

MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Antelope Valley IRWM Stakeholder call	MEETING DATE: 9/10/2025
LOCATION: MS Teams Conference Call	ISSUED DATE: 9/18/2025
ATTENDEES: AVEK: Peter Thompson, Kyle Wright City of Palmdale: Mike Shahbakhti, Jonathan Wu, Hamed Hashemian LA County Public Works (LACPW): Daria Antonova, Rongchao Bi, Richard Gomez, Aracely Jaramillo, Julian Juarez, Yao Kouwonou, Sara Samaan, Alynn Sun Palmdale Water District (PWD): Dennis Lamoreaux, Scott Rogers Woodard & Curran: Sally Johnson, Leah Makler, Josh Uecker, Arthella Vallarta Quartz Hill Water District: Brach Smith, Brent Byrne Other: James Chaisson (Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (LCID)), Holly Jones (Los Angeles County Sanitary District), Yvonne Malikowski (Lake Los Angeles), John Houton (Rosamond Community Services District), Karen Bryan, Keith Dyaz	

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 ongoing regional funding as follows:
 - 3 Proposition 1 Round 1 projects are nearing completion, and 1 Round 2 project is ongoing.
 - The Legislature has proposed 2026 water-related funding, including support for groundwater and recycled water, with stormwater funding expected next year and IRWM shifting toward watershed resilience.

Project Updates

- **P1R1**
 - AVEK provided an update on SNIP Phase II: design is nearly complete, and construction will begin next year.
 - Josh stated that the AVRCD conservation garden and turf removal project is ongoing.
- **Urban Drought Relief**
 - Scott Rogers (PWD) announced that the PWD conservation garden will be completed by the end of the year.

- **P1R2**

- The PWD E. Avenue Q recycled water extension project is nearly complete.
- The AVRCD conservation project will roll over to Round 2 funding when their Round 1 funding is exhausted.

Stormwater Resources Plan Update

- Funding for stormwater projects is unlikely to become available until next year.
- Josh will continue to reach out to local agencies to discuss the possibility of an SWRP to obtain state funding for stormwater projects in the future. He encouraged the development of stormwater project ideas.

AV Water Plan Update

- Sally Johnson (Woodard & Curran) provided updates on the AVWP planning process.
- Water needs were identified through engagement with AV Edge, LA County Task Forces, DAWG, and Rural Town Councils AV water needs largely fall under Water and Economic Growth, Small Rural Water Systems, Groundwater Basin Water Quality, and Strengthening Coordination with the County. Some needs are listed as "Other", including flooding, infrastructure gaps. Sally encouraged the group to suggest additional needs that they did not see reflected, or to confirm that the list reflected AV water needs.
 - Illegal dumping was highlighted as a significant issue related to groundwater quality. James Chaisson (LCID) noted that both AV residents and out-of-town haulers contribute to the problem. Yvonne Malikowski added that dumping vouchers are limited and sheriff response times are slow.
- Sally then introduced a discussion on potential solutions, providing examples for each key theme.
 - Suggestions from the group included expanding water storage, improving enforcement on illegal dumping, and coordinating regional demand forecasting.
 - In regard to illegal dumping, Richard Gomez (LACPW) emphasized the need for increased surveillance and more frequent waste drives. James suggested enforcement funding, public outreach, dumping vouchers, and possibly a protective tax.
- Sally explained that the next step in the planning process will be to review solutions with the AVWP working group, and to discuss implementation, costs, and timelines.

Public Comments

- Yvonne thanked Sara for sending the slides from the June meeting.

Future Agenda Items/Announcements

- Josh announced that there will be a call for projects/project ideas for Prop 4 funding in the first half of next year.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 2025