



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE WATER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 4:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82085949090>

Livestream Link: <https://youtu.be/bD5TtyFDy-8>

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Water Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Water Committee are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Offices (602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B Monrovia, CA 91016).* The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, www.sgvcog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Water Committee and Water TAC meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Committee. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the Committee refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane or disruptive remarks.

TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Committee on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion. **The Water Committee and Water TAC may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.**

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Water Committee and the Water TAC. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee/TAC can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.

MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the SGVCOG office at (626) 457-1800. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the SGVCOG to make reasonable arrangement to ensure accessibility to this meeting.



On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 authorizing a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new Order issued by the Governor and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Water Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting scheduled for June 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Water Policy Committee and TAC will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98271995441>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Submission of Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items you may submit comments via email or by phone.

- Email: Please submit via email your public comment to Brianne Logasa at blogasa@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.” Emailed public comments will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.
- Zoom: Through Zoom, you may speak by using the web interface “Raise Hand” feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact Brianne Logasa at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (626) 457-1800 or email blogasa@sgvcog.org.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*).
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

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

5. Website Design Best Practices for MS4 Permit Compliance – Dawn Petschauer, Senior Water Biologist, LA Sanitation – **Page 4**
Recommended Action: For discussion.

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

6. Water TAC Chair Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DATE: September 29, 2021

TO: Water Policy Committee/TAC

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT BEST PRACTICES FOR MS4 PERMIT COMPLIANCE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In December 2019, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) released the Working Proposal of the Regional Phase 1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and in August 2020, released the Tentative Permit. For both the Working Proposal and the Tentative Permit, the Water Policy Committee and TAC developed comment letters that were submitted to the Regional Board.

On June 4, 2021, the Regional Board released the Revised Tentative Permit and a notice of public hearings for the issuance of the Permit, which took place on July 8, 9, 16, and 23. The Permit and an overview of all comments received can be found [here](#).

On August 9, 2021, the Regional Board released the final Permit. The memo from the Regional Board with instructions on how to access the Permit is in Attachment A.

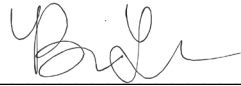
DISCUSSION

As a part of complying with the new MS4 Permit, watershed management groups must incorporate a certain degree of public transparency, including developing a website, hosting public meetings, among other things. The Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group (ULAR WMG) is currently the only watershed management group in the region with a dedicated website for its MS4 compliance, which can be viewed by [clicking here](#). The website currently includes updates on regional stormwater projects, information on pollutants, and interactive videos that provide background information on ULAR WMG, Measure W, and the watershed management group's mission and purpose.

At this meeting, Dawn Petschauer, Senior Water Biologist at LA Sanitation & Environment, of will present to the Water Technical Advisory Committee on lessons learned while building the ULAR WMG website, essential vs. nonessential content to include, and additions they will be making to the ULAR WMG website based on the new MS4 Permit requirements.


REPORT

Prepared by:



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Approved by:



Marisa Creter
Executive Director

Attachment A – Regional Water Board Memo regarding MS4 Permit

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: MS4 Permittees covered by NPDES Permit No. CAS004004, Other Parties, and Interested Persons

FROM: Renee Purdy
Executive Officer

DATE: August 9, 2021

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF FINAL ORDER NO. R4-2021-0105 - REGIONAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004004)

We are pleased to transmit to you the final Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit for stormwater and non-stormwater discharges from the MS4 within the coastal watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, which was adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) at its meeting on July 23, 2021.

The final Order and all attachments¹ (including the Word versions of Attachment H Reporting Forms and Excel spreadsheet versions of Attachment I Trash Reporting Forms) are available on the Los Angeles Water Board's FTP site using the following website and log-in credentials:

<https://ftp.waterboards.ca.gov/>

Username: rb4_ms4

Password: a9u1sN

Order No. R4-2021-0105 shall be effective as of September 11, 2021, 50 days from the date of Board adoption, as stated in the Order.

We look forward to working together with all Permittees and stakeholders to implement the permit. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ivar Ridgeway, Municipal

¹ Note that these documents will be made compliant with AB 434 in the near future and will subsequently be posted on the Los Angeles Water Board's website for the public.

Stormwater Permitting - Unit Chief, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or (213) 620-2150.

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