

# MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder call

MEETING DATE: 3/13/2024

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 6/4/2024

ATTENDEES:), Holly Jones (LACSD), Bruce Katz (City of Lancaster), Ben Stewart (City of Lancaster), Candice Vander Hyde (City of Lancaster), Tom Aranda (City of Lancaster), Scott Rogers (Palmdale Water District), Mariksa Marin (Palmdale Water District), Vickie Rausch (Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District), Tom Barnes (AVEK), Kieth Dias (AVEK), Daniel Bradbury (LA County Public Works), Jose Gutierrez (LA County Public Works), Ricardo Gordillo (LA County Public Works), Yvonne Malikowski, Bob Large, Josh Uecker (Woodard & Curran)

## Stakeholder Meeting Notes

### Welcome and Introductions

- The Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Management (IRWM) Stakeholder Meeting was opened and led by Josh Uecker of Woodard & Curran (W&C).

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

- Josh Uecker (W&C) provided brief overview of upcoming funding and related information
  - Potentially Upcoming Bond Measures
    - There are a couple of bond measures being discussed by the Legislature. Should have a better picture of what may be coming in late June/early July 2024.
    - Some measure is likely to make its way to the Nov 2024 ballot.
  - State budget shortfalls may mean less money available for grant funding for water projects in the coming year. W&C will continue to monitor for opportunities and present them to the AV IRWM group as they materialize.

### Project Updates

- All projects funded under Prop 1 Round 1, the Urban Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant, and Prop 1 Round 2 are progressing. Three of the funded Prop 1 projects are at or near completion. Prop 1 Round 2 projects are now under agreement with DWR. PWD's project is getting close to construction; AVRCD will begin once funding from Prop 1 Round 1 is used up. W&C will monitor future funding opportunities that support the IRWM program.

### **Other Topics**

- Daniel Bradbury (LACPW) mentioned the potential for moving forward with planning for a Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP). Scott Rogers (PWD) suggested bringing the SWRP idea back to the interested agencies and then discussing next steps. Interested agencies include Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, PWD, AVEK, LACPW, LACSD, AVRCD, and potentially the Association of Rural Town Councils (and others).
- Tom Barnes (AVEK) mentioned some potential upcoming culvert projects that they might be looking for funding for in the future (either IRWM or other) and may fall under a future SWRP. Big Rock Creek Recharge Project (future) would be another project that would fall under a SWRP for future funding.

### **Public Comments**

- Bob Large will be stepping back from the AVIRMW group. The group acknowledged his contributions over the years and wishes him well.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2024**