

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT  
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY  
January 22, 2020  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC WORKS**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

Art Castro (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power)  
Chair, Upper Los Angeles Sub-region

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

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

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

Grace Kast for Lisa Rapp (Gateway Water Management Authority)  
Chair, Lower San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Subregion  
Groundwater, Water Management Area

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Amanda Guzman-Perez, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Carlos Moran, TreePeople

Giles Coon, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Jolene Guerrero, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Keith Lilley, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Lynn Rodriguez, Watershed Coalition of Ventura County

Margarit Movsesian, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Matthew Frary, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Sarah Simon, Los Angeles Waterworks District

Stephen Ceasar, TreePeople

Virginia Maloles-Fowler, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Wendy La, Puente Basin Water Agency

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Dan Lafferty, who served as the Chair.

**1. Introductions**

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

**2. Approval of October 23, 2019 Meeting Notes**

No Quorum. Approval of August minutes postponed to next meeting.

**3. New Business**

Chair acknowledged Public Works efforts on the Governor's Resilience Portfolio and encouraged everyone to continue their efforts to promote IRWM 2.0 through this platform.

Chair introduced presenters Lynn Rodriguez, followed by Carlos Moran and Stephen Ceasar, and Cung Nguyen.

A. Presentation- Roundtable of Regions and IRWM 2.0.

Lynn Rodriguez shared work plan for RoR and work being done to influence outcome of Governor's Water Resiliency Portfolio. RoR has provided comment letter to the resources agency, promoting IRWM. The purpose of the IRWM is to provide ongoing planning, while incorporating social and economic objectives. The IRWM allows for collaborative efforts, which can enable cost effective management solutions, and allows for higher rate of return for state investments.

In April 2019, RoR hired a network coordinator. With coordinators help, they have been able to coordinate meetings with state staff, provided letter to Governor's Water Resiliency Portfolio, developed charter for operations, created website, created steering committee, with 6 members, 2 co-chairs. Hope to expand to 8 people, to include northern California representation. RoR held IRWM summit in Burbank in November, in order to discuss IRWM and where they are today. Coordinated with ACWA and CASQA regarding IRWM successes, opportunities and future implementation.

Due to no quorum, motion to approve contribution of \$10,330 for the Network Coordinator to continue RoR services for FY 2020-21 will be called during next meeting.

IRWM 2.0

The purpose and goal of IRWM 2.0 is to assess and address what's working and what can be improved, retain and strengthen successful elements of the program and build on them, address problems and opportunities, assure that IRWM becomes a key avenue through which federal, state, and local water planning resources are directed, assure that IRWM is a key vehicle for implementing the Water Resilience Portfolio, and expand the IRWM Roundtable of Regions to represent all key stakeholders and build capacity.

Next Steps

RoR is preparing a response to Portfolio, which comment period ends February 7, 2020. RoR will be reviewing proposed State budget and related climate bond appropriations for implementation. RoR will be coordinating with legislation related to water and climate change being considered. RoR is working on local action plans to address Portfolio elements, such as roles of IRWM, SGMA, and Human Right to Water.

B. Presentation – TreePeople DACIP Outreach Program

Carlos Moran and Stephen Ceasar presented on their involvement with Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program. TreePeople is contracted to engage with 107 DACs within the LA/Ventura County. The Los Angeles/Ventura County has rebranded the program as WaterTalks. The goal of the program is ensure that there is regional coordination to develop outreach, conduct engagement, and ensure that economically and environmentally stressed communities have input into what their communities water related concerns are, and issues they are facing.

C. Presentation – Oxford Retention Basin

Cung Nguyen presented on various project locations, scopes, deliverables, successes of the Oxford Retention Basin.

#### 4. Old Business

##### A. Summary of Current Grants/Key Updates (Prop 84 Rounds 1 – 4)

Amanda Guzman-Perez reminded the committee that the Project Status Report is provided through the steering committees each month and input is always welcomed. She also provided key updates on latest amendments in Prop 84.

i. Round 1:

Remaining projects are on schedule.

ii. Round 2 Amendment 4:

Project 8 – Formal modification request was submitted to DWR for consideration.

iii. Round 3 Amendment 2

Project 9, USGVMWD Recycled Water Retrofits Project for USGVMWD and Project 14, Pomona Basin Regional Groundwater Project for Puente Basin Water Agency – The State approved the request for an extension to complete projects to June 30, 2021. State and FCD are working together to execute the agreement.

iv. Round 4 Amendment 2:

Project 4 – Franklin D. Roosevelt Park Regional BMP Project, Project 14: Water LA Neighborhood Retrofits, Project 15: Hoover, Toll, & Keppel School Recycled Water - Modification request under review and approval by DWR.

