

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
 South Bay Steering Committee
 West Basin MWD
 17140 S. Avalon Blvd., Suite 210
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**Tuesday March 4, 2008
 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Meeting Notes

Present:

Frank Kuo
 Barbara Dye
 Leighanne Reeser
 Rich Nagel

Shirley Birosik
 Mary Zauner (by phone)
 Shana Epstein
 Persephene St. Charles

Robb Whitaker
 Meredith McCarthy
 Kathleen McGowen (by phone)

Agenda Item	Topic/ Issue	Discussion	Action Item/Follow Up
1	Welcome, Introductions	Leighanne led introductions.	
2	February Meeting summary	No comments on meeting minutes.	Any other comments, please email to Persephene at pstcharles@rmcwater.com .
4	Funding Contributions	Leighanne distributed list of previous and current pledges. In general the amount pledged is more than what was originally requested but that will allow for flexibility if it is needed.	
6	DAC Outreach Sub-committee	<p>As a follow up to last meeting Persephene asked if any other SC members would be interested in joining Meredith as a member of a small DAC outreach sub-committee to the SC. West Basin volunteered to be on the sub-committee. A DAC work plan will be drafted that folks can provide input on. A discussion as to what are the important considerations for DAC resulted in the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It will be important to define what a DAC project will involve – whether it is a project that happens in an area versus if it is a project that benefits an area. The state has not yet determined the definition of DAC for the purposes of the IRWMP, but will be doing so. 	Any other comments on the DAC outreach work plan can be given to Persephene.

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EJ issues will need to be considered as some projects that are considered a DAC project because they are located in a community may actually be perceived as having a negative impact to the community (such as siting a facility in a low income area). ▪ The project list will need to be culled to find what existing projects might be considered DAC and then also find ways to facilitate new project development. 	
3	February 27 Leadership Committee Report	<p>Rich provided an overview of the LC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DWR Response Letter to Region's question on definition of a region – County will draft a response letter on input for guidelines. ▪ County will be drafting letter to Gateway region offering to meet and discuss concerns. ▪ Legislative sub-committee to draft response letter to the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County – requesting that they propose a fund allocation system given that they were in disagreement with the other mechanism proposed to them. ▪ It was mentioned that some members from the USGRHR SC would like to have a longer-term budget forecasting so that they can work allocations into their annual budgets as a standing allocation for IRWMP. This will also allow members to solicit outside contributions to cover their cost of participating in the program. ▪ IRWMP Program Guidelines (AB 1489) – Currently going through revision and comment period – Legislative sub-committee will review legislation and draft a comment letter. ▪ Consultant activities – Looking to standardize value that is brought to each sub-region, Created 1 year calendar of meetings and will initiate drafting DAC Outreach Workplan. ▪ MOU – LC feels that all final comments can be easily incorporated and there is no need to re-route the MOU for further comments. Once finalized, all LC members will need to re-adopt. 	
5	Presentations	<p>Robb Whitaker provided an overview of WRD's I-105 Freeway to Dominguez Gap Barrier Pipeline Project (Project #204 of IWRMP and has been proposed for integration into Project # 1225 (along with #225, #211, and #116)). His presentation was provided as a handout and is attached.</p> <p>Wing Tam was not available to present on the City of LA Water Compliance Plan project.</p>	

7	IRWMP Plan Update	<p>Persephene passed out a handout of the Next Steps section of the current IRWMP and asked the group to provide any other items that should be included in future updates beyond that list. The group provided the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Change ▪ DAC ▪ Trash TMDLs ▪ Changing water supply story (Wanger - Smelt decision and other potential similar Bay Delta issues) and coordination with the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel ▪ Carbon Footprint ▪ GW Storage and Conjunctive Use – check to see if this is adequately represented ▪ Water Conservation Targets in Huffman ▪ Any major policy changes that would impact the water story for the LA region 	
8	Projects	<p>The group looked at South Bay Projects re-prioritized test conducted in Sept 2007. A discussion on how to move forward with the current project list resulted in the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The SC needs to clean up and fully understand the existing list before asking for more projects (this includes DAC projects). ▪ A first step is to “archive” those projects which don't have the basic necessary pieces of information. This will be completed by sending an email notification to all SB project proponents to update their projects with these key pieces of info or they will be archived until they can be updated. ▪ The resulting active project list will be re-prioritized based on the framework used in September 2007. The results of that process will identify top projects as well as those projects that may need project development support either as part of the DAC Outreach task this year (if applicable) or by other means. ▪ It is still believed that at least one SC meeting should be devoted to allowing project proponents of the remaining projects to speak so that internally opportunities for integration can be identified. ▪ After this has been completed – a sub-regional workshop could be used to show this list to the wider stakeholder group/interested party group to solicit their feedback on projects, identify opportunities to integrate with 	<p>Persephene will draft an email to be sent to all SB project proponents to update their projects and work with Frank Kuo and John Biggs to send it out.</p>

		<p>new projects and also identify gaps where new projects could be added to the list (including the DAC needs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It will be important that throughout this process a clear list of what constitutes a “complete project” will need to be provided to proponents or potential proponents. ▪ The sub-regional workshop should also contain an educational component on how to best “sell” your project for those not as experienced in project development. 	
9	Future agenda items	Project list process update, DAC Outreach work plan and CIP strategy progress	
10	Next Meetings	<p>South Bay steering committee meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.</p> <p>South Bay Steering Committee April 1, 2008 , 2 to 4 pm West Basin MWD</p> <p>May 6, 2008, 2 to 4 pm West Basin MWD</p> <p>Leadership Committee meetings have been moved to 4th Wednesday of each month.</p> <p>Leadership Committee Meetings March 26, 2008, 9:30 am to 11:30 am LA County DPW, Alhambra</p> <p>April 23, 2008, 9:30 am to 11:30 am LA County DPW, Alhambra</p>	