

MINUTES

PROPOSITION "O" GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 22, 2007 - 3:30 pm
City Hall East - Room 1500

Members Present: Karen Sisson
Gerry Miller (representative)
Nancy Sutley
Cynthia Ruiz

Members Not Present:
Ronald Deaton

The meeting was called to order.

The Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) approved the minutes from the meeting held on January 25, 2007.

City Administrative Officer/Chief Legislative Analyst staff provided a briefing relative to the actions taken by the Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC). At the meeting held on February 21, 2006, COAC discussed the concepts reports for the Los Angeles Zoo, Hansen Dam and Trash TMDL Implementation Phase III projects. COAC took action to recommend full funding for these projects. COAC also discussed the Proposition O (Prop O) January Monthly Report, the revised Project Selection Criteria and a presentation by Engineering on the Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan. COAC will consider setting aside an amount for Los Angeles River projects at its next meeting. COAC will also reconsider releasing the set aside funding for the Wilmington Drain Project at its next meeting.

The General Manager of the Los Angeles Zoo presented the concept report for Project No. 01-9 - Los Angeles Zoo Parking Lot Project. The Zoo Parking Lot Project will renovate the existing 33-acre main parking lot in two phases. Prop O funding is requested for projects in Phase 1 affecting 10 of the 33 acres. There is the potential for several water quality benefits, including both dry weather and wet weather runoff management. Runoff from the project area, which drains into the Los Angeles River, will be cleaned to reduce pollutants. The project Implementation cost is \$13.9 million. Operation and maintenance is estimated at \$55,000.

The AOC members discussed the Los Angeles Zoo project. AOC members inquired about the durability of the porous pavement that will be installed. The pavement is expected to be very durable. The Zoo will ensure that the lot is swept frequently to maintain the useful life of the pavement and avoid the trash collection at the catch basins. A Request for Proposal will be issued to determine which product will be used for the porous pavement. AOC inquired about building a multi-level parking structure at the Zoo. The General Manager responded that this issue is under consideration. AOC also discussed the issue of solar trees at the Zoo. AOC took action to recommend approval of full funding for the project subject to Engineering performing value engineering to implement the project at the lowest cost.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority presented the concept report for Project No. 01-14 - Hansen Dam Recreational Area Parking Lot and Wetlands Restoration Project. The Hansen

Dam project will implement projects to reduce pollutants from runoff to Hansen Lake. The project will also create a habitat for endangered plant and animal species, recharge area groundwater and reduce or prevent flooding in the area. The Hansen Dam area is leased to the City by the Army Corps of Engineers and operated by Recreation and Parks. The project implementation cost is \$2.2 million. Operation and maintenance is estimated at \$10,000.

The AOC discussed the Hansen Dam project. Invasive plant species will be removed. The surface materials for the parking lots will not be changed. Asphalt will be used and swales will be created in the center of the lots to direct water flow. The AOC took action to recommend full funding for the project.

Sanitation presented the concept report for Project No. 01-52b - Trash TMDL Implementation Phase III. This project will install 34,000 catch basin opening screen covers in the remaining medium and low trash generation areas of the City. This is the third phase of the City's compliance strategy to meet the Trash TMDL deadline. Prop O provided \$17 million for Phase I to install 8,000 catch basin inserts and 6,000 opening screen covers in the high trash generation areas and \$10 million for Phase II to install 6,400 opening screen covers in medium trash generation areas. The project implementation cost is \$44.5 million. Operation and maintenance costs have not been determined.

The AOC discussed the Trash TMDL Implementation Phase III project. AOC members inquired about any issues related to the catch basins. Sanitation responded that they are working with Street Services to change the street sweeping schedule to address trash that might collect at the catch basins. The issue of damage to catch basins or theft is minimal. The AOC expressed concern about flooding caused by the installation of catch basins. Sanitation stated that the catch basins do not contribute to the flooding. The City Attorney stated that street system was designed to act as a conveyance system for stormwater. The AOC took action to approve full funding for the project.

Engineering presented the January 2007 monthly report. The AOC discussed the report and requested that Engineering add two tables to show the amount of Prop O funding remaining. Additionally, the AOC requested that Engineering provide an addendum to the monthly report that shows any changes that occur between the AOC meeting date and the monthly report. Engineering will provide an approved Master Schedule for Prop O projects at the next AOC meeting. The AOC discussed providing press events to inform the public of the progress of Prop O projects and the achievements of the program. Engineering stated that a program contingency amount will be required. The AOC requested that Engineering provide a thorough presentation on the contingency at the next meeting.

Sanitation stated that it expects to bring forward three projects for the Santa Monica Bay Wet Weather Bacteria TMDL. The TMDL compliance deadline is July 2009. The approximate cost of these projects is \$73 million. These projects will need to be funded to avoid legislation and missed deadlines. Sanitation discussed the revised Project Selection Criteria approved by COAC. The projects will be scored on water quality benefits and project readiness among other items. Projects will need to score a minimum of 75 points to be presented to the AOC and COAC. Sanitation has analyzed some of the projects using the revised criteria and some projects ranked high. The AOC complemented the COAC on the work that it put into developing the revised criteria.

Staff from the Mayor's Office reported that some elements of the draft strategic plan for Prop O have changed. The Mayor's Office will work on the Water Quality Master Plan. The revised Project Selection Criteria will be incorporated into the strategic plan.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned.