

Rio Hondo Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, April 16, 2024
1:00pm – 3:30pm
Library Community Room
321 S. Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016
WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present:

*Jennifer Aborida, LA County Flood Control District (Agency)
Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Agency)
Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster (Agency), Vice-Chair
Dave Pierce, LA County Sanitation District (Agency)
Brent Maue, City of Pasadena Public Works (Agency)
Jill Fosselman, Resident (Community)
Mark Hall, Greater LA County Vector Control District (Community)
David Dolphin, Alhambra (Municipal)
Briget Arndell, Arcadia (Municipal)
*Fernando Villaluna, LA County (Municipal)
Dawn Petschauer, Pasadena (Municipal), Chair
Richard Watson, Richard Watson and Associates Planning (Watershed Coordinator, non-voting member)

*Committee Member Alternate

Committee Members Not Present:

Thomas Wong, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Community)
Edward Belden, Monrovia Resident (Community)
Daniel Rossman (The Wilderness Society (Community))
Gloria Crudgington, Monrovia (Municipal)

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

1) Welcome and Introductions

Dawn Petschauer, Chair of the Rio Hondo (RH) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC), welcomed Committee Members and called the meeting to order. Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) staff conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx and facilitated the roll call of Committee Members. District staff made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2024

District staff presented the minutes from the previous meeting. Member Kelly Gardner motioned to approve, seconded by Member Dave Pierce. The WASC voted to approve the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes with 10 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 in abstention (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

3) Committee Member and District Updates

District staff provided an update, noting:

- A new website for Los Angeles County's Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program has been launched. The updated website represents a significant step forward in the SCW Program's commitment to transparency, accessibility, and collaboration. The site includes new features and enhancements, such as the Resource Library, Search feature, and Calendar.
- An in-person [Scientific Study \(SS\) workshop](#) will be held at the County Public Works Headquarters to present findings from the preSIP SS on April 25. Virtual attendance is also available.

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- The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY23-24) Q2 Quarterly Report was due February 15. The reports must still be completed even if there were no activities completed for the project or if the Transfer Agreement has not yet been executed. The next Quarterly Report is due May 15.
- The Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) submitted the Biennial Program Report to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board). The ROC will begin watershed goal-setting sessions in May. More information can be found on the [SCW Program website](#), under the ROC webpage.
- In March, the Director of Public Works submitted a SCW Program Status Report to the Board. The Status Report expands upon the insights provided in the “Accelerating Implementation of the SCW Program” Board Motion Report and is informed by the Biennial Report, an audit commissioned by the Director, and the Board’s recommendations. Additionally, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath for “Progress and Adaptive Management of the SCW Program” which requests a report-back in 90 days. These items can be found on the [SCW Program website](#) under the Resources tab.
- On February 6, February 27, and March 19, the Board approved the appointment and reappointment of ROC, Scoring Committee, and WASC community stakeholder seat Members. Member Edward Belden and Jill Fosselman were part of this round of appointments.
- WASC Members whose job connects to specific projects should ask colleagues or consultants to attend WASC meetings to share about or advocate for those projects during SIP deliberations to ensure a fair and transparent process.

4) Watershed Coordinator Updates

Watershed Coordinator Julie Millett presented on recent activities. Presentation slides can be found on the [SCW Program website](#). Highlights include a tour of the Jeff Seymour Family Center on April 4, an Earth Day outreach event in Whittier on April 13, attending the Summit for Equity and Resilience in Water, and touring the Heal the Bay project at Inell Woods. Watershed Coordinator Millett also highlighted the increased engagement between the community and Watershed Coordinators, crediting the enhanced user-friendly interface of the new SCW Program website.

5) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

Chair Petschauer and Member Brent Maue disclosed that Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project is up for SIP deliberation and is located in the City of Pasadena. Chair Petschauer and Member Maue disclosed engaging in project-related conversations with city staff.

