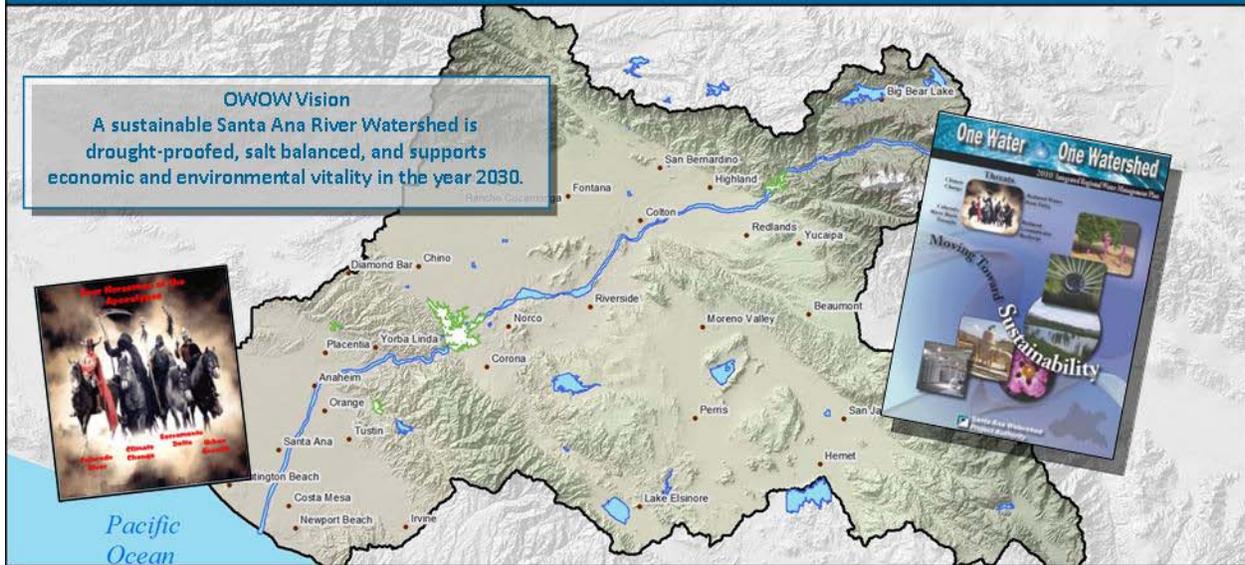


1.1 Overview



Santa Ana River Watershed

The One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Program provides a comprehensive view of the watershed and water issues encompassing all sub-regions, political jurisdictions, water agencies, and non-governmental stakeholders (private sector, environmental groups, and the public at large) in the watershed. It is one in which all types of water (imported, local surface and groundwater, stormwater, and wastewater effluent) are viewed as components of a single water resource, inextricably linked to land use, habitat, and that endeavors to limit impacts to natural hydrology.

The OWOW planning process is supported by a diverse group of stakeholders led by a Steering Committee composed of public officials from counties and cities in the watershed, representatives from the environmental, regulatory, and business communities, and representatives from the Santa Ana Watershed Authority (SAWPA). The Steering Committee is supported by technical experts and stakeholders grouped into ten disciplines (known as Pillars), ranging from water supply reliability and quality, to climate change, to environmental justice.

SAWPA acts as the Regional Water Management Group for the process. While SAWPA facilitates the planning process, provides technical input and support through its staff and consultants, the development of the goals and strategies of the Plan, as well as the decision making process, are prepared by the Steering Committee with support of the Pillars, and with consideration to comments from the public at large.

The collaborative, transparent, and watershed-wide view embraced by the OWOW planning process from the onset, builds upon previous planning efforts in the watershed, and seeks to change the way that water and other environmental resources are managed, moving from reliance on large centralized infrastructure projects to a systems approach that complements existing centralized infrastructure with decentralized facilities (e.g., groundwater desalination), technology, natural infrastructure and human capital.

In 2011, SAWPA received funding to update the 2010 OWOW Plan to address the new IRWM Program Guidelines, and implement this process of moving from a water supplier to a water resource manager mentality. The resulting 2013 OWOW 2.0 Plan advances a paradigm change from water supply to an integrated water resource management mentality; moving from a mission of providing abundant high-quality water at the lowest cost possible, to one in which water resources are managed in a sustainable manner and with regard for the needs of the environment and those downstream. Rather than investing more or working harder on the ways of the 20th century, OWOW 2.0 seeks a new approach that is lighter on the land, and protects habitat and a sustainable future for a robust economy and healthy environment. This Plan, in keeping with requirements of the Department of Water Resource’s Proposition 84 IRWM Planning Grant award, and the November 2012 IRWM Proposition 84 and 1E Program Guidelines, documents the current IRWM program and processes that have evolved through the OWOW planning process, and is organized according to **Table 1.1-1**.

Table 1.1-1 Current IRWM Program and Process Evolved through the OWOW Planning Process

DWR IRWM Plan Standard	2013 OWOW 2.0 Plan Chapter
Governance	Chapter 2: Governance, Outreach, and Integration
Region Description	Chapter 3: Watershed Setting
Objectives	Chapter 4: Regional Goals and Objectives
Resource Management Strategies	Chapter 5: Water Management Strategies and Integration
Integration	Chapter 2: Governance, Outreach, and Integration Chapter 5: Water Management Strategies and Integration
Project Review Process	Chapter 6: Project/Program Review, Evaluation and Prioritization
Impact and Benefit	Chapter 7: Impacts and Benefits of Sustainable Integrated Solutions
Plan Performance and Monitoring	Chapter 9: Data Management and Plan Performance/Monitoring
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Finance	Chapter 8: Finance
Technical Analysis	Chapter 9: Data Management and Plan Performance/Monitoring
Relation to Local Water Planning	Chapter 5: Water Management Strategies and Integration
Relation to Local Land Use Planning	Chapter 5: Water Management Strategies and Integration
Stakeholder Involvement	Chapter 2: Governance, Outreach, and Integration
Coordination	Chapter 2: Governance, Outreach, and Integration
Climate Change	Chapter 5: Water Management Strategies and Integration