

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
 IRWMP Leadership Committee
 July 19, 2007, 9:30 am to 12 pm
 Los Angeles County Flood Control District
 12th Floor Executive Conference Room
 DRAFT MEETING NOTES**

Present:

Mario Acevedo, LA DWP
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell
 Hector Bordas, LA Co FCD
 Grace Burgess, San Gabriel WQA
 Diego Cadena, LA Co FCD
 Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu
 Joyce Dillard
 Michael Drennan, BC
 Tom Erb, LA DWP
 Belinda Faustinos, RMC

Sharon Green, LACSD
 Mark Horne, EIP Associates
 Shahram Kharaghani
 Frank Kuo, LA Co FCD
 Shelley Luce, SM Bay Restoration
 Commission
 Vivian Marquez, LA BOS
 Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
 Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell
 Rochelle Paras, LACDPW

Mark Pestrella, LACDPW
 Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD
 Norman Schopay, DWR
 Nancy Steele, LASG Watershed
 Tom West, RMC Water Environment
 Brett Wyckoff, DWR
 Carol Williams, Main San Gabriel Basin
 Watermaster
 Tony Zampielo, Upper SGMWD
 Mary Zauner, LACSD

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/Follow up
1. Introductions a. Call to Order b. Roll Call of Members Present	The meeting was called to order at 9:42 AM with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
2. Review Meeting Summary from May 7, 2007 a. Approve Summary	The minutes from the June meeting were distributed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved.
3. Public Comment Period a. The Public is Provided an Opportunity to Address the Committee	One individual addressed the committee. It was stated there is a need to incorporate water supply and water quality into the urban design being discussed by local agencies such as the City of Los Angeles Planning Commission. City of LA staff committed to discussing with the Planning Commission regarding the inclusion of stormwater in the Urban Design meetings. Local residents may not be represented by the nonprofits and greater effort needs to be made to reach out to DAC's.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments noted.
4. Receive Input from Subregional Steering Committees on Greater LA IRWMP	Steering Committees provided reports on the selection of new Leadership Committee Members and preliminary nominations for Water Management Area Representatives. The Steering Committees were in general agreement on the proposed new governance structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Approve new subregional representatives to the Leadership Committee with County Flood Control

<p>Decision-Making Structure</p>	<p>LSGLA Chair – Kevin Wattier, City of Long Beach Vice Chair – Art Aguilar, Central Basin Tentative nominations were also presented for the various water management areas: Groundwater – TBD (Nominated Grace Burgess, but she had accepted Vice Chair role for USGRH) Open Space – Shelley Luce, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Sanitation – Sharon Green, County Sanitation Stormwater – Shahram Kharaghani, Los Angeles Watershed Protection Division Surface Water - Desi Alvarez, Gateway COG</p> <p>NSMB Chair – Randall Orton, Las Virgines Municipal Water Distirct Vice Chair – Barbara Cameron, Consultant to City of Malibu Tentative nominations were also presented for the various water management areas: Groundwater – Mark Mackowski, ULARA Watermaster (Mark stated he could not make the time commitment) Open Space – Shelley Luce or Melina Watts Sanitation – Sharon Green, County Sanitation Stormwater – Shahram Kharaghani, Los Angeles Watershed Protection Division Surface Water - TBD, MWD</p> <p>SOBAY Chair – Rich Nagel, West Basin Vice Chair – Rob Whitaker, WRD Tentative nominations were also presented for the various water management areas: Groundwater – Rob Beste, Torrance Open Space – Shelley Luce, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Sanitation – Sharon Green, County Sanitation Stormwater – Shahram Kharaghani, Los Angeles Watershed Protection Division Surface Water – Grace Chan, MWD</p> <p>ULA Chair – Tom Erb, LADWP Vice Chair – Nancy Steele, LASGRWC Tentative nominations were also presented for the various water management areas:</p>	<p>as Chair. (Passed Unanimously)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Each subregion by their own means will select up to two alternates and inform the County on who they selected. (Passed Unanimously) • Motion: Current WMA representative will retain their seats until new WMA representatives are in place. (Passed Unanimously) • Steering Committees to discuss if the Leadership Committee name should be changed and if it should be changed to Regional Coordinating Committee
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	<p>important elements such as infrastructure, carbon footprint and air quality acknowledged in Proposition 84. The general feeling was there is value in involving sustainability in all aspects of the IRWMP work. The issue was tabled for future discussion with an additional request that DWR provides comments on the value of adding it as an option.</p> <p>Length of terms had some discussion at subregional level; however it was not generally viewed as a pressing issue at this time. It was suggested that the Leadership Committee take no action and refer it to the Steering Committees for further action. It was suggested that the consultant provide suggestions for term lengths as part of developing the new draft MOU.</p> <p>Discussion occurred on the renaming of the Leadership Committee to Regional Coordinating Council. Some indicated that the word Leadership sent the wrong message to stakeholders in that it may be perceived that the Leadership Committee was dictating what was going on and selecting projects without subregional input rather than working from the bottom up. Others expressed the opinion that the name change would signal a renewed hope, structure and mission. It was stated that the Leadership Committee's role was to provide guidance to the region and to ensure that regional issues are addressed. Others indicated that the Leadership Committee was fulfilling that role and that a name change was a minor issue and that the Leadership Committee at present was already fulfilling the desired role without the name change. The motion to change the Leadership Committee to Regional Coordinating Committee was tabled with the suggestion that the issue be returned for discussion to the Steering Committees.</p>	
<p>5. Update on Proposed RFP, Scope of Work, Funding a. Report from Subcommittee</p>	<p>Discussion postponed to the end of meeting without consultants present. No minutes taken.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send comments to Sharon Green or Hector Bordas.
<p>6. Legislative Subcommittee Report</p>	<p>The Legislative Subcommittee provided a report regarding Prop 84 funding.</p> <p>The issues regarding Prop 84 funding are being discussed in Sacramento, including several bills (including AB1489) regarding Prop 84 funding. Currently no Prop 84 funds are in the Governor's proposed budget for FY07-08. DWR is currently focused on the remainder of funds from Prop 50. DWR has staff to develop Prop 84 guidelines in 07-08, but cannot review grant applications for Prop 84 funding. They are working on the possibility of performance standards for Prop 84 as well as reconciling Prop 50 and 84 requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Legislative Subcommittee draft a letter to DWR suggesting a 2 year funding cycle for Prop 84, with the first funding in 2008-2009. (Passed Unanimously)

