

Scoring Committee

Meeting Minutes



Monday, November 27, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

WebEx Hybrid Meeting

LA County Public Works Headquarters

1st Floor (Courtyard) Conference Room B 900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803

Committee Members Present:

Matt Stone, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Water Supply)

Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District (Water Supply/Community Investments/Nature-Based Solutions)

Bruce Reznik, LA Waterkeeper (Nature-Based Solutions/Water Quality), Chair

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

TJ Moon, LA County Public Works (Water Quality), Vice-Chair

Committee Members Absent:

David Diaz, Active SGV (Community Investments)

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

1) Welcome and Introductions

Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) staff conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx.

Chair Bruce Reznik welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 2, 2023

District staff presented the meeting minutes from the November 2, 2023 meeting. Vice-Chair TJ Moon motioned to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Esther Rojas. The Committee voted to approve the November 2, 2023 meeting minutes, with 5 votes in favor (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Committee Member and District Updates

District staff provided an update, noting:

- The Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) shall biennially prepare a SCW Program Progress Report for the Board every two years, which includes a summary of the progress of the Regional Program, Municipal Program, and the District Program. The ROC will continue to meet to discuss the draft Biennial Report and initiate public comment period. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7 at 1:00pm, which is on the same day as the Scoring Committee meeting. The Committee is welcome to attend, either virtually or in-person, at the Public Works Headquarters. Meeting details can be found on the SCW Program website.

4) Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items

District staff compiled all public comment cards received by 5:00pm the day before the meeting, uploaded them to the SCW Program website, and displayed them on-screen.

There were no public comments.

5) Discussion Items:

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

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Vice-Chair Moon disclosed email communications with Jesse Williams (Jacobs) on the South El Monte High School Stormwater Improvement Project. Vice-Chair Moon additionally shared about meeting with District staff regarding updates to the SCW Program’s Project Module webpage for next year.

b) Scoring of FY24-25 Infrastructure Program Projects

The tables below for each project contain information recorded on the scoring rubric sheet during the Scoring Committee meeting. The scoring rubric sheet captures a project’s evaluation by the Scoring Committee.

District staff shared that the Stevenson Park Stormwater Capture Project’s application was deemed incomplete and will not be considered for Round 5.

Project: El Dorado Park Regional Stormwater Capture Project, Construction			WASC(s): Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR)
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Category	Applicant Score	Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	20	20	
Water Quality Part 2	20	20	
Water Supply Part 1	6	6	
Water Supply Part 2	8	8	
Community Investment	5	5	
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	0	
Leveraging Funds Part 2 (Community Support)	4	1	See Below
Conclusion: The project received 70 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.			
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Leveraging Funds Part 2:</u> Chair Reznik noted that the only letter of support included in the application is outdated, from 2019. Additionally, Chair Reznik shared that only one outreach event was held. Due to the limited outreach conducted, Chair Reznik decreased the applicant score to one point. 			

Project: Heartwell Park at Clark Channel Stormwater Capture Project			WASC(s): Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR)
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Category	Applicant Score	Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	20	20	See Below
Water Quality Part 2	20	20	See Below
Water Supply Part 1	2	2	
Water Supply Part 2	5	5	

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Community Investment	10	5	See Below
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	0	
Leveraging Funds Part 2 (Community Support)	4	3	See Below
Conclusion: The project received 65 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.			
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Water Quality:</u> Vice-Chair Moon shared discrepancies observed in the project's categorization, noting that the feasibility report clearly refers to the project as a dry weather project, but the official scoring application categorizes it as a wet weather project. Vice-Chair Moon noted additional discrepancies regarding the drainage area. Vice-Chair Moon explained that projects that have been completed upstream of the proposed area would already be taking some of the flow, making the drainage area calculations more complex. Vice-Chair Moon recommended scoring this project as a dry weather project and giving it 40 points total for Water Quality parts 1 and 2. Member Dave Sorem added that the project application should resolve the discrepancies mentioned. Vice-Chair Moon clarified that the project application is scorable, considering that it is a design project, and only asked the project applicant to note observations made. <u>Community Investment:</u> Chair Reznik awarded the project five points since the flood protection benefits claimed no longer apply, considering that this project is being scored as a dry weather project. <u>Leveraging Funds Part 2:</u> Chair Reznik awarded the project three points, noting that the letters of support included, although helpful, are slightly outdated. 			

