

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM A-Team call

MEETING DATE: 3/16/2022

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 3/16/2022

ATTENDEES: Bob Large (Resident), Brach Smith (RCSD), Brian Dietrick (W&C), Bruce Katz (Lancaster), Claudia Bolanos (AVRCD), Daniel Bradbury (LACPW), Holly Jones (LACSD), Keith Dyas (AVEK), Tom Barnes (AVEK), Sami Kabar (LACPW), Vanessa De Anda (W&C), Yvonne Malikowski (Resident)

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

A. Welcome and Introductions (Daniel Bradbury)

- 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 Vanessa De Anda of Woodard & Curran (W&C).

B. Ongoing Regional Funding (Vanessa De Anda)

2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding – Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACI) Set Aside

- There is approximately \$5 million available for the Lahontan Funding Area under the DACI program. The funding will be distributed among the six IRWM regions in the Lahontan Funding Area, which includes the Antelope Valley. The exact grant amount is yet to be determined but is expected to be around \$1.4 million. The final proposal solicitation package (PSP) was amended and released in late February to allow other entities that are not the DACI grantee to apply. The deadline for this application was originally set for April 1, 2022, but it has been extended to April 15, 2022.
- Five projects were submitted during the Call for Projects for consideration under this opportunity. The AV IRWM A-Team met on March 7, 2022, to discuss “shovel-ready” projects that have the materials ready to submit a grant application. Using the IRWM process of facilitated agreement, a consensus was reached to move forward with a grant application consisting of LCID’s Mills Tract-Water Main Replacement-Old Steel project (\$947,095) and PWD’s Conservation and Education Garden project (\$450,000), described further below.

Sponsor	Name	Description	Cost
Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID)	Mills Tract-Water Main Replacement-Old Steel	Replace 5.6 mi. of old, leaky water main pipeline and valves	\$947,095
Palmdale Water District (PWD)	Conservation and Education Garden	Construct amphitheater for presentations and workshops and	\$450,000

Sponsor	Name	Description	Cost
		garden to showcase water-saving plants and other learning activities	

Proposition (Prop.) 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant

- The final PSP for the Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant program is anticipated to be released by March/April 2022. There is approximately \$1 million in funding available for the AV IRWM Region. Grant application deadlines are anticipated in August 2022 or February 2023, depending on when the AV IRWM Region decides to move forward with the application process. Eligible projects must be completed by the end of 2026.
- Five projects were submitted during the Call for Projects for consideration. The AV IRWM A-Team met on March 7, 2022, to discuss “shovel-ready” projects to be considered under the DACI set aside opportunity. The A-Team verbally agreed to move forward with the Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM grant application consisting of the City of Lancaster’s recycled water projects, shown below.

Sponsor	Name	Description	Cost
City of Lancaster	Avenue I and 5 th Street East Recycled Water Line	Serve 3 elementary schools, landscape maintenance districts and misc. onsite landscaping	\$1.2M
City of Lancaster	Avenue H-6 Recycled Water Line	Serve Whit Carter Park	\$1.4M

- The City of Lancaster will move forward with the IRWM Prop. 1 Round 2 application even if a cost-share is required, though the City prefers the cost-share to be as low as possible. The City would also consider only moving forward with one of the two projects.

C. Additional Comments

- Bob Large would like to see participation from the Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB) in the development of the Los Angeles County Water Plan (CWP). He has been in communication with someone at the EAFB and will invite them to attend the next AV IRWM Stakeholder Meeting where the CWP will be discussed. Bob will also share contact information with the W&C team.

D. Action Items

Responsible Party	Task	Due Date
Woodard & Curran	- Coordinate with project sponsors to submit the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding –DACI Set Aside application	4/15