

**AV IRWMP STAKEHOLDER MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 14, 2010**

A meeting of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Stakeholder Group was held on July 14, 2010, at the EOC Room of the Lancaster City Hall, 44933 North Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534.

1. Welcome and Introductions.
  - a. The meeting was chaired by David Rizzo of the Advisory Team, and called to order at 9:05 AM. The attendance list is attached and incorporated hereto by reference.
  - b. Approval of Agenda. Dave Rydman moved that Item 2(a) Salt Management Plan be moved to a separate meeting, following the close of the IRWMP Stakeholder meeting, and that Item 5 Town & Country Presentation be moved to occur after Item 3 Elections; seconded by David Rizzo; no discussion; unanimously approved.
2. Committee Report: Water Supply. Dave Rydman reported new requirements that IRWMPs comply with Urban Water Management Plan requirements. The AVIRWMP Advisory Team (“A Team”) is working on a draft Appendix to the AVIRWM Plan, which it will present at the next meeting. The update is not due until June 2011. For unincorporated areas, population projections provided by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) are being used, which are believed to be typically more aggressive. More realistic projections from the Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance (GAVEA) may be used.
3. Elections for Advisory Team Seats. Nominations to fill the seats on the Advisory Team were unchallenged. Each candidate was nominated, seconded, unopposed, and elected by broad consensus without opposition. Steve Dassler will represent municipalities. Bob Large will represent Rural Town Councils. Dave Rydman will continue to represent the Public Water Suppliers. Josh Mann was approved to continue to serve the Industry category despite a job change to Passantino Andersen public relations firm.
4. Town & Country (AV Areawide Update). Thuy Hua of the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning explained the “Town and Country” update of the Antelope Valley Areawide Plan. The Areawide Plan, adopted in 1986, is a subset of the County General Plan. The TNC team used a constraints and hazards methodology to promote public safety, discourage sprawl and blight, and reduce carbon emission projections. New land use designations were developed more relevant to rural communities, and densities were adjusted.

The Town & Country process has included two years of outreach meetings to collaborate with Antelope Valley communities. DRP would also like to ensure its draft land use plan integrates with the AVIRWM Plan. DRP is asking for input

from IRWMP stakeholders, particularly in regard to mitigation measures and implementation considerations. The TNC team's reports and synthesized draft Land Use Plan, are available at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/tnc>, at Department of Regional Planning, 335A East Avenue K-6, Lancaster, and at Supervisor Antonovich's Field Office, 1113 West Avenue M-14, Suite A, Palmdale. The full draft and Environmental Impact Report will be published in fall 2010, and adoption is anticipated in early 2012.

5. State Funding Updates. Proposition 84 solicitation requirements are being finalized by the State Water Resources Control Board. Dave Rydman recapped the history, and explained that available funding has been allocated across the three to four established/defended regions in the Lahontan Region. Of \$27 million total funding to Lahontan for all rounds, AVIRWMP can apply for perhaps \$3 to \$6 million in this round for implementation grants, but should be prepared to scale back the request upon award to as low as \$1 million. The funding for Lahontan Region will not be held aside for Lahontan applications next round. The cost for consultant assistance to prepare the application and necessary updates to the Plan could cost in upwards of \$250,000. It is not necessary to use a consultant to write the application. A suggestion that it be put to bid met with some support and no opposition. The RWMG account currently has about \$150,000. The Prop 84 grants require 25 percent local match. A request from various regions to the State Board to allow more time for application preparation was denied.

The question for the Stakeholders was whether to apply for this round of funding; if so, which project(s) to include in the application; and, whether the Stakeholders want to make these decisions or leave it to the A-Team to decide.

Discussion ensued as to the timetable of allowable reimbursable expenses, and the pros and cons of including one or two of the various AVIRWMP projects in the application. Planning grant funding for the update of the IRWM Plan (required to be done within two years) was discussed, and not considered cost effective.

Projects discussed were:

- Sanitation District Treatment Plants. The projects would be paid in full before the award reimbursement period began. There were concerns voiced as to whether the projects serve diverse Stakeholders.
- Purple Pipe projects. It was felt that the regional management of the system needs to be resolved before funding is sought. Another negative is that the project can't be scaled back if less grant funding is awarded.
- Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge Project. This is a City of Palmdale project. Los Angeles County Waterworks said they'll contribute funds. It offers a flood control benefit downstream, however, Edwards Air Force Base voiced concern about the project's impact on sedimentary processes essential to sustaining the dry lake surfaces. EAFB submitted comments that were not answered. Cindy Wise of the State Board pointed out that

this project could be submitted under Prop 1A Flood Control, which offers a higher grant amount and requires a lower match.

- AVEK Groundwater Banking. A concern was raised by the Edwards AFB representative whether the project offered broad benefit to the region and/or help prevent the use of chloramines. David Rizzo, an AVEK Board member addressed these concerns saying the bank benefits a large portion of the service area. Addressing the question of chloramines, Rizzo said that by banking the hope is to not have to use chloramines. Questions were also asked about the percolation potential of the Avenue A site. New percolation data is being completed by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and will be available to the public.
- A Planning Grant (25% match). Could incorporate the Water Conservation projects community education component. This project might have a hard time quantifying economic benefit.

Bob Large moved to apply for Prop 1E IRWM Stormwater funding for the Amargosa Creek Project; seconded by Dave Rydman; motion passed with one objection raised by EAFB in regard to the sedimentary process issue. Mike Mischel gave his assurance that Palmdale can answer those concerns to EAFB's satisfaction, and EAFB gave its support conditional upon such satisfaction.

Tom Barnes moved to apply for Prop 84 IRWM Implementation grant funding for the AVEK water banking on Godde land, conditional to USGS data confirming the feasibility of the project, and conditional to meeting an economic benefit analysis; seconded by Nicole Rizzo; no further discussion; passed unanimously with Antelope Valley Conservancy abstaining.

6. Next Meeting. AV IRWMP Stakeholder Meetings are held second Wednesdays. The next meeting will be October 13, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Lancaster City Hall EOC.
7. Announcements. Antelope Valley Conservancy's AFWAP project, an IRWMP High Priority Project, has been completed. Also, AVC's Prop 84 grant was unfrozen and approved in June for Palmdale Water District lands.
8. There being no further business to be conducted, David Rizzo adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes taken by: Wendy Reed

Attested by:

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David Rizzo

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