

Safe, Clean Water Program

North Santa Monica Bay

Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC)



Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
10:00am - 12:00pm
WebEx Meeting

Attendees

Committee Members Present:

Cung Nguyen (LACFCD)
David Pedersen (LVMWD)
Madelyn Glickfeld (UCLA)
Doug Marian (CPMCA)
Kendal Asuncion* (LA Area Chamber of
Commerce)
Tevin Schmitt (WCFCV)
Kristen James (Community Stakeholder)

Jessica Forte (Agoura Hills)
Alex Farassati (Calabasas)
Joe Bellomo* (Hidden Hills)
Katy Yaroslavsky (BOS District 3)
Bruce Hamamoto (LA County Public Works)
Mark Johnson (Malibu)
Roxanne Hughes (Westlake Village)

Committee Members Not Present:

Dave Rydman (LAC Waterworks)
Chad Christensen (MRCA)

*Committee Member Alternate

See attached sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

1. Welcome and Introductions

David Pedersen, Chair of the North Santa Monica Bay WASC, welcomed the WASC and called the meeting to order. All WASC members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2021

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

Alex Farassati made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Cung Nguyen seconded the motion.

The Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes (14 Approved, see Vote Tracker sheet).

3. Committee Member and District Updates

Kirk Allen provided updates from the District, noting:

- First Annual Plans, which show how each City will expend their local return, are being posted to the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) website. 53 cities have received their annual payment, totaling approximately \$80 million. Next Annual Plans are due in April 2021.
- Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) online planning tool will assist in the programming of funds and project selection for the second SIP. SIPs are due in early May 2021 and will be reviewed by the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC), who will provide recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

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- Watershed Coordinators (WCs) - Letters of Intent and insurance requirements are being submitted to proceed with contract execution. A WC contract has been executed with Melina Sempill Watts Consulting (Watts) for this WASC.
- Deadline for round 3 call for projects is July 31, 2021
- Projects needing conceptual approval from the District need to be submitted two months in advance. Cung Nguyen recommended applicants submit requests for conceptual approvals during the Feasibility Study phase to streamline the process.
- Tax relief applications are due May 1, 2021. Low-Income Senior-Owned (LISO) properties are eligible for a full exemption of the SCWP tax if they meet the minimum income and age threshold. Also, there is a tax Credit Program for property owners who have invested in stormwater management infrastructure on their property. The deadline for submittal of applications is May 1st of every year.
- Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) met in January to discuss Water Supply and Nature-based Solutions. In February the ROC met to discuss Community Engagement and Disadvantaged Community guidance for the Regional Program.

Committee Member updates:

Jessica Forte provided an update on Agoura Hills Stormwater Treatment, Diversion, etc. Project. She indicated that the City has decided to move forward with the project by contributing \$1.25M in construction funding from the State, even though the project was considered un-scorable due to a disagreement on budget. The City anticipates submitting the project at a future call for projects.

Madelyn Glickfeld commented that there should be some way of communicating when a grant is misunderstood.

Madelyn Glickfeld provided an update that the Regional Water Quality Control Board passed a conditional waiver, that applies to all of the Park Agencies, the National Forests, the National Parks, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Rivers Conservation Authority, and any entity that owns lands in the County. The waiver requires that those agencies implement best management practices and other strategies to reduce trash and report its progress every year.

David Pedersen requested clarification on how a project deemed un-scorable could mitigate elements of the project that were considered deficient. Kirk Allen indicated that the Agoura Hills Stormwater Treatment, Diversion, etc. Project scope changed from its original application, therefore, the Scoring Committee recommended that the project be resubmitted during the next call for projects.

4. Watershed Coordinator Updates

Melina Watts was present at today's WASC meeting and informed the WASC that a draft work plan had been submitted to the District (contract manager) for review and approval as of March 9, 2021. She briefly described the types of outreach events and presentations that will be helpful for the WASC and the community.

5. Public Comment Period

No public comments received.

6. Discussion Items:

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a) Ex Parte Communication Disclosure

None.

b) North Santa Monica Bay (NSMB) Project Prioritization and Selection Discussion for populating the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Stormwater Investment Plan ([SCW Portal](#) & [NSMB Scoring Rubric](#))

Kirk Allen provided an overview of the interactive SCW Program Portal website and the different filters to locate project information.

i) Technical Resources Program (TRP)

(1) [Las Virgenes Creek Restoration](#) – Phase III – City of Calabasas

Alex Farassati provided an overview of the project. He indicated that developing a Feasibility Study will assist with the project concept criteria and scoring requirements.

(2) [Liberty Canyon Green Improvement](#) – LA County Public Works

Bruce Hamamoto provided an overview of the project. He indicated that the County, LACFCD, and the City of Agoura Hills would combine their efforts should TRP funding be awarded.

