

**IRP Steering Group
Workshop 1
FEEDBACK REPORT
11-19-02**

1. Continue to evaluate policies throughout process.

The City will evaluate policies with the IRP stakeholders, participating agencies, and other City Departments and organizations throughout the IRP process. Agencies that are involved with policy making decisions that may affect the IRP have been contacted and participate in the IRP process. The City is committed to involving stakeholders and various governmental and non-governmental agencies throughout the IRP process. Findings and recommendations made with regard to policies will be discussed at stakeholder meetings to get feedback during this process. However, the Guiding Principles that were established by the Steering Group and concurred to by the City Council will provide overall management direction.

2. Provide avenue for growth issues and inputs.

Planning Department (Planning) processes provide public input on growth, land use, etc. Once set, City agencies, including the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) and the Department of Water and Power (DWP) are required by law to plan for services; we cannot withhold services as a means of influencing growth. The IRP will provide information to those who wish to address growth targets.

3. Consider zoning changes.

The Planning Department oversees zoning change needs. This is outside the scope of the BOS, however, Planning is a participant in the Steering Group, and their staff will be able to answer questions related to zoning changes. The recommendations made under the IRP process that might require zoning changes will be discussed with Planning, and other necessary departments.

4. Look at/emphasize IRP as a regional solution

Throughout the IRP process, the City has adopted a regional approach to considering solutions to water resource management needs. This approach addresses not only the challenges faced within the City's wastewater service area (which includes outside City agencies), but it also addresses water resource issues in watersheds that extend outside the City. The City meets quarterly with the 27 Contract Agencies that border the City that are served by the City's wastewater program, and it also has invited water wholesalers (for example, Metropolitan Water District, Water Replenishment District), and other agencies involved in water resources management (for example, Los Angeles County Public Works, U.S. Federal Bureau of Reclamation), to be part of this process.

5. Incorporate monitoring.

Currently, the City collects a great deal of data from treatment plant monitoring, both within the plants (air, water quality, flow, safety), as well as upstream and downstream of plant discharge points to the Los Angeles River and/or the Santa Monica Bay. Presently, 17 beach and 42 bay locations are sampled at frequencies ranging from daily to annually depending on the location, for

up to 170 different chemicals and constituents. Storm drain runoff is regulated under a county-wide permit; therefore, there is interagency involvement and sharing of data. Gaps identified in the existing data set will be discussed with these other agencies for inclusion in a monitoring plan. The Bureau's Watershed Protection Division is undertaking an extensive effort to sample and monitor water quality in the Los Angeles River.

6. Make sure to integrate all "silos".

The IRP is founded on an integrated approach which addresses the interrelated water, wastewater and runoff issues. Interagency involvement is critical to ensure a sound overlap and sharing of responsibilities and information between these three, formerly independent, areas of study.

7. Planning Department should be involved in the Steering Group.

As noted in items 2 and 3, the City Planning Department is part of the IRP process, and will participate in Steering Group workshops along with other agencies.

8. County involvement is key to solutions.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDWP) has been involved in the IRP process since Phase I, and has been invited to attend the Steering Group Workshops. They are an integral part of this process. As a follow up, the IRP staff met recently with the LACDWP management to review the IRP and areas of cooperation and participation.

9. Educate City Council on planning issues.

The City Council has been involved in the IRP since Phase I when it concurred with the Guiding Principles. In Phase II, the City Council will continue to be proactively informed and updated about project activities related to the IRP through a variety of methods:

- Invitation and recommendation to participate in the Steering Group Workshops;
- Receipt of detailed project documentation, and follow-up discussions ;
- Regular briefing sessions with Council by IRP staff and the Director
- Direct feedback to Council members through Steering Group and Advisory Group project participants.

This process of keeping key decision-makers informed throughout the IRP process will continue. Currently, the Los Angeles River Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Council member Ed Reyes, is working closely with the IRP Team on Los Angeles River related issues.

10. Update Significant Industrial Users (SIU) and pollutants discharged.

The database from the Bureau's Industrial Waste Management Division (IWMD) will be utilized for obtaining, current and updated SIU inventory. All SIUs within the City must get a permit, and the inspection group of IWMD conducts routine canvassing and inspections to ensure that illegal connections are minimized.

11. Consider “growth pays for growth” in financial plan.

This is an important concept, and the Bureau of Sanitation will consider this option during the development of the IRP Financial Plan.

12. How do we address inaccurate technical information presented by media?

The IRP will provide newsletters and will maintain a website to provide information on the project. The Bureau of Sanitation and Department of Water and Power will working closely with the City's Public Affairs Office to develop a protocol for handling instances when information presented to the public is inaccurate or misleading.

13. Clarify definition of “facilities” in Facilities Plan to include technical and non-technical solutions.

The definition of “facilities” includes:

- Structural
- Non-structural
- On-site Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Regulatory impact, etc.

A typical definition of a facility is something that is built, installed or established to serve a particular purpose. For the IRP this definition is expanded to include non-structural programs and best management practices to address future needs. These terms have been individually defined in the IRP glossary of terms (attached) as well as included on the IRP website.

