

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Meeting Notes – Upper Los Angeles River Watersheds Steering Committee

Draft Meeting and Project Prioritization Workshop Minutes February 24, 2009, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm LADWP, Room 1536

Present:

Siya Araumi, LA County FCD
 Mary Benson, LA Trails
 Shirley Birosik, RWQCB Los Angeles
 Bradley Bowman, City of Pasadena
 Bae Changmii, County Parks and Rec
 Joyce Dillard
 Rebecca Drayse, TreePeople
 Tom Erb, LADWP
 David Gould, Crescenta Valley Water District

Ricky Grubb, Pasadena Water and Power
 Andree Hunt, Malcolm Pirnie
 Kosta Kaporis, City of LA Sanitation
 Wendy La, Raymond Basin Mgmt. Board
 Paul Liu, LADWP
 Bill Mace, City of Burbank Water Dept.
 Vivian Marquez, City of LA Sanitation
 Meredith McKenzie, Arroyo Seco Foundation
 Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie

Andy Niknafs, LADWP
 Tom Richardson, RMC Water and Env.
 Bertha Ruiz-Hoffman, County Parks and Rec
 Nancy Steele, LASGRWC
 Dash Stolarz, MRCA
 Michael Tse, Pasadena Water and Power
 Jennifer Valdez, LADWP
 Amy Webb, LADWP
 Patricia Wood, LA County DPW

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1. Introductions	Tom Erb opened the meeting at 1:30 pm with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
2. Approve 1/27/09 Meeting Minutes	The 1/27/09 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
3. Project Presentations	<p>The following project proponents gave presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Gould, Crescenta Valley Water District • ??, Glendale Water and Power • Dash Stolarz, MRCA • Bill Mace, City of Burbank • Mary Benson, LA Trails • Ricky Grubb <p>The project presentations will be posted to the Greater Los Angeles IRWMP website (www.lawaterplan.com). The consultant will update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant will upload project presentations to www.lawaterplan.com. • Consultant will update project spreadsheet based on information provided in the presentations. • Invite City of Calabasas to next SC meeting to present their project

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	<p>the project list based on the information provided in the presentations.</p> <p>Other discussion included:</p> <p>The State Board is going to do a workshop regarding stimulus money on March 3 from 9 am to 11 am in the RWQCB building. It would be beneficial for project proponents to attend and discuss their needs. The SRF program is available to non-profits for non point source projects.</p> <p>The Northern CA Bay Area Transportation Authority has offered to buy back state bonds in exchange for running the projects that the bonds would fund. Depending upon how this plays out, doing some cross dialoguing may be a good idea. MTA is considering something similar.</p> <p>The City of Calabasas needs to be invited to the next meeting to make a presentation on their project.</p>	
<p>4. IRWMP Project Selection Criteria</p>	<p>The SC provided the following comments on the Project Selection Criteria Strawman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first bullet gives the impression that the Region is just dividing up the money rather than selecting the best projects. • The guidelines should be soft. “Must” should be replaced with “should” or “may”. • Meeting the goals of the plan needs to be added to the criteria for projects. • DACs should be exempt from the guidelines on funding match and project size. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SC Chair/Vice Chair will provide the SC’s comments on the project selection criteria to the LC.
<p>5. Leadership Committee- Discuss Draft Agenda Items and Provide Direction to Chair</p>	<p>Items 7&8 on the LC agenda will likely be discussed together. One recommendation from the General IRWMP committee was that money be set aside for regional projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

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6. Next Meetings	<p>The next Leadership Committee meeting will be February 25, 2009 at 9:30 am, at LACFCD, 12th floor.</p> <p>The SC meeting schedule is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 24, 2009 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at LADWP.• April 21, 2009 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at LADWP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Action

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