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UNINCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SEMI-ANNUAL STORMWATER COMPLIANCE REPORT – JANUARY 2025

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 compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit supports healthy communities and aims 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 2024 and is organized into four parts:

1. Permit Compliance in 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 2025. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Deputy Director Adam Ariki at (626) 458-4012 or aariki@pw.lacounty.gov.

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Nogales Park Stormwater Capture Project

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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 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 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 ten final approvals and two conditional approvals for the 12 revised WMP plans.

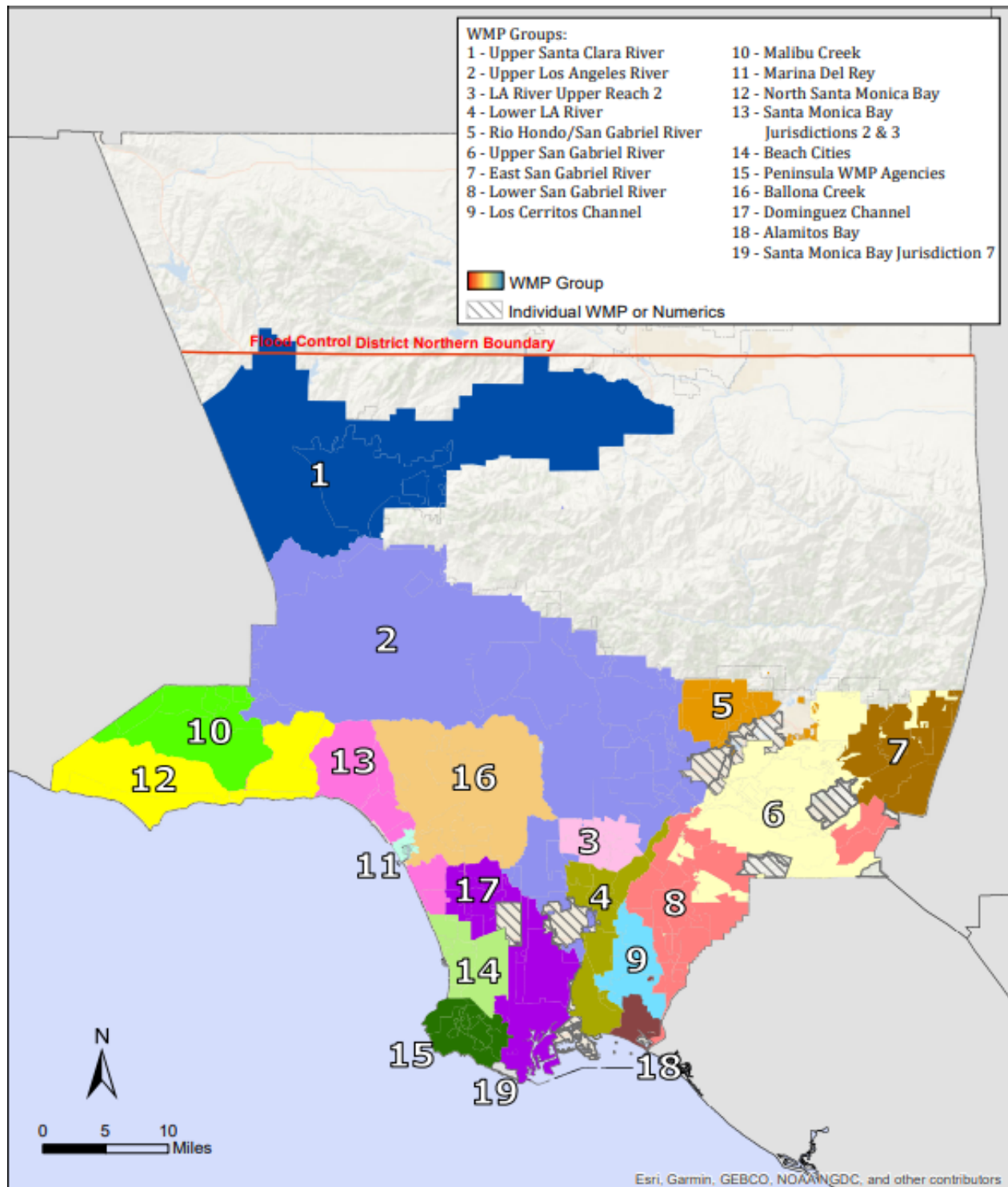


Figure 1: Watershed Management Program Groups

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 three approvals and four sets of preliminary comments for the 12 revised CIMP plans.

2.3 Status of Cost-Sharing Agreements

On June 30, 2013, the County received delegated authority to enter into cost-sharing agreements for the development of WMPs and CIMPs. On November 12, 2014, the County received delegated authority to enter into cost-sharing agreements for an aggregate contribution not-to-exceed \$3.5 million per year for CIMP implementation. On May 21, 2024, the County received delegated authority to enter into cost-sharing agreements for an aggregate annual cost-sharing contribution not to exceed \$1 million for the update and implementation of the WMP plans, superseding the 2013 delegated authority.

The County exercised the delegated authority and entered cost-sharing agreements with the following watershed groups within the last 6 months:

1. Dominguez Channel
2. Upper Los Angeles River
3. North Santa Monica Bay Coastal Watersheds

2.4 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.

2.5 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) 2023-24 was submitted to the Regional Board in December 2024. In addition, as a party to 12 watershed groups, the County also submitted 12 WMP Progress Reports to the Regional Board by the December 16, 2024, deadline.

2.6 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.

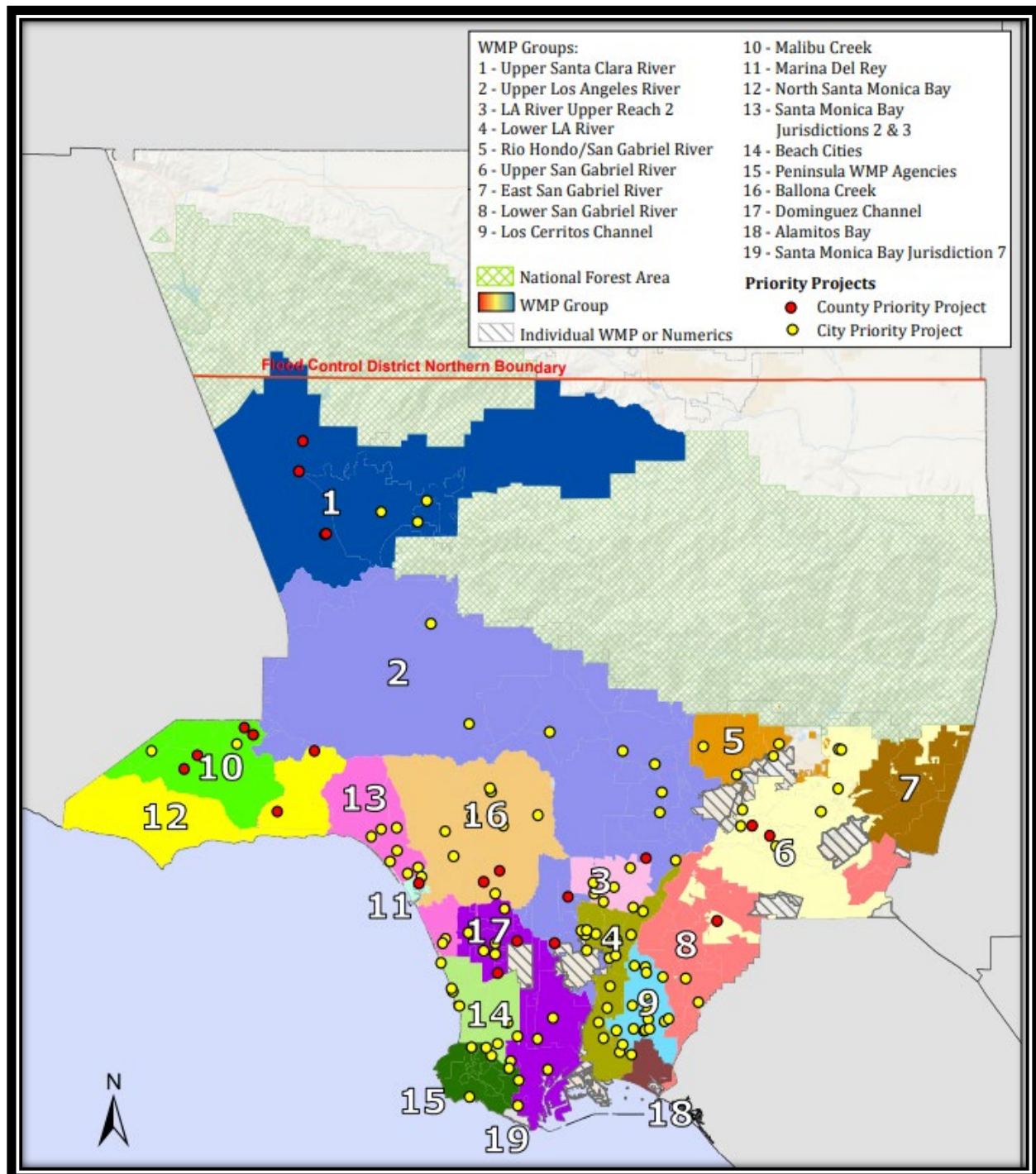


Figure 2: Priority Project Locations

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.

TMDLs have final compliance deadlines as shown in the table below. For TMDLs with past compliance deadlines, time extensions have been requested and the Regional Board's responses to these requests are still pending.

Near-Term TMDL	Final Deadline
San Gabriel River Metals (Wet)	June 2026
San Gabriel River Bacteria (Dry)	June 2026
Los Cerritos Channel Metals (Wet)	June 2026
Ballona Creek Bacteria (Wet)	July 2026
Ballona Creek Metals (Wet)	July 2026
Ballona Creek Estuary Toxics (Wet)	July 2026
Malibu Creek Bacteria (Wet)	July 2026
Malibu Creek Nutrients (Wet)	July 2026
Malibu Creek Benthics (Wet)	July 2026
Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria J2&J3 (Wet)	July 2026

3.1.1 Marina del Rey Harbor Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL

See Time Schedule Orders, Section 3.2.5 of this document.

3.1.2 Marina del Rey Harbor Toxics TMDL

See Time Schedule Orders, Section 3.2.6 of this document.

3.1.3 Santa Monica Bay Beaches Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL

See Time Schedule Orders, Section 3.2.7 of this document.

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 is planning to resubmit the TSO request with supplemental information to the Regional Board.

3.2.2 Time Schedule Order for Machado Lake Toxics TMDL

