

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
MAY 27, 2015**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE, ALHAMBRA, CA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Hildebrand for Gail Farber (Los Angeles County Flood Control District) – Chair,
Leadership Committee
Richard Nagel (West Basin MWD) – Chair,
South Bay Subregion
Rob Beste (City of Torrance) – Vice-Chair,
South Bay Subregion
Andy Niknafs for Dave Pettijohn (Department of Water and Power) – Chair,
Upper Los Angeles River Subregion
Randy Schoellerman (Water Quality Authority) – Vice-Chair,
Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Subregion
Chris Cash (Gateway Water Management Authority) – Chair,
Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Subregion
Mark Stanley (Watershed Conservation Authority) – Vice-Chair,
Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Subregion
David Pedersen (Las Virgenes MWD) – Chair,
North Santa Monica Bay Subregion
Sharon Green for Grace Hyde (County of Los Angeles Sanitation Districts),
Sanitation WMA
Tony Zampiello (Raymond Basin)
Groundwater Water Management Area)
Sharahm Kharaghani for Enrique Zaldivar (Stormwater Water Management Area)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angela George, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Terri Grant, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Public Works
Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Virginia Maloles-Fowler, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Amanda Guzman-Perez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Erica Sasman, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Andre Reiner, Mountains Restoration Trust
Barmeshwar Rai, City of Inglewood
Dan Sulzer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
David Gould, Crescenta Valley Water District
David Lippman, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Dawn Flores, RMC Water & Environment
Debra Sharpton, Mountains Restoration Trust
Desi Alvarez, Gateway Water Management Authority
Edward Belden, National Forest Foundation
Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District

Frances Spivy-Weber, State Water Resources Control Board
Frank M. Heldman, City of Monterey Park
Grace Kast, Gateway Water Management Authority
Guangyu Wang, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
Gus Meza, West Basin Municipal Water District
Hans Tremmel, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Jeff Helsley, Stetson Engineers
Jennifer Voccola Brown, City of Malibu
Joe Bellomo, Willdan & City of Westlake Village
John Dettle, City of Torrance
Ken Putnam, BG & City of Lynwood
Kevin Hull, Central Basin Municipal Water District
Laura Saltzman, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Leighanne Kirk, West Basin Municipal Water District
Lenise Marrero, City of Los Angeles
Leslie Schenk, Los Angeles County Public Works
Linda Lee Miller, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Lisa Rapp, City of Lakewood
Lynn Rodriguez, Watershed Coalition Ventura County
Mark Horne
Mary Zauner, County of Los Angeles Sanitation Districts
Michael Deghetto, Gateway Water Management Authority
Miguel Luna (DAC Coordinator), DAKELUNA
Persephene St. Charles, RMC Water & Environment
Phil Miller, Avocet/City of Monterey Park
Raja Takidin, Gateway Water Management Authority
Sandi Linares-Plimpton, Central Basin MWD
Tammy Hierlihy, Central Basin Municipal Water District
Thomas Lee, City of Inglewood
Tim Chen, Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts
Troy Ezech, City of Los Angeles
Wing Tam, City of Los Angeles

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Angela George.

- 1. Introductions:** Leadership Committee members, staff, and public present introduced themselves.
- 2. Approval of March 25, 2015 Meeting Notes:** Sharon Green indicated SB485 was incorrectly reported as “AB485” and requested it be corrected. Motion to approve the minutes with Ms. Green’s request was made by Rob Beste and seconded by Ms. Green; minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3. Old Business:** Items were held to the June Meeting.
- 4. New Business**

- A. Prop 84 Implementation Grants/2015 IRWM Grant Solicitation Update: Chair called on Russ Bryden for an update on the three directives given to staff at the March meeting. Russ indicated the following:
- (1) A joint comment letter from the GLAC, Ventura, and Upper Santa Clara River IRMW groups was drafted and submitted to the Department of Water Resources on April 24, 2015
 - (2) "Application Parameters" were distributed to the sub-regions to guide them in their selection of projects.
 - (3) LA County Flood Control District staff contracted with RMC to prepare and submit the grant application for a total cost of \$251,165 for 15 projects with a per project cost of \$17,644.33.
- B. Project Proponent Presentations: Chair called on Russ Bryden to facilitate the project proponent presentations. Project proponents were allowed 5 minutes to present their projects and answer questions from Leadership Committee members.

