

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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7,12,13,14

Date: June 7, 2024

To: Los Angeles City Council

From: 
Matthew W. Szabo, Chair
Measure W - Safe, Clean Water Program - Administrative Oversight Committee

Subject: **TRANSMITTAL – RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE REQUEST FROM THE BUREAU OF SANITATION FOR AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION FOR THE ROUND 6 CALL FOR PROJECTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES’ SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to approval by the Mayor,

1. Approve the submission of one Special Study Program proposal, listed in Table 1, to the Round 6 (FY 25/26) Call for Projects of the Regional Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) from the Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), Watershed Protection Division;
2. Authorize the Director and General Manager of LASAN, or designee, to submit one Special Study Program proposal for Regional Safe, Clean Water funding through the appropriate application with a project funding request up to the cost ceiling presented in Table 1; and,
3. Instruct LASAN or the Chief Administrative Officer to include details of a pause in the Regional Program in the report to the Council.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting on May 30, 2024, the Administrative Oversight Committee of the Measure W – Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W AOC) considered a report from the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) dated May 20, 2024, regarding approval to submit one project to the Special Study Program of the Los Angeles County’s (County) Regional Round 6 Call for Projects for the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP). The Measure W AOC considered the request and amended the recommendations to request that either LASAN or the Chief Administrative Officer include information regarding a temporary pause to accepting applications for the Infrastructure Program as part of the County’s Call for Projects. The amended recommendations reflect the intent of the Measure AOC and are hereby transmit to Council for consideration.

On March 19, 2024, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion that would amend several sections of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Safe, Clean Water Ordinance and would authorize the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD to request proposals for new projects. This change provides for flexibility in the program as to when and which project proposals could be submitted during the Call for Projects application period. Due to financial constraints, only projects submitted for the Technical Resources Program and Special Studies Program will be allowed during the Round 6 Call for Projects. The LACFCD anticipates that the Infrastructure Program, for which the City has historically submitted several applications per year, will resume accepting applications for new projects in 2025. As a result of the pause in the Infrastructure Program, LASAN requests authority to submit one project to the Special Studies Program.

LASAN requests authority to submit one application for the Street Sweeping Study. This study was submitted to three watersheds in the Round 5 Call for Projects and was approved in two. The study was not approved by the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC). Given available funding and that two WASCs approved the project in Round 5, it is likely the ULAR WASC will approve the project in Round 6. Table 1 below details which Council Districts are affected as well as the cost ceiling.

Table 1: Proposed Round 6 (FY 25/26) SCWP Application

Project Name	SCWP Watershed	Lead City Department	SCWP 5-Year Funding Request Ceiling
Special Study: Street Sweeping Study (CD: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14)	ULAR	LASAN	\$0.7M

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the General Fund resulting from the recommendations included in this report, as the action is administrative only.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations of this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that there is no anticipated impact to the General Fund or City's special funds.

Attachment

May 20, 2024 LASAN Report for Approval of the Application Proposed for Submittal to the Round 6 (FY 25/26) Call for Projects of the Safe, Clean Water Program

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Date: May 20, 2024

To: Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee
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**Subject: Approval of the Application Proposed for Submittal to the Round 6 (FY 25/26)
Call for Projects of the Safe, Clean Water Program**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the submission of one Special Study Program proposal, listed in Table 1, to the Round 6 (FY 25/26) Call for Projects of the Regional Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) from the Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), Watershed Protection Division.
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BACKGROUND

On May 7, 2024, Board Motion 24-1848, made by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath and titled "Amendments to the Safe Clean Water Program Ordinance Regarding Frequency of Administrative Reporting and Calls for Infrastructure Projects", was introduced to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The motion, among other items, recommends that the Regional SCWP implement a pause on submissions for Infrastructure Program projects but continue to accept proposals for the Technical Resource Program and for the Scientific Studies Program for the upcoming Regional Round 6 (FY 25/26) Stormwater Investment Plan.

CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Considering the limited funding available due to commitments made in the Round 5 (FY 24/25) Stormwater Investment Plans, along with the LA County Flood Control District's proposed pause on accepting Infrastructure Program projects (including Operation and Maintenance applications) in Round 6, LASAN recommends that the City of Los Angeles, SCWP Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) approve submission of one Special Study Program proposal (listed in the Table 1 and described in Attachment 1) to the SCW Regional Program as part of the Round 6 (FY 25/26) Call for Projects.

The recommended Special Study project was previously submitted to all three watershed areas (Upper Los Angeles River, Central Santa Monica Bay, and South Santa Monica Bay) for consideration in the Round 5 (FY 24/25) Call for Projects. It was awarded funding in both the Central (\$173k) and South Santa Monica Bay (\$133k) watershed areas. Leveraging the success the Special Study proposal has had in the two other watershed areas, LASAN is recommending the resubmission of the Special Study project to the Upper Los Angeles River watershed area for consideration in the Round 6 Call for Projects. LASAN is confident that work in the Upper Los Angeles River is a valuable addition to that in Central and South Santa Monica Bay and that the work, if approved in this next round, could be completed on time and included in one unified report. The deadline for applications for Round 6 funding is July 31, 2024.

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Attachment 1: Round 6 (FY 25/26) SCWP Special Study Proposal Overview

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ATTACHMENT 1: Round 6 (FY 25/26) SCWP Special Study Proposal Overview

Street Sweeping Study (LASAN, ULAR, VR CD)

Purpose:

- Collect data to optimize where, when, and how street sweeping is conducted to best benefit water quality.
- Coordinate with on-going Bureau of Street Services (BSS) effort to optimize programs

Location:

- Upper Los Angeles River
- CDs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14



Duration:

- Total: 4 Years
- Data Collection: 3 Years

Recommendation: Approve the submission of one Special Study Program proposal to the Round 6 Call for Projects of the SCWP from LASAN.

Proposed Schedule

Milestone	Date
Submit Funding Application	7/31/2024
Begin Study	10/1/2024
Final Work Plan	3/31/2025
Begin Sampling	10/1/2025
Complete Sampling	4/30/2028
Final Report	9/30/2028

Estimated Funding Requested (4 Years)

Watershed	Funding Request	%
ULAR	\$688,400	70.6
CSMB*	\$173,500	17.8
SSMB*	\$113,100	11.6
TOTAL	\$975,000	100%

* Funding was recommended in the Round 5, FY 24/25 SIP.
 Pending official approval by the Board of Supervisors.

