

SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary: December 13, 2017

1. MEETING IN BRIEF

This was the second meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Safe, Clean Water Program. The objectives of the meeting were to:

1. Review Charter updates and receive any further recommendations from SAC;
2. Provide examples of stormwater project types and benefits to inform discussion of eligibility criteria;
3. Build on the program outcomes and principles conversation from the first SAC meeting (held on November 8, 2017) to introduce initial approaches to develop criteria for eligible projects; and
4. Present and receive SAC input on a straw proposal for incorporating threshold criteria into a ballot measure.

The meeting was attended by SAC delegates and alternates, members of the public, and the project team (including County staff and consultants).

The project team described existing stormwater projects and their associated benefits. SAC delegates offered comments on a range of considerations pertaining to the potential identification of specific projects in the ballot measure.

SAC delegates provided feedback on the project team's straw proposal for threshold eligibility criteria for regional and municipal projects. Most feedback supported the threshold criteria as a good starting point with the need for additional project evaluation/prioritization criteria.

The project team described various options for including project criteria and/or projects in the ballot measure. SAC delegates commented on the advantages and disadvantages of the various approaches. Although some SAC delegates expressed concerns about the inclusion of a project list, most who spoke supported an approach that would include both project criteria and a project list, as long as it also provides a flexibility mechanism. This mechanism would allow for changes in projects to be funded in light of potential future technologies or other changing conditions.

2. ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: The project team will consider the following suggested amendment to Section 2.b (Purpose) and finalize Charter:

The Board will consider input from the SAC on specific issues related to project selection criteria, governance, allowance for credit or rebate for existing efforts, workforce development, equity, and other topics important in shaping the Measure.

ACTION ITEM: The project team will endeavor to provide a flexible 90-day work plan for upcoming meetings.

ACTION ITEM: The project team will revise the draft Expenditure Plan to reflect input received at this meeting. The revised draft Plan will be available on the website (<http://www.safecleanwaterla.org>) and sent to the SAC.

ACTION ITEM: The project team will develop a straw proposal for project criteria. The team may form a subcommittee to assist in developing this straw proposal at the next meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Kelly Gardner, San Gabriel Watermaster:
 - The SAC is a diverse group, however it needs additional representation of the water industry as a whole, water districts, cities that serve water, and agencies that are dependent on existing watersheds.
 - This effort should focus on new sources of water capture. Water that is already captured is accounted for in adjudications.
- Eric Wolf, San Gabriel Council of Governments (COG): Going forward, use a standardized project description sheet that includes scoring criteria, such as acre-feet captured, water yield, and carbon credits.
- Richard Watson, Richard Watson & Associates, Inc.:
 - Agreed with adding runoff reduction as a benefit.
 - Supports including project criteria and a project list with an off-ramp for future changes to the list. Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (EWMP) off-ramp is an adaptive management process that occurs every two years. Provide a similar process to add or delete projects in this measure. Provide flexibility, especially for new technology.
- Bruce Reznik, Los Angeles Water Keeper: Lay out the topics for upcoming meetings so attendees have enough lead time to prepare and plan accordingly. Send out meeting materials out as early as possible.

4. NEXT STEPS

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 1-3 pm, at the Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles.