

## 1E. Project Consistency with an adopted IRWM Plan

The Proposal includes the 17<sup>th</sup> highest ranking project from the Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan; titled as the, “Interconnection [Intertie] Projects between the City of El Centro, the City of Imperial, and the Heber [Public] Utilities District.” (Intertie Project) As per the IRWM Plan, conveyance strategies, including interties, were reviewed by the Imperial Water Forum Projects Work Group on 1/19/2011; Discussed at the Water Forum 1/20/11, 2/24/11, 3/24/11, and Findings and Recommendations adopted 4/20/11. The IRWM Plan states in Section 7.5.3.2 – Municipal Systems Interconnection:

*Municipal systems interconnection would include developing interties between municipal drinking water systems or wastewater systems to provide supply reliability, as part of regionalization of wastewater and drinking water treatment, or to provide backup in the event of catastrophic supply interruptions. This could include interconnections for domestic or wastewater systems, or for developing redundant connections to IID raw water supplies.*

Considered as a joint Disadvantaged Community (DAC) project satisfying the Human Right to Water Policy, the Intertie Project is identified as the highest priority project through discussions held by the Imperial Water Forum (i.e. equivalent to the RWMG) and in local workshops. This project’s applicability over other higher ranking projects in the IRWM Plan Project List is due to its critical need in the event of temporary water shortage due to drought conditions, frequent catastrophic events, and for use during maintenance/construction activities.

Selection of the Intertie Project for the Proposition 84 Drought Grant was done through the Water Forum and sponsoring agencies.

### Attachment 1 Components

- 1A. Authorizing Documentation
- 1B. Eligible Applicant Documentation
- 1C. Acknowledgement Form – Submittal of Additional Information
- 1D. Adopted IRWM Plan and Proof of Formal Adoption
- ✓ **1E. Project Consistency with an adopted IRWM Plan (this attachment)**
- 1F. Urban Water Management Compliance
- 1G. Agricultural Water Management Compliance
- 1H. Surface Water Diverter Compliance
- 1I. Groundwater Management Compliance
- 1J. CASGEM Compliance
- 1K. Water Conservation Programs and Measures