

Greater Los Angeles County Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Committee

On August 1, 2016, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the Final Request for Proposals for the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP). DWR designated \$9.8 million of Proposition 1 grant funding for the Los Angeles/Ventura Funding Area which also includes the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Group and Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWM Group. The DACIP seeks to increase understanding of water needs in these areas and develop long term solutions to address these needs including developing projects. The purpose of the DACIP is to involve disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas in the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning process.

Each of the five subregions of the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) IRWM Region's planning area plus one staff from LACFCD will be represented in the GLAC DAC Committee (Committee) by up to two local agencies or organizations involved in local water management and related topics. Committee meetings will be public and announced on the LA Water Plan (www.lawaterplan.org) website. The Committee encourages attendance and participation by interested Stakeholders.

The purpose of the Committee is to represent the DAC interests of the GLAC IRWM region within the LA/Ventura funding area and to guide the DACIP program within the GLAC IRWM region. The DACIP Committee consists of two representatives from each of the three IRWMs, for a total of six members. The GLAC IRWM's representatives on the DACIP Committee are the Chair of the GLAC IRWM DAC Committee, and a representative from LACFCD.

Formation

1. Each subregion will designate a primary and secondary representative to represent it on the Committee with the exception of North Santa Monica Bay Subregion and LACFCD which will have one representative and an alternate. Each representative will serve at the pleasure of the appointing subregion they represent and the appointing agency.
2. Each Committee member shall have one vote. The presence of a simple majority of the Committee members constitutes a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, including at least one member from each subregion. The affirmative vote of a majority of Committee members present and voting is required for all decisions and recommendations of the Committee.
3. The members of the Committee will elect from among themselves a Chair. The Chair will serve at the pleasure of the Committee and may also serve on the Leadership Committee. The Chair will attend GLAC Leadership Committee meetings to report progress to and seek guidance from the Leadership Committee. The term of the Committee Chair will be through completion of the DACIP Grant. The Chair will also represent the Committee through participation on the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program Committee (DACIP)

Committee) which represents the Los Angeles-Ventura Funding Area. The time required by the Chair and the time by LACFCD to support the Chair is uniquely burdensome and may be eligible for reimbursement by the grant.

4. The Committee will have as many as eleven members, consisting of up to two representatives from each subregion plus one LACFCD representative and an alternate. See Exhibit A
5. LACFCD will also serve as staff to the Committee to support the Chair.
6. The Committee may request a member be replaced for failure to regularly participate.
7. The Committee has adopted the following additional rules which are intended to not conflict with the Guidelines for the Operation of the Regional Water Management Group and Steering Committees for the Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (**Operating Guidelines**).

Roles and Responsibilities.

The Committee members will have the following roles and responsibilities:

1. Represent the interests of the subregions and disadvantaged communities in the GLAC Region.
2. Members will encourage attendance and participation of all interested stakeholders.
3. Meet bi-monthly or as needed to accomplish the purpose of applying and managing requirements of the DACIP Grant including evaluating proposed activities and conducting necessary business. The Committee Chair may call meetings as needed and will be open to public participation except when there is a bid selection process.
4. Prepare periodic reports to the Leadership Committee, Committee member agencies, organizations and stakeholders describing the progress of the DACIP.
5. To the extent feasible, make all meetings of each Committee open to the public and announce meetings on the website.
6. Provide outreach to local entities and communities to expand opportunity for input from all stakeholders.
7. Take direction from the Leadership Committee to update and implement the DACIP as required. In addition, adopt fiscal procedures a necessary to direct funds that may be received for purposes of development, administration and/or implementation of the DACIP on behalf of the GLAC DAC.

8. Coordinate committee activities with the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Group and Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWM Group in order to inform the DACIP Committee.
9. The Committee intends to address and prevent possible conflicts of interest or appearances of conflicts of interest or unfair advantage in bidding for work. Other than as noted in A.3 above and other allowable, reimbursable administrative costs including member entity staffing to prepare for the application and/or administer the grant, Committee members or their agencies are not eligible to receive grant funds.

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Exhibit A

Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Subregion

1. Grace Kast, Gateway Water Management Authority
2. Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District

South Bay Subregion

1. Leighanne Kirk, West Basin Municipal Water District
2. Mary Zauner, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

Upper Los Angeles River Subregion

1. Rafael Villegas, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
2. TBD

Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Subregion

1. Kelly Gardner, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
2. Randy Schoellerman, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

1. Jan Dougall (Dave Pedersen alternate) Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Los Angeles County Flood Control District

1. Alma Martinez
2. TBD

Staff to DAC Committee (Non- Voting)

1. Virginia Maloles-Fowler, LACFCD
2. Erica Sasman, LACFCD