

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

**March 25, 2008, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Conference Room 1471**

**Present:**

Mary Benson, Foothill Trails  
Shirley Birosik, RWQCB  
Rebecca Drayse, Tree People  
Joyce Dillard  
Darryl Ford, LA City Recreation & Parks  
Terri Grant, LA Co DPW  
Mark Hanna, LA DWP

Andree Hunt, Malcolm Pirnie  
Wendy La, LA Co DPW  
Vivian Marquez, LA Bureau of San.  
Lianne McGinley, Burbank Water and Power  
Meredith McKenzie, Arroyo Seco Foundation  
Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie  
Andy Niknafs, LA DWP

Melih Ozbilgin, Brown & Caldwell  
Tim Roe, Pasadena Water and Power  
Nancy Steele, LASGRWC  
Dash Stolarz, Mtns. Rec & Conservation  
Catherine Tyrrell, Malcolm Pirnie  
Melanie Winter, The River Project

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<b>1. Introductions</b>	Nancy Steele opened the meeting at 1:30 pm with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action</li> </ul>
<b>2. Approve 2/26/08 Meeting Notes</b>	The meeting notes from the 2/26/08 meeting were distributed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting notes from the 2/26/08 meeting were approved.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Update from February 27, 2008 Leadership Committee</b>	<p>Ed Means and Nancy Steele provided an update from the Leadership Committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ed Means presented the revised MOU and Operating Guidelines. Additional comments have been incorporated into the documents, and the latest versions will be presented at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Leadership Committee will probably vote on the documents in April.</li> </ul> <p>The draft letter to the SWRCB and DWR was distributed to the Steering Committee for input. The Steering Committee had the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The second bullet of the draft letter needs to be clarified to state that current IRWMP boundaries should be maintained.</li> <li>Stronger language on the implications for the Region and the IRWM program of identifying the Gateway JPA as a separate region is needed. The letter should emphasize how fracturing of the region will damage the goals and objectives of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Steering Committee voted to recommend the addition of stronger language on the implications of identifying the Gateway JPA as a separate region to the letters to DWR and the SWRCB.</li> </ul>

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	<p>process.</p> <p>At the March Leadership Committee meeting, the Leadership Committee will be discussing whether the 20 percent conservation called for in AB 1420 should be taken into account for the update of the water supply numbers.</p> <p>A letter is being sent to the Ventura IRWMP requesting a counterproposal on the suggested funding split. Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would be in everyone’s best interests if representatives from the Region met with representatives from the Ventura IRWMP to discuss the funding split.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Prop 50 Round 1 \$25M Grant Contract</b></p>	<p>The County is looking at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting to obtain delegate authority to sign the contract MOU. The contract needs to be in effect by the end of the fiscal year. There will be a grantee meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Prop 84 (&amp; 1E) Grant Program Status</b></p>	<p>The draft guidelines for Prop 84 implementation grants are expected to be released in July. Planning grant guidelines are expected in late summer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. IRWMP Program Guidelines – AB 1489</b></p>	<p>This item was skipped as it was discussed under Item 3.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Funding Contribution Status</b></p>	<p>There were no updates on funding contribution status.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. DAC Outreach Draft Outline</b></p>	<p>Melih Ozbilgin summarized the purpose of the outline and its main points. Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consultant should look for DAC projects to develop in the database. It was clarified that the two projects that the consultant will develop could be either already identified projects or new projects.</li> <li>• Within Los Angeles, IRWMP is not visible to neighborhood councils. To get a grassroots response, neighborhood council leaders should be contacted as part of the outreach.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Steering Committee’s recommended changes to the outline will be provided to Chris Harris</li> <li>• Mary Benson will prepare 1-2 pages on the creation of the Resource Conservation District for discussion at the April Steering Committee meetings.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A connection needs to be made between the outline and the next steps identified in the IRWMP.</li> <li>• Both longer term outreach and the short term goal of qualifying for Prop 84 need to be considered in the outreach plan.</li> <li>• AB 1654 requires an IRWMP to delineate the water needs of DACs.</li> <li>• Neighborhood watches are another group active in the community that can be contacted for outreach.</li> <li>• For II, c, i of the outline, water quality is not the only issue that should be addressed.</li> <li>• Partnering should be a priority.</li> <li>• LA County watersheds are now the only area in the State without a Resource Conservation District. This group should consider recommending creation of a RCD to County supervisors.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. DAC Outreach Sub-committee</b></p>	<p>The Statewide IRWMP Round Table was a DAC sub-committee meeting in Ontario on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. The sub-committee will be providing input to the State on how DAC money should be used. Those wishing to attend the meeting need to RSVP. Nancy Steele and Tim Worley will be attending. Anyone else who would like to attend can contact Nancy Steele.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. IRWMP Plan Update</b></p>	<p>In order to obtain planning grant money without jeopardizing the Region's changes for implementation money, the Region needs to determine which updates to the plan should be done now and which should be included in the planning grant application. A matrix of next steps was distributed to the Steering Committee at the meeting and via e-mail. Steering Committee members are asked to complete the matrix and to the next meeting prepared to discuss it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steering Committee members will complete the Next Steps matrix for discussion at the April meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Steering Committee Composition</b></p>	<p>LADWP contacted the inactive members of the Steering Committee. All but two will begin attending meetings again. The Steering Committee discussed finding a groundwater representative to replace Mark Makowski.</p> <p>Rebecca Drayse and Mary Benson would like to join the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will vote on this at the April</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of Mary Benson and Rebecca Drayse to the Steering Committee will be included on the April agenda for voting.</li> <li>• Discussion on adding a groundwater representative to the Steering Committee will be included on the</li> </ul>

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<b>12. Projects</b>	<p>The Steering Committee discussed how to improve on the existing list of prioritized projects. Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the initial prioritization, project proponents updated the database, and then the consultant developed the prioritized list using the Excel macro. The Steering Committee then formed a working group to review the projects and come up with a list of the top 30-40. Presentations on the top project were given.</li> <li>• The Steering Committee would like to work on project integration. For integration, a map of all projects should be provided so that the Steering Committee can identify clusters of projects.</li> <li>• The database on all projects is not currently accessible.</li> </ul> <p>The consultant will prepare a draft agenda for a sub-regional workshop on project prioritization and integration, to be held in May.</p> <p>The CIP development strategy task has been postponed until there is greater clarity on Huffman AB 1654.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consultant will prepare a draft agenda for the sub-regional workshop.</li> </ul>
<b>13. March 26, 2008 Leadership Committee- Discuss Draft Agenda Items and Provide Direction to Chair</b>	<p>The Leadership Committee agenda was distributed to the Steering Committee</p> <p>Nancy Steele will bring up attendance at the DAC sub-committee meeting. Chris Harris is looking into whether she can attend the meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>14. Project Presentation- Water Conservation Projects in the Tujunga Wash (County – LADWP)</b>	<p>Wendy La and Mark Hanna presented on eight groundwater recharge projects in the Tujunga Wash Watershed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>

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<b>15. Future Meetings</b>	Next Leadership Committee meeting will be March 26, 2008 at 9:30 am, at LA County DPW 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Alhambra.  The next SC meeting will be April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2008, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, at LADWP (Room 1471).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next SC Meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- April 22, 2008, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm</li><li>- May 27, 2008, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm</li></ul></li></ul>

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