

Safe, Clean Water Program

Scoring Committee



Meeting Minutes:

Tuesday, October 23, 2019

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Los Angeles County, Public Works, 5th floor PMD I Conference room

[900 South Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803](https://www.lacounty.gov/publicworks/900-south-fremont-ave-alhambra-ca-91803)

Attendees

Committee Members:

Dean Efstathiou (Consulting Engineer)

TJ Moon (LA County Public Works)

Bruce Reznik (LA Waterkeeper)

Dave Sorem (Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.)

Jill Sourial (The Nature Conservancy)

J.R. De Shazo (UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation)

Others:

Daniel Lafferty (LA County Flood Control District)

Matthew Frary (LA County Flood Control District)

Pamela Manning (LA County Public Works)

Melissa Turcotte (LA County Flood Control District)

Melanie Morita (LA County Flood Control District)

Daniel Bradbury (LA County Flood Control District)

Susie Santilena (City of LA)

Liz Jones (LA Waterkeeper)

Katie Mika (City of LA)

Conor Mossavi (LADWP)

Dustin Bambic (Paradigm)

Ariel Flores (City of LA)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Daniel Lafferty of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) welcomed the committee members and members of the public, shared his excitement for this next phase of implementation, and thanked everyone for their dedication to the Safe, Clean Water Program (Program) and regional resilience. Mr. Lafferty introduced Pamela Manning of Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) as the meeting facilitator.

All committee members made self-introductions and shared one reason the Program was important to them. Members of the public introduced themselves as well.

2. Discussion of Safe, Clean Water Program Goals, Schedule and Timeline

Matthew Frary (District) provided a summary of the Program, including the goals, core themes, funding distribution, governance, and timeline. Mr. Frary emphasized the unique responsibility and opportunity before the committee as well as the importance of thinking regionally, inclusively, and collaboratively in order to best steward public funds. Mr. Frary also provided a brief overview of the Scoring Committee and reviewed the requests made to-date of the SC members to ensure all members were up to date on communications, requests, and next steps. He committed District staff to the committee to support all efforts going forward.

3. Scoring Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Ms. Manning reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Scoring Committee, according to the Operating Guidelines, and described how the scored projects will be included on Stormwater Investment Plans, and additional responsibilities for third-party appeals for the Credit and Credit-Trading Programs.

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4. Selection of Chair (Voting Item)

Ms. Manning asked committee members to vote, with a show of hands, whether they would like to elect both a Chair and Vice Chair for the committee. Members voted in favor of both a Chair and Vice Chair, where the top vote-getter would serve as Chair and the other would serve as Vice Chair

Nominee for the position of Chair was: Bruce Reznik (LA Waterkeeper). Nominee for the position of Vice Chair was: J.R. DeShazo (UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation). Both Mr. Reznik and Mr. DeShazo provided a short justification for why they should be considered for this role. Following the remarks from both nominees, the committee members voted via paper ballots and included their own names on the ballot for the record.

Mr. Reznik was elected as the Chair of the Scoring Committee, and Mr. DeShazo was elected as the Vice Chair (unanimous). It was announced that LACFCD would finish facilitating the initial meeting and that the chairs would assume their roles immediately thereafter. LACFCD committed to coordinate with the newly elected chairs to coordinate future agendas and details.

5. Selection of Next Meeting Location (Voting Item)

Ms. Manning noted that a series of future meeting dates, times, and venues have been arranged by the District as a resource to ensure the committee has time and space to develop the first Stormwater Investment Plan. Details can be changed any point later on (provided Brown Act requirements are met) and will be coordinated by the Chair(s) and District staff as applicable. Ms. Manning indicated the planned vote was to simply determine whether to hold the current location (and by extension, pencil in the tentative dates/times) or to request the new Chair organize a new location instead.

The venue offered was:

Location: Los Angeles County, Public Works
[900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803](#)

Ms. Manning solicited comments and feedback from committee members. Jill Sourial suggested a rotation of venues, to allow committee members to better contribute. Bruce Reznik recommended a special meeting to convene before Projects would be required to be scored to provide a tutorial and sample projects to be examined.

The committee discussed the date, time, location, and agenda items for the special meeting. The noted agenda items are: 1) Introduction to the Project Scoring Criteria, 2) Introduction to the Feasibility Study Guidelines, 3) Discussion of anticipated workload, 4) Plan for future meetings, 5) Aggregation/Computation of Final Scores. The additional special meeting will occur on December 16th from 10 am to 1 pm at 900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Committee members voted via paper ballots in favor (unanimous) of the venue for the next meeting: 900S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803.

6. Break

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7. Call for Projects for FY 20-21 and FY 21-22

Mr. Frary announced the open Call for Projects which began on October 15, 2019 and has two upcoming deadlines. The deadline for projects to be considered for funding in Fiscal Year 20-21 is December 15, 2019, and the deadline for projects to be considered for funding in Fiscal Year 21-22 is July 31, 2020. Mr. Frary explained that projects can be submitted via an online module, which will generate a project summary sheet for submittal to the District. More information about the Call for Projects and how to apply can be found at www.SafeCleanWaterLA.org and in the most recent Program update email. Mr. Frary requested that all members share the Call for Projects information with their contacts.

8. Open Discussion / Public Comment Period

The committee requested clarification on how funding was allocated for operations and maintenance (O&M) and the Watershed Coordinator position. Mr. Frary clarified that both are funded by the Regional Program, O&M within the Infrastructure Program and the Watershed Coordinator within the Technical Resources Program. Mr. Efstathiou stressed the importance of O&M plans that clearly identify projected costs and responsible parties. Mr. Frary noted that one of the requirements for all Feasibility Studies is to identify long-term maintenance plan and the responsible party, thus forcing the conversation early-on.

Ms. Sourial asked if projects that are not fully developed can receive funding. Mr. Frary clarified that the Technical Resources Program can be allocated for the District to assist in developing Project concepts into feasibility studies.

Mr. De Shazo noted the SC's role to serve as the third-party appeal panel for the Credit Program and asked for clarification of voting procedures. Mr. Frary provided detail on the role with the Credit Program and also clarified that all SC voting items require simple majority vote of the quorum.

Mr. De Shazo asked if WASCs or project applicants can make presentations. Mr. Frary noted that District staff can assist with presentations if requested by the SC.

Committee members asked if the data provided in the Feasibility Studies will be verified prior to scoring. Mr. Frary clarified that the Feasibility Studies will be reviewed by District staff for completeness and only spot-check certain inputs. District Staff will provide SC support in verifying assumptions, etc, and solidifying project scores. Mr. Frary also noted that once committee members become familiar with the online Project Module and the scoring methodology it should help ease concerns. A more in-depth presentation is anticipated at the next meeting. The committee is encouraged to practice adaptive management and may revise the Operating Guidelines, if necessary.

Mr. Sorem asked if O&M would be built into the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) for Board approval and how unforeseen circumstances can be addressed. Mr. Frary clarified that the WASCs should consider O&M in the SIPs and are encouraged to develop SIPs that allow for flexibility and take into consideration the long term goals of the Program. Mr. De Shazo also noted that the Safe, Clean Water Program should consider the impact of inflation and the decrease in purchasing power over the life of the Program.

Ms. Manning opened the public comment period. No members of the public wished to comment.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Manning thanked the committee members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.

Lower San Gabriel River
 Watershed Area Steering Committee Meeting
 October 29, 2019



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