



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

Date: June 9, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Zoom/YouTube teleconference meeting

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

G. Boyer, J. Nelson; Glendora
G. Crudgington; Monrovia
M. Clark; Rosemead
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
K. Kearney; Bradbury
S. Costandi, S. Gallant; Covina
Y. Paez; Duarte
A. Sweet; Glendora
L. Chung; LA County Public Works
A. Tachiki; Monrovia
J. Carver; Pomona
E. Reyes; SGVWMD
T. Love, P. Cortez; USGVMWD

Ex Officio Members Present

K. Gardner; SG Basin Watermaster
S. Green; LA County Sanitation Districts

Guests

K. Manning; Water Quality Association
T. Zampiendo, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
S. Armenta Lopez; Sen. Rubio's Office
V. Murphy; Sen. Portantino's Office

SGVCOG Staff

S. Matthews
C. Sims
A. Fung

3. Public Comment
No public comment.
4. Changes to Agenda Order.

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

LA County District #1
J. Stark; Claremont
J. Capoccia; Sierra Madre

Water TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
Sierra Madre

Ex Officio Members Absent

No changes to agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5. Water Committee/TAC March Meeting Minutes
There was a motion to approve the consent calendar.
(M/S: G. Crudginton/D. Dolphin)

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Glendora; Monrovia; Rosemead; South Pasadena; Alhambra; Bradbury; Covina; Duarte; Glendora; Monrovia; Pomona; LA County Public Works; USGVMWD
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Arcadia; Claremont; Sierra Madre; LA County District 1

PRESENTATIONS

- 6. PFAS Contamination and How it Affects the San Gabriel Valley – Kenneth R. Manning, Executive Director, Water Quality Association and Tony Zampiello, Executive Officer, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
K. Manning and T. Zampiello provided a presentation on perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination of water and how it affects the San Gabriel Valley. They provided an overview of PFAS chemicals, the history of its manufacturing, where it can be found today, and how to remove it from water systems. They also gave an overview of the governmental and legislative action taken on PFAS. Due to the newfound ability to detect contaminants at parts per trillion levels, agencies can now detect PFAS in drinking water. In 2019, AB 756 (Garcia) passed requiring drinking water systems with PFAS levels at 70 ppt combined to be taken out of service and the State Division of Drinking Water (DDW) lowered Notification Levels (NLs) for PFOA and PFOS to 5.1 ppt and 6.5 ppt respectively. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) set NLs for PFOA and PFOS to lowest levels reliably detected in drinking water using current technologies.

ACTION ITEMS

- 7. H.R. 535 (Dingell) – PFAS Action Act of 2019
There was a discussion on H.R. 535, or the PFAS Action Act of 2019, to address perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. H.R. 535 would require the EPA to publish a maximum contaminant level goal for PFAS and establish national drinking water safeguards for PFAS chemicals. The bill would identify health risks by requiring comprehensive health testing for all PFAS and would issue guidance for first responders to limit their exposures.

There was a motion for the Water Policy Committee to recommend the Governing Board support H.R. 535.

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

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Glendora; Rosemead; South Pasadena
NOES:	

ABSTAIN:	Monrovia
ABSENT:	Claremont; Sierra Madre; LA County District 1

The Water TAC abstained from recommending the Governing Board support H.R. 535.

[MOTION NOT PASSED]

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Alhambra; Bradbury; Covina; Duarte; Glendora; Monrovia; Pomona; LA County Public Works; USGVMWD
ABSENT:	Arcadia; Sierra Madre

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Safe Clean Water Program Updates

a. Program and WASC Updates

D. Dolphin provided updates from the Rio Hondo WASC, which approved its SIP and all projects except for 2 scientific studies, and the Upper LA River (ULAR) WASC, which also approved its SIP. D. Mahmud expressed concern with the ULAR SIP and the funding to LA County for a project that is already completed. T. Love provided an update on the Upper San Gabriel River WASC, which approved its SIP. A. Tachiki recommends members speak during public comment at the Regional Oversight Committee meeting.

b. Call with LA County District Staff

D. Mahmud gave an overview of the call with District staff on concerns with the implementation of the Safe Clean Water program, the need to extend the Round 2 application deadline, the makeup of and vacancy on the Scoring Committee, and the scoring criteria's created bias against the San Gabriel Valley. G. Crudgington noted the need for community support to include local governments.

c. Round 2 Applications

There was a discussion on the extension of the Round 2 application deadline.

d. Watershed Coordinators

There was a discussion on the need for strong, unbiased watershed coordinators. D. Mahmud asked members to reach out to those who would be strong candidates and encourage them to apply.

e. Fund Transfer Agreements

There was a discussion on the updated fund transfer agreement templates and committees' requested changes that were not addressed in the updated versions. These concerns were primarily related to allowing for WASCs to allocate multi-year fund agreements, timing of annual plan submittal requirements, undispersed fund interest going to the District, and cities and recipients being responsible for funding own audits. D. Mahmud recommends we withhold execution until the agreement templates are further revised.

9. SB 205 (Hertzberg) Implementation

G. Crudginton announced the Regional Water Board has been slow in responding to city requests on the bill and requested feedback from cities on the problems and Board responsiveness. Members should check with business licensing staff and report back at July meeting.

UPDATE ITEMS

- 10.** Water Infrastructure Stimulus Funding Update
There was announcement that water infrastructure stimulus funding is not moving forward at this time.
- 11.** Legislative Updates
No updates.
- 12.** Litigation Update
G. Crudginton provided an update on the Gardena litigation.
- 13.** E/WMP Updates
D. Dolphin announced that the ULAR WMP group has not met in last few months but has been corresponding via email and is working on a website to publicize projects.
- 14.** Water TAC Chair Report
A. Tachiki recognized T. Love's and the TAC's work on Safe Clean Water program implementation.
- 15.** Water Supply Update
T. Love announced that State Water Project allocation rose from 15% to 20% and that MWD has a record amount of water in storage and will be sufficient for next 1-2 years if there are dry years.
- 16.** Water Boards Update
No updates.

CHAIR'S REPORT

D. Mahmud announced that the Committee will meet in July via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.