

AV IRWMP Update Kick-off Meeting
Wednesday, February 29, 2012

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A kickoff meeting for the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) 2007 Update was held with the Advisory Team on February 29, 2012, at Palmdale Water District, 2029 E. Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. The meeting was led by Dave Rydman of the Advisory Team, and called to order at 9:30am. The attendance list is attached.
- b. Handouts of the meeting agenda, AV IRWMP plan schedule, and parallel opportunities were distributed. Electronic copies of the handouts are attached.

2. Project Objectives

- a. Brian Dietrick (RMC) went through the key project objectives for the AV IRWMP Update. These included: meet new DWR standards, address the region's key planning issues, and identify future grant funding opportunities.

3. Project Schedule

- a. Brian Dietrick (RMC) went through the general project schedule and parallel opportunities handout.
- b. Clarification was presented on the Prop 84 Implementation Grant Steps 1 and 2.
 - i. Step 1: DWR wants to evaluate the progress on the IRWMP update at this point. DWR has yet to specify whether a list of IRWMP projects will need to be submitted. If this is the case, the project selection process will need to begin by August 2012 rather than January 2013. RMC to track DWR's decision.
 - ii. Step 2: Once DWR has approved Step 1, the AV IRWMP region will be invited to submit projects for funding.
- c. Funding Opportunities
 - i. Brian Dietrick (RMC) and Tom West (RMC) discussed several of the upcoming grant funding programs the AV IRWMP group might consider in the future, including the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant program, Prop. 1E Stormwater Planning Grant program, and the USBR WaterSMART grant program.
 - ii. DAC related Grant Funding Clarification:
 1. A separate allotment of grant funding is available to DAC projects under the IRWMP program. Therefore, one goal for the Region should be to identify/create projects with DAC benefits.

- iii. RMC will report on any upcoming grant funding opportunities during the A-Team meetings.

4. Review Work Plan

a. S/N Management Plan

- i. Jessica Bunker (WWD) stated the S/N Management Plan for the AV IRWMP region will not be completed until January 2014, however the intention is to complete components necessary to meet Prop 84 IRWMP plan standards in time for grant submittal.
- ii. The S/N Management Plan or parts of the plan will be included in the appendix of the updated AV IRWMP. The S/N management plan should be linked to IRWMP projects.

b. Integrated Flood Management Plan (IFMP)

- i. An IFMP will be developed as part of the project scope and included as part of the AV IRWMP Update appendix. To ensure the IFMP is a well coordinated effort and reflective of a regional plan, Brian Dietrick (RMC) proposed a dedicated subcommittee be created. All meeting members agreed.
 - 1. Dave Rydman (LACWWD) asked all A-Team members to submit contact information for individuals they believe would be interested/need to be on the IFMP subcommittee. It is important to contact these individuals and ask for their participation in the IFMP subcommittee before the first stakeholder meeting.
 - 2. It was noted that Edwards Air Force base should be invited to participate in the IFMP subcommittee.
- ii. Tom West (RMC) and Dave Rydman (LACWWD) emphasized the IFMP is a great opportunity to create a regional flood plan through coordinated planning, as well as to integrate stormwater as part of the AV IRWMP Region's water supply system.
- iii. Carlyle Workman (Lancaster) expressed a lack of interest in participating in the CRS program (part of the RMC scope of work).
 - 1. The region will need to address the CRS program in the IRWMP to indicate it was considered in the IFMP.

c. DAC water supply, quality, flood evaluation

- i. During meeting it was stressed that early DAC outreach action is needed to assure projects with DAC benefits are submitted and included in the AV IRWMP.

1. Vickie Nelson (Antelope Acres) suggested the RMC team schedule appointments/meetings and attend board meetings for DAC areas, as participation from these regions is currently minimal.
 2. RMC to further coordinate DAC outreach strategies
 - ii. The Region should focus on identifying projects with flood and water quality benefits to DACs.
 - iii. Clarification was provided on what is considered a DAC community: Any community with 80% state median household income or lower.
 - d. Project Management/Coordination
 - i. Currently, the A-Team meets quarterly; however, with the AV IRWMP Update meetings are likely to occur monthly.
 - ii. Brian Dietrick (RMC) to contact Dave Rydman (LACWWD) to coordinate postings to AVWATERPLAN.ORG website.
5. Adjudication
 - a. Bob Large (IRWMP A-Team) brought up question about how to handle adjudication language in the IRWMP.
 - i. Adjudication Status Update:
 1. On February 29, 2012 adjudication mediation was taking place in Sacramento
 2. Settlement discussions have taken about a year
 3. Currently no determination on return flows- percentage has been set but there has been no determination on specific pumping allocations.
 - ii. Dave Rydman (LACWWD) suggested providing a narrative adjudication update in the AV IRWMP Update, which states the current values that have been determined by the court.
6. A-Team Meeting
 - a. The next AV IRWMP A-Team Meeting will be via email and/or conference call. The goal of this conference call will be to assure all potential IFMP subcommittee members have been identified and contacted, as well as all the stakeholders that should invited to the first AV IRWMP stakeholder meeting.
7. Stakeholder Meeting
 - a. The first stakeholder meeting was set for April 11th from 9am to 11am.
 - i. Matt Knudson (PWD) will reserve the Palmdale Water District board room for this meeting.
 - ii. The goal of the first stakeholder meeting will be to introduce members to the IRWMP program, discuss the IFMP and recruit interested members

for the IFMP subcommittee, and commence the discussion on public outreach

8. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A-Team members to submit contact information of potential IFMP subcommittee members to Dave Rydman. Dave will share with RMC. (Dave Rydman, LACWWD)
2. Set-up a conference call and/or email coordination to obtain the names of all people that should be invited to the first AV IRWMP stakeholder meeting (Brian Dietrick, RMC)
3. RMC to coordinate of DAC outreach strategies (Brian Dietrick, RMC)
4. Coordinate information postings on AVWATERPLAN.ORG with Dave Rydman (Brian Dietrick, RMC)