

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM A-Team call

MEETING DATE: 3/15/2023

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 4/24/2023

ATTENDEES: Brach Smith (Quartz Hill Water District), Tom Barnes (Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency), Holly Jones (LACSD), Daniel Bradbury (LACDPW), Stella Higgins (LACDPW), John Houghton (RCSD), Yvonne Malikowski, Vanessa De Anda (Woodard & Curran)

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions (Vanessa De Anda)

- The Antelope Valley (AV) Integrated Regional Management (IRWM) Stakeholder Meeting was opened and led by Daniel Bradbury from the Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW), Waterworks Division. Topics related to funding updates and the Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP) were led by Vanessa De Anda of Woodard & Curran (W&C).

Ongoing Regional Funding: Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Projects (Vanessa De Anda)

- The Antelope Valley IRWM Region submitted a grant application to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on January 20, 2023 for approximately \$1 million under the Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Program.
 - \$21K was allocated to grant administration, \$397K to the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District (AVRCD) Lawn Reduction Rebate Program, and \$588K to the Palmdale Water District (PWD) E. Ave Q Recycled Water Extension.
- The Antelope Valley IRWM Region anticipates to hear back from DWR within the next three months.

Sponsor	Name	Status	Funding
AVSWCA	Grant Administration	On-going	\$21K
AVRCD	Lawn Reduction Rebate Program	Implementation 2024	\$397K
PWD	E. Ave Q Recycled Water Extension	Ready for construction	\$588K

Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) (Vanessa De Anda)

- Senate Bill (SB) 985 (2014) requires public agencies to develop a SWRP to receive state grant funding for stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects.
- Funding for stormwater recharge projects anticipated soon given current conditions (i.e., intense drought followed by intense rains). Because the Antelope Valley IRWM Region currently does not have a SWRP, it is not eligible for any stormwater funding through the State.

- Watershed-based plans focused on stormwater priorities, which can help develop multi-benefit projects for upcoming funding opportunities.
- SWRPs cost approximately \$200-300K and take 6-12 months.
- While there is currently no funding available for developing a SWRP for the region, Woodard & Curran will continue tracking funding opportunities.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023