

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
OCTOBER 25, 2017**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela George for Mark Pestrella (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Chair, Leadership Committee

Esther Rojas for Robb Whitaker (Water Replenishment District)
Vice-Chair, Lower San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Subregion

Dave Pederson (Las Virgenes Municipal Water District)
Co-Chair, North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

Art Castro for Martin Adams (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power)
Upper Los Angeles Subregion

Rob Beste (City of Torrance)
Vice-Chair, South Bay Subregion

Shahram Kharaghani (City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation)
Surface Water, Water Management Area

Leighanne Kirk for Fernando Paludi (West Basin Municipal Water District)
Chair, South Bay Subregion

Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster)
Chair, Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Subregion

Guangyu Wang (Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission)
Open Space, Water Management Area

Grace Chan for Jeff Kightlinger (Metropolitan Water District of Southern California)
Surface Water, Water Management Area

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Matthew Frary, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Amanda Guzman-Perez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Tania Cerda, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Serineh Minasmasihi, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Jolene Guerrero, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Mary Zauner, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

EJ Caldwell, West Basin Municipal Water District

Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Tammy Hierlihy, Central Basin Municipal Water District

Wendy La, LASER, LLC/Puente Basin Water Agency

Persephone St. Charles, Woodard and Curran

Jeanna Long, Woodard and Curran

Kimberly Henry, AMEC Foster Wheeler

Hubertus Cox City of Los Angeles Sanitation

Anthony Nercessian, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Julie Carver, City of Pomona

Darron Poulsen, City of Pomona

Nina Jazmadarian, Foothill Municipal Water District

Brad Boman, Pasadena Water and Power
Elisa Ventura, Pasadena Water and Power
Greg Jaquez, MNS Engineers
Maria Kennedy, Kennedy Communications
Randy Schoellerman, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
Ruben Soto, Southern California Edison

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Angela George.

1. Introductions

Leadership Committee members, staff, and public present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of July 26, 2017 Meeting Notes

Motion to approve the meeting notes for July 26, 2017 was made by Guangyu Wang and seconded by Dave Pederson. Meeting notes were approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

- A. Incorporation of SWRPs and EWMPs into IRWM Plan: Tania Cerda reported that to date, 18 SWRP's, Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMPs), and Watershed Management Programs (WMPs) have been incorporated into the GLAC IRWM Plan. Staff also reiterated that incorporation of these plans does not imply that the Leadership Committee or the LACFCD have determined that the requirements of a SWRP have been met. There are now five additional Watershed Management Plans currently seeking incorporation into the GLAC IRWM Plan that have been approved by the subregional steering committees.

Motion to incorporate all five plans was made by Randy Shoellerman and seconded by Esther Rojas. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Summary of Current Grants

Amanda Guzman-Perez reported that the Subregional Steering Committees continues to receive a monthly report in advance of their meetings which includes a summary of the grant programs and projects. She also provided a brief status update of Prop 50 and Prop 84 grants and activities.

Prop 50 is officially closed. The close out letter was issued on October 3, 2017 and the retention funds is forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Prop 84 Round 1 provides grant funds for three projects that currently need to be reallocated. Staff is working with DWR and the subregions to determine reallocation based on open projects, compatible funding sources within the State, and added or similar benefits. Final recommendations will come to the Leadership Committee in December and be memorialized in a new grant amendment. This issue needs to be resolved promptly since the grant deadline is December 2017.

Prop 84 Round 2 grant agreement was executed in October 2014. There is one project, the City of LA Bureau of Sanitation's Vermont Avenue Stormwater Capture & Green Street Project, that

does not yet have an executed MOU. Shahram Kharaghani stated that the project is a \$4 million multi-benefit program but that the IRWM grant funding is only \$600K. They continue to push the MOU through the City approval processes and will be before the City Council within the next 2 weeks. The IRWM portion will be completed by June 2019 grant deadline and therefore no amendment or extension is anticipated.

After the updates, Mr. Brad Boman of the City of Pasadena circled back to Prop 84 Round 1 reallocations and requested additional review of whether they could receive an extension for the Arroyo Seco funds rather than see them reallocated. Matt Frary affirmed that LACFCD would inquire with DWR to determine all possible options, including any possible way to preserve their funding, and then continue to coordinate with DWR and the subregion on the best approach forward.

C. Proposition 1 IRWM Program:

i. IRWM Plan Update

Matt Frary and Tania Cerda presented an overview of the 2013 GLAC IRWM Plan 2017 Amendment Request in response to Proposition 1 2016 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines' eligibility requirements. The presentation emphasized updates related to Climate Change, AB 1249 (water quality), and new State Resource Management Strategies (RMS). The packet was posted on the LA Water Plan website on October 5, 2017 with comments due by November 3, 2017. Staff is on schedule to submit the Plan Amendment request to DWR in December 2017 following approval by the Leadership Committee at their December meeting.

ii. DACIP

Jolene Guerrero reported that the DWR awarded \$9.8M in Prop 1 IRWM DACIP grant funds to the LA-Ventura Funding on October 3rd. The Task Force drafted the scope of work for Task 1 and the next meeting is scheduled for November 8th to draft the Task 2 scope of work for community outreach.

D. Update on H204LA and potential funding measure

Russ Bryden provided an overview of the H204LA program and its focus on outreach and public education in conjunction with the development of the County Water Plan. The outreach and education effort is a multi-year program while the County Water Plan should be completed by Summer 2018. He also discussed a potential stormwater funding measure under development by the Board of Supervisors. A Stakeholder Advisory Committee is being formed that will consist of 20-30 members to assist with the framework and the first committee meeting will occur in mid-November. Additionally, one-on-one meetings will be scheduled with key stakeholders to receive further input on the design of the Measure. There was discussion about the nexus to AB1180 (modifying the LACFCD Act) and that details for funding distribution have not yet been determined.

4. New business

A. Prop 84 Audit

Ms. Guzman-Perez reported that on September 20, 2017 the Internal Audit Office informed staff that the California Department of Finance (CDF) Office of State Audits and Evaluations will conduct an audit of Proposition 84 grant funds for Grant Agreements 4600009706 (Round 1), 4600010583 (Round 2), and 4600010894 (Round 3 – Drought). There were no triggers for the

audit. Instead, it's a typical process allowed for in the grant agreements and it was only a matter of time due to the volume of grant funding received by GLAC IRWM. The Entrance Conference has been scheduled for October 30, 2017. Local Project Sponsors for each Grant were notified of the audit via e-mail and asked to ensure that all documents/records were retained and organized at their offices in accordance with the Grant Agreement "Standard Conditions" and "State Audit Document Requirements and Funding Match Guidelines." On October 20, 2017, CDF provided the list of projects and files that will be audited. All affected Local Project Sponsors have been advised.

B. Status of California Water Plan 2018

Matt Frary provided an update on the Preliminary Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2018 and its focus on water supply sustainability and funding. He reiterated why it's important for the Leadership Committee to recall that the Resource Management Strategies discussed in our IRWMP come from the State Water Plan and that future iterations of the State Water Plan will be even more heavily centered around IRWM and other local planning documents. As such, continued investments into the IRWM philosophy and relationships, especially between funding rounds, is essential. If interested, DWR extended the comment due date to October 31st. Matt encouraged everyone to review the Public Review draft once it is released in February 2018.

C. Overview of Metropolitan Water District's Integrated Water Resources Plan (MWD)

Grace Chan provided a comprehensive presentation on MWD's 2015 Integrated Water Resources Plan which detailed water supplies under a range of potential future conditions and risks.

Matt Frary noted that growing an understanding of the various local/regional master planning documents will facilitate both the existing IRWM processes and the County Water Plan, so additional presentations may be scheduled as well.

D. Vice-Chair Nominations

Tania Cerda reported that every three years the subregion Chairs and Vice-Chairs are reviewed in accordance with the governance guidelines. This year the position for review is that of the subregion Vice-Chair. All subregions except North Santa Monica Bay indicated they had nominated the existing vice chairs to continue in their role. Jan Dougall advised that North Santa Monica Bay Subregion will be nominating a new Vice-Chair at a future meeting.

Angela George called for motion to approve the other four subregions Vice-Chairs to continue in their current roles. The motion was made by Kelly Gardner and seconded by Leighanne Kirk. The motion was approved unanimously. North Santa Monica Bay's nomination will be revisited at the next meeting.

5. Standing Committee Reports

A. Steering Committees

- Lower San Gabriel & Los Angeles River - Reported that they met on October 17th, reviewed 2 SWRP/project presentations, and are requesting that 2018 Leadership Committee meetings be scheduled monthly and canceled as needed.
- North Santa Monica Bay – Announced Jennifer Brown's departure. Meeting was held in October to discuss the new RMSs and upcoming call for projects.

- South Bay – Leighanne Kirk reported that there was no meeting, but an email vote on the vice-chair position was conducted. Additionally, a second email was sent regarding call for projects.
- Upper Los Angeles River - Art Castro introduced himself and confirmed that he will be assuming Rafael Villegas' position. He reiterated that the subcommittee is recommending that Arroyo Seco keep the Prop 84 Round 1 grant funds if possible.
- Upper San Gabriel River & Rio Hondo - Randy Schoellerman reported that at this month's meeting they approved recommendation to incorporate Eastern San Gabriel Valley into the GLAC IRWMP.

B. Water Management Area Representatives

- Open Space – Nothing to report
- Sanitation – Nothing to report
- Stormwater – Sharam Kharaghani reported that annual reports, Adapted Management Plan, and Regional Permitting for three counties due.
- Surface Water - Grace Chan reported that they started off the year in better shape and their storage levels may possibly top previous years.
- Groundwater – Expressed appreciation to LACFCD related to handling of a rubber dam failure and to MWD for recent imported water purchase. Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster key well is up from historic low last year but still 16' below target.
- Stormwater Capture – Matt Frary reported the capture and recharge numbers for WY16-17 and 17-18 to date.

C. Legislative Committee – Not currently in session, but Gov. Jerry Brown recently approved \$4.1 billion bond for funding parks and water projects. A breakdown is anticipated at a future Leadership Committee meeting.

D. DAC Committee - Committee is scheduled to meet November 16th.

6. Public Comment – None

7. Future Agenda Items/Announcements/Other Items - None

8. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: **December 13, 2017**
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Public Works Executive Conference Room, 12th floor