

# IRWMP Leadership Committee

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
 May 28, 9:30 am to 12 pm  
 Los Angeles County Flood Control District  
 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Executive Conference Room

**Present:**

Art Aguilar, Central Basin MWD  
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell  
 Hector Bordas, LACFCD  
 Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu  
 Grace Chan, MWDCS  
 Donna Chen, City of Los Angeles, BOS  
 George De La O, LACFCD  
 Joyce Dillard  
 Tom Erb, LADWP

Sharon Green, LACSD  
 Grace Kast, WQA  
 Shahram Kharaghani, City of Los Angeles,  
 BOS, WPD  
 Frank Kuo, LACFCD  
 Shelley Luce, SMBRC  
 Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD  
 Andy Niknafs, LADWP  
 Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell

Mark Pestrella, LACFCD  
 Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD  
 Randy Schollerman, WQA  
 Nancy Steele, LASGR Watershed Council  
 John Wilson, USC  
 Tony Zampello, Raymond Basin  
 Mary Zauner, LACSD

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/Follow up
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose</b>	Hector Bordas called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>2. Review Meeting Summary from April 23, 2008</b>	The minutes from the April Leadership Committee Meeting were distributed. Minutes approved without changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes approved.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Public Comment Period</b>	Comment received from public regarding NBC coverage of lead contamination on LAUSD property. It was stated the reporter did not know anything about Prop 50, 84 or 1E so the media is not aware of the grant funding or IRWMP. There is also AB 2965 to test for lead in the water pipes, but other sources of lead contamination need to be identified and tested. IRWM Group should use information from climate study conference, especially since the carbon emissions reduction framework is going to a cap and trade market and the IRWM group needs to get better information on these changes to rely on and need better communication with parties involved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>4. IRWM Program News:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prop 50, Round 1, \$25m Grant Contract</li> <li>b. DWR Prop 84 &amp; 1E Workshops</li> </ol>	<b>Prop 50</b> Project Proponents updated project scopes and budgets and the information was sent to the State for review to be included as an appendix in the agreement between the State and County. Once the agreement is signed, the MOU with the projects will be finalized. The County is also finishing the web-based reporting and invoicing system for project proponents to use. There was a request made by some project proponents that they need to see the final version of the MOU for their own internal review. The County clarified that they will not sign the MOU until the agreement with the State is signed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit Comments on DWR Guidelines for Prop 84 to Frank Kuo by Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Prop 84 &amp; 1E DWR Workshops</b>  Melih Ozbilgin provided a report on the Prop 84 &amp; 1E workshop in Oakland. Handouts from the DWR Workshop were distributed to the group for further review. The highlights of the meeting include the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Region Acceptance Process – will accept applications to form new regions or regions that have not previously applied for funding.</li> <li>• Approval of new regions will take approximately 7 to 8 months to discuss integration of regions vs. separate region. Generally, DWR indicated that it is advisable to not get too ambitious with forming new regions.</li> <li>• State is working on the CA Water Plan and Flood Safe integration. The IRWM Program should look to the CA Water Plan for guidance on future activities.</li> <li>• The Prop 84/1E funding will follow Prop 50 with the addition of lessons learned plus the requirement for inclusion of climate change and flood management.</li> <li>• Planning and Implementation funds will be separate and they can be applied for by all parties under new guidelines. State also noted that grant funding is not the sole purpose of the IRWM Program.</li> <li>• There will be additional planning grant funds (up to \$2M per region) for Flood Management, with a priority towards multi-benefit planning.</li> <li>• Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Outreach will be a significant part of the upcoming program. There will be a separate pot of money specifically targeted for DAC Assistance.</li> <li>• There will also be three Pilot Projects for DAC Outreach (the Los Angeles Area is on the list), however the amount of funding and schedule for said funding is unknown.</li> <li>• Preliminary Schedule for Prop 84 / 1E currently is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Region Acceptance – Summer 2008</li> <li>○ Draft Guidelines – Late Summer 2008</li> <li>○ Final Guidelines – End of 2008</li> <li>○ Planning Grant Applications Due – Early 2009</li> <li>○ Planning Grant Awards – Middle of 2009</li> <li>○ Implementation and Flood Grants will follow a similar timeline.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There are no limitations to getting ahead on completing paperwork, and DWR may provide assistance to developing regions.</li> <li>• There is some language in legislation that indicated competition for funds within regions, although DWR will not be taking money away from regions. There may be some leeway if an area had agreed on a methodology to divide up grant funding.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Steering Committee Chair Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>South Bay</b>  A stakeholder workshop will be held on June 3, to present projects to get list of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consulting team will work on developing a draft</li> </ul>

