

**Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management  
Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2014  
Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
900 South Fremont, Alhambra, CA**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Massood Eftekhari (Los Angeles County Flood Control District), Chair  
Leighanne Kirk for Rich Nagel (West Basin MWD), Chair, South Bay Sub-region  
Rob Beste (City of Torrance), Vice-Chair, South Bay Sub-region  
Randal Orton (Las Virgenes MWD), Chair, NSMB Sub-region  
Barbara Cameron (City of Malibu), Vice Chair, NSMB Sub-region  
Andy Niknafs for Dave Pettijohn (Department of Water and Power), Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Sub-region  
Nancy Steele (Council for Watershed Health), Vice-Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Sub-region  
Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster) Chair, Upper San Gabriel River Sub-region  
Randy Schoellerman (Water Quality Authority) Vice-Chair, Upper San Gabriel River Sub-region  
Robb Whitakker (WRD), Chair, Lower San Gabriel & Los Angeles Rivers Sub-region  
Mark Stanley (Rivers and Mountains Conservancy), Vice-Chair, Lower San Gabriel & Los Angeles Rivers Sub-region  
Grace Chen, Metropolitan Water District, Surface Water WMA  
Sharon Green (Sanitation Districts of LA County), Sanitation WMA  
Shahram Kharaghani (City of Los Angeles), Stormwater WMA  
Shelly Luce (Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission), Open Space WMA  
Tony Zampiello (Raymond Basin), Groundwater WMA

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Alva, Paul (Los Angeles County Department of Public Works)  
Batman, Eric (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)  
Bellomo, Joe (City of Westlake Village)  
Bradbury, Daniel (Los Angeles County Department of Public Works)  
Bryden, Russ (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)  
Caldwell, E.J. (West Basin MWD)  
Chen, Timothy (LADWP)  
Chen, Geoffrey (LADWD)  
Chin, Mark (LADWP)  
Dietrick, Brian (RMC Water & Power)  
Fowler, Virginia (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)  
Galindo, Greg (La Puente Valley CWD)  
George, Craig (City of Malibu)

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Gould, David (Cresenta Valley Water District)  
Grant, Terri (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)  
Han, Andrew (LADWP)  
Hildebrand, Gary (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)  
Kast, Grace (Gateway Water Management Authority)  
Kennedy, Maria Elena (Kennedy Communications)  
La, Wendy (LASER, LLC)  
LaCombe Sarah (LADWP)  
Lamacchia, Chad (LADWP)  
Lee, Thomas (City of Inglewood)  
Lilley, Keith (Los Angeles County Department of Public Works)  
McGinley, Lianne (Burbank Water and Power)  
Paras, Rochelle (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)  
Paludi, Fernando (West Basin MWD)  
Penn, Toni (Gateway Water Management Authority)  
Rai, Barmes (City of Inglewood)  
Rangel, Nobemi (LADWP)  
Repp, Chris (LADWP)  
Reed, Greg (LADWP)  
Robinson, John (John Robinson Consulting Inc)  
Rojas, Esterh (WRD)  
Sarbisian, Maral (LADWP)  
Schenk, Leslie (Los Angeles County Department of Public Works)  
St. Charles, Persephene (RMC Water & Environment)  
Sulzer, Dan (USACE)  
Takidin, Raja (Glendale Water and Power)  
Tam, Wing (City of Los Angeles)  
Trejo, Raymundo (USGVMWD)  
VanWagoen, William (LADWP)  
Vergara, Marybeth (RMC/WCA)  
Vilkarin, Kapil (Burbank Water and Power)  
Villegas, Rafael (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power)  
Webb, Amy (LADWP)  
Weeks, Jason (WRD)  
Wei, Virginia (LADWP)  
Zauner, Mary (County Sanitation Districts)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES**

Motion to approve the March 26, 2014 meeting summary passed unanimously.

