

**Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 15, 2015**

**Committee Members**

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

**City**

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 2:38 p.m. with six committee members present. The meeting was held at City Hall, Room 1500.

**I. Approval of the Minutes from prior meeting**

**Action:** The meeting minutes for April 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**

AOC is planning for a meeting in July, but no later than August. CAO is in process of working on reprogramming report. CLA’s office concurs with CAO report.

**III. Discussion and Possible Action:**

- **Motion by COAC Chair to Change COAC Meeting Schedule**

**Action:** The motion unanimously approved to change the meeting frequency to every other month. The Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee will be meeting every odd month, starting July 2015.

#### **IV. 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 – Construction is 44% complete. Mostly involving mechanical and hydraulic dredging of the lake, slurry is taken to the shore and dewatered. Dredging is 55% complete and is expected to end in September. Dewatered dredged material – water quality is good. Installation of the AquaBlok® (bentonite clay) semi-impervious liner will be ongoing throughout the summer. Vice Chair Gold requested site visit in July to see AquaBlok process.
- Harbor City Greenway (Wilmington Drain) – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be June 20<sup>th</sup> on site at 1:00pm; McCoy Ave at Lomita. BOE requested committee members to speak at Ribbon Cutting; Chair Liberman will attend and speak. \$8.47 Million was contributed (for flood control clean up) by County but to be clear this is not a County park measure project.

Public Comment: Ms. Joyce Dillard commented: Why will Albion be getting water from the LA River via Lauren Bon project? So much money was spent to buy the land, and the river is a wastewater dump; to use this for irrigation is wasteful use of money and was not addressed in Environmental reports. She also commented that Temescal Canyon and Penmar were mentioned at Board of Public Works meeting; these projects have been significantly altered compared to the concept reports. Have goals and targets in the concepts been met? Implementing EWMPs will cost a lot of money but so far measurable results have not been determined.

#### **V. Discussion and Possible Action:**

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

LASAN reported the following:

- Wilmington Drain – Ribbon cutting ceremony June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Prop 1 – Three lists compiled: (1) list of all projects with project description and dollar amounts that qualify based on “guidance of the past” since the guidance for Stormwater has not come out yet, (2) a combined list with Department of Water and Power, and (3) list of “shovel-ready” projects for 2015-2016. Once grants awarded, the projects will need cash-flow. Green Street projects are included in these lists. Depending on the category, some Prop O projects from the waiting list have made it to the potential projects that could be funded.

Committee member question: Where does the Prop 1 Public solicitation package for 2016 come from? SAN response: There will be a list when the guidance is finalized, in terms of how the money would be distributed, and a list of Resource Agencies disbursing the money.

- LAWA – Since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), many fronts have made progress and Public Works and LAWA have been meeting weekly and biweekly. They have been asking for a detailed cost accounting system for the \$7 million

lease agreement and detailed questions on design that the FAA wants to know. SAN is waiting for a draft of the lease agreement. They are asking if Hyperion Treatment Plant could take 60 cubic feet per second (cfs) when it could only permit 10 cfs. In terminology, “open space” is now referred to as “active recreation.” Originally, the Northside development project of LAWA was not originally part of Prop O, but is now part of the Argo Project. Factoring in the Northside has impacts in terms of flows and costs. SAN is discussing with LAWA staff. Chair requested copies of LASAN/LAWA MOU for committee members.

- Inner Cabrillo Beach – There is a motion to close Inner Cabrillo Beach and turn it into a Dog Park. Significant issues were raised: the regulatory part of the TMDL Beach with the Water Board; legal council must address the Prop O Bond proceeds to be spent; feral animals; land use conversion. The process would be long-term and contradict Prop O and TMDL compliance efforts at Inner Cabrillo. Chair and members voiced concerns and SAN offered to brief Councilmember Buscaino (CD15) to inform him of Prop O program and sunk costs.
- Prop O website: The SAN Prop O website is outdated, but in the process of being updated. Timely updates can be found in the BOE monthly report.
- Enhance Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs) – went before the Energy and Environment committee, good discussion, SAN has been asked to work with CAO to create a financial report. Will be before City Council on June 17.

Public Comment: Ms. Joyce Dillard commented that there should be better public outreach in regard to LAWA’s Northside and how Prop O fits in; public has not been included. Also, part of the problem with Inner Cabrillo Beach is the Water Board taking land use jurisdiction and taking streets and highway jurisdiction without any legal authority. Planning department (land use) is not looking at water issues; the Clean Water Act is not a land use act.

#### **VI. Discussion and Possible Action:**

- **Future agenda items**
  1. The COAC Chair requests a copy of the LAWA MOU from SAN for the committee.
  2. Restructure meetings – setting up the working groups and what they will look like moving forward
  3. Status of Optimization Report for Prop O projects will be provided by SAN in September, Member Luna requests specifically whether built projects could be augmented to capture more water
  4. Member Villegas requested for an update on Taylor Yard; after State budget

#### **VII. General Public Comment**

There were no other public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.