



# Los Angeles County Proposed Safe, Clean Water Program Funding Measure

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# LA County Safe, Clean Water Program

## Proposed Stormwater Funding Measure

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- Information available on [www.safecleanwaterla.org](http://www.safecleanwaterla.org)

# Background

# Safe, Clean Water Program

## Proposed Funding Measure

- May 30, 2017
  - Supervisors directed LA County Flood Control District to develop a plan
- November 2017 – June 2018
  - Invited stakeholder input
- July 17, 2018
  - Public hearing
  - Decision to place parcel tax on November 2018 ballot

# Program Purpose

- Funding to implement stormwater and urban runoff projects that
  - Improve water quality
  - Increase water supply
  - Provide community investment benefit
- Projects must provide water quality benefits with one or both of the remaining benefits
- Prioritize projects that assist in achieving compliance with NPDES Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Discharges

# Special Parcel Tax

# Proposed Tax Calculation

- Based on impermeable area
  - 2.5 cents per square foot
  - Area based off vegetation infrared imagery and aerial photography
- Target \$300 M per year
- Tax rate remain the same unless changed by ordinance
  - Tax rate cannot be increased by ordinance
- After 30 years:
  - Board of Supervisors evaluate needs of program and make affirmative determination for continuation
  - If determined to have no need for additional projects, Special Parcel Tax may be reduced to fund operation, maintenance and replacement

# Appeals, Exemptions and Credits

## ● Exemptions

- Government and non-profit organization owned or leased parcels
- Low income seniors upon application and approval

## ● Credits

- Up to 100% credit for parcels, or portion of a parcel, that infiltrate all wet and dry weather runoff onsite
- Detailed procedures and guidelines for appeal, credit calculations and verifications under development



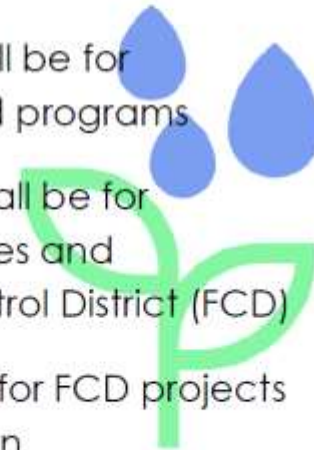
# Expenditure Plan

# Allocation of Tax Revenue

- AB 1180
  - Chaptered October 2017
  - Effective January 1, 2018

## Safe, Clean Water Program, by Funding Allocation

1. **Regional Program:** 50% of revenues shall be for watershed-based regional projects and programs
2. **Municipal Program:** 40% of revenues shall be for municipal projects and programs in cities and unincorporated areas in the Flood Control District (FCD)
3. **FCD Program:** 10% of revenues shall be for FCD projects and program, and overall administration



# Municipal Program (40% of total)

- Funds allocated proportionally to the revenue generated with each municipality or County unincorporated areas, except for disadvantaged communities
- Up to 30% annually can be used for O & M

## Municipal Program

- All projects must be multi-benefit and include, at a minimum, a water quality benefit
- Exception to multibenefit requirement may be made for single-purpose water quality projects



