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**BOARD MOTION OF MARCH 12, 2013, AGENDA ITEM S-1
UNINCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SEMI-ANNUAL STORMWATER COMPLIANCE REPORT – JANUARY 2024**

At the March 12, 2013, Public Hearing, the Board requested the submission of reports summarizing Los Angeles County's implementation of the Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The activities covered in the attached report are in alignment with the Board-directed priority of Sustainability, as they aim to protect our local waters, ecosystems, habitats, and rich biodiversity. Integrated regional water resources management practices and the implementation of enhanced infrastructure also support Public Works' dedication to advancing resiliency and sustainability and improving the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles County. These activities will help ensure that all County residents have access to safe, clean, and reliable water resources.

The report covers the period from July to December 2023 and is organized into four parts:

1. Permit Compliance in the Unincorporated County Areas
2. Upcoming Major Compliance Milestones
3. Budget and Funding
4. Regulatory and Legal Matters

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The next report will be provided in July 2024. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Anthony Nyivih, Assistant Director, at (626) 458-4014 or nyivih@pw.lacounty.gov.

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UNINCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**SEMI-ANNUAL
STORMWATER COMPLIANCE REPORT**



Compton Creek Stormwater and Urban Runoff Capture Project at Earvin Magic Johnson Park

January 24, 2024

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1 BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (MS4 Permit) outlines the requirements and standards for managing and controlling the discharge of stormwater to minimize its impact on water quality. It defines responsibilities for managing waterways, incorporates receiving water limitations, and requires the development and implementation of a stormwater management program with the goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practical. Municipalities throughout the County operate under MS4 Permits, as a requirement toward compliance with the Clean Water Act.

In 2006, the Chief Executive Office established the Unincorporated Area Stormwater Program to address increasing challenges facing the County in the area of stormwater and urban runoff pollution. The purpose of the program is to plan and implement control measures in the Unincorporated Area and at various County facilities to improve water quality and comply with Federal and State clean water regulations, including the MS4 Permit. While each County department is responsible for implementing control measures to abate pollution from its own facilities and operations, the responsibility of the overall program coordination was delegated to Public Works.

A new Regional Phase I MS4 Permit became effective on September 11, 2021, (2021 MS4 Permit) and was issued to the County, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, 85 cities in Los Angeles County (excluding the Cities of Avalon, Lancaster, and Palmdale), and municipalities in Ventura County.

2 PERMIT COMPLIANCE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS

2.1 Status of Collaborative Watershed Management Programs

Nineteen collaborative watershed management groups have been formed to implement the MS4 Permit requirements throughout the Los Angeles County region (Figure 1). The County is a party to 12 of the 19 watershed groups (Exhibit A). Pursuant to the MS4 Permit requirement, the 12 groups each submitted a revised Watershed Management Program (WMP) plan to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) by June 30, 2021. The County is currently focused on implementing these plans, including developing project concepts, initiating technical studies and investigations, preparing design plans, acquiring environmental documents and permits, coordinating with project partners and cities, pursuing funding opportunities such as grants, and constructing regional, multi-benefit stormwater capture projects. To date, the Regional Board has issued five final approvals and seven conditional approvals for the 12 revised WMP plans.

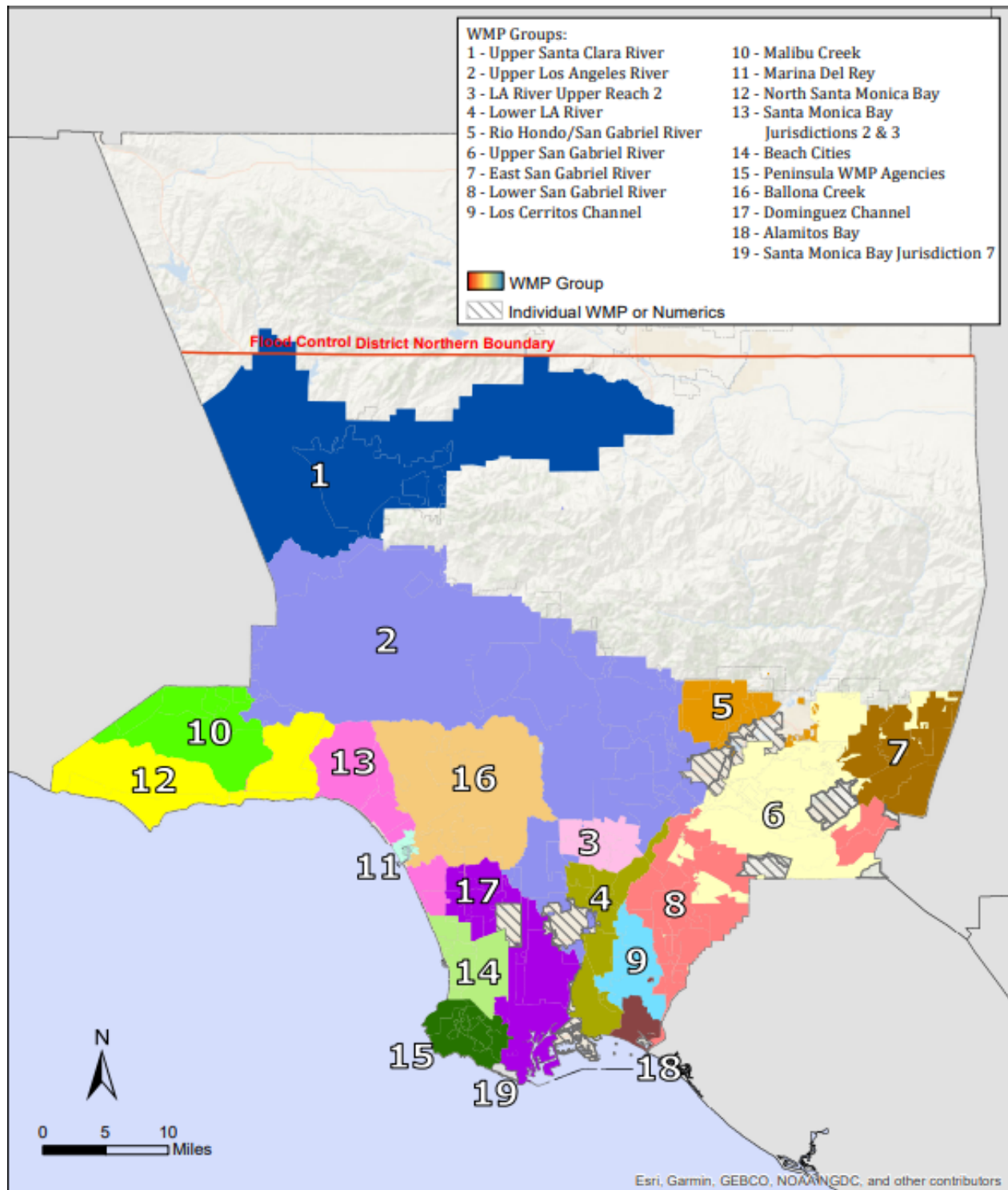


Figure 1: Watershed Management Program Groups

2.2 Status of Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Programs

Each of the 19 watershed groups have a corresponding Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP). The County is a party to 12 CIMP groups. Pursuant to the MS4 Permit requirement, the 12 groups each submitted a revised CIMP plan to the Regional Board by the March 13, 2023, deadline. The County is currently focused on implementing these plans, including water quality monitoring of outfalls and receiving waters. To date, the Regional Board has provided four sets of preliminary comments for the 12 revised CIMP plans.

