UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY

PROJECT NAME: Watershed Connect
LOCATION: San Bernadino, CA
INVITED WIFIA LOAN AMOUNT: $177 million
POPULATION SERVED BY PROJECT: 1,008,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Watershed Connect is a multiphase program consisting of interconnected water capture, recharge, storage, treatment, and conveyance projects. The purpose of these projects is to achieve regional water supply security, provide resilience against extended drought, and mitigate the effects of climate change to holistically enhance the health of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed.

FY 2021 SELECTION ROUND

NUMBER OF PROJECTS SELECTED: 40
NUMBER OF PROJECTS WAITLISTED: 4
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT: $8.9 billion
TOTAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SUPPORTED: $19 billion
NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO BENEFIT: 50 million in 24 states

The WIFIA program will provide selected entities with innovative financing tools to address pressing public health and environmental challenges in their communities. Consistent with the announced priorities, selected projects will support infrastructure improvements in historically disadvantaged communities, modernize and protect infrastructure from the impacts of extreme weather and climate change, and use new and innovative approaches to address community needs.