

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
IRWMP Leadership Committee
September 6, 2007, 9:30 am to 12 pm
Los Angeles County Flood Control District
12th Floor Executive Conference Room
DRAFT MEETING NOTES

Present:

Abi Aderonmu, DWR, Southern District
 Mario Acevedo, LA DWP
 Art Aguilar, Central Basin MWD
 Joe Bellomo, Cities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell
 Hector Bordas, LA Co FCD
 Grace Burgess, San Gabriel WQA
 Grace Chan, MWD
 Donna Chen, LA City BOS
 Kathi Delegal, LA Co FCD
 Dean Efstathiou, LA Co FCD
 Joyce Dillard, Citizen
 Michael Drennan, Brown and Caldwell

Tom Erb, LA DWP
 Belinda Faustinos, RMC
 Michael Gagan, WRD
 Sharon Green, LACSD
 Shahram Kharaghani, LA City BOS
 Greg Krzys, US Bureau of Reclamation
 Frank Kuo, LA Co FCD
 Joone Lopez, Central Basin MWD
 Shelley Luce, SM Bay Restoration Commission
 Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie
 Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
 Randal Orton, Las Virgenes MWD
 Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell

Rochelle Paras, LACDPW
 Mark Pestrella, LACDPW
 Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD
 Randy Schoellerman, San Gabriel WQA
 Fran Spivey Weber, SWRCB
 Nancy Steele, LASG Watershed
 Robb Whitaker, WRD
 Carol Williams, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
 Tony Zampielo, Upper SGMWD
 Mary Zauner, LACSD
 Dee Zinke, Calleguas MWD

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. Belinda Faustinos was formally acknowledged for her leadership and commitment to the IRWM Program, and presented with a formal written acknowledgement, which everyone signed.	No Action
2. Review Meeting Summary of July 19, 2007	Meeting notes were approved, with a request to correct the spelling of Randal Orton.	Minutes approved with correction.
3. Public Comment Period	No comments.	No Action
4. Review Status and Next Steps	Melih Ozbilgin summarized progress on the project scope, and indicated that the consultant team is working with the Subregional Steering Committees to complete the final task of the integration exercises. Ed Means provided an overview of the upcoming schedule for the development of the draft MOU for governance as well as handouts with additional information regarding the new MOU, Operating Guidelines and	Subregions will complete project integration exercise. Ed Means will collect input from Steering Committees and prepare a working draft of the MOU prior to the next Leadership Committee Meeting.

	<p>Funding Structures. The working draft of the MOU and Operational Guidelines will be prepared by September 20th for a presentation at the October Leadership Committee Meeting and to solicit comments. The edited drafts will be presented to the Subregions for further comments with the revisions presented to the Leadership Committee in November. In addition, up to two dates in November will be set aside for stakeholder review. The MOU and Operational Guidelines will then be finalized and brought before the Leadership Committee for approval in December.</p>	
<p>5. Request to Change Regular Meeting Date</p>	<p>There have been several requests to change the regular meeting date including the following: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Third or Fourth Thursday of the month.</p> <p>Everyone was requested to send their agency's regular meeting dates to Hector and he will suggest a date.</p>	<p>Leadership Committee Members will send dates of standing meetings to Hector.</p>
<p>6. Outreach to Cities</p>	<p>More outreach to cities is recommended. Several cities (Lakewood, Downey, Signal Hill & Long Beach) in the Gateway COG are working on development of a JPA to form their own separate Regional Water Management Group. It may be valuable to proactively outreach to cities to let them know the benefit of participating in the IRWMP process.</p> <p>It is recommended to ask cities throughout the Region if they have any concerns regarding the existing process.</p> <p>May not want to simply focus on outreach to Cities. Consider other organizations that may need to be identified for outreach.</p> <p>Work through the Chairs of the Steering Committees to identify outreach targets.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to form an Outreach Subcommittee made up of the city reps on the Subregional Steering Committees and Watershed Coordinators to develop a proposal for outreach to cities. It was suggested that a formal request be made to invite representatives from the cities forming a JPA in the Gateway COG. Another suggestion was made to send representatives from the IRWMP to go meet with them. The motion was withdrawn.</p> <p>It was recommended that the Highlights Document be developed early in the next consultant contract, and that the cities be identified as target audience.</p>	<p>The Leadership Committee will invite the members of the draft JPA to attend the next LC meeting to talk about the JPA.</p>

<p>7. Prop 84 \$215 Million Allocation</p>	<p>While funding is a significant reason for participation in the IRWMP process, it is important to maintain a focus on our Region's water resource goals. There are three regions in the Prop 84 Funding Area: Upper Santa Clara River Watershed, Ventura County Watersheds, and the Greater Los Angeles IRWMP Region. It is important to understand the needs and the commonalities with each Region. It is going to be challenging for each watershed effort to make any recommendations to the State. The State is also requesting that the IRWMP regions identify factors other than population for funding allocation.</p> <p>Dee Zinck, Calleguas Water District, spoke on behalf of the Ventura County IRWMP and provided a summary of their efforts to address IRWMP objectives. She works with Sue Hughes, Legislative Analyst for the County of Ventura on the Ventura IRWMP. They will be attending a meeting on September 26, scheduled by the State DWR in Irvine to discuss Prop 84 funding issues. They believe the funding allocation should be based on population plus some additional metrics (which could acknowledge the impacts of agricultural runoff). The Ventura Watersheds Council meets next Thursday, September 13.</p> <p>A suggested proposal for allocating the Prop 84 funding was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to allocate the funding within the Funding Area based on the Prop 84 funding allocation formula the State used to allocate funds to the Funding Areas. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>A motion was made and seconded to allocate the funding within the Funding Area based on the methodology used in the Prop 84 that the State used to allocate funds to the Funding Areas. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>8. Water Management Area Representatives</p>	<p>A handout was distributed containing the list of minimum qualifications for the Water Management Area Representatives. A Motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the WMA Minimum Qualifications with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Change wording to "Represent Regional Interest" -Create general minimum qualification list made up of common qualifications among all 5 WMAs. <p>Discussion occurred on how alternates for WMA reps would be selected. The decision was left up to the WMA rep to select their alternate and submit the names to the Leadership Committee for approval.</p> <p>Concern was also expressed over the inclusion of Metropolitan Water District having a voting seat on the Leadership Committee. It was suggested they would be better suited to be an ex-officio/non-voting member.</p>	<p>Motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the WMA Minimum Qualifications with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Change wording to "Represent Regional Interest" -Create general minimum qualification list made up of common qualifications among all 5 WMAs. <p>A motion was made to nominate the following slate of candidates as WMA representatives for approval by the Leadership Committee: Groundwater – Tony Zampielo (Raymond Basin)</p>

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9. Consultant Contract: Proposal Evaluation and Results	Leadership Committee met behind closed doors to discuss and award the contract for upcoming consultant support.	The team of consultants led by Brown and Caldwell was selected. The County will manage the contract negotiations.
10. Moving Forward – Funding Commitments	The consultant was not in the room during this discussion.	
11. Future Agenda Items/Other Items	Representative from US Bureau of Reclamation announced a grant opportunity regarding water system optimization and suggested review of the USBR website for more information. .	No Action
12. Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.	No Action
13. Next Meeting	Next Leadership Committee meeting time and location to be determined. Executive Conference Room, 12 th Floor Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Stakeholders will be notified of the date of the next Leadership Committee Meeting.