

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 22, 2017**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE, ALHAMBRA, CA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Hildebrand for Mark Pestrella (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Chair, Leadership Committee

Grace Kast for Chris Cash (Gateway Water Management Authority)
Chair, Lower San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Subregion

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

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

EJ Caldwell for Rich Nagel, (West Basin Municipal Water District)
Chair, South Bay Subregion

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

Rafael Villegas for Martin Adams (City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power)
Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Subregion

Wendy Ramallo (Council for Watershed Health)
Vice-Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Subregion

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

Randy Schoellerman (San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority)
Vice-Chair, Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo River Subregion

Tony Zampielo (Raymond Basin Watermaster)
Groundwater, Water Management Area

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

Sharon Green for Grace Hyde (County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County)
Sanitation, Water Management Area

Sharam Kharaghani for Enrique Zaldivar (City of Los Angeles, Watershed Protection Division)
Stormwater, Water Management Area

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angela George, Los Angeles County Public Works
Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Matt Frary, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Virginia Maloles-Fowler, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Amanda Guzman-Perez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Erica Sasman, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Jeff Helsley, Stetson Engineers

Wing Tam, City of Los Angeles, Watershed Protection Division
Mary Zauner, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Tammy Hierling, Central Basin Municipal Water District
Wendy La, LASER, LLC/Puente Basin Water Authority
Linda Palmquest, MNS Engineers
Adam Rush, Sativa Water District
Lynn Rodriguez, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Gary Hildebrand.

1. Introductions

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

2. Approval of October 26, 2016 and December 7, 2016 Meeting Notes

Motion to approve the meeting notes for October 26, 2016 and December 7, 2016 was made by Dave Pedersen and seconded by Sharon Green. Meeting notes were approved unanimously with one change to include Grace Kast's attendance at the October meeting.

3. Old Business

A. Incorporation of E/WMPs/SWRPs into IRWM Plan: Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) reported that the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP) and the Upper San Gabriel Enhanced Watershed Management Program Plan are pending the review and approval of the Upper San Gabriel Sub-region. Both Plans will be scheduled for incorporation into the IRWM Plan at a future meeting.

B. Prop 50, Prop 84, and Prop 1 Grants Summary

Existing Grants: LACFCD reported that Prop 50 Grant closed on December 31, 2006 and all funds have been expended including Central Basin's Project. Prop 50 funded 14 projects for a total of \$25 million. Prop 84 Grant rounds are on track and on a separate item the reallocation of remaining funds under Round 1 was reported.

Proposition 1 IRWM Program: LACFCD reported on the Department of Water Resources' schedule for the Prop 1 Implementation Grant Program, and the plan to convene the Planning Committee in the near future to review the current IRWM Plan and discuss if existing information is adequate to address Prop 1 Implementation Grant eligibility requirements for climate change, groundwater management compliance, CASGEM, SB 985 Stormwater Resource Plan and Compliance, and AB1249 Nitrate-Arsenic-Perchlorate-Hexavalent Chromium Contamination.

C. Selection of Water Management Area Representatives

LACFCD reported that every three years the membership of the Leadership Committee is reviewed and subregion stakeholders have the opportunity to nominate new members who meet the minimum qualifications described in the Operating Guidelines. For the Water

Management Area, 2016 was the year to review the current representatives held by various member agencies. The five subregions recommended keeping the current representatives.

Motion to approve the current representatives was made by Randy Schoellerman and seconded by Grace Kast. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. New Business

A. Roundtable of Regions Summit #5

LACFCD reported on topics presented and issues discussed at the Roundtable of Regions Summit #5 including: the 2017 Strategic Planning to Achieve Sustainable Water Resources Management in California's Regions; Executive Summary on, "Is IRWM Just a Grant Program?"; and the Annual Baseline Funding for IRWM RWMGs – Concept Paper for Decision Makers.

B. Reallocation of Prop 84 Round 1 Fund

LACFCD reported that the City of Hawthorne Storm Drain Improvement Project was completed and came under budget resulting in approximately \$90,214 that is being proposed for reallocation. The subregions were provided with the information to make their recommendation as to which projects should receive these funds. In keeping with past practice by the Leadership Committee and approved by DWR, to reallocate grant funds to projects within the same subregion that meet the required match of \$121,767 and of similar multi-use benefits, South Bay Subregion recommended reallocating the funds in their subregion to the 16th Street Watershed Runoff Use Project with the concurrence of the four subregions.

Motion was made by Esther Rojas to approve the reallocation to the 16th Street Watershed Runoff Use Project and was seconded by Kelly Gardner. Motion was approved unanimously.

