
MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder call

MEETING DATE: 12/10/2025

LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call

ISSUED DATE: 3/9/2026

ATTENDEES:

AVEK: Kyle Wright, Tom Barnes

City of Palmdale: Mike Shahbakhti, Leonardo Torres

City of Lancaster: Bruce Katz

LA County Public Works: Daria Antonova, Rongchao Bi, Richard Gomez, Sara Samaan, Alynn Sun, Keith Hala

Palmdale Water District: Scott Rogers

Woodard & Curran: Leah Makler, Josh Uecker

Quartz Hill Water District: Brach Smith, Brent Byrne

Other: James Chaisson (Littlerock Creek Irrigation District), Holly Jones (Los Angeles County Sanitary District), Yvonne Malikowski (Lake Los Angeles), John Houton (Rosamond Community Services District), Todd Lemen (Evergreen Mutual Water Company)

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions

- Josh Uecker (Woodard & Curran) introduced the meeting and asked for a roll call.

Ongoing Regional Funding

- Josh summarized the future funding landscape, noting that most Prop 4 funding has been pushed to next year or later.
- IRWM is expected to pivot to Watershed Resilience, but funding is not expected until 2027. DWR published guidance and assessments in 2024. Josh noted that AV is included within the Mojave region.
- Stormwater funding may come up next year, projects will be required to be included in stormwater plans.
- Groundwater and recycled water funding may become available early 2026.

Project Updates

- **P1R1**
 - There are 3 Round 1 projects that are at or near completion.

- SNIP Phase II is somewhat delayed and will not be completed during the grant timeline. Tom noted that SNIP II design is complete, and they will be seeking construction bids in the new year.
 - AVEK added a water purchase project to make use of drought funding.
- AVRCD project is ongoing.
- **Urban Drought Relief**
 - PWD Conservation and Education Garden is almost complete.
- **P1R2**
 - There are 2 ongoing projects under Round 2. Palmdale Water District E Ave Q is near completion. The other project is a continuation of AVRCD's conservation project and will be initiated when AVRCD has used their Round 1 funding.

Call for Projects in 2026

- IRWMP project list will likely be updated in 2026 to prepare for Prop 4 funding opportunities. Josh provided a link to the form for submitting projects.
- Josh noted that there is not enough agency support to move forward with a SWRP. He emphasized again that stormwater funding will not be available without a SWRP.

AV Water Plan Update

- The AV Water Plan team is meeting with additional stakeholders and revising plan actions.
- Keith explained that each stakeholder meeting so far has been targeted towards specific categories, but future meetings will be open to a wider audience. This will be an opportunity for this group to provide feedback on specific plan actions.

Public Comments

- Yvonne requested that Sara email the slides to the group so she can review them in more detail.

Future Agenda Items/Announcements

- Josh expressed that there will likely be more updates and guidance for Prop 4 funding hopefully by the next meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2026