

# Safe, Clean Water Program

## Lower San Gabriel River

### Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)

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#### **Meeting Minutes:**

Tuesday, August 10, 2021  
10:00am – 11:30pm  
WebEx Meeting

#### **Attendees**

##### Committee Members Present:

Julian Juarez (LA County Flood Control District)	Gabrielle Weeks (Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment)
Alex Rojas (Central Basin)	Mike O'Grady (Cerritos)
Lyndsey Bloxom* (Water Replenishment District)	Delfino Consunji (Downey)
Kristen Ruffell (LA County Sanitation Districts)	Konya Vivanti* (Lakewood)
Nancy Villaseñor* (Long Beach Parks and Recreation)	Melissa You (Long Beach)
Irene Lopez-Muro* (Conservation Corps of Long Beach)	Bernie Iniguez (Bellflower)
Adam Galia (Resident)	Vicki Smith (Whittier)
Joseph Gonzalez* (Rivers Mountains Conservancy)	

##### Committee Members Not Present:

Noe Negrete (Santa Fe Springs)

\*Committee Member Alternate

See attached attendance report for full list of attendees

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Melanie Morita (District) facilitated the roll call and quorum was established.

The District welcomed WASC members and called the meeting to order. She discussed housekeeping items, WebEx functions and the public comment process.

### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2021**

The District provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Melanie Morita (District) asked the WASC members for comments and/or revisions, hearing none she called for a motion. Adam Galia motioned to approve the minutes. Vicki Smith seconded the motion.

The Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from July 13, 2021 (Approved, see vote tracking sheet.)

### **3. Committee Member and District Updates**

Melanie Morita (District) provided the District update noting:

- The Regional Oversight Committee voted to recommend all 9 SIPs to the Board of Supervisors on June 29, 2021. The Supervisor's Board meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2021.
- Electronic correspondence was sent to all the new and continuing project applicants to request information for the Transfer Agreements prior to Board of Supervisor's approval.

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- Call for Projects, Round 3, deadline was July 31, 2021. The District is currently conducting project evaluations which is anticipated to be complete before the next meeting.
- Regional Program: Quarterly and Annual Reports can be submitted to the reporting module - next report is due on August 15, 2021.
- Municipal Program: Annual Plans were due April 01, 2021 with an anticipated fund disbursement in August 2021.

#### **4. Watershed Coordinator Updates**

Kekoa Anderson (OhanaVets), alongside Grace Kast and Traci Gleason, facilitated a slide presentation for updates on the Strategic Outreach and Engagement Plan (see SOEP presentation on website).

Adam Galia asked for clarification regarding communication with potential interested parties. Kekoa Anderson clarified that they are going to reach out and engage with the interested parties during the first workshop. Adam Galia asked if this list of parties can be amended. Kekoa Anderson responded that it is a living list.

Adam Galia asked about having stand-alone workshops for Lower San Gabriel stakeholders only. Kekoa Anderson indicated that are trying to incorporate a more city-based group because the cities are split by two Watersheds. Grace Kast added that for this initial kickoff, doing it jointly might broaden the audience and interest. Joint events will have two components for instance - one can be a Lower San Gabriel and the other Los Angeles River.

Adam Galia asked if upon registration to these workshops, would it be possible to track the Cities from where attendees originate. In doing so, the Committee would know if one City is over or underrepresented. He also asked if the WC would be working with the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to notify them about the virtual workshops so they can in turn notify their networks. Grace Kast responded that when they set the agenda, they would invite Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and ask them to invite others in their network. She added that the suggestion to track attendees' origins and interests is a good suggestion.

Adam Galia asked about creating an Instagram page. Grace Kast answered that they have thought about creating an Instagram page and will discuss it further with the team.

#### **5. Ex Parte Communication Disclosures**

None.

#### **6. Public Comment Period**

None.

#### **7. Presentations and Discussion Items**

a) Review of WASC roles and responsibilities (Presentation by Stantec)

Mike Antos facilitated a slide presentation on WASC's roles and responsibilities. (see presentation on website)

Adam Galia asked if the directions to sign into the Project Module were emailed to the Committee. Melanie Morita (District) responded that the directions are available on the SCW website. However, the

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login was an interim solution to allow committee members access to view applications. Now that the Portal is live, the map and PDF applications are available for public use without a login.

Joseph Gonzalez asked if there was an update from the County regarding the status of replacing a WASC member. Melanie Morita (District) noted that they still have a vacancy for one of the community stakeholders' seats and that the Board of Supervisors has been notified and the Board would appoint a new member.

