

IRWMP Leadership Committee

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
 June 25, 2008 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Los Angeles County Flood Control District
 12th Floor Executive Conference Room

Present:

Joe Bellomo, Cities of Agoura Hills & Westlake Village
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell
 Hector Bordas, LACFCD
 Diego Cadena, LACFCD
 Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu
 Kathi Delegal, LA County DPW
 Scott Dellinger, Brown and Caldwell
 George De La O, LACFCD

Tom Erb, LADWP
 Sharon Green, LACSD
 Mark Horne, PBS&J
 Andree Hunt, Malcolm Pirnie
 Grace Kast, San Gabriel WQA
 Shahram Kharaghani, City of LA, BOS, WPD
 Frank Kuo, LACFCD
 Shelley Luce, SMBRC

Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie
 Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
 Andy Niknafs, LADWP
 Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD
 Nancy Steele, LASGRWC
 Tom West, RMC Water & Environment
 Carol Williams, MSGBWM
 Tony Zampello, Raymond Basin

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/Follow up
1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose	Diego Cadena opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
2. Review Meeting Summary from May 28, 2008	Minutes were reviewed and approved by the Leadership Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes Approved
3. Public Comment Period	No public comments given.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
4. Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County and Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Meeting Report	<p>The Leadership Committee was briefed on the June 23rd meeting between representatives of the Greater LA IRWMP, Watershed Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) and Upper Santa Clara River Watershed (USCRW) that covered the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested that money be divided among high-level categories like water supply, water quality, habitat and open space. • Clarified to Ventura that the L.A. proposal was not just based on population, but also on some sort of base with the balance based on population. • WCVC will develop alternate proposal regarding the factors used in determining the base amount plus population allocation system • WCVC also noted the letter from the Gateway JPA about the earlier meeting that did not occur. • Next meeting is anticipated for July 8th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hector Bordas will send reminder and meeting details to Steering Committee Chairs about the next meeting with the WCVC and USCRW

	<p>The comment was made that there is a great value in the ability to make a compromise with WCVC and USCRW on these funding division issues. The result will be an increased standing and better position with the State. The other advantage is it can lead to a combined lobbying effort between the three groups as a whole to work as a single political group to advocate the best interests of the region. It was also noted that some stakeholders in Ventura expressed the desire to not work with L.A. on a compromise and compete for funding, but the Chair of the group is working on convincing them of the benefits of compromise.</p>	
<p>5. Steering Committee Chair Reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Disadvantaged Community Outreach b. Planning Needs / Project Prioritization / Project Integration c. IRWMP Update 	<p>North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee Conducted a project workshop on June 10th where proponents presented their most likely project. The date for the disadvantaged community (DAC) Workshop will be scheduled in the future, but the subregion is excited about the effort. The Steering Committee is not just focusing on Prop 84, but looking for other funding opportunities that arise. There were also comments on the database and felt there should be a subcommittee established to work on the database.</p> <p>Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers Steering Committee The Steering Committee discussed the DAC Outreach and looked at postponing the DAC workshop until more information is available. Also commented that the items in the plan did not meet the intent of the Scope of Work. There is also a need to develop the outreach message and database. Stated that there needs to be a subcommittee for DAC Outreach to identify DAC groups in the community and get their input as well as input from groups who work in DACs on the DAC Outreach Plan. The input should also include input on participation, development of DAC projects and identification of parties that should be involved. Motion made and passed to have Tim Worley and Nancy Steele lead a meeting with parties interested in providing feedback to the consultant on DAC Outreach. Noted that the meeting should ideally be held in July so the consultant can incorporate feedback and finalize the outreach plan in August.</p> <p>Upper Los Angeles River Steering Committee The regular Steering Committee Meeting was cancelled. However, some Stakeholders participated in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) meeting regarding the water/wastewater integrated resources plan meeting. There was some offline discussion on the press event and suggested it would be a good idea to have a press release for each of the funded projects.</p> <p>South Bay Steering Committee Conducted a project workshop where 16 projects were presented followed by a question and answer session as well as a discussion on possible integration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made and passed for Tim Worley and Nancy Steele to conduct a meeting with parties interested in DAC Outreach to provide comments on the Draft DAC Outreach Plan if possible by August.

	<p>opportunities that existed for the projects. The main purpose of the workshop was to increase everyone's familiarity with the projects in the subregion.</p> <p>Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Steering Committee At the meeting the Steering Committee discussed the DAC Outreach Strategy, Project Database, conducted a review of the project prioritization framework for new participants, discussed fine tuning the project database, and requested volunteers to serve as the Subregion's new vice chair.</p>	
<p>6. Legislative Subcommittee Chair Reports</p>	<p>Tom Erb will be working on a proposal for Leadership Committee review on Legislative Outreach for the next meeting. It was also that the State budget issues are causing a slow down in activities at California Department of Water Resources (DWR). It is not likely that money will be available for implementation or DACs before the guidelines are completed. It was also noted that John Woodling will be leaving DWR.</p> <p>AB2175 (Laird) Discussion on the bill sponsored by National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) occurred regarding 20% mandatory conservation and an additional 20% on usage above 150 gal/capita-day. Currently, there is no credit for previous conservation and the agriculture conservation requirements have pulled out of the bill. In addition, the bill is proposing a 1 for 1 exchange on recycled water and allows the agency to select a year between 2000 and 2008 to set as the baseline for measurement.</p> <p>SB1391 (Padilla) Discussion occurred on the bill regarding the usage of recycled water for groundwater replenishment. Currently, a waste discharge permit is required, but the bill would eliminate the requirement and only require approval from California Department of Health Services (DHS) and not both DHS and the Regional Board Water Quality Control Board. However, the State Water Quality Control Board is looking to incorporate conservation and water recycling in their permits. DWR has a conservation task force working on the issues also. There is also the development of a statewide water recycling policy under way, if the bill does not pass, it will revisit the issue of removing one agency from the process of approving recycled water usage for groundwater replenishment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Legislative Outreach proposal at next LC Meeting.
<p>7. 2008 Consultant Activities</p> <p>a. Update to IRWM Plan in 2008</p> <p>b. Planning Needs / Project Prioritization</p> <p>c. Disadvantaged</p>	<p>IRWM Plan Update Copies of the Draft IRWM Plan Update TM were distributed to the Leadership Committee. Mark Horne reviewed that the purpose of the IRWMP update was to meet the minimum qualifications for Implementation funding. The current schedule has the IRWMP updated being completed in December 2008 / January 2009.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Comments on IRWM Plan Update and Planning Needs to Mark Horne • Motion made and passed approving the initiation of an additive change order

