



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

Date: March 10, 2020  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Office  
602 E. Huntington Drive; Monrovia, CA 91016

**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. Crudginton; Monrovia  
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

**Water TAC Members Present**

D. Dolphin; Alhambra  
S. Santos; Bradbury  
S. Costandi; Covina  
R. Wang; LA County Public Works  
A. Tachiki, J. Louie; Monrovia  
J. Carver; Pomona  
J. Carlson; Sierra Madre  
T. Love; USGVMWD

**Ex Officio Members Present**

L. Augino; SG Basin Watermaster

**Guests**

K. Allen; LA County Public Works  
B. Ruiz Hoffmann; LA County Parks & Recreation  
J. Caprile; LA County Parks & Recreation  
R. Tahir; TECS Environmental  
G. Kau; City of Norwalk  
O. Galang; Craftwater Engineering  
B. Kadel;

**SGVCOG Staff**

C. Sims  
S. Matthews

**Water Policy Committee Members Absent**

Rosemead  
Sierra Madre  
LA County District #1

**Water TAC Members Absent**

Arcadia  
Duarte

**Ex Officio Members Absent**

LACSD

3. Public Comment

R. Tahir presented a PowerPoint entitled, “No Need for Bacteria Study.” He stated that the proposed bacteria study that had been submitted to the Safe Clean Water Program for funding consideration is not needed because bacteria is not an MS4 compliance issue and because spreading grounds infiltrate and treat bacteria. He stated that cities can do outfall monitoring instead and do not need to address bacteria until 2023.

G. Kau announced that the City of Norwalk is not interested in supporting a bacteria study, that it was not aware of the study, and is concerned that the consultant appeared to be selected without a competitive process. He stated that the consultant does not have the appropriate experience.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5. Water Committee/TAC February Meeting Minutes  
**There was a motion to approve the consent calendar.**  
**(M/S: J. Nelson/G. Crudgington)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont; Glendora; Monrovia; South Pasadena; Alhambra; Bradbury; Covina; Monrovia; Pomona; Sierra Madre; LA County Public Works; USGVMWD
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	LA County District 1; Arcadia; Duarte; Rosemead

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 6. Election of Vice Chair

**There was a motion to approve the election of Gloria Crudgington as Vice Chair of the Water Policy Committee.**  
**(M/S: J. Nelson/J. Stark)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont; Glendora; Monrovia; South Pasadena
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Rosemead; Sierra Madre; LA County District 1

- 7. Safe Clean Water Program Transfer Agreement Templates – Kirk Allen, Los Angeles County Public Works

K. Allen from Los Angeles County Public Works presented on the Safe Clean Water program, the Transfer Agreement templates, and the status of executing with cities. He provided background information on Measure W and on tax relief and exemption options for low-income individual-owned and senior-owned property. He provided an overview of the Municipal Program, which allocates 40% of the annual revenues to cities as local return - about \$114 million annually – proportional to the revenues generated within municipal boundaries. He also provided updates on

the first tax year and announced that the District will have the full \$275-\$280 million first-year revenue by May 20, 2020.

K. Allen announced that the County released the Municipal Transfer Agreement and Regional Transfer Agreement Templates for public review on March 9, 2020. The County Board of Supervisors will approve the final agreements in June. The District plans to execute the agreements with municipalities in June and July and will transfer funds within 30 days of a completed agreement.

There was a discussion about the local return program and concern about ensuring municipalities receive the funds. There were discussions on the program reporting schedule, the Scoring Committee makeup and vacancy, the scoring criteria for water supply, and the bias created against the San Gabriel Valley.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8. Safe Clean Water Program Management**

A. Tachiki provided updates from the Rio Hondo WASC. The WASC Chairs next meeting will take place May 21, 2020. There was a discussion on how the program is structured to benefit LA County and the City of LA and how bias against the San Gabriel Valley resulted in a low scoring of Monrovia's Arcadia Wash Diversion project. This project can now withdraw or go through the County's Technical Resources Program ("TRP") and work with Flood Control District staff. A. Tachiki explained how TRP funding can be used by Cities to conduct feasibility studies, something the City of LA will be doing.

D. Mahmud expressed concerned with the Scoring Committee and the heavy presence of environmental interests rather than municipal interests and described the need for a Scoring Committee member who represents small city interests. J. Nelson noted that the Regional Oversight Committee is also heavily balanced toward environmental interests. There was a discussion on how the Watershed Coordinators must be independent. K. Allen announced that the Watershed Coordinator solicitation will be released by April and the recruitment process will require applicants to interview in front of the WASCs, which will provide feedback to the District.

### **9. State Water Resources Control Board Draft Order**

C. Sims announced that the State Water Resources Control Board was providing an additional month to provide further comments on the Draft Order. D. Mahmud asked for further comments and there were none.

**There was a motion to approve the comments.**

**(M/S: G. Crudgington/D. Diamond)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra; Claremont; Duarte; Glendora; Monrovia; Rosemead; Sierra Madre; South Pasadena; Monrovia; USGVMWD
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	LA County Public Works
<b>ABSENT:</b>	LA County District 1; Arcadia; Bradbury; Covina; Pomona

## **UPDATE ITEMS**

- 8.** Legislative Updates  
S. Matthews provided an update on three bills introduced in 2020. D. Mahmud discussed the November water bond.
- 9.** Litigation Update  
There was no litigation update.
- 10.** Safe Clean Water Updates
  - a. Overall Updates
  - b. Rio Hondo WASC
  - c. Upper Los Angeles River WASC
  - d. Upper San Gabriel River WASCThere were no Safe Clean Water updates.
- 11.** E/WMP Updates  
There were no E/WMP updates.
- 12.** Water TAC Chair Report  
There was no Water TAC update.
- 13.** Water Supply Update  
T. Love provided an update on the water supply of the Metropolitan Water District. Currently, 80% of water is local water (stormwater capture) and 20% is imported. Colorado River water is not used for groundwater. 2019 saw a record storage balance of 3.1 MAF. T. Love announced that we are currently at 44% of average local rainfall. State Water Project's allocation is limited at 15%. The Colorado River allocation is at 79%.
- 14.** Water Boards Update  
Meeting on the Water Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 12.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no Chair's report.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.