

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

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

Meeting Notes

Present:

Persephene St. Charles, RMC
Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD
Neal Shapiro, City of Santa Monica
Jay Pathirana, City of Hawthorne
Arnie Shadbetir, City of Hawthorne
Kathleen Jackson, Consultant, City of Hawthorne
Kathleen McGowan, Consultant, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach,
Rolling Hills Estates

Shirley Birosik, RWQCB
Ousama Nimri, LACDPW
Siya Araumi, LACFCD
Hector Bordas, LACFCD
Mary Zauner, LACSD
Kosta Kaporis, City of Los Angeles
Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
Chris Sellers, Beaches & Harbors (phone)
James Alamillo, Heal the Bay (phone)

Agenda Item	Topic/ Issue	Discussion	Action Item/Follow Up
1	Welcome, Introductions	Rich Nagel led the introductions.	
6 (moved up in agenda)	Water Quality Funding Initiative	<p>Hector Bordas gave a presentation on the Water Quality Funding Initiative. Major points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding initiative would allow the District to impose a fee to address pollution in stormwater and urban runoff • Mailed ballot under Prop 218 which authorizes the District to collect a fee or charge if approved by voters. This ballot can only go to property owners. Ballots only need a simple majority. Initiative will be on the ballot by May 2010 • Need to change the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act so a fee can be assessed for measures to improve aging flood protection infrastructure, water pollution from urban and stormwater runoff, water conservation and unmet drainage needs • Ballot initiative allows FCD to go outside of their right-of-way so they 	

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		<p>will be able to participate in regional projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A phone survey found that 63% of those surveyed would vote yes on this initiative 	
7 (moved up in agenda)	Sub-Regional Project Prioritization Process	<p>Persephene distributed a revised project summary table to the group. This table contained data obtained from questionnaires sent to project proponents. Proponents had the opportunity at the meeting to clarify the information on their questionnaires. Information from this discussion can be found in the attached table.</p> <p>Siya briefly described the strawman to be used in prioritizing projects which was drafted by the project selection ad hoc committee. A handout with a list of recommendations for project selection was distributed to the group and contains the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task 1: Project Selection and Ranking Criteria (Steering Committee level) • Task 2(a): Project Selection Criteria (Leadership Committee level) • Task 2(b): Funding Distribution (Leadership Committee level) <p>The strawman will go to the Leadership Committee for approval at the next meeting. Currently, there is no strawman or schedule for prioritization of projects.</p>	
2	Review/Approve February Steering Committee Meeting Notes	Notes will be approved at the next Steering Committee meeting.	
4	Overview of February 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"> • A letter to the Governor will include a list of projects that are bond funded and frozen • The IRWMP Plan Update needs to describe the process for approving projects for Prop. 84 • The MOU guidelines should also be updated to include process for approving Plan Update • Fran Spivy-Weber presented on the SWRCB's Recycled Water Policy which will include salt and nutrient plans that need to be developed • A Project Selection Sub-committee was formed to revise the 	

		<p>strawman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report on the Ad Hoc Committees was given (see Item 5) 	
5	Update on Ad Hoc Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DAC Ad Hoc Committee has not met • The IRWMP Projects Ad Hoc Committee has changed its name to the Regional Projects Committee • The Conservation Ad Hoc Committee met on February 19th. A handout of conference call notes was distributed to the group. 	
8	Funding Contribution Status	This item was not discussed.	
9	Future agenda items, Items to report at Leadership Committee meeting, Other Items	The next Steering Committee meeting is tentative depending on whether the Leadership Committee approves the strawman.	
	Next Meetings	<p>Leadership Committee March 25, 2009, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm LA County DPW</p> <p>South Bay Steering Committee (<i>tentative</i>) April 14, 2009 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm West Basin MWD</p>	