

ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION COALITION (AVWCC) MEETING

Held at Lancaster City Hall

February 5, 2009

MINUTES

1. **Introductions**

Attendance:

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| Chad Reed | Quartz Hill Water District |
| Julie Bossin | Quartz Hill Water District |
| Gretchen Gutierrez | AVBIA/IRWMP Advisory Team |
| Sue Mathis | Sue Mathis Landscape Design |
| Melinda Barrett | LA County Waterworks District |
| Nicole Rizzo | City of Lancaster |
| Robert Neal | City of Lancaster |
| Peter Zorba | City of Lancaster |
| David Rizzo | AVEK |
| Tom Barnes | AVEK |
| Glenn Guenther | Glen's Lawn Care |
| Randy Hill | Palmdale Water District |
| Claudette Roberts | Palmdale Water District |
| Rick Webb | Rosamond Community Services District |
| Lizette Guerrero | Rosamond Community Services District |
| Gordon Phair | City of Palmdale |
| Connie Brown | City of Palmdale |
| Neal Weisenberger | Antelope Valley College |
| Laura Blank | Los Angeles County Farm Bureau |
| Bob Reed | SRWBA/Reed Consulting |
| Wendy Reed | AV Conservancy (on phone) |
| Brian Dietrick | Sanitation Districts (on phone) |

2. **Possible Proposition 84 Water Conservation Projects**

- a. Brian Dietrick spoke to the group about the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) moving forward with state Proposition 84 grant applications.
 - i. The IRWMP Technical Committee recommended that water conservation projects be submitted to DWR.
 - ii. Projects must already be in the IRWM Plan. Focus will be on new water supply and projects in disadvantaged communities.
 - iii. Brian will call a meeting between PWD, Waterworks 40, City of Palmdale, AVEK, and AV Conservancy to discuss possible projects.
 - iv. If a consultant is engaged to put application together, Kennedy Jenks estimates a cost of \$90,000.

3. **Agency Status on Water Conservation Efforts**

- a. City of Lancaster
 - i. Lancaster's landscape ordinance was adopted on October 28, 2008.
 1. Changes due to State updating their landscape ordinance language.

2. Staff is working with landscape contractors to standardize plans.
- b. Los Angeles County Farm Bureau – farmers saved 1,400 acre feet of potable water by using recycled water.
- c. City of Palmdale
 - i. Rec'd Prop 50 funds but cannot collect with current state budget deficit.
 - ii. Replacing turf in landscape maintenance districts. Working with PWD in a "cash for grass" program.
 - iii. Discovered Waste Management charges customers to dispose of grass. Suggestion was made to combine city/agency efforts to propose a change in Waste Management policies.
 - iv. Ordinance # 1362 – Water Efficient Landscape went into effect on November 14, 2008.
- d. Antelope Valley College
 - i. New greenhouse being built.
 - ii. Neal running the seminar schedule for the Home Show held at AV Fairgrounds on March 21st-23rd.
- e. Sue Mathis – thanked Lancaster and Palmdale for implementing "smarter" landscape ordinances and plans.
- f. Quartz Hill Water District
 - i. Conducting outreach meetings regarding new water rate structure. Receiving good feedback from customers.
- g. AVEK
 - i. Expect a 15% allocation from the state next year.
 - ii. Looking into purchasing some supplemental supply.
 - iii. Took a tour of AVRCD Conservation Nursery on Avenue I at 100th Street West. Suggests everyone take a tour.
- h. Palmdale Water District
 - i. Still issuing will serve letters to developers.
 - ii. Bought water from Butte County to divert a severe water shortage for the District.
 - iii. Working on a new water rate structure. Going to Board on May 1st.
 - iv. WaterWise CD should be complete by and coming out in the next couple months.
 - v. Rebates coming: cash for grass, ET controllers, ultra-low flow toilets, HE washing machines, and MP rotators.
 - vi. Conducting a home owner landscape class on March 21.
- i. LA County Waterworks
 - i. Have done 220 rebates since rebate program inception. HE washers and toilets most popular.
 - ii. February 24-25th is the Landscape Convention at the LA Convention Center.
 - iii. Contractor approached Waterworks to retrofit toilets at hotels/motels in service area.
- j. Rosamond Community Services District
 - i. Writing a customer guide on water conservation in the High Desert.

- ii. Placing large thermometers around Rosamond to measure water conservation by percentage. Goal is to reduce water consumption by 10% by 2010.
- iii. Working on landscape ordinance which would restrict grass to 20% of entire lot size.
- iv. Conducting the District's 3rd water efficient workshop series class on February 14th from 9am to noon, Irrigation Design.
- v. Holding 2nd annual Water Efficient Landscape Contest. Deadline is June 19th. First place winner receives \$1,000, 2nd \$500 and 3rd \$250.

4. Other Issues

5. Next Meeting – Nicole will schedule for mid-March.

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