Project: Independence Park Runoff Capture Facility			WASC(s): Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR)
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: No			
Category	Applicant Score	Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	20	20	See Below
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	See Below
Water Supply Part 1	0	0	
Water Supply Part 2	0	0	
Community Investment	5	5	
Nature-Based Solutions	13	13	
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	0	
Leveraging Funds Part 2 (Community Support)	4	3	See Below
Conclusion: The project received 71 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.			
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Water Quality:</u> Vice-Chair Moon noted that this project is a combination of an infiltration facility and treat-and-release, where the facility will infiltrate as much as possible, and the rest of the flow will be treated and released back to the storm drain system. Vice-Chair Moon shared that although a lot of supporting information was provided, the project applicant acknowledged that 			

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better geotechnical information is required, and that additional analysis is considered in the budget. Vice-Chair Moon also commented that the current modeling system assumes that treat-and-release systems are 100% effective, which is not realistic. Vice-Chair Moon shared that there are ongoing efforts with District staff to revise the model. Vice-Chair Moon also noted that because the 85th percentile storm volume is a self-reported value, there have been conflicting calculation methods between different applications. Vice-Chair Moon suggested standardizing the calculation procedure for the 85th percentile storm volume in the future. Member Sorem expressed agreement with Vice-Chair Moon’s comments and added that a useful check is to divide the 85th percentile storm volume by the acreage. Member Sorem noted that the resulting value seemed low, but since the project application is for the design phase, these details can be addressed later.

- Leveraging Funds Part 2: Chair Reznik noted that some outreach was conducted and that some feedback was incorporated. Chair Reznik awarded the project three points.

Project: Reservoir Park Stormwater Capture Project			WASC(s): Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR)
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: No			
Category	Applicant Score	Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	20	Unable to Score	See Below
Water Quality Part 2	30	Unable to Score	
Water Supply Part 1	0	0	
Water Supply Part 2	0	0	
Community Investment	5	5	
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	0	
Leveraging Funds Part 2 (Community Support)	4	2	See Below

Conclusion: The project could not be scored and is awaiting additional information from the applicant.

Discussion:

- Water Supply: Vice-Chair Moon noted that a geotechnical report is necessary because the project application is requesting construction funds. Vice-Chair Moon shared that the infiltration rate used in the application was obtained from LA County Public Works’ *Guidelines for Geotechnical Investigation and Reporting Low Impact Development Stormwater Infiltration* (June 2021), but a geotechnical report to support that value is not provided. Member Sorem agreed with Vice-Chair Moon’s comments and added that an effective drawdown test was completed, but an infiltration test onsite, or a similar geotechnical analysis is required.
 - Merrill Taylor (Craftwater Engineering) noted that there were complications with LA County health requirements when trying to complete the geotechnical analysis. Taylor noted that the geotechnical report will be completed in the next few months and asked the Committee if it would be possible to move forward with scoring the application and submit the supporting information later. To follow the Committee’s scoring consistency, Vice-Chair Moon deemed that the project is unable to be scored, pending additional geotechnical information.
- Leveraging Funds Part 2: Chair Reznik noted that a few letters of support were included in the application. A community survey was circulated, but only received 11 responses were

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received. Chair Reznik awarded the project two points, noting that the applicant is requesting construction funds and more outreach effort is needed to be awarded the full points.

