

Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2008 Regional Water Management Group MOU

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Water Conservation Authority	Belinda Faustinos	Executive Officer	11/05/2008
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West Basin Municipal Water District	Richard Nagel	General Manager	06/25/2008

1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
2 FOR
3 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND
4 IMPLEMENTATION
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6 This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and among
7 members of the Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water
8 Management Plan Leadership Committee for the purpose of developing, administering,
9 updating and implementing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the
10 Greater Los Angeles County Region. Signatories to this MOU shall hereinafter be
11 referred to individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties".
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13 RECITALS
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15 WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the Parties, and the region served by the Parties, that
16 the water resources the Parties share in common are responsibly managed, protected, and
17 conserved to the extent feasible; and,
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19 WHEREAS, the Parties desire to develop, administer, update and implement an
20 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (hereinafter referred to as "IRWMP") for
21 the Greater Los Angeles County Region (defined in Exhibit A), in accordance with the
22 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002, Division 6, Part 2.2 of the
23 California Water Code as such Act may be amended hereafter.
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25 NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually understood and agreed as follows:
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27 SECTION 1: PURPOSES AND GOALS
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29 1.1 Purposes and Goals:
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31 The Parties desire to coordinate and share information concerning water resources
32 management planning programs and projects and other information for grant funding and
33 IRWMP implementation, and to improve and maintain overall communication among the
34 Parties. It is anticipated that coordination and information sharing among the Parties will
35 assist the agencies in achieving their respective missions and contribute to the overall
36 well-being of the region. It is expected that all parties will cooperate and coordinate with
37 one another in order to achieve the goals written above.
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40 SECTION 2: JOINT AGENCY PLANNING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS
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42 2.1 Projects and Programs:
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44 It is the intent of the Parties that they coordinate and collaborate to develop and
45 implement projects and programs. Such coordination can achieve greater benefits than

46 single purpose projects. Applicable projects and programs include, but are not limited to,
47 the following:

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49 2.1.1 An IRWMP for the Greater Los Angeles County Region.

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51 2.1.2 Solicitation of external funding for implementation of the IRWMP for the
52 Greater Los Angeles County Region.

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54 2.2 Formation of Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) and Adoption of the
55 IRWMP:

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57 2.2.1 Leadership Committee signatories that execute this MOU shall constitute
58 the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) pursuant to Cal. Water Code
59 section 10537. The RWMG shall facilitate the development and implementation
60 of the Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWMP. Adoption of the IRWMP
61 for the Greater Los Angeles County Region in accordance with the Integrated
62 Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 requires a simple majority
63 vote of the RWMG.

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65 2.2.2 The Regional Water Management Group established by execution of this
66 MOU will serve as the Regional Water Management Group for the Greater Los
67 Angeles County Region IRWMP.

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69 2.3 Operations of the RWMG

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71 2.3.1 The Parties acknowledge that Operating Guidelines will be adopted and
72 revised by the RWMG and will be the basis for the decision-making process.

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74 2.4 Endorsement by other parties

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76 2.4.1 Other parties are encouraged to endorse this MOU to demonstrate support
77 for the Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP. Such endorsements do not obligate
78 said parties beyond the demonstration of support for regional water management
79 cooperation. Said parties will not be members of the RWMG.

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81 SECTION 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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83 3.1 Term: This MOU shall become effective on the date first written above and shall
84 expire on December 31, 2012 or upon its replacement by the adoption of a subsequent
85 MOU, Agreement, or Joint Powers Authority Agreement, or unless earlier terminated by
86 mutual written agreement of a majority of the Parties. Any Party may terminate its
87 participation in this MOU upon 60 days' written notice to the remaining Parties.

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89 3.2 Construction of Terms: This MOU is for the sole benefit of the Parties and shall not
90 be construed as granting rights to any person other than the Parties or imposing
91 obligations on a Party to any person other than another Party.

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93 3.3 Good Faith: Each Party shall use its best efforts and work wholeheartedly and in good
94 faith for the expeditious completion of the purposes and goals of this MOU and the
95 satisfactory performance of its terms.

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97 3.4 Governing Law: This MOU is made under and shall be governed by the laws of the
98 State of California.

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100 3.5 Execution: This MOU may be executed in counterparts and the signed counterparts
101 shall constitute a single instrument. The signatories to this MOU represent that they have
102 the authority to bind their respective Party to this MOU.

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104 3.6 Succession: Successor appointees shall sign this MOU prior to being seated on the
105 Leadership Committee.

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107 3.7 Administration: The Chair of the Leadership Committee will be responsible for the
108 ongoing administration of the MOU.

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110 3.8 Financial Commitment: Neither the signing of this MOU nor the adoption by the
111 governing boards of the Parties commits any Party to any financial obligation.

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113 3.9 Severability: The provisions of this MOU shall be deemed severable, and the
114 invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any provision of this MOU shall not affect the
115 validity or enforceability of any other provisions. In the event any provision of this MOU
116 is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the Parties shall endeavor to modify that
117 clause in a manner which gives effect to the intent of the Parties in entering into this
118 MOU.

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120 3.10 Effective Date: This MOU shall take effect upon signature or counter-signature of a
121 majority of the Parties. Each additional Party shall have up to 60 days after the effective
122 date to sign the MOU.

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EXHIBIT A

Description of the Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWMP (Region)

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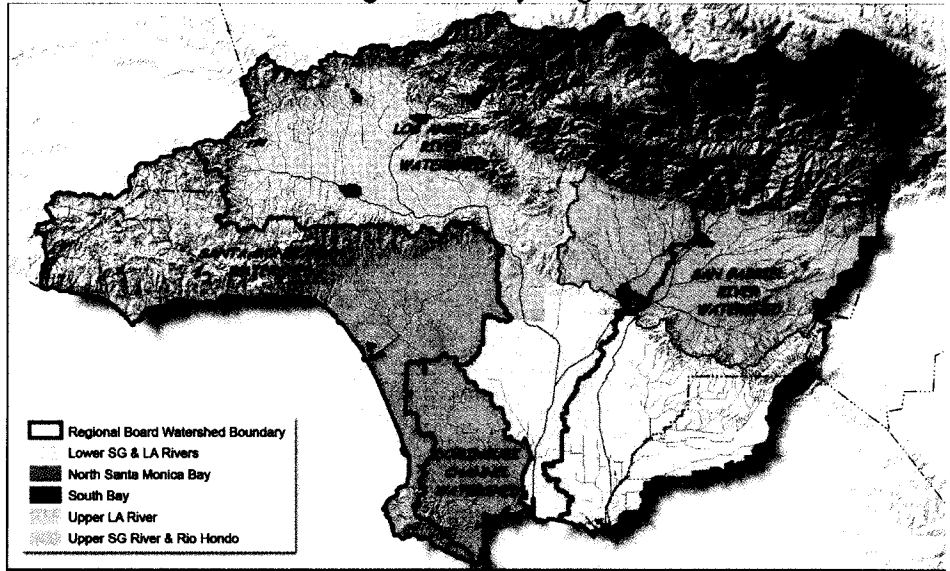
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The Region, an area of approximately 2,058 square miles, is located in coastal southern California. The Region contains portions of four counties; Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, and San Bernardino. The region encompasses the following watersheds: The Los Angeles River watershed, the San Gabriel River watershed, the Santa Monica Bay watershed, and the Dominguez Channel watershed. The region is organized into five sub-regions: the Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers, the North Santa Monica Bay, the South Bay, the Upper Los Angeles River, and the Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo.

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Greater Los Angeles County Region Watersheds

