

# Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Merced Region Drought Grant Proposal

## *Attachment 1: Authorization and Eligibility Requirements*



## Adopted Plan and Proof of Formal Adoption

The Merced IRWM Region's Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) includes MID, the City of Merced, the County of Merced, and the City of Livingston. The RWMG agencies have all adopted the 2013 Merced IRWM Plan (MIRWMP), as described below. Proof of formal adoption is included in **Appendix 1-4**.

- MID formally adopted the MIRWMP on November 5, 2013.
- City of Merced formally adopted the MIRWMP on November 4, 2013
- City of Livingston formally adopted the IRWM Plan on November 19, 2013.
- County of Merced formally adopted the IRWM Plan on November 5, 2013.

In addition, the LGCS D would receive funding through this proposal. LGCS D formally adopted the MIRWMP on July 3, 2014.

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## Appendix 1-4

### Resolutions Adopting the Merced IRWM Plan

**MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-32**

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
ADOPTING THE 2013 MERCED REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT  
PLAN, AND ADOPTING NOTICE OF EXEMPTION RELATING THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the Merced Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), in close cooperation with the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), has drafted the first Merced Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan to optimize water supply reliability, protect and enhance of water quality, provide stewardship of natural resources and coordinate and integrate water resources management in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2013 Merced IRWM Plan defines the Merced region as the Merced Groundwater Basin within Merced County, but not including the Dry Creek Watershed and the Merced River Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Merced IRWM Plan establishes plan's mission, vision, goals, objectives; and regional priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, achieving IRWM grant funding will help achieve goals for the enhancement of water supply supported by MID

**WHEREAS**, having an IRWM Plan in place will position the Merced Region and MID to compete for funding opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the MID Board of Directors is a member of the current RWMG and will have a position on the policy committee of the governance board for implementing the IRWM Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the Merced IRWM Plan by MID Board of Directors, as a member of the current RWMG, is required for the Merced Region to receive funds under Prop 84; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2013, the RAC recommended that the RWMG adopt the Merced IRWM Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan was put for public review period between June 18, 2013 and July 19, 2013 and comments by the public were accepted and addressed as appropriate.

**WHEREAS**, the IRWMP is CEQA exempt under applicable state laws and regulations including CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The recitals set forth hereinabove are true and correct, and are incorporated herein.
2. The Board of Directors adopts the final draft of the 2013 Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

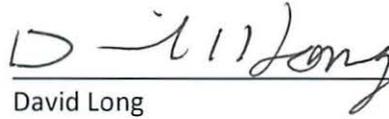
3. The Board finds the IRWMP to be CEQA exempt under applicable state laws and regulations including CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306, and authorizes the General Manager or his designee to execute and file a Notice of Exemption if such action is deemed appropriate by the executing officer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of Merced Irrigation District this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors:	Koehn, Long, Pellissier, Pimentel
Noes:	Directors:	Gonzalves
Abstain:	Directors:	None
Absent:	Directors:	None



Tim Pellissier  
President  
Merced Irrigation District



David Long  
Vice President/Secretary  
Merced Irrigation District

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 48**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
ADOPTING THE MERCED INTEGRATED  
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, The State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000 to fund Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning and Implementation for water resource projects and programs; and,

WHEREAS, The benefits of IRWM Plans for water management activities include improved effectiveness, efficiencies, collaboration and responsiveness across local districts and agencies, stakeholders, and community participants; and,

WHEREAS, The Merced IRWM Region (Merced Region) comprised of the hydrologic areas that include the entire Merced Groundwater Basin area in addition to the watershed area north of and including the Merced River and contiguous with the Merced Groundwater basin; and,

WHEREAS, A partnership between at least three agencies in the Merced Region having water or land use authority was collaboratively formed for IRWM planning as the Merced Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) between the Merced Irrigation District (MID) as the lead agency, the County of Merced (County) and the City of Merced (City) as grant participants and contributors; and,

WHEREAS, The Merced Region designation and RWMG grant application for IRWM Planning funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) was approved by the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) and affirmed by the Merced Area Groundwater Pool Interests (MAGPI); and,

WHEREAS, Regional coordination and integrated water management through local districts, agencies, stakeholders, and disadvantaged community-based processes for the identification of needs and priorities, basic data and information collection, and conducting planning studies that identify potential projects, programs and policies for possible future actions can help the Merced Region meet long-term needs for water supply, water quality, flood management, ecosystem protection and enhancement , and recreation; and,

WHEREAS, The RWMG advertised and invited a widespread comprehensive stakeholder and community-based citizenry to participate on the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for the Merced Region that was duly appointed by the MID Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, The RAC met over 14 times over a 14 month period to advise development of the IRWMP; and,

WHEREAS, The RWMG held at least 6 public meetings throughout the region and 8 technical workshops for public comment and input in the development of the IRWMP; and,

