

AV IRWMP Sixth Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2012

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The Sixth Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) 2007 Update Stakeholder meeting was held on January 16, 2013, at Lancaster City Hall – EOC Room. Attendees are listed in the attached sign-in sheet.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. The meeting was opened and led by Brian Dietrick (RMC) and called to order at 9:05 am.
- b. An electronic copy of the presentation is attached.

2. Selection of New A-Team Members

- a. Brian provided a brief summary of the roles and responsibilities of the A-Team
- b. Two seats were up for selection by the stakeholder group:
 - Urban Water Supplier:
 - Matt Knudson (PWD) was selected to serve the remainder of the term
 - Agriculture:
 - Suggestions of potential nominees were made – none of these people were present at the meeting:
 - I. Sadie Thomas (Kern County Farm Bureau)
 - II. Julie Kyle from Kyle & Kyle
 - Selection of the Agriculture seat was deferred until the next stakeholder meeting
- c. The stakeholder group requested that term periods be posted for each A-Team member on the AVWATERPLAN.ORG site

3. Progress to Date

- a. Brian provided a summary for the following IRWM topics:
 - Flood Management
 - Task 2.3.2 TM was sent out for review to the Flood Management Committee stakeholders
 - Flood Management Committee meeting and workshop will be held January 16th from 1-3pm
 - DACs
 - Task 2.1.2 TM has been put on hold; work on the TM will re-commence in February after completion of the Prop 1E grant application
 - IRWM Plan Update
 - Section 1 has been drafted and reviewed by the A-Team
 - Sections 2 & 4 are currently being revised; drafts to be completed by March 2013

4. Project Review Process - stakeholder consensus was obtained for all of the items below

- a. Suggested Project Review Process - Brian explained the project review process that was used during the 2007 IRWMP stakeholder process and discussed recommended changes for the 2012 IRWMP Updates. The original and the new proposed project review process are summarized in the table below:

Process	Original Process	New Proposed Process
Step 1	Submittal of Projects	Submittal of Projects
Step 2	Project Review/Evaluation by Stakeholders	Project Review/Evaluation by A-Team or Committee
Step 3	Project Prioritization by Stakeholders	Project Prioritization by A-Team or Committee
Step 4	Project Approval by Stakeholders	Project Approval by Stakeholders
Step 5	2007 IRWMP	2012 IRWMP
Step 6	Adopt IRWMP by the RWMG	Adopt IRWMP by the RWMG & Project Proponents

- b. A question was raised about how the proposed project review process would adequately provide public notification. It was decided by the AV IRWM Stakeholder group that before the acceptance of any projects into the AV IRWM Plan, a notification should be published in the local newspaper to allow for public comment on any projects that have been evaluated and prioritized by the A-Team. Notifications about projects should include either a list of the projects being vetted or a link to a complete list on the AVWATERPLAN.ORG site.
- c. Also, in the past, AV IRWM stakeholder meetings were announced in the local newspaper to provide a way to bring interested stakeholders into the IRWMP process. The stakeholder group requested that this practice be revived and that announcements for each stakeholder meeting be made in the local newspaper.
- d. Some stakeholders were concerned that only the A-Team (or Committee) would evaluate and prioritize projects. The following clarifications were provided:
- After every evaluation of projects by the A-Team or Committee, the stakeholders and public should have an opportunity to comment on the ALL the projects (including projects that were not recommended to proceed to the prioritization step).
 - After every prioritization of projects by the A-Team or Committee the stakeholders and public should have an opportunity to comment before the projects are formally accepted into the IRWMP.
 - In other words, all projects submitted into the project review process will remain visible and included through the entire process, even if rejected.
- e. Submittal of old or new projects

- Mechanisms for project submittal will include the AVWATERPLAN.ORG Website and a hardcopy project submittal form
- A new updated project submittal form will be drafted and made available soon on the Website. Hardcopies of the project submittal forms will also be made available.
- Eligible projects for submission in the AV IRWM Plan will include:
 - Ready for construction
 - Conceptual
 - Plans and Studies

f. Project Review

- The A-Team will do the initial project evaluation and prioritization. Final project approval will be by the stakeholder group at a public meeting.
- The projects will be evaluated using, at the minimum, the following review factors:

- IRWM Objectives	-Project Costs and Financing
-Resource Management Strategies	- Economic Feasibility
-Technical Feasibility	-Readiness to Proceed
- DAC Benefits	-Benefits to Multiple Stakeholders
-Native American Tribal Community Benefits	-Climate Change Adaptation
-Environmental Justice Considerations	-Climate Change GHG mitigation

g. Publishing the List

- The final project list will be made available to the public and published:
 - On the AVIRWMPLAN.ORG Website
 - In local newspaper - link to final project list on Website
 - In the 2012 IRWM Plan in tabular format
- The project review process for the 2012 IRWM Plan will be conducted every time new projects are submitted by proponents.

5. Proposition 1E Update

- a. The Prop 1E grant application for the Palmdale Water District Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal Project is currently underway. The grant application deadline is February 1, 2013.

6. Proposition 84 Update

- a. A Prop 84 grant application will be prepared and submitted for the Boron Community Services District (BCSD) Arsenic Removal Project. This project provides benefits to a DAC area. A contract for preparation of the Prop 84 grant application by RMC was submitted by the AVSWCA and is currently being reviewed.
- BCSD will be adopting the 2007 IRWM Plan on January 18, 2013, as required by the November 2012 DWR IRWM Guidelines.

b. Prop 84 Lahontan Funding Area Coordination

- In Round 2, only \$3.9 M is available for the Lahontan Funding Area. Four regions in the Lahontan Funding Area (Including the AV IRWM Region) will be applying for Prop 84 Round 2 grant funds.
- The AV IRWM Region participated in the Lahontan Funding Area Coordination conversation with the other three regions pursuing funding: Tahoe-Sierra, Inyo-Mono, and Mojave. Three calls took place between late December and early January.
- Rick Caulkins (LACSD) gave a status update on the Lahontan Funding Area Coordination discussion:
 - The coordination effort consisted of three phone calls wherein different options for pre-arranging the allocation of funds were discussed.
 - The Tahoe-Sierra IRWM Region stakeholders ultimately decided that they are too far along the project selection process to remove projects or lower the grant request amount. The Region will be submitting a grant application for 11 projects, requesting \$3.9 M. The project manager contacted all the project proponents to determine if any would be willing to remove their project from the grant application – none were willing.
 - The Mojave IRWM Region was willing to decrease their grant fund request initially; however, at the conclusion of the coordination calls they decided to proceed with their original plan to request \$3.9 M.
 - The Inyo-Mono IRWM Region has a suite of five projects and will be requesting \$1.9 M
 - Despite the fact that no agreement on Round 2 could be reached, the coordination calls established open communication and a positive relationship with the other Lahontan Regions. It is the desire of all the participants to continue the coordination effort into Prop 84 Round 3.
 - The coordination participants are currently drafting one common letter that will be signed by all the four IRWM Regions that participated in the calls:
 - I. The letter will be (1) sent to DWR, (2) included in each of the four updated 2012 IRWM Plans, and (3) attached to the appendix of each of the Round 2 Prop 84 grant applications.
 - II. The letter will also be sent to the Fremont Basin and Lahontan Basins IRWM Regions. These Regions are not applying for Round 2 grant funding but could apply in Round 3.
 - III. The stakeholders requested the draft letter to be distributed to the group for review. The draft letter will be sent to Aracely Jaramillo by Rick Caulkins to distribute to the stakeholder group.

c. Prop 84 Round 2 Grant Application is due March 29, 2013

- The project review process for the BCSD will need to occur in an accelerated time frame. RMC will assist the stakeholder group to complete the evaluation, prioritization, and approval of the project for the 2007 IRWM Plan before the grant deadline (March 29, 2013).

7. Next Steps

- Seventh Stakeholder Meeting
 - March 20th location TBD
 - Present the A-Team evaluation of BCSD project
 - Stakeholder group will need to formally approve the BCSD project
 - Provide updates on the grant applications
- Flood Committee
 - Next meeting will occur today in the afternoon, January 16th, at Lancaster City EOC Room
- DAC Committee
 - The DAC TM will be submitted for review by early February
 - Brief DAC Committee meeting will be held, if necessary, after the next stakeholder meeting in May
- Implementation Grants
 - RMC will complete the Prop 1E grant application by Feb 1, 2013
 - Once authorization received, RMC will commence the Prop 84 grant application
- IRWM Plan Update
 - Section 4 (Objectives) – will be drafted by early February
 - Section 3 (Issues and Needs) – will be drafted by late April
 - Section 2 (Region Description) – will be drafted by early March

8. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am

ACTION ITEMS:

1. RMC to assist LACWWD to update the AVWATERPLAN.ORG site to include names, term limits and election dates for each A-Team member.
2. A-Team to contact potential nominees for the open Agriculture seat on the A-Team.
3. RMC to develop draft version of new project submittal form.
4. RMC to work with LACWWD to incorporate the new project submittal form on the AVWATERPLAN.ORG Website and to make available in hard copy format.
5. A-Team to arrange for notification about upcoming stakeholder meetings in the local newspaper.
6. Rick Caulkins to provide draft copy of Lahontan Funding Area letter to the stakeholder group.
7. RMC to send Natalie Dadey (BCSD) the Prop 84 grant application resolution language.

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