

IRWMP Leadership Committee

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
 January 23, 9:30 am to 12 pm
 Los Angeles County Flood Control District
 Conference Room B

Present:

Mario Acevedo, LADWP
 Lani Alfonso, LACFCD
 Desi Alvarez, City of Downey
 Joe Bellamo, Cities of Agoura Hills & Westlake Village
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell
 Hector Bordas, LACFCD
 Grace Chan, MWDSC
 Donna Chen, City of Los Angeles
 Scott Dellinger, Brown and Caldwell
 Joyce Dillard

Deborah Glaser, LASGRWC
 Sharon Green, LACSD
 Andree Hunt, Malcolm Pirnie
 Shahram Kharaghani, City of Los Angeles
 Frank Kuo, LACFCD
 Eric Leung, Long Beach Water Department
 Shelley Luce, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
 Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
 Andy Niknafs, LADWP
 Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell

Rochelle Paras, LACFCD
 Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD
 Randy Schollerman, San Gabriel Basin WQA
 Norman Shopey, DWR
 Nancy Steele, LASGRWC
 Tom West, RMC
 Tim Whorley, RMC
 Tony Zampielo, RBMB
 Mary Zauner, LACSD

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/Follow up
1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose	Diego Cadena called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM with introductions and noted the location of the meeting may change in the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
2. Review Meeting Summary from December 6, 2007	The minutes from the December Leadership Committee Meeting were distributed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved.
3. Address Guidelines for Taking Public Comments	Chair would like Steering Committees to provide comments and / or recommend guidelines for the handling of public comments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committees to provide feedback to Chair.
4. Public Comment Period	Public comment was received regarding the importance of protecting watersheds as well as the importance in following CEQA documentation requirements. Suggested that a CEQA document checklist be provided to all cities. Also noted that projects with negative impact are being allowed. Mentioned the need to address long term planning and for subregions should be sharing information on their projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment Noted
5. Review Status and Next Steps for Current Consultant Contract: a. Draft MOU and Operating Guidelines; Steering Committee Chair	Ed Means provided an overview of the process for developing the MOU and Operating Guidelines as well as the current status of the MOU and operating guidelines. On December 19 th there was a Steering Committee Chair Conference call to draft MOU and Operating Guidelines and supported for sending out to Steering Committees for review. General comments regarding the MOU and Operating Guidelines were as follows:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant (Ed Means) will collect comments on MOU and Operating Guidelines. (By 14th of February) • Drafting Committee will reform and address comments. (3rd -4th week

<p>Drafting Session. b. Next Steps – IRWMP, Planning, DAC Outreach, Schedule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further clarification on endorsing - Address other IRWMP Plans and other funding sources - Add severability clause - List Watersheds - Address self perpetuation - Does the current MOU replace the exiting MOU, are the other entities aware of the change taking place - Appointment of County as Chair of LC instead of election of LC chair is undemocratic - SC chairs are elected, but it is not democratic to have them pick their alternates. - The LC does not represent the County. - The MOU does not go past Prop 50 - Showing all cities misrepresents the facts <p>Melih Ozbilgin distributed a handout covering the tasks in the new consultant contract and discussed progress to date. The team has met with the County and kicked off the new phase of the IRWMP Program.</p>	<p>of February)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LC Chair requested that Desi Alvarez put his concerns in writing for review of the LC, SCs, and Drafting Committee.
<p>6. Steering Committee Chair Report a. Status of activities, issues, and next steps in the subregions</p>	<p>Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Members (12 Agencies) of the subregion are participating in the Gateway JPA IRWMP Group. Looking to move forward in the future in parallel with IRWMP. Gateway JPA is applying for a planning grant. Next Gateway JPA meeting is Noon February 14th at Gateway Cities COG Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA. LA County was invited to the meeting.</p> <p>South Bay January meeting was cancelled. In December discussed draft MOU and Operating Guidelines. Reviewed legislative policy positions and developed a list of comments for future discussion. South Bay SC sent a letter to the South Bay Cities to explain what is going on in the Subregion and Region.</p> <p>Upper Los Angeles River Discussed MOU and Operating Guidelines. Want to look at the composition of the Steering Committee, verify SC members and develop a process to reconstitute the SC. Were not satisfied with the results of project prioritization and want to do it again. Will look at timing and schedule to figure out when to start, update database or new project database.</p> <p>Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers Met in December, cancelled January Meeting. Working on project integration at next</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

