



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

Date: April 13, 2021  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Location: Zoom/YouTube teleconference meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M.
2. Roll Call

**Water Policy Committee Members Present**

J. Stark; Claremont  
G. Boyer; Glendora  
G. Crudgington; Monrovia  
M. Clark; Rosemead  
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

**Water Policy Committee Members Absent**

Sierra Madre

**Water TAC Members Present**

D. Dolphin; Alhambra  
K. Kearney; Bradbury  
S. Costandi; Covina  
R. Wang; LA County Public Works  
A. Tachiki; Monrovia  
J. Carver; Pomona  
J. Carlson; Sierra Madre  
E. Reyes; SGVMWD  
T. Love, J. Santana, P. Cortez; USGVMWD

**Water TAC Members Absent**

Duarte  
Glendora  
South Pasadena

**Ex Officio Members Present**

S. Green, K. Gardner; LA County Sanitation Districts  
L. Augino; Watermaster

**Ex Officio Members Absent**

**Guests**

A. Schmidt; LA County Sanitation Districts  
B. Pence; Napolitano Staff  
D. Amaya; Rubio's Staff  
V. Murphy; Portantino's Staff

**SGVCOG Staff**

S. Matthews  
C. Sims  
P. Hubler  
T. Egan  
K. Ward

3. Public Comment  
There was no public comment.
4. Changes to Agenda Order.  
No changes to agenda order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Water Committee/TAC March Meeting Minutes  
**There was a motion to approve the Water Committee/TAC March meeting minutes.  
(M/S: D. Mahmud/G. Boyer)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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<b>ABSENT:</b>	Committee – Sierra Madre TAC – Duarte; Glendora; South Pasadena

**PRESENTATIONS**

6. Draft Statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems Order Reissuance  
A. Schmidt presented on the recently-released Sanitary Sewer Systems Order, which defines waste discharge requirements for sanitary sewer systems. In February 2021, the State Water Board issued an informal staff draft of the new Order. The recently-released staff draft includes several notable changes from the 2006 Order, including expanding the definition of a sewage “spill”, increasing spill reporting requirements, requiring reporting of spills from privately-owned systems or sewer laterals, and dramatically increasing the requirements for agencies’ Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). D. Mahmud asked about where violations are distributed across the state to which A. Schmidt answered that violations are well distributed throughout the state. There were comments on the high costs for smaller cities and the lack of a clearly stipulated timing for the new order.

**ACTION ITEMS**

7. AB 818 (Bloom)  
Staff presented on the bill which would require certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes manufactured on or after July 1, 2022 to be labeled clearly and conspicuously with the phrase “Do Not Flush” and would establish enforcement provisions, including authorizing a civil penalty to be imposed on a covered entity who violates those provisions.  
**There was a motion to recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board support AB 818 (Bloom).  
(M/S: D. Mahmud/J. Stark)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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8. SB 230 (Portantino)  
Staff presented the bill which would require the State Water Board to establish and direct an ongoing, dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC) Program to assess information and recommend areas for further study on the occurrence of these CECs in drinking water sources and treated drinking water. The bill would authorize the State Board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide financial assistance to certain public water systems if the system shows that the costs of complying with CEC monitoring requirements would impose a financial hardship. V. Murphy announced that the bill is now a two-year bill.

**There was a motion to recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board support SB 230 (Portantino).**

**(M/S: D. Mahmud/M. Clark)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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#### UPDATE ITEMS

9. State Water Resources Control Board Second Proposed Order on Approval of Watershed Management Programs and an Enhanced Watershed Management Program  
A. Tachiki announced that the Regional Board is reviewing the State Board final order to incorporate into the MS4 Permit.
10. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit  
A. Tachiki announced that the Regional Board is looking to release draft MS4 Permit by end of April with adoption in the summer.
11. Safe Clean Water Program  
A. Tachiki provided an update on the Safe Clean Water program and that WASCs have been reviewing infrastructure project presentations and will start voting and planning stormwater investment plans (SIPs). There is a July 31 deadline for Round 3 application. If you are in the TRP process, contact SCWP staff. The timing of the TRP program may allow for flexibility with application deadline.
12. Legislative Updates  
P. Hubler presented on the American Jobs Plan, the \$2.25 trillion federal infrastructure proposal. 5% of the bill, or \$111 billion, would be invested in water, wastewater, and

stormwater infrastructure projects. The SGVCOG is working with Congresswoman Napolitano's office on the bill and may invite staff back to brief policy committees as bill develops. P. Hubler also provided an update on AB 377 and the SGVCOG's plans to meet with Assemblymember Holden's staff to emphasize our opposition to the bill. AB 377 has not yet been heard by the committee. This bill is contrary to the intent of the financial capability assessment (FCA) legislation that the SGVCOG has sponsored. P. Hubler gave an update on the FCA legislation and that D. Mahmud testified on the bill. The bill passed out of committee with no opposition with next steps needed to be recommended for consent. D. Mahmud requested that next month's meeting include a status update on the Whittier Dam funding.

**13. Litigation Update**

Cities of Duarte and Gardena have successfully petitioned the Supreme Court in the Duarte/Gardena vs State Water Resources Control Board cases.

**14. E/WMP Updates**

Permittees are waiting on RAA update guidance from Regional Board. Committees noted that the Upper LA River Group WASC has seen a large number of Los Angeles Unified School District proposal, including a costly North Hollywood project.

**15. Water TAC Chair Report**

A. Tachiki announced that the TAC will meet on April 27 at 10am and that the MS4 Permit is to be released at the end of April.

**16. Water Supply Update**

T. Love announced that precipitation along the Colorado River is at 78% of average and there is a possibility that the Colorado River will be in shortage next year and will trigger a drought contingency plan. State precipitation is at 60% of average with the Oroville Dam at record low storage. The State Water Project allocation was reduced from 10 to 5%, but Metropolitan (Met) is doing well with 2.2-million-acre feet in storage. Southern California is doing well due to conservation and diversity of water supply. K. Gardner announced that because of forest fires, LA County was able to work with the state and federal government to do emergency cleanups and moving of sediment and was only able to do so because of the dry year. The key well is at 195.8 feet which is 12 feet lower than last year at this time. D. Mahmud reinforced the importance of the investments that Met has made in Southern California's water resiliency.

**17. Water Boards Update**

No updates.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.