



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

Date: September 14, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Zoom/YouTube teleconference meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order: G. Crudginton called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

J. Stark; Claremont
G. Boyer; Glendora
G. Crudginton; Monrovia
M. Clark; Rosemead

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

San Gabriel
Sierra Madre
South Pasadena

Water TAC Members Present

K. Kearney; Bradbury
S. Costandi; Covina
R. Wang; LA County Public Works
A. Tachiki; Monrovia
J. Carver; Pomona
J. Carlson; Sierra Madre
T. Gerber; South Pasadena
T. Love; USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

Alhambra
Duarte
Glendora

Ex Officio Members Present

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

Ex Officio Members Absent

L. Augino; Watermaster

Guests

K. Cowan; California Stormwater Quality Association
A. Ryan; International Zinc Association
J. Sievers; U.S. Tire Manufacturer's Association
S. Amick; U.S. Tire Manufacturer's Association
S. Armenta Lopez; Office of Senator Rubio
M. Lyons; Office of Assemblymember Holden
D. Amaya; Office of Assemblymember Rubio

SGVCOG Staff

C. Sims
B. Logasa

P. Hubler
A. Fung

3. Public Comment

- Ryan, Environment Manager at the International Zinc Association, shared that his organization’s own assessments showed that the decade’s old hardness equation paints a different picture of water quality objective exceedance in the state. By using the hardness equation, 14% of water quality samples exceeded water quality objectives. When the Zinc BLM was applied, only 0.2% of water quality samples exceeded water quality objectives. The hardness equation results in erroneous water quality conclusions, which can then lead to unnecessary management actions.
- S. Amick, Vice President for Environment and Health Safety and Sustainability at the U.S. Tire Manufacturer’s Association, shared that the biotic ligand model is an updated science that shows better awareness of water quality in the state. S. Amick asks that the Committee support Assemblymember Holden’s letter to the LA Regional Water Board to start work implementing the biotic ligand model for zinc.

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 May meeting minutes.
(M/S: G.Boyer/J. Stark)

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Committee – Claremont; Glendora; Monrovia; Rosemead TAC – Bradbury; Covina; Pomona; Sierra Madre; South Pasadena; LA County Public Works
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE GIVEN:	TAC – Monrovia; SGVMWD; USGVMWD
ABSENT:	Committee – San Gabriel; Sierra Madre; South Pasadena TAC – Alhambra; Duarte; Glendora

PRESENTATIONS

- 6. Biotic Ligand Model for Zinc – Karen Cowan, Executive Director, California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA)**
K. Cowan presented to the Water Policy Committee and TAC on the water quality principles established through biotic ligand modeling and steps cities can take to integrate this model going forward.

UPDATE ITEMS

- 7. Regional Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit**
C. Sims, SGVCOG Principal Management Analyst, provided information on this item. SGVCOG staff developed two “MS4 101” documents to provide an overview of the

Permit, compliance updates, and an overarching resource guide on stormwater. One is meant to help inform and engage elected officials around the Permit and with the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board; the other is to help inform new planning and public works employees on the Permit. Committee members were asked to review each document and submit comments to Caitlin and/or Brianne.

8. State Water Resources Control Board Order on Approval of Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) and an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP)
There were no updates on this item.
9. Safe Clean Water Program
B. Logasa, SGVCOG Management Analyst, provided information on this item. The Upper San Gabriel WASC met on Thursday, August 26, 2021 and voted to select Alison Sweet from the City of Glendora as Chair and Miguel Luna from Urban Semillas as Vice Chair. The Rio Hondo WASC met on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 and voted to select Kristen Ruffell from LA County Sanitation Districts as Chair and Tom Love from Upper District and Thomas Wong from San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District as Vice Chairs. As for stormwater investment plans (SIPS), the final recommendations for all nine Watershed Areas are expected to be before the Board of Supervisors on September 15, 2021, which is tomorrow. As you may know, each city had to submit a FY 21-22 Annual Plan to receive the annual portion of the Municipal Program revenue. The District intended to disburse the Municipal Program revenue by the end of August 2021; however, actual disbursements are dependent upon the conditions included in the Transfer Agreement.
10. Federal and State Budget and Legislative Updates
B. Logasa, SGVCOG Management Analyst, provided information on this item. SB 273 (Hertzberg) passed both the Assembly and the Senate and was presented to the Governor on September 3rd. This bill would authorize a municipal wastewater agency to enter into agreements with entities responsible for stormwater management for the purpose of managing stormwater and dry weather runoff, to acquire, construct, expand, operate, maintain, and provide facilities for specified purposes relating to managing stormwater and dry weather runoff, and to levy taxes, fees, and charges consistent with the municipal wastewater agency's existing authority in order to fund projects undertaken pursuant to the bill.
11. Litigation Updates
There were no updates on this item.
12. Water Supply Update
K. Gardner, San Gabriel Basin Watermaster Assistant Executive Officer, and T. Love, USGVMWD General Manager provided information on this item. The San Gabriel Basin Watermaster and USGVMWD are working with Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to shift some of their groundwater production to in-lieu to help stabilize basin levels and take advantage of additional water resources that MWD has on the State Water Project. This would take pressure off the Colorado River. Although the region is prepared, there is hope that the region can access emergency drought funds in the likelihood that the

Governor issues a state-wide drought emergency proclamation. The Watermaster assessments are due on September 20.

- 13.** E/WMP Updates
There were no updates on this item.
- 14.** Water TAC Chair Report
- 15.** Water Boards Update
There were no updates on this item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

ADJOURN

G. Crudginton adjourned the meeting at 11:32 A.M.