Project: Sorensen Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project			WASC(s): Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR)
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: Yes			
Category	Applicant Score	Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	14	14	See Below
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	
Water Supply Part 1	6	0	See Below
Water Supply Part 2	8	0	
Community Investment	5	5	
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	
Leveraging Funds Part 1	3	3	
Leveraging Funds Part 2 (Community Support)	0	1	
Conclusion: The project received 63 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.			
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Water Quality:</u> Vice-Chair Moon approved the applicant score and highlighted that a lot of geotechnical information was provided, but there were some conflicting values. The project applicant used a conservative and used an infiltration rate of 1.9 in/hr, based on the lowest value presented among the geotechnical reports provided. <u>Water Supply:</u> Member Rojas noted that the project applicant claimed to infiltrate into the groundwater basin, but since a letter from the Watermaster was not included, no points can be awarded. <u>Leveraging Funds Part 2:</u> Chair Reznik shared that the project applicant conducted some outreach activities that informed the project, including a booth held at the Harvest Festival, and awarded the project one point. 			

Project: Finkbiner Park Stormwater Capture Project, Construction Phase			WASC(s): Upper San Gabriel River (USGR)
Water Supply Scoring Pilot: No			
Category	Applicant Score	Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Part 1	20	20	See Below
Water Quality Part 2	30	30	
Water Supply Part 1	0	0	
Water Supply Part 2	0	0	
Community Investment	10	5	See Below
Nature-Based Solutions	10	10	

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Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	0	
Leveraging Funds Part 2 (Community Support)	4	4	
Conclusion: The project received 69 points and will move to the WASC for consideration.			
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Water Quality</u>: Vice-Chair Moon reiterated the need to standardize the calculations for the 85th percentile storm volume, noting that the 85th percentile storm volume included in the application seemed low. Member Sorem agreed with Vice-Chair Moon’s comments and noted that the volume could be related to the impervious area. The proposed scoring was confirmed. • <u>Community Investment</u>: Chair Reznik noted discrepancies throughout the application regarding the number of trees that will be planted. Chair Reznik expressed that the proposed number of trees is low and expressed mixed feelings about incorporating artificial turf in the project. Chair Reznik awarded the project five points, but encouraged the project applicant to improve the community investment efforts before the project gets to the WASC. 			

c) Schedule of Rescoring

This agenda item was skipped and discussed in Agenda Item 8a.

6) Public Comment Period for Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

7) Voting Items

- a) **From Today:** Send scoreable projects receiving a passing score to Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs).
- i. El Dorado Park Regional Stormwater Capture Project, Construction
 - ii. Heartwell Park at Clark Channel Stormwater Capture project
 - iii. Independence Park Runoff Capture Facility
 - iv. Sorensen Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project
 - v. Finkbiner Park Stormwater Capture Project, Construction Phase

Member Sorem motioned to send the above projects to the WASC, seconded by Vice-Chair Moon. The motion was approved, with 5 votes in favor (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

- b) **From Today:** Allow Project Applicants with unscorable projects one week to provide clarifying information to Scoring Committee
- i. Reservoir Park Stormwater Capture Project

Member Rojas motioned to send the above projects back to the project applicants for more clarifying information, seconded by Member Sorem. The motion was approved, with 5 votes in favor (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

8) Date and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 9:00am – 12:00pm. See the SCW Program website for meeting details. Items on the Agenda include:

- a) Rescoring of FY24-25 Infrastructure Program Projects

District staff confirmed that there are six projects that need to be rescored, four of which have submitted additional information. The meeting scheduled for December 13 has been cancelled.

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9) Adjournment

Chair Reznik thanked Committee Members and District staff and adjourned the meeting.

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Member Type	Quorum Present		Voting Items		
	Member	Voting?	Approval of 11/2 Meeting Minutes	From today, 11/27 SC mtg: Send projects receiving a passing score to WASCs	From today, 11/27 SC mtg: Allow Project Applicants with unscorable projects 1 week to provide clarifying information
Water Supply	Matt Stone	x	Y	Y	Y
Water Supply / Community Investments / Nature-Based Solutions	Esther Rojas	x	Y	Y	Y
Community Investments	David Diaz				
Nature-Based Solutions / Water Quality	Bruce Reznik	x	Y	Y	Y
Water Quality	Dave Sorem	x	Y	Y	Y
Water Quality	TJ Moon	x	Y	Y	Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats	6	Yay (Y)	5	5	5
Total Voting Members Present	5	Nay (N)	0	0	0
		Abstain (A)	0	0	0
		Total	5	5	5
			Approved	Approved	Approved

