

MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall
August 18, 2005

Present: Justo Gonzalez, President
Wayde Hunter, Vice Commissioner
Noreen E. McClendon, Commissioner
Samuel J. Hill Jr., Commissioner

Absent: Jennifer Taggart, Commissioner

Keylaundra McClelland, Acting Commission Secretary - (213) 978-2366

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Justo Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of February 17, 2005 were considered and approved as written.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
4. **MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT:** General Manager Allen provided the Commissioners with an update of departmental activities.
5. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:
 - Cecilia Estolano, Chair of the Prop O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) provided the Commission with an overview of the bond measures status. Bond Proposition O, Clean Water, Ocean, River, Beach, Bay Storm Water Clean-Up Measure General Obligation Bonds, passed on November 3, 2004 with over 70% of voter approval. This bond authorized the City of Los Angeles to issue \$500 million in bonds for projects that protect rivers, lakes, beaches and the ocean (\$250 million); conserve and protect drinking water and other water sources (\$75 million); reduce flooding and use neighborhood parks to decrease polluted runoff (\$100 million); capture, clean-up and reuse storm water (\$75 million). The bonds will be paid for by property taxes.

COAC along with the Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) was established to monitor the bond's projects, budgets, and schedules; semi-

annually report and advise to the City Council and Mayor on the status of the program: develop and review project criteria; review project proposals to determine if they meet the adopted criteria and recommend to the City Council projects that meet the criteria. Project selection criteria is weighted on a scale of 100; 40% to which the project reduces pollution that has an *adopted TMDL* (total maximum daily load), mandates used to clean up specific pollutants in water bodies like the LA River and Ballona Wetlands; 30% deals with whether the project provides *multiple benefits* such as enhancing a drinking water source, reducing flooding, or improving the environment in other ways; and the last 30% of weighting deals with *project feasibility* which, addresses issues such as, durability, cost of the project, and the technology that it uses. COAC continues to meet monthly and plans to have the initial cycle completed by the end of the year.

- Christopher Patton of the AQD Division updated the Commissioners on the status of Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area. The Sun Valley area located in the Northeast San Fernando Valley spreads throughout three Council Districts, with the highest concentration residing in CD6, is a mixture of industrial facilities, residential properties, and major transportation structures resulting in major environmental burdens on the citizens and surrounding communities of Sun Valley.

The City Council established the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area to address the need for coordinated planning and adherence to environmental justice principles in the siting of new facilities, and to help ensure strict enforcement of environmental laws and regulations. With a team consisting of the Fire Department, EAD, Planning Department along with Zoning, Building and Safety, and Council Districts along with the City Attorney's Environmental Justice Task Force, projects have been underway to help combat the existing environmental burdens. To date 21 rollouts (unannounced site visits) by multi-agency groups such as South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Air Resources Board (ARB), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), have visited over 200 sites and issued approximately 100 citations citywide to those with evident permitting violations. The Improvement Area and Task Force along with other projects are lauded as being effective in reducing the environmental burdens associated with the Sun Valley area.

6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS**: State of the City's Environment Report.
7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS**:
8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**: Probe on illegal dumping of hazardous waste materials by home improvement stores. Railroad right-of-way in the Los Angeles Watts area.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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