

No. 8- *Eastern San Joaquin County Integrated Regional Water Management Region*

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

The Eastern San Joaquin County (ESJC) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region overlies the Eastern San Joaquin groundwater basin. The Mokelumne River is the most significant surface water resource transecting the Region. The significant groundwater overdraft beneath San Joaquin County is a major factor in water resource management and many of the goals and objectives of the IRWM Plan are related to reducing the overdraft as a component of enhancing the reliability and sustainability of regional water resources.

The ESJC Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) is funded by 11 agencies comprising Groundwater Banking Authorities and Joint Powers Authorities, with over 157 total participating member agencies. The ESJC RWMG appears to work together, and they have an effective way to solicit information from stakeholders and disseminate that data. The ESJC RWMG also maintains cooperative relationships with water resource management entities adjoining the ESJC IRWM Region. The Mokelumne-Amador-Calaveras (MAC) IRWM Region, to the east of the ESJC IRWM Region, has different water resource management concerns and interests than the ESJC IRWM Region. However, the two IRWM Regions maintain a cooperative relationship and are collaborating on issues of common interest, including the Mokelumne Forum and the Inter-Regional Conjunctive Use Project (IRCUP).

The ESJC IRWM Plan, completed in 2007, will be revised to include Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) outreach plans and will identify water resource concerns that DACs experience, and solutions to DAC concerns.

Interview Conclusions- Approved

No changes to the Eastern San Joaquin County IRWM Region boundaries are suggested by DWR.

DWR requires that this IRWM Region continue effective cooperation and coordination with the MAC IRWM Region on the IRCUP. During the RAP Interview, DWR requested letters of cooperation from

both the ESJC and MAC IRWM Regions, that describe their commitment and plans to collaborate.
DWR has received a letter of cooperation, dated August 17, 2009, from the MAC IRWM Region.