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Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:20 PM
To: DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA
Subject: Cage Roller Hockey

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Hello, my name is Anthony Albano and I'm a parent and a coach for the Cage roller hockey organization for the past 7 years!

Since we moved our program to north Hollywood Frank has pretty much improved the rink added an electric scoreboard and many more things on his own, oh we received three park benches from you! This program not only teaches hockey to the young boys and girls, it's so much more, character building, social skills, teamwork, sportsmanship etc.

Now there is a slush fund that seems to disregard our organization.

We are in dire need for bathrooms at the rink in which the new bathrooms they added to the park is a 1/2 mile away, hard for grandparents aunts uncle and so on to get to.

The word is they will stop construction at the beginning of our rink.

Also we haven't even tapped into the north Hollywood neighborhood to invite the so many young boys and girls who would love the journey provided by our league!

Please help us I could go on and on but would love to sit with the people whom make the decisions for the new improvements for the park!

Again Frankie has dedicated so much time and effort and money to keep this program going in your rink!

Please reach out to us again this is an amazing program benefiting many many families.

Thank you and God Bless

Looking forward to hear from you

Sincerely

Anthony Albano

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Public Comment Form

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Comments

We need a new roller hockey rink in North Hollywood Park. My kids have been playing for Frank for 6 years, but the state of the park is abysmal. We need secure restrooms, lockers and a new surface. The current surface is cracked creating a trip and fall hazard for everyone who uses the rink. The local homeless population have turned the area next to the rink into a giant toilet and trash can, creating a severe biohazard situation. We frequently see them burning cooking fires. We don't feel safe there. We need secure buildings and services.



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Memorandum

Date: June 16, 2021
To: Safe, Clean Water Program Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area
Steering Committee & Staff
From: LA Metro Environmental Compliance & Sustainability Department
Subject: LA Metro Safe, Clean Water Program Policy Paper

We wanted to take the time to provide you with our feedback on some of the items we have been asked to consider by the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Area Steering Committee (ULAR WASC) in recent meetings as it concludes its work in preparing the Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP). We understand that this is a new program that is still changing, and we hope that our feedback can be useful in this evolution.

We understand that there are challenges this cycle given that the funding available is not enough to fully fund all of the applications and we have done and will continue to do everything we can to make this work from LA Metro's end because we believe that all public agencies have skin in the game when it comes to water resilience in our region.

Our two main issues are outlined below – the idea of accepting partial funding but still being required to deliver the full project; and agreeing to a cap on Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funding. We believe that the guidance and direction provided on these issues represent a substantial change to the program that we applied to back in October. We devoted significant public resources into applying for the Metro Orange Line Water Infiltration and Quality Project and we are currently trying to meet a very short timeline to respond to these changes.

Programming of Partial Funding

Metro is concerned that the Partial Funding Guidelines, which only permits Project Developers to receive partial funding if they can commit to constructing the full scope of the proposed project by supplementing with outside funding, is not workable for entities which do not receive Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Municipal Program funding or other sources of stormwater infrastructure funding. The Metro Orange Line Water Infiltration and Quality Project is unique in the fact that as a transportation agency, Metro owns long linear properties and ROWs. The proposed project consists of seven medium-sized hydrologically independent projects. Metro has proposed to move forward with the four most cost-effective sites, which will not affect the performance of the remaining sites since all the sites are hydrologically independent from each other. Metro wants to help the region achieve the goals of the SCWP and recognizes that the ULAR WASC has limited



funding and many beneficial projects for consideration. Metro wants to be a partner and help the program succeed.

In addition, there are several policy concerns that Metro would like to highlight about the current Partial Funding Guidelines.

- As written, the current guidelines exclude non-traditional entities in the water space, such as Metro, which do not have access to SCW Municipal Program funding or other sources of stormwater infrastructure funding.
- One of the primary reasons the County has articulated for only allowing programming of partial funding for projects that do not modify the project scope, is the SCWP has a complex scoring process and the project score must be maintained. While Metro understands these concerns, we respectfully would like to highlight that the SCWP score is intended for minimum eligibility for funding consideration and that the WASCs are advised that they may take other factors into consideration during SIP deliberations.
- While the memo titled “ROC Input for Potential FY 2021-2022 SIP Programming Guidelines” detailed the programming of partial funding as one of five policy issues for Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) considerations, the Partial Funding Guidelines were released without this item being agenized for ROC considerations. Hence, unlike the other policy proposals, there was no opportunity for public input prior to the release of the guidelines.

Operations and Maintenance

One of the most attractive and important features of the SCWP is that it is designed to provide long-term funding for operations and maintenance (O&M). The program was designed in this way based on the lessons learned from previous bond-funded initiatives, and with the understanding that many of the evolving stormwater capture technologies require ongoing optimization and maintenance.

At the June 2, 2021 ULAR WASC meeting, the committee approved a motion to cap Metro’s O&M request at \$5 Million. Moreover, at the recent SCWP Information Sessions for Round 3 Funding, SCWP staff advised that O&M funding should be applied for separately and only in five-year increments. It was advised that Project Developers may continue to reapply for O&M funding every five years. However, this provides no assurance that future funding will be received. By entering into a Transfer Agreement to receive SCWP funding, the Project Developer must ensure that the project “remains in good working order throughout the useful life of the Infrastructure Program Project using SCW Program Contributions.” If the ability of Metro to secure of SCWP O&M funding is in question, this may prevent Metro from continuing to develop stormwater



infrastructure improvements on Metro property, which go beyond our limited compliance obligations

In conclusion, Metro believes in the goals of the SCWP and wants to help the program be a success. Metro is a large landowner in the County and would like to serve as a model for how other agencies whose primary business is not water, can participate in the program. We look forward to working with you to help make our region more resilient for the communities we collectively serve.

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We need a new roller hockey rink in North Hollywood Park for the kids. We need basic things like bathrooms, locker rooms, new rinks, new playing surface, a cover or enclosure to protect from the weather.

We now have to drive to West Covina or Calabasas to play in a good rink. I believe a rink in North Hollywood can bring a lot of happiness to so many kids from North Hollywood, Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank, Valencia and other neighboring cities.

Thank you,

Marcelo Navia

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Subject: New roller hockey rink at north hollywood park

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Hello,

I have two young boys that play hockey a north hollywood park. They love the game and love spending time outside. I've attending many of their practices and games but find it very difficult to sit on the bleachers to watch there isn't any shade or covering for these bolstering g hot days or when it really windy a cold. Also, when the little guys have to use the restroom and there isn't a restroom for them to use guess where they're going? And while they play their bags and other other belongings are out sitting out for all to see and perhaps take. I do t know if you've ever been to this park. But I can say there are some questionable characters that hang out there. I feel it most important that included I. The new rink there be locker rooms, and restroom with doors and locks on them. And shades or covering over the bleachers. Please please please keep this park safe and clean for our kiddos!

Thank you for your time.

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The June 2nd, 2021 meeting of the ULAR WASC approved a motion to offer 70% (\$96.7 Million) of the requested funding for the North Hollywood, David Gonzalez, and Valley Plaza stormwater capture projects. The offer appeared arbitrary as there was no reasoning or justification given.

The ULAR EWMP identifies the North Hollywood Park as a signature projects and recommends a BMP storage volume of 38 ac-ft for a drainage area of 5,122 acres with an estimated capital + 20-year O&M cost of **\$19.6 Million** (Ref. Appendix 4, Pages 38-39/90). The ULAR EWMP makes no mention of other two projects.

So, why does the proposed North Hollywood project costs about 10X the estimate in the ULAR EWMP?! Also, what is the priority of the other two projects, not mentioned in the ULAR EWMP, for the SCW Program?

Please note that the ULAR EWMP estimates the total capital cost of implementing the EMWP at \$6.0 Billion, with O&M cost of \$210 Million per year. This dwarfs the projected ULAR watershed Measure W tax revenues and underscores the need for careful scrutiny, prioritization, and optimization of the proposed projects. The Program is simply in no position to do anything otherwise.

Therefore, this Committee must postpone any decision on including these three projects in the current SIP pending clear and credible resolution of the huge cost difference, and the priority of the other proposed projects.

Thank you,

