$2.1M	$0.65M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$	$ -
Round 4 (FY 23-24)									
Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project (**LASAN**)	14	$25.2M	$2.14M	$1.69M	$9.25M	$12.1M	$ -	$	$ -
Sylmar Channel Project (**LASAN**)	7	$5.01M	$3.1M	$1.65M	$1.87M	$ -	$ -	$	$ -
Eagle Rock Boulevard: A Multi-Modal Stormwater Capture Project (**StreetsLA**)	14	$7.63M	$1.24M	$3.21M	$3.18M	$ -	$ -	$	$ -
Round 5 (FY 24-25)									
The Bowtie Demonstration Project (**The Nature Conservancy**)	1	$1.85M	$0.38M	$0.38M	$0.35M	$0.36M	$0.38M	$	$ -
Elephant Hill Open Space and Stormwater Infrastructure Feasibility Study (**Save Elephant Hill**)	14	$0.30M	$0.30M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$	$ -

Project	CD	Total Programmed SCWP Funding	Previous FY Funds Secured	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Future Funding
Round 6 (FY 25-26)									
Street Sweeping Study (LASAN)	VR	$0.69M	$ -	$0.020M	$0.020M	$0.65M	$ -	$ -	$ -
	Total:	**$232.4M**	**$117.8M**	**$27.8M**	**$38.8M**	**$30.5M**	**$14.0M**	**$5.02M**	**$ -**

* Includes funding awarded through the Round 5, FY 24-25, PMR process.

Assessing the success that the City and community-proposed applicants within the City have had in securing Regional Program funds on the first six rounds, the City has been receiving its proportionate share of returns from the ULAR watershed SCWP Regional Program funds since FY 20-21. **Table 6-6** provides a summary of collected revenue versus programmed disbursements for the ULAR. The City's percentage for further out years will increase as approvals continue to be made in each consecutive round.

Table 6-6. City of LA Proportional Funding Contribution and Programmed ULAR Funds

	Round 6 FY 25-26	Round 7 FY 26-27	Round 8 FY 27-28	Round 9 FY 28-29	Round 10 FY 29-30	Rounds 1-6 Average
City Proportional Funding Contribution	$28.7M	$28.7M	$28.7M	$28.7M	$28.7M	$28.7M
City Program Return	$27.8M	$38.5M	$30.4M	$14.0M	$5.0M	$24.8M
Percentage	97%	134%	106%	49%	17%	86%

6.2.2 ULAR Round 7, FY 26-27, Stormwater Investment Plan

The ULAR WASC experiences the most acute budgeting limitations of the various WASCs. **Table 6-7** provides a summary of available funds for the ULAR WASC to program for the Regional Program new applications and additional project funding being requested via the PMR process.

Table 6-7. ULAR WASC Available Regional Program Funding

	Round 7 FY 26-27	Round 8 FY 27-28	Round 9 FY 28-29	Round 10 FY 29-30	Round 11 FY 30-31
Funding Available for Programming	$14.7M	$9.7M	$33.4M	$66.6M	$105M

Due to the current cost increases and budget constraints within the Regional SCWP, the LACFCD implemented a pause on accepting new infrastructure and O&M applications for the Round 6, FY 25-26, Call for Projects. The City modified the Round 6 application strategy accordingly, submitting only one Scientific Study and one TRP application for consideration in the FY 25-26 Call for Projects. As the budget constraints for the respective WASCS within the Regional SCWP level out to sustainable numbers, the LACFCD has resumed accepting new infrastructure and O&M applications for the Round 7, FY 26-27 Call for Projects. LASAN did not submit any applications to the ULAR WASC for this Round.

Additionally, LASAN submitted five PMRs for various schedule modifications for FY 25/26.

Table 6-8 provides the City's request for PMRs and new applications funding in the Round 6, FY 25-26, SIP in prioritized order.

Table 6-8. City of LA PMRs and New Applications for Regional Program Funding as part of the Round 7, FY 26-27, SIP

Project	Modification Request	Total Regional Program Funding	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	FY 30-31	Five Year FY Total
Project Modification Requests								
Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network Project	Schedule Modification	$31,696,900	$5,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$5,000,000
Oro Vista Avenue Urban Flow Management Network	Schedule Modification	$10,590,600	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network	Schedule Modification	$18,634,580	$3,726,916	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$3,726,916
Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project	Schedule Modification	$25,161,316	$9,247,548	$12,084,728	$ -	$ -	$ -	$21,332,276
Sylmar Channel Project	Schedule Modification	$5,005,515	$1,871,639	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Round 7 Projects Submitted for Consideration								
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 6-9 provides a list of potential projects the City is currently considering for future Regional Program funding applications to the ULAR WASC. The list is subject to change depending on future financial conditions of the Regional Program for ULAR WASC.

Table 6-9. ULAR Proposed Regional Projects for Future Rounds Funding Consideration

Project	CD	Application Type	Potential Regional Request	Source / Status
Round 8 (FY 27-28) - Available Cumulative Funding: $6.1M				
Pollutant Source Characterization Study	VR	SS	TBD ($3.5M total for ULAR, CSMB, & SSMB)	Proposed Study
Various PMRs (e.g, Oro Vista Avenue Urban Flow Management Network, Sylmar Channel Project)	VR	PMR	TBD	Funded IP
Round 9 (FY 28-29) - Available Cumulative Funding*: $29.6M				
Various PMRs (e.g, Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network)	VR	PMR	TBD	Funded IP
Oro Vista Avenue Urban Flow Management Network Project	7	O&M	TBD	Funded IP
Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network	2 & 6	O&M	TBD	Funded IP
Hollenbeck Lake Rehabilitation Project	14	O&M	TBD	Funded IP
Sepulveda Basin Water Quality Improvement Project	6	Design	TBD	Proposed Concept
Round 10 (FY 29-30) and Future Rounds - Available Cumulative Funding*: TBD				
Various PMRs	VR	PMR	TBD	Funded IP
O&M Applications for Previously Funded Regional Projects	VR	O&M	TBD	Funded IP

*Available Cumulative Funding amount is expected to decrease significantly due to allocations in Round 8 SIP. Due to budgetary constraints in the ULAR WASC, LASAN is currently reassessing its priority requests from the SCWP for additional funding for existing projects and funding for new IP

project applications. LASAN is actively working to provide leveraged funding for prioritized projects to relieve budgetary shortfalls and continues to work adaptively with the project partners and the SCWP to revise its strategy.

