

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee Meeting and
Sub-Regional Workshop
Las Virgenes MWD
Calabasas, CA**

**Tuesday February 17, 2009
9:00 – 11:30 am**

Meeting/Workshop Notes

Present:

Daniel Pankau, Calabasas
Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD*
Phuong Trinh, LA Co DPW*
Siya Araumi, LA Co Flood Control District*

Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes MWD
Randal Orton, Las Virgenes MWD
Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu
Tom West, RMC

Shirley Birosik, RWQCB*
Joe Bellomo, City of Agoura Hills and Westlake*
Chris Sellers, LA Co Beaches & Harbors*
**indicates by phone*

Agenda Item	Topic/ Issue	Discussion	Action Item/Follow Up
1	Welcome, Introductions	Randal Orton led introductions.	
2	January Steering Committee Meeting Notes	Minutes were approved. Steering Committee (SC) members noted that some had trouble opening the excel file attachment with the projects.	RMC to send out project excel spreadsheet saved in Excel 2003 format for people to update. Project proponents are asked to update their projects in the excel file and email back to dhock@rmcwater.com .
3	Review of January Leadership Committee meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nancy Steele and George de la O have drafted a letter to the Governor about freezing funding for projects. Hector is doing the final review and it will be sent to SC chairs and Vice-Chairs for their review. 2. Sub-regions are asked to assemble their list of frozen projects. Asked to emphasize those that are drought or public-health related. Siya will send out an excel file with table format to the chair. Randal to distribute to the steering committee members who are asked to return it Randal by Friday Feb. 20. Randal then to submit to Siya on Monday to be included in the letter to the Governor. 3. George sent out an email last Friday on the goals/objectives and upcoming meetings for the water conservation subcommittee. George is to 	<p>George to distribute letter to Governor to chair and vice chair.</p> <p>Siya to send template to Randal. Randal to distribute to SC members. SC members to return to Randal by Fri. Feb. 20. Randal to forward to Siya on Mon. Feb. 23.</p>

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		<p>be sending out a similar message to the water quality subcommittee on Feb. 17.</p> <p>4. Barbara noted that the significant discussion on how future grant funds are going to be distributed across the region will be on agenda for the February Leadership Committee (LC) meeting. Siya confirmed it was on the agenda he was drafting.</p>	
4	Project Prioritization Process	<p>1. Strawman Review: Tom walked the SC through the strawman guidelines for how SCs should review projects in their sub-regions. Comments received were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No CEQA guideline – Tom noted that it is implicit in the 2010 start date. b. Make sure to emphasize these are “guidelines” so that people don’t get hung up that they are absolutes. c. Noted that flexibility was needed to make sure that the projects put forth by a sub-region truly have the support of that sub-region’s SC. d. A question came up about how the guidelines don’t address “regional” projects, how regional projects are defined, and how these guidelines may or may not apply. e. Noted that guidelines don’t emphasize that the project needs to make progress toward achieving a regional goal. f. Guidelines also don’t make mention of “integration” or “multi-benefit” as desirable characteristics. g. SC members were asked to email comments on these guidelines to Randal, Barbara and Joe. <p>2. Tom presented the prioritization framework that was developed in 2007-2008 as a tool that sub-regions can use. Noted that some sub-regions are using it and others are not. Barbara noted that the framework doesn’t really work well for NSMB projects. It was agreed that the NSMB SC would meet in March and one topic of discussion would be project prioritization.</p> <p>3. It was noted that the LC subcommittees need to be meeting concurrently with the SC discussions on prioritization to make sure everyone is in sync.</p>	SC members to email comments on the strawman guidelines to Randal, Barbara and Joe.
5	Sub-Regional Contributions and Grant Allocations	<p>It was noted that the NSMB hasn’t contributed as much as other sub-regions to help fund ongoing IRWMP support. The reason this was brought up was to make everyone aware as we enter into these discussions on the regional level.</p> <p>In general, it is believe that the majority of sub-regions favor an equal distribution of IRWM program grant funds to all sub-regions.</p>	

		<p>Some expressed an opinion that they were open to having a formula developed that did not provide for equal distribution of funds. Other factors that should be considered include an equal base allocation to each sub-region and a regional pool of funds to be distributed to projects. Another is potentially changing the funding match requirement for some sub-regions.</p> <p>It was agreed that the LA IRWM region needs to be doing more homework on pursuing more funds, such as stimulus funding.</p> <p>LC is to introduce discussion on sub-regional contributions and grant allocations this month. Add to SC agenda for March meeting for discussion.</p>	
6	Outreach to Cities and Other Parties	Outreach thus far has had some success. Chris Sellers from LACBOH was acknowledged.	
7	Other items	<p>Barbara commented that it does not seem that the NSMB sub-region has gone back to the RWIP or Malibu Creek TMDL implementation plans to identify new projects. It was noted that the responsibility of project proponents to go back to prior reports to use as basis for moving their projects forward. It was noted that there are many different list of projects identified in the NSMB. Everyone was encouraged to internally go back and revisit these previous reports and goals.</p> <p>Randal commented that LVMWD is looking into rainwater catchment and storage. He noted that current technology is costly and tough to permit. He commented that more should be done to learn from historical runoff management projects that are still in use today after hundreds of years. He noted that there is a real need to discuss further with architects to learn how to change gutters into something more natural when street rehab or development projects are done.</p> <p>Barbara noted that the City of Malibu is hosting a Water Quality Symposium on April 30 at Pepperdine University.</p>	
8	Future Agenda Items, Items to Report at next LC meeting, Other items	It was requested that the SC discuss further collaboration on integrating Low Impact Development (LID) with public works projects and in developing regional collaboration opportunities. Also requested was discussion on Federal Stimulus funding and other funding sources.	
9	Next Meetings	<p>North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee March 17, 2009 9:00 to 11:30 am Las Virgenes MWD</p> <p>Leadership Committee Meeting February 25, 2009, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm LA County DPW</p>	