Cung Nguyen noted that LACFCD is developing a separate project concept report for Liberty Canyon that they will proceed with if the WASC does not approve the TRP project, however, he sees the potential in working with LA County on a joint project.

Madelyn Glickfeld asked if Caltrans would fund part of the feasibility study costs if Caltrans' storm drains were identified within the project. Allen Ma indicated that they have not initiated an investigation to identify drainage infrastructure in the project area. Cung Nguyen noted that the project is not within Caltrans right of way. Regarding the Water Supply investigations, Bruce Hamamoto indicated that the project is primarily a Water Quality project, however; that if the TRP funding were to be approved there would be an opportunity to consider Water Supply benefits as Agoura Hills has a larger drainage area.

Melina Watts (WC) asked if there have been discussions about this project with other agencies working in the area, like those involved with the Mountain Lion Bridge Crossing project. Bruce Hamamoto indicated that they had not engaged but stated that that would be part of the ongoing feasibility effort if the TRP were funded. Jessica Forte indicated she does not believe the two projects will interface geographically.

Jessica Forte asked if a water supply component would be included in the Feasibility Study. Bruce Hamamoto indicated that the project is in an early stage and that low flow diversion can be a component to consider.

(3) Watershed Coordinator

ii) Infrastructure Program (IP)

(1) [Viewridge Road Stormwater Improvements Project](#) – LA County Public Works

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Bruce Hamamoto provided a brief overview of the project. He indicated that a March 31st meeting has been scheduled to meet with the project area residents to answer engineering and technical questions and address any concerns the residents may have about the project.

David Pedersen asked how community concerns regarding the project will be addressed. Bruce Hamamoto indicated that some of the questions are engineering in nature. He discussed some of the community questions with the WASC regarding the project and the County's responses to addressing those concerns.

Madelyn Glickfield commented that it is important to have community support and, as the WC, Melina Watts should have conversations with the community to understand the community needs and the value of the project.

Roxanne Hughes commented that the project should incorporate Creek restoration, address downstream impacts and be more cost-effective.

7. Voting Items:

None.

8. Monthly Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be held April 14, 2021 10am – 12pm. The WASC will continue to have discussions regarding their monthly meeting schedule.

