

**GLAC INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Conference Call
Meeting Notes
August 17, 2017**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

LSG&LAR Subregion:	Grace Kast, Chair (Gateway Water Management Authority) Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District Enrique Huerta, From Lot to Spot
NSMB Subregion:	Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
South Bay Subregion:	Leighanne Kirk, West Basin Municipal Water District Meredith McCarthy, Heal the Bay
USGR&RH Subregion:	Randy Schoellerman, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
ULAR Subregion:	Rafael Villegas, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power Melanie Winter, The River Project

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wendy La, Laser LLC
Richard Watson, Richard Watson and Associates
Pam Milquest, MNS Engineers
Heather Merenda, City of Santa Clarita
Julianna Delgado, California State University
Lynn Rodriguez, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
Peter Massey, Tree People
Virginia Maloles-Fowler, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Matt Frary, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Tania Cerda, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

CALL TO ORDER

Conference call meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chair.

1. Roll Call of Sub-Region Representation

DAC Committee members, staff, and public on the phone introduced themselves. A representative from each sub-region was confirmed.

2. Introductions of NGO Committee Members

- Lower San Gabriel/Lower Los Angeles Rivers: Enrique Huerta
- North Santa Monica Bay: Debbie Sharpton - Not in attendance
- South Bay: Meredith McCarthy
- Upper San Gabriel: Ann Croissant - Not in attendance
- Upper Los Angeles: Melanie Winter

3. Review Leadership Committee's Authorization to GLAC DAC Committee

The Chair reported that the Leadership Committee (LC) authorized the GLAC DAC Committee to provide general guidance regarding scopes of work and other general activities as needed, as well as financial approvals to the two GLAC representatives on the DACIP Task Force. The LC will reevaluate the effectiveness of said authorization in six months.

4. DACIP Update and Discussion

a. DACIP Schedule (Attachment)

The Chair called on Virginia Maloles-Fowler to go over the schedule and give an update on the status of the proposal. Ms. Maloles-Fowler stated that DWR asked for clarification on the number of units used to arrive at the budget for each task. The information was provided to DWR and was informed that the Funding Area should be receiving a written award letter in the next two weeks. She also stated that DWR's target date for Grant Agreement execution is October 31st, but may be delayed. Ms. Kast provided a brief update on where the Task Force is with the development of task orders and scopes of work, as well as the three regions working together to finalize draft MOUs along with West Basin Municipal Water District.

Ms. Kast asked Lynn Rodriguez to report on recent activities that the Roundtable of Regions are involved with. She mentioned a couple of working groups that are being formed such as, the Needs Assessments Working Group. She also reported that several items are being discussed with DWR including the Water Bond Initiatives and solicitation process for Prop 1 Implementation Grant Program. She encouraged stakeholders and Task Force members to participate. Enrique Huerta expressed interest and will attend the Needs Assessment Working Group. Ms. Rodriguez also mentioned that the first round of implementation grant funding may be delayed 3-4 months.

Ms. Kast concluded that there will be more action items to discuss as the Task Force continues to work on task orders and scopes of work and is looking forward to working with the Committee for feedback and recommendations.

5. Other

Meredith McCarthy (Heal the Bay) brought up the Water Resiliency Plan (WRP) and Stormwater Funding Measure. She noted that the Water Resiliency Plan budgeted approximately \$8 million, including outreach, and is targeting similar audiences. It's recommended tracking the WRP along with the DACIP to prevent redundancy and best coordinate the two programs.

Ms. Maloles-Fowler reported that Leslie Friedman Johnson who is working with LACFCD on the Water Resiliency Plan had requested a copy of the DACIP Proposal to ensure that outreach and engagement with targeted audience are not duplicated to maximize the WRP's funds. Matt Frary confirmed that there is still time to collaborate and conduct outreach to best coordinate the two grant programs. He advised the GLAC DAC Committee members that Alina Bodke of the Department of Parks and Recreation will be on board to provide guidance on scopes of work and budgetary contracts as discussed in the Leadership Committee. He referenced the Park Needs Assessment as an excellent model and that Ms. Bodke will advise the Task Force as an additional resource to ensure all considerations are maximized.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.