C. Gateway IRWM Plan Incorporation and Expansion of GLAC IRWM Region boundary

LACFCD reported that a request to DWR to amend the GLAC Region IRWM Plan will be submitted to incorporate the Gateway IRWM Plan as a Technical Memo to the LLSG-LLA Rivers Subregion and to expand GLAC IRWM Region's boundary to include Catalina Island. Inclusion of Catalina Island was prompted by their request to be included in the DACIP to engage their DACs in the IRWM planning efforts and to address their water management issues.

Motion was made by Grace Chan to approve incorporation of Gateway IRWM Plan as a Technical Memo to the LLSG-LLA Rivers Subregion and to expand GLAC IRWM Region's boundary to include Catalina Island and seconded by Tony Zampiello. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Standing Committee Reports

A. Steering Committees

- Lower San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers – The Steering Committee reviewed three projects that were recently included in the OPTI Database and discussed the two options for including NGOs in the governance structure of the DAC Committee and their

participation in the DACIP. They recommended keeping the current DAC Committee representation in conjunction with establishing an NGO Advisory Committee.

- North Santa Monica Bay – The Steering Committee reported that Barbara Cameron, Co-Chair, retired and that nominations for a replacement are being considered. They discussed the two DAC options via email. They preferred Option 1 (3 members; adding 1 NGO) with clarification that “NGO participants would need to recuse themselves from voting if they are a subconsultant performing work that gets voted upon.”
 - South Bay – Did not meet. No items to report
 - Upper Los Angeles River – The Steering Committee discussed the governance structure of the DAC Committee and their participation in the DACIP. No decision was made, but it was reported that most favored Option 1 or a variation of it.
 - Upper San Gabriel River & Rio Hondo – The Steering Committee discussed the two options for including NGOs in the governance structure of the DAC Committee and their participation in the DACIP. They recommended keeping the current Committee representation and set up an NGO Advisory Committee.
- B. Water Management Area Representatives
- Open Space – Representative provided an update on Measure A and opportunities they are considering for multi-benefit projects.
 - Sanitation – Representative reported that there were approximately 169 thousand gallons of sewer overflows resulting from recent storms.
 - Stormwater – Representative reported on their capital improvement program, a sink hole in the Lower Canyon area, and continued efforts for maximum recycled water use.
 - Surface Water – Representative reported that Metropolitan Water District met its 2011 level of water supply storage capacity, was over 230 percent of normal index precipitation, at 186 percent of normal snow pack statewide, and at 150 percent recovery for the Colorado Basin.
 - Groundwater – Representative reported that the Main Basin is up 10 feet (now at 182’ above msl); that May is when increase in rates will take effect; that there has been a five year increase in resource development for production; and that they are buying and retiring water to replenish 400,000 acre feet.
 - Stormwater Capture – No items to report.
- C. Legislative Committee (West Basin)
- Representative reported that legislation is now being introduced and a meeting will be scheduled for next month.
- D. Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Committee

- i. Update on the DACIP Proposal: LACFCD summarized the process to complete the Draft DACIP Proposal, that comments are due to LACFCD March 1, 2017 at noon, and that the proposal submittal is anticipated in mid to late March as scheduled.

The Chair of the DAC Committee reported that the Committee met in January 5, 2017 and that the DACIP Task Force is meeting on February 27, 2017 to discuss the next steps for the Funding Area. Mr. Massy, DAC Consultant was called to provide an overview presentation of the proposal for the Leadership Committee. The Leadership Committee was asked if the Final Draft Proposal required their approval prior to submitting it to DWR. Several members indicated that there is no need to have the Leadership Committee approve the proposal but instead requested that a matrix of substantive comments (with responses detailing how they were addressed) be included in the proposal submission. The Chair concurred with the decision.

- ii. NGO Participation: LACFCD summarized the two options to allow for NGO participation in the DACIP that the Steering Committees were asked to discuss at their subregion meetings.
 - Option 1: Increase current GLAC DAC Committee from two members to three members to include a NGO representative from each subregion for a total of 15 members.
 - Option 2: Open membership to all interested with no limits.

In addition, the subregions were informed that these “options” were simply two possible ways to modify the GLAC DAC Committee structure to be more inclusive, and in particular, to ensure broader representation for any voting matters. Other ideas were welcomed and the discussion of these and any other ideas were to include how voting might work as well as the anticipated role(s) of the committee and the time commitment for participants.

The preferences were presented by the steering committees under agenda item 5.A and discussed further at this time. The Leadership Committee instructed LACFCD to provide a summary of the feedback from the steering committees for further discussion by them at their March meeting and that the Leadership will vote on this item in March.

6. Public Comment – None
7. Future Agenda Items/Announcements/Other Items – Dave Pedersen requested a presentation on the Los Angeles County Water Resiliency Plan at a future Leadership Committee meeting.
8. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting: **March 22, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Public Works Executive Conference Room, 12th Floor**