

Safe, Clean Water Program

Scoring Committee



Meeting Minutes:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

9:00am - 12:00pm

WebEx Meeting

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

Matt Stone

JR De Shazo

Bruce Reznik

TJ Moon

Dave Sorem

Committee Members Not Present:

Jill Sourial

1) Welcome and Introductions

Bruce Reznik, the Chair of the Scoring Committee, called the meeting to order. All committee members in attendance made self-introductions, and quorum was established.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2020

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

JR De Shazo made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Dave Sorem 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 District is now receiving municipal transfer agreement documents from applicants; all regional applicants are now completing their scopes of work and submitting documents.

4) Public Comment Period for Non-Agenized Items

No public comments received.

5) Discussion Items:

a) Ex Parte Communications Disclosure

Bruce Reznik is part of the Our Water LA Coalition and has had general discussions outside regarding projects and the scoring of projects.

TJ Moon noted he has taken part and is aware of the LASAN Ballona Creek TMDL Project.

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b) Scoring of Feasibility Studies

(See attached scoring rubric)

CSMB	1	Ballona Creek Dry Weather Flow Treatment Project
	2	Ballona Creek Low Flow Diversion Project
	3	Ballona Creek TMDL Project
	4	Blackwelder Tract Lower Ballona Creek Green BMPs and Landscape Improvement Project
	5	Hayden Tract Lower Ballona Creek Green BMPs and Landscape Improvement Project
	6	Normandie Ave ES - DROPS and Paving
	7	Slauson Connect Clean Water Project
	8	Venice High School Comprehensive Modernization Project
	9	Webster MS - DROPS
SSMB	10	Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project

c) Meeting Schedule

Bruce Reznik announced that next meeting is scheduled for December 21 and the committee will be reviewing Infrastructure Projects from Upper LA River Watershed Area.

6) Public Comment Period for Agenda Items

A member of the public praised the committee for their detailed and insight review of each project and shared his support for Ballona Creek TMDL Project.

7) Voting items:

None

8) Items for next agenda

Next agenda will include the list of projects to score.

Bruce Reznik noted that committee will be voting to report official scores from the previous meetings.

9) Adjournment

Bruce Reznik thanked the committee members and public for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.

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Member Type	Quorum Present		Items
	Member	Voting?	Meeting Minutes
Water Supply	Matt Stone	X	Y
Water Supply / Water Quality	J.R. De Shazo	X	Y
Nature-Based Solutions / Community Investments Benefits	Jill Sourial		
Nature-Based Solutions / Water Quality	<u>Bruce Reznik</u>	X	Y
Water Quality	Dave Sorem	X	Y
Water Quality	TJ Moon	X	Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats	6	Yay (Y)	5
Total Voting Members Present	5	Nay (N)	0
		Abstain (A)	0
		Total	5
			Approved

Other Attendees	
Alexander Rosales	Leslie Frazier
Brett Perry	Lorena Matos
Brian Rowley	Lorena Matos
Bronwyn Kelly	Mara Luevano
Chris Carandang	Melissa Levitt
Christine McLeod	Michael Gagan
Conor Mossavi	Nooshin Eftekhazadeh
Gustavo Orozco	Phuoc Le
Ian Cesario	Sean Agid
Joe Venzon	Seth Carr
Johanna Chang	Shahriar Eftekhazadeh

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Watershed Area	Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Ballona Creek Dry Weather Flow Treatment Project
Project Lead	SEITec
Total Funding Requested	\$13,100,000
Project Type	Dry

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algae is not a TMDL Unclear justification for treatment volume Applicant noted targeting algae will lead to the treatment of bacteria
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	20	30	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unclear Justification for water supply volume
Water Supply Part 2	2	12	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant provided their own adjustments for water supply Complex infrastructure system for the size of the project. Concern for how the project would get permitted and operated at a school
Community Investment	10	10	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant claiming recreational benefit by improving water quality in the channel
Nature-Based Solutions	12	15	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant provided a neighborhood council letter of support
TOTALS	68	110	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A technical support grant may be a better fit at this point. Or if the applicant can retrieve the permit and agreement from the property owners.

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Watershed Area	Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Ballona Creek Low Flow Diversion Project
Project Lead	SEITec
Total Funding Requested	\$14,951,000
Project Type	Dry

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	•
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	20	30	20	•
Water Supply Part 1	13	13	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19ft high rubber dam is concerning with potential dangers or safety concerns, does not affect score. • Applicant noted the application includes examples of similarly tall rubber dams • Unclear if Hyperion has capacity to treat this supply. JR Noted Hyperion is targeting to use 100% of the flow.
Water Supply Part 2	12	12	12	•
Community Investment	5	10	5	• Additional justification would be beneficial, does not affect score
Nature-Based Solutions	5	15	0	• Applicant claims gravity for NBS, which does not meet the intent of the NBS category in the context of SCW.
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	0	• Applicant did not have a letter of support from any community entities (NGO, CBO, etc)
TOTALS	79	110	70	• Very similar to a second project proposed for Ballona Creek

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Watershed Area	Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Ballona Creek TMDL Project
Project Lead	City of Los Angeles, LA Sanitation and Environment
Total Funding Requested	\$15,000,000
Project Type	Dry

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	•
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	20	30	20	•
Water Supply Part 1	13	13	13	•
Water Supply Part 2	12	12	12	•
Community Investment	5	10	5	•
Nature-Based Solutions	5	15	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project provides some greening, would be helpful to have additional detail on this portion of the project. • Does not impact score.
Leveraging Funds Part 1	6	6	6	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	4	•
TOTALS	85	110	85	•

