

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Meeting Notes – Upper Los Angeles River Watersheds Steering Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2008, 1:00 am to 3:00 pm

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Conference Room 1471

Present:

Mary Benson, LA Trails
Shirley Birosik, RWQCB, Los Angeles
Changmii Bae, LA County P & R
Joyce Dillard
Rebecca Drayse, TreePeople
Darryl Ford, City of LA Rec and Parks

Richard Gomez, LA County DPW
Kimberly Harris, Malcolm Pirnie
Berth Ruiz-Hoffman, LA County P & R
Frank Kuo, LA County DPW
Wendy La, LA County DPW
Vivian Marquez, City of LA Sanitation

Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie
Andy Niknafs, LADWP
Jim Smith, LA County P & R
Nancy Steele, LASGRWC
Catherine Tyrrell, Malcolm Pirnie
Patricia Wood, LA County DPW

Topic/Issue	Discussion	Action/Follow up
1. Introductions	Andy Niknafs opened the meeting with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
2. Approve 10/21/08 Meeting Minutes	<p>The meeting minutes from the 10/21/08 meeting were distributed and approved.</p> <p>Andy Niknafs informed the Steering Committee (SC) that Thomas Erb would report to the SC during the next meeting on LEED and how LEED can be integrated into IRWMP projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
3. Appoint/Affirm Vice Chair to Steering Committee	Nancy Steel appointed unanimously to Vice Chair of the ULAR SC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
4. Update from 10/22/08 Leadership Committee	<p>Andy Niknafs provided an update from the 10/22/08 Leadership Committee meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 sub-committees were recommended with the intent to provide focus in securing Prop 84 funds. Water Conservation, Water Quality and Supply, and IRWMP comprise the 3 sub-committees. <p>Frank Kuo provided an update regarding the consulting budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds for consultant support of the SC are only available through November 2008. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Steele will clarify the purpose of the sub-committees at next Leadership Committee meeting. • No opposition was recorded but the SC members were asked to email either Tom or Nancy with comments before the next Leadership Committee meeting on 11/26/08. Decision to be communicated during next Leadership Committee meeting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to DWR’s timeline extension, recommended that group consider re-allocating capital improvement plan (CIP) funds for consultant services to continue meetings through the fiscal year (June 2009). 	
<p>5. DAC Outreach Update</p>	<p>Last month the ULAR SC identified two project clusters for DAC engagement: Arroyo Seco Confluence (Arroyo Seco Foundation) and the Hanson Dam Grassland/Walnut Woodland Restoration Raptor Hunting Ground project (LA Trails).</p> <p>Ed Means contacted Meredith McKenzie at the Arroyo Seco Foundation. Meredith is pulling together a list of key players for an upcoming meeting to be scheduled in December to bolster DAC funding.</p> <p>Mary Benson provided an update on the Hanson Dam Grassland/Walnut Woodland Restoration Raptor Hunting Ground project. She suggested that the “Pacoima Beautiful Group” be involved and agreed to develop a list of people to attend a December meeting.</p> <p>Ed Means informed the group that he does not see ET controllers as an opportunity for the DAC process because manufacturers are already working with communities for grant proposals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant to contact agency representatives and confirm availability for December meetings.
<p>6. Determine Criteria and Weightings of Sub-regional Objectives</p>	<p>Ed Means provided and reviewed USGR’s approach to the criteria and weightings of sub-regional objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-regional priorities were updated by the group to include Disadvantage Communities, Conjunctive Use, Recycled Water, Water Conservation, Flood Management, Land Conservation, and Education. • Group agreed that original five main objectives should be weighted as a total of 30 points and the seven additional sub-regional priorities should be weighted as a total of 20 points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant to send criteria to SC for each member to provide individual rankings. Rankings of Steering Committee will be averaged in preparation for the upcoming workshop.
<p>7. L.A. County Clean Water Initiative: A New Revenue</p>	<p>Postponed until Hector Bordas is available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

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8. Leadership Committee- Discuss Draft Agenda Items and Provide Direction to Chair	Draft Leadership Committee agenda not available. The group provided direction to the chair during discussion of item 4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
9. Next Meetings	<p>The next Leadership Committee meeting will be November 26, 2008 at 9:30 am, at LACFCD, 12th floor.</p> <p>SC agreed to postpone December’s project workshop until January 22, 2009 from 10AM to 3PM. Location is TBD but Glendale is being considered. The meeting will be a joint SC meeting and project prioritization workshop.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Niknafs to see if Glendale location is available.
10. Added Agenda Item: Update on DWR Information Workshop 11/18/08	<p>Presentation from the DWR Information Workshop was distributed to the group. Discussion included:</p> <p>IRWM Region is no longer solely defined on geographic features.</p> <p>Possible Grant Caps were discussed.</p> <p>Application for DAC funds will need to include explanation of critical water supply or water quality need identified.</p> <p>Schedule included on Slide 37. Draft guidelines to be issued December 2008 with DWR’s final decision in April 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application cannot be submitted until final guidelines issued. • Interviews with applicants included as a part of submittal and acceptance process. • If unable to update IRWMP, can apply for a 2 year extension. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

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Upper Los Angeles River Sub-Region Weightings of Sub-Regional Priorities

Instructions:

(1) Enter weighting (points) for the original 5 primary objectives in the *Weighting (Points)* column. Total sum of the points of the original 5 primary objectives must equal a total of 30 points. If subtotal does not equal 30 points, *Subtotal* cell will turn RED.

(2) Enter weighting (points) for the additional 7 sub-regional priorities in the *Weighting (Points)* column. Total sum of the points of the 7 sub-regional priorities must equal 20 points. If subtotal does not equal 20 points, *Subtotal* cell will turn RED.

(3) If the total number of points from the original 5 primary objectives and 7 sub-regional priorities does not equal a total of 50 points, *Total* cell will turn RED.

ULAR Sub-Regional Weighting

WEIGHTING (POINTS)

5 Primary Objectives (Total 30 points)

1. Improve Water Supply
2. Improve Water Quality
3. Enhance Habitat
4. Enhance Open Space/Recreation
5. Sustain Communities

Subtotal (Must equal 30 points)

0

Additional Sub-Regional Priorities (Total 20 points)

1. Disadvantaged Communities
2. Conjunctive Use
3. Recycled Water
4. Water Conservation
5. Flood Management
6. Land Conservation
7. Education

Subtotal (Must equal 20 points)

0

Total (Must equal 50 points)

0