

Storm Water Management Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Opening Remarks

Nefi Garza, Chair reminded the committee the role of the committee is advisory; decisions are made by the Public Works Department and City Council. Topics of interest from the committee need to be added to the future agenda for briefing. Bianca Maldonado recommended a new agenda item be included called “Future Agenda Items”.

Roll Call

Present: Nefi M. Garza, Suzanne Brennan Scott, Rodolfo Munoz, Kelsey Ann Krueger, Peter Onofre, Bernardino N. Villasenor, Roger Andrade, Bianca Maldonado, John Gilbert Hafernack, and Patrice Melancon.

Absent: Debbie Reid, Jennifer Ramos, and Luis Alday.

Staff: Razi Hosseini, Jessica Shirley-Saenz, Sabrina Santiago, Victoria Escobedo, David McBeth, and Mario Hune.

In Attendance: Beth Bebout, Kyp Corts, Phillip Manning, Sheeba M Thomas Dominguez, Mikel Wilkins, Yasmine Ramones, Saif Al Haddad, Noah Fuentes, and Barbara Witte Howell.

Motion

Bianca Maldonado moved that the December 17, 2024 meeting minutes be tabled to allow for recommendations on the Community Rating System to be included. Peter Onofre seconded the motion.

Public Comment

Beth Bebout voiced her concerns regarding potential improvements at the crossing at Encino Park Road and East Huebner Creek. Concerns include an existing conservation easement and wildlife downstream. Seeking a compromise to preserve wildlife and native vegetation.

Ross Snyder spoke on stormwater and environmental concerns resulting from the Prue Road Street Improvements and Outfall C. Seeking a collaboration between Oakland Estates Neighborhood Association to become the stewards of East Huebner Creek.

Kyp Corts spoke on water management. Seeking approaches that provide multiple benefits; specifically natural stream management, decreasing urban heat island effect, wildlife benefit, mitigating climate change, and reducing stream pollution.

Phillip Manna, President of Alamo Farmsteads Neighborhood Association, voiced concerns regarding groundwater pollution due to existing active water wells, and monitoring and managing FEMA designation. He does not want to lose FEMA Insurance.

Patrice Melancon moved for a presentation from the City regarding the analysis, results, and alternatives of the Prue Road Bond Project. Bianca Maldonado seconded. Nefi summarized the concerns as: upstream flooding, environmental permitting, natural stream management, and well. Bianca requested to include stormwater management of specific tributary and unfunded drainage

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projects. Suzanne Scott is seeking information regarding coordination between the City and San Antonio River Authority for stream restoration.

Staff Presentation

Presentation briefing on the San Antonio River Authority Watershed Master Plan. Presented by San Antonio River Authority Saif Al Haddad, Sheeba Thomas, Mikel Wilkins, and Yasmine Ramones. Suzanne Scott inquired about efforts to synthesize the scoring for City of San Antonio, Bexar Regional Watershed Management, and Region 12. Nefi Garza challenged SARA to consider regional projects, based on acreages, beyond the floodplain impact. Nefi requested follow-up presentation in May on the cost to mitigate the damage centers. Bianca Maldonado requested for the Elevation Certificate Program be amplified to all city residents.

Discussion on Metal Recycling Entities (MRE) and Used Auto Parts Recyclers (UAPR) and other entities not paying the Storm Water Fee. Presented by Sabrina Santiago. Nefi Garza asked for the slide and notes to be shared with the committee to take to the elected officials. Bianca Maldonado requested to post presentations with the agenda. Collection enforcement is being considered with SAWS and CPS. An updated presentation is anticipated in the Summer. Bianca Maldonado suggested the City look into enforcement with the Certificate of Occupancy.

Discussion on the Storm Water Management Advisory Board Meeting schedule for the calendar year. Presentation by Mario Hune. Suzanne Scott requested to see how each entity (City, BRWM, State) scores projects. Peter Onofre requested to see the Concepcion Creek Drainage Project scored across the various scoring criteria. Bianca Maldonado requested a sub-committee to discuss the scoring criteria.

Adjournment

Patrice Melancon moved to adjourn the meeting. Bianca Maldonado seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.