

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder Meeting

MEETING DATE: 1/15/2020

LOCATION: City of Palmdale

ISSUED DATE: 2/20/2020

Lilac Room at the Chimbole Cultural Center
38250 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale CA 93550

ATTENDEES: Evelyn Ballesteros, Tom Barnes, Brian Dietrick, Vanessa De Anda, Kari Eskridge, Greg Even, Jeff Hogan, Matt Knudson, Yvonne Malikowski, Amador Meza, Scott Rogers, Mike Shahbakhti, Brach Smith, Tiffany Steinert

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

A. Welcome and Introductions (Evelyn B.)

- The Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Management (IRWM) Stakeholder Meeting was opened and led by Evelyn Ballesteros from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW), Waterworks Division. Topics related to the Prop. 1 Implementation Grant, Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) Outreach, and IRWM Plan Updates were led by Brian Dietrick of Woodard & Curran, and Public Comments were led by Mike Shahbakhti of City of Palmdale.

B. Proposition 1 Round 1 Implementation Grant (Brian D.)

- Key dates for the Prop. 1 Implementation Grant (grant) are shown in **Figure 1**. Prior to the Pre-application Workshop held on July 30, 2019, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) expressed concern about the fact that RCSD's WWTP Rehabilitation and Groundwater Protection Project was driven, in part, by a compliance order. It was noted to DWR that the proposed project would not only address the identified groundwater impacts resulting from the current WWTP operations; it would also augment local water supplies through groundwater recharge. On August 2nd, the Antelope Valley IRWM Region (Region) was notified via email that DWR determined that the project is not eligible for Prop. 1 funding.

Then on October 15th, DWR notified the Lahontan Funding Area that an amendment to the Prop. 1 Proposal Solicitation Package would allow projects with compliance orders to be eligible for Prop. 1 funding. As a result, RCSD's project will be eligible for Prop. 1 Implementation Funding. The grant application deadline for the Lahontan Funding Area was originally scheduled for October 21st. To allow additional time for projects that may have been disqualified under the original guidelines, DWR offered a one-month deadline extension for the RCSD attachments in the grant application.

RCSD and the other four Project Sponsors decided to reincorporate RCSD's project into the Prop. 1 grant application for the Antelope Valley Region. The Project Sponsors also agreed to add a separate "project" for Grant Administration to the grant application. Total grant requests were revised to accommodate funding for RCSD's project and Grant Administration, as shown in **Table 1**. An amendment to the Prop. 1 IRWM Implementation Grant application to include RCSD's WWTP Rehabilitation and Groundwater Protection Project was submitted to DWR on November 21st, 2019.

Figure 1: Prop. 1 Grant Schedule Updates

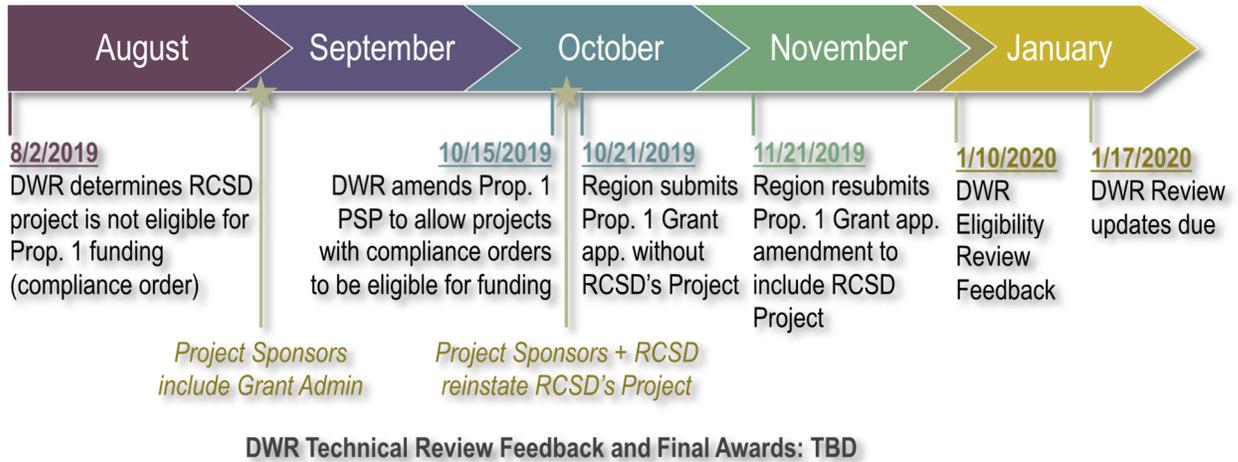


Table 1: Revised Grant Requests for Prop. 1 Round 1

Project Name/Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Original Request	Revised Request
SNIP Phase 2 AVEK	\$26,656,000	\$1,199,333	\$881,208
Antelope Valley Regional Cons. Project AVRCD	\$410,650	\$297,000	\$290,763
Phase 2 Distribution System PRWA	\$8,540,876	\$1,199,333	\$881,208
Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal PWD	\$15,754,429	\$1,199,333	\$881,208
RCSD WWTP Rehabilitation and GW Protection RCSD	\$12,183,078	\$0	\$881,208
Grant Administration AVSWCA	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000
Total	\$51,361,955 \$63,625,033	\$3,895,000	\$3,895,000

C. DACI Outreach (Brian D.)

- The DACI Program is a grant program designed by DWR to ensure the involvement of disadvantaged communities (DAC), economically distressed areas, and underrepresented communities in IRWM planning efforts. The Region is a member of the Lahontan Funding Area DACI Program. DWR requested that all IRWM Regions in the Lahontan Funding Area complete a Needs Assessment for all DAC water systems before the end of 2019 as part of the DACI Program. Woodard & Curran completed this request on behalf of the Region using information included in the 2013 DAC Technical Memorandum and in the 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update.

D. 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update and Next Steps (Brian D.)

- Woodard & Curran submitted the draft 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update on behalf of the Region to DWR on October 18, 2019. DWR determined that the 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan is consistent with the IRWM Planning Act and the related IRWM Plan Standards contained in the 2016 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines on December 4, 2019. A 30-day public review period started on December 5, 2019 and ended on January 5, 2020. No public comments were received during this period.
- The 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update was finalized on January 5, 2020. All members of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) and Project Sponsors must adopt the 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update prior to the Prop. 1 grant agreement execution date. The grant agreement execution date is expected in Spring 2020.
- The Region is currently soliciting photos to update the 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update cover. The Region may update the cover photo to show the Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge Project as it was successfully funded by Prop. 84 under the IRWM Program.

E. Public Comments (Mike S.)

- The City of Palmdale has completed the Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge Project. The Project will enable the storage of imported water from State Water Project (SWP) in the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin for use by the Region during periods of drought or disruptions in SWP operations. The City of Palmdale will begin water storage once their consultant finalizes the Water Master application. The City of Palmdale intends to augment groundwater recharge with recycled water supplies in the future.

F. Action Items

Next Stakeholder Workshop: April 15th, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Chimbole Cultural Center.

Responsible Party	Task	Due Date
Woodard & Curran	Distribute sample resolution adopting 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update to RWMG and Project Sponsors	January 17, 2020
RWGM and Project Sponsors	Submit resolution adopting 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update to Woodard & Curran	March 1, 2020