

Appendix 1-5
Leadership Committee Meeting Notes
January 23, 2013

**Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management
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**At the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Pestrella (Los Angeles County Flood Control District), Chair
Joe Bellomo for Randal Orton (Las Virgenes MWD), Chair, NSMB Sub-region
Barbara Cameron (Malibu), Vice-Chair, NSMB Sub-region
Rich Nagel (West Basin MWD), Chair, South Bay Sub-region
Rob Beste (City of Torrance), Vice-Chair, South Bay Sub-region
Andy Niknafs for Dave Pettijohn (Department of Water & Power), Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Sub-region
Nancy Steele (Council for Watershed Health), Vice-Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Sub-region
Anthony La for Robb Whitaker (Water Replenishment District), Chair, Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Sub-region
Marybeth Vergara for Mark Stanley (Watershed Conservation Authority) Vice-Chair, Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Sub-region
Wendy La (Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster) Chair, Upper San Gabriel River Sub-region
Randy Schoellerman (San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority), Vice- Chair, Upper San Gabriel River Sub-region
Grace Chan (Metropolitan Water District), Surface Water WMA
Sharon Green (County Sanitation Districts), Sanitation WMA
Shahram Kharaghani, (City of LA), Surface Water WMA
Tony Zampiello (Raymond Basin), Groundwater WMA

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alva, Paul (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Brick, Tim (Arroyo Seco Foundation)
Bryden, Russ (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Chen, Stan (Stetson Engineers)
Doudar, Phil (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Ezeh, Troy (City of LA BOS)
Flores, Dawn (RMC Water & Environment)
Glaser, Deborah (Council for Watershed Health)
Hildebrand, Gary (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Horne, Mark (Cardno ENTRIX)
Hu, Kenneth (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Jaquez, Greg (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Jurkevics, Lauma (DWR)

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Kennedy, Maria Elena (Kennedy Communications) – via Phone
Kirk, Leighanne (West Basin MWD)
Paras, Rochelle (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
St. Charles, Persephene (RMC Water & Environment)
Stone, Chris (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Wang, Guangyu (SMBRC)
Wu, Theresa (WRD)
Zauner, Mary (County Sanitation Districts)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

Motion to approve the November 28, 2012 meeting summary passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lauma Jurkevics (DWR) reminded the group of the following:

- Proposition 1E Grant applications are due on February 1, 2013.
- Workshops regarding the Proposition 84 Implementation Grant, Round 2 solicitation are scheduled for February 12, 2013 in Alhambra, and on February 14, 2013 in Sacramento.
- Draft Proposal Solicitation Package for the Proposition 50, Desalination Grant, Round 3 has been released. Comments are due on February 8, 2013.

Lauma also distributed a flyer on the IRWM Strategic Plan and invited the group to join the email distribution list for this effort.

4. GLAC IRWM PLAN UPDATE

Persephene St. Charles discussed the revised schedule and milestones needed to be accomplished in order to submit the adopted IRWM Plan to DWR by the September 2013 deadline. The integration sections of the Subregional plans are currently under review by the Steering Committees. The final draft of the Open Space and Habitat and Recreation Plan is also being reviewed to verify that comments are incorporated. Additionally, several committees - the Plan Update, Projects, and Climate Change - have convened and made progress on their respective tasks. In addition to developing the remaining sections of the IRWM Plan, the next steps include reviewing the project prioritization, identifying an approach to meet DWR's new IRWM Plan standards as well as a strategy to accomplish plan objectives.

Persephene St. Charles led the group discussion on topics that needed resolution today:

4.1.Governance: Purpose and Management – For the purposes of the Plan Update, the group decided to keep the IRWM Plan's current mission, "Address

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the water resources needs of the Region in an integrated and collaborative manner.” Following a discussion on the pros and cons of forming a JPA or 501c designation, the group decided to retain the current Leadership Committee structure utilizing a Memorandum of Understanding. Mark Pestrella confirmed the Flood Control District’s willingness to continue its current role as Chair of the Leadership Committee, which will continue to meet at least monthly and set the direction for the Steering Committee meetings. It was recommended that the Steering Committees meet monthly, with the understanding that meetings could be cancelled if there is no compelling reason to meet.

Discussion ensued on resource planning and task implementation, including technical resources needed to facilitate integration and tracking of projects. It was acknowledged that in order to meet the new plan standards, it is necessary to itemize resources currently available as well as future additional resource needs.

4.2 Outreach – Plan Update requirements include describing the group’s efforts to engage communities and work with overlapping/neighboring IRWM regions as well as DWR. Discussion ensued on current efforts towards inter-regional collaboration and how to identify and address inter-regional communication gaps.

