

**Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC)
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 29, 2016
Special Meeting**

Committee Members

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

City

Rafael Prieto [Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)]
Jennifer Quintanilla (CLA)
David Hirano [(City Administrative Officer (CAO)]
Raoul Mendoza (CAO)
 Ted Jordan (City Attorney)
Laurie Rittenberg (City Attorney)
Kendrick Okuda [Bureau of Engineering (BOE)]
Ken Redd (BOE)
 Shahram Kharaghani [(Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN)]
Adel Hagekhalil (LASAN)
Wing Tam (LASAN)
Steven Nikaido (LASAN)

Bold indicates members or staff present.

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

The COAC Chair called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m. with six committee members present. The meeting was held at City Hall, Room 1500.

I. (Agenda item 1) Approval of the Minutes from prior meeting

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

II. (Agenda item 5) Discussion and Possible Action:

- **Verbal update on Optimization and the efficacy and monitoring program proposed by BOS**

Jim Bays, from CH2M, presented “The Case for Optimization”. This presentation addressed the project categories, the definition of optimization, the multiple objectives for the natural treatment systems, the difference between optimization and operations & maintenance, and the objectives of optimization. Committee members commented that this presentation would have been beneficial for Bond Counsel. The Committee had a discussion regarding the

difference between Optimization and operations and maintenance (O&M), along with possible definitions for optimization.

Public Comment: Joyce Dillard expressed several concerns regarding the optimization work. One of the expressed concerns is that this activity is operation and maintenance. Joyce Dillard also stated that the City should revisit what was originally planned including the concept reports, the categories, the scoring, the pollutant loads, the baselines, and the outfalls

No action was taken.

III. (Agenda item 6) Discussion and Possible Action:

- **Report from the BOE regarding a revised master schedule for the Proposition O program**

BOE highlighted two projects on the memo regarding the revised aster schedule for 2015: Temescal Canyon Stormwater Phase II and Penmar Improvement Project Phase II. BOE reported that these projects need a time extensions since their revised schedules show construction completion in November 2017. There are no budget implications from any of the time extensions. The Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) has already approved the revised Master Schedule for 2015.

Action: The Committee unanimously approved the BOE memo requesting schedule modification for ten projects.

IV. (Agenda item 7) Discussion and Possible Action:

- **Report from the BOE regarding City Staff Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015-16**

BOE requested the Committee's concurrence with the AOC's approval of the appropriation of \$7.5 million for Citywide staffing, at the current staffing levels.

Action: The Committee unanimously approved the memo requesting the appropriation of funds for Prop O staffing for fiscal year 2015-16.

V. (Agenda item 9) Discussion and Possible Action;

- **Report from BOE and BOS with an updated list of projects and consideration of reprogramming of funds**

The Committee Chair asked about the status for consideration of the proposed projects that were presented at a prior COAC meeting. LASAN noted that they are aware of the two projects presented in the November 2015 meeting: the Los Angeles River Greenway Trail Project and the Water LA Phase 2 Project. LASAN reported that staff had not received concept reports from the organizations heading these projects to do any evaluation or consideration for placement on the current list in the monthly report prepared by BOE. The non-profit organization disputed this comment and stated that they provided the information to LASAN. CAO reported that out of the \$6 million funding previously available, the AOC approved in their January meeting, additional optimization funding for eight new recently completed projects and structural improvement for the eleven projects that are currently under optimization. In addition, \$800,000 was allocated for continued optimization contingent upon consulting with the Bond Counsel as well as City Attorney on whether it is

an appropriate use of the funds. The Committee discussed what steps are involved in reviewing and approving new projects.

Public Comment:

- Esther Feldman, President of Community Conservation Solutions (CCS), said the concept report for the Los Angeles River Greenway Trail Project was emailed to the City in December 2015 and gave a summary of the project. Ester Feldman reported that this project needs to be completed by late summer and \$395,000 is requested from Prop O.
- Council District 4 representative presented on a project in Runyon Canyon. CD 4 is coordinating with the Departments of Water and Power (DWP) and Recreation and Parks (RAP) to replace the water main running down the entire length of the park. This result in closure of the Runyon Canyon Park as of April 1st depending on Board of RAP action. No concept report or detail scope was presented.
- Joyce Dillard expressed that the Runyon Canyon work is not eligible for funding under Prop O. Joyce Dillard also expressed concern that there might be a conflict of interest with the Los Angeles River Greenway Trail Project because the COAC Chair is on the Board of the Community Conservation Solutions. Joyce Dillard also questioned the eligibility of Los Angeles River Greenway Trail project because it has to be publicly own land to be qualified for Prop O funding.
- Mark Kenyon, Executive Director of North East Trees, urged the Committee to fund the Los Angeles River Greenway Trail Project.

City Attorney representative asked for clarification on whether there was a conflict of interest regarding Los Angeles River Greenway Trail Project. The Committee Chair said that being on the board was disclosed in the prior meeting. City Attorney representative clarified that if action was to be taking on this matter, the Committee Chair would need to recuse himself.

Action: The Committee unanimously approved the motion to request that staff work with the Department of Water and Power on a concept report for the Runyon Canyon project. The Committee also requested that LASAN work with Community Conservation Solutions on obtaining the information necessary to prepare a concept report for the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.