

# MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder Meeting  
LOCATION: City of Palmdale  
Joshua Room at the Chimbole Cultural Center  
38250 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale CA 93550

MEETING DATE: 5/1/2019

ISSUED DATE: 5/23/2019

ATTENDEES: Zachary Ahinga , Evelyn Ballesteros, Monisha Brown, Rich Campbell, Brian Dietrick, Vanessa De Anda, Keith Dyas, Chuck Heffernan, Jeff Hogan, Sami Kabar, Bruce Katz, Matt Knudson, Bob Large, Adam Ly, Yvonne Malikowski, James Riley, Mike Shahbakhti, Brach Smith

## Stakeholder Meeting Notes

### A. Welcome and Introductions

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

### B. Prop. 1 Implementation Grant Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) – Updates

- Brian Dietrick led a discussion of Prop. 1 grant funding. The Final Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP was released on April 2, 2019. Changes to the Draft PSP Guidelines, reflected in the Final PSP Guidelines, are summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1: Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP Updates**

Topic	Draft PSP	Final PSP
Project scoring: DAC	No points for benefits to DAC	1 point if project provides minimum 75% benefit(s) to DAC
CEQA Completion	Within 6 months of final grant award	Within 1 year of final grant award
Pre-application workshop	Required	Optional; preapplication materials required
DAC project qualification	100% of benefits in a DAC area	75% of benefits in a DAC area
Admin. Costs	n/a	Limited to 10%
DWR feedback	Within 4 weeks of the pre-application submittal	Within 6 weeks of the pre-application submittal
Final app. deadline	Within 12 weeks of DWR feedback	Within 8 weeks of DWR feedback
Climate change	No attachment required	Climate change attachment required

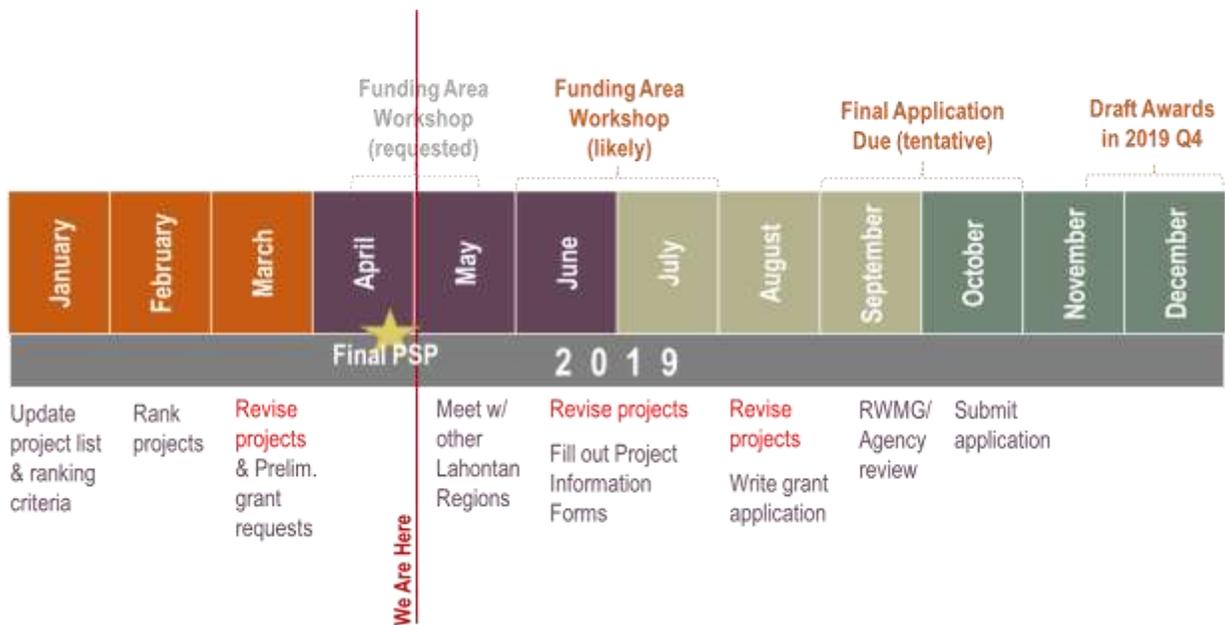
### C. Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP – Schedule

- Lahontan Funding Area IRWMP Workshop:** As part of the Lahontan Funding Area DACI grant, the Regions in the Lahontan Funding Area with projects in the DACI grant have budgeted for three area-wide workshops to share information, learn from past experiences, and coordinate on DACI efforts. The first workshop will be

May 16-17 in Mammoth Lakes. Holly Alpert (Program Director of the Inyo-Mono IRWMP Program) is coordinating this effort. Antelope Valley does not have any projects in the DACI grant; however, the Lahontan Funding Area has invited representatives from Antelope Valley to attend the meeting since they want to expand the discussion to include Prop. 1 Implementation Grants. DWR will call in to answer any questions the group may have. Sami Kabar (LACDPW), Matt Knudson (AVEK), James Riley (Palmdale Water District), and Bob Large (A-Team) are potential attendees for the workshop to represent the Implementation Projects in the AV IRWM Region.

- DWR Pre-application Workshop:** DWR will be holding an *optional* 1-day workshop with each Funding Area to provide a platform for interregional coordination and increase the potential for successfully funded projects (this Pre-application Workshop was previously mandatory under the Draft PSP Guidelines). The workshop will be led by IRWM Region representatives and will include representatives from every IRWM RWMG, applying entities, local project sponsors, DAC, EDAs, and Tribes. The Lahontan Region requested a Funding Area Workshop date in the May timeframe; but due to delays in the release of the Final PSP, the workshop is likely to be postponed to June/July. DWR will review potential projects and provide feedback within 6 weeks of the Workshop, and applications will be due within 8 weeks of receiving DWR's feedback. The Implementation Schedule for Prop. 1 is presented in Figure 1.
- After today's meeting, there will be at least two more opportunities for project sponsors to revise/improve their project scores (see red font in Figure 1).