Lower San Gabriel & Los Angeles River Sub-Region Presentations

- Advanced Meter Replacement Project – Presenter: Grace Kast
- Southeast Water Efficiency Program – Presenter: Sandi Linares-Plimpton
- Gateway Cities Regional Recycled Water System Expansion – Presenter: Desi Alvarez
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Park Regional BMP Project – Presenter: Linda Lee Miller
- Paramount Blvd. Turf Replacement Project – Presenter: Lisa Rapp

North Santa Monica Bay Sub-Region Presentations

- Comprehensive Water Conservation Project – Presenter: Jennifer Voccola Brown
- Las Virgenes Calleguas Municipal Water Districts Interconnection Project – Presenter: David L. Lippman, P.E.
- Urban Streams Restoration In The Malibu Creek Watershed – Presenter: Debbie Sharpton
- Las Virgenes Creek Restoration, Phase II – Presenter: Alex Farassati

South Bay Sub-Region Presentations

- Inglewood New Well No. 7 – Presenter: Thomas Lee, P.E.
- North Torrance Well Field Project Phase III – Presenter: John Dettle
- Recycle Water Supply For Palos Verdes Golf Course – Presenter: Sheri Repp Loadsman
- Van Ness and Slauson Stormwater Infiltration Project (Presentation was not made)
- Milton Green Street – Presenter: Laura Saltzman

Upper Los Angeles River Sub-Region Presentations

- Upper Los Angeles River Big Tujunga Restoration Arundo Eradication Project – Presenter: Edward Belden
- Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits, Northeast San Fernando Valley – Presenter: Melanie Winter
- Hoover, Toll, & Keppel School Recycles Water Project – Presenter: Raja Takidin
- Lopez Spreading Grounds Improvements – Presenter: Hans Tremmel
- Crescenta Valley Water District Nitrate Removal Treatment Facility At Well 2 Project – Presenter: David S. Gould

Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo River Sub-Region Presentations

- Centralized Groundwater Treatment System – Presenter: Phillip Miller, P.E.

- Big Dalton Spreading Grounds Improvement Project – Presenter: Hans Tremmel
- Live Oak Well VOC Treatment – Presenter: Ken Herman, P.E.

C. Selection of the Suite of Projects: Chair called on Russ Bryden to present potential options for selecting the suite of projects. A motion was made by Rich Nagel as follows: Accept the full suite of projects for each sub-region with the following caveats:

- Lower San Gabriel & Los Angeles River: All five projects
- North Santa Monica Bay: All four projects
- South Bay: Projects 1 through 3 (Projects 4 & 5 will be excluded)
- Upper Los Angeles River: All five projects
- Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo River: All three projects; however, the sub-region needs to reduce grant request to meet the \$8 million cap

After discussion and a clarifying amendment from Sharon Green, the motion was seconded by Rob Beste and approved unanimously.

Staff will work with RMC to amend their contract to reflect the increase in number of projects from 15 to 20 and to recalculate the per project fee. Additionally, RMC will assess the suite of projects for “fatal flaws” and should any be found, work with the project proponents to address them. If they cannot be addressed, the project will be referred to the Leadership Committee for further action.

Per Miguel Luna, the DAC Sub-Committee identified the following top five DAC projects:

- Upper Los Angeles River: Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits Project and Hoover, Toll, & Keppel School Recycled Water Project
- South Bay: Inglewood New Well No. 7 Project
- Lower San Gabriel River & Los Angeles River: Franklin D. Roosevelt Park Regional BMP Project
- Upper San Gabriel River & Rio Hondo River: Live Oak Well VOC Treatment Project

5. Committee Reports: No reports were made.

6. Public Comment: The following announcements were made:

- Sharon Green announced that the State Water Resources Control Board is sponsoring another funding fair on July 10, 2015, at 9:00am, at LA County Public Works’ headquarters in Alhambra.
- Miguel Luna, DAC Coordinator, announced the continuation of the DAC Committee’s Water Dialogue Speaker Series. Felicia Marcus will be the speaker for the June 5, 2015 event.
- Tim Chen from LA County Waterworks announced that Supervisor Hilda Solis had passed a motion requesting LA County Public Works coordinate with the region’s water agencies on outreach and messaging concerning the impact of the drought and measures that can be taken by residents. Information and documents can be e-mailed to Tim at tchen@dpw.lacounty.gov.

7. Future Agenda Items/Other Items: No items were requested.

8. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 24, 2015, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.