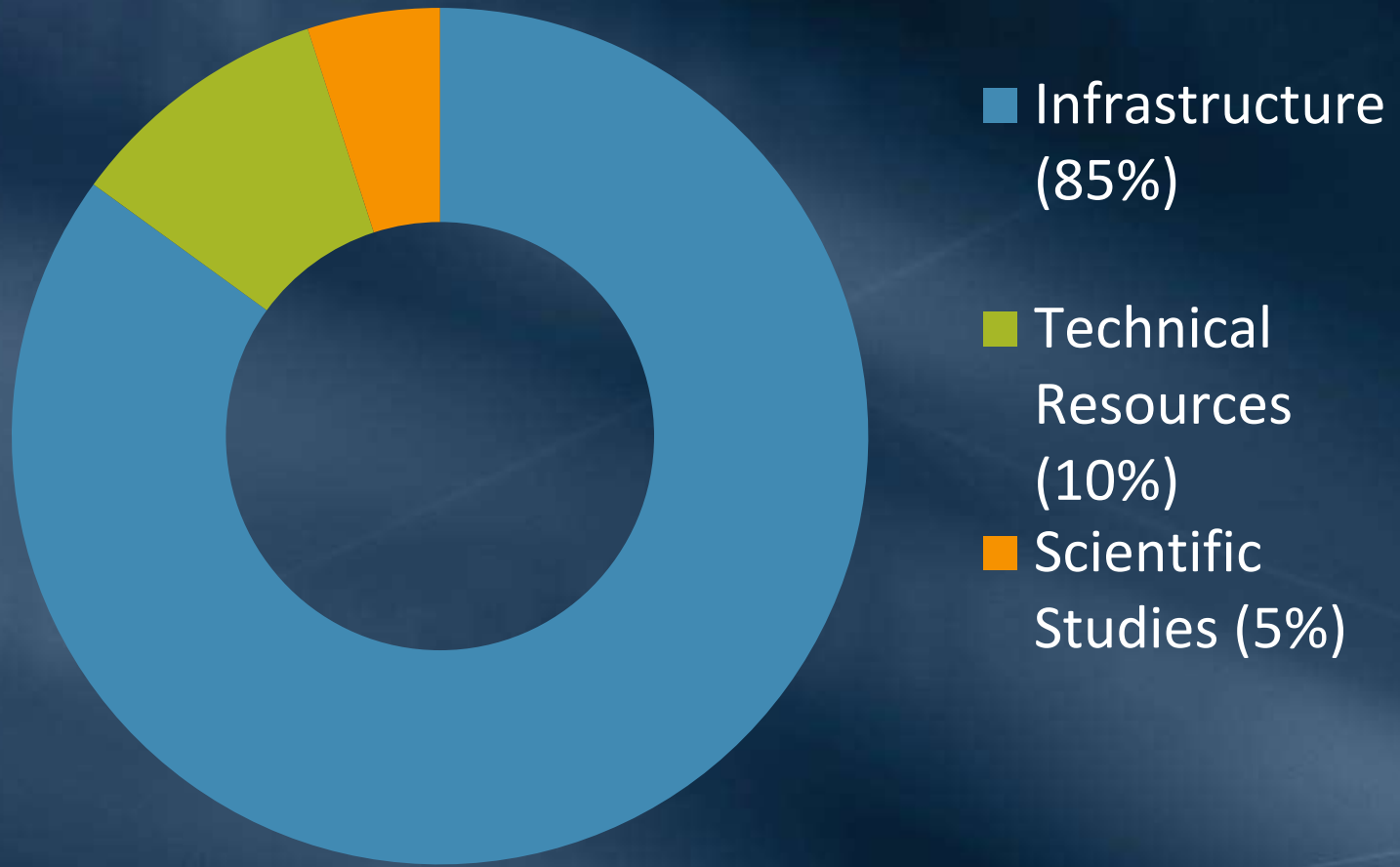
# Regional Program (50% of total)

## Regional Program

- All projects must be watershed-based (per statute)
- Both centralized and distributed projects will be funded
- All projects must be multibenefit



# Allocation of Regional Program Funds



# Nine Watershed Areas (Regions)



# Definition for Disadvantaged Communities

- Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) – Census Block Group with an annual median household income of less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income (Water Code section 79505.5)
- DAC Benefit – water quality, water supply, and/or community investment benefit located in a DAC or providing direct benefit to a DAC population

# Expenditure for Disadvantaged Communities

- Disadvantaged communities (DAC) will receive a greater amount than was collected
- Municipal Program
  - Funding not less than 110% of tax revenue collected
- Regional Program
  - Projects that provide DAC benefits should be not less than 110% of the ratio of the DAC population to the total population in each Watershed Area



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- Estimated tax tool calculator available on website [www.safecleanwaterla.org](http://www.safecleanwaterla.org)
- November 6, 2018
  - Two-thirds majority required
- If approved, ad valorem property tax collection beginning FY 2019-20
- First installment of tax available beginning 2020