6) Public Comment Period

District staff compiled all public comments and have uploaded them to the [SCW Program website](#). In person, virtual and call-in users were invited to provide public comment. District staff received two comment cards. Upon request, District staff shared the comment card onscreen. The first comment card was submitted by the Office of Board Supervisor Hilda Solis, providing support for the proposed Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity SS (hereafter referred to as Drywell SS).

The second public comment card was submitted by Ali Sharbat and Mehrad Kamalzare (California Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona)), which included a letter outlining the benefits of the proposed Drywell SS. Sharbat also provided public comment in-person and shared the importance of the Drywell SS, highlighting key benefits, including workforce training, furthering education, and providing direct benefits to 26,000 students, many of whom come from underserved communities. Sharbat mentioned that the funding request is less than 1% of the WASC’s budget over the next five years.

Alan Fuchs (Associate Dean, Cal Poly Pomona) expressed support for the Drywell SS, claiming that the SS would not only encourage workforce development, but also further the mission of the College of

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Engineering. Fuchs added that the SS would also provide community benefits and allow students to practice teamwork, innovation, and professional integrity.

Dominic Kader (Student, Cal Poly Pomona) expressed gratitude to the WASC for considering the Drywell SS, claiming that this project provides an excellent opportunity for student engagement and education.

Lena Luna (Facility and Energy Manager, El Monte Union High School District (EMUHSD)) provided public comment and requested the proposed South El Monte High School Stormwater Improvement Project (hereafter referred to as South El Monte Stormwater Project) construction phase duration be adjusted from one year to two years. Luna explained that coordination with the Division of the State Architect (DSA) and scheduling around the school year breaks have impacted the project schedule.

Kathy Padilla Tapia (Student, Cal Poly Pomona) expressed that as a graduating student on the student team, the SS will translate coursework into real-world applications. Tapia expressed hope that funding for this project can allow more students to have real-world, hands-on learning opportunities.

Jade Nguyen (Nature for All), on behalf of Our Water LA (OWLA), recommended approving projects that include Water Quality Benefits, Water Supply Benefits, and Nature-Based Solutions. Nguyen also expressed support for projects that are located in a disadvantaged community, demonstrate meaningful community engagement, include a significant community investment benefit, and promote clean jobs. Specifically, OWLA endorsed the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project as an exemplar project within the RH watershed. The project is an example of a school district project within a disadvantaged community that incorporated community feedback. While there is no Water Supply Benefit due to the high groundwater, the project is providing a surface level ecosystem Water Supply Benefit. Nguyen concluded by requesting the WASC to consider Nature for All and OWLA's recommendations.

7) Presentations and Discussion Items

a) Watershed Coordinator Overview for the RH Watershed Projects Presentation and Technical Resource Program (TRP) Projects Status Update

Watershed Coordinator Richard Watson provided a status update of RH Watershed Projects, including Infrastructure Program (IP) and TRP projects that have been funded over the past three years. The presentation slides can be found on the [SCW Program website](#).

Member David Dolphin mentioned that Design for the Burke Heritage Park and Marengo Yard Project should begin in May after the completion of the Water Contract in mid-May. Chair Petschauer also shared on behalf of the City of Pasadena that the Blair High School/Pasadena Water & Power Project has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Feasibility Study to see if there is an opportunity for improved infiltration. Chair Petschauer noted that there are water quality issues at the Power Plant, located at the end of the 110 Freeway across from Blair High School.

Member Jill Fosselman expressed appreciation for the map presented that displayed all the Projects and highlighted the importance of spending resources in disadvantaged communities. Member Fosselman also inquired why some Washes haven't had success finding projects, and if Watershed Coordinators have the resources to help Municipalities identify opportunities for projects and provide support for implementation. Watershed Coordinator Watson explained that, in addition to Municipalities lacking in-house resources to support projects, another challenge is bringing together all the community-based organizations. Watershed Coordinator Watson emphasized that Watershed Coordinators have the resources to support Municipalities in this area, sharing a recent conversation with a School District as an example. Watershed Coordinator Watson emphasized that actively listening to and sharing ideas generated by the WASC is a crucial aspect of the Watershed Coordinator role.

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Chair Petschauer identified the Washes that run through the City of Pasadena. The Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project being considered today is located in a disadvantaged community. Although not all parts of Pasadena are within a disadvantaged community, Chair Petschauer noted that eliminating the pollutant load upstream provide benefits to disadvantaged communities located downstream of the wash. Watershed Coordinator Watson confirmed that Vincent Lugo Park is located in a disadvantaged community within the Alhambra Wash. Watershed Coordinator Watson also noted that the SIP Tool includes a diagram that shows the percentage allocations and explained that nuances need to be considered for Disadvantaged Community Benefits. Although it is preferred that projects be located within a disadvantaged community, the SCW Program ordinance states that a project claiming Disadvantaged Community Benefits needs to serve a disadvantaged community.

Member Fosselman recognized the benefits of water impacts downstream, but emphasized the importance of more tangible and visible benefits that would instill community pride, especially in disadvantaged communities. Member Fosselman noted the opportunity to consider smaller-scaled projects that are lower in cost but can still provide community benefits. Watershed Coordinator Watson concurred, and shared how working with school sites located within disadvantaged communities can provide direct benefits. Another opportunity is identifying sites for pocket parks. Watershed Coordinator Watson reminded the WASC that the SCW Program is looking for a range of project sizes. Although some of the smaller projects may not receive points for Water Supply or Water Quality Benefits, these projects can still provide community benefits.

Chair Petschauer noted that the SIP Tool helps quantify disadvantaged communities that have received funding. Chair Petschauer additionally thanked District staff for effectively identifying funding opportunities for projects to maximize benefits through funding reports, matrices, and memos. Chair Petschauer highlighted an example with the City of Alhambra and their success in leveraging funds from the Urban Greening Grant in combination with SCW Program stormwater funds.

Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) highlighted the importance of expressing priorities during WASC meetings which are captured in the meeting minutes. Project Developers take note of what the WASC prioritizes during these meetings, which can influence future projects.

b) RH Project Prioritization and Selection Discussion for Populating the FY24-25 SIP (Project's Survey, SIP Tool, Summary of Resources)

i. IP Projects

(1) Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project

Dawn Petschauer and Brent Maue

(2) South El Monte High School Stormwater Improvement Project

Lena Luna, Jesse Williams (Jacobs)

ii. Project Modification Request (PMR)

(1) preSIP: A Platform for Watershed Science and Project Collaboration

Turner Lott, Nicholas Ryu, Brad Wardynski (Craftwater)

(2) Fire Effects Study in the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed Area PMR

Turner Lott (San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)), Nicholas Ryu (SGVCOG), Brianna Datti (Craftwater)

iii. Scientific Studies

(1) Identifying Best Practices for Maintaining Stormwater Drywell Capacity

Ali Sharbat, Mehrad Kamalzare

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District staff provided an overview of resources available to assist with SIP deliberations, including the SIP Tool, Meeting Minutes, presentation slides, applications, preliminary rankings, SS Peer Review, and Quarterly Report updates. These resources are available on the [SCW Program website](#).

District staff also shared survey results that revealed Committee Members' project preferences and preliminary rankings. A total of 11 Committee Members completed the survey with each recorded response representing the Primary Committee Member's response. The Ranking Sheet is intended to serve as a resource to guide the Committee's discussion.

District staff informed the WASC that budget modifications have been requested for the El Monte Norwood Elementary School Stormwater Capture Project (move subsequent allocations one year out from FY24-25 to FY25-26), and the Burke Heritage Park and Marengo Yard Stormwater Capture Project (combine the \$1.2 million allocation into a single year for FY25-26). The City of Pasadena also requested a reallocation of \$800,000 for the Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project from FY26-27 to FY27-28. District staff shared the SIP Tool onscreen to show the following scenarios:

- Scenario where all considered projects are funded, including budget reallocations and Project Modification Requests (PMRs)
- Scenario showing the top three projects only, including the Washington Park Stormwater Project, the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project, and the preSIP SS PMR

