

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

**October 21, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

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

**Present:**

Michael Antos, LASGRWC  
 Mary Benson, LA Trails  
 Shirley Birosik, RWQCB, Los Angeles  
 Joyce Dillard  
 Thomas Erb, LADWP  
 Darryl Ford, LA Dept of Recreation & Parks

Richard Gomez, LA Co DPW  
 Frank Kuo, LA Co DPW  
 Wendy La, LA Co DPW  
 Rosanna Lau, Glendale Water & Power  
 Vivian Marquez, LA Bureau of Sanitation  
 Lianne McGinley, Burbank Water & Power

Ed Means, Malcolm Pirnie  
 Andy Niknafs, LA DWP  
 Daniel Pankau, City of Calabasas  
 Sarina Sriboonlue, Malcolm Pirnie  
 Raja Takidin, Glendale Water & Power  
 Patricia Wood, LA Co DPW

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<b>1. Introductions</b>	Mary Benson informed the group about a talk on LEED regarding new requirements for onsite water retention, etc, to be held at the LADWP building on October 28.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Erb to find out info on the LEED meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Approve Meeting Minutes</b>	The meeting minutes from the 9/23/08 meeting were approved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>3. Update from 9/24/08 Leadership Committee</b>	<p>Discussion regarding SB2X1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor recently signed SB2X1.</li> <li>• \$100M has been identified for IRWMP funds. Of this amount, \$20M will go towards urban and Ag conservation projects. \$39M has been identified for planning projects.</li> <li>• \$22.091M has been identified for projects with inter-regional and statewide benefits</li> <li>• The guidelines of how funding will be distributed are currently unclear. Guidelines will be the topic of discussion at the roundtable summit meeting on November 12 in Sacramento. It is anticipated that it will be a competitive grant process rather than pro-rated by funding region.</li> <li>• Tom Erb emphasized that projects should have enough</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultant to send out notice info on IRWMP summit group November 12 roundtable meeting in Sacramento.</li> <li>• Consultant to send out a reminder that the deadline to update and/or add projects to the database is November 15.</li> </ul>

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	<p>flexibility to satisfy whatever guidelines that come out and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need to update the Plan to meet requirements to apply for implementation grant. We need to make sure funding will be available (2 yr requirement).</li> <li>• The bottom line is that projects must be in the IRWMP database to get grant money.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. DAC Outreach</b></p>	<p>The consultant presented three maps identifying DAC projects in the Hansen Dam, Pacoima, and Arroyo Seco areas. The goal was to identify two DAC projects for the consultant to focus the outreach effort on. Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ed Means clarified that the goal is to develop a strategy and action plan to assist individual or group project sponsors in DAC in their efforts to develop their projects to a level necessary to be included in the implementation grant application</li> <li>• The consensus is to focus on projects administered by small agencies and NGO's in order to help support their outreach efforts (which are limited relatively to large public agencies').</li> <li>• The Steering Committee identified the following agencies and projects (first two as prime and last two as back up): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arroyo Seco Foundation</li> <li>• LA Trails Project (Project 1329)</li> <li>• Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority</li> <li>• The River Project</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Erb to contact Meredith McKenzie and Arturo Gonzalez at the Arroyo Seco Foundation.</li> <li>• The consultant to coordinate with Meredith McKenzie to meet with proponents (DAC representatives) to critique how the identified projects can be improved.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Project Prioritization</b></p>	<p>Ed Means gave a presentation on the Prioritization Framework. Discussion include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Steering Committee meeting will focus on criteria/weighting and ranking of sub-regional</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Erb emphasized that the prioritization framework is a flexible tool not a rigid one.</li> <li>• Wendy La commented that, with the Governor's 20% water use reduction by 2020 plan, water conservation will be an important component of the framework.</li> </ul>	objectives.
<b>6. LA County Clean Water Initiative: A New Revenue Source for Meeting TMDL's</b>	This item will be rescheduled for a future meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consultant to reschedule this item to a future meeting</li> </ul>
<b>7. October 22, 2008 Leadership Committee - Discuss Draft Agenda Items and Provide Direction to Chair</b>	<p>The Leadership Committee will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The extension of the consultant's contract to the end of this fiscal year.</li> <li>• Regional water supply needs update to make sure it is consistent with MWD's proposal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>8. Future Meetings</b>	<p>The next Leadership Committee meeting will be October 22, 2008 at 9:30 am, at LA County DPW 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Alhambra.</p> <p>The next Steering Committee meeting will be moved up from November 25 to either November 18 or 19 (date and time TBD). Location will be at LADWP (Room 1471).</p> <p>The next workshop will be moved back from December 23, 2008 to tentatively sometime during the week of January 19, 2009.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Erb to coordinate with the consultant after the Leadership Committee meeting regarding dates of next Steering Committee meeting and workshop.</li> </ul>

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