**Figure 1: Prop. 1 Implementation Schedule**



**D. Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP – Projects**

- Per Prop. 1 Draft PSP Guidelines, costs incurred after the Final Award date will be eligible for reimbursement. The cost share match (i.e., Grantee's non-state cost share) can include, subject to DWR approval, eligible costs borne by the applicant or individual Local Project Sponsor after January 1, 2015.
- Woodard & Curran did a *preliminary* assessment of the five potential Implementation Projects based on the Draft PSP and ongoing communication with the project sponsors. Projects were scored using Table 4 of the Draft Implementation Grant PSP 2019 (shown as Table 2 below). Projects received a score on (1) a proposal level (i.e., how well the project supports the overall proposal) and (2) a project level. The Final Prop. 1 PSP

guidelines revised the project-scoring criteria to award a point to projects that provide a benefit to DACs (minimum 75%). The preliminary project scores in Table 2 have not been revised to include this criterion as it will not impact the specific projects that are selected to move forward in the application process. These preliminary scores assume that all the backup documentation will be provided by the project sponsors. Project scores may be revised, as appropriate, after the Lahontan Funding Area IRWMP Workshop and after the Pre-Application Workshop with DWR.

- The Lahontan Funding Area (with six IRWM Regions) has a total funding allocation of approximately \$20 million for implementation projects. The Lahontan IRWM Regions agreed that the funds would be allocated proportionally as a function of the weighted average of each region’s population, land area, and an equal funding split. Using this methodology, the Antelope Valley IRWM Region has a total of approximately \$4.9M available in funding. During the Stakeholder Meeting held on 3/6/2019, there was consensus among the group to request \$3.9M of the \$4.9M in Round 1 and to set aside \$1M for Round 2. The group discussed two options for allocating the \$3.9M among the five projects (Table 2):
  - Option 1: distribute the \$3.9M available for Round 1 proportionally to total project costs. Because most projects are multi-million-dollar projects, AVRCD would only receive approximately \$26,000 under this method. This amount may not be worth the grant administrative costs.
  - Option 2: cover AVRCD’s total requested amount since the total project costs are relatively low and distribute the remaining funds available for Round 1 equally among the four larger projects. This option is preferred by the stakeholder group.

**Table 2: Preliminary Project Scores and Potential Funding**

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Cost	Proposal-Level Score <sup>a</sup>			Project-Level Score <sup>b</sup> Max: 23	Potential Funding (Assume \$3.9 M in Round 1)	
			1	2	3		Option 1	Option 2
AVEK	SNIP Phase 2	\$24,346,800	✓		✓	22	\$1,570,230	\$924,875
AVRCD	Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Project	\$500,000	✓	✓		21	\$25,540	\$195,500
City of Palmdale (PRWA)	Phase 2 Distribution System	\$7,500,000	✓			20	\$483,710	\$924,875
Palmdale Water District	Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal	\$16,000,000	✓		✓	22	\$1,031,910	\$924,875
Rosamond CSD	WWTP Rehabilitation and Groundwater Protection	\$12,150,000	✓	✓	✓	21	\$783,610	\$924,875

<sup>a</sup> Corresponds to questions 1-3 in Table 4 of the Draft 2018 Implementation Grant PSP.

<sup>b</sup> Corresponds to questions 4-16 in Table 4 of the Draft 2018 Implementation Grant PSP; scores assume all needed backup documentation will be provided; scores for the DAC criterion in the Final 2019 Implementation Grant PSP pending (1 pt.).

## E. Full AV IRWMP Update

- Woodard & Curran is in the process of updating the water supply and demand projections in the Region as part of the full AV IRWM Plan update. Woodard & Curran is exploring new approaches for calculating the water budget given that new information has been made available by the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin

Judgement and Watermaster reports since the last AV IRWM Plan update in 2011. A potential approach involves using the information provided in the local 2015 Urban Water Management Plans and Watermaster Annual Reports to estimate current and projected imported water, groundwater, surface water, and recycled water supplies. No stakeholders present in the meeting objected to using information provided in the Watermaster Annual Reports to update groundwater supplies, though Matt Knudson suggested meeting with the Public Water Supplier Committee first to validate the methodology.<sup>1</sup> Bob Large highlighted that there are uncertainties in the Watermaster Annual Report, and therefore the water supply and demand projections in the AV IRWM Plan should reflect this range of uncertainty. Brian Dietrick (Woodard & Curran) noted that this range of uncertainty is represented in the Normal Year, Dry Year, and Multi-Dry Year water supply analyses.

**F. Public Comments**

- Monisha Brown (LACSD) reported that LACSD will present relevant findings of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan update to the Regional Water Quality Control Board in the summer/fall of 2019.

**G. Action Items**

**Next Stakeholder Workshop:** June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Chimbole Cultural Center.

Responsible Party	Task	Due Date
James Riley and Bob Large	RSVP for the Lahontan Funding Area IRWMP DACI Workshop (coordinate with Holly Alpert).	May 2, 2019
Woodard & Curran	Brief Region representatives attending the Lahontan Funding Area IRWMP DACI Workshop on: Project selection, grant request, schedule, and questions for DWR (project eligibility)	Before May 16, 2019

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to this meeting, it was suggested that another approach to supply/demand methodology might be preferred. W&C will not request a meeting with the Public Water Supplier Committee; instead, W&C will develop the methodology and present at the next stakeholder meeting.