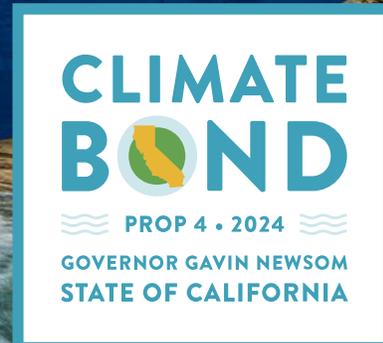


# Proposition 4 (Prop 4) United States Mexico Border Grant Program Guidelines

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# Topics Covered at Workshop

- Funding Process Timeline
- Changes to Public Notice
- Prop 4 Requirements / Specifics
- Proposed Policy Decisions for Guidelines
- Proposed Application Package
- Proposed Scoring Criteria
- Commenting on Guidelines
- Helpful Websites

# Funding Process Timeline

- Draft Guidelines Posted: February 2 (complete)
- Public Comment Period: February 2 - March 13
- Board Adoption: April 21, 2026
- Solicitation for Applications: June – August 2026
- Score and Rank Applications: Fall 2026
- Prepare Project Funding List: Fall 2026
- Issue Funding Agreements – Early 2027

# Changes to Public Notice

- Removed Draft Regulations
- Passage of AB 107 – Gave an exemption to funding allocated in 2025 (Includes US Mexico Border Funding)
- Guidelines will serve as sole document for program implementation
- Extended public comment period to March 13, 2026

# Prop 4 Requirements / Specifics



*South Fork of the Tijuana River*

\$46,151,000 available  
for planning,  
research, &  
implementation  
projects

# Prop 4 Requirements / Specifics

- Minimum of 40% of funds should directly benefit a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) or a vulnerable population
- No match required (most cases)
  - Only bilateral financial institutions have a 50% federal match requirement
- Prioritize projects that leverage local funding



# Prop 4 Requirements / Specifics

## Eligible Applicants:

- Public agencies
- Local agencies
- Special districts
- Joint powers authorities
- Public utilities
- Local publicly owned utilities
- Mutual water companies
- Bilateral financial institutions
- Federally recognized Native American Tribes
- Non-federally recognized California Native American Tribes
- 501(c)(3) nonprofits

# Prop 4 Requirements / Specifics

## Project Eligibility

- Must address water quality problems arising in CA-Mexico cross border rivers and coastal waters.
- Projects outside of CA (i.e., Mexico) must demonstrate how they will improve CA Water Quality.



The remainder of the slides  
contain proposed Policy  
decisions from the Guidelines

# Proposed Minimum & Maximum Grant Awards

Type of Project	Minimum Grant Per Project	Maximum Grant Per Project
Planning or Research*	\$250,000	\$750,000
Implementation	\$2,000,000	\$10,000,000

\*Of the total amount available under this program, no more than \$3 million will be utilized for planning or research funding.

# Proposed Project Selection Process

- Applications submitted on-line through FAAST system  
<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>
- Open-Closed Solicitation Process
- Applications Scored Using Appendix C of Guidelines
- Highest Ranked Projects will be placed on the Funding List
- Applicants will be notified they were selected for funding

# Proposed Appendix A: Application Requirements

## **FAAST Application:**

General Information – *Title, Description, Location, & Amount of Funds Requested*

Contacts for the Project – *Authorized Representative & Daily Contact*

## **Attachments:**

Attachment 1- *Workplan – Outline Appendix B*

Attachment 2 - *Budget – (Template)*

Attachment 3- *Schedule and Scope of Work – (Template)*

Attachment 4 - *Agreements/MOUs/Letters of Support (optional)*

Attachment 5 - *Technical Documents (optional)*

# FAAST APPLICATION

## Application

This page allows you to view this application as submitted by the applicant. The application shows the Funding program(s) applied for by the applicant, but does not show whether the proposal is eligible in those Funding program(s). Eligibility information is entered on the Eligibility tab after the proposal has been submitted and screened for eligibility.

**PIN #46158 - PHASE2 - Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) - SUBMITTED**

- Application**
- Attachments
- Eligibility
- Review Assignments
- Review Sheets
- Notes
- Status
- Performance Measurement
- Admin Proposals

### Application Overview

**RFP Title:** Prop 1 Round 2 Storm Water Grant Program (SWGPP) Project Proposals  
**Submitting Organization:** Stantec Consulting Services Inc.  
**Submitting Organization Division:** San Diego  
**Project Title:** Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST)  
**Project Description:** The Long Beach Urban Stormwater Treatment Project is a comprehensive, innovative, multi-phase regional project that will intercept and treat dry weather runoff and first-flush storm flows generated within the City of Long Beach prior to discharging to the Los Angeles River and Estuary. Ultimately, approximately 41% of the City's watershed (12,200 acres) will be collected and diverted to a centralized downstream advanced treatment facility. The LB-MUST facility will assist in the compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, which includes Total Maximum Daily Loads. Treated water will be used as an alternative water supply for irrigation of City parks and to create a wetland. Additionally, the Project will incorporate educational features to inform the public of the Project benefits. This specific project (Phase 2) includes the design and construction of additional conveyances to deliver water from existing pump stations to the LB-MUST Facility.  
**Water System ID:**  
**District Office:**

### APPLICANT DETAILS

**Applicant Organization:** City of Long Beach  
**Applicant Organization Division:** Public Works  
**Applicant Address:** 333 W Ocean Blvd Floor 9 , Long Beach , CA - 90802

### PROJECT LOCATION

**Latitude:** 33.776430      **Longitude:** -118.203970  
**Watershed:** 180701050402  
**County:** Los Angeles  
**Responsible Regional Water Board:** 4 Los Angeles Regional Water Board

### PROJECT BUDGET

**Funds Requested(\$):** 3,973,140.00  
**Local Cost Match(\$):** 3,973,140.00  
**Total Budget(\$):** 7,946,280.00

Funding Program	Applied	Amount Recommended by State Water Board
Proposition 1 - Storm Water Grant Program	Yes	\$0.00

Project Management Role	First Name	Last Name	Phone	Fax	Email
Project Director: Authorized Representative	Colin	Averill	562-570-6679		colin.verill@longbeach.gov
Project Manager: Day to day contact	Colin	Averill	562-570-6679		colin.verill@longbeach.gov

### Applicant Information

**Name:** City of Long Beach

### Person Submitting Information

**Submitter Name:** Cecilia Salazar

# Proposed Attachment 1: Workplan Requirements

- Recommend using template outline (provided)
- Prepare Workplan for type of project: Planning/Research OR Implementation
- Workplan Sections
  - Goal of Project
  - Background & Scope (different for Planning/Research vs. Implementation)
  - Readiness to Proceed
  - Benefits
  - Budget & Cost Effectiveness

## APPENDIX B: WORKPLAN OUTLINE

Please fill out the sections that correspond to the type of Project you have (either a Planning/Research Project or an Implementation Project).

### GOALS (ALL PROJECT TYPES)

Describe the Project's goals.

### PLANNING/RESEARCH PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SCOPE (PLANNING/RESEARCH PROJECTS ONLY)

- Provide an in-depth explanation of the Project purpose.
- Provide relevant background information.
- Explain any water quality or public health problems that will be addressed.
- Explain how the Project will provide benefits or contribute to long term water quality goals in the future (i.e. will it provide planning documents for a future implementation Project, or will the research Project provide modeling data that will be used to protect public health, etc.).
- Prepare a write-up explaining the Project tasks and deliverables. List each task to be performed and provide a brief description of the work. Clearly identify deliverables for each task.

### IMPLEMENTATION BACKGROUND AND SCOPE (N/A FOR PLANNING/RESEARCH PROJECTS)

- Describe the elements that will be implemented to achieve Project goals, objectives, and benefits claimed. The elements should match those described in the Scope of Work **Attachment 4**.
- Describe how the overall Project will operate once implemented.
- Summarize the need for maintenance activities over the life of the Project. Discuss the potential for performance degradation.
- Describe the existing conditions at the site of the proposed Project.

# Proposed Appendix B: Workplan Questions Outline

# Proposed Appendix C: Scoring Criteria

- Scoring Sheet that reviewers will use and you can self-score
- Completeness & Eligibility Check
- 4 Scoring Tables:
  - Project Score
  - Secondary Score
  - Cost Effectiveness Score
  - Readiness Score

<u>Project Score</u>	+	<u>Secondary Score</u>	+	<u>Cost Effectiveness Score</u>	+	<u>Readiness Score</u>	=	<u>Maximum Score Available</u>
10		6		6		6		28

# Proposed Appendix C: Scoring Criteria

\* If an Implementation Project has multiple components or phases that qualify for more than one Resource or Impact, the Project will be awarded the Project Score that correlates with the component or phase that has the highest estimated cost to complete.

