



SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Approved Minutes

Date: October 18, 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 10:06 AM.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

S. Pedroza, Claremont
G. Crudgington, Monrovia
M. Clark, Rosemead
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre
D. Mahmud, South Pasadena

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Diamond Bar
Glendora
West Covina

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin, Alhambra
V. Hevener, Arcadia
B. Lathrop, S. Santos, Bradbury
S. Costandi, Covina
A. Tachiki, Monrovia
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre
G. Osmena, LACDPW

Water TAC Members Absent

South Pasadena
USGVMWD

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Green, LA County Sanitation District
A. Jimenez, Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

Guests

M. Cansino, J. Carver, Pomona
A. Mena, B. Ruiz-Hoffmann, J. Smith, LA County Parks
E. Reyes, SGV Municipal Water District
B. Pence, Congresswoman Napolitano
M. Lyons, ASM Holden
B. Jensen, SGV Economic Partnership
G. Fuderer, J. Goldstein, K. Anderson, D. Van Dorpe, K. Bedolla, USACE
M. Lutz
D. Enos, WCA

SGVCOG Staff

E. Wolf

3. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 9/20/2017
There was a motion to approve the minutes. (M/S: J. Capoccia/G. Crudgington).

[MOTION PASSED]

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

PRESENTATION

5. Water Resilience: Presentation by Russ Bryden, LA County Department of Public Works
 Bryden first discussed H2O4LA, the County’s water conservation education campaign. Next, he went over the outreach effort, which will consist of one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders, public workshops, surveys, and town hall-style meetings. Additionally, the County is forming a Stakeholders Advisory Group (SAC) that will include a representative from each COG, and reps from other key groups such as business, non-profit, and labor. This group will meet to give input on the ballot measure, a parcel tax to fund an “increase in water supply and quality.”
 In the County’s resolution establishing the proposed tax, the Board of Supervisors set the following guidelines for developing the ballot measure: planning must be collaborative, the measure must include job training, and projects must be multi-benefit. The process for developing the measure will start with County writing the first draft for review and comment by the SAC when they first meet on Nov 8th. The timeline for completion of the draft parcel tax measure for approval by the Board of Supervisors is March 2018. This allows enough time for the measure to be placed on the November 2018 ballot. Because this is a tax, government parcels are exempt and there is the option of exempting churches, private schools, hospitals, and colleges.
 Bryden was invited to come back to the committee for quarterly updates.
6. Whittier Narrows Dam Safety: Presentation by Ms. Kathy Anderson, Project Manager for the Dam Safety Study, USACE, and Kristen Bedolla, Program Manager for Dam Safety, USACE.
 Bedolla began by reviewing the Army Corps’ risk management framework and then applying that to Whittier Narrows Dam, resulting in a classification category of 1, the highest risk ranking. The reason for the high assessment is due to three possibly risks: overtopping, gate failure, and piping (water seeping under the dam). During a 200-year rain event, these failures could result in 20 times greater flow from the dam than the capacity of the downstream channel, resulting in flooding in the surrounding community. Next, Anderson discussed what the USACE is doing to mitigate the risk. Interim measures have been put in place to address a spillway gate failure, with a final solution due to be installed by November of this year. Additionally, USACE has established remote monitoring, an inspection and monitoring program, has pre-positioning materials, and has updated its Emergency Action Plan. Finally, Anderson stressed that downstream communities should take action on their own to plan for evacuations.
 USACE was invited to return and give a follow up presentation once their study is complete.

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Waters of the United States
 - Small Government Listening Session: Sept 19th
 E. Wolf reported that he participated in the session and provided comments. His comments consisted of explaining the unique circumstances of the flood control system

in the LA area and concerns that applying WOTUS jurisdiction over the system could restrict its use for the purpose for which it was constructed.

- Stormwater Listening Session: Nov 14th
Wolf also mentioned the Stormwater Listening Session on November 14th, in which he will participate as the COG's representative.
- Written Comments Due by November 28th
The agenda packet included draft written comments for submission to the federal record. Wolf invited committee members to send feedback.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Legislative Updates

- State Legislation:
 - o SB 231 (Hertzberg), SB 541 (Allen), AB 1180 (Holden), SB 5 (DeLeon), AB 1668 (Friedman), SB 589 (Hernandez), SB 633 (Portantino)
D. Mahmud went through the status of each bill paying special attention to SB 589 and SB 633. Regarding SB 589, Sen Hernandez is running for Lieutenant Governor so the COG will need to work with his staff to see if they still want to carry this bill. The COG will approach SB 633 by first working with the County to ensure we agree on the bill's language.
D. Mahmud discussed a webinar hosted by Senator Hertzberg to review how an agency might implement SB 231. Webinar speakers admitted that an agency that first tries to establish property-related stormwater fees using SB 231 as justification, will likely face lawsuit. The League of California Cities and Sen Hertzberg both said that they would help that first agency.
 - o LA County Area Legislative Staff Water Group
E. Wolf updated the committee on this meeting at which he introduced the COG's 2018 legislative ideas to more than 30 San Gabriel Valley legislative staffers.
- Federal Legislation:
 - o H.R. 465/2355, H.R. 2510
S. Green discussed H.R. 2510, noting that its companion bill S. 692, passed the Senate and is in the House Subcommittee on Environment for reconciliation. The bill includes integrated planning and financial capability assessment.
 - o House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
S. Green discussed this subcommittee hearing. She noted that Southern California was well represented and that committee members asked good, probing questions.

9. Regulatory Updates:

There was no discussion on this item.

10. Water Boards Update

- State Board: 303(d) List: Public Hearing Oct 3rd
There was no report on this item.
- Regional Board: October 5th meeting
G. Crudginton reported on the IIP Workshop that the Regional Board held in conjunction with its October 5th meeting.

11. LA County Water Update

D. Mahmud followed up on R. Bryden's presentation by stating that she would recommend to the Executive Committee that the Governing Board appoint Judy Nelson as the SGVCOG representative to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC).

12. Water Supply Update

- A. Jimenez reported that the State Water Project certified that its system is free of quagga muscles.
- 13.** Litigation Update
D. Mahmud reported that the Cities of Duarte and Gardena have a hearing date set for November 13, 2017.
- 14.** Stormwater Outreach Updates
G. Crudgington reported on her interaction with OurWaterLA where she sits on the Policy Committee. The group discussed recommending to the FCD that 50% of the money from the Water Resilience fee be returned as rebates to property owners who implement water savings and stormwater capture projects. Crudgington informed OurWaterLA about the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River EWMP's proposed regional project.
- 15.** E/WMP Updates
D. Dolphin reported that the EWMPs are working on their Annual Reports.
A. Tachiki reported that the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel Rivers EWMP has submitted a request to the Regional Board to modify its watershed management plan to include the proposed Peck Lake Park regional project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

CHAIR'S REPORT

D. Mahmud discussed her MS4/Stormwater presentation to the Public Works Association luncheon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LA Water Board meeting: Nov 2, 2017

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:14.