

**Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee
Las Virgenes MWD
4232 Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302**

**Tuesday June 17, 2008
9:00 am – 11:30 am**

Draft Meeting Notes

Present:
Kevin Coyne

Sarah Ekeberg
Erica Dill
Michael Hart

Persephene St. Charles
Frank Kuo (phone)
Leighanne Reeser (phone)

Agenda Item	Topic/ Issue	Discussion	Action Item/ Follow Up
1	Welcome, Introductions	Persephene led introductions.	
2	May Steering Committee Notes	Minutes were tentatively approved.	Persephene will finalize by Friday June 20 – please submit comments prior to that time.
3	May 28 Leadership Committee Summary	Below is a summary of topics discussed at the May 28 Leadership Committee and discussion from the Steering Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prop 84 funding has been delayed into next year. • Comments regarding the definition of a region have been sent • An examination of database issues has not yet been completed. The consultant is currently preparing a scope to address issues raised. • The 6/25 Leadership Committee meeting will be a mixed meeting – the plan update water supply targets will be discussed after the Leadership Committee has their regular meeting. • The DAC Outreach Plan will be distributed at the next set of Steering Committee meetings 	
4	Sub-regional Workshop Re-cap	The Steering Committee discussed the Sub-regional Workshop which took place on June 10 th . Following are comments from the group:	RMC will make this request to SC members to look at funding list and email up to

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group would like to have more public attendance. There may be a more appropriate time to have these meetings – e.g. in the evenings. This will be the case with the DAC workshop – there will be the potential for one more NSMB sub-regional workshop this year to think about the best time. • Overall the group was happy with the workshop and found it to be worthwhile. • Involvement letters should be sent out to drum up attendance at both workshops and SC meetings, but it will be difficult to motivate without Prop 84 funding on the horizon • Even so, steering Committee participants need to participate now, not wait until the last minute right before it is time to prioritize projects for an application – buy then it will be too late and the projects will not be well thought out or as competitive. • There are other funding opportunities beyond IRWMP Prop 84 to be prepared for as well. • In order to better understand what funding measures could be pursued from the long list presented at the workshop, the group will select up to 4 specific potential efforts and what would be needed to get projects in order to prepare for those applications from the list. At the next SC meeting the group can discuss those specific efforts related to the IRWMP project database etc. 	4 potential funding mechanisms to discuss at July's SC meeting.
5	IRWMP Project Database Discussion	<p>The Steering Committee discussed the project database, specifically issues which the group has had with both content relative to NSMB project types and the functionality issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Cameron did submit comments regarding the database prior to the meeting and they will be included with whatever was discussed at the meeting • x & y coordinates may not sufficiently describe a project's location, particularly for multi-region projects • Upload prompting before you close out was previously requested and has been included to the user interface of the database. • More appropriately identify required fields • Have a field to include unique features of the project that should be considered instead of all new fields for each possible criterion. 	Persephene to coordinate with Joe Bellomo on a request for him to propose the database subcommittee at the next Leadership Committee meeting.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pop-ups giving guidance as to what the field is requesting and what information to put into the field was part of the initial consultant database update scope currently being developed. • Group felt that most of the functionality issues have been addressed and that this wasn't as big of a deal as before. • It might be nice to have the database evolve into a GIS database • A scope for updating the database will be discussed at the 6/25 Leadership Committee meeting • The group would like the LC to have a sub-committee created to address the database update so that all regions can contribute to what is important in updating the database and that they all will agree since it impacts everyone. • The group would like the NSMB LC representative for the June meeting propose this to the LC (it will be Joe Bellomo). 	
6a	Inclusion of RWIP into IRWMP Update	<p>Oliver discussed the memo he produced that highlights opportunities for inclusion of RWIP into the current IRWM Plan as part of the update. He stated that the RWIP is a dynamic document, subject to change. Areas in the IRWMP where RWIP can be included are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.3 Regional Description • 3.5 Regional Water Management <p>The group proposed only minor wording changes in 3.3</p>	SC members should get comments regarding RWIP inclusion to Oliver by June 19 th . Persephene will then forward those and any others to the Consultant doing the update for discussion at the June LC meeting.
6b	DAC Outreach Work Plan Discussion	<p>The Draft DAC Outreach Plan was discussed by the group. Below is a summary of the comments to that draft that were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group needs to identify a DAC – but again based on the State's definition, there are no DACs in NSMB. • The area does benefit DACs but data will need to be obtained to support this claim and to justify that the area has the potential to have DAC-projects based on their benefits to those communities. • Overall the plan could provide a better emphasis that this is allowed and in keeping with the regional understanding of DAC projects. • The amenities in the area need to be emphasized more to other areas • NPS has a beach bus – data could be obtained from them • BioBlitz program allows volunteers to do a field inventory of organisms 	<p>Persephene will discuss comments with Chris Harris the DAC consultant and provide some thoughts based on that discussion at the next SC meeting.</p> <p>Persephene will call Meredith to get her thoughts on involvement in NSMB.</p>

		<p>in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – this has been successful and surely brings in DAC community residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thousand Oaks is the closest potential DAC community – but the group was not even sure if it qualified. • Will be difficult to identify DAC contacts, since none of them live there. The outreach plan doesn't discuss how to interact with DAC communities that benefit from your area but are not located there. • There is no obvious place where a DAC workshop could be held in the area – especially given that the idea is to make them local and accessible. How would they even be identified and outreached to? • SMBRC is doing similar activities, meaning there could be partnering opportunities with them – should check on their DAC contact. • Maybe the NSMB could partner with another DAC workshop in another sub-region • Gather statistics from NPS and Heal the Bay as an option. Need to get Meredith from Heal the Bay involved with NSMB as well as SB steering committees. 	
7	Funding Contribution Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Los Angeles has paid \$100,000 • The MOU with MWD is completed so they will add another \$100K. Total will then be \$587,000. 	
8	Outreach to Cities and Other Parties	Letters were worked on since last meeting , but Joe Bellomo could not be here to discuss progress due to jury duty.	
9	Other Items	No other items.	
10	Future agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAC outreach • Top four funding measures to be discussed • Outreach letters 	
11	Next Meetings	<p>North Santa Monica Bay Steering Committee July 15, 2008, 9:00 am to 11:30 am Las Virgenes MWD</p> <p>Leadership Committee Meetings June 25, 2008, 9:30 am to noon LA County DPW, Alhambra</p>	