Transportation & Storm Water Department

Closing the Funding Gap: Potential Roles of Financial Capability Assessment in Stormwater Finance Plans

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Program Drivers

- Increasing regulatory obligations
- Aging infrastructure
- Tourism, Public Services, and Environmental Health

Funding Needs

- Flood Risk Management
- Storm Water Quality Compliance
- Receiving water restoration

Closing the Gap

- Pursue Alternative Funding/Revenue Sources
- Refine Regulations Using Best Science
- Prioritization and Scheduling



Funding Needs



Infrastructure

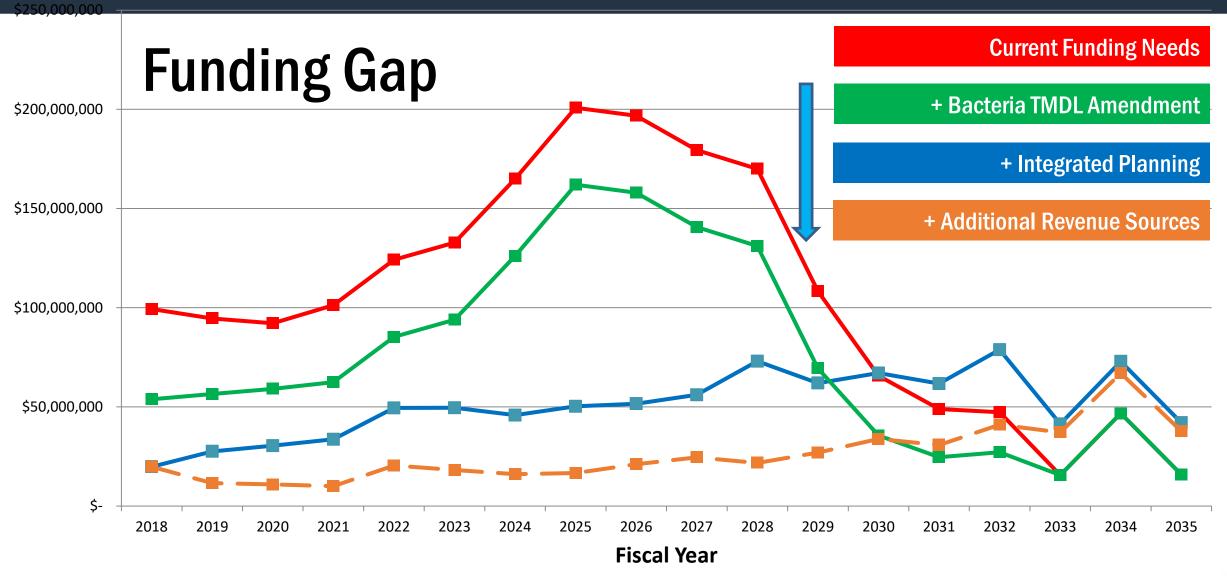
\$1,290M over 20 years



Water Quality

\$2,088M over 20 years

\$3.4 Billion





Closing the Gap



Explore all funding, revenue & cost saving options



Apply best-available science to regulations



Align compliance schedules



Potential Funding & Cost Saving

- Caltrans' Collaborative Implementation Agreements
- Grants
- Federal/State low interest loan programs
- Review and update storm drain utility billing
- Pilot projects
- Master Drainage Plan BMP efficiency optimization
- In-house pipe repair crew in lieu of CIPs



Best Available Science

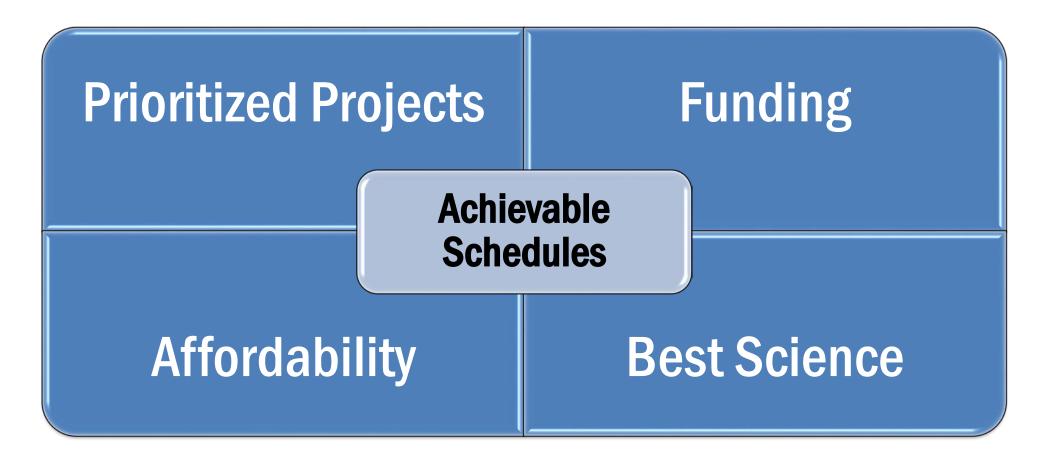
Regulation: Bacteria and Metals TMDLs

Opportunity: Existing USEPA guidance

Science: Epidemiology and water effect ratio studies



Align Compliance Schedules





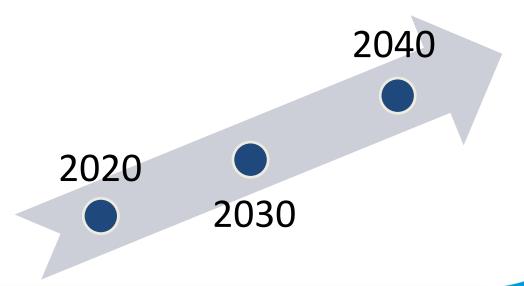
Align Compliance Schedules: EPA's Integrated Planning Framework

It Does...

- Follow EPA developed process
- Consider all Clean Water Act obligations
- Consider ratepayer's financial capability
- Require asset management approach
- Allow scheduling flexibility

It Does Not...

- Reduce regulatory obligations
- Provide a funding mechanism





Integrated Plan Checklist

Should include...

Storm term implementation commitments to show progress

City's efforts include...



- Implementing strategies in Water Quality Improvement Plans (WQIPs)
- 2. Analytical tool that demonstrates goals will be achieved
- 3. Asset management
- 4. Financial planning framework



WQIPs employ watershed modeling



Watershed Asset Management Plan



City pursuing potential funding sources



Next Steps

- Dialogue with Regional Board, EPA and stakeholders
- Explore opportunities to integrate City Clean Water Act programs
 - e.g., storm water harvesting
- Complete affordability analysis
- Consider permit changes to allow WQIPs to serve as Integrated Plan
 - Include TMDL schedule extensions
- Update WQIPs

