

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

**Meeting Notes
September 28, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

LSG&LLAR Subregion: Grace Kast, Chair (Gateway Water Management Authority)
Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District

NSMB Subregion: Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (phone)

South Bay Subregion: Leighanne Kirk, West Basin Municipal Water District (phone)
Mary Zauner, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

USGR&RH Subregion: Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
Randy Schoellerman, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

ULAR Subregion: Rafael Villegas, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

OTHERS PRESENT:

Erica Sasman, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Virginia Maloles-Fowler, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Wendy La, Laser LLC/Puente Basin Water Agency
Mark Horne, EW Consulting
Lynn Rodriguez, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
Alina Bokde, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust
Claire Robinson, Amigos de Los Rios
Chris Imhoff, Tree People
Cindy Montanez, Tree People
Wendy Ramallo, Council for Watershed Health
Jason Casanova, Council for Watershed Health
Linda Palmquist, MNS Engineers
Felipe Escobar, Pacoima Beautiful
Boykin Witherspoon, Cal State University
Scotty Probert, Friends of Los Angeles River

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Grace Kast

1. Introductions

DAC Committee members, staff, and public present and on the phone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of September 13, 2016 of meeting notes

A motion to approve meeting notes as amended was made by Esther Rojas and seconded by Kelly Gardner. Meeting notes were approved unanimously.

3. New Business

A. Meet with NGOs selected for Outreach Workshop

Grace Kast introduced Alina Bokde of Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, Claire Robinson of Amigos de Los Rios, and Felipe Escobar of Pacoima Beautiful. The scope of initial outreach and target audience for the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP) was discussed with the following recommendations:

- i. Initial outreach should be similar to the DAC Forum conducted by Miguel Luna which included a survey where participants voted by stickers on the DACIP proposal's eligible activities after they received information about the program and explanation.
- ii. Invite water purveyors and other water related companies to the outreach. Subregion Chairs to provide a list of other stakeholders and work with NGOs to conduct outreach through workshops and surveys.

The following outreach schedule with details will be posted on the LA Water Plan website.

- i. LA Neighborhood Land Trust will be on October 22, 2016
- ii. Amigos de Los Rios will be during weekend meetings in October
- iii. Pacoima Beautiful will be on October 27, 2016

B. Introduction of As Needed DAC Consultants

Grace Kast introduced Tree People and California State University. She reported that the GLAC DAC Committee will work with community organizations and other stakeholders to implement the DACIP.

Boykin Witherspoon from California State University and Cindy Montanez from Tree People presented their organizations and their extensive experience working with underserved communities.

C. CWH 2013 Pilot Study Presentation

Wendy Ramallo presented key findings from the DWR funded Pilot Study completed in 2013. This included defining disadvantaged communities more broadly as underserved communities based on factors beyond income. She requested having DWR define the DAC communities in Greater Los Angeles County for the DACIP based on the map of 109 communities from the Pilot Study.

4. Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program Updates

A. NGO and Community Outreach for Lower San Gabriel-Lower Los Angeles Rivers Subregion

Staff reached out to Adan Ortega with Cal Mutual to facilitate an involvement outreach in the Lower San Gabriel-Lower Los Angeles Rivers Subregion. From Lot to Spot was originally contacted to conduct the workshop but has not responded.

B. Schedule to complete application, need for additional meetings

The DACIP Task Force (previously DACIP Committee) met on September 21, 2016. Lynn Rodriguez is preparing the schedule to complete the application. A draft of the DACIP background and Statement of Qualifications will be completed by the end of October. The Task Force will meet with DWR on October 19, 2016 to discuss the application.

C. Finalize the GLAC DAC Operating Guidelines

The Operating Guidelines will be revised for minor changes and the Committee member list will be finalized before the next Leadership Committee meeting. Rafael Villegas will provide his alternate to the Committee and Grace Kast asked to provide the representatives for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District before the next meeting.

D. Task Order Authorization up to \$25K with amounts greater requiring LC approval

Grace Kast briefly reported that she will make a recommendation to the LC in their October meeting to authorize the DAC Committee to issue task orders of up to \$25K with amounts greater requiring LC approval.

5. Public Comment

No additional comments other than those provided during the discussion of each of the items above.

6. Other Items for Discussion

None

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next DAC Committee meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Department of Public Works, Conference Room D.