	<p>Discussion occurred regarding the proposed 4 – 5 year funding cycle for Prop 84 funds. The general feeling of the Leadership Committee was that this funding cycle was too long and reduces the dollar amount in each award significantly, thereby reducing the amount that could be done. It was felt that a 2 year funding cycle would be far more productive to meeting the goals of the IRWMP. In addition the general feeling that funding in FY 2009-2010 was too much of a delay and that ideally the funding should begin in FY 2008-2009. It was suggested that a letter be drafted by the Legislative Subcommittee to DWR which included a recommendation for a 2 year funding cycle.</p> <p>Discussion occurred on the use of lobbyists to comment on the ongoing legislative process. Concern was expressed over different members making different comments regarding Prop 84. Some felt that the Stakeholders should consolidate thoughts and comments on the bill as well as consulting existing agency lobbyists for advice. Another suggestion was made that the Leadership Committee retain a lobbyist on an as-need contract. Some expressed the opinion it would be very challenging to hire a lobbyist on behalf of the Leadership Committee, because all agencies need to have approval of their respective boards for any lobby position. No resolution was reached regarding this issue.</p> <p>No resolution has been reached in the allocation of funds between LA, however the discussion is continuing.</p> <p>It was also noted that two bond measures are being proposed for the next ballot cycle by the Governor (focusing on dams and storage) and State Senator Don Perrata (focusing on IRWMP).</p>	
<p>7. Contract with DWR Regarding the \$25m Grant</p>	<p>DWR staff provided handouts regarding the April 9, 2007 commitment letter, agreement, and list of items required to complete the agreement which included revised work plan, budget and schedule. In addition it was stated that the effective date of contract will be January 18, 2007.</p> <p>The County is continuing to work with the State on finalizing the agreement. The county has been keeping the project proponents informed on the current status of the agreement. It was requested that the County inform the Steering Committees on the time frame and expected resolution of the issues associated with the agreement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hector Bordas will send an email update to Steering Committees on current status in the finalization of the agreement between the County and State.
<p>8. Review and Use of Final Prioritization Framework</p>	<p>Tom West distributed and reviewed a handout regarding the finalization of the Prioritization Framework Technical Memorandum, suggested modifications to the framework and the next steps in moving forward with project prioritization and selection.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Steering Committees were requested to develop suggestions on how to measure infrastructure

	<p>It was also suggested to be sure the project proponent and ownership of a facility or site be incorporated. In addition the feeling was expressed that subregions should take the challenge to move forward good projects independent of grant funding when feasible. Also there should be an effort to develop project proponents for good projects where no proponent is defined. Also it was suggested that categories for projects be created to aid in the selection of projects.</p>	benefits.
<p>9. Review Next Steps on Preparation of New MOU for Governance and Finance Structure for Future LA IRWMP Activities</p> <p>a. Scope</p> <p>b. Schedule/Milestones/Deliverables</p>	<p>Melih Ozbilgin distributed and reviewed handouts regarding the development of a new draft MOU, and stressed the importance of holding Steering Committee meetings in August and September in order for the draft MOU to be completed by October.</p> <p>Support for the development of the MOU is tasked through October by the bridge contract reviewed by the Leadership Committee and the County. New changes to the governance structure will be incorporated into the MOU. Issues need to be resolved regarding who can sign on to the MOU and the relationship to the Leadership Committee and the RWMG. As well as addressing the issue if a non Leadership Committee Member wants to sign on to the MOU. Many of the issues depend on the MOU, but there is a general vision that it should be for those wishing to endorse the IRWMP Program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop draft MOU for review.
10. Future Agenda Items/Other Items	It was requested the Leadership Committee look into moving the meeting to a day other than Thursday.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request noted.
11. Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
12. Next Meeting	<p>Next Leadership Committee meeting on August 2, 2007</p> <p>9:30 am to 12:00 pm</p> <p>Executive Conference Room, 12th Floor</p> <p>Los Angeles County Flood Control District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action