



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER POLICY COMMITTEE & WATER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

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MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Water Committee are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Offices (602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B Monrovia, CA 91016).* The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government’s (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Water Committee and the Water TAC. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee/TAC can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Water Policy Committee and TAC meeting scheduled for January 11, 2022 will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Water Policy Committee and TAC will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89388464599>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*).
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR (*It is anticipated that the Water Committee/TAC may act on the following matters*)

5. Water Policy Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 11/09/2021 (**Page 5**)
Recommended Action: Approve
6. Water Policy Committee/TAC Special Meeting Minutes – 12/07/2021 (**Page 9**)
Recommended Action: Approve
7. Water Policy Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 12/14/2021 (**Page 11**)
Recommended Action: Approve
8. Adoption of Resolution 22-01-WC Enabling the Water Policy Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing (**Page 13**)
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-01-WC making specified findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

ACTION ITEMS

9. 2022 Strategic Plan Update (**Page 15**)
Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board to adopt the water-related items in the 2022 Strategic Plan Update.

PRESENTATIONS (*It is anticipated that the Water Committee/Water TAC may act on the following matters*)

10. State Water Project Updates – Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD) (**Page 18**)

UPDATE ITEMS (*It is anticipated that the Water Committee/TAC may act on the following matters*)

11. Commission on State Mandates and Other Litigation
12. Regional Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Implementation
13. Safe Clean Water Program (**Page 20**)
14. Federal and State Budgets and Legislative Updates (**Page 23**)
15. Water Supply Update
16. Water TAC Chair Report
17. Water Boards Update

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN



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

Date: November 9, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Zoom/YouTube teleconference meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order: G. Crudginton called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

J. Stark; Claremont
G. Crudginton; Monrovia
M. Clark; Rosemead
C. Ho Liao; San Gabriel
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena
J. Santana, USGVMWD

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Glendora
Sierra Madre

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
S. Costandi/S. Gallant; Covina
A. Sweet; Glendora
A. Tachiki; Monrovia
E. Reyes; SGVMWD
J. Carlson; Sierra Madre
T. Love; USGVMWD
F. Villaluna; LA County Public Works

Water TAC Members Absent

Bradbury
Pomona
South Pasadena

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Green; LA County Sanitation Districts
L. Augino/K. Gardner; Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

Guests

S. Armenta; Office of Senator Rubio
C. Griffin; Office of Assemblymember Rubio
A. Kim; Member of the Public
L. Largent; O Strategies Group
A. Sanchez; Member of the Public
R. Tahir; Member of the Public

SGVCOG Staff

- C. Sims
- B. Logasa
- P. Hubler

3. Public Comment

- R. Tajir shared his thoughts and feedback on wet weather bacteria TMDL exemptions, stating that San Gabriel Valley permittees are exempt from compliance with the wet weather bacteria TMDL. Additionally, R. Tahir told the committee that a requirement of a second report and posting of permittee compliance on a WMP group website was not formally included in the MS4 Permit. R. Tahir also shared that while the biotic ligand model may be a promising alternative to federally mandate California Toxics Rule requirements, the Regional Board has already gone on record saying that biotic ligand model criteria can be more stringent than CTR in certain cases, while in other cases, CTR is the more stringent option. R. Tahir’s full written public comment can be found by [clicking here](#).

4. Changes to Agenda Order.
No changes to agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.** Water Committee/TAC September Meeting Minutes
- 6.** Water TAC Special Meeting Minutes
- 7.** Adoption of Resolution 21-01-WC Enabling the Water Policy Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing

There was a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items.
(M/S: D. Mahmud/J. Stark)

[MOTION PASSED]

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.** Update to 2022 Legislative Platform
Recommended Action: Approve the revised 2022 legislative platform pertaining to water policy for consideration by the Governing Board and intended to guide SGVCOG

advocacy efforts and to be provided to the San Gabriel Valley’s legislative representatives.

Discussion:

- K. Gardner informed the committee that the Watermaster cannot support a legislative platform that alters water rights. D. Mahmud, M. Clark, and G. Crudgington asked clarifying questions of K. Gardner, and ultimately decided to approve the legislative platform as is, while providing direction to staff to revisit this topic at future meetings.

There was a motion to adopt the revised 2022 Legislative Platform, with direction to revisit the legislative platform related to water rights.

(M/S: D. Mahmud/J. Stark)

[MOTION PASSED]

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

PRESENTATION *(It is anticipated that the Water Committee/Water TAC may act on the following matters)*

9. Recycled Water Resources in the San Gabriel Valley – Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD)
Tom Love, General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, provided a presentation on this item. T. Love outlined the science and treatment process behind recycling water and water purification, as well as highlighted recycled water resources available locally and regionally.

UPDATE ITEMS

10. Commission on State Mandates and Other Litigation
B. Logasa, SGVCOG Management Analyst, provided an update on this item. During the previous Water Policy Committee/TAC meeting held on October 12, 2021, a committee member tasked staff with providing status updates on litigation regarding the 2001 and 2012 MS4 Permits. For the 2001 MS4 Permit, the State Court of Appeals concluded that trash receptacles are unfunded mandates for which the County and Cities are entitled to reimbursement. The test claims arising from the 2012 Permit are still pending before the Commission.

11. Regional Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
There were no updates on this item.
12. Safe Clean Water Program
B. Logasa, SGVCOG Management Analyst, provided information on this item. B. Logasa provided information on which SIPs were approved and which were not. Among the projects that were not approved, some simply scored too low, or the WASC didn't have enough funding to spread to every eligible project.
13. Federal and State Budget and Legislative Updates
B. Logasa, SGVCOG Management Analyst, provided information on this item. The big legislative news is that Biden's infrastructure plan passed last week. SGVCOG will work on providing a full update on what in this bill will go specifically to the San Gabriel Valley, but did outline all the money that was marked for water-related projects, such as upgrading water infrastructure and flood protection.
14. Water Supply Update
K. Gardner, Watermaster, provided an update on this item. The rains were a pleasant surprise, but have not made a large effect locally. T. Love added that Metropolitan Water District will consider adopting a drought emergency resolution calling for certain member agencies who are dependent on State Water Project water to restrict water use.
15. Water TAC Chair Report
There were no updates on this item.
16. Water Boards Update
There were no updates on this item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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B. Logasa will send the committee a Doodle Poll to schedule a special meeting for December and January, in order to keep compliance with AB 361 (Rivas).

ADJOURN

G. Crudgington adjourned the meeting at 11:56 A.M.



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

Date: December 7, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Zoom/YouTube teleconference meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order: G. Crudginton called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

J. Stark; Claremont
G. Crudginton; Monrovia
M. Clark; Rosemead
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Glendora
San Gabriel
Sierra Madre
USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
S. Costandi/S. Gallant; Covina
A. Tachiki; Monrovia
E. Reyes; SGVMWD
J. Carlson; Sierra Madre
T. Love; USGVMWD
T. Gerber; South Pasadena
F. Villaluna; LA County Public Works

Water TAC Members Absent

Bradbury
Glendora
Pomona
Sierra Madre

Ex Officio Members Present

L. Augino/K. Gardner; Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

S. Green; LA County Sanitation Districts

Guests

C. Griffin; Office of Assemblymember Rubio
L. Largent; O Strategies Group

SGVCOG Staff

B. Logasa

3. Public Comment
No public comment.
4. Changes to Agenda Order.
No changes to agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5. Adoption of Resolution 21-03-WC Enabling the Water Policy Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing

**There was a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items.
(M/S: J. Stark; M. Clark)**

[MOTION PASSED]

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

CHAIR’S REPORT

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No report.

ADJOURN

G. Crudgington adjourned the meeting at 10:08 A.M.



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

Date: December 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 10:01 A.M.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

J. Stark; Claremont
G. Boyer; Glendora
G. Crudginton; Monrovia

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Rosemead
San Gabriel
South Pasadena
USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
S. Costandi/S. Gallant; Covina
A. Sweet; Glendora
E. Reyes; SGVMWD
J. Carlson; Sierra Madre
T. Gerber; South Pasadena
F. Villaluna; LA County Public Works

Water TAC Members Absent

Bradbury
Monrovia
Pomona
SGVMWD
Sierra Madre
USGVMWD

Ex Officio Members Present

L. Augino/K. Gardner; Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

S. Green; LA County Sanitation Districts

Guests

Sandra Lopez Armenta; Office of Senator Rubio
L. Largent; O Strategies Group

SGVCOG Staff

B. Logasa
A. Fung

3. Public Comment
Written public comment can be viewed [here](#).
4. Changes to Agenda Order.
No changes to agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5. Adoption of Resolution 21-04-WC Enabling the Water Policy Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing

**There was a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items.
(M/S: J. Stark; G. Boyer)**

[MOTION PASSED]

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

CHAIR’S REPORT

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No report.

