Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed June 5, 2007, 1 pm to 4 pm Lakewood City Hall, Executive Board Meeting Room

Present:

Art Aguilar, Central Basin MWD Michael Drennan, Brown and Caldwell Suzanne Dallman, LASGRWC Dennis Eschen, City of Long Beach Parks

Belinda Faustinos, RMC
James Glancy, City of Lakewood
Terri Grant, LA Co. DPW/FCD

Dave Hill,
Frank Kuo, LA Co. DPW/FCD
Wendy La, LA Co. DPW/FCD
Alfonzo Lani, LA Co. DPW/FCD
Joone Lopez, CBMWD
Maria Lopez, LA Co. DPW/FCD

Maria Lopez, LA Co. DPW/FCD Sherwood Matsuhara, Vernon

Dan Mueller, City of Downey

Brian Ragland,

Scott Rigg, City of Vernon

Kevin Wattier, City of Long Beach Water

Mary Zauner, LA County San

Topic/Issue		Discussion	Action/Follow up
1. W	lelcome, ntroductions and urpose	Belinda Faustinos opened the meeting at 1:11 PM with introductions.	No Action
05	eview 05/01/07 and 5/15/07 Meeting linutes	Discussion, review, and approval of the meeting minutes from 05/01/07 and 05/15/07.	Meeting minutes from 05/01/07 and 05/15/07 were approved.
ar a. 4. Pi	roject Identification nd Integration Review 10 Projects or Project Groups roject Identification nd Integration Determine Opportunities for Strategy Integration and	Michael facilitated the presentation and discussion for the project identification and integration. Dennis Eschen provided an overview of projects in the City of Long Beach which may be integrated geographically or strategically including the DeForest Wetland Habitat Restoration Project Project and the Dominguez Gap projects along the Los Angeles River, and several projects in Eldorado Park along the San Gabriel River: Wetland Habitat Projects near the Los Angeles River: DeForest Wetland Habitat Restoration Project (Project #101)	 Each project sponsor should be asked to review the output from their project on the FTP site to verify it is accurate. The consultant team will prepare a one-page primer which describes how projects are scored from information provided in the
b.	Geographic Integration	DeForest Basin Wetland Restoration (Project #117) Opportunities for integration: - La Co San could provide water quality monitoring info from JWPCA to demonstrate predicted stormwater quality benefits of the project.	LAIRWMP project database. The SC concluded that time should be dedicated at each SC meeting to

Potential Integration

- Parallel detention basin and sand filters could possibly be added to improve stormwater runoff quality

El Dorado Park Projects near the San Gabriel River:

- West San Gabriel River Habitat Restoration and Bicycle Trail (Project #104)
- El Dorado Park Stream Restoration and Treatment Wetland (Project #105)
- El Dorado Park Wetland Habitat Restoration (Project #106)
- El Dorado Lakes Reclaimed Water (Project #116)
- El Dorado Regional Park Lakes (Project #118)

Project #104 - Opportunities for Integration:

- There is a desire to have this project emulate a project a river trail project similar to the City of Lakewood's River Trail.
- Stormwater runoff from the El Dorado golf course could potentially be treated on the site dedicated for the river trail.
- Stormwater runoff from the 605 Freeway could potentially be treated on the site
- Place bike path adjacent to golf course.
- Improve habitat around golf course, and adjacent to bike path.
- Potential partners include the MTA and the RMC.

Projects #105, 106, 116, 118 - Opportunities for integration:

- LA County Sanitation may be increasing capacity of Vanderlands Plant for Alameda Seawater intrusion barrier enhancement. This plant could provide alternate source of water supply to Lakes and habitat.
- Stormwater runoff from Town Center Shopping Center, 100 acres of parking lot could potentially be treated on the site.
- Consider daylighting effluent storm drain and constructing wetland for treatment.
- Stormwater runoff from the 605 Freeway could potentially be treated on the site.

Wendy La from Los Angeles County Flood Control Districts provided an overview of projects at the Rio Hondo & SG Coastal Spreading Grounds which have potential for integration. There is a potential to increase local water supply, and the pipeline connection will help provide additional flexibility in managing the spreading grounds.

- Paseo del Rio at San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds (IProject #178)
- Rio Hondo and San Gabriel CB Spreading Grounds/Pipeline Connection

allow project sponsors an opportunity to describe their projects, and to provide input on potential integration opportunities to each project in the Subregion.

