

IRWMP Leadership Committee

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
 April 22, 2009 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
 Los Angeles County Flood Control District
 12th Floor Executive Conference Room

Present:

Siya Araumi, LACFCD
 Joe Bellomo*, Las Virgenes MWD
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell
 Hector Bordas, LACFCD
 Barbara Cameron, City of Malibu
 Grace Chan, MWDSC
 Donna Chen, City of Los Angeles, BOS
 George De La O, LACFCD
 Kathi Delegal, LA County DPW
 Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes MWD

Belinda Faustinos, RMC
 Sharon Green, LACSD
 Mark Horne, PBS&J
 Wendy La, Main San Gabriel Basin
 Watermaster
 Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
 Andy Niknafs, LADWP
 Melih Ozbilgin, Brown and Caldwell

Mark Pestrella, LACFCD
 Leighanne Reeser, West Basin MWD
 Nancy Steele, LASGRWC
 Mark Stuart, Department of Water
 Resources
 Carol Williams, Main San Gabriel Basin
 Watermaster
 Theresa Wu, Water Replenishment District
 Tony Zampielo, Raymond Basin
 Mary Zauner, LACSD

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/Follow up
1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose	Mark Pestrella opened the meeting at 9:42 a.m. with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
2. Approval Meeting Summary from March 25, 2008	Minutes approved with clarification to Item #4 regarding the first invoice being sent to the County Fiscal Division for preparation to send to the State.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes Approved
3. Public Comment Period	No Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
4. IRWM Program News	<p>Proposition 50 George De La O provided the following updates on Proposition 50:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly reports are due to the State on April 30 • Quarterly reports should be submitted to the County through the website no later than April 24 • Currently accepting information for next invoice until April 30; the next invoice is anticipated to be submitted to the State in May. <p>Department of Water Resources (DWR) Kathi Delegal reported DWR has been given authority to spend \$240 million for drought activities and this funding can be used to fund IRWMP projects currently underway. There is a potential for unpaid invoices to be paid. It was also reported that the draft implementation guidelines are expected by the end of May and final guidelines at the end of September. The expedited grant funding round is expected to be completed by the end of the year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

<p>5. Legislative Update</p>	<p>Rich Nagel provided an overview of the following legislative bills in the State Legislature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 1366 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This measure would allow local public agency-owned or –operated street sweepers to utilize automated parking enforcement systems to further serve the public interest in a manner that will enhance their benefits to the environment, improve water quality, decrease storm water drain runoff, and help reduce ongoing habitat deterioration. Supported by West Basin WMD. Water softener bill to regulate water softeners and limit salt loading has a good chance of approval • AB 49 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 20 percent conservation by 2020 ○ Has a good chance of passing this year targeting 20 percent less usage per person per day. ○ May be able to comply as an agency, group or IRWM Group • SB 565 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Call for recycling of 50 percent of discharges to ocean water • AB 410 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allocation of \$5 million in Proposition 84 funds for salt and nutrient management plans. • AB 139 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This measure authorizes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (district) to impose a fee in compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution, to pay the costs and expenses of carrying out projects and providing services to improve water quality and reduce stormwater and urban runoff in the district. The bill would require that any fee imposed be levied and collected, together with taxes for county purposes, and the revenues paid into the county treasury to the credit of the district. The bill would require the district to allocate the funds generated by the imposition of the fee in a specified manner solely for authorized purposes and in compliance with a specified constitutional provision. Working on moving the bill forward • AB 1336 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This measure would allow local public agency-owned or –operated street sweepers to utilize automated parking enforcement systems to further serve the public interest in a manner that will enhance their benefits to the environment, improve water quality, decrease storm water drain runoff, and help reduce ongoing habitat deterioration. Supported by West Basin WMD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 310 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water Quality Improvement Plan ○ Unified implementation plan by region to address water quality that Regional Board would have to accept. • State Watershed Program Bill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working to coordinate with IRWMP Program ○ Help non-profits and community organizations • Water Bond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should see some water bonds in the next month or two • Groundwater Pollution Prevention Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Being developed by California Department of Public Health for Prop 84 ○ Not available for groundwater treatment ○ Need to look at criteria to verify impact. • United States Congress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative definition of navigable waters ○ Flood Control District is lobbying for exemptions for certain activities, but accepts definition ○ EPA says there is not enough direction to enforce Clean Water Act 	
<p>6. Steering Committee Chair Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Disadvantaged Community Outreach b. Planning Needs / Project Prioritization 	<p>Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers The Steering Committee met in April and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed Project Selection Criteria Strawman • Discussed subregional project selection • Continued working on priority projects list <p>North Santa Monica Bay The Steering Committee met in April and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed Project Selection Criteria Strawman • Discussed regional water conservation project • Targeting June project presentations • Project priority list down to about 10 projects • Had a question on whether or not land acquisition projects are eligible for IRWMP funding and what the requirements for land acquisition are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>General response from Committee Members was that projects that involve land acquisition would probably be acceptable, but projects that are only land acquisition probably would not be acceptable.</i> • Had a question on whether or not there will be a retroactive date to start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

	<p>projects for Prop 84 funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>General response from Committee Members was that this is unknown at this time.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They also wanted to know if there is a recommended minimum funding or a minimum grant match. <p>South Bay The Steering Committee did not meet in April.</p> <p>Upper Los Angeles River The Steering Committee met in April and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed Project Selection Criteria Strawman • Targeting June project presentations • Working on project prioritization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Down to about 11 projects ○ Have two additional DAC project for feasibility studies ○ Working on identifying three projects for presentations in May • Reaching out to Steering Committee Members who participate in meetings to show up to the meetings for the Committee to be able to vote <p>Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers The Steering Committee met in April and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed Project Selection Criteria Strawman • Worked on developing DAC Projects • Almost complete with Project Prioritization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to clarify matching funds to requested funds • Need process for Steering Committee to propose projects to Leadership Committee • Should there be a limit on the dollar amount requested 	
<p>7. Project Selection Criteria and Funding</p>	<p>Mary Zauner reviewed the Project Selection Criteria Strawman and the following points were raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need flexibility for the Leadership Committee to create a balance on suite of projects ○ Should have some priority on drought relief (see Item #4 above). • Project Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should the project proponents give the project presentations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chairs were requested to give presentations to level the playing field, the project proponents will still be invited to be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made and passed unanimously to adopt Project Selection Criteria Strawman with noted amendments