2.3 Status of MS4 Permit

The 2021 MS4 Permit was adopted by the Regional Board on July 23, 2021, and became effective on September 11, 2021.

2.4 Status of Annual Report to the Regional Board

Compliance with the MS4 Permit is determined in part by the timely submittal of an Annual Report to the Regional Board in December and WMP Progress Reports in June and December of each year. The County's Annual Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 was submitted to the Regional Board in December 2023. In addition, as a party to 12 watershed groups, the County also submitted 12 WMP Progress Reports to the Regional Board by the December 15, 2023, deadline.

2.5 Status of Priority Projects

The County and other permittees in the watershed management groups have identified projects for implementation throughout the region, which are prioritized in accordance with the compliance needs of their respective watersheds (Figure 2). Full compliance with the necessary stormwater capture volumes, as specified in the WMP plans, will require identification and implementation of additional projects. The most recent updates on the County-led priority projects that are currently being planned, designed, and constructed are provided in Exhibit B.

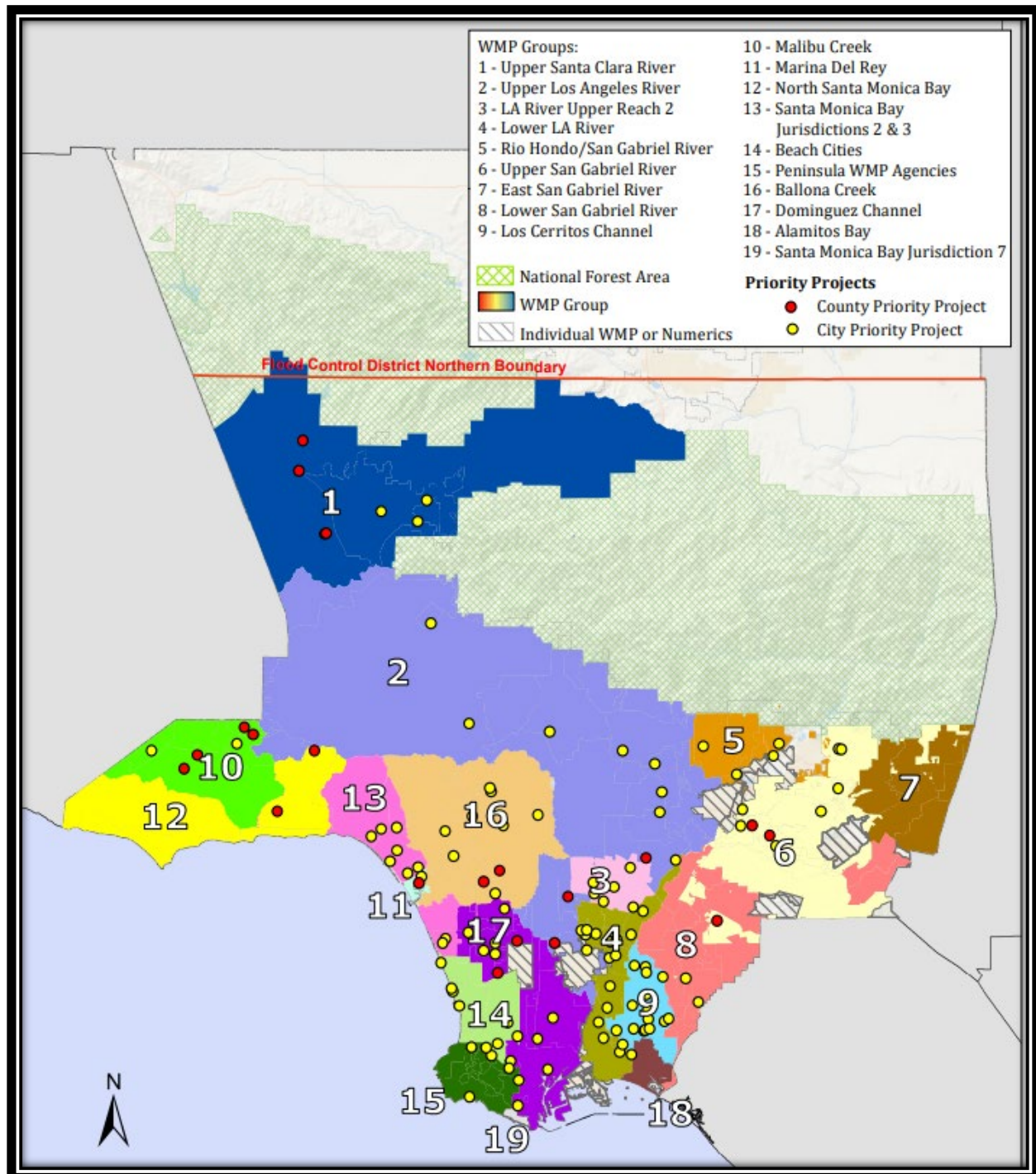


Figure 2: Priority Project Locations

3 UPCOMING MAJOR COMPLIANCE MILESTONES

3.1 Compliance Milestones 2-Year Look Ahead

There are 36 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) within the County. The County continues to take the necessary actions to reach current and future compliance milestones, which will require additional resources and funding to implement more regional, multi-benefit stormwater capture projects and green streets projects. These future milestones include a number of final TMDL compliance deadlines in the early 2020s. In addition, there are interim TMDL compliance deadlines that need to be met to demonstrate the County's progress toward meeting the final TMDL compliance deadlines.

The revised TMDL deadlines in the State Water Resources Control Board's 2021 Basin Plan Amendment became effective on May 24, 2022.

The following TMDLs have final compliance deadlines this year, as shown in the table below.

Near-Term TMDL	Final Deadline
Santa Clara River Dry Weather Bacteria	March 2023
San Gabriel River Dry Weather Metals	June 2023
Los Cerritos Channel Dry Weather Metals	June 2023
Los Angeles River Dry Weather Metals	January 2024
Marina del Rey Harbor Wet Weather Bacteria	July 2024
Marina del Rey Harbor Toxics	July 2024
Santa Monica Bay Beaches Wet Weather Bacteria	July 2024

3.1.1 Santa Clara River Dry Weather Bacteria TMDL

See Time Schedule Orders, Section 2.2.3 of this document.

3.1.2 San Gabriel River Dry Weather Metals TMDL

Recent monitoring results demonstrate an absence of exceedances as it pertains to the Metals TMDL during dry weather. Therefore, the Upper

San Gabriel River WMP Group maintains the position that it is in compliance with the final Dry Weather Metals TMDL deadline of June 2023.

3.1.3 Los Cerritos Channel Dry Weather Metals TMDL

The Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel (AB/LCC) WMP Group, consisting of the County and the District, conducted seasonal non-stormwater discharge screening during 2014-15. The result of the screenings determined that there was no dry weather discharge originating within the AB/LCC Group's jurisdiction. In fall 2016, the AB/LCC Group conducted one additional re-assessment and it was confirmed that there was no dry weather discharge originating within the AB/LCC Group's jurisdiction. As a result, the AB/LCC Group has demonstrated compliance with the Los Cerritos Channel Dry Weather Metals TMDL. The aforementioned information was documented in the June 2021 revised WMP, which was conditionally approved by the Regional Board on April 26, 2023.

3.1.4 Los Angeles River Dry Weather Metals TMDL

The dry weather compliance date for the Los Angeles River Metals TMDL is January 11, 2024. The WMP Implementation Strategy addresses the dry weather receiving water limitations of the metals TMDL as well as all other dry weather Category 2 and 3 Water Body Pollutant Combinations (WBPCs). During dry weather, exceedances of metals were relatively rare. As of the 2019-20 annual report, no exceedances in receiving water or outfalls during dry weather were observed for dissolved metals over the past 3 reporting years.

As such, existing and control measures have reasonable assurance of attaining dry weather metals and represent the implementation actions required under the WMP to comply with the TMDL requirements and receiving water limitations provisions of the MS4 Permit.

3.1.5 Marina del Rey Harbor Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL

The final compliance deadline for the Marina del Rey (MdR) Harbor Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL is July 15, 2024. The County is working on two projects toward meeting the requirements of this TMDL. The MdR Back Basins Stormwater Improvements Project is slated to start construction in fall 2024, and the MdR Front Basins Stormwater Improvements Project is in the planning phase. These two projects would capture and treat stormwater runoff from County unincorporated areas of MdR; however, they would not be completed by the final compliance date of the TMDL. The County plans to request a Time Schedule Order (TSO) from the Regional Board to obtain more time to complete the ongoing projects.

3.1.6 Marina del Rey Harbor Toxics TMDL

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3.1.7 Santa Monica Bay Beaches Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL

The water quality monitoring data conducted by the City of Los Angeles, Public Health, and Beach Cities Watershed Management Group shows that bacteria levels meet requirements for many locations. The final compliance deadline for the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL is July 15, 2024. The County is working on the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project to help address the requirements of this TMDL. Construction completion is anticipated for early 2026. The County plans to request a TSO from the Regional Board to obtain more time to complete ongoing projects.

3.2 Time Schedule Orders

For TMDLs with near-term final deadlines, TSOs, if approved by the Regional Board, allow permittees additional time to complete projects in order to meet final TMDL requirements.

The following are TSO requests submitted to the Regional Board that are currently awaiting approval.

3.2.1 Time Schedule Order for Machado Lake Nutrients TMDL

The final compliance date for the Machado Lake Nutrients TMDL was in September 2018. On June 13, 2018, the County, along with other permittees in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group, applied for a TSO, requesting a 5-year extension to allow for the completion of projects. The County is participating in the development of two regional projects, the Torrance Airport Project and the Harbor City Park Project, to help address the TMDL while awaiting the Regional Board's formal response to the TSO request. The permittees applied for and were awarded Safe, Clean Water Program funding to pursue both of these projects.

On March 17, 2022, the Regional Board provided a response to the TSO request in which it determined that the request did not provide adequate detail regarding the watershed management group's commitment to specific actions and associated schedules. The Regional Board welcomed the group to submit supplemental information addressing its comments for re-consideration of approval of the TSO request. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group plans to submit supplemental information to the Regional Board after receiving the WMP final approval letter.

3.2.2 Time Schedule Order for Machado Lake Toxics TMDL

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3.2.3 Time Schedule Order for Santa Clara River Bacteria TMDL (Dry Weather, Reach 6)

The final compliance date for the Santa Clara River Dry Weather Bacteria TMDL was on March 21, 2023. The County, along with the City of Santa Clarita and the District, applied for a TSO extension on February 16, 2023, requesting an additional 5 years to allow for the completion of efforts to mitigate bacteria levels in Reach 6. Supplemental information is being prepared for submittal to the Regional Board to address comments received on April 26, 2023, regarding approval of the TSO request.

3.2.4 Extension for Ballona Creek Bacteria TMDL (Dry Weather)

The final compliance date for the Ballona Creek Dry Weather Bacteria TMDL was in December 2019. The County, along with other permittees in the Ballona Creek Watershed, applied for a TSO extension in May 2019 requesting an additional 5 years to allow for the completion of projects. On August 20, 2021, the Regional Board requested that permittees apply for a new TSO, as the original TSO expired on December 15, 2019. The permittees submitted an updated TSO letter on February 3, 2022, requesting a time extension until July 2027. On August 8, 2023, the Regional Board sent a letter of denial to the permittees on the TSO request. Subsequently, on September 7, 2023, the City of Los Angeles, on behalf of the permittees, filed a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board on the matter. The permittees have been working on three regional projects to address the dry weather bacteria and have secured Safe, Clean Water Program funding for the projects. The projects are currently in construction and scheduled to be completed by mid-2025.

4 BUDGET AND FUNDING

4.1 FY 2023-24 Approved Budget

The following table shows the Unincorporated Area Stormwater Program's Approved Budget for FY 2023-24 in the Public Works General Fund (A01).

Category	Approved Budget FY 2023-24
Ongoing Budget*	\$23,235,000
Additional One-Time Allocation	\$1,478,000
Capital Projects**	\$220,416,000
Total	\$245,129,000

*Includes coordination and oversight, planning and reporting, operation and maintenance of new water quality infrastructure, water quality monitoring, and implementation of programmatic controls, such as public education.

**Includes allocations for new projects and the carry-over portion of the approved FY 2022-23 Capital Project budget. Capital Project funds carry projects through design and construction and are expended during the span of 3 to 4 years.

4.2 Budget Forecast

The following table shows the program's theoretical budget forecast through FY 2028-29. The forecast is based on the compliance schedule shown in the WMP plans submitted to the Regional Board. The budget forecast will be further refined next FY to account for 2021 MS4 Permit requirements, extended TMDL deadlines, and revisions in the WMP and CIMP plans.

