

Measure W – Safe, Clean Water Program Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Members Present: Patricia Huber, City Administrative Officer, Chair (CAO)
Matias Farfan, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
Ryan Jackson, Office of the Mayor (Mayor)

Staff Present: Jacqueline Wagner, CAO
Charlie Maranan, CAO
Blayne Sutton-Wills, CLA

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM.

Public Comment – Held

1. Minutes of the September 28, 2023 Regular Meeting

Disposition: Approved 3-0

2. Reports from the Department of Water and Power, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), and Bureau of Street Services (BSS) regarding Measure W – Safe, Clean Water Regional Program Round 5 (FY 24/25 SIP) Project Modification Guidelines and consideration of the City of Los Angeles' requests for additional funding

Patricia Huber (CAO/Chair) noted that due to the timing of receiving the report from the Department of Water and Power (DWP), the Committee would not be able to take any action, but would hear a verbal update.

Michael Scaduto (LASAN) presented details on LASAN Project Modification Requests (PMRs) for the three Watersheds. He noted that the information has been previously presented and that the PMRs would be considered at the same time as new projects submitted for Round 5.

South Santa Monica Bay Watershed - LASAN requests additional funding for two projects, specific to CD 15: 1) Round 1 - Wilmington Q Street Local Urban Area Flow Management Project, and 2) Round 2 - the Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project. There is capacity in the WASC to fund these two potential requests.

Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed – LASAN requests additional funding for two projects: 1) Round 2 - MacArthur Lake Rehabilitation Project, and 2) Round 1 - Ballona Creek Project.

Upper Los Angeles River Watershed – 1) Lankershim Blvd LAUFM, and 2) Round 2 Lincoln Park Neighborhood Green Street. Mr. Scaduto noted that a PMR request for the Oro Vista project will be submitted, but will not include an additional funding request. Funding will be provided with City funds. Regarding the other two projects, additional funding is requested starting in 2025-26.

Matias Farfan (CLA) asked what the deadline is for the PMRs. Mr. Scaduto responded that the deadline is November 30. Mr. Farfan followed up by commenting that the Council would not be able to approve in time and inquired if Oversight Committee approval would be sufficient. Mr. Scaduto confirmed yes, in the past, when met with quick deadlines,

LASAN has worked with the CLA to update the Council Districts. There was discussion regarding the disadvantaged community requirement as it relates to all projects and pertaining to the Oro Vista project in particular. Mr. Farfan's final question for LASAN was when the project shortfall(s) would begin / impact project development. Mr. Scaduto responded that the shortfalls would begin before 2027-28. The design would be completed, but the shortfall would impact the bid and award phase if funding is not secured.

Ryan Jackson (Mayor) requested clarification on how the request for future years is planned to be programmed into the stormwater investment plans (SIP) by the County. Mr. Scaduto responded by providing a timeline for approvals by the Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC).

Albert Kam from BSS presented the PMR for the Broadway-Manchester project. The project is requesting a modification for both scope and additional funding.

Ms. Huber (CAO/Chair) asked for clarification regarding BSS' request. Mr. Kam replied that the PMR allows for different types of changes to be requested and that a scope and funding change is requested. Mr. Farfan asked if the shortfall is the same as the request. Mr. Kam confirmed the amounts are the same. Mr. Jackson asked about the scope change and what technology is different. Mr. Kam responded that the cistern type was changed to be shallower.

Peter Tonthat gave a verbal update that DWP would submit PMRs for all six of their projects which are located in the Upper Los Angeles River WASC. Five of the six projects are requesting additional funding starting in 2025-26; the David M. Gonzales project is requesting funding starting in 2024-25.

Mr. Jackson asked what leveraged funding is contributing to the David M. Gonzales project. Mr. Tonthat replied that while most of the funding is coming from DWP, they are partnering with Trust for Public Land who has a TCC grant that can be used for the project.

While Ms. Huber was reading the recommendations for action, Mr. Scaduto requested to clarify that the authority requested is in relation to the additional funding requests rather than authority to submit the PMR as the submission of a PMR is in accordance with the project transfer agreements. Ms. Huber accepted the clarification as an amendment overall.

Disposition: Approved, as amended, 3-0

3. Other Committee organizational matters, as necessary

Action: No action.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.