Other Attendees	
Adriana Ortega	Maggie Gardner
Ava Farriday	Marisela Velasquez
Christine McLeod	Mark Nguyen
Christopher Vong	Mei-Lin Hanna
Courtney Semlow	Michael Sledd
Donna	Michelle Kim JLHA
Emily Ng	Mossavi, Conor
Fernando Villaluna	Nancy Shrodes she/her
Jacqueline Mak	Richard Watson
Jaime Sayre	River Nguyen
Jeremy Liby	Sara
Joe Venzon - LA County	Sofia Cardenas
John Bodenchak	Susie Santilena
John Hunter	Tammy Takigawa
LASAN	Thom Epps
Lisa Skutecki	Wataru Kumagai
Lorena Matos	YW

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Scoring Rubric - Fiscal Year 2024-2025



Watershed Area	Lower San Gabriel River
Project Name	El Dorado Park Regional Stormwater Capture Project, Construction
Project Lead	City of Long Beach
Total Funding Requested	\$37,386,870
Project Type	Dry
WS Scoring Pilot	YES

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	•
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	20	30	20	•
Water Supply Part 1	6	13	6	•
Water Supply Part 2	8	12	8	•
Community Investment	5	10	5	•
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	•
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	1	• Limited outreach conducted.
TOTALS	73	110	70	• Meets minimum points threshold

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Watershed Area	Lower San Gabriel River
Project Name	Heartwell Park at Clark Channel Stormwater Capture Project
Project Lead	City of Long Beach
Total Funding Requested	\$2,864,472
Project Type	Wet
WS Scoring Pilot	YES

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation to classify the project as a dry weather project due to complex watershed system
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	20	30	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	2	13	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	5	12	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	10	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No flood protection benefits for dry weather projects. No nearby DAC.
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older letters of support provided
TOTALS	71	110	65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets minimum points threshold

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Watershed Area	Lower San Gabriel River
Project Name	Independence Park Runoff Capture Facility
Project Lead	City of Downey
Total Funding Requested	\$1,310,458
Project Type	Wet
WS Scoring Pilot	NO

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design only project
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective drawdown is high due to the Project being a treat and release.
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	5	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project is not within a DAC but may benefit surrounding DACs.
Nature-Based Solutions	13	15	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant reduction in hardscape
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
TOTALS	72	110	71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets minimum points threshold.

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Watershed Area	Lower San Gabriel River
Project Name	Reservoir Park Stormwater Capture Project
Project Lead	City of Signal Hill
Total Funding Requested	\$6,676,878
Project Type	Wet
WS Scoring Pilot	NO

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	Unable to Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided geotechnical data is limited for a project seeking construction funds • Request for additional geotechnical data • Request for infiltration test data
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	Unable to Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Community Investment	5	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
TOTALS	69	110	Unable to Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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Watershed Area	Lower San Gabriel River
Project Name	Sorensen Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project
Project Lead	Los Angeles County Public Works
Total Funding Requested	\$1,616,592
Project Type	Wet
WS Scoring Pilot	YES

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	14	20	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large variability in provided geotechnical data but used conservative infiltration rate.
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	6	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No letter provided by Watermaster Flow infiltrated will not reach aquifer
Water Supply Part 2	8	12	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	5	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	3	6	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	0	4	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant community engagement
TOTALS	76	110	63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meets minimum points threshold

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Scoring Rubric - Fiscal Year 2024-2025



Watershed Area	Upper San Gabriel River
Project Name	Finkbiner Park Stormwater Capture Project, Construction Phase
Project Lead	City of Glendora
Total Funding Requested	\$18,376,246
Project Type	Wet
WS Scoring Pilot	NO

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	•
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	30	•
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	•
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	•
Community Investment	10	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclear on the number of trees included in project • Replacing natural turf with artificial turf
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	•
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	4	• Partnership with NGO to conduct outreach
TOTALS	74	110	69	• Meets minimum points threshold