



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

Date: August 10, 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
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Rosemead
San Gabriel
Sierra Madre

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
K. Kearney; Bradbury
S. Costandi; Covina
A. Sweet; Glendora
R. Wang; LA County Public Works
A. Tachiki; Monrovia
J. Carver; Pomona
T. Love; USGVMWD
J. Santana; USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

Sierra Madre
South Pasadena

Ex Officio Members Present

K. Gardner; Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

LA County Sanitation Districts

Guests

D. Polyzos; Metropolitan Water District

SGVCOG Staff

S. Matthews
C. Sims
B. Logasa
S. Souza

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 May meeting minutes.

(M/S: D. Mahmud/G. Boyer)

[MOTION PASSED]

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

PRESENTATIONS

6. Introductory Remarks from SGVCOG President Becky Shevlin

SGVCOG President Becky Shevlin shared that she is happy to be working with the Committee. B. Shevlin added that SGVCOG is to be proud of the work the Water Policy Committee is doing with the MS4 permit and the technical components therein. B. Shevlin was also impressed by the San Gabriel Valley’s representation in the MS4 discussions with the Regional Water Board.

7. Water Supply Update – Demetri Polyzos, Senior Engineer, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Tom Love, General Manager, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District; Kelly Gardner, Assistant Executive Officer, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster

Demetri Polyzos, Senior Engineer at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, provided a presentation on this item. D. Polyzos shared information on California’s water supply conditions, the State’s drought actions, and MWD’s drought operations. In 2021, below average precipitation, below average snowmelt runoff, and above average spring temperatures region wide have led to drought conditions in California. In May, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency Proclamation for 50 counties within the Klamath River, Russian River, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and Tulare Lake watersheds, representing approximately 40 million people. Currently, none of the six counties within MWD’s service area are under a drought emergency. However, there will be a gap between supply and demand, so MWD will be implementing a Water Surplus and Drought Management (WSDM) Plan to satisfy the 2021 supply-demand gap and preserve SWP carryover storage for 2022. The Committee members asked questions on the shortages and MWD programs.

UPDATE ITEMS

8. Regional Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit

S. Matthews, SGVCOG Management Analyst, provided information on this item. SGVCOG staff are currently developing an “MS4 101” document to provide an overview of the Permit, compliance updates, and an overarching resource guide on stormwater. This

will help inform and engage elected officials around the Permit and with the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board.

- 9.** State Water Resources Control Board Order on Approval of Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) and an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP)
A. Tachiki provided information on this item. The Regional Water Board is working on outreach for its construction permit/training but clarified that the outreach doesn't necessarily affect cities as permittees.
- 10.** Safe Clean Water Program
S. Matthews provided information on this item. The Scoring Committee met last week and elected a chair and vice chair. Each WASC is coordinating strategic outreach and engagement plans. SIPs will be approved later this summer. All plans are on the Safe Clean Water website.
- 11.** Federal and State Budget and Legislative Updates
S. Matthews provided information on this item. The Whittier Dam Safety Project funding has been approved at the federal level and it is now awaiting approval from the President. This year's state budget includes \$5.1 billion for drought preparedness and response and a \$1.3 billion climate resilience package to prepare for extreme heat, sea level rise, and environmental justice priorities. The \$5.1 billion package addresses immediate, emergency needs and aims to build regional capacity to manage droughts and safeguard water supplies. The package also includes \$211.5 million over two years to protect communities from sea-level rise and flooding through coastal wetland restoration; \$140 million for flood risk and reductions efforts for 1.1 million people; and \$200 million for habitat restoration and multi-benefit projects.
- 12.** Litigation Updates
There were no updates on this item.
- 13.** E/WMP Updates
There were no updates on this item.
- 14.** Water TAC Chair Report
A. Tachiki reported that the TAC convened one meeting since the last time the Water Policy Committee and TAC met to discuss the talking points for the upcoming MS4 workshops.
- 15.** Water Boards Update
There were no updates on this item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

G. Crudginton thanked B. Shevlin for participating in the committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 A.M.