

## OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Date: June 8, 2022

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Council File No. 18-0384

Council District: —

To: The City Council  
The Mayor

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Measure W Administrative Oversight Committee Recommendations

Subject: **MEASURE W – SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM – APPROVAL OF REGIONAL PROJECTS FOR SUBMISSION FOR ROUND 4 OR A FUTURE ROUND**

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Approve the eight projects listed in Table 1 of Attachment A to be submitted for the Los Angeles County Measure W – Safe, Clean Water Program Round 4 Regional Call for Projects, or a future round subject to Working Group consensus and as funding becomes available, with the condition that the Bureau of Sanitation receive a minimum funding indication of \$10 million in matching funds from an external source prior to the Round 4 deadline of July 31, 2022 for submission of the application for the Hollenbeck Park Lake Project;
2. Approve the issuance of a Letter of Support for the LA River Habitat/Bowtie Project and direct the Bureau of Sanitation to continue working with the project proponents for the Pacoima Wash Greenway and Blackwelder Tract Projects in order to make a determination regarding Letters of Support; and
3. Authorize the City Administrative Officer, with the concurrence of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to make technical changes as needed to implement Mayor and City Council intentions.

### SUMMARY

On October 14, 2020, the Mayor and Council approved projects submitted for Rounds 1 and 2 for the Los Angeles County Measure W – Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Call for Projects (C.F. 18-0384). On July 21, 2021, the Mayor and Council approved projects submitted for Round 3 of the Regional Call for Projects. The Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) and the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) request authority to submit eight proposed projects for Round 4 of the Regional Call for

Projects (Attachment A). The Department of Water and Power (DWP) is not pursuing funding for new projects in the upcoming round. The County deadline for submission of applications is July 31, 2022.

On May 26, 2022, BOS presented Round 4 proposed projects to the Measure W Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) for consideration consisting of six projects by BOS and two projects by BSS. The AOC approved all projects with the caveat that BOS receive an indication of matching funds from an external funding source prior to submission of the application for the Hollenbeck Park Lake Project (Hollenbeck Project) to improve the competitive position of this project. This recommendation supersedes a similar recommendation made last cycle when this project was considered for Round 3 submission (C.F 18-0384).

In July 2021, Mayor and Council approved an allocation of \$5 million from Proposition O (Prop O) for the Hollenbeck Project as part of a plan to expend the remaining balance of Prop O Contingency Funds and close out the program (C.F. 13-1526). Because of the lake's proximity to the 5 Freeway and resulting run off, the City has previously discussed a partnership with CalTrans for a project to mitigate the resulting impacts to the lake. CalTrans has not provided a partial funding commitment to date. Discussions led by Council District 14 are currently underway to secure a funding commitment from the State through the budget process. Based on outcomes from the prior rounds, projects that include leveraged funding have a competitive advantage and, given the project scope and regional significance of this asset, the Hollenbeck Project is positively positioned to justify matching funds.

BOS also presented to the AOC its recommendations regarding three requests for Letters of Support from several non-governmental project proponents pursuant to a County requirement that non-governmental project applicants secure a Letter of Support from the relevant agency as part of the application process. AOC concurred with BOS' recommendation to issue a Letter of Support for the LA River Habitat Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project and directed BOS to continue working with and report back on its progress related to Letters of Support for the Pacoima Wash Greenway – Phase 1 Project and the Blackwelder Tract Lower Ballona Creek BMP and Landscape Improvement Project. Additional details about these proposed projects are included in Attachments B to D.

BOS reports that due to prior funding commitments of the Regional Program, there will be limited funds available for new projects for Round 4. Current economic conditions are volatile and may further impact available Regional Program funds. The City has expended considerable resources to develop feasibility studies for these projects and, in the interest of streamlining the approval process and maximizing flexibility, AOC recommends approval of these proposed projects as a pipeline for submission in Round 4 or a future round as Regional Program funding becomes available, subject to Working Group consensus. The project amounts identified in Table 1 of Attachment A represent the estimated not-to-exceed project costs, however all projects are in the pre-design stage and some elements may evolve as designs are finalized. Further, total project costs and preliminary cash flows will likely be adjusted based on final designs and expected annual expenditures.

Agendas, presentations and meeting materials of the AOC are available at the CAO website at [www.cao.lacity.org/capital](http://www.cao.lacity.org/capital).

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no impact to the General Fund as the funding for these projects, if approved, will be provided by the Measure W, Safe, Clean Water Program, Regional Program administered by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

## **FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT**

The recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies as expenditures of special funds are limited to the mandates of the funding source.

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Attachment A – BOS memorandum dated May 19, 2022 and presentation regarding proposed projects  
Attachment B – BOS memorandum dated May 19, 2022 regarding LA River Habitat Restoration Project  
Attachment C – BOS memorandum dated May 19, 2022 regarding Pacoima Wash Greenway Project  
Attachment D – BOS memorandum dated May 19, 2022 regarding Blackwelder Tract Project

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Date: May 19, 2022

To: Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee

From: Michael Scaduto, PE, ENV SP, Acting Principal Engineer  
Safe, Clean Water Implementation Division  
LA Sanitation & Environment

*Michael Scaduto*

**Subject: Approval of the Projects Proposed for Submittal to the Round 4 Call for Projects of the Safe, Clean Water Program from Various Departments of the City of Los Angeles**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve the submittal of the eight project proposals listed in Table 1 below, to the Round 4 Regional Call for Projects of the Safe, Clean Water Program from various departments of the City of Los Angeles.
2. Authorize the Director and General Manager of LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), or her designee, to submit six project proposals for Regional Safe, Clean Water Funding through the appropriate application with individual project funding requests up to the estimated cost ceiling for each project presented in Table 1 below.
3. Authorize the Director and General Manager of the Bureau of Street Services, or his designee, to submit two project proposals for Regional Safe, Clean Water Funding through the appropriate application with individual project funding request up to the estimated cost ceiling for each project presented in Table 1 below.