(#184)

- Rio Hondo Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds Sediment Removal (#185)
- San Gabriel Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds Sediment Removal (#186)

Projects # 178, 184, 185, 186 - Opportunities for integration:

- Smith Park and Mines Street could be enhanced during the improvements to provide additional benefits such as stormwater quality improvements and habitat
- 2 bikeway projects in each of the spreading grounds could be connected
- Could be integrated with sediment removal projects.
- Potential partners include: WRD, LA Co Sa, City of Pico Rivera

It was raised that this project can provide benefits to a DC, but the site is not in the region, could the definition of the project location be expanded to include areas where the benefit would be provided?

Question was asked why the project did not receive score for subregional water supply.

City of Lakewood – West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail – Phase 3 (Project #94)

Resources agency funded phase 1, RMC funded Phase 2.

Project #94 - Opportunities for integration:

- Storm drains cross the site and could be daylighted and WQ benefits provided
- Possible local flood detention could be evaluated

Washington Elementary School (Project #192)

A representative of the project sponsor was not available to discuss this project.

Project #192 - Opportunities for integration:

- Include water conservation education component
- Incorporate trash BMPs.

Outdoor Community Living Rooms (Project #221)

A representative of the Verde Coalition was not available to discuss the project, but handouts were provided to and distributed Michael Drennan for discussion by the group.

The group agreed that the components of this project could potentially be integrated with many of the projects discussed today, and future projects likely to be discussed in the future.

All of the projects are defined in the database; however some clarification is

	required on the cost of an individual outdoor living room versus the cost of implementing the planned number of outdoor living rooms.	
	The desire was raised if the prioritization framework macro could be described in how it transfers information from the project database entry to the ultimate project score.	
	The group discussed the value of the integration exercise and concluded that it is very valuable to have project sponsors provide a summary of their project to the Steering Committee. It was concluded that time should be dedicated at each SC meeting to allow project sponsors an opportunity to describe their projects, and to provide input on potential integration opportunities to each project in the Subregion.	
5. May 3 Leadership Committee Meeting Summary	Belinda provided a summary of the LC discussion and recommendations regarding the revisions to the governance structure as summarized below, and requested input from the SC.	The SC approved each of the motions of the LC with the following comments: The SC's should nominate one representative for the WMA, and the LC should have approval/veto power
	The Leadership Committee approved the following motions that the following recommendations be taken to the Steering Committees for review, comments and approval:	
	- The Leadership Committee will expand to 16 members (Yes-9, No-2, Abstain-0)	for that nomination. The name of the LC should not be changed.
	 The Leadership Committee should have all 5 Water Management Area represented in the Committee (Unanimous Yes) 	If the WMA representative leaves employment, the SC and LC should revisit the nomination.
	 Each Steering Committee will be responsible for selection of one of the Water Management Area Representatives, with some minimum qualifications (to be established). Specific Water Management Area assigned to Steering Committees by random draw. (Yes-7, No-1, Abstain-3) 	
	 Leadership Committee members will serve 3 year terms with no term limits. (Unanimous Yes) 	
	 The name of the Leadership Committee should be changed to Coordinating Council (Unanimous recommendation to approve, but final decision should be made after all Steering Committees have had an opportunity to provide input on this recommendation) 	
	 Adopt recommendations for transparency, except for arranging Leadership Committee Seating. (Unanimous Yes) 	

		A question was raised regarding the WMA representatives and if the person representing a WMA changes if they change employers.	
6.	June 7 Leadership Committee Agenda Direction on Action Items – Governance Structure Proposal	Belinda provided a summary of issues being address at the upcoming LC Meeting. There is approximately \$110k remaining in the existing budget. The plan is to negotiate a 3 month extension on the consultant contract for support with ongoing LC and SC support and development of a new MOU for revised Decision-Making Structure. In addition they are investigating was to fund future support anticipated to be \$500k for the next FY. A draft scope should be available by the next SC meeting. The July LC meeting will likely be rescheduled to July 19, with the SC meeting being moved from July 3 to July 17.	No Action
7.	Items for Next Meeting	Steering Committee Meeting: July 17, 2007 1 to 4pm. Executive Board Room – Lakewood City Hall – 5050 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA Leadership Committee meetings on July 19, 2007 at time and location to be determined.	No Action
8.	Adjourn	Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm	No Action