

AV IRWMP DAC Outreach – Lake Los Angeles
Tuesday, August 28, 2012

Minutes taken by: Los Angeles Rural Town Council

The DAC Outreach meeting at Lake Los Angeles was held on August 28, 2012 during the Lake Los Angeles Rural Town Council (LLARTC) meeting at Vista San Gabriel Elementary School.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. The LLARTC meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by council President Kristi Kennedy
- b. Various Council agenda items were discussed prior to DAC Outreach Presentation by RMC Water and Environment

2. DAC Outreach Presentation

- a. Brian Dietrick (RMC) was introduced as the guest speaker and gave a presentation on the AV IRWMP outreach effort (DAC) to include Lake Los Angeles in the plan update process (presentation materials are attached at the end of these meeting notes)

3. Questions from Attendees

- a. Robin Nute asked about flooding issues, as most of the flood control ditches are on private property and people fill them in. Robin remarked that the county doesn't do anything about this problem. Recently her home was flooded and the flood did \$30k worth of damage. She asked what can be done about people filling in the ditches.
 - i. Brian Dietrick replied that she should find out who the property owner is and see if there is a project going on. RMC's work doesn't include addressing legal issues, but they do need to know where the flooding is happening and how bad is it.
- b. Norm Hickling asked if anyone from Public Works talked about flooding from last year, the people who actually dealt with it.
 - i. Brian replied that he became aware of the issues not from the County but from Yvonne Malikowski (Lake Los Angeles Park Association) and Kristi Kennedy (Lake Los Angeles Town Council).
 - ii. Norm Hickling recommends that the appropriate County people contact Brian Dietrick. Need to find out if there are any planning studies, then prepare grant applications.
- c. A community member asked how IRWM efforts affect private well water use. For example, will there be no digging of new wells allowed in the AV?

- i. Brian replied that it is a different process that runs parallel to this IRWM effort. It is the adjudication process, which is a legal judicial process. It allocates water pumping rights to those who have rights in the AV. This IRWM Plan acknowledges the adjudication process but does not play a role in the outcome. He (Brian) has not seen any effort to close wells as part of the IRWM planning effort.
 - d. A community member asked if RMC has looked into the small private water agencies that are substandard. They can't provide fire hydrant service, they provide undrinkable water, and this has been going on for years.
 - i. Brian replied that RMC is at the meeting to learn more about these issues. These types of problems can be addressed by projects that can be funded by state grant programs.
 - ii. The questioner clarified that this is an issue about how these companies cannot provide water in an emergency situation. These are small mutual water companies with ground water rights.
 - iii. Brian commented that a tank would be an example of a project that could be funded to be available for emergency situations.
 - iv. Brian stated that public safety is part of the objectives of the IRWM Plan for the AV Region.
 - v. Brian clarified that RMC is not thinking about public safety from a fire perspective, but from a health perspective. The questioner commented that RMC needs to consider that issue and upgrade the projects for fire protection, if possible.
 - e. Scott Lezak asked: There's a good deal of water during any storm that goes through the flood areas. If we can divert it into the lakebed, we have a lake and can use that as a water injection site. Why not take that and divert it into a lake? It can be fire control and flood control.
 - i. Brian replied that it could be an integrated concept that can be all of these at once.
 - f. Kristi Kennedy asked: Is it true that we can no longer restore the lake? Was the property donated and sold?
 - i. Norm Hickling response: has not heard that it was.
 - g. Glenn Allen comment: There is treated water, at Avenue L & 120th Street East, and at Avenue E & 110th Street East. He commented that we have a lot of water. What is the timeline to get this accomplished? Could this take up to 20 years?
 - i. Brian replied that it would not actually take that long and could take only a few years, as previous projects have.
4. Contact information for Brian Dietrick was made available for additional questions
 - a. Email: bdietrick@rmwcwater.com

5. LLARTC Meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Brian Dietrick and Norm Hickling to exchange information about potential projects in the Lake Los Angeles area.

