

Proposition O Citizen's Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 2:00 pm

Committee Members

Adi Liberman (Vice-chair)	Mark Gold
Mary Nichols (Chair)	Francine Diamond
Craig Perkins	Tiger Kang
Gideon Kracov	Teresa Villegas
Cynthia McClain-Hill	

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Shahram Kharaghani (BOS)
Wing Tam (BOS)
Kendrick Okuda (BOE)
Rafael Prieto (CLA)
Beryl Taylor (CAO)

Bold denotes members present

The meeting was called to order. The vice chair requested City Attorney's opinion regarding this COAC meeting since there is not a quorum of the appointed members. City Attorney stated the meeting can occur for information purposes without any actions taken by the COAC.

I. Approval of Minutes for July 18, 2007

1. The COAC discussed amendments and clarifications to the minutes for the July 18, 2007 meeting.

II. City Administrative Officer/Chief Legislative Analyst staff update

1. The AOC met on July 26, 2007 and heard presentations on the Aliso Wash/Limekiln Creek and El Sereno projects. The AOC concurred with the COAC decision on Aliso Wash/Limekiln Creek project. The AOC directed City Staff to explore other funding sources for the El Sereno project. The El Sereno project could be brought back to the AOC for further consideration if other funds were obtained.

III. Discussion and Possible Action Fremont High, Boyle Heights and Lincoln Heights

1. Sanitation presented updates on the status of the concept reports for the three projects.
2. The Lincoln Heights project may no longer be feasible because the storm drain that was to be diverted to the proposed project site was not built.
3. Public Comment. Michael Jimenez, John King and Gabriel Buelna. Mr. Jimenez stated that Caltrans will make a dollar for dollar match to divert stormwater to the Boyle Heights Project allowing the larger project to be built. The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles is in the process of acquiring the properties. Mr. King stated that the Housing Authority supports the project and will attempt to acquire housing in the area. Mr. Buelna stated that the Community Plaza Services Board supports the project. COAC members commented on how well the land issue for this project is coming together and is looking forward to hearing more about the project when the concept report is completed and presented.

4. Public Comment, Joyce Dillard. Ms. Dillard stated that some Prop. O projects are not being approved during the IRWMP project selection process.

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

1. Engineering presented the July 2007 monthly report. A list has been added to show projects that were recommended by COAC/AOC pending the availability of funding. A new category showing post construction project activities has also been added to the report.

V. Ranking and Oversight of Approved Projects

1. Engineering presented the matrix of approved projects using the revised guidelines. The COAC offered comments and suggestions on the matrix.
2. The COAC discussed the process to produce a report on the Prop O program and determined that a report is required according to the Prop O bond language.
3. The COAC discussed continuing oversight to ensure that the projects are being built according to schedule. Staff will present details of the Bond language and the governance structure COAC at a future meeting to assist in identifying COAC's role.
4. The COAC discussed organizations such as Heal the Bay partnering with other organizations to organize a "Clean Beach Day" for the public to expose them to water quality issues.
5. The COAC discussed meeting every other month and on the "off" months visiting project sites.

VI. Subcommittee Report

1. There were no subcommittee reports.

VII. General Public Comment

1. There were no public comments. The meeting was adjourned.