## CITY OF LOS ANGELES INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: May 20, 2024

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

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Safe, Clean Water Implementation Division

LA Sanitation & Environment

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.
- 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.

### **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.

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

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

## 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	9.07
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.

