

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY POLICY COMMITTEE**  
Friday, January 20, 2016  
**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
League of California Cities, 1400 K Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA

**A G E N D A**

<p><b>SPECIAL ORDER: State Budget and Issues Briefing for all policy committee members</b> <b>10:00 – 10:45 a.m., Room 204, Sacramento Convention Center</b> <i>Upon adjournment, individual policy committee meetings will begin</i></p>
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| <b>I.</b>    | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>   |                      |
| <b>II.</b>   | <b>Public Comment</b>  |                      |
| <b>III.</b>  | <b>Overview of Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts Rules</b> ( <i>Attachment A</i> )   | <i>Informational</i> |
| <b>IV.</b>   | <b>Committee Orientation</b> ( <i>Attachment B</i> )   | <i>Informational</i> |
| <b>V.</b>    | <b>Review of Existing Policy &amp; Guiding Principles</b> ( <i>Attachment C</i> )  | <i>Informational</i> |
| <b>VI.</b>   | <b>League Strategic Goals for 2017</b> ( <i>Attachment D</i> )   | <i>Informational</i> |
| <b>VII.</b>  | <b>2017 Draft Work Program</b> ( <i>Attachment E</i> )   | <i>Action</i>        |
| <b>VIII.</b> | <b>Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life</b> ( <i>Attachment F</i> )<br>Speaker: Eric Oppenheimer, State Water Resources Control Board ( <i>Invited</i> ) | <i>Informational</i> |
| <b>IX.</b>   | <b>California WaterFix Update</b><br>Speaker: TBD  | <i>Informational</i> |
| <b>X.</b>    | <b>Marijuana Policy Update</b> ( <i>Handout</i> )<br>Speaker: Jason Rhine, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities                                     | <i>Informational</i> |
| <b>XI.</b>   | <b>Cap and Trade Funding</b> ( <i>Attachment G</i> )<br>Speaker: Erin Evans-Fudem, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities                             | <i>Informational</i> |
| <b>XII.</b>  | <b>Legislative Update</b> ( <i>Attachment H</i> )<br>Speaker: Erin Evans-Fudem, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities                                | <i>Informational</i> |

**Next Meeting: Friday, March 31, 2017, Doubletree Hotel, Ontario**

<p><b>NOTE:</b> Policy committee members should be aware that lunch is usually served at these meetings. The state's Fair Political Practices Commission takes the position that the value of the lunch should be reported on city officials' statement of economic interests form. Because of the service you provide at these meetings, the League takes the position that the value of the lunch should be reported as income (in return for your service to the committee) as opposed to a gift (note that this is <u>not</u> income for state or federal income tax purposes—just Political Reform Act reporting purposes). If you would prefer not to have to report the value of the lunches as income, we will let you know the amount so you may reimburse the League.</p>
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<p><b>Brown Act Reminder:</b> The League of California Cities' Board of Directors has a policy of complying with the spirit of open meeting laws. Generally, off-agenda items may be taken up only if:</p>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Two-thirds of the policy committee members find a need for immediate action exists and the need to take action came to the attention of the policy committee after the agenda was prepared (<b>Note:</b> If fewer than two-thirds of policy committee members are present, taking up an off-agenda item requires a unanimous vote); or</li><li>2. A majority of the policy committee finds an emergency (for example: work stoppage or disaster) exists.</li></ol> |
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<p>A majority of a city council may not, consistent with the Brown Act, discuss specific substantive issues among themselves at League meetings. Any such discussion is subject to the Brown Act and must occur in a meeting that complies with its requirements.</p>
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<p><b>Informational Items:</b> Any agenda item listed for information purposes may be acted upon by the Policy Committee if the Chair determines such action is warranted and conforms with current League policy. If the committee wishes to revise League policy or adopt new policy for an item listed as informational, committees are encouraged to delay action until the next meeting to allow for preparation of a full analysis of the item.</p>
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- d) When addressing contamination in a water body, water boards should place priority emphasis on clean-up strategies targeting sources of pollution, rather than in stream or end-of-pipe treatment.
- e) The League encourages water boards to address cross-media pollution of water, including but not limited to the problems of atmospheric deposition of water pollutants.
- f) The League encourages all state offices, departments and boards to comply with state policy for water quality control, including compliance with the Basin Plans.

## **2. Water Board Reforms**

- a) The League generally supports the concept of water board reform.
- b) Any water board reforms should recognize the inherent differences between cities and regions in California.
- c) Water board reform should recognize the symbiotic relationship between regional water quality control boards and local governments.
- d) The League supports the retention of designated local government representatives on the regional boards and inclusion of a designated local government representative on the State Water Board.
- e) The League supports streamlining the board process, including delegating permit authority to the executive officers, with rights of appeal, and giving greater authority to the State Water Board over regional board policies and decisions.

## **3. Basin Plan Updates**

- a) The League supports the option of local agencies developing funding for basin plan updates.
- b) The League supports comprehensive updates to the basin plans that recognize the unique and varied nature of stormwater. Basin plans need to recognize the unique and varied nature of stormwater, both wet weather and dry weather runoff.
- c) Basin plan updates should comply with the Porter-Cologne requirements to recognize economic impacts, local drainage conditions and scientific consensus, including source control and atmospheric deposition strategies.

## **4. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits**

- a) The League supports reform of the States Water Board's administration of the federal NPDES program.
- b) The League encourages the water boards to issue permits that are reasonably achievable, based on the unique conditions of a city or region.
- c) The League supports regulations and legislation that promotes watershed management, that appropriately spreads the responsibility for clean water beyond the requirements that apply to point-source dischargers, municipal storm drain systems and publically-owned treatment works.
- d) The League generally opposes legislation that requires the use of numeric limits in waste discharge permits, especially in storm water permits, because of the difficulties in meeting them, problems with exceeding them, and the cost and potential enforcement impacts.



































































