

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Upper Los Angeles Sub-Region Steering Committee

DRAFT Meeting Notes: May 10, 2006

1. Introductions

Those present included:

Acevedo Mario	LA DWP
Bapna, Vik	LA County DPW
Birosik, Shirley	RWQCB-LA
Bowman, Brad	City of Pasadena
Chapman, Jeff	Arroyo Seco Foundation
Chen, Donna	LA BOS
Drennan, Michael	Brown and Caldwell
Erb, Tom	LA DWP
Ford, Darryl	LA City Recreation and Parks
Kroll, Chris	California State Coastal Conservancy
Kuo, Frank	LACDPW
Mackowski, Mark	ULARA Watermaster
Marquez, Vivian	LA City, Bureau of Sanitation
Schneider, Jerry	Citizen
Steele, Nancy	LASG Rivers Watershed Council
Stolarz, Dash	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority

2. Approve April Minutes

The notes of the April Steering Committee meeting were approved as distributed.

3. Update on Leadership Committee/Consultant Activities

Michael provided the revised IRWMP project schedule that had been approved by the Leadership Committee.

Mario indicated he will provide a copy of the draft IRWMP to Upper Los Angeles River Steering Committee, once he receives it from the consultant team on May 15. He requested that members of the Steering Committee provide comments directly back to him by May 19 at 2:00 pm. He will coordinate the comments and submit to the consultant team.

Michael provided an overview of the draft IRWMP being prepared for submittal to DWR on June 8, and described the difference between this draft and the upcoming September draft.

Tom presented an overview of the proposed statewide infrastructure bond expected on the November ballot. He indicated approximately \$1 billion is being proposed for water resources-related projects, prorated by population for each county.

Mario presented a summary of how to submit projects in response to the call for projects. He requested that the short form be submitted before May 18 sub-regional workshop. He also

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requested that if possible, to submit the form by May 12 to allow consultant time to place your projects on maps prior to the workshop.

Projects submitted by May 31 will be included in June 30 tech memo on “Project Integration”.

Projects submitted by September 30 will be included in the draft IRWMP.

Project sponsors need not be owners at this early stage. This stage is for discussing ideas and getting agreement. If project ideas are viable, a project sponsor will emerge. Chris Kroll emphasized the importance of not ruling out projects before they are adequately evaluated.

At a minimum, all projects should be submitted on the short form. The long form can be used for projects that are vetted by the stakeholders, and make it past that stage.

4. Preview of May 18 Subregional Workshop

The group discussed the format of the upcoming subregional workshop, and agreed that it would be appropriate to have breakout sessions and divide the Upper Los Angeles Subregion into 4 or 5 subwatersheds as presented below. A champion was identified for each subwatershed to encourage attendance by appropriate stakeholders at the upcoming workshop.

- 1) Arroyo Seco/Verdugo (Jeff)
- 2) Tujunga/Sun Valley/Pacoima (Melanie)
- 3) Headwaters/ San Fernando (MRTA)
- 4) Glendale Narrows/Burbank/Downtown (Tom)

5. Other Business

Other comments presented by the group:

- The stakeholder process is currently only speaking to the professionals, rather than volunteers, and needs to be more inclusive.
- Evening meetings should be considered to engage other portions of the stakeholder community.