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<p>a. DAC Outreach  b. Planning Needs / Project Prioritization / Project Integration  c. IRWMP Update  d. Other Items</p>	<p>projects ready for the future. The list of subregional projects was narrowed down to determine the list of presentations for the group to help integrate and improve projects. West Basin reported that its Board adopted the MOU and Operating Guidelines.</p> <p><b>Upper Los Angeles River</b>  Stakeholders are updating the database of projects, but there is a need for additional assistance on projects. Subregion acknowledged that there is a need for additional funding to help refine and update the project database. The improvements for the project database include the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explanation on what the cells mean</li> <li>• General Database Improvement</li> <li>• More user friendly</li> <li>• Reminders to save work</li> <li>• General Clean-up of Database</li> <li>• GIS Integration</li> </ul> <p><b>Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River</b>  Kevin Wattier resigned as Chair following last month's Leadership Committee Meeting. Art Aguilar was elected as the new Chair and the subregion is working on electing a new Vice-Chair. Subregion still feels there is a need to work with the Gateway JPA and is working on setting up a meeting with the Gateway JPA. (The County offered to provide support, if needed, for the meeting). There was also a desire at the subregional level to reiterate and revisit the prioritization framework and to develop an action plan / timeline that provides the subregion with a step by step process and deadlines for milestones.</p> <p><b>North Santa Monica Bay</b>  The subregion is having a workshop on June 10, with a mix of projects for presentation and discussion. The subregion publicized the workshop by sending out a press release to reach stakeholders and encourage participation. Projects were divided into active and non-active categories based on recent updates, validated project sponsor, in an attempt to bring up the best projects. There is also a desire in the subregion to improve the database. There has been progress on the subregion's Prop 50 Round 1 projects and moving forward with the State agreement. The subregion is continuing efforts to meet on their funding commitments. Agencies interested in sharing ideas for coping with water shortages and adopting urban runoff programs are encouraged to call Randal Orton if you have any comments or suggestions.</p>	<p>Action Plan for County and the Leadership Committee to comment and expand.</p>
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<p><b>6. Legislative Subcommittee Chair Reports</b> a. Lobbying Efforts</p>	<p>The Legislative Subcommittee is going to revisit the issue of lobbying efforts and the hiring a professional lobbyist. The Subcommittee will come back to the Leadership Committee at the next meeting with preliminary recommendations with the intent to get someone on board by the end of the year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Subcommittee will review lobbying efforts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. 2008 Consultant Activities</b> a. Update to IRWM Plan in 2008 b. Planning Needs / Project Prioritization c. Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Involvement d. MOU and Operating Guidelines e. Conflict of Interest Language</p>	<p>Melih Ozbilgin reviewed the status of the 2008 Consultant Activities.</p> <p><b>IRWMP Update</b> Technical Memorandum (TM) on the framework for the IRWMP Update is out for review and comments by Steering Committees and the Leadership Committee. The goal is to finalize the TM in mid-June, develop a draft outline in June/July, finalize outline in August, and have the draft update completed in September/October.</p> <p><b>Planning Needs</b> There has been some progress on identifying planning needs. Summaries will be developed over the summer for comments to develop the basis for a planning grant application.</p> <p><b>DAC Outreach</b> The draft DAC Outreach Plan is being finalized to incorporate additional comments and will be sent to the subregions for review and comment shortly.</p> <p><b>MOU and Operating Guidelines</b> Leadership Committee Members going through the process of review, approval and signing of the MOU and Operating Guidelines. The MOU was adopted by MWD and West Basin. Los Angeles County and Watershed Council expect to adopt it soon. Tony Zampiello asked if an individual can sign or if it has to be through agency approval. Ed Means will clarify. The tentative feeling among the Leadership Committee members is that an individual can sign, but the agency needs to ultimately approve the MOU.</p> <p><b>Conflict of Interest Language</b> Working on gathering sample conflict of interest language and examples will be distributed shortly.</p> <p><b>Water Supply Tech Memo</b> Comments are being incorporated into the final version. A conference call / meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ed Means will clarify weather individuals can sign the MOU.</li> <li>• Conflict of Interest language samples will be distributed soon.</li> <li>• Schedule conference call with water managers.</li> </ul>