**BACKGROUND**

In November 2018, Los Angeles (LA) County voters approved Measure W, which created the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) administered by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). Developed in collaboration with public health, environmental groups, cities, business, labor, and community-based organizations, the SCWP generates an estimated \$285 million annually from a countywide property tax assessment.

The SCWP's goals include the following:

- Implement a plan for the County of Los Angeles' stormwater system to capture the billions of gallons of rainwater runoff lost in the County each year;
- Help protect LA's coastal waters and beaches from the trash and contaminants in stormwater that have the potential to make people sick and threaten marine life;
- Modernize LA's 100-year-old stormwater system infrastructure, using a combination of nature, science, and new technology;
- Help protect public health, ensuring safer, greener, healthier, more livable spaces;
- Prepare the Southern California region for the effects of a changing climate — including recurring cycles of drought, wildfires, and flooding.

On May 5, 2020, the City of Los Angeles (City) adopted Ordinance No. 186612, which established the City's Safe Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) to oversee all City projects and programs funded with proceeds from the SCWP.

Fifty percent of the SCWP's annual revenues is allocated to fund regional multi-benefit stormwater projects, programs, and studies. An estimated \$142 million is allocated to the nine LA County watershed areas for regional projects. Applicants seeking regional program funding are required to submit project-funding proposals to the LACFCD through an annual Regional Call for Projects. Applications are reviewed by LACFCD staff, evaluated through a public scoring and prioritization process, included in annual watershed-based Stormwater Investment Plans, and then approved by the LA County Board of Supervisors.

The Round 4, Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Regional Call for Projects was announced on August 1, 2021. Applicants requesting funding to implement multi-benefit infrastructure projects develop a Feasibility Study and then submit an application for funding through the Regional Program Projects Module Web Application. A Feasibility Study is a detailed technical investigation and report that determines the feasibility of a proposed project. The deadline for application to Round 4 funding is July 31, 2022. Both LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) and the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) are developing feasibility studies for projects proposed for Round 4 SCWP funding.

### CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

After the careful development of Feasibility Studies for the projects listed below and a detailed consideration of available resources of the Regional SCWP, it is recommended that the AOC approve submission of the projects listed in the table below and as described in Attachment 1. Due to funding commitments made to funded applications in previous rounds, there are limited resources available in Round 4. It is therefore recommended that the selected, viable projects identified in each watershed and as shown in Table 1, be submitted for funding consideration. A robust suite of project applications for Regional consideration will increase the likelihood of Safe Clean Water Program resources being allocated to projects within the City.

It is recommended that the AOC approve the submission of the project applications listed below, at or below each's listed SCWP 5-Year Funding Request Ceiling, for consideration of funding in Round 4 of the Regional SCWP. The SCWP 5-Year Funding Request Ceiling includes a 10% margin above each project's expected 5-year funding request to account for any remaining technical requirements or criteria presented by LACFCD encountered before July 31, 2022 to ensure a competitive application.

Table 1: Proposed Round 4 SCWP Project Applications

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>SCWP Watershed</b>	<b>Lead City Department</b>	<b>SCWP 5-Year Funding Request Ceiling</b>
Hollenbeck Park Rehabilitation Project (CD 14)	ULAR	LASAN	\$35.6 million
Sylmar Channel Project (CD 7)	ULAR	LASAN	\$5.2 million
Mission Mile Sepulveda: A Climate Resilient Urban Greenway to Cultural Connections (CD 7)	ULAR	StreetsLA	\$23.0 million

Eagle Rock Boulevard: A Multi-Modal Stormwater Capture Project (CD 14)	ULAR	StreetsLA	\$14.5 million
Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project (CD 15)	SSMB	LASAN	\$11.2 million
Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation Operation and Maintenance (CD 15)	SSMB	LASAN	\$3.2 million
Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project (CD 11)	CSMB	LASAN	\$5.6 million
Baldwin Vista Green Street Project (CD 10)	CSMB	LASAN	\$7.2 million

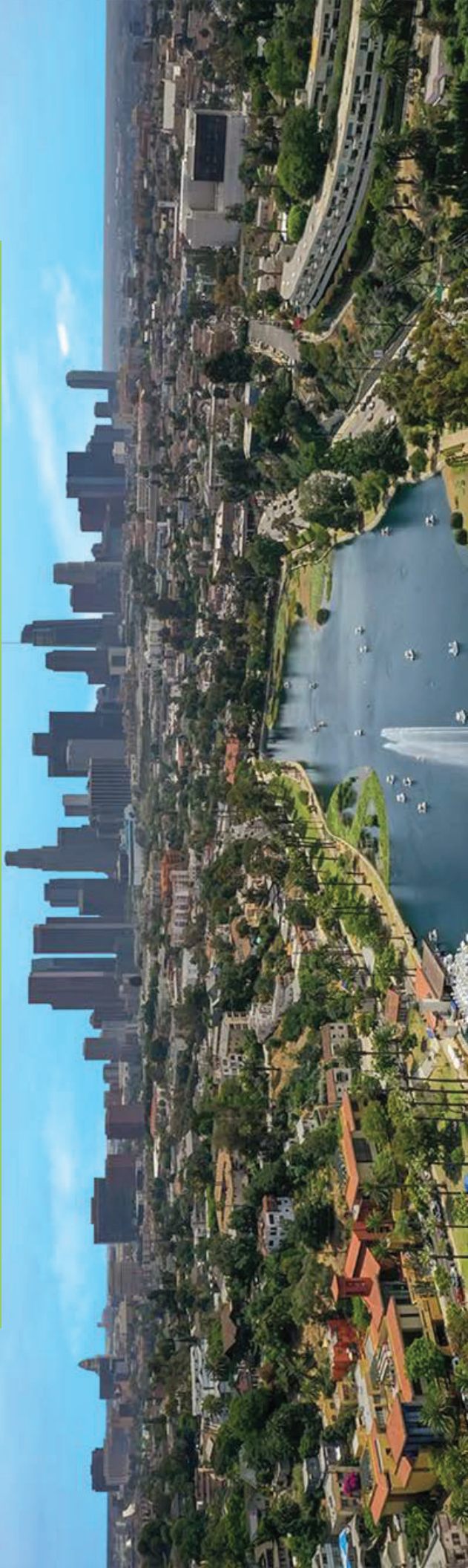
Attachment 1: Round 4 SCWP Project Proposal Presentation