WHEREAS, The IRWMP was revised following the comment period to address comments received and was subsequently considered final as by report dated August, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, The RAC by resolution No. 2013-01 dated June 25, 2013 asked MID, the County and City to adopt the Merced IRWM Plan; and,

WHEREAS, As a condition of funding the DWR IRWM Planning Grant requires MID, the County and City as the grant participants to adopt the Merced IRWMP; and,

WHEREAS, IRWM Plan adoption is required for future implementation grant funding by the state and recommended for the formation of a future Merced Region governance structure; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council held a public workshop on September 3, 2013 and all those interested in the matter were provided opportunity to speak or provide written or oral comments regarding the presentation and review of the draft Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council held a noticed public hearing on November 4, 2013 at which time all those interested in the matter were provided opportunity to speak or to provide written or oral testimony regarding the final Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Based upon the evidence and testimony in the record at the City Council public hearing, the City Council, exercising its independent judgment and review, hereby approves the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan dated August 30, 2013.

SECTION 2. By approving the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, the City Council directs the City Manager to assist in obtaining implementation grant funding opportunities and carrying out the implementation intentions, goals and guidelines presented in the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan within the financial constraints and priorities of the City to further water resource projects and programs for the benefit of the City and the Merced Region.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of November 2013, by the following vote:

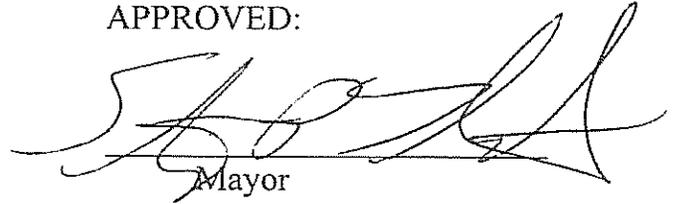
AYES: Council Members: BLAKE, MURPHY, RAWLING, LOR, PEDROZO, THURSTON

NOES: Council Members: NONE

ABSENT: Council Members: DOSSETTI

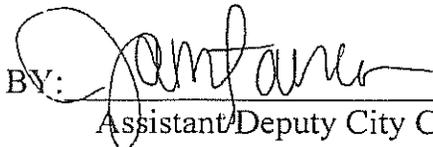
ABSTAIN: Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:



Mayor

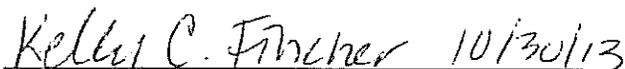
ATTEST:  
JOHN M. BRAMBLE, CITY CLERK

BY:   
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney      Date

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-54**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON  
ADOPTING THE MERCED INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000 to fund Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning and Implementation for water resource projects and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of IRWM Plans for water management activities included improved effectiveness, efficiencies, collaboration and responsiveness across local districts and agencies, stakeholders, and community participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Merced IRWM Region (Merced Region) comprised of the hydrologic areas that include the entire Merced Groundwater Basin area in addition to the watershed area north of and including the Merced River and contiguous with the Merced Groundwater basin; and

**WHEREAS**, a partnership between at least three agencies in the Merced Region having water or land use authority was collaboratively formed for IRWM planning as the Merced Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) between the Merced Irrigation District (MID) as the lead agency, the County of Merced (County), City of Merced (City) and the City of Livingston as grant participants and contributors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Merced Region designation and RWMG grant application for IRWM planning funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) was approved by the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) and affirmed by the Merced Area Groundwater Pool Interests (MAGPI); and

**WHEREAS**, Regional coordination and integrated water management through local districts , agencies, stakeholders, and disadvantaged community-based processes for the identification of needs and priorities, basic data and information collection, and conducting planning studies that identify potential projects, programs and policies for possible future actions can help the Merced Region meet long-term needs for water supply, water quality, flood management, ecosystem protection and enhancement, and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the RWMG advertised and invited a widespread comprehensive stakeholder and community-based citizenry to participate on the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for the Merced Region that was duly appointed by the MID Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the RAC met over 14 times over a 14 month period to advise development of the IRWMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the RWMG held at least 6 public meetings throughout the region and 8 technical workshops for public comment and input in the development of the IRWMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the IRWMP was revised following the comment period to address comments received and was subsequently considered final as by report dated August 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the RAC by Resolution No. 2013-1 dated June 25, 2013, asked MID, the County and City as the grant participants to adopt the Merced IRWMP; and

**WHEREAS**, IRWMP Plan adoption is required for future implementation grant funding by the state and recommended for the formation of a future Merced Regional governance structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public workshop on August 6, 2013, and all those interested in the matter were provided opportunity to speak or provide written or oral comments regarding the presentation and review of the draft Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a noticed public hearing on November 19, 2013, at which time all those interested in the matter were provided opportunity to speak or to provide written or oral testimony regarding the final Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Livingston does hereby resolve, determine, find, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. Based upon the evidence and testimony in the record at the City Council public hearing, the City Council, exercising its independent judgment and review, hereby approves the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan dated August 30, 2013.

