

Safe, Clean Water Program

South Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

1:00pm - 3:00pm

WebEx Meeting

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

Cung Nguyen (LA County Flood Control District)

EJ Caldwell (West Basin)

Diane Gatza (Water Replenishment District)

Kristen Ruffell (Sanitation Districts)

Darryl Ford* (Los Angeles Rec & Park)

Craig Cadwallader (Surfrider Foundation South Bay)

Guang Yu Wang (SMB Restoration Commission)

Hany Fangary (Fangary Law Group)

Wendy Butts (LA Conservation Corps)

Julio Gonzalez (Carson)

Susie Santilena (LA)

TJ Moon (LA County)

John Dettle (Torrance)

Stephanie Katsouleas (Manhattan Beach)

Ken Rukavina (Palos Verdes Estates)

Committee Members Not Present:

Alison Suffet-Diaz (Environmental Charter School)

Heecheol Kwon (Hawthorne)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

Diane Gatza, Chair of the South Santa Monica Bay WASC, called the meeting to order.

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2020

The District provided a copy of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Diane Gatza asked the committee members for comments or revisions.

Kristen Ruffell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Julio Gonzales seconded the motion. The Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes. (unanimous).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

Kirk Allen provided the District update, noting: the Fund Transfer Agreement is on schedule to be approved on June 2 by the Board of Supervisors; and the Watershed Coordinator solicitation will be released on May 26 with a two month review period, and there will be two webinars to take place in June; and the District is exploring pushing the deadline for the second round call for projects.

4. Public Comment Period

A member of the public noted that Heal the Bay recommends the WASC not fund the Zinc study noting that the funding for the study would not be used to directly reduce stormwater pollution.



5. Discussion Items:

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosures

TJ Moon noted that he has had conversations with Redondo beach on if they are able apply for Safe Clean Water funding for their project.

b) South Santa Monica Bay (SSMB) Project Prioritization and Selection Discussion for populating the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Stormwater Investment Plan - Interactive Planning Tool

Diane Gatza provided an overview of the previous meeting roll call recommendations for which scientific studies were moving forward in the SIP.

Diane Gatza began the process of reviewing each of the individual Infrastructure Projects and to begin roll call recommendations on which projects should or should not be moved forward on the SIP.

John Dettle noted that the dollar amount currently set would be well within a safe margin for planning the next few years of regional funds for the WASC. Susie Santilena noted that it was important for the committee to also consider funding projects so that benefits provided were proportional to the funding raised by individual cities within the watershed.

TJ Moon noted that he supports requesting for design funds to provide seed money for projects, as it allows more municipalities to participate in the regional program.

Susie Santilena noted that the Wilmington Q Street project is located within a disadvantaged community and provides a major water quality and flood mitigation benefit to this area. John Dettle and TJ Moon noted that the committee's largest concern with the project was the cost per treated acre-foot, but that in some areas green street projects are the only available option. The committee decided to keep the Wilmington Q Street project in the SIP.

Kirk Allen clarified that SIPs are not locked in for all 5 years and can be revised in future years. If there are large changes to projects, it may trigger a rescoring process.

The committee decided to keep the two technical resource projects within the SIP.

Diane Gatza requested the committee keep all infrastructure projects within the SIP.

6. Public Comment Period

A member of the public inquired if there is a detailed description or scope of work for the watershed coordinator. Kirk Allen noted that the general scope of work for the watershed coordinator will be released for review on May 26.

A member of the public thanked the committee for moving forward the Wilmington Q Street project for consideration into the SIP, noting that the project will help address a major water quality problem and support the community.

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7. Voting Items

a) Approve the final Fiscal Year 2020-21 Stormwater Investment Plan funding recommendations for the SSMB Watershed Area and approve submission to the Regional Oversight Committee for review.

John Dettle made a motion to approve the voting item. Guang Yu Wang seconded the motion. The Committee voted to approve voting item 7a. (unanimous)

8. Items for next agenda

Diane Gatza requested a voting item on the next agenda to recommend the District extend the second-round call for projects deadline date.

Susie Santilena and Diane Gatza requested a voting item be added to recommend to the District that interest gained from SSMB Watershed funds be kept within the watershed.

Diane Gatza suggested adding a discussion item to discuss the process to replace the environmental community member that has yet to attend a WASC meeting.

