

Safe, Clean Water Program

Central Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Monday, January 4, 2021
1:00pm - 4:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

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| Carolina Hernandez* (LACFCD) | Bruce Reznik (LA Waterkeeper) |
| E.J. Caldwell (West Basin) | Hany Demetri* (West Hollywood) |
| Art Castro* (LADWP) | Charles Herbertson (Culver City) |
| Sheila Brice (Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation) | Max Podemski (Los Angeles) |
| Darryl Ford* (Los Angeles Recreation and Parks) | Rafael Prieto* (Los Angeles) |
| Rita Kampalath (LA County CEO) | Liz Crosson (Los Angeles) |
| Gloria Walton (The Solutions Project) | Bruce Hamamoto (LA County) |
| Alysen Weiland* (PSOMAS) | |

Committee Members Not Present:

Curtis Castle (Santa Monica)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2020

The District provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Liz Crosson asked the committee members for comments or revisions.

Gloria Walton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Bruce Reznik seconded the motion. The Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from December 17, 2020.
(Approved, see vote tracking sheet)

3. Public Comment Period

One public comment card received, as follows:

A member of the public noted that Our Water LA requests the selection of WCs be based on six qualification considerations. A public comment card has been provided with the detail of the qualifications for this public comment.

4. Committee Member and District Updates

Bruce Reznik noted that the Scoring Committee has scored all CSMB WASC projects. Projects that did not make the Threshold Score will be allowed to resubmit additional information per the consensus in the last Scoring Committee meeting. Meeting(s) to score any projects that require resubmittal of additional

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project information is yet to be scheduled. Finally, Bruce Reznik recommended that applicants with projects that required additional information to update the applications in a timely manner as instructed by the District.

Kirk Allen provided the District update: noting most of the fund Transfer Agreements have been executed. District staff is currently reviewing Annual Plans which will be posted on the Safe, Clean Water Program website for public review. Annual Plans for the following year are due in April 2021. All Regional Transfer Agreements for Round 1 funding have been distributed to all applicants and the District has begun receiving and reviewing the scopes of work.

Today's CSMB WASC meeting is focused on the WC interviews. Thus far, there have been 37 interviews conducted and 5 pending interviews, once conducted, will conclude the first round of WC interviews.

5. Discussion Items:

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosures

Bruce Reznik is part of Our Water LA and has had outside discussions regarding the WC general process but avoided any further discussions on the subject.

Liz Crosson noted to have had discussions with Geosyntec regarding the San Fernando Green Streets Alternative Delivery Project.

b) Watershed Coordinator Selection

i. Process Overview

During the interview process, District staff will read each interview question and have it presented on the screen. Each potential WC will be allowed 20 minutes to answer all the questions. District staff will manage a timer and provide a time remaining reminder to the interviewees at the end of the interview and then 10 minutes will be allowed for follow up questions and answers. Committee members were sent the set of WC interview questions, note-taking sheet, the WC roles/responsibilities, and each WC's Statement of Qualifications (SOQs). It is important to write notes to remember critical information when voting at the next meeting, or should the Committee member present at today's meeting not be present at the following meeting (in this case, the meeting notes should be passed onto the alternate member). If any of the Committee members have a financial link to any of the WC interviewees, these Committee members must recuse and remove themselves from the WC selection process. For WC applicants that did not meet the scoring threshold, debriefing meetings have already been scheduled with LA County Public Works' Contracts Division.

ii. Interview

The following firms and respective presenters answered all of the WC interview and individual WASC member questions.

(1) Environmental Outreach Strategies.

WASC individual member with specific questions after the interview was Charles Herbertson.

(2) Heal The Bay

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WASC individual members with specific questions after the interview were Charles Herbertson, Bruce Reznik, and Liz Crosson.

(3) Richard Watson & Associates Inc.

WASC individual member with specific questions after the interview was Charles Herbertson.

6. Public Comment Period

No public comments received.

7. Voting Items

- a) Selection of Watershed Coordinators for the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area
Item was held for next meeting.

8. Meeting Schedule

- a) 1st Monday, 1-3PM (placeholder from February to April 2021)
- b) 3rd Thursday, 10AM-12PM (ongoing)

9. Items for next agenda

- a) Watershed Coordinator Selection
- b) Presentations from FY21-22 Project Applicants

10. Adjournment

Liz Crosson thanked the WASC members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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| | | Quorum Present | | | | Voting Items | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Member Type | Organization | Member | Voting? | Alternate | Voting? | Meeting Minutes | Voting Item 7a (Item Held) |
| Agency | LACFCD | Cung Nguyen | | Carolina Hernandez | X | Y | |
| Agency | West Basin MWD | E.J. Caldwell | X | Alex Heide | | Y | |
| Agency | LA Water & Power | Delon Kwan | | Art Castro | X | Y | |
| Agency | LA Sanitation District | Sheila Brice | X | Michael Scaduto | | Y | |
| Agency | LA Recreation & Parks | Cathie Santo Domingo | | Darryl Ford | X | A | |
| Community Stakeholder | LAC Chief Sustainability Office | Rita Kampalath | X | Gary Gero | | Y | |
| Community Stakeholder | Lipa Consulting Company / | Jacob Lipa | | Alysen Weiland | X | Y | |
| Community Stakeholder | The Solutions Project | Gloria Walton | X | Gloria Medina | | X | |
| Community Stakeholder | LA Waterkeeper | Bruce Reznik | X | Kim Martin | | X | |
| Community Stakeholder | | | | | | | |
| Municipal Members | Beverly Hills / | Josette Descalzo | | Hany Demitri | X | Y | |
| Municipal Members | Culver City | Charles Herbertson | X | Kim Braun | | Y | |
| Municipal Members | Los Angeles | Max Podemski | X | Ackley Padilla | | Y | |
| Municipal Members | Los Angeles | Jeff Camp | | Rafael Prieto | x | (not present) | |
| Municipal Members | Los Angeles | Liz Crosson | X | Susie Santilena | | Y | |
| Municipal Members | LAC Public Works | Bruce Hamamoto | X | Armando D'Angelo | | Y | |
| Municipal Members | Santa Monica | Curtis Castle | | George Rodriguez | | | |
| Total Non-Vacant Seats | | 16 | | | Yay (Y) | 11 | 0 |
| Total Voting Members Present | | 15 | | | Nay (N) | 0 | 0 |
| Agency | | 5 | | | Abstain (A) | 1 | 0 |
| Community Stakeholder | | 4 | | | Total | 12 | 0 |
| Municipal Members | | 6 | | | | Approved | Not Approved |

| Other Attendees | |
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| Adi Liberman | Melina Watts |
| Annelisa Moe | Michelle Reed |
| Arlene Guzman | Mikaela Randolph |
| Armando D'Angelo | Nancy Shrodes |
| Berlinda Faustinos | Nichole Heil |
| Benjamin Shorofsky | Paul Choy |
| Brenda Morales | Richard Watson |
| Brett Perry | Shahram Kharaghni |
| Conor Mossavi | Shelley Luce |
| Derek Steele | Susie Satilena |
| Ilene Ramirez | Viviana Franco |
| Jennifer Amarant | Wendy Dinh |
| Johanna Chang | Miguel Luna |
| Jon Ball | Stephen Groner |
| Joyce Amaro | Jim Sparber |
| Katherine Pease | April Mendez |
| Katie Harrel | |
| Kim Braun | |
| Kimberly Henry | |
| Lena Nguyen | |
| Mara Luevano | |
| Matt Frary | |