



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

Date: May 12, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Zoom/YouTube teleconference meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

J. Stark; Claremont
G. Boyer, J. Nelson; Glendora
G. Crudgington; Monrovia
M. Clark; Rosemead
J. Cappocia; Sierra Madre
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
S. Costandi, S. Gallant; Covina
Y. Paez; Duarte
L. Chung; LA County Public Works
A. Tachiki; Monrovia
J. Carlson; Sierra Madre
T. Love, P. Cortez; USGVMWD

Ex Officio Members Present

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

Guests

A. Sweet; Glendora
M. Barcelo; Walnut
V. Murphy; Sen. Portantino's Office
J. Sheehy; Rep. Napolitano's Office

SGVCOG Staff

C. Sims
S. Matthews

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

LA County District #1

Water TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
Bradbury
Pomonas

Ex Officio Members Absent

3. Public Comment
S. Matthews read one public comment submitted via email. R. Tahir commented on the motion by Gardena and Duarte to recover legal costs associated with their litigation.
4. Changes to Agenda Order.
No changes to agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Water Committee/TAC March Meeting Minutes
There was a motion to approve the consent calendar.
(M/S: G./Boyer/G. Crudgington)

[MOTION PASSED]

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| AYES: | Claremont; Glendora; Monrovia; South Pasadena; Alhambra; Bradbury; Covina; Monrovia; Pomona; Sierra Madre; LA County Public Works; USGVMWD |
| NOES: | |
| ABSTAIN: | |
| ABSENT: | LA County District 1; Arcadia; Bradbury; Pomona |

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Safe Clean Water Program
- Program and WASC Updates
 - Round 2 Applications
 - Watershed Coordinators
 - Scoring Committee and Scoring Criteria

Recommended Action: For discussion.

Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and SGVCOG staff announced a meeting with LA County District staff to discuss Safe Clean Water program implementation issues and requested feedback from the Committee on topics to discuss. There was discussion on various issues including the need for conservative program funding early in the program, qualifications for Watershed Coordinators, and scoring criteria that creates bias against the San Gabriel Valley. T. Love noted that scoring as its currently stands can advance projects that do not allow for MS4 compliance. D. Mahmud noted that scoring needs to prioritize WMP/EWMP projects. There was a discussion on how cities need to have a more coordinated effort to improve the program.

There were updates on the Safe Clean Water Program WASCs. The Rio Hondo WASC allocated 25% of its first-year funding to its first-year SIP, leaving room for other projects in future years. The ULAR WASC planned to finalize its SIP on May 28 and aimed for an approximately 75% funding allocation target.

7. COVID-19 Stimulus Funding

Recommended Action: For discussion.

T. Love requested the Committee compile a list of regional water infrastructure projects to advocate for the need for infrastructure stimulus funding. There was a discussion on the need to include language in the stimulus package that expands eligibility to those infrastructure projects that are not necessarily shovel ready. A. Tachiki will provide a list of projects from the Rio Hondo watershed, D. Dolphin will provide list for the Upper LA River watershed, A. Sweet will provide a list for the Upper San Gabriel River watershed, and J. Carver will provide a list from East San Gabriel Valley.

J. Sheehy provided information on the HEROES Bill, which would direct \$500 billion to states and \$375 billion to local governments. \$1.5 billion in funding would be directed to low-income households for water bills. After the House vote, the bill would need Senate

approval and Presidential sign-off. J. Sheehy announced that Rep. Napolitano and House representatives aim to include water infrastructure funding in future stimulus packages.

UPDATE ITEMS

- 8.** Safe Clean Water Program Transfer Agreement Templates
Recommended Action: For information only.
S. Matthews provided an update on the letter that SGVCOG submitted to LA County District staff on the Transfer Agreement templates. D. Mahmud thanked Committee members for their work on the letter.
- 9.** Legislative Updates
Recommended Action: For information only.
There was an update from the League of California Cities meeting that discussed how due to COVID-19 impacts, it is unlikely that non-COVID-19 legislation will move forward.
- 10.** Litigation Update
Recommended Action: For information only
G. Crudgington expressed the need to track the Gardena MS4 litigation and announced that litigation on the 2001 LA County MS4 permit is back before the Court of Appeals.
- 11.** E/WMP Updates
Recommended Action: For information only.
No updates.
- 12.** Water TAC Chair Report
Recommended Action: For information only.
No updates.
- 13.** Water Supply Update
Recommended Action: For information only.
T. Love announced that State Water Project allocation remains at 15%. January and February precipitation was close to a record low, while March and April precipitation was near a record high. Given the rainfall we have received, the State Water Project may be able to increase allocation to 20%.
- 14.** Water Boards Update
Recommended Action: For information only.

CHAIR'S REPORT

D. Mahmud announced that the Committee will meet in June via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.