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## **ATTACHMENT 1: Round 4 SCWP Project Proposal Presentation**



# Measure W: Safe Clean Water Program



**LA Sanitation & Environment**  
**May 26, 2022**

**Barbara Romero**  
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**LA Sanitation & Environment**





# SCWP Regional Program: Round 3 Results

Project	CD	Total Project Cost	Total Funding Requested	Matching	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
<b>Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR)</b>									
LA River Green Infrastructure Project (LASAN)	3,12	\$31,821,160	\$31,821,160	-	\$1,984,500	\$2,380,327	\$1,679,285	\$25,777,048	\$0
Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation O&M (LASAN)	13	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000		\$480,000	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$480,000
Whitsett Fields Park North Stormwater Capture Project (LADWP)	2	\$16,956,000	\$8,393,000	\$8,563,000	\$840,000	\$1,679,000	\$1,679,000	\$1,679,000	\$2,516,000
Alexandria Park Stormwater Capture Project (LADWP)	2	\$14,181,000	\$7,019,000	\$7,162,000	\$702,000	\$1,404,000	\$1,404,000	\$1,404,000	\$2,105,000
Watts Civic Center Serenity Greenway (CD 15)	15	\$2,844,000	\$2,669,000	\$175,000	\$255,000	\$250,000	\$1,514,800	\$649,200	-
		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$13,462,000</b>		<b>\$1,575,000</b>	<b>\$2,409,000</b>	<b>\$3,673,000</b>	<b>\$2,808,000</b>	<b>\$2,996,000</b>
<b>South Santa Monica Bay (SSMB)</b>									
Wilmington Anaheim GIC Project (LASAN)	15	\$12,808,258	\$12,808,258	-	\$1,160,141	\$799,993	\$9,762,393	\$881,472	\$204,259
Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation O&M (LASAN)	15	\$5,700,000	\$5,700,000	-	\$1,140,000	\$1,140,000	\$1,140,000	\$1,140,000	\$1,140,000
		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB)</b>									
Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project (LASAN)	8	\$8,401,432	\$8,401,432	-	\$573,550	\$530,000	\$3,598,941	\$3,598,941	\$100,000
Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project (Friends of Griffith Park)	4	TRP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$8,401,432</b>		<b>\$573,550</b>	<b>\$530,000</b>	<b>\$3,598,941</b>	<b>\$3,598,941</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

# Upper LA River Watershed

## Available Resources:

Year	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28
Anticipated Revenue	\$38.7 M	\$38.7 M	\$38.7 M	\$38.7 M	\$38.7 M
Previous SIP Allocations	\$37.6 M	\$35.6 M	\$19.4 M	\$14.5 M	\$30.9 M *
Cumulative Available Funding	\$2 M	\$5 M	\$24.3 M	\$48.5 M	\$56.3 M

## Round 4 Projects:

- Hollenbeck Park Rehabilitation Project
- Sylmar Channel Project
- Mission Mile Sepulveda
- Eagle Rock Boulevard
- Third Party Projects:
  - Pacoima Wash Greenway (Phase 1)
  - LA River Habitat Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project (Bowtie Project)

\*All "future funding" allocations assumed to be paid in FY 27/28.

# Round 4 ULAR Project Proposals

## Hollenbeck Park Rehabilitation Project

### **Project Location**

- Address: 415 S St Louis St
- Council District: CD 14
- Located within a DAC
- Drainage Area Size: 467.2 ac

### **SCWP Funding Request**

- Total Project Cost: \$44,415,665
- Leveraged Funding Amount: \$12,008,044
  - Prop O: \$5,000,000
  - Municipal Funding Amount: \$7,008,044
- SCWP Funding Request: \$32,407,620

## Sylmar Channel Project

### **Project Location**

- Address: Neighboring 13327 Glenoaks Blvd
- Council District: 7
- Located within a DAC
- Drainage Area Size: 271.5 ac

### **SCWP Funding Request**

- Total Project Cost: \$9,590,224
- Leveraged Funding Amount: \$4,885,166
  - DWP: \$3,300,000 (pending)
  - Municipal Funding Amount: \$1,585,166
- SCWP Funding Request: \$4,705,058



# Round 4 ULAR Project Proposals

## Mission Mile Sepulveda: A Climate Resilient Urban Greenway to Cultural Connections

### **Project Location**

- Address: Sepulveda Blvd from Rayen St to Rinaldi St and from Brand Blvd to Memory Park Ave
- Council District: 7
- Located within a DAC
- Drainage Area Size: 108 acres

### **SCWP Funding Request**

- Total Project Cost: \$38,825,000
- Leveraged Funding Amount: \$17,908,000
- SCWP Funding Request: \$20,917,000

## Eagle Rock Boulevard: A Multi-Modal Stormwater Capture Project

### **Project Location**

- Address: Eagle Rock Boulevard, between York Blvd and Westdale Ave
- Council District: 14
- Located within a DAC
- Drainage Area Size: 2,260 acres

### **SCWP Funding Request**

- Total Project Cost: \$17,648,817
- Leveraged Funding Amount: \$4,405,869
- SCWP Funding Request: \$13,242,948