9. Adjournment

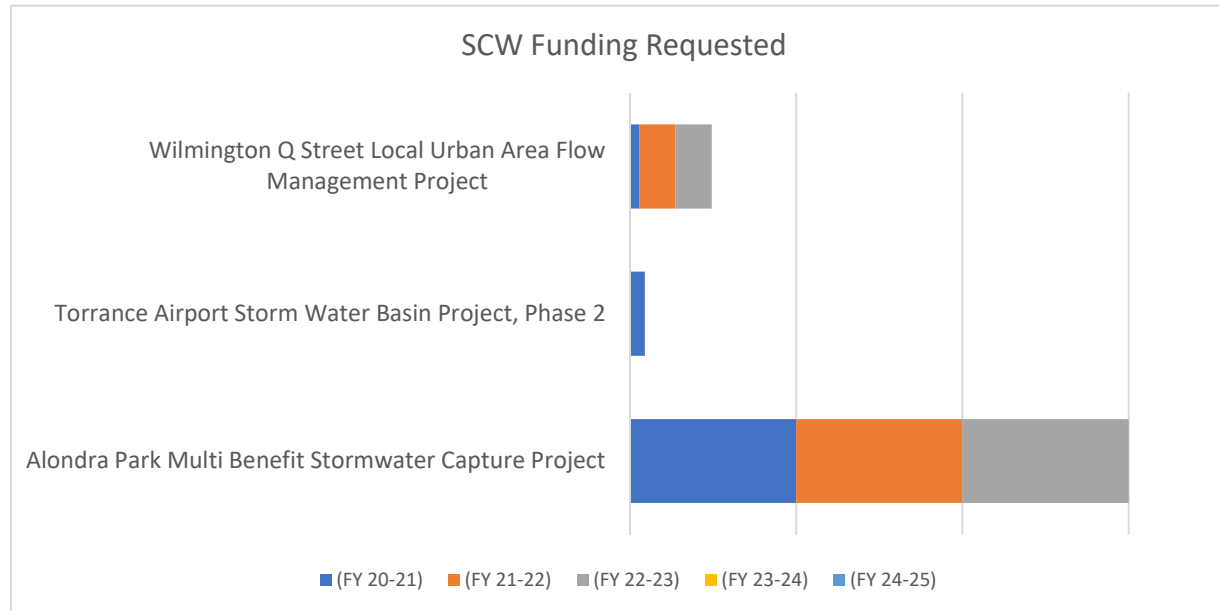
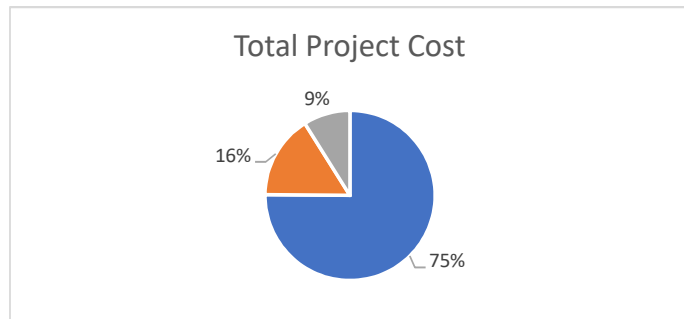
Diane Gatza thanked the committee members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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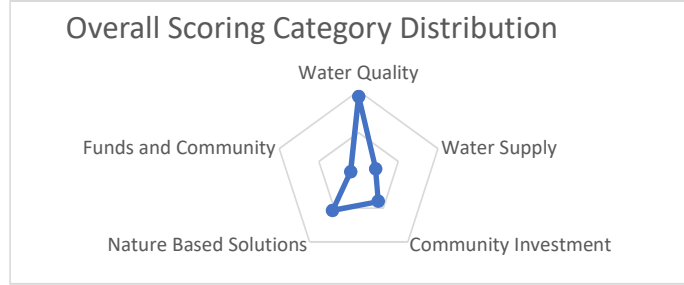
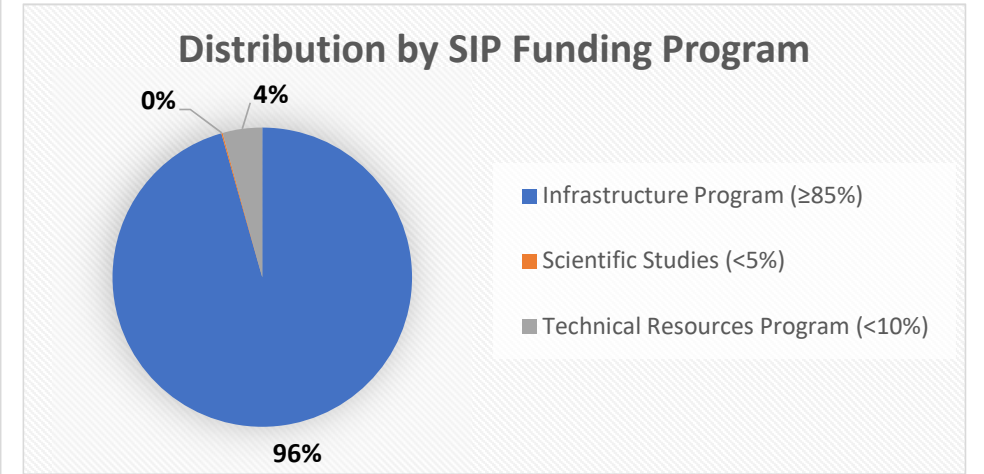
		Quorum Present				Voting Items	
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Meeting Minutes	Voting Item 7a (Approve SIP)
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	x	Carolina Hernandez		Y	Y
Agency	West Basin MWD	E.J. Caldwell	x	Alex Heide		Y	Y
Agency	Water	Diane Gatza	x	Lyndsey Bloxom		Y	Y
Agency	LAC Sanitation	Kristen Ruffell	x	Mike Sullivan		Y	Y
Agency	LA Recreation &	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	x	Y	Y
Community	Environmental	Alison Suffet-Diaz					
Community	Surfrider	Craig Cadwallader	x	Mary Simun		Y	Y
Community	Santa Monica Bay	Guang Yu Wang	x			Y	Y
Community	Fangary Law Group	Hany Fangary	x	Justin Massey		Y	Y
Community	Los Angeles	Wendy Butts	x	Bo Savage		Y	Y
Municipal	Carson	Julio Gonzalez	x	Maria E. Williams-		Y	Y
Municipal	Los Angeles	Susie Santilena	x	Alfredo Magallanes		A	Y
Municipal	LAC Public Works	TJ Moon	x	Thuan Nguyen		Y	Y
Municipal	Torrance	John Dettle	x	Wilson Mendoza		Y	Y
Municipal	EWMP: Beach Cities	Stephanie Katsouleas	x	Shaw Igoe		Y	Y
Municipal	EWMP: Dominguez	Heecheol Kwon		Mitchell Wagner			
Municipal	EWMP: Peninsula	Ken Rukavina	x	Elias K. Sassoon		Y	Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yay (Y)	14	15
Total Voting Members Present		15			Nay (N)	0	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	1	0
Community Stakeholder		4			Total	15	15
Municipal Members		6				Approved	Approved

