# **ROC Clarifications/References**

# Primary role of ROC

"assessing and making recommendations to the Board regarding whether the SCW Program Goals are being achieved" (16.03.z) rather than reviewing/developing policy.

# DAC calculation

### Implementation Ordinance, 18.07.B.2.c:

"Funding for *Projects that provide DAC Benefits* shall not be less than one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the ratio of the DAC population to the total population in each Watershed Area. To facilitate compliance with this requirement, the District will work with stakeholders and Watershed Coordinator(s) to utilize existing tools to identify high-priority geographies for waterquality improvement projects and other projects that create DAC Benefits within DACs, to help inform WASCs as they consider project recommendations."

### Existing built-in opportunities for ROC policy input

There are two mechanisms for the ROC to include policy recommendations in its role:

- 1) Through recommendations/feedback provided to WASCs and Board following review
- <u>ROC Operating Guidelines</u>, VII.1, last paragraph:

"The ROC reviews each SIP, determines whether, and the extent to, each SIP achieves the SCW Program Goals, and provides its findings to the Board with recommendations regarding whether or not each SIP should be approved. Before providing recommendation to the Board, the ROC shall provide its findings and recommendations on each SIP to the respective WASCs. The ROC does not have line item veto power, but the **WASCs will consider the findings and recommendations from the ROC** <u>as guidance</u> to potentially enhance future SIPs and/or revise current SIPs prior to Board consideration. ROC feedback to WASCs will be included in the transmittal of SIPs to the Board for approval."

### • <u>WASC Operating Guidelines</u>, VII.2(8):

"Consider the findings and recommendations from the ROC as guidance to potentially enhance future SIPs and/or revise current SIPs before Board consideration. The WASC will need to confirm final recommendation as soon as possible following ROC feedback and ROC feedback will be included in the transmittal of SIPs to the Board."

- Implementation Ordinance, 18.08.C:
  - ROC providing "any comments or concurrence with the WASC evaluations" of the quarterly and annual progress and expenditure reports (18.08.C.2)
  - ROC "recommendations for adjustments to the following year's SIPs" to WASC and Board following annual review of Watershed Area Regional Program Progress (WARPP) Reports for each Watershed Area (18.08.C.3)
  - ROC recommendations regarding the Municipalities' annual reports (18.08.C.4)
- 2) Through the biennial hearing process
- 18.03: The Board may consider revisions to Chapter 16 of this code and this Chapter 18 in connection with the first biennial public hearing, as described in Section 18.08.C.5. below, and as needed thereafter.

- 18.08.C.5: The ROC shall biennially prepare a SCW Program Progress Report for the Board in accordance with the following procedures:
  - a. The ROC shall prepare a draft SCW Program Progress Report, circulate the draft for public comment, and conduct a noticed public hearing to receive public comments on the draft;
  - b. After the conclusion of the public hearing, the ROC shall revise the draft SCW Program Progress Report as it determines necessary or appropriate based on the public comments received; and
  - c. The ROC shall submit the final SCW Program Progress Report to the Board and make the final Report available to the public.