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<b>8. Foundation Funding</b> a. Annenberg Foundation b. Other Funding Opportunities	<b>Annenberg Foundation</b> No news on progress of the inquiry letter.  <b>Other Opportunities</b> Reminder that the subregions should focus on finding and securing other funding sources aside from bond funding to meet IRWMP goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action</li> </ul>
<b>9. Water Management Area Presentation</b> a. Green Visions b. Green Solutions	<b>Green Visions</b> Presentation given on Green Visions by John Wilson of USC. Project is looking at Parks, Open Space, Habitat and Water Resources to develop a planning tool kit. Tolls involve park maps, habitat maps, and watershed analysis utilizing materials from the Danish Hydraulic Institute for rainfall/runoff analysis and contaminate transport. Utilizing land use data for estimation of pollutant concentrations. Working on correlating modeled data to monitoring stations for pollutants and rainfall/runoff.  <b>Green Solutions</b> Shelly Luce from SMBRC gave a presentation on the Green Solutions program. The program utilizes the best available storm drain data to look at the Santa Monica Bay, Los Angeles River, and San Gabriel River Watersheds. The Green Solution utilizes SCAG and Los Angeles County land use data to identify public land and scope of use of the public land. Program analyzes the land to determine how much runoff can be treated and used or infiltrated on the publicly used land, but the important validation is making sure the assumptions that the use of the parcel has to be grounded in truth. Phase II of the project will look into more detail on the slope, land use, and soil conditions of the parcel. Geosyntec estimates that 35 percent of the runoff could be treated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action</li> </ul>
<b>10. Future Agenda Items / Other Items</b> a. Press Event at the Next Meeting b. Establish Action Plan Subcommittee c. Response Letter from WVCV on Funding Area Allocation d. Resource Conservation Districts e. Water Quality Funding Initiative Presentation	<b>Press Event</b> There is interest in the press event to announce the award of the Prop 50 funds during next LC meeting; however it may not be feasible to get it together in 3 weeks. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts offered to host the press event and LC Meeting at one of their sites. The public information officer (PIO) from the Sanitation Districts and from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District should get in contact to work out the details. It was also requested that the Las Virgenes PIO be included in the discussions.  <b>Action Plan</b> The action plan should be looking at where the IRWMP is heading and should set out targeted goals with timelines and deliverables. The Committee would like a clear idea of what needs to be accomplished. The Consultant should draft an Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>George De La O will be working on IRWMP for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District</li> <li>Consultant will develop draft Action Plan.</li> <li>Los Angeles County will work on setting up a meeting with WVCV.</li> </ul>

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	<p>for County and LC comments. There was also discussion on the need for prioritization framework being finalized; noted that it was based on the bigger picture and not on specific subregional needs. Moving forward on the prioritization is important because there are other grants available that can fund IRWMP projects. An example, is the ASBS funding for Malibu. It was also noted that prioritization needs to be done by subregion.</p> <p><b>WVCV Response</b> WVCV responded with no proposal, but wants to meet again. A meeting will be set. LC needs to determine who will attend the meeting; tentatively it will be the Chairs of the Steering Committees and the Los Angeles County. The County will respond to WVCV and set a meeting date.</p> <p><b>Resource Conservation Districts</b> Informational handouts passed out for review.</p> <p><b>AB 564</b> Handouts distributed for review. The bill is to allow for the passing to a property fee to service properties for water quality projects. The bill is currently on the State Senate Floor for a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. There will be a presentation on the Water Quality Funding Measure at a future meeting.</p> <p><b>Funding Contribution</b> Updating the status of funding contribution to show that LADWP contributed \$50K and Malibu Lake Mountain Club contributed \$250.</p>	
<b>11. Meeting Adjournment</b>	Meeting Adjourned at 11:58 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>12. Next Meeting:</b>	<p>Wednesday, June 25, 2008 9:30 am to 12:00 pm 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Executive Conference Room Los Angeles County Flood Control District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>