# ULAR WASC Round 4 SIP with City of LA Projects

*Approximate Cash Flow	LASAN Prioritization	Preliminary Score	SCWP Funding Request	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	SCWP Funding Request Ceiling
WASC's Cumulative Available Funding	-	-	-	\$2 M	\$5 M	\$24.3 M	\$48.5 M	\$56.3 M	-
Sylmar Channel (LASAN, CD 7)	1	88	\$4.7 M	\$747,583	\$677,583	\$1,589,014	\$1,589,014	\$101,864	\$5.2 M
Eagle Rock (StreetsLA, CD 14)	2	68	\$13.2 M	\$935,968	\$935,968	\$3,790,338	\$3,790,337	\$3,790,337	\$14.5 M
Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehab (LASAN, CD 14)	3	82	\$32.4 M	\$355,021	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$13,125,049	\$15,627,550	\$35.6 M
Mission Mile Sepulveda (StreetsLA, CD 7)	4	70	\$20.9 M	\$350,000	\$4,202,000	\$5,455,000	\$5,455,000	\$5,455,000	\$23.0 M
Pacoima Wash Greenway (3rd Party, CD 7)*	-	-	\$1.7 M	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$100,000	-
Bowtie Project (3rd Party, CD 1)*	-	-	\$3 M	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	-
Total City of LA Request	-	-	\$75.9 M	\$2,988,572	\$8,565,551	\$14,184,352	\$24,909,400	\$25,324,751	-
WASC's Cumulative Remaining Funds	-	-	-	(\$988,572)	(\$6,554,123)	(\$1,438,475)	(\$2,147,875)	(\$19,672,626)	-
% Allocated	-	-	-	149%	231%	106%	104%	135%	-



# South Santa Monica Bay Watershed

## Available Resources:

Year	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28
Anticipated Revenue	\$17.7 M	\$17.7 M	\$17.7 M	\$17.7 M	\$17.7 M
Previous SIP Allocations	\$10.6 M	\$11.4 M	\$7.5 M	\$0.0 M	\$0.4 M
Cumulative Available Funding	\$7.7 M	\$14 M	\$24.2 M	\$41.9 M	\$59.2 M

## Round 4 Projects:

- Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project
- Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation O&M
- Third Party Projects:
  - No requests received

# Round 4 SSMB Project Proposals

## Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project

### **Project Location**

- Anaheim Street from N. Wilmington Blvd to N. Marine Avenue and Fries Avenue from W Opp St to C Street
- Council District: 15
- Located within a DAC
- Drainage Area Size: 173 ac

### **SCWP Funding Request**

- Total Project Cost: \$12,301,698
- Leveraged Municipal Funding Amount: \$2,151,342
- SCWP Funding Request: \$10,150,356

## Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation Operations and Maintenance

### **Project Location**

- Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, Harbor City
- Council District: 15
- Located within a DAC
- Drainage Area Size: 14,347 acres

### **SCWP Funding Request**

- Total Project Cost: \$3,830,000
- Leveraged Municipal Funding Amount: \$970,000
- SCWP Funding Request: \$2,860,000



# SSMB WASC Round 4 SIP with City of LA Projects

	LASAN Prioritization	Preliminary Score	SCWP Funding Request	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	SCWP Funding Request Ceiling
WASC's Cumulative Available Funding	-	-	-	\$7.7 M	\$14 M	\$24.2 M	\$41.9 M	\$59.2 M	-
Machado Lake O&M (LASAN, CD 15)	1	86	\$2.9 M	\$135,000	\$730,000	\$654,000	\$754,000	\$587,000	\$3.2 M
Wilmington Anaheim GIC (LASAN, CD 15)	2	63	\$10.2 M	\$491,530	\$1,369,458	\$2,029,461	\$5,796,852	\$463,055	\$11.2 M
Total City of LA Request	-	-	\$13.0 M	\$626,530	\$2,099,458	\$2,683,461	\$6,550,852	\$1,050,055	-
WASC's Cumulative Remaining Funds	-	-	-	\$7,073,470	\$11,274,012	\$18,790,551	\$29,939,699	\$46,189,644	-
% Allocated	-	-	-	8%	19%	22%	29%	22%	-

# Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed

## Available Resources:

Year	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28
Anticipated Revenue	\$17.2 M	\$17.2 M	\$17.2 M	\$17.2 M	\$17.2 M
Previous SIP Allocations	\$13.5 M	\$11.6 M	\$7.2 M	\$0.5 M	\$0 M
Cumulative Available Funding	\$7.1 M	\$12.7 M	\$22.7 M	\$39.5 M	\$56.7 M

## Round 4 Projects:

- Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project
- Baldwin Vista Green Street Project
- Third Party Projects:
  - Blackwelder Tract Lower Ballona Creek Green BMPs and Landscape Improvement Project



# Round 4 CSMB Project Proposals

## Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project

### **Project Location**

- Address: Imperial Highway from California St. to Vista Del Mar
- Council District: 11
- Project is not located within a DAC (2.6 miles)
- Drainage Area Size: 19.7 ac

### **SCWP Funding Request**

- Total Project Cost: \$11,631,588
- Leveraged Funding Amount: \$6,539,550
  - LAWA: \$4,000,000
  - EI Segundo: \$500,000
  - Municipal Funding Amount: \$2,039,550
- SCWP Funding Request: \$5,092,038

## Baldwin Vista Green Street Project

### **Project Location**

- Address: Coliseum Boulevard from Hauser Blvd to La Brea Ave.
- Council District: 10
- Project is not located within a DAC (adjacent)
- Drainage Area Size: 105 acres

### **SCWP Funding Request**

- Total Project Cost: \$8,187,434
- Leveraged Municipal Funding Amount: \$1,623,118
- SCWP Funding Request: \$6,564,316





