



## MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder Meeting      MEETING DATE: 7/18/2018

LOCATION: City of Palmdale – Larry Chimbole Cultural Center      ISSUED DATE: 7/24/2018  
38350 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale CA 93550

ATTENDEES: Kirk Allen, Chuck Bostwick, Bruce Katz, Jeff Hogan, Gabe Nevarez, Mike Shahbakhti, Yvonne Malikowski, Zachary Ahinga, Monisha Brown, Belal Tabannaj, Sami Kabar, Matt Knudson, Tiffany Steinert, Mary Wood, Jim Riley, Bob Large, Brach Smith, Vanessa De Anda, Brian Dietrick

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### Stakeholder Meeting Notes

#### A. Welcome and Introductions

- a. The Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Management (AV IRWM) Stakeholder Meeting was opened and led by Kirk Allen from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

#### B. Review Advisory Team List for Year 2018

- a. All the A-Team seats have been approved by the Stakeholder Group with the exception of the Agriculture seat (nomination pending).

#### C. 2007 MOU Amendments

- a. The MOU stipulates that the IRWM Program will contribute \$45,000 over three years for the CASGEM program to monitor groundwater levels in the AV Groundwater Basin. IRWM will fund 25 percent of the total program costs; the AV State Water Contractors Association and the AV Watermaster will fund 50 and 25 percent of the total CASGEM program costs, respectively.
- b. The LA County Counsel approved the revised MOU. The following signatories have also reviewed the MOU:
  - i. Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency – no further comments
  - ii. Palmdale Water District – no further comments; Board to consider for approval on Monday
  - iii. Quartz Hill Water District – did not attend meeting, need to follow up
  - iv. Littlerock Creek Irrigation District – did not attend meeting, need to follow up
  - v. Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association – no further comments
  - vi. City of Palmdale – will review the MOU after the County Board of Supervisors approves it
  - vii. City of Lancaster – no further comments
  - viii. County Sanitation District No. 14 – Board scheduled to approve in August of 2018
  - ix. County Sanitation District No. 20 – Board scheduled to approve in August of 2018
  - x. Rosamond Community Services District – no further comments; Board approved at meeting last night
  - xi. LA County Waterworks District No. 40 – County Board of Supervisors scheduled to approve MOU between September and December of 2018