ADJOURN

G. Crudgington adjourned the meeting at 10:08 A.M.

DATE: January 11, 2021

TO: Water Policy Committee & TAC

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-01-WC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE WATER POLICY COMMITTEE AND TAC TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 22-01-WC making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

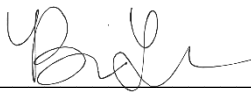
1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.¹ However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

¹ Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Los Angeles Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly Committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that Water Policy Committee and TAC adopt Resolution 22-01-WC making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by: 

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-01-WC](#)

DATE: January 11, 2022

TO: Water Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SGVCOG STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Governing Board to adopt the water-related items in the 2022 Strategic Plan Update.

BACKGROUND

The previous comprehensive update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan was adopted in March 2019. The Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap for the agency and identifies the priorities and actions that the agency undertakes. Since 2019, the SGVCOG has achieved numerous major milestones, including the establishment of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, the securing of additional funds to implement regional homelessness, water, energy, and transportation projects, and the creation of a regional coyote management framework.

As this year begins, staff proposes to update the Strategic Plan to identify priorities and actions that are more relevant for the agency to undertake to support member agencies. This report provides an overview of the proposed process and various topics for the Governing Board to consider. This report is intended to serve as a briefing document, as there will be a robust input process for all member agencies to guide the SGVCOG Strategic Plan Update.

It is anticipated that a draft of the Strategic Plan Update will be presented at the February 2022 Governing Board meeting for member agencies' feedback.

CURRENT STRATEGIC GOALS

The current strategic plan identifies goals across five different areas as follows:

- **Transportation**
Goal: Secure funding for and ensure the timely implementation of regional priority transportation projects and support regional transportation planning efforts.
- **Homelessness**
Goal: Support member agencies' efforts to implement programs and projects related to homelessness and advocate for resources to address homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Water**
Goal: Support regional water resiliency and assist cities in addressing stormwater MS4 permit requirements, with an emphasis on Measure W implementation and identification of regional solutions.
- **Environment**
Goal: Support environmental efforts in the region, specifically related to energy, open space, and air quality.

- **Member Support & Communications**

Goal: Strengthen Board and partner agency commitment to the SGVCOG and provide leadership on emerging issues.

Over the past two and half years, enormous progress has occurred on all of these goals. Key highlights related to water are as follows:

- Sponsored SB 426 (Rubio), directing the State Water Resources Control Board to develop and release Financial Capability Assessment, or affordability, guidelines for stormwater permittees.
- Provided technical comments, support, and mobilization of member agencies and jurisdictions County-wide as part of the adoption of the 2021 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit.
- Developed a comprehensive “MS4 Permit 101” Guide to increase understanding of the 2021 MS4 Permit and stormwater regulations.
- Submitted comments on behalf of member agencies for major regulatory actions of the State and Regional Water Boards.
- Advocated to improve the implementation of the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) to encourage additional funding for member agencies to comply with the MS4 Permit.
- Secured \$3.5M in funding through the Safe Clean Water Program to implement two scientific studies on behalf of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group (ULAR/WMG).
- Successfully launched the ULAR/WMG website and Twitter account.
- Conducted and completed Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy Analysis (Phase 1).
- Initiated detail engineering design for the Alhambra Wash, Rubio Wash and Eaton Wash while pursuing funding opportunities under the Safe Clean Water Program.