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Antelope Valley
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
2007 Update

Lake Los Angeles Outreach

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Brian Dietrick, P.E.
August 28, 2012

Meeting Objectives

- Importance of IRWMP Program
- Prop. 84 IRWMP Background
 - Funding
 - AV IRWMP Region
- Prop. 84 DAC Information
 - DAC Funding – Lahontan IRWMP Region
- Solicit Information from Community
- AV IRWMP and Grant Funding Schedule
- Call to Action

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IRWMP Developed out of a Need for Collaboration to Solve Water Problems

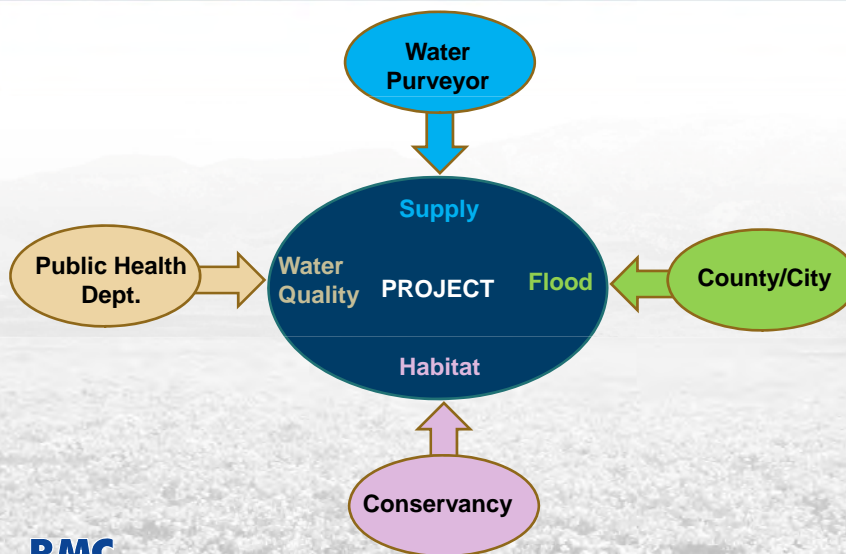
- **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**
- SB1672 - Integrated Regional Water Management Act
- September 2002
- *Objective:* encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage local and imported water supplies to improve quality, quantity, and reliability
- Followed by grant programs: Prop 50, Prop 84, and Prop 1E



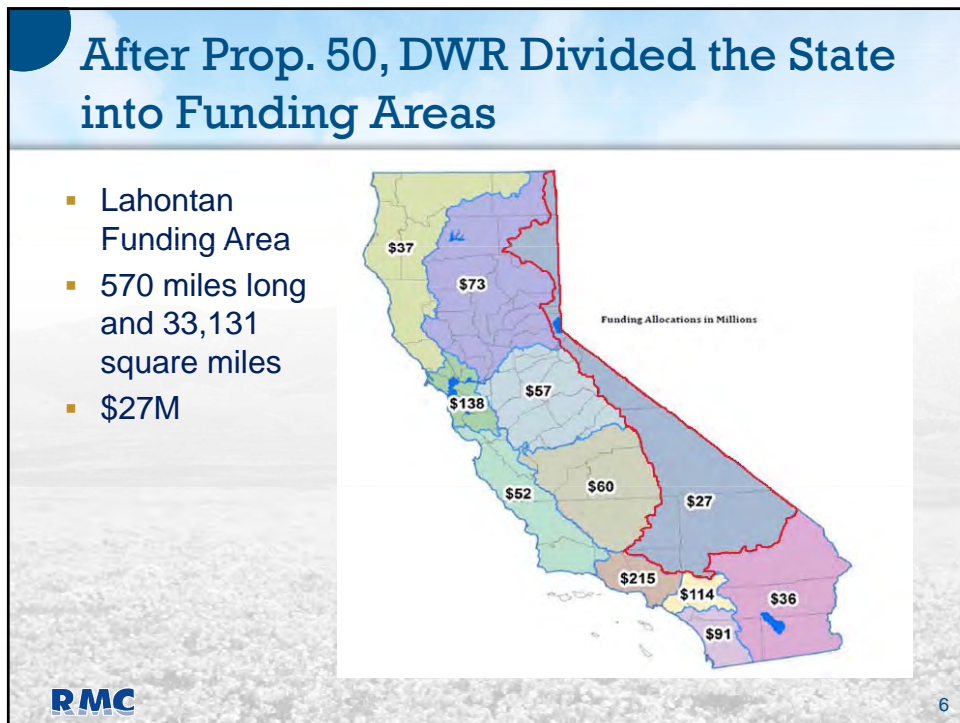
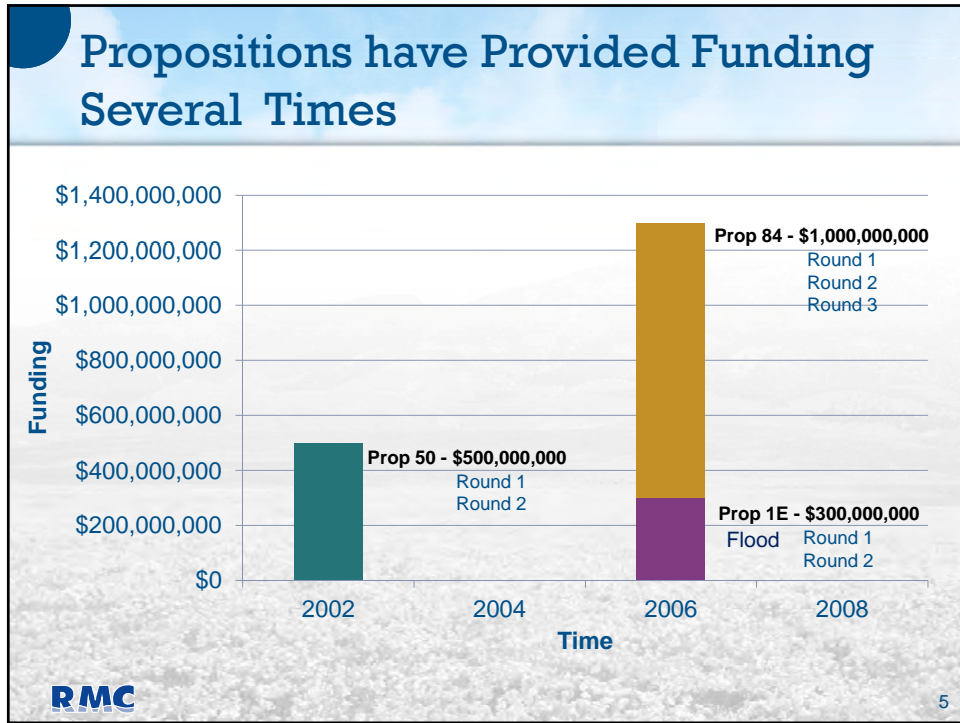
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Integrated Planning has Benefits



