

# Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Meeting Notes – Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Sub-Region

## Draft Meeting Minutes February 19, 2009, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, Suite 100

**Present:**

Siya Araumi, LACFCD  
Changmii Bae, LA County Parks & Recreation  
Shirley Birosik, RWQCB, Los Angeles  
Ann Croissant, SGMRC  
Belinda Faustinos, RMC  
Marine Gapland, LA DPW  
Rick Hansen, Three Valleys

Jeff Helsley, Stetson Engineering,  
representing USGVMWD and SGVMWD  
Andree Hunt, Malcolm Pirnie  
Alissa Kauffman, AHBE  
Grace Kast, San Gabriel Basin WQA  
Wendy La, LA County DPW  
Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie  
Claire Robinson, Amigos De Los Rios

Ryan Romo, LA County DPW  
  
Bertha Ruiz-Hoffman, LA County Parks  
Jim Smith, LA County Parks and Rec  
Nancy Steele, LASGRWC  
Patricia Wood, LA County DPW  
Mary Zauner, LACSD

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<b>1. Introductions</b>	The Consultant opened the meeting with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action</li> </ul>
<b>2. Approve 1/15/09 Meeting Minutes</b>	<p>The meeting minutes from the 1/15/09 meeting were distributed and unanimously approved with the following correction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correct spelling of Shirley Birosik</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultant to update 1/15/09 meeting minutes to correct spelling of Shirley Birosik.</li> </ul>
<b>3. DAC Project Discussion</b>	<p>The consultant provided handouts on the SGCWD Groundwater Recovery and Integrated Trail System project and the Latino Community Sustainability Outreach Program. Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a good chance that the matching funds will be available for the SGCWD project. The project is ready for a feasibility study. SGCWD should be listed as the project proponent, not the Water Quality Authority.</li> <li>For the Latino Community Outreach project, Amigos de los Rios should be listed as the project proponent. WCA may also be interested.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace Kast will bring these projects to the LC as possible DAC projects.</li> </ul>
<b>4. IRWMP Project Selection Criteria</b>	<p>The IRWMP Project Selection Criteria Strawman was distributed. Comments included:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultant will provide the SC's comments to the LC</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The selection criteria should be soft guidelines, not hard and fast rules. Under each bullet, “must” should be changed to “should”.</li> <li>• The second bullet should be changed to “encourage projects to be greater than \$250,000 (DAC project exempt)”</li> <li>• The 25% match should not apply to DACs.</li> <li>• The 25% match criteria creates the expectation that IRWMP will provide 75% of the funding, which is unlikely. It is important to determine the minimum amount of funding needed from Prop 84 for a project to move forward in order to accurately assess readiness to proceed. For Prop 50,</li> <li>• For Prop 50, the entire suite of projects submitted in the grant application was required to have a 25% match, but individual projects were not necessarily required to have a 25% match.</li> </ul> <p>The SC will provide recommendations as to what the LC should do with the project lists provided by each SC at the March SC meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consultant will include an agenda item for recommendations to the LC on how to handle the project lists on the March SC agenda.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Ad Hoc Committee Member Selection</b></p>	<p>The three ad hoc committees are Water Conservation, Water Supply and Quality Projects for DACs, and General IRWMP. The SC selected the following representatives:</p> <p>Water Conservation- Wendy La</p> <p>DACs- Wendy La</p> <p>General IRWMP- TBD. Grace and Carol will serve as the representatives until clarification is provided on the purpose of this committee.</p> <p>George De La O will be sending out an e-mail to the committees with meeting times.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Siya Araumi will provide clarification to Grace Kast on the purpose of the General IRWMP Ad Hoc Committee.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>6. Project Presentations</b></p>	<p>The project proponents for the top ranked projects gave presentations to the SC addressing 1) readiness to proceed and 2) project cost and available matching funds. The consultant will e-mail copies of the project presentations to the SC.</p> <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project proponents need to make sure there is no disconnect in communication in the projects, as this will be more cost-effective ultimately.</li> <li>• The consultant needs to look at why Emerald Neckace Segment B scored so low compared to the other segments.</li> <li>• The SC need to focus on putting together a suite of projects that are connected.</li> <li>• The SC will ask Tony Zampielo to give a presentation on Project #638: Alostia Connection at the March SC meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The consultant will send an updated spreadsheet of top ranked projects to the SC, sorted according to Flood Control, Conservation, DAC, and general project. This will be used to develop a list of priority projects at the March SC meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultant will update spreadsheet of top ranked projects based on presentations.</li> <li>• The SC will ask Tony Zampielo to give a presentation on Project #638: Alostia Connection at the March SC meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Leadership Committee- Discuss Draft Agenda Items and Provide Direction to Chair.</b></p>	<p>SGVCOG Water Working Group Meeting update: The SGVCOG Water Working Group selected their top 5 projects to bring to their Governing Board in march. Goal is to have their Board support these projects in Sacramento.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Next Meetings</b></p>	<p>The next Leadership Committee meeting will be February 25, 2008 at 9:30 am, at LACFCD, 12<sup>th</sup> floor.</p> <p>The next Steering Committee meeting will be March 19, 2009 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, at the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>

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