APPROVED:
June 25, 2014
Leadership Committee Meeting

# Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes May 14, 2014 Los Angeles Department of Public Works 900 South Fremont, Alhambra, CA

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Hildebrand (Los Angeles County Flood Control District), Chair

Rich Nagel (West Basin MWD), Chair, South Bay Sub-region

Rob Beste (City of Torrance), Vice-Chair, South Bay Sub-region

Randal Orton (Las Virgenes MWD), Chair, NSMB Sub-region

Joe Bellomo (City of Westlake Village) for Barbara Cameron (City of Malibu), Vice Chair, NSMB Sub-region

Andy Niknafs for Dave Pettijohn (Department of Water and Power), Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Sub-region

Nancy Steele (Council for Watershed Health), Vice-Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Sub-region

Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster) Chair, Upper San Gabriel River Sub-region

Randy Schoellerman (Water Quality Authority) Vice-Chair, Upper San Gabriel River Sub-region

Robb Whitakker (WRD), Chair, Lower San Gabriel & Los Angeles Rivers Sub-region

Grace Chan, (Metropolitan Water District), Surface Water WMA

Sharon Green (Sanitation Districts of LA County), Sanitation WMA

Shahram Kharaghani (City of Los Angeles), Stormwater WMA

Wang Guangyu, (SMBRC), Open Space WMA

Tony Zampiello (Raymond Basin), Groundwater WMA

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bryden, Russ (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)

Chen, Timothy (LADWP)

Chen, Geoffrey (LADWD)

Chin, Mark (LADWP)

Fowler, Virginia (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)

Galindo, Greg (La Puente Valley CWD)

Gould, David (Crescenta Valley Water District)

Han, Andrew (LADWP)

Helsley, Jeff (Stetson Engineers)

Horne, Mark

Huerta, Enrique (DAC Outreach)

Kirk, Leighanne (West Basin MWD)

La, Wendy (LASER, LLC)

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Paras, Rochelle (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Prybylo, Lukas (LADWP)
Rangel, Nohemi (LADWP)
Repp, Chris (LADWP)
Reed, Greg (LADWP)
Rojas, Esther (WRD)
Vergara, Marybeth (RMC/WCA)
Webb, Amy (LADWP)
Zauner, Mary (County Sanitation Districts)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

Motion to approve the April 23, 2014 meeting summary passed unanimously.

#### 3. IRWM GRANTS UPDATE: PROPOSITION 50 GRANTS REALLOCATION

Russ Bryden reported that one of the project proponents for Proposition 50, the City of Los Angeles, completed their N. Atwater Project located in the ULAR Subregion, under budget. The City of Los Angeles sent a letter to LACFCD requesting that their project budget be amended by reducing the grant portion by \$258,620. The City is also requesting that these unused grant funds be transferred to their other active project, the Wilmington Drain Restoration located in the South Bay Subregion. Russ shared that DWR has indicated support for this reallocation. Russ also reported that due to the current status of the other projects, only two projects are still active, and are therefore still eligible to receive additional funding: The Wilmington Drain project and the LACFCD's Morris Dam project.

A motion was made to reallocate \$258,620 from the N. Atwater Project (ULAR Subregion) to the Wilmington Drain Project (South Bay Subregion). Motion passed unanimously.

# 4. PROPOSITION 84, 2014 IRWM DROUGHT SOLICITATION - Discussion and Selection of Suite of Projects

A motion was called by Tony Zampiello, seconded by Nancy Steele and unanimously approved.

#### The Leadership Committee passed the following motion:

Include in the Round 3 "drought" grant application only those projects on the list with greater than or 100 AFY of water supply benefits, with the following exception: By May 16, 2014, provide project information to RMC consultants to combine projects #2, #3, and #4 from the Upper San Gabriel and Rio

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Hondo Subregion and reduce the Proposition 84 grant request such that the total acre feet per year of the grant request for the combined project represents \$3,000 or less per acre feet per year If the information cannot be combined and conveyed by the deadline, the combined project will not be included in the application.

- Remove the AMR Conversion Project in the North Santa Monica Bay Subregion due to its high cost per acre foot.
- Reduce the grant request for the Crescenta Valley Water District Glendale WP Rockhaven Well project to \$1 million and modify the water supply benefits to 485 AFY.

The group also decided to use the original color coding as a guide for decision-making if the Leadership Committee needs to review projects submitted into the grant application based on DWR's decision. If a project fails to meet a deadline or other requirement during the application process, it was agreed that the project will be dropped from the application.

#### 5. FUTURE AGENDA/OTHER ITEMS

- Round 3 Grant Application Preparation
- **6. ADJOURNMENT -** The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2014 at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Headquarters.