

*Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC)*

**Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 23, 2016  
Special Meeting**

**Committee Members**

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

**City**

- Rafael Prieto [Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)]**
- Jennifer Quintanilla (CLA)**
- David Hirano [(City Administrative Officer (CAO))]
- Raoul Mendoza (CAO)**
- Laurie Rittenberg (City Attorney)**
- Kendrick Okuda [Bureau of Engineering (BOE)]**
- Ken Redd (BOE)**
- Adel Hagekhalil [(Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN))]**
- Shahram Kharagani (LASAN)**
- Wing Tam (LASAN)**
- Gordon Haines (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 2:40 p.m. with six committee members present. The meeting was held at City Hall East, Room 1200.

**I. (Agenda item 5) Discussion and Possible Action:  
Consideration of a request of \$395,000 for the LA River Greenway Trail project and \$800,000 for the Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits project**

Gerald Kim, Deputy City Attorney, reported to committee regarding his discussion with Bond Counsel (Nixon and Peabody) explaining legal restrictions of Bond proceeds and what they can be used for. In order to be eligible for Prop O funding, capital costs of tax-exempt bonds have to be applied to improvements on real property. The real property itself doesn’t have to be owned by City, but City must own the capital assets of the financed project (i.e. Tillman Plant or Wilmington Drain project). Ownership is defined as capital assets or physical improvements of project. City may also need to have easement on property to access project components.

City attorney recused Chair from further discussion due to conflict of interest with LA River Greenway Trail project. Committee and staff discussed whether asked if LA River Greenway

Trail project and the Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits project are eligible for Prop O funding due to questions about who would own the project components. Committee discussed benefits of project and whether soft-cost such as training and educational aspects are fundable.

BOS reported on the scoring criteria and rankings for five projects. These projects include the LA River Greenway Trail and the Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits. In addition, Vermont, Westwood and Hollenbeck Lake projects that had been previously evaluated were also included in the rankings. The scores were 75 for LA River Greenway Trail, 75 for Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits, 83 for Vermont, 95 for Westwood, and 91 for Hollenbeck. Concept reports for these projects have been completed, except for Hollenbeck Lake which is still in draft form. All projects scored above 75 which was the minimum eligible ranking.

Committee Vice-Chair noted that Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits has potential funding from State but not from the City as DWP pulled out their matching funds. Committee raised questions about legality of funding LA River Greenway Trail project as it's already in construction. They also raised issues such as complying with City's policies regarding competitive bidding, procurement and prevailing wage. Staff recommended that committee evaluate projects' merits rather than the bid and award process. Committee asked BOS and BOE staff to discuss the projects' readiness. It was indicated that the Vermont project could move quickly pending securing other funding sources and agreements with County. The Westwood project is closer to being ready. The Hollenbeck project has many components, a larger scope, could possibly cost upwards of \$70 million and its current scope has not been presented to Committee.

Staff confirmed that \$4 million in funding could be available for eligible projects and that funding could be directed to various components of the projects rather than entire project cost. Committee members expressed reservations about eligibility of LA River Greenway Trail and outstanding legal questions about project eligibility.

**Public Comment:** Joyce Dillard expressed concerns about the definition of political subdivision status, and that ownership is not established with respect to the LA Neighborhood Retrofits and Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits projects. Joyce Dillard stated that if Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits is eligible for Prop O, then sidewalk repairs could be eligible; also that Prop O projects cannot be sole-sourced and that committee should get further legal input to make sure actions are complying with law.

**Action:** Motion made by member Diamond and seconded by member McClain-Hill to recommend funding for four projects; LA River Greenway Trail, Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits, Hollenbeck Concept Report (\$50,000), and Vermont (\$1,000,000). The motion passed unanimously. However Committee member Bokde expressed opposition to LA River Greenway Trail project and wanted to fund projects that demonstrated equal level funding across the City

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.