

Safe, Clean Water Program

South Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
1:00pm - 3:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

Cung Nguyen (LACFCD)
Rob Beste (Water Replenishment District)
Darryl Ford* (Los Angeles Rec & Park)
Craig Cadwallader (Surfrider Foundation)
Marissa Caringella* (SMB Restoration Commission)
Hany Fangary (Fangary Law Group)
Wendy Butts (LA Conservation Corps)
Julio Gonzalez (Carson)

Susie Santilena (Los Angeles)
Thuan Nguyen* (LA County Public Works)
John Dettle (Torrance)
Geraldine Trivedi (EWMP: Beach Cities)
Ken Rukavina (EWMP: Peninsula)
Ariel Carmichael* (LAC Sanitation District)
Nancy Shrodes (Heal the Bay, Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

Committee Members Not Present:

E.J. Caldwell (West Basin)
Heecheol Kwon (Dominguez)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

Craig Cadwallader, Chair of the South Santa Monica Bay WASC, welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order.

Kevin Kim (District) facilitated the roll call of Committee Members. All Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2021

The District provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Chair Cadwallader asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes and asked the committee members for comments or revisions.

Member Butts made a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Member Santilena seconded the motion.

The WASC voted to approve the meeting minutes. (Approved, see Vote Tracker sheet).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

District provided the District update, noting:

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- The Board of Supervisors voted to approve all 9 Stormwater Investment Plans (SIPs) for FY 21-22. The District will contact project applicants and project developers with continuing projects to initiate the Fund Transfer Agreement and Addendum process.
- The SSMB WASC received 14 applications through the FY 22-23 Call for Projects. The Scoring Committee will meet to score the Infrastructure Program Projects.
- Regional Program fund recipients shall submit reports quarterly. Quarterly reports are currently under review and will come to the WASC for review.
- Municipalities' Annual Plans (which were due April 1st) must also be submitted to receive local returns.

4. Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator Shrodes provided an update, noting:

- Regional and rural park needs workshop was recently held.
- Hosted interview with Annakaren from TreePeople on Instagram live.
- Met with South Bay Council of Governments (COG) to coordinate outreach and engagement.
- Attended Technical Resources Program meetings.
- Heal the Bay will host first Watershed live event tonight at 6 pm.
- Coastal Cleanup Day is this Saturday.

5. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

6. Discussion Items:

- a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosures

Member Dettle noted that he discussed projects with other members of the SSMB WASC through his role on another committee.

Member Nguyen noted a prior meeting with Member Santilena. They did not discuss business related to the SSMB WASC.

- b) Disadvantaged Community, Nature-Based Solutions, and Partial Funding Interim Guidelines

Presentation by Stantec which provided an overview of the three Guidance Documents.

Member Santilena noted that it is difficult for project proponents to seek outside funding and asked if there is flexibility to the Partial Funding Guidance Document. District stated that no modifications to the Document are planned.

- c) Summary of feasibility studies, project concepts, and scientific studies submitted for consideration to the SSMB WASC

Presentation by staff reviewed the SCWP Portal. Tutorial included the Multiple Benefits Summary dashboard, which presents information for submitted projects.

7. Public Comment Period

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Kathleen McGowan asked if projects are no longer allowed to first submit for design only, related to the presentation on the Partial Funding guidance document. Stantec confirmed that projects are allowed to submit for design only.

8. Voting Items

- a) Send all completed feasibility studies to Scoring Committee for scoring

Member Dettle motioned to send all completed feasibility studies to Scoring Committee. Member Nguyen seconded the motion.

The WASC voted to send all completed feasibility studies to Scoring Committee.

9. Items for Next Agenda

- a) Presentations for Infrastructure Program, Scientific Studies, and Technical Resources Program.

District staff will coordinate upcoming presentations.

10. Adjournment

Chair Cadwallader thanked WASC members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, October 20, 2021
1:00PM – 3:00PM
See SCW website for meeting details

SOUTH SANTA MONICA BAY WASC MEETING - September 15, 2021											
Member Type	Organization	Quorum Present				Voting Items					
		Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Approve Meeting Minutes For August 18th, 2021	Vote to send all completed feasibility study to scoring committee	Voting Item 2	Voting Item 3	Voting Item 4	Voting Item 5
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	x	Ramy Gindi		Y	Y				
Agency	West Basin MWD	E.J. Caldwell		Alex Heide							
Agency	Water Replenishment District	Robert Beste	x	Esther Rojas		A	Y				
Agency	LAC Sanitation District	Kristen Ruffell		Ariel Carmichael	x	A	Y				
Agency	LA Recreation & Parks	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	x	Y	Y				
Community Stakeholder	VACANT										
Community Stakeholder	Surfrider Foundation South Bay Chapter	Craig Cadwallader	x	Mary Simun		Y	Y				
Community Stakeholder	Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission	Guang Yu Wang		Marissa Caringella	x	Y	A				
Community Stakeholder	Fangary Law Group	Hany Fangary	x	Justin Massey		Y	Y				
Community Stakeholder	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Wendy Butts	x	Bo Savage		Y	Y				
Municipal Members	Carson	Julio Gonzalez	x	Eliza Jane Whitman		Y	Y				
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Susie Santilena	x	Ilene Ramirez		Y	Y				
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	TJ Moon		Thuan Nguyen	x	A	Y				
Municipal Members	Torrance	John Dettle	x	Wilson Mendoza		Y	Y				
Municipal Members	EWMP: Beach Cities	Geraldine Trivedi	x	Doug Krauss		Y	Y				
Municipal Members	EWMP: Dominguez	Heecheol Kwon		Selena Acuna							
Municipal Members	EWMP: Peninsula	Ken Rukavina	x	David Wahba		Y	Y				
Watershed Coordinator	Heal the Bay	Nancy Shrodes	x			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16				Yay (Y)	11	13	0	0	0
Total Voting Members Present		14				Nay (N)	0	0	0	0	0
Agency		4				Abstain (A)	3	1	0	0	0
Community Stakeholder		4				Total	14	14	0	0	0
Municipal Members		6					Approved	Approved	Not Approved	Not Approved	Not Approved

Other Attendees

- Dee Corhiran
- Christine McLeod
- Ed Suher, CASC
- Jonathan Lee (Tetra Tech)
- Kam Cheema
- Tori Klug
- Tammy Takigawa
- Wilson Mendoza
- Seth Carr
- Kathleen McGowan
- nicole steele
- Lauren Amimoto
- Melanie Rivera
- Sheila Brice
- Katie Harrel
- TJ Moon
- Sarai Bhaga
- Derek Steele
- Alfredo Magallanes
- Ilene Ramirez
- Michael Scaduto
- Gus Orozco
- Guangyu Wang
- Melanie Rivera
- Robert Beste
- Michael Scaduto