

**Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
South Bay Steering Committee
West Basin MWD
Carson, CA**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2009
12:00 – 2:00 pm**

Meeting Notes

Present:

Theresa Wu, WRD
Ousama Nimri, LACFCD
Siya Araumi, LACFCD
George De La O, LACFCD
Shirley Birosik, RWQCB
Meredith McCarthy, Heal the Bay
Mary Zauner, LACSD
Tom West, RMC
Rob Beste, City of Torrance

Robb Whitaker, WRD
Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD
Persephene St. Charles, RMC
Wing Tam, City of Los Angeles
Shana Epstein, West Side County COG
Kathleen McGowan, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Rolling Hills
Estates
Chris Sellers, LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors (phone)

Agenda Item	Topic/ Issue	Discussion	Action Item/Follow Up
1	Welcome, Introductions	Rich Nagel led the introductions.	
2	Review/Approve December Steering Committee Meeting Notes	Notes were approved with no comments.	
3	Overview of January Leadership Committee Discussion and Outcomes	<p>A handout summarizing the LC meeting was distributed and discussed. Major points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Acceptance Process application scope has been negotiated. • Letter to Governor regarding suspension of grant funds. • Project Selection Criteria and Funding process – Straw man will be developed and reviewed at Feb SC meetings <i>[Note: further discussion of this item will be reported under agenda item 5 of these meeting notes.]</i> 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad Hoc Subcommittees: SCs have submitted names of participants. Leighanne will head Conservation and Meredith (with James as alternate) will be on DAC and Rob Beste will be on the other IRWMP projects committee. • Developing a new application for Annenberg funding requesting less money. • Press release is being sent on adoption of MOU by all LC members. 	
<p>5 <i>[switched with agenda item 4]</i></p>	<p>Sub-regional Project Prioritization Process</p>	<p>A project straw man handout was distributed and discussed. The SC members were asked to provide feedback on the straw man so it can be finalized at next LC meeting. It will be used as a guide for sub-regions to narrow their projects down to a similar size list for reporting to the LC in March and April. Group comments on the straw man included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than \$5Million total per sub-region (Note that up to \$21m may be available for the region): This is high and may set expectations high, but keep to allow for flexibility. • No individual projects smaller than \$250,000: This seems reasonable – some think too high, some think too low. • No more than 10 projects per sub-region: 10 projects seems like too many, some regions won't even be close to that. Group agreed to leave 10 as the number to allow for smaller projects • Separate projects into DAC, Conservation and General categories: Could just select 1 favorite from each category too. • All projects must be ready to start by the end of 2010 (Measure of Project Readiness / Completeness): This seemed reasonable. • All projects must have at least a 25% (non-state funding) match must be identified: This seemed reasonable • All potential 1E flood projects should be grouped together and are not included in the \$5 Million limit (flag any overlap projects – e.g. those that are both DAC and flood): Do the opposite – actually integrate the flood project into the general since 1E funding may not happen • Additional parameter: Each remaining project must have been discussed at steering committee level that indicates the value and benefit of the project. <p>There was a request that an analysis of how the Prop 50 funds were distributed between subregions and categories be provided at the next SC meeting.</p> <p>It was recommended that Fran Spivy–Weber of the SWRCB be invited to the</p>	<p>Persephene to draft email questionnaire for review and then send to project proponents for response and attendance at March SC meeting.</p> <p>Persephene to provide results at March SC meeting for group discussion.</p>

		<p>next LC meeting so as to encourage her to use the IRWMP project database for stimulus funding distribution.</p> <p>Handouts showing the result of a draft initial run of the Prop 50 prioritization framework scoring was distributed. The remaining projects were categorized by general, DAC, conservation and flooding. It was determined by the group that until the proponent data is validated, it is not meaningful to review the projects in such a way. The group requested that an email be drafted for review and then sent to proponents with a series of questions that will help in validating the project benefit claims and readiness to proceed.</p> <p>The email should also ask proponents to attend the March SC meeting to further discuss the results of the questionnaire so that the SC can further narrow the project list in line with the finalized strawman parameters. Other questions identified relate to validating the level of benefit relative to actual funding requested through IRWMP- not just value of entire project or program. Also the reliability that a project will move forward if funding request is granted (i.e. not hung up waiting on another source of funding).</p>	
<p>4 [switched with agenda item 5]</p>	Funding Contribution Status	<p>A handout was distributed with current funding status.</p> <p>Leighanne and Rich also presented a handout of draft potential Sustainable and Equitable Funding Models for review by the group. The group briefly discussed the content of the options including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Quo • Sub-Regional Responsibility • Leadership Committee Joint Powers Authority • Leadership Committee Non-Profit Organization • Support Through Grant Award 	Give any initial comments or thoughts on the draft models to Leighanne.
6	Future agenda items, Items to report at Leadership Committee meeting, Other Items	The time and day for the South Bay SC meetings has been officially changed to the 2 nd Tuesday of each month from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The meetings will still be held at West Basin.	
	Next Meetings	<p>Leadership Committee February 25, 2008, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm LA County DPW</p> <p>South Bay Steering Committee March 10, 2009 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm West Basin MWD</p>	

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