



**Upper Santa Clara River (USCR) IRWM Stakeholder Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2015**  
**2:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

Newhall County Water District  
23780 Pine St, Newhall, CA 91321

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**MEETING MINUTES**

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**IRWM MEETING**

**2:30 I. Welcome**

*Cathy Hollomon, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) welcomed the group and initiated introductions. The attendee list is attached.*

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**2:35 II. Consultant and Grant Updates**

*Jeff Ford, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) along with Lauren Everett of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants reviewed the process the RWMG went through/ pursuant to the process established in the IRWM Plan to identify, prioritize, and select the projects for the 2015 Implementation Grant Application. Projects for consideration were presented to the group at the previous month's (April 24<sup>th</sup>) stakeholder meeting.*

*Jeff Ford also gave an update on the progress of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan.*

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**3:00 III. Updated IRWMP Project List Amendment and Incorporation**

*Jeff Ford presented the list of prioritized projects to the stakeholder group and explained how they were ranked, what the criteria were, and how the RWMG evaluated the projects. He explained that the new projects identified for the 2015 Implementation Grant Solicitation, that which were presented to the Stakeholder group at the April 24th stakeholder meeting had been added to the 'project list' and given an initial ranking. He then asked the group if they agreed with the project ranking process and overall project list. The stakeholder group agreed during the meeting with the project prioritization, the projects selected for the grant application, and affirmed that the list could be adopted into the IRWM Update.*

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**3:30 IV. USDA New Conservation Partnerships Announcement**

*Hudson Minshew, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service presented to the stakeholders the funding opportunities that are made available by the Farm Bill and through the numerous programs the USDA NRCS implement.*

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**4:00 V. Water Environment Federation, US Conference of Mayors and the American Water Works Association Water Mandates Affordability Analysis**

*Heather Merenda, City of Santa Clarita presented to the group on AWWA's Water Mandates Affordability Assessment Tool the purpose of which is to raise issues, provoke discussion and assistance for alternative ways to view the affordability of federal water mandates in any given community.*

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**4:15 VI. Facilitation Services Update**

*Steve Cole, NCWD noted to the group that two proposals were received in response to the RFP released seeking to find a facilitator to assist with IRWM and Stakeholder related issues. The proposals are currently being reviewed by NCWD and CLWA.*

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**4:25 VII. Upcoming Meeting Notices**

*Jeff noted that the next RWMG may be on June 25, 2015 and that a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Task Force meeting may be scheduled for the same day.*

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**4:30 VIII. Close**

*The meeting ended at 4:45pm.*

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