

**ATTACHMENT 2
ADOPTED PLAN AND PROOF OF FORMAL ADOPTION**

EXHIBIT A

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

of the

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tues day December 6, 20 05

PRESENT: Supervisors Harry L. Ovitt, Jerry Lenthall, K.H. "Katcho" Achadjian,
James R. Patterson and Chairperson Shirley Bianchi

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-403

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
INTERGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, the State of California has encouraged the development of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans to address the management of California's water and water dependent resources pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 *et seq.*) (Also known as Proposition 50); and

WHEREAS, the concepts, direction, and approach to water resource management embodied in the State's guidelines closely match those of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectively and efficiently integrate water resource management planning objectives and implementation strategies in the five key water management areas of: Water Supply; Water Quality Protection and Improvement; Ecosystem Preservation and Restoration; Groundwater Monitoring and Management; and Flood Management; and

WHEREAS, The Integrated Water Management Plan identifies goals, objectives, strategies and projects designed to improve regional water supply reliability, water recycling, water conservation, water quality improvement, storm water capture and management, flood management, recreation and access, wetlands enhancement and creation, and environmental and habitat protection and improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, that the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Luis Region is hereby approved, and further the Director of Public Works of the County of San Luis Obispo is hereby authorized and directed to implement the five-year update plan contained within it.

Upon motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Lenthall, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Achadjian, Lenthall, Ovitt, Patterson, Chairperson Bianchi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted.

SHIRLEY BIANCHI

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JULIE L. RODEWALD
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

[SEAL] By: C.M. CHRISTENSEN Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:
JAMES B. LINDHOLM, JR.
County Counsel

By: *James B. Lindholm, Jr.*
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: 11/18/05

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of San Luis Obispo, } ss.

I, JULIE L. RODEWALD, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 23rd day of December, 20 05.

(SEAL) JULIE L. RODEWALD
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By *Cmchristensen*
Deputy Clerk.
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EXHIBIT B



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County Government Center, Room 207 • San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 • (805)781-5252

July 26, 2007

Members of the San Luis Obispo County Region
Integrated Regional Water Management Planning

Subject: IRWM Plan Update

Dear Members of the San Luis Obispo County Region:

Upon direction of Resolution No. 2005-403 of the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the governing body of the regional agency authorized to develop, and that has responsibility for implementation of, the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan) for the San Luis Obispo County Region have implemented the first year tasks identified in the five-year schedule adopted on December 6, 2005.

Plan Year	Fiscal Year	IRWM Plan Update Activities
#1	2006-07	Review the plan's goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities with stakeholders. Amend Plan.
#2	07-08	No later than January 1, 2008, complete the four (4) plan components that are described in the region's Planning Grant proposal.
#3	08-09	Prepare a status report on plan activities and an interim scorecard. Identify alternative strategies that may enhance implementation efforts.
#4	09-10	Evaluate the results of Plan efforts; prepare the scorecard and compare to baseline developed in Plan Year #1.
#5	2010-11	Update the Plan, its goals and objectives, refine integration strategies, rank new priorities, and consider other changes

Consistent with the adopted IRWM Plan, modified goals, objectives, strategies and priorities were presented at a public workshop on May 23, 2007, and comments were incorporated. On July 18, 2007, the Water Resources Advisory Committee, which includes 29 members representing elected officials of all seven cities, other local agencies including the region's community services districts, private water purveyors, agriculture and environmental stakeholders, unanimously approved a motion supporting the updated Plan and the projects being considered for the San Luis Obispo County Region Proposition 50 IRWM implementation grant application (See Section F, Page 4).

Consistent with the adopted IRWM Plan, the District is working to complete the four (4) plan components for incorporation in to the IRWM Plan by no later than January 1, 2008. The four plan components are enhanced studies of the potential for groundwater banking, data enhancement, flood management and regional permitting.

On behalf of the District, I would also like to recognize the efforts of Courtney Howard P.E., who led our efforts.

Sincerely,


NOEL KING

Director of Public Works

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CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

March 13, 2013

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Attn: Mr. Zaffar Eusuff
PO Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Subject: Support for the County of San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal and Intent to Adopt the IRWM Plan Once Updated (2014) IRWM, Proposition 84 Grant Program, Round 2 Implementation

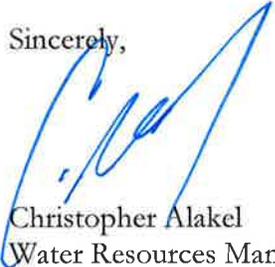
Dear Mr. Eusuff,

The City of Paso Robles strongly supports the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in its effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for the San Luis Obispo County Region.

