

# MEETING NOTES

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

MEETING DATE: 6/5/2019

ISSUED DATE: 6/11/2019

ATTENDEES: Zachary Ahinga , Evelyn Ballesteros, Tom Barnes, Monisha Brown, Rich Campbell, James Chaisson, Dwayne Chisam, Brian Dietrick, Vanessa De Anda, Keith Dyas, Lynn Glidden, Jeff Hogan, Bruce Katz, Bob Large, Adam Ly, Yvonne Malikowski, James Riley, Sara Samaan, Mike Shahbakhti, Brach Smith, Mary Wood, Julie Worrell

## Stakeholder Meeting Notes

### A. Welcome and Introductions (Evelyn B.)

- The Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Management (AV IRWM) Stakeholder Meeting was opened and led by Evelyn Ballesteros from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division. Topics related to the Prop. 1 Implementation Grant and IRWMP Updates were led by Brian Dietrick of Woodard & Curran.

### B. Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP – Funding and Projects (Brian D.)

- The Lahontan Funding Area (with six IRWM Regions) has a total funding allocation of approximately \$24.5 million for implementation projects. The Lahontan IRWM Regions agreed that the funds would be allocated proportionally as a function 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. The Antelope Valley IRWM Region requested \$3.9M of the \$4.9M in Round 1 and set aside \$1M for Round 2. The Lahontan Funding Area funds allocated according to recent conversations with other Regions are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Preliminary Project Scores and Potential Funding**

Proposition 1 Allocation (updated 4/16/18)	Mojave	Inyo-Mono <sup>1</sup>	Antelope Valley	Tahoe Sierra	Lahontan Basins	Fremont Valley	State Costs (10%)	Total Funding Area
Allocation <sup>2</sup>	\$ 6,204,982	\$ 3,684,191	\$ 4,895,493	\$ 2,593,077	\$ 2,547,015	\$ 2,125,242	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 24,499,999
DAC Involvement (10% of \$24.5 m)	\$ 815,372	\$ 711,822	\$ -	\$ 331,387	\$ 322,590	\$ 268,828		\$ 2,449,999
Planning Grant						\$ 841,030		\$ 841,030
Round 1 DAC Implementation	\$ 347,776	\$ 207,607	\$ 315,892	\$ 145,940	\$ 143,536	\$ 119,789		\$ 1,280,540
Round 1 General Implementation	\$ 3,694,430	\$ 757,603	\$ 3,584,108	\$ 2,115,750	\$ 968,676	\$ 387,902		\$ 11,508,469
Round 2 General Implementation	\$ 1,347,404	\$ 2,007,158	\$ 995,493	\$ 0	\$ 1,112,213	\$ 507,692		\$ 5,969,961

1. DAC involvement for Inyo-Mono includes admin of \$49,000 and CRWA Admin of \$196,000

2. Based on a formula that incorporates three calculation methods: even split, population-based, and area-based.

**\$3.9 million**

- The AV IRWM Region agreed to approach allocation of funds within the Region by fulfilling AVRCD’s total requested amount (since the total project costs are relatively low) and distributing the remaining funds available for Round 1 equally among the four larger projects. Potential funding for each project is shown on Table 2.

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

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Potential Funding (\$3.9 M in Round 1)
AVEK	SNIP Phase 2	\$24,346,800	\$924,875
AVRCD	Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Project	\$500,000	\$195,500
City of Palmdale (PRWA)	Phase 2 Distribution System	\$7,500,000	\$924,875
Palmdale Water District	Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal	\$16,000,000	\$924,875
Rosamond CSD	WWTP Rehabilitation and Groundwater Protection	\$12,150,000	\$924,875

