

# **Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program**

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## **ATTACHMENT I - AUTHORIZATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

### **Authorizing Documentation**

The applicant, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), has provided an attached resolution adopted by the SAWPA Commission on July 15, 2014, designating the agency as the authorized representative to submit the application and execute an agreement with the State of California for a 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Drought Grant. The Upper Santa Margarita Watershed (USMW) Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) is a partner in this interregional application.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION  
TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
TO OBTAIN AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT  
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority is recognized by the State of California as the regional planning agency to coordinate, prepare, and implement Integrated Regional Water

**WHEREAS**, the agency recently conducted a process as part of its One Water One Watershed planning process where the Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program was identified and would provide immediate and sustainable water conservation as well as multiple benefits to the region;

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority has demonstrated that the Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program has been vetted through the Regional Water Management Group;

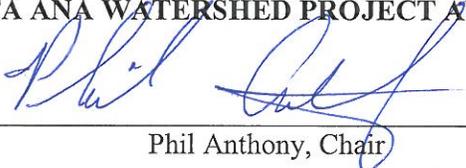
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) hereby authorizes that an application be prepared and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain an Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 *et seq.*), and to enter into an agreement to receive grant funding for the Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources.

**ADOPTED** this 15th day of July, 2014.

**SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Phil Anthony, Chair



July 15, 2014



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**Subject: Support for Interregional Project Between the Santa Ana IRWM Region and the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed IRWM Region for the 2014 Drought Grant Proposal Solicitation**



Dear Mr. Eusuff:



The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, (SAWPA) Regional Water Management Group and the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed (USMW) Regional Water Management Group have joined together to propose an innovative interregional water use efficiency program, "*Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program, Phase I (Program)*". The Program will be implemented watershed-wide in the Santa Ana River Watershed and will be implemented within the service areas of three water service suppliers in the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed, encompassing the majority of the urbanized area of the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed and approximately 37 percent (235 square miles) of the total watershed.

This interregional partnership, across funding areas and watershed boundaries, brings together a collaboration of multiple agencies, organizations, and stakeholders to implement a program that will have broad benefits throughout the regions, as identified in the funding application. The Program will enhance water use efficiency and conservation measures to achieve a greater level of water savings and water use efficiency on an expedited schedule.

Both Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) and Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), wholesale and retail water service providers, maintain retail service areas within the Santa Ana River Watershed and a portion of the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed. Rancho California Water District (RCWD) is a retail water agency of both WMWD and EMWD, and is wholly within the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed. RCWD currently partners with WMWD and EMWD in a variety of highly successful regional water use efficiency and conservation programs. This existing and proven relationship makes the interregional program a perfect partnership to continue the excellent work already accomplished among the agencies.

SAWPA, its One Water One Watershed Steering Committee and stakeholders support this interregional partnership to implement the Program to expand benefits and provide immediate regional and interregional drought preparedness. The Upper Santa Margarita Watershed and its Stakeholders Advisory Committee also fully support the interregional partnership to expand the proposed program across watershed boundaries and has committed a portion of its San Diego Funding Area Proposition 84 funding allocation.

SAWPA is the lead applicant and the one DWR-recognized IRWM region within the Santa Ana River Watershed. As such, SAWPA and the USMW IRWM Region have agreed for SAWPA to administer the Program and the funding agreement with DWR. The USMW IRWM Region has committed funding from the San Diego Funding Area for the Program through its allocation under the *Memorandum of Understanding for Integrated Regional Water Management Planning and Funding in the San Diego Sub-Region Funding Area* (also known as the Tri-County Funding Area Coordinating Committee Agreement), which equitably apportions Proposition 84 funds among the three IRWM regions in the San Diego Funding Area.

Total Interregional Program costs are estimated at \$22.9 million with a 2014 IRWM Drought Grant request of \$12.9 million, with a 44 percent match.

The Program clearly meets the objectives of the One Water One Watershed Plan 2.0 adopted in February 2014 and the 2014 Upper Santa Margarita Watershed IRWM Plan Update adopted in May 2014, as demonstrated in the application. SAWPA and RCWD have already discussed process and collaboration on planning and implementation of the Program across IRWM Regions and are prepared to implement a successful program.

The Santa Ana River Watershed RWMG and the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed RWMG appreciates your thoughtful consideration of our proposed interregional water use efficiency program. We are looking forward and committed to successfully working collaboratively across regional boundaries and with DWR to implement this innovative program.

Sincerely,

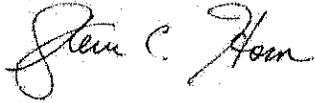
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Phil Anthony  
SAWPA Commissioner Chair

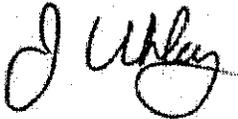
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**UPPER SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED IRWM REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP**



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