Our agency is a member of the Regional Water Management Group. Our Region is currently updating the 2007 IRWM Plan to meet DWR's 2012 IRWM Guidelines. If the Proposal is funded, our agency commits to adopting the IRWM Plan once it has been updated (anticipated by June 30, 2014).

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal.

Sincerely,



Christopher Alakel
Water Resources Manager
City of Paso Robles

cc: Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo

The Land Conservancy

OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

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IRWM, Proposition 84 Grant Program, Round 2 Implementation

Dear Mr. Eusuff,

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County strongly supports the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in its effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for the San Luis Obispo County Region.

Our agency is a member of the Regional Water Management Group. Our Region is currently updating the 2007 IRWM Plan to meet DWR's 2012 IRWM Guidelines. If the Proposal is funded, our agency commits to adopting the IRWM Plan once it has been updated (anticipated by June 30, 2014).

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal.

Sincerely,



Kaila Dettman
Executive Director
The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County

cc: Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo

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Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District



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IRWM, Proposition 84 Grant Program, Round 2 Implementation

Dear Mr. Eusuff,

The Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District strongly supports the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in its effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for the San Luis Obispo County Region.

Our agency is a member of the Regional Water Management Group. Our Region is currently updating the 2007 IRWM Plan to meet DWR's 2012 IRWM Guidelines. If the Proposal is funded, our agency commits to adopting the IRWM Plan once it has been updated (anticipated by June 30, 2014).

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal.

Sincerely,

Laura Edwards
Executive Director, US-LT RCD
March 15, 2013

cc: Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo

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Water Management Proposal and Intent to Adopt the IRWM Plan
Once Updated (2014)**

IRWM, Proposition 84 Grant Program, Round 2 Implementation

Dear Mr. Eusuff,

The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District supports the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in its effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for the San Luis Obispo County Region.

Our agency is a member of the Regional Water Management Group. Our Region is currently updating the 2007 IRWM Plan to meet DWR's 2012 IRWM Guidelines. If the Proposal is funded, our agency commits to adopting the IRWM Plan once it has been updated (anticipated by June 30, 2014).

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal.

Sincerely,



Neil Havlik
Board of Directors President
Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District

cc: Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo



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Subject: Support for the County of San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal and Intent to Adopt the IRWM Plan Once Updated (2014) - IRWM, Proposition 84 Grant Program, Round 2 Implementation

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit the County of San Luis Obispo (County) Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal (SLOC Proposal) for a Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant. As evidenced by our Board of Supervisors' adoption of Resolution No. 2012-335, which authorizes submittal of the SLOC Proposal with the projects described therein, San Luis Obispo County strongly supports the SLOC Proposal requesting IRWM grant funding for the Region.

As members of the Regional Water Management Group, both the County and the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) commit to adopting the IRWM Plan once it has been updated (anticipated by June 30, 2014). Our Public Works Department (Staff to the County and the District) is managing the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Update to meet DWR's 2012 IRWM Guidelines on behalf of the Regional Water Management Group.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the SLOC Proposal.

Sincerely,

PAAVO OGREN
Director



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Subject: Support for the County of San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal and Intent to Adopt the IRWM Plan Once Updated (2014)

IRWM, Proposition 84 Grant Program, Round 2 Implementation

Dear Mr. Eusuff,

The San Miguel Community Services District strongly supports the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in its effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for the San Luis Obispo County Region.

Our agency is a member of the Regional Water Management Group. Our Region is currently updating the 2007 IRWM Plan to meet DWR's 2012 IRWM Guidelines. Our agency commits to adopting the IRWM Plan once it has been updated (anticipated by June 30, 2014).

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal.

Sincerely,

Rene Salas

General Manager

San Miguel Community Services District

cc: Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo

San Simeon Community Services District



March 13, 2013

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IRWM, Proposition 84 Grant Program, Round 2 Implementation

Dear Mr. Eusuff,

The San Simeon Community Services District strongly supports the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in its effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for the San Luis Obispo County Region.

Our agency is a member of the Regional Water Management Group. Our Region is currently updating the 2007 IRWM Plan to meet DWR's 2012 IRWM Guidelines. If the Proposal is funded, our agency commits to adopting the IRWM Plan once it has been updated (anticipated by June 30, 2014).

