



SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Approved Minutes

Date: September 20, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

S. Pedroza, Claremont
N. Lyons, Diamond Bar
J. Nelson, Glendora
G. Crudgington, Monrovia
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre
D. Mahmud, South Pasadena

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Rosemead

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin, Alhambra
K. Kearney, Baradbury
S. Costandi, Covina
A. Tachiki, Monrovia
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre
M. Lombos, LACDPW
F. Delach, USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
South Pasadena

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Green, LA County Sanitation District
K. Gardner, R. Serna, Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

Guests

M. Cansino, Pomona
R. Tahir, TECS Environmental
E. Reyes, SGV Municipal Water District
M. Spence, West Covina
B. Jensen, SGV Economic Partnership
W. La, San Gabriel Mountains & Rivers
M. Lutz

SGVCOG Staff

P. Hawkey
E. Wolf

3. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 7/19/2017
There was a motion to approve the minutes. (M/S: J. Nelson/S. Pedroza).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Bradbury, Covina, LACDPW, USGVMWD
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Rosemead, Arcadia

PRESENTATION

5. Industrial Permit Program: Presentation by Judy Nelson
 J. Nelson reviewed the responsibilities a city has under its MS4 permit to inspect industrial sites. This category includes restaurants, nurseries, and auto shops. Suspecting that most cities are not conducting these inspections and that many businesses are not applying for permits as required, the Regional Water Board initiated a pilot program to assess compliance. The results confirm the Board's suspicion. Nelson provided an overview of how Glendora is fulfilling this responsibility. Follow on discussion sparked interest in hearing from other cities to see how they are handling this issue. D. Dolphin, Alhambra, offered to provide a copy of their city Ordinance and Citation empowering the city to enforce this requirement. Dolphin will also give a presentation on Alhambra's program.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Election of Chair for the Water Technical Advisory Committee for 2017-2018
There was a motion to elect David Dolphin as Chair of the Water TAC. (M/S: J. Carlson/A. Tachiki).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Bradbury, Covina, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, LACDPW, USGVMWD
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Arcadia, South Pasadena

The election of D. Dolphin to Chair created a vacancy at Vice Chair. Accordingly, members conducted an election for this position.

There was a motion to elect Fran Delach as Vice Chair of the Water TAC. (M/S: F. Delach/M. Lombos).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Bradbury, Covina, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, LACDPW, USGVMWD
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Arcadia, South Pasadena

DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Legislative Updates
- State Legislation
 D. Mahmud reviewed the status of the following legislation: AB 1668 (Friedman), SB 231 (Hertzberg), AB 1180 (Holden), SB 589 (Hernandez), SB 633 (Portantino). Regarding AB 1668, Mahmud reviewed the components of a "water budget" as envisioned in the bill. S. Pedroza encouraged the Water Policy and TAC Committees to continue working on a bill aimed at producer responsibility for stormwater cleanup.
 - Federal Legislation: H.R. 465/2355, H.R. 2510

S. Green discussed H.R. 465, explaining the integrated planning element of the bill. The US Conference of Mayors has come out in support of this legislation. Green stated that there will be a hearing on H.R. 465 at which the Conference of Mayors will testify in support, additionally, there will be representation from the LA area speaking in support.

8. San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus

- Sacramento Caucus: Aug 30th

D. Mahmud reviewed the Caucus meeting and the one-on-one meetings with legislators and/or their staffs that she and E. Wolf conducted while in Sacramento.

- SGV Legislative Staff Water Working Group: Presentation of 2018 Legislative Agenda
E. Wolf announced the SGVCOG's participation in this working group. He introduced the 2018 legislative ideas that will be presented.

