Meeting Minutes:
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
9:00am-11:30am
Executive Board Room
5000 Clark Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90712

Attendees:

Committee Members Present:
Julian Juarez (LA County Flood Control District)  Delfino Consunji (Downey)
Lyndsey Bloxom* (Water Replenishment District) Lisa Ann Rapp (Lakewood)
Meredith Reynolds (City of Long Beach) Melissa You (Long Beach)
Kristen Ruffell (Sanitation Districts) Marlin Munoz (La Mirada)
Dan Knapp (Conservation Corps of Long Beach) Vicki Smith (Whittier)
Adam Galia (Resident) Bernie Iniguez (Bellflower)
Joseph Gonzalez* (Rivers Mountains Conservancy) Tammy Hierlihy (Central Basin)
Mike O’Grady (Cerritos)

Committee Members Not Present:
Michelle Yanez (San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership) Marissa Christiansen (Friends of the LA River)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Rapp, the Chair of the Lower San Gabriel River WASC, called the meeting to order.

All committee members made self-introductions and quorum was established.

2. Public Comment Period

Mr. Rich Watson recommended that once the SIP is approved, the Safe, Clean Water Program initiate discussions about bond measures in order to fund more projects upfront. Comment card was collected by District Staff.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2020

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Rapp asked the committee members for comments or revisions. The committee had no comments.

The Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from February 25, 2020 (14 approved, 1 abstention)
4. Committee Member and District Updates

Ms. Rapp provided a summary of the Meeting of Chairs/Vice Chairs on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Mr. Kevin Kim (District) also provided an expanded version of the WASC Review Sheet to help guide discussions.

5. Discussion Items

a) General discussion on submitted projects and studies

Ms. Rapp stated that she received evaluation criteria recommendations from the committee members and after careful review, determined that developing a WASC specific weighting system would not be feasible. Alternatively, Ms. Rapp proposed discussing the merits of each project as a group.

The committee discussed the El Dorado Regional Project. Ms. Rapp noted that the request is for planning and design only. Ms. Bloxom expressed her support of the constructed wetlands and groundwater recharge component. Ms. Ruffell expressed her concerns about MS4 compliance and the effectiveness of wetlands in addressing bacteria concerns and would like to see the results of the Scientific Study before proceeding. Mr. O’Grady noted that this is one of the first of four projects within Coyote Creek. Mr. Consunji expressed his support for the regional benefits, community benefits, open space, etc. that the project provides but was concerned about accessibility to the public. Ms. Reynolds clarified that site is a multi-modal location and that it is not currently accessible, but the Project can be easily expanded to incorporate access. Ms. Reynolds also clarified that the site is in the City’s master plan.

The committee discussed Hermosillo Park. It was noted that the project did not receive Proposition 68 – California State Parks funding as it was highly competitive but that it would not affect the SCW funding request. Mr. O’Grady noted that the tributary area overlaps with the Cerritos Sports Complex. Mr. Hunter clarified that the projects were modeled in conjunction with each other but that there were opportunities to expand or modify if one was not constructed. Mr. O’Grady also noted that this is one of the first of four projects within Coyote Creek.

The committee discussed the Cerritos Sports Complex. Ms. Ruffell acknowledged the regional benefits and large watershed area but noted that there are a number of concerns with the landfill. Mr. O’Grady stated that the project could be relocated to alleviate landfill concerns, but due to the high cost he may prefer investing in smaller projects. Mr. O’Grady also noted that this is one of the first of four projects within Coyote Creek. Ms. Rapp proposed moving construction funding requests to future years. Mr. O’Grady confirmed that delaying construction funding is not a deal breaker and would not impact MS4 compliance as long as other projects are implemented within the watershed. Mr. Kim clarified that this could not be referred to the Technical Resources Program (TRP) this year and would need to resubmit next year. Ms. Ruffell cautioned against sending the project through the TRP as the District may not evaluate feasibility to the WASC satisfaction. Mr. Consunji expressed his support for the project but recommends the applicant resubmit after further feasibility analysis is complete.

The committee discussed the Adventure Park Multi Benefit Stormwater Capture Project. Mr. O’Grady noted that this is one of the first of four projects within Coyote Creek. Mr. O’Grady also noted that a portion of the tributary area is in the Upper San Gabriel River watershed, but funding from the USGR WASC is not necessary due to the significant amount of matching funds from Caltrans. In addition, this project primary falls within the LSGR watershed boundary, thus the project will only be considered for funds allocated for LSGR WASC.

The committee discussed the Bellflower Simms Park Stormwater Capture Project. Ms. Bloxom asked about how the water is being used. Mr. Watson clarified that captured dry-weather flows would be used...
to address irrigation needs for Bellflower Simms Park and Mayfair Park. Ms. Ruffell noted that the project is not as cost effective and if delayed, the project could be further refined.

The committee discussed the Skylinks Golf Course at Wardlow Stormwater Capture Project. Mr. Watson clarified the project history and noted that the American Golf Corporation is in support of the Project and that the project may supplement the Golf Course’s irrigation.

b) Regional Scientific Study

Ms. Rapp provided a summary of the Meeting of Chairs/Vice Chairs and noted that the District is considering engaging a third-party technical review of Scientific Studies in future years.

The committee discussed comments made by Renee Purdy (RWQCB) and Heal the Bay at the NSMB WASC expressing their concerns with the Regional Scientific Study to Support Protection of Human Health. In light of these comments, the committee decided to delay consideration of the Scientific Study. Ms. Ruffell noted that if the Scientific Study is not approved, the Infrastructure Program Projects may need to be modified to provide more physical storage.

c) Operation & Maintenance Projects

The committee discussed the Mayfair Park, Caruthers Park, and Bolivar Park Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Projects. Ms. Smith noted that the construction costs were funded by Caltrans and that this could be considered a significant amount of matching funds. Mr. Juarez would also like to see leveraged funding for O&M since the total funding request for the Watershed Area exceeds available funding. Ms. Bloxom asked if the applicant can leverage Municipal Program funds. Ms. Rapp clarified that Municipal Program funds are earmarked by cities for maintenance activities, to fund smaller projects, and to develop projects for future submittal.

d) Disadvantaged Communities benefit

The committee discussed disadvantaged community (DAC) benefits for each project. The committee concurred with all DAC benefits claimed by the project applicants. They also determined that the Adventure Park Multi Benefit Stormwater Capture Project would provide DAC benefits as it is located less than half a mile from DAC and would be utilized by DAC communities.

e) SIP programming guidelines

Mr. Kim provided an overview of the SIP programming guidelines. The District clarified that for multi-year infrastructure program projects, the WASC may distribute funding without changing the total funding request. If a project that has been programmed into the SIP experience changes in project cost or scope, a revised application will need to be submitted, which will also be re-scored by the scoring committee as requested by the WASC. The committee expressed their concerns regarding the ambiguity of what constitutes a scope change and how re-distributing funding could affect leveraged funding commitments. The committee also expressed their concerns about obtaining city counsel approval for projects when funding for future years is not committed.

f) Ranking process and tool

The District explained the ranking process. The committee determined that only the Infrastructure Program Projects would be ranked, and the Scientific Study ranking would be deferred to a later date.

6. Voting Items

a) Assign percent allocation target

The committee decided to defer voting on this item to a later date.
7. Stormwater Investment Plan discussion and development

a) Rank and discuss Infrastructure Program Projects and Scientific Studies

The Committee ranked the Infrastructure Program Projects and the District tallied the results.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Project Name</th>
<th># of Votes</th>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Overall Place</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td>El Dorado Regional Project</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td>Adventure Park Multi Benefit Stormwater</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td>Hermosillo Park</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td>Bolivar Park</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>93</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td>Skylinks Golf Course at Wardlow Stormwat</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td>Mayfair Park</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td>Caruthers Park</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td>Bellflower Simms Park Stormwater Capture</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td>Cerritos Sports Complex</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Ms. Rapp stated that she would like to fund design of all projects. Mr. Juarez and Ms. Ruffell voiced their concerns about Cerritos Sports Complex and the lack of support.

Ms. Bloxom would like clarification on what data would be requested as part of the quarterly reporting.

8. Items for next agenda

The District recommends the following items for the next agenda:

a) Continue Stormwater Investment Plan discussion and development
b) Confirm final Stormwater Investment Plan

Ms. Rapp solicited additional recommendations from the committee for the next agenda.

Ms. Ruffell and Ms. Rapp proposes the committee discuss Project inclusion in the SIP starting with the lowest ranking Projects. Once the list of projects is established, they propose spending the remainder of the meeting re-distributing funding, as needed.

The next meeting was extended to 11:30am.

9. Adjournment

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