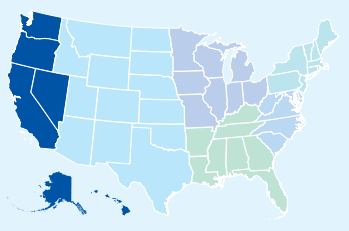


Stormwater Program Empowered Communities; Local Leaders to Integrate Stormwater, Transportation, Parks, and Housing Infrastructure Programs

West Region



Overview

Across Los Angeles County, local leaders and residents are joining together to shape how the region invests public money related to stormwater and other infrastructure programs. The Safe Clean Water Program will invest about \$285 million per year in stormwater capture projects across the county for water resilience and better water supply, water quality, and community benefits focused on underserved communities, employment, and job training. The Safe Clean Water Program is one of several local public financing programs to create healthier neighborhoods and a better quality of life for residents—all together, there will be nearly \$1.3 billion annually in new public funding for water, transportation, parks, and housing.

Notable Features

- **The program integrates water, housing, and transportation projects.** County supervisors are finding ways to integrate multiple infrastructure funding projects to optimize workforce development and job training, outreach and education programs, technical assistance, and various policies.
- **It empowers local decision-making.** Established neighborhood watershed committees review proposed projects and develop an annual investment plan, including funding for community-level coordination capacity.
- **It includes labor agreements for large projects, creating room for local hiring for small projects.** Funding also supports local workforce job training, which will provide certification classes and vocational training at the

community level for the design, construction, inspection, operation, and maintenance of projects.

- **It monitors progress transparently.** The program launched a website to help community members learn about Safe Clean Water Program projects, benefits, and expenditures.

People Involved

- Supervisor Sheila Kuhl and Deputy Katy Young, County of Los Angeles.
- Mark Pastrella, Matt Frary and TJ Moon, Los Angeles County of Public Works.
- Cecilia Estalano, Estalano Advisors.
- Leslie Freidman Johnson, Principal and Co-Founder, Conservation and Natural Resources Group.
- Alexandra Paxton, Program Officer—Healthy Watersheds Team, Water Foundation.
- Lauren Ahkiam, Los Angeles Alliance for New Economy.

Additional Resources

- [Motion creating a task force to integrate stormwater, transportation, housing, and parks programs; report on progress.](#)
- [Watershed Committee Structure.](#)
- [Duties and responsibilities of Watershed Coordinator; Process for Selection](#)
- [Summary of Job Benefits](#); Ordinances with Labor Requirements—[16](#) and [18](#).
- [Project Reporting Map.](#)

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