Barbara Cameron confirmed that she regularly participates in the Roundtable of Region calls on behalf of the North Santa Monica Bay Subregion. District staff regularly attends the Gateway IRWM meetings on behalf of the Leadership Committee and invites the Gateway JPA to participate in the GLAC IRWM meetings. Maria Elena Kennedy is having discussions with the SAWPA Region to explore project integration. Maria plans to have similar discussions with the Ventura Region. The NSMB subregion has also reached out to the Ventura Region to discuss collaboration and several GLAC stakeholders are also involved in the Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP group.

As Chair, the District confirmed that they have direct communication with DWR and attend DWR sponsored workshops. Information from these meetings is disseminated to the Leadership Committee as needed, with the understanding that there is an open invitation to these events.

4.3 Projects - A Call-For-Projects was distributed and the deadline to submit projects for inclusion in the final IRWM Plan Update is January 31, 2013. Discussion ensued on how subregions are to review projects and determine which submitted projects are conceptual and which should be included in the Adopted Plan. It was recommended that the current call for projects be just one iteration of a recurring project review process. It was also recommended that a project prioritization process that is different from the process used for project selection for grant applications be developed. The group acknowledged the

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need to discuss future data management, including housing of the online system, and how to track progress.

5. PROPOSITION 84 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT, ROUND 2

5.1 Progress Report – Russ Bryden reported that the consultants are working directly with the project proponents on the grant application and encouraged the subregions to help ensure the project proponents' responsiveness. The consultant reported that project information will be collected in two data requests. DWR will hold a workshop on February 12, 2013 at the Department of Public Works headquarters. Grant applications are due March 29, 2013.

6. LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MOU

An MOU establishing the Leadership Committee as the Region's Regional Water Management Group expired on December 31, 2012. Russ Bryden reminded the group to send executed copies of the current MOU to the District.

7. STEERING COMMITTEE AND WMA REPORT

All five subregional steering committees reported that their discussions in January focused on the consultant's request for input regarding aspects of the IRWM Update. Wendy La requested an ongoing agenda item for the Proposition 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant.

Watershed Management Area representatives also reported on current issues:

Water Supply – Grace Chan reported at this point in the water year, conditions are still within the normal range. Storage is in good condition.

Stormwater – Shahram Kharaghani reported on the development of water management plans and current status of TMDLs and planning efforts associated with the MS4 permit.

Sanitation – Sharon Green provided an update on the Statewide Sanitary Sewer System Collection requirements and reported that stakeholders were unhappy with the Water Board's current draft. Deadline for comments was on January 22, 2013. Sharon shared that the proposed changes are likely to get finalized and be effective within 30-60 days.

Groundwater – Tony Zampello reported that the Main Basin anticipates adopting new Rules and Regulations by March 1, 2013, which will allow them to adjust the period for purchasing water, thereby improving efficiency and fitting better with the County and MWD's operations.

Open Space – Shelley Luce was not present to provide an update.

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Conservation - Chris Stone reported that local reservoirs are currently below normal due to low runoff from recent storms.

8. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Rich Nagel reported that the Legislative Committee met on January 16, 2013 and discussed the 2014 Water Bond and various IRWM-related legislation. The committee also discussed rescheduling the Capitol Advocacy trip originally planned for this month.

9. DAC ITEMS

Maria Elena Kennedy reported that the DAC Committee is exploring ways to meet the Region's DAC outreach goals and reviewing the DAC project review process in preparation for upcoming grant cycles. Maria Elena is also meeting with prospective DAC project proponents to assist them in identifying projects and outreach methodologies.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/OTHER ITEMS

Mark Pestrella reported that DWR is requesting a meeting to foster progress towards the integration of the GLAC and Gateway planning efforts into a single regional plan that fosters integration and cooperation and does not result in overlapping and competing planning efforts. A copy of this letter received January 23, 2013 and addressed to the Chairs of both the GLAC and Gateway IRWM Regions was distributed. The group will be informed once this meeting is scheduled.

DWR's letter referenced the Gateway IRWM JPA's December 13, 2012 letter to the Chair and members of the GLCA Leadership Committee members, a copy of which was also distributed to the group. Phil Doudar reported that he invited the Gateway Executive Director to attend today's meeting, but that she was unable to attend.

It was decided that a formal request for Gateway's project list be sent to the Executive Director of the Gateway IRWM JPA.

Nancy Steele requested that a future agenda item be included to address affordability of grant application fees for DAC projects and discuss why one project proponent opted out of the GLAC Round 2 grant application.

11. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2013, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00pm, at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Executive Conference Room, 12th Floor.