SECTION 2. By approving the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, the City Council directs the Manager to assist in obtaining implementation grant funding opportunities and carrying out the implementation intentions, goals and guidelines presented in the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan within the financial constraints and priorities of the City to further water resource projects and programs for the benefit of the City and the Merced Region.

Passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Espinoza and Council Members Mendoza, Samra, Sicairos and Soria  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

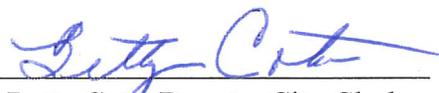


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Gurpal Samra, Mayor Pro-Tem  
of the City of Livingston

ATTEST:

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Livingston this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.



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Betty Cota, Deputy, City Clerk  
of the City of Livingston

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF MERCED, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of )  
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ADOPTION OF THE )  
MERCED INTEGRATED REGIONAL ) RESOLUTION NO. 2013-141  
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN )

**WHEREAS**, the State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000 to fund water and natural resource projects and programs identified in Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plans; and,

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of integrated planning for water management activities include increased efficiency or effectiveness, enhanced collaboration across agencies and stakeholders, and improved responsiveness to regional needs and priorities; and,

**WHEREAS**, state statute and guidelines require that an IRWM Plan must be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Draft Merced IRWM Plan was posted on the internet and made available for public comment on June 18, 2013 through July 19, 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Merced IRWM Plan before the Board for consideration incorporates changes based on comments received during the public review period in the areas of environmental justice and technical project data; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Merced IRWM Plan provides an implementation framework that calls for tracking accomplishments, developing lists of prioritized projects and periodically updating the Merced IRWM Plan as conditions warrant, providing funding and resources are available to carry out these activities; and,

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the Merced IRWM Plan does not entail a direct commitment of resources, and implementation of each project will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners and there is no joint commitment or responsibility by the Merced area IRWM Plan participants to implement any or all of the projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, General Counsel of Merced County has reviewed the Merced IRWM Plan and determined that the IRWM Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because the IRWM Plan consists of basic data collection that would not result in the disturbance of any environmental resource and involves planning studies for possible actions that the participating agencies have not yet approved; and,

**WHEREAS**, the IRWM Plan is meant to be complementary to participating agencies' individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs and adoption of the IRWM does not prohibit or effect in any way a participating agency's planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Merced, State of California, in regular session, does hereby adopt the Merced IRWM Plan.

**I, JAMES L. BROWN**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

AYES: Deidre F. Kelsey, John Pedrozo, Hub Walsh, Linn Davis, Deidre F. Kelsey, Jerry O'Banion

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Board this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

JAMES L. BROWN, CLERK

By Victoria Byron  
Deputy



**LE GRAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-04**

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LE GRAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
ADOPTING THE 2013 MERCED REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND  
ADOPTING NOTICE OF EXEMPTION RELATING THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Merced Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), in close cooperation with the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), has drafted the first Merced Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan to optimize water supply reliability, protect and enhance of water quality, provide stewardship of natural resources and coordinate and integrate water resources management in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2013 Merced IRWM Plan defines the Merced region as the Merced Groundwater Basin within Merced County, but not including the Dry Creek Watershed and the Merced River Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Merced IRWM Plan establishes plan's mission, vision, goals, objectives; and regional priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, achieving IRWM grant funding will help achieve goals for the enhancement of water supply supported by Le Grand Community Services District

**WHEREAS**, having an IRWM Plan in place will position the Merced Region and Le Grand Community Services District to compete for funding opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Le Grand Community Services District Board of Directors is a member of the current RWMG and will have a position on the policy committee of the governance board for implementing the IRWM Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the Merced IRWM Plan by the Le Grand Community Services District Board of Directors, as a member of the current RWMG, is required for the Merced Region to receive funds under Prop 84; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2013, the RAC recommended that the RWMG adopt the Merced IRWM Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan was put for public review period between June 18, 2013 and July 19, 2013 and comments by the public were accepted and addressed as appropriate.

**WHEREAS**, the IRWMP is CEQA exempt under applicable state laws and regulations including CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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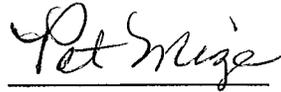
3. The Board finds the IRWMP to be CEQA exempt under applicable state laws and regulations including CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306, and authorizes the General Manager or her designee to execute and file a Notice of Exemption if such action is deemed appropriate by the executing officer.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of Le Grand Community Services District this 3rd day of July, 2014 by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors:  
Noes: Directors:  
Abstain: Directors:  
Absent: Directors:



Debora Cruz  
President  
Le Grand Community  
Services District



Pat Mize  
Secretary  
Le Grand Community  
Services District