

**Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC)
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 20, 2015**

Committee Members

Adi Liberman (Chair)	Craig Perkins
Mark Gold (Vice Chair)	Francine Diamond
Miguel Luna	Alina Bokde
Cynthia McClain-Hill	Teresa Villegas

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Rafael Prieto [Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)]

Blayne Sutton-Wills (CLA)

David Hirano [(City Administrative Officer (CAO))]

Alma Gibson (CAO)

Ted Jordan (City Attorney)

Kendrick Okuda [Bureau of Engineering (BOE)]

Ken Redd (BOE)

Shahram Kharaghani [(Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN))]

Wing Tam (LASAN)

Adel Hagekhalil (LASAN)

Bold indicates members present.

Note: The minutes below follow the order in which the meeting’s agenda items were discussed.

The COAC Chair called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. with six committee members present. The meeting was held at City Hall, Room 1070.

I. Approval of Minutes

Action: The meeting minutes for December 2014 and February 2015 were unanimously approved by the committee members present.

II. City Administrative Officer (CAO)/Chief Legislative Analyst/Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) representative update on Proposition O (Prop O) issues and Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) meeting

CAO reported AOC met on January 29 and approved moving forward with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Westchester Stormwater Best Management Practices project (now known as the Argo Drain Sub-basin Facility project). CAO’s report went through the City Council’s Energy and Environment Committee and is scheduled for Council approval by April 21.

CLA explained the steps for budget approval by the AOC and submission to the City Council. The COAC Chair requested LASAN provide at a future meeting on the information being presented to the City Council.

III. Discussion and Possible Action:

- **Verbal Presentation by Bureau of Engineering Regarding the Prop O Program March 2015 Monthly Report**

BOE reported the following:

- Machado Lake Phase I (Wilmington Drain, now known as Harbor City Greenway) – This project is finishing ahead of schedule and should be ready for a ribbon-cutting ceremony by early June 2015.
- Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation – Two COAC members toured the project with BOE. The dredged material is being tested as it is hauled away and has been found to be not hazardous, but not clean. Less than half of the contingency funds have been spent so far. The disposal sites for this project are a landfill and a disposal facility. The COAC Chair requested the names of the landfill and the disposal facility.
- Santa Monica Bay Low Flow Diversion (SMBLFD) Upgrades Package 3 Phase 2 – Tunneling has been completed, but caused settlement of the sand underneath the pavement of Pacific Coast Highway. An emergency change order was issued to start repairs. The project is now projected to be completed in July 2015.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action:

- **Verbal Presentation by the Bureau of Sanitation Regarding Project Status Updates**

LASAN reported the following:

- Argo Drain Sub-Basin Facility – The MOU is on the City Council's agenda for April 21. LASAN's opinion of Los Angeles World Airport's change in position to support this project is due to the Industrial General Permit, the expansion of the airport, Low Impact Development requirements, and the work done by staff and committee members in support of the MOU.
- Enhanced Watershed Management Plans – The five plans (for the Los Angeles River, Ballona Creek, Marina Del Ray, Dominguez Channel, and Santa Monica Bay watersheds) will help the City comply with 22 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and the requirements of the City's municipal stormwater permit. The watershed plans will go before the City Council for approval in May 2015.
- Prop O Audit – The auditors visited two projects - Echo Park Lake and Machado Lake. The auditors seemed to be impressed. The City is awaiting the audit report.

V. Discussion and Possible Action:

- **Future agenda items**

1. Status update on the City of Los Angeles getting Prop 1 funding and Metropolitan Water District funding for stormwater capture for water supply
2. BOE assessment of what could be left out of Prop O or 100% allocated.

3. San Juan Capistrano Water Recycling and tiered block rate structure (State Court of Appeals).
4. Taylor Yard River Project update.
5. Organizational Item – restructure meetings to be more efficient / quarterly meetings
 - a. No action in between meetings
 - b. Subcommittees
 - i. Evaluation of standards; water quality
 - ii. Outreach signage – outreach events; report on achievements; ideas and proposals
 - iii. Financial group – focus on getting funding and other financial issues

Public Comment: Ms. Joyce Dillard commented optimization should be on every agenda, baselines are not posted on websites, and committees should be open to the public. She also commented that someone should see if there was any integration with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

VI. General Public Comment

Ms. Dillard requested a correction to a statement regarding outfalls and baselines as captured in the February 2015 meeting minutes. Ms. Dillard was advised to submit a revision and then the minutes would be updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.