Category	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29
Program Cost*	\$27,071,000	\$48,064,000	\$37,155,000	\$34,558,000	\$37,503,000
Capital Projects	\$34,328,000	\$127,431,000	\$108,445,000	\$116,170,000	\$60,530,000
Total	\$61,399,000	\$175,495,000	\$145,600,000	\$150,728,000	\$98,033,000

*Includes coordination and oversight, planning and reporting, operation and maintenance of new water quality infrastructure, water quality monitoring, and implementation of programmatic controls, such as public education.

4.3 Grants and Partnerships

The County continues to pursue funding for the implementation of regional, multi-benefit stormwater capture projects. State and Federal grant programs geared toward stormwater capture and water quality improvements are very limited and attract multiple applicants, making it very competitive to receive funds. On February 1, 2023, regional grant applications were submitted through the Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program, which included two County projects. Consequently, the La Crescenta Green Improvement Project was awarded \$1 million through the Greater Los Angeles IRWM Region and the Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project was awarded \$2.4 million through the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region. The County also continues to identify and explore partnership opportunities with cities, agencies, and other organizations. A summary of grants awarded to the County and partnerships involving the County is included in Exhibit C.

4.4 Safe, Clean Water Program

In November 2018, County residents voted to pass Measure W, also known as the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP). The SCWP generates approximately \$280 million per year to implement needed stormwater capture projects to assist municipalities in addressing their MS4 Permit requirements. The SCWP is comprised of the following three facets:

4.4.1 District Program

Ten percent of the tax revenues will be allocated to the District for implementation and administration of projects and programs, and for the payment of the costs incurred in connection with the levy and collection of the SCWP tax and the distribution of the generated funds.

4.4.2 Municipal Program

Forty percent of the tax revenues will be allocated to municipalities, including the County, within the District, in the same proportion as the amount of revenues collected within each municipality to be used for implementation, operation and maintenance, and administration of projects and programs.

The County will receive approximately \$11 million annually through the Municipal Program. Public Works continues to collaborate with the Chief Executive Office, each Board office, and internal County departments to implement the County's Municipal Program Annual Plan. The FY 2023-24 Annual Plan was submitted to the SCWP in April 2023. The Annual Plan stipulates that municipal funds should be: (1) used toward new multi-benefit stormwater capture projects; (2) spent in the Supervisorial District where it was generated; and (3) used to leverage other funding opportunities, especially SCWP Regional Program funding.

4.4.3 Regional Program

Fifty percent of the tax revenues will be allocated to watershed areas to pay for the implementation, operation and maintenance, and administration of watershed-based projects and programs within nine defined watersheds.

On July 31, 2023, the County submitted two applications for Regional Program funding in response to the Year 5 SCWP call for projects.

On August 8, 2023, the Board approved the Year 4, FY 2023-24 Stormwater Investment Plans for all the SCWP Watershed Areas, which included \$4.6 million for three unincorporated area stormwater capture projects.

5 REGULATORY AND LEGAL MATTERS

Exhibit D lists the most recent regulatory and legal matters within the County.

5.1 Enforcement

The Regional Board did not take any enforcement actions toward the County related to the current MS4 Permit during this reporting period.

5.2 Recent Legislative Efforts

Exhibit E summarizes recent legislative bills that are relevant to the County.

Watershed Management Program Groups

Exhibit A

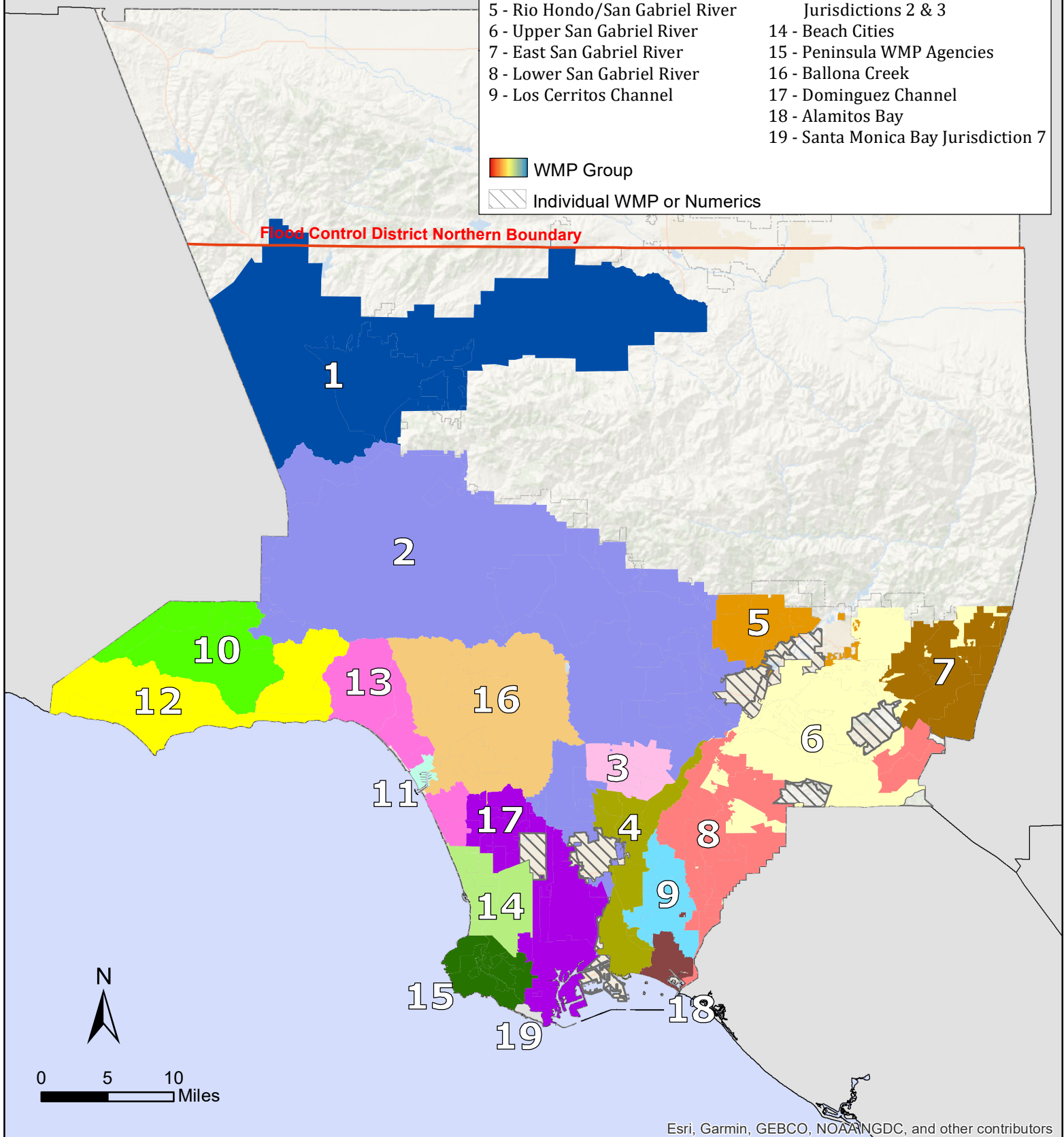
WMP Groups:

