



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

Date: November 9, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Zoom/YouTube teleconference meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order: G. Crudginton called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.
2. Roll Call

Water Policy Committee Members Present

J. Stark; Claremont
G. Crudginton; Monrovia
M. Clark; Rosemead
C. Ho Liao; San Gabriel
D. Mahmud; South Pasadena
J. Santana, USGVMWD

Water Policy Committee Members Absent

Glendora
Sierra Madre

Water TAC Members Present

D. Dolphin; Alhambra
S. Costandi/S. Gallant; Covina
A. Sweet; Glendora
A. Tachiki; Monrovia
E. Reyes; SGVMWD
J. Carlson; Sierra Madre
T. Love; USGVMWD
F. Villaluna; LA County Public Works

Water TAC Members Absent

Bradbury
Pomona
South Pasadena

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Green; LA County Sanitation Districts
L. Augino/K. Gardner; Watermaster

Ex Officio Members Absent

Guests

S. Armenta; Office of Senator Rubio
C. Griffin; Office of Assemblymember Rubio
A. Kim; Member of the Public
L. Largent; O Strategies Group
A. Sanchez; Member of the Public
R. Tahir; Member of the Public

SGVCOG Staff

- C. Sims
- B. Logasa
- P. Hubler

3. Public Comment

- R. Tajir shared his thoughts and feedback on wet weather bacteria TMDL exemptions, stating that San Gabriel Valley permittees are exempt from compliance with the wet weather bacteria TMDL. Additionally, R. Tahir told the committee that a requirement of a second report and posting of permittee compliance on a WMP group website was not formally included in the MS4 Permit. R. Tahir also shared that while the biotic ligand model may be a promising alternative to federally mandate California Toxics Rule requirements, the Regional Board has already gone on record saying that biotic ligand model criteria can be more stringent than CTR in certain cases, while in other cases, CTR is the more stringent option. R. Tahir’s full written public comment can be found by [clicking here](#).

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.** Water Committee/TAC September Meeting Minutes
- 6.** Water TAC Special Meeting Minutes
- 7.** Adoption of Resolution 21-01-WC Enabling the Water Policy Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing

**There was a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items.
(M/S: D. Mahmud/J. Stark)**

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Committee – Claremont; Monrovia; Rosemead; San Gabriel; South Pasadena, USGVMWD TAC – Alhambra; Covina; Monrovia; Sierra Madre; South Pasadena, SGVMWD, USGVMWD; LA County Public Works
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE GIVEN:	TAC – Bradbury; Covina; Glendora; SGVMWD
ABSENT:	Committee – Glendora; Sierra Madre TAC – Bradbury; Pomona; South Pasadena

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.** Update to 2022 Legislative Platform
Recommended Action: Approve the revised 2022 legislative platform pertaining to water policy for consideration by the Governing Board and intended to guide SGVCOG

advocacy efforts and to be provided to the San Gabriel Valley's legislative representatives.

Discussion:

- K. Gardner informed the committee that the Watermaster cannot support a legislative platform that alters water rights. D. Mahmud, M. Clark, and G. Crudgington asked clarifying questions of K. Gardner, and ultimately decided to approve the legislative platform as is, while providing direction to staff to revisit this topic at future meetings.

There was a motion to adopt the revised 2022 Legislative Platform, with direction to revisit the legislative platform related to water rights.

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

[MOTION PASSED]

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NOES:	Committee – Rosemead; USGVMWD TAC – Sierra Madre; SGVMWD; USGVMWD
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE GIVEN:	
ABSENT:	Committee – Glendora; Sierra Madre TAC – Sierra Madre; South Pasadena

PRESENTATION *(It is anticipated that the Water Committee/Water TAC may act on the following matters)*

9. Recycled Water Resources in the San Gabriel Valley – Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD)
Tom Love, General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, provided a presentation on this item. T. Love outlined the science and treatment process behind recycling water and water purification, as well as highlighted recycled water resources available locally and regionally.

UPDATE ITEMS

10. Commission on State Mandates and Other Litigation
B. Logasa, SGVCOG Management Analyst, provided an update on this item. During the previous Water Policy Committee/TAC meeting held on October 12, 2021, a committee member tasked staff with providing status updates on litigation regarding the 2001 and 2012 MS4 Permits. For the 2001 MS4 Permit, the State Court of Appeals concluded that trash receptacles are unfunded mandates for which the County and Cities are entitled to reimbursement. The test claims arising from the 2012 Permit are still pending before the Commission.

11. Regional Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
There were no updates on this item.
12. Safe Clean Water Program
B. Logasa, SGVCOG Management Analyst, provided information on this item. B. Logasa provided information on which SIPs were approved and which were not. Among the projects that were not approved, some simply scored too low, or the WASC didn't have enough funding to spread to every eligible project.
13. Federal and State Budget and Legislative Updates
B. Logasa, SGVCOG Management Analyst, provided information on this item. The big legislative news is that Biden's infrastructure plan passed last week. SGVCOG will work on providing a full update on what in this bill will go specifically to the San Gabriel Valley, but did outline all the money that was marked for water-related projects, such as upgrading water infrastructure and flood protection.
14. Water Supply Update
K. Gardner, Watermaster, provided an update on this item. The rains were a pleasant surprise, but have not made a large effect locally. T. Love added that Metropolitan Water District will consider adopting a drought emergency resolution calling for certain member agencies who are dependent on State Water Project water to restrict water use.
15. Water TAC Chair Report
There were no updates on this item.
16. Water Boards Update
There were no updates on this item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B. Logasa will send the committee a Doodle Poll to schedule a special meeting for December and January, in order to keep compliance with AB 361 (Rivas).

ADJOURN

G. Crudginton adjourned the meeting at 11:56 A.M.