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Law: 10620. (a) Every urban water supplier shall prepare and adopt an urban water management plan in the manner set forth in Article 3 (commencing with Section 10640). (b) Every person that becomes an urban water supplier shall adopt an urban water management plan within one year it has become an urban water supplier. (c) An urban water supplier indirectly providing water shall not include planning elements in its water management plan as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 10630) that would be applicable to urban water suppliers or public agencies directly providing water, or to their customers, without the consent of those suppliers or public agencies. (d) 1. An urban water supplier may satisfy the requirements of this part by public participation in area wide, regional, watershed, or basin-wide urban water management planning where those plans will reduce preparation costs and contribute to the achievement of conservation and efficient water use. 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. (e) The urban water supplier may prepare the plan with its own staff, by contract, or in cooperation with other governmental agencies. (f) An urban water supplier shall describe in the plan water management tools and options used by that entity that will maximize resources and minimize the need to import water.

Plan Preparation

The District's Public Services Information Officer coordinated the development of this Plan with the assistance of the District's Board of Directors (Board), General Manager, Director of Operations, and Director of Finance.

During 2005, the District also completed a comprehensive *Water Master Plan* to evaluate its existing and future service needs, to assist in the development of a strategy for maintaining reliable water service. Data from that plan was also used in this document.

Public Participation

Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District (District) has encouraged community participation in its urban water management planning efforts since 1985. The Board, which is comprised of elected community representation, has been actively involved since the first plan was developed in 1985. Additionally, public meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M., giving the community at large an opportunity to provide input and participation in the urban water management planning efforts.

Coordination with Appropriate Agencies

The District plans future water supplies through active participation with the development of the San Diego County Water Authority's (SDCWA) *regional* Urban Water Management Plan.

As a member agency of SDCWA, the District’s Board and staff participate in decisions made which affect the ability of the SDCWA to provide adequate water supplies.

The District imports 100% of its potable water from SDCWA. The District imports 100% of its recycled water from the city of Escondido’s (City) Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility. The District shares in common its source water as well as local urban and agricultural interests with its neighboring water agencies. The development of this plan involved notification to the following agencies:

- San Diego County Water Authority
- City of Escondido, Water Utilities
- Vallecitos Municipal Water District
- Vista Irrigation District
- Valley Center Municipal Water District
- County of San Diego

Table 1 below summarizes the efforts taken by the District to include various agencies and its citizens in the planning process.

Table 1. Coordination and Public Involvement						
Entities	Coordination and Public Involvement Actions					
	Contacted for Assistance	Provided Assistance	Attended public meetings	Provided copy of draft	Commented on Plan draft	Posted notice of intent to adopt
Board of Directors	●	●	●	●	●	●
Wholesaler	●	●		●	●	●
Other Retailers	●			●		
General Public	●			●	●	●
Other				●		●

Notification

Individuals and agencies that participated in the development of this plan are listed in **Appendix A**.

Public - Notices of public meetings are posted at the District’s administrative office as well as on the District’s website. Copies of the draft plan were available at the District’s office, the city library, and as a downloadable document on the

District's website. Customer participation was also solicited on bimonthly customer water bills.

Other Agencies - The District notified, in writing, the cities and county located within its sphere of influence for the preparation of this plan. See **Appendix A** for a listing of those agencies.

Miscellaneous

Law: **10621. (a)** *Each urban water supplier shall update its plan at least once every five years on or before December 31, in years ending in five and zero. (b)* Every urban water supplier required to prepare a plan pursuant to this part shall notify any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies that the urban water supplier will be reviewing the plan and considering amendments or changes to the plan. The urban water supplier may consult with, and obtain comments from, any city or county that receives notice pursuant to this subdivision.

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 the hearing shall be published... After the hearing, the plan shall be adopted as prepared or as modified after the hearing.*

Plan Adoption

The District prepared this **update** of its previous Plan (December, 2000) during the summer of 2005. As mandated, this plan must be updated at least once every five years on or before December 31, in years ending with "0" or "5".

This updated plan was adopted by the Board on December 13, 2005 after a public hearing and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources before December 31, 2005, within 30 days of the Board's approval, as required. Attached to the cover letter addressed to the Department of Water Resources and included as **Appendix B** are copies of the signed Resolution of Plan Adoption. The Plan includes all information necessary to meet the requirements of California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.6 (Urban Water Management Planning).

A copy of the adopted plan was also forwarded to the California State Library located in Sacramento, and to those cities and the county wherein the District distributes water.

Anticipated Plan Benefits

The District anticipates the 2005 Plan to be a foundational document and source of information for mandated SB 610 Water Supply Assessments and SB 221 Written Verifications of Water Supply. This plan will also serve as a source document that allows for tracking and trending of water use and conservation opportunities and activities.

Resource Maximization & Import Minimization

As stewards of a natural resource for the public trust, it is the District's mission to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible manner, maintain infrastructure integrity, foster conservation, and maintain excellence in service. As a significant component of its mission, the District strives to maximize water use within its service area to reduce demand on water importation.

Other District documents that focus on resource maximization include: Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District Water Master Plan; California Urban Water Conservation Council's Best Management Practices reporting; Water Supply Assessment & Verification Reports; District Ordinances; District website (www.rinconwater.org); Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; Recycled Water Agreement with the City of Escondido; water exchange agreements with the City of Escondido, Valley Center Water District, and Vista Irrigation District; and, conservation-based tiered pricing which includes water budgets for agricultural accounts.