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# Stormwater Capture BMP Effectiveness Monitoring



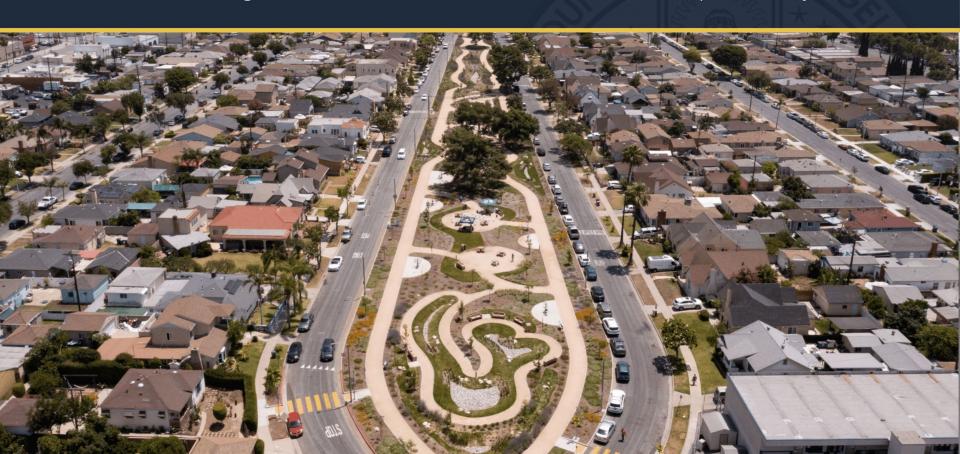
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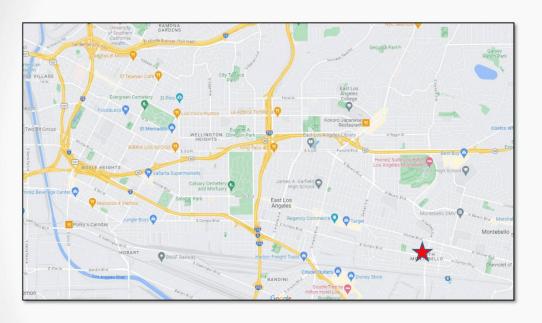
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- Unincorporated County Area of East Los Angeles
- Community affected by drought
   & irrigation restrictions
- Utilized 7 medians for multibenefit improvements
  - ½ acre to 2.5 acres



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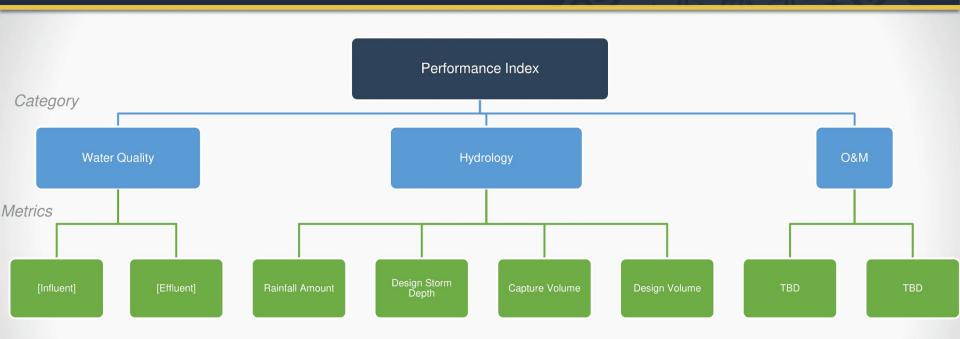
- Captures & infiltrates22 ac-ft of runoff perstorm event
- Five separate stormwater capture systems
  - 4 pre-treatment units
  - 103 drywells
  - Bioswales
  - Biochar Units (UCLA Pilot Study)



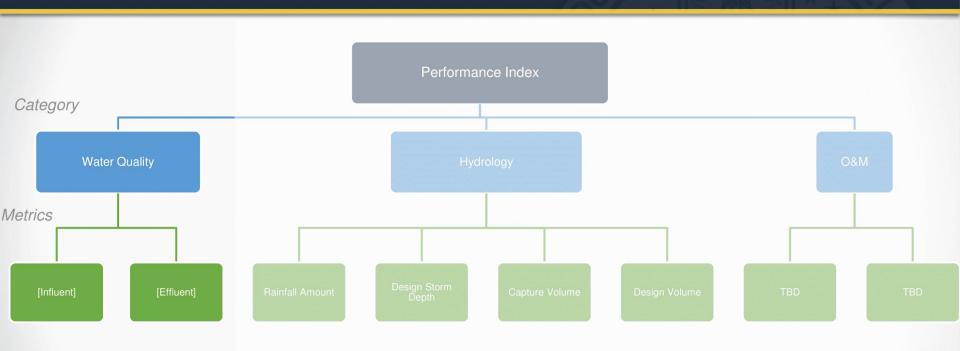
# BMP Performance Evaluation

- Quantify project capture
- Analyze system limitations
- Inform future project design
- Provide data for models
- Fulfill grant monitoring requirements





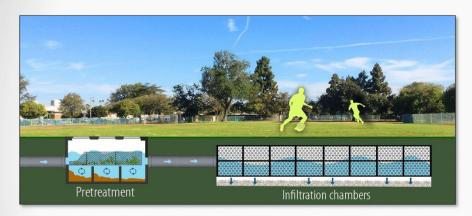






# Water Quality Category

#### How well does the BMP treat the Stormwater?





BMP Performance Index Measures the ratio of

Effluent Pollutant Concentration Influent Pollutant Concentration

BMP Performing as expected

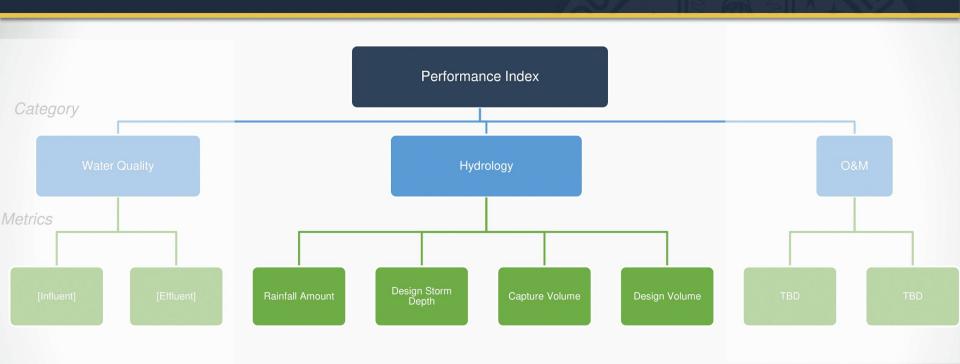
Effluent Pollutant Concentration
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**BMP Under Performing** 

Effluent Pollutant Concentration
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# **Hydrology Category**

#### **How well does the BMP Capture Stormwater?**

Compare field data to design values determined by project engineers.

Actual Rainfall Depth 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Storm Depth

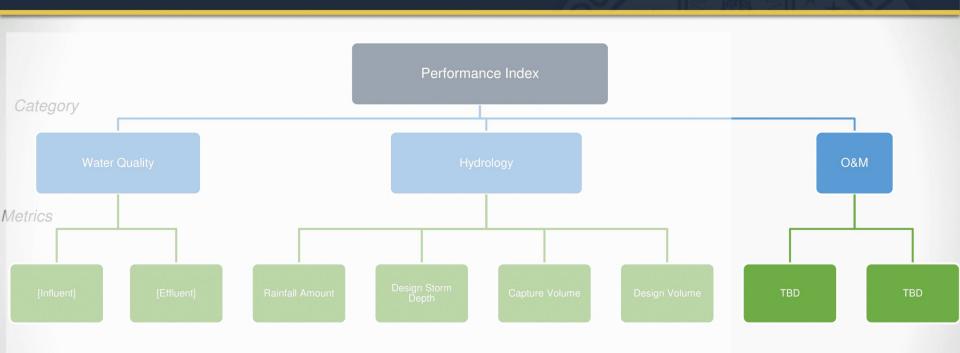
- Ratio >1: Stormwater bypass
- Ratio ≤1: BMP performing as expected

Actual Capture Volume
Design Volume Capture

- Ratio >1: Exceeds expectations
- Ratio ≤1: BMP performing as expected

- BMPs are considered failing
  - If bypass occurs during a small storm and the BMP does not reach full capacity
    - · both ratios are less than one
  - If there is higher than anticipated bypass, BMP should reach capacity but it does not
    - Capture volume <1 but depth ratio >1

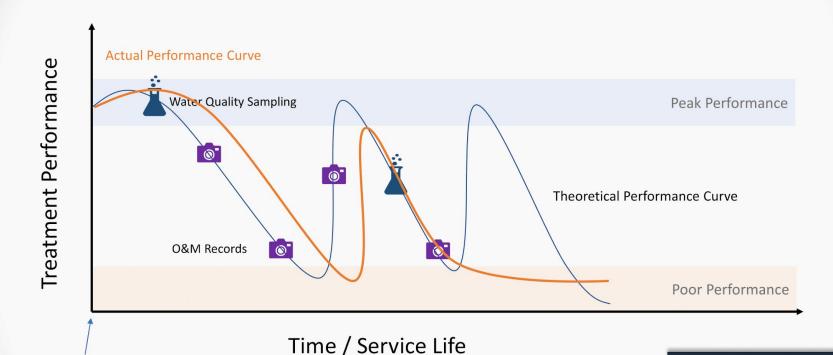






# Operations and Maintenance

After Construction

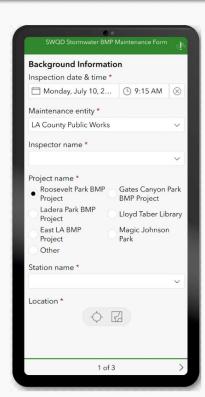


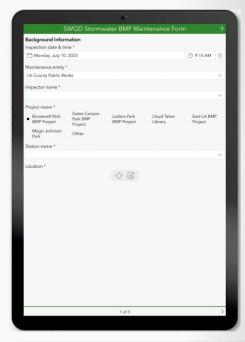
# 0&M Mobile Application

#### An O&M mobile application for field crews

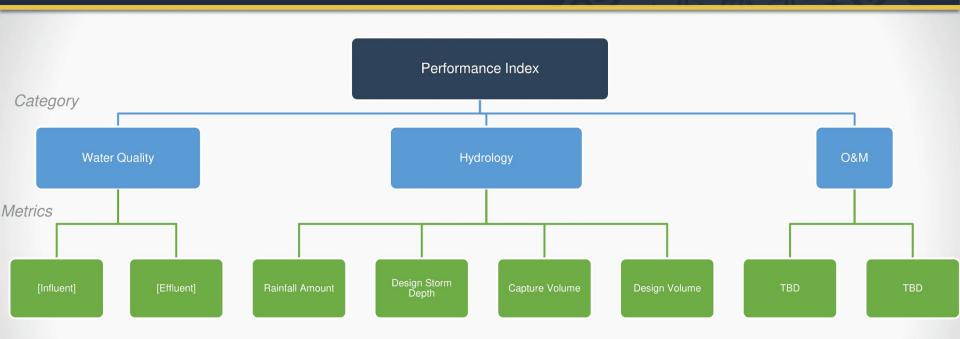
- Straightforward & Standardized
- Access Anywhere



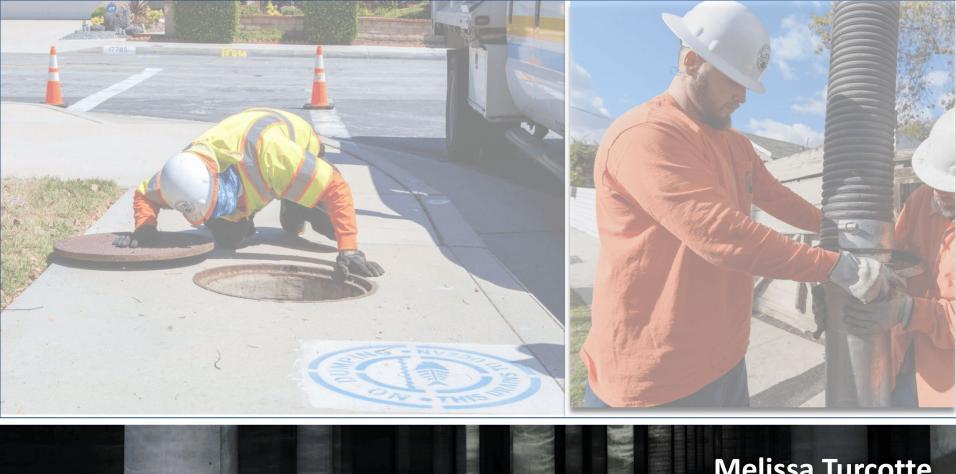












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