

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Sustainability Program Partnership Between Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and South Bay Cities Council of Governments

SCOPE OF WORK (July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026)

This Scope of Work (SOW) covers the programs and activities that the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC), a program of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), will conduct in support of the sustainability programs of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Sanitation Districts), commencing on July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The total agreement amount is \$49,000.

Section I. Program Overview

The sustainability program partnership between the Sanitation Districts and the SBCCOG has been advancing the Sanitation Districts' mission since 2008. SBCCOG includes the unincorporated South Bay areas of Los Angeles County and 16 participating cities: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and the Los Angeles 15th Council District, which represents the communities of San Pedro, Harbor City/Harbor Gateway, and Wilmington. The SBCCOG has access to all South Bay member city elected officials who are invited to participate in person or by name through sponsorships or endorsements.

The program will primarily be delivered through the SBESC, a local clearinghouse for sustainability information and education. The SBESC is operated by the SBCCOG and receives funding from West Basin Municipal Water District, SoCal Gas the Sanitation Districts, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), and the Water Replenishment District. The SBESC has increased the exposure and availability of sustainability programs to the South Bay community. This collaborative effort integrates regional partnerships to encourage energy savings and water conservation with the Sanitation Districts' mission to protect public health and the environment through innovative and cost-effective wastewater and solid waste management and, in doing so, convert waste into resources.

Section II. Program Elements

The marketing and promotion of existing and developing Sanitation Districts' sustainability programs is part of the work of the SBESC. This partnership allows for a wide range of conservation strategies to be presented to all sectors of the community at educational and outreach events, including virtual, in which SBESC participates.

Section III. Collaboration and Coordination

- A. SBESC will coordinate and host regular events to raise awareness of existing Sanitation Districts' sustainability programs in the South Bay Community. The SBESC will notify Public Information in advance of these events so coordination of public awareness can

be cooperatively facilitated. Note, there may be last minute opportunities that the SBESC takes advantage of and those will be listed in the quarterly report to the Sanitation Districts

- B. SBESC will develop, maintain and promote the Sanitation Districts' mission and messages related to District's public engagement programs, including Districts' public events and public messaging campaigns (i.e. HHW events, Foundation events, rate increase notifications, tours, education programs, etc.).
- C. SBESC will share relevant information on programs and developments within the South Bay related to or of interest to the Sanitation Districts' operations and services for Public Information consideration.
- D. SBESC will partner with the Sanitation Districts to research, develop and collaborate on implementing additional outreach and engagement programs that support the Districts' mission and values. Advance notice sufficient to allow for Public Information staff review and decision making should be applied.

Section IV. Core Tasks

SBESC will perform the following core tasks as part of the SOW for \$35,000 of the \$49,000 budget.

Task 1: Standard Community Outreach, Promotional Events Training, Workshops and Facility Tours

- A. Collaborate with the Sanitation Districts' staff to disseminate existing educational and informational materials in support of the Districts' mission.
- B. Distribute information at SBCCOG Board meetings and other special events.
- C. Distribute updated, current and developing information to the SBCCOG member cities for inclusion in their websites, city newsletters, and recreational guides.
- D. Attend the 16-member cities' special events, including but not limited to fairs, seasonal exhibits, and farmers markets.
- E. Exhibit at Sanitation Districts' events in the South Bay when requested.
- F. Promote Sanitation Districts message at SBESC attended in person and virtual community and outreach events, presentations, workshops, and networking opportunities (expected to attend up to 100 between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026).
- G. Promote the value of the Sanitation Districts' wastewater management services.
- H. Include topics that promote the Sanitation Districts' mission in existing SBESC outreach presentations.
- I. Conduct 1 updated training session with volunteers on the Sanitation Districts' mission and programs at the start of new contract.
- J. Promote attendance at Sanitation Districts' Public Tours to elected officials, city employees, business leaders, and other members of the community at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in Carson. Tours may be conducted in a virtual format.
- K. Collaborate with the Sanitation Districts' staff to schedule up to three public outreach presentations which can be done in person or in a virtual format.

Task 2: Annual Marketing, Advertising, and Media

- A. Market Sanitation Districts' events at Bixby Marshland and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program events in the South Bay to businesses, residents,

- and municipalities.
- B. Include Sanitation Districts' outreach materials, when requested, in chamber of commerce newsletters, city newsletters, and event specific e-blasts. Include Sanitation Districts' information in the monthly SBESC e-newsletter.
- C. Use SBESC contacts to promote the Sanitation Districts' social media presence by directing traffic to the Districts' social media handles.
- D. Display the Sanitation Districts' pop-up banners for public viewing.
- E. Coordinate the placement or posting of promotional flyers/info posters at city counters.
- F. Promote Sanitation Districts' programs through SBCCOG/SBESC website, SBESC monthly e-newsletter, e-blasts, and social media platforms. Include Sanitation Districts provided articles in the SBESC monthly newsletter.

Section V.

For the remainder of the budget (\$14,000), in addition to the core tasks (Task 1 and 2) listed in Section IV, SBESC will perform the following Task 3.

Task 3: Strategic and Specific Community Outreach

- A. The SBESC will collaborate with the Sanitation Districts to identify specific projects and programs of regional interest to the South Bay communities such as the Districts' food waste recycling program, Clearwater school outreach, and the Regional Recycled Water Program.
- B. The SBESC will look for ways to integrate any workforce development activities from Districts' HR (or other departments) into the SBCCOG outreach. SBESC staff should confer with Sanitation Districts Workforce Development manager early in contract to plan opportunities.
- C. Collaborate with Sanitation Districts' staff to distribute outreach materials related to the identified projects and programs, including the Clearwater and Pure Water projects and other programs as identified by Sanitation Districts.
- D. Provide potential impacted residents, businesses, and municipalities with accurate and timely information provided by Sanitation Districts related to identified projects and programs, such as focused communications efforts regarding traffic impacts and mitigation measures related to the AK Warren treatment plant and operations.
- E. In coordination with Public Information staff, the SBESC will disseminate outreach materials to targeted residents, businesses, and municipalities.

Section VI. Reporting and Documentation

- A. The SBESC will develop end-of-program documents including a list of events and activities.
- B. The SBESC will submit quarterly invoicing and progress reports that include number of attendees, analytics, and engagements.
- C. The SBESC will submit quarterly analytics reports for the following digital media:
 - o E-blasts and E-newsletters
 - o Social media
 - o External website links on SBESC or SBCCOG website(s).
- D. A year-end summary of all key outreach metrics, including number of people or impressions or contacts generated, etc.