

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

CLEAN BEACHES & OCEAN PARCEL TAX

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014

A regular meeting of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order by Chair Ford at 6:38 p.m., on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street, Santa Monica.

ROLL CALL Present: Chair Tom Ford
Vice Chair Kirsten James
Committee Member Steve Duron
Committee Member David Fetterman
Committee Member Grace Phillips

Also Present: Principal Civil Engineer, Rick Valte
Water Resources Engineer, Jessica Arden
Sr. Admin Analyst OSE, Neal Shapiro
Committee Secretary, Maria Dacanay

CONVENE On order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order at 6:38 p.m., with all members present.

CHANGE ORDER OF AGENDA At the request of staff, Public Input was postponed to accommodate a late public speaker. Seeing and hearing no objections from the Committee, Public Input was heard after item 4.

MINUTES 3. **Approval of the June 11 and September 10, 2014**, minutes were presented.

Motion by Committee Member Duron, seconded by Committee Member Phillips, to approve the minutes as submitted. Seeing and hearing no objections, the motion was unanimously approved with all members present.

CITY WELLS 4. **Discussion of city wells – location, accessibility and recharge**, was presented.

Water Resources Engineer, Jessica Arden, introduced herself and presented a map of the City's wells to the Committee Members.

Staff reported that: the City's wells are defined by different faults creating individual sub-basins; aquitards separate

aquifers into three zones (A, B and C) and water is pulled from Zone C (lowermost zone).

The Committee asked questions, including but not limited to, the production rates of wells; a definition of “model boundaries”; whether the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Act language prohibits the City from participating in infiltration projects outside the City’s boundaries that may benefit the City; and whether the Water Resources Division is collaborating with the Engineering Division on projects for the Enhanced Water Management Program (EWMP). Discussion ensued on the relevance of funding groundwater recharge projects with Measure V funds.

Staff answered the Committee’s questions and will report back on the entry point where water enters the City’s aquifers and whether aquifer recharge projects falls under the jurisdiction of the Committee and upholds the mission of the City’s Watershed Management Plan.

On order of the Chair, the information was received and filed.

PUBLIC INPUT

Committee Member Fetterman leaves at 7:19 p.m.

On behalf of his Santa Monica High School and Community College science students, Ben Kay, spoke generally in favor of item 5, and asked that the Committee consider installing a boom net at the Pico-Kenter storm drain and form partnerships with schools on their studies and efforts to prevent trash from entering the ocean.

END OF PIPE BMP AT PICO KENTER

5. Approval to support an end of pipe Best Management Practice (BMP) at the Pico Kenter outfall as an option for compliance with the Santa Monica Bay marine debris Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), was presented.

Staff gave a brief overview of the initial proposal to invest in an end of pipe debris BMP for the first 5-Year Plan. Staff learned in subsequent evaluations the true costs for installation and maintenance, as well as the effectiveness of the two solutions. Using this information, staff will conduct an updated cost-benefit analysis before proceeding with the best strategy.

The Committee asked questions, including but not limited to, factors that led previous Committee members from excluding an end of pipe project from the 5-Year Plan; the reduced trash load coming into the City after the City of Los Angeles begins to comply with the EWMP and locations of County owned storm drains in the City.

Staff answered the Committee’s questions and was directed to

return with an analysis, including background information for new incoming members, and a breakdown of costs for each of the three options.

Committee Member Phillips leaves at 8:01 p.m.

No action was taken and on order of the Chair, this information was received and filed.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT & 5-YEAR LID PROJECTS

6. Review of Quarterly Financial Report and Status of 5-Year LID Projects, was presented.

Staff reported that: \$5.8M was appropriated for capital improvement projects (CIP), \$19.6M was expended/allocated; a transfer of \$605K was made to the 34 Fund to prevent a negative balance; expenditures on the on-going Permeable Surface Alleys project went to materials and demolition/hauling services; the construction bid for the Parkway Infiltration Systems project is on hold pending the EWMP requirements; the evaluation report for the Storm Drain In Line Infiltration Study is in progress; the Marine Park Retrofit project is in the design phase and Carollo Engineering won the construction bid that is expected to be completed by summer 2015; plans for the Palisades Park Drainage Improvement project are near completion and construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2015; California Watershed Engineering won the design bid for the Los Amigos Park Retrofit project and staff is requesting an extension to use Metropolitan Water District grant funds on construction to the next calendar year; and aside from Permeable Surface Alleys, operational expenditures over \$5000 were spent on rent and contractual services to the City of Los Angeles regarding the EWMP.

On order of the Chair, this information was received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- Outgoing Vice-Chair James and Committee Member Duron gave parting words.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

On the order of the Chair, the next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Ken Edwards Center.

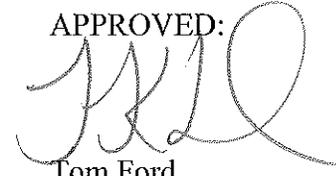
ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Chair, the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m., with Committee Members Fetterman and Phillips absent.

ATTEST:


Maria Dacanay
Secretary

APPROVED:


Tom Ford
Chair