

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee Meeting
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Board Room
4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302**

Tuesday October 21, 2014, 9:30 am – 12:00 am

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Present:

Randal Orton, LVMWD
Michael Hart, Malibou Lake Mountain Assn.
Dennis Washburn, SAMO Fund
Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu
Melina Watts, RCD-SMM
Jan Dougall, LVMWD

*Leighanne Kirk, West Basin MWD
*Guangyu Wang, SMBRC
*Jack Topel, SMBRC
*Christian Lim, LACFCD
*Erica Sasman, LACFCD
**indicates by phone*

Agenda Item	Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action Item / Follow-up
1	Welcome, Introductions	Randal Orton, Chair, led introductions.	
2	Approve meeting notes	August minutes were not reviewed due to a lack of a quorum. Deferred to next meeting.	
3	Leadership Committee Update	<p>Orton and Cameron reported on the September LC meeting.</p> <p>Cooperation with the Ventura IRWMP was discussed and municipalities will look at potential cooperative efforts.</p> <p>The GLAC IRWMP Operating Guidelines are being reviewed by a subcommittee. The LC will update and amend the Guidelines in December after seeking comments from SCs. One area where the Guidelines were not clear is how to replace a Water Management Area representative upon leaving his/her position. For all other positions, it is the agency that holds the seat and assigns a representative.</p> <p>The LC submitted a letter to DWR thanking them for the draft Proposition 84 Round 3 Drought Relief award of the full amount requested. Because some regions did not receive full awards and there is some chance that they will petition for increases that may result in GLAC award decreases, the letter advocated for full funding for the GLAC region. Additionally, the letter also contested some individual scores that could result in a higher regional score.</p>	
4	Proposition 84 Round 3, Part 2	Possible projects were brainstormed and discussed as follows:	

	<p>Proposition 84 Round 3, Part 2, cont.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Malibu will be doing a recycled water project in the millions. Pipelines will extend outside the Civic Center area. • Water District 29 can re-submit the project they submitted for LC approval for the expedited round. • Improve treatment of recycled water to potable standards as was demonstrated for agricultural drainage on the LVMWD State Water Project tour or as is being done in San Diego. • Malibu is discussing a pilot research project for graywater reuse treated through a vertical wetland. Lab results are very good – chemically effective and cost effective. The pilot treatment wetlands will be sized for single family residential parcels. • Research and design of devices that could be screwed onto faucets and showerheads to recirculate water until it runs hot. The Gas Company may have something for shower recirculation until it is hot. There are also instant hot water systems available. Projects like this that conserve water and energy would be appropriate for the Water Energy grant. • Agoura Hills suggested to the SMBRC that they were submitting an Urban Greening grant application with an infiltration project. • Upper LA River headwaters restoration - Burt Buchanan's 75 acres at Greenleaf Canyon by Calabasas High School was proposed as a potential infiltration site with the potential for multiple benefits as parkland. If recycled water could be infiltrated and stored, it could later be delivered to Pierce College. • There are 2,200 acres in the Santa Susana Field Lab restoration area in the headwaters of Las Virgenes, Bell, and Simi Valley watersheds. • Rapid Watershed Assessment of the entire Santa Monica Mountains. • Removal of Rindge Dam. Alternative approaches were discussed. • Evapotranspiration (ET) data and weather based irrigation controllers. LVMWD is looking into obtaining daily ET from Hydropoint, the company whose irrigation controllers the City of Calabasas is using. Hydropoint does not make their ET publicly available, but there may be opportunities here for subregional coordination – delivery of ET data to small microzones (1 sq km). • Pool covers – one downfall is that it is difficult to ensure that they are used after purchase. • Runoff conference. • Rather than brainstorming projects, the SC should support the EWMPs accomplish the projects that will be proposed in their plans and not try to do something separate. • Solar panels on the California Aqueduct to generate energy and reduce evapotranspiration – preferably situated near where energy is needed. This is 	
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	<p>Proposition 84 Round 3, Part 2, cont.</p>	<p>being done in Gujarat India. Reduced evaporation would assist in retaining water for environmental purposes. Oregon has a law that 25% of water must remain in streams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewer line extension at Malibou Lake. • Recycled water reservoir. • A menu of conservation rebates - the best five with additional funding to make them more likely to be taken advantage of. • Laws requiring drought tolerant yards at new homes and upon resale as at Lake Tahoe. • Requirements that new pools be installed with retractable pool covers. <p>Also discussed were state laws regulating the use of recycled water; whether grant funding will cover studies (yes - as needed for design of project); and the LA River restoration.</p> <p>The State Revolving Loan Fund has been expanded to include some energy and water savings projects, including recycled water, sewer and potentially habitat and water quality projects. Interest is very low and some loans are forgiven;</p> <p>Sasman also announced that there was a public hearing on the draft Proposition 84 Round 3 Drought Relief recommendations a couple of weeks ago where DWR announced that they will be delaying release of the draft guidelines for the next round of funding from this spring to next fall. However, the Water Energy grant will be available in the interim.</p>	
5	<p>Interagency Update</p>	<p>Cameron reported that the Malibu City Council is working with Water District 29 on new and unique water conservation projects – it makes a big difference when cities and water agencies work together. The City also has a new media person to make sure the Water District messaging gets out through familiar City channels.</p> <p>Washburn announced that the 3rd draft of the Rapid Watershed Assessment for the Santa Monica Mountains has been completed. The RCD is also very active in pursuing the wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon; agencies are beginning to work well together and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has committed funding.</p> <p>Watts announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first of two environmental Film Festivals will be shown at Pepperdine Saturday 10/15. The topic of the first festival is Climate Change. • A water oriented film festival will be held on Saturday November 8. • A native plant sale will be held December 6th at the Topanga Ranch Motel • The RCD is looking for a house with a living room and office by November 7th to 	

		<p>film a public service announcement.</p> <p>Dougall announced that the LVMWD Mow No Mow turf replacement project has become so popular that she and a meter reader have been diverted to assist on the project.</p>	
6	Other Items	None.	
7	Future Agenda Items, Items to report to LC	<p>Washburn would like to make a presentation on the Rapid Watersheds Assessment project for the Santa Monica Mountains at the beginning of the year.</p> <p>Washburn asked that the Ahwahnee Water Principals be added as a future agenda item, adding that it would be good to invite local government to give us an update on how they apply the principles.</p> <p>Remaining from previous meetings: Update on the subregion wide project and presentation on the Malibu Area Conservation Coalition. Jason Leib - present on SCAG climate change and greenhouse gas reduction planning. Esther Feldman of Community Conservation Solutions - present on funding alternatives. A request to add a discussion on how the NSMB is or is not meeting DAC needs and to determine the optimal state of Santa Monica Mountains streams with a Rapid Watershed Assessment Program.</p>	
8	Next Meetings	<p>Leadership Committee Meeting October 22nd, 2014, 9:30 – 12:00, LA County DPW</p> <p>North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee November 18th, 2014, 9:30 – 12:00</p>	The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.