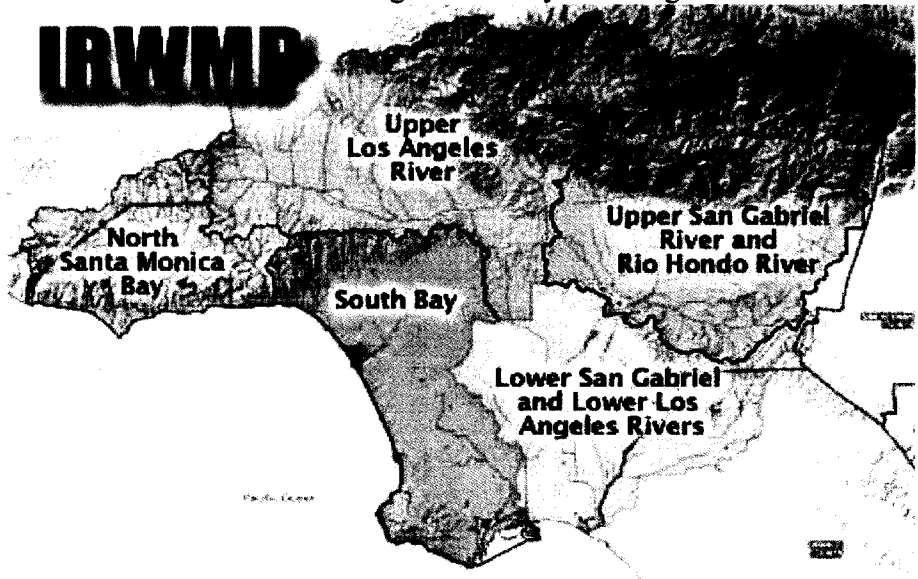


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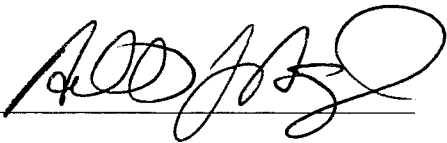
Greater Los Angeles County Sub-Regions



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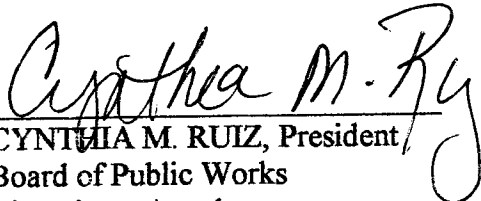


Date: Aug 14, 2008

ART AGUILAR, GENERAL MANAGER,
CENTRAL BASIN
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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CYNTHIA M. RUIZ, President
Board of Public Works
City of Los Angeles

Date: 7/18/08

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Date: 7/8/08

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City of Malibu

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By: JIM THORSEN, City Manager

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ATTEST:

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LISA POPE, City Clerk

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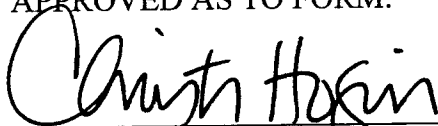
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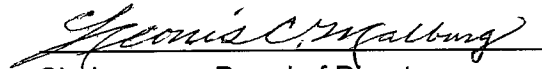


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CHRISTI HOGIN, City Attorney

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OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**



Chairperson, Board of Directors

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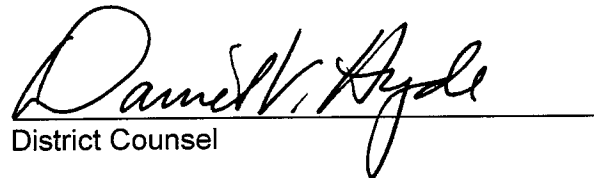
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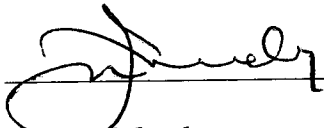
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Date: 10/30/08

John R. Mundy
General Manager

LAS VIRGENES
MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT

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Date: 6/2/08

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Nancy L.C. Steele, D.Env.

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Executive Director

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Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council

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Vice-Chair

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Upper Los Angeles River Sub-regional Steering Committee

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: Dean O. Epheth
Acting Chief Engineer

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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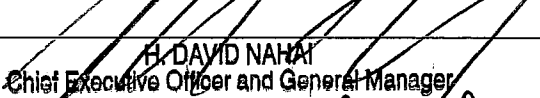
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR
County Counsel

By: Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the dates opposite their respective signatures.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER OF
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BY
BOARD OF WATER AND POWER
COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

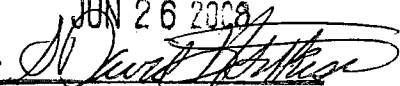
Date: 7/29/08

By: 
H. DAVID NAHAI
Chief Executive Officer and General Manager

And: 
SECRETARY

AUTHORIZED BY RES. 105 012
JUL 15 2008

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, CITY ATTORNEY

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BY 
S. DAVID HOTCHKISS
Assistant City Attorney

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Carol Williams

Date: 8/12/2008

Main Sam Gabriel Bastin

Watermaster

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Karen L. Tachiki
for _____
Karen L. Tachiki
General Counsel

Jeffrey Kightlinger

Jeffrey Kightlinger
General Manager

Date: June 2, 2008

Date: 6/2/08

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 RAYMOND BASIN
MANAGEMENT BOARD
WATER MASTER

Date: 9-24-08

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Grace J. Kast

Date: June 17, 2008

Grace J. Kast
Executive Director
San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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Date: 10/17/08

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SANTA MONICA BAY
RESTORATION COMMISSION

