

Safe, Clean Water Program

Central Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Thursday, December 17, 2020
10:00am - 12:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Attendees

WASC Members Present:

Cung Nguyen (LACFCD)	Josette Descalzo (West Hollywood)
EJ Caldwell (West Basin)	Charles Herbertson (Culver City)
Art Castro* (LADWP)	Max Podemski (Los Angeles)
Sheila Brice (LA Bureau of Sanitation)	Rafael Prieto* (Los Angeles)
Rita Kampalath (LA County CEO)	Liz Crosson (Los Angeles)
Alysen Weiland* (Lipa Consulting)	Bruce Hamamoto (LA County)
Gloria Walton (SCOPE)	Curtis Castle (Santa Monica)
Bruce Reznik (LA Waterkeeper)	

WASC Members Not Present:

Cathie Santo Domingo (LA Rec & Parks)

*WASC 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 WASC members made self-introductions, and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2020

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

Gloria Walton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Josette Descalzo seconded the motion. The WASC voted to approve the meeting minutes. (unanimous)

3. Public Comment Period

No public comments received.

4. Committee Member and District Updates

Kirk Allen provided the District update noting: the launch of the SCW Portal and Dashboard, the Scoring Committee has begun scoring projects for CSMB, all municipal transfer agreements have been sent out and the District has begun receiving annual plans, all regional transfer agreements are now out and the District has begun receiving scopes of work, and program reporting will likely begin in July.

Gloria Walton noted she is no longer the CEO but is still the representative on behalf of SCOPE. She is now the CEO for The Solutions Project.

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5. Discussion Items:

a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosures

Bruce Reznik noted that he is part of the Scoring Committee, and that he has had meetings with Our Water LA Coalition and District Staff, but that meetings were not related to today's agenda.

Alysen Weiland noted that she will be a non-voting member this year, as there is an application submitted by PSOMAS.

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 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 conducted the WC interviews by answering all of the interview questions and individual WASC member questions.

(1) S. Groner Associates Inc.

WASC individual members with specific questions after the interview were Charles Herbertson, Bruce Reznik, Josette Descalzo, and Gloria Walton.

(2) Fresh Coast Capital, LLC dba Greenprint Partners

WASC individual members with specific questions after the interview were Liz Crosson and Curtis Castle.

6. Public Comment Period

No public comments received.

7. Voting Items:

None

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8. Items for next agenda

- a) 1st Monday, 1-3PM (placeholder from January to April 2021)
- b) 3rd Thursday, 10AM-12PM (ongoing)
- c) For WC Selection:
 - i) Monday, 1/4 from 1-4PM – scheduled
 - ii) Thursday, 1/21 from 10AM-12PM – scheduled (if needed)

9. Items for next agenda

- a) Watershed Coordinator Selection
 - i) Interview
 - (1) Environmental Outreach Strategies
 - (2) Heal The Bay
 - (3) Richard Watson & Associates Inc.

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				Items
Member Type	Organization	Member	Voting?	Alternate	Voting?	Meeting Minutes
Agency	LACFC	Cung Nguyen	X	Carolina Hernandez		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		
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			Y
Community Stakeholder	LA Waterkeeper	Bruce Reznik	X	Kim Martin		Y
Community Stakeholder						
Municipal Members	Beverly Hills /	Josette Descalzo	X	Hany Demetri		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	Y
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	X	George Rodriguez		Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats		16			Yay (Y)	15
Total Voting Members Present		15			Nay (N)	0
Agency		4			Abstain (A)	0
Community Stakeholder		4			Total	15
Municipal Members		7				Approved

Other Attendees	
April Mendez	Juan Diez-Carreras
Aric Torreyson	Justin Jones
Benjamin Sorofsky	Katherine Pease
Brenda Morales	Katie M
Brett Perry	Kim Braun
Bronwyn Kelly	Lauren Amimoto
Chanel Kincaid	Ly Nguyen
Conor Mossavi	Michael Scaduto
Danielle Chupa	Nick S
Gustavo Orozco	Shahram Kharaghani
Jim Burton	Sheila Brice
Jim Sparber	Stephen Groner
Johanna Chang	Taraneh Nik-Khah
Jon Ball	Wendy Dinh