



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19. On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 361 into law. Assembly Bill No. 361 amends Government Code section 54953(e) by adding provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions. The Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Financing Authority adopted a resolution determining, by majority vote, that, as a result of the declared State of Emergency, a meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Accordingly, it has been determined that all meetings of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Financing Authority will be held pursuant to the Brown Act and will be conducted via teleconference. There will be no public access to the meeting venue.

MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 – 8:30 am

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is welcome and encouraged. You may participate in the April 13, 2022, meeting of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Financing Authority online and by telephone as follows:

**Dial-in Info: (877) 853 5247 US Toll-free
Meeting ID: 867 6139 9532
PASSCODE: 3802020**

<https://sbvmwd.zoom.us/j/86761399532>

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Agenda

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED
INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY
380 East Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may may address the Committee on matters within its jurisdiction.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2.1 January 12, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Page 3)
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3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 Status Report on the Submittal of an Application for Phase I Projects to the US Environmental Protection Agency
- 3.2 Overview of Draft Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside Public Utilities (subject to Attorney Client Privilege)

4. REPORTS

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee | January 12, 2022

ROLL CALL

Member Agency	Committee member	Attendance
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Joseph Zoba, Chair	Present
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	Wen Huang, Vice Chair	Present
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District	Katelyn Scholte	Present
San Bernardino Municipal Water Department	Steve Miller	Present

Staff Present	Agency
Heather Dyer	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Anthony Flordelis	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jose Macedo	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Adekunle Ojo	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Cindy Saks	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Melissa Zoba	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Allison Edmisten	Yucaipa Valley Water District

Others in Attendance:	
Gil Botello	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
T. Milford Harrison	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Joyce McIntire	Yucaipa Valley Water District
Nyles O'Harra	Yucaipa Valley Water District
Lora Carpenter	Feldman Rolapp & Associates
Robert Porr	Feldman Rolapp & Associates
Jeff Herrin	AECOM
John Konkus	AECOM

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority (USAR WIFA) was called to order by Chair Joseph Zoba at 8:30 a.m. Jose Macedo led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was noted present by roll call.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Zoba invited public comment. There was no comment.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 December 8, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action: The minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting were approved by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Huang	SECONDED: Miller	APPROVED: 4-0
AYES:	Huang, Miller, Scholte, Zoba	
NOES:		
ABSTAIN:		
ABSENT:		

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Discussion on First WIFIA Loan Application

Adekunle Ojo reminded the Committee that it was noted at the last meeting there was a desire to accelerate the process and submit an application next month. He pointed out EPA information in the agenda packet.

Consultants Jeff Herrin of AECOM and Robert Porr of Fieldman Rolapp advised that they would be reaching out to each agency regarding their individual projects and described plans to develop a program web-based portal.

Consultants will assess the readiness and cost uniformity of each project, Mr. Herrin stated, and changes / swaps should be made in a short period of time. The purpose is to gain understanding of the program's cash flow, he explained.

The financing plan will be developed by Fieldman Rolapp, and AECOM with WSC will assist with information on program schedule and estimating the time-phased budget, Mr. Herrin noted. He reviewed the federal requirements of the application and documentation necessary. AECOM will also assemble an implementation plan and provide continuing support for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) application.

Two SRF applications have been submitted: the Recycled Water System Phase 1, and the Enhanced Recharge Phase 1B, Mr. Herrin advised, but more will need to be filed.

Chair Zoba asked if there was a standard template for the risk mitigation plan. Mr. Herrin described a variety of formats that have been used.

Mr. Porr explained that coordination with the agencies' chief financial officers has a head start with YVWD and work has begun with Cindy Saks of Valley District on a forecast of the general fund pledge. In response to Wen Huang's question about timing of information, Mr. Porr indicated that some information can be trailing. The EPA assigns a team to each individual WIFIA loan, he explained, and there needs to be communication with the technical lead person this month to get a better understanding of the timing and the staggering of submittals to their website. The objective is to be as complete as possible as soon as possible to assist in closing the loan sooner, but it is recognized that some items will be trailing, he said.

Executive Director Heather Dyer recommended identifying a lead contact person for finance, engineering, environmental, and general coordination to assure all are working in parallel, and Mr. Zoba suggested weekly meetings to be coordinated by Mr. Ojo.

There has been no confirmation from the City of Colton, Mr. Ojo reported.

Chair Zoba invited public comment. There was none.

3.2 Project Readiness Update

Adekunle Ojo detailed the ability to swap out projects that are not ready for the first application. Multiple applications may be submitted over time, he explained. He provided opportunity for discussion of any projects.

Chair Zoba explained some YVWD projects were shuffled to assure the EPA application is solid. They will be brought back through the process.

Chair Zoba invited public comment. There was none.

4. REPORTS

4.1 WIFIA Closed Loans in California

Mr. Ojo reiterated the program is an excellent and competitive process and noted that to date, 67 loans have been closed for a total of \$12.6 million and pointed to the list in the agenda packet.

Chair Zoba invited public comment. There was none.

4.2 Grants Update

Mr. Ojo pointed out the availability of a list of available grants and highlighted some of potential interest.

Chair Zoba invited public comment. There was none.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Zoba advised that the JPA meeting is next week, and the next TAC meeting is January 26.

Mr. Miller indicated he would have an update on Phase 2 projects at the next meeting. Ms. Scholte indicated that the Water Conservation District had no projects for Phase 2.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority Technical Advisory Committee.

Secretary

Date

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant