

Proposition O Citizen's Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 2:00 pm

Committee Members

Adi Liberman	Mark Gold
Mary Nichols	Francine Diamond
Craig Perkins	Tiger Kang
Gideon Kracov	Teresa Villegas

Cynthia McClain-Hill

City

Shahram Kharaghani (BOS)

Kendrick Okuda (BOS)

Rafael Prieto (CLA)

Beryl Taylor (CAO)

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm. Gideon Kracov joined the COAC as its newest member.

I. Approval of Minutes for February 21, 2007

1. A motion was made to approve the January meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously with an amendment to a public comment and to the spelling of a proper name.

II. CAO/CLA update

1. The CAO representative gave an update on the February AOC meeting. The AOC concurred with all the projects that the COAC approved, the Zoo parking lot, the Trash TMDL and Hansen Dam. They also concurred with the changes made to project selection criteria. They made a suggestion that the BOE monthly report reflect the remaining amount of money in the Prop. O budget and also a project update sheet. A representative from DWP spoke on the smart irrigation projects that they will be partially funding. BOS will review smart irrigation projects in Prop. O which DWP monies can be applied.

III. Discussion and Possible Action

1. Reconsideration of Wilmington Drain Multi-Use Project (Project No. 01-36a)- BOS explained to the COAC why Wilmington Drain is separate from Machado Lake and why it needs to stay on an accelerated path. The cost for pre-design and design is \$2.2M and the total cost is \$17.9 M. A representative from the City of Los Angeles Bond Department said that the Bond Department

needs to know in approximately a month the projects that will be going forward for the next year so the proper amount of bonds can be issued. The CLA's office adds that they need to be able to show that the project is partially funded to get matching funds from Prop. 50. The COAC would like to know what funds are covered by Prop. O and Prop. 50 and the CAO request and rationale in writing as to why Wilmington Drain should be expedited.

2. Reconsideration of Project No. 01-51 Santa Monica Bay Beaches Low Flow Diversions Upgrades- BOE requests that the remaining \$29 M be set aside for construction of the LFDs. BOE will meet with a few COAC members when the design report is complete.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Concept Reports

BOS presented three projects to satisfy the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacterial TMDL.

1. Temescal Recreation Center Stormwater BMP-Project No. 1-22e. BOS presented the Temescal Recreation Center Project. The project will pre-treat stormwater, store it in an underground system and reuse for landscape irrigation at the site. Captured runoff will be 120 MG/year and the total cost is \$27M.
2. Westchester/LAX Stormwater BMP Project No. 01-22f. The project drains a 2400 acre site. The water will be pre-treated and infiltrated into the ground. The total cost of the project is \$38.9 M.
3. Penmar Water Quality Improvement and Runoff Reuse Project-No. 01-22g. The drainage area is 1500 ac. The project will collect water from the storm drain. A portion of the water will be infiltrated into the ground and some will be reused for irrigation. The total cost is \$32 M.
4. The COAC asked BOS questions regarding the three projects and offered suggestions on how to scale back the cost and shorten the project schedules. The total cost for pre-design and design for the three projects is \$11.2M. A motion was made to fund pre-design and design of the three projects. The motion passed unanimously. BOS was concerned that full project funding for all three of the projects is set aside in case there is not enough money left in the Prop. O budget.

V. Discussion and Possible action on funding for LA River Revitalization Projects

1. The Deputy City Engineer presented the LA River Revitalization Master Plan. The City would like Prop. O monies to fund land acquisition of a parcel that is currently for sale that is adjacent to the river at Taylor Yard. The land is currently a 42 acre brownfield and will cost between \$40-\$60 M. They requested that a concept report be set aside for this project. The representative from the City Attorney and the COAC discussed the money remaining in the Prop. O budget. The COAC would like for the BOS to identify the highest priority projects and report back to them in 60 days. A motion was made to set aside \$50 M for projects in the LA River Revitalization Master Plan. The motion was amended to also include a concept report.

Public Comment on Master Plan

2. Celia Brugman, William C. Velasquez Institute, Director of Community Development. Ms. Brugman stated that she hoped the COAC will set aside the money and consider multiple benefits of the project. They are advocates for active recreation.

3. Joyce Dillard. Ms. Dillard said that she is very concerned about the motion. The LA River Revitalization Plan is based on the 50 year floodplain area and not the 100 year floodplain area. Other sources of funding that the City is counting on may not materialize because of specific funding requirements of Prop. 84. The Plan includes housing developments, some very close to the river that will bring runoff and contamination issues.

4. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on BOS report on the eight positions previously approved by Council for TMDL Implementation Plans

1. BOS requested to be reimbursed for the eight (8) additional staff hired to work on the TMDL Implementation Plan. The COAC discussed if it was appropriate to fund the positions out of the Prop. O budget. A motion was made that the COAC recommend to the City Council that the positions are necessary and should be fully funded by the City Council regardless of the source. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Discussion and Possible action of Proposition O Citywide staffing report

1. The item was carried to the next meeting.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Action-Bureau of Engineering Monthly Report and Bureau of Sanitation report on Prop O issues

1. The monthly report has been completed and will be presented next month.

IX. Discussion and Possible Action on COAC sub-committee reports

1. The subcommittee reported that they called Playa Vista and made specific requests but received no response. Playa Vista will be put on the next month's meeting agenda. An official letter will be sent from the City of LA if the subcommittee does not receive a response to their inquiries.

X. General Public Comment

1. Ida Tallala, Echo Park, Park Advisory Board. Ms. Tallala stated that she and the Park Board were very happy that the COAC approved their project last week, but they are concerned about pollution in the surrounding area. Ms. Tallala also said if nothing is done in the surrounding area to abate pollution, it will find its way into the park. BOE has an action item in the monthly report to work with the Echo Park Advisory Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm.