

IRWMP Leadership Committee

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
 February 25, 2009 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Los Angeles County Flood Control District
 12th Floor Executive Conference Room

Present:

Siya Araumi, LACFCD
 Joe Bellomo, Cities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell
 Hector Bordas, LACFCD
 Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu
 Grace Chan, MWDSC
 Donna Chen, City of Los Angeles, BOS
 Kathi Delegal, LA County DPW
 George De La O, LACFCD
 Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes MWD
 Belinda Faustinos, RMC
 Norma Garcia, LA County Parks and Rec.

Sharon Green, LACSD
 Grace Kast, San Gabriel Basin WQA
 Burt Kumagawa, LA County CEO
 Wendy La, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
 Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie
 Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
 Sherwood Natsuhara, City of Vernon
 Andy Niknafs, City of LA DWP
 Lisa Northrop, USFS-ANF
 Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell
 Rochelle Paras, LA County DPW
 Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD

David Rydman, LA County DPW
 Francis Spivy-Weber, State Water Resources Control Board
 Persephene St. Charles, RMC Water
 Nancy Steele, LASGRWC
 Dan Sulzer, Army Corps of Engineers
 Robb Whittakker, Water Replenishment District
 Carol Williams, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
 Theresa Wu, Water Replenishment District
 Tony Zampielo, Raymond Basin
 Mary Zauner, LACSD

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/Follow up
1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose	Hector Bordas opened the meeting at 9:39 a.m. with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
2. Approval Meeting Summary from January 28, 2009	Minutes were distributed to the Leadership Committee for review and comment. Minutes were approved unanimously, with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify that letter to Governor was to include a list of frozen grants. • Change previously required 80% match to 10% match. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved
3. Public Comment Period	No Comments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
4. IRWM Program News	George De La O provided the following updates on IRWM Program News. Letter to Governor The following updates were given on the Letter to the Governor regarding the suspension of grant funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received additional comments and the letter is being revised to incorporate • Revised letter will be distributed to the Leadership Committee for review. • Need interested parties to submit list of projects in a table containing the following information: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George De La O will distribute revised Letter to the Governor to Leadership Committee members. • County is requested to provide updates on the status of the grant freeze at Leadership Committee

	<p>impacts of programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a fast track for projects to be developed concurrently with the development of the salt and nutrient plans. • Board instituted a Blue Ribbon panel for consideration of constituents of emerging concern. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently developing list of panelists. ○ Board will assign someone to be 100% in charge of the program. • This is a good policy to move forward on recycled water. • Key to moving forward is the salt and nutrient plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to be developed for all basins and sub-basins ○ Developed basic framework for plans including monitoring, reporting, etc. ○ Did not lay out how things should be done since the regions are different. Parties need to meet with the local Regional Board to decide how to move forward. <p>Stimulus Package</p> <p>The overview on the Stimulus Package was given by Francis Spivy-Weber and covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds through Department of Public Health ~ \$160m • Funds through State Board ~ \$280m <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From EPA to revolving loan fund money, in addition to existing funding, but with different requirements. ○ At least 50% has to be spent on grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requires legislative action to execute ○ 20% targeted to “Green Projects” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recycled Water, Conservation, LIDs ○ Need to be “Shovel Ready” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People must be working on the project by February 16, 2010 ▪ Need to specify how many people will be re-employed, newly employed, or “saved” ○ State Board voting on rules and how to roll out on March 17, 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initial draft rules are out, comments due by March 4, 2009 ▪ Final parts of rules will be out prior to March 17th session ▪ There will be a 10 day comment period. ▪ Recommended that interested parties register to get notices. ▪ Workshops will be conducted at every Regional Board on revolving loan fund. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Projects need to be on the pre-application list. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can register now at FASST on the State Board Website (www.waterboards.ca.gov) 	
<p>6. Steering Committee Chair Reports</p>	<p>Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Steering Committee Belinda Faustinos provided the following highlights from the Steering Committee Meeting held in February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed reaching out to the Gateways Cities regarding their representation on the Steering Committee • Added the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water as a voting member of the Steering Committee • Approved Belinda Faustinos as Vice Chair for the Steering Committee. • Discussed the project selection criteria strawman and provided recommendations • Belinda Faustinos volunteered to head up the DAC subcommittee for the Steering Committee. <p>Upper Los Angeles River Steering Committee Nancy Steele and Andy Niknafs provided the following highlights from the Steering Committee Meeting held in February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding project presentations • Continued working on project prioritization • Working on narrowing down to top 20 projects • Discussed the project selection criteria strawman and suggested that the language be softened <p>South Bay Steering Committee Rich Nagel provided the following highlights from the Steering Committee Meeting held in February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the project selection criteria strawman • Working on project prioritization • Sent questionnaire requesting project information to project proponents for top 20 projects • Working on identifying which projects are really ready to proceed. <p>Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers Steering Committee Grace Kast provided the following highlights from the Steering Committee Meeting held in February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on developing a DAC Project for the expedited grant funding • Discussed the project selection criteria strawman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritized top 30 project to present to Steering Committee • Want to put together a suite of projects to tell a story • Discussed the Ad Hoc Committee and want clarification on the purpose of the Ad Hoc Committees. • San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is working on their own list of 6-10 projects from the IRWMP list that they will be promoting <p>North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee Barbara Cameron provided the following highlights from the Steering Committee Meeting held in February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the project selection criteria strawman • Developed list of frozen projects • Worked on project scoring to prioritize projects by what works best for subregion • Reaching out to agencies and organization in the subregion to participate • Noted that Regional Projects need a collective definition. 	
<p>7. Project Selection Criteria and Funding</p>	<p>George De La O reviewed the Project Selection Criteria strawman and the following comments were made regarding the strawman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process should be open and flexible • Need a transparent process • Need guidelines to pick projects that will perform better • Maintain Steering Committee autonomy • Need guidance from Leadership Committee to help Steering Committees pare down the project lists. • Criteria should focus on IRWMP Targets • Avoid assigning dollar value to subregion (i.e. \$5m): say 1/5 of funding instead. • Don't specify funding match limits especially on DAC projects • Avoid surprises to project proponents by failing to meet expectations, especially regarding funding match. • Need Steering Committees to delegate leeway to Leadership Committee representatives for flexibility to negotiate. • Allow Steering Committees to review the revised strawman. • Allow Steering Committee to review the project selections made by the Leadership Committee. • How will conflict of interest be addressed between Leadership Committee Members and their projects? • Is there an allocation of funding for Regional Projects? • When can subregions present their projects to the Leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad Hoc Committee will review comments and revise the strawman,