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| 1 - Upper Santa Clara River | 10 - Malibu Creek |
| 2 - Upper Los Angeles River | 11 - Marina Del Rey |
| 3 - LA River Upper Reach 2 | 12 - North Santa Monica Bay |
| 4 - Lower LA River | 13 - Santa Monica Bay |
| 5 - Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River | Jurisdictions 2 & 3 |
| 6 - Upper San Gabriel River | 14 - Beach Cities |
| 7 - East San Gabriel River | 15 - Peninsula WMP Agencies |
| 8 - Lower San Gabriel River | 16 - Ballona Creek |
| 9 - Los Cerritos Channel | 17 - Dominguez Channel |
| | 18 - Alamitos Bay |
| | 19 - Santa Monica Bay Jurisdiction 7 |

 WMP Group

 Individual WMP or Numerics

Flood Control District Northern Boundary



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WMP GROUPS and INDIVIDUAL CITIES

Status as of 05/04/23

EXHIBIT A

Bold = Lead/Coordinator

	Group Name	Cities/Permittees Involved	Plan	SD
1	Upper Santa Clara River Watershed	Santa Clarita , County , LACFCD	WMP	5
2	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Group	Alhambra, Burbank, Calabasas, Glendale, Hidden Hills, La Canada Flintridge, Los Angeles , Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Fernando, San Gabriel, San Marino, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, County , LACFCD	WMP	1,2,3,4,5
3	Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Sub Watershed	Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce , Cudahy, Maywood, Huntington Park, Vernon, LACFCD	WMP	4
4	Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group	Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Signal Hill, South Gate , LACFCD	WMP	4
5	Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Water Quality Group	Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia , Sierra Madre, County , LACFCD	WMP	1,5
6	Upper San Gabriel River EWMP Group	Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, Industry, La Puente, West Covina, County , LACFCD	WMP	1,4,5
7	East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group	Claremont , La Verne, Pomona, San Dimas	WMP	1,5
8	Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Management Group	Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Diamond Bar, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Lakewood, Long Beach, Norwalk , Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, LACFCD	WMP	1,4
9	Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group	Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood , Long Beach, Paramount, Signal Hill, LACFCD	WMP	4
10	Malibu Creek Watershed Group	Agoura Hills , Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, County , LACFCD	WMP	3
11	Marina del Rey	Culver City, Los Angeles, County , LACFCD	WMP	2
12	North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds	Malibu , County , LACFCD	WMP	3
13	Santa Monica Bay Jurisdictions 2 & 3	El Segundo, Los Angeles , Santa Monica, County , LACFCD	WMP	2,3
14	Beach Cities Watershed Management Group	Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach , Torrance, LACFCD	WMP	2,4
15	Peninsula EWMP Agencies	Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes , Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, County , LACFCD	WMP	4
16	Ballona Creek	Beverly Hills, Culver City, Inglewood, Los Angeles , Santa Monica, West Hollywood, County , LACFCD	WMP	1,2,3,5
17	Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group	Carson, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Los Angeles , County , LACFCD	WMP	2,4
18	Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Group	County , LACFCD	WMP	4
19	Santa Monica Bay Jurisdiction 7	Los Angeles , LACFCD	WMP	4

	City	Watershed Management Area	Compliance Method	SD
a	Azusa	San Gabriel River	Unknown	1
b	Compton	LA River (Compton Creek) & Dominguez Channel	Numerics - (Deficient WMP)	2
c	El Monte	LA River and San Gabriel River	Individual WMP	1
d	Gardena	Dominguez Channel WMA	Deficient WMP	2
e	Irwindale	LA River and San Gabriel River	Deficient WMP	1
f	La Habra Heights	San Gabriel River	Individual WMP	4
g	Rolling Hills	Peninsula WMA	Individual WMP	4
h	Walnut	San Gabriel River	Individual WMP	1
i	Long Beach	Dominguez Channel WMA, San Pedro Bay nearshore watershed	Individual WMP	4

COUNTY-LED PRIORITY PROJECTS

Exhibit B

Project Name	SD	Project Description	Partners
Allen J. Martin Park	1	The project proposes to capture and treat urban runoff and stormwater from 307 acres of the Unincorporated Area (UA) and portions of West Covina and La Puente. The project is currently under design with construction scheduled to start in mid-2027.	City of West Covina and La Puente; Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Bassett High School Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project	1	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 1,146 acres of the UA and portions of the Cities of Baldwin Park, Industry, La Puente, and West Covina. Design is in progress with construction scheduled to start in mid-2025.	Cities of Baldwin Park, Industry, La Puente, and West Covina; Bassett Unified School District
California Country Club	1	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 1,376 acres of UA and portions of the Cities of Industry and La Puente. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	Cities of Industry and La Puente
Covina Islands – N. Citrus Avenue Green Improvement	1	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 103 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in late 2024.	
East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project	1	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 400 acres of the UA and portions of the Cities of Montebello and Monterey Park within large roadway medians at East Los Angeles. The project was approved by the Board on April 14, 2020. Construction began in August 2020 and was completed in March 2022.	Cities of Montebello and Monterey Park
Eugene E. Obregon Park	1	The project proposes to capture and divert urban and stormwater runoff into underground cisterns beneath the baseball field to be diverted to the sewer for water supply. Planning is currently on hold.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy	1	The project proposes three treat and release systems that will utilize UV treatment in Alhambra, Eaton, and Rubio Washes before their confluences with the Rio Hondo River. The project will benefit the County's compliance toward the Los Angeles River Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for dry weather. Design is in progress and expected to be completed by mid-2024.	Cities of Alhambra, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South El Monte, South Pasadena, and Temple City; San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
Valinda – Valinda Avenue Green Improvement	1	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 153 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in late 2024.	

