

# Safe, Clean Water Program

South Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



## Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

10:00am - 12:00pm

Torrance City Yard, Public Works Training Room  
20500 Madrona Ave., Torrance, CA 90530

## Attendees:

### Committee Members Present:

Julio Gonzalez (Carson)

Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach)

Heecheol Kwon (Hawthorne)

Ken Rukavina (Palos Verdes Estates)

Hany Fangary (Fangary Law Group)

Susie Santilena (LA)

Wendy Butts (LA Conservation Corps)

Paul Alva (LA County)

Cung Nguyen (LA County Flood Control District)

Kristen Ruffell (Sanitation Districts)

Guang Yu Wang (SMB Restoration Commission)

Craig Cadwallader (Surfrider Foundation South Bay)

John Dettle (Torrance)

Diane Gatza (Water Replenishment District)

E.J. Caldwell (West Basin)

\*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 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. Mr. Frary also provided a brief overview of the South 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

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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Mr. Dettle of City of Torrance asked about a similar information session for municipality. Mr. Frary noted that Call for Projects information sessions are scheduled to start in early November with a focus on municipality at the early December session.

#### 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 voting for a Chair and Vice Chair separately.

Mr. Alva of the Los Angeles County asked about attendance requirements for Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Frary noted that they are the same requirements as a committee member.

Nominees for the position of Chair were: Cung Nguyen (LA County Flood Control District), Craig Cadwallader (Surfrider Foundation South Bay), and Diane Gatza (Water Replenishment District).

Nominees for the position of Vice Chair were: John Dettle (Torrance), Hany Fangary (Fangary Law Group), and the non-elected Chair nominees.

Following the pitches from nominees, the committee members voted via paper ballots.

**Ms. Gatza (10 votes) was elected as the Chair of the South Santa Monica Bay WASC, and Mr. Cadwallader (5 votes) was 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.

**Committee requested to discuss a two-year term for Chair and Vice Chair appointment at the next meeting.**

#### 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 instead.

The venue offered was:

Location: Torrance City Yard, Public Works Training Room  
20500 Madrona Ave., Torrance, CA 90530

Ms. Manning solicited comments and feedback from committee members. Ms. Manning asked committee members to vote, with a show of hands, whether they would like to keep the venue offered.

**Committee members unanimously voted in favor of the default venue: Torrance City Yard, Public Works Training Room (20500 Madrona Ave., Torrance, CA 90530).**

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#### **6. Break**

No break was taken.

#### **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](http://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**

Ms. Manning opened the public comment period.

A member of the public asked when is the deadline for call for project. Mr. Frary noted that the deadlines are December 2019 for FY20-21 and July 2020 for FY21-22. A routine deadline will also be established.

A member of the public asked if the District can fund Technical Resources and Scientific Studies Programs. Mr. Frary noted that it will be at the discretion of Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

A member of the public asked if leverage fund is required for a project to be considered. Mr. Frary confirmed that leverage fund is not required but will give 10 additional points in the Project Module and may be one of the key factors that the Committee looks for.

A member of the public asked whether they have to apply through the Project Module for Technical Resources Program. Mr. Frary explained that the Project Module has applications for Infrastructure, Technical Resources, and Scientific Studies Programs.

A member of the public asked whether the Project Module is the only way to submit the projects. Mr. Frary confirmed that applicants must apply through the Project Module and there is District staff available to assist the applicants in filling out the application if needed. The applicants are also encouraged to partner with agency/NGOs in submitting projects.

A member of the public asked whether the scoring criteria for projects seeking funding from Technical Resources Program is the same as Infrastructure Program. Mr. Frary clarified that the scoring criteria is only applied to projects within Infrastructure Programs and projects apply for Technical Resources Program funding will not be scored.

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## **9. Meeting Adjourned**

Ms. Manning thanked the committee members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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\*Signing or completing this form is voluntary for members of the public



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