



SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Approved Minutes

Date: January 18, 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 10:04 AM.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

S. Pedroza, Claremont
J. Nelson, Glendora
G. Crudgington, Monrovia
M. Clark, Rosemead
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre
D. Mahmud, South Pasadena

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Diamond Bar

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin, Alhambra
A. Tachiki, Monrovia
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre
M. Adhami, B. Hamamoto LACDPW
M. Gouveia, USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
Covina

Ex Officio Members Present

R. Serna, K. Gardner, SG Basin Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

Foothill Muni Water Dist
LACSD

Guests

R. Tahir, TECS Environmental
B. Inman, Bradbury
K. Maya-Aviles, Assembly Member Holden
J. Carver, Pomona
R. Gastelum, WELL
L. Mustafa, Claremont

M. Cansino, Pomona
D. Dian, Day One
M. Lyons, Assembly Member Holden
V. Griego, WELL
J. Shimmin, South Pasadena
O. Chi, Monrovia

SGVCOG Staff

P. Hawkey
E. Wolf

3. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 11/16/2016, 12/21/2016
There was a motion to approve all minutes. (M/S: J. Nelson/G. Crudgington).

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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
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PRESENTATION

5. Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River EWMP Regional Project: Presentation by Oliver Chi, City Manager, City of Monrovia
- O. Chi discussed efforts by the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River EWMP group to engage with the Regional Board in order to rework the previously approved EWMP. The proposed changes include the addition of five downstream, regional projects in place of numerous city-by-city water capture sites, including numerous green streets. One of those regional projects involves buying land that is currently an auto junk yard, and turning this site into engineered wetlands. The Regional Board has been supportive of the group’s plan but much will depend on the Reasonable Assurance Analysis modeling, which will determine the quantity of stormwater captured and infiltrated relative to the TMDL targets. The committee thanked Chi for the EWMP’s work and noted that the ground this group is breaking may open up opportunities for other EWMPs to use a similar, more cost effective, downstream approach to meeting MS4 requirements.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Stormwater Legislative Priorities for 2017
- The committee approved the Stormwater Legislative Priorities list with the following change based on discussions with state legislators suggesting that the new wording stands a better chance of gaining support.

CURRENT: 1. **Redirect a portion of** tire fees to address stormwater pollution.
NEW: 1. **Establish a new** tire fee to address stormwater pollution.

There was a motion to approve the Stormwater Legislative Priorities and forward to the Governing Board recommending approval. (M/S: G. Crudgington/J. Nelson).

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. SWRCB Open Seats:
R. Gastelum reported that the Governor’s office has interviewed four or five candidates and intends to make a selection as soon as possible.
8. Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL).

- R. Gastelum gave an overview of the February 4th WELL conference.
9. CA Natural Resources: Urban Greening Program
E. Wolf provided an overview of the grant program, calling attention to key dates. Final guidelines will be released on March 1st after which, the CA Natural Resources Division will hold workshops to explain the program and submission criteria. The Urban Greening grant will provide \$80 million for projects that reduce greenhouse gases by “greening” the built up environment. Wolf encouraged EWMPs to apply for funding for regional, multi-benefit projects.
10. Stormwater Outreach Updates
Contract Cities/Independent Cities Association Jan. 9-10 Sacramento Legislative Tour. J. Nelson informed the committee about the Sacramento Legislative Tour, noting that the SGVCOG Stormwater Policy was widely distributed and discussed with state legislators. S. Pedroza recommended that a group from SGVCOG return to Sacramento in the near future in order to reinforce our stormwater legislative agenda and continue outreach. One meeting of note was with Senator Hetzberg, author of SB1298 (2016). SB 1298 sought to include stormwater as one of the utilities exempt from Proposition 218 voting requirements. It was pulled from the agenda in 2016 owing to lack of support. The senator intends to reintroduce similar legislation in 2017.
Stormwater Funding Group’s Legislative Proposals.
D. Mahmud updated the committee on four of our legislative priorities that have been drafted and have initial sponsorship. Those include:
- A bill establishing a new fee on tires to help pay for zinc clean up in stormwater.
 - Inclusion of the Financial Capabilities Assessment criteria in all stormwater related regulation.
 - A bill requiring the State Architect to include stormwater capture in all school design/redesign.
 - Establishment of an insurance fund to pay for civil liability associated with stormwater capture and infiltration.
11. Litigation Update
- City of Gardena v. RWQCB. R. Tahir reported that there will be a case management hearing on Jan 20th.
 - R. Tahir reported that there will be a hearing on Jan 24th on the merits of the NRDC vs. LARWQCB case.
12. E/WMP Updates
B. Hamamoto, LACDPW, reported that the County will draft a baseline Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD). It is likely that E/WMPs will use this as their starting point and modify it to apply to their specific circumstances.
13. Watermaster Rate Increases.
K. Gardner reported that the Watermaster is continuing with the planned rate increase to help defray the cost of imported water needed to replenish the Main San Gabriel Basin. Regarding the heavy rains and the effect on the basin, Gardner stated that it is too early to tell how much impact the rains will have on the key well. It takes five weeks for water to percolate and raise the well level.

CHAIR’S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WELL. Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) Stormwater Collection Workshop, Sat, 4 February, 8:30 to 2:00, Pacific Palms Resort, City of Industry. Attendance is open to all interested parties. Registration is free.
- LA Regional Water Quality Control Board (Closed Session: No Public Comment). Jan 25, 10:00 A.M.
- LA Regional Water Quality Control Board (Open Meeting). Feb 2.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 A.M.