

Safe, Clean Water Program

Rio Hondo

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

9:00am - 11:00am

City of Monrovia, Monrovia Room

[321 S. Myrtle Ave Monrovia, CA 91016](https://www.cityofmonrovia.com/321_S_Myrtle_Ave_Monrovia_CA_91016)

Attendees

Committee Members and Alternates:

Julian Juarez (LA County Flood Control District)

Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin)

Kristen Ruffell (Sanitation Districts)

Robert Tock* (Upper San Gabriel Valley

Municipal Water District)

Brent Maue (City of Pasadena Parks and Recreation)

Bryan Matsumoto* (Nature For All)

Michael Hurley (Cal Water)

Frank Lopez (Monterey Park)

Mark Hall (Greater LA County Vector Control District)

Daniel Rossman (The Wilderness Society)

David Dolphin (Alhambra)

Vanessa Hevener (Arcadia)

Mark Lombos (LA County)

Sean Singletary (Pasadena)

James Carlson (Sierra Madre)

Gloria Crudgington (Monrovia)

Committee Members Not Present

Ron Miller (LA/OC Building Trades)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Carlson of Sierra Madre, the Chair of the Rio Hondo welcomed all of the members and confirmed a quorum of the committee was present. All committee members made self-introductions.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2019

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Carlson asked the committee members for comments or revisions.

Mr. Lombos of Los Angeles County made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 6, 2019. Ms. Ruffell seconded the motion. **The committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from November 6, 2019 (unanimous).**

3. Committee Member and District Updates

Ms Crudgington informed the committee that the Regional Water Quality Control Board has recently hired a consultant to form a committee including environmental non-governmental organizations and municipalities.

Mr. Maue of Pasadena Parks and Recreation identified himself as the replacement member for Charles Peretz.

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Mr. Rossman informed the committee of a recent Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors motion for the Measures W, H, A and M to ensure responsible stewardship and coordinated approach for workforce development and technical assistance. Mr. Rossman will update the WASC with information pertaining to the WHAM committee in future meetings.

Mr. Kevin Kim (District) provided a summary of the Call for Projects information sessions, Ex Parte Communication guidelines under development, release of the final General Income-based Tax-Reduction Guidelines, and website information.

Mr. Kim announced that Mr. Juarez of the District is the point of contact for District Project Conceptual Approval for the Rio Hondo watershed.

4. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

5. Voting Items:

None.

6. Information Items:

a. Regional Coordination Efforts and Preparation for Watershed Coordinators

Mr. Antos (Stantec) presented about the recently initiated regional coordination effort, watershed management principles and roles of the Watershed Coordinators in the Safe, Clean Water Program. Mr. Antos discussed and shared with the committee the existing tools and resources available for future watershed coordinators.

Mr. Carlson asked how much funding will be available for Watershed Coordinators which Mr. Antos replied the funding would come from a contract through the Technical Resource Program from the Regional Funds.

b. Discussion of watershed area context, priorities, and needs

Mr. Antos initiated discussion to prepare the WASC for upcoming evaluation of submitted Project concepts, Projects, and studies. The committee discussed applicable plans, programs, and related efforts, as well as shared experiences and input.

The committee discussed the nature activities and impacts, community resources, and diversity and equity opportunities within the Watershed Area. The committee discussed the economic diversity of the watershed and the 110% return to Disadvantaged Communities.

Mr. Antos displayed a map of the watershed area showing different data sets and priorities that the WASCs should consider when developing the Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs). Priorities listed by the committee members included water quality, water supply, refuge for migratory birds, and a need for parks.

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c. Safe, Clean Water Program Project Module Overview

Presentation from Mr. Kim on the Project Module and its usefulness for WASC members and status of submitted projects.

Mr. Carlson asked for general consensus to approve the schedule provided during the presentation. Mr. Tock replied that the schedule is what would be required for the first year. The committee agreed to the tentative schedule.

Mr. Rossman asked about the funding breakdown for the subprograms within the Regional Program. Mr. Kim replied that the District would provide estimates for the subprograms at the next meeting. He also stated that the projects would be uploaded to the program webpage.

7. Items for next agenda (1st meeting in January)

Mr. Hall agreed to make a presentation on Vector Control issues at a future meeting. He also volunteered to be the person to contact for Vector Control Plan review for project applicants.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Carlson thanked the committee members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.