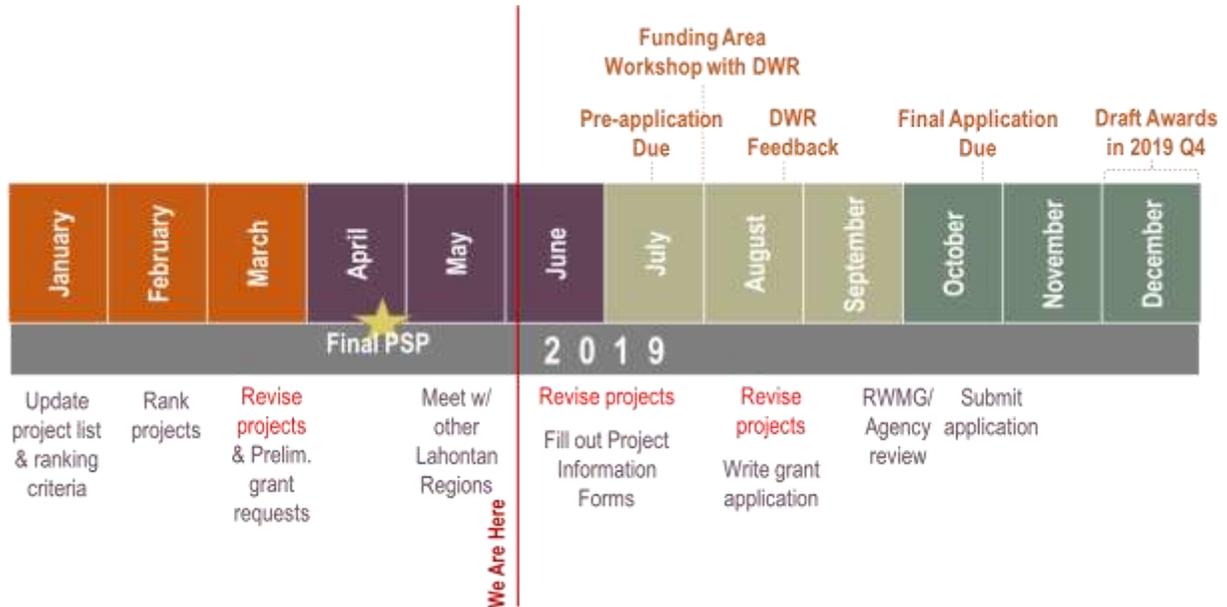
**C. Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP – Schedule (Brian D.)**

- **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 budgeted for three area-wide workshops to share information, learn from past experiences, and coordinate on DACI efforts. The first workshop took place on May 16-17 in Mammoth Lakes. Holly Alpert (Program Director of the Inyo-Mono IRWMP Program) coordinated this effort. Antelope Valley does not have any projects in the DACI grant; however, representatives from Antelope Valley attended the meeting to discuss Prop. 1 Implementation Grants. Sami Kabar (LACDPW), Matt Knudson (AVEK), and James Riley (Palmdale Water District) attended the workshop to represent the Implementation Projects in the AV IRWM Region. The following discussion topics were addressed at the workshop:

  - **DAC:** Generally speaking, Regions in the Funding Area have a very high proportion of DACs and there is an imbalance in funding distribution throughout California since funds are allocated solely based on population by Region. The Lahontan Funding Area recognizes this issue and has incorporated other metrics as a means of distributing funds within the Funding Area more equitably.
  - **Prop. 1:** DWR called in to answer questions regarding Prop. 1 and set the following dates, reflected in Figure 1:
    - July 15, 2019: Pre-application materials due to DWR
    - July 30, 2019: Pre-application Workshop
    - ~August 26, 2019: Feedback from DWR on pre-applications
    - ~October 21, 2019: Grant Applications due
- **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. Because the Lahontan Funding Area spans from northern to southern California, the Lahontan Funding Area agreed to host two workshops. One workshop will be held in Northern California for the Inyo-Mono, Lahontan Basins, and Tahoe Sierra IRWM Regions, and the other will be held in Southern California for the Antelope Valley, Fremont, and Mojave IRWM Regions. The workshops will be led by IRWM Region representatives and will include representatives from the IRWM RWMG, applying entities, local project sponsors, DACs, EDAs, and Tribes. Woodard & Curran will coordinate with project sponsors to complete and submit the pre-

application materials to DWR before July 15<sup>th</sup>. The Southern California Pre-application Workshop will take place on July 30<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the AVEK headquarters. The three IRWM Regions will coordinate on the agenda, workshop format, and presentation prior to the workshop; Woodard & Curran will coordinate with project sponsors to complete the presentation materials. DWR will review potential projects and provide feedback to the project sponsors by August 26<sup>th</sup>, and final applications will be submitted around October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Implementation Schedule for Prop. 1 is presented in Figure 1.

