

Safe, Clean Water Program Governance Committee Meetings Recordings Policy

Background

The Safe, Clean Water Program Regional Oversight Committee (ROC), Scoring Committee (SC) and Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) meetings are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Flood Control District Code Sections 18.08.B.1., 18.07.C.4.f and 18.07.G,2.a.

Per Ralph M. Brown Act, <u>Section 54953.5.(b)</u>, any audio or video recording of an open and public meeting made for whatever purpose by or at the direction of the local agency shall be subject to inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1), but, notwithstanding Section 34090, may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the recording. Any inspection of an audio or video recording shall be provided without charge on equipment made available by the local agency.

Policy

As permitted under Ralph M. Brown Act Section 54953.5.(b), any recordings of ROC, SC or WASC meetings made by or at the direction of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) will typically be deleted after a period of 30 days.

The District does not post recordings of committee meetings on its website but will allow inspection of any recording pursuant to a request under the California Public Records Act made within 30 days of the committee meeting. If a timely request to inspect a recording is received by the District, the recording will be made available to the requestor for a period of 30 days from the date of the request.

To ensure transparency, the District makes detailed project information, summaries, and meeting minutes publicly available. These documents facilitate information clarity and allow for informed decision making and/or participation by any who may not attend a live meeting in person.

Individual requests to inspect meeting recordings can be submitted via email to SafeCleanWaterLA@pw.lacounty.gov within the 30-day retention period. These requests cannot be made on behalf of other interested parties. The District will respond to these requests in a timely manner to the greatest extent feasible.

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