

# Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils' Oversight Committee



August 26, 2006  
Minutes

**Executives Board Present: Soledad Garcia, Gary Baratta, Katy Carlson, Michael Cohen, J.D. Gaydowski, Dominic Ehrler, Paul Reznik.**

**Executive Board absent were Vincent Antonio and Brady Westwater**

**Twenty-six Neighborhood Oversight Neighborhood Council representatives attended. Attendees listed on separate sheet.**

**Chair Soledad Garcia opened the meeting at 10:10am.**

**Minutes approved as read.**

**Chair Soledad Garcia Introduced Lead DWP-Neighborhood Council Liaison, Paul Wang and NC Liaison, Greg Bartz.**

**The presentation by Paul Wang was directed at DWP – NC MOU Progress and Relationship: How are we ( DWP and OSC) doing relative to the MOU?**

**--Paul Wang gave a brief history of DWP, Task Force and Oversight Committee and DWP working together. He also read from a three page summary of Outage statistics, equipment report, a status report on transformers, repairs and on line power. He will forward the summary.**

**--Paul Wang explained that the two Liaisons recruited received promotions. He will continue recruitment for four more liaisons to the NC. Area meetings are pending additional liaisons. Liaisons will assist with communications in the event of major disruptions. (Issues 1.1, 2.7 and 4.2)**

**--Paul Wang requested we give 14 days notice in order for a DWP Rep to attend NC meetings.**

**--Paul Wang advised us that reserving a room at the DWP building is being stream lined. New rules will apply.**

**The Chair referred to the MOU area of 2.10.2 as a modification to the Rate Increase response time. Motion was made by Gary Baratta, seconded by Paul Reznik and passed that the NC rate increase response time change from 90 to 120 days. The recommendation for 180 days was defeated. It was noted that this first year, 180 days were inadvertently allowed by DWP.**

**The Chair asked Paul Wang for his view on a five year MOU renewal rather than a two year extension. He said he would carry the message back, but he felt two years would be better.**

**Peter Parrish was asked to speak to the issue of the Significant Projects which included solar and green power. He reminded Paul Wang that the Oversight Committee had passed the motion in January that Solar be given the status of Significant Project. He asked for a status update.**

**Dominic Ehrler discussed the possibility of underground power lines as a significant project. He used his neighborhood as an example of how it could be done. He showed a drawing of his area.**

**Greg Bartz stated that the Joint Department of Public Works and LADWP were to meet to adopt an Integrated Resources Plan as related to wastewater, recycled water and storm water management toward the middle of September 2006.**

**Michael Cohen read the results of a 50 person survey regarding the power outage. These responses were from the valley. The results are on file.**

**There was a question and answer period between those present and Paul Wang on DWP issues. A request was made that those Neighborhood Councils that did not have an opportunity to submit MOU recommendations, be provided additional time to do so. Those people in the audience who did not have an opportunity to speak, wrote their questions and comments.**

**These were collected to forward to Paul Wang for direct answers, where possible. Copies of the questions and comments are on file.**

**During Public Comment, Paul Reznik was asked by J. Handal 11, President of Greater West Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to read his letter into the record. The letter is on file.**

**The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.**

**The next meeting will be September 23, 2006, at the DWP cafeteria at 10:00am. Recommendations submitted by September 20, 2006, will be reviewed as possible modifications to the MOU.**