6.2.3 Central Santa Monica Bay

There are currently 12 CSMB Regional Program applications funded that are within City boundaries (six Infrastructure Projects, five TRPs, and one Scientific Study). The CSMB SIP has programmed $82.5 million towards these applications since FY 20-21.

In the Round 6, FY 25-26, SIP, the City of LA was awarded a total of $16.0 million in funding to be disbursed over the next five years. This sum includes previously awarded disbursements from Rounds 1 - 5, as the City did not put forth any new IP applications during Round 6 of the SCWP.

Table 6-10 provides a summary of Regional Program funded applications for projects within the City limits.

Table 6-10. Central Santa Monica Bay Regional Program Revenue to the City by Round

Project	CD	Total Programmed SCWP Funding	Previous FY Funds Secured	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Future Funding
Round 1 (FY 20-21)									
MacArthur Park Rehabilitation Project (**LASAN**)*	1	$31.0M	$24.M	$4.00M	$3.00M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 2 (FY 21-22)									
Ballona Creek TMDL Project (**LASAN**)*	11	$22.0M	$15.5M	$6.50M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Slauson Connect Clean Water Project (**Geosyntec**)	9	$4.90M	$4.70M	$0.22M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 3 (FY 22-23)									
Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project (**LASAN**)	8	$8.40M	$4.7M	$3.60M	$0.10M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project (**Friends of Griffith Park**)	4	$0.30M	$0.30M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 4 (FY 23-24)									
Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project (**LASAN**)	11	$5.23M	$0.39M	$0.34M	$4.50M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Blackwelder Tract Community Greenbelt BMPs and Landscape Improvement (**California Greenworks**)	10	$0.30M	$0.30M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Project	CD	Total Programmed SCWP Funding	Previous FY Funds Secured	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Future Funding
Hollywood Bowl Stormwater Quality Improvement and Sustainability Project (**Hollywood Bowl Operations**)	4	$0.30M	$0.30M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 5 (FY 24-25)									
Baldwin Vista Green Street Project (**LASAN**)	10	$9.08M	$0.50M	$0.46M	$4.11M	$1.82M	$2.18M	$ -	$ -
Street Sweeping Study (**LASAN**)	VR	$0.17M	$0.07M	$0.081M	$0.021M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 6 (FY 25-27)									
Hayden Tract Community Greenbelt	10	$0.04M	$0.04M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Western Gage Green Alleys	8	$0.04M	$0.04M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total:		**$81.8M**	**$50.8M**	**$15.2M**	**$11.7M**	**$1.82M**	**$2.18M**	**$-**	**$ -**

* Includes funding awarded through the Round 5, FY 24-25, PMR process.

Assessing the success that the City and community-proposed applicants within the City have had in securing Regional Program funds on the first six rounds, the City is receiving its proportionate share of returns from the CSMB watershed Regional Program funds since FY20-21. The City's percentage for further out years will increase as approvals continue to be made in each consecutive round.

Table 6-11 provides a summary of the Regional Program collected revenue versus programmed disbursements for the CSMB watershed.

Table 6-11. City of LA Proportional Funding Contribution and Programmed CSMB Funds

	Round 6 FY 25-26	Round 7 FY 26-27	Round 8 FY 27-28	Round 9 FY 28-29	Round 10 FY 29-30	Rounds 1-6 Average
City Proportional Funding Contribution	$13.2M	$13.2M	$13.2M	$13.2M	$13.2M	$13.2M
City Program Return	$16.0M	$11.7M	$1.82M	$2.18M	$ -	$7.9M
Percentage	121%	88%	14%	17%	$ -	60%

6.2.4 CSMB Round 7, FY 26-27, Stormwater Investment Plan

Though the CSMB WASC has maintained a relatively healthy program budget in the past, allocating only 42% of its five-year CIP until FY 24-25, it now experiences relatively tight budgetary constraints, allocating 91% of its five year CIP as of FY 25-26. FY 27-28 and FY 28-29 are currently slated to experience an overallocation of funds - the CSMB WASC will need to discuss and strategize methods to resolve this overallocation. **Table 6-12** provides a summary of available funds for the CSMB WASC to program for new Regional Program applications and additional project funding requested via the PMR process.

Table 6-12. CSMB WASC Available Regional Program Funding

	Round 6 FY 25-26	Round 7 FY 26-27	Round 8 FY 27-28	Round 9 FY 28-29	Round 10 FY 29-30	Round 11 FY 30-31
Funding Available for Programming	$1.8M	$4.9M	$18.2M	$32.6M	$49.2M	$66.3M

The LACFCD has resumed accepting new infrastructure and O&M applications for the Round 7, FY 26-27 Call for Projects. As part of Round 7, LASAN submitted a singular Regional IP application for the Ballona Creek TMDL Operations and Maintenance Project. This application seeks three years of funding for the optimization and maintenance of the Ballona Creek TMDL Project, funded in Round 2 by the CSMB WASC.

Additionally, LASAN submitted two PMRs for various schedule modifications.
Table 6-13 provides the City's request for PMRs and new applications funding in the Round 7, FY 26-27 SIP in prioritized order.

Table 6-13. City of LA CSMB WASC Priority for Regional Program Funding as part of the Round 7, FY 26-27, SIP

Project	Modification Request	Total Regional Program Funding	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Five Year FY Total
Project Modification Requests								
MacArthur Lake Stormwater Capture Project	Schedule Modification	$31,043,718	$4,000,000	$3,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$7,000,000
Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project	Schedule Modification	$8,401,432	$3,598,941	$100,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$3,698,941
Round 7 Projects Submitted for Consideration								
Ballona Creek TMDL Operations and Maintenance Project	-	Requesting $9,736,678	$ -	$2,901,412*	$3,977,531*	$2,857,735*	$ -	$9,736,678

*If selected for funding as part of the FY 26/27 CSMB SIP

Table 6-14 provides a list of potential projects the City is currently considering for future Regional Program funding applications to the CSMB WASC. The list is subject to change depending on the Regional Program financial condition for the CSMB WASC.

Table 6-14. CSMB Proposed Regional Projects for Future Rounds Funding Consideration

Project	CD	Application Type	Potential Regional Request	Source / Status
Round 8 (FY 27-28) - Available Cumulative Funding: $18.2M				
Pollutant Source Characterization Study	VR	SS	TBD ($3.5M total for ULAR, CSMB, & SSMB)	Proposed Study
Various PMRs (e.g, Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project	8	PMR	TBD	Funded IP
Round 9 (FY 27-28) - Available Cumulative Funding*: $32.6M				
Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project	8	O&M	TBD	Funded IP
MacArthur Lake Stormwater Capture Project	1	O&M	TBD	Funded IP
Round 10 (FY 29-30) and Future Rounds - Available Cumulative Funding*: TBD				
Ballona Creek TMDL O&M Project	11	O&M	TBD	Funded IP
O&M Applications for Previously Funded Regional Projects (e.g, Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project, Baldwin Vista Green Streets Project)	VR	O&M	TBD	Funded IP

*Available Cumulative Funding amount is expected to decrease significantly due to allocations in Round 8 SIP. Due to budgetary constraints in the CSMB WASC, LASAN is currently reassessing its priority requests from the SCWP for additional funding for existing projects and funding for new IP project applications. LASAN is actively working to provide leveraged funding for prioritized projects to relieve budgetary shortfalls and continues to work adaptively with the project partners and the SCWP to revise its strategy.

6.2.5 South Santa Monica Bay

There are currently seven SSMB Regional Program applications funded that are within City boundaries (four Infrastructure Projects, one TRP, and two Scientific Studies). The SSMB SIP has programmed $35.6 million towards these applications since FY 20-21.

In the Round 6, FY 25-26, SIP, the City of LA was awarded a total of $6.6 million in funding to be disbursed over the next five years. These funding disbursements are allocated to previously

awarded projects from the Rounds 1- 5 SSMB SIP. No new project applications were put forth for Round 6, FY 25-26 SSMB SIP. **Table 6-15** provides a summary of Regional Program funded applications for projects within the City limits.

Table 6-15. South Santa Monica Bay Regional Program Revenue to the City by Round

Project	CD	Total Programmed SCWP Funding	Previous FY Funds Secured	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Future Funding
Round 1 (FY 20-21)									
Wilmington Q Street Local Urban Area Flow Management Project (**LASAN**)	15	$4.92M	$4.92M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Recalculation of Wet Weather Zinc Criterion SSMB (**LASAN**)	VR	$0.06M	$0.06M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Harbor City Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project (**LACFCD**)	15	$0.30M	$0.30M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 2 (FY 21-22)									
Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project (**LASAN**)*	15	$16.7M	$10.4M	$3.81M	$2.50M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 3 (FY 22-23)									
-	-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 4 (FY 23-24)									
Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project (**LASAN**)	15	$10.3M	$1.91M	$ -	$7.8M	$0.63M	$ -	$ -	$ -
Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation (MLER) O&M (**LASAN**)	15	$3.20M	$1.08M	$0.73M	$0.79M	$0.60M	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 5 (FY 24-25)									
Street Sweeping Study (**LASAN**)	VR	$0.11M	$0.046	$0.053M	$0.014M	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Round 6 (FY 25-26)									

Project	CD	Total Programmed SCWP Funding	Previous FY Funds Secured	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Future Funding
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total:		**$35.6M**	**$18.7M**	**$4.6M**	**$11.1M**	**$1.23M**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**

* Includes funding awarded through the Round 5, FY 24-25, PMR process.

Assessing the success that the City and community-proposed applicants within the City have had in securing Regional Program funds in the first six rounds, the City is receiving its proportionate share of returns from the SSMB watershed since FY 20-21. **Table 6-16** provides a summary of collected SCWP Regional Program revenue versus programmed disbursements for the SSMB. The City's percentage for further out years will increase as approvals continue to be made in each consecutive round.

Table 6-16. City of LA Proportional Funding Contribution and Programmed SSMB Funds

	Round 6 FY 25-26	Round 7 FY 26-27	Round 8 FY 27-28	Round 9 FY 28-29	Round 1- FY 29-30	Rounds 1-6 Average
City Proportional Funding Contribution	$3.31M	$3.31M	$3.31M	$3.31M	$3.31M	$3.31M
City Program Return	$4.6M	$11.1M	$1.23M	$ -	$-	$5.64
Percentage	139%	335%	37%	% -	$ -	170%

6.2.6 SSMB Round 7, FY 26-27, Stormwater Investment Plan

The SSMB WASC is experiencing acute budgeting limitations. **Table 6-17** provides a summary of available Regional Program funds for the SSMB WASC to program for Regional Program new applications and additional project funding via the PMR process.

Table 6-17. SSMB WASC Available Regional Program Funding

	Round 7 FY 26-27	Round 8 FY 27-28	Round 9 FY 28-29	Round 10 FY 29-30	Round 11 FY 30-31
Funding Available for Programming	$2M	$5M	$19.2M	$37.3M	$55.4M

As the budget constraints for the respective WASCS within the Regional SCWP level out to sustainable numbers, the LACFCD has resumed accepting new infrastructure and O&M applications for the Round 7, FY 26-27 Call for Projects. LASAN did not submit any new Regional IP project applications to the Round 7 Call for Projects for the SSMB. Additionally, LASAN submitted three PMRs for various schedule modifications.

Table 6-18 provides the City's request for PMRs and new applications funding in the Round 7, FY 26-27, SIP in prioritized order.

Table 6-18. City of LA SSMB WASC Priority for Regional Program Funding as part of the Round 7, FY 26-27, SIP

Project	Modification Request	Total Regional Program Funding	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	Five Year FY Total
Project Modification Requests								
Wilmington Q Street Local Area Urban Flow Management Project	Schedule Modification	$4,923,700	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project	Schedule Modification	$16,683,000	$3,809,200	$2,500,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$6,309,200
Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project	Schedule Modification	$10,274,500	$2,014,900	$5,755,400	$628,600	$ -	$ -	$8,398,900
Round 7 Projects Submitted for Consideration								
-	-	-	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Table 6-19 provides a list of potential projects the City is currently considering for future Regional Program funding applications to the SSMB WASC. The list is subject to change depending on the Regional Program financial condition for the SSMB WASC.

Table 6-19. SSMB Proposed Regional Projects for Future Rounds Funding Consideration

Project	CD	Application Type	Potential Regional Request	Source / Status
Round 8 (FY 27-28) - Available Cumulative Funding: $8.8M				
Pollutant Source Characterization Study	VR	SS	TBD ($3.5M total for ULAR, CSMB, & SSMB)	Proposed Study
Various PMRs(e.g, Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project)	15	PMR	TBD	Funded IP
Wilmington Q Street Local Area Urban Flow Management Project	15	O&M	TBD	Funded IP
Round 9 (FY 28-29) - Available Cumulative Funding: $65.M				
Various PMRs(e.g, Wilmington - Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project)	15	PMR	TBD	Funded IP
Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project	15	O&M	TBD	Funded IP
Round 10 (FY 29-30) and Future Rounds - Available Cumulative Funding*: TBD				
Various PMRs	15	TBD	TBD	Funded IP
Wilmington - Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project	15	O&M	TBD	Funded IP
O&M Applications for Previously Funded Regional Projects	VR	O&M	TBD	Funded IP

*Available Cumulative Funding amount is expected to decrease significantly due to allocations in Round 8 SIP. Due to budgetary constraints in the SSMB WASC, LASAN is currently reassessing its priority requests from the SCWP for additional funding for existing projects and funding for new IP project applications. LASAN is actively working to provide leveraged funding for prioritized projects to relieve budgetary shortfalls and continues to work adaptively with the project partners and the SCWP to revise its strategy.

Section 7: Alternative Project Delivery

LASAN is responsible for the City's stormwater infrastructure and MS4 Permit compliance through adherence to 22 TMDLs, many with deadlines in 2026, and an associated estimated $7.4 billion in implementation costs over 25 years. To efficiently meet these urgent regulatory requirements and mitigate the risk of lawsuits and fines, LASAN proposed establishing a list of on-call Design-Build (DB) contractors.

The DB approach is authorized by the City Charter and has been successfully piloted by LASAN for smaller green stormwater infrastructure projects, significantly reducing project delivery schedules in some cases from 42 months to 9 months. Implementation of the DB approach will maximize LASAN's expertise, expedite the volume of necessary work, and optimize the workforce.

On June 21, 2023, the City Council (Council) under Council File (CF) 18-0384-S5 authorized the Department of Public Works to use the DB project delivery method for projects in the Measure W - Safe Clean Water Program (SCW Program). The Council also requested the City Attorney's Office prepare an ordinance to authorize the use of the competitive sealed proposal method for these projects. Subsequently, Ordinance 188189 was prepared by the City Attorney's Office on January 19, 2024 (Report No. R24-0022) and was approved by the Council on March 6, 2024.

To solicit industry expertise and finalize the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) documents, LASAN hosted two focused workshops for maximum participation: Workshop I on May 11, 2023, and Workshop II on August 2, 2023.

Based on industry feedback, it was determined that a Design-Build Owner's Agent (DB Owner's Agent), intending to provide Safe Clean Water Project Delivery Support, was essential for an effective DB program implementation. This support will help develop standardized design-build procedures, strengthen internal capacity, and ensure consistency across multiple Safe Clean Water (SCW) procurements and technical reviews in four major areas:

- Development of LASAN's SCWP Design-Build Framework and Handbook
- Design-Build Program Establishment Assistance
- Design-Build Selection Assistance
- Design-Build Project Implementation Assistance

The Task Order Solicitation (TOS) to establish the Design-Build Owner's Agent was issued on May 27, 2025, to all 31 LASAN Personal Services On-Call firms, with 17 firms attending the pre-proposal meeting.

On August 26, 2025, a Notice of Selection was issued to Hazen and Sawyer. The firm was selected for its strong understanding of City procedures, clear grasp of the scope and intended design-build framework, and a creative, flexible approach aligned with long-term City goals. With the Design-Build Owner's Agent integrated into the program, LASAN plans to issue the RFQ in Spring 2026. As part of the establishment of the RFQ firms will be required to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) will be evaluated, and those that meet the required qualifications will be included in the proposed DB on-call list. Contracts with each firm will be presented for approval and execution to the City's Board of Public Works and City Council. Once the contracts are executed and the list of on-call DB contractors is

approved, proposals will be solicited for individual projects. Upon evaluation and review of the proposals, a report will be presented to the Board of Public Works, recommending award of the task order for each project. It is intended that any of the Bureaus that deliver projects for the SCWP will be able to utilize the list of on-call DB contracts. **Table 7-3** lists future projects that may be considered for a DB contracting mechanism.

Table 7-1. Future Projects for Design-Build (DB) Delivery

Project	CD	Construction Cost
Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Corridor Project	11	$9.6M
Sun Valley Green Neighborhood Infrastructure Project	2	$11.8M
Rosecrans Recreation Center Stormwater Project	15	$19.4M
Cochran Ave Green Infrastructure Corridor	10	$0.84M
Richardson Family Park Stormwater Capture Project	8	$2.73M
Sepulveda Channel Water Quality Improvement - LFTF 2 Greening and Bike Path	11	$3.48M
W. 48th Street Green Infrastructure Corridor	9	$2.4M
Pacific Coast Highway Stormwater Project (Senator Ave to S. Normandie Ave)	15	$7.58M

Section 8: Operation and Maintenance

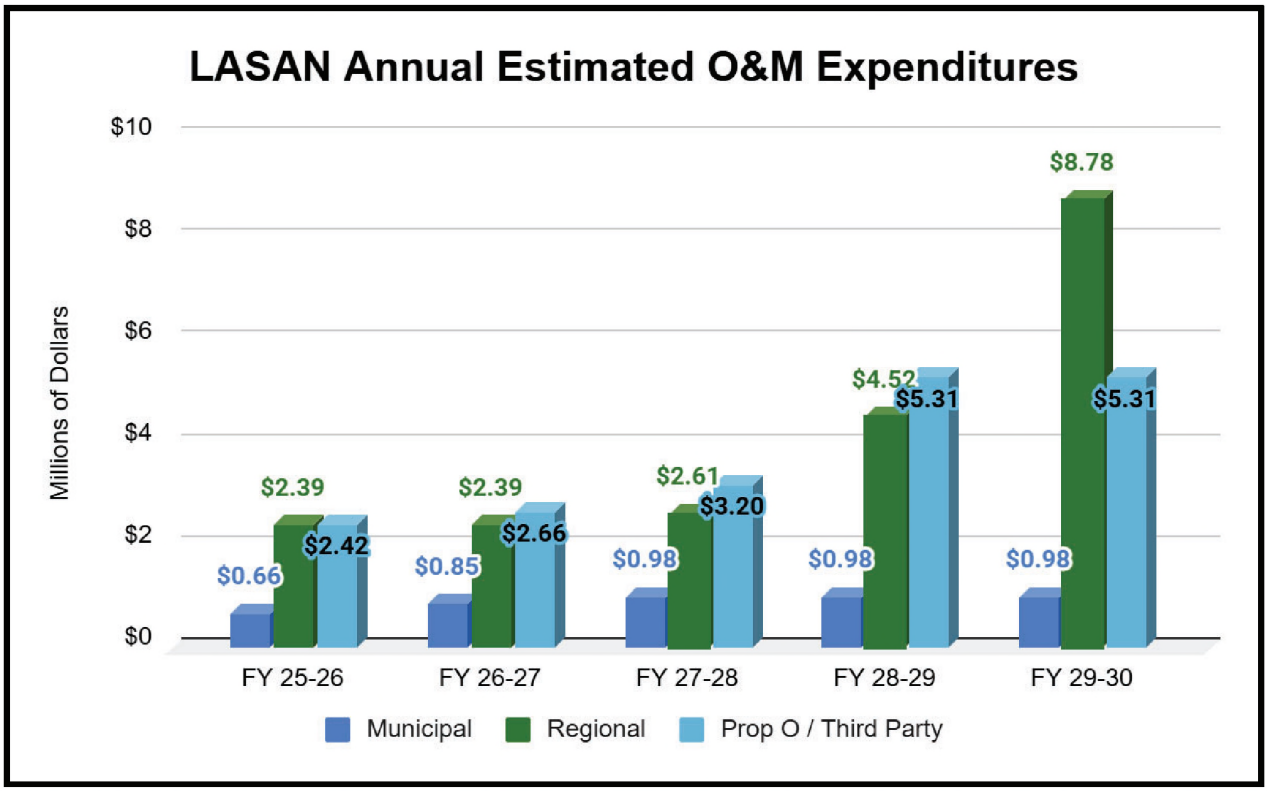
8.1 O&M Obligations

Prop O funded $500 million in stormwater quality projects, which made progress toward the MS4 Permit compliance. LASAN currently manages 40 existing Prop O projects, with the vast majority completed and currently pending future O&M. However, Prop O was a one-time bond program that did not provide O&M spending for the projects that it funded. Therefore, a backlog of deferred maintenance is growing.

Annual O&M costs vary by type of stormwater infrastructure. For budget planning purposes, the annual O&M cost is assumed to be three percent of the construction cost and is assumed to begin once construction is complete. **Table 8-1** and **Figure 8-1** provide an estimate of LASAN's projected O&M expenditures for current SCWP projects.

Table 8-1. LASAN Estimated Annual O&M Expenditure Summary

Program Name	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30
Municipal	$0.66M	$0.85M	$0.98M	$0.98M	$0.98M
Regional	$2.39M	$2.39M	$2.61M	$4.52M	$8.78M
Prop O / Third Party	$2.42M	$2.66M	$3.20M	$5.31M	$5.31M
Total:	**$5.47M**	**$5.9M**	**$6.79M**	**$10.81M**	**$15.07M**



*The SCWP Municipal funds allows for maximum expenditure of 30% of funding received (roughly $10.5M) per year to Projects completed prior to November 6th, 2018.

Figure 8-1. Estimated Annual O&M Expenditure Summary

LASAN's Clean Water Division (North and South) will take on the responsibility of operating and maintaining the facilities. Currently, there are over 80 completed stormwater water quality projects that require O&M and at least another 45 projects in the current Stormwater CIP that will require O&M within the next five years. Projects delivered under Prop O have an estimated O&M cost of $8 million per year. With the addition of new SCWP projects, it is expected that another $3M per year will be needed beginning in FY 27-28. As more projects are implemented and the O&M need increases, LASAN acknowledges the need to create a long term staffing strategy that prioritizes O&M planning and implementation. LASAN is in the process of bringing on consultant support to better identify and plan for upcoming program O&M needs. Additional information regarding LASAN's staffing strategy will be provided in the next WISP iteration.

8.2 O&M Funding

The SCWP Municipal Program allows the use of funds for O&M on projects built prior to the implementation of the SCWP. Municipalities can spend up to 30 percent of local funds (up to approximately $10.5 million per year for LASAN) for O&M expenditures on projects or programs completed prior to November 6, 2018.

The current municipal O&M budget does not reflect actual current O&M needs because, until the passage of Measure W, there were limited funds to establish contracts to help support O&M efforts. Currently, approximately $4.05 million per year of the annual Municipal Program funds is used for O&M expenses on existing projects. Of this, approximately $1.5 - 2 million is used for catch basin replacement, and $1.5 million to $2.5 million is used for Prop O projects, ensuring the City maintains compliance with various City-wide trash TMDLs.

Throughout the design and construction stages of each stormwater project, LASAN will assess the project's O&M needs and begin to identify the resources (staffing and contracts) to establish the annual O&M costs. As LASAN begins to increase staffing and establish contracts to support existing and new projects, it is expected that the annual budget request to support O&M activities will increase.

O&M needs for existing and new projects will exceed the Municipal Program budget over time. This will restrict the City's ability to deliver new multi-benefit projects needed to meet water quality standards. County-wide, O&M expenses will eventually total more than the entire revenue from the Measure W parcel tax. Market forces have also increased both capital costs and O&M costs for multi-benefit water projects. Recognizing that there is a regional demand for skilled labor forces to operate and maintain projects, a new BlueLA program, which would utilize multi-benefit water quality and green infrastructure projects as training grounds for new skilled labor forces and create pathways to permanent employment with the City and other agencies.

To minimize the cost of O&M, LASAN will utilize partnerships with internal City departments and external partners, such as with CBOs, to provide maintenance for as many projects as feasible, described in more detail in Section 8.3. LASAN will provide maintenance for gray infrastructure, including pumps, wet wells, and pipes. However, due to the specialized nature of some project components, maintenance for more complex projects will need to be contracted out. LASAN currently collaborates with non-municipal entities regarding support for SCWP Regional Program projects located in City jurisdiction and will work to identify O&M responsibilities as part of this effort.

O&M expenses for new SCWP Regional Program projects will need to be funded by the Regional Program. The Regional Program does allow for applications to be submitted for long term O&M funding so that it can be programmed as part of the five-year SIP. As part of the FY 26-27 Call for Projects to the SCWP, LASAN has submitted an application for O&M only funding for the Round 2 BC TMDL Project. Additionally, LASAN has successfully secured funds for the O&M of some of the Prop O Regional Projects. **Table 6-2** provides a summary of secured and applied regional funding for O&M of Prop O and SCWP projects.

Table 8-2. City of LA Secured and Pending Funding for O&M of Prop O and SCWP Funded Projects

	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28
Echo Park Lake	$0.48M	$0.48M	$0.48M	$0.48M	$ -
Machado Lake	$0.28M	$0.79M	$0.73M	$0.73M	$0.60M
Ballona Creek TMDL O&M Project (Pending)	-	-	$2.9M	$3.98M	$2.9M
Total:	**$0.76M**	**$1.27M**	**$4.11M**	**$5.19M**	**$3.5M**

LASAN recommends that all infrastructure projects funded by the Regional Program prepare and submit a five-year O&M funding request application one year prior to construction completion.

8.3 Project Partnerships

City departments often must partner and coordinate on projects' operation and maintenance. For instance, the two projects mentioned in **Table 8-2** require partnership with RAP for their continued operation and maintenance, since these projects combine water quality and recreational benefits and are located in City parks. To ease this coordination for such projects in the future, LASAN has drafted an Memorandum of Agreement with RAP. Currently, the draft is under City Attorney Review.

As part of SCWP requirements per the LACFCD Ordinance, project developers are encouraged to implement projects that create green jobs or incorporate work force development programs created at the District level. One such example is the City's creation of the River Rangers program. Launched in November 2022 by the Board of Public Works, in partnership with the Mayor's Office and the Economic Workforce Development Department, the River Rangers welcomed their first crews in April 2023 and empowers young Angelenos by offering full-time opportunities to make a lasting impact on the City. The River Rangers improve the City by cleaning, beautifying, and maintaining the 18 miles of public spaces along the Los Angeles River that fall within the City's jurisdiction. The City should continue to leverage the momentum of the River Rangers program and similar initiatives to expand the creation of green O&M jobs and incorporate District SCW Training Programs, once developed.

LASAN recommends that the City, along with other agencies and project proponents advocate to the LACFCD and District SCW Team for a centralized regional resource for the of O&M of SCWP projects through the Workforce Development Program of SCWP. This Workforce Development program should be prioritized by the LACFCD in the coming Fiscal Year's as part of its ongoing Adaptive Management efforts of the SCWP.

LASAN also partners with other external governmental, non-governmental, and community-based organizations to aid in the implementation and maintenance of stormwater projects located within

the City boundary. For these partnered projects, LASAN assumes the responsibility to operate and maintain the projects post completion. **Table 8-3** outlines LASAN's current partnerships.

Table 8-3. City of LA Project Partnerships for O&M

Project	CD	Lead Agency	Current Project Phase	Estimated Annual O&M Cost*
Potrero Canyon Park Project	11	CD 11 (BOE)	Post-Construction	$0.44M
Bending the River Back Into the City Project (Water Wheel Project)	1	Metabolic Studio LLC	Construction	$0.27M
Inell Woods Park Project	9	Heal the Bay	Construction	$0.10M
6th Street Park, Arts, River, and Connectivity Improvements (PARC) Project	14	BOE	Bid & Award	$2.21M
Caballero Creek Park Project	3	MRCA	Design	$0.11M
Reseda River Loop Phase II	3	Trust for Public Lands	Design	$0.14M
El Dorado Park Project	7	MRCA	Design	$0.05M
Watts Civic Center Serenity Greenway	15	East Side Riders	Design	$0.06M
Slauson Connect Clean Water Project	9	CD 9 (Corvias)	Design	$0.11M

*The estimated O&M Cost is assumed to be 3% of the total Construction Cost

Section 9: Leveraged Funding Opportunities

SCWP project proponents are strongly encouraged to explore leverage funding opportunities when proposing projects for SCWP funding. Such funding, including grants and funding partnerships with other local, state and federal agencies, as well as non-profit, community, and private organizations, represent collaboration and support for the proposed project, but are also critically important for addressing project funding gaps. LASAN is strategically incorporating grant funding opportunities into its SCWP project planning for current and future projects, as well as for projects funded by the SCWP in early rounds that are experiencing cost escalation.

Table 9-1 provides an overview of all funding sources pursued and/or secured by the City of Los Angeles.

Table 9-1. Summary of Leveraged Funding Opportunities and Amounts for City-led SCWP Projects

Funding Status	Number of Funding Opportunities	Total Requested Amount
Secured Leveraged Funding	35	$247.2M
Pursued/Pending Leveraged Funding	6	$42.6M
Total:	**41**	**$289.8M**

Table 9-2 provides a summary of projects that have secured or are working to secure leverage funding to further assist in the implementation of water quality projects. **Table 9-3** provides a summary of projects that applied for various grants in 2023, 2024, and 2025 with pending leverage funding applications. **Table 9-4** provides a summary of projects that applied for funding in 2023, 2024, and 2025 that were not successful.

Table 9-2. City of LA SCWP Projects with Secured Leverage Funding

Project	Municipal / Regional	Additional Funding Source	Amount	Status
Arroyo Seco / LA River Low Flow Diversions (**LASAN**)	Municipal	Proposition 84	$2.5M	Funding received
North Sepulveda Pedestrian Island (**LASAN**)	Municipal	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) National Environmental Policy Act-Housing Urban Development Dept	$0.7M	Secured
E 6th St Green Infrastructure Corridor (**LASAN**)	Municipal	City of Los Angeles SEP	$1.5M	Approved
MacArthur Park Rehabilitation Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 1)	Proposition K Stormwater Pollution Abatement (SPA)	$0.6M $0.2M	Secured Secured
Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 1)	Senate Bill (SB) 1	$3.0M	Secured
Oro Vista Avenue Urban Flow Management Network (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 1)	General Fund Prop 84 Grant	$3.0M $2.2M	Secured Secured
Fernangeles Park Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	Regional (Rd 1)	LADWP Funds Caltrans SHOPP 2024	$8.1M $17.0M	Secured Agreement Executed

Project	Municipal / Regional	Additional Funding Source	Amount	Status
Strathern Park North Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	Regional (Rd 1)	LADWP Funds Caltrans SHOPP 2024 IRWM Prop 1	$9.2M $13.1M $0.8M	Secured Agreement Executed Agreement Executed
Valley Village Park Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	Regional (Rd 1)	LADWP Funds Proposition 1 BOR WaterSMART Drought Response Program	$3.1M $3.0M $5.0M	Secured Secured Agreement Executed
Ballona Creek TMDL Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 2)	General Fund Proposition O Caltrans Partnership Agencies MOU	$11.2M $12.4M $1.4M $8.9M	Secured Secured Secured First Invoice Secured; Second Invoice Pending
Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street Network (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 2)	Proposition O	$1.6M	Funding Approved
Broadway-Manchester Multi-Modal Green Streets Project (**StreetsLA**)*	Regional (Rd 2)	Caltrans Partnership	$11.9M	Agreement Executed *$4M funding lapse is projected for FY 25/26, following schedule adjustment due to increased construction cost. Project redesign discussion is on-going.

Project	Municipal / Regional	Additional Funding Source	Amount	Status
David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	Regional (Rd 2)	LADWP Funds	$19.8M	Secured
Valley Plaza Park Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	Regional (Rd 2)	LADWP Funds Caltrans SHOPP2024	$27.0M $35.3M	Secured Agreement Executed
Whitsett Fields Park North Stormwater Capture Project (**LADWP**)	Regional (Rd 3)	LADWP Funds IRWM Prop 1	$8.6M $1.0M	Secured Agreement Executed
Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 4)	California State Water Resources Board 22-23 Enacted California State Budget, Direct Assistance Grant Proposition O General Fund Caltrans 2024 SHOPP	$7.0M $5.0M $0.3M $15.0M	Agreement Executed Funding Approved Funding Secured Cooperative Agreement In-Progress
Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 4)	LA World Airport (LAWA) City of El Segundo	$4.0M $0.5M	Pending MOA Execution Pending MOA Execution
Sylmar Channel Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 4)	LADWP Funds	$3.3M	Pending MOA Execution
Total:	-	-	**~ $247.2M**	-

Table 9-3. City of LA SCWP Projects with Pending Leverage Funding and/or Submitted Applications

Project	Municipal / Regional	Additional Funding Source	Amount	Status
North Sepulveda Pedestrian Island (**LASAN**)	Municipal	FY 25-26 Community Project Funding (Congressmember Cardenas)	$0.5M	Requested
Lankershim Boulevard Local Area Urban Flow Management Network (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 1)	Caltrans 2026 SHOPP FY 25-26 Community Project Funding (Congressmember Cardenas)	$24.3M $5.0M	Pending approval Requested
Oro Vista Avenue Urban Flow Management Network (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 1)	LADWP Funds	$1.8M	Pending
Sylmar Channel Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 4)	Caltrans 2028 SHOPP	$5.0M	Pending
Ballona Creek TMDL Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 2)	Google Water Reuse and Recharge Funding	$6.0M	Pending
Total:	**-**	**-**	**~ $42.6M**	**-**

