

IRWMP STAKEHOLDER MEETING

April 14, 2010

Location: Palmdale City Hall

Xeriscaping Tour

City of Palmdale– *Gordon Phair*

The City received Proposition 50 funds for a Xeriscaping Demonstration Garden Project. The Demonstration Garden is located on the North-West corner of Sierra Highway and Palmdale Boulevard. Gordon will schedule a tour to view the drought tolerant plants in the garden at the next meeting held in Palmdale.

Committee Reports

Salt Management Plan – *Jessica Bunker*

The Technical Subcommittee met on March 3rd to discuss the available water quality information that had been collected. Once all the data is reviewed and analyzed, the stakeholder group can determine the baseline and the constituents to be addressed in the Salt/Nutrient Management Plan (SMP). The draft Scope of Work was updated based on the comments received from the stakeholder group. A map was created showing existing well locations within each sub-basin. The SMP stakeholder meeting will be held following the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) meeting. At the meeting, the stakeholder group will create a list of current and future projects that contribute to the potential salt and nutrient impacts.

Water Supply Subcommittee – *Dave Rydman*

The California Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every urban water supplier providing water for municipal purposes more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). Each Urban water supplier must update its plan every 5 years. In 2005, a cooperative plan was prepared and this year the stakeholder group is trying to prepare a Regional UWMP. The framework for the plan was distributed to the Water Supply Subcommittee and the water agencies will have 2 months to update their portion of the plan. The UWMP will be adopted as an addendum to the IRWMP.

AV Conservation Coalition – *Nicole Rizzo*

A meeting was held on March 25th. Nicole requested the LA County Waterworks to upload the meeting minute on the Antelope Valley IRWMP website. Nicole briefly mentioned Assembly Bill 11 and 474.

Status of Prop 84 Grant Funding

Dave Rydman discussed the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) regarding the first round of grant funding from Proposition 84. A workshop in Ventura is being held by the DWR after the IRWMP meeting regarding the draft PSP for Proposition 84 grants and the information obtained from the workshop will be distributed to the stakeholder group through E-notify. The final guidelines will be released in July.

Here are some things to consider:

1. The region should consider applying for a planning grant to supplement the cost of updating our existing IRWMP to address the new requirements relating to governance

and climate change, to incorporate a salt/nutrient management plan and the necessary elements to qualify as an urban water management plan.

2. Implementation funds are not guaranteed to be awarded or held for each region in a funding area. There is only \$27 million available in the Lahontan funding area, and DWR will only award up to \$6 million in this round to the Lahontan funding area. Keep in mind, there are potentially 4 approved regions in the Lahontan funding area, so the Antelope Valley currently only has access to \$6.75 million ($\$27/4 = \6.75) from Proposition 84 IRWM grants. However, if DWR determines that there are not any additional projects proposed by the other regions in the funding area that warrant state funding, the Antelope Valley could potentially apply again and receive additional funding in subsequent rounds.
3. The region, or an entity, could also apply for funding designated by Proposition 1E for projects that manage storm water runoff to reduce flood damage. There is a separate pot of \$25 million from what has been designated for funding areas that must be used for "urban stream projects that manage storm water runoff to reduce flood damage."

Project Updates

LA County Sanitation Districts – *Richard Caulkins*

The Sanitation Districts is holding a tour of the Palmdale Reservoir on April 28th at 3:00pm.

City of Lancaster – *Peter Zorba*

The Armargosa Water Banking and Stormwater Retention Project is on hold due to lack of funding.

AVEK – *Tom Barnes*

AVEK is making progress with the Groundwater Banking Project. In addition, the 15 mile SNIP line should be completed in October.

City of Palmdale – *Gordon Phair*

The City of Palmdale and LA County Waterworks District signed a Funding Agreement for the design and construction of Phase 1 of the North Los Angeles County Regional Recycled Water Project that will serve the City's planned Palmdale Hybrid Power Plant. The Project will construct a recycled water tank, a pump station, and 10.5 miles of recycled water pipeline within the City of Palmdale and unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

LA County Waterworks District No. 40 – *Dave Rydman*

In the last 2.5 years, the District has been increasing their water supplies by drilling 15 new wells (12 of these wells are equipped with Aquifer Storage and Recovery). The District is working on an Agreement with AVEK to fund the design and construction of a new water service interconnection and to upgrade an existing water service interconnection. The new water service interconnection and upgrade will allow the District to manage and fully utilize the existing supply of imported water available from AVEK. In terms of water conservation, the District has a Turf Buy Back Program being implemented this year which provides \$1.00 per square foot for the replacement of grass for turf. The District has also replaced 3,000 high efficiency toilets through their rebate program.