

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder Meeting

MEETING DATE: 9/29/2021

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 10/8/2021

ATTENDEES: Aaron Chiang, Andree Johnson, Bob Large, Brach Smith, Brian Dietrick, Dennis LaMoreaux, Evelyn Ballesteros, Giles Coon, Holly Jones, Jackie Ly, James Chaisson, Julie Worrell, Keith Dyas, Lynn Glidden, Neirl Weisenberger, Nicole Jones, Ron Russak, Sally Johnson, Sami Kabar, Scott Rogers, Vickie Rausch, Yao Kouwonou, 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 Sami Kabar 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). Topics related to the Los Angeles County Water Plan were open and led by Giles Coon (LACPW) and Sally Johnson (W&C).

B. US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Announcement (Giles Coon)

- Giles Coon noted that the US EPA will make available \$25 million in grants to improve drinking water quality in underserved, small, and disadvantaged communities.

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

Prop. 1 Round 1 IRWM Grant Update

- The Prop. 1 Round 1 IRWM Grant Agreement was finalized in June 2021 with a total of four projects sponsored by the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK), Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District (AVRCD), Palmdale Water District (PWD), and Rosamond Community Services District (RCSD).
- The first reporting deadline to the Department of Water Resources will be on November 29, 2021. Project sponsors should expect to hear from Woodard & Curran in mid-October to draft the first reporting packet, which includes the quarterly invoice, progress report, and project monitoring plan.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

- The draft proposal solicitation package (PSP) for the Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Grant program is anticipated to be released in fall of 2021, and the final PSP is expected by winter 2021. There is approximately \$1 million in funding available for the AV IRWM Region. Grant application deadlines are anticipated in March or September of next year, depending on when the AV IRWM Region decides to move forward with the application process.
- The Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant PSP public draft was released on September 23rd. The public comment period for the draft PSP will end on October 8th. 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 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.

D. Los Angeles County Water Plan Workshop (Giles Coon, Sally Johnson)

- Sally Johnson led a workshop for the Los Angeles County Water Plan. The vision of the Los Angeles County Water Plan is to articulate a shared, inclusive, regional path forward to sustainably achieve safe, clean, and reliable water resources for Los Angeles County. The purpose of the workshop was to seek subregional feedback on topics to be addressed in CWP and seek input on how the region can make progress on these topics. AV IRWM stakeholders were asked to vote on the desired outcomes with regard to water supply reliability, groundwater management, watershed health and wildfire resilience, and infrastructure resilience and drinking water equity in Los Angeles County.

E. Action Items

Next Stakeholder Workshop: November 17, 2021

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