### **3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

#### **4. IRWM GRANTS UPDATE**

Russ Bryden provided the following updates on IRWM items:

Plan Update Process - DWR has completed their initial review of the Plan and determined it to be consistent with Program Standards. The Plan is currently posted on DWR's website for 30 day public comment period which is anticipated to end in early May. A complaint letter from the Gateway Water Management Authority was submitted through the public review process.

#### Proposition 50 & Proposition 84, Round 1

Proposition 50 – The official budget amendment for the reallocation of the \$1.8 million from the SWRP project has been submitted to DWR and the District is still awaiting the formal amendment paperwork. No invoices will be processed until the amendment is fully executed and the State's budget for the next fiscal year passes.

Proposition 84 – Contract administration and invoicing process is underway.

Proposition 84, Round 2 - DWR is also on an expedited schedule for this round and intends to get these agreements executed by early summer 2014. Deliverables listed on DWR's commitment letter as well as comments on the agreement template were submitted to DWR. Next steps include finalizing and executing Memoranda of Understanding with the project sponsors.

#### **5. PROPOSITION 84, ROUND 3 – IRWM DROUGHT SOLICITATION**

Russ Bryden gave a presentation on the Round 3 drought solicitation and explained the process, schedule and expectations. Parameters for project selection were presented and the emphasis on the drought element of projects was reiterated. Project proponents were also reminded how labor-intensive the grant application and administration processes are. A copy of the presentation is attached herein.

A motion was made that RMC Water & Environment be tasked with developing a project selection methodology, and for a subcommittee of the Leadership Committee to apply the methodology to the projects recommended by the Steering Committees, in order to recommend a project suite(s) for the Leadership Committee to consider submitting in an implementation grant application. Motion passed unanimously.

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Project proponents from the five subregions gave presentations on the projects, as follows:

Lower San Gabriel-Los Angeles Subregion

- Recycled Water Turnouts (Water Replenishment District)
- Manhattan Well IMPROVEMENTS (LADWP)

North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

- AMR Conversion Project (WaterWorks District 29)
- Malibu Drought Preparedness Project: Graywater Reuse and Rainwater Harvesting (City of Malibu)
- Water Budget-based Rate Implementation (Las Virgenes MWD)

South Bay Subregion

- Well No. 2 Rehabilitation (City of Inglewood)
- Terminal Island WRP Advanced Water Purification Facility and Distribution System Expansion (LADWP)
- Goldsworthy Desalter Expansion (City of Torrance)
- West Coast Basin Barrier Project Unit 12 Injection and Observation Wells (LACFCD)
- Recycled Water On-Site Retrofit Project (West Basin MWD)

Upper Los Angeles Subregion

- Los Angeles-Burbank Groundwater System Interconnection (LADWP)
- Los Angeles-Glendale Groundwater System Interconnection (LADWP)
- Mission Wells Improvement (LADWP)
- Rockhaven Well (Crescenta Valley Water District)
- Be a Water Saver Conservation Program (Burbank Water and Power)

Upper San Gabriel Subregion

- Six Basins and Puente Basin Integrated Water Supply Project (Puente Basin)
- La Puente Valley County Water District Recycled Water Project (USGVMD)
- So. El Monte Recycled Water Expansion Project 1 (USGVMD)
- San Gabriel Valley Water Recycling project – Rose Hills Expansion (USGVMD)
- City of Monrovia Fire Department Recycled Water Project (USGVMD)
- Large Landscape Irrigation Survey and Retrofit Project (USGVMD)

Copies of the project presentations are available online at [www.lawaterplan.org](http://www.lawaterplan.org).

**6. DROUGHT DISCUSSION**

Item deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

**7. STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRS' AND WMA REPORT**

No updates were provided.

**8. DAC ITEMS**

No updates were provided.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**10. FUTURE AGENDA/OTHER ITEMS**

- Round 3 Grant Application - Project Selection

**11. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2014 at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Headquarters.