# CSMB WASC Round 4 SIP with City of LA Projects

\*Approximate Cash Flow

	LASAN Prioritization	Preliminary Score	SCWP Funding Request	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	SCWP Funding Request Ceiling
<b>WASC's Cumulative Available Funding</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$7.1 M</b>	<b>\$12.7 M</b>	<b>\$22.7 M</b>	<b>\$39.5 M</b>	<b>\$56.7 M</b>	-
Imperial Hwy (LASAN, CD 11)	1	60	\$5.1 M	\$139,920	\$217,904	\$339,522	\$4,160,740	\$233,952	\$5.6 M
Baldwin Vista Stormwater Green Street (LASAN, CD 10)	2	67	\$6.6 M	\$346,940	\$578,234	\$2,743,983	\$2,743,983	\$151,175	\$7.2 M
Blackwelder Tract Green BMPs (3rd Party, CD 10)*	-	-	\$5.8 M	\$1,003,016	\$972,961	\$1,697,395	\$2,122,686	\$52,716	-
<b>Total City of LA Request</b>	-	-	<b>\$17.5 M</b>	<b>\$1,489,876</b>	<b>\$1,769,099</b>	<b>\$4,780,900</b>	<b>\$9,027,409</b>	<b>\$437,843</b>	-
<b>WASC's Cumulative Remaining Funds</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$5,610,124</b>	<b>\$9,441,025</b>	<b>\$14,660,125</b>	<b>\$22,432,716</b>	<b>\$39,194,873</b>	-
<b>% Allocated</b>	-	-	-	<b>21%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>31%</b>	-

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
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Date: May 19, 2022

To: Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee

From: Michael Scaduto, PE, ENV SP, Acting Principal Engineer  
Safe, Clean Water Implementation Division  
LA Sanitation & Environment

*Michael Scaduto*

**Subject: Round 4 Safe, Clean Water Third Party Project Proposal Evaluation for Letter of Support from the City of Los Angeles- Los Angeles River Habitat Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project, proposed by The Nature Conservancy**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve recommendation by LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) for the Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) to issue a letter in support of The Nature Conservancy's submission of the Los Angeles River Habitat Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project (Project) to the Safe, Clean Water Regional Infrastructure Program.
2. Authorize the City Administrative Officer, with the concurrence of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Mayor's Office and the assistance of LASAN, to draft and issue a letter of support for the Project.

**BACKGROUND**

In order to become eligible for project selection and award, The Nature Conservancy (Project proponent) is requesting a letter of support from the City of Los Angeles (City) for the Los Angeles River Habitat Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project located on the Bowtie Parcel (Project). This Project application is being submitted via the Round 4 Regional Infrastructure Program to the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area, and it is due July 31, 2022. The Project proposes to daylight a storm drain from the existing pipeline and divert the water onto the Bowtie Parcel, through a natural arroyo that meanders along the northern site boundary. The Bowtie Parcel is an approximately 18-acre property owned by State Parks and located on the east bank of the Los Angeles River in Northeast Los Angeles. The arroyo would be planted with southern California native vegetation, which would create habitat for riparian plant species and wildlife. The Project aims to manage stormwater, enhance habitat, and simultaneously serve as an aesthetically-appealing educational feature that could be used as a model for other parks and open spaces.

The Safe, Clean Water Regional Infrastructure Program's application process requires community-proposed project applicants, such as The Nature Conservancy, to include a Letter of Support from the municipality in which the project is proposed. Additionally, the Letter of Support must include concurrence with the plan, roles, and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the project. Alternatively, a Letter of Non-Objection from the municipality may be appropriate in instances in which a project is submitted for the Safe Clean Water Regional Technical Resources Program.

The Nature Conservancy is a conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. The Nature Conservancy's goals in Los Angeles are to treat stormwater using natural infrastructure, deliver additional benefits to urban residents, and enhance biodiversity across the urban landscape through strategies such as creating a proof-of-concept multi-benefit stormwater capture demonstration project.

### **CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

LASAN leads City efforts to review requests for support letters for the SCWP Regional Program. As part of the review process, LASAN coordinated and received feedback from stakeholders, including all third party project proponents, other City departments, and the City's Safe, Clean Water Program Working Group (Working Group), to make final recommendations for the AOC to consider. In the review of this specific request, it was determined that:

- The Project would provide water quality and community enhancement benefits, consistent with City and SCWP goals.
- The Project poses minimal risks to the City.
- The preliminary plan for operations and maintenance identifies a source of funding, and proposes that the City be a potential partner, but acknowledges that since the Project is on State Parks property, operation and maintenance will ultimately be the responsibility of the property owner.

Therefore, LASAN recommends that the AOC issues a letter in support of The Nature Conservancy's submission of the Project to the Safe, Clean Water Regional Infrastructure Program. LASAN will continue to coordinate with and provide input to the Project proponent to ensure that the Project scope continues to support the goals of the City and SCWP both before application and after potential funding for the Project is received.

#### **Attachment 1: Project Summary**

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## **ATTACHMENT 1: Project Summary**

### **Brief Description**

The Nature Conservancy, in partnership with CA State Parks, is developing a multi-benefit stormwater management and habitat enhancement project along the LA River, the Bowtie Demonstration Project. The Project proposes to daylight a storm drain from the existing pipeline and divert the water onto the Bowtie Parcel and through a natural arroyo that meanders along the northern site boundary that will improve water quality, enhance habitat and biodiversity, increase public access, and build climate resilience for Northeast LA. While The Nature Conservancy is not officially part of the 100-Acre Partnership, they are working closely with the City, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and State Parks to ensure seamless collaboration and project vision.

### **Surrounding Site Conditions**

- Area is considered severely disadvantaged
- Not in an oil and gas area
- Potentially high groundwater
- In a liquefaction area
- In area without direct connection to groundwater basin

### **Preliminary Hydrology**

- 97.34 acre drainage area
- 85th Percentile 24-hr Runoff Volume: 5.95 ac-ft
- Benefit magnitude: 65.6 ac/ft/yr

### **Water Quality Benefits**

The Project will benefit water quality in the Los Angeles River, Reach 3 and Segment C, which are subject to the following water quality milestones:

- By 2024 for Copper/Lead in Reach 3
- By 2028 for Cooper, lead, zinc and cadmium for Segment C
- By 2037 for E Coli in Segment C

In addition, the Project does not overlap drainage areas with existing planned or constructed City stormwater capture projects.

### **Cost Breakdown**

**Total Project cost:** \$6 M

**Annual Costs (Operation, Maintenance, Monitoring):** \$200,000

**Funding Requested of SCWP:** \$2M (implementation) + \$1M (5 years of O&M)

**Leveraged Funding:** \$2.45 M

### **Operation and Maintenance Plan**

The Project proponent developed a preliminary O&M Plan and is seeking funds through SCWP for the first 5 years of operation and maintenance. Project proponents are exploring partnership with LASAN for the possibility of LASAN maintaining the stormwater features, i.e. the diversion, pump, and filtration system, but this is not finalized. They would only pursue this path if LASAN's specifications can be met during design and would work towards an MOU to partner. The property is owned by State Parks so ultimately they are the responsible party. The Nature Conservancy has committed to performing O&M for the first 5 years after implementation.



## Preliminary Drainage Area Delineation

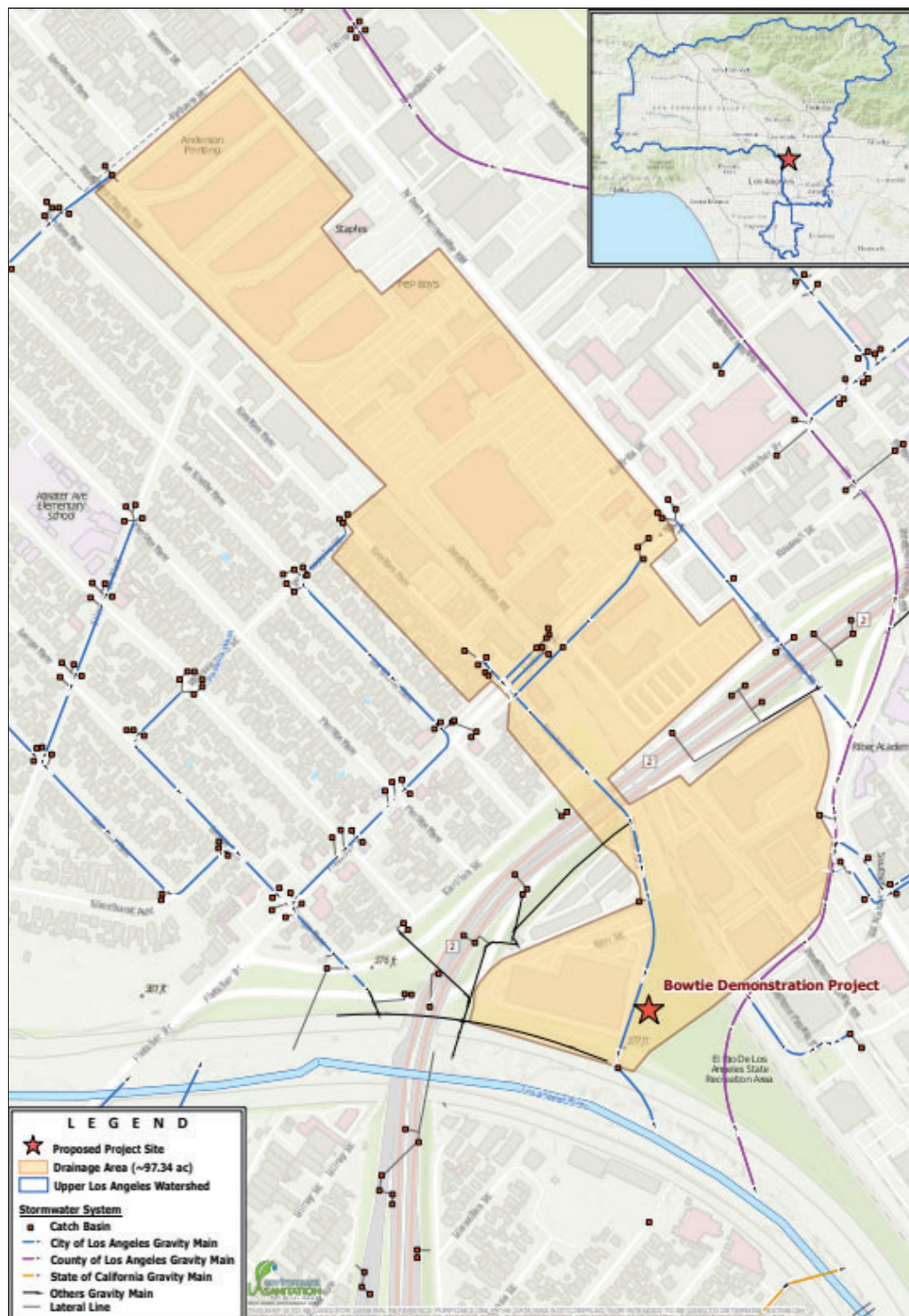


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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Date: May 19, 2022

To: Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee

From: Michael Scaduto, PE, ENV SP, Acting Principal Engineer  
Safe, Clean Water Implementation Division  
LA Sanitation & Environment

*Michael Scaduto*

**Subject: Status Update on LA Sanitation and Environment's Review of Round 4 Safe, Clean Water Third Party Project Proposals - Pacoima Wash Greenway- Phase I (Pacoima Beautiful and Kounkuey Design Initiative)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

**BACKGROUND**

In order to become eligible for project selection and award, Pacoima Beautiful and Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) (Project proponents) are requesting a Letter of Support from the City of Los Angeles (City) for their Round 4 Regional Infrastructure Program application to the Upper Los Angeles Watershed Area for the Pacoima Wash Greenway - Phase I (Project). This project application is being submitted via the Round 4 Regional Infrastructure Program to the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area, and it is due July 31, 2022. The Project consists of about 1 acre of improvements at the Haddon Avenue crossing of the Pacoima Wash and the southern terminus, including native plants, a shade pavilion, play area, multi-use trails, welcoming gateway markers and nature-based stormwater management gardens. The Project builds on the recommendations of the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan and ULART Plan by developing designs for a 4-acre Greenway on both sides of the Pacoima Wash from the 118 freeway to San Fernando Road.

