

**Meeting Minutes**  
**USG&RH Subregional Stakeholders Workshop #3 – May 24, 2006**  
**Garvey Community Center**

**Attendees:**

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Steve Johnson  
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Ed Means

The meeting started with an over view of the IRWMP process and progress to date. Carol Williams provided a brief update on Leadership Committee issues. The primary purpose of the meeting was to review the projects/maps and discuss integration opportunities.

The following projects need to be added to the list for discussion.

22 Santa Anita Dam Seismic Retrofit Improvements  
225 Santa Anita Debris Basin Seismic Retrofits  
183 Santa Anita Spreading Grounds Improvements

The following projects can be grouped together:

285, 292, 85, 158	Arcadia Wash Naturalization Project
73, 126 through 137	Monrovia Foothills – Land Acquisition
93	Cannot be grouped since it is a separate land acquisition for Sierra Madre

The following are projects that can be integrated from a water supply, quality, and beneficial use perspective:

- The Sierra Madre interconnection can recharge water to Sierra Madre Wash which can then be conveyed to Santa Anita Wash for spreading once Santa Anita Wash is naturalized.
- The San Gabriel Valley Pipeline extension will help with recharge at Santa Anita Wash.
- Santa Anita Dam & Debris Basin integrates with Nature Center since the Nature Center is between the two. The Santa Anita Dam and Debris Basin projects can be integrated with the Santa Anita spreading grounds improvement projects.
- A trail between the Nature Center and Dam could be constructed. This would likely be a new project.
- By removing the lining in channels downstream of the Santa Anita Dam, releases from the Dam can be spread. Because of traffic problems in the streets, debris removal has been difficult from the debris basin. An alternative is to truck the debris from the dam and Basin through channel. It cannot be done now because of the invert in channel but this can be done if the lining is removed. This debris removal is not a one time occurrence but must be done on a regular schedule. The impacts of this operation in contrast to naturalizing the channel must be assessed.
- During bigger storms, water may be captured in the Arroyo and pumped back to Eaton Spreading Grounds.
- Along with the acquisition of land in the Monrovia Foothill as a preservation tool, recreation can be integrated by developing hiking trails to the Nature Center.

## **Breakout Group #1**

### **Project Concepts**

#### ***Open Space, Habitat & Recreation***

- Preservation and protection of the lands on the watershed
- Trails and connections need to be developed further
- Enhance tributaries for more capture of runoff and better water quality

#### ***Water Supply***

- Create additional supply through surface water capture, and recharge
- Create sustainable supply strategies
- Further cross-regional integration of supplies

#### ***Quality***

Use a three-pronged Approach

1. Educate the public about water quality, land use and what they can do to reduce runoff and improve runoff quality.
2. Capture supply or prevent runoff so there is less water to channels
3. Use natural treatment systems

## **Cross Regional Opportunities**

1. San Gabriel Valley pipeline
2. Water quality benefits
  - a. From Upper San Gabriel to Lower San Gabriel as water flows downstream
3. Arroyo Seco Pumpback
  - a. Upper LA to Upper San Gabriel
4. Water Conservation increase behind Whittier Narrows in USG Region helps Lower Region.
5. UV Treatment at Whittier Narrows for recycled water helps both projects.
6. Removal of Arundo region wide.
7. Other invasive species mapping currently being done. Possible program?
8. Cross Foothills trail for Upper San Gabriel and Upper LA.
9. Dam rehabilitation could benefit outside region and Lower San Gabriel.

## **Breakout Group #2**

**Three primary integration opportunities:**

1. **Backbone Recycled Water Line** - Create a backbone recycled water project using surplus recycled water from the San Jose WRP piped northward above Santa Fe Dam. Create and enhance spreading capability to recharge recycled water when it is available (primarily the winter months). Use the backbone system to provide water to the Emerald Necklace water features, nurseries and landscaping. Establish hiking trails & bike paths on the pipeline right of way.
2. **Stormwater/water supply development** - Develop Walnut Creek and San Jose Creek stormwater capture strategy that optimizes water supply capture and

recharge. Design TMDL strategies that maximize water storage without compromising water supply or groundwater quality.

3. **Main San Gabriel MWD Pipeline extension** – Expand the MSGMWD Pipeline across the valley to the Raymond Basin. Establish additional spreading capacity in the San Gabriel River. Build bike/hiking trails along the right of way and provide recreational opportunities at the new spreading grounds.

## **USG&RH Watershed Areas of Emphasis/themes recommended for plan**

### **Water Supply Reliability**

- Conjunctive Use including Cleanup/WQ Management
- Recycled water expansion
- Water conservation

### **Water Quality**

- Combine Quality and Supply Strategy – Optimize water quality compliance strategies to maximize supply w/o affecting groundwater quality or production.

### **Beneficial Use**

- Beneficial Use projects shouldn't diminish water availability for the region
- Use native plants – sustainable
- Seek connectivity/linkages between Beneficial Use projects – education etc. (water quality/supply benefits)

### **Other ideas:**

- Interconnect Raymond Basin feeder to flow south in summer.
- Contact upper district Jochem re: GIS Backbone – recycled wastewater.

The participants were reminded that information on the IRWMP could be found at *LAwaterplan.org*

### **Next Meeting:**

Workshop #4 at June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Garvey Community Center has been postponed.