14. Provide a clear definition of “client”/audience for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The audience for the CIP is the Offices of the Mayor, City Council, and the Board of Public Works for approval and authority to fund proposed CIP projects. CIP projects are also dependent on citizen’s acceptance of a project, and implementation by various City agencies such as Bureau of Engineering, DWP and BOS.

15. Include information on contract agencies.

The 27 Contract Agencies that discharge into the City’s wastewater collection system all participate in the Stakeholder process in either the Steering, Advisory or Information Group. The list of the 27 Contract Agencies is as follows:

Barrington Post Office, California National Guard, City of Beverly Hills, City of Burbank, Culver City, City of El Segundo, City of Glendale, City of San Fernando, City of Santa Monica, City of West Hollywood, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Group, Karl Holton Camp of LA County Public Works Department, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (4,5,9,11,16,27), Los Angeles Unified School District, Triunfo County Sanitation District, U.S. Army Reserve Center, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Navy Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Universal City MCA Development, and West Los Angeles Community College.

16. Address the 25,000 new homes in the desert, the impacts on the IRP (include map of service area).

The 12,000 acre Newhall Ranch Development, located adjacent to Valencia and west of Interstate 5, is outside the City of Los Angeles watershed area. For more information on this development, please refer to the following website: [www.ptpcoalition.org/memberwebsites/Newhall Land and Farming Company](http://www.ptpcoalition.org/memberwebsites/Newhall_Land_and_Farming_Company).

The Ahmanson Ranch development is located in Ventura county and consists of a 1884 acre development, also outside the City's watershed area. For more information regarding this project, refer to www.ventura.org/planning/ahmanson.eir.

17. Are any Federal agencies involved in the IRP?

Yes. They include:

- U.S. Federal Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Environmental Protection Agency

Both the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers are partnering closely with the City on the Los Angeles River Recycled Water Optimization Study.

18. Limit use of garbage disposals in residences.

The City will investigate this proposal. The IRP team will explore this option in alleviating some of the loading on the treatment plants and the sewer system.

19. Look at Burbank example of power lines.

The City will set up a meeting with the City of Burbank to determine what the advantages, costs and impacts are as it relates to the use of their recycled water in the right of way (R-O-W). The City of Burbank turned the area under their power lines into recreational facilities with picnic tables and ball fields. Reclaimed water is used to irrigate these recreational areas.

20. Consider newspaper articles/reporter focusing on water issues.

BOS and DWP will work with the City's Public Affairs Office to periodically contact the media and issue educational press releases to inform the citizens about water related issues. Your assistance is also essential in contacting editors and writing opinion editorials or letters to the editor.

21. Need strong internet presence for IRP- don't rely totally on media or City news.

The City is updating the IRP website, so that up-to-date information is accessible to all the community and/or interested groups. Relevant links to other websites will be provided. In addition, a comments or questions section will be included for the public to provide feedback regarding IRP related issues. Steering Group member participation is also helping with this effort.

22. Make terms understandable – don't use acronyms/abbreviations - make it clear.

The City will provide a glossary of abbreviations at the Steering Group Workshops, and adopt a concerted effort to eliminate the use of such abbreviations from future presentations or discussions. Attached for your information is a copy of the glossary and abbreviations we expect to be used for the IRP.

23. Deal with issues people have on their mind.

People are invited to express their views through the workshops, through the website, or directly to the City's BOS Project Director, Adel Hagekhalil at (323)342-6225 or William VanWagoner, the DWP Project Director, at (213) 367-0873. The City is committed to addressing the issues raised by representatives, and will provide timely feedback on all issues. This is an integral part of the IRP Stakeholder process.

24. Need to consider security issues associated with structural facilities.

Since September 11, the City has been taking additional measures to safeguard existing and proposed facilities. This aspect is also to be considered as part of our evaluation criteria.

25. Cost and benefits need to be carefully balanced.

This issue is an integral component of the Financial Plan and alternatives analysis of the IRP. Like the IPWP, the IRP's alternatives analysis approval will include multi measures of performance including beneficial factors and costs. This approach will be discussed in WS#2.

26. Want key County agencies to participate in Steering Group - IRP should be "Comprehensive" as well as "Integrated".

As noted in item 2 and 8, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has been participating in the IRP process. The County has been invited to attend Steering Group workshops.

27. Website to distribute information.

As noted in item 21, the City is updating the IRP Website, and thereafter it will update it on a regular basis. Steering Group member Mr. Charles Brink will be assisting the City in this endeavor.

28. Recycle plastic/bottles in all future Workshop meetings.

The Bureau of Sanitation will provide recycle bins for all future workshops. Also, BOS will install recycled bins for all the conference rooms in its new Media Center Drive offices for recycling plastics, bottles and paper

29. Resend survey with location/time, option for shuttle to Metrolink pick-up. Glendale pick-up option?

The survey regarding meeting time, location and Metrolink pick-ups at Union Station and/or Glendale Station was mailed out to all Steering Group participants on November 27, 2002. . Responses will be presented at the WS #2 on January 28, 2003.