Other Attendees	
A Blackwell	Jonathan Abelson
Aaron Chiang	Jud Warren
Alfredo Magallanes	Mercedes Passanisi
Ann Bechtel	Michelle Staffield
Brad Wardynski	Mike Sullivan
Bronwyn Kelly	Michelle Staffield
Cameron McCullough	Nancy Shrodes
Chandler Sheilds	Nate Schreiner
Charlese	Seth Carr
Danielle Chupa	Shahram Kharaghani
David Garza	Susan Robinson
Gabriela Medina	T Takigawa
Geremew Amenu	Taraneh Nik-Khah
Jacqueline Mak	Thuan Nguyen
Jacqueline McMillen	Wilsson Mendoza
Jon Ball	

Project Details



Required DAC Ratio	34%
Required Funding for DACs FY 20-25 (110%)	\$ 13,400,307.80
Funding Allocated for DACs FY 20-25	\$ 35,829,700.00



Stormwater Investment Plan Preview

	(FY 20-21)	(FY 21-22)	(FY 22-23)	(FY 23-24)	(FY 24-25)	Future Funding	TOTAL
A. Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Collected	\$18.45 M	\$18.45 M	\$18.45 M	\$18.45 M	\$18.45 M		\$92.23 M
B. Anticipated Annual Regional Program Funds Available (A+D)	\$18.45 M	\$24.60 M	\$30.65 M	\$36.69 M	\$54.94 M		
C. Total Allocated in the SIP	\$12.29 M	\$12.40 M	\$12.40 M	\$0.20 M	\$0.20 M	\$0.00 M	\$37.49 M
D. Remaining Balance/Rollover Funds (B-C)	\$6.16 M	\$12.20 M	\$18.25 M	\$36.49 M	\$54.74 M		
E. Percent Allocated (C/B)	67%	50%	40%	1%	0%		41%

Row Labels	DAC	(FY 20-21)	(FY 21-22)	(FY 22-23)	(FY 23-24)	(FY 24-25)	Future Funding	TOTAL
Infrastructure Program		\$ 11,476,000.00	\$ 12,177,000.00	\$ 12,176,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,829,700.00
Alondra Park Multi Benefit Stormwater	Yes	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000,000.00
Torrance Airport Storm Water Basin Pr	Yes	\$ 906,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 906,000.00
Wilmington Q Street Local Urban Area	Yes	\$ 570,000.00	\$ 2,177,000.00	\$ 2,176,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,923,700.00
Scientific Studies		\$ 14,471.00	\$ 23,154.00	\$ 20,261.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,886.00
Recalculation of Wet Weather Zinc Crit	(blank)	\$ 14,471.00	\$ 23,154.00	\$ 20,261.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,886.00
Technical Resources Program		\$ 800,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600,000.00
Eastview Park	(blank)	\$ 300,000.00					\$ -	\$ 300,000.00
Harbor City Park Multi-Benefit Stormw	(blank)	\$ 300,000.00					\$ -	\$ 300,000.00
Watershed Coordinator #1	(blank)	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 1,000,000.00
Grand Total		\$ 12,290,471.00	\$ 12,400,154.00	\$ 12,396,961.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 37,487,586.00