

Agenda
Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed
IRWM Steering Committee Meeting
November 7, 2006

Lakewood City Hall, Executive Board Room
5050 Clark Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90712
12:30 – 2:00 pm

1. Introductions
2. Discussion and possible action on IRWM Plan Issues
 - a. Unique Qualities (See Below)
 - b. Table 4-1: Top 5 Sub regional water management issues (Attachment)
 - c. Discussion on Plan Comments & Direction to Chair (Attachment)
3. Discussion of Other Leadership Committee Agenda Issues & Direction to Chair (Attachment)

To: Chairs of the Subregions

In response to several comments, we are preparing for inclusion in the draft IRWMP five specific paragraphs which present the **unique water resource qualities for each subregion**. In order to make sure we take advantage of your unique understanding and knowledge of your specific subregion, please provide us with your thoughts in paragraph or bullet format regarding the unique resources within your subregion, and we will prepare a final paragraph for inclusion in Section 2 of the document. An example is provided below from the recent workshop for the South Bay.

Thank you for your help. Please provide your thoughts by the end of tomorrow if possible.

Michael

"The South Bay is special because the southern half of Santa Monica Bay is in its boundary; it has the third largest City of Los Angeles Park, Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, which is an important area for recreation and for wildlife; in addition to the Park, there are other havens for endangered species and other wildlife on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, at Madrona Marsh, and Ballona. There is great diversity in the region--many cities, many industries, the Port, communities that are rich and poor and many in the middle--all of which offer great opportunity for collaborations and partnerships to plan and implement projects."

Draft paragraph for Lower SG & LA Sub region

The Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed Sub region includes such diverse areas as the uplands of the Puente Chino Hills to the urban coastal plains of the Gateway Cities. Water resource qualities in this region are typified by being in the lower reaches of a vast metropolitan area and thus having significant water quality issues along with tremendous opportunities for conjunctive use, desalination and wetlands restoration in the estuaries of the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers. Multipurpose projects which maximize opportunities for water conservation and water quality improvement while providing recreational access in a highly dense area are critical given the lack of open space throughout the region.

Other facts to discuss and consider including in the above paragraph:

Gateway Cities – excerpt from Gateway Cities COG website

- 27 Cities located in southeast Los Angeles County, with a long history of working together
- Our 27 cities have a combined population of 2 million people who live and work in communities as diverse as the population itself.
- We are the industrial heartland of Los Angeles County
- 1 out of every 7 jobs in Southern California are in the Gateway Cities
- We are home to The Port of Long Beach and The Port of Los Angeles, which combined, are the busiest container ports in the United States.
- If Gateway Cities were a city we would be the 4th largest in the United States

Plus:

10 Orange County Cities