

# MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder call

MEETING DATE: 6/12/2024

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 8/27/2024

ATTENDEES:), Arnold Paneda (LACSD), Bruce Katz (City of Lancaster), Trolis Niebla (City of Lancaster), Candice Vander Hyde (City of Lancaster), Kevin Yao (Palmdale Water District), Lynn Glidden (City of Palmdale), Tom Barnes (AVEK), Matt Knudsen (AVEK), Daniel Bradbury (LA County Public Works), Rongchao Bi (LA County Public Works), Josephine Gutierrez (LA County Public Works), Brock Smith (Quartz Hill Water District), Brent Burn (Quartz Hill Water District), Steve Rafferty (Littlerock Creek Irrigation District), Dan Jacobs (Antelope Valley Fairgrounds), Jacob Adessky (US Borax), Ryan Hunter (US Borax), Yvonne Malikowski, Jose Ojeda (Cal Water), Josh Uecker (Woodard & Curran), Brenda Ponton (Woodard & Curran), Brian Dietrick (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 Measure
    - There is a 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. (Post-meeting update: a \$10 billion water and climate bond will be on the Nov ballot)

### 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. AVEK is getting close to final design on SNIP Phase 2, hoping to start construction next year. 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. Littlerock Creek ID is close to finalizing permitting for their water line replacement project under the Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant. W&C will monitor future funding opportunities that support the IRWM program.

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## AV IRWM Memorandum of Understanding Status

- 2024 Amended and Restated MOU:
  - Peter Thompson (AVEK and AVSWCA) sent out the updated AV IRWM MOU and funding mechanisms in May; agencies should be circulating to their Boards now.
  - Status updates for several agencies: Quart Hill WD approved, AVEK approved, AVSWPCA considering tomorrow, LACDPW working through process

## Storm Water Resource Plan

- Brenda Ponton (Woodard & Curran) presented Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) requirements and key decisions/actions needed. See slides for details. Generally, need to decide if to develop a SWRP in the region, who would lead the development, how to fund a plan, and when to get started.
- Several agencies have stormwater-related projects in mind already, including: City of Palmdale Ave R regional basin (near final design), City of Lancaster stormdrain infrastructure, LA County Avenue P-8 conceptual plan (in IRWM Plan project list).
- Storm Water Resource Task Force Group – LA County Public Works, City of Lancaster, and City of Palmdale agreed to meet to move preparation of a potential SWRP forward. To engage Woodard & Curran as needed in coordinating/support.

## Multi-Agency Regional Resiliency Center Project

- Trolis Niebla (Lancaster) presented on the Multi-Agency Regional Resiliency Center Project (MARRC). Largely inspired by the pandemic and associated impacts in 2020, the project includes a 140,000-square-foot event space, a 23,000-square-foot emergency operations center and a 7,500-square-foot culinary community kitchen. The facility is expected to be completed by October 2025 and will serve as an important resource for the Antelope Valley community in times of need. The facility can be converted into a 1,000-bed climate-controlled evacuation center and emergency operations center.
- Future phases include energy and water supply sustainability actions/facilities. MARRC still looking for partners and funding for future phases.
- See slides for additional details.

## Public Comments

- N/A

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024**