



One Water LA
Partnerships, Collaboration, & Innovation
Special Topic Group - Meeting #1
2714 Media Center Drive, Los Angeles, 90065 (Board Room)
Wednesday, March 16th 2016
2:00-4:00pm

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Meeting Summary

The purpose of this summary is to provide an overview of the discussion topics, including ideas, solutions and issues. It is not intended as a transcript or as minutes.

Meeting Attendees:

Participants

Clint Granath	Forest Lawn
David Nahai	OWCS
Deborah Weinstein-Bloome	Tree People
Ghina Yamout	Alta Environmental
Nurit Katz	UCLA
Bonny Bentzin	UCLA
Guangyu Wang	SMBRC
Grant Jean	The River Project
Melanie Winter	The River Project
Anthea Raymond	LA County Beach Commission
Meridith McCarthy	Heal the Bay

Meeting Team

Facilitator	Miguel Luna	DakeLuna Consultants
Technical Lead	Glen Dake	DakeLuna Consultants
One Water LA Team	Eliza Jane Whitman	LASAN
One Water LA Team	Ali Poosti	LASAN
One Water LA Team	Troy Ezech	LASAN
One Water LA Team	Lenise Marrero	LASAN
One Water LA Team	Serge Haddad	LADWP
One Water LA Team	Bob Sun	LADWP
One Water LA Team	Tony Tew	LADWP
Note Taker	Julia Kingsley	Carollo / CORO

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Welcome & Introductions

Introduction of LASAN and LADWP staff, consultant staff, and lead team took place. Participants also introduced themselves to the group.

Agenda Overview and Meeting Logistics

The agenda was discussed and feedback regarding time and location was requested.

Overview of the One Water LA Plan

The facilitator provided an overview of the One Water LA Plan, which included the following:

- An overview of the One Water LA Plan 2040 was provided. Timelines and deliverables were discussed.
- Special topic groups (STGs) were created to get input from diverse set of stakeholders and to tap into the expertise of stakeholders regarding the special topics chosen.
- Feedback from STGs will be included and used to develop aspects of the One Water LA Plan that will most benefit from stakeholder input.

Road Map for the Partnerships, Collaboration, and Innovation Special Topic Group

- The facilitator then gave described the three-meeting process for the special topic group:
- Meeting #1: Begin the dialogue regarding partnerships, collaborations, innovations, share information, resources, and discuss opportunities, priorities and solutions
- Meeting #2: Continue discussion of opportunities and solidify what will be reported back to the One Water LA Team.
- Meeting #3: Review draft summary of outcomes, and fine-tune in preparation for presentation at the stakeholders workshop

Background Presentation - Partnerships currently operating in the Southern California

- The lead team provided examples of partnerships and collaborations already taking place in Southern California.
 - Broadway-Greenway Project
 - CA Wellness Foundation
 - First 5 LA
 - MWD Local Resources Program
 - Professional Associations
 - San Jacinto River Watershed Council



- Santa Ana Sucker Conservation Team
 - Greater LA Water Collaborative
- Through innovation we wish to bring non-traditional partners together and develop recommendations regarding new platforms of communication.

Group Discussion and Engagement Opportunities Participants identified several ideas of partnership and collaboration opportunities/needs from the non-City side. A broad range of innovations (both technical and non-technical) were also discussed. Some of these ideas from participants are summarized below:

- Brief and inform the industrial world (e.g. California Metalworking Coalition) on what One Water LA has been doing for the City to bridge the knowledge gap. Contacting metalworkers is an action item
- Look at what Orange County is doing in terms of forming partnerships and getting buy-in for indirect potable reuse.
- Use the Watershed Council approach for developing collaborations and partnerships.
- Have an honest therapy session amongst Chief entities leading and participating in One Water LA so that priorities and objectives are agreed upon.
- Look at the Greater LA Collaborative (partnership between LA County Flood Control District, LADWP and LASAN) as a guide for overcoming barriers for collaboration. Outcomes of the Greater LA Collaborative can feed into One Water LA.
- Engage large, private end users regarding infrastructure benefits of recycled water. Ex: Forest Lawn currently works with the City of Cerritos and pays for infrastructure upgrades in exchange for a discounted rate.
- On the innovation side, have an online platform to function as a matchmaker for Agencies, Non-Profits, Universities, etc looking to pilot or implement projects in a specific geographic area. The online platform will post needs of entities and One Water LA could facilitate the matchmaking.
- Have a website that displays how much excess recycled water is produced to develop potential partnerships with Agencies and end users (e.g. cemeteries, coliseums, paper mills).
 - Partner with ESRI and Universities to develop an online platform or map that shows where there is a high volume of wasted water potential and where there is a high need of water for major users.
- On the innovation side, there is new technology such as monitoring stations that can be used at the sub-regional scale. As projects are



installed, there can be monitoring to know if new projects are making a difference.

- Use the innovation of Universities and STEM education to lure in LAUSD into One Water LA. . Conversations need to start with the State Architect to figure out the liability of major projects.
- Engage Bizfed by developing partnerships with Real Estate and Chamber of Commerce to help businesses reorganize themselves in a way that is efficient.
- Develop partnership with the County of Public Health to talk about impacts climate change on health. Climate is the organizing framework to be driven to think about water management challenges in an integrated way.
 - California Wellness Foundation has been a good place to address the public health community by neighborhood community development work. Look at Health Foundations to fund water-related projects.
- Partner with Consulting Firms to compare all the plans (EWMPs, Stormwater Capture Master Plan, Basin Plan, Climate Change Plans, etc.) with each problem category One Water LA is looking to address to figure out who are the missing sectors to help get projects in the plans implemented.
- Partner with local universities to conduct studies on the health impacts of schools that now have green space so that there is a case study to show that similar projects should be implemented at all schools from an integrated water and health perspective.
- Develop closer relationship with the County looking at their Basin Study for conservation in addition to what they did for their facilities to address climate change. Their results are not consistent with the City's vision of the LA River.
 - Develop an innovative partnership between the Bureau of Reclamation, LA County and One Water LA on anything proposed regarding the LA River.

Actions Items:

- **Follow up with CA Metalworking Coalition**
- **Collect additional partnership and innovation from participants through survey tool.**
- **Develop recommendation that One Water LA find ways to work with research institutions to develop innovative pilot programs.**

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