



**SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Meeting  
Approved Minutes**

Date: June 11, 2019  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B, Monrovia, CA

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:09 A.M.
2. Roll Call

**Water Policy Committee Members Present**

H. Nguyen, LA County District #1  
G. Boyer, Glendora  
D. Mahmud, South Pasadena  
J. Stark, Claremont  
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre

**Water Policy Committee Members Absent**

G. Crudgington, Monrovia  
M. Clark, Rosemead

**Water TAC Members Present**

J. Chavez, Alhambra  
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre  
S. Costandi, Covina  
R. Wang, LACPW  
Y. Serna, Duarte  
T. Love; P. Cortez, USGVMWD

**Water TAC Members Absent**

A. Tachiki, Monrovia  
K. Kearney, Bradbury  
V. Hevener, Arcadia  
J. Carver, Pomona  
E. Reyes, SGVMWD

**Ex Officio Members Present**

A. Jimenez; Ana R., SG Watermaster  
S. Green, LACSD

**Ex Officio Members Absent**

**Guests**

R. Kampalath, LA County Chief Sustainability  
Office  
B. Tansey, South Pasadena News  
W. La, SGMRC  
R. Ramos, City of Irwindale

**SGVCOG Staff**

K. Ward

3. Public Comment.  
No public comment was given.
4. Changes to Agenda Order.  
No changes to the agenda order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes

**There was a motion to approve the consent calendar. (M/S: G. Boyer /J. Capoccia).**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Glendora, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, LACPW, LA County District #1, Duarte, Claremont, SGVMWD, Covina, USGVMWD
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Bradbury, Arcadia, Rosemead, Pomona, Monrovia

## PRESENTATIONS

6. OurCounty Sustainability Plan: Rita Kampalath, LA County Chief Sustainability Office  
R. Kampalath presented on this item. She described how over the past two years, the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) has been working to develop a vision for making communities healthier and more sustainable through the development of a countywide sustainability plan known as “OurCounty.” Since 2017, the CSO has conducted more than 150 stakeholder workshops. As a result, 12 goals, 37 strategies, and 148 actions were developed to form a discussion draft of the plan. R. Kampalath said that the comment period has closed, and the CSO is not officially taking comments at this point on the Plan. The Plan will likely be presented for adoption at the Board of Supervisors sometime in August. She responded to a question on the most controversial action within the Plan, which have focused on oil/gas, and development. In terms of ongoing County plans, for example the LA River Plan, she mentioned that the Sustainability Plan tries not to overlap with ongoing County planning efforts.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Safe Clean Water Program – Draft Implementation Ordinance and Related Documents  
D. Mahmud reported on this item. There was extensive discussion and comments on the draft documents. Staff was directed to submit the following comments to the County:

### **Draft Implementation Ordinance**

- **Program Elements (P. 8):** Recommend deletion of preparation of grant applications as an eligible expenditure. Member agencies desire program funds to be maximized by being used for project design and construction, operations and maintenance costs.
- **Definition of Low Impact Development Ordinance (P. 17):** Recommend modification of the definition of Low Impact Development ordinance by adding (change underlined): “means the most recent ordinance establishing local low impact development standards and requirements on certain new development and redevelopment projects in effect in the jurisdiction in which the project is located that conform to requirements imposed by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board onto a respective permittee through their specific stormwater discharge permit under the Federal Clean Water Act. In the absence of another applicable LID ordinance, the default is the County’s own most current LID ordinance”
- **Definition of Nature-Mimicking Solutions (P. 17):** Recommend deletion of this term as it is not used and redundant with the term Nature-Based Solution.
- **Municipal Program Implementation Public Information (P. 24):** Recommend replacing the term “up-to-date” public information with the term “annual” as “up-to-date” is vague and cities will necessarily provide information to the public as they identify planned use of SCW funds in their annual budget presentations and documents.
- **Municipal Program Implementation Engage with Stakeholders (P. 24):** Recommend changing the language for the engagement of stakeholders to allow cities to efficiently develop a public input process for stakeholder engagement.

Cities should be able to adopt a public input process for the discussion of proposed use of municipal funds for the Safe Clean Water Program, which would align and mimic engagement during similar municipal processes (e.g. annual budget).

- **Regional Program Implementation Threshold Scoring (P. 28):** Recommend the proposed Threshold Score for project eligibility be specified in the Implementation Ordinance. This will allow for public input on the development of the Threshold Score for Projects.
- **Regional Program Implementation Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) (P. 28):** Recommend language be added to allow the Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) to have an opportunity to amend its SIP based on Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) comments prior to the SIP being submitted to the Board of Supervisors.
- **WASC Membership (P. 41):** Wastewater agency/sanitation agency representative has been omitted from Board-appointed agency stakeholder seat listing, recommend adding in.
- **ROC Annual Review of Municipal Reports (P. 46):** Recommend that Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) staff take on responsibility of annual review of municipal annual reports. LACFCD staff should only submit reports to the ROC for municipalities who are not in compliance with Safe Clean Water Program requirements to the ROC for review. It seems like an inappropriate use of ROC member time to ask them to review 87 reports annually; LACFCD staff can perform this task much more efficiently.

#### **Draft Credit Program Implementation Procedures and Guidelines**

- **Low Impact Development (LID) Equivalency Volume (P. 1):** Clarify how the LID equivalency volume is defined, including conditions/capture. Also, provide the definition of “long term” e.g. more than one year? Five years?
- **LID Design Volume Definition (P. 1):** Recommend deletion of this term as it is not used in the guidelines.
- **Credit Eligibility Duration (P. 4):** Recommend that credit eligibility be determined on a triennial basis to lower administrative costs. Additionally, change reference to Tax Year to County fiscal year for clarity and familiarity.
- **Credit Percentages (P. 5):** Clarify if percentages can be adjusted within formulas (e.g. can percentages be lower than the specified maximum). If percentages can be reduced, specify to what extent each percentage can be adjusted.
- **Water Supply Benefit Volume (P. 5):** Recommend providing more detail to quantify water supply benefit volume, including specifying design capacity, estimated annual amount of capture, and annual precipitation anticipated to be captured.

#### **Draft Low-Income Senior Exemption Procedures and Guidelines**

- **Application Acceptance:** Recommend the option for cities to assist seniors by accepting applications, then forwarding them to County Tax Assessor.
- **Application Frequency/Eligibility:** Recommend modifying application eligibility be on a biennial or triennial basis.

#### **Draft Tax Appeals Process Tutorial**

- **Tax Appeal Threshold:** Clarify that appeal must be at least 10% of tax bill and at least \$50.
- **Examples for Tax Appeal:** Recommend providing examples of a successful and unsuccessful appeal, and the criteria to be used by County in considering an appeal.

### **Draft Feasibility Study Requirements and Scoring Criteria**

- **Water Supply Benefits (P. 6):** Recommend changing project scoring criteria/threshold to account for cities (mainly those based in Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers watersheds) that are unable to claim an increase in water supply for projects capturing water that would otherwise end up at an LAFCD spreading ground downstream of the project.

### **Draft Watershed Coordinator Scope of Work**

- **Community Outreach (P. 1):** Recommend combining Tasks 2 and 3 as they are nearly identical.
- **Overall Comments on Scope of Work (P. 2-4):** Recommend consideration be given to the feasibility of finding an individual/applicant for the Watershed Coordinator position to perform both community outreach and technical skills that are required in the current Scope of Work, especially performing at a full-time capacity. Instead, it would appear it would be more efficient to focus Watershed Coordinator responsibility on outreach and coordination and rely on the LAFCD Technical Resources Program to provide the technical expertise. If the suggested modification of Watershed Coordinator Scope of Work was made, it would not be a full-time position. Additionally, the scope of work, and all draft documents for that matter, do not reference the watershed management plans/Enhanced watershed management plans. Feasibility study requirements of County should specifically reference project that have been identified in the individual watershed management plans/Enhanced watershed management plans, as well as acknowledge and complement previous work put forth by individual watersheds.

### **UPDATE ITEMS**

#### **8. Legislative Updates**

K. Ward presented on this item. Updates on the status of AB 1093 (Rubio) was given. It was requested that a member of the Water Policy Committee attend a scheduled hearing. P. Cortez provided an update on the Governor's budget preparation as it relates to the water tax. Over the weekend, provisions of a water tax were removed from budget conferencing and will now move forward without this provision incorporated.

#### **9. E/WMP Updates**

No report was given.

#### **10. Water TAC Chair Report**

No report was given.

#### **11. Water Supply Update**

T. Love provided updates on this item. MWD has reported more than 300 million-acre feet in storage. In terms of local water supply, rainfall is 20% below average, even with recent storms, indicating drought conditions.

#### **12. Water Boards Update**

No updates were given.

#### **13. Litigation Update**

D. Mahmud reported on this item.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.