



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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## Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Water / Storm Water Working Groups Joint Meeting

### MEETING NOTES

October 20, 2010

#### 1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:32am

#### 1.2 Self-Introductions

##### Attendees:

D. Dolphin	Alhambra
D. Bobadilla	Azusa
J. Petsas	Bradbury
S. Pedroza	Claremont
S. Esbenshade	Duarte
J. Burke	Glendora
M. Carney, H. Maloney, J. Cervantes	Monrovia
A. Castro	Pomona
M. Clark	Rosemead
A. Jensen	Walnut
N. Steele	LASGRWC
R. Alsop, M. Pestrella	LA Co CEO Office
M. Benavides	LA Co Flood Control District
J. Smith, B. Ruiz-Hoffman, K. Ricci	LA Co Parks & Rec
W. La	Watermaster
D. DeMers	SGV Conservation Corps
R. Romanek, D. Enos	Watershed Conservation Authority

##### SGVCOG Staff:

M. Creter  
O. Pena

#### 1.3 Informational Items

There were no changes to the June 1<sup>st</sup> Storm and September 8<sup>th</sup> Water Working Group Notes

#### 2.0 Discussion Items

##### 2.1 County of Los Angeles Water Quality Improvement Initiative

Staff from the Los Angeles County CEO's Office provided a status update on the Water Quality Improvement Initiative. With the passing of AB 2554, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (FCD) was given statutory power to collect fees for water quality services. Under a new fee structure the FCD would collect 10% of total fee revenues collected for program administration and 90% going to a Watershed Authority Group (WAG) comprised of cities whose boundaries fall within the identified watersheds. Of this 90%, 50% would be used for Water Quality Improvement projects and 40% would be returned to each city for water cleanup purposes, etc.

Under this framework, each city would have an equal vote for future water quality projects, but if a city is more than 40% of the entire watershed it must be part of the majority vote. Additionally, this new framework is not intended to take liability from cities' responsibilities.

The next step for the FCD is to work with cities and area COGs to garner support for a draft ordinance that is satisfactory to multiple jurisdictions. Eventually, the FCD will be required to put the ordinance to a vote by voters before any fees can be collected and distributed.

**2.2 Water and Storm Water Working Groups Goals and Objectives**

The Water and Storm Water Working Groups discussed the possibility of combining both working groups in an effort to improve the efficacy of meetings. After much input, a group consensus was reached to combine both groups to form a new group named the “Water Resources Working Group.” The group would focus on both water and stormwater issues so that any and all water related information can be presented in one meeting.

**2.3 Watershed Coordinator Update**

The watershed coordinator provided a general overview of upcoming clean up events around the San Gabriel Valley and an update on the status of watershed funding.

**3.0 Announcements**

COG staff encouraged the group to attend the City of Redondo Beach’s Binational Mayors Summit

**4.0 Items for Future Meetings**

Discussion regarding the goals of the new Water Resources Working Group

**5.0 Set Next Meeting Date**

The date and location of the next meeting is TBD

**6.0 Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58am.