COUNTY-LED PRIORITY PROJECTS

Exhibit B

Project Name	SD	Project Description	Partners
Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project	2	The project proposes to capture and treat stormwater and urban runoff from 4,945 acres of the UA and portions of the Cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach. Construction started in December 2023.	Cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach; Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation; Caltrans
Bethune Park Stormwater Capture Project	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 146 acres of UA. The County Department of Parks and Recreation is performing above ground improvements at the park as well. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2025.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Carriage Crest Park Project	2	The project is a collaboration between the County and the City of Carson to address stormwater quality in a cost-effective manner by partnering on a single project in lieu of constructing and maintaining separate projects. The County is providing \$5.72M toward the \$18.2M project. The project proposes to capture and treat urban runoff and stormwater from 319 acres of the UA. Construction started in July 2018 and was completed in December 2021.	City of Carson (lead); Caltrans
Compton Creek Load Reduction Strategy Project	2	The project proposes to divert dry weather flows from existing storm drains into a series of dry wells before it discharges into Compton Creek Channel. The project will benefit the County's compliance toward the Los Angeles River Bacteria TMDL for dry weather. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	
Compton Creek Stormwater and Urban Runoff Capture Project at Earvin Magic Johnson Park	2	The project proposes to capture and re-use urban runoff and stormwater from 374 acres of the UA. Construction started in January 2019 and was completed in February 2021.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (lead)
Dominguez Channel Green Improvements Project	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 803 acres of the UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in early 2025.	
East Rancho Dominguez, Compton Blvd – et al.	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 64 acres of the UA and 27 acres from the City of Compton. Design is in progress with construction scheduled to begin in mid-2025.	City of Compton
Florence-Firestone – RMD 241 Parking Lot Improvement Project	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 426 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	

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Project Name	SD	Project Description	Partners
Ladera Heights – Slauson Ave Green Improvement Project	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 175 acres of the UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in late 2024.	
Ladera Heights – W Centinela Ave Green Improvement Project	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 357 acres of the UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	
Ladera Park Stormwater Capture Project	2	The project proposes to capture, infiltrate, and re-use urban runoff and stormwater from 110 acres of the UA. Construction started in June 2019 and was completed in February 2023.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Marina del Rey Back Basins Stormwater Improvements Project	2	The project proposes to intercept, filter, and divert urban runoff and stormwater from 32 acres of the UA. Design is in progress with construction scheduled to begin in late 2024.	Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbor; Los Angeles County Library
Marina del Rey Front Basins Stormwater Improvements Project	2	The project proposes to intercept, filter, and divert urban runoff and stormwater from 61 acres of the UA. Planning is in progress and design is expected to begin in late 2024.	
Monteith Park and View Park Green Alley Stormwater Improvement Project	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater 225 acres of the UA. Construction is in progress and scheduled to be completed by late 2024.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Roosevelt Park Stormwater Capture Project	2	The project captures and infiltrates urban runoff and stormwater from 200 acres of the UA. Construction started in December 2018 and was completed in June 2020.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
View Park – Windsor Hills Green Improvement Project	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 455 acres of the UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in late 2024.	
West Rancho Dominguez – San Pedro Street Green Improvement	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 278 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in late 2024.	
Westmont – Vermont Avenue Green Improvement Project	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban and stormwater runoff from 353 acres of UA. Planning is complete with design scheduled to begin in 2025.	
Windsor Hills – 54th Street Green Alley	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 26 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in 2024.	

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Project Name	SD	Project Description	Partners
Windsor Hills – Slauson Avenue Green Alley	2	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 60 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin 2024.	
Agoura Hills – Liberty Canyon Road Green Improvement	3	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 42 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin 2024.	
Cornell – Mulholland Hwy Green Improvement	3	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 72 acres of the UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in early 2024.	
Gates Canyon Stormwater Improvements Project	3	The project proposes to capture and reuse urban runoff and stormwater from 106 acres of the UA. Construction started in March 2019 and was substantially completed in February 2023.	City of Calabasas
Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project	3	The project proposes to capture and treat urban runoff and stormwater from 80 acres of the UA within the road right-of-way. Design is in progress with construction scheduled to begin in early 2024.	
Wagon Road Low Flow Diversion Project	3	The project proposes to redirect flows from 55 acres of the UA to a nearby sewer system in the Malibu Creek Watershed. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	
Adventure Park Stormwater Capture Project	4	The project proposes to capture and treat urban runoff and stormwater from 6,983 acres of the UA and portions of the Cities of Whittier and Santa Fe Springs. Design has been completed and the project is currently in construction.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation; Caltrans
Dorothy Kirby Center Parking Lot Improvement Project	4	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 1151 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in 2024.	
LA River Segment B Load Reduction Strategy	4	The project proposes low flow diversions to sewer lines located in the City of Vernon. The project will benefit the County's compliance toward the Los Angeles River Bacteria TMDL for dry weather. With funding contribution coming from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the project is being expanded to work in conjunction with Obregon Park to treat wet weather flow. Design is expected to be completed by mid-2025.	
Harbor City Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project	4	The project proposes to capture and treat stormwater and urban runoff from 5,190 acres of the UA and portions of the Cities of Lomita, Los Angeles, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and Torrance. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to start in 2024.	

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Project Name	SD	Project Description	Partners
Rowland Heights – Batson Avenue Green Improvement Project	4	The project proposes to capture and treat urban and stormwater runoff from 322 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	
Sorensen Park Stormwater Capture Project	4	The project proposes to capture and treat urban and stormwater runoff from 617 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
South Whittier – Carmenita Road Green Improvement	4	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 83 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in early-2025.	
South Whittier – Meyer Road Green Improvement Project	4	The project proposes to capture and treat urban and stormwater runoff from 185 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	
Walnut Park Pocket Park Project	4	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 31 acres of UA. Design has been completed. Construction is in progress and scheduled to be completed by early 2024.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Altadena – Lake Avenue Green Improvement Project	5	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban and stormwater runoff from 262 acres of UA. Planning is complete with design scheduled to begin in early 2024.	
Altadena Shop Parking Lot Improvement Project	5	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 722 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in late 2024.	
Arroyo Seco Load Reduction Strategy Project	5	The project proposes to divert dry weather flows from existing storm drains into a series of drywells before it discharges into the Arroyo Seco Channel. The project will benefit the County's compliance toward the Los Angeles River Bacteria TMDL for dry weather. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in early 2024.	City of Pasadena
Charles White Stormwater Improvements Project	5	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 158 acres of the UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	5	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 150 acres of the UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in early 2024.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
La Crescenta Avenue Green Improvement Project	5	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 164 acres of the UA. Design is in progress with construction scheduled to begin early 2025.	

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Project Name	SD	Project Description	Partners
Mayflower Village – Myrtle Avenue Green Improvement	5	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 194 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in early 2025.	
Mt. Lowe Median Project	5	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban and stormwater runoff from 25 acres of UA. Design is in progress with construction scheduled to begin in mid-2025.	
Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	5	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 196 acres of the UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in early 2024.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
RMD 519 Parking Lot Improvement Project	5	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 535 acres of UA. Planning is in progress with design scheduled to begin in mid-2024.	