The final compliance date for the Machado Lake Toxics TMDL was in September 2019. On June 28, 2019, 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 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 commitments to specific actions and associated schedules. The Regional Board welcomed the group to submit supplemental information addressing its comments for reconsideration of approval of the TSO request. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Watershed Management Group is planning to resubmit the TSO request with supplemental information to the Regional Board.

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. The Regional Board did not approve the application. The City and County continue to pursue stormwater quality projects and are considering whether to gather additional information and reapply for a TSO.

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 late 2025.

3.2.5 Time Schedule Order for Marina del Rey Harbor Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL

The final compliance deadline for the Marina del Rey (MdR) Harbor Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL was July 15, 2024. The County has been working on two projects toward meeting the requirements of this TMDL. The MdR Back Basins Stormwater Improvements Project is slated to start construction in early 2025, and the MdR Front Basins Stormwater Improvements Project is currently in the planning phase. These two projects would capture and treat

stormwater runoff from County unincorporated areas of MdR; however, they were not completed by the final compliance date of the TMDL.

The County, along with the City of Los Angeles, City of Culver City, and the District, applied for a TSO extension on April 16, 2024, requesting an additional 10 years to allow for the completion of projects. Supplemental information was submitted to the Regional Board on August 29, 2024, to address comments received on July 29, 2024. A response from the Regional Board is still pending.

3.2.6 Time Schedule Order for Marina del Rey Harbor Toxics TMDL

The final compliance date for the Marina del Rey Harbor (MdRH) Toxics TMDL was July 15, 2024. The County has been working on two projects toward meeting the requirements of this TMDL. The MdR Back Basins Stormwater Improvements Project is slated to start construction in early 2025, 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 were not completed by the final compliance date of the TMDL. The County, along with the City of Los Angeles, City of Culver City, and the District, applied for a TSO extension on April 16, 2024, requesting an additional 10 years to allow for the completion of projects. Supplemental information was submitted to the Regional Board on August 29, 2024 to address comments received on Jul 29, 2024. A response from the Regional Board is still pending.

