

Safe, Clean Water Program

Central Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Monday, January 4, 2021
1:00pm - 4:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

Carolina Hernandez* (LACFCD)
E.J. Caldwell (West Basin)
Art Castro* (LADWP)
Sheila Brice (Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation)
Darryl Ford* (Los Angeles Recreation and Parks)
Rita Kampalath (LA County CEO)
Gloria Walton (The Solutions Project)
Alysen Weiland* (PSOMAS)

Bruce Reznik (LA Waterkeeper)
Hany Demitri* (West Hollywood)
Charles Herbertson (Culver City)
Max Podemski (Los Angeles)
Rafael Prieto* (Los Angeles)
Liz Crosson (Los Angeles)
Bruce Hamamoto (LA County)

Committee Members Not Present:

Curtis Castle (Santa Monica)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees

1. Welcome and Introductions

Liz Crosson, the Chair of the Central 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 December 17, 2020

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

Gloria Walton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Bruce Reznik seconded the motion. The Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from December 17, 2020.
(Approved, see vote tracking sheet)

3. Public Comment Period

One public comment card received, as follows:

A member of the public noted that Our Water LA requests the selection of WCs be based on six qualification considerations. A public comment card has been provided with the detail of the qualifications for this public comment.

4. Committee Member and District Updates

Bruce Reznik noted that the Scoring Committee has scored all CSMB WASC projects. Projects that did not make the Threshold Score will be allowed to resubmit additional information per the consensus in the last Scoring Committee meeting. Meeting(s) to score any projects that require resubmittal of additional

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project information is yet to be scheduled. Finally, Bruce Reznik recommended that applicants with projects that required additional information to update the applications in a timely manner as instructed by the District.

Kirk Allen provided the District update: noting most of the fund Transfer Agreements have been executed. District staff is currently reviewing Annual Plans which will be posted on the Safe, Clean Water Program website for public review. Annual Plans for the following year are due in April 2021. All Regional Transfer Agreements for Round 1 funding have been distributed to all applicants and the District has begun receiving and reviewing the scopes of work.

Today's CSMB WASC meeting is focused on the WC interviews. Thus far, there have been 37 interviews conducted and 5 pending interviews, once conducted, will conclude the first round of WC interviews.

5. Discussion Items:

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosures

Bruce Reznik is part of Our Water LA and has had outside discussions regarding the WC general process but avoided any further discussions on the subject.

Liz Crosson noted to have had discussions with Geosyntec regarding the San Fernando Green Streets Alternative Delivery Project.

b) Watershed Coordinator Selection

i. Process Overview

During the interview process, District staff will read each interview question and have it presented on the screen. Each potential WC will be allowed 20 minutes to answer all the questions. District staff will manage a timer and provide a time remaining reminder to the interviewees at the end of the interview and then 10 minutes will be allowed for follow up questions and answers. Committee members were sent the set of WC interview questions, note-taking sheet, the WC roles/responsibilities, and each WC's Statement of Qualifications (SOQs). It is important to write notes to remember critical information when voting at the next meeting, or should the Committee member present at today's meeting not be present at the following meeting (in this case, the meeting notes should be passed onto the alternate member). If any of the Committee members have a financial link to any of the WC interviewees, these Committee members must recuse and remove themselves from the WC selection process. For WC applicants that did not meet the scoring threshold, debriefing meetings have already been scheduled with LA County Public Works' Contracts Division.

ii. Interview

The following firms and respective presenters answered all of the WC interview and individual WASC member questions.

(1) Environmental Outreach Strategies.

WASC individual member with specific questions after the interview was Charles Herbertson.

(2) Heal The Bay

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WASC individual members with specific questions after the interview were Charles Herbertson, Bruce Reznik, and Liz Crosson.

(3) Richard Watson & Associates Inc.

WASC individual member with specific questions after the interview was Charles Herbertson.

6. Public Comment Period

No public comments received.

7. Voting Items

- a) Selection of Watershed Coordinators for the Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area
Item was held for next meeting.

8. Meeting Schedule

- a) 1st Monday, 1-3PM (placeholder from February to April 2021)
- b) 3rd Thursday, 10AM-12PM (ongoing)

9. Items for next agenda

- a) Watershed Coordinator Selection
- b) Presentations from FY21-22 Project Applicants

10. Adjournment

Liz Crosson thanked the WASC 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 (Item Held)
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen		Carolina Hernandez	X	Y	
Agency	West Basin MWD	E.J. Caldwell	X	Alex Heide		Y	
Agency	LA Water & Power	Delon Kwan		Art Castro	X	Y	
Agency	LA Sanitation District	Sheila Brice	X	Michael Scaduto		Y	
Agency	LA Recreation & Parks	Cathie Santo Domingo		Darryl Ford	X	A	
Community Stakeholder	LAC Chief Sustainability Office	Rita Kampalath	X	Gary Gero		Y	
Community Stakeholder	Lipa Consulting Company /	Jacob Lipa		Alysen Weiland	X	Y	
Community Stakeholder	The Solutions Project	Gloria Walton	X	Gloria Medina		X	
Community Stakeholder	LA Waterkeeper	Bruce Reznik	X	Kim Martin		X	
Community Stakeholder							
Municipal Members	Beverly Hills /	Josette Descalzo		Hany Demitri	X	Y	
Municipal Members	Culver City	Charles Herbertson	X	Kim Braun		Y	
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Max Podemski	X	Ackley Padilla		Y	
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Jeff Camp		Rafael Prieto	x	(not present)	
Municipal Members	Los Angeles	Liz Crosson	X	Susie Santilena		Y	
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	Bruce Hamamoto	X	Armando D'Angelo		Y	
Municipal Members	Santa Monica	Curtis Castle		George Rodriguez			
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yay (Y)	11	0
Total Voting Members Present		15			Nay (N)	0	0
Agency		5			Abstain (A)	1	0
Community Stakeholder		4			Total	12	0
Municipal Members		6				Approved	Not Approved

Other Attendees	
Adi Liberman	Melina Watts
Annelisa Moe	Michelle Reed
Arlene Guzman	Mikaela Randolph
Armando D'Angelo	Nancy Shrodes
Berlinda Faustinos	Nichole Heil
Benjamin Shorofsky	Paul Choy
Brenda Morales	Richard Watson
Brett Perry	Shahram Kharaghni
Conor Mossavi	Shelley Luce
Derek Steele	Susie Satilena
Ilene Ramirez	Viviana Franco
Jennifer Amarant	Wendy Dinh
Johanna Chang	Miguel Luna
Jon Ball	Stephen Groner
Joyce Amaro	Jim Sparber
Katherine Pease	April Mendez
Katie Harrel	
Kim Braun	
Kimberly Henry	
Lena Nguyen	
Mara Luevano	
Matt Frary	