

# Regional Oversight Committee

## Meeting Minutes



Thursday, June 15, 2023

1:00pm – 5:00pm

LA County Public Works Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (Courtyard) Conference Room C

### Committee Members Present:

Maria Mehranian, Cordoba/Former LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Chair

Kristine Guerrero, League of Cities, Vice-Chair

Lauren Ahkiam, LAANE, Chair

Belinda Faustinos, Retired NGO & State Agency Executive

Charles Trevino, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Diana Tang, Long Beach Water Department

Elizabeth Crosson, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Carl Blum, LA County Flood Control District (non-voting member)

Norma Camacho, LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Chair (non-voting member)

### Committee Members Not Present:

Barbara Romero, City of Los Angeles

Elva Yañez, Prevention Institute

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

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## 1. Welcome and Introductions

LA County Flood Control District (District) staff conducted a brief tutorial on WebEx and facilitated the roll call of Committee Members. All Committee Members made self-introductions and a quorum was established.

Kristine Guerrero, Vice-Chair of the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC), welcomed Committee Members, called the meeting to order, and encouraged Committee Members to verbally note their name before speaking so that participants know who is speaking. Vice-Chair Guerrero announced that the meeting was being broadcast live in Spanish. Vice-Chair Guerrero explained that the purpose of this meeting is to receive public comment for the Biennial SCWP Progress Report.

## 2. Public Comment Period

District staff compiled all public comment cards received by 5:00pm the day before the meeting, uploaded them to the SCWP website, and displayed them on-screen. Nine public comment cards were received and are available online. Participants on the Spanish translation line and call-in users were also invited to provide public comment.

There were no other public comments made during this agenda item.

## 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2023

District staff presented meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Committee Members shared appreciation for thorough meeting minutes that could be used to reference concerns related to the recent SIP transmittal package and inform discussion during the Biennial SCWP Progress Report (hereafter referred to as the Biennial Report) review today. Member Maria Mehranian motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Chair Lauren Ahkiam. The Committee voted to approve the April 20, 2023 meeting minutes with 6 votes in favor and 1 member absent at the time of vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet).

## 4. Committee Member and District Updates

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Member Norma Camacho announced the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board selected Susana Arredondo as its new executive officer.

District staff provided an update, noting:

- The Metrics and Monitoring Study (MMS) has developed a pilot process which will allow alternative ways for projects submitted in the Round 5 Call for Projects to receive points in the water supply category. The criteria factors the concerns that have been shared by applicants and stakeholders about inflation for cost effectiveness points and difficulty earning points for water supply benefit magnitude. Applicants at the time of their project submittal can choose to be evaluated under the existing criteria or the pilot criteria. A memo was sent to the Scoring Committee describing the pilot rubric. The pilot rubric was discussed at the May 24 and 25 information sessions for applicants to the Regional Program Round 5 Call for Projects.
- On June 6, the Board of Supervisors approved LA County Public Works' request to enter into a sole source agreement with the Water Foundation for the development and administration of a public education and community engagement grants programs as part of the SCWP. Details are being discussed between the Water Foundation and District staff.

District staff welcomed Watershed Coordinators from Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) and Santa Clara River (SCR) Watershed Areas to share updates within their respective watersheds.

Watershed Coordinator Adi Liberman provided an update on the ULAR Watershed Area by highlighting two outreach presentations that took place earlier this year. One meeting was with the LA Business Council where District staff presented achievements of the SCWP to date. Following the presentation and in response to the audience's expressed interest, the group took a tour of the Hyperion Water Treatment Plant to learn more about water projects. The second presentation engaged the LA Federation of Businesses (BizFed), who played a role in the formulation of Measure W. BizFed's annual Water and Climate Resiliency Forum allowed Watershed Coordinator Liberman to introduce the SCWP to over 150 attendees. Watershed Coordinator Liberman highlighted that many members within the business community were impressed with the amount of water that will be captured by approved projects in the SCWP, in light of the significant rainfall this past season. Watershed Coordinator Liberman noted that participants did not mention the parcel tax at any of the events and concluded that it no longer seems to be a prominent issue for the business community.

Watershed Coordinator Amanda Begley from SCR Watershed Area provided context on the Santa Clara Watershed noted that large areas of unincorporated county are within the Watershed Area, in which a high number of people own private wells and septic systems and are usually not considered for SCWP projects. Watershed Coordinator Begley noted that one task of the Watershed Coordinators is to leverage outside resources for unincorporated communities and bridge the gap in project development. Watershed Coordinator Begley described how the State-funded Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program (WaterTalks) has leveraged over \$2 million of activity in the watershed area. Through WaterTalks, the Watershed Coordinator team has supported the community of Acton with longstanding flooding concerns. The program brought technical assistance and engineering teams to explore alternative approaches to address flooding while also engaging Los Angeles County Public Works. The final report for this project will be submitted this year.

Vice-Chair Guerrero and Chair Ahkiam thanked both Watershed Coordinators for the updates and for continuous efforts in bringing together different stakeholders through community engagement activities. Upon inquiry, Watershed Coordinator Liberman explained that many stakeholders and community organizations share a perspective that the SCWP is oversubscribed and therefore highly competitive. Nonetheless, the Watershed Coordinator team continues to encourage community organizations and non-governmental organizations to apply.

Member Carl Blum noted that the Regional Program receives 50% of funding compared to cities, which receive 40% of funding, and asked how watershed coordinators are working to engage smaller cities. Member Blum shared that smaller cities seem to remain only partially integrated and noted that engaging

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them is important, as water is shared throughout the watershed regardless of political boundaries. Watershed Coordinator Liberman noted that the Watershed Coordinator team meets with city officials to coordinate on the SCWP. Member Belinda Faustinos suggested inviting the Lower San Gabriel River WASC to share their approach of documenting a strategy for considering projects each year, with a focus on supporting smaller project applications. Member Faustinos asked the Committee to consider suggesting that other WASCs establish similar strategies for supporting small, medium, and large projects.

Vice-Chair Guerrero mentioned that watershed coordinator updates are beneficial for the ROC's review process and asked District staff to include them in future ROC meeting agendas.

Upon inquiry, District staff confirmed that the Biennial Report is for the Regional, Municipal, and District programs.

Member Blum commented on Watershed Coordinator Begley's update about the community of Acton and noted that the approach taken was proactive instead of reactive; a model that could be implemented more frequently in the SCWP.

### **5. Ex Parte Communication Disclosures**

Vice-Chair Guerrero disclosed a meeting in May with LA Waterkeeper staff related to the letter submitted to the SCWP regarding the Biennial Report.

Member Faustinos disclosed general ARLA and LA Waterkeeper staffing meetings where the Biennial Report was mentioned.

Chair Ahkiam mentioned that LAANE is part of the OurWaterLA coalition and therefore has been part of meetings where the Biennial Report is mentioned.

### **6. Discussion of Selection of ROC Chairs**

District staff described the selection process of ROC Chairs and Vice-Chairs and invited Committee Members to a discussion. District staff clarified that the current Chair and Vice-Chair will continue to facilitate this meeting regardless of the voting outcome.

Member Faustinos shared willingness to take one of the leadership roles if needed. Chair Ahkiam expressed willingness to step down. Committee Members nominated Vice-Chair Guerrero as the Chair of the Committee and nominated Member Faustinos as the Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Guerrero and Member Faustinos accepted the nominations.

Upon inquiry, Chair Ahkiam clarified the differences between the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Co-Chairs. Currently the Committee has a Chair and a Vice-Chair, and no Co-Chairs. Member Mehranian noted that it would be useful to highlight the new Chair's priorities for the leadership role and asked District staff to include this as a future agenda item.

### **7. Voting Items**

- **Selection of ROC Chairs**

Member Charles Trevino made a motion to approve Kristine Guerrero as Chair and Belinda Faustinos as Vice-Chair, seconded by Member Mehranian. The committee voted to approve the motion, with 6 votes in favor and 1 member absent at the time of vote (approved, see vote tracking sheet). The new Chair and Vice-Chair will begin responsibilities at the next meeting.

### **8. Presentation of ROC Roles and Responsibilities**

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Mike Antos (Stantec, Regional Coordination) gave a presentation on ROC roles and responsibilities. The presentation can be found on the SCWP website.

The committee had a discussion regarding the ROC's ability to make "recommendations for change", as phrased in the presentation. Antos explained that this item represents the breadth of recommendations that the ROC can make to support adaptive management of the program, from recommendations about SIP submittals to recommendations for the SCWP via the Biennial Report. Committee Members suggested that the phrase be more specific to clarify that the ROC is unable to make changes to funding allocations included in the SIP but can make recommendations to ensure the SCWP is meeting goals. The Regional Coordination team will modify the phrase to be more specific.

In reference to the process of SIP review, Vice-Chair Guerrero clarified that the WASC is not required to address the ROC's recommendations. The committee had a discussion on the District's ability to transmit SIPs separately to the Board of Supervisors. District staff and Regional Coordination explained that the ROC's role is to recommend to the Board of Supervisors which SIP should be approved, and which should not. Any SIP that the ROC does not approve can be reconsidered by the respective WASC for changes recommended by the ROC if warranted and if the WASC concurs with the changes..

In a situation where the ROC elects to not approve one or more SIP, the District must give the WASCs time for their reevaluation. If a WASC makes changes to the SIP, the ROC will reevaluate and reconsider. This period would cause a delay in the approval of the SIPs because there's a single transmittal to the Board of Supervisors that includes all nine SIPs, and the ROC's final recommendations. This year, District staff has tried to expedite the SIP transmittal process so projects can receive transfer agreements quicker than previous years.

While the committee appreciates that District staff are prioritizing executing transfer agreements, Committee Members voiced frustration with the inability to recommend SIPs separately without delaying the entire process. Chapter 18 of the Flood Control District Code Section 18.08 details the ROC's role in the SIP approval process. Member Blum noted that the ROC's responsibility is to evaluate the SIP transmittals as a whole and trust that the WASCs have scrutinized individual line items within a SIP. Antos shared the topics from the ROC's discussion from the April ROC meeting were discussed at length at subsequent WASC meetings.

Member Faustinos mentioned that discussion at the April ROC meeting was not focused on project preferences, but larger themes such as criteria for designating disadvantaged community benefits. Member Camacho added that the ROC did not have the tools to grapple with such policy issues and that the Biennial Report could help rectify recurring issues.

Chair Ahkiam requested that District staff investigate the possibility of attaching an addendum to the submittal package to address separate SIP submittals while working within the overall review timeline. Chair Ahkiam also noted that for the next round of projects, a clear review timeline should be communicated in advance to ensure that the ROC has time to consider recommendations for SIPs and WASCs have time to meet and address ROC recommendations, especially given the in-person requirements.

Some Committee Members maintain that the flexibility to review individual project is an important step of the ROC review process because each SIP is made up of individual projects. Member Diana Tang noted that there will be different ways to meet program objectives and that the ROC will need to ensure that projects do not just technically meet those requirements but align with the SCWP's overall vision.

Vice-Chair Guerrero hopes that these discussions and the Biennial Report will provide clarity to the WASCs and better define what is in the purview of the ROC during the SIP review process.

Antos continued the presentation on ROC roles and responsibilities. Antos explained that the Watershed Area Regional Program Progress (WARPP) reports are expected to be distributed at the end of June to the

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WASCs and the ROC. Member Camacho requested that District staff ensure that all other annual reports (Regional Program, Municipal Program, District Program) are distributed prior to the ROC's next meeting. Member Blum confirmed with District staff that appropriate lead times will be incorporated to the ROC's Biennial Report timeline.

### **9. ROC Meeting Timeline**

District staff shared a timeline for the 2023 ROC meetings:

- June 15: Input Meeting
- August 31: Data Review Meeting
- October 5: Draft Report Meeting
- December 7: Final Report Meeting

Vice-Chair Guerrero requested District staff send the data to Committee Members at least 2-3 weeks prior to the Data Review Meeting. District staff confirmed that they will be available to meet with individual Committee Members to clarify any technical information within the SCWP reports.

Chair Ahkiam voiced interest in hearing directly from applicants, whether from municipalities or other organizations, or whether the applicant received funding or not. Applicant input or suggestions could be helpful to the ROC in preparing the Biennial Report. The exact method to solicit these responses would need to be developed.

### **10. Public Comment Period related to the Biennial SCW Progress Report**

Vice-Chair Guerrero provided a reminder that the meeting was being simultaneously broadcasted in Spanish and that an interpreter was available online to translate public comments.

Of the submitted comment cards, one public comment is related to this agenda item and nine are related to general public comment. District staff shared comment cards onscreen and invited comment card authors to speak.

Claire Robinson (Amigos de los Rios) is a project developer within the SCWP and would like to see more non-profit organizations participate in the SCWP. Robinson advocated for separate funding allocations for small, medium, and large projects to reduce the effort that non-profit organizations face in the application process. In Robinson's experience, developing a 150-page application and meeting with engineering consultants creates undue strain on non-profits. The Technical Resources Program has great intentions but still has the same barrier to entry in developing an application. There is no funding for outreach during the application process, which impedes non-profit organizations' ability to engage with engineering projects. Robinson shared that Amigos de los Rios projects have been delayed due to administrative hurdles and confusion among permitting agencies. Robinson noted that non-profits are eager to engage and be successful in the SCWP but are currently facing many challenges in the way the SCWP is structured.

Vice-Chair Guerrero noted that Committee Member Elizabeth Crosson joined the meeting.

Zoe Vanderschmidt, Carus Newman, Maura Monaga, and Justin Breck allotted their public comment period time to Bruce Reznik.

Devon Provo (Accelerated Resilience Los Angeles (ARLA)) explained that ARLA created a working group comprised of three non-governmental organizations and three municipalities to evaluate different implementation scenarios of the SCWP. Using real watershed modeling data of Alhambra Wash, the working group produced 22 recommendations. The complete report is available on the ARLA website for review. Provo requested that the ROC review the working group's report and recommendations. ARLA is available to provide a more detailed briefing if given the opportunity.

Shona Ganguly (The Nature Conservancy) shared that with intensifying climate impacts in Los Angeles County and beyond, it is critical for the SCWP to invest in multi-benefit nature-based projects that include



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direct community engagement, workforce programs, green jobs, education, and equitable access. Ganguly referenced a previous public comment that smaller communities with septic systems that do not require an MS4 permit face more challenges when applying for funding and suggested that the SCWP prioritize engaging with projects that have benefits for the community and the environment. Ganguly mentioned that vegetated nature-based solutions should be prioritized, and nature-mimicking solutions should be separated from the definition of nature-based solutions. Ganguly expressed that the Biennial Report is essential to assess the SCWP as a whole and to embrace the program's adaptive nature.

Bruce Reznik (LA Waterkeeper) shared a detailed assessment of the Regional Program Rounds 1-3. The presentation can be found on the SCWP website. Reznik shared that LA Waterkeeper will follow up with a more detailed report citing specific recommendations. Reznik highlighted that the "additional research" section of the presentation is key for ROC members to review resources that have already evaluated the SCWP to date. Reznik also announced that LA Waterkeeper's SCWP Research Showcase presenting these recommendations will be held on July 27, 9-12 in Little Tokyo and invited ROC members to attend.

Maggie Gardner (LA Waterkeeper) recommended that the ROC allot adequate time to conduct a robust assessment of the SCWP, as adaptive management is a key component of the Program. The SCWP should implement proactive visioning, including accelerating hardscape removal, increase school participation, and increase vegetated nature-based solutions. The Program should create clearer definitions and metrics, implement sliding point scales, and develop monitoring dashboards to inform adaptive management. The education and workforce programs also need to be developed. The position makeup of the various SCWP committees also need to be examined. Specific recommendations can be found on the comment card available on the SCWP website.

Annelisa Moe (Heal the Bay) shared that the Biennial Report is the first opportunity that adaptive management recommendations can be shared with the County of Los Angeles Public Works and cannot be just another report. Moe highlighted specific recommendations that can be found in the comment card available on the SCWP website. Our Water LA Coalition, which includes Heal the Bay, will provide more detailed recommendations at future meetings.

District staff welcomed in person, online, and phone participants to provide public comments. There were no additional public comments in person, online, or on the phone.

### **11. ROC Discussion regarding input for the Biennial SCW Progress Report**

Member Blum was encouraged by the number of people and organizations that evaluated the SCWP and provided input. Member Blum suggested that the ROC capitalize on the research that has already been done and consider creating subcommittees to review recommendations. Member Blum also suggested going back to the WASCs to solicit recommendations for process improvement. As the first Biennial Report for a program with no sunset clause, Member Blum underscored the importance of the review. Member Blum mentioned that the Regional Program and Municipal Programs have been siloed into addressing either water supply or water quality. The ROC should review the Municipal Program annual reports as 40% of the SCWP funds are allocated to the Municipal Program. Many topics need to be addressed and Member Blum suggested prioritizing urgent topics for this review and flagging other topics for future reviews to realistically make effective change.

