

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY [DRAFT]
MAY 25, 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

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

Mark Stanley (Watershed Conservation Authority)
Vice-Chair, Lower San Gabriel River & Lower Los Angeles River Subregion

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

Barbara Cameron (City of Malibu)
Co-Chair, North Santa Monica Bay Subregion

Leighanne Kirk for Rich Nagel, West Basin MWD
Chair, South Bay Subregion

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

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

Tony Zampiello (Raymond Basin)
Groundwater Water, Water Management Area

Tom Ford (Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission)
Open Space, Water Management Area

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amanda Guzman-Perez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Chris Stone, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Fernando Paludi, West Basin MWD

Greg Jaquez, MNS Engineers

Jason Weeks, Water Replenishment District

Jeremiah Shea, West Basin MWD

Joshua Carvalho, City of Santa Monica

Juan Madrigal, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Ken Manning, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

Mark Horne, Consultant

Mary Zauner, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Marybeth Vergara, Watershed Conservation Authority

Mercedes Passanisi, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Neal Shapiro, City of Santa Monica
Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Sandi Linares-Plimpton, Central Basin MWD
Terri Grant, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Gary Hildebrand

1. Introductions

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

2. Approval of January 27, 2016 Meeting Notes

Motion to approve the meeting notes was made by Mark Stanley and seconded by Leighanne Kirk. Meeting notes were approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

A. Consultant Support Services: The mandatory pre-proposal conference is scheduled for June 2, 2016. Bids are due June 17, 2016. The recommendation for contract approval to the West Basin Municipal Water District Board is scheduled for July 2016.

B. Disadvantaged Community Coordinator Contract: Billable work for the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP) grant will need to be completed within 2-years of executing the agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The three Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Regional Water Management Groups (RWMGs) within the LA-Ventura funding area have recommended the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) RWMG serve as the lead for the grant. The grant application is expected to be submitted in September 2016 and DWR is expected to release recommendations to award funds in December 2016. Dave Pettijohn made a motion to approve the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to be the lead agency representing LA-Ventura Funding Area, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with entities representing the two other IRWM regions, and to apply for the DACIP grant funds. Chris Cash seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

C. Incorporation of E/WMPs into IRWM Plan: LACFCD received five requests: two from the South Bay Steering Committee and three from the Upper Los Angeles River Steering Committee. A total of 17 plans are expected to be incorporated by reference to the GLAC IRWM Plan.

D. Prop 50, Prop 84, and Prop 1 Grants Summary

Prop 50 and Prop 84: The Prop 50 grant program will close on December 31, 2016. All projects are on track to close before that date, except Central Basin Municipal Water District's (CBMWD) project. Staff will continue to monitor their project and provide a status at the July 2016 meeting.

Prop 1: At the March 2016 meeting the Leadership Committee directed staff to prepare an RFP to update the GLAC IRWM Plan to comply with the eligibility requirements of the 2016 Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines, request LACFCD to use their As-Needed Consultant list to prepare a proposal, and to return in May for approval of the proposal and assignment of IRWM funds to complete the work. Staff lobbied DWR to accept a letter

update, in lieu of a plan update. DWR accepted this proposal. This will reduce the cost to update the plan.

Amendments to the IRWM Plan will include incorporation of the Gateway IRWM Plan, addition of Catalina Island and the City of Avalon, and implementation grant eligibility updates required by Proposition 1 Guidelines. The final Guidelines are expected to be released in June 2016. Staff will return to the Leadership Committee at a future date for approval of the proposal and assignment of IRWM funds to complete the work.

DAC Involvement Program

Item discussed under Item 3B.

4. Committee Reports

A. Steering Committees

- Lower San Gabriel – Marybeth Vergara will serve as the DAC representative.
- NSMB – Clark Stevenson will serve as the DAC representative. Two EWMP projects have been approved.
- South Bay – Meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2016. Meredith McCarthy will serve as the DAC representative.
- Upper LA – Wendy Ramallo will serve as the DAC representative. West Basin MWD's RFQ was distributed and one EWMP project was presented.
- Upper San Gabriel – DAC contract was discussed. Agencies reported receipt of grant reimbursement.

B. Water Management Area Representatives

- Open Space – The State Park Bond will be on the November ballot.
- Sanitation – No report
- Stormwater – No report
- Surface Water – Report provided on current conditions. Conservation continues.
- Groundwater – Report provided outlining a decrease in demand and increase in groundwater elevations from their historic lows.
- Stormwater Capture – 61 AFY captured to date.

C. Legislative Committee - No report

D. DAC Committee

Mark Stanley reported that the Committee is working with the sub-regions and that each sub-region should have a representative on the DAC Committee. Comments on the draft DAC Coordinator RFQ are being submitted. Scope of work is under development. The Chair would like for the three IRWM RWMGs to determine how the collaboration will work.

5. Public Comment – Ventura awaiting submission of IRWM Survey of Regions

6. Future Agenda Items/Announcements/Other Items

No announcements or other items presented.

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 27, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – Noon

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