

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder Meeting

MEETING DATE: 4/15/2020

LOCATION: Skype Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 4/16/2020

ATTENDEES: Evelyn Ballesteros, Tom Barnes, Erika Bensch, Pam Clark, Brian Dietrick, Vanessa De Anda, Keith Dyas, Kari Eskridge, Greg Evan, Bruce Katz, Bob Large, Yvonne Malikowski, Scott Rogers, Mike Shahbakhti, Brach Smith, Tommy Ta, Josh Uecker

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 Round 1 Implementation Grant and 2019 AV IRWM Plan adoption were led by Brian Dietrick, Josh Uecker, and Vanessa De Anda of Woodard & Curran. Project sponsors provided an update on the projects submitted for Prop. 1 funding.
- Brian Dietrick led a discussion of COVID19 response measures. Each agency / municipality gave a brief description of health and safety measures being implemented.

B. Prop. 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant

- On April 2, 2020, DWR released the funding recommendation for the Lahontan Funding Area (Funding Area) for the Prop. 1 Round 1 Implementation IRWM Grant. The Funding Area was recommended to receive the full requested grant amount, totaling \$10,793,162 in grant funds, as shown in **Figure 1**. General implementation application scores and the distributions to Regions within the Funding Area are also shown in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1: Recommended Grant Award in the Lahontan Funding Area by Region



- DWR recommended the Antelope Valley IRWM Region to receive a total grant award of \$3,895,595. The projects recommended for funding, as well as the grant award distribution within the Antelope Valley IRWM Region, are shown in **Table 1**. All projects were recommended to receive the full grant amount requested in the grant application. This is a success for the AV IRWM Region as not all projects have been recommended for full funding in other Funding Areas.

Table 1: Recommended Grant Award in the Antelope Valley IRWM Region

IRWM Region: Antelope Valley Applicant: Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association					Proposal Notes: -	
Project Name	Project Implementing Agency	Implementing Agency Type	Primary Benefit	DAC Funding Requested	General Implementation Funding Request	Project Notes:
Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal	Palmdale Water District	Public Agency	Water Supply - Surface Water		\$881,208	-
South North Intertie Pipeline Phase II Project	Antelope Valley - East Kern Water Agency	Public Agency	Water Supply Reliability		\$881,208	-
Antelope Valley Regional Conversation Project	Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District	Public Agency	Water Conservation		\$290,763	-
Phase 2 Distribution System	Palmdale Recycled Water Authority	Public Agency	Water Supply - Recycled Water		\$881,208	-
AVSWCA Grant Administration	Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association	Public Agency	Grand Admin		\$80,000	-
Wastewater Treatment Plan Rehabilitation and Groundwater Protection	Rosamond Community Services District	Public Agency	Water Supply - Groundwater		\$881,208	-
Total Request:				\$0	\$3,895,595	
General Proposal Score:		DAC Proposal Score:				
27		N/A				
Total Recommended Award:				\$0	\$3,895,595	

C. Prop. 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Project Updates

- Project sponsors provided brief updates regarding the projects included in the Prop. 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant application.
 - i. SNIP Phase II (Tom B.): AVEK is currently working with a consultant to award an engineering and design contract for the Project. AVEK is moving forward with the final design, and all easements have been acquired. The Project is moving forward despite delays due to COVID-19.
 - ii. Phase 2 Distribution System (Mike S.): The City of Palmdale is working on Project specifications, and a consultant was hired to recertify the environmental documents. The City of Palmdale is seeking more funding from the PRWA. The Project is six months away from start of construction.
 - iii. Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal (Scott R.): PWD has 90% design plans completed and is currently working on completing permitting. The District is also looking for a contractor to take the fill material.
 - iv. WWTP Rehabilitation and Groundwater Protection (Brach S.): The Project is in its fifth month of construction, which started in November of 2019. The Project has been slightly delayed due to COVID-19 and recent rain events.
 - v. Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Project: no update provided; proponent was not present.

D. 2019 AV IRWM Plan Adoption

- 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.
- Woodard & Curran walked through a tracking table of IRWMP Update adoption status. Thus far, only six of twelve resolutions have been submitted. The tracking table for resolutions received is shown in **Table 2**. Woodard & Curran will follow up with those agencies still needing to adopt the 2019 AV IRWM Plan update.
- Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts 14 and 20 are working with legal to get the resolution on the Board agenda. The Board meeting is likely scheduled for May, depending on whether it is cancelled or postponed.
- Palmdale Recycled Water Authority is trying to figure out what/how to adopt the 2019 AV IRWM Plan. Mike S. will circle back with their legal team to determine how to move forward.

Table 2: 2019 AV IRWM Plan Update Adoption Resolutions

RWMG Agency/Project Sponsor	Resolution
Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency	Received
Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District	
Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association	Received
City of Lancaster	Received
City of Palmdale	Received
Littlerock Creek Irrigation District	
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts 14 and 20	
Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts 40	
Palmdale Recycled Water Authority	
Palmdale Water District	Received
Quartz Hill Water District	
Rosamond Community Services District	Received

E. Next Steps

- DWR's draft award recommendation for the AV IRWM Region was released on April 2nd and is subject to a public review period. The public review period ends on Thursday, April 23rd at 5:00 pm. Comments should be submitted to DWR via email.
 - i. Woodard & Curran will check with other Regions to see whether draft comment letters are being submitted to DWR.
- Round 1 Final Grant Awards are anticipated Mid 2020. For reference, the North Coast Region's comment period ended on February 25th, but DWR has not yet announced a final award for them. Based on this timeline, it may be up to a few months before DWR finalizes the awards for the AV IRWM Region as well. Nonetheless, RWMG agencies and Project Sponsors should get resolutions adopting the AV IRWM Plan Update on their Board agenda as soon as possible.
- Woodard & Curran updated the cover page for the 2019 AV IRWM Plan Update. The cover page features the Upper Amargosa Creek Recharge Project as it was successfully funded by Prop. 84 under the IRWM Program and was recently completed. The cover page was distributed to the Stakeholder group in February, and no comments have been received.
 - i. Woodard & Curran will redistribute the cover page to stakeholders who did not have access to the cover page.

F. Action Items

Next Stakeholder Workshop: To be determined (likely July/August 2020)

Responsible Party	Task	Due Date
Woodard Curran	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Redistribute cover page to stakeholders- Determine if comment letter to DWR is needed	4/24
Woodard Curran	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Follow up with AVRCD about draft award, resolution, and next steps	4/24
RWGMG and Project Sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Submit resolution adopting 2019 Antelope Valley IRWM Plan Update to Woodard & Curran	6/19