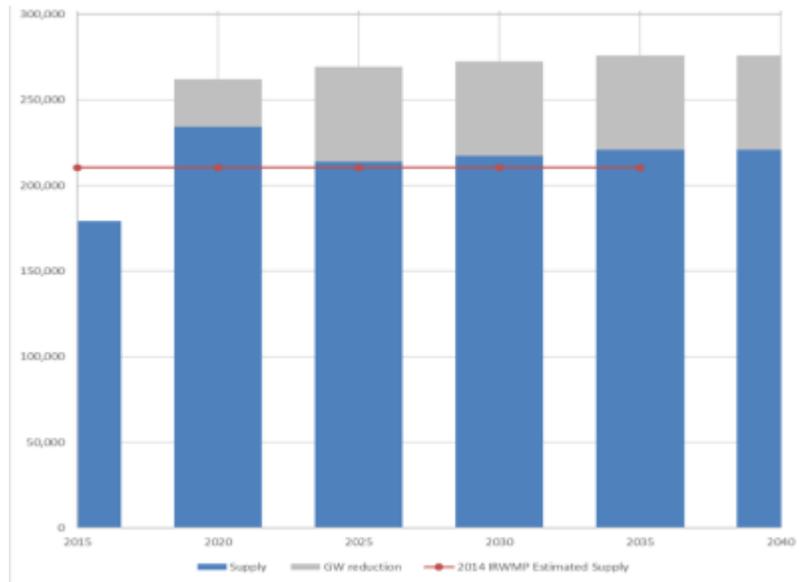
**Figure 1: Prop. 1 Implementation Schedule**



**D. Full AV IRWM Plan Update (Brian D.)**

- 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 2013. A potential approach involves using the information provided in the local 2015 Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) and Watermaster Annual Reports to estimate current and projected imported water, groundwater, surface water, and recycled water supplies. Dwayne Chisam (AVEK) noted that AVEK’s supply and demand projections in their 2015 UWMP are outdated and will provide the updated projections from their recent Water Master Plan to Woodard & Curran to be incorporated in the analysis. Woodard & Curran is in the process of obtaining supply and demand projections from Boron CSD and Edwards Air Force Base.
- Demand projections are pending agricultural demand updates which are a function of cultivated acreages and types of crops in the Region. Woodard & Curran is in the process of obtaining this information.
- Preliminary supply projections are shown in Figure 2. The blue bars indicate available water supplies, the gray bars represent groundwater pumping reductions as a result of the AV Basin adjudication, and the red line represents estimated supplies in the 2013 AV IRWM Plan.

**Figure 2: Preliminary Supply Projections in the AV IRWM Region**



**E. Public Comments (Evelyn B.)**

- None

**F. Action Items**

**Next Stakeholder Workshop:** August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Chimbole Cultural Center.

Responsible Party	Task	Due Date
AVEK	Submit updated water supply and demand projections to Woodard & Curran	ASAP
Woodard & Curran	Coordinate with Project Sponsors to complete Pre-application materials and submit to DWR	By July 15 <sup>th</sup>
Woodard & Curran	Coordinate with Project Sponsors and IRWM Regions to complete the presentation materials for the Pre-application Workshop with DWR	By July 30 <sup>th</sup>
Woodard & Curran	Contact DWR to determine if the Pre-application Workshop with DWR at AVEK is a public meeting; relay information to A-Team. Also inquire again about the eligibility of projects that are partially driven by regulatory orders.	ASAP