

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
IRP Steering Group Workshop No. 1
November 19, 2002

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: See Attached

OPENING REMARKS

Adriana Rubalcava, Judith Wilson and Adel Hagekhalil provided opening remarks on the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP).

The IRP is a total water management approach that assures water resources management for the greater use of the people. The goal of the IRP is to integrate the water, wastewater and runoff systems to meet the needs of the future, through providing adequate facilities, protecting health and the environment, enhancing the quality of life, bringing in public participation early, and giving back to the community.

Several challenges exist under Phase II of the IRP that include meeting future rules and regulations, siting a new upstream facility, and facing funding issues. This process is a committed partnership between the public, the City and the consultant team, and a close internal City partnering between the Department of Water and Power (DWP) and the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS).

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

An overview of Phase I and the Guiding Principles was presented (refer to the slide presentation handout from Steering Group Workshop 1 – WS#1):

- The Integrated Plan for the Wastewater Program (IPWP) started in 1999 .
- Phase I was 2 years, 10 workshops were held, several tours were conducted.
- A summary of the Steering Group Guiding Principles was presented.
- The next phase after Phase II of the IRP is recommending and implementing Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

In December 2001, City Council concurred with the Guiding Principles & Recommendations developed by the Steering Group members under the IPWP.

Questions and Answers:

Q1. Did this have anything to do with the growth?

A1. It is the responsibility of BOS & DWP to accommodate the growth that occurs within the City. Phase 1 of the IPWP did not encompass the growth issue, as growth was outside the scope of the Steering Group. The Planning Department updates community plans and plans for growth within the City.

- Q2. What is the linkage between solid waste & water?**
A2. They are considered separate entities. 62% of solid waste is currently recycled within the City. The goal is to get 70% or more diversion. All City landfills are currently closed. Sunshine Canyon Landfill will be closed by 2006.
- Q3. Are we going to revise or review these goals?**
A3. The intent is to utilize the Guiding Principles in moving forward. If there are concerns, we will look into it for possible revision. However, everything we do will be the divergent outcome of a detailed alternatives analysis. This will give the policy makers an accurate representation of public opinion.
- Q4. Are the toxic materials and chemicals monitored in the recycled water?**
A4. The City is required to sample and monitor for all State and Federal discharge limits at all its treatment plants, and is in compliance with all its permits. The challenge will be to meet all future State and Federal rules and regulations.
- Q5. Who are we serving? The people or the City?**
A5. We are here to serve the public community and the City officials.
- Q6. Comment on zoning & building ordinances concerning over-population & growth. Educate the public of over-population problem**
A6. BOS & DWP are not in charge of these areas. The EIR will address growth versus no growth. The Planning Department and Department of Building and Safety (B&S) address these issues.
- Q7. Integrate all the involved departments (Planning, B&S, etc)**
A7. The Management Advisory Committee meets on a regular basis. This committee involves DWP, Planning and other agencies. We are working closely with all parties involved, and they have been requested to participate in the Steering Group Workshops.
- Q8. SCAG has a different view from the City Planning Dept. on population projections.**
A8. The next Steering Group Workshop will cover the parameters of this issue in more detail.
- Q9. Why is the marginal cost of expansion of the system & implementing the plan not seen in the Guiding Principles?**
A9. Phase I did not address this issue, however funding will be looked at closely in Phase II.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? - refer to slide presentation handout from WS#1.

Phase I, the IPWP addressed broad planning. The IRP will take a closer look at the overall plan, identify the gaps and look at closing the gaps by addressing the detailed needs through 2020. The IRP needs to identify the targets and the plan. Phase II will address specific options, technology and other issues as they relate to the various components of the IRP, such as siting a facility.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

Refer to attached.

***STEERING GROUP WORKSHOP NO. 1
CHALLENGES THAT IRP NEEDS TO
ADDRESS***

1. Wastewater Challenges
 - Accurate presentation of changing demographics
 - Consider eliminating garbage disposals in residences
 - Look at “Burbank”, example power lines
 - Consider vulnerability to security risks
 - Reduce sewer overflows
2. Water Challenges
 - Consider not using recycled water over natural vegetation
 - Address “Toilet to Tap”
 - Consider potential reclamation at LAX “Green” area between runways
3. Runoff
 - How do we develop options in built out areas
 - Potential zoning changes to address runoff
4. Environmental
 - Use best baseline data possible (though incomplete)
 - Identify all potential impacts of the different options
 - Find solutions to mitigate impact
5. Financial
 - Rate payer equity (not just inter-agency equity)
 - Reconcile efficiency vs. equity
 - Use real definitions of “family” instead of old definitions when determining who pays
 - Cost equity between rate payers and contract agencies (regional equity)
 - Agreement on matrix of benefit/cost comparisons
6. Public Outreach
 - Regional issues addressed along with City issues
 - Outreach to include newspapers – Finding water focus
 - Internet outreach – All final documents posted on IRP website
 - Clarify acronym usage/minimize
 - Address negative media statements
 - Location of next session – resend questionnaire
 - How to get agencies to volunteer to participate
 - Include planning department participation for siting facilities