

Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Meeting Notes – Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Sub-Region

Draft Meeting Minutes March 18, 2010, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, Suite 100

Present:

Marcela Benavides, LA County FCD
Belinda Faustinos, WCA
Jeff Helsley, Stetson for USGVMWD
Greg Jaguez, LA County FCD
Grace Kast, Water Quality Authority

Wendy La, MSG/Raymond Basin WM
Rochelle Paras, LA County FCD
Jessie Powell, City of Pomona
Rob Romanek, WCA
Nancy Steele, LASGRWC

Carol Williams, MSG Basin Watermaster
Tony Zampielo, MSG/Raymond Basin WM
Mary Zauner, LACSD

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1. Introductions	Carol Williams opened the meeting with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Action
2. Approve 2/18/10 Meeting Minutes	The minutes were approved unanimously.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy La to finalize meeting minutes.
3. Confirm Steering Committee Members	<p>An existing list of the Steering Committee Members was provided and discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is working on getting two additional City Staff representatives. Belinda Faustinos requested for Debbie Enos to be added as her alternate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy La to contact the SGVCOG regarding the names of the two voting members. Wendy La to revise format and finalize the list after receiving the necessary feedbacks.
4. DAC Project/Grant Development	Russ Bryden indicated that we are still waiting for comments from DWR. It may take more time because this is a Non-competitive DAC Grant proposal and the sole source process will take longer. In addition, the Corps of Engineers has committed to provide \$100,000 of in-kind services towards a match for this grant, so this will be incorporated along with any comments from DWR in the revised proposal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Action
5. Propositions 84 & 1E Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation	Russ Bryden provided an update on activities relative to gathering comments on the draft grant guidelines and PSP from each sub-region. He requested for the Steering Committee (SC) to appoint a grant coordinator representing this Sub-region. After a lengthy discussion,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Zauner and Wendy La appointed as the grant coordinators for this Sub-region. Recommendation to the LC for Chair of LC to sign

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<p>Package (PSP)</p>	<p>the SC appointed Mary Zauner and Wendy La. The preliminary comments are due on 3/22/10. The appointed grant coordinators will provide the sub-region comments to Russ Bryden who will compile all comments into one document and e-mail it back to all grant coordinators. A conference call has been set for 3/23/10 for all the grant coordinators to further refine the comments to be presented at the Leadership Committee (LC) meeting on 3/24/10. The DWR Public Hearing in Ventura is on 4/14/10, and the final comments are due on 4/23/10. The final guidelines may be release in June 2010, and we will only have 6 to 8 weeks to prepare the application package for the whole Greater LA Region.</p> <p>In addition, the SC recommended that the transmittal letter for the comments from the Greater LA Region should be signed by the Chair of the LC and use same letterhead (map of the Region as the logo and the names of all LC agencies on the side) as before.</p> <p>Due to the highly competitive nature with a heavy emphasis on the economic benefits and analysis for this round of grant funding and the anticipated short amount of time available for project proponents to prepare the grant proposal and the consultant to put the final application package together, the SC suggested to use the existing prioritized project list for this Sub-region to develop two lists (1. Projects totaling \$5 million; and 2. Projects totaling \$10 million) as well as to make a suggestion at the LC for the other Sub-regions to do the same. Since the SC already spent so much time developing the existing prioritized projects list, the members have confidence that the top projects will be competitive. The SC also agreed that the total match should be between 65% -70% in order to be competitive.</p>	<p>the transmittal letter of comments from the Greater LA Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation to the LC to use the same letterhead as before. • Recommendation to the LC for each Sub-region to prepare two prioritized project lists by the April LC. One with a \$5 million cap and the second with a \$10 million cap. • Share with the LC how we plan to develop these two lists using the existing prioritized project list and suggest for other Sub-regions to take a similar approach. • Recommendation to the LC that 65% is the minimum targeted total matching funds for the Greater LA Region application package.
<p>6. Leadership Committee – Discuss Draft Agenda Items and Provide direction to the Chair</p>	<p>Russ Bryden indicated that the main item on the LC agenda is discussion on the Prop 84 & 1E draft guidelines. The grant coordinator sub-committee will report on the preliminary comments gathered and ask for direction from the LC. This Sub-region can make the recommendations listed above at the LC.</p> <p>In addition, those who participated in the first of two Planning Sessions reported that discussions of the Gateway JPA, formula for splitting the funding within the LA and Ventura Funding Area, and sustainable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above recommendations

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	<p>funding for the IRWMP. Since there are still a lot of unknowns in terms of how projects within the Lower LARSGR Sub-region and the Gateway JPA area will be submitted, selected, and etc..., setting up a meeting with Mark Cowin of DWR to clarify how the process will work is the number one action item. The second Planning Session has been scheduled for April 16, 2010.</p>	
<p>7. Next Meetings</p>	<p>The next Leadership Committee meeting will be held on March 24, 2010 at 9:30 am at LA County Department of Public Works.</p> <p>The next Steering Committee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 15 at 1:00 pm for those who want to participate in the conference call of the Roundtable of Regions and 2:00 pm for those just want to attend the regular SC meeting. This will be confirmed pending action at the March LC meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy La to send out notice.

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