PROPOSED UPDATED STRATEGIC GOALS

Staff is recommending some minor modifications to the existing goals. The water-related strategic goals are as follows (changes are underlined):

- **Water**
 - *Goal:* Support regional water resiliency and assist cities in complying with MS4 permit requirements, with an emphasis on Safe Clean Water Program implementation and identification of regional solutions.
 - *Explanation:* Staff recommends revising “Measure W” as the “Safe Clean Water Program” given that the “Measure W” name applied to the 2018 Elections and revising some of the language related to the MS4 Permit.
- **Collaboration**
 - *Goal:* Strengthen Board and partner agency commitment to the SGVCOG and foster leadership on emerging issues.
 - *Explanation:* Originally named as “Member Support and Communication,” staff proposes to rename this Strategic Goal to “Collaboration” to reflect the SGVCOG’s desire to foster innovative regional collaboration efforts and launch projects, programs, and initiatives to address emerging issues.

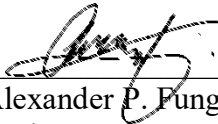
REPORT

PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Based on the feedback received, staff will prepare and present a draft revised Strategic Plan at the February Governing Board meeting for a final review. The 2022 Strategic Plan Update is anticipated to be adopted in March 2022. The following timeline provides a summary of the timeline for the proposed Strategic Plan update:

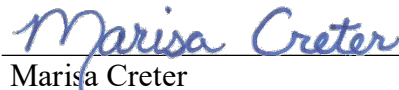
Date	Activity
November 2021	Distribute survey to Governing Board members and San Gabriel Valley city managers to gather input on revised strategic goals.
November 2021 – January 2022	Obtain feedback and recommendations from SGVCOG policy committees.
February 2022	Draft Strategic Plan Update presented at the February Governing Board meeting. Incorporate feedback and develop the final Strategic Plan Update.
March 2022	Present the final Strategic Plan Update for adoption at the March Governing Board meeting.
May 2022	Adopt FY 2022-2023 budget that includes elements and strategic goals outlined in 2022 Strategic Plan Update.

Prepared by:



Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by:



Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – 2019 SGVCOG Strategic Plan](#)

DATE: January 11, 2022

TO: Water Policy Committee & TAC

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **STATE WATER PROJECT UPDATES**

BACKGROUND

Drought has been increasingly at the front of mind for San Gabriel Valley communities. In July 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a statewide drought emergency mandate was declared on October 19, 2021, including Los Angeles County. Governor Newsom also signed an executive order calling for a voluntary 15% reduction of water consumption across the state.

This drought has put a large strain on the State's water supply, and the San Gabriel Valley is no exception. While a portion of water for the Region comes from local groundwater supplies, a significant amount of water is imported. The State Water Project (SWP), in particular, has been depleting at an alarming rate, leading water agencies to strategize how to better address the drought.

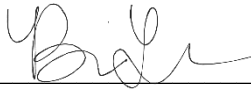
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) manages imported water for the entire region, managing imported water supplies and allocations from the Colorado River and the northern Sierra via the SWP that are distributed to local water agencies via MWD's infrastructure. While most agencies can receive imported water from either the Colorado River or the SWP via existing infrastructure, some are only able to receive imported water from the SWP due to location and other infrastructure limitations.

DISCUSSION

On December 14, 2021, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) issued a press release, Attachment A, regarding the SWP and related drought actions. MWD's Board of Directors approved new infrastructure investments and water exchanges with other agencies that will allow Colorado River water and stored supplies to be more readily distributed throughout the region.

The strategies will preserve limited SWP supplies for areas that can only receive imported water from the SWP, including, in part, the San Gabriel Valley.

At this meeting, Tom Love, General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD), will present to the Water Policy Committee and TAC the reasons such an action was taken and what it means for water supplies in the region moving forward. Additionally, Mr. Love will provide and update on USGVMWD's regional agreements with MWD.

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ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – MWD Press Release](#)

DATE: January 11, 2022
TO: Water Policy Committee/TAC
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

COMMITTEE AND WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEE (WASC) UPDATES

The following activities have happened since the last Water Committee/TAC meeting.

Regional Oversight Committee (ROC)

- Did not meet.

Scoring Committee

- Met on Thursday, December 9, 2021 and voted to send the following projects of passing scores to their respective WASCs:
 1. Apollo Park Stormwater Capture Project (Lower Los Angeles River WASC, led by City of Downey);
 2. Willow Springs Park Wetland Restoration and Expansion Project (Lower Los Angeles River WASC, led by City of Long Beach);
 3. Vincent Lugo Park Stormwater Capture Project (Rio Hondo WASC, led by City of San Gabriel);
 4. Pico Canyon Park Stormwater Improvements Project (Santa Clara River WASC, led by Los Angeles County);
 5. Glendora Avenue Green Streets (Upper San Gabriel River WASC, led by City of Glendora);
 6. Marchant Park (Upper San Gabriel River WASC, led by East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group); and
 7. Pelota Park (Upper San Gabriel River WASC, led by East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group).

Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022 from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) WASC

- Met on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 and heard presentations on the Whitsett Fields Park North Stormwater Capture Project (Upper Los Angeles River WASC, led by LADWP) and the Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation Operation and Maintenance (Upper Los Angeles River WASC, led by LA Sanitation and Environment). Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

Upper San Gabriel River (USGR) WASC

- Did not meet.

Rio Hondo WASC

- Met on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 and received a presentation on the Vincent Lugo Park Stormwater Capture Project. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

FY 21-22 MUNICIPAL PROGRAM

The District hosted two informational sessions on November 15th from 1:30pm – 3:00pm and November 18th from 1:30pm – 3:00pm. The Safe, Clean Water Program Ordinance requires that each Municipality prepare and submit an annual expenditure report by December 31st. The District’s online Reporting Module will help facilitate and standardize the reporting process, which includes addressing the requirements outlined in Section 18.06.D of the SCW ordinance.

Each Municipality must submit their FY 21-22 Annual plan to receive their annual portion of the Municipal Program Revenue. If still outstanding, agencies can submit their Annual plan to SCWP’s dedicated email at SCWPMunicipal@pw.lacounty.gov as soon as possible. The District intends to disburse the Municipal Program Revenue to qualifying municipalities by December 2021.

ROUND 3 PROJECTS

The deadline for consideration in FY 22-23 was July 31, 2021. This call for regional projects solicited applications for three programs: Infrastructure Program, Technical Resources Program, and Scientific Studies Program. The Scoring Committee has been scoring projects since fall 2021. Once all projects are scored, those with passing scores will be sent back to their respective WASCs for consideration to their Stormwater Investment Plan recommendations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regional Oversight Committee – TBD
- Scoring Committee – Monday, January 10, 2022, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- Upper Los Angeles River WASC – Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- Upper San Gabriel River WASC – Every 4th Thursday of the Month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Rio Hondo WASC – Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

[Attachment A – Approved 21-22 SIPs projects by WASC](#)

[Attachment B – Unapproved 21-22 SIPs projects by WASC](#)

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TO: Water Policy Committee/TAC

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: FEDERAL AND STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BUDGET UPDATES

2021-22 State Budget

As previously presented to the Committee, the Fiscal Year 2021-22 State Budget totals \$262.6 billion and is the largest spending plan ever adopted by the state. Staff will undertake to track grant or other funding opportunities for local or regional projects which may arise from the following funding categories:

- \$5.1 billion to address drought preparedness and response;
- \$1.3 billion climate resilience package to prepare for extreme heat, sea level rise, and environmental justice priorities;
- \$5.1 billion package to address immediate, emergency needs and aims to build regional capacity to manage droughts and safeguard water supplies;
- \$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.

Biden Infrastructure Bill

The infrastructure bill is the single-largest investment in U.S. water infrastructure in the nation's history. While the overall infrastructure bill provides a total of \$7,420,806,000 to infrastructure projects (\$609,441,000 to California), it will invest more than \$50 billion specifically for water infrastructure programs.

- \$20+ billion for safe drinking water.
- \$15 billion in dedicated funding to replace lead pipes.
- \$12+ billion to ensure clean water for communities.
- \$1.8 billion to protect regional waters.
- \$135 million for additional water improvements.

2022 Appropriations Act – Whittier Narrows Dam Funding

Staff is coordinating with Congresswoman Napolitano's staff for updates regarding her request for \$219 million for the Whittier Narrows Dam Safety project. The funding needed to finish the project is in both the House and Senate Energy and Water Appropriations bills. Congresswoman Napolitano's staff are now waiting on these bills to be conferenced, passed again by Congress and signed by the President. They intend for this to take place within the next two months.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Below is an overview of federal and state legislation that the Water Committee and Water TAC are currently tracking.

