

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder Meeting

MEETING DATE: 1/23/2019

LOCATION: AVEK Conference Room
6500 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551

ISSUED DATE: 1/31/2019

ATTENDEES: Zachary Ahinga, Evelyn Ballesteros, Tom Barnes, Claudette Beck, Erika Bensch, Monisha Brown, James Chaisson, Dwayne Chisam, Brandon Calandri, Brian Dietrick, Vanessa De Anda, Chuck Heffernan, Jeff Hogan, Sami Kabar, Bruce Katz, Matt Knudson, Gailen Kyle, Bob Large, Yvonne Malikowski, Gabe Nevarez, Chad Reed, James Riley, Sara Samaan, Mike Shahbakhti, Brach Smith, Tiffany Steinert, Heather Swan, Mary Wood

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

A. Welcome and Introductions

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

B. 2007 MOU Amendments

- The following is a status update of agencies that had not confirmed approving the MOU or submitting a Letter of Intent as of 1/23/2019 (all other agencies have either approved the MOU or submitted a Letter of Intent):
 - LA County Sanitation District (LACSD) Districts 14 and 20 – scheduled for Board approval the week of January 28, MOU be executed in first quarter of 2019
 - Littlerock Creek Irrigation District – approved the MOU
 - Quartz Hill Water District – Chad Reed, the General Manager, said that the MOU will be on their February board agenda.
- The MOU will be executed the first quarter of 2019. The Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (AVSWCA) sent invoices to all the agencies.
- The A-Team met on January 16th, 2019, to discuss funding of consultant services for the full IRWM Plan update and development of the Prop. 1 grant proposal. The A-Team agreed to the scope of services provided by Woodard & Curran, which includes a full IRWM Plan update, Stakeholder Meeting attendance, and four grant applications (or four projects in one application) for a total fee of \$247,018.

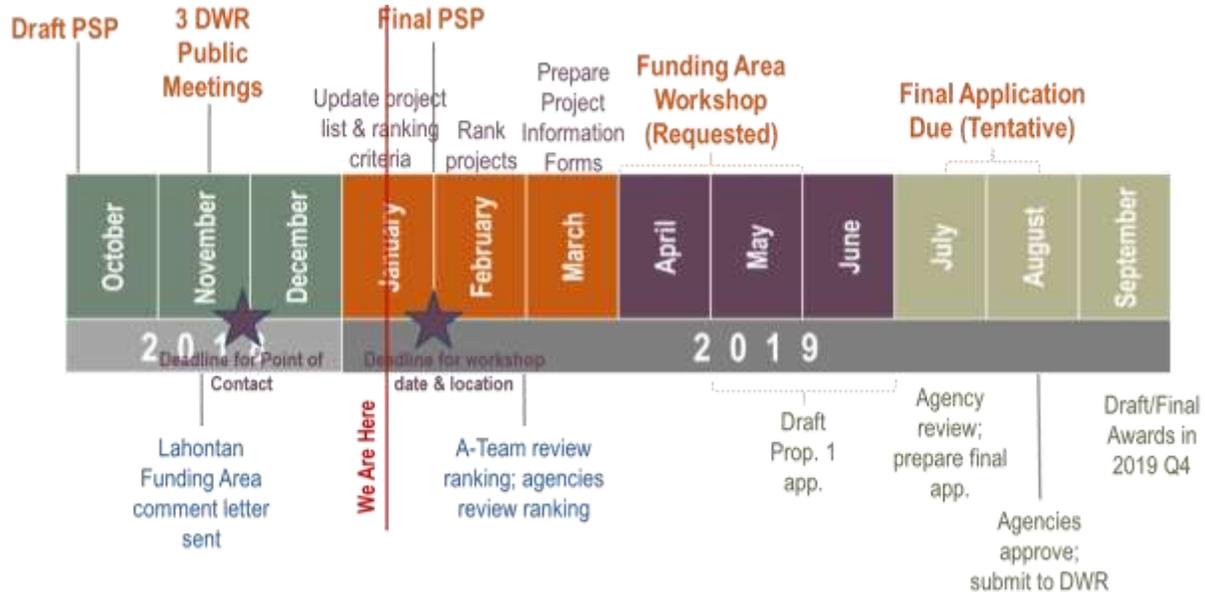
C. Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP – Updates

- Brian Dietrick contacted Holly Alpert (Program Director of the Inyo-Mono IRWMP Program) and is coordinating with her on the following topics:
 - *What is the Funding Area split between Round 1 & Round 2?* The AV IRWM Stakeholder Group recommends that a larger proportion of the funding be made available in Round 1.
 - *What is the date for the Pre-Application Workshop?* The Funding Area requested a meeting in May. This will set the timeline for grant application deadlines.
 - *Which Regions are applying for funding in Round 1?* There are 6 Regions in the Funding Area, and it is unknown how many will apply for funding.
 - *How much is each Region requesting in Round 1?* This will help determine how much funding AV IRWM will request.

D. Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP – Funding and Guidelines

- The Draft PSP for Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Round 1 was released in early October. The Lahontan Funding Area (with 6 Regions) has approximately \$18.8 million remaining for Implementation Round 1 and 2. The proposals must meet the following requirements to be eligible for funding:
 - The Region's proposal must include at least one project that directly responds to climate change as well as one or more projects that help improve regional water self-reliance.
 - Each project must address the most critical needs of the Region, be consistent with Statewide Priorities, have a useful life of more than 15 years, and have CEQA/permits completed within 6 months of funding award or prior to agreement execution, whichever occurs first.

E. Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP – Schedule and Projects



- DWR has requested a 1-day workshop with each Funding Area to provide a platform for interregional coordination and increase the potential for successfully completed projects. The workshop is mandatory and will be led by the IRWM Region representatives. The workshop will include representatives from every IRWM RWMG, applying entities, local project sponsors, DAC, EDAs, and Tribes. DWR will review potential projects and provide feedback. The Lahontan Region requested a Funding Area Workshop date in May.
- Woodard & Curran did a *preliminary* assessment of the existing Implementation Projects to identify projects eligible for Prop. 1 funding (Table 1). Table 1 reflects comments received at the Stakeholder Workshop; extensive project description updates have also been incorporated into the AV IRWM project database. Eligibility for grant funding can be improved with updated project information. Components used to determine project eligibility include:
 - Total project cost and requested funds
 - CEQA and permit status – must be completed within 6 months of funding award or prior to agreement execution, whichever occurs first
 - DAC – does the project benefit Disadvantaged Communities?
 - Technical documents – are there any technical documents available?
- Projects will be selected for Round 1 at the next Stakeholder Meeting, scheduled for March 6th.

Table 1: AV IRWM Project List – Implementation Projects (working draft for discussion)

Sponsor	Project Name	Round 1 Eligibility	Total Cost	Requested Funds	CEQA Complete?	Permits Acquired?	Benefits DAC?	Technical Documents?
Palmdale Water District	Palmdale Regional Groundwater Recharge	High	\$48,000,000	XX	Yes	Yes (except for County and roads)	XX	Yes
Palmdale Water District	Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal - Phase 2	High	\$6,000,000 - \$8,000,000	XX	Yes	Yes	XX	Yes
Rosamond CSD	WWTP Rehabilitation and Groundwater Protection	High	\$12,150,000	XX	Underway	Underway	XX	Yes
AVEK	SNIP Phase 2	Med	\$24,346,800 +	XX	Yes	Yes	XX	Yes
AV Resource Conservation District	Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Project	Med	\$985,776	XX	Not required	Not required	Yes	XX
Palmdale Recycled Water Authority City of Palmdale	Phase 2 Distribution System	Med	\$7,500,000	XX	Complete	No (can be acquired by June 2020)	XX	Yes
Willow Springs Water Bank	Antelope Valley Water Bank	High <i>Will not apply at this time</i>	\$343,143,000	XX	Yes	XX	XX	Yes
AVEK	South Antelope Valley Intertie Project	Med <i>Conceptual</i>	\$17,250,000	XX	No	XX	XX	XX
City of Lancaster	Whit Carter Park Recycled Water Conversion	Med <i>Will not apply at this time</i>	\$815,417	XX	No	No	No	No
City of Palmdale	Recycled Water Pipeline at Power Plant	Low <i>Conceptual</i>	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	Yes

F. Antelope Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP)

- Tiffany Steinert, on behalf of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, invited LACSD to present information to the Board on the AV SNMP update and any relevant findings. There is no deadline for this presentation.
 - LACSD responded that nothing has changed since the Plan was originally developed and that they are currently working on the monitoring plan. LACSD has not looked at the implementation projects in relation to the SNMP.

G. Action Items

Next Stakeholder Workshop: March 6th, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the City of Palmdale

Group	Task	Due Date
MOU Signatories	Send signed MOU or Letter of Intent to AVSWCA	As soon as possible
Project Sponsors	Submit and/or update projects either online or email	As soon as possible
Woodard & Curran	Update project database and follow up with project sponsors	By March 6, 2019
Woodard & Curran	Coordinate with the Lahontan Funding Area to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize the pre-application workshop date with DWR• Determine funding available for each Region• Determine Round 1/Round 2 funding split	As soon as possible