##### B. Prop 1 DACIP and GLAC DAC Committee

Grace Kast reported that West Basin issued Task 3 - Needs Assessment solicitations in September and received Proposals in November. Costs were negotiated with TreePeople and West Basin is to issue the Notice to Proceed.

Quarterly Progress Report #6 and Invoice # 2 were approved by DWR in December. Progress Report #7 and Invoice #3 will be submitted to DWR, January 31, 2020.

CSU and their subconsultant Placeworks, continue working on the areawide marketing plan and building the stakeholder database. Links to the social media accounts are available on the WaterTalks website. CSU has begun their outreach events in Santa Clara and Ventura, with 5 workshops/events coming up in the next 3 months.

Future event details can be found on <https://watertalks.csusb.edu/>, as they become finalized.

CSU and West Basin continue to work together to amend their contract, and anticipate having it on WB's board agenda in February. The DACIP Task Force had a successful meeting with DWR on November 12th, to address scheduling and budgetary concerns. The Outreach and Needs Assessment Tasks are approximately 9 months behind. However, there has been much progress with the outreach for the GLAC region within the past few months. Staff is closely working with

TreePeople to aggressively schedule more outreach in the upcoming months. The Outreach and Needs Assessment will be occurring simultaneously which will allow for the Needs Assessment to be completed by December of 2020. Total budget spent to date is approximately \$1,020,000, approximately \$518,000 on direct grant administration and \$502,000 for GLAC Region Program oversight on outreach activities. Staff is currently drafting an Amendment request to extend the duration of the grant to June 30, 2021 and to revise the budget to reallocate unspent funds between subtasks and additional funds for grant administration.

### **C. Prop 1 Implementation Round**

Amanda Guzman-Perez reported that Final application was submitted to DWR on December 6th. Announcement of preliminary awards is expected between April and June 2020. A breakdown of the preliminary awards by subregion was also provided.

### **D. Update on WaterforLA**

Jolene Guerrero reported that WaterforLA launched their website, and is now also translated into Spanish. The first campaign was on Water Conservation. They will start the second campaign in April, which will focus on Water Quality.

### **E. Update on Safe, Clean Water Program**

Matthew Frary reported that Steering Committees started meeting in the Fall of 2019, and now over 60 meetings have been scheduled between January and March. These meetings are aimed at bringing recommended stormwater investment plans before the Board of Supervisors this summer. SCWP has recently collected tax revenue, from the recent bills that went out. They have collected approximate \$104 million. Tax relief programs are also under way. They are working on having the solicitation for Watersheds Coordinators. Credit training and stormwater education, and work force training will also be launched.

WHAM Committee- has recently been formed by the Board of Supervisors. Representatives will start to meet this month.

### **F. County Water Plan**

Chair provided an update on the County Water Plan. The goal was for the policy document to be presented to the Board of Supervisors and become the County wide policy. The plan was put on hold as the county put forward the Sustainability Plan. County Water Plan will be where to track the elements within the Sustainability Plan that are water related. The last goal was to being regional in terms of cooperative in developing projects and programs which will move all the policies forward.

## **5. Standing Committee Reports**

### **A. Steering Committees**

- i. NSMB – Not in attendance. No update.
- ii. South Bay – Not in attendance. No update.
- iii. ULAR – Not in attendance. No update.
- iv. USGRRH – Not in attendance. No updates.
- v. LSGLAR – Not in attendance. No updates.

### **B. Water Management Area Representatives**

- i. Groundwater – Not in attendance. No updates.
- ii. Open Space – Not in attendance. No updates.
- iii. Sanitation – Not in attendance. No updates.
- iv. Stormwater Quality – Not in attendance. No updates.
- v. Surface Water – Not very much to report on. They are not expecting shortage. Storage is still at record high. State water project allocation is still at 10%.
- vi. Stormwater Capture – On the local level, year to date there has been 7.2 inches of rain 109% above average. 21,400 AF of capture.

C. Legislative Committee

Not in attendance. No update.

**6. Public Comment**

None

**7. Future Agenda Items/Announcements/Other Items**

Chair invited members to make announcements, recommendations for future agenda items, and/or discuss other items.

**8. Next Meeting**

Chair announced next meeting will be held March 25, 2019, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Alhambra Room.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.