

**MINUTES  
(AMENDED)**

**PROPOSITION "O" GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 31, 2008  
Room 1500, City Hall East

Members Present: Patricia Huber (CAO representative)  
Cynthia M. Ruiz, Board of Public Works  
Lynne Ozawa (CLA representative)  
Michael Mullin (Mayor's Office representative)

Members Not Present: David Nahai  
Raymond Ciranna  
Nancy Sutley

Staff Members Present: Mark Tullai, CAO  
Charles Modica, CLA  
Kendrick K. Okuda, BOE  
Shahram Kharaghani, BOS

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

1. The Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) approved the June 26, 2008 meeting minutes.
2. City Administrative Officer (CAO)/Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) staff provided a briefing relative to the actions taken by the Citizen's Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) and other issues.
  - The CLA reported that the COAC met on July 16, 2008, and did not have a quorum. Consequently, no actions were taken. Dr. Shelley Luce from the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission gave a presentation on green solutions and an analysis of potential land opportunities available to assist with meeting water quality standards.
  - The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) updated COAC on the La Cienega/Fairfax Stormwater BMP project located in Council District (CD) 10, which is currently on hold. BOE staff agreed to meet with CD 10 to review alternatives, and will report back to the COAC and the AOC on project re-scoping before taking further action.
  - The timing, format and drafting of COAC's reports to the City Council was discussed.
3. The BOE requested AOC pre-approval to appropriate \$6.99 million from the third bond sale. Funds from the sale are expected to be available at the end of August. The BOE also requested a \$302,535.33 transfer of appropriations from the La Cienega/Fairfax Stormwater BMP project to the Inner Cabrillo Beach Bacterial Water Quality Improvement project. These actions do not impact the project budgets or project scopes.

**ACTION:** The AOC approved the BOE's recommendations and authorized the appropriation and transfer requests.
4. The BOE presented the June 2008 Monthly Report and highlighted the following:
  - The BOE, the CAO, and CD 15 will be hosting a tour of the Machado Lake projects on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The COAC meeting will be held at the L.A. Harbor College around 1:30 p.m. AOC members are invited to participate. An extensive outreach effort to stakeholders and community members will also be made.

- Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation – The schedule, scope and budget are being impacted by the dam classification and the sudden dying off of the lotus plants. Additional pre-design efforts are needed to determine the additional scope, cost and schedule impacts. Investigation of the lotus plant die-off has been added to the pre-design phase, and the implementation of this rescue effort has been accelerated. An AOC member advised the BOE to coordinate with Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff on lotus plant rescue effort.
  - Machado Lake (Wilmington Drain) and Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation – Pre-design delays will necessitate a request for a project schedule extension at the next AOC meeting.
  - Peck Park Canyon Enhancement – Front funding for RAP grants has been identified and secured. An AOC member asked about the project enhancements. The BOE responded that the stormwater flow will be slowed down. A collection of improvements to the stream banks will dissipate energy and enhance recreational trails. Non-native, invasive shrubbery and trees will be removed. Beneficial non-native vegetation will remain and be augmented with native plants.
  - Westchester/LAX Stormwater BMP – A project name change to “Westchester Rainwater Improvement” will be requested at the next AOC meeting. The BOS and the BOE have encountered difficulty with land use agreements and gaining access to the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) project site. LAWA has been invited to attend the next AOC meeting to resolve land use agreement issues. In response to a question by an AOC member, the BOS stated that an MOU with LAWA will be sent to the Board of Public Works for approval.
  - The Mayor’s Office requested a new table be added to the BOE’s Prop O Monthly Report. The table should list, by project, all changes (name, scope, schedule, budget, etc.) from the previous month. The BOE will work with the Mayor’s Office to develop this table.
5. The BOS and the BOE commented on TMDL compliance project schedules:
- Catch Basin Open Screen Covers Phase III - An AOC member mentioned that 14,300 screen covers had been installed to date, and inquired as to the project timeline for Phase III. The BOS responded that Phase III will involve the installation of approximately 34,000 screen covers over three years. An AOC member asked how the effectiveness of the screen covers is tested. The BOS responded that in accordance with contract specifications, screen covers are subject to hydraulic tests to ensure they open during heavy storms to prevent flooding. The units are also tested for theft prevention. These two tests must be performed successfully prior to proceeding with large scale fabrication and installation.
- An AOC member asked if the Regional Board approved the specifications. The BOS responded that two or three years ago, the City submitted its Trash TMDL Implementation Plan to the Regional Board. The plan, which was accepted by the Regional Board, depicted the installation of inserts and screens citywide. The BOS added that they also obtained Regional Board approval so that the inserts installed by the City are Full Capture systems and provide 100% trash removal. The BOS indicated that the City's implementation plan should put the City in 100% compliance with Trash TMDL requirements.
- Temescal Canyon Park Stormwater BMP and Penmar Water Quality Improvement – The BOE reported that both projects may not be fully operational by the Fall of 2009. In an attempt to meet TMDL compliance goals, the BOE and the BOS have adopted accelerated project schedules. An AOC member asked if there was any recourse with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) with regard to meeting TMDL compliance deadlines, and can these deadlines be modified. The BOS responded that substantial progress has been made, but the TMDLs are either met or are in violation. A 10% reduction in TMDL’s must be demonstrated during the 2009-10 rainy season. An AOC member asked if this requirement would be met if the projects were not completed on schedule. The BOS responded that there would be wet weather bacteria TMDL compliance for Santa Monica

Bay beaches if there was a lack of rain. The RWQCB and key stakeholders should be informed of the status of these projects.

- An AOC member asked if there is TMDL exposure for the La Cienega/Fairfax Stormwater BMP project. The BOS responded that the project is not currently identified as TMDL-related.
- Westchester/LAX Stormwater BMP – This project is at risk due to the unresolved land use agreement issues mentioned during the monthly report update. An AOC member asked for the projected date of completion for the three at-risk projects. The BOE responded that according to the Master Schedule the completion dates for all three projects would be in the Fall of 2010.
- The Grand Boulevard Tree Wells, Westminster Dog Park Stormwater BMP, Santa Monica Bay Low Flow Diversion Upgrades, and Imperial Highway Sunken Median Stormwater BMP projects are on schedule and expected to be operational in the Fall of 2009.

6. There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.