	<p>meeting on February 14th. Bringing in project proponents to interview about projects. CSC will be providing additional comments on the MOU and Operating Guidelines. SC has put a high priority on the Highlights document.</p> <p>North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee discussed funding commitments, looking at Thousand Oaks, Unincorporated LA County, Non Profits and Lake Management Groups. Looking to infuse projects with fire management aspects. Established an implementation subcommittee to discuss, improve, develop and schedule projects. Next step is to discuss the final draft MOU and Operating Guidelines.</p>	
7. Legislative Subcommittee Report	Mario Acevedo provided an update on the Legislative Committee. Committee discussed the hiring of a consultant for lobbying efforts and would like to call a meeting with people interested in supporting legislative outreach. It was requested that the County distribute a copy of the legislative principals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County will distribute Legislative Principals to SC Chairs. • Subcommittee meeting to discuss legislative outreach.
8. Status of Action Items from Previous Meeting(s) a. Draft Letters b. Water Management Area Representative Alternates	<p>Hector Bordas provided an update on action items from previous Leadership Committee Meeting. Noted that the packet of letters in the handouts were sent out as well as a letter to the Annenberg Foundation which included a IRWMP overview document. It was requested that the County make the document available for use.</p> <p>Hector reviewed the IRWMP organizational chart that was in the meeting handouts and requested that updates and corrections be sent to him.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County will post IRWMP overview document sent to Annenberg to project website. • Provide updates to IRWMP Org. Chart to Hector Bordas.
9. City Outreach Efforts / Issues	Brief discussion regarding the County attempting to attend the Gateway COG City Managers meeting. The County's currently talking to Cities about outreach and working with County Supervisors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County will continue outreach efforts.
10. Foundation Funding	Hector provided a review of the Annenberg Foundation Funding Opportunity. Submitted initial letter to Annenberg regarding items such as communications strategy, full time staff, and DAC outreach. Annenberg looking at a modular proposal in the future with individual task and cost broken out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County will continue to work with Stakeholders and Annenberg to move funding application forward
11. Funding Commitments for Consultant Services	Rich Nagel covered the current status of funding contributions and thanked the members of the region for their sustained effort to keep the program moving forward. To date \$1.065m has been pledged with \$160k in the bank. West Basin has sent out invoices to agencies pledging funding. LA County is going to the Board at the next meeting for approval of funding contribution. Upper San Gabriel agreed to pledge verbally. Central Basin and Long Beach water will work on LSGLA Subregion contributions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subregions to finalize funding commitments
12. Update on New Consultant Contract	Discussed under agenda item #5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

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13. Future Agenda Items / Other Items	<p>Diego requested volunteers for Water Management Area presentations. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts volunteered for February.</p> <p>Prop 50 Round 1 \$25m Grant County had meeting with project proponents to work on draft MOU for Prop 50 funding. Plan on going to the Board to execute the contract with the State and the MOU with project proponents at the same time. Also working on a web-based interface for project proponent management.</p> <p>According to DWR approximately half of the Prop 50 Round 1 winners have signed contracts with the State, but only 1 or 2 of the \$25 grant winners. Deadlines for completion out to 2010, but not expected to be an issue.</p> <p>The Gateway JPA has plans to use nonprofits in a fashion similar to other projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agendize Water Management Area Presentation – February: Sanitation 101
14. Meeting Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
15. Next Meeting	<p>Next Leadership Committee meeting on February 27, 2008 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Conference Room B Los Angeles County Flood Control District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note Location Change