#### D. Fremont Basin IRWM Region Boundary Modification



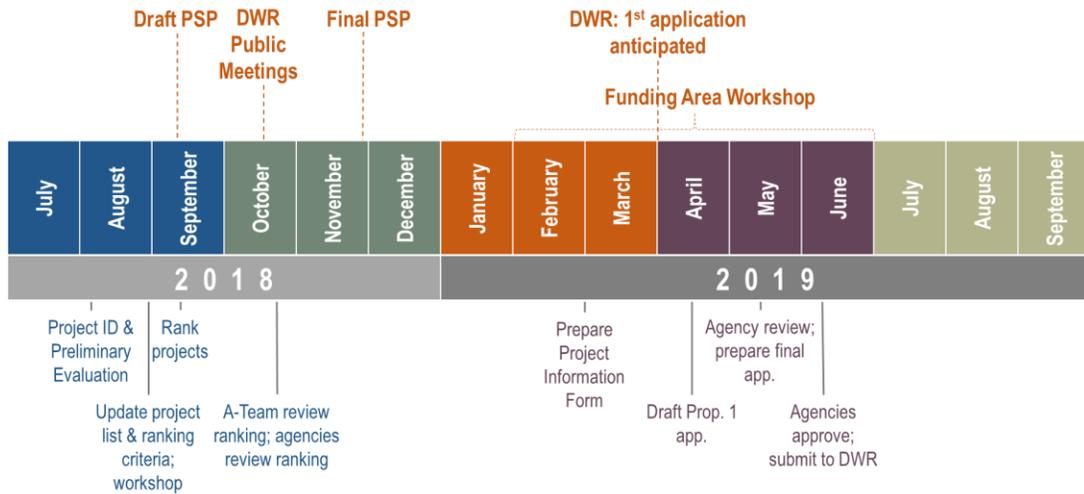
- a. The Fremont Basin IRWM Region was originally created to fill a void between existing IRWM Regions. The Fremont Basin IRWM Region is now seeking to modify its Region boundary to encompass the entirety of the Fremont Valley Groundwater Basin (FVGB) since it is a major water supply source for the Region. The Fremont Basin IRWM Region has consulted DWR and DWR understands and supports the boundary modification.
- b. A boundary modification that follows the FVGB will lead to an overlap area of 166 square miles with a population of 4,400 in the northern part of the AV IRWM Region. The Fremont Basin RWMG sent a formal request to the AV RWMG asking the Region to consider 1) revising its boundaries to avoid an overlap between the Regions, or 2) allowing an overlap between boundaries and execute an agreement between the AV and Fremont Basin IRWM Regions to explain how projects in the overlap area will be handled. Neither of these options will impact the adjudication of the AV Basin, groundwater basin boundaries, or watershed boundaries in any way. It is only for grant funding purposes under the IRWM program. The Fremont Basin IRWM Region is hoping for a response soon since the Fremont Basin IRWM Plan will be finalized by the end of 2018.
  - i. Potential impacts if the AV IRWM boundary is revised: Division of funds within a Funding Area may be determined by the Regions within the Funding Area; DWR does not get involved. In these cases, funding allocations within a Funding Area may be determined by proportionate area and/or population in the Region. If the AV Region decides to revise its boundaries, the Region will lose 166 square miles and a corresponding population of 4,400. This may potentially impact budget allocations for the AV Region if other Regions in the Lahontan Funding Area want to population or area as a basis for dividing grant funds (note that this is an informal process).
  - ii. Potential impacts if the AV IRWM executes an agreement for a Region overlap: There are no impacts identified. One potential rationale for an overlap (as opposed to changing the boundary) could be because groundwater-related projects in the overlap area would likely be sponsored by Fremont Basin entities and surface water-related projects in the overlap area would likely be sponsored by Antelope Valley entities.
    - Rosamond CSD falls within the overlap area but is not interested in management of the FVGB.
    - AVEK, the City of Lancaster, and LA County Waterworks favor an overlap.
- c. The Stakeholder Group is expected to reach a consensus and provide a decision to the Fremont Valley IRWM Region at the next Stakeholder Meeting.

#### **E. Basic Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update**

- a. Woodard & Curran finalized the basic update of AV IRWM Plan to be compliant with 2016 IRWM Plan Standards. The draft IRWM Plan was uploaded to OneDrive and the link was shared with the City of Palmdale and LA County Waterworks for review.



## F. Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Schedule



- a. The orange text represents DWR’s tentative schedule for Proposition 1 grant funding, the blue text represents an “ideal” project solicitation and prioritization schedule for the AV IRWM Region, and the purple text represents the tentative schedule for grant application submittal. Note that the AV IRWM Region must coordinate with the other Regions in the Lahontan Funding Area and DWR to schedule the pre-application workshop as soon as possible.
- b. Project sponsors agreed to bring any Project updates they may have to the next Stakeholder Meeting. Woodard & Curran will coordinate with project sponsors in the mean time.

## G. Action Items

**Next meeting:** Wednesday October 3rd, 2018 from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Location is yet to be determined.

Group	Task
Kirk Allen	Distribute OneDrive link
Kirk Allen	Review basic update of AV IRWM Plan; circulate track-changes to RWMG
Project Sponsors	Bring Project updates to next Stakeholder Meeting on 10/3/2018 and work with W&C prior to next meeting to get project details updated
Woodard & Curran	Upload Project List to OneDrive
AV IRWM Region	Coordinate with the Lahontan Funding Area and DWR to schedule the pre-application workshop
Kirk Allen	Confirm location for next Stakeholder Meeting