



SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Approved Minutes

Date: February 15, 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 10:04 AM.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

S. Pedroza, Claremont
N. Lyons, Diamond Bar
J. Nelson, Glendora
G. Crudgington, Monrovia
M. Clark, Rosemead
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre
D. Mahmud, South Pasadena

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Water TAC Members Present

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

Water TAC Members Absent

Covina

Ex Officio Members Present

R. Serna, SG Basin Watermaster
L. Miller, LACSD

Ex Officio Members Absent

Foothill Muni Water Dist

Guests

R. Tahir, TECS Environmental
L. O'Brien, La Puente
W. La, SGMRC
J. Carver, Pomona

M. Cansino, Pomona
M. Lyons, Assembly Member Holden
J. Shimmin, South Pasadena

SGVCOG Staff

P. Hawkey
E. Wolf

3. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 1/18/2017
There was a motion to approve the minutes. (M/S: J. Nelson/G. Crudgington).

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

PRESENTATION

ACTION ITEMS

5. Letter of Support for Appointment of Ms. Irma Munoz to the State Water Resources Control Board
- J. Nelson and D. Mahmud advocated for why the committee should take a position of support, noting that Ms. Munoz, as someone who has seen the difficulties of implementing the current permit structure, could help steer a more common-sense approach at the state level. Other members raised concerns about supporting Ms. Munoz including, concern that she had not come out against the E/WMP structure and concern that the SGVCOG would lose the first board member who made an outreach to MS4 permittees.
- There was a motion to recommend to the Governing Board that it send a positive endorsement of Ms. Munoz. (M/S: J. Nelson/G. Crudgington).**

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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	LACDPW
ABSENT:	Covina

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Proposed Revisions to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List
- D. Mahmud discussed concerns that the proposed changes are based on 2010 data, not taking advantage of the most up-to-date monitoring. P. Alva stated that the FCD is reviewing the data and is intrigued that zinc may be delisted. He noted that pesticides have been added. This is concerning because pesticides are a ubiquitous, non-point source of pollution and nearly impossible for a municipality to control. He also recommended that the SGVCOG request that the Regional Board hold a public workshop in order for the public to better understand the proposed listing and so that the Board can hear from the public. W. La also commented that it is very uncommon to see delistings. S. Chapman proposed that the new listing be part of the negotiation of the next permit. R. Tahir noted that there is a process by which permittees can petition to the State Board if they are not happy with the Regional Board’s response to their concerns. J. Nelson suggested, given the technical nature of the listings and the myriad of potential negative outcomes for permittees, that the Water Policy Committee form a working group in order to consider the proposed 303(d) listing from a combined approach including legal, political, and technical application. The group’s work could result in a comment/response letter to the Regional and State Boards addressing the updated list.

There was a motion to form a working group in order to review the 303(d) listing and draft a response letter. (M/S: D. Mahmud/J. Nelson).

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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Covina

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Water Boards Update:
G. Crudgington attended the last Regional Water Board meeting. She said the new members of the board are seated and voting. Crudgington distributed copies of the SGVCOG Stormwater policy to all board members and discussed our efforts to comply with MS4 permits. The Board thanked her for communicating and she thanked the Board for listening. P. Alva advised that publically addressing the Board in this manner may be the only time/way they hear about our efforts to comply with MS4 permitting and that this shows good faith.
8. Stormwater Outreach Updates
E. Wolf updated the committee legislation being sponsored by SGV state representatives. He gave an overview of the meeting schedule for the February 22nd, Sacramento trip. P. Alva asked who would lead our lobbying effort, to which D. Mahmud responded that we have support from the League of CA Cities. D. Mahmud updated the group on an upcoming presentation to SCAG on March 2nd.
9. Litigation Update
E. Wolf reviewed the facts and decision in the NRDC v. SWRCB case.
R. Tahir reported that there will be a case management meeting on Tuesday, 21 February in Santa Ana regarding the Duarte and Gardena cases. Gardena will push for a hearing date, while Duarte with ask that their case be separated.
10. Legislative Updates
J. Nelson informed the committee of Senator Hertzberg’s intention to introduce SB 231, legislation that would include stormwater as a utility exempt from Proposition 218 voter requirements. The group discussed what position the SGVCOG should take. Hertzberg is the Chair of the Senate, Nature Resources and Water Committee. As such, our proposed stormwater legislation will likely pass through his committee. Some members were concerned that if we take a position opposing SB 231 that may adversely affect our proposed legislation, while others are concerned about the potential dilution of Proposition 218. Members requested that this item be added to next month’s agenda for potential action.
11. Regulatory Updates
Due to time constraints, there was no update on this item.
12. E/WMP Updates
Due to time constraints, there was no update on this item.
13. WELL Stormwater Collection Workshop update
Due to time constraints, there was no update on this item.
14. Report on Waste Discharge/MS4 Permit update.
Due to time constraints, there was no update on this item.
15. Water Supply Update

S. Chapman gave a presentation covering the state of our water supply. He noted that the federal government still considers LA County to be in a state of drought. The Key Well of the Main San Gabriel Basin is still 19 feet below required level. He recommended continuing to support action by the Watermaster to import water in order to replenish the basin. Chapman reviewed the events leading up to the Oroville dam evacuation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 P.M.