



**Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County Proposition 84 IRWMP Planning Grant**  
Attachment 2 – Eligible Applicant Documentation

## Local Agencies

1. *Is the applicant a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the Guidelines? Please explain.*

Yes. The applicant for this Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning grant is the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (County of Ventura), acting as agent for the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County. The County of Ventura is a local agency, as defined in Appendix B of the IRWM Grant Program Guidelines, which is defined as 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 (California Water Code § Section 10535).

2. *What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?*

Please see above. The California Constitution authorizes a County to make and enforce local ordinances that do not conflict with general laws, purchase and hold land, manage and dispose of its properties, and levy and collect taxes authorized by law. The powers of a County can only be exercised by the Board of Supervisors or through officers acting under the authority of the Board or authority conferred by law. On March 22, 1872, the Legislature of the State of California acted to create Ventura County from a portion of Santa Barbara County. The Act was effective January 1, 1873.

3. *Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?*

Yes. The County of Ventura has the necessary legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State

of California, as cited in the February 28, 2012 resolution, which is attached. The resolution authorizes the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to file an application for a Round 2 Proposition 84 IRWM Planning Grant, designates the Ventura County Watershed Protection District as the authorized representative to file the application with the California Department of Water Resources and authorizes the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to execute an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for an IRWM Planning Grant. Previously, the County of Ventura has entered into grant agreements for Proposition 50 IRWM Planning and Implementation grants, and a Round 1 Proposition 84 IRWM Planning Grant.

4. *Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.*

As described in the February 28, 2012 resolution, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District will enter into an agreement to receive Proposition 84 Planning Grant funds and will execute the agreement with the California Department of Water Resources. As such, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District has committed to the proposed scope, budget, and schedule within this Planning Grant. This means that the Ventura County Watershed Protection District will be solely responsible for providing all local match related to the grant, as well as for ensuring work is performed consistent with the grant agreement, and providing project management.

5. *For an interregional proposal, please include a short statement regarding the determination of the applicant as the submitting entity for multiple IRWM regions.*

This is not an interregional proposal.