MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder Meeting   MEETING DATE: 3/6/2019

LOCATION: City of Palmdale   ISSUED DATE: 3/11/2019
Joshua Room at the Chimbole Cultural Center
38250 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale CA 93550

ATTENDEES: Evelyn Ballesteros, Tom Barnes, Erika Bensch, Monisha Brown, Rich Campbell, James Chaisson, Brian Dietrick, Vanessa De Anda, Keith Dyas, Lynn Glidden, Jeff Hogan, Sami Kabar, Bruce Katz, Bob Large, Adam Ly, Yvonne Malikowski, Gabe Nevarez, James Riley, Mike Shahbakhti, Brach Smith, Tiffany Steinert, Heather Swan

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

A. Welcome and Introductions

- The Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Management (AV IRWM) Stakeholder Meeting was opened and led by Sami Kabar and Evelyn Ballesteros from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

B. 2007 MOU Amendments

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works received all the signed MOUs from all the participating agencies. The amended MOU will soon be uploaded to the Antelope Valley IRWM website, available at http://www.avwaterplan.org. Signed contract for Woodard & Curran is anticipated next week.

C. Prop. 1 Implementation Grant Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) – Funding

- The Lahontan Funding Area (with six IRWM Regions) has a total funding allocation of approximately $20 million. Brian Dietrick contacted Holly Alpert (Program Director of the Inyo-Mono IRWMP Program) to determine how the IRWM Regions are considering allocating the funding between the six Regions and the two funding rounds. The IRWM Regions agreed that the funds would be allocated proportionally as a function of the weighted average of each region's population, land area, and an equal funding split. Table 1 provides a preliminary funding allocation, by IRWM Region, for the Lahontan Funding Area.

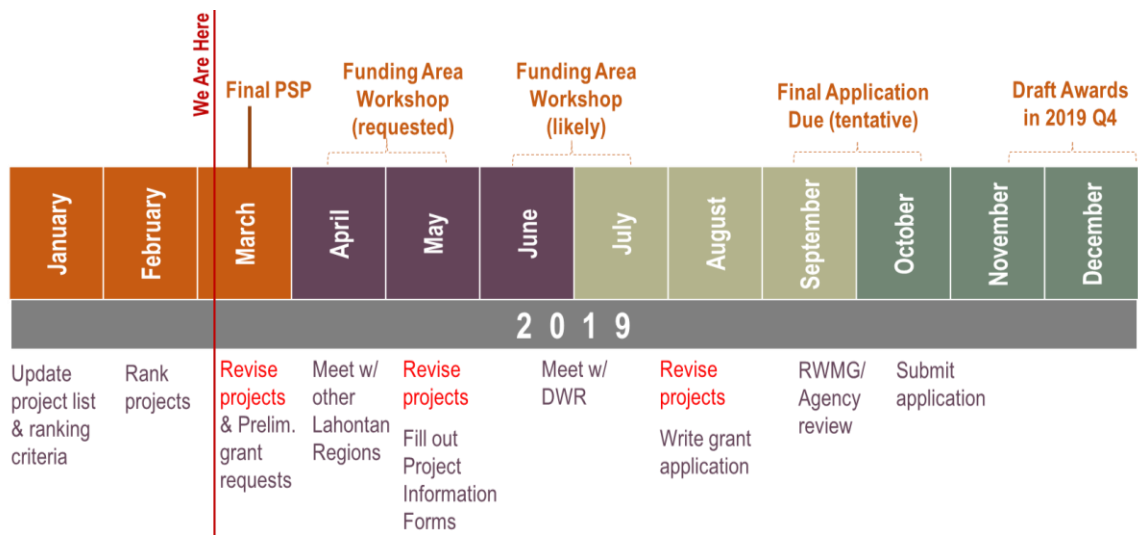### Table 1: Preliminary Funding Area Split

IRWM Region	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Antelope Valley	**$3,672,000**	**$1,224,000**	**$4,895,000**
Fremont Basin	$508,000	$1,015,000	$1,523,000
Inyo-Mono	$965,000	$2,252,000	$3,217,000
Lahontan	$1,112,000	$2,224,000	$3,337,000
Mojave	$4,042,000	$1,347,000	$5,390,000
Tahoe-Sierra	$2,262,000	$ -	$2,262,000
Total	*$12,561,000*	*$8,063,000*	*$20,624,000*

- Using this preliminary methodology, the Antelope Valley IRWM Region has a total of $4,895,000 available in implementation funding under Prop. 1. As a group, the Funding Area recommended to DWR that approximately 75 percent of the funding be made available in Round 1 and approximately 25 percent of funding be made available in Round 2. However, there was consensus among the AV IRWM Stakeholder group to request allocation of $3.9M of the $4.9M for Round 1 and to set aside $1M for Round 2.

D. **Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP – Schedule**

- DWR will be holding a 1-day workshop with each Funding Area to provide a platform for interregional coordination and increase the potential for successfully funded projects. The workshop is mandatory and will be led by IRWM Region representatives. The workshop will include representatives from every IRWM RWMG, applying entities, local project sponsors, DAC, EDAs, and Tribes. DWR will review potential projects and provide feedback. The Lahontan Region requested a Funding Area Workshop date in May, but due to delays in the release of the Final PSP, the workshop is likely to be postponed to June/July. Release of the Final PSP is tentatively scheduled for March 18th. The Implementation Schedule for Prop. 1 is presented in Figure 1. It was noted that, after today's meeting, there will be at least three more opportunities for project sponsors to revise/improve their project scores (see red font in Figure 1).

Figure 1: Prop. 1 Implementation Schedule

E. **Prop. 1 Implementation Grant PSP – Projects**

- The overall grant application package (proposal) must meet the following requirements to be eligible for funding:
  - The Region's proposal must include at least one project that directly responds to climate change as well as one or more projects that help improve regional water self-reliance.
  - Each project must address the most critical needs of the Region, be consistent with Statewide Priorities, have a useful life of more than 15 years, and have CEQA/permits completed within 6 months of funding award or prior to agreement execution, whichever occurs first.

- Per Prop. 1 Draft PSP Guidelines, costs incurred after the Final Award date will be eligible for reimbursement. The cost share match (i.e., Grantee's non-state cost share) can include, subject to DWR approval, eligible costs borne by the applicant or individual Local Project Sponsor after January 1, 2015. It was noted by each of the five potential project sponsors that these dates do not pose any issues with compliance.

- Woodard & Curran did a *preliminary* assessment of the five potential Implementation Projects based on the Draft PSP and ongoing communication with the project sponsors. Projects were scored using Table 4 of the Draft 2018 Implementation Grant PSP (shown as Table 2 below). Projects received a score on a proposal

level (i.e., how well the project supports the overall proposal) and on a project level. These preliminary scores assume that all the backup documentation will be provided by the project sponsors. Project scores will be revised once the Final PSP is released. They may also be revised after coordinating with the other Lahontan Funding Area regions and after the Pre-Application Workshop with DWR.

- The Antelope Valley IRWM Region has a total of approximately $4.9M available in funding. There was consensus among the Stakeholder group to request allocation of $3.9M of the $4.9M for Round 1 and to set aside $1M for Round 2. The group also discussed two options for allocating the $3.9M among the five projects (Table 2):

  o Option 1: distribute the $3.9M available for Round 1 proportionally to total project costs. Because most projects are multi-million-dollar projects, AVRCD would only receive $63,000 under this method. This amount may not be worth the grant administrative costs.

  o Option 2: cover 50% of the total costs for the AV Regional Conservation Project since the total project costs are relatively low and distribute the remaining funds available for Round 1 equally among the four larger projects.

Table 2: Preliminary Project Scores and Potential Funding

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Cost	Proposal-Level Score[1]			Project-Level Score[2]	Potential Funding (Assume $3.9 M)	
			1	2	3	Max: 23	Option 1	Option 2
AVEK	SNIP Phase 2	$24,346,800	✓		✓	22	$1,555,000	$900,000
AVRCD	Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Project	$500,000	✓	✓		21	$63,000	$250,000
City of Palmdale (Palmdale Recycled Water Authority)	Phase 2 Distribution System	$7,500,000	✓			20	$479,000	$900,000
Palmdale Water District	Littlerock Dam Sediment Removal	$16,000,000	✓		✓	22	$1,022,000	$900,000
Rosamond CSD	WWTP Rehabilitation and Groundwater Protection	$12,150,000	✓	✓	✓	21	$776,000	$900,000

[1] Corresponds to questions 1-3 in Table 4 of the Draft 2018 Implementation Grant PSP.
[2] Scores assume all needed backup documentation will be provided.

F. Public Comments

- Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP): Tiffany Steinert, on behalf of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, invited LACSD to present information to the Board on the Antelope Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan update and any relevant findings. There is no deadline for this presentation.

- Mutual-aid agreements: Mutual-aid agreements were discussed between the City of Lancaster, AVEK, and other water purveyors.

G. Action Items

Next Stakeholder Workshop: May 1st, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Chimbole Cultural Center.

Group	Task	Due Date
Woodard & Curran	Continue coordination with project sponsors to: • Prepare implementation projects for Prop. 1 funding • Update the project database	May 1, 2019
Woodard & Curran	Continue coordination with the Lahontan Funding Area to: • Finalize the pre-application workshop date with DWR • Prepare for the pre-application workshop with DWR	As soon as possible