

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Meeting Notes – Upper Los Angeles River Watersheds Steering Committee

**February 26, 2008, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Conference Room 1471**

Present:

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Edward Belden, LASGRWC
Jon Bell, LA City BOS
Shirley Birosik, RWQCB
Joyce Dillard
Thomas Erb, LA DWP
Darryl Ford, LA City Recreation & Parks

Terri Grant, LA Co DPW
Andree Hunt, Malcolm Pirnie
Michael Hurley, Malcolm Pirnie
Frank Kuo, LA Co DPW
Wendy La, LA Co DPW
Meredith McKenzie, Arroyo Seco Foundation
Andy Niknafs, LA DWP

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Tim Roe, Pasadena Water and Power
Nancy Steele, LASGRWC
Dash Stolarz, Mtns. Rec & Conservation
Jim Yannotta, LA DWP

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1. Introductions	Tom Erb opened the meeting at 1:30 pm with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
2. Approve 1/22/08 Meeting Notes	The meeting notes from the 1/22/08 meeting were distributed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting notes from the 1/22/08 meeting were approved.
3. Update from January 23, 2008 Leadership Committee	<p>Nancy Steele provided an update from the Leadership Committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desi Alvarez gave an update on the LSGLA activities regarding the JPA. A question was raised as to whether the new MOU will be an amendment to the old MOU. If so, the previous signatories will have to vote on the new MOU. • Ed Means provided an update on the status of the MOU and Operating Guidelines. The most fundamental comment was from MWD general counsel regarding the Regional Water Management Group. MWD interprets the legislation to mean that the RWMG can only be comprised of public agencies. The Leadership Committee will likely be in a position to adopt the MOU in March. • The State IRWMP website now shows the Gateway JPA as a funding area. The Steering Committee discussed whether they are comfortable with Leadership Committee members also 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action

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	<p>sitting on the Gateway JPA governance structure.</p> <p>Tom Erb discussed AB 1489, which will be discussed at the Leadership Committee meeting. AB 1489 is a guidance document for Prop 84 implementation. The Region has an opportunity to provide comments on the draft document. The bill may ultimately be introduced under a different bill number, so the Region should check with Huffman’s office on its status.</p>	
<p>4. IRWMP Addendum vs. Planning Grant Update Strategy</p>	<p>Ed Means discussed the IRWMP addendum and planning grant update strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IRWMP addendum must be viewed as a credible IRWMP; however, we don’t want to jeopardize our chance to get a planning grant. • A “Plan Update Options” handout was provided to the Steering Committee. The handout recommends items to be included in the Prop 84 addendum and items to be deferred for a planning grant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
<p>5. Planning Grant Topics (scenario planning, flood control, climate change, new water management strategies, etc.)</p>	<p>The Steering Committee provided the following suggestions for planning grant topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-regional planning targets should be considered for the planning grant • Scientific data on the effects of climate change on the Region should be obtained. • The planning grant should address elements that we may not be able to revise in time for Prop 84. <p>Other comments included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State has talked about requesting that Regions be affirmed as a prerequisite for Prop 84. • If the Gateway JPA is a separate region, this will need to be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA DWP will review the past year’s attendance records and will contact the Steering Committee members who have not been attending.

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	addressed in the addendum.	
6. Revisit of Water Supply Targets	Ed Means provided an update on the review of the water supply targets. The update has been initiated because some have questioned whether the original targets are too aggressive. Additionally, the implications of the Wanger decision on the Region need to be evaluated. A conference call with the water managers has been scheduled for March 6 th . The planning horizon probably will not change, but this will be a point of discussion for the water managers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
7. CIP Strategy Overview/Comments	Ed Means provided an overview of the CIP strategy. Language in AB 1489 strongly infers that a regional CIP will be required. The purpose of this task is to frame what the Region will need to do to prepare for this. The consultant team will prepare an outline, will present it to the internal workgroup, and will provide it to the Leadership Committee and Steering Committees for feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
8. Regional and Sub-Regional Planning Needs	<p>The Steering Committee discussed whether there are things that the sub-region should consider that aren't being considered by the region as a whole. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sub-region should consider how developments currently being planned will affect water supply. Better interface between water managers and city planners is needed. • The Steering Committee would like information on what kinds of local planning efforts are being undertaken by other sub-regions. • The Steering Committee would like to see the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy study on stormwater and open space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultant will develop a list of possible areas for sub-regional planning based on what is being done in the other sub-regions. • The consultant will obtain the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy study.
9. DAC Sub-Regional Workshop Content (invitees; content- IRWMP update, Prop 84, needs identification, projects to date, how to submit projects, CIP strategy)	<p>Ed Means discussed the DAC sub-regional workshop. The Region has identified a need to invite DAC members to a workshop to inform them about the IRWMP and to engage these communities. The consultant team has been tasked to work with two DACs in each sub-region to help them with project development. The consultant team would like input from the Steering Committees on which DACs to invite to the workshop and on topics to include.</p> <p>Comments included:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultant will generate a work plan and letter on DAC outreach and will bring these to the Steering Committee.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One person stated that she believes NGOs to not represent DACs and that outreach should take place at schools, senior centers, etc. • At the statewide IRWMP meeting, DACs were discussed. It was explained that a project for a DAC cannot be a general projects- the project must be of direct benefit to the DAC. • There is a DAC working group that is open to anyone who is interested. It would be beneficial if several Leadership Committee members joined the workgroup. • Mapping will be important in identifying DACs. 	
10. February 27, 2008 Leadership Committee- Discuss Draft Agenda Items and Provide Direction to Chair	<p>This agenda item was skipped as the topics were discussed above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action
11. Added Agenda Items	<p>The following items were added to the agenda:</p> <p>Project Presentations: Last year, the Steering Committee discussed adding project presentations to the agenda. Currently, only the County and LADWP are on the interest list. This exercise will help the Steering Committee to understand upcoming projects within the sub-region. Those interested in making a presentation should contact Tom Erb.</p> <p>Mario Acevedo is transferring to the Groundwater group and will no longer be handling the LA IRWMP. Tom Erb will be looking for a new staff person for the Steering Committee. Andy Niknafs will be assuming Mario's responsibilities at least on an interim basis.</p> <p>Attendance records for 2007 Steering Committee meeting were distributed. An agenda item on changes to Steering Committee composition will be included on the March agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proponents who are interested in making a presentation at a Steering Committee meeting should contact Tom Erb. • Nancy Steele will contact Chris Kroll to ask if he will be able to attend Steering Committee meetings this year. • Those who committed to a funding contribution but have not yet received an invoice should contact Mario Acevedo.

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12. Next Meetings	Next Leadership Committee meeting will be February 27 th , 2008 at 9:30 am, at LA County DPW. The next SC meeting will be March 25 th , 2008 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, at LADWP (Room 1471)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next SC Meeting: - March 25, 2008, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

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