

**Neighborhood Councils - Department of Water and Power
Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee**

Special Meeting Agenda

Saturday, February 3, 2017, 8:45 a.m.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, John Ferraro Building, A Level Conference Rooms
111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Courtesy parking in the DWP lot, entrance off Hope Street

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks** (Tony Wilkinson, Chair, 818-212-5384, tonyw.civic@gmail.com) [3m]
2. **Self-Introductions of Participants and Guests** (*Please sign the sign-in sheet!*) [3m]
3. **Announcement that meetings of the NC-DWP MOU Oversight Committee and Jack Humphreville's DWP (Advocacy) Committee are regularly held at LADWP headquarters, 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles 90012 at 8:45 am on the first Saturday of the month (MOU in even numbered months, DWPC in odd numbered months).** The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) meeting usually follows at 10:00 am at the same location. [1m]
4. **Report on the Citizens Committee for the Selection of the Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability (OPA Candidate Selection Committee for short), Tony Wilkinson, Committee Chair.** The five member Citizens Committee held an organization meeting on November 9 and working meetings on November 30 and December 13. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays in Room 1060 in Los Angeles City Hall. Audio access to meetings is available through Council Phone. Meeting recordings and documents are available on the official website (opacsc.lacity.org). Public comments may be sent to opacsc@lacity.org. The Committee will meet again after Council President Herb Wesson fills a vacant seat, hopefully in February. [3m]
5. **Report on the move of LADWP Chief Financial Officer Neil Guglielmo to head the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS).** [3m]
6. **Report on the LADWP Program to remediate contamination in the San Fernando Valley's East Valley aquifer.** This groundwater basin is the main storage "reservoir" for the City's storm runoff and future reclaimed water. Contamination from industrial solvents is severe enough to threaten its use. Total cost of the program to remove pollutants will probably exceed half a billion dollars. While news of individual project components has been publicized, this may be the first public overview of the full scope of the remediation effort. [30m]
7. **Office of Public Accountability: Ratepayer Advocate Dr. Frederick H. Pickel** (213-978-0220, fred.pickel@lacity.org) **will be present to provide insight on current water, power, and LADWP issues, possibly including the future of the California Water Fix, the 100% Renewable Energy Advisory Group meeting on February 15, and the work required to upgrade the LADWP Customer Information System.** Reports from the OPA are available on the OPA website (<http://opa.lacity.org>) [15m]
8. **Discussion of David Goldstein's CBS Channel 2 report on LADWP payments to non-profit organizations.** <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2018/01/30/goldstein-investigation-ladwp/> and the LADWP news response at <http://ladwpnews.com/statement-regarding-ladwp-funding-for-non-profit-organizations/> Since Twitter is now a fashionable national 'news' source, the MOU Oversight Chair's opinion: Tony Wilkinson, @slowtony, Jan 31: Today @CBSLAdavid Goldstein reports @LADWP gives millions to "charity", and @latimes @jackdolanLAT @shelbygrad jump on bandwagon. Truth: civic orgs often mission-aligned research, education, not "charity" [10m]
9. **Member input on neighborhood council concerns regarding DWP issues.** [4m]
10. **Public Comment and Announcements** (*Please limit to two minutes per speaker.*) [3m]
11. **Adjournment:** Before 10:00 a.m.

The MOU is a formal "best efforts" agreement for information sharing, mutual notice, and education. The agreement is now administered for LADWP by the office of **Joseph Ramallo**, Assistant General Manager, Communications, Marketing, and Community Affairs. Neighborhood Councils should send all notices and the names of their DWP MOU Representatives to the head of the NC Outreach team, Stephanie Spicer (stephanie.spicer@ladwp.com, 213-367-1314), with a copy to Tony Wilkinson (tonyw.civic@gmail.com) and Jack Humphreville (JackH@targetmediapartners.com). Ms. Spicer manages the Community Affairs team.