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<p>Community (DAC) Involvement</p> <p>d. MOU and Operating Guidelines</p> <p>e. Conflict of Interest Language</p> <p>f. Draft Action Plan</p>	<p>Planning Needs Mark Horne reviewed the process for identifying planning need for a planning grant application. The Subregions should finalize their identification of subregional planning needs in July and August. Those needs will be consolidated and summarized for the Leadership Committee. These will be used to establish regional planning needs and a planning workplan for the region which then will be used to develop the planning grant application.</p> <p>Project Prioritization Tom West reviewed the history and purpose of the project prioritization framework developed last year. It was noted that the LSGLA subregion is reviewing the technical memorandum prepared in November 2007 as a refresher on the project prioritization process. Most subregions are using the time now to get their projects ready to go for implementation grant applications.</p> <p>Project Database Frank Kuo reviewed the draft scope for an additive change order to address changes to the project database. Frank also noted that they need to check the funding status with West Basin to go ahead with the change order. Comments received on the draft scope included the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include criteria for other grant programs • Belinda Faustinos has incorporated the database into her project identification methodology • Noted the urgency to get the database updated • Felt that this is a way to move forward toward Prop 84 and other grant sources • Need to address DAC and Project Mapping <p>Motion made and passed to approve Phase I of the scope and to gather more information on other grant programs and Phase II of the scope.</p> <p>MOU and Operating Guidelines Ed Means provided an update on the MOU and Operating Guidelines. So far there have been four adoptions and one board approval. A question was asked on how to sign and clarified the agency and individual should sign and that the signing agency can then designate their representative on the Leadership Committee.</p> <p>Conflict of Interest Language Ed Means reviewed the Conflict of Interest Language. He noted that language was researched and crafted from 501(c)3 language. Requested that any comments on the conflict of interest language be sent to Ed Means.</p>	<p>for phase I of the Database Assistance Scope.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send comments on Conflict of Interest Language to Ed Means. • Send any comments on the DAC Outreach Plan to the Consultant Team • Send any comments on the Draft Action Plan to the Consultant Team
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<p>8. IRWM Program News</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prop. 50, Round 1, \$25 million Grant Contract b. Prop. 84 (& 1E) Grant Program Status c. Correspondence from Gateway IRWM and DWR d. Press Event for Prop. 50 Grant 	<p>Prop 50 County has received updated information from every project proponent except one who has adjusted the project budget and needed to provide additional information. If the information is received today, the County would be able to execute the agreements by July 15th.</p> <p>Prop 84 / 1E County has submitted comments to DWR on the Prop 84/1E Guidelines Workshop on the region acceptance process, funding allocations, and administrative costs.</p> <p>Gateway Letters Letters from the Gateway JPA to DWR and DWR's response to the Gateway JPA were distributed. The Gateway Letter argues why they should be their own region. DWR offered a response. It was noted that John Woodling was working on a meeting between the Greater LA IRWM and the Gateway JPA, however with Woodling's departure it is unknown who at DWR would coordinate the meeting. General feeling was that the meeting between the two regions still needs to take place and wanted follow-up on Art Aguilar's progress in setting up the meeting. The Leadership Committee offered what assistance is needed in setting up the meeting.</p> <p>Press Event There still is the plan of having a Press Event to announce the Prop 50 Grant on July 23rd before the Leadership Committee Meeting. Lester Snow has confirmed his attendance at the Press Event. The County and Sanitation District are working on finalizing a location either at Whittier Narrows or Carson at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) Marshland. West Basin Municipal Water District offered the services of their Public Information Officer (PIO) to assist in the planning of the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties interested in assisting in the preparation of the Press Conference should contact George De La O. • County will draft and distribute the proposal on the Press event and Leadership Committee Meeting for July 23rd.

	event. Also, noted that there should be posters to highlight all of the projects at the event. A comment was made that the event should highlight the summary of the benefits for the projects as well as the local and State funding matches. The County will draft up a proposal on the Press Conference and Leadership Committee Meeting.	
9. Ongoing IRWMP Funding Status	Rich Nagel distributed and reviewed a table showing funding status of the Greater LA IRWMP to date. It was noted that they are still working on finalizing commitments and payment of funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Basin will continue finalizing funding commitments.
10. Sustainable Funding Initiatives	Nancy Steele updated the Leadership Committee that there has been no feedback from the Annenberg Foundation on the submission of a full funding proposal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
11. Water Quality Funding Initiative Presentation	Hector Bordas gave a presentation on the County's effort to move forward with a Water Quality Funding Measure to help address water quality and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Issues. The current phase of the process is to conduct a feasibility study on the ability to get voters / property owners to support and pass the fee. The main focus of the study is the local support and ownership of the water quality issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
12. Future Agenda Items / Other Items	<p>Water Management Area Presentations: July – Future of DWR – Lester Snow August – MWD IRP – Grace Chan Septemeber – Water Quality – Shahram Kharaghani</p> <p>Review of Water Supply Tech Memo – August.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items agendized for Future LC Meetings.
13. Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
14. Next Meeting:	Wednesday, July 23, 2008 Time and location TBD in coordination with the press event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •