

AV IRWMP STAKEHOLDER MEETING
Wednesday, October 13, 2010

A meeting of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Stakeholder Group was held on October 13, 2010, at the EOC Room of the Lancaster City Hall, 44933 North Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was chaired by Dave Rydman of the Advisory Team, and called to order at 9:15 AM. The attendance list is attached and incorporated hereto by reference.

2. Prop 84 Planning Grant Application - Work Plan Budget & Schedule

Dave Rydman informed the stakeholders that approximately \$473,000 of Prop 84 Planning Grant funding was requested. The total match funding for in-kind services was \$334,000. The total project cost for the Prop 84 Planning Grant was approximately \$807,000.

Lauma Jurkevics of the CA Department of Water Resources (Southern Region) reported that staff was on schedule with the proposal reviews. Consensus reviews would be conducted shortly, followed by supervisory and management reviews. Afterwards, the draft recommendations would be released for public comment.

3. Updates from Committees

Jessica Bunker of LA Waterworks District reported that the Salt Management Plan stakeholders are working on the current and future project list and water quantity projections that could potentially contribute salt/nutrients to the basin. The water quality database management is still in progress. The Salt Management Plan efforts were used to obtain the required funding match for the Antelope Valley IRWMP Prop 84 Planning Grant application.

4. High-Priority Projects Updates

Dave Rydman reported that there were no changes to the level of priority of projects since the previous quarter. The high-priority projects are:

- a. Groundwater Banking
- b. Two Treatment Plant Upgrades
- c. Littlerock Sediment Basin Project
- d. Recharge Pilot Study
- e. Regional Conservation Program

Richard Caulkins of LACSD reported that the Palmdale treatment plant would be finished by summer of 2011 and the Lancaster plant would be finished a few months following. These were tentative, "mechanical completion" dates.

Gordon Phair of the City of Palmdale reported that the Palmdale Hybrid Water Plant will be operational by summer of 2011. It will deliver 400 AFY of recycled water and the treatment will remove salts.

Steve Dassler of the City of Lancaster reported the progress on installation of the 12-inch recycled water line in 10th Street West to the City Park. Potholing along Avenue K revealed several conflicts between the design plans and existing below-ground utilities. This would result in minor revisions to the design plans. Completion for installation of the 12-inch recycled water line is scheduled for June 2011.

Dave Rydman reported that the 36" main water line from 60th Street West to 36th Street East along Avenue K is under construction. Dave observed that soon after the 12-inch recycled water line is installed in Avenue K, that Avenue K would be excavated again for the 36-inch water main line.

Andrew Werner with SRWBA reported on the Rosamond Water Bank on Avenue A between 150th and 170th Streets West. Andrew reported on a \$12-million capital project to double the recharge capacity including a 52-inch line to connect to Avenue K. Andrew observed that this project would provide inter-regional solution to water recharge.

5. Budget/Funds Status

Dave Rydman reported that \$140,000 is remaining to prepare IRWMP funding documents. RMC assisted in preparing the Prop 84 Planning Grant application. If the Planning Grant is awarded the stakeholder group needs to update the IRWMP, formalize a process, and address climate change.

6. Better Utilization of Website

Dave Rydman observed that the IRWMP needs to be a live document. The project sponsor can provide updates on the IRWMP websites. Dave recommended quarterly updates to the IRWMP website.

Several attendees suggested improvements to the website. Some of the suggestions were: include maps on the short form; benefits of the management plan should be on the top of the web page; relative priority of each project should also be shown. Dave Rydman also suggested outreach efforts using social media such as Facebook, Twitter etc. These would also result in update and feedback from users.

7. Implementation Grant Application Status Reports

Reporting on the Upper Amargosa Creek, Gordon Phair with the City of Palmdale reported that purchasing the land will be a 3-6 month process. Gordon and his team are working with USGS to finalize the report. They are putting an additional well, but observed that funding is limited. They are waiting for land acquisition and finalizing the USGS report before they complete the funding grant application. The budget for preparing the grant application has to be approved by the IRWMP stakeholders.

8. Formal Governance Structure

Dave Rizzo suggested against changing governance structure unless additional funds are made available. Bob Large of the Lakes Town Council questioned if the existing formal governance procedure should be re-addressed. He also indicated that executed agreements among agencies would be required. Bob Large observed that agencies need to have effective volunteers. Dave Rydman observed that the existing stakeholders' group is sharing information and that a larger governance structure may be needed in the near future. Dave Rydman reported that LA County Waterworks is very active in IRWMP work. There was talk about revisiting the governance structure next year if updates to the IRWMP need to be addressed. Stakeholders mentioned shelving the changing of the governance structure until the adjudication is settled and incorporating water master roles.

Next Meeting

Next IRWMP meeting will be held in Rosamond Community Services District on January 12th, 2011. Chris Vidal at RCSD will be hosting.

There being no further business to be conducted, Dave Rydman adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes taken by: Jamshed Yazdani

Attested by:

David Rizzo

Date