

ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION COALITION (AVWCC) MEETING

Held at Lancaster City Hall

March 25, 2010

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Attendance:

Julie Bossin	Quartz Hill Water District
Chad Reed	Quartz Hill Water District
Nicole Rizzo	City of Lancaster
Connie Brown	City of Palmdale
Claudette Roberts	Palmdale Water District
Linda Godin	Palmdale Water District
Chris Vidal	Rosamond Community Services District
David Rizzo	AVEK
Tom Barnes	AVEK/AVSWCA
Glenn Guenther	Glenn's Lawn Care
Howard Choy	Los Angeles County
Melinda Barrett	Los Angeles County
Vickie Nelson	Antelope Acres Town Council
Virginia Fowler	Waterworks Districts

2. AB 811 Presentation

a. County working on the building the program. Background:

- i. At April 6th County Board of Supervisors meeting, intent to adopt. Public Hearing to adopt Program is 45 days later (May 25th). Public can review documents 30 days prior to May 25th. Hoping to formally adopt program on May 25th which can initiate outreach and marketing activities. By September, program should make financing available to private property owners.
- ii. County program will begin with single-family residential then allow multi-family and commercial to apply.
- iii. Program will likely have stringent financing criteria: energy-efficient improvements can be a maximum of 10% of property market value. Owner must have 20-30% equity in property. The loan term is the life of the improvement. All of these are subject to change.
- iv. County working on lowering expected interest rate of 8-8.5% by acquiring lower cost (i.e., tax-exempt) financing.
- v. AB 474 is a supplement to AB 811 which specifies that water efficiency measures would qualify. The County has a final say-so on what improvements are eligible.
- vi. County has enough money to market the program in unincorporated areas. Looking to contractors and cities and other local stakeholders to market program in their jurisdictions.

b. Action Items

- i. Ideas for eligible improvements can be forwarded to Nicole Rizzo and she will send to the County. This can be done at any time through the end of the public comment period.
- ii. Group suggested County engage GAVAR: Greater Antelope Valley Association of Realtors for targeted marketing.

3. Joint Outreach to Achieve Valley-Wide Conservation – Quartz Hill Water District, Palmdale Water District, and LA County Waterworks jointly funded and sponsored a recent high school speech contest under the name “AV Water Partners.” They are hoping to do more events with a united front and consistent advertising, program and rebate similarities. A suggestion was to form by resolution, a formal group to accomplish joint outreach goals.

4. Possible Water Conservation Summit – Palmdale Water District is interested in holding a summit similar to the one in 2007. They are looking for partners. The group asked for an outline of the last event and specific cost information.

Minutes provided by Nicole Rizzo, City of Lancaster (661) 723-5893.