S. 914 – Safe Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act of 2021

- **Summary:** As previously reported, S. 914 reauthorizes and creates programs to support drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects, including the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds, the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program, the EPA Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant Program and the Alternative Source Water Pilot Program. New programs include the Stormwater Infrastructure Technology Program and PFAS treatment grants.
- **Status:** Passed in the U.S. Senate on April 29 but not yet acted upon in the U.S House.

SB 37 (Cortese) – Contaminated Sites: The Dominic Cortese “Cortese List” Act of 2021

- **Summary:** Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, instead of the State Department of Health Care Services, to compile and update a list of all public drinking water wells that contain detectable levels of organic contaminants and that are subject to water analysis by local health officers. The Department of Finance on June 30, filed on behalf of the Administration an “oppose” letter because SB 37 could increase costs to clean-up contaminated sites in California.
- **Status:** Passed the Senate on June 1, 39-0; Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee on June 16, 6-3; Assembly Natural Resources Committee on July 5, 7-1; and, Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 26, 12-4. At the request of the author, SB 37 was moved to the Assembly Inactive File.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

SB 45 (Portantino, Allen, Hurtado, and Stern) – Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022

- **Summary:** Would authorize the issuance of \$5.5 billion in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval on the November 2022 ballot, to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.
- **Status:** Passed the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee on March 16, 7-2; Senate Governance & Finance Committee on April 15, 5-2; and, Senate Appropriations Committee on May 20, 5-2. At the request of the author, SB 45 was moved to the Senate Inactive File and must pass the Senate by January 31, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

SB 230 (Portantino) – Constituents of Emerging Concern Program

- **Summary:** Would require the State Water Board to establish, maintain, and direct a new program to assess and recommend further study on constituents of emerging concern (CEC) in drinking water sources and treated drinking water. The state board would convene the Science Advisory Panel to review and provide recommendations on CEC for further action, among other duties. The state board would be required to provide an annual report to the Legislature on the ongoing work conducted by the panel. The bill would authorize the State Board, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide financial assistance to certain public water systems upon a showing that the costs of testing drinking water in compliance with CEC monitoring requirements based on the recommendations of the panel would impose a financial hardship.
- **Status:** Passed the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on March 15, 7-0, and at the request of the Senate Appropriations Committee, was made a two-year bill. SB 230 must pass the Appropriations Committee and Senate Floor by January 31, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support

SB 273 (Hertzberg) – Water quality: municipal wastewater agencies

- **Summary:** Authorizes 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.
- **Status:** Signed into law on September 23.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

SB 426 (Rubio) – Financial Capability Analysis

- **Summary:** Would require the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to develop Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) guidelines for cities and counties (permittees) seeking to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). FCA guidelines would provide a uniform, equitable and transparent methodology for assessing the financial capability of communities to afford the cost of compliance with municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permits.
- **Status:** On June 1, ordered to inactive file on request of Senator Rubio. The bill is now a two-year bill and will have to pass the Senate by January 31, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Sponsor and support

AB 100 (Holden) – Drinking Water: Pipes and Fittings: Lead Content

- **Summary:** This bill would define “lead free,” with respect to endpoint devices to mean that the devices do not leach into drinking water more than one microgram of lead under certain tests. Specified documentation would be required demonstrating certification for endpoint devices.
- **Status:** Passed the Senate on September 3, 37-0; and, the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 7. Signed into law by Governor Newsom on October 8.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

AB 377 (Rivas) – Water quality: impaired waters

- Summary:** Would require all California surface waters to be fishable, swimmable, and drinkable by January 1, 2050. The bill would prohibit the state board and regional boards from authorizing an NPDES discharge, waste discharge requirement, or waiver of a waste discharge requirement that causes or contributes to an exceedance of a water quality standard, or from authorizing a best management practice permit term to authorize a discharge that causes or contributes to an exceedance of a water quality standard in receiving waters. The bill would prohibit, on or after January 1, 2030, a regional water quality control plan from including a schedule for implementation for achieving a water quality standard that was adopted as of January 1, 2021 and would prohibit a regional water quality control plan from including a schedule for implementation of a water quality standard that is adopted after January 1, 2021, unless specified conditions are met. The bill would prohibit an NPDES permit, waste discharge requirement, or waiver of a waste discharge requirement from being renewed, reissued, or modified to contain effluent limitations or conditions that are less stringent than those in the previous permit, requirement, or waiver. This bill would require, by January 1, 2030, the State Board and regional boards to develop an Impaired Waterways Enforcement Program to enforce all remaining water quality standard violations that are causing or contributing to an exceedance of a water quality standard.
- Status:** Passed the Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee on April 21, 5-3. On May 20, the Assembly Appropriations Committee held the bill in Committee and made AB 377 a two-year bill, which must pass the Assembly by January 31, 2022.

