

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed  
July 17, 2007, 1 pm to 3 pm  
Lakewood City Hall, Executive Board Meeting Room**

**Present:**

John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell

Lisa Carlson, City of LA

Mark Christoffels, City of Long Beach

Suzanne Dallman, LASGWC

Michael Drennan, Brown and Caldwell

Belinda V. Faustinos, WCA/RMC

James B. Glancy, Gateway Cities COG

Terri Grant, LAC DPW

David Hill, Central Basin MWD

Andree Hunt, Malcolm Pirnie (Via Phone)

Chris Kroll, Costal Comission (Via Phone)

Frank Kuo, LAC FCD

Wendy La, LAC FCD

Tom Leary, Long Beach Stormwater

Eric Leung, Long Beach Water Department

Joone Lopez, Central Basin MWD

Sherwood Natsuhara, City of Vernon

Brian Ragland, City of Downey

Ryan Romo, LAC FCD

Kevin Wattier, City of Long Beach Water

Jason Weeks, WRD

Rob Whitaker, WRD

Mary Zauner, LACSD

<b>Topic/Issue</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Follow up</b>
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose</b>	Belinda Faustinos opened the meeting at 1:03 PM with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action</li> </ul>
<b>2. Review 06/05/07 Meeting Minutes</b>	Discussion, review, and approval of the meeting minutes from 06/05/07.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 5 meeting notes were approved.</li> </ul>
<b>3. 06/07/07 Leadership Committee Meeting Summary</b> <b>a. Provide Direction to Leadership Committee on their Recommendations on Governance Structure, Request for Proposals &amp; Steering Committee Contributions</b> <b>b. Selection of Second Representative Selection of Water Management Experts</b>	<p>Belinda reviewed the Leadership Committee Meeting Notes, specifically the votes on the Governance Structure. There was general agreement on the expansion of the Leadership Committee.</p> <p>A question was raised about why the Leadership Committee shifted away from having all three reps selected by the subregion, specifically relating to the recommendations from the May and June Leadership Committee Meetings. The general feeling on the issue was that as subregions had more chances to discuss the issue, there was general agreement that the representatives for the water management areas should broadly represent the region, and not simply a specific subregion.</p> <p>The Steering Committee moved forward with the selection of two representatives for the Leadership Committee. During this process Belinda Faustinos stepped down as Steering Committee Chair. Kevin Wattier was unanimously selected as Steering Committee Chair. Art Aguilar was</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kevin Wattier was unanimously selected as Steering Committee Chair.</li> <li>Art Aguilar was unanimously selected as Steering Committee Vice-Chair.</li> <li>Unanimously approved supporting the reappointment of the current Water Management Area Representatives, with the exception of Steve Mcguin or Sharon Green replacing Jim Stahl who has since retired.</li> <li>Steering Committee representatives were</li> </ul>

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	<p>unanimously selected as Steering Committee Vice-Chair. The Steering Committee unanimously approved supporting the reappointment of the current Water Management Area Representatives, with the exception of Steve Mcguin or Sharon Green replacing Jim Stahl who has since retired.</p> <p>The scope of work for the new RFP for new consultant contract will be reviewed by the Leadership Committee. The RFP does not identify specific planning to develop projects for the gaps in each subregion, but those issues will be specified in contract negotiations.</p> <p>Steering Committee contributions will be required to fund the next phase of consultant support. The range of support will be \$100,000 to \$200,000 from each subregion. Contributions are strictly voluntary at this point but commitments need to be firmed up in the next month or two.</p>	<p>requested to inquire at their specific agencies about the level of voluntary financial commitment they would be willing to make to support the upcoming planning needs of the subregion for the coming fiscal year 07-08.</p>
<p><b>4. 07/19/07 Leadership Committee – Review Draft Agenda and Provide Direction to Chair</b></p>	<p>Belinda reviewed the upcoming Leadership Committee Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>The Legislative Subcommittee will be reporting to the Leadership Committee summarizing discussions regarding legislative options for the division of Prop 84 funding. The discussion included the methodology to divide funds between the IRWMP regions. The general feeling was that population should play an important role but not the only role in the division of funds. Some felt that a division of funds with a fixed base amount and the balance divided by population. It was also raised that DWR has recognized Upper Santa Clara River as its own IRWMP region. The suggestion was also raised that the Region push for the first round of funding in FY 2008-2009 and that the funding be dispersed over two years instead of four. The general feeling of the Steering Committee was that a letter should be sent to DWR regarding earlier funding and a shorter funding cycle.</p> <p>The question was raised on when the new Leadership Committee was being seated. In addition the changing of the date of the Leadership Committee was raised. The general feeling was that the date change would be discussed by the new Leadership Committee. In addition the new Leadership Committee should seat the new subregional representatives at the same time to maintain consistency. The feeling of the Steering Committee felt the 10 subregion representatives should be in place for the July 19, 2007 Leadership Committee Meeting.</p> <p>The process on developing a new MOU for the Region will be discussed at</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Comments on the RFP to Sharon Green ASAP.</li> <li>• Frank or Hector to send email to Steering Committees regarding the seating of the 10 new subregion representatives at the upcoming Leadership Committee Meeting on July 19.</li> </ul>

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	<p>the upcoming Leadership Committee Meeting.</p> <p>The Steering Committee was informed the draft RFP for future consultant support is posted to the IRWMP website (<a href="http://www.lawaterplan.org">www.lawaterplan.org</a>) and that comments are due to Sharon Green ASAP.</p> <p>Frank Kuo briefed the Steering Committee on the current status of the Prop 50 grant funding. Currently the County and the State are working on resolving issues in the language of the agreement regarding the liability of the County in the contract. The expected resolution of the contract is not known, however the County is attempting to resolve the issues as soon as possible. Frank also informed the Steering Committee that a representative from the State will be at the upcoming Leadership Committee Meeting to discuss Prop 50 Funding.</p>	
<p><b>5. Discuss Future Steering Committee Activities – Provide Direction to Leadership Committee</b></p>	<p>Discussion occurred regarding the changing of the day and time of the Leadership Committee Meetings to accommodate conflicts with other meetings including Regional Board Meetings. The possibility of scheduling a new day and time for Steering Committee Meetings was also raised. No resolution on specific days and times was reached for new meeting day and time was brought forth at this point. It was noted that Kevin Wattier (newly appointed Chair for this subregion) has a standing meeting every Thursday at his agency, and any day other than Thursday would work for him,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Project Identification and Integration – Review Projects or Project Groups</b></p>	<p>Michael Drennan provided a handout prepared by the consultant team which included a summary of the projects discussed at the June meeting, the project integration opportunities for each, and a preview of how the project score might change if the integration opportunities were implemented.</p> <p>Rob Whitaker gave a presentation on two projects the Water Replenishment District is developing.</p> <p><b>Caltrans 105 Dewatering Project</b>  The project will conserve approximately 2,000 acre-feet per year of water that is currently lost to the ocean and use it to replace imported water at the Dominguez Gap Seawater Barrier, thereby reducing the region’s demand on water from Northern California and the Colorado River. The water from the 105 freeway pumps is currently treated for VOC prior to discharge. In addition Caltrans is a partner in the project providing some funding support for the project. The project is also a partnership with Los Angeles County who operates the Seawater Barrier.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steering Committee members to provide comments to the consultant team on the Project Integration Summary Spreadsheet.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Additionally, the project will utilize the groundwater storage capacity of the Central Basin to shift an additional 2,500 acre-feet per year of non-interruptible imported water demand to interruptible imported water demand. This will be done by replenishing an additional 2,500 acre-feet per year in the Montebello Forebay Spreading Grounds and extracting 2,500 acre-feet per year from a new well that will be constructed. The total reduction in non-interruptible imported water as a result of this project will be 4,500 acre-feet per year.</p> <p><b>Leo J. Vander Lans AWTF Expansion</b> The Leo J. Vander Lans AWTF Expansion is located in the lower Central Groundwater Basin, adjacent to the existing facility at the confluence of the San Gabriel River and Coyote Creek just south of Willow Street in the City of Long Beach.</p> <p>The primary benefit of this project is the increased utilization of 3,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water which will directly offset the amount of non-interruptible imported water at the Alamitos Gap Barrier. The development of this project will ensure a safe, reliable supply of injection water for the barrier, which serves to both protect the Central Basin from seawater intrusion and to replenish an area of the basin that is difficult to replenish.</p> <p>Currently they may only be able to use the recycled water for replenishment during the winter months due to existing high demands on the recycled water from the facility. It was noted that providing injection water only during the winter months may still provide significant benefits to prevent seawater intrusion. Recent data suggests that the seawater barrier is effective even when the supply to the injection wells is intermittent.</p>	
<p><b>7. Project Identification and Integration</b> - Determine Opportunities for Strategy Integration and Geographic Integration - Develop Conclusions on Project re Potential Integration</p>	<p>The Steering Committee discussed possible integration opportunities for the projects presented by Rob Whitaker.</p> <p><b>Caltrans 105 Dewatering Project Opportunities for Integration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigate the ability to use some of the water to supplement the DeForest Wetlands restoration.</li> <li>- Improve project score by highlighting multi-agency and multi-subregion benefits.</li> <li>- Use water to recharge deep aquifers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Leo J. Vander Lans AWTF Expansion Opportunities for Integration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve project score by highlighting multi-agency and multi-subregion benefits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> <li>• The consultant team will update the Project Integration Summary Spreadsheet to reflect the integration opportunities for these projects.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incorporate the new County injection wells to provide more multiple benefits and multi-agency cooperation.</li> <li>- Investigate opportunities to support Los Cerritos Wetlands improvements.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Adjourn</b>	Meeting Adjourned at 3:07 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>9. Future Meetings</b>	<p>Steering Committee Meeting: July 31, 2007 1 to 4pm. Executive Board Room – Lakewood City Hall – 5050 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA</p> <p>Leadership Committee meetings on July 19 and August 2, 2007 at 9:30, at LA County DPW, Alhambra.</p>	

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