

Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC)

**Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 16, 2015**

**Committee Members**

<b>Adi Liberman (Chair)</b>	Craig Perkins
<b>Mark Gold (Vice Chair)</b>	<b>Francine Diamond</b>
Miguel Luna	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))]**

**Raoul Mendoza (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 2:40 p.m. with five 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 September 2015 were unanimously approved by the committee members present.

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

CAO staff provided a summary of the October AOC meeting. At that meeting, BOE presented project saving in the amount of \$13.7million from four different projects that were completed. These savings are no longer needed for project close-out and could potentially be reprogrammed for other projects. AOC also heard from a number of other project proponents that were presented. The AOC approved recommendations to reprogram project savings to the Aliso Creek and Machado Lake projects. Aliso Creek was already funded for the design portion of the project, so the added funds for construction were \$9.3 million. The Machado Lake project needed more funds to comply with permit-required activities as required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The total for the two projects was \$13.7 million. Subsequent to this allocation, there is about \$7.5 million that could possibly be reprogrammed for other Prop O projects. The next scheduled AOC meeting will be held in December.

Committee members requested that staff provide the COAC an opportunity to consider items such as reprogramming of funds prior to the AOC.

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

- **Discussion on potential Prop O projects**

- *Los Angeles River Greenway Trail Project, San Fernando Valley*  
Mark Kenyon, Executive Director of North East Trees, presented this project and requested \$395,000 from Prop O.
- *Water LA Phase 2 Project*  
Melanie Winter, Founder and Director of the River Project, presented the Water LA Project Phase 2 with justification for LA Sanitation and Prop O participation and requested \$800,000 from Prop O.

The Committee requested that LASAN staff review the projects and make recommendations on eligibility for Prop O. Action was not taken since there was not a quorum at that time.

*Public Comment:* Joyce Dillard comments that, going back to the bond, neither one of these projects qualifies for any of the four Prop O categories. Joyce Dillard believes private property is not allowed but may be covered under Prop 218 if it is an enhancement of each property. The second project looks like it is in the Los Angeles County Flood Control jurisdiction, and yet it is a private group asking for money. Joyce Dillard expressed the concern that the bond language does not allow for these projects and suggested that the Bond Council be consulted.

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

- **Verbal Presentation by the Bureau of Sanitation Regarding Efficacy and Optimization of Prop O projects**

LASAN staff presented water quality data for the projects that were undergoing optimization. Staff also discussed the efficacy of Low Flow Diversions (LFDs) and trash capture projects. This presentation was cut short due to time. At the subsequent meeting LASAN staff will resume their presentation covering ongoing optimization efforts and funding needs to ensure completed projects are fully optimized.

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

- **Future agenda items**

- Review the report that has come out of the AOC Committee
- Continuation of the Verbal Presentation by the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) regarding Optimization of Prop O projects and funding needs
- Consideration of the scope of the 10-year review of the Prop O Program
- Consideration of public education and outreach activities
- Consideration of the scope of the Workforce Development study relative to the impact of Prop O on employment

Committee members discussed the need to hold a special meeting in early December to consider the remaining items in the agenda and to completed allocation of the available funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.