

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
IRWMP Leadership Committee
November 1, 2007, 9:30 am to 12 pm
Los Angeles County Flood Control District
12th Floor Executive Conference Room

Present:

Mario Acevedo, LADWP
 Art Aguilar, Central Basin MWD
 Desi Alvarez, City of Downey
 Edward Belden, LASGRWC
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell
 Hector Bordas, LACFCD
 Diego Cadena, LACFCD
 Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu
 Donna Chen, City of LA WPD
 Scott Dellinger, Brown and Caldwell
 Joyce Dillard

Belinda Faustinos, RMC
 Sharon Green, LACSD
 Shahram Kharaghani, City of LA WPD
 Frank Kuo, LACFCD
 Joone Lopez, Central Basin WMD
 Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie
 Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
 Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell
 Rochelle Paras, LACFCD
 Mark Pestrella, LACFCD
 Leighanne Reeser, West Basin WMD

Randy Schoellerman, San Gabriel Basin
 WQA
 Nancy Steele, Watershed Council
 Mark Stuart, DWR
 Kevin Wattier, Long Beach Water Dept.
 Tom West, RMC
 Rob Whitaker, WRD
 Carol Williams, MSGBW/M
 Tony Zampielo, Raymond Basin

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/Follow up
1. Introductions a. Call to Order b. Roll Call of Members Present	Diego Cadena called the meeting to order at 9:41 AM with introductions and the following announcements: The ASCE LA Section and APWA both selected the LA IRWMP as "Project of the Year".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
2. Review Meeting Summary from October 10, 2007	The minutes from the October meeting were distributed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved.
3. Public Comment Period	No Comments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action.
4. Action Items From October 10, 2007 Meeting a. Draft letter regarding S. CA getting its share of funding b. Draft letter regarding IRWM region definition c. Draft letter regarding Prop 84 allocations	The copies of three draft letters were distributed to the Leadership Committee as part of the meeting handouts. Draft Letter Regarding IRWM Region Definition. An additional letter, drafted by LADWP, regarding the IRWM Letter (4b) was distributed and Mario Acevedo reviewed the differences between the County and LADWP letters. The LADWP letter was more specific on what clarification was required regarding IRWM Regions. Discussion occurred if the letter would also oppose the current Upper/Lower Santa Clara River split and if a rationale other than watersheds needs to be included. The point was raised that the letter is asking for clarification on IRWM regions being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Send the LADWP version of the IRWM Region Letter to Lester Snow with approved additions. (passed unanimously) • The County will revise the S. CA Share of Funds Letter and distribute via email for comments and approval.

	<p>formed in existing IRWM regions and not the issues associated with overlapping boundaries and hydrologic/jurisdictional boundary issues. It was further discussed that the intent of the letter was to get Lester Snow's comments on what constitutes an IRWMP and how legislation requiring the acceptance of other IRWMPs runs opposite to previous requests by DWR for the region to work together. It was also stated that this issue could be a precedent setting event and have consequences across the State. Many felt it would be very productive to have a meeting with Lester Snow to discuss the issues.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to send the LADWP version of the letter to Lester Snow with the following additions: Add "On behalf of and as Chair of the Leadership Committee" Include Organizational Chart with the letter. Additionally send the letter to the State Legislative delegation in IRWM Region.</p> <p>Draft Letter Regarding Southern California Getting its Share of Funds. It was suggested the letter include historical background including previous measures to support the underfunding argument, a fact sheet about LA County and the region's population, needs and funding received as well as offering to provide more details, if requested. It was also suggested that the language "is quite troublesome" should be changed to "should be evaluated and improved before the next funding". Some also suggested making sure the letter only contains one issue so it will be direct and easy to summarize for other officials. The County will rewrite the letter and circulate via email for comments with an email vote to approve the letter.</p> <p>It was also requested that the county draft a second letter to the legislature, region's representatives and budget committee chairs to allocate funds to Southern California in FY 2008-2009 and to allocate funds in no more than two rounds. The County will compose a draft letter and distribute via email for comments and voting to approve the letter.</p> <p>Draft Letter Regarding Prop 84 Allocations (To Ventura and Upper Santa Clara) Rich Nagel distributed an amended version of the county letter to the Leadership Committee for review. Discussion occurred regarding the tone of the letter to ensure that the impression is given that the Leadership Committee is <i>not</i> leaving the table. It was also recommended that the language "politically fraught" and "to find a solution" be removed and "we recommend" be added to the letter.</p> <p>A motion was passed (Yes- 9, No-1) to send the letter with the language changes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County will draft a letter regarding Prop 84 Funding Cycles and distribute via email for comments and approval. • Motion: Send Prop 84 Allocation letter to Ventura and Upper Santa Clara River with the requested changes. (passed Y-9 N-1)
--	---	---

