



**SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Meeting  
Unapproved Minutes**

Date: February 11, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Office  
602 E. Huntington Drive; Monrovia, CA 91016

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M.
2. Roll Call

**Water Policy Committee Members Present**

J. Stark; Claremont  
G. Boyer, J. Nelson; Glendora  
G. Crudgington; Monrovia  
M. Clark; Rosemead  
J. Capoccia; Sierra Madre  
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

**Water TAC Members Present**

D. Dolphin; Alhambra  
S. Costandi; Covina  
A. Hamilton, Y. Paez; Duarte  
R. Wang; LA County Public Works  
A. Tachiki, J. Louie; Monrovia  
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre  
T. Love; USGVMWD

**Ex Officio Members Present**

L. Augino; SG Basin Watermaster

**Guests**

B. Lathrop; City of Bradbury  
T. Van Ligten; City of Duarte  
A. Sweet; City of Glendora  
R. Ramos; City of Irwindale  
B. Channell; Office of Sen. Diane Feinstein  
B. Pence; Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano  
D. Correy; Office of Sen. Anthony Portantino  
S. Armenta Lopez; Office of Sen. Susan Rubio  
G. Dimn-Smith; SGV Water District  
R. Tahir; TECS Environmental  
W. Katagi; San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy

**Water Policy Committee Members Absent**

LA County District #1

**Water TAC Members Absent**

Arcadia  
Bradbury  
Pomona

**Ex Officio Members Absent**

LACSD

**SGVCOG Staff**

C. Sims  
S. Matthews

- 3. Public Comment  
R. Tahir expressed concerned with the Committee’s support of a scientific FIB study by Richard Watson. He was concerned with the project proposal process, the lack of an RFP, and felt that other entities could more cheaply do this type of study.
- 4. Changes to Agenda Order.  
No changes to agenda order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5. Water Committee/TAC January Meeting Minutes  
**There was a motion to approve the consent calendar.**  
**(M/S: J. Nelson/G. Grudginton)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 6. Working Proposal of the Regional Phase 1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Permit  
Water TAC Vice Chair A. Tachiki gave an overview of the main technical areas of concerns: Trash TMDL, Compliance Schedule, IGP Training, Fiscal Resources, Toxicity, Safe Clean Water Integration, and Legal Issues. The Committee discussed each of these issue areas, providing additional comments and modifications. Those specific additions are as follows:
  - *Annual Report Forms:* The new requirement of semiannual reporting will be incredibly costly to cities.
  - *Compliance Schedule:* If compliance within five years is not feasible to a Permittee, then the Permittee should be able to demonstrate a plan towards compliance.
  - *IGP Training:* If this responsibility is to be delegated to Permittees, then we believe it is inappropriate for Permittees to be financially burdened by IGP training. The SGVCOG recommends that training be funded and run by the Regional Board. Moreover, Permittees should be exempt from this training if the inspection work is outsourced to contractors. We recommend that IGP training be reserved for those who perform the inspections.
  - *Fiscal Resources:* Fiscal resources of the Permit should be further integrated with the Safe Clean Water program as our member cities and agencies do not anticipate any funding beyond Measure W funds.

- *Toxicity:* The laboratory testing obligation of this Permit requires HRM analysis in picograms that many laboratories in our region are not equipped to do. This new requirement will add substantial costs.
- *Legal Issues:* Remove more in-depth legal analysis and focus on working collaboratively with Regional Board to reach reasonably achievable goals.

**There was a motion to approve the comments with modifications as discussed.  
(M/S: G. Crudgington/J. Carlson)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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7. State Water Resources Control Board Draft Order  
C. Sims gave an overview of the comments. D. Mahmud provided minor language modifications to the comment letter.

**There was a motion to approve the comments with modifications as discussed.  
(M/S: G. Crudgington/D. Diamond)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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## UPDATE ITEMS

8. Legislative Updates  
C. Sims reported that AB 755, the California Tire Fee bill, would officially not be moving forward. Assemblywoman Rubio will be reintroducing AB 1093. COG staff and Committee member will travel to Sacramento to attend a meeting with Rubio and the Chair and staff of the State Water Board to discuss Financial Capability Analysis for MS4 permittees.
9. Litigation Updates  
D. Mahmud reported on the City of Duarte's case. The Court is going to look at the Regional Board's enforcement. The Court on its own motion, fast-tracked the appeal and recognized importance of this case.
10. Safe Clean Water Updates  
a. Overall Updates  
b. Rio Hondo WASC  
c. Upper Los Angeles River WASC  
d. Upper San Gabriel River WASC  
There was no Safe Clean Water update.
11. E/WMP Updates  
There were no E/WMP updates.

- 12.** Water TAC Chair Report  
There was no Water TAC update.
- 13.** Water Supply Update  
T. Love provided an update on the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD's) water supply. Local water supply was at 50% of average, approximately 8 to 9 inches. Seasonal forecast was below normal precipitation along with above normal temps. However, water in storage was at a record amount. If the State Water Project (SWP) allocation is 15%, MWD forecasts it will need to use 300 AF from storage. If SWP allocation is 35%, then MWD will not need to use any water from storage.
- 14.** Water Boards Update  
There was no Water Boards update.
- 15.** WELL Conference Update  
D. Mahmud reported that this Water Education for Latino Leaders conference is upcoming in March. While the conference is no longer free for government officials, the registration cost of \$325 does include lodging.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no Chair's report.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.