

# IRWMP Leadership Committee

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
 November 26, 2008 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
 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  
 Grace Chan, MWD  
 Donna Chen, City of LA, BOS, WPD  
 Kathi Delegal, LA County DPW  
 George De La O, LACFCD  
 Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes MWD

Tom Erb, Los Angeles DWP  
 Norma Garcia, LA County Parks and  
 Recreation  
 Ken Hu, LA County DPW  
 Shelley Luce, SMBRC  
 Randal Orton, Las Virgenes MWD  
 Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell  
 Mark Pestrella, LACFCD

Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD  
 Bertha Ruiz-Hoffman, LA County Parks  
 and Recreation  
 Nancy Steele, LASGRWC  
 Dan Sulzer, Army Corps of Engineers  
 Tony Zampielo, Raymond Basin  
 Mary Zauner, LACSD

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/Follow up
1. <b>Welcome, Introductions and Purpose</b>	Hector Bordas opened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
2. <b>Approval Meeting Summary from October 22, 2008</b>	The minutes from the October Leadership Committee Meeting were distributed to the Committee. The minutes were approved unanimously with the corrections provided by Mary Zauner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes approved with changes</li> </ul>
3. <b>Public Comment Period</b>	No Comments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>4. IRWM Program News</b> a. Proposition 50, Round 1, \$25 million Grant Contract b. Proposition 84 & 1E Grant Program Status	<p><b>Prop 50</b>            The web-based invoicing system for project proponents is ready to go, but waiting for California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to approve the system. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is holding off on accepting invoices from project proponents until approval. LACFCD will hold a meeting with DWR and project proponents to review and discuss the system. There have been recent staff changes at DWR regarding the managing of Prop 50 and the LACFCD is working on getting up to speed with the new staff at DWR. Web submission of project quarterly reports is working and quarterly reports were accepted and forwarded to DWR at the end of October.</p> <p><b>Prop 84 &amp; 1E, SBxx1</b>            A handout summarizing the recent DWR workshops (re:Prop 84 &amp; 1E and Bill SBxx1) was distributed. The Leadership Committee discussed guidelines, timeframe, requirements, funding allocation, and the region acceptance process. Regarding the Region Acceptance Process, there is still a strong desire to continue to work with the Gateway Cities JPA to address existing issues and integrate the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LACFCD will continue to work with DWR to get approval of Prop 50 invoicing system.</li> </ul>

	<p>Gateway Cities JPA into the Greater LA County IRWMP. Regarding the funding split between Greater LA County, Ventura County, and Upper Santa Clara River for their funding area, the regions are reviewing statistical data provided by LA County for use in the funding allocation formula. The general feeling of the Leadership Committee was to continue working on the funding allocation methodology within the funding area, even if the first round has the potential to be competitive.</p> <p>There was a question raised regarding the allocation of funding among the subregions within the Greater LA County Region. The general consensus was that the Leadership Committee should provide some guidance on criteria for equitable funding splits among the subregions. The Leadership Committee should lay out the process in advance so the Steering Committees can best select projects for the grant application.</p>	
<p><b>5. Steering Committee Chair Reports:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Disadvantaged Community Outreach</li> <li>b. Planning Needs / Project Prioritization / Workshop</li> <li>c. IRWMP Update</li> </ol>	<p><b>South Bay Steering Committee</b>  The Steering Committee met in November and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected representatives for the three Ad Hoc Committees (Water Conservation, Disadvantaged Community (DAC) &amp; IRWMP Projects)</li> <li>• Reviewed the Basin Plan and Conservation Targets</li> <li>• Discussed continuing consultant support for meetings as well as possibly adjusting meeting schedules to bimonthly or self supporting some of the meetings. Objective was to look at the optimum solution.</li> <li>• Updating and reviewing projects to identify priority projects.</li> <li>• Planning to conduct workshops in December to identify projects to submit to the Leadership Committee in January.</li> <li>• Reappointed Robb Whittaker as Vice Chair for the subregion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upper Los Angeles River Steering Committee</b>  The Steering Committee met in November and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on getting project proponents to update their projects.</li> <li>• Planning on a workshop in January to refine project prioritization criteria</li> <li>• Working to identify DAC projects and groups that could use assistance as well as developing lists of DAC groups in the subregion</li> <li>• Did not select representatives for Ad Hoc Committees. The Steering Committee felt it was better to just have one Ad Hoc Committee.</li> <li>• Committee had a preference for continuing consultant support of meetings.</li> <li>• Reappointed Nancy Steele as Vice Chair for the Subregion</li> </ul> <p><b>Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Steering Committee</b>  The Steering Committee met in November and discussed the following topics:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create agenda item to discuss water conservation package for next Leadership Committee Meeting</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected representatives for the three Ad Hoc Committees (Water Conservation, DAC &amp; IRWMP Projects)</li> <li>• Committee has been working with project proponents to clean up project database information.</li> <li>• Held workshop to identify active projects.</li> <li>• Holding a second workshop in January for project proponents to give presentations on projects to inform the Steering Committee for the eventual selection of projects to submit to the Leadership Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers Steering Committee</b> The Steering Committee met in November and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reappointed Grace Kast as Vice Chair of the Subregion</li> <li>• Did not select representatives for the three Ad Hoc Committees. The Steering Committee was not interested in three Committees, feeling it was better to have the Leadership Committee make the final selection.</li> <li>• Steering Committee established subregional Ad Hoc Committees to look at a DAC water conservation project for non-English speakers, a DAC water quality treatment program focusing on well head treatment, and a recycled water pipeline.</li> <li>• Postponed project workshop to January</li> <li>• Worked on the weighting of subregional criteria and customizing criteria to Prop 84</li> <li>• Continued working on collaborating with the San Gabriel Council of Governments on project ranking and selection</li> </ul> <p><b>North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee</b> The Steering Committee met in November and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on completing project prioritization in January</li> <li>• Reaching out to get absent stakeholders engaged in the process</li> <li>• Working on cleaning up project database as about half of the projects are not complete with the eventual goal of getting to a manageable list</li> <li>• The subregion is limited in terms of projects dealing with recycled water, indoor water conservation, groundwater and DACs, so the focus for project review is to develop projects dealing with outdoor water conservation and water quality instead.</li> <li>• Building a project ranking system that can be used for other grants.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Sbx1 Ad Hoc Committee Status /</b></p>	<p>Question was raised on whether there is a need to continue with the three Ad Hoc Committees. Discussion on the question covered the following topics:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agendize for the January Leadership Committee</li> </ul>