9. Regulatory Updates

- Waters of the United States: Teleconference Sessions

E. Wolf reviewed the teleconference series and the SGVCOG's participation.

- 1, 2, 3-Trichloroethane

K. Gardner reviewed this regulation and the testing that has been done in the Main San Gabriel Basin. Of the 143 wells in the basin, only five have tested positive for 1,2,3-TCP. Of those, two will be able to treat by dilution, the other three will have to construct treatment facilities. Gardner added that the State Water Board has indicated that there will be no extension of the compliance timeline.

10. Water Boards Update

- State Board

- o 303(d) List

M. Lombos stated that conversations with the Regional Water Board indicate that the State Board may reverse some of the delisting decisions made locally. This would expand the list, creating more burden on our cities. An updated list is due to be released soon.

M. Lyons from Assembly Member Holden's office reached out to both the SGVCOG and County Public Works for information on our requests to the State Board that the Public Hearing be held in the Los Angeles area. We provided that documentation but have yet to hear that the State Board is considering a change to the hearing location.

- o Waters of the State

D. Mahmud provided an example of recent State Board actions to enact water regulations aimed at filling a gap where the federal government has deregulated.

- Regional Board

There was no discussion of this item.

11. LA County Water Resilience Update

M. Lombos reviewed the three components to Water Resilience: 1) the plan to capture and infiltrate more stormwater, 2) the public outreach plan, dubbed H2O4LA, 3) and the funding plan. The committee asked for a presentation from County.

12. Water Supply Update

- F. Delach reviewed two Upper District project concepts. The first is construction of dry weather urban runoff water capture and infrastructure at a site convenient to diverting that runoff to a Sanitation District reclamation plant for treatment and release. The other project would construct a pipeline to convey effluent from a Sanitation District plant to the Santa Fe spreading grounds. This is similar to the current City of Carson project. Committee members commented that the two projects should be

integrated if they go forward. S. Green shared that a similar project has been stopped pending review by US Fish and Wildlife, the concern being that diverting effluent to spreading grounds will decrease the amount of water needed to sustain downstream wildlife. She noted that the project will also need State Board approval. Delach added that there are studies underway to test the safety of infiltrating effluent into ground water. Finally, Green stated that, since the Sanitation District currently has excess capacity, they are working on ways to equalize the flow throughout the day. This will increase their overall capacity.

- California Water Fix Resolution 15-29

The Metropolitan Water District recently contacted the COG asking the council to endorse the California Water Fix. E. Wolf stated that COG is already on record supporting the water fix per Resolution 15-29. Wolf provided this resolution to MWD. The committee discussed the impact of Westlands Water District's recent opposition position. If the project goes forward as is, Westlands' departure from the coalition of water fix agencies will have the effect of increased costs for the remaining members.

13. Litigation Update

A November 13th trial date has been set for the Gardena and Duarte cases.

A remand of the State Supreme Court's decision on the State Mandates case has been set for January 31, 2018.

Regarding the LA Regional Board's 2012 MS4 permits, the NRDC's appeal has been assigned to the Second Court of Appeals.

As expected, San Diego has appealed their case against MWD to the State Supreme Court.

14. Stormwater Outreach Updates

- Judy Nelson's Stormwater Presentation to South Bay Cities COG
- Congresswoman Napolitano tour of County Flood Control Infrastructure
- Upcoming Tours of County Flood Control Infrastructure
- Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities, Regional Stormwater Policy

Due to time constraints, there was no discussion of any of these items.

15. E/WMP Updates

- MOA for SGVCOG Financial Management of the Upper LA River EWMP's Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program

E. Wolf explained the idea behind these MOAs. Questions were asked and members of the ULAR EWMP provided answers based on their experience with the current MOA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

P. Hawkey thanked the Water Policy and TAC committees for their good work in helping SGV cities meet their MS4 requirements. Hawkey stated that the work of the committees has been recognized across the county and state, and is now making national headlines.

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LA Water Board meeting: Oct 5th
- G. Crudginton announced that she has been made a member of the Policy Committee for the OurWaterLA group. She stated that she is preparing a position paper for the committee and solicited input from the committees. This issue will be added to the October agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.