3.2.7 Time Schedule Order 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 was July 15, 2024. The County has been working on the Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project to help address the requirements of this TMDL. Construction completion is anticipated for early 2027. The County has submitted a TSO request to the Regional Board to obtain more time to complete ongoing projects. A response from the Regional Board is still pending.

3.3 Prior TMDLS

3.3.1 Los Angeles River Dry Weather Metals TMDL

The dry weather compliance date for the Los Angeles River Metals TMDL was 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 2022-23 annual report, no exceedances in receiving water or outfalls during dry weather were observed for dissolved metals in recent years.

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

4 BUDGET AND FUNDING

4.1 FY 2024-25 Approved Budget

The following table shows the Unincorporated Area Stormwater Program's Approved Budget for FY 2024-25 in the Public Works General Fund (A01).

Category	Approved Budget FY 2024-25
Ongoing Budget*	\$23,619,000
Additional One-Time Allocation	\$3,980,000
Capital Projects**	\$208,291,000
Total	\$235,890,000

*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 2023-24 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 2029-30. 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 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30
Program Cost*	\$28,223,000	\$29,903,500	\$49,909,125	\$38,313,000	\$37,019,000
Capital Projects	\$35,500,000	\$120,102,000	\$108,386,000	\$115,570,000	\$84,830,000
Total	\$63,723,000	\$150,005,500	\$158,295,125	\$153,883,000	\$121,849,000

*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 September 5, 2023, the County entered into a Partnership Agreement with the Cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach to outline each partner's roles and responsibilities pertaining to the Alondra Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project. In addition, the Cities of Hawthorne and Redondo Beach will contribute up to \$2.2 million and \$500,000, respectively, toward the project. 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 2024-25 Annual Plan was submitted to the SCWP in April 2024. 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 applications for Regional Program funding in response to the Year 5 SCWP call for projects. One project was included in the Year 5 Stormwater Investment Plans recommended for Board approval by the Watershed Area Steering Committees. Board approval was received on October 22, 2024.

5 REGULATORY AND LEGAL MATTERS

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

5.1 Enforcement

On January 10, 2024, the Regional Board issued the County and nine other permittees from the Dominguez Channel Watershed Group Settlement Offers to participate in the expedited payment program related to alleged violations of the MS4 Permit and Water Quality Based Effluent Limitations (WQBELS) for the Machado Lake Nutrients and Toxics TMDL. The offers included a notice of violation that assessed a mandatory minimum penalty of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for each individual violation, consistent with Water Code Section 13385. The County was named as a responsible permittee in three of the notices. On March 26, 2024, the County participated with other responsible permittees in

submitting contest letters to the Regional Board. Responses from the Regional Board on the contest letters are still pending.

5.2 Recent Legislative Efforts

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

Watershed Management Program Groups

Exhibit A

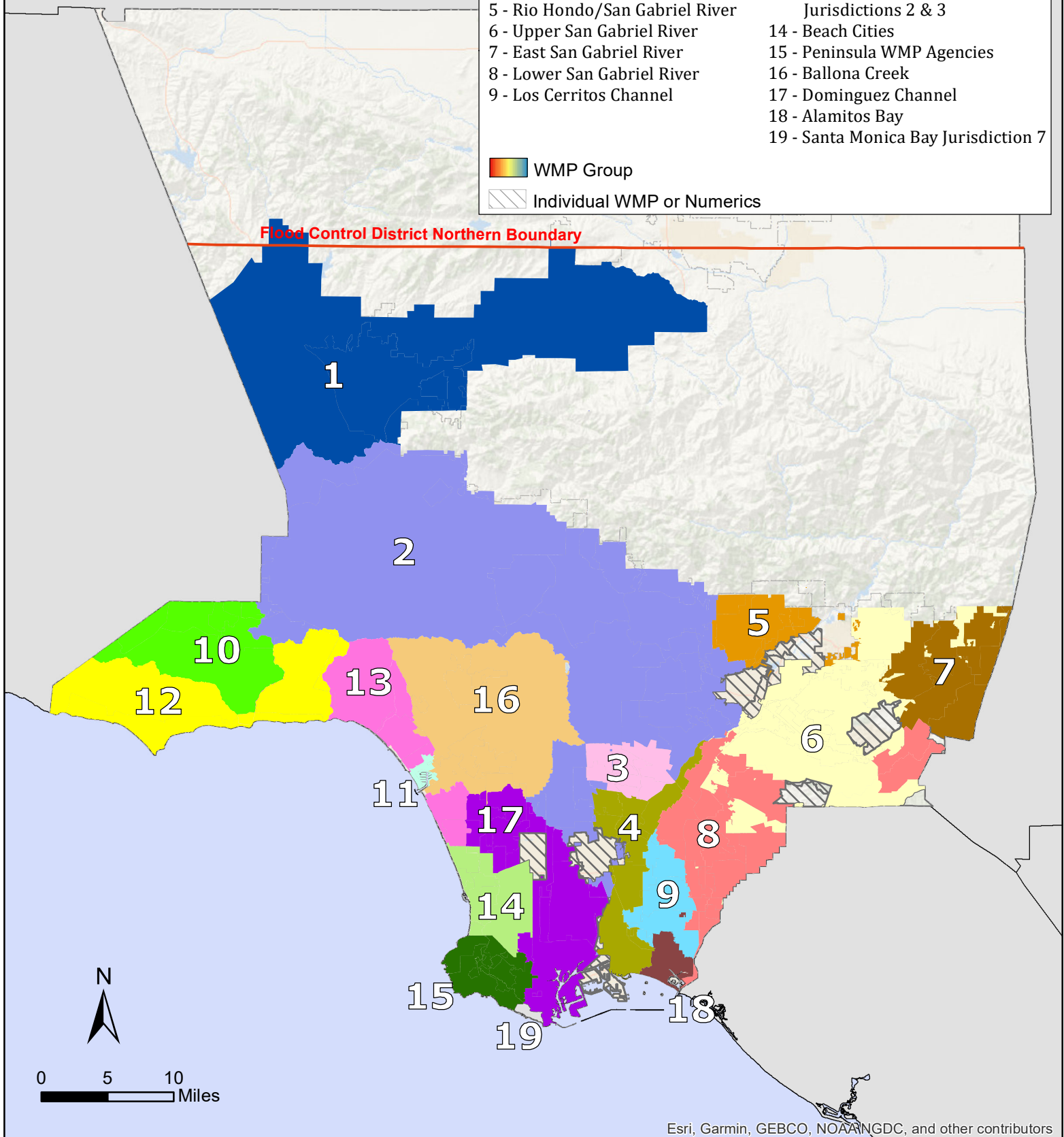
WMP Groups:

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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



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 late 2028.	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Bassett High School Stormwater Capture Project	1	The project proposes to capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 1,320 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 2026.	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 2025.	Cities of Industry and La Puente
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 expected to begin in early 2025.	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 in early 2025.	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 mid-2025.	
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 January 2024 and is expected to be completed in early 2026.	Cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach; Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation; Caltrans

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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 2026.	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, but the project is not yet operational. No date has been provided by the City of Carson for start of operations.	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 early 2025.	
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 late 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 late 2026.	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 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-2025.	

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Ladera Park Stormwater Capture Project	2	The project captures, infiltrates, and re-uses 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 early 2025.	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 mid-2025.	
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 January 2025.	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 2025.	
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 mid-2025.	
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 mid-2025.	
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 mid-2025..	
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 mid-2025.	

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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 mid-2025.	
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 2026.	
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 late 2025.	
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. The project is currently in construction and scheduled to be completed in mid-2025.	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 mid-2025.	
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-2027.	
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 early 2025.	
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 early 2025.	

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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 early 2025.	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 mid-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-2025.	
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 was completed in June 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. capture and infiltrate urban runoff and stormwater from 164 acres of the UA. Design is in progress with construction scheduled to begin early 2025.	
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 mid-2025.	
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 2025.	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 2025.	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 mid-2025.	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 late 2026.	