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The Antelope Valley IRWM Started with an MOU

- 11 Signatories
- Signed in 2007
- Purpose:
 1. create RWMG
 2. invite stakeholders
 3. develop IRWMP
 4. apply for grant funding



The Antelope Valley Region was Defined



The Stakeholder Process is Key



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(a partial list)

- Antelope Valley Board of Trade
- Antelope Valley Conservancy
- Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency
- Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association
- Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District
- Antelope Valley United Water Purveyors
- Building Industry Association - Antelope Valley Chapter
- California Department of Fish & Game
- California Department of Health Services
- California Department of Water Resources
- California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California State Parks
- City of Boron
- City of California City
- City of Lancaster
- City of Palmdale
- County Sanitation District Nos. 14 and 20 of Los Angeles County
- Edwards Air Force Base
- Kern County Board of Supervisors, District 2
- Kern County Farm Bureau
- Kern County Planning Department
- Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Lake Los Angeles Town Council
- Lake Los Angeles Park Association
- Leona Valley Town Council
- Littlerock Creek Irrigation District
- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Office, District 5
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division
- Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
- Los Angeles County Farm Bureau
- Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts #14 & #20
- Los Angeles County Waterworks District #40, Antelope Valley
- Mojave Desert Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council
- Mutual Water Companies
- National Education Association, Antelope Valley
- National Resources Conservation Service
- Natural Resources at Edwards Air Force Base
- Palmdale Water District
- Quartz Hill Water District
- Rosamond Community Services District
- Roosevelt Town Council
- Sierra Club
- Sundale Mutual Water
- Town Councils
- Tybrin Corporation at Edwards Air Force Base
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Westside Park Mutual Water Company
- White Fence Farms Mutual Water Company