Project Score (select the highest score)			
<u>Resource or Impact</u>	Purpose		
	Corrective	Preventative	Improvement
Water Quality Improvement	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
Infrastructure Improvement	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
Habitat Restoration			8 <input type="checkbox"/>
Planning or Research	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Score (Max. 10):

# Proposed Appendix C: Project Score

- Exact definitions can be found in Appendix C.
- To qualify as a corrective, applicant must identify plan, policy, permit requirement, or water quality standard that is being violated or exceeded. Project must correct this violation or exceedance. Projects addressing public health threats also are corrective.
- To qualify as a preventive, the applicant must demonstrate that failure to complete the Project will result in a violation or exceedance in future.

Project Score (select the highest score)			
<u>Resource or Impact</u>	Purpose		
	Corrective	Preventative	Improvement
Water Quality Improvement	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Habitat Restoration			8 <input type="checkbox"/>
Planning or Research	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

# Proposed Appendix C: Secondary Score

Secondary Score (Select all that are applicable for a sum)	
Project Will Benefit a Disadvantaged Community, Severely Disadvantaged Community or Vulnerable Population.	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant is coordinating/has coordinated with binational or Mexican governmental agencies to make the Project more effective. Proof of coordination or support is presented in Attachment 4 of the application.	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
Project is mentioned in a binational agreement or Water Board-adopted implementation strategy.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Score (Max. 6):</b>	

# Disadvantaged Community (DAC) & Vulnerable Population

- DAC = Community with Median Household Income (MHI) less than 80% Statewide MHI
- Vulnerable Population = a subgroup of population within a region or community that faces a disproportionately heightened risk or increased sensitivity to impacts of climate change and that lacks adequate resources to cope with, adapt to, or recover from such impacts
- The California Natural Resource Agency (CNRA) has a Guidance Document for Meaningful and Direct Benefit Assessment:  
<https://bondaccountability.resources.ca.gov/docs/Prop4BenefitsAssessment.pdf>

# Prop 4 DAC Mapping Tool



Climate Bond (Proposition 4)