District staff shared a suggestion from the WebEx chat regarding the interaction between ROC and WASCs, that ROC members could attend WASC meetings so that concerns from the ROC can be expressed early on.

Member Camacho noted that ad hoc committees could be created to dive deeper into the different reports that have been developed by various organizations. Workshops could also be scheduled where WASC members and other entities that have provided recommendations for the Biennial Report are invited to participate in an interactive discussion. The committee confirmed with District staff that subcommittees would need to be comprised of less than five voting members and concern only advisory topics to remain

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compliant with the Brown Act. The feasibility of scheduling subcommittee workshops within the compressed schedule will be assessed by District staff.

Member Mehranian agreed that it is important for the ROC to hear from applicants and WASC members to inform adaptive management. The Biennial Report should also clarify scoring criteria, look into separating evaluation of design projects from construction projects, and determine how to measure the overall success of the Program. Funded projects now face delays due to post pandemic cost increases, yet the SCWP continues funding new projects. Member Mehranian noted that the ROC needs to agree on a definition of success, and whether the ROC should recommend prioritize funding for the completion of already funded projects over new projects. Member Mehranian added that as projects do get constructed, the ROC needs to determine a pathway for measuring and quantifying those project benefits in accomplishing SCWP goals. The ROC needs to consider how to address projects that fail to meet all SCWP criteria for implementation.

Member Faustinos recognized the work that has been done by groups and organizations such as ARLA and LA Waterkeeper and noted that stakeholder recommendations can be used to adapt the scoring criteria. Member Faustinos recommended an assessment, in coordination with District staff, of such recommendations to determine actionable and applicable items for the ROC to review. Vice-Chair Guerrero asked District staff if there is any documentation that provides an overview, comparison, and analysis of all the recommendations outlined in various stakeholder reports. District staff shared that an integrated comparison of reports does not yet exist, however, it may be difficult to consolidate a matrix due to the high number of recommendations. District staff clarified that the data review agenda item scheduled for the August 31, 2023 meeting is intended to review data from the Watershed Area Regional Program Progress reports, which is separate from input received by stakeholders. Member Faustinos suggested asking the organizations that have developed reports to provide input on which recommendations to prioritize. Additionally, Member Faustinos commented that in the current SCWP framework, there is no way to capture feedback directly from project proponents that did not succeed in their funding application and noted the importance of that feedback in understanding SCWP challenges.

Chair Ahkiam echoed comments about the importance of receiving feedback on the SCWP from both WASCs and individuals. Chair Ahkiam commented that the SIP tool on the SCWP website displays radar charts that demonstrate how each SIP distributes benefits across categories of Water Quality, Water Supply, Nature-Based Solutions, Leveraging Funds, and Community Investment. Chair Ahkiam recommended compiling averages across WASCs and program years and noted that the two categories that seem to be consistently low are Water supply and Community Investment. Chair Ahkiam noted that it would be beneficial to understand why schools have struggled to produce successful funding applications despite a great potential for water capture, water quality and urban greening. Chair Ahkiam expressed interest in understanding what capital funding has been covered by projects' labor agreement or community workforce agreement and to what extent projects are complying with the county's Local and Targeted Worker Hire Program.

Upon inquiry, Robinson provided additional details about the scale of some of the projects developed by Amigos de los Rios and noted that working with schools is particularly challenging due to the timeline constraints.

Upon inquiry, Reznik clarified that LA Waterkeeper's recommendation to implement a parcel-based program would involve multiple small projects that could be grouped into a single funding application. These typically include home retrofits but can also occur on commercial or industrial lots.

Committee Members considered how committees in which a high number of members are project applicants can create a dynamic in which project applicants are making decisions on each other's projects. Chair Ahkaim noted that there are not many community and Indigenous voices represented on committees, and pointed out that there is an intimidation factor associated with becoming a committee member and with actively participating in technical discussions.

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Reznik mentioned that there is an ongoing effort to develop a summary of stakeholder recommendations, including the Metrics and Monitoring Study (MMS) reports and reports prepared by ARLA, UCLA, and others. Chair Ahkaim asked District staff if that summary could be included as a discussion item during the upcoming data review meeting. District staff noted that the main focus of the upcoming meeting is to review reports required by the Ordinance, but if the summary Reznik mentioned has been developed, it could be added as an agenda item.

