



SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Approved Minutes

Date: April 10, 2018
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 10:05 A.M.
- 2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

N. Lyons, Diamond Bar
J. Nelson, Glendora
G. Crudgington, Monrovia
M. Clark, Rosemead
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Claremont
South Pasadena
West Covina

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin, Alhambra
B. Lathrop, K. Kearney, Bradbury
A. Tachiki, Monrovia
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre
M. Lambos, A. Lasso, G. LACDPW
E. Reyes, SGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
Covina
South Pasadena

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Green, LACSD
R. Serna, Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

Guests

J. Carver, M. Cansino, Pomona
B. Ruiz, J. Caprile, J. Smith, LAC Parks
D. Correy, V. Murphy, Sen Portantino
R. Tahir, TECs

SGVCOG Staff

E. Wolf

- 3. Public Comment. None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 2/21/2018
There was a motion to approve the minutes. (M/S: N. Lyons/G. Crudgington).
[MOTION PASSED]

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

Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 3/21/2018. M. Clark asked that Item #5, Support for Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River E/WMP Modifications, of the March meeting minutes, be revised to include her concern regarding the E/WMP’s potential liability for soil contamination caused by the pick-a-part.

**There was a motion to approve the minutes as amended. (M/S: J. Cappocia/M. Clark).
[MOTION PASSED]**

AYES:	Rosemead, Sierra Madre
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Diamond Bar, Monrovia, Glendora,
ABSENT:	Arcadia, Covina, Claremont, South Pasadena, West Covina

PRESENTATION

ACTION ITEMS

5. Support for Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River E/WMP Modifications
G. Crudginton gave an overview of the proposed changes to the RH/SGV E/WMP. She related that the changes result in costs going from \$1.4 billion down to \$106.8 million, a reduction of 92%. She also stated that the E/WMP changes result in the miles of required green streets going from 435 miles to 6 miles. M. Clark raised concerns that green streets are not proven to remove pollution. She was also concerned that the E/WMP may be held liable for soil contamination caused by the pick-a-part. She also noted that even with the reduction in cost, the E/WMP results in a higher cost per acre foot for infiltrated water than other sources of water such as groundwater or imported water. Finally, Clark advised that the E/WMP wait to see how the results of the State Audit, ongoing challenges to the legality of the MS4 permit, and the results of the unfunded mandates cases, impact the MS4 permit process in the future. J. Cappocia acknowledged that the changes to the plan resulted in reduced costs, but stated his belief that the COG should not support this, or any other EWMP changes, because that could be interpreted as the COG supporting the EWMP process itself. The acting chair, J. Nelson, pulled the item from the agenda.

6. SB 623 (Monning)
**There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board oppose unless amended to remove the fee on public water systems. (M/S: J. Cappocia/M. Clark).
[MOTION PASSED]**

AYES:	Diamond Bar, Glendora, Monrovia, Rosemead, Sierra Madre
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Claremont, South Pasadena, West Covina

7. SB 1133 (Portantino)
At the request of Sen Portantino’s staff, this item was pulled from the agenda, due to the bill currently undergoing major amendments.

8. AB 2538 (Rubio)
**There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board support AB 2538. (M/S: J. Cappocia/M. Clark).
[MOTION PASSED]**

AYES:	Diamond Bar, Glendora, Monrovia, Rosemead, Sierra Madre
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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Claremont, South Pasadena, West Covina

DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Legislative Updates: H.R. 465/2355
S. Green notified the committee that the bill is still in committee and that there has been no change.
10. Regulatory Updates
There were no updates.
11. E/WMP Updates
 - RH/SGR. J. Carlson stated that there was nothing further to report beyond what G. Crudginton previously briefed.
 - East SGV. J. Carver reported that the EWMP is currently conducting CIMP monitoring.
 - ULAR. D. Dolphin stated that the group is still working on completing the MOA with the SGVCOG.
12. Water Boards Update
 - J. Nelson reported the news that Deborah Smith has been named as the LA Regional Water Board Executive Director.
 - Update on status of 303(d) list. There was no update.
13. Water Supply Update
R. Serna reported that imported water replacement rates from MWD are going up and that the Main San Gabriel Basin's Resource Development Assessment fee will remain as previously set; there are no plans to seek an increase in those rates.
14. Litigation Update
 - Gardena and Duarte cases
R. Tahir reported on the cases. The cities raised the following procedural and substantive issues.
 - Procedural
 - o The original EWMP rollout did not follow proper procedure in that cities were not given the required amount of time for review.
 - o Regional Board staff greatly miscalculated the estimated cost per household of the EWMP programs, thereby basing the financial aspect of the programs on faulty information.
 - o The Regional Board did not do a cost benefit analysis as required.
 - o The Regional Board deferred to staff and didn't themselves follow due process when making decisions.
 - Substantive
 - o EWMPs are unfunded state mandates.
 - o There is no proof that the EWMP structure will result in meeting water quality standards and numeric TMDLs.
 - o MS4 permittees are only required to reduce pollutants to the "maximum extent practicable," not to a specified numeric target.
15. Stormwater Outreach Updates
 - Washington, D.C. Meeting Recap
E. Wolf and N. Lyons reviewed the meeting SGVCOG officers had with the Conference of Mayors.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.