

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
Meeting Notes – Upper Los Angeles River Watersheds Steering Committee**

**May 27, 2008, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Conference Room 1471**

**Present:**

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Edward Belden, LASGRWC  
Mary Benson, Foothill Trains  
Shirley Birosik, RWQCB, Los Angeles  
Paula Daniels, LA Dept. of Public Works  
Rebecca Drayse, TreePeople  
George De Lao, LA County DPW  
Tom Erb, LADWP  
Darryl Ford, City of LA Rec and Parks  
Terri Grant, LA County DPW  
Richard Gomez, LA County DPW  
Andree Hunt, Malcolm Pirnie  
Frank Kuo, LA County DPW  
Wendy La, LA County DPW  
Vivian Marquez, City of LA Sanitation  
Meredith McKenzie, Arroyo Seco Foundation  
Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie  
Andy Niknafs, LADWP  
Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell  
Tim Roe, City of Pasadena Water and Power  
Marc Stirdivant, Glendale Parks and Rec  
Catherine Tyrrell, Malcolm Pirnie  
Deborah Weinstein, TreePeople  
Melanie Winter, The River Project

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1. <b>Introductions</b>	Tom Erb opened the meeting at 1:30 pm with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action</li> </ul>
2. <b>Approve 4/22/08 Meeting Notes</b>	The meeting notes from the 4/22/08 meeting were distributed and were approved with the following correction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change “Foothill Trains” to “Foothill Trails” on p.1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting notes from the 4/22/08 meeting were approved with one correction.</li> <li>Mary Benson will request that Ed Burton speak at a Steering Committee meeting about the benefits of forming a Resource Conservation District.</li> </ul>
3. <b>Update from April 23, 2008 Leadership Committee</b>	Andy Niknafs provided an update from the 4/23/08 Leadership Committee meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MOU and Operating Guidelines were approved with the understanding that the Operating Guidelines will be amended later to include Conflict of Interest language. Steering Committee members are asked to send suggestions for COI language to Ed Means.</li> <li>The meeting with the Gateway JPA did not take place.</li> <li>Chris Harris reported on DACs and explained the definition of a DAC.</li> <li>Kevin Wattier resigned as Chair of the Lower LA Steering Committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action</li> </ul>
4. <b>Prop 84 Status Update – DWR Workshop</b>	Ed Means provided an update from the DWR Prop 84 workshop. The slides from the workshop were e-mailed to stakeholders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DWR is planning to institute a “Region Acceptance Process” that will take place in early summer. As part of this process, each Region will meet with DWR in order for DWR to determine whether the Region is sufficient.</li> <li>Draft guidelines for planning and implementation grants are expected to be released in late summer. The solicitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action</li> </ul>

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	<p>package for planning grants is expected in early 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Prop 84, climate change will need to be incorporated into IRWMPs.</li> <li>• DAC funds will come from an interregional pot of money to motivate Regions to consider DACs in their planning.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Project Database Review/ DAC Map Review</b></p>	<p>The following handouts were distributed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A handout of projects from the database.</li> <li>• The ULAR DAC map and project map from the IRWMP</li> <li>• The list of projects that corresponds to the DAC map and project map from the IRWMP</li> </ul> <p>Discussion on opportunities for DAC projects included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Arroyo Seco confluence is an important DAC opportunity with lots of integrative activity taking place, particularly habitat restoration. Opportunity areas include                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cornfields Arroyo Seco</li> <li>○ Debs Park</li> <li>○ Sycamore Grove Park Stream Daylighting</li> <li>○ Taylor Yard</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There will be federal money available to expand on the Rim of the Valley Trail                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ However, this may not qualify as a DAC project because it is focused in South Pasadena</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Tujunga Wash and Sun Valley DAC areas are also opportunity areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy Niknafs and Frank Kuo will bring up using contingency funds for updating the project and DAC maps at the Leadership Committee meeting.</li> <li>• The consultant will draft an e-mail on updating the database to send to all stakeholders.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Comments on the project list and project map review included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To facilitate the review of the project list, a map of projects and DACs that corresponds to the updated list of projects is needed.</li> <li>• The project list should be sorted by latitude and longitude to facilitate identification of overlapping projects and removal of duplicate projects.</li> <li>• The old DAC map is not inclusive of all current projects</li> <li>• Clarification is needed on what is required in some of the true/false questions in the database. Do these questions depend on whether benefits are quantifiable?</li> </ul> <p>The Steering Committee identified the following steps that they would like to take for updating, reviewing, and integrating projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An e-mail will be sent to all project proponents asking them to update their projects in the database. The e-mail will explain why the updates are needed and which specific information is missing. The timeframe for revision of the database will be 21 days.</li> <li>• The consultant will sort the database by latitude and longitude.</li> <li>• The consultant will develop a revised map of all projects and DACs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Technical Memorandum on Update of the IRWMP</b></p>	<p>The technical memorandum on the update of the IRWMP was distributed to the Steering Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Steering Committee was asked to provide any comments Ed Means</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. May 28, 2008 Leadership Committee- Discuss Draft Agenda Items and Provide Direction to Chair</b></p>	<p>The Leadership Committee agenda was distributed to the Steering Committee. Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Steering Committee will need to discuss the use of the sub-regional workshops at a future meeting. One of these workshops could be used for project integration.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>

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<b>8. Future Meetings</b>	Next Leadership Committee meeting will be May 28, 2008 at 9:30 am, at LA County DPW 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Alhambra.  The June Steering Committee meeting has been cancelled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next SC Meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- June meeting: cancelled</li><li>- July 22, 2008, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm</li></ul></li></ul>

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