Upon inquiry, District staff noted that the radar charts shown in the SCWP website are point-derived and show only the average score for all projects in a SIP. District staff will investigate whether radar charts can be developed for projects across all the years at once. District staff will also verify if any submittals related to the Local and Targeted Worker Hire Program will be available for review during the next meeting. Finally, District staff noted that the WARPP reports are anticipated to include construction phase timeline details for funded projects.

Member Trevino left the meeting at 4:08 pm.

Member Crosson commented that since this is the first Biennial Report, and therefore there is no template to guide its content, it is important to ensure that the data and recommendations being reviewed are geared towards SCWP goals. Member Crosson noted that the reports developed by stakeholder groups, although external to the District and committees, are instrumental to the development of the SCWP. Member Crosson emphasized that these reports should be considered in the ROC deliberation process. Finally, Member Crosson noted that it is critical to understand, from a project proponent's perspective, why a project application was not successful. Member Crosson shared that, of the three overarching benefits sought by the program (water supply, water quality, and community investment), water supply and community benefits should be prioritized over water quality, which has a higher track record of success.

Member Camacho expressed support for Member Crosson's comments and shared that the SCWP could implement a partnership-based approach to supplement the grant programs. Member Camacho also shared frustration associated with permitting processes for multi-benefit projects and suggested creating a regulatory integration team to facilitate such procedures.

Member Tang inquired about One Water LA, an initiative led by LA Sanitation & Environment with the objective to bridge the gap between municipalities and water agencies. Antos added that the One Water LA initiative is, in simple terms, a partnership between LA Sanitation & Environment and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Mike Scaduto, LA Sanitation & Environment, noted that LA City is starting to revisit that initiative and its goal is to find alignment between stormwater and drinking water.

Member Faustinos thanked the District for its efforts to include Community Needs Assessments as eligible activities within the draft scope of work for the Grants Program. Member Faustinos shared information about Cutting the Green Tape, a policy effort of the California Natural Resources Agency for statewide coordination of projects that will provide community benefits. Member Camacho mentioned that the Cutting the Green Tape effort is currently focused on restoration projects and suggested thinking about ways to make SCWP efforts fit into that category.

### 12. Items for Next Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 31, 2023, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Items for the next meeting include:

- Summary of available SCWP reports to date
- Discussion of Biennial SCW Progress Report outline
- Subcommittee updates

Vice-Chair Guerrero emphasized that having the stakeholder reports as part of the data review is critical. Many of these stakeholders were part of the initial discussions around Measure W and others are now WASC members and therefore provide an additional perspective.



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District staff will work with the Chair and Vice-Chair to finalize next meeting's agenda.

The committee had a discussion about organizing subcommittees ahead of the next meeting. Antos reminded the ROC that it is an advisory body to the District, but that each ROC member is welcome to bring individual reviews to the next meeting. The committee decided that focus groups should still be organized to review the reports to provide advisory knowledge, but on more focused topics. Two focus groups will meet, one focused on community benefits and the other on water supply. Member Blum recommended that the focus groups use the stakeholder reports as an initial list of recommendations and prioritize the most impactful recommendations, as it would be unreasonable to tackle every single recommendation. Member Crosson and Member Blum will help facilitate the water supply focus group; Member Faustinos volunteered to facilitate the community benefits focus group.

The committee discussed how the MMS may inform subcommittee reviews; Antos clarified that the next meeting can include a description on what the MMS is covering so that the ROC does not recommend redundant studies.

District staff will add an agenda item to the next meeting for focus groups to share updates.

Committee Members requested that information and highlights from Watershed Coordinator newsletters be summarized for future ROC meetings.

The committee had a discussion on how to best solicit survey responses from previous project applicants. District staff noted that a survey could be considered in the future but not in time for the next meeting. Chair Ahkiam brought up the issue that certain approval requirements could delay responses from municipal applicants. The committee also discussed starting with targeted surveys for school applicants. A post-application survey was also suggested, which would collect data about the duration an applicant worked on the application, the amount of funding used for the process, etc. Antos mentioned that the Watershed Coordinators can share their perspective of working directly with project applicants to provide additional information for the Biennial Report.

The committee clarified with District staff and the Regional Coordination team that internal reports from the SCWP, and a description of the MMS scope will be presented at the next meeting. The committee encouraged stakeholders to summarize the SCWP evaluation reports and recommendations for that meeting.

### **13. Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Ahkiam thanked ROC members and the public and adjourned the meeting.

