

Safe, Clean Water Program

Lower Los Angeles River

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Thursday, October 24, 2019

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Port of Long Beach, Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor
415 West Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802

Attendees

Committee Members

Adriana Figueroa (Paramount)

James Vernon (Port of Long Beach)

Mark Stanley (Rivers and Mountains Conservancy)

Kristen Ruffell (Sanitation Districts)

Gladis Deras (South Gate)

Cindy Montanez (TreePeople)

Lyndsey Bloxom* (Water Replenishment District)

Kelli Tunnicliff (Signal Hill)

Kevin Wattier (Central Basin)

Stephen Scott (Long Beach Parks and Recreation)

Gina Nila (Commerce)

Dan Mueller* (Downey)

Dan Sharp (District)

Melissa You (Long Beach)

Laura Ochoa (Lynwood)

Nick Jiles (Páo Strategies)

Melissa Bahmanpour (River in Action)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. 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 Ms. 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

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. He mentioned in this particular watershed, there is a lot of Disadvantaged Communities that can be served through this Program. Mr. Frary also provided a brief overview of the Lower Los Angeles River 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

Ms. Manning 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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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.

Nominees for the position of Chair were: James Vernon (Port of Long Beach), Dan Sharp (District), and Mark Stanley (Rivers and Mountains Conservancy). All three nominees provided a short justification for why they should be considered for this role. Following the pitches of all nominees, the committee members voted via paper ballots.

Mr. Vernon (8 Votes) was elected as the Chair of the Lower Los Angeles River WASC, and Mr. Stanley (5 Votes) was elected as the Vice Chair. It was announced that the District would finish facilitating the initial meeting and that the chairs would assume their roles immediately thereafter. The District 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.

The venue offered was:

Location: Long Beach City Hall, Beach Conference Room, 2nd Floor
411 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802

Ms. Manning solicited comments and feedback from committee members. Mr. Vernon mentioned that parking unfortunately cannot be validated at this time.

Committee members voted via paper ballots in favor of the default venue (16 votes to 1 vote): Long Beach City Hall, Beach Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 411 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802.

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 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.

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8. Public Comment / Open Discussion

Ms. Bloxom asked about the purpose of the two prescheduled meetings between today and the deadline for the call for projects on December 15. Mr. Frary noted those meetings will be used for logistics and coordination between the WASC for future meetings and assignments. Also, these meetings in November and December, if held, would serve to further prepare the committees for the upcoming Stormwater Investment Plan development.

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.

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