The Safe, Clean Water Regional Infrastructure Program's application process requires community-proposed project applicants, such as Pacoima Beautiful and KDI, to include a Letter of Support from the municipality in which the project is proposed. Additionally, the Letter of Support must include concurrence with the plan, roles, and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the project. Alternatively, a Letter of Non-Objection from the municipality may be appropriate in instances in which a project is submitted for the Safe Clean Water Regional Technical Resources Program.

Pacoima Beautiful is a grassroots environmental justice organization in the Northeast San Fernando Valley striving for community improvement through education, impacts local policy, and supports local arts and culture. KDI is a community development and design non-profit that works with under-resourced communities to advance equity and improve neighborhoods.

**CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

LASAN leads City efforts to review requests for support letters for the SCWP Regional Program. As part of the review process, LASAN coordinated and received feedback from stakeholders, including all third party project proponents, other City departments, and the City's Safe, Clean

Water Program Working Group (Working Group), to make final recommendations for the AOC to consider. In the review of this specific request, it was determined that:

- The Project would provide water quality and community enhancement benefits.
- The Project may impact the adjacent flood control channel, which means that the City may be required to apply for and obtain a permit from the Flood Control District for the Project.
- Potential Project costs incurred by the City must be considered in the project cost estimate and funding request.

LASAN has met with the Project proponents and Upper Los Angeles Watershed Coordinators starting in March of 2022. LASAN requested further information, a portion of which was provided, and a portion is pending receipt and further clarification. Therefore, at this time, LASAN is still evaluating a recommendation as to whether the City should issue a letter in support of the Project. LASAN will continue to assist the Project proponent in moving their proposal to support the goals of the City and SCWP. The City and AOC may consider the issuance of a Letter of Support for this Project once additional information is received.

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### **Brief Description**

The Project consists of about 1 acre of improvements at the Haddon Avenue crossing of the Pacoima Wash and the southern terminus, including native plants, a shade pavilion, play area, multi-use trails, welcoming gateway markers and nature-based stormwater management gardens. The Project builds on the recommendations of the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan and ULART Plan by developing designs for a 4-acre Greenway on both sides of the Pacoima Wash from the 118 freeway to San Fernando Road.

### **Site Conditions**

- Proposed along a flood control channel
- About 50% of the Project site is within a DAC area but 100% is within CalEnviroScreen high impact community area
- Not in liquefaction area
- In an oil and gas area
- In a high infiltration area

### **Preliminary Hydrology**

- 1.4 acre drainage area
- Local storm drain outfalls to the Pacoima Wash identified within the Project site
- 24-hr capacity: unknown
- Benefit magnitude: unknown

### **Water Quality Benefit:**

The Project captures approximately 1.4 acres of surface runoff and has potential to capture wet-weather runoff from that area.

### **Cost Breakdown**

**Final design, permitting and bidding:** \$200,000

**Construction and admin:** \$1.9 million

**Annual Costs (Operation & Maintenance):** \$400,000 [4 years]

**Total Project Cost:** \$2.5 million

**Funding Requested of Safe, Clean Water Program:** \$1,700,000

**Anticipated Matching Funds:** \$760,000

### **Operation and Maintenance Plan**

The Project is in the process of developing a preliminary O&M Plan. The Project proponent proposes to perform the operation and maintenance by outsourcing to local sub-consultants while training and educating community members. While the Project proponent currently proposes to assume responsibility for maintenance for elements outside of the flood control channel, further discussion is required regarding the City's involvement with precise operation and maintenance requirements that would be identified during discussions with the appropriate permitting agencies associated with the Project's location alongside a flood control channel.



### **Preliminary Drainage Area Delineation**



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**Subject: Status Update on LA Sanitation and Environment's Review of Round 4 Safe, Clean Water Third Party Project Proposals - Blackwelder Tract Lower Ballona Creek Green BMPs and Landscape Improvement Project (California Greenworks, Inc.)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

**BACKGROUND**

In order to become eligible for project selection and award, California Greenworks, Inc. (Project proponent) requested a Letter of Support from the City of Los Angeles (City) for the Blackwelder Tract Lower Ballona Creek Green BMPs and Landscape Improvement Project (Project). This project application is being submitted via the Round 4 Regional Infrastructure Program to the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area, and it is due July 31, 2022. The Project proposes stormwater treatment and community beautification improvements on both sides of the daylight drainage channel tributary to Ballona Creek. The project area limits are the City of Culver City to the north, and the City of Los Angeles to the south, and running between the intersection of La Cienega Blvd and Fairfax Ave to Ballona Creek.

The Safe, Clean Water Regional Infrastructure Program's application process requires community-proposed project applicants, such as California Greenworks, to include a Letter of Support from the municipality in which the project is proposed. Additionally, the Letter of Support must include concurrence with the plan, roles, and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the project. Alternatively, a Letter of Non-Objection from the municipality may be appropriate in instances in which a project is submitted for the Safe Clean Water Regional Technical Resources Program.

The Project will drain within the drainage area of the Ballona Creek TMDL Project, a Round 2 Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) project that addresses dry weather bacteria. To complement this existing SCWP project, the Project proposes to capture wet-weather runoff from a 1.2-acre drainage area.

California Greenworks is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed to promote environmental protection, community revitalization and economic development throughout Southern Californian urban communities through the implementation of locally-driven community programs and projects.

**CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

LASAN leads City efforts to review requests for support letters for the SCWP Regional Program. As part of the review process, LASAN coordinated and received feedback from stakeholders,

including all third party project proponents, other City departments, and the City's Safe, Clean Water Program Working Group (Working Group), to make final recommendations for the AOC to consider. In the review of this specific request, it was determined that:

- The Project would provide water quality and community enhancement benefits.
- The Project would request 30 years of O&M and monitoring funding in the first 5 years, which does not align with the SCWP requirement that funding be expended within 5 years of receipt.
- The Project may impact the adjacent flood control channel, which may require the City to apply for and obtain a permit from the Flood Control District for the Project.
- Potential Project costs incurred by the City must be considered in the project cost estimate and funding request.
- As LASAN currently understands, the Project footprint is within city limits of both Los Angeles and Culver City. Culver City has noted that it would not be issuing a Letter of Support at this time due to their need for additional project information and outstanding concerns with the Project.