District staff reminded Committee Members that since only 11 members filled out the survey, the ranking sheet does not capture preferences of all the WASC members. As such, it will be up to the WASC's discretion to determine which projects get prioritized. District staff switched from the second scenario to the first scenario on the screen and confirmed that the allocations include all considered projects with budget reallocations. Upon inquiry, District staff clarified that it is recommended that WASCs allocate a maximum of 80% of the five-year budget to ensure sufficient funding for future requests. Member Gardner noted that this scenario commits 87% of allocated funding, which is 7% above the 80% recommended threshold. Chair Petschauer commented that RH WASC is typically fiscally responsible with funding, and while 87% is a significant number, it is not as high as other WASCs. However, Chair Petschauer noted that there are schools and Municipalities that have yet to propose projects, so there is a concern of not having enough funds to accommodate future requests. Chair Petschauer confirmed with District staff that the 87% allocation includes Pasadena's reallocation of \$800,000 and the WASC's PMRs.

Member Love requested clarification on the PMRs and if the requests involve additional funding. District staff confirmed that the preSIP SS and Fire Effects SS PMRs are both asking for additional funding. The Fire Effects SS is requesting \$95,962 for FY24-25. The preSIP SS is requesting \$51,030 over a span of three years (FY24-25, FY25-26, and FY26-27). District staff also noted that the additional funding requested by the two SS was approved by the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) WASC. Chair Petschauer added that the Drywell SS was also approved in other WASCs. Watershed Coordinator Watson commented that the current scenario results in a budget allocation peak in FY26-27.

Chair Petschauer inquired about the partners involved in the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project, noting that 40% of the site is in unincorporated Los Angeles County, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) owns 50% of the parcel. Upon inquiry, Luna mentioned that the project has not received a letter from USACE. Chair Petschauer also emphasized the challenges attributed to partnerships with Caltrans, whose runoff is contributing to water issues. Chair Petschauer also mentioned not seeing any community support letters. Luna clarified that the project received several letters of support, including Day One and South El Monte Chamber Commerce. Luna also stated that once the project is at a stage to accept funds, the school district will submit a letter to USACE for approval.

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Chair Petschauer noted that the project is surrounded by open space and inquired if the project would consider additional boring design to determine if there's an opportunity to infiltrate. A representative of the Technical Assistance Team assigned by SCWP for the project when it was a TRP effort, Jesse Williams (Jacobs), stated that the current proposal is designed for the worst-case scenario, which includes project cost if the soils do not infiltrate. However, further investigation is possible, and the design could be revised to reduce costs and improve benefits. Chair Petschauer noted a significant opportunity to redistribute the water collected at the baseball field, and voiced concern over the efficacy of distributed Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address flooding. Chair Petschauer asked the project proponent to consider requesting funding for design only to flesh out project details and include an infiltration component, which would be a bigger benefit for his project. Chair Petschauer also commented that the project drains to the San Gabriel River, and not the Rio Hondo River, and questioned why this project came to the RH WASC instead of the San Gabriel River watersheds for funding. Antos explained that the watershed areas are designated by the SCW Program ordinance, and the South El Monte Stormwater Project is located in the RH watershed area. Antos added that there have been other projects that have been in this watershed area that also drain to the San Gabriel River and noted the complicated nature of engineered watersheds. Antos also highlighted that, unlike MS4 permits which focus on the receiving body, the main consideration for the SCW Program is the designated Watershed Area. Member Mark Hall mentioned that much of the water in the upper portion of the San Gabriel River is funneled to the RH watershed area, which is based on infiltration needs by Los Angeles County Public Works.

Watershed Coordinator Millet also highlighted that the public comment earlier in this meeting expressed support of the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project, especially in the community engagement component.