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The following table summarizes the Safe, Clean Water Program funds and other grants awarded to Los Angeles County since 2016.

Project Name	Program	Grant Amount Awarded
Adventure Park Stormwater Capture Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$13,500,000
Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$30,000,000
	Prop 1 Stormwater	\$2,101,061
Altadena - Lake Avenue Green Improvement Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program Fund	\$500,000
Bassett High School Stormwater Capture Multi-Benefit Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$21,200,000
Cornell-Mullholland Highway Green Improvement (Design)	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$350,000
East Rancho Dominguez, Compton Blvd – et al.	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$600,000
	Prop 1 Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	\$2,260,000
East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project	Prop 50 Clean Beaches	\$2,000,000
	California Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening	\$2,500,000
	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$7,000,000
	Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management	\$1,072,671

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Project Name	Program	Grant Amount Awarded
Gates Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project*	Prop 1 Stormwater [Prop 84 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) transferred to Prop 1 Stormwater]	\$3,300,000
Harbor City Park Stormwater Capture Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$300,000
Hasley Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$2,887,500
	Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management	\$3,446,667
Jake Kuredjian Park Stormwater Improvement Project (TRP)	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program Fund	\$300,000
Ladera Park Stormwater Capture Project*	Prop 84 SMBRC (Prop 1 Stormwater transferred to Prop 84 SMBRC)	\$3,714,161
	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program Fund	\$2,000,000
La Crescenta Green Improvement Project	Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management	\$1,000,000
Ladera Heights – W. Centinela Avenue Green Improvement Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program Fund	\$500,000
Liberty Canyon Street Improvement	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program Fund	\$100,000

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Project Name	Program	Grant Amount Awarded
Magic Johnson Park (O&M)	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program Fund	\$325,000
Monteith Park and View Park Green Alley Stormwater Improvement Project	Prop 12 SMBRC	\$1,000,000
	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$4,550,000
	Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management	\$1,430,228
Mt. Lowe Median Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$800,000
Parkway Basins Water Quality Improvement Project	Prop 1 Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	\$268,500
Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvement Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program Fund	\$500,000
Roosevelt Park Stormwater Capture Project	Prop 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	\$2,050,000
	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$4,000,000
Sorensen Park Stormwater Capture Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$300,000
Westmont - Vermont Avenue Green Improvement Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$500,000
Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project	Prop 1 Integrated Regional Water Management	\$715,114
	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$800,000

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Project Name	Program	Grant Amount Awarded
Walnut Park Pocket Park Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program	\$1,000,000
	Prop 1 Stormwater	\$2,096,000
West Rancho Dominguez – San Pedro Street Green Improvement Project	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program Fund	\$800,000
	Total	\$121,766,902

*The Ladera and Gates Projects were awarded four grants; originally both projects received two grants each. The granting agencies conferred with each other and the County and agreed to consolidate the grant awards to facilitate grant management efforts. There was no net change to the grant award.

The following table summarizes the partnerships involving the County since 2019.

Project Name	Partner Agencies/Municipalities	Amount Contribution
Adventure Park Stormwater Capture Project	California Department of Transportation	\$15,000,000
Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project	California Department of Transportation	\$15,000,000
	City of Hawthorne	\$2,200,000
	City of Redondo Beach	\$500,000
East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project	City of Monterey Park	\$2,400,000
	City of Montebello	\$5,080,000

RECENT REGULATORY AND LEGAL ACTIONS

Exhibit D

The following are summary updates on recent Federal, State, and local regulatory and legal actions that are relevant to Los Angeles County.

State and Local Regulatory and Legal Actions

Regulations:

- On November 2, 2023, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) released a revised draft proposed Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) facilities in the Dominguez Channel and the Los Cerritos Channel/Alamitos Bay Watersheds. These facilities have been designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) as contributing pollutants to local impaired waterbodies. This CII permit is the first of its kind in California, and its impact on the County is unknown.
- On October 13, 2022, the Regional Board adopted an amendment to the Basin Plan to revise the Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Toxics Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The revision will take effect upon approval by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and US EPA.
- On March 10, 2022, the Regional Board adopted a Bacteria TMDL for the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed. The TMDL was approved by the State Water Board on December 6, 2022, and by the Office of Administrative Law on September 19, 2023. The TMDL is expected to take effect upon approval by the US EPA.
- On October 25, 2023, the Regional Board conducted a public meeting to kick off the reconsideration of the Marina del Rey Harbor Toxics TMDL. The Regional Board is expected to propose an amendment to the Basin Plan to revise the TMDL in 2024.
- On September 7, 2023, the Regional Board released a draft of proposed Basin Plan triennial review projects for the 2023-25 cycle. Triennial review provides the opportunity for updating the Basin Plan water quality standards based on new information and sound science.
- The State Water Board is in the process of developing Statewide policy for the development of site-specific water quality objectives for copper and zinc in fresh waters. Many waterbodies in the County have been identified as impaired due to these two pollutants, and the effort by the State Water Board is expected to help to establish reasonable standards.

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Legal Matters:

- 2001 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System NPDES Permit Test Claim

As part of the 2001 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System NPDES Permit (MS4 Permit), permittees not subject to a trash TMDL were required to place and maintain trash receptacles at all transit stops within its jurisdiction. Since 2002, trash receptacles have been installed and maintained at transit stops. The Auditor-Controller, in coordination with Los Angeles County Public Works, submitted a reimbursement claim to the State totaling \$6 million for contracts and services between 2002-12.

Incorrect Reduction Claim

On November 6, 2017, the State Controller's Office determined that the reimbursement claim should not be allowed because the County used restricted Proposition A (Prop A) Local Return Funds to pay for the mandated activities rather than relying on the use of discretionary general funds.

On November 5, 2020, the County filed an Incorrect Reduction Claim with the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) claiming that the use of Prop A Local Return Funds for these mandated activities was proper and the failure to reimburse detracted from other transit needs.

On May 28, 2021, the Commission affirmed the State Controller's decision on the grounds that the Prop A funds were not included in the County's Gann appropriations limit and therefore were a "non-local source."

On January 26, 2023, County Counsel, in conjunction with outside counsel, filed a petition for writ of mandate with the Superior Court seeking reversal of the Commission and State Controller's decisions.

On August 28, 2023, the Superior Court entered judgment denying the County's claim on the grounds that the County must use funds that are subject to its Gann limit. After discussions with the Auditor-Controller and Public Works, and per recommendations from County Counsel, the County decided not to pursue an appeal on the judgment on this case. This matter is now closed.

- 2012 MS4 Permit Test Claim

On October 31, 2017, the Commission determined the County's test claim for the 2012 MS4 Permit to be complete. The State and Regional Boards (Water Boards) filed their comments on June 1, 2018. On January 29, 2019, the County and

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the Los Angeles County Flood Control District submitted rebuttal comments to the Commission. The Commission has tentatively set a hearing on this claim for March 24, 2024.

