

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
South Bay Steering Committee
July 11, 2007
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
West Basin MWD

Meeting Notes

Present:

Don Geisinger
 Paul Herzog
 Joe Geever
 Mario Acevedo
 Terri Grant
 Tom West

Rich Nagel
 Scott Valor
 Robb Whitaker
 Leighanne Reeser
 Mary Zauner
 Wing Tam

Fernando Paludi
 Rob Beste

Agenda Item	Topic/ Issue	Discussion	Action Item/Follow Up
1	Welcome, Introductions	Rich Nagel led introductions.	
2	Review June Meeting Notes	There was no discussion on the June Meeting minutes.	Email comments to Tom West and Leighanne
3	Steering Committee Nominations a. WMA nominations b. Steering committee representatives c. Steering committee alternate d. Steering committee NGO representative	<p>The steering committee (SC) discussed what action the Leadership Committee (LC) will take next week at the LC meeting with regard to future members of the LC. It was agreed that the expectation was that all sub-regions would present their selections for the two sub-regional representatives. In addition, it was expected that each sub-region would also present their draft list of nominees for the five Water Management Area (WMA) seats.</p> <p>a. <u>Water Management Areas</u></p> <p>The SC discussed and agreed to propose the following five individuals/organizations for the five WMA seats for preliminary discussion at the LC meeting on July 19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater: City of Torrance (Rob Beste) • Surface Water: Metropolitan Water District (Grace Chan) • Sanitation: County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles (Sharon Green) • Stormwater: City of LA, Watershed Protection (Shahram) • Open Space/Habitat: Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission 	<p>West Basin to contact MWD about being on LC and who would be the actual person from MWD to fill that role.</p> <p>West Basin to bring the following questions to the LC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectations with regard to SC representative alternates <p>Both Scott and Leighanne to contact Meredith to invite her to August meeting.</p>

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		<p>(Shelley Luce)</p> <p>The most relevant discussion was held with regard to the Surface Water WMA seat and whether MWD was an appropriate nominee. Issues raised were (1) MWD covers multiple IRWMP planning areas and (2) that MWD may not be able to provide the time for sufficient involvement. With regard to (1) the SC didn't feel that MWD's service area overlapping into other IRWMP regions was an issue that couldn't be managed. With regard to (2) some SC members noted that MWD has recently expressed greater interest in getting more involved in the IRWMP effort. West Basin agreed to contact MWD CEO to discuss the topic with him and, if appropriate, have him identify the individual at MWD most suitable to actually fill the seat.</p> <p>b. <u>Steering Committee Representatives</u></p> <p>A motion was made to nominate West Basin (Rich Nagel, chair) and WRD (Robb Whitaker vice chair) as the SC representatives to the LC. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p>The SC discussed that the proposed rules indicate that steering committee reps can't also be WMA reps. Thus, if Robb Whitaker from WRD happened to be selected to represent groundwater (and accepted) that his SC representative seat would need to be filled.</p> <p>c. <u>Steering Committee Representative alternate</u></p> <p>The SC discussed the role and expectations of the alternate(s) for the steering committee representatives. It was agreed that, if both SC reps are not present at the LC meeting, one alternate cannot cast votes for both of them. In addition it was also agreed that an alternative can't already be on the LC (e.g. as a WMA rep).</p> <p>The SC agreed to table the selection of alternates until the next meeting and to get more clarity on the issue at the July 19 LC meeting.</p> <p>d. <u>Steering Committee NGO Representative</u></p> <p>Members of the SC produced two nominees to fill the seat vacated by Fran Spivey-Weber. These are Joe Geever (Surfrider) and Meredith McCarthy (Heal the Bay). The SC asked for background about each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Geever (provided by Joe Geever): Has a background in law and policy. Specialized in coastal zone impacts, and Clean Water Act. Interned at NOAA. Acknowledges that water supply is fairly new topic to 	
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		<p>him but he is working with Surfrider Foundation now to look at portfolios of projects addressing Clean Water Act compliance that also have water supply benefit. Currently serving as an advisor to Surfrider Foundation and works as a California policy analyst. Prior to that Joe was a commercial fisherman. Joe and Surfrider are working with West Basin MWD on ocean-friendly classes and demonstration gardens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith McCarthy (provided by Scott Valor): Director of Programs for Heal the Bay. Working now with Compton Creek outreach program, peer outreach and K-5 education programs for Heal the Bay. Also an avid underwater diver. <p>The SC came to a general agreement that selecting one over the other was difficult and that both be added to the SC as long as both are willing to commit the time to participate. However, it was recommended that Meredith attend the next meeting to present herself before the SC could confirm her as an SC member. West Basin and Scott Valor agreed to contact Meredith to make sure she attended the next SC meeting.</p> <p>The motion was made to add Joe Geever to the SC. It was seconded and unanimously approved.</p>	
5	Project Integration and Re-Prioritization Exercise: Follow Up Activity	<p>Tom West presented the latest materials with regard to prioritization and project integration. These were the current list of “top projects” for the South Bay along with the projects that have been proceeding with the integration exercise.</p> <p>The steering committee reviewed the handouts and provided the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the “top projects” readiness to proceed needs to be taken into account. The concern was that some projects were shown on the list that were highly conceptual. • The difference between a conceptual project with a sponsor and one without a sponsor, or without even an agreement or discussion, needs to be taken into account. • It was suggested that in order for projects to be put on any top projects list that includes partners, the proponent for the projects at a minimum needs to have talked with the other parties or sponsors. • The topic of technical assistance for non-profits or other project proponents who don’t have the resources to submit project concepts let alone develop project concepts into real projects was highlighted again. • Disclaimer language needs to be added to any of these tables to clarify the purpose for the lists and how they were developed. Without proper 	<p>SC members to review project lists and scoring information and provide comments to Tom West via email (twest@rmcwater.com)</p> <p>RMC to add disclaimer language to top projects table and email to the SC members for their review.</p>

		<p>explanation, the lists could easily be misinterpreted by a person not involved in the process.</p> <p>Tom commented that the next steps are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SC members to review the list of top projects and projects that are involved in the integration exercise and to provide comments to Tom West in July. 2. The consultant team is currently reviewing the proposed project integration results and is providing additional feedback. Results will be sent to the SC members prior to the next SC meeting. 3. The draft prioritization framework is being finalized with some proposed modifications based on the results of the initial prioritization and the feedback from steering committee members. The recommended framework will be presented at the LC meeting on July 19. A final TM will be prepared and circulated. 4. RMC will edit the top projects list to add “disclaimer” language and distribute to the SC members for their review. 	
6	Scope of Work for 2007/2008	Consultant was not present for this discussion.	
7	Future Agenda Items/Other Items	No future agenda items were proposed nor other items presented.	
8	Next Meetings	<p>Leadership Committee Meeting July 19: 9:30 - noon LACDPW in Alhambra</p> <p>South Bay Steering Committee Meeting -TBD Either August 14 or 16 West Basin MWD</p>	Please email Leighanne to confirm your preference for August 14 or 16.