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Watershed Area	Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Blackwelder Tract Lower Ballona Creek Green BMPs and Landscape Improvement Project
Project Lead	California Greenworks, Inc.
Total Funding Requested	\$5,848,774
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	7	20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project targets treating the 85th percentile Applicant uses an aggregate number for the design elements, which is difficult to confirm. The applicant uses an assumed draw down rate, which is not based on any Geotech study. Drawdown rate should be closer to 1 in/hr to match the 85th. Cost per capacity would go up due to less treatment volume. Estimated 0.28 Capacity/\$M \$5M for a 5ac treatment area seems high
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	30	•
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	•
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	•
Community Investment	10	10	10	•
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	•
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	4	•
TOTALS	61	110	54	•

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Watershed Area	Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Hayden Tract Lower Ballona Creek Green BMPs and Landscape Improvement Project
Project Lead	California Greenworks, Inc.
Total Funding Requested	\$5,120,579
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5M for a 14ac treatment area seems high • Applicant uses a high 2.5 in/hr infiltration rate. Assumes treating double the 85th percentile • 1 in/hr is more reasonable. This is still an 85th percentile project • Estimated 0.6 (capacity/\$M)
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	30	•
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	•
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	•
Community Investment	10	10	10	• Additional justification would be beneficial. Does not affect score.
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	•
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	•
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	4	•
TOTALS	74	110	65	•

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Watershed Area	Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Normandie Ave ES - DROPS and Paving
Project Lead	Los Angeles Unified School District
Total Funding Requested	\$5,213,778
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There's no plans, cost estimate, or hydrology. Applicant uses a 15.1 in/hr infiltration rate, which brings 24-hr capacity to 25 ac-ft in one day, which seems high. Needs justification. Applicant should go back in to assume 85th volume. Estimated 0.2 AF/\$5M will yield a score of 0 Total inflow volume in application shows 0 ac-ft. Need to show hydrology \$5M for 3ac treatment area Percolation test may not have allowed hours of pre-soak to validate infiltration rate
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant to provide hydrology
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	10	10	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional details on the planting would have been helpful. Does not impact score.
Nature-Based Solutions	11	15	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	0	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC noted there should be some level of community support for this project, which could potentially raise score.
TOTALS	71	110	Unable to Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant to find additional justification, construction cost breakdown.

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Watershed Area	Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Slauson Connect Clean Water Project
Project Lead	Corvias Infrastructure Solutions, Geosyntec Consultants
Total Funding Requested	\$4,898,440
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	11	20	?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.7 in/hr drawdown rate seems high, need additional justification to verify this rate. Otherwise will not score higher than 60pts. 24-hr volume seems high as well, estimated 1.7 ac-ft Applicant to follow-up and provide additional justification.
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	25	30	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant used their own modeling results.
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	10	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not enough backup justification provided. Unclear what "maximum extent feasible" means. Needs additional justification. Access to waterway seems questionable, additional justification would be beneficial. Intent to greening of Schools benefit does would not include after schools program.
Nature-Based Solutions	12	15	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of support from the Vermont Slauson Development company (business incubator). Intent is to be from a CBO, NGO, etc. Applicant noted the project has been developed in coordination with the community and neighborhood councils.
TOTALS	62	110	Unable to Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project seems closer to a concept, not fully fleshed out currently. Project may be geared more towards a design phase, or TRP Project applicant noted \$0 needed for the first year.

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Watershed Area	Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Venice High School Comprehensive Modernization Project
Project Lead	Los Angeles Unified School District
Total Funding Requested	\$6,088,250
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 in/hr infiltration rate and 9ac-ft capacity seem high Cost breakdown is hard to follow, not possible to parse out the cost of the water quality components. Additional justification needed Applicant noted the 7 ac-ft is infiltrated with additional for storage which leads to 9ac-ft Project is designed as a flood project, with a much higher volume than the 85th percentile volume. Overdesigned for the 85th Applicant to follow-up with additional detail to the WASC
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	10	10	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More detail would be beneficial on the Flood Risk Mitigation benefit. Does not impact score.
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	0	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A school based project should have been able to secure letters from the community, PTA, etc.
TOTALS	70	110	70	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Watershed Area	Central Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Webster MS - DROPS
Project Lead	Los Angeles Unified School District
Total Funding Requested	\$1,632,382
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Plans, no cost, no hydrology. Not possible to score or validate. Project designed for much higher than the 85th. Overdesigned. Applicant to follow-up with needed information.
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	0	12	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	5	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal detail provided for the greenery. Would be beneficial to see more details and justification.
Nature-Based Solutions	10	15	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	0	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A school-based project should have been able to secure letters from the community, PTA, etc.
TOTALS	65	110	Unable to Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Watershed Area	South Santa Monica Bay
Project Name	Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project
Project Lead	City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation and Environment
Total Funding Requested	\$12,183,000
Project Type	Wet

Scoring Section	Applicant Score	Maximum Points	Scoring Committee Score	Notes
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather Part 1	20	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overdesigned for the 85th, project captures for a full rainy season for irrigation purposes.
Water Quality Wet + Dry Weather (30 pts) Part 2 Dry Weather (20 pts) Part 2	30	30	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 1	0	13	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Water Supply Part 2	2	12	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Community Investment	5	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant provided very good justification for CI benefits.
Nature-Based Solutions	11	15	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 1	0	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Leveraging Funds Part 2	4	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
TOTALS	72	110	72	<ul style="list-style-type: none">