

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Water Code Section 10610-10610.4

10610. This part shall be known and may be cited as the “Urban Water Management Planning Act.”

10610.2 The Legislature finds and declares...:

...This part is intended to provide assistance to water agencies in carrying out their long-term resource planning responsibilities to ensure adequate water supplies to meet existing and future demands for water.

10610.4 The Legislature finds and declares that it is the policy of the state as follows:

- (a) The management of urban water demands and efficient use of water shall be actively pursued to protect both the people of the state and their water resources.*
- (b) The management of urban water demands and efficient use of urban water supplies shall be a guiding criterion in public decisions.*
- (c) Urban water suppliers shall be required to develop water management plans to actively pursue the efficient use of available supplies.*

1.1 The Urban Water Management Planning Act

The California Water Code, Division 6, Section 10610 *et seq* (Code) requires all urban water suppliers within the state to prepare Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) and update them every five years. Such plans satisfy the requirements of the Urban Water Management Planning Act (UWMPA) of 1983; including amendments that have been made to the UWMPA (see Appendix A).

The Code requires that an UWMP must include historic, current and future supplies and demands for water; address conservation measures, and describe potential supply deficiencies during drought conditions and the ability to mitigate these conditions; compare total projected water use and water supply sources over 20 years in 5-year increments, for a single dry water year and for multiple dry water years; and provisions for recycled water use, demand management measures, and a water shortage contingency plan. A copy of the governing Code sections is included in Appendix A; pertinent excerpts therefrom precede the Chapters in this Plan.

An UWMP is a groundwork document and source of information for a water supply assessment and a written verification of water supply. An UWMP also serves as:

- A long-range planning document for water supply,
- Source data for development of a regional water plan,
- A source document for cities and counties as they prepare their General Plans; and
- A key component to Integrated Regional Water Management Plans.

This report serves as the 2005 UWMP for the City of Corcoran (City). This UWMP is a resource for the City's water supply long-range planning, expansion of a water plan and preparation of their General Plan.

1.2 Previous City Urban Water Management Plans

The City adopted an Urban Water Management Plan in 2000; a copy of the 2000 UWMP is included in Appendix B. The 2000 UWMP, as submitted, did not comply with current California Water Code requirements (see Department of Water Resources letter of July 28, 2002 in Appendix C regarding such non-compliance, and suggesting either amendment or updating). It is the objective of this 2005 UWMP to achieve such compliance, thus both enabling the City to plan for its water supply future and to be eligible for State financial assistance.

The initial 2000 UWMP included a general description of the City's current water system and a brief overview of the history of the system. An updated extract of that description and overview is included here to provide perspective for the detailed, Code-required, data and analysis in succeeding Chapters of this UWMP.

1.3 Public Participation, Plan Adoption

10642. Each urban water supplier shall encourage the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the service area prior to and during the preparation of the plan. Prior to adopting a plan, the urban water supplier shall make the plan available for public inspection and shall hold a public hearing thereon. Prior to the hearing, notice of the time and place of hearing shall be published...After the hearing, the plan shall be adopted as prepared or as modified after the hearing.

In accordance with the UWMPA, the City held a public hearing regarding the 2005 UWMP on March 2007. A copy of the proposed adopting resolution is included in Appendix H. Ten days prior to Council consideration, a notice of the public hearing was published in the local newspaper, notifying interested parties that the 2005 UWMP was available at various City facilities for review; at the same time, copies of the Draft UWMP were forwarded to the Department of Water Resources for review. Upon the completion of that review, and corrections based thereon, the Council will re-adopt the amended UWMP.

