

SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary: January 10, 2018

1. MEETING IN BRIEF

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

1. Analyze and clarify definitions for terms that are foundational to the program.
2. Confirm threshold eligibility criteria for program.
3. Initiate the SAC sub-committee process.

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

The SAC Charter and December 13, 2018 SAC meeting summary were approved without changes.

The project team reviewed how it plans to present information and obtain feedback and input from the SAC. When topics are initially introduced to the SAC, the project team will ask for initial feedback on a straw proposal and comments during the meeting. SAC delegates will be encouraged to provide additional written comments to the project team before the subsequent SAC meeting (via email or the website - <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/lacfd/scwp/com.cfmonline>). The project team will consider all comments and present a revised proposal at the subsequent SAC meeting.

The project team reviewed the program's purpose; proposed eligibility threshold criteria for regional, municipal, and flood control programs; and straw definitions of three foundational terms - water quality benefits, water supply benefits, and community enhancement. SAC delegates asked questions and offered comments on the proposed straw definitions. The project team will consider these comments, along with other input it receives, as the team refines these definitions.

The project team described four proposed subcommittee topics:

- Project selection criteria,
- Governance,
- Credit, rebates, or incentives, and
- Ongoing stakeholder involvement.

The team intends to establish subcommittees before the February SAC meeting. A form was distributed to SAC members to express their interest in participating on one or more subcommittee. The project team will form the subcommittees with delegate preferences in mind, while ensuring diverse voices are represented.

2. ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: The project team will select subcommittee meeting dates and inform the SAC of these dates during the week of January 15.

ACTION ITEM: The project team will invite subcommittee participants. It will consider whether or not both delegates and alternates may participate on subcommittees.

ACTION ITEM: The project team will aim to begin discussion of tax methodology at the February SAC meeting (the current plan is to cover this topic at the March meeting).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Richard Watson, Richard Watson & Associates, Inc.:
 - In the definition of water supply benefit, the term “use” of stormwater is preferable to “reuse.”
 - Specifying immediately available yield in this definition will result in a lower priority for those who use water downstream due to the time it takes for water to reach an aquifer.
- Sam Unger, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - In the water quality benefit definition, consider changing “and” in first sentence to “and/or” for clarity.
- Eric Wolf, San Gabriel Council of Governments (COG):
 - Clearly separate program outcomes and core principals in the framework.
 - State in the framework that program outcomes have been set forth by the Board motion.
 - Core principles deserve discussion by the SAC. These are important and should have been discussed already. Help us understand what that section should contain.
 - Response: There will be some framework items that will not be incorporated into or track with SAC meeting discussions. The project team will try to point out as changes are made to those items and welcomes comments on those changes.
- Bruce Reznik, Los Angeles Water Keeper:
 - Supports use of subcommittees.
 - Agrees that subcommittees should be small.
 - Consider including members of the public that have required technical expertise not provided by SAC members.

- Lay out the timing of subcommittees and SAC meetings using a scheduling tool such as Microsoft Project.

4. NEXT STEPS

The proposed topics planned for discussion at upcoming SAC meetings are as follows:

- February – regional program and governance.
- March – tax methodology and public opinion research.
- April – municipal and flood control programs.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 1-3 pm. The meeting location will be announced.