

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM A-Team call

MEETING DATE: 9/14/2022

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 9/20/2022

ATTENDEES: Bob Large, Daniel Bradbury, James Chaisson, Holly Jones, Josh Uecker, Bruce Katz, Matthew Knudson, Rebecca Samonte, Roger Aliaga, Scott Rogers, Shelley Sorsabal, Stelle Higgins, Yvonne Malikowski, Vickie Rausch, Arthella Vallarta

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 upcoming funding opportunities, Proposition (Prop.) 1 Round 2 Implementation Grant, and future projects were led by Josh Uecker from Woodard & Curran.

B. Ongoing Regional Funding (Josh Uecker)

2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding

- The draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) for the 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Funding was released in August and the final PSP is anticipated to be released in October. The purpose of the grant is to provide water to communities that face the loss or contamination of their water supplies, address immediate impacts on human health and safety, and to protect fish and wildlife.
- There is approximately \$285 million available in this solicitation. There is a \$5 million minimum grant request and small projects are encouraged to combine to meet this requirement. Turf rebate projects may be exempt from this requirement.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis following the release of the final PSP.

Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant

- There is approximately \$1 million in funding available for the AV IRWM Region. The grant application deadline is on February 1, 2023.
- Stormwater resource management projects must be included in a Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP).
- AV IRWM Region does not have a SWRP currently, so these types of projects are not eligible for this round of funding.

C. Call for Projects Round 2 – Grant Processing Deadline & Proposed Projects (Daniel Bradbury)

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

Sponsor	Name	Description	Cost
AVRCD	Lawn Reduction Rebate Program	Extend existing Lawn Reduction Rebate program to an additional 75,000 sq. ft.	\$375K-\$400K
City of Palmdale	Avenue I and 5th Street East Recycled Water Line	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	\$2.2M

- Palmdale Water District briefly presented on E. Ave Q Recycled Water Extension project.
- City of Palmdale was not available to present on the Upper Amargosa Greek Groundwater Recharge Project.
- LACPW's Road Maintenance Division's Avenue P-8 Drainage Improvement Project is not eligible for Prop. 1 Round 2 funding since the AV IRWM region does not have a SWRP.
 - The 2011 storm in Lake Los Angeles event was the catalyst for this project. The storm interrupted the natural stream of the area, causing major flooding and mud deposited in the community and damaging several homes.
 - The project will acquire the necessary easements, repair flood hazard areas to improved conditions, and regain access to roadways closed due to the 2011 storm. LACPW will also work with property owners to limit future flooding by mitigating obstructions in the area.
- All projects will be added or updated in the AV IRWM Plan – Appendix K.

D. Project Updates

- Palmdale Water District's Little Rock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project received the 1605 permit from Fish and Wildlife. Mobilization will start on September 15th and sediment removal will begin on September 26th.
- The lawn reduction rebate is in effect for Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District's (AVRCD's) Regional Conservation Project. AVRCD will be hosting workshops at

their Fall Plant Sale on October 22nd. AVRCD is also considering another project to supply plant materials to other lawn rebate programs.

E. Public Comment

- Bob Large asked if a working group, with public participation, will be formed during the development of the SWRP and if the SWRP has to go through IRWM.
 - Josh Uecker responded that there will be stakeholder input and a space for public comments if the AV IRWM Region moves forward with developing a SWRP. In 2018, the region did consider developing a SWRP but decided to hold off since there were not many stormwater projects. The SWRP typically goes through IRWM, but it is not required.
- Roger Aliaga asked what the next steps to include LACPW's project in the AV IRWM Plan.
 - Josh Uecker responded that LACPW would need to put all the information together. The A Team would review the project and make a recommendation to include the project. The process is available in Chapter 7 of the AV IRWM Plan.

F. Future Agenda Items/Announcements/Other Items

- The AV IRWM Stakeholder group agreed to hold the meeting on December 14.

G. Action Items

Responsible Party	Task	Due Date
None identified		