

Safe, Clean Water Program

Central Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Thursday, December 19, 2019

10:00am - 12:00pm

Veterans Memorial Complex Garden Room
4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

Cung Nguyen (LA County Flood Control District)
E.J. Caldwell (West Basin)
Darryl Ford* (LA Recreations & Parks)
Katie Mika (LA Bureau of Sanitation)
Delon Kwan (LA Department of Water & Power)
Gary Gero* (LA County Chief Sustainability)
Alysen Weiland* (PSOMAS)

Gloria Walton (SCOPE)
Bruce Reznik (LA Waterkeeper)
Charles Herbertson (Culver City)
Josette Descalzo (Beverly Hills)
Liz Crosson (LA)
Neal Shapiro (Santa Monica)
Bruce Hamamoto* (LA County)

Committee Members Not Present:

Ackley Padilla (LA)
Jeff Camp (LA)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Crosson of LA, the Chair of the Central Santa Monica Bay WASC, called the meeting to order.

All committee members made self-introductions, and quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2019

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

Mr. Reznik of LA Waterkeeper made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 5, 2019. Ms. Walton of SCOPE seconded the motion with a revision of changing Ms. Watson to Ms. Walton on Page 2 Section 5 of the draft meeting minutes. **The Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from November 5, 2019 (unanimous).**

3. Committee Member and District Updates

Mr. Allen of the District provided a summary of the Call for Projects info sessions, Ex Parte communications guidelines under development, release of the final General Income-based Tax Reduction Guidelines, and website information.

Mr. Allen announced that Mr. Nguyen of the District is the point of contact for District's Project Conceptual Approval for the Central Santa Monica Bay Area.

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Ms. Crosson asked when will the guidelines for Ex Parte communications be available. Mr. Allen noted that the District can share the guidelines with the committee members at the next meeting.

Mr. Descalzo of Beverly Hills requested that communication with consultant be included in the Ex Parte guidelines.

Ms. Crosson asked whether County Counsel will be available to answer questions that committee members may have. Mr. Allen noted that another WASC also requested County Counsel guidance and that the District may coordinate a regional discussion with County Counsel for all WASCs to participate.

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 of 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.

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.

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).

c. Safe, Clean Water Program Project Module Overview

Presentation from Mr. Allen on the Project Module and its usefulness for committee members and status of submitted Projects.

Ms. Crosson asked whether there will be guidelines on Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Benefits. Mr. Allen noted that the District will be developing guidelines on DAC Benefits for consistency among the WASCs.

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Mr. Allen updated the committee on the numbers of submitted Projects:

- Infrastructure Program: 10 projects
- Technical Resources Program: 1 project
- Scientific Program: 3 applicants

Mr. Reznik asked whether the committee will want to send all 10 Infrastructure Program Projects to the Scoring Committee for scoring. Mr. Allen noted that it is up to the committee to decide how many Projects to be scored by the Scoring Committee. Mr. Antos added that it will need to be added as an agenda item for voting.

Ms. Crosson requested to add Project selection for Scoring Committee as a voting item at the next meeting. She also suggested that projects can be referred to the Technical Resources Program if not selected by the committee to be scored. Mr. Allen clarified that District staff would review the Project submittals for completeness. The WASCs will receive a summary sheet of all Project submittals deemed complete. If a Project is deemed incomplete, the Project applicant will be notified and referred to Technical Resources Program or encouraged to apply for the next Fiscal Year through the Infrastructure Program.

Mr. Nguyen asked whether the committee can partially fund a project. Mr. Allen noted that it is up to the committee to allocate the funding.

Mr. Kwan of LA Department of Water & Power asked for a clarification on Scoring Committee roles. Mr. Allen explained that the Scoring Committee will provide an official score and Projects that must meet or exceed the Threshold Score of 60 points in order to be eligible for Infrastructure Program funding. The WASCs are not required to include the highest scoring Projects in the SIP and are encouraged to consider Safe Clean Water Program Goals, regional benefits, and watershed priorities when making determinations. Mr. Reznik confirmed as a committee member of the Scoring Committee that Scoring Committee will only confirm/validate the score and will not select or reject any Projects.

7. Items for next agenda

The District recommends the following items for the next agenda:

- Review the complete list of Projects
- Select Projects to the Scoring Committee for scoring
- Select Technical Resources and Scientific Program Project Applicants for potential presentations
- Ex Parte Discussion

Ms. Crosson solicited additional recommendations from the committee for the next agenda.

8. Adjournment

Ms. Crosson thanked the committee members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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