

# *No. 41- Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Region*

## Region Acceptance Process Summary

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### **General Description of Region**

The Upper Santa Clara River (USCR) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region boundary is primarily watershed based (the Upper Santa Clara Watershed) excluding the western boundary which follows the Los Angeles County line (with Ventura County). This Region is adjacent to the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) Region to the west and the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) Region to the south. The Los Angeles-Ventura county line boundary approximates a hydrologic divide of the Upper Santa Clara River, with the USCR IRWM Region experiencing ephemeral stream flows and good percolation, while the western portion, within the WCVC IRWM Region, has perennial flows due to both geologic conditions and effluent discharges to the Santa Clara River. The creation of the USCR IRWM Region also fills the void area that remains after the formation of the adjacent GLAC and WCVC IRWM Regions.

The USCR IRWM Region began in 2006. The USCR Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) is comprised of seven members. Collaboratively, the RWMG initiated the development of the USCR IRWM Plan, which was formally adopted by the RWMG in July 2008.

### **Interview Conclusions- Approved**

The USCR IRWM Region makes sense for long term water resources planning. Also, the manner and extent of collaboration with surrounding IRWM Regions, and the outreach and involvement of the public, stakeholders, and Disadvantaged Communities appears adequate.

The USCR IRWM Region will need to ensure that there is continued cooperation and coordination with the WCVC IRWM Region.