When asked about considering design-only funding, Luna inquired if the project would need to come back for another round of funding. Antos and District staff shared that amending the project would either require the applicant to resubmit for design only funding, or the WASC could make an offer of partial funding. Luna explained that returning for another round of funding would significantly delay the project, and inquired if there was a possibility to receive approval, following the WASC's review of final Design. Antos noted the challenge with partial funding guidelines within the SCWP is that the proponent needs to commit to delivering the entire proposed project with a lesser amount provided by the WASC, with no change in Scope. Member Maue commented that a previously approved project was rescinded in another WASC due to significant changes in project design and scope. Antos explained that an award to this proponent would initiate design. If infiltration is discovered to be infeasible, the project proponent could pursue a PMR and return to the WASC in the future. Based on the current project proposal, the Committee would need to decide whether to award money for the request as proposed, or offer a partial award, with the condition that the proponent has to agree to deliver the project in its entirety.

Member Maue concurred with Chair Petschauer's concern regarding Caltrans' lack of involvement, given that a large portion of the water is related to Caltrans property. Chair Petschauer emphasized the need to partner with Caltrans. Upon inquiry, District staff confirmed that the alternative figures that include the budget reallocations are shown onscreen. Antos described the reallocations of the projects onscreen for the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project, highlighting the reallocation of funding from FY26-27 to FY24-25 and FY25-26. Luna explained that design costs are about 50% construction cost, so the reallocation supports higher upfront costs in year one and two. Luna added that it takes around a year to receive approvals from DSA.

Chair Petschauer observed that between Norwood Elementary and Merced Avenue Projects, \$24 million have already been invested in the Cities of South El Monte and El Monte. Chair Petschauer commented that other agencies' water impacting the project should also be taking accountability and help offset costs.

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District staff displayed the first scenario onscreen, which includes project budget reallocations. District staff also mentioned that a motion could include language with partial funding for the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project. Member Gardner commented on the overlap between past and new projects due to schedule delays, and how this impacts funding decisions. Antos concurred and explained that the only available funding is for this year, since the program collects money from property owners each year. Future allocations are not final commitments since the money is not available yet. Antos highlighted the rollover funds on the SIP Tool.

Antos added that the District staff has plans to include a streamlined application for design only projects compared to those for construction, commenting on the difficulty to compare funding amounts between projects asking for Design, Construction, and O&M (Operation and Maintenance) funds.

Upon inquiry, District staff displayed a scenario that did not include any of the proposed projects. Chair Petschauer commented on the small percentage allocation in year four and five, and requested the District to add the Norwood Elementary and Burke Heritage Projects reallocation. Member Tom Love reaffirmed that the recommended 80% allocation is not a requirement, but a general guideline. Member Love noted that the difference between the two scenarios being compared on the SIP Tool (86% versus 83% in Year 3) and questioned the need to adjust the year spending on projects. Member Love also stated that the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project is a facility that is largely used by a disadvantaged community and explained that the WASC appears to have sufficient funds to include all the projects in the SIP.

Upon inquiry, District staff confirmed that it is possible to approve the project but can reduce funding in future years if money is received from other parties. Chair Petschauer emphasized that while receiving money from Caltrans is one concern, the Design's lack of infiltration presents another issue. Chair Petschauer explained that there would be a greater benefit if the water was captured and infiltrated in the ground, especially with nearby open fields and waterbodies.

District staff confirmed that projects have been scaled back in the past to include Design-only, per partial funding guidelines. Antos reminded the Committee that the project proponent would need to commit to the delivery of the full proposal with less money. District staff added that projects that have used partial funding to switch a project from Design and Construction to Design-only provided justification that the proponent would return to the WASC to request the remainder of the needed funding for subsequent phases. However, this presents the issue of uncertainty since there is no level of commitment from the WASC for additional funding. Options include not funding the project and asking the proponent to resubmit, or funding in full and through the PMR process. If the WASC chooses to pursue partial funding, the motion can include language that it is pending a formal submittal of the partial funding form.