(S)DAC Communities Map

More Info



Climate Bond Disadvantaged and Severely Disadvantaged Communities

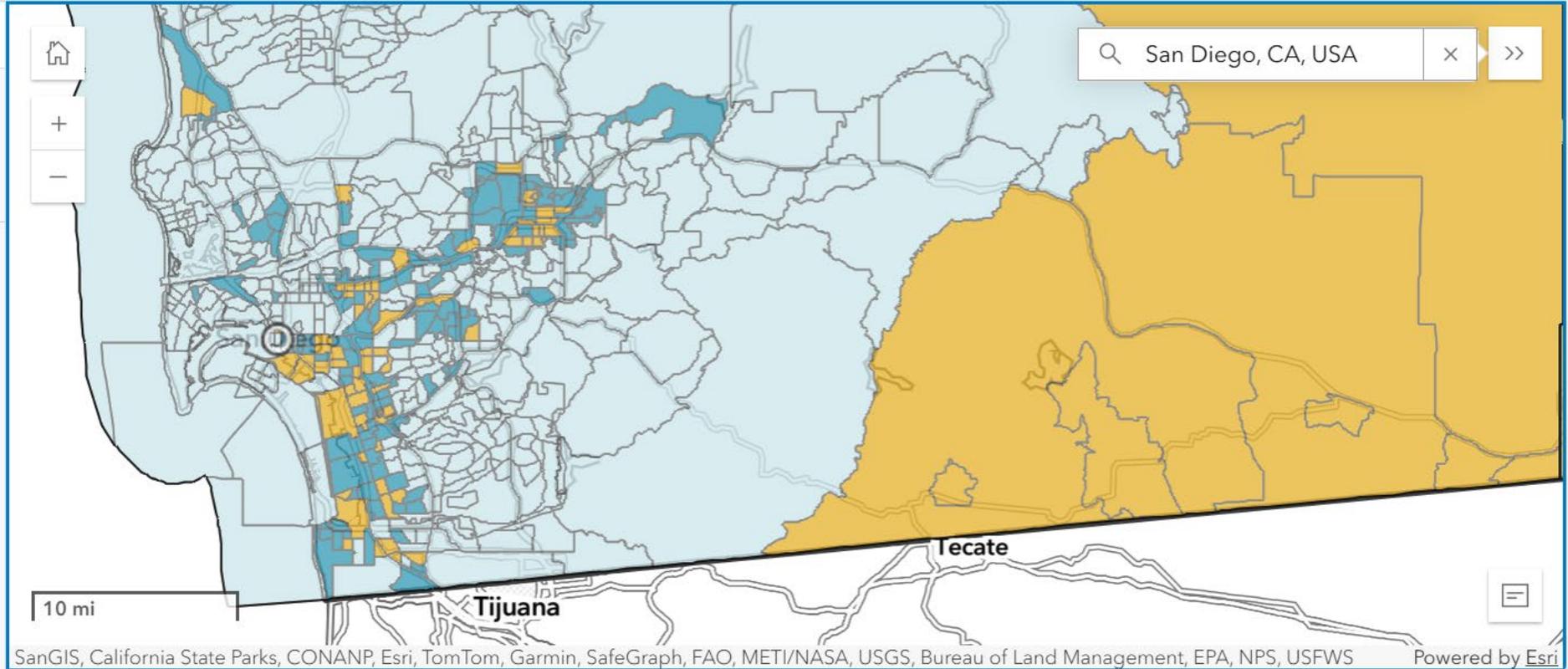
**Legend** ×

Counties (US Census)

Climate Bond DAC and SDAC Status

DACStatus

- Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)
- Disadvantaged Community (DAC)
- Not a Disadvantaged Community (NoDAC)



# Proposed Appendix C: Cost Effectiveness

**Cost Effectiveness Score (Based on status as of application submittal date; Select all that are applicable for a sum)**

Project has a useful life of more than 20 years.

2

The Applicant has a source of funding for operation and maintenance of the system after implementation is complete. The source is secure and consistent.

2

Applicant or another agency is providing a match for the Project. A minimum of 5% of the total Project cost is required to receive additional points during scoring. For bilateral financial institutions that must provide a match of 50% per statutory requirements, the match required to receive additional points must be above the required amount.

2

**Score (Max. 6):**

# Proposed Appendix C: Readiness Score

Readiness Score (Based on status as of application submittal date)		
Environmental Documents*?  * Refers to CEQA documents or any documents submitted to Mexican Government for environmental permits.	If prepared and adopted	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
	If just drafted	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
Plans and Specification	90% - 100%	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
	30% - 89%	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
Permits	Obtained	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Applied For	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
Score (Max. 6):		<input type="text"/>

# Proposed Scoring & Recommended Funding List

- Planning/Research projects will be scored & ranked separate from implementation.
  - Funds will be awarded to highest scored planning projects until the \$3 million is exhausted.
- Implementation projects will be scored & ranked with the remaining funds awarded to the highest scoring projects.

# Proposed Scoring & Recommended Funding List

- The highest-ranked projects will be placed on the Recommended Funding List.
- The DFA's Deputy Director will have the authority to review & correct scoring errors.
- Preliminary Funding Notification Letters will be sent out to Applicants that have been selected for funding.

# Commenting on Guidelines

- Items Required by Prop 4 that can't be changed these include:
  - Applicant Eligibility
  - Project Eligibility
  - DAC and Vulnerable Population % requirement
- Items open for public comment & revision include:
  - Proposed grant minimum & maximums
  - Application Requirements
  - Scoring Criteria
  - Recommended Funding List Process

# Contact Information

***\*Comments are due: Friday March 13th by 12 noon\****

Email comments to:

[commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) &  
[Jennifer.toney@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.toney@waterboards.ca.gov)

Point of Contact: Jennifer Toney

Telephone: +1(916)-322-9598

# Helpful Websites

➤ **US Mexico Border Program Website**

[https://waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/swgp/prop4/us-mexico-border/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/swgp/prop4/us-mexico-border/)

➤ **Email Subscription**

[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ca\\_swrcb](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ca_swrcb)

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<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/aa723fdf521a44c9a428f1a46cd38a09>



# Questions & Answers