

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
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**Subject: City of Los Angeles FY 24-25 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan (WISP)**

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve the City of Los Angeles FY 24-25 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan.

## **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 Flood Control District (LACFCD). 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 \$285 million annually from a countywide property tax assessment. LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) and other city departments utilize these funds for the development of regional and municipal stormwater projects and programs.

As directed in the City of Los Angeles' (City) Administrative Code (CF 18-0834), LASAN has prepared the FY 24-25 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 24-25 WISP, the third 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 leverage funding sources. To help achieve the SCWP requirements and goals, LASAN has developed the FY 24-25 WISP to include:

- The regulatory context 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 LACFCD's Metric and Monitoring Study (MMS), the watershed-specific Initial Watershed Plans, new and revised SCWP guidelines and tools, and revised SCWP Ordinances.
- An outline of the City's SCWP governance structure, department collaboration, outreach and engagement process, and methods for interagency collaboration (e.g., LAUSD, CBO's, NGO's).
- 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 to consider to remain competitive future funding applications.
- 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 that 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 24-25 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 24-25 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan

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