

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
IRWMP Leadership Committee  
December 6, 2007, 9:30 am to 12 pm  
Los Angeles County Flood Control District  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor Executive Conference Room**

**Present:**

Mario Acevedo, LADWP  
Art Aguilar, Central Basin MWD  
Desi Alvarez, City of Downey  
Joe Bellamo, Cities of Agoura Hills & Westlake Village  
John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell  
Hector Bordas, LACFCD  
Grace Burgess, San Gabriel Basin WQA  
Diego Cadena, LACFCD  
Grace Chan, MWDSC  
Donna Chen, City of Los Angeles

Kathi Delegal, LACFCD  
Scott Dellinger, Brown and Caldwell  
Joyce Dillard  
Tom Erb, LADWP  
Shahram Kharaghani, City of Los Angeles  
Frank Kuo, LACFCD  
Joone Lopez, Central Basin MWD  
Shelly Luce, SMBRC  
Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie  
Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD  
Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell

Rochelle Paras, LACDPW  
Mark Pestrella, LACFCD  
Leighanne Resser, West Basin MWD  
Randy Schoellerman, San Gabriel Basin WQA  
Nancy Steele, Watershed Council  
Carol Williams, MSGB Watermaster  
Tony Zampiendo, RBMB  
Mary Zauner, LACSD

<b>Topic/Issue</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Follow up</b>
<b>1. Introductions</b> <b>a. Call to Order</b> <b>b. Roll Call of Members Present</b>	Diego Cadena called the meeting to order at 9:41 AM with introductions and noted the meeting date and location change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>2. Review Meeting Summary from November 1, 2007</b>	The minutes from the November meeting were distributed. The following corrections were requested: Add Randy Scholler to list of attendees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes approved as corrected.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Public Comment Period</b>	Question was asked about how draft letters were being handled. Clarified that the final version of the letters will be posted on the web. Also a recent USC conference on bonds took place, discussed debt and legislative action, critical to work on issues sooner than later.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Legislative Subcommittee Report</b> <b>a. Legislative outreach framework</b>	Tom Erb reviewed the draft legislative principals developed by the Legislative Subcommittee. Purpose of the legislative principals was to provide clarity on the LA-Ventura issues, vision of the group on policy issues, possible leading to legislation, State grant requirements, County-State issues, coordination of lobbying for IRWMP group (used document as an agenda while working on an overall lobbying strategy), and develop policy positions to consolidate vision and voice of group. Also looking to pull together local assets to conduct lobbying in the short term wheelie looking to procure lobbying services in the long term.  Motion was made to approve policy principles with the following addendums:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion:</b> Approve draft legislative guidelines. (Motion passed Y-10, N-0, A-2)</li> </ul>

	<p>Add "support legislation for flood safe communities" (Statements #6 &amp; #8)  Add "but rather defined at the local level and tailored to local needs."  (Statement #4)  Remove "single" single" and add "County" to Los Angeles (Statement #3)  Remove "within State-defined subregions" (Statement #2)  Change "Los Angeles" to Los Angeles/Ventura" (Statement 3)  Motion Passed Yes – 10, No – 0, Abstain – 2. Motion passed.</p>	
<b>5. Funding Commitments for Consultant Support</b>	<p>Rich Nagel distributed handouts and reviewed the current status of funding commitments for consultant support. West Basin has not received formal documentation on all commitments to initiate contracts.</p> <p>Contribution from the Flood Control District (\$250,000) and MWD (\$100,000) is intended to be a regional contribution in their position as a regional participant. LACSD is donating up to \$30,000 for each subregion it is in. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission is donating \$5,000 to NSMB.</p> <p>Question was raised that subregions were asked to meet a target of \$200,000 and used not to exceed clause to meet goal but to avoid giving more than a subregion's fair share. Other subregions willing to go over goal with others not looking to which may cause some disparity in contributions. Questions were raised regarding the even split of money or split based on needs, problems to solve and problem prioritization as well as the need to come up with a continuous funding mechanism, which included funding from outside sources. Questions were raised regarding considering disparity in subregions (population size, area, property values) in regards to contributions. Others expressed the idea of equal contribution for equal vote in the leadership committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to receive funding commitments and formal documentation.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Foundation Funding</b>	<p>Nancy Steele discussed a meeting with the Annenberg Foundation regarding the IRWMP and the role Annenberg can have in meeting the goals and targets of the IRWMP. Among the points discussed with Annenberg included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annenberg funding DAC outreach</li> <li>Full-time staffing instead of Consultant</li> <li>Communications Strategy</li> <li>Selection of Grantee responsible for complying with grant</li> <li>Presentation to Annenberg Trustees</li> <li>Land Trust Community Involvement</li> </ul> <p>The Leadership Committee will need to put together a draft concept paper for the Annenberg Foundation. There will also be a need to leverage public funding as matching funds and provide a broad stroke budget. This concept paper would need to be completed in mid-December for review to be invited for a full proposal due</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nancy Steele, Joone Lopez, Hector Bordas, and Shelley Luce will work on draft concept paper for Annenberg Foundation</li> <li>• Discuss with Annenberg the preferred choice of grantee</li> </ul>

