



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

Date: January 14, 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. Crudgington; Monrovia
M. Clark; Rosemead
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Sierra Madre
LA County District #1

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
A. Hamilton, Y. Paez; Duarte
R. Wang; LA County Public Works
A. Tachiki, J. Louie; Monrovia
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre
T. Love, P. Cortez; USGVMWD

Water TAC Members Absent

Arcadia
Bradbury
Covina
Pomona

Ex Officio Members Present

K. Gardner, L. Augino; SG Basin Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

LACSD

Guests

C. Hemle, B. Wardynski; Craftwater Engineering
A. Sweet; City of Glendora
R. Ramos; City of Irwindale
D. Petschauer; City of Los Angeles/ULAR EWMP Lead
B. Channell; Office of Sen. Diane Feinstein
B. Pence; Office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano
D. Correy; Office of Sen. Anthony Portantino
B. Datti; TetraTech

SGVCOG Staff

C. Sims
S. Matthews

3. Public Comment.
There was no public comment.

4. Changes to Agenda Order.
Item 7 was moved to follow the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

[MOTION PASSED]

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

PRESENTATIONS

7. Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed Management Group: Pre-Stormwater Investment Plan and Load Reduction Strategy
C. Helmle, President and CEO of Craftwater Engineering, presented on a preSIP scientific study that will support the WASC and the SGVCOG by developing a platform to consolidate intertwined goals and disparate project proposals into a balanced, collaborative, and cost-effective plan. He explained how the study will enable the WASCs to identify, understand, and organize the comprehensive suite of candidate project opportunities and evaluate their benefits in a watershed context to design an efficient, adaptable SIP. There were discussions on the project, and discussions on a project submitted by the City of Los Angeles.

B. Datti, Water Resources Engineer at Tetra Tech, presented on a study to develop an LRS adaptation plan. She explained that the goal of the study is to adapt the LRS to better align implementation actions in order to successfully reduce potential health risks to recreators.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Regional Scientific Study to Support Protection of Human Health through Targeted Reduction of Bacteriological Pollution
There was discussion on a proposed study to more thoroughly study fecal indicator bacteria (FIB) in order to determine the specific sources of human health risk and to identify actions to more effectively address these sources. The study was submitted to the Safe Clean Water Call for Projects for funding. There was discussion on how the proposed project would intersect with the ULAR Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) study that was also submitted to the Safe Clean Water Call for Projects. There was also a discussion about the possibility of funding from the County’s Safe Clean Water funding allocation. There was also a recommendation that the study be completed in close coordination with the Regional Board. Finally, there was concern expressed about using funding for additional studies, rather than on project implementation.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board support the “Regional Scientific Study to Support Protection of Human Health through Targeted Reduction

of Bacteriological Pollution,” with a reconsideration of the cost allocations as necessary pending support from the various Safe Clean Water Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) and delay of the timeline of the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) analysis pending completion of the ULAR Load Reduction Strategy Adaptation to address the LA River Bacteria TMDL, and support the Gateway Management Authority to serve as the contract administrator (M/S: A. Tachiki/T. Love).

[MOTION PASSED]

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NOES:	Rosemead
ABSTAIN:	Sierra Madre; LA County Public Works
ABSENT:	Sierra Madre; LA County District 1; Arcadia; Bradbury; Covina; Pomona

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Working Proposal of the Regional Phase 1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Permit
A. Tachiki reported on the Permit Workshop that had been held on January 6, 2020. G. Crudgington reported that the Regional Board did not appear to be as concerned about moving quickly. D. Mahmud reported that the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) appeared to be most concerned about metrics and reporting, to be sure that citeis were making progress on the Permit. He reported that the Water TAC would be meeting over the next several weeks in order to develop comments on the working proposal. Those comments would be considered by the Water Policy Committee at its next meeting.
9. State Water Resources Control Board Draft Order
D. Mahmud provided a brief overview of the State Water Resources Control Board’s Draft Order. There was a brief discussion on the implications of the potential Draft Order. The Water TAC would also be discussing comments on the Draft Order for consideration by the Water Committee at its February meeting.

UPDATE ITEMS

10. Legislative Updates
Staff provided a brief update on AB 755 (Holden) – the California Tire Fee. The Bill is a two-year bill that must pass out of the Assembly by January 31, 2020, in order to remain active. This bill is not expected to move forward because of the upcoming elections. Committee members reported on an effort being advanced by the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) for the California Department of Toxic Substances to look at the impact of zinc in tires on stormwater quality.
11. Litigation Update
There was no litigation update.
12. Safe Clean Water Updates
 - a. Overall Updates
 - b. Rio Hondo WASC
 - c. Upper Los Angeles River WASC
 - d. Upper San Gabriel River WASC

- There was no Safe Clean Water Update.
13. E/WMP Updates
There were no E/WMP updates.
 14. Water TAC Chair Report
Water TAC Vice Chair A. Tachiki reported on the status of the next MS4 Permit. He announced that a meeting of the Water TAC will be held to discuss the working proposal of the Permit.
 15. Water Supply Update
K. Gardner provided an update on the Key Well. T. Love provided an update on the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD's) water supply a water supply update. He reported that the demand for imported groundwater was the lowest that it had been in 40 years. He also reported that there would be a presentation on PFAS at the April 22, 2020, USGVMWD Board Meeting.
 16. Water Boards Update
There was no Water Boards Update.

CHAIR'S REPORT

D. Mahmud reported that the State had released the Water Resilience Portfolio, which looks at how the State can be more prepared for droughts and other extreme weather events, aging infrastructure, and other challenges. There was a brief discussion on the status of the State Water Project and the delta conveyance project. There was also a brief discussion on the Carson Regional Water Project, which would make the San Gabriel Basin independent from imported water.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.