

STAKEHOLDER MEETING
MAY 19, 2008
City of Lancaster – EOC Room
MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions of Attendees (see list below) by Gretchen Gutierrez/IWRMP Leadership Team member.

Ms. Gutierrez provided to the group for information purposes the following documents:

Minutes of Leadership Team Meetings from December 2007 thru May 16, 2008
Copies of Scopes of Work for Kennedy/Jenks and Kirby & Associates (info purposes only)
Copies of Correspondence – Department of Water Resources (info purposes only)
Revised MOU Agreement – for consideration by Appropriate Agencies for Adoption

A presentation to the Stakeholder Group was made by Ms. Gutierrez regarding current status on Proposition 50 (further details on ongoing request(s) for funding additionally presented by Brian Dietrick – see additional notes below. Ms. Gutierrez informed the Stakeholder Group that although the AVIRWM Plan had been reviewed and passed through Phase 1 qualifying as initially noticed to the group, and requested for second round funding consideration, that at the late April funding allocation, the IRWMP was shut-out from consideration for receipt of any funding. Additionally, 2 other districts in Southern California were also eliminated from consideration for funding purposes under Proposition 50. Subsequent to the announcement of awarded districts, the AV IRWMP Leadership Team assembled a group to make several trips to Sacramento to meet directly with Department of State Water Resources; elected officials; and State Water Board members to determine reasons for elimination from consideration for funds and to ascertain next best steps to continue application for either re-consideration on Prop 50 or updated application(s) for Proposition 84.

Mr. Dietrick – continued presentation on Round 2 applications and subsequent rulings by DWR/SWR. There were a total of 9 plans considered for second round fundings (3 of which were awarded bond monies). At the May 8th, Sacramento meeting – all 9 entities were in attendance to review applications and meet with State Water Resources personnel to ascertain where the merits were for each plan/entity. An actual review of each presentation/with state personnel was conducted. Overall the AVIRWMP was favorably viewed, with the KEY exception to the point rating scale deductions in the area of direct economic benefit versus actual project cost category. The 9 entities met to discuss a possible joint effort to seek additional funding opportunities, and potentially one-half of these entities are considering working with the AV IRWMP group to seek increase the funding opportunities for monies by and between transference from Proposition 50 to Proposition 84 release.

Mr. Rydman – Presentation on Proposition 84 update from workshop on May 15th. Currently application criteria for Prop 84 funding is being developed at the state level, with expected release for applications to come Fall 2008. Consideration should be given to potential re-work of AVIRWMP to meet criteria guidelines (when and where applicable upon notification). Expect that beyond the AV plan, Mojave and Tahoe regions (also encompassed with the Lahanton Regional Water Control Board jurisdiction) are expected to submit plans for consideration of Prop 84 funds.

Mr. Rydman – Proposal discussed on formation of three (3) Stakeholder Sub-committees. Committee's to be structured as named: Recycled Water (to be defined as to role & responsibilities); New Water Supply (deal with short term demand & future growth demands); Conservation (to be headed by Robert Neal-City of Lancaster – develop long-term, regional conservation goals/methods). Sign-up sheets for each committee were distributed and collected by Mr. Rydman at the end of the session. Coordination of first steps for each the 3 committee's to be handled by Mr. Rydman/LA Countywaterworks.

Mr. Williams – Long Range Term of Governance. Open questions were posed to the Stakeholder group at large – 1) Step up the timeline to create a formalized structure of governance for the plan or adopt a wait process for decision making? 2) Open for discussion was ideas on structure – consideration of various agencies/stakeholders on common goals; details for each option idea; formation of what type of governance structure or should group continue as is presently established? Stakeholder group as a collective felt that the timing for a quicker development of a formalized governance structure was needed versus a wait & see methodology, however, no one clear formal option was presented for discussion and/or adoption.

Additionally, updated MOU agreements were distributed to the appropriate entities/agencies for review and return with comments to be sent to Mr. Williams/IRWMP Leadership Team for consideration and possible inclusion.

General Q&A from the Stakeholder Group –

- 1) Question regarding AVEK's recent purchase of 2 agricultural farming interests. What were the final purposes behind the purchases? Mr. Rizzo (AVEK Director) – stated that provides opportunity for transferable water rights and pumpback vs. dry year water for 2009.

- 2) Request made for agenda's, minutes of meetings to be posted to County Website. That has been noted and will be addressed on a timely basis for review and information purposes.

Attendees:

Wayne Argo – ARTC/IRWMP Leadership Team
Brian Dietrick – LACSD/IRWMP Leadership Team
David Rizzo – AVEK/IRWMP Leadership Team
Randy Williams – City of Lancaster/IRWMP Leadership Team
Gretchen Gutierrez – AVBIA/IRWMP Leadership Team
David Rydman – LAC DPW/IRWMP Leadership Team
Vickie Nelson – IRWMP Leadership Team

Linda Lee – AV Press
Alisha Semchuch – AV Press
Nicole West – City of Lancaster
Curtis Paxton – Palmdale Water District
Dick Wells – Palmdale Water District/AVSWCA
Bob Large – Lakes Town Council
Mike Mischel – City of Palmdale
Laurie Lile – City of Palmdale
Tim Hughes – City of Palmdale
Gordon Phair – City of Palmdale
Rob Morrow – RMC Water and Environment
Diane Carlton – GAVAR
Steve Dassler – City of Lancaster
Mel Lawson – Rio Tinto Minerals
Larry Tyler – Leona Valley Town Council
Babs Makinde – Tejon Ranch Co.
Thuy Hua – LAC Regional Planning
Laura Blank – LA County Farm Bureau

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Claud Seal – RCSD
Keith Dyas – AVEK
Patrice Copeland – Lahontan RWQCB
Gailen Kyle – Kyle & Kyle Ranches
Wendy Reed – AV Conservancy
Robert Neal – City of Lancaster
Andrew Werner – Western Development & Storage
Brad Bones – Littlerock Creek Irrigation District
Tom Barnes – AVEK/AVSWCA
Alvin Cruz – LA County Flood Control
Peter Zorba – City of Lancaster
Norm Hickling – County of LA
Frank Kuo – LA County DPW