



SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Approved Minutes

Date: June 21, 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 10:06 AM.
- 2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

J. Nelson, Glendora
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre
D. Mahmud, South Pasadena

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Claremont
Diamond Bar
Monrovia
Rosemead

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin, Alhambra
A. Tachiki, Monrovia
M. Lombos, P. Villaluna, E. Vizcarra, LACDPW
M. Gouveia, USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
Covina
Sierra Madre

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Green, LA County Sanitation District

Ex Officio Members Absent

Foothill Municipal Water District
Watermaster

Guests

J. Carver, M. Cansino, Pomona
R. Tahir, TECS Environmental

B. Lathrop, Bradbury
M. Lyons, S. Helland, S. Heieh, Assembly
Member Holden

B. Pence, Congresswoman Napolitano
E. Hills, SGVMWD
S. Costandi, Covina

M. Lutz
D. Diaz, Day One
A. Molina, WSP USA

SGVCOG Staff

E. Wolf

- 3. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 5/17/2017
There was a motion to approve the minutes. (M/S: D. Mahmud/J. Capoccia).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Glendora, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Monrovia, LACDPW, USGVMWD, Sanitation District
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	

ABSENT:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Monrovia, Rosemead, Arcadia, Covina, Foothill Municipal Water District, Watermaster
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PRESENTATION

ACTION ITEMS

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Water Policy Committee for 2017-2018.
There was a motion to nominate D. Mahmud as Chair. (M/S: J. Capoccia/J. Nelson)
There was a motion to nominate J. Nelson as Vice Chair. (M/S: D. Mahmud/J. Capoccia).

[MOTIONS PASSED]

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

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Water Technical Advisory Committee for 2017-2018
There was a motion to nominate S. Chapman as Chair and D. Dolphin at Vice Chair. (M/S: D. Dolphin/M. Lombos)

[MOTIONS PASSED]

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Legislative Updates
- State Legislation. D. Mahmud updated the committee on the status of SB 633 and SB 589. Both are two-year bills currently being held in the Appropriations Committee. M. Lyons stated that Assembly Member Holden’s office has been contacted by LA County requesting the insertion of Water Resilience language into one of Holden’s bills. Likely this will be a gut and amend to AB 1180.
 - o AB 1654 (Rubio) D. Mahmud gave an overview of the bill.
There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board support AB 1654. (M/S: J. Nelson/D. Mahmud)

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Glendora, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Monrovia, LACDPW, USGVMWD, Sanitation District
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Monrovia, Rosemead, Arcadia, Covina, Foothill Municipal Water District, Watermaster

- Federal Legislation
 - o HR 2355 WIFA D. Mahmud requested that HR 2355 be discussed in conjunction with HR 465, a Republican-only bill that is very similar to 2355.

Due to the similarities in the bills, there was a motion to concurrently discuss and consider taking a position on either HR 2355 or HR 465. (M/S: D. Mahmud/S. Green)

[MOTION PASSED]

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Both bills codify integrated planning in MS4 permitting. HR 2355 is a bipartisan bill that also includes green infrastructure and a municipal ombudsman. HR 465 is a Republican-only bill that does not include these issues. Information obtained by the Committee indicates that 2355 will not move forward, but 465 will. That being the case, the Committee voted to support HR 465 with the following amendments:

- o Creation of an Office of Municipal Ombudsman
- o Promotion of the use of green infrastructure in programs and permits
- o Increasing the term of permits from 5 years to 10 years

There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board support HR 465 with the amendments. (M/S: D. Mahmud/J. Nelson)

[MOTION PASSED]

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NOES:	
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- o HR 2510 WQP&JCA D. Mahmud gave an overview of the bill.

There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board support HR 2510. (M/S: D. Mahmud/J. Capoccia)

[MOTION PASSED]

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NOES:	
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INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Regulatory Updates

- Report on Waste Discharge/MS4 Permit update. There was no update on this item.
- [303\(d\) List](#). P. Villaluna, LACDPW, discussed revisions to the 303(d) list based on the input the LA Regional Board received during its public comment period. Most cement-lined channels have been removed from the list. The County will continue providing data in support of delisting benthic communities. The list is now with the State Board for adoption after a period of public comment and a hearing. Written comments are due by July 10th and the hearing is set for October 3rd.

- [Waters of the United States Informal Comment Submission](#) E. Wolf reviewed the June Governing Board action approving the submission of comments to EPA.
9. Water Boards Update. There were no updates on this item.
 - State Board
 - Regional Board
 10. LA County Water Resilience Update. D. Mahmud discussed the draft legislative language necessary to grant the Flood Control District tax authority and the ability to use Proposition 218 rules to establish a property tax in support of the County's Water Resiliency Plan. Draft language states that 40% of the tax revenue will be distributed back to the district from which it came. 50% would go to the County for regional projects, and another 10% for administrative overhead. The County is targeting November 2018 for a ballot measure.
 11. Water Supply Update. There was no update on this item.
 - Upper District Update
 - Watermaster Update
 12. Litigation Update. There was no update on this item.
 13. Stormwater Outreach Updates. There were no updates on these items.
 - Flood Control Tour w/ Congresswoman Napolitano, TBD
 - Supervisor Barger, June 22nd
 - South Bay Cities COG, July 27
 14. E/WMP Updates. There was no update on this item.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next LA Water Board meeting will be on July 6th.

The next Water Policy/TAC meeting will be on July 19th. (dark?)

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.