

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

**July 18, 2007, 10 am to 12 pm  
LADWP Conference Room 1471**

**Present:**

Mario Acevedo, LA DWP  
John Biggs, Brown and Caldwell  
Paula Daniels, LADPW  
Joyce Dillard  
Rebecca Drayse, TreePeople  
Darryl Ford, LA Parks and Recreation  
Terri Grant, LAC DPW

Greg Hamer, Geomatrix  
Mark Horne, EIP Associates  
Chris Kroll, Costal Conservancy (via phone)  
Frank Kuo, LAC DPW/FCD  
Wendy La, LAC DPW/FCD  
Mark Mackowski, ULARA Watermaster  
Vivian Marquez, LA BOS

Lianne McGinley, Burbank DWP  
Tim Roe, Pasadena DWP  
Nancy Steele, LASGRWC  
Dash Stolarz, MRCA  
Melanie Winter, The River Project

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<b>1. Introductions</b>	Tom Erb opened the meeting at 10:07 AM with introductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
<b>2. Approve 06/06/07 Meeting Summary</b>	The summary of the meeting on June 6, 2007 were distributed. No revisions were identified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting summary minutes were approved.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Update on Leadership Committee</b> <b>a. IRWM Program News</b> <b>b. Decision Making Structure</b> <b>i. Selection of Second Representative</b> <b>ii. Selection of Water Management Focus Area Representatives</b> <b>c. Next Phase of Consultant Assistance</b> <b>d. Long Term Funding</b>	<p><b>IRWM Program News</b></p> <p>The current status of the IRWM Program was discussed. Prop 84 implementation and funding are still being sorted out in Sacramento. Currently neither planning nor implementation funds from Prop 84 funds are included in the budget. DWR has indicated an intention to continue with development of Prop 84 guidelines, but may not have funds to review any grant applications. They are working on developing performance standards for Prop 84 as well as reconciling the requirements for Prop 50 and 84.</p> <p>Frank Kuo briefed the Steering Committee on the current status of the Prop 50 grant funding. The language of the agreement regarding final responsibility for the project is proposed to reside with the County, instead of the individual project proponents. The County is attempting to resolve this issue as soon as possible. A DWR representative will be at the upcoming Leadership Committee Meeting to discuss contract issues. The planned press conference on Prop 50 funding has been delayed.</p> <p>It was also noted that 2 bond measures have been proposed for the next ballot cycle by the Governor and State Senator Don Peralta.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Leadership Committee Meeting</b>                      Draft agenda for the Leadership Committee was distributed.</p> <p>The Legislative Subcommittee will be reporting to the Leadership Committee on discussions regarding legislative options for the division of Prop 84 funding between Los Angeles, Ventura, and the Santa Clarita region, which is developing their own IRWMP. The general feeling was that population should play an important role, but not the only role in the division of funds. Prop 84 distributed IRWMP funds with a fixed base amount and the balance based on population.</p> <p><b>Decision Making Structure</b>                      Other subregions have selected their 2 representatives for the expanded Leadership Committee. The representatives for Water Management Focus Areas (WMAs) will be selected after then new LC is seated, from the nominations provided by the Steering Committees. Qualifications for the WMAs representatives are still in development.</p> <p>The agreement to expand Steering Committee representation to include 2 representatives from each subregion and the nomination of WMA nominees were discussed. It was noted that the WMA nominee doesn't have to be located within the subregion and these representatives would not be selected until the August Leadership Committee at the earliest.</p> <p>The Steering Committee unanimously reaffirmed Tom Erb as the Chair, and selected Nancy Steele as the second representative. The Steering Committee was unable to identify as Groundwater WMA representative, as Mark Mackowski declined due to the time commitment. The other nominations were unanimously approved, including Shelley Luce for Habitat and Open Space, Sharon Green for Sanitation, Shahram Kharaghani for Stormwater, and Grace Chan for Surface Water, although it was noted that MWD could choose to identify another individual.</p> <p>Mario Acevedo will develop a list of potential nominees for the Groundwater WMA and distribute it to the Steering Committee.</p> <p><b>Next Phase of Consultant Assistance</b>                      Interim work by the consultant team for meeting support and development of a new MOU is covered under a "bridge" amendment to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li>   <li>• The Steering Committee unanimously selected the following representatives and nominees:</li> <li>• Chair – Tom Erb</li> <li>• Vice Chair – Nancy Steele</li> <li>• Groundwater – TBD</li> <li>• Habitat and Open Space – Shelley Luce</li> <li>• Sanitation – Sharon Green</li> <li>• Stormwater – Shahram Kharaghani</li> <li>• Surface Water – Grace Chan</li> <li>• Mario Acevedo will develop a list of potential nominees for the Groundwater WMA and distribute it to the Steering Committee.</li>   <li>• Send comments on the draft RFP to Sharon</li> </ul>

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	<p>their current contract through the end of October. This includes ongoing meeting support through October and development of a new MOU.</p> <p>The second phase of consultant support is being developed in an RFP. The RFP was developed by a Leadership Committee Subcommittee led by Sharon Green. Firms will be selected by a qualification process with the goal of developing a short list sometime in August. Requests were made by Steering Committee members to clarify Disadvantaged Community Outreach, Gap Analysis, numeric objectives for subregions, urban greening, and habitat and open space analysis. Stakeholders were directed to send comments on the scope of work in the RFP to Sharon Green</p> <p><b>Long Term Funding</b></p> <p>To provide for the next phase of consultant support, additional funding. It has been suggested that each subregion raise \$150,000 via contributions from individual entities. It was noted that the Watershed Council is talking to the Annenberg Foundation about a grant to provide project planning assistance to DACs, small cities, and similar organizations. This should also be considered as an opportunity to provide funding for the IRWM program.</p>	<p>Green ASAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mario Acevedo will send information to Steering Committee members regarding potential levels of IRWMP contributions for local entities to consider.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Project Prioritization Exercise</b></p>	<p>Project proponents were given additional time to update information or add new projects to the IRWMP database through July 9, 2007. The updated project list has been rescored. Based on a break in the ranked scores, the top 64 projects will be reviewed by a subcommittee next week to validate the scores and reduce the list to approximately 30-40 projects that will be considered at a project review and integration workshop on August 1, 2007 (at Glendale Water and Power, Perkins Room). It was suggested that project proponents should be invited to the workshop to discuss their projects. The project subcommittee will meet on Monday July 23, 2007.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Review Subcommittee will meet on Monday July 23, 2007 to select 30-40 projects for the Upper LA Workshop on August 1, 2007.</li> <li>• Mario Acevedo will email stakeholders regarding the 30-40 projects up for discussion on August 1, 2007.</li> <li>• Project Review Workshop scheduled for August 1, 2007</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Schedule for Future Meetings</b></p>	<p>Next Upper Los Angeles Workshop on August 1, 2007 at City of Glendale Perkins Room</p> <p>Next Leadership Committee meeting on July 19, 2007 at 9:30, at LA County DPW, Alhambra.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>

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