



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

Date: February 9, 2021  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Location: Zoom/YouTube teleconference meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M.
2. Roll Call

**Water Policy Committee Members Present**

J. Stark; Claremont  
G. Crudgington; Monrovia  
M. Clark; Rosemead  
K. Kriebs; Sierra Madre  
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

**Water Policy Committee Members Absent**

Glendora

**Water TAC Members Present**

D. Dolphin; Alhambra  
K. Kearney; Bradbury  
S. Costandi, S. Gallant; Covina  
Y. Paez; Duarte  
R. Wang, M. Lombos; LA County Public Works  
A. Tachiki; Monrovia  
J. Carver; Pomona  
J. Carlson; Sierra Madre  
A. Tesfaye; South Pasadena  
E. Reyes; SGVMWD  
T. Love, P. Cortez; USGVMWD

**Water TAC Members Absent**

Glendora

**Ex Officio Members Present**

T. Zampietro; SG Basin Watermaster  
S. Green; LA County Sanitation Districts

**Ex Officio Members Absent**

**Guests**

K. Cowan; CASQA  
V. Murphy; Portantino's Office

**SGVCOG Staff**

S. Matthews  
C. Sims

3. Public Comment  
R. Tahir commented on the LA County Arboretum project. He noted that public agencies are required to comply with pre-conservation requirements, that CEQA is applicable to E/WMP projects, and there is no reference to CEQA clearance in this project. He

questioned why this wasn't done and argued that the E/WMP project will need to be revised. He said that it is clear that no tree will be lost to this project without triggering litigation. He plans on raising this issue with the Regional Board. Finally, he noted that Senator Susan Rubio sent a letter to the Regional Board asking for removal of the bacteria TMDL and will share that letter to the group.

4. Changes to Agenda Order.  
No changes to agenda order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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

6. Water TAC January Meeting Minutes  
**There was a motion to approve the Water TAC January meeting minutes.**  
**(M/S: T. Love/D. Dolphin)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra; Bradbury; Covina; Duarte; LA County Public Works; Monrovia; Pomona; Sierra Madre; South Pasadena; USGVMWD
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	SGVMWD
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Glendora

**PRESENTATIONS**

7. Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Tire Zinc Content Regulation – Karen Cowen, Executive Director, California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA)  
California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) presented on their petition to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to list motor vehicle tires containing zinc as a Priority Product under Safer Consumer Products regulations. This petition was granted in January 2021. DTSC will soon issue a document explaining the decision and will solicit stakeholder feedback prior to deciding whether to list tires containing zinc as a Priority Product.
8. PFOA and PFOS Update – Tony Zampiello, Executive Officer, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster provided updates on PFAS, a group of per- and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals, in our region. In February 2020, the California Division of Drinking Water (DDW) set new Response Levels (RLs) of 10 parts-per-trillion (ppt) for PFOA and 40 ppt for PFOS. Exceedance of the RL requires the affected well to be shut down or provide public notification. In May 2020, DDW revised its drinking water sample collection guidance for PFAS and in September 2020 issued new PFAS monitoring orders. 19 producers in the Main San Gabriel Basin received these orders. Wells with detection of PFOA and/or PFOS above an RL must remove the chemicals through various treatment technologies. There were questions on whether other states have adopted these RLs, to which T. Zampiello responded that other states align with EPA levels. D. Mahmud noted that South Pasadena received an order and began using granular activated carbon (GAC) technique to remove these chemicals. The Sanitation District commented that its collecting data and completing its first quarter data to look at what sources of PFOA are.

#### **UPDATE ITEMS**

- 9.** State Water Resources Control Board Second Proposed Order on Approval of Watershed Management Programs and an Enhanced Watershed Management Program  
No updates.
- 10.** Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit  
No updates.
- 11.** Safe Clean Water Program  
A. Tachiki provided an update on the Safe Clean Water program, that District staff and the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) are working on new program guidelines and SGVCOG staff provided public comment on two program guidelines, water supply benefits and nature-based solutions.
- 12.** Legislative Updates  
S. Matthews provided an update on AB 377, the California Clean Water Act. AB 377 was introduced on February 1, 2021. The legislation sets a specific date for Clean Water Act compliance accelerating compliance measures with no additional funding being made available. The Committees agreed to agendaize for March and take action.
- 13.** Litigation Update  
S. Matthews provided an update on City of Duarte/Gardena v. State Board, in which the appellate court reversed the trial court decision finding that the State Board did sufficiently consider the factors required by California law, including economic factors, in issuing the Permit. D. Mahmud provided an update on Department of Finance v. Commission of State Mandates, in which the appellate court found that certain State-mandated stormwater permit requirements imposed on local governments are subject to cost reimbursement under the California constitution. D. Mahmud requested a presentation at a future meeting on the Department of Finance case and how it will affect pending claims on MS4 Permit and AB 377.

- 14.** E/WMP Updates  
A. Tachiki acknowledged an LA Times article about a project in Arcadia at the LA County Arboretum and said the project group is working closely with the arboretum on the project. The Upper LA River Group is updating its reasonable assurance analysis (RAA) and beginning work on the Pre-SIP and Bacteria LRS studies and are looking to put separate attachment on website to report progress on these studies.
- 15.** Water TAC Chair Report  
A. Tachiki recommended paying attention to the Safe Clean Water program and ROC meetings as new guidance is in the process of being developed. He also announced an SB 1383 solid waste working group with the SGVCOG.
- 16.** Water Supply Update  
T. Love provided a water supply update, announcing demands for imported water are at historic lows. He also announced the increasingly possibility that the Colorado River-based supply will go into shortage in next couple of years. However, there is a new record amount of storage in the Main Basin and adequate imported water for next few years regardless of precipitation on the Colorado River or in Northern California. The key well is hovering just under 200 feet.
- 17.** Water Boards Update  
No updates.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M. in honor of Hector Alvarez, former staff person for Grace Napolitano and a veteran who dedicated his life to improving the lives of other veterans.