

IRWM PLAN PROOF OF ADOPTION



UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER 2015 IRWM Implementation Grant

Attachment 1 – Authorization and Eligibility Requirements

Adopted IRWM Plan and Proof of Formal Adoption

The 2014 Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Plan was adopted by all RWMG entities, including CLWA (adopted on February 26, 2014), NCWD (adopted on February 13, 2014), and the SCVSD (adopted on April 21, 2014). Adoption was done by the respective Board of Directors for each of the agencies.

DWR notified the RWMG on June 4, 2014 that the adopted IRWM Plan is consistent with the 2012 IRWM Program Guideline Plan Standards. The notification letter is provided with this attachment.

Proof of adoption by all entities as well as the letter documenting the IRWM Plan's consistency with the 2012 Guidelines were submitted to DWR with the 2014 IRWM Drought Grant application. Therefore, this information is not required to be re-submitted per the Final 2015 IRWM Implementation Grant Proposal Solicitation Package (pg. 14). However, even though the adoption resolution for NCWD was submitted with the Drought Grant Application, it is being resubmitted with this proposal because NCWD was not a project proponent in the Drought Grant Application (unlike CLWA and the SCVWD that were).

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE 2014 UPDATED UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN,
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO APPROVE THE PLAN ON BEHALF
OF THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, in 2002, the California legislature enacted Division 6, Part 2.2, of the California Water Code, known as the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 ("Act") for, among other things, the purpose of encouraging local agencies to work together to manage their available water supplies and to improve the quality, quantity and availability of those supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Act encourages local agencies of different types to join together to form a "Regional Water Management Group" to address water supply, quantity and quality issues in their areas; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 2007, Newhall County Water District, CLWA, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Santa Clarita Water Division of the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Valencia Water Company formed a Regional Water Management Group pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by said parties to address the water supply, quality and quantity issues in their region; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy joined the Regional Water Management Group and signed the Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group, of which NCWD is a member, has developed a proposed Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River, and pursuant thereto published notice of the group's intention to adopt such a plan in accordance with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process; and

WHEREAS, DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group, of which NCWD is a member, for the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region has developed the 2014 Updated IRWM Plan to address the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, adopting the 2014 Updated IRWM Plan will enable participants in the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region, including NCWD, to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, to date, DWR has awarded the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region Seven Million Nine Hundred and Thirty Two Thousand Dollars (\$7,932,000.00) in grant funding to implement ten (10) regionally significant water resources management planning and implementation projects and has recommended the award of an additional Seven Million Dollars (\$7,006,000.00) for seven (7) more projects as part of Round 2 Implementation Grant funding.

NOW THEREFORE, the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Plan is determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15262 and 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines since it involves only a conceptual plan associated with feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions, as well as basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this Board of Directors of the Newhall County Water District that it adopts the 2014 Updated Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and resolves and orders that the General Manager or his designee is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to approve the 2014 Updated Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by Newhall County Water District's representatives on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Regional Water Management Group.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District held on February 13, 2014, Resolution No. 2014-3 was approved by the following vote:

AYES: ATKINS, COLLEY, MORTENSEN, GUTZEIT

NOES: PLAMBECK

ABSTAIN: NONE



B. J. ATKINS, President of
The Board of Directors of
NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

ATTEST:



Karin J. Russell, Secretary of
NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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June 3, 2014

Ms. Lauren Everett
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Subject: Plan Review Process, Draft Results for the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Dear Ms. Everett:

Attached please find the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Draft Review of the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Plan. DWR has determined that your IRWM Plan is consistent with the IRWM Planning Act and the related IRWM Plan Standards contained in the 2012 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines.

Pursuant to Appendix H of the Guidelines, the public comment period for this review will begin on June 15, 2014. The Draft Review will be available for public comments for 30 calendar days on the following website: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/prp.cfm>.

We will inform you of any comments received. After the public comment period ends, the link to the draft review will become inactive on the website. DWR will consider comments, and if necessary work with you on any resultant follow up action. DWR will finalize the review and send it to you prior to posting on our website. The final review cover letter will state the plan's applicability in satisfying existing grant agreement conditions and plan eligibility requirements for future IRWM grant solicitations.

The Draft Review consists of a summary of the overall review and an individual review form for each of the 16 Plan Standards. On the individual review forms locations in the plan are noted for applicable material. Although they may be found elsewhere in the plan, these are the locations of the requirements used to show sufficiency with a given standard.

If you have any questions, please contact Ted Daum at (916) 651-9264 or Theodore.Daum@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracie L. Billington".

Tracie L. Billington, P.E. Chief
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Division of Integrated Regional Water Management