	<p>February 7<sup>th</sup> (Annenberg reviews environmental proposals twice a year).</p> <p>Marcia from Annenberg invited to the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Leadership Committee Meeting to meet the Committee and see how the IRWMP program works. They want to see measurable objectives and see the process as a method to provide funds to funnel funds to support IRWMP Projects. The Concept paper should also include full time staff for outreach and communication or DAC Outreach funding. The County is developing a proposal and budget for DAC outreach, but there is a desire to look broader at the full time staff for the outreach and communication aspects. They are also looking for an agency with experience working with DACs and the ability to manage full time staff. It was pointed out it may make sense for them to work with the county for that full time staff support.</p>	
<p><b>7. Review Status and Next Steps for Current Consultant Contract:</b></p> <p><b>a. Continued Consultant Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Meeting Support</li> <li>◆ Highlights “Lite” Document</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Draft MOU and Operating Guidelines; Drafting Sessions with Steering Committees</b></p>	<p>Melih Ozbilgin reviewed the current consultant status. The current contract is complete except for the new MOU and Operating Guidelines. Some of the current budget has been de-obligated to fund November and December and Highlights “Lite” Document that is 2-4 pages, graphic, simple, quick and easy to update.</p> <p>Ed Means reviewed the current status of the MOU and Operating Guideline. Proceeding on scheduling time for the subregional representative negotiation phone calls. Tentatively scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> (8-10) and 19<sup>th</sup> (8-12). Big issues outstanding on who signs the MOU and what are the obligations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proceed with November &amp; December Meeting Support.</li> <li>• Continue finalizing MOU and Operating Guidelines.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Report on Action Items from November 1, 2007 Leadership Committee Meeting</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Letters</b></p>	<p>Draft letters approved last Leadership Committee Meeting to Lester Snow and Ventura County has been sent out. Letters to legislators in draft form to be finished and distributed to Leadership Committee via email.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County will distribute Draft Letter to Leadership Committee</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Prop. 50, Round 1, \$25m Grant Contract</b></p>	<p>County is drafting MOU to Project Proponents and meeting with proponents to go over MOU and State contract sometime in January. Suggestion was made to look at other means to due this process in future contracts to avoid future issues. Also question was raised about conducting a press conference for \$25m grant as weel as phasing and scope of contract.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County will work with Project Proponents to address State need for grant funding.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Update on New Consultant Contract Status and Issues</b></p>	<p>The Leadership Committee approved the scope to finalize and West Basin contract manager is finalizing contract and should be ready in a few weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Basin proceed with Finalizing Contract</li> <li>• Count proceed with finalizing Scope</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Future Agenda Items / Other Items</b></p>	<p>Add discussion point to address the handling of public comments at future meetings, promote free flowing discussion, time limits, and guidelines for public comments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add items to Next Agenda</li> </ul>

	<p>Prop 84 draft guidelines are due in the spring of 2008. RFP may be released in July for planning money only. Prop 84 standards will have to be met, but the Prop 84 standards are not written yet. Planning proposal may be first come first serve and may have a quick turn around. There is a need to look at the January State budget for Prop 84 money. Questions exist if the plan will need to be update and adopted for implementation money, not sure on the answer, could be required by execution of award.</p> <p>Add Agenda Item for discussing Annenberg Foundation funding Add Agenda Item for info sessions on regional water management issue presentation of about 10 to 15 minutes.</p>	
<b>12. Meeting Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>13. Next Meeting</b>	<p>Next Leadership Committee meeting on January 23, 2008 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Conference Room B Los Angeles County Flood Control District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note Location Change</li> </ul>