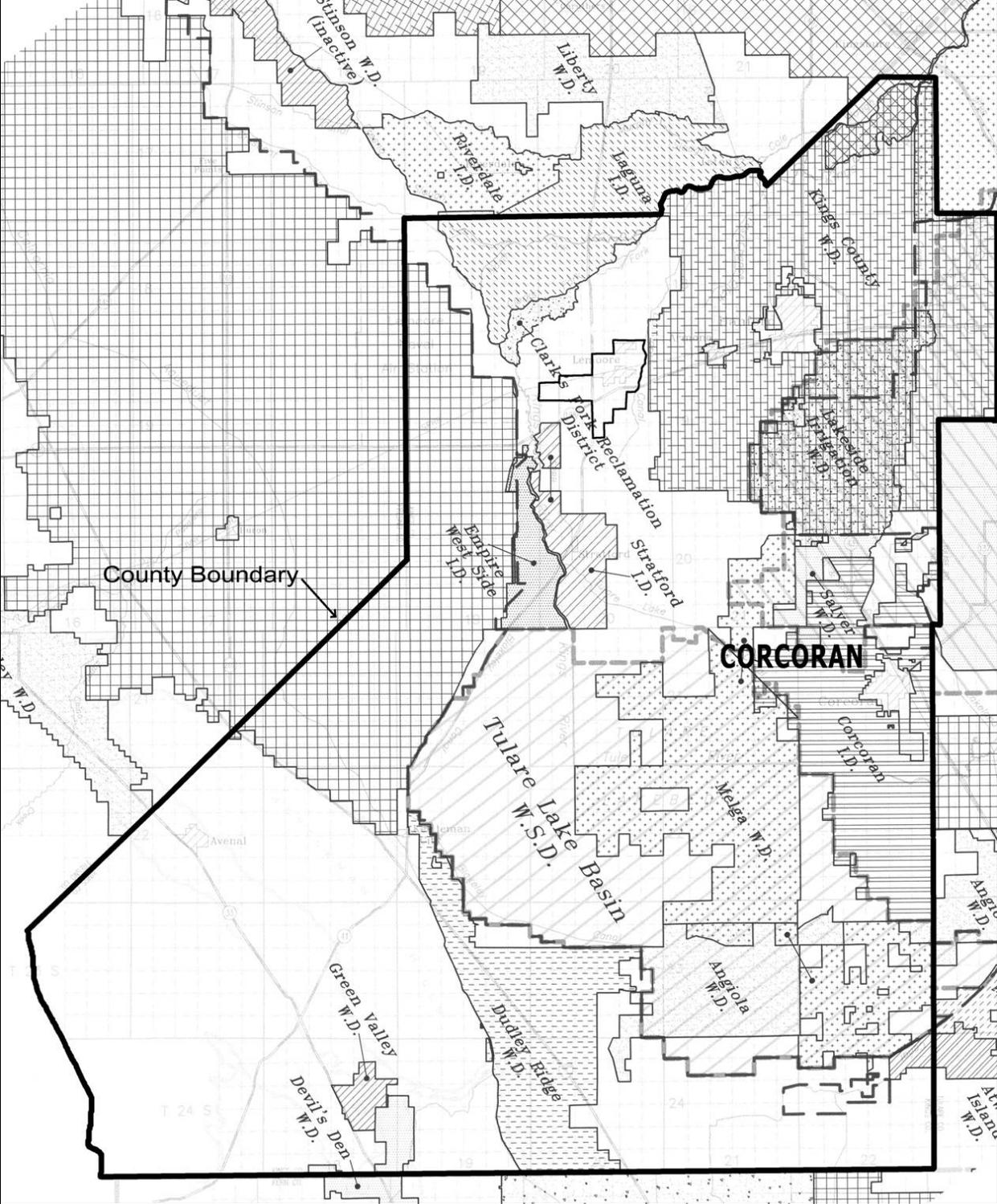
1.4 Agency Coordination

10620 (d) (2). Each urban water supplier shall coordinate the preparation of its plan with other appropriate agencies in the area, including other water suppliers that share a common source, water management agencies, and relevant public agencies, to the extent practicable.

The City of Corcoran 2005 UWMP is intended to address those aspects of the UWMP, which are under the control of the City, specifically water supply and water use. While preparing the 2005 UWMP, the City coordinated its efforts with relevant local agencies to ensure that the data and issues are presented accurately.

The City's consultants contacted the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to discuss the requirements of the UWMPA and obtain a checklist, as well as discuss other UWMP guidelines.

The City also contacted Kings River Conservation District, Kings County Water District and Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, as entities providing water management in the easterly portion of Kings County. Although the City is not included within these District or "Area" boundaries (see Figure 1-1) they are adjacent to the City and their activities affect the groundwater basin from which the City draws its water supply.



**WATER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
WITHIN KINGS COUNTY**

**Figure
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