



SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Approved Minutes

Date: April 19, 2017
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 10:01 AM.
- 2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

J. Nelson, Glendora
G. Crudgington, Monrovia
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre
N. Lyons, Diamond Bar
M. Clark, Rosemead

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Claremont
South Pasadena

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin, Alhambra
V. Hevener, P. Crammer, Arcadia
A. Tachiki, Monrovia
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre
M. Lombos, M. Adhami, LACDPW
S. Chapman, M. Gouveia, USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

Covina

Ex Officio Members Present

R. Serna, K Gardner, SG Basin Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

Foothill Municipal Water District
LACSD

Guests

J. Carver, M. Cansino, Pomona
R. Tahir, TECS Environmental
B. Pence, Congresswoman Napolitano
Dr. G. Amenu, J. Hoo, LACDPW
M. Lutz

L. Mustafa, Claremont
M. Lyons, Assembly Member Holden
J. Shimmin, South Pasadena
P. Pena, San Gabriel

SGVCOG Staff

P. Hawkey
C. Cruz

- 3. Public Comment. R. Tahir commented on Hertzberg bill.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 2/15/2017
There was a motion to approve the minutes. (M/S: J. Capoccia/M. Clark).

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

PRESENTATIONS

5. Upper LA River E/WMP: Presentation by Dawn Petschauer, Water Biologist, City of Los Angeles

ACTION ITEMS

6. SB 633 (Portantino)

There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board support SB 633. (M/S: M. Clark/J. Capoccia).

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

7. SB 231 (Hertzberg). J. Capoccia commented that this bill is a run around the Proposition 218 right to vote on tax and fee increases. M. Clark commented that the League of California Cities has not taken a position. J. Nelson commented that Contract Cities has taken an oppose position.

There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board oppose SB 231. (M/S: M. Clark/N. Lyons).

AYES:	Diamond Bar, Glendora, Rosemead, Sierra Madre
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Monrovia
ABSENT:	Claremont, South Pasadena,

8. Legislative Updates

- State Legislation. J. Nelson commented that D. Mahmud and E. Wolf were in Sacramento speaking in Senate committees for support of SB 589, SB 633, and SB 541. G. Crudgington commented that she and Monrovia City Manager, O. Chi, were in Sacramento earlier in the week speaking at a Senate committee in favor of AB 1190 which successfully passed in committee.
- Federal Legislation. P. Hawkey commented on commented on the COG’s legislative trip to D.C. and the meeting they had with Federal EPA to discuss the inability of municipalities in LA County to use existing infrastructure to convey stormwater due to the Regional Board’s interpretation of storm channels as WOTUS. He reported that Fed. EPA directed the EPA Director for our region, David Smith, to hold a meeting with us, Regional Board members and LAC DPW to discuss this problem.

9. Regulatory Updates

- Report on Waste Discharge/MS4 Permit update. J. Nelson reminded that report on waste discharge is due June 28th.
- LACDPW response to 303(d) list. M. Lombos, LACDWP, gave an update on the County’s response to the 303(d) list. A copy of their comment letter was included in

the agenda packet. J. Nelson asked members to attend the Regional Board meeting on May 4th and submit their comments.

10. Water Boards Update

- State Board. J. Nelson reported that there are two newly elected State Water Board Members. Their background information was briefly discussed.
- Regional Board. J. Nelson reported on the City of Glendora's meeting with Regional Board which focused on their inability to use existing LACFCD infrastructure for stormwater capture.

11. Stormwater Outreach Updates

EPA/Regional Board/LACDPW meeting. J. Nelson and P. Hawkey commented on the upcoming EPA meeting with regional board staff on May 2nd emanating from a meeting with the EPA in Washington, D.C. in March facilitated by Congresswoman Napolitano. At that meeting the application of WOTUS status to regional stormwater infrastructure will be discussed.

12. LA County Water Resilience Proposal

J. Nelson reported that there have been no recent updates or meetings with the cities about the LA County Drought Resiliency Plan. D. Mahmud has spoken with the individuals who are leading the development of the plan, indicating the importance of cities to be involved in the development process.

13. Water Supply Update

S. Chapman indicated that storage for the imported water system is expected to store upwards of 1.2 million acre feet.

14. Litigation Update

J. Nelson reported that there has been limited movement however, there is a scheduled hearing for Gardena and Duarte's litigation on August 28th.

15. E/WMP Updates

It was commented that the Upper San Gabriel River EWMP has been working on revised projects that will lower costs by 80-90%.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. Chapman announced the Upper Water District's Annual Water 101 workshop will be on May 16th from 9 to 11 A.M.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 P.M.