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Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 21, 2019

Location

West LA Municipal Building – 1645 Corinth Ave., LA 90024

The WRAC Board met for its regular monthly meeting on August 21, 2019, Larry Watts acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at about 8:30 a.m. and asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

Representatives Present: Larry Watts (BCC); Andrew Lewis (NWWNC); Chris Spitz (PPCC); Ira Koslow (VNC); Nickie Miner (BABCNC); Barbara Broide (WNC); and Roozbeh Farahanipour (WWNC).

Alternates present: David Card (PPCC); Michelle Krupkin (MVCC)

Also present: Steve Twining (Mobility Chair); Mark Ryavec; and the government representatives identified below.

The Chair noted the absence of a quorum.

I. Approval of Minutes. Deferred due to lack of a quorum.

II. Officer and Committee Updates

- a. The Chair recognized Steve Twining who gave a brief Mobility Committee.
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III. Special Presentations:

- a. **DWP.** The Chair recognized Razmik Manoukian, LADWP Director of Water Quality and his colleague Anita Wilson. Mr. Manoukian has 30 years of experience with the DWP and was appointed this year to his current position. He gave a lengthy report, which included a history of water regulation nationally and by the State of California a, beginning with two federal regulations in 1914 to the current 104 federal and 16 state regulations and methods of maintaining water quality. During the past 20 years the DWP has invested over \$2 billion in capital improvements to the department's water

storage and delivery infrastructure. The reservoirs (Encino, Hollywood and Lower Stone Canyon) have been removed from service, but continue to be available to provide water for water for fighting fires. The water sources for Los Angeles are Owens Valley (80%), Colorado River (10%) and local wells (10%). The majority of complaints concerning water quality can be traced to private water pipes, not pipes owned and maintained by the DWP. At the conclusion

b.

IV. Government Rep. Updates

- Mayor Garcetti's Office: Ami Fields-Meyer was not present.
- Department of City Planning: Fabiola Inzunza reviewed Planning 101 training sessions on CEQA and circulated a written CEQA Processes Summary.
- Deborah Hong reported the start date on the Bel Air Power Upgrade Project has been moved to Tuesday June 25, starting at 9:00 am.
- LA City Councilmember Koretz's Office (CD 5): Debbie Dyer Harris gave a brief report.
- LA City Councilmember Bonin's Office (CD 11): was not present.
- LA City Attorney Feuer's Office: was not present.
- Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment: John Darnell spoke briefly about upcoming Budget Day and the Civic University.
- Board of Neighborhood Commissioners: Not present.
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office: Erin Schneider
- LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas's Office: Not present.
- U.S. Representative Karen Bass's Office: Jacqueline Hamilton was not present
- U.S. Representative Ted Lieu's Office: Janet Turner
- CA Senator Ben Allen's Office: Will Gaines was not present.
- CA Assembly Member Richard Bloom's Office: Josh Kurpies was not present.

V. New Business

Deferred due to lack of a quorum.

VI. Old Business

- i. The Chair announced that that it was important that we decide upon whether to form a 501 (c), (3) corporation and begin to charge member organizations annual dues to enable WRAC to enable WRAC to have the financial ability to carry out its mission, including sponsoring events, maintaining its website, etc. The Chair also reminded all that election of officers will take place at the September meeting and that we need someone to volunteer to be secretary. He indicated one option is the NC model, e.g. engage someone to perform this and other administrative tasks Another option would be for two members to share the job.

VII. Updates on Pending Motions. Deferred due to lack of a quorum.

VIII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at about 10:15 a.m.

Next meeting, September 17, 2019; 8:30 a.m. at WLA Municipal Building, 1645 Corinth Avenue, LA, CA 90024.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary