

Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

June 23, 2008, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Lakewood City Hall, Executive Board Meeting Room

Present:

Art Aguilar, Central Basin MWD
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell
 Shirley Birosik, RWQCB
 Hector Bordas, LACFCD
 George DeLaO, LACFCD
 Scott Dellinger, Brown and Caldwell

Sharon Gates, Long Beach Parks
 Alex Kenefick, LASGRWC
 Frank Kuo, LACFCD
 Wendy La, LAC DPW
 Eric Leung, City of Long Beach
 Joone Lopez, Central Basin MWD

Sherwood Natsuhara, City of Vernon
 Bob Siemak, WRD
 Miriam Torres, EJCW
 Tim Worley, RMC

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/ Follow up
1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose	Art Aguilar opened the meeting at 1:40 pm.	
2. Review/Approve May 19 Steering Committee Meeting Notes	Minutes correction requested to show Bob Siemak on the attendance list. Minutes approved with correction.	
3. Discussion/Selection of Vice Chair	To date, no one has stepped forward to indicate a desire to serve in the position of Vice Chair. Scott reviewed the changes to the Steering Committee Membership with the committee as a possible list for Vice Chair Candidates. Request made the Scott Dellinger send another email to interested parties regarding the Vice Chair Position as well as including an explanation of the criteria. If there is no response Art Aguilar, LA County and the Consulting Team will work to identify candidates for the position.	Scott Dellinger will email the Subregion regarding parties interested in the Vice Chair Position.
4. Review May 28 Leadership Committee Meeting Notes	Frank Kuo reviewed the minutes from the May Leadership Committee and highlighted the following topics from the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prop 50 – waiting on clarification on schedule and budget for some projects to send to the State to complete grant agreement. Will execute MOU with project proponents after agreement with State is finished. • Reviewed notes and presentation for DWR Prop 84 & 1E Workshops • IRWMP MOU has been signed by 3 agencies (MWD, San Gabriel WQA, LASGLWC) • There will be a meeting to review the water supply targets after the LC Meeting. • Moving forward with review of Draft DAC Outreach Plan. 	

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<p>5. Review June 25 Leadership Committee Agenda</p>	<p>Art Aguilar reviewed the Agenda for the June Leadership Committee Meeting and highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Ventura County Watershed Coalition and Upper Santa Clara River IRWM. Ventura will take a first look and a proposal for allocation some form of a base plus population. The proposal will be developed and taken to the larger group for review. More details will be provided at the LC meeting and there will be a report at the next SC Meeting. • Action Plan will be reviewed for input. • The ongoing IRWMP budget and commitments are being finalized. Comment made that there should be a deadline set for contribution and payment and that the Consultant/County should have West Basin provide guidance. Also noted that budget needs to be finalized before additive change order takes place. • Review of Letter sent to DWR by the Gateway Cities JPA and the response from DWR to the Gateway Cities JPA. <p>Additional discussion on Prop 50 occurred that covered the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventura was encouraged to submit invoices ASAP to be first in line for reimbursement in FY 08-09. • County will work with the State on the invoicing timeline for LA IRWMP Projects, but has to finalize the agreement with the State first. Based on past experience that the State reimbursement will take months, County is working on the system to turn around payments to proponents as fast as possible once the State reimbursement is received. 	<p>Agendize report on VCWC and Upper Santa Clara Meeting.</p>
<p>6. Discussion on Participation in LSGLAR Steering Committee</p> <p>a. Steering Committee Members</p> <p>b. Steering Committee Stakeholders</p>	<p>This item was discussed as part of Agenda Item #3.</p>	
<p>7. 2008 Consultant Activities</p> <p>a. Strategy to Update IRWM Plan in 2008</p> <p>b. Project Prioritization Framework</p> <p>c. Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Outreach</p>	<p>IRWMP Update TM</p> <p>Scott Dellinger passed out and reviewed the Technical Memorandum regarding the updates to the Greater LA County IRWM Plan. Noted that the purpose of the update was to position and meet the minimum standards for implementation funding as well as the identification of planning needs to apply for Prop 84 planning grants.</p> <p>Action Plan</p> <p>Scott Dellinger passed out and reviewed the Draft Action Plan to prepare for implementation and planning grants. Suggested changes included adding deadlines for IRWMP funding contributions and adjusting the start dates of the DAC Outreach.</p>	<p>Comments on the IRWMP Update TM should be sent to Scott Dellinger</p> <p>Comment on the Draft Action Plan should be sent to Scott Dellinger</p>

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	<p>Prop 84 / 1E Question was raised about the funding available through Prop 84 & 1E and the relationship between the two grant programs. Clarified that the intent currently is to group Prop 1E with Prop 84 in a consolidated application. Ventura/LA County funding region is allocated \$215m for implementation funding. Currently Planning money is coming from the \$100m interregional fund, although some of the planning money may come from the \$215m for the Ventura/LA County funding area. Draft Guidelines are due in the Fall of 2008.</p> <p>Discussion also occurred that DWR may conduct a regional acceptance process this summer to see who qualifies as an IRWM region. The State is expected to provide clear direction for the process and may result in an adjustment of the Consultant Scope. It has also been indicated that DWR may not move forward with grant funding until regional issues are resolved.</p> <p>Project Prioritization Scott Dellinger distributed and reviewed the Final Prioritization Technical Memorandum to review the previous dry run of project prioritization and the lessons learned through that process. It was suggested that Steering Committee Members review the TM and provide comments and discussion regarding how the subregion should prioritize projects for the July Steering Committee Meeting. After the subregion finalizes the prioritization framework, then projects will be modified in the database. It was also suggested that a modification occur to the consultant scope to work on the database, establish data criteria and verify accuracy.</p> <p>DAC Outreach Scott Dellinger distributed copies of the Draft DAC Outreach plan and requested that any comments be sent to him or Art Aguilar.</p>	<p>Scott Dellinger will send Prioritization Framework TM to SC Members</p> <p>Agendize Framework discussion for next SC Meeting</p> <p>Send comments on Draft DAC Outreach Strategy to Scott Dellinger</p>
<p>8. DAC Outreach Subcommittee</p>	<p>Members of the DAC Outreach Subcommittee reviewed their conference call and discusses the following comments and recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a lack of a link between DAC Outreach and Technical Assistance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Define what technical assistance means ○ What is the criteria for selecting projects for technical assistance ○ Why is it only two projects for technical assistance? • The Leadership Committee needs to address how to define and identify DAC projects with the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 80% of MHI may not have DACs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was noted that Prop 84 clearly utilized income as a definition of DACs. ▪ Note that the 80% MHI definition can be added to, but the income requirements can't be eliminated ▪ Frank Kuo presented map of the Greater LA region showing DAC regions by census tract utilizing the 80% MHI definition. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to map DACs to see where they are based on the State definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need to follow up and “ground-truth” DAC maps ○ Follow-up by looking at other criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DWR has indicated they are open to other definitions of DACs ○ Identify how money will be split among DACs ○ Needs to translate into actual projects ○ Positions need to be advocated to the Roundtable of Regions. ● Need to reach out to entities with DAC experience and conduct meetings with the following purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hold roundtable discussions with those groups ○ Meetings should be inclusive ○ Bring in DAC members to influence DAC outreach strategy. ○ Target to specific individuals and general DACs. ○ There should be a general meeting with interested parties to develop DAC Outreach plan for the Steering Committees and Leadership Committee to approve. ○ Plan developed for flexibility and clarity from the meeting would be submitted to Steering Committees for review and approval. ○ Should form an expanded region-wide DAC Subcommittee ○ There also needs to be planning on how to carry out the plan. ○ The consulting team is not the best option for DAC outreach, instead it should go through non-profit organizations and the Steering Committees. ○ The current draft plan is not a good starting point; a meeting is needed to develop new starting point with consultant facilitation. Then the Outreach can move forward with measurable objectives with the consultant scope adapted to fit the needs of the new plan. ○ Need to facilitate gathering of experience and comments to create a living document to move forward. ○ Planning needs to be done before DAC workshops or project assistance. ● Subregion needs a “Needs Assessment” to provide to the Leadership Committee ● Review existing database of DACs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify missing DAC groups ○ Identify how to bring missing groups to the table ● Identify what factors will make DAC projects competitive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Find missing groups and commitments ● Need further clarification of Brown and Caldwell’s role in DAC Outreach ● Need to determine what outreach methods are effective and feasible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pamphlets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General IRWMP pamphlet would not be the way to outreach to DAC Communities ▪ Highlights “Lite” Document can be used as an introduction to the 	
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	<p style="text-align: center;">IRWMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meetings ○ Want efforts to translate into results ○ Eliminate what isn't effective or feasible ○ Focus on outreach strategies needs to be targeted to need and appropriate to the community ○ Need to identify community and how to reach that specific community. The micro planning in the communities does not fit into one format for all communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently DWR has allocated \$15m from the \$100m interregional fund for DAC projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ However the value doesn't have to be fixed and can allocate more funds. DWR is open to feedback on this. ● The County should let a regional DAC Subcommittee should lead the DAC effort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have the subcommittee guide the scope for DAC efforts by the Consulting team. ○ Noted that the County manages the consultant contract on behalf of the Leadership Committee and West Basin (who manages the contract funds) ○ There is still a desire to move forward with and present an alternate plan with commitments to deliver. 	
<p>9. Other Items</p>	<p>No Items Discussed.</p>	
<p>10. Meeting Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm. Next Meetings: Lower SGLA Steering Committee: Monday, July 21, 2008, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm LA IRWMP Leadership Committee: Wednesday, June 25, 2008, 9:30 am - noon</p>	

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