

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder Meeting

MEETING DATE: 11/17/2021

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 11/19/2021

ATTENDEES: Bob Large, Brach Smith, Brian Dietrick, Bruce Katz, Changmii Bae, Daniel Bradbury, Frank, Holly Jones, Nicole Jones, Lynn Glidden, Matt Knudson, Neal Weisenberger, Ron Russak, Sami Kabar, Scott Rogers, Shelley Sorsabal, Tom Barnes, Vickie Rausch, Yvonne Malikowski

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

A. Welcome and Introductions (Sami Kabar)

- The Antelope Valley (AV) Integrated Regional Management (IRWM) Stakeholder Meeting was opened and led by Daniel Bradbury from the Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW), Waterworks Division. Topics related to the Proposition (Prop.) 1 Round 1 Implementation Grant update and upcoming funding opportunities were led by Brian Dietrick and Vanessa De Anda of Woodard & Curran (W&C).

B. Ongoing Regional Funding (Vanessa De Anda and Brian Dietrick)

Prop. 1 Round 1 IRWM Grant Update

- The first reporting deadline to the Department of Water Resources will be on November 29, 2021. Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK), Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District (AVRCD), Palmdale Water District (PWD), and Rosamond Community Services District (RCSD) (collectively the project sponsors) are working with Woodard & Curran to draft the first reporting packet, which includes the quarterly invoice, progress report, and project monitoring plan.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

- The final Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant PSP was released on October 28th. There is approximately \$190 million available in funding. A funding match is encouraged, but not required. Eligible applicants are the IRWM regions and/or entities within the IRWM regions. The Round 1 solicitation deadline is November 19, 2021.
- There is approximately \$5 million available for the Lahontan Funding Area under the Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) program. The funding will be distributed among the six IRWM regions in the Lahontan Funding Area, which includes the Antelope Valley. The grant amount and deadline are to be determined.
- The final proposal solicitation package (PSP) for the Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Grant program is anticipated to be released by the end of 2021. There is approximately \$1 million in funding available for the AV IRWM Region. Grant application deadlines are anticipated in Spring or Fall of next year, depending on when the AV IRWM Region decides to move forward with the application process.
- The next step for pursuing funding is to conduct a call for projects. The AV IRWM Region already has an extensive list of projects that was identified through the call for projects conducted in 2019. The list is included in the AV IRWM Plan.

Interest in Upcoming Funding Opportunities

- City of Lancaster will regroup to discuss potential projects and address potential issues with matching funds.

- City of Palmdale's Avenue R Project will be considered for future funding (not this round).
- AVRCD may be interested in the DACI Set Aside funding for expansion of existing lawn replacement program for commercial and institutional land uses (e.g., golf courses, schools, and other non-residential water users). This would not include operations and maintenance of existing program.
 - i. This could potentially be a project for PWD, which has already implemented this program for commercial users and schools with large turf areas.
- The County will follow up with LACFCD on development of a Master Plan (which ends at Ave. S)
- LA County Parks and Recreation may be interested in submitting a project to improve conservation efforts and turf reduction programs for parks.
- PWD is doing groundwater augmentation; potential project for PWD treatment plant.

C. Action Items

Next Stakeholder Workshop: January 12, 2022

Responsible Party	Task	Due Date
Woodard & Curran	- Prepare and submit first reporting packet for Prop 1 Rd 1 IRWM Grant to DWR	11/29
Agencies	- Identify potential projects for upcoming funding pursuits	ASAP