	<p>present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division of Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do not need to discuss the division of funds until the guidelines come out ○ The subregions stated their preferences as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LSGLA – Option 2 ▪ NSMB – Option 3 ▪ USGRH – Option 3 ▪ ULA – Variation on Option 2 – Don't limit 20 percent to water conservation only • Motion made and passed unanimously to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adopt Project Selection Criteria Strawman with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approved up to Task 2(b). Task 2(b) and Contingencies are excluded for now and will be revisited after the implementation guidelines are released ▪ Modify the language for the section stating “The Leadership Committee realizing that the consultants are only tasked with doing a grant application for 10 projects will endeavor to select the best suite of projects that will...” to “The Leadership Committee will endeavor to select the best suite of projects that will...” 	
<p>8. 2008 Consultant Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Planning Needs / Project Prioritization b. Disadvantaged Community Involvement c. Region Acceptance Process 	<p>Melih Ozbilgin provided an overview of consultant activities for the Leadership Committee including the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project selection for presentation to Leadership Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ USGRH – Five projects ○ ULA – Working on narrowing down list ○ NSMB – 10 projects ○ LSGLA – Working on reducing from 38 projects ○ South Bay – three projects ○ Two subregions ready to present projects in June, the rest in July. • Disadvantaged Community Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting on guidance from subcommittee • Region Acceptance Process (RAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nearly complete, further discussion as part of Agenda Item #9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
<p>9. RAP Application Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Interview Team b. Presentation of Region Acceptance Process 	<p>Mark Horne provided an overview of the RAP Application development process and review. The following points were raised in discussion afterwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application due Wednesday, April 29, 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to finalize interview panel • RAP Interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview panel recommendation approved unanimously.

<p>Application</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May combine interviews with more than one IRWM Group. ○ Interview Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why did you pick your Region? ▪ How are you governed / how well the Region is represented? ▪ How do you resolve conflict? ○ Conveys the extensive collaboration efforts in Region ○ Gateway Cities JPA IRWM will come up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need to be comfortable with questions and answers ▪ Put together packet on reaching out to Gateway Cities JPA for reference. ● Interview Team discussions included need for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs to be specified in final application ○ Interview Team should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knowledgeable about IRWMP, and ▪ Relatively small ○ Need to balance the knowledge of the interview panel and the seniority in representative agencies ○ Need to balance the Team amongst all aspects of the IRWMP: Water Supply, Water Quality, Open Space and Habitat ○ Group should be able to sell the Region ○ Should members from shared boundaries be included or write letters of support for the Greater LA Region? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MWD wrote letters of support for the San Diego and Santa Ana River IRWM Regions ○ Consultant will help with the talking points for Interview Team ● Interview Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Department of Water Resources ○ Regional and/or State Water Board ○ Interview Location not Specific ● Interview Team Suggestions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership Committee Chair ▪ Steering Committee Chairs ○ Suggestion 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership Committee Chair ▪ Steering Committee Chairs ▪ MWD (Jeff Knightlinger) ▪ Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Shelly Luce) ○ Suggestion 3: 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mark Pestrella ▪ Rich Nagel ▪ Belinda Faustinos ○ Suggestion 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership Committee Chair or their designee depending on availability of travel ▪ Steering Committee Chairs or their designee depending on availability of travel ○ Motion to propose the following interview team was made and passed unanimously <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair of the Leadership Committee or designee depending on travel availability ▪ Chairs of the Steering Committee or designee depending on travel availability ▪ Up to 2 additional people to be selected after the questions to the RAP Application are provided by the DWR 	
<p>10. Grant Ad Hoc Committee(s) Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Water Conservation b. Disadvantaged Community c. Regional Projects 	<p>Water Conservation Leighanne Reeser briefed the Leadership Committee on the following activities of the Water Conservation Ad Hoc Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing proposal for projects • Targeting turf removal and retrofits • Working with Metropolitan Water District to do the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide program marketing ○ Provide funding match ○ Manage program • Need comments on water conservation project strawman. <p>Disadvantaged Community No meeting occurred.</p> <p>Regional Projects The Committee held a conference call and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of a Regional Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Don't want to duplicate efforts of the subregions ○ Need to develop a clear definition of a regional project • Develop list and review projects that fell through the process • Suggestion was made that the project proponents should be asked to update their projects and then see what still remains as a regional project. • Recommended that the Regional Projects Ad Hoc Committee be suspended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agendize discussion of Regional Projects definition and re-forming of the Regional Projects Ad Hoc Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion made and passed to re-form the committee to define regional projects utilizing the Water Management Area Representatives as resources. 	
11. Future Agenda Items / Other Items	<p>Water Management Area Presentation Tony Zampielo will give the presentation during May LC meeting. County will provide an outline for desired presentation.</p> <p>Project Presentations Could have workshop for project presentation in June; look to schedule the presentations after May 19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agendize WMA Presentation for next Leadership Committee Meeting
12. Meeting Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned at 11:34 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting Adjourned
13. Next Meeting:	LA IRWMP Leadership Committee: Los Angeles County Public Works, Wednesday, May 27, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Action

* Via telephone