Member Maue asked Jesse Williams about the project proponents, indicating that the Executive Summary only states bioretention, pervious pavement, and tree trenches with a total estimated cost of \$8.9 million. Williams described the project components of the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project and mentioned that there are locations on campus with localized surface flooding. The proposed BMPs are designed to address flooding on campus. Williams explained that there is a possibility to move the BMPs closer to field in a more centralized location, but there would be a reduction of benefits on campus related to nature-based solutions. Williams stated that the total tributary Watershed is 60 acres. The BMPs have been sized to provide water quality treatment for the 85th percentile runoff event. Williams mentioned that the construction cost of \$8.9 million is due to not just the project proponents mentioned, but also due to various BMPs strategically placed throughout the site.

Upon inquiry, Williams explained that the funding amount allocated to the project accounts for the worst-case scenario. If the borings are favorable for infiltration, there would be minimal cost savings, but there

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would be the opportunity to increase project benefits. Williams also clarified that the liners would be removed to infiltrate the water. However, overall, the total estimated cost will remain the same.

Chair Petschauer inquired how BMPs would address the flooding on the baseball field and noted that the BMPs are located around the school. Williams explained that there is a series of pipes and concrete channels that discharge water to the baseball field. A pump station is located at the baseball field that the school district is refurbishing. Currently, there is one small catch basin near the field. The BMPs include underdrains that would provide more efficient connections to the pump station. Williams clarified that the BMPs would primarily providing water quality treatment and collection at the low point of the baseball field. Upon inquiry, Williams explained that the project conducted an alternative analysis, which considered pumping water to the sewer system after pretreatment. However, Williams noted that the alternative designs would not have achieved the required minimum of 60 points by the Scoring Committee. The current proposed project incorporates more nature-based solutions, had the lowest cost, and provided the most benefits to the school and greater community.

When asked about existing flow locations, Williams explained that the water is currently ponding down to the baseball field, where the water evaporates or slowly infiltrates. Chair Petschauer noted that the three concrete channels that carry the water often flood during rain events. Chair Petschauer expressed support on greening the school with nature-based solutions, but reiterated the importance of infiltration and highlighted the possibility of considering funding to finalize Design. Williams confirmed that even if the project could infiltrate, it would not result in significant savings. Williams explained that completely redesigning the project into a pump station would be the only way to significantly lower the cost. The redesign may also fail to meet the 60-point minimum from the Scoring Committee. Williams also mentioned that the total tributary area isn't large enough to provide significant Water Supply Benefits compared to projects with larger tributary sizes. Therefore the alternative, of a cistern and then pumping into the Sanitary System after a rain, does not meet the scoring criteria. However, the project includes a future optional cistern that can be included and increase Water Supply Benefits, although it is not included in the current cost.

Upon inquiry, Williams stated the project did not look at pumping water to Legg Lake and mentioned that it would likely not impact the score. However, the project did consider an alternative that removes the nature-based treatment and provides pretreatment prior to pumping instead, which would treat 50% of pollutants as opposed to the full 85th percentile. This alternative's cost would focus more on pretreatment and pumping rather than nature-based solutions.

Member Gardner commented on the number of unknown variables impacting the project, stating that a reassessment of the final Design is important before committing to funding an IP project. Williams clarified that there is a final Design, and stated that an alternatives analysis was conducted and findings were shared with the Scoring Committee. The project that is being presented today was chosen following the alternatives analysis and passed the Scoring Committee's review. Other than the potential removal of liners depending on geotechnical findings, Williams confirmed that the project is ready to begin construction. The project cost has already accounted for those potential changes.

8) Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

9) Voting Items

- a) Approve the final FY24-25 SIP funding recommendations for the RH Watershed Area and approve submission to the ROC for review.

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Chair Petschauer suggested finalizing a scenario on the SIP Tool. District also mentioned that the WASC could vote on projects that were being deliberated during this meeting, including the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project.

Upon inquiry, District staff clarified that the WASC could vote on the SIP next month if needed. District staff additionally clarified that the presentation on the preSIP integration of the Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project was moved to the next WASC meeting to prioritize SIP finalization at this current meeting. District staff confirmed that the Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project will not be a future voting item and extended the opportunity to present on projects to all applicants.

