



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

Date: May 11, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Zoom/YouTube teleconference meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

J. Stark; Claremont
G. Boyer; Glendora
G. Crudgington; Monrovia
M. Clark; Rosemead
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Sierra Madre

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
S. Costandi; Covina
S. Gallant; Covina
R. Wang; LA County Public Works
A. Tachiki; Monrovia
J. Carver; Pomona
E. Reyes; SGVMWD
A. Tesfaye; South Pasadena
T. Love, J. Santana, P. Cortez; USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

Bradbury
Duarte
Glendora
Sierra Madre

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Green, K. Gardner; LA County Sanitation Districts
L. Augino; Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

LA County Sanitation Districts

Guests

C. Helmle; Craftwater
B. Wardynski; Craftwater
B. Datti; Craftwater
D. Amaya; Rubio's Staff

SGVCOG Staff

S. Matthews
C. Sims
P. Hubler
T. Egan
K. Ward

3. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
4. Changes to Agenda Order.
No changes to agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Water Committee/TAC April Meeting Minutes
**There was a motion to approve the Water Committee/TAC April meeting minutes.
(M/S: D. Mahmud/G. Boyer)**

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Committee – Claremont; Glendora; Monrovia; Rosemead; South Pasadena TAC – Alhambra; Covina; Monrovia; Pomona; LA County Public Works; USGVMWD
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Committee – Sierra Madre TAC – Bradbury; Duarte; Glendora; Sierra Madre; South Pasadena; SGVMWD

6. Water TAC April Meeting Minutes
**There was a motion to approve the Water TAC April special meeting minutes.
(M/S: A. Tachiki/D. Dolphin)**

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	TAC – Alhambra; Covina; Monrovia; Pomona; LA County Public Works; USGVMWD
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	TAC – Bradbury; Duarte; Glendora; Sierra Madre; South Pasadena; SGVMWD

PRESENTATIONS

7. Maximizing Impact of Minimum Controls Scientific Study
C. Helmle, B. Wardynski, and B. Datti provided a presentation on a scientific study that would provide a robust, scientific approach to track data on municipal MCM efforts, including street sweeping, cleaning catch basins, and removing trash. Municipalities use MCM programs to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. However, there is limited data on the quantitative impacts of these programs. The Study would aim to begin to quantify and optimize the impacts of these MCM programs and prepare municipalities to comply with upcoming State and Regional Water Board requirements. Committee members expressed support of the study. Staff announced that the SGVCOG intends to submit the study to the Safe, Clean Water Program’s Round 3 call for projects.

UPDATE ITEMS

8. State Water Resources Control Board Second Proposed Order on Approval of Watershed

Management Programs and an Enhanced Watershed Management Program

A. Tachiki announced that the Regional Board sent an update on the recently finalized State Board order and the Tentative MS4 Permit.

9. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit

A. Tachiki announced that the Regional Board sent an update on the State Board order and the Tentative MS4 Permit and that the Regional Board should have a June or July adoption of the Permit which would include the language from the recently finalized State Board order. A. Tachiki announced the regular Regional Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13 and will include an MS4 Permit item and recommends attending that meeting.

10. Safe Clean Water Program

S. Matthews provided an update on the municipal transfers. 70% of municipalities have received payments. Delays are related to annual plan submissions and transfer agreements. Second annual plans are expected to be provided to cities by August 2021. For watershed coordinators, 7 of the 12 contracts have been executed. District released interim Nature Based Solutions (NBS) guidance which aims to clarify how WASCs are to include NBS when developing SIPs and how applicants are to include NBS in project applications. D. Mahmud asked for context of the interim guidance and next steps. A. Tachiki answered that the interim guidance are administrative updates that do not require Board of Supervisor approval or resolutions to implement. G. Crudgington asked about strategy to coordinate on these issues. A. Tachiki suggested that elected officials participate in calls with the County

11. State Budget and Legislative Updates

a. Senate Budget Plan on Drought, Safe Drinking Water, Water Supply Reliability, and Ratepayer Assistance

b. S. 914 Safe Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021

P. Hubler presented on the Senate Bill S.914 which passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support. The bill would provide \$35 billion for drinking water and the State revolving fund. The intention in the House is to take up own version of bill which would be more robustly funded, at \$50 billion. In terms of state legislation, SB 45 would place bond on the ballot in 2022 for a \$5.5 billion bond. Current language authorizes stormwater projects but no specific funding carving. Staff discussed with Senator Rubio's staff the need to provide funding for stormwater mitigation. For SB 426, Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) bill, staff met with State Board and Senator Rubio's staff to discuss the use of FCA by the State Board. AB 377 cleared its policy committee by 1 vote. There was significant discussion in this bill. Staff has re-emphasized to Assemblymember Holden's staff the SGVCOG's opposite to the bill.

T. Egan provided updates on the. Senate Budget Plan on Drought, Safe Drinking Water, Water Supply Reliability, and Ratepayer Assistance. This package will be included in a soon to be introduced Senate Budget Trailer bill to be voted on by the Senate. The plan includes \$3.41 billion in one-time state and federal funds (Federal "American Rescue Plan"), one-time state General Fund, and appropriation of general obligation bonds (Propositions 1 and 68). D. Mahmud asked a clarification question on county declaration

of drought emergency. T. Egan responded that it makes a county eligible State and Federal relief funding and puts certain regulations on hiatus during the emergency order. D. Mahmud noted that Southern California has invested heavily in water storage which has affected our region not incurring a declaration of drought emergency.

12. Litigation Update

G. Crudgington provided an update that the California Supreme Court denied Petitions for Review filed in the cases of Duarte/Gardena vs State Water Resources Control Board and the cases are effectively concluded.

13. E/WMP Updates

E/WMPs are working on RAA updates by June 30 deadline.

14. Water TAC Chair Report

A. Tachiki announced the bi-monthly call with the Safe Clean Water staff and told TAC members to let him know if they have questions or issues with programming, annual plan submissions, and transfer agreements.

15. Water Supply Update

T. Love announced the drought emergency orders around the State. Southern California is well prepared to handle current year of drought due to enhanced conservation measures and investment in water storage, however a multi-year drought will put serious strain on system. Key well is down to 194.4 feet. Historic low was in 2018 at 169 feet, so above that but below ideal level.

16. Water Boards Update

No updates.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 A.M.