

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
AUGUST 31, 2016**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE, ALHAMBRA, CA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Hildebrand for Gail Farber (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)
Chair, Leadership Committee

Grace Kast for Chris Cash (Gateway Water Management Authority)
Chair, Lower San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Subregion

David Pedersen (Las Virgenes Municipal Water District)
Co-Chair, North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

Leighanne Kirk for Rich Nagel, West Basin Municipal Water District
Chair, South Bay Subregion

Rob Beste (City of Torrance)
Vice-Chair, South Bay Subregion

Dave Pettijohn for Martin Adams (City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power)
Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Subregion

Wendy Ramallo (Council for Watershed Health)
Vice-Chair, Upper Los Angeles River Subregion

Kelly Gardner (Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster)
Chair, Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo River Subregion

Randy Schoellerman (San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority)
Vice-Chair, Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo River Subregion

Sharon Green for Grace Hyde (County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County)
Sanitation, Water Management Area

Shahram Kharaghani, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation
Stormwater, Water Management Area

Grace Chan for Jeff Kightlinger, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Surface Water, Water Management Area

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angela George, Los Angeles County Public Works

Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Amanda Guzman-Perez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Erica Sasman, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Chris Stone, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Enrique Huerta, Green Cities

Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District

Greg Jaquez, MNS Engineers

Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Jeff Helsey, Stetson Engineers

Linda Palmquist, MNS Engineers

Lynn Rodriguez, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

Rafael Villegas, City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power

Mark Horne, Consultant

Mary Zauner, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

Michael Omary, Bio-SWIPES
Tammy Hierling, Central Basin Municipal Water District
Wendy La, LASER, LLC/PBWA
Wing Tam, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation
Zoe Carlson, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m. by Angela George.

1. Introductions

Leadership Committee members, staff, and public present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of July 27, 2016 Meeting Notes

Motion to approve the meeting notes was made by Dave Pettijohn and seconded by Dave Pedersen. Meeting notes approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

- A. Consultant Support Services: The West Basin Board of Directors approved the recommended on-call consultant applicants. The contracting process for the new consultants will take about four weeks.
- B. Incorporation of E/WMPs/SWRPs into IRWM Plan: Flood Control District Staff coordinated the submittal of the Stormwater Resource Plans (SRPs) by E/WMP groups to the sub-regions. As of August 30, Staff received 13 of the 19 expected SRPs. The incorporation of the SRPs into the IRWM Plan will be scheduled as an item for the September Leadership Committee Meeting.
- C. Prop 50, Prop 84, and Prop 1 Grants Summary
- There are no current issues with any of the GLAC IRWM Prop 50 and Prop 84 grant funding.
 - Proposition 1 IRWM Program: DWR released the Final Guidelines for the Proposition 1 IRWM Planning and DACIP Grants on August 1, 2016.
 - DWR announced that \$102 million of Prop 1 IRWM funds have been set aside for DAC Assistance with \$51 million allocated for the DACIP and the other \$51 million for DAC Implementation. The deadline to submit the DACIP application is by January 2017. DWR also announced that the Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant will be in 2018.

4. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Steering Committees
- Lower San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers – No report
 - North Santa Monica Bay – No report
 - South Bay – The Steering Committee discussed the selection of Watershed Management Area representatives. Shahram Kharaghani named Wing Tam as his alternate.
 - Upper Los Angeles River – The Steering Committee discussed the selection of Watershed Management Area representatives.

- Upper San Gabriel River & Rio Hondo – The Steering Committee had a presentation by one of the EWMP groups. The Committee has approved 10 projects for inclusion in the GLAC IRWM Plan.

B. Water Management Area Representatives

- Open Space – No report
- Sanitation – No report
- Stormwater – No report
- Surface Water – Based on the Governor Brown’s Executive Order, meetings have been scheduled to discuss water supply.
- Groundwater – The groundwater elevation of the Main San Gabriel Basin has decreased another half foot below the Basin’s historic low. The San Gabriel Water Forum is scheduled for September 20, 2016 and will include representatives from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.
- Stormwater Capture – No report

C. Legislative Committee – No report

D. DAC Committee

- Update GLAC DAC Committee Chair and Membership

It was announced that Mark Stanley resigned as the Chair of the DAC Committee and Vice Chair of the Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Sub-Region. Grace Kast was nominated by the GLAC DAC Committee to be the Committee’s new Chair. Motion to approve and confirm her as the new Chair was made by Sharon Green and seconded by Leighanne Kirk. Motion was approved unanimously. Grace Kast accepted the position contingent on approval from the Gateway Water Management Authority Executive Board.

New members were added to the Committee including Esther Rojas for the Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Subregion, Mary Zauner for the South Bay Subregion, and Jan Dougall for North Santa Monica Bay. Additionally, the Flood Control District will now be a member as well increasing the Committee’s membership to 10 members.

The Committee meetings will be open to the public for full participation and transparency. Operating Guidelines for the Committee will be presented for approval at the next Leadership Committee meeting.

Due to a potential conflict of interest, NGOs were excluded from participating in the GLAC DAC Committee due to their intention to apply for funding under the DACIP grant. Russ Bryden will follow up with County Counsel to obtain guidance on legal restrictions regarding NGO inclusion in DAC Committee discussions.

- Authorize GLAC IRWM DAC Committee to issue task orders for the DACIP

The group discussed options to have limited task order authorization for the Committee based on funding or milestones. The DAC Committee intends to recommend task orders be issued to support implementing or applying to the DACIP. No action was taken.

- Update on NGO Outreach

NGO Outreach, previously approved for \$10,000, is moving forward. Two proposals were received and will be reviewed in order to begin workshops next month. The selected NGOs will be contracted by West Basin.

Members received an invitation to a September 7, 2016 DAC Forum with Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, which was organized by Miguel Luna. The Flood Control District is meeting with RMC regarding the Forum and has been invited to speak. A DACIP webpage will be added to the LA Water Plan website to increase transparency and inclusion.

Update on the DACIP Committee

The DACIP Committee discussed and defined roles and responsibilities. Funding allocations in the DACIP's activity-based budget would be based on DAC priorities versus IRWM region. For example, if project development was a priority for DAC, up to 50% of the grant funds could be allocated to this activity, while a smaller amount would be allocated to other items such as education.

5. Public Comment

Mark Horne recommended that the GLAC DAC Committee and DACIP Committee assess DAC outreach based on the long-term impacts and solutions.

6. Future Agenda Items/Announcements/Other Items - None

7. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Next Meeting: **September 28, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – Noon**