	Committee?	
<p>8. Grant Ad Hoc Committee(s) Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Water Conservation b. Disadvantaged Community c. Regional Projects 	<p>Water Conservation Leighanne Reeser distributed the minutes from the Ad Hoc Committee Conference call to the Leadership Committee for review and the follow discussion occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on Regional Project across all 5 subregions • MWD has structure to administrate program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilize staff time as in-kind service ○ Need to address agencies not in MWD service area, but there are ways to work around the issues. • Need to figure out how much money to request for grant; early estimate is \$4m. <p>DAC The Ad Hoc Committee had not met yet, first meeting scheduled for after the Leadership Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Regional Projects Robb Whittaker provided an overview of the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting and covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review Regional Projects in the project database ○ Look at existing and potential regional projects outside of Water Conservation ○ Bring Regional Projects to the Leadership Committee • Develop definition for Regional Projects • Identify funding needs for Regional Projects • Identify Agency leads for Regional Projects • Incorporate Regional Projects into the selection process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
<p>9. 2008 Consultant Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Planning Needs / Project Prioritization b. Disadvantaged Community Involvement c. Region Acceptance Process 	<p>Melih Ozbilgin provided an update on the following Consultant Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region Acceptance Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developed scope and budget with County ○ Holding on executing the scope until DWR provides final guidance • Project Prioritization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moving forward with Steering Committees to bring projects up to the Leadership Committee. • Disadvantaged Community Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ready to provide guidance on project development ○ Ready to support efforts of Subgroup looking at implementation of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

	the DAC Outreach Plan.	
10. Water Supply Gap Analysis Presentation	Ed Means gave a presentation on the Water Supply Gap Analysis. Motion made and approved unanimously to adopt Water Supply Gap Analysis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made and approved unanimously to adopt Water Supply Gap Analysis.
11. Future Agenda Items / Other Items	Request to agendize discussion of Basin Plans. In addition, AB410 looks to allocate \$5m from the \$100m unallocated in Prop 84 for Basin Plan development. Request made to have Rich Nagel invite Tracy Egoscue to discuss Basin Plans. Agendize subregional project presentations. Motion to start the meetings at 9:00am instead of 9:30 am was turned down.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Additional Action
12. Meeting Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned at 11:53 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
13. Next Meeting:	Greater LA County IRWMP Leadership Committee: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Wed., March 25, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	