

## Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

July 21, 2008, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Lakewood City Hall, Executive Board Meeting Room

**Present:**

Desi Alvarez, City of Downey  
 Changmii Bae, Los Angeles County Parks  
 and Recreation  
 John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell  
 Scott Dellinger, Brown and Caldwell  
 Sharon Gates, Long Beach Parks,  
 Recreation, and Marine  
 Alex Kenefick, LASGRWC

Frank Kuo, Los Angeles County Flood  
 Control District  
 Wendy La, Los Angeles County  
 Department of Public Works  
 Sherwood Natsuhara, City of Vernon  
 Nelson Osorio, D&J Engineering  
 Daniel Sharp, Los Angeles County  
 Department of Public Works

Yvette Stevenson-Rodriguez, Orchard  
 Dale Water Board  
 Ralph Webb, The Ferguson Group  
 Jason Weeks, Water Replenishment  
 District  
 Tom West, RMC Water  
 Tim Worley, RMC  
 Mary Zauner, Los Angeles County  
 Sanitation District

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/ Follow up
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Purpose</b>	Frank Kuo opened the meeting at 1:37 pm with introductions and asked for a volunteer to run the meeting since Art had an emergency meeting and was unable to attend. Request made to have Scott Dellinger run the meeting.	No Action
<b>2. Discussion/Selection of Vice Chair</b>	Tim Worley volunteered to serve as Subregional Vice-Chair. Discussion occurred to postpone the vote for the selection of a new Vice Chair with the following points covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not enough Steering Committee Members present to vote</li> <li>• Should not take action without the Chair present</li> <li>• Should review Steering Committee Members list and verify active members, identify members who aren't active and revisit the makeup of the Steering Committee.</li> <li>• Need to review the Operating Guidelines to review policy and verify the appropriate quorum to vote.</li> </ul>	Vice Chair Selection postponed until next meeting
<b>3. Review/Approve June 23 Steering Committee Meeting Notes</b>	Minutes distributed, with no comments. Approval of minutes tabled until next Steering Committee Meeting.	Minutes Approval postponed until next meeting
<b>4. Review June 25 Leadership Committee Meeting Notes</b>	Minutes were distributed for review and information. State officially executed grant agreement with the County. There will be follow up with the project sponsors on how to proceed.	No Action

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<b>5. Review July 23 Leadership Committee Agenda</b>	The Leadership Committee will be preceded by a press event and celebration at the Bixby Marshland for the awarding of the \$25m from Proposition 50. The Leadership Committee will be held at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and will feature a presentation by Lester Snow followed by a question and answer period.	No Action
<b>6. Watershed Coalition of Ventura County and Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Meeting</b>	The meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Meeting was rescheduled for August 5 <sup>th</sup> to continue the dialog about grant programs and funding roll out. It was suggested that Gateway Cities JPA be invited to the meetings.	No Action
<b>7. 2008 Consultant Activities</b> a. Project Prioritization Framework b. Consultant Scope of Work Addition: Project Database	<b>Project Prioritization</b> Tom West gave a presentation on the Project Prioritization process including why projects got points, history of the process and where the process is going and covered the following points of discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that the Prioritization Framework is an evolutionary process that can be constantly improved based on feedback.</li> <li>• Currently no prioritization is taking place, but the focus is on learning about projects and finding out what projects are important to agencies, looking for project partners, assistance in project development and possible teaming opportunities on projects.</li> <li>• Framework's goal was to help the Steering Committees and Leadership Committee to examine projects from an objective perspective. However, a subjective review is still needed.</li> <li>• Noted that the water supply targets are being revised.</li> <li>• This is not the time to revisit the whole prioritization, but to better understand existing projects in the database to identify the real and good projects in the subregion.</li> <li>• Steering Committee should move ahead understanding project in the subregion using the tools to move forward.</li> <li>• Noted that the North Santa Monica Bay Subregion has used their list of projects to pursue other funding opportunities and to get proponents to work together.</li> <li>• The South Bay Steering Committee conducted a work shop with presentations on projects to inform agencies of other projects and get support for projects. Also divided projects into active and archived lists based on a minimum bar of information required. Proponents were given short time to update to keep the information fresh for workshop. There are opportunities to update information to get or remain on the active list.</li> <li>• Should have a workshop to clean up database, review projects and collaborate on projects.</li> <li>• The goal of the process was to avoid going too quickly like the Prop 50 application project selection process where it was felt that the process was not well defined, not transparent, lack of knowledge, and no accountability for project information provided. This is an opportunity to avoid previous problems.</li> <li>• Also noted that subregions have an understanding of good projects for the subregion.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was also requested that a timeline be developed to lay out milestones for the project prioritization and project selection process.</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Mapping</b> Frank Kuo reviewed the mapping done of projects in the Project Database.</p>	
<b>8. DAC Outreach Subcommittee</b>	The meeting has not been held yet to look at the draft DAC Outreach Plan, how it can be strengthened, and made to work. Tentative meeting date is August 12 <sup>th</sup> at Central Basin Offices.	
<b>9. Other Items</b>	No Items Discussed.	
<b>10. Meeting Adjourn</b>	Meeting Adjourned at 3:11 pm. Next Meetings: Lower SGLA Steering Committee: Monday, August 25, 2008, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm LA IRWMP Leadership Committee: CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST	

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