



SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Approved Minutes

Date: May 8, 2018
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 10:02 A.M.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

S. Pedroza, Claremont
N. Lyons, Diamond Bar
J. Nelson, Glendora
G. Crudgington, Monrovia
M. Clark, Rosemead
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre
D. Mahmud, South Pasadena
M. Spence, West Covina

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin, Alhambra
V. Hevener, Arcadia
B. Lathrop, K. Kearney, Bradbury
S. Costandi, Covina
A. Tachiki, Monrovia
J. Carver, Pomona
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre
M. Lambos, A. Lasso, LACDPW

Water TAC Members Absent

SGVMWD
USGVMWD

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Green, LACSD
A. Jimenez, Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

Guests

M. Lyons, Asm Holden
W. La, SGMRC
D. Dillon, El Monte

D. Correy, V. Murphy, Sen Portantino
R. Tahir, TECs

SGVCOG Staff

E. Wolf
K. Ward
P. Hubler

3. Public Comment. R. Tahir read into the record portions of his Safe, Clean Water comment letter that he sent to Supervisor Barger in which he states that he cannot recommend

- moving forward with the proposed stormwater tax plan for the following reasons:
- TMDLs were improperly established and incorrectly applied to various receiving waters.
 - The State Auditor’s report found that the Regional Board failed to consider the costs associated with the 2012 permit.
 - A verdict in favor of ongoing litigation challenging the validity of the MS4 permit process, including E/WMPs, may eliminate the need for the stormwater tax.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 4/10/2018
There was a motion to approve the minutes. (M/S: J. Nelson/J. Cappocia).
[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Monrovia, Rosemead, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, West Covina, Alhambra, Arcadia, Bradbury, Covina, Pomona, LACDPW
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	SGVMWD, USGVMWD

PRESENTATION

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Safe, Clean Water update
The committee received a presentation on the SCW program draft of April 12, 2018. Members provided the following comments:
- There was a recommendation to consider basing the parcel tax on runoff coefficient rates found in the *Hydrology Manual* produced by the Los Angeles Department of Public Works.
 - M. Lombos stated that the Stakeholder Advisory Committee would receive an update on the taxing method at its May 30th meeting, including more information of LIDAR, the technology the County will use to detect impermeable surface.
 - D. Mahmud stated her view that the program should include \$20 million over 5 years for scientific studies to update the basin plan—an amount equal to the County’s proposed amount in support of education and training programs.
 - J. Cappocia recommended removing the Open Space seat on the Watershed Area Steering Committee and limiting the number of Community Stakeholder seats to one.
 - D. Mahmud reported the County’s timeline. The BOS will conduct a public hearing on June 26th, by which time a new draft of the program will be available.
 - Mahmud expressed concerns that the Credit, Rebate, Incentive program has yet to be released.
6. Legislative Updates:
- SB 1133 (Portantino). The bill, which allows permittees to fund scientific studies aimed at updating the Basin Plan, passed out of the Senate Environmental Quality (EQ) committee with major amendments that stripped all language stating specifically how the money must be spent. It is now at Appropriations. Staff will continue monitoring the bill.

- SB 1422 (Portantino). This bill requires the State Water Board to develop a method for testing drinking water for the presence of microplastics, and then directs the use of this method in testing. The committee was concerned that the testing constitutes an unfunded state mandate. SB 1422 passed out of EQ and is now at Appropriations. Staff will continue monitoring.
 - H.R. 465/2355, S. 692. S. Green updated this item, stating that these competing bills have some differences but many similarities. Congress is discussion options for reconciling the bills and may use the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) as a vehicle for moving forward some of the aspects by adding them to WRDA.
 - H.R. 5127. This is a Congresswoman Napolitano bill establishing grants promoting water recycling and reuse. Since this is currently a partisan bill, with no Republican support, it is unlikely to move. There is discussion of also adding elements of this to WRDA.
 - AB 2538: April 24th testimony before the Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee. D. Mahmud reported that the committee unanimously supported the bill, there was no opposition presented in committee, and the bill was forwarded to Appropriations.
- 7. Regulatory Updates:**
There were no updates.
- 8. E/WMP Updates.** Each of the E/WMP groups reported that they are currently working on their presentation for the Regional Board's MS4 workshop.
- RH/SGR
 - East SGV
 - ULAR
- 9. Water Boards Update**
- Update on status of 303(d) list. On April 6, 2018, the EPA approved the 303(d) list. S. Green reported that she is aware of several lawsuits brought by environmental groups who do not agree with some of the delistings.
 - May 10: MS4 Workshop. The Regional Water Board is hosting an MS4 workshop on May 10th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The workshop marks the kickoff of the crafting of the new permit by hearing from permittees what worked and what concerns they have about the current permit. The Board has invited 15 permittees/WMPs/EWMPs to give short presentations highlighting their accomplishments over the last five-year permit cycle.
- 10. Water Supply Update.** A. Jimenez reported that the key well is currently at 181.6 feet. The Watermaster has set the operating safe yield at 150 feet for FY 2018-2023. A \$70 Resource Development Assessment has been levied. Our allocation from the State Water Project stands at 30%.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

E. Wolf reminded members that Water Policy Committee and Water TAC elections will be held in June.

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.