Member Love made a motion to approve the inclusion of the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project with fund reallocation in the FY24-25 SIP. Member Hall seconded. Upon inquiry, Chair Petschauer expressed concern around the inability of BMPs to infiltrate and mentioned that if the project cost would have been less if the project was presented as a greening project. The motion was not passed with 3 votes in favor, 0 in abstention, 7 opposed, and 1 Member absent at the time of the vote. (Not approved, see voting tracker sheet.)

Upon inquiry, Antos clarified that per the Partial Funding Guidelines, the WASC could offer a lesser amount to the proponent. The proponent would need to complete the Funding Reduction Concurrence Form and discuss with the District to ensure that the project can accept a lesser amount. The WASC would then need to determine whether there is high confidence that the project can be delivered despite reduced funding. District staff noted that although this process is usually a two-meeting effort, the proponent could verbally commit to accepting a lesser amount and fill out the form. The District could coordinate with the Project Proponent to ensure the forms are filled out appropriately. If there are any issues, there is an opportunity to revisit the election at a future meeting.

Member Love inquired if the Project Proponent returned with leveraged funding from Caltrans, then the WASC could consider a cost reduction request. Antos explained that a Committee Member would need to make a motion to award a lesser amount. Theoretically, the WASC could program a lesser amount in the SIP, but the Project Proponent would need to concur with the reduced award. Upon inquiry, District staff stated that the SIP should be finalized in April. District staff informed the Committee that the South El Monte High School Stormwater Project described in its proposal that about \$1.2 million of the total request was needed for additional Design activities.

Member Maue confirmed that Scenario "Final v2" on the SIP tool includes the following IP projects (Washington Park Project, preSIP Project PMR, Drywell SS, and Fire Effects SS PMR), the reallocation for continuing projects (Norwood Park Project and Burke Heritage Park Project), the reduced Design cost for South El Monte High School Stormwater Project pending submittal of Partial Funding Concurrence Form, and the Watershed Coordinator budget.

Member Maue motioned to approve Scenario "Final v2" as the final FY24-25 SIP, pending submittal of Funding Reduction Concurrence form from the applicant for South El Monte High School Stormwater Improvement Project, for funding recommendations for RH Watershed Area including Watershed Coordinator budget and to advance to the ROC for review.

Luna provided verbal acceptance of partial funding, but informed the WASC that the change would need to go to the EMUHSD Board of Trustees for approval. Luna added that the EMUHSD Board of Trustees approved this project on the condition that it included funding for construction, so there may be some uncertainty surrounding an incomplete funding package. Upon inquiry, Luna informed the WASC that the request will be presented at the next EMUHSD Board of Trustees meeting in May. Luna confirmed that the \$604,000 request in FY23-24 and \$660,800 request in FY25-26 are for design tasks. Member Maue clarified that the motion would include the full \$1.2 million funding request for the Design phase of the South

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El Monte High School Stormwater Project in FY24-25. Member Love seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 11 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 in abstention (approved, see voting tracking sheet).

10) Items for Next Agenda

a) Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project Integration on the preSIP

District staff added that other project proponents can contact the District if interested in presenting on project integration with the preSIP.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

11) Adjournment

Chair Petschauer thanked the WASC Members and the public for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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| | | Quorum Present | | | Voting Item | | | |
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| Member Type | Member | Voting/ Present? | Alternate | Voting/ Present? | Approve 03/19/2024 Meeting Minutes | Include South El Monte High School Stormwater Improvement Project with fund reallocation in the FY24-25 Stormwater Investment Plan Final Scenario | Approve Scenario "Final v2" as the final Fiscal Year 2024-25 Stormwater Investment Plan pending submittal of Funding Reduction Concurrence form from the applicant for South El Monte High School Stormwater Improvement Project for funding recommendations for RH Watershed Area including Watershed Coordinator budget and advance to the Regional Oversight Committee for review. | |
| Agency | Julian Juarez | | Jennifer Aborida | x | y | Y | y | |
| Agency | Tom Love | x | Patty Cortez | | y | y | y | |
| Agency | Kelly Gardner | x | Tony Zampiello | | y | n | y | |
| Agency | Dave Pierce | x | Alysha Chan | | y | n | y | |
| Agency | Brent Maue | x | Kris Markarian | | y | n | y | |
| Community Stakeholder | Thomas Wong | | Bryan Matsumoto | | | | | |
| Community Stakeholder | Jill Fosselman | x | | | y | n | y | |
| Community Stakeholder | Mark Hall | x | Mark Daniel | | y | y | y | |
| Community Stakeholder | Edward Belden | | | | | | | |
| Community Stakeholder | Daniel Rossman | | Liliana Griego | | | | | |
| Municipal Members | David Dolphin | x | Latoya Waters | | y | n | y | |
| Municipal Members | Briget Arndell | x | Paul Cranmer | | y | absent during vote | y | |
| Municipal Members | Jalaine Verdiner | | Fernando Villaluna | x | a | n | y | |
| Municipal Members | Gloria Crudgington | | Alex Tachiki | | | | | |
| Municipal Members | Dawn Petschauer | x | James Tong | | y | n | y | |
| Municipal Members | | | | | | | | |
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| Watershed Coordinator Non-Voting Member (RWA Planning) | Richard Watson | | Julie Millett | x | | | | |
| Total Non-Vacant Seats | 15 | | | Yay (Y) | 10 | 3 | 11 | 0 |
| Total Voting Members Present | 11 | | | Nay (N) | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Agency | 5 | | | Abstain (A) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Community Stakeholder | 2 | | | Total | 11 | 10 | 11 | 0 |
| Municipal Members | 4 | | | | Approved | Not Approved | Approved | Not Approved |

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 COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE SIGN-IN



| Member Name | Municipality/ Organization | Email Address | P/A | Signature |
|--------------------|---|---------------|-----|-----------|
| Julian Juarez | Los Angeles County Flood Control District | [REDACTED] | | |
| Tom Love | Upper San Gabriel District | | | |
| Kelly Gardner | Main San Gabriel Basin | | P | |
| Dave Pierce | Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts | | P | |
| Brent Maue | Pasadena | | | |
| Thomas Wong | San Gabriel Valley MWD Division 3 | | | |
| Jill Fosselman | Resident | | | |
| Mark Hall | Vector Control | | | |
| Edward Belden | Resident | | | |
| Daniel Rossman | The Wilderness Society | | P | |
| David Dolphin | Alhambra | | | |
| Briget Arndell | Arcadia | | P | |
| Jalaine Verdiner | LA County Public Works | | P | |
| Gloria Crudgington | Monrovia | | | |
| Sal Mendez | El Monte | | | |
| Dawn Petschauer | Pasadena | | | |

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| Member Name | Municipality/ Organization | Email Address | P/A | Signature |
|--------------------|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Jennifer Aborida | Los Angeles County Flood Control District | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Patty Cortez | Upper san Gabriel District | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Tony Zampielo | Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Alysha Chan | Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Kris Markarian | Pasadena | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bryan Matsumoto | Nature For All | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Mark Daniel | Vector Control | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Liliana Griego | Friends of the Los Angeles River | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Latoya Waters | Alhambra | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Paul Cranmer | Arcadia | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Fernando Villaluna | LA County Public Works | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Alex Tachiki | Monrovia | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| James Tong | Pasadena | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Richard Watson | RWA | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Julie Millett | RWA | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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 PUBLIC SIGN-IN



| First Name | Last Name | Municipality/Organization | Email Address |
|------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Mehrad | Kamalzare | cal Poly Pomona | |
| Ali | Sharbat | cal Poly | |
| Turpin | Lo H | SGUCUG | |
| Brianna | Datti | Craftwater | |
| Brad | Wardynski | Craftwater | |
| Thom | Epps | Craftwater | |
| Dominic | Kader | Cal Poly Pomona | |
| Daniel | Rossmann | The Wilderness Society | |
| Bryan | Matsumoto | Nature for All | |
| Shaun | Peng | Cal Poly Pomona | |
| William | WU | Cal Poly Pomona | |
| MATT | RICH | WSP | |
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