



Principles

Any countywide funding measure put forward to LA County voters should prioritize distributed and neighborhood scale, nature-based solutions to capture, infiltrate, treat and use stormwater and dry-weather runoff. Such projects and programs can help reshape the paradigm around water management throughout LA County to be more sustainable and equitable, while providing multiple benefits to the region's communities, including:

- Safeguarding public health and well-being;
- Advancing regional water resilience to mitigate against extreme weather variability, including increased drought, flood risk and urban heat;
- Increasing local water supply to lessen the region's carbon footprint by reducing reliance on imported water and other energy-intensive water strategies;
- Reducing pollution to, and improving the health of, waterways and habitat throughout the region;
- Enabling municipalities to comply with legal and regulatory stormwater cleanup requirements;
- Investing in communities through increased green space for habitat, climate mitigation and recreation, particularly in underserved communities;
- Distribute funding in a manner that promotes equity for underserved communities and mitigates displacement;
- Building environmental awareness that encourages and trains individuals and communities in watershed stewardship;
- Promoting green jobs across the region and solidifying Los Angeles County as the national leader on transitioning to a green economy; and
- Ensuring transparency and a community oversight to ensure compliance with program objectives.