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# Stormwater Management Oversight Committee Minutes

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**  
**3 pm to 4:30 pm**  
Special Meeting

**\*\*\*BY VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE ONLY\*\*\***

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Committee Members Present: Dena Mossar, Ron Owes, Hal Mickelson, Peter Drekmeier, Bob Wenzlau

Committee Members Absent: David Bower, Marilyn Keller

Public Members Present: none

Staff Present: Karin North, Joanna Tran, and Jamie Perez

Call to Order (5 min) 3:14pm

Oral Communications (5 min)

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Old Business (5 min)

1. Approval of Minutes from the April 1, 2021 Stormwater Management Oversight Committee Meeting (5 min)
  - i. Postponed approval of the minutes to the next regular meeting until all members are present.

## New Business (55 mins)

2. Discuss Boards, Commissions, and Committee (BCC) Workplan (55 min)
  - i. Staff provided a draft workplan for Committee members to review and update

### *Commissioners begins review on workplan purpose*

1. **Bob Wenzlau**– mentioned Council’s invitation to think bigger (i.e. working on One Water and other water concepts).
  - a. **Ron Owes**– Major goals the cities voted on – climate change, etc. Should we conform to those goals? Look at other things to broaden what we look at. (i.e. going away from black concrete to white concrete to provide reduction in temperature, City of Los Angeles).
  - b. **Dena Mossar**– Committee job is not to make extra work for staff. Although the Council expressed interest broadening goals, it was not an official action from Council and not an official request for Committee to do that. Committee needs to be very cautious, because staff has their own workplan that needs to be accomplished, and staff cannot accommodate all requests from the SWOC.
  - c. **Bob Wenzlau**– asked if SWMOC has a Council liaison?
    - i. **City Staff Karin North** – Council liaison request needs to be put into the workplan. It is helpful to have a Staff liaison bring information to Council. If staff is already working on projects that Committee members are interested in, we can bring that team in to give a presentation, but we do not need to put it in the workplan

*Committee review projects, priorities and goals*

1. **Bob Wenzlau**– requested to include rain barrels in “innovative projects” but also update the wording from “innovative projects” to “conservation”. These are projects that can be done to have an outward benefit in stormwater management. “Innovative” does not make it sound very central to our program. (Example: “Zero Waste has a program that explores different methods, but we do not explore Zero Waste”).

d. **Dena Mossar**– asked if staff have the bandwidth to work on this

i. **City Staff Karin North** – answered, “Budget cuts have impacted some of our support. The same staff that works on SCAP works on stormwater tasks, but if this is a priority for the community, staff can look into it.”

e. **City Staff Jamie Perez**— Clarified that the workplan is reviewed each June by Council and should list up to three priorities that the committee has capacity to work on in the next two years. We can be more descriptive on how to complete these priorities, but the focus of the work must be done within the next two years. Scheduled to go back to Council each year on what was completed, and what to add in the next year.

f. **Dena Mossar and Hal Mickelson** wordsmith the following language, “Regulatory and compliance goals including where possible consideration of emerging stormwater management and sustainability technologies and techniques.”

g. **Bob Wenzlau** – stated naming a goal as “regulatory and compliance” is important. Rather than that be the title, this row could

read “environmental protection and sustainability goals” with sub-row as “compliance obligations with innovative approaches”

h. **Bob Wenzlau**– commented he would like to see the residential rain barrel program working within the next 6 months. Wants to add this on the workplan.

i. **Dena Mossar** – commented concern that the document is being used to highlight individual requests.

2. **Bob Wenzlau** – commented he would like to see staff come up with wording for workplan and then send to Committee for review and comment.

a. **Hal Mickelson** to work on workplan with **Karin North** and then circulate this for review by the group.

i. **Bob Wenzlau** – commented he would like to highlight outreach and communication methods (i.e. website and other outreach)

ii. **Peter Drekmeier** – commented he would like to highlight chloramine from washing cars and emptying pools in the workplan. There is a section of downtown, south of Forest with auto yards, that stormwater goes to RWQCP. Do we want to consider doing this in other areas of the City, especially now that this water be used for purple pipe? We should consider the quality of the water going into GSI.

iii. **Hal Mickelson** – stated the Committee needs a workplan that is feasible to start in the next six months and approved of quickly based on the actions determined

today. We can't go into the level of detail based on today's discussed ideas. Suggested the Committee should add all the items discussed to the agenda of a future regular meeting.

- iv. **Dena Mossar**: stated the workplan may not need the specific details of Committee member's concerns, but rather a goal for the Committee to identify. This should be communicated to the Council once a year, these are issues that haven't been addressed and are pertinent to stormwater. The Committee frequently adds to the agenda emerging issues. This will allow Committee members to address their concerns without putting it on the workplan.
- v. **Hal Mickelson** and **Karin North** – will work on workplan and add "outreach and surfacing emerging issues".

#### Tentative Agenda Items for Future Meetings and Review Action Items (5 min)

Adjournment: 4:17pm

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