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	Quorum Present			
Member Type	Member	Present?	Approval of the April 20, 2023 meeting minutes	Approve Kristine Guerrero as Chair and Belinda Faustinos as Vice Chair for ROC
Voting Member	Maria Mehranian	x	y	y
Voting Member	Barbara Romero			
Voting Member	Diana Tang	x	y	y
Voting Member	Kristine Guerrero	x	y	y
Voting Member	Belinda Faustinos	x	y	y
Voting Member	Elizabeth Crosson	x		
Voting Member	Lauren Ahkiam	x	y	y
Voting Member	Elva Yanez			
Voting Member	Charles Trevino	x	y	y
Non-Voting Member	Carl Blum	x		
Non-Voting Member	Norma Camacho	x		
Total Non-Vacant Seats	9	Yay (Y)	6	6
Present	7	Nay (N)	0	0
		Abstain (A)	0	0
		Total	6	6
			Approved	Approved

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## COMMITTEE MEMBER SIGN-IN



Member Name	Municipality/ Organization	Email Address	Signature
<b>Voting Members</b>			
Barbara Romero	City of Los Angeles		
Belinda Faustinos	Nature For All		<i>Belinda Faustinos</i>
Charles Trevino	Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD		
Diana Tang	City of Long Beach		<i>[Signature]</i>
Elizabeth Crosson	Metropolitan Water District		<i>[Signature]</i>
Elva Yanez	Prevention Institute		
Kristine Guerrero	League of Cities		<i>[Signature]</i>
Lauren Ahkiam	LAANE		<i>[Signature]</i>
Maria Mehranian	Cordoba / Former RWQCB Chair		<i>[Signature]</i>
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>			
Carl Blum	Flood Control District		<i>Carl Blum</i>
Norma Camacho	LA Regional Water Quality Control Board Chair		<i>[Signature]</i>

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## PUBLIC SIGN-IN



First Name	Last Name	Municipality/Organization	Email Address
Larry	Tran	LACFCD	
Ryanne	Fossum	Stantec	
Amanda	Begley	TreePeople	
Mike	Schubert	LASAN - City of LA	
JAMES	CORTES-RIVERA	Day One	
Maggie	Gardner	Waterkeeper	
Bruce Reznik	Reznik	"	
Arl Liberman	Liberman	watershed coordinator	
Deron Provo		ARLA	
Annelisa <del>Wae</del>	Moe	Heal the Bay	
Raina Dwivedi	Dwivedi	CNRG	

**Attendance**  
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Adriana Quinones	Justin Jones - LACFCD
Alonso	Katherine Pease she/her
Amanda	Kevin H
Andrea Prado Iriarte	Kirk Allen
Andrew Gray	Kristina Kreter
Andrew Kim	Lidia Rivera Sp Interpreter
Ava Farriday	Marcela Benavides
Billy Berler	Mark Nguyen
Bruce Hamamoto	Maura Monagan
Call-in User_2	Melania Gaboyan
Carlos Moran	Melina Watts
Carlos Moran- ULAR Watershed Coordinator	Mikaela Randolph
Carolina T Hernandez	Mikaela Randolph
Carus Newman	Mike Antos
Charlotte Derby	Mossavi, Conor
Christine McLeod	Nancy Shrodes she/her
Christopher Vong	Paige Bistromowitz
Claire Robinson	Rafael Piamonte
Cynthia	Rochelle Paras Wilson
Cynthia G	Roxan Rivas
Darin Seegmiller	Ryanna Fossum Regional Coordination
Dee Corhiran LACFCD	Safe Clean Water LA
Donna T	Safe, Clean Water LA
Eric Bonilla	Sarina
G Kast	Serena Zhu
Haris Harouny - LACFCD	Shirley Fontanie
Heather Merenda	Shona Ganguly, TNC she/her
Ida Meisami LASAN	Susie Santilena
Irlanda. F Spanish-Interpreter	Tara Dales LLAR Coordinator
Isabelle Russell	Teresa Villegas
James Cortes-Rivera	Wendy Dinh LASAN
Janet Rodriguez Livesey	Willa
Jason Casanova, CWH	Yisak Kim - LACFCD
Jenny Chau	Zoe Vanderschmidt
Joe Venzon - LA County	gabriela gonzalez
John Mendoza	janet L
Julie Allen	sean phan LASAN