

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed
August 14, 2007, 1 pm to 3 pm
Lakewood City Hall, Executive Board Meeting Room**

Present:

Art Aguilar, Central Basin
Michael D'Annuncci, Malcolm Pirnie
Michael Drennan, Brown and Caldwell
Belinda V. Faustinos, WCA/RMC
Ken Frederick, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
James B. Glancy, Gateway Cities COG
Terri Grant, LAC DPW

Sharon Green, LA County San
Chris Kroll, Coastal Conservancy (via conference phone)
Paul Kuykendahl, City of Lakewood
Frank Kuo, LAC FCD
Wendy La, LAC FCD
Eric Leung, Long Beach Water Department
Adolfo Lopez, City of Lynwood

Joone Lopez, Central Basin MWD
Larry McKenney, Orange County Public Facilities
Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie
Sherwood Natsuhara, City of Vernon
Rob Whitaker, WRD

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/ Followup
1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose		
2. Review July 17 Steering Committee Meeting Notes	The group reviewed and approved the Meeting notes from the July 17 meeting.	Meeting notes approved.
3. July 19 Leadership Committee Meeting Summary 3a. Selection of Alternates for LC Representatives	Frank reviewed the LC Meeting Notes The County is working to develop a new date for the LC meeting, because a couple of members can not make the regular date on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting is still currently scheduled for the first Thursday of September. The group reviewed the draft minimum qualifications for water management area representatives (which have not been reviewed by the LC). Minimum qualifications were inquired. Consistency is important. Education background or equivalent work experience was agreed to use for terminology instead. A representative for groundwater has not been nominated. North Santa Monica bay nominated Mark	The next LC meeting will be on the regularly scheduled Thursday morning, until a new date can be found. A motion was made and seconded to

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	<p>Mackowski but he declined the. Consensus was made that Tony Zampielo qualifying as the best candidate. All agreed.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to nominate Tony Zampielo for the WMA groundwater representative. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to nominate Belinda Faustinos for the WMA Open Space rep. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>There was a discussion about and support for continuing to include Metropolitan Water District as an Ex-Officio member of the Leadership Committee.</p> <p>The group discussed alternates to the Chair and Vice-Chair, Joone Lopez was nominated to serve as the alternate to Art Aguilar, passed unanimously. It was agreed that Kevin Wattier would provide a suggested alternate for the position of Chair for the next SC meeting.</p> <p>There was a discussion on recommending changing the name of the Leadership Committee to Coordinating Council. No action was taken.</p>	<p>nominate Tony Zampielo for the WMA groundwater representative. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to nominate Belinda Faustinos for the WMA Open Space rep. Passed unanimously.</p>
<p>4. September Leadership Committee Agenda</p>	<p>The September LC Meeting will take place on September 6.</p> <p>The group recommended an increase the time on the agenda item for the discussion between LA and Ventura IRWMPs.</p> <p>There was a question about whether a letter was sent by the LC to the State regarding the need to develop a 2-year funding cycle for Prop 84. The county indicated that the letter has not been mailed yet, and there was concern expressed about the need to send the letter soon.</p> <p>Strike the agenda item regarding the RFP.</p>	
<p>5. Draft MOU on Governance and Financing Structure</p>	<p>Ed Means from the consultant team led a discussion on the upcoming draft MOU, and asked for input on the following questions:</p> <p>How should the funding responsibilities be divided between Steering Committees?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be \$100K - \$200K needed per subregion. • The funds for the original IRWMP development were contributed on a voluntary basis. • The MOU could define contributions based on willingness to pay, but would also encourage contributions from every organization • The concept of “pay to play” is not the right message. • Agencies such as RMC can contribute as long as they can demonstrate a connection between capital projects and their contribution. • County is moving to secure \$250K to contribute for the entire region. • SCCWRP is a JPA, and may serve as an example. • Consider taxing the agency who receives a grant. • Consider prorating the contribution based on the dollar amount of projects each agency has in the plan. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider promoting a longer commitment than 1 year, to allow for better planning of activities. The County commits to 5 years to the LASG Watershed Council. • Consider different levels of financial expectation based on participation at LC, SC, or general subregional stakeholder. • Consider having the Steering Committees taking on the role of soliciting financial contributions from their stakeholders. • There should be a message sent to DWR that administrative funds should be provided by them to continue supporting the planning process. • West Basin is willing to consider informal commitments for financial contributions, to assist them in their decision to move forward with a new consultant contract. • The County is drafting a sample letter demonstrating financial commitment that could be used by agency boards. • Each subregional chair is responsible for polling their SC members to develop commitments for financial contributions. • Robb Whitaker agreed to distribute the list of contributors to the original IRWMP process. <p>Who should sign the MOU?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the LC. <p>Two drafting sessions of the MOU are being planned. Current stage: review with each of the five SCs, to obtain ideas and input for draft MOU. Second stage will be to provide draft MOU for all SC's review and comment.</p>	
<p>6. Project Identification and Integration Review Projects or Project Groups</p>	<p><u>1) Gateway Center/Casino/Earthen Bottom Connections</u> Ken Fredericks provided a summary of the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project resides in the Compton Creek watershed. • Project includes: Extend and complete bike trail, and possibly build small park, create/enhance habitat, and improve stormwater quality. • Stormwater infiltration basin proposed. • Habitat enhancement on either side of the creek. • Laying back the creek sides, to create more habitat, and recreation opportunities. • Mia Lehrer is the project landscape architect, and is providing alternatives. • Blue line and bike path connections are nearby. • Estimated cost of project is \$1.6M • The developer is providing easement for bike trail. <p>Project Partners include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Compton • Heal the Bay • RMC • Coastal Conservancy 	

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	<p><u>Integration opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer of the Gateway Center is being approached as a partner because they will be required to address stormwater quality as a part of their development. <p><u>2) City of Lynwood – Carnation and Rose Parks</u> Adolfo Lopez provided a summary of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project will enhance an existing green space in the city which is frequently used for active recreation. • The project will involve storm water supplied irrigation or a water quality treatment BMP, or both. • Sub-Watershed F of the Compton Creek Watershed Drains the Cities of South Gate and Lynwood. • The contributing land uses in this area are mostly residential, but there are many industrial facilities and several scrap metal yards upstream. • Further downstream, this untreated storm water flows through the East Fork of the Compton Creek and into remnant wetland habitat in the earthen-bottom Compton Creek channel. • Potential stormwater treatment park space at State Street and Los Flores Boulevard in Lynwood. • Opportunities to treat significant stormwater flow from South Gate and Lynwood exist within a multiple-benefit park space which could include storm-water supplied irrigation, active and passive recreation, habitat enhancement, stream daylighting, and educational features. <p><u>Integration Opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the two park projects together with the underground storm drain. • Opportunity for interaction between Compton and Lynwood. 	
7. Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) will have \$37M this year, and \$63M total for projects consistent with IRWMP objectives. A workshop notice was provided by RMC (see their website for details). • Other funding opportunities are being highlighted on the IRWMP website, www.lawaterplan.org 	
6. Adjourn	Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 pm.	
7. Future Meetings	<p>Steering Committee Meeting:</p> <p>Date: October 2, 1 to 4pm. Executive Board Room – Lakewood City Hall – 5050 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA (The regularly scheduled meeting for September 4 has been cancelled because of the recent meeting held on August 14)</p> <p>Leadership Committee meetings on September 6, 2007 at 9:30, at LA County DPW, Alhambra.</p>	

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