

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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To: Measure W: Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee
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Subject: Approval of City of Los Angeles Applications Proposed for Submittal to the Round 7 (FY 26/27) Call for Projects of the Safe, Clean Water Program

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the submission of the Ballona Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Project application, listed in Table 1, to the Round 7 (FY 26/27) Call for Projects of the Regional Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) from the Department of Public Works, LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), Safe, Clean Water Implementation Division (SCWID).
2. Authorize the Director and General Manager of LASAN, or designee, to submit the Ballona Creek TMDL O&M Project to the Infrastructure Program of the Regional Safe, Clean Water funding through the appropriate application with a project funding request up to the cost ceiling presented in Table 1.

DISCUSSION

The Round 7, Fiscal Year (FY) 26/27, Regional SCWP Call for Projects opened to applicants in May 2025. Applicants requesting funding to implement multi-benefit infrastructure projects (design, construction or operation and maintenance) or special studies must develop a Feasibility Study and then submit an application through the Regional Program Projects Module Web Application. Feasibility Studies provide a detailed technical investigation and report that determines the feasibility of a proposed project's request for funding and scope. The deadline for applications to Round 7 funding is July 31, 2025.

LASAN has confirmed that StreetsLA and the Department of Water and Power are not proposing to submit any funding applications as part of the Round 7 call for projects.

LASAN has prepared a Feasibility Study which proposes to submit an application requesting up to \$10.6M for O&M of the Ballona Creek TMDL Project for three (3) years.

The Ballona Creek TMDL Project was previously awarded \$15M in construction funding from the Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) in FY 21/22, and received an additional \$7.0M for construction in the FY 24/25 CSMB SIP. The Ballona Creek TMDL Project will provide water quality improvements to the Ballona Creek Watershed and augment local water supply by diverting dry weather runoff to the Hyperion Wastewater Reclamation Plant. Upon completion, the Ballona Creek TMDL Project will manage dry weather runoff from 87% of the entire Ballona Creek Watershed (71,500 of 81,600 total acres) and move the City, as well as our six partnering agencies, towards meeting the Ballona Creek Dry Weather Bacteria TMDL. This project will complete construction in February 2026 and will require O&M funding to ensure continued realization of water quality and water supply benefits.

LASAN recommends that the Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) approve submission of the project listed in the table below and as described in Attachment 1.

Table 1: Proposed Round 7 (FY 26/27) SCWP Applications

Project Name	SCWP Watershed	Lead City Department	SCWP 5-Year Funding Request Ceiling
Ballona Creek TMDL Project O&M (CD 11)	CSMB	LASAN	\$10.6M

Attachment 1: Round 7 (FY 26/27) SCWP Ballona Creek TMDL Project O&M Overview

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ATTACHMENT 1: Round 7 (FY 26/27) SCWP Ballona Creek TMDL O&M Application

Ballona Creek TMDL Project O&M (LASAN, CD 11)

Description:

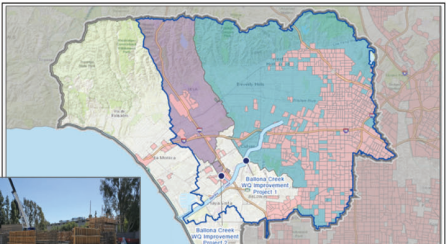


- Status- Currently in construction at 76%. Complete February 2026
- Budget- Total Construction Cost: \$81,273,301 (\$22M Regional)
- Benefits
 - Meets regulatory bacterial TMDL requirements
 - Two facilities supports public health in the Ballona Estuary and Wetlands
 - Provides ~ 5,060 AF/yr of water supply for recycling.

Location:

- Ballona Creek Watershed
- Council District 11




Recommendation:

- Approve the submission of one Ballona Creek TMDL O&M application from LASAN to the Round 7 SCWP Call for Projects

Project Partners:

- City of Beverly Hills
- City of Culver City
- City of Inglewood
- City of West Hollywood
- Los Angeles County Flood Control District
- Los Angeles County
- California Department of Transportation

Year	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29	Total
SCW Regional Funding Requested	\$2,901,412	\$3,977,531	\$2,747,822	\$9,640,450
Leveraged Funds	\$967,137	\$0	\$0	\$967,137
Total Project Cost	\$3,868,549	\$3,977,531	\$2,747,822	\$10,593,902
Description of Efforts	Optimization	Optimization	Standard O&M	-