

# MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder call

MEETING DATE: 6/14/2023

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 6/14/2023

ATTENDEES: Bob Large (A-Team), Brach Smith (Quartz Hill Water District), Daniel Bradbury (LACPW), Holly Jones (LACSD), Karen Bryan, Bruce Katz (City of Lancaster), Jose Ojeda (California Water Service), Scott Rogers (Palmdale Water District), Vickie Rausch (Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District), Yvonne Malikowski, Matthew Knudson (Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency), Mary Wood (Antelope Valley United Water Purveyors), Todd Lemen, Lynn Glidden (City of Palmdale), Brian Dietrick (Woodard & Curran), Arthella Vallarta (Woodard & Curran)

## Stakeholder Meeting Notes

### Welcome and Introductions

- The Antelope Valley 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 and project updates were led by Brian Dietrick of Woodard & Curran (W&C)
- Vanessa De Anda left W&C in May. Josh Uecker of W&C is currently looking for a replacement.

### Ongoing Regional Funding: Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Projects

- The Department of Water Resources awarded the Antelope Valley IRWM Region approximately \$1 million under the Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Program.
  - \$20,534 was awarded to grant administration, \$396,786 was awarded to the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District (AVRCD) Lawn Reduction Rebate Program, and \$587,578 was awarded to the Palmdale Water District (PWD) E. Ave Q Recycled Water Extension.
- Vickie Rausch of AVRCD is very pleased to extend the Lawn Reduction Rebate Program and will be able to offer larger rebates to applicants. AVRCD will deplete Prop 1 Round 1 funds before using Prop 1 Round 2 funds.
- Scott Rogers of PWD is appreciative of the Antelope Valley IRWM Program's support of the recycled water project. The final design of the recycled water line is almost complete, and the project is going through the environmental process. PWD anticipates that the project will go to bid in late summer and start construction.

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Sponsor	Name	Status	Funding
AVSWCA	Grant Administration	On-going	\$20,534
AVRCD	Lawn Reduction Rebate Program	Implementation 2024	\$396,786
PWD	E. Ave Q Recycled Water Extension	Ready for construction	\$587,578

### **Project Updates**

- All projects funded under Prop 1 Round 1, the Urban Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant, and Prop 1 Round 2 are progressing. W&C will monitor future funding opportunities that support the IRWM program.

### **Ways to Assist Small Water Systems**

- The LACPW has drafted a support letter on behalf of the Antelope Valley IRWM Region for assisting small water systems in Los Angeles County. The letter acknowledges that small water systems across Los Angeles County will benefit from the services and resources that the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program Offers. The support letter is similar to the letter that the Greater Los Angeles County IRWM Region sent to the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).
- A copy of the presentation and the draft letter will be distributed to the stakeholders.
- LACPW will begin final processing of the support letter and submit it to the SWRCB since there was no opposition.

### **Public Comments**

- There were no public comments.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2023**