

MINUTES

PROPOSITION "O" GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 28, 2007, 3:30 p.m.
Room 1500, City Hall East

Members Present: David Hirano (CAO representative)
Gerry Miller
Cynthia Ruiz
Michael Mullin (Mayor's Office representative)

Members Not Present: Karen Sisson
Ron Deaton
Nancy Sutley

The meeting was called to order.

The Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) approved the minutes from the meeting held on May 31, 2007.

City Administrative Officer/Chief Legislative Analyst staff provided a briefing relative to the actions taken by the Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) and on other issues as follows:

- The COAC's June meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2007.
- The Sixth Funding request for Proposition O (Prop O) funds was considered by Council. The Energy and Environment (EE) Committee and Budget and Finance (B&F) Committee approved the report with changes. The EE Committee added a constraint on the amount to be set aside for the Taylor Yard G2 property. The Committee approved the funding upon contingency that the proponents of the project are able to secure additional funds from the State or other sources. The Budget and Finance Committee requested that Prop O staff report back in 30 days on the grant funding that has been secured to date and when these funds will be secured. Additionally, the Committee requested a report back on the cost of project staffing to ensure that Prop O will cover these costs and adequately reimburse the General Fund, as needed.
- The updated Program Budget Summary is essentially the same as last month, with the exception of the set aside amounts for the two Los Angeles River projects. The funding gap of \$127 million needs to be addressed. Prop O staff will review the entire program within the next 30-60 days and provide recommendations to close the funding gap.

An AOC member asked if the Budget Summary should match the CAO report that was recently sent to Council. CAO stated that the summary was prepared at a different point in time. The CAO report estimated approximately \$127 million in project costs is pending. The numbers are rounded. This Budget Summary includes projects that have been approved by Council, projects

that are still pending approval by COAC and Council and staffing costs. The Budget Summary is a working document and will change at each meeting.

Bureau of Engineering (BOE) presented the May Monthly Report. BOE highlighted the addition of a map of all Prop O projects overlaid with the Council Districts and watershed agreements.

Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) presented an update on the Catch Basin project. An AOC Member asked if the inserts create a weir effect (barrier) as the water rises and flows over the top. Sanitation responded that as flow enters the catch basin and the trash builds up, the flow goes over the insert creating that weir effect. An AOC member asked how many catch basin inserts have been installed to date. Sanitation advised that approximately 17,000 have been installed.

An AOC member asked about catch basins owned by the County of Los Angeles (County) that are within City limits. BOS staff advised that they are working with the County to perform installations. BOS also stated that there are 46,000 catch basins within the City, 12,000 of these are owned but the County and Caltrans (State). An AOC member asked if the County is paying for installations. BOS stated that the County has secured some grant funding for installation. BOS also stated that they have had discussions with the County and State. AOC requested BOS to report back next month on the status of the catch basins installed by the County and State.

BOE discussed the progress of the Santa Monica Bay Low Flow Diversion (LFD) Upgrades project. The Preliminary Design report is complete. The design phase is 6% complete. The kick-off meeting has been held. The Santa Monica LFD will be moved closer to the ocean on Pacific Coast Highway. This will capture almost all the stormwater and control the ponding that occurs at the outlet of Santa Monica Bay Canyon. The community feedback has been very positive. The Coastal Interceptor Sewer relief pipe is to be upsized from 42" to 52" for 4,000 feet from Santa Monica Canyon to the Santa Monica City line. The estimated total project costs is \$38.8 million. The schedule of completion will be in three phases: Phase I, Fall 2009; Phase II, Spring 2010; and Phase III, Summer 2011.

AOC advised that some Council members are concerned about the trash build up at some catch basins and asked if BOS was working with Street Services to clean them. BOS stated that trash build up is a result of damage by vehicles and design. BOS is working with Street Services to deal with this issue. Additionally, inserts and covers have been redesigned to prevent trash build up. An AOC member asked if inserts with faulty designs would be replaced. BOS stated that these would be replaced only at the end of the shelf life of each catch basin. An AOC member stated the wet weather will flush trash into the catch basins. AOC asked BOS to report back on the number of catch basins that are the old design, the number are the new design and the replacement cycle of inserts and covers.

BOE presented the Project Prioritization List. BOE used a modified approach to the Project Selection Criteria and looked at other project characteristics related to water quality in developing the list.

An AOC member asked if the County is doing any LFD projects and if there was any information on how many and their locations. BOS advised that there are 22 locations.

An AOC member asked if the County and other agencies are paying the Sewer Facilities Charge and the Sewer Service Charge. Sanitation stated that there is an agreement and they are in the process of updating it. Sanitation has started the process of working with all the contract agencies to modify the agreement to allow for payment of these charges. An AOC member requested a report on flow amounts, in case the Committee has to prioritize one drain over another. Additionally, the member asked staff to reference the TMDL compliance dates. A large increase in the flow into our treatment plants will occur if all the contract agencies start diverting flow to the plants; this could reduce the capacity of the treatment plants.

An AOC member asked how the Project Prioritization List will be used. The City Engineer stated that the AOC requested the prioritization list. An AOC member asked if BOS/BOE weighted water quality. Engineering advised that it did weight water quality but the overall assessment included other criteria in addition to water quality. The City Engineer advised that the initial selection criteria did not include land acquisition. The City Engineer commended Sanitation and Engineering on its project prioritization and advised that ranking the involvement of State funds is important due to the need to leverage these funds to assist in completion of project. The AOC received and filed the Project Prioritization List.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned.