



Update on Measure W Safe Clean Water Program Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Project Eligibility Criteria and Solicitation Process

Governing Board Meeting

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Update on FY 20-21 Regional Program Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs)

- All nine Watershed Area SIPs have been reviewed and advanced to LA County Board of Supervisors *
- Watershed Area Steering Committees recommended **nine** projects in the Santa Monica Bay watershed for approved funding *
- Ballona Creek TMDL project was not included in recommended Central Santa Monica Bay SIP
- LA County Board of Supervisors anticipated consideration of approval of FY 20-21 SIPs: **end of September 2020**

* Source: Safe Clean Water Program. *Projects.*

<https://safecleanwaterla.org/projects2/>

FY 21-22 Regional Program Timeline

Milestone	Date
Call for projects opened	December 15, 2019
Deadline for consideration in FY 21-22 SIP	October 15, 2020
Review and recommendation period for FY 21-22 SIP	October 2020 – May 2021
Anticipated approval of FY 21-22 SIPs by LA County Board of Supervisors	August 2021

Source: Safe Clean Water Program. *Regional Program Call for Projects.*
<https://safecleanwaterla.org/call-for-projects/>

Overview of Watershed Coordinator

- Roles: *
 - **Technical resource** - Connect potential applicants with technical resources, identify cost-share partners, leverage and coordinate funding
 - **Project development** - Identify and develop project concepts, integrate priorities through partnerships and extensive networks
 - **Engagement, communication, and education** - Conduct community and stakeholder outreach, facilitate identification and representation of community priorities
- **Three full-time** positions and **one part-time** position in the Santa Monica Bay watershed

* Source: Section 18.07.D.3 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code

Overview of SIP Review Process

- Scoring Committee evaluates and scores Infrastructure Program projects based on scoring criteria
- Watershed Area Steering Committees review proposed projects and develop recommended SIP
- Regional Oversight Committee reviews SIPs and makes recommendations to LA County Board of Supervisors
- Board of Supervisors considers SIP approval for funding

Overview of Project Scoring Criteria

- **Water Quality Benefits**

- Reduction in stormwater or urban runoff pollution (e.g. infiltration, treatment, non-point source pollution control, diversion)

- **Water Supply Benefits**

- Increase in amount of locally available water supply (e.g. reuse, conservation, diversion for water recycling, groundwater replenishment, potable use offset)

Source: Safe Clean Water Program. *Feasibility Study Guidelines*.
<https://safecleanwaterla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Feasibility-Study-Guidelines-20190917-FINAL-1.pdf>

Overview of Project Scoring Criteria

- **Community Investment Benefits**

- Improved flood management, conveyance, or risk mitigation; creation, enhancement or restoration of parks, habitat or wetlands; improved public access to waterways; enhanced or new recreational opportunities; greening of schools; improved public health

- **Nature-Based Solutions**

- Uses natural processes to slow, detain, infiltrate or filter stormwater or urban runoff

- **Leveraging Funds and Community Support**

Source: Safe Clean Water Program. *Feasibility Study Guidelines*.
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Overview of SIP Criteria

- Allocation of funds to Infrastructure Program activities (85%)
- Prioritization of projects assisting MS4 permit compliance
- Projects providing Disadvantaged Community (DAC) benefits (110% ratio of DAC population to total population in Watershed Area)
- Spectrum of size and types of projects
- Prioritization of nature-based solutions

Source: Section 18.07.B.2 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code

Resources

- **FY 21-22 Call for Projects virtual information sessions:**
 - Session 1: [September 3, 2020](#) at 3:00 p.m.
 - Session 2: [September 9, 2020](#) at 9:00 a.m.
- **SCWP Regional Projects Module Web Application:**
<https://portal.safecleanwaterla.org/projects-module/login>
- **Additional information:**
<https://safecleanwaterla.org/call-for-projects/>