

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder call

MEETING DATE: 12/13/2023

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 12/14/2023

ATTENDEES: Brent Byrne (Quartz Hill Water District), Holly Jones (LACSD), Erika Bensch (LACSD), Bruce Katz (City of Lancaster), Ben Stewart (City of Lancaster), Candice Vander Hyde (City of Lancaster), Mariksa Marin (Palmdale Water District), Vickie Rausch (Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District), Tom Barnes (AVEK), Larry Warne (Rosamond CSD), James Chaisson (LRCID), Lynn Glidden (City of Palmdale), Yvonne Malikowski, Anna Garcia, Todd Lemen, Brenda Ponton (Woodard & Curran), Josh Uecker (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

- The Department of Water Resources awarded the Antelope Valley IRWM Region approximately \$1 million under the Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Program. Award Agreement is now finalized. This is the last round of existing IRWM funding from the State (may have more to come in future bond measure).
- Josh Uecker (W&C) provided brief overview of upcoming funding and related information
 - Film on the IRWM 20th anniversary – if interested it can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-4X7-dEAZo&t=1s>
 - Potentially Upcoming Bond Measures
 - There are a couple of bond measures being discussed by the Legislature. Should have a better picture of what may be coming in Q1 of 2024.
 - Some measure is likely to make its way to the Nov 2024 ballot.
 - State budget shortfalls may mean less money available for grant funding for water projects in the coming year. W&C will continue to monitor for opportunities and present them to the AV IRWM group as they materialize.

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. Prop 1 Roud 2 projects are now under agreement with DWR and starting up. W&C will monitor future funding opportunities that support the IRWM program.

- Josh will follow up with Candice (City of Lancaster) with information on potentially upcoming bond measures and other water resources funding resources.
- Brent (Quartz Hill WD) will follow up with Vickie (AVRCD) about posting turf replacement program information on the WD website.

Topic Presentation – Storm Water Resource Plan

- Brenda Ponton of Woodard & Curran presented an overview of what a Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) is and what it is needed for (major driver is eligibility for state funding for future stormwater and dry weather flow capture projects).
- See presentation attachment for full details
- LA County Public Works, LA County Sanitation Districts, City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Palmdale Water District, and Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District all expressed interest in future discussions on next steps regarding a potential SWRP

Public Comments

- Yvonne highlighted the need to address localized stormwater/flood related issues.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024