9. Items for next agenda

None

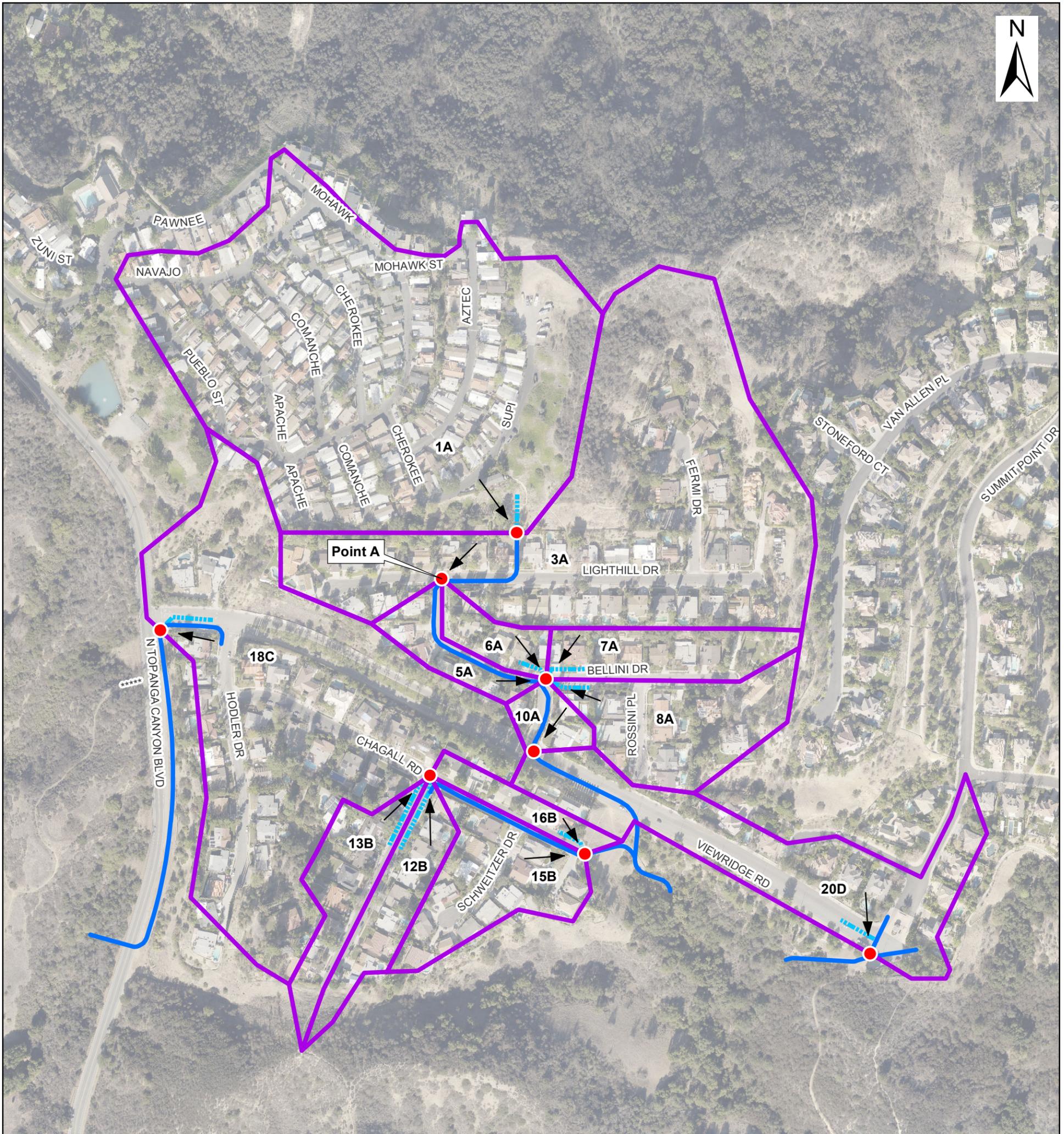
10. Adjournment

David Pedersen 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 02/08/21
Agency	LACFCD	Cung Nguyen	x	Carolina Hernandez		Y
Agency	LAC Waterworks District	Dave Rydman		Russ Bryden		
Agency	MRCA	Chad Christensen		Sarah Rascon		
Agency	LVMWD	David Pedersen	x	Dave Roberts		Y
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Community Stakeholder	UCLA	Madelyn Glickfeld	x	Richard Ambrose		Y
Community Stakeholder	CPMCA	Doug Marian	x			
Community Stakeholder	LA Area Chamber of Commerce	Jessica Duboff		Kendal Asuncion	x	Y
Community Stakeholder	Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation Ventura County	Tevin Schmitt	x			Y
Community Stakeholder	Community Stakeholder	Kirsten James	x	Fran Diamond		Y
Municipal Members	Agoura Hills	Jessica Forte	x	Louis Celaya		Y
Municipal Members	Calabasas	Alex Farassati	x	Alba Lemus		Y
Municipal Members	Hidden Hills	Kerry Kallman		Joe Bellomo	x	Y
Municipal Members	LAC Supervisor District 3	Katy Yaroslavsky	x	Sophie Freeman		Y
Municipal Members	LAC Public Works	Bruce Hamamoto	x	Allen Ma		Y
Municipal Members	Malibu	Mark Johnson	x	Christine Shen		Y
Municipal Members	Westlake Village	Roxanne Hughes	x	Phillipe Eskandar		Y
Total Non-Vacant Seats		17			Yay (Y)	14
Total Voting Members Present		15			Nay (N)	0
Agency		3			Abstain (A)	0
Community Stakeholder		5			Total	14
Municipal Members		7				Approved

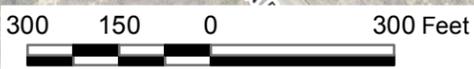
Other Attendees
Aaron Chiang
Allen Ma
Alysha Chan
Brenda Ponton
Kelsey Reed
Maritsa DRA Inc
Melina Watts
Rich Ambrose
Terry Dipple



HYDROLOGIC DATA

Location (as mapped)	Total Area (acres)	Total Area Q ₂₅ (cfs)	Total Area Q ₁₀ (cfs)	Total Area Q _{85th} (cfs)	Total 85th Percentile Runoff Volume (ac-ft)
Point A	42.5	115	84	9.60	2.387
Location (as mapped)	Subarea (acres)	Subarea Q ₂₅ (cfs)	Subarea Q ₁₀ (cfs)	Subarea Q _{85th} (cfs)	Subarea 85th Percentile Runoff Volume (ac-ft)
1A	23.9	65	48	5.98	1.731
3A	18.6	50	36	3.62	0.657
5A	1.3	5	4	0.33	0.059
6A	1.1	3	2	0.23	0.049
7A	2.5	9	7	0.64	0.111
8A	3.9	15	11	0.98	0.164
12B	2.3	7	5	0.50	0.097
13B	2.4	8	6	0.53	0.102
15B	3.6	12	9	0.86	0.160
16B	1.1	4	3	0.30	0.045
18C	17.4	54	41	3.68	0.758

*Point A consists of subarea 1A and 3A



ATTACHMENT A

LEGEND

- Subarea
- Existing Storm Drain
- Collection Point
- Flow Path
- 1A** Subarea Number

PREPARED BY
J. LIM

DATE
11/6/2017

SCALE
1" = 300'

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

VIEWRIDGE ROAD REGIONAL EWMP
HYDROLOGY STUDY
25-Yr, 10-Yr, and
85th Percentile Storms