

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT  
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY  
JULY 26, 2017**

**WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dan Lafferty for Mark Pestrella (Los Angeles County Flood Control District)  
Chair, Leadership Committee

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

Esther Rojas for Robb Whitaker (Water Replenishment District)  
Vice-Chair, Lower San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Subregion

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

Jennifer Brown (City of Malibu)  
Co-Chair, North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

Fernando Paludi (West Basin Municipal Water District)  
Chair, South Bay Subregion

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

Guangyu Wang (Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission)  
Open Space, Water Management Area

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

Tony Zampielo, (Raymond Basin Watermaster)  
Groundwater, Water Management Area

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Virginia Maloles-Fowler, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Amanda Guzman-Perez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Jolene Guerrero, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Grace Kast, Gateway Water Management Authority

Mary Zauner, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

Leighanne Kirk, West Basin Municipal Water District

Edward Caldwell, West Basin Municipal Water District

Jan Dougall, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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

Tammy Hierlihy, Central Basin Municipal Water District

Wendy La, LASER, LLC/Puente Basin Water Agency

Dawn Flores, Woodard and Curran

Kimberly Henry, AMEC

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Russ Bryden.

## 1. Introductions

Dan Lafferty, new Division Head for LACFCD/Watershed Management, was introduced. Leadership Committee members, staff, and public present introduced themselves.

## 2. Approval of April 26, 2017 Meeting Notes

Motion to approve the meeting notes for April 26, 2017 was made by Fernando Paludi and seconded by Grace Kast. Meeting notes were approved unanimously.

## 3. Old Business

A. Incorporation of E/WMPs/SWRPs into IRWM Plan: Staff reported that the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management SWRP remains outstanding. The Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo (USG/RH) Steering Committee Chair made several attempts to schedule the City of Pomona to make a presentation before their stakeholders as part of the approval process but the City has not yet presented their SWRP to the Steering Committee. The USG/RH Chair will contact the City of La Verne representative who may be able to assist in reaching out to the City of Pomona.

### B. Prop 50 and Prop 84 Grants Summary

Ms. Guzman-Perez reviewed the summary of grant programs information provided to the Subregional Steering Committees each month.

She reported that the reimbursement for the final invoice for Prop 50 Grant is forthcoming. A total of \$79,249.70 (0.32% of total grant) was left unspent and the ineligibilities leading to the unspent funds for two projects (the Water Conservation/Management & Education Program and the Malibu Creek Water Conservation Project) were summarized. There will be no further amendments to fully expend grant funds because the grant period has ended.

She also reported that Prop 84 Grant rounds 2, 3, & 4 are on track. Ms. Rojas asked what was outstanding with the Round 2 – City of Los Angeles Vermont project. Ms. Guzman-Perez explained that the City of Los Angeles is still going through their internal process to have their MOU executed. Ms. Kast requested City of Los Angeles staff to provide a status on this item at the September Leadership Committee meeting.

Ms. Maloles-Fowler reported the progress of Round 1. She reported that the City of Pasadena project received final court judgement on the ongoing environmental litigation. The City's Conditional Use Permit and Mitigated Negative Declaration certification for the Arroyo Seco Project were invalidated and the City is therefore required to conduct an Environmental Impact Report. The major component of the project, to increase water supply, cannot move forward. The ULAR Subregion will be discussing the issue at their next meeting and providing a recommendation at the September meeting.

### C. Proposition 1 IRWM Program:

#### i. IRWM Plan Amendment

The IRWMP Amendment Schedule (handout) was provided. The Planning Committee will be meeting to continue the amendment process. The revised IRWMP is expected to be submitted to DWR by December 2017.

Staff reported on the controversial Prop 1 potential grant program changes presented by DWR on a recent Roundtable of Regions conference call, such as: DWR proposed identifying what it believes to be a funding area's greatest needs and only funding projects in a proposal that address the most critical need within a Funding Area; and DWR suggested requiring submittals of 150% of the available grant funds, to create competition within areas. Discussion of the potential changes was held. Educational meetings with legislative representatives may be scheduled.

Staff will prepare and provide the Prop 1 schedule and Call for Projects language as part of the next Subregion monthly information packet.

ii. DACIP

Ms. Kast reported that the response to the DWR comments on the DACIP proposal were submitted on July 6, 2017. The Task Force meeting on July 12, 2017 to discuss governing guidelines, task orders, scope of work, and the MOU's for the on-call consultants.

D. Water Resiliency Plan Update

Russ Bryden provided an overview of the process to date and the status of the Water Resilience Plan, the upcoming Expenditure Plan, and the future public outreach efforts. The Leadership Committee discussed the Plan and additional questions posed to LACFCD were answered as well.

#### 4. Standing Committee Reports

A. Steering Committees

- i. Lower San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers – Enrique Huerta was nominated to serve as the DACIP NGO representative and the IRWM Plan Update and amendments were also discussed.
- ii. North Santa Monica Bay – Did not meet in July. Debbie Sharpton was nominated to serve as the DACIP NGO representative and the IRWM Plan Update and amendments were also discussed at their June meeting.
- iii. South Bay – Meredith McCarthy was nominated to serve as the DACIP NGO representative and the IRWM Plan Update and amendments were also discussed.
- iv. Upper Los Angeles River – Veronica Padilla and Melanie Winter were nominated to serve as the DACIP NGO representatives and the IRWM Plan Update and amendments were also discussed.
- v. Upper San Gabriel River & Rio Hondo – Did not meet for July. Ann Croissant was nominated to serve as the DACIP NGO representative and the IRWM Plan Update and amendments were also discussed at their June meeting.

B. Water Management Area Representatives

- i. Open Space – Nothing to report.
- ii. Sanitation – Nothing to report.

- iii. Stormwater – Not present.
- iv. Surface Water – The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is increasing its efforts to store stormwater.
- v. Groundwater – Nothing to report.
- vi. Stormwater Capture – Mr. Bryden reported that approximately 174,000 acre feet of stormwater has been captured since October 2016 and that both stormwater capture and rainfall amounts exceed averages to date.

C. Legislative Committee – Mr. Caldwell provided information on SB5 (De Leon).

D. DAC Committee

Ms. Kast reported on both items below.

i. NGO Participation: Each subregion has filled their NGO membership vacancies. List of committee membership by region was provided.

ii. Delegated Authority for the DACIP: Timely preparation and approval of the task orders to facilitate the work flow during the execution of the DACIP is needed. A motion to grant delegated authority to Grace Kast and Jolene Guerrero to approve task orders, after the GLAC DAC Committee has the opportunity to review and comment, was made by Rob Beste and seconded by Fernando Paludi. If needed, task order expense approval limitations will be discussed in the future. Motion was unanimously approved.

5. Public Comment – None

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

7. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Next Meeting: **October 25, 2017**  
**9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Public Works Executive Conference Room**