

MINUTES

PROPOSITION "O" GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 26, 2008
Room 1500, City Hall East

Members Present: Patricia Huber, City Administrative Officer (CAO)
Cynthia M. Ruiz, Board of Public Works
Lynne Ozawa, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)

Members Not Present: David Nahai
Nancy Sutley
Mike Mullin
Gerry Miller

Staff Members Present: Mark Tullai, CAO
Charles Modica, CLA
Chris Westhoff, City Attorney's Office
Gary Lee Moore, Bureau of Engineering (BOE)
Tim Haug, Bureau of Engineering (BOE)
Kendrick K. Okuda, BOE

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m.

1. The Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) approved the minutes from the meeting held on May 29, 2008.
 - **Public Comment:** Judy Raskin asked what the consequences of raising the Echo Park Lake bottom will be to the fish and wildlife, and how this would affect the possible creation of a mini-wetland at the north end of the lake where the storm drain ramps are located. She requested a written response to the questions to be sent to the Echo Park Advisory Board and the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council.
 - **Public Comment:** Isa-Kae Meksin commented that she did not consider Echo Park Lake edges to have cultural value given the current degraded condition of the lake edges.
2. City Administrative Officer (CAO) staff and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) staff provided a briefing on actions taken by the Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC).
 - The CAO reported that the COAC met on June 18, 2008 and received an update from the BOE on the La Cienega/Fairfax Stormwater BMP project. The BOE discussed incorporating rainwater elements into the park project design. The COAC suggested that the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission attend the next public meeting to voice their support for the project.
 - The COAC was updated by the BOE on project front funding and reimbursement issues.
 - The COAC decided that a project site meeting will be scheduled in August or September 2008 at Machado Lake. The CAO and the BOE will coordinate this effort.
 - The COAC requested that the Monthly Report include a briefing on all TMDL related projects.
 - The content and format of the next Prop O Annual Report to Council was discussed. The report will cover fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08.
 - The presentation by Dr. Shelley Luce on green solutions for water quality, originally scheduled for COAC's June 18th meeting was postponed to July 16th.

3. The BOE requested AOC approval to appropriate \$2.0 million of bond interest and \$0.6 million in grant reimbursements to the Inner Cabrillo Beach Bacterial Water Quality Improvement project account. The BOE also requested \$1.3 million in fund and project account transfers to expend money in a timely manner. These transfers do not impact the project budgets or the project scopes.
 - **ACTION:** The AOC approved the BOE recommendation and authorized the appropriation and transfer requests.
4. The BOE advised the AOC that a memo regarding the front funding of projects is being drafted and will be presented to AOC at next month's meeting.
5. The BOE presented the May 2008 Monthly Report and highlighted the following:
 - Public meeting information has been added to page 4 of the report.
 - Echo Park Lake Rehabilitation – There was a community meeting on June 9, 2008. Community stakeholders provided feedback on a variety of issues including wildlife, lotus plants, and water quality. The State Department of Safety of Dams' designation of the south rim as a dam was discussed with no adverse community reaction.
 - La Cienega/Fairfax Stormwater BMP – As directed, the BOE placed this project on hold. No additional work has been done on the project. The BOE and the BOS have initiated work on a new concept to incorporate rain gardens into the planned park. An AOC member asked if the BOE has spoken to Councilmember Wesson's office. The BOE responded that they had not spoken with him, but would make contact within the next few weeks.
6. The BOS and the BOE commented on TMDL compliance project schedules:
 - The Grand Boulevard Tree Wells, Westminster Dog Park Stormwater BMP, Imperial Highway Sunken Median Stormwater BMP, and Santa Monica Bay Low Flow Diversion Upgrades projects are on schedule.
 - The Temescal Canyon Park Stormwater BMP and Penmar Water Quality Improvement projects have been separated into two phases. Phase I will implement the water quality scope elements and Phase II will implement the water reuse scope elements. This separation allows Phase I to proceed ahead of Phase II. Phase II water reuse scope elements raise complex issues that need resolution. Resolution of these issues will take time and would cause Phase I to be delayed if not separated. The BOE will come back to the AOC with a revised master schedule in the next month.
 - Temescal Canyon Park Stormwater BMP – A pre-design technical memorandum has been completed and the design phase has been initiated. Revised project schedules have been prepared and are presently under review.
 - Penmar Water Quality Improvement – Pre-design is progressing on schedule. Several pre-design technical documents have been completed and have allowed those project elements to advance to design.
 - Westchester/LAX Stormwater BMP – Land use activities have impacted the schedule. The BOS continues to work with LAWA on an easement arrangement for use of the land, however this process is lengthy. The BOS advised that the goal to meet the Wet Weather TMDL deadline of July 2009 is still progressing. The BOE may consider suspending design activities and may come back to the AOC next month with this request if the land use issue continues to be delayed. In the meantime, the BOE will continue with design activities. An AOC member asked if the length of the LAWA process will impact the schedule. The BOE advised that there is a risk in continuing the design because boundaries are unknown. The BOE recommended that a joint report on this issue be prepared and presented to the AOC by the BOE and the BOS. The report will also be sent to

LAWA and the Board of Public Works. The BOE also advised that LAWA should be invited to the next AOC meeting. The AOC agreed.

7. There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.