AB 652 (Friedman) – Product Safety: PFAS

- Summary:** Would, on and after July 1, 2023, prohibit a person, including a manufacturer, from selling or distributing in commerce in the state any new, not previously owned, juvenile product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at a detectable level above an unspecified amount. Would establish requirements for manufacturers when replacing PFAS chemicals in juvenile products.
- Status:** Passed the Senate on September 1, 38-0; and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 2, 59-2. Signed into law by Governor Newsom on October 5.
- SGVCOG Position:** Watch

AB 818 (Bloom) – Solid Waste: Premoistened Nonwoven Disposable Wipes

- Summary:** Would require certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes manufactured on or after July 1, 2022, to be labeled clearly and conspicuously with the phrase “Do Not Flush” and a related symbol. The bill would prohibit a covered entity from making a representation about the flushable attributes, benefits, performance, or efficacy of those premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes. The bill would establish enforcement provisions, including authorizing a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per day, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per violation, to be imposed on a covered entity who violates those provisions. The bill would establish, until January 1, 2027, the California Consumer Education and Outreach Program, under which covered entities would be required to participate in a collection study conducted in collaboration with wastewater agencies for the purpose of gaining understanding of consumer behavior regarding the flushing of premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes and to conduct a comprehensive multimedia education and outreach program in the state.

- **Status:** Passed the Senate on August 30, 39-0; and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 1, 75-0. Signed into law by Governor Newsom on October 6.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support

AB 1195 (Garcia) – Southern Los Angeles County Regional Water Agency

- **Summary:** Would create the Southern Los Angeles County Regional Water Agency as a regional water agency serving the drinking water needs of the cities, unincorporated areas, and residents in the communities overlying the Central Basin and West Coast Basin aquifers in southern Los Angeles County. The bill would require the agency to serve the region as the leader in interagency collaboration on water resource issues and to be governed by a 5-member board of locally elected officials in the agency’s jurisdiction, each appointed by a specified state or local entity. The bill would authorize the agency to serve the water needs of its region through specified activities, including, among others, operating public water systems or other water infrastructure and integrating other water systems in the region into its operations, as prescribed. The bill would authorize the agency to finance its operations through specified means, including, among others, collecting water rates, charges, fees, or established parcel charges previously charged by a water system for which the agency has assumed control.
- **Status:** Passed the Assembly on May 27, 56-19. The Senate rescinded referral to the Natural Resources Committee due to the COVID-19 limitations as to the number of bills an author can move during the 2021 Session. Assemblywoman Garcia will make the determination to move the bill during the 2022 Session.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

AB 1200 (Ting) – Plant-based food packaging


- **Summary:** Would prohibit, beginning January 1, 2023, any person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale in the state any food packaging that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or PFAS. Would require a manufacturer to use the least toxic alternative when replacing PFAS chemicals. The bill would define “food packaging,” in part, to mean a nondurable package, packaging component, or food service ware that is comprised, in substantial part, of paper, paperboard, or other materials originally derived from plant fibers.
- **Status:** Passed the Senate on September 3, 36-0; and the Assembly concurred in Senate amendments on September 7, 58-0. Signed into law by Governor Newsom on October 5.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

AB 1428 (Quirk) – Safe Drinking Water Act: Applicability

- **Summary:** Under existing law, a water district existence prior to May 18, 1994, that provides primarily agricultural services through a piped water system with only incidental residential or similar uses is not considered to be a public water system under specified conditions, including the system certifying that it is providing alternative water for residential or similar uses for drinking water and cooking to achieve the equivalent level of public health protection provided by the applicable primary drinking water regulations. This bill would remove the provision authorizing those water districts to certify that they are providing alternative water for residential or similar uses to achieve the equivalent level of public health protection provided by the applicable primary drinking water regulations.

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- **Status:** On July 9, approved by the Governor.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

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