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September 17, 2025

To: WRAC Member Council Board representatives
From: WRAC Chair Robin Greenberg and Vice-Chair Chris Spitz

In case you missed it, here's an update on the September 15, 2025, WRAC Board meeting.

Special Guests: We were pleased to hear from two guest speakers: First, **Capt. III Eric Epollito** – new LAPD Pacific Division Commanding Officer – spoke with us about his background, his work and his goals for the Division. He stressed that his primary goal is: “If you have a concern, that will be heard and addressed.” He shared an important announcement: an SLO will be specifically assigned to Dockweiler and Venice Beaches. He also noted that there will be an open house and pancake breakfast on November 2 as a fundraiser for Pacific Division; and on November 15, the Division will host a celebration of its 100th Anniversary as an LAPD Division!

In addition, Ben Wong of **LADWP** gave a presentation on the Department's “Urban Water Management Plan” (UWMP). Ben presented a slide show and explained the purpose of the endeavor and the requirement under state law to submit a plan every five years. For more information, visit:

<https://www.ladwp.com/who-we-are/water-system/sources-supply/urban-water-management-plan>.

Government Reports:

Numerous government representatives joined our September 11th meeting. They shared reports on the work of their elected officials and described bills or motions that they have introduced and/or have passed in their respective legislative bodies: Nicolas Rodriguez, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Ted Lieu; Samantha Gallegos, Field Representative for state Senator Ben Allen; Michelle Persoff, District Director for Assemblymember Isaac Bryan; Sherwin Shamoeil, Field Representative for Assemblymember Rick Zbur; Amanda Laflen, Westside Deputy for Supervisor Lindsey Horvath. Cairo Rodriguez, Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky's Field Deputy; and Michael Amster, Councilwoman Traci Park's Field Deputy. We thank all the reps for sharing with us.

Chair's Announcements/Informal Board Decisions:

- Robin welcomed a newly-appointed representative to the WRAC Board: Vic Pacheco (WLASNC Alternate).
- She explained that we have invited and are attempting to arrange for speakers at possible upcoming breakfast meetings at Belmont Senior Living in Westwood. These include Paul Krekorian, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Major Events (2028 Olympics) and D.A. Nathan Hochman. Jay Handal is assisting with scheduling and is following up with Director Krekorian.
- After discussion, the Board decided that we will change our meeting dates in January and February 2026 from the third Monday of each month (1/19/26 MLK Jr. Day and 2/16/26 President's Day) to the fourth Mondays (1/26/26 and 2/23/26), due to federal holidays falling on the third Mondays.

WRAC Meetings & Events:

- **Upcoming Board meeting:** October 20, 2025.
- **Upcoming committee meetings:** MTC 9/17/25; HOC 10/28/25; note: the HOC will not meet in September.

Member Updates: Vice-Chair Chris Spitz reported on the status of SB 79; WRAC letter requesting the Governor's veto: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/WRAC-Letter-Veto-SB-79.pdf>.

Passed & Pending Motions:

-- A record number of WRAC motions were passed in August and September – seven (7) – with position letters sent for each of the motions, as reflected on the website and in the 9/15/25 meeting agenda. Great work, members!

-- There is currently one pending WRAC motion -- **Support CF 25-0848 / Expedite After-Action Reports:**

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-cf-25-0848-expedite-after-action-reports/>. This motion has been passed by seven member councils and needs only one more vote to become an adopted WRAC position.

Please consider taking up this motion at your earliest opportunity.

Reminder: Pending motions are *recommended only* – they are not WRAC positions until they are passed by at least a majority (8) of Member Councils, who are free to decide whether to take up any pending motions.¹

We also emphasize that WRAC is of course a *cooperative coalition* which seeks, whenever possible, to advocate for our Member Councils' common / regional interests and concerns, as reflected in motions that a majority or more of WRAC Board representatives have voted to recommend for possible consideration by our Member Councils – and may eventually become adopted WRAC positions.

Best regards – and see you on October 20th!

Robin and Chris

¹ Even if a given motion is not passed by a majority of Member Councils and thus does not become an adopted WRAC position, those Member Councils that have passed the motion are free to submit (and should submit) CIS and/or position letters on their own behalf. Collectively, positions expressed by several Member Councils, even if short of a majority in WRAC, are meaningful and may have a positive impact.