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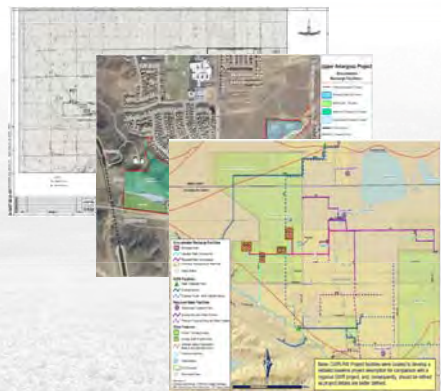
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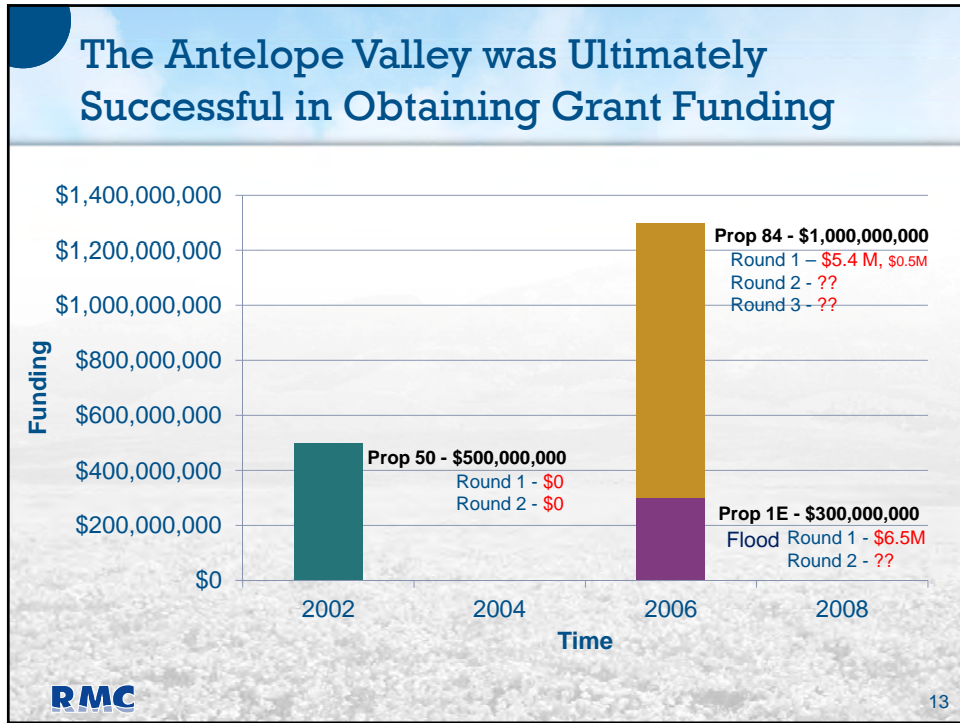
Objectives were Developed Using Stakeholder Collaboration

Water Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure reliable supply Establish supply contingency plan Stabilize groundwater levels 	
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet drinking water standards Protect aquifer from contamination Protect streams and recharge areas Maximize beneficial use of RW 	
Flood Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce negative impacts of SW, urban runoff, and nuisance water 	
Environmental Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve open space and natural habitats 	
Regional Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Agricultural land use Meet demand for recreational space Improve integrated land use planning 	

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Projects were Identified and Prioritized

Projects	
Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant Stage V Plant Expansion	
Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant Stage V Plant Expansion, Phase 1	
Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project: Injection Well Development	
Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge, Flood Control and Riparian Habitat Restoration Project	
Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project	
Groundwater Recharge Recycled Water Pilot Project	
Comprehensive Water Conservation/Water Use Efficiency Program	12



Now the IWRM Plan is Being Updated

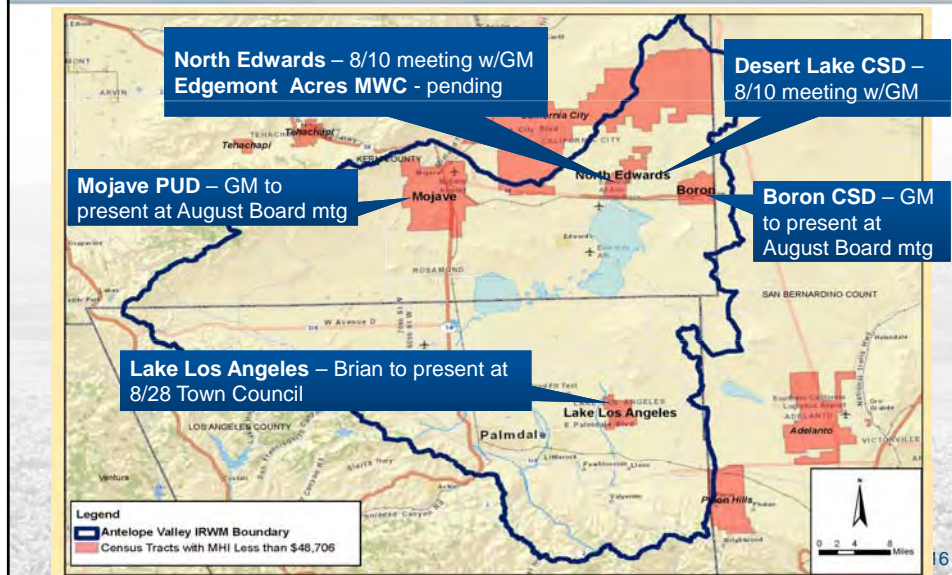
- New water supply projections
- Salt/Nutrient Management
- Integrated Flood Management
- Disadvantaged Communities

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Prop. 84 DAC Information

- Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) – communities with median household income less than 80 percent of statewide median (\$48,706)
- DAC water benefits must be part of project review process for IRWMP update
- DACs must be included in mandatory public outreach process
- DAC benefits allow applicants to expand the list of eligible projects (for implementation grants) to include feasibility studies, design, needs assessments

DACs Defined from Census Data (2006-2012)

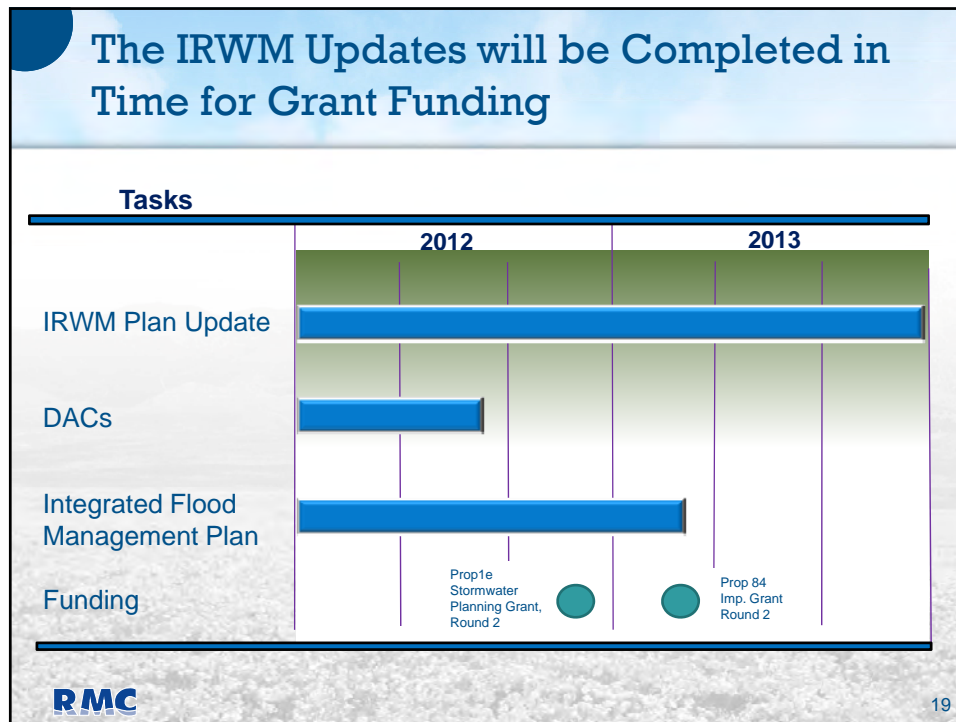


Prop. 84 Allocates Specific Funding for DACs

- No less than 10% of available funds will be used to support projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for DACs
- Statewide \$25 million to fund critical DAC projects:
 - After Round 1, only \$8,498,210 was awarded to DACs
 - For Round 2, \$16,501,790 is available to be awarded to DACs
 - For Lahontan Funding Area, almost \$4 million anticipated for Round 2
- Funding Match is waived for DAC projects

Information Needed from DACs

- Water supply issues/data
- Water quality issues/data
- Flooding issues/data
- Maps, figures, tables to summarize (if any)
- Recommended monitoring studies
- Recommended implementation of future projects



Call to Action

- AV Water Plan Site: <http://www.avwaterplan.org/>
- Mailing List
- Special Committees
- Stakeholder Meetings: October 17, 2012, Chimbole Cultural Center
- Contact Information:
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 - RMC Water and Environment
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