

Safe, Clean Water Program

North Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Monday, November 4, 2019

9:00am - 11:00am

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
4232 Las Virgenes Rd. Calabasas, CA 91302

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

Nathan Hamburger (Aguora Hills)

Joe Bellomo* (Hidden Hills)

Madelyn Glickfeld (UCLA Institute of the
Environment and Sustainability)

Katy Yaroslavsky (LA County Supervisor District 3)

Dave Roberts (LVMWD)

David Pedersen (LVMWD)

Paul Alva (LA County)

Cung Nguyen (LA County Flood Control District)

David Rydman (LA County – Waterworks District)

Shea Cunningham (Malibu)

Chad Christensen (Mountains Recreation and
Conservation Authority)

Fran Diamond* (Resident)

Jessica Arden (Westlake Village)

Tevin Schmitt (Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation
Ventura County)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Lilley of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) welcomed the committee members and members of the public, shared his excitement for this phase of implementation, and thanked everyone for their dedication to the Safe, Clean Water Program (Program) and regional resilience. Mr. Lilley introduced Mr. Allen of the District 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

Mr. 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 North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area and reviewed the requests made to-date of the WASC 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. WASCs Roles and Responsibilities

Mr. Allen reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the WASC, according to the WASC Operating Guidelines, which include but are not limited to the development of Stormwater Investment Plans, quarterly Progress/Expenditure Reports, and Watershed Area Regional Program Progress Reports.

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Ms. Glickfeld of UCLA Institute of Environment and Sustainability suggested a separate discussion/presentation on nature-based solutions since it would be a key aspect for the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area. Mr. Frary noted that the details of nature-based solutions will likely be defined as an exhibit in the Fund Transfer Agreement that is anticipated for public review in late November. The District will also work with Chair to identify topics such as nature-based solutions when developing the meeting agenda.

Mr. Alva of Los Angeles County asked if the numeric score is the final factor when making decision. Mr. Frary noted that all projects with completed feasibility studies that scored above the threshold score will be brought to the committee and it is up to committee to determine what is best for that watershed area.

Ms. Diamond suggested a future presentation on nature-based solutions by NGOs to help the committee better understand the topic.

4. Selection of Chair (Voting Item)

Mr. Allen 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: David Pedersen (Las Virgenes Municipal Water District).

Nominee for the position of Vice Chair was: Madelyn Glickfeld (UCLA Institute of Environment and Sustainability).

Following the remarks from both nominees, the committee proposed the Chair/Vice Chair combination and voted, with a show of hands, to confirm the scenario of having the nominees as Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Pedersen was unanimously elected as the Chair of the North Santa Monica Bay WASC, and Ms. Glickfeld was unanimously elected as the Vice Chair. It was announced that District would finish facilitating the initial meeting and that the chairs would assume their roles immediately thereafter. The District is committed to coordinate with the newly elected chairs to coordinate future agendas and details.

5. Selection of Next Meeting Location (Voting Item)

Mr. Allen 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. Mr. Allen 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: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
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Mr. Allen solicited comments and feedback from committee members. Mr. Allen asked committee members to vote, with a show of hands, whether they would like to keep the venue offered.

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Committee members unanimously voted in favor of the default venue: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (4232 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA 91302).

Committee requested to change meeting time to late morning. Mr. Frary noted that District staff will work with the Chair in scheduling the next meetings.

6. Break

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

Mr. Frary provided an overview of 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 summarized the three types of submissions that will be reviewed for completeness and brought to the committees for consideration (concepts to develop into feasibility studies in the Technical Resources Program, completed feasibility studies for the Infrastructure Program, and scientific studies for the scientific studies program). He explained that concepts, projects with completed feasibility studies, and/or scientific studies 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, as well as at upcoming public information sessions in November. Mr. Frary requested that all members share the Call for Projects information with their contacts.

8. Open Discussion / Public Comment Period

Mr. Allen opened the public comment period.

Ms. Diamond asked whether projects will have to be fully completed to be considered for funding like Proposition O. Mr. Frary noted that projects can be submitted at any stage. Those that need technical assistance can apply for Technical Resources Program or Science Studies Program. For design and post-study efforts like construction and O&M, applicants can apply for funding under the Infrastructure Program.

Ms. Yaroslavsky of the Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3 asked whether the anticipated revenue would be shared with the committee. Mr. Frary confirmed that it will be shared with the committee because it will need to be considered when developing the Stormwater Investment Plan.

Mr. Christensen of Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority asked whether the funds can be rolled over. Matt noted that the Program allows rollover and lapse of funds which have some restrictions.

Ms. Glickfeld asked whether there was a policy about O&M when determining funding. Mr. Frary noted that the discussion of O&M exists throughout the process such as in the Project Module and Transfer Agreement.

Ms. Arden of Westlake Village asked whether there is a restriction on funding distribution. Mr. Frary noted that the Committee has control of the recommended funding distribution but at least 85% of funding must go towards Infrastructure Program.

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Ms. Glickfeld asked whether the Committee will be able to access the Project Module to view submitted projects. Mr. Frary confirmed that the Committee will have access to the Project Module to view submitted projects.

Ms. Arden asked about ways to measure success. Mr. Frary noted that a webpage will be developed to capture number of funded projects, measurable benefits, and TMDL compliance.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Mr. Allen thanked the committee members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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