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Renee Samaniego-Lundy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Renee Samaniego-Lundy
Administrator, SSCSD

cc: Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo

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San Luis Obispo County Region
Integrated Regional Water Management Program Participants
Memorandum of Understanding

The undersigned agencies and organizations hereby agree as follows:

1. BACKGROUND

The State of California has established an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning and grant program pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code (PRC) Section 75001 et seq., also known as Proposition 84). This program is anticipated to be perpetuated and/or modified by future Bond acts. The IRWM program provides guidance for collaborative efforts to manage all aspects of water resources in a region by crossing jurisdictional, watershed, and political boundaries to involve multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals, and groups in order to address issues and differing perspectives of all entities involved through mutually beneficial solutions. Regions that develop IRWM plans in accordance with the guidelines are eligible for certain water resources grant funding opportunities.

In accordance with PRC Section 75001 (et seq.) and State IRWM Program guidelines, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (dated 2009), signed by eleven agencies within San Luis Obispo County, established a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) for the San Luis Obispo County IRWM Region, and the San Luis Obispo County IRWM Region was officially accepted by the State in May 2009.

The San Luis Obispo County IRWM Region water resources stakeholders have determined the need to update the IRWM MOU in order to meet new State IRWM guidelines, to clarify the governance structure for IRWM planning in the San Luis Obispo County IRWM Region, and encourage broader participation. This MOU, in conjunction with the current IRWM Plan, sets forth the San Luis Obispo County IRWM Region's governance structure thereby allowing members and other stakeholders to understand how to participate in the IRWM Plan development and implementation.

2. PURPOSE, GOALS, AND APPROACH

2.1 Purpose. The purpose of this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is to establish the mutual understandings among the San Luis Obispo County Region participants with respect to their joint efforts to develop and implement an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan for the San Luis Obispo County Region, including the definition of common IRWM terms, roles and responsibilities of IRWM Program Participants, and decision-making processes.

2.2 Goals. The goal of the IRWM program is to provide a reliable, long-term, and high-quality water supply, and to establish a unified vision among the participants' goals for water quality improvement, ecosystem preservation, water supply protection and enhancement, ground water management and flood management, in the context of social justice and climate change adaptation, while protecting the environment. The adopted IRWM plan will identify major water-related goals, objectives and conflicts within the region, consider a broad variety of water management strategies, identify the appropriate mix of water demand and supply management alternatives, water quality protections, flood management strategies, and environmental stewardship actions.

2.3 Approach. The San Luis Obispo County Region participants are specifying their shared intent to coordinate and collaborate on water management issues, giving consideration to disadvantaged communities and Native American tribes and their water related needs. In order to

enhance participation of stakeholders, it will be necessary to work at a sub-regional level to better understand the water resources needs and priorities throughout the region. When applying for grants, the San Luis Obispo County Region will strive to distribute the grant funding request fairly across the geographic region. The goal is to distribute awarded funding from each grant cycle equally across the sub-regions (i.e. one quarter of the overall funding to benefit each of the three sub-regions' projects/programs and one quarter of the overall funding to benefit regional projects/programs), to the extent feasible.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan). A comprehensive plan for a defined geographic area which shall satisfy the requirements of California's IRWM Program.

3.2 San Luis Obispo County Region (Region). The geographic area of San Luis Obispo County, which is coterminous with the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) boundary.

3.3 Local Agency. Any city, county, city and county, special district, joint powers authority, or other political subdivision of the state, a public utility as defined in Section 216 of the Public Utilities Code, or a mutual water company as defined in Section 2725 of the Public Utilities Code.

3.4 Program Participants. Development and implementation of the Region's Plan is a collaborative effort undertaken by the Region's participants, as further discussed in Section 4. The effort is being led by the District, in partnership with the Regional Water Management Group, Water Resources Advisory Committee, Implementation Affiliates, and Interested Stakeholders. Only regional projects and programs to be implemented by those agencies which have adopted the Plan will be eligible for grant applications. The Region categorizes IRWM Program Participants into the following:

3.4.1 Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). A group in which three or more local agencies, at least two of which have statutory authority over water supply or water management, as well as those other persons who may be necessary for the development and implementation of the Plan, participate by means of this memorandum of understanding, in accordance with requirements of the California Water Code (CWC § 10539). The Region's RWMG members are signatories to this MOU, have adopted the current Plan, and may designate a representative to participate in RWMG activities and its Working Group. The entities must be either a Local Agency or an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The RWMG has the capacity to carry out projects (i.e. financial resources, management structure, adequate staffing). The agencies/organizations that form the RWMG may have planning or implementation projects eligible for State IRWM grants.

3.4.2 Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC). This is the committee comprised of water purveyor, resource conservation district, environmental and agricultural, and other water resources representatives that was originally established in the 1940s to advise the District Board of Supervisors on water resource issues. The WRAC is a Brown Act committee that meets monthly, with the exception of July and August. Many participants are actively engaged in issues relevant to Plan development and implementation, and will represent important stakeholder groups throughout the program.

3.4.3 RWMG Working Group (Working Group). The Working Group will involve representatives from the RWMG who have technical expertise and are able to work on the details associated with IRWM efforts. The Working Group will engage stakeholders at a sub-regional level in order to better understand the specific water resources needs and priorities of that sub-region.

3.4.4 **Implementation Affiliates.** These entities will adopt the Plan by resolution, but would not be signatories of the MOU. The entities must be either a Local Agency or an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Implementation Affiliates have the capacity to carry out projects (i.e. financial resources, management structure, adequate staffing). In order to have a planning or implementation project eligible for State IRWM grants, agencies must be an Implementation Affiliate if they are not a part of the RWMG.

3.4.5 **Interested Stakeholders.** These individuals, organizations, and nonprofits (including those that are not IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations) who are interested in the IRWM program. The Interested Stakeholders may sign a letter of support for the Plan, or otherwise provide input to the RWMG, but would not be eligible for directly receiving State IRWM grant funds.

3.5 Sub-regions. The Region's IRWM program seeks to engage stakeholders and understand the water resources needs of the Region. To adequately ensure this balanced access and opportunity for participation in the IRWM program, the RWMG will utilize a sub-regional geographic structure, allowing more focused planning and local outreach efforts that are later brought into the context of the overall IRWM Region. These sub-regions have been deliberately defined in terms of logical planning and watershed/ hydrogeologic unit boundaries. These "sub-regions" include the North Coast, North County, and South County (see Attachment 1).

3.6 Regional Projects or Programs. Projects or programs to be implemented by the RWMG and/or Implementation Affiliates are identified in the Plan and are based upon the State's IRWM Guidelines under which the current Plan was adopted, which includes but is not limited to: reducing water demand through agricultural and urban water use efficiency, increasing water supplies for any beneficial use, improving operational efficiency and water supply reliability, improving water quality, improving resource stewardship, and improving flood management.

3.7 Integration. Assembling into one document the water-related management strategies, projects, programs, and plans of the Region. The development and implementation of the Plan should demonstrate the RWMG is forming, coordinating and integrating separate efforts in order to function as a unified effort in a collaborative manner that balances interests and engages a variety of stakeholders and seeks to efficiently integrate regional resources. The Plan development will identify water management strategies for the Region and the priority projects and programs that demonstrate how these strategies work together to meet goals identified in Section 2. It will also identify regional benefits of linkages between projects and plans that address different primary water-related objectives (for example, identifying regional benefits of linkages between a water supply project and a flood management project in the same watershed).

4. IRWM PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

4.1 Program Participant Structure. Elements of the Plan will be developed and implemented by the Program Participants. The RWMG, including the District as the Lead Agency, and the Implementation Affiliates are responsible for Plan development and implementation.

4.2 Plan Development and Implementation. The Region's Plan that was adopted by the District, developed in coordination with and approved by stakeholders in 2005, and updated in 2007, will be the basis for subsequent adopted Plans for the Region. The Working Group will propose changes to the previous versions of the Plan to comply with new State guidelines and incorporate new information and projects. Since a key element of the IRWM Program is integration, the RWMG will work with Program Participants to identify water management strategies for the Region and sub-regions and the priority projects that demonstrate how these strategies work together to meet the purpose and goals in Section 2. How each Program

Participant contributes and participates in Plan development and implementation is described below:

4.2.1 Lead Agency. The District will act as the lead agency for Plan development, will execute this MOU, and will adopt the Plan in accordance with 4.3 and 4.4 below. The District will ultimately be responsible for the final production of the Region's Plan, hiring consultant(s) to develop the Plan, and presentations to stakeholders, submittal of IRWM grant applications, and execution and administration of grant agreements with the State. As the Lead Agency, the District will execute and administer agreements with RWMG members and Implementation Affiliates responsible for the implementation of projects that are awarded grants, including data collection relevant to grant agreements, project reporting, etc. Efforts described in Section 4.2.1 are subject to the availability of funding.

4.2.2 RWMG. Members will execute this MOU and adopt the Plan in accordance with 4.3 and 4.4 below. RWMG members will designate a representative with clear authority to represent the agency or organization, provide expertise, provide information in a timely manner, participate in meetings, review and approve technical documents as needed, and will provide the District with their designated representative's contact information. This representative will be eligible to participate on the Working Group. All RWMG members, whether or not their representative is participating in the Working Group, hereby agree to provide information sufficient to meet State guidelines for their regional projects and programs to be included in the Plan and participate in the review of the Plan. RWMG members will consider integrating projects and programs with other agencies when possible, especially with disadvantaged communities and Native American tribes, in accordance with State IRWM Guidelines. RWMG members responsible for the implementation of regional projects and programs awarded grant funding will be responsible, through contract with the District, for complying with the provisions of the District's grant agreement with the State. The RWMG will provide updates to the WRAC and seek WRAC support of recommendations at key decision points.

4.2.3 WRAC. The WRAC will provide a forum for public meetings/ workshops related to Plan development and implementation at key decision points. The WRAC will review and comment on the RWMG recommendations to the District's Board of Supervisors at key decision points.

4.2.4 Working Group. Representatives of the Working Group will be designated by the RWMG member and will have clear authority to represent the agency or organization, provide expertise, provide information in a timely manner, participate in meetings, review and approve technical documents as needed, and will provide the District with their designated representative's contact information. The District will provide materials with sufficient lead time for RWMG member and Working Group engagement. The Working Group will develop information, draft documents and recommendations pertaining to the Plan update consistent with current State IRWM Guidelines during Plan development. Efforts are anticipated to include stakeholder outreach, collection and incorporation of updated data, etc. The Working Group will develop information and recommendations for IRWM program planning and implementation, stakeholder outreach, and pursuit of funding opportunities. All RWMG members will participate in the process to select the Region's IRWM projects and programs for grant applications by way of the Working Group, who will conduct project/program solicitations and evaluations, and will make recommendations on grant funding allocations. The Working Group will need to conduct sub-regional public meetings during Plan development and implementation to facilitate stakeholder participation.

4.2.5 Implementation Affiliates. Implementation Affiliates shall adopt the Plan in accordance with Section 4.3. Implementation Affiliates will designate a representative with clear authority to represent the agency or organization, provide expertise, provide information in a timely manner, participate in meetings, review and approve technical documents as needed, and will provide the District with their designated representative's contact information. All

Implementation Affiliates will provide information sufficient to meet State guidelines for their regional projects and programs to be included in the Plan and participate in the review of the Plan and for implementation activities, such as project status updates, project reporting, data collection, etc. Implementation Affiliates will consider integrating projects and programs with neighboring agencies when possible, especially with disadvantaged communities and Native American tribes, in accordance with State IRWM Guidelines. Implementation Affiliates responsible for the implementation of regional projects and programs awarded grant funding will be responsible, through contract with the District, for complying with the provisions of the District's grant agreement with the State.

4.2.6 **Interested Stakeholders.** Interested Stakeholders may participate in the Plan development and implementation process by way of participation at WRAC and/or RWMG meetings. Interested Stakeholders that are not WRAC members will be notified when an IRWM program item will be reviewed by the WRAC if they request inclusion on the IRWM contact list (Section 5.6). Sub-regional meetings will be required to ensure Interested Stakeholders, including disadvantaged communities, who may not necessarily be able to attend WRAC meetings, can participate in Plan development and implementation.

4.3 **IRWM Plan Adoption.** Plan approval and adoption will be required of the governing bodies of RWMG members and Implementation Affiliates. Plan updates to meet new State guidelines, add new RWMG Members, add or remove and evaluate regional projects and programs, or other updates to information do not require Plan re-adoption. Significant changes to the Plan, including revised goals and objectives, revised methodologies (such as methodology for evaluating, ranking, and prioritizing projects and programs), revised regional boundaries, or other changes deemed significant by the RWMG and the Lead Agency, will require Plan re-adoption via the decision-making process described in Section 4.5.

4.4 **Personnel and Financial Resources.** It is expected that Program Participants will contribute the resources necessary to fulfill the responsibilities listed within Section 4 of this MOU. Program Participants that receive implementation grant funding, shall contribute a proportionate share of non-project costs associated with the grant agreement, based on awarded implementation funding (for example, contributing toward the cost of updating the Plan, should that be a condition of grant award)..

4.5 **Decision Making.** The RWMG shall develop IRWM program materials and will make recommendations to the Lead Agency at key decision points of the IRWM program. Written input will be sought between the representatives of RWMG members in the event the need for a decision arises that cannot be brought forth to the RWMG before a decision needs to be made. The District, by way of its Public Works Department, shall notify the RWMG agencies of recommendations being taken to the District's Board of Supervisors for action. The District's Board of Supervisors may approve, alter, or return any said recommendation of the RWMG. Furthermore, if the District's Board of Supervisors intends to alter an item or proposition approved by the RWMG, the District's Board of Supervisors shall set forth in writing its findings, after which the Board will hold a public hearing. The RWMG agencies shall have the right to appear and address the District's Board of Supervisors.

5. MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS

5.1 **Need for the Region's IRWM Plan**

5.1.1 To improve communication and cooperation between public and private agencies and minimize conflict-generated solutions.

5.1.2 To enhance our existing water management efforts by increasing stakeholder awareness of important issues, providing more opportunities for collaborative efforts and improving efficiencies in government and water management.

5.1.3 To qualify for state grants and other funding opportunities only available to those regions which have developed IRWM plans.

5.2 Subject matter scope of the IRWM Plan. The Plan focuses on water supply, water quality protection and improvement, ecosystem preservation and restoration, groundwater monitoring and management, and flood management as these are the most prevalent water resource issues facing the Region.

5.3 Geographical scope of the IRWM Program. The Region for this memorandum is coterminous with the boundary of San Luis Obispo County. This is an appropriate geographic region for integrated regional water management planning because it encompasses all aspects of water management generally within the same physical, political, environmental, social, and economic boundaries. The Region may engage stakeholders within the three sub-regions in order to better understand the specific water resources needs and priorities of that sub-region, which would then be incorporated into the context of the greater IRWM Region planning and implementation.

The Region is bordered by the Greater Monterey County IRWM region to the north, the Santa Barbara County and Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWM regions to the south, and the Kern County IRWM region to the east.

Water resources issues that overlap neighboring regional boundaries are either covered by existing cooperative water management plans (i.e. Nacitone Watershed Management Plan), adjudication (i.e. Santa Maria Groundwater Basin), and operational agreements (i.e. Nacimiento Reservoir), or have no defining water resource management issue. All of these items are to be included in the Region's Plan consistent with the plans of neighboring regions. The RWMG will continue to coordinate with neighboring regions to address additional water resources issues and possible integrated water management strategies in our respective IRWM plans.

5.4 Non-binding nature. This document and participation in the IRWM program efforts are nonbinding, and in no way suggest that a RWMG member or Implementation Affiliate may not continue its own planning and undertake efforts to secure project funding from any source. An agency/ organization may withdraw from participation in accordance with Section 5.7.

5.5 Other on-going regional efforts. Development of the Plan is separate from efforts of other organizations to develop water-related plans on a regional basis. As the Plan is developed, work products can be shared with these separate efforts to provide them with current information.

5.6 Reports and communications. The WRAC, an IRWM contact list, and the District's website will serve as the forum for updates and correspondence relating to the IRWM program and Plan development.

5.7 Termination. Because the Plan will require periodic review and updating for use into the future, it is envisioned that the joint efforts of those involved will be ongoing in maintaining a living document. Thus this MOU will remain as a reflection of the understandings of the RWMG Members. As indicated, parties to this MOU may terminate their involvement at any time, but must provide all RWMG agencies with 30 days' advance notice of intent to terminate.

5.8 Superseded Prior MOU. This MOU supersedes the MOU dated April 21, 2009 (2009 MOU).

5.9 Counterparts. This MOU may be executed in counterparts and has the same force and effect as if all the signatures were obtained in one document.

6. SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

We, the undersigned representatives of our respective agencies or organizations, acknowledge the above as our understanding of how the San Luis Integrated Regional Water Management Plan will be developed.

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
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Attachment 1 – San Luis Obispo County IRWM Region and Sub-Regions Map

