



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

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

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

J. Stark; Claremont
G. Boyer; Glendora
G. Crudgington; Monrovia
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
K. Kearney; Bradbury
S. Costandi, S. Gallant; Covina
A. Hamilton; Duarte
R. Wang; LA County Public Works
A. Tachiki; Monrovia
J. Carver; Pomona
J. Lee; South Pasadena
E. Reyes; SGVMWD
T. Love, P. Cortez; USGVMWD

Ex Officio Members Present

K. Gardner, L. Augino; SG Basin Watermaster

Guests

B. Datti; Craftwater Engineering
C. Helme; Craftwater Engineering
R. Soni; Metropolitan Water District
E. Baul; LA Coutny DPW

SGVCOG Staff

S. Matthews
C. Sims
P. Hubler

3. Public Comment
No public comment at this point in the agenda.
4. Changes to Agenda Order.
No changes to agenda order.

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

LA County District #1
Rosemead
Sierra Madre

Water TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
Glendora
Sierra Madre

Ex Officio Members Absent

LA County Sanitation Districts

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Water Committee/TAC September Meeting Minutes

There was a motion to approve the Water Committee/TAC September meeting minutes.

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

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Committee – Claremont; Glendora; Monrovia; South Pasadena TAC – Alhambra; Bradbury; Covina; Monrovia; Pomona; LA County Public Works; Sierra Madre; USGVMWD
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	TAC – South Pasadena; SGVMWD
ABSENT:	Committee – Rosemead, Sierra Madre; LA County District 1 TAC – Arcadia; Duarte; Glendora; Sierra Madre

PRESENTATIONS

6. San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan – Enrique Baul Jr., PE, Civil Engineer, Stormwater Planning Division, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

E. Paul provided a presentation on the plan which is to be finalized in fall 2021. There were clarification questions on the channel capacity analysis results, concerns with trash in waterways, and suggestion to work with Watermasters to get water level data.

7. Metropolitan Water District Regional Recycled Water Program – Rupam Soni, Principal Public Affairs Representative, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

R. Soni provided a presentation on the RRWP which would purify wastewater to produce up to 150 million gallons per day of high-quality water to refill groundwater basins and deliver drinking water. The program will prioritize the Main San Gabriel Basin in its delivery of water. There was a clarification questions on the phases of the program and costs of construction.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Tentative 2020 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit

R. Tahir provided the following public comment on the MS4 Permit comment letter:

- The tentative order includes requirements that were not mentioned in the proposed order issued in December. Among them is the elimination of individual WMPs. According to the tentative, cities that do not participate in a WMP or an EWMP cannot continue to implement an individual WMP or be allowed to continue to implement a stormwater management program governed by an iterative process – though it is federal requirement. E/WMPs, by the way are not federally authorized. Further, the tentative permit says that permittees must re-commit to participation in a WMP or EWMP by submitting an NOI (notice of intent). NOIs do not apply to MS4 permits; only general and individual permits. The valid permit application is the ROWD.
- Reach 2 of the Rio Hondo has been identified as not being on the 303(d) list for metals but is still included in the current and proposed MS4 Permit. However, other reaches are also not listed for metals, including San Gabriel River Reach 3 and above, San Jose Creek Reaches 1 and 2, and Arroyo Seco Reaches 1, 2, and 3. In

effect, every city if the San Gabriel Valley should not be required to comply with the metals TMDL.

- All permittees that drain to engineered channels during storm events are exempt from the bacteria TMDL pursuant to the California Code of Regulations (§ 3939.5. Suspension of Recreational Beneficial Uses in Engineered Channels During Unsafe Wet Weather). Norwalk and Rosemead have raised this is an issue.
- Compliance schedules are not required for MS4 Permits; only permits subject to Clean Water Act Section 301. This was affirmed by a letter from Sam Unger, former Regional Board Executive Office and USEPA. Federal regulations only require the implementation of plans, containing BMPs, to address TMDLs during the five-year term of the permit.
- Per a USEPA letter issued to all water boards in the state, all MS4 Permits must require the SWMP/iterative process pursuant to Clean Water Action Section 402(p)(3)(B)(iii), as implemented by 40 CFR 122.26(d)(i-v). The letter made clear that any water board, state or regional board, that does not comply with this federal mandate is subject to USEPA’s permit objection authority. Some cities have already ready asked their congressional representatives to invite USEPA intervention. The letter was specifically directed at the L.A. board because it was the only board to ignore this mandate. Also note that MS4 Permit also requires the SWMP and iterative process under Part V.A 1-4.

The Committees discussed the final draft of the comment letter on the MS4 Permit, discussed the RAA analysis implications, and Gardena/Duarte case. The Committees suggested small wording changes and clarified the Safe, Clean Water Program integration approach.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board direct staff to submit the comment letter to the Regional Board reflecting the changes and additions as discussed.

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

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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Committee – Rosemead, Sierra Madre, LA County District 1 TAC – Arcadia; Duarte; Glendora; Sierra Madre

9. 2021 Legislative Priorities

The Committees discussed 2021 legislative priorities, made small wording changes, and added a priority on calibrating applicable water quality funding requirements in light of available funding and explore other policy options to bring this concept to the forefront.

There was a motion to recommend proposed 2021 Legislative Priorities to the Governing Board for approval reflecting the changes and additions as discussed.

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

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NOES:	
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ABSENT:	Policy Committee – Rosemead; Sierra Madre; LA County District 1 TAC Arcadia; Bradbury; Duarte; Glendora; Pomona; Sierra Madre

UPDATE ITEMS

10. State Water Resources Control Board Second Proposed Order on Approval of Watershed Management Programs and an Enhanced Watershed Management Program
Tabled for next meeting.
11. Safe Clean Water Program
Tabled for next meeting.
12. Legislative Updates
Tabled for next meeting.
13. Litigation Update
Tabled for next meeting.
14. E/WMP Updates
Tabled for next meeting.
15. Water TAC Chair Report
Tabled for next meeting.
16. Water Supply Update
T. Love provided a water supply update, announcing a 10,000acre foot (AF) delivery on November 11, 2020 and that key well is just above 200 feet.
17. Water Boards Update
Tabled for next meeting.
18. Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency Programs
Tabled for next meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 P.M.