<p>5. Legislative Subcommittee Report</p>	<p>Mario Acevedo gave an update on the Legislative Subcommittee. They have not met since the last Leadership Committee Meeting, but Tom Erb, Sharon Green, and Rich Nagel will be developing an initial plan for the legislative outreach to present to the Leadership Committee at the December Meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Legislative outreach framework and present to Leadership Committee in December.
<p>6. Review Status and Next Steps of Existing Consultant Contract</p> <p>a. Prioritization Framework & Project Integration Workshops</p> <p>b. Draft MOU and Operating Guidelines; Drafting Sessions with Steering Committees</p>	<p>Melih Ozbilgin provided the Leadership Committee an update on the current consultant contract:</p> <p>A contract extension of 3 months was issued to provide ongoing meeting support.</p> <p>Ed Means will assume the duties of Upper Los Angeles River Area Manager starting this month.</p> <p>Scott Dellinger will assume the role of the Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Area Manager, with the transition taking place over the next two months. Michael Drennan will continue in support of the Subregion during the transition period and as needed after.</p> <p>Prioritization and Integration Exercises have been completed for all of the subregions and supporting documentation was being finalized on November 1st.</p> <p>Prioritization TM is being finalized.</p> <p>Ed Means provided the Leadership Committee with an update of the Draft MOU and Operating Guidelines</p> <p>All Subregions have provided feedback except for the South Bay who will meet on November 13th and provide initial comments. Common comments so far have included defining RWMG and Cooperation & Coordination as well as equal split of monies. General feeling was the MOU needs to be executed as soon as possible especially at the Leadership Committee level and allowances for the Steering Committees to move at their own pace. There also needs to be clarification on the “addition of parties” language, consider a letter of intent, balance the needs for a MOU that isn’t cumbersome with Regional support and clarification of the relationship between signing the MOU and serving on a Steering Committee.</p> <p>A drafting committee made up of the Steering Committee Chairs will meet off-site to work on revisions to the MOU and Operating Guidelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Means will conduct a feedback session with the South Bay Steering Committee • Ed Means will schedule and possibly conduct a drafting session with Steering Committee Chairs prior to the next Leadership Committee Meeting.
<p>7. Review and Approve nominations for Water Management Area Representative Alternates</p>	<p>Qualifications for the following Water Management Area Representative Alternates were distributed:</p> <p>Open Space and Habitat – Belinda Faustinos</p> <p>Sanitation – Sharon Green</p> <p>Stormwater – Donna Chen</p> <p>Groundwater – Mike Sovich</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the nominated Water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Approve the nominated Water Management Area Representative Alternates. (passed unanimously)

	Management Area Representative Alternates.	
8. Funding Commitments for Consultant Services	Rich Nagel distributed a table of funding commitments to date, discussed the progress to date and requested contributors to inform West Basin of the best way to transfer the funding commitments from their agency to West Basin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich Nagel will update the funding commitment table and distribute to Steering Committee Chairs
9. Outreach Efforts/Issues a. Cities and Agencies not involved in the IRWM Program	Mark Pestrella briefed the Leadership Committee on the Director's direction to engage in a concerted effort to reach out to the entire region. Mark will be calling cities to set up meetings with the managers or directors of those municipalities and will give presentations regarding the IRWM program and the Regional Effort. The Subregions will be encouraged to participate and Mark will work with the Subregional Chairs when setting up the meetings. North Santa Monica Bay asked the County to join their ongoing outreach effort in the Subregion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Pestrella will begin contacting City Mangers for out reach efforts.
10. Proposed Future Meeting Location	The County is looking at a new location for Leadership Committee Meetings as well as trying to keep using the Executive Board Room. It is also being considered that the location of the meeting move to different locations each month. However, the December 6 th meeting will still be at the County Office in Alhambra.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County will update Stakeholders on the site for the 2008 Leadership Committee Meetings
11. Future Agenda Items / Other Items	<p>Agenda Item requested to discuss MWD's proxy voting.</p> <p>Don Wolfe has announced his retirement on February 29, 2008. The retirement party will be February 28, 2009.</p> <p>David Nahai nominated to be next General Manager of LADWP pending board approval.</p> <p>Enrique Zaldivar nominated to be General Manger of the City of LA BOS, pending board approval.</p> <p>State Watershed Program Public Advisory Committee Meeting is upcoming</p> <p>Urban Water Institute Conference on Water Quality on Monday, November 5, 2007.</p> <p>Tom Erb gave a presentation to the American Planning Association on the LA IRWMP.</p> <p>Prop 50 Round 1 contract is in an acceptable form and will be take to the County Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Action
12. Update on Consultant Contract Status	Closed Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Action
13. Meeting Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Action
14. Next Meeting	Next Leadership Committee meeting on December 6, 2007 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Executive Conference Room, 12 th Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Action

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

	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	
--	---	--

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