

## Bios

**Tracie Billington** is the Chief of Special Projects within the Department of Water Resources Division of Planning and Local Assistance. She oversees various grant and loan programs including the Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program, Proposition 13 Groundwater Storage Program, and the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program. She has been with DWR since 2000 and prior to joining DWR she worked in the hazardous waste field.

**Dan Lafferty** graduated from Marquette University and has worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Public since 1986. In his 20 year career he has served in Public Works Water Resources Division, as Disaster Services Coordinator, and in his current position as Assistant Division Engineer in the Watershed Management Division. Dan Chaired the committee that developed the strategic plan for Public Works to implement watershed management as an approach to its historic mission of providing flood hazard mitigation and water conservation. He has a law degree from Loyola Law School and is a member of the California Bar. His present responsibilities include overseeing the water quality compliance efforts on behalf of the County and implementing watershed management projects and programs in areas tributary to Santa Monica Bay.

**Kirby Brill** has served as the General Manager at Mojave Water Agency since October 2000. Mr. Brill has worked in the public and private sectors during his 20 plus years of experience in Water Resources management. Prior to his employment at Mojave Water Agency, Mr. Brill was the Executive Director at San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority. He has also served as the Head of the Hydrogeology Department at Orange County Water District. Mr. Brill received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a minor in Geology from California State University, Fullerton. He also holds a Master of Business Administration, Technology Management degree from the University of Phoenix, and he is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of California.

A banner image showing a wide, flat, arid landscape under a clear sky. The text 'Antelope Valley Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan' is overlaid in a stylized, outlined font.

## *Antelope Valley Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan*

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### **Kick-off Meeting**

May 31, 2006, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Larry Chimbole Cultural Center  
(38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale)

### **Why is IRWM Planning Important?**

Regional collaboration can promote a more efficient, comprehensive, and effective approach to water resources management while being responsive within a regional context to the needs of individual communities and jurisdictions. In addition, as State funding is becoming more oriented toward regional planning, it is in the Antelope Valley Region's best interests to develop an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan to successfully compete for future funding opportunities. The Antelope Valley Region IRWM Plan will serve as the blueprint to facilitate this type of regional cooperation.

Today, local agencies, organizations, cities, and county government are working together to develop an IRWM Plan for the Region that is inclusive and provides opportunities for cost effective solutions to address the water resource needs of the Region.

Check <http://ladpw.org/WWD/avirwmp/> for additional information.

### **Goals for IRWM Plan:**

- Develop a comprehensive plan to meet the Antelope Valley's future regional needs for water supply reliability by evaluating opportunities for water recycling, water conservation, groundwater management, conjunctive use, water transfers, water quality improvement, storm water capture and management, flood management, recreation and public access, and environmental and habitat protection and improvement;
- Foster coordination, collaboration and communication among public agencies in the Antelope Valley and other interested stakeholders to achieve greater water-use efficiencies, enhance public services, and build public support for vital projects; and
- Improve regional competitiveness for future State and Federal grant funding.

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- 9:00 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Agenda and Objectives (Ariki)
- 9:10 Overview of IRWM Process and Relation to the California Water Plan (Billington)
- 9:30 Overview of the Watershed Management Approach and IRWM process in the Los Angeles Basin (Lafferty)
- 9:45 Overview of Mojave Water Agency and its IRWM process (Brill)
- 10:00 Discussion of Antelope Valley IRWM Goals, Governance Structure and Stakeholder Process (Pedersen)
- 10:20 Break
- 10:30 Breakout Session (Rydman)
  - ✓ Discussion of Antelope Valley IRWM Issues and Objectives
  - ✓ Discussion of Projects and Project Concepts
- 11:30 Discussion of Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Outline and Schedule (Kim)
- 11:45 Q & A and Next Steps (Ariki)

### **Meeting Objectives:**

- Provide background information on the Prop 50 Chapter 8 IRWM program.
- Discuss development of IRWM Plan in the Antelope Valley.
- Establish communications and build working relationships.