

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM A-Team call

MEETING DATE: 12/14/2022

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 12/16/2022

ATTENDEES: Bruce Katz (City of Lancaster), Nicole Jones (City of Lancaster), Brent Byrne (Quartz Hill Water District), Brach Smith (Quartz Hill Water District), Matthew Knudson (Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency), Scott Rogers (Palmdale Water District), Lynn Glidden (City of Palmdale), Holly Jones (LACSD), Mark Beuhler (WS Water Bank), Daniel Bradbury (LACDPW), Josephine Guterrez (LACDPW), Ricardo Gordillo (LACDPW), Stella Higgins (LACDPW), John Houghton (RCSD), Yvonne Malikowski, Mary Wood, Josh Uecker (Woodard & Curran), Vanessa De Anda (Woodard & Curran), Maggie Anderson (Woodard & Curran)

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions (Josh Uecker and Vanessa De Anda)

- 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 funding updates, project additions/updates to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan, and the Proposition (Prop.) 1 Round 2 Implementation Grant application were led by Vanessa De Anda of Woodard & Curran (W&C).

Funding Updates to the Antelope Valley IRWM Prop. 1 Round 1 Grant and Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant (Josh Uecker)

- Prop. 1 Round 1 updates provided by Rosamond Community Services District (RCSD), Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK), and Palmdale Water District (PWD)
 - RCSD's Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project is in the final stages of project implementation
 - AVEK's South-North Intertie Pipeline (SNIP) Phase II Project is nearing the end of design; the project received an additional \$5M through the State's 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding. AVEK is pursuing additional funding to bridge funding gaps as a result of inflation (estimated project costs increased from \$26M to \$50M)
 - PWD's Sediment Removal Project started removing sediment; operations stopped in early November due to a large rain event.
- Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding updates provided by PWD
 - PWD's Conservation Garden is under redesign; the project may be relocated to the Demonstration Facility for Pure Water

Project Additions/Updates to the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan (Josh Uecker)

- Four projects were submitted during the Call for Projects. Project summaries are shown below.

Sponsor	Name	Description	Cost
AVRCD	Lawn Reduction Rebate Program	Extend the existing Lawn Reduction Rebate program to an additional 75,000 sq. ft.	\$397K
City of Palmdale	Upper Amargosa Creek Groundwater Recharge Project	Complete required environmental impact mitigation planting and monitoring on City-owned property for the existing 7 recharge basins with infiltration up to 9,400 AFY	\$1-10M
LACPW	Closure of P-8 and Frontier Circus	Acquire drainage easements to relieve flooding to multiple private properties	
Palmdale Water District	E. Ave Q Recycled Water Extension	Install ~ 5,280 LF of 12-in pipeline in E. Avenue Q from E. 30 th St. to E 20 th St. The project serves as the influent pipeline that will provide RW to the PRWA's planned Pure Water AV Advanced Water Treatment Demonstration Facility; may also serve 1 school and PWD's equipment yard	\$2.19M

- The stakeholder verbally agreed to include and/or update the projects in the Antelope Valley IRWM Plan.
- The Antelope Valley IRWM Plan – Appendix K will be updated with the four projects and uploaded to the Antelope Valley IRWM website.

Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Projects (Vanessa De Anda)

- There is approximately \$1 million in funding available for the Antelope Valley IRWM Region. The grant application deadline is on February 1, 2023.
 - \$21K will be allocated to grant administration, \$397K to the AVRCD Lawn Reduction Rebate Program, and \$588K to the PWD E. Ave Q Recycled Water Extension.

Sponsor	Name	Status	Funding
AVSWCA	Grant Administration	On-going	\$21K
AVRCD	Lawn Reduction Rebate Program	Implementation 2024	\$397K
PWD	E. Ave Q Recycled Water Extension	Ready for construction	\$588K

- Woodard & Curran is in the process of drafting the grant application. A draft will be distributed to project sponsors by December 16, 2022. Comments will be due January 6, 2023. The target application submittal will be January 20, 2023.

Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) (Josh Uecker)

- Watershed-based plans focused on stormwater priorities, which can help develop multi-benefit projects for upcoming funding opportunities.
- SWRPs cost approximately \$200-300K and take 6-12 months.
- While there is currently no funding available for developing a SWRP for the region, Woodard & Curran will continue tracking funding opportunities.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 15th, 2023