Table 9-4. City of LA SCWP Projects Submitted for Grants but not Awarded

Project	Municipal / Regional	Additional Funding Request (Date Submitted)	Amount
Reseda Boulevard Alley Green Street (**LASAN**)	Municipal	Caltrans Clean California Local Grant Program (Cycle 2)(4/23)	$3.0M
Lankershim Boulevard Local Urban Flow Management Network (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 1)	NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (8/2023)	$41.3M
Oro Vista Urban Flow Management Network (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 1)	NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (8/2023)	$21.2M
		CA Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Grant (7/2024)	$10.2M
		SB 1 Budget Request (4/2025)	$4.0M
MacArthur Lake Stormwater Capture Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 1)	NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (8/2023)	$17.5M
		CA Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Grant (7/2024)	$16.9M
		EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant (9/2024)	$20.0M
		WaterSMART Drought Response Program (6/2025)	$3.0M
Ballona Creek TMDL Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 2)	NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (8/2023)	$16.4M

Project	Municipal / Regional	Additional Funding Request (Date Submitted)	Amount
Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project (**LASAN**)	Regional (Rd 2)	NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (8/2023) Caltrans 2024 SHOPP (11/2023) CA Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Grant (7/2024)	$15.0M $15.0M $13.3M
*Eagle Rock Blvd Multi-Modal Stormwater Capture Project (**StreetsLA**)	Regional (Rd 4)	Caltrans 710 MIP Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	$16.4M $35.0M

*The Eagle Rock project initially cited the use of the Caltrans 710 MIP grant funds as leverage funding; however it was later determined that the project was ineligible since 710 MIP funds are Federal and cannot be used as leverage funding for other projects.

Section 10: Conclusions

The FY 25-26 WISP represents an organized, methodical and strategic program planning and project management approach that will enable the City to meet County's SCWP requirements and the City's sustainability, equity, organizational, and other related objectives. The WISP is led by LASAN, whose role is coordinating and managing the City's flood control and water quality compliance programs.

The WISP identifies and describes the processes used to select projects, including:

- Building upon WMP efforts with a focus on MS4 Permit compliance,
- Summarizing the methodology used to prioritize projects,
- Securing funding for existing partially funded projects,
- and, Creating a list of projects to be included in the City's Stormwater CIP.

Annual funding from the SCWP includes $36M of Municipal Program funds (only $15M to $20M of which is used for projects) and approximately $46.1 M of Regional Program funds. Because the SCWP funds are used for construction as well as O&M, the approximately $60 M from the SCWP will not be adequate to complete the $7.4 B of required WMPs project capital investments within the current planning horizon.

To facilitate an efficient and effective annual update each year, LASAN recommends inter-departmental coordination to implement the following actions:

1. Follow the prescribed sequence for SCWP project application and implementation illustrated in the latest WISP,
2. Regularly report on the progress of projects and current regulatory compliance needs, including status on regulatory fines, as well as changes in the SCWP program goals and objectives, environmental regulations, new technologies, best management practices, and available funding sources,
3. Continue to collaborate with one another and conduct robust public outreach following the City's Community Outreach and Engagement Strategic Plan to partner, engage, notify and receive feedback from stakeholders on SCWP projects.

LASAN identified considerations through development of the FY 25-26 WISP that should be included in future SCWP development. These considerations encompass aspects within the purview of each annual WISP as well as the entire SCWP; they are listed below:

1. The Municipal Program Scoring Criteria should be reviewed and updated to better reflect the goals and objectives of the program and provide more flexibility and creativity in the

project development process. Using the current criteria results in scores that are significantly determined by the site that is selected, leaving less room for adjusting projects to meet community needs,

2. Prioritize O&M when budgeting the limited resources available. If projects are not properly maintained, they will not operate as designed and the City will not receive the anticipated compliance and community benefits from them,

3. Creative funding and cost sharing opportunities should be pursued to maximize the projects that can be constructed, operated, and maintained. In addition, new technologies and delivery methods (e.g., design-build delivery)should be evaluated and implemented to reduce cost and increase the effectiveness of construction and O&M, and

4. The City should continue to collaborate with the County on the Final Watershed Plans to refine and improve the SCWP, specifically with respect to project organization. Resulting changes to the program should be considered and incorporated into each WISP. Incorporate published watershed planning tools to better prioritize impact and beneficial water quality projects.

5. Include recommendations for SPA increase to support stormwater program needs and long term O&M.

6. Emphasize inter-agency collaboration on local workforce development for the continued operation and maintenance of SCWP project post-construction

To date, the City has been extremely successful at securing over $345 million in Regional funding in the first six years of the SCWP and now has a robust slate of funded projects that are being delivered. To date, 32 City capital improvement projects, scientific studies, and O&M applications have been funded through the Regional Program and 20 capital improvement projects have been funded through the Municipal Program. These projects, once completed, will provide multiple benefits to the City and its residents, including improved water quality and progress toward compliance with water quality standards, water supply augmentations, flood control and mitigation, urban greening and increased recreational opportunities.

Other milestones LASAN has achieved this year include the continued construction of the Ballona Creek TMDL, anticipated to be complete by March 2026, and the development of procedural concept report development and internal project prioritization for future SCWP Regional Program funding.

This year also represents a critical turning point for both the City and the county-wide program as the SCWP slows down its initial burst of funding projects, takes the time for robust adaptive management and focus on delivering its existing commitments while identifying the best way to broadcast the extensive goals and achievements of the SCWP to the public.

The WISP is a living document and will be updated annually to reflect progress on projects and regulatory compliance, as well as changes in the SCWP goals and objectives, requirements,

environmental regulations, new technologies, best management practices, and available funding sources.

Appendices (Linked Below for Reference)

Appendix A: 2025 and 2026 WISP Guiding Strategies and Status Update

Appendix B: Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment Safe Clean Water Master Project Schedule

Appendix C: TMDL Compliance Schedule

Appendix D: Regulatory Compliance Steps