LASAN has met with the Project proponents, Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Coordinators, and City of Culver City staff multiple times, starting in July of 2021. Both cities requested further information, a portion of which was provided, and a portion of which is pending receipt and further clarification. Therefore, at this time, LASAN is still evaluating a recommendation as to whether the City should issue a letter in support of the Project. LASAN will continue to assist the Project proponent in moving their proposal to support the goals of the City and SCWP. The City and AOC may consider the issuance of a Letter of Support for this Project once additional information is received.

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### **Brief Description**

The Project proposes stormwater treatment and community beautification improvements on both sides of the daylight drainage channel tributary to Ballona Creek with the City of Culver City to the north and the City of Los Angeles to the south and running between the intersection of La Cienega Blvd and Fairfax Ave to Ballona Creek.

### **Surrounding Site Conditions**

- Proposed along a flood control channel
- Not in a DAC are but it is in a CalEnviroScreen high impact community area
- Not in an oil and gas area
- Potentially high groundwater
- In a liquefaction area
- In area without direct connection to groundwater basin

### **Preliminary Hydrology**

- 1.2 acre drainage area
- 85th Percentile, 24 hr storm volume: 0.08 AF
- 24-hr capacity: 0.86 ac-ft
- Benefit magnitude: 2.8 ac-ft/yr

### **Water Quality Benefits**

The drainage area for this project is within the drainage area of a downstream dry weather project. Thus, this Project will likely not be able to claim dry weather water quality SCWP scoring points. It captures approximately 1.2 acres of surface runoff and has potential to capture wet-weather runoff from that area.

### **Cost Breakdown**

**Planning:** \$1,003,016

**Design:** \$972,961

**Construction:** \$1,697,395

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,673,372

**Annual Costs (Operation, Maintenance, Monitoring):** \$2,175,404 [30 year lifespan]

**Funding Requested of Safe, Clean Water Program:** \$5,848,774

### **Operation and Maintenance Plan**

The Project proponent developed a preliminary O&M Plan and is seeking funds through SCWP for the first 30 years of operation and maintenance. The Project proponent will perform the operation and maintenance in partnership with California Conservation Corp local office and other community level partners. The Project proponent needs time to prepare a more detailed plan and would prefer to refine the plan once the detailed design and engineering is completed and approved by the relevant agencies that will issue the permits. While the Project proponent currently proposes to assume responsibility for maintenance for elements outside of the flood control channel, further discussion is required regarding the City's involvement with precise operation and maintenance requirements that would be identified during discussions with the appropriate permitting agencies associated with the Project's location alongside a flood control channel.

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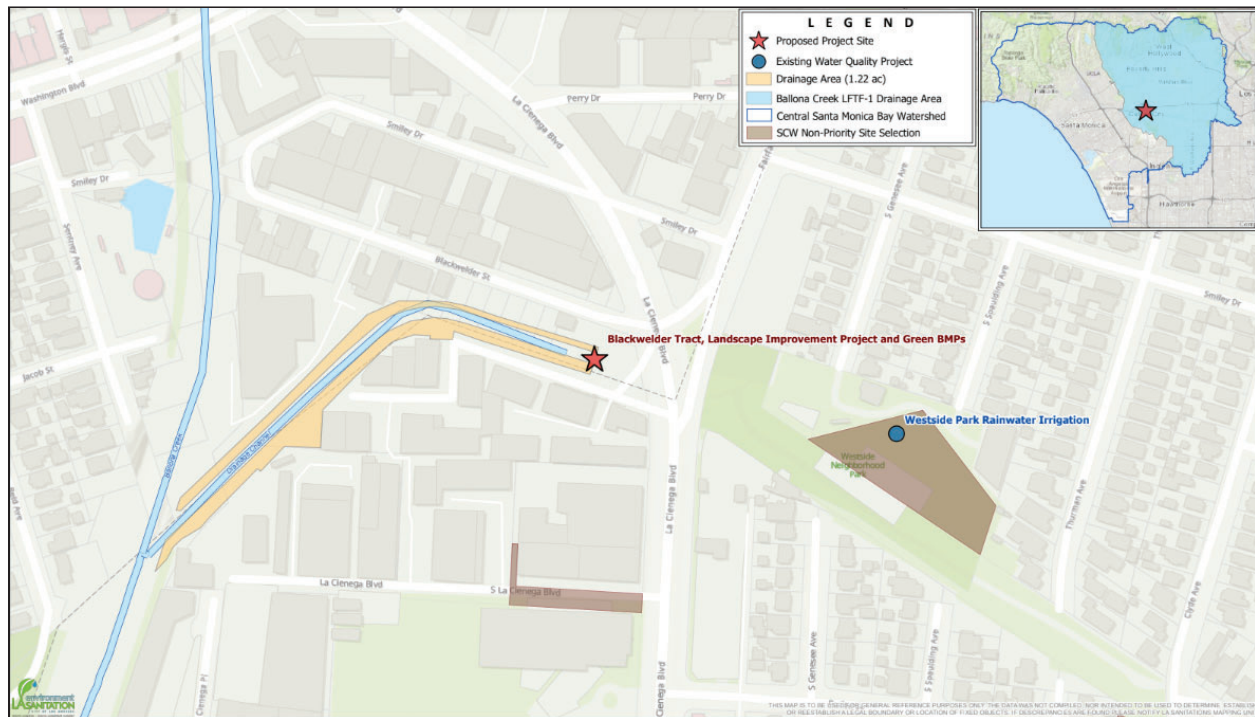


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