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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 early 2026.	
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 mid-2025.	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 2025.	

GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

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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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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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Magic Johnson Park (O&M)	Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Program Fund	\$650,000
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	\$1,916,512
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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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	\$123,708,494

*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. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has designated these facilities as requiring an NPDES permit due to their contribution of pollutants to local waterbodies, causing exceedances of water quality standards. 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 Water Quality Control Plan (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 subsequent approvals by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Office of Administrative Law (OAL), 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 OAL on September 19, 2023. The TMDL became effective on September 10, 2024, upon approval by the US EPA.
- On June 28, 2024, the Regional Board adopted an amendment to the Basin Plan to revise the Marina del Rey Harbor Toxics TMDL. The revision will take effect upon subsequent approvals by the State Water Board, OAL, and US EPA.
- On October 23, 2024, the Regional Board held a public meeting to kick start the development of Bacteria TMDL for the Dominguez Channel and Estuary. The Regional Board is expected to release the draft TMDL in spring 2025.

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Legal Matters:

- **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 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 28, 2025.

- **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, 2025, but it is likely that the hearing will be held on that date.

Federal Regulatory Actions

- On November 20, 2024, the US EPA issued a final designation of stormwater discharges from certain CII facilities in two watersheds in Los Angeles County – the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Watershed and the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor Watershed – for NPDES permitting under the Federal Clean Water Act.

RECENT STATE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

Exhibit E

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

Bill	Introduced by	Description and Status
Senate Bill 867	Allen (D-Redondo Beach)	This bill would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10 billion pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water; drought, flood, and water resilience; wildfire and forest resilience; coastal resilience; extreme heat mitigation; biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions; climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands; park creation and outdoor access; and clean air programs. Status: Approved by the Governor on July 3, 2024. The bill resulted in California Proposition 4, which passed by voters during November 2024 election with 60 percent support.
Assembly Bill 347	Ting (D-San Francisco)	This bill would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control, on or before January 1, 2029, to adopt regulations for the enforcement of prohibitions on the distribution and sale of juvenile products, textile articles, and food packaging that contain PFAS, and, on and after July 1, 2030, to enforce and ensure compliance with those provisions and regulations. Status: Approved by the Governor on September 29, 2024.
Senate Bill 1053	Blakespear (D-Encinitas)	This bill would, commencing January 1, 2026, revise and recast those provisions to, among other things, recast the definition of a "single-use carryout bag" to a "carryout bag," and

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		would revise the definition to mean a bag made of plastic, paper, or other material that is provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale for the purpose of carrying purchased goods and that is not a recycled paper bag. The bill would revise the definition of "recycled paper bag" to require it be made from a minimum of 50 percent postconsumer recycled materials on and after January 1, 2028, without exception. Status: Approved by the Governor on September 22, 2024.
Assembly Bill 2501	Alvarez (D-Chula Vista)	This bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), on behalf of itself or a Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), to accept moneys from donations, grants, or contributions, or through contractual agreements, from public agencies for the purpose of planning, permitting, or providing technical support for projects of public benefit, as defined, within the State Board or Regional Board's jurisdiction. Status: Approved by the Governor on September 28, 2024.
Senate Bill 1147	Portantino (D-Glendale)	This bill would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to study the health effects of microplastics in drinking and bottled water to evaluate toxicity characteristics and levels of microplastics in water that are not anticipated to cause or contribute to adverse health effects, or to identify data gaps that would need to be addressed to establish those levels. The bill would authorize the State Board, after taking into consideration the findings of the report, to request that OEHHA

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		prepare and publish a public health goal for microplastics in drinking water, as specified. Status: Approved by the Governor on September 28, 2024.
Assembly Bill 1567	Garcia (D-Coachella)	This bill would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15.995 billion pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, clean energy, and workforce development programs. Status: Died on August 31, 2024.
Assembly Bill 305	Villapudua (D-Stockton)	This bill would enact the California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4.5 billion pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law for flood protection projects. The bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 5, 2024, Statewide general election. Status: Died on August 31, 2024.

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