

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

**Meeting Notes
October 26, 2016**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

LSG&LAR 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:

Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Matt Frary, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Virginia Maloles-Fowler, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Amanda Guzmán-Pérez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Caroline Orija, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (Phone)
Chris Imhoff, Tree People
Cindy Montanez, Tree People
Gary Stickel, Kizh Nation Gabrieleno Indians Tribe
Jason Casanova, Council for Watershed Health
Julianna Delgado, California State University
Lynn Rodriguez, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
Torin Dunnavant, Tree People
Wendy La, Laser LLC/Puente Basin Water Agency
Wendy Ramallo, Council for Watershed Health

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by the Chair.

1. Introductions

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

2. Approval of September 28, 2016 of Meeting Notes

A motion to approve meeting notes as amended was made by Randy Schoellerman and seconded by Mary Zauner. Meeting notes were approved unanimously.

3. Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Updates

A. GLAC DAC Activities

i. Approval of Operating Guidelines and Membership

The approval of the operating guidelines by the Leadership Committee was tabled for a future meeting. Further edits were made by FCD staff and additional edits will be required to further clarify the Committee's work.

Alma Martinez, a former deputy to Supervisor Molina, will serve as the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's representative.

ii. FCD Grant Oversight and Fee

The Leadership Committee approved FCD's 3% fee for direct grant administration and DAC Consultants oversight.

iii. Preparation of Grant Proposal

FCD staff started the write-up of the proposal along with the other two regions. They will be coordinating the proposal preparation efforts.

iv. Task Order Authorization

The Leadership Committee approved the DAC Committee's Task Order Authorization of up to \$25,000 and if necessary, an additional \$25,000 with the Leadership Committee Chair's approval.

B. NGO Outreach

The community outreach meetings by the NGO's were scheduled throughout the month of October. The data collected from each of the meetings and surveys will be tabulated by the end of the month.

i. Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, October 22, 2016: About 35 participants attended the event, which provided an opportunity to interact with the community and explain the benefits of being engaged and involved in identifying water management needs and development of projects through the Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Involvement Program, address DAC priorities, and receive community feedback.

ii. Pacoima Beautiful, October 27, 2016: Several committee members will be attending the event.

iii. Amigos de Los Rios – October: Amigos de Los Rios sent out a survey and has received over 400 completed surveys.

iv. Cal Mutual – October: Cal Mutual has been meeting and collecting information from mutual water companies.

C. DACIP Task Force Update

The DACIP Task Force has met several times to work on their governance guidelines to define each region's role and responsibilities. Task Force members participated in a call with DWR to discuss the proposal logistics, inquired about proposals submitted by other regions, and ask about the eligibility of expenses such as childcare and food costs. Conducting a learning activity for children was identified as a viable

alternative; however, food costs are not eligible expenses. Incorporation of community engagement as part of the activities is important and can be provided by way of technical support.

DWR also commented that using a dollar amount allocation versus a percentage of the funding may work better, providing high level information on the work to be done by the Task Force can provide more flexibility in accommodating the regions' needs as they implement the DAC activities, and listing priorities within categories was an acceptable approach. The Task Force can also consider the Prop 1 technical support funding if further assistance is required.

The next Task Force meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Castaic Water District office. Information is posted on the LA Water Plan website.

D. DAC Consultants Role in Proposal Preparation

- i. Data Assessment: Consultants will compile and assess all the available relevant DAC information, including studies already conducted by Council for Watershed Health. Norma Garcia can be contacted to acquire the information on the parks needs assessment and the CSU Northridge information on the "vulnerable" communities can be reviewed.
- ii. Framework: Upon assessing the data and resources collected, the consultants will meet and work together to develop the draft of the scope of work, schedule, and budget. The drafts will be sent to FCD for dissemination to the Committee members to review and comment. Comments will be due to FCD by 10 am on Tuesday, November 2, 2016.
- iii. Completion of Application
 - (a) Roles and Tasks: Information will be included in the scope of work discussed under item ii above.
 - (b) Timeline for Completion: Information will be included in the schedule discussed under item ii above.

E. Items for Discussion, Announcements, Etc.

None.

4. Next Meetings

A. GLAC DAC Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The Go To Meeting will be hosted by the Water Replenishment District.

B. GLAC IRWM Leadership Committee Meeting

The next GLAC IRWM Leadership Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2016.