- **2021 MS4 Permit Test Claim**

Should the Commission find that there are reimbursable unfunded State mandates from the previously submitted 2012 MS4 Permit Test Claim under review, the obligation to reimburse ends with the adoption of the new 2021 MS4 Permit. Consequently, on October 6, 2022, the County and the District filed new test claims seeking reimbursement for obligations imposed by the 2021 MS4 Permit. The test claims seek reimbursement in excess of \$72 million on behalf of the County and \$13.5 million on behalf of the District for obligations in the 2021 MS4 Permit, mainly related to compliance with TMDLs and Watershed Management Programs. The Commission has tentatively set a hearing on this claim for January 24, 2024, but it is likely that the hearing will be held on that date.

Federal Regulatory Actions

- On March 20, 2023, the US EPA and Department of the Army (the agencies) issued a revised definition of "Waters of the United States." Certain elements of this rule were litigated at the Supreme Court, and the Court ruled on the case in May 2023. Following the Court's ruling, on August 29, 2023, the agencies amended key aspects of the regulatory text to conform to the Court's decision.

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The following table summarizes recent stormwater related legislative bills that are relevant to Los Angeles County.

Bill	Introduced by	Description and Status
Assembly Bill 343	Muratsuchi (D-Torrance)	This bill would require the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) until January 1, 2028, to hold at least four public meetings per year, with the first meeting occurring on or before March 31, 2024, to provide current information on efforts to study and mitigate DDT and other chemical waste located off the coast of Los Angeles. This would also require CalEPA, on or before June 30, 2026, to report to the Legislature with policy recommendations on how to further mitigate the negative impacts of anthropogenic chemical waste deposits at or from the dumpsites. Status: Held under submission on May 18, 2023.
Assembly Bill 345	Wilson (D-Suisun City)	This bill would authorize the California Department of Water Resources to provide advance payments to local agencies for projects that restore habitat for threatened and endangered species under State or Federal law or improve flood protection. The bill would prohibit the amount of funds advanced by the Department to the local agency at any one time from exceeding 25 percent of the entire amount authorized. Status: Signed by the Governor on October 10, 2023 (2-year bill).
Senate Bill 539	Stern (D-Calabasas)	This bill would require the California Department of Water Resources and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to provide assistance to the City of Los Angeles and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to the extent requested, in order to

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Bill	Introduced by	Description and Status
		integrate nature-based solutions into the planning process for the Sepulveda Basin. Status: Signed by the Governor on October 8, 2023.
Senate Bill 867	Allen (D-Redondo Beach)	This bill, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15.5 billion pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for drought, flood, and water resilience; wildfire and forest resilience; coastal resilience; extreme heat mitigation; biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions; climate smart agriculture; park creation and outdoor access; and clean energy programs. Status: Referred to committee on Natural Resources on June 22, 2023.
Assembly Bill 1195	Calderon (D-Whitter)	This bill would establish the Climate Change Preparedness, Resiliency, and Jobs for Communities Program to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council, and would require the council to fund grants to develop and implement multi-benefit, community-level, and climate-beneficial projects to support community and landscape resiliency and workforce development. Status: Held under submission on May 18, 2023 (2-year bill).
Senate Bill 665	Allen (D-Redondo Beach)	This bill would require the California Environmental Protection Agency, by January 1, 2025, to establish a working group of State entities that would establish a framework, by July 1, 2026, for evaluating novel plastic and plastic-alternative material types used to produce single-use products as they are developed, in order to inform State

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Bill	Introduced by	Description and Status
		policy decisions designed to create a more sustainable and circular economy. Status: Vetoed by the Governor on October 8, 2023.
Assembly Bill 1596	Alvarez (D-Chula Vista)	This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to identify and implement projects to improve beach access and address ocean water quality on public beaches that experience significant restrictions of use due to bacteria levels that exceed public health standards, whether the source is from urban runoff or transboundary flows. Status: In committee for Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials on April 13, 2023.

Stormwater pollution poses significant risks to public health and impacts the quality of life of Los Angeles County residents. In turn, has an effect on local and regional economies throughout the County. This restricts our ability to maximize our capture of local stormwater, making our region more dependent on expensive and unreliable imported water supplies. Compliance with the most recent water quality regulations also poses significant financial challenges to municipalities and the unincorporated areas.

To highlight the severity of this issue, the County's last Municipal Storm Water permit (MS4) identified only two Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for two pollutants. The new permit that went into effect in December 2012 includes TMDLs for 31 new pollutants. The Department of Public Works (DPW) estimates compliance with these requirements will cost the region tens of billions of dollars over the next 20 years. In just the unincorporated County areas, these requirements will cost us over \$225M in the next 5 years alone.

The Board recognized this issue almost one decade ago and took a leadership role on behalf of the region in implementing a solution. Through the proposed Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure, DPW has put together a technical program that establishes a regional, integrated approach to stormwater water quality challenges and recognizes the need for increased local efforts to capture stormwater to augment water supply. The measure allows for stormwater treatment through enhanced watershed management strategies promoting multi-benefits projects, which would add valuable recreation and green space to the region.

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Currently this program does not enjoy the full support of our cities or the public, and consequently should not move forward at this time. But we understand that this issue cannot be ignored, and we must continue to look for ways to refine and improve this proposal. The public should know exactly how their tax dollars will be utilized, including specific projects with detailed budgets. Fair credit should also be given to those entities with existing stormwater permits or that have already invested in infrastructure that captures and treats stormwater on their parcels. Finally, should this Board in the future decide to move forward with a new Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure, it must address these concerns and be put before the voters in a general election ballot and not done through a mail-in ballot.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors close the Protest Hearing and not proceed with the Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure at this time.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board take the following actions:

1. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to send a letter to the Regional Water Quality Control Board requesting that the Board work with DPW and the cities in the County to educate the public about stormwater pollution.
2. Instruct the CEO and DPW to continue to work with the business community, school districts, and non-profits to address their concerns, such as including a 30-year sunset date and making further refinements to the rate reduction program.
3. Direct the CEO to report back regarding the necessary steps the County must take should the Board decide to place this item on a general election ballot, and determine potential future election dates to ensure transparency to the public.
4. Instruct DPW to provide the Board with quarterly reports on the status of the Regional Water Quality Control Board's implementation and enforcement of the MS4 permit.
5. Instruct DPW to designate a staff person within the department to act as the Unincorporated Stormwater Manager. This person shall be responsible for reporting to the Board quarterly on stormwater compliance in the unincorporated areas including status of projects, budget expenditures and budget forecasting.

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