



MOU Between LADWP and Certified Neighborhood Councils

Agenda Item (#)

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The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power seeks approval to renew a Memorandum of Understanding with the City's Neighborhood Councils for an additional five-year period to enhance effective two-way communications, transparency, and promote information sharing, mutual notice, and education.

MOU History

- Article IX of the Los Angeles City Charter established the creation of a citywide system of neighborhood councils to promote citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.
- As a leader among City departments and in an effort to further enhance communication with neighborhood councils, in April 2005, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners approved an MOU with NCs.
- The LADWP/NC MOU has been amended or renewed in: 2007, 2012, 2017 and now 2023

NC Monthly Meetings

- LADWP hosts Neighborhood Council meetings on the first Saturday of each month:
 - DWP MOU Committee Meeting (even months) led by Tony Wilkinson
 - DWP Advocacy meetings (odd months) led by Jack Humphreville
- These meetings are held virtually on WebEx from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Summary of Proposed Changes

- Changes notification to MOU Oversight Committee **from 90 to 60 days for a single year rate action**, and **from 120 days to 90 days for multi-year rate actions** before the proposed rate action is considered for final approval by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.
- Notice period will begin when a complete draft ordinance is prepared and proposed to the Board of Commissioners.

Summary of Proposed Changes

- Adds virtual meeting participation options.
- Extends notification period for NCs to request a speaker from 5 to 10 working days. If notification is less than, LADWP will make best effort to accommodate.
- Commits LADWP NC Liaisons to regular attendance at Regional Alliance Meetings
- Clarifies the Spring and Fall Budget Workshops as a presentation to the NC MOU Oversight Committee.
- Updates and expands educational LADWP topics for NCs to include drought response, equity initiatives, transition to 100% clean energy and Integrated Human Resources Plan.

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More information can be found at LADWP's
Neighborhood Councils webpage:

www.ladwp.com/neighborhoodcouncils