Adam Galia asked what the criteria was for the selection of a new WASC member. Melanie Morita indicated that the criteria could be found in the operating guidelines.

## b) Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

A brief discussion was held leading to nomination of Melissa You as Chair and Lisa Ann Rapp as Vice-Chair.

## 8. Public Comment Period

None.

## 9. Voting Items

### a) Selection of Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs

Adam Galia motioned to appoint Melissa You as Chair and Lisa Ann Rapp as Vice-Chair. Delfino Consunji seconded the motion. The District proceeded with conducting the roll call vote under Agenda Item 9 with no objection from the Committee.

The Committee voted to approved Melissa You as Chair and Lisa Ann Rapp as Vice-Chair. (Approved, see vote tracking sheet.)

### b) Send all completed feasibility studies to Scoring Committee for consideration

Nancy Villaseñor motioned to send all completed Feasibility Studies to the Scoring Committee. Adam Galia seconded the motion.

The Committee voted to send all completed Feasibility Studies to the Scoring Committee. (Approved, see vote tracking sheet.)

## 10. Items for Next Agenda

Presentations from project applicants will be scheduled over the next couple of meetings.

## 11. Adjournment

Melanie Morita thanked WASC members for their participation and adjourned the meeting.

**LSGR WASC - August 10, 2021**

		Quorum Present				Voting Items		
Member Type	Position	Member	Voting/ Present?	Alternate	Voting/ Present?	Approve 7-13-2021 Meeting Minutes	LSGR WASC Chair (Melissa You) and Vice-Chair (Lisa Ann Rapp)	Send all completed Feasibility Studies to Scoring Committee
Agency	FCD	Julian Juarez	X	Ramy Gindi		Y	Y	Y
Agency	Central Basin	Alex Rojas	X	Jeremy Melendez		Y	Y	Y
Agency	Water Replenishment District	Diane Gatza		Lyndsey Bloxom	X	Y	Y	Y
Agency	Sanitation Districts	Kristen Ruffell	X	Mike Sullivan		Y	Y	Y
Agency	City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation	Stephen Scott		Nancy Villaseñor	X	Y	Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Dan Knapp		Irene Lopez-Muro	X	Y	Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	Resident	Adam Galia	X	Thalia Campos		Y	Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	Rivers Mountains Conservancy	Mark Stanley		Joseph Gonzalez	X	Y	Y	Y
Community Stakeholder	Long Beach Coalition for a Safe Environment	Gabrielle Weeks	X			A	Y	Y
Community Stakeholder								
Municipal Members	Cerritos	Mike O'Grady	X			Y	Y	Y
Municipal Members	Downey	Delfino Consunji	X	Dan Mueller		A	Y	Y
Municipal Members	Lakewood	Lisa Ann Rapp		Konya Vivanti	X	A	Y	Y
Municipal Members	Long Beach	Melissa You	X	Wataru Kumagai		Y	Y	Y
Municipal Members	City of Bellflower	Bernie Iniguez	X	Glen Kau		Y	Y	Y
Municipal Members	Santa Fe Springs	Noe Negrete		Marlin Munoz				
Municipal Members	Whittier	Vicki Smith	X	Kyle Cason		Y	Y	Y
Watershed Coordinator								
Non-Voting Member	OhanaVets	Kekoa Anderson	X	Grace Kast				
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16				12	15	15
Total Voting Members Present		15				0	0	0
Agency		5				3	0	0
Community Stakeholder		4				15	15	15
Municipal Members		6				Approved	Approved	Approved

## Attendance

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Adam Galia	Kekoa Anderson
Alex Rojas	Konya Vivanti
Alexander LACFCD	Kristen Ruffell
Bernie Iniguez	Lyndsey Bloxom
Bryce Lee	Melanie Morita - SCWP
Cameron Castillo	Melissa You
Cecilia Salazar	Michelle Kim
Chris Jansen	Mike Antos
Delfino Consunji	Mike O'Grady
Elizabeth Lambe	Nancy Villasenor
Frank DRA INC	Richard Watson
G Weeks	Robert Gomez
Grace Kast	Scott Struck
Honor Hayball	Stephanie Tong - LACFCD
Irene Lopez-Muro	Steven Bell - CWE
Jeremy Melendez	Tori Klug
Joseph Gonzalez	Traci Gleason
Jud Warren	Vicki Smith
Julian Juarez	wataru kumagai
Kala Anderson	Yoshi Andersen