

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee Meeting  
Las Virgenes MWD  
4232 Las Virgenes Road  
Calabasas, CA 91302**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009  
9:00 – 11:30 am**

**Meeting Notes**

**Present:**

Jan Dougall, LVMWD  
William Knebel, Westlake Lake Management Assoc.  
Russ Bryden, LACFCD  
Michael Hart, Malibou Lake  
Siya Araumi, LACFCD  
Daniel Pankau, Calabasas  
Jerry Hignite, Malibou Lake

Patrick Holland, LACFCD  
Fong Trinh, LACFCD  
Joe Bellomo, Cities of Agoura Hills & Westlake Village  
Andrew Fishman, City of Westlake Village  
Randal Orton, LVMWD  
Lynn Rodriguez, Ventura County IRWM  
Steve Williams, RCDSMM

Persephene St. Charles, RMC  
George De La O, LACFCD\*  
Shirley Birosik, RWQCB\*  
Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD\*  
Chris Sellers, LA Beaches and Harbors\*  
*\*indicates by phone*

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Topic/ Issue</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Item/Follow Up</b>
<b>1</b>	Welcome, Introductions	Randal Orton led introductions.	
<b>2</b>	February Steering Committee Meeting Notes	February Steering Committee meeting notes were approved.	
<b>3</b>	Review of February Leadership Committee meeting	Randal provided and overview of the items discussed at the February Leadership Committee meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Projects funded under Prop 50 – given the funding delay there has been some invoicing confusion. Proponents should submit invoice with quarterly report anyway.</li> <li>2. Federal stimulus money was discussed. The State must spend \$850M by 2010. Readiness to proceed will be an important factor. The SRF program will be a mechanism for fund distribution.</li> <li>3. Ad Hoc Committees update:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Conservation Committee – nothing to report</li> <li>b. Regional Projects Committee – Name changed from the IRWMP Projects Committee – will review regional projects</li> <li>c. Prioritization Committee - Reviewed the draft project strawman</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

*The Mission of the Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP is to address the water resources needs of the Region in an integrated and collaborative manner.*

		d. DAC – Belinda Faustinos was appointed as chair	
4	Water Quality Funding Initiative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Russ Bryden provided hand-outs (see for more details) and presented on the County's Water Quality Funding Initiative (Prop 218) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Initiative will help to fund clean-up of rivers, lakes, creeks, beaches and coastal waters in LA County.</li> <li>b. Prop 218 allows the District to assess a fee if approved by voters</li> <li>c. Voting mechanism will be a mailed ballot requiring a simple majority from respondents</li> <li>d. This fee will be on the ballot by May 2010</li> <li>e. The public can provide input on this Initiative at the next LA County Public Works meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Public Works Headquarters</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
5	Sub-Regional Project Prioritization Process	<p>Persephene discussed the next steps in the project prioritization process with the group and explained what has been done in the South Bay Sub-region as an example. A draft questionnaire to go to project proponents was distributed to the group. Persephene explained that this questionnaire will help to validate the data provided by proponents, particularly key data used to prioritize projects. The following are comments the group had on the draft questionnaire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add "or adjacent IRWMP regions" to Question 5.</li> <li>2. Add (if appropriate) to Question 6.</li> <li>3. Add a Question 10: "Are you aware that a potential percentage will be taken off the top of awarded funds for administration of the grant? If so, will you have adequate funds?"</li> </ol> <p>Proponents will be invited to come to the next Steering Committee meeting to discuss their projects and clarify their questionnaires.</p>	<p>RMC will send questionnaires to project proponents and invite them to the next SC meeting.</p> <p>RMC will email Randal several days in advance of next SC meeting with a list of which projects have not yet turned in questionnaires.</p>
6	Outreach to Cities and Other Parties	Lynn Rodriguez would like to potentially add an agenda item about coordination with Ventura County on regional projects. Lynn could potentially join the ad-hoc committee on regional projects. Siya will take this up with the LC.	Siya to discuss Ventura County's participation with the Regional Project ad hoc committee at the next LC meeting.
7	Other items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional Acceptance Process guidelines were released March 11<sup>th</sup>. Regional materials are due no later than April 29<sup>th</sup>. A draft from the consultant will be done by April 6<sup>th</sup> and will be distributed to the Chair and Vice-Chair of each sub-region for comments.</li> <li>2. Randal discussed contacting each member agency about the importance of IRWMP process regardless of funding, in particular regional knowledge of projects and in particular self-funded marquee projects.</li> </ol>	

		3. An LA Times article stated that California was still in a drought.	
8	Future Agenda Items, Items to Report at next LC meeting, Other items	Project validation with project proponents will be the primary agenda item.	
9	Next Meetings	North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee April 21, 2009 9:00 to 11:30 am Las Virgenes MWD  Leadership Committee Meeting March 25, 2009, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm LA County DPW	