<p><b>Purpose / Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Water Conservation Package</li> <li>b. DAC Projects</li> <li>c. IRWMP Projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need to tell the story behind all the aspects of the grant application (Water Conservation, DACs, and IRWMP Projects) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to work as a group to talk about and coordinate a region wide program</li> <li>○ Need to clarify what kind of Water Conservation would qualify under the DWR definition of Water Conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One suggestion to determine how much water is being conserved, was for regional plant wastewater treatment plant managers to share wastewater plant inflow data as a measure of conservation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Should the three Committees be replaced with one Project Ad Hoc Committee? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to define the role of the Leadership Committee in selecting projects</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Question was asked about how the regional projects are going to be considered in the project prioritization process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It was suggested that the regional projects be reviewed by the Leadership Committee. Consulting team was requested to provide a list of regional projects.</li> <li>○ Put projects into a larger context for the region</li> <li>○ Create a forum to meet and work on regional project issues (i.e. easily achievable water conservation projects vs. more expensive conservation projects)</li> <li>○ There is no rule against regional projects, but need to identify what can be done at the regional level.</li> <li>○ Develop a process where money is split between regional and subregional projects and define what projects are truly at a regional level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An example project is the DAC Outreach aspects of assessments and feasibility studies.</li> <li>▪ General feeling is that the projects should focus on the areas of greatest need, which will mostly break down on economic measures and focus on goals of water quality in the communities then on the outdoor activities and open space in the communities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>meeting a discussion of the Leadership Committee's role in selecting projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agendize for the January Leadership Committee meeting a discussion of definition of "regional" projects, and how they should be considered for selection</li> <li>• Consulting team to provide list of Regional Projects for Leadership Committee.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>7. 2008 Consultant Activities</b></p> <p>a. Planning Needs / Project Prioritization</p> <p>b. Highlights “Lite” Document</p> <p>c. Disadvantaged Community Involvement</p>	<p>Melih Ozbilgin provided an overview of the following consultant activities:</p> <p><b>Project Prioritization</b> Moving forward with project prioritization at the subregional level. There is a need for guidance from the Leadership Committee on the funding allocations and criteria for the Steering Committees.</p> <p><b>DAC Projects</b> Working on equalizing the effort across all subregions to identify DAC projects. Need to focus on beginning to implement DAC Outreach Plan. Some workshops have been scheduled, but need further guidance from Leadership Committee on what aspects of the plan to move forward.</p> <p><b>Highlights “Lite” Document</b> The final version of the Highlights “Lite” Document was distributed. The final version incorporates the comments received from the Steering Committees, Leadership Committee, and stakeholders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LACFCD will send electronic copy of Highlights “Lite” Document to the Leadership Committee Members.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Ad Hoc Committee for DAC Outreach Support</b></p>	<p>Agenda Item tabled to next Leadership Committee Meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Future Agenda Items / Other Items</b></p>	<p><b>New Director of the Flood Control District.</b> It was announced that the LACFCD has a new Director, Gail Farber. Ms. Farber started on December 1. She previously worked with the City of Orange, Caltrans and the City of Pico Rivera.</p> <p><b>Water Quality Funding Initiative.</b> LACFCD staff is working on formulating a position for County Board of Supervisors on water quality funding initiative and how to operate the funding aspect of the initiative. LACFCD has conducted extensive polling on the funding measure and has received a positive response from residents.</p> <p>Request made to get presentation from Regional Board on Basin Plans and recycled water.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Consultant Contract Status and Extension</b></p>	<p>The Leadership Committee approved motion to adjust the consultant’s contract to add additional meetings to facilitate the IRWMP Process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion made and approved to adjust consultant scope of work.</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Meeting Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>12. Next Meeting:</b></p>	<p>LA IRWMP Leadership Committee: Los Angeles County Public Works, Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No December Leadership Committee Meeting</li> </ul>

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