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Belinda V. Faustinos Date: 11/5/08
Belinda V. Faustinos, Exec. Officer
Watershed Conservation Authority

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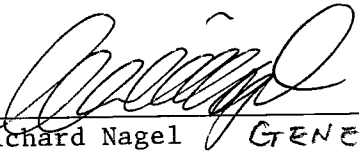
General Manager

Water Replenishment District
of Southern California

Date: September 15, 2008

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Richard Nagel GENERAL MANAGER
West Basin Municipal Water District

Date: 6/25/08

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**Guidelines for the Operation of the Regional Water Management Group and its
Steering Committees for the Greater Los Angeles County Region
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
April 2008**

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69 **I. Introduction**

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71 The intent of the Integrated Regional Water Management program is to encourage integrated regional
72 strategies for the management of water resources, and to provide funding, through competitive grants, for
73 projects that protect communities from drought, improve water reliability, protect and improve water quality,
74 and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water.

75 The decision-making structure for the Greater Los Angeles Region IRWMP includes five sub-regional
76 Steering Committees and a regional Leadership Committee. Each Steering Committee consists of
77 representatives from local agencies and organizations involved in water management and related areas.
78 The Leadership Committee consists of: the Chair and Vice-Chair of each Steering Committee; the Chief
79 Engineer or another representative from the LA County Flood Control District; and five Water Management
80 Area representatives, one for each water management area. The five Water Management Areas are
81 surface water, groundwater, sanitation, stormwater and open space.

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83 **II. Sub-Regional Steering Committees**

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85 Each of the five sub-regions of the Region's IRWM planning area, as identified on Exhibit A, will be guided
86 by a Steering Committee consisting of representatives of agencies or organizations (entity(ies)) involved in
87 local water management and related areas. To the extent feasible, the formation and composition of each
88 Steering Committee will be consistent with the following:

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90 **a. Formation**

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92 1. The entities will represent at least one of the following Water Management Areas: groundwater, surface
93 water, storm water management/water quality, sanitation, and habitat/open space/recreational access.

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95 2. Steering Committees should strive to include at least one representative organization for each of the
96 Water Management Areas and appropriate city representation.

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98 3. Each entity will designate a member(s) and alternate to represent it on the Steering Committee.

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100 4. It is desirable, but not required, that the member and alternate designated by each entity should be an
101 executive level representative. Each member will serve at the pleasure of the appointing entity.

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103 5. Each entity must adopt or endorse, as appropriate, the Memorandum of Understanding in order to
104 participate as a voting member of the Steering Committee. Endorsement shall be accomplished by providing

105 a resolution of support of the Memorandum of Understanding from the authorized representative of the
106 entity.

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108 6. Each Steering Committee member shall have one vote. The presence of a simple majority of the Steering
109 Committee members at any meeting of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purposes
110 of conducting business. The affirmative vote of a quorum of the Steering Committee members is required for
111 all decisions and recommendations of the Steering Committee.

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113 7. The members of the Steering Committee will elect from among themselves a Chair of the Steering
114 Committee. The Chair will serve at the pleasure of the Steering Committee and will serve on the Leadership
115 Committee.

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117 8. The members of the Steering Committee will elect from among themselves a Vice-Chair to preside over
118 meetings of the Steering Committee in the absence of the Chair. The Vice-Chair will serve at the pleasure
119 of the Steering Committee and will serve on the Leadership Committee.

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121 9. Each Steering Committee will select an alternate for the Chair to serve on the Leadership Committee with
122 voting rights in his/her absence and an alternate for the Vice-Chair to serve on the Leadership Committee
123 with voting rights in his/her absence. The selection process for the alternates will be established by each
124 Steering Committee.

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126 10. The Steering Committee will nominate one representative for each Water Management Area, without
127 geographic consideration, for consideration to serve on the Leadership Committee.

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129 11. Each Steering Committee may, as appropriate, include Ex-Officio members.

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131 12. Entities wishing to join a Steering Committee shall submit a written request to the Steering Committee
132 Chair. The written request will be presented to the Steering Committee for deliberation and a vote. A
133 majority vote of the Steering Committee is required to add members.

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135 13. The Steering Committee may establish a membership size limitation.

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137 14. A Steering Committee may request a participating entity replace their representative for failure to
138 participate.

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140 15. In addition to the above, individual Steering Committees may adopt rules for their formation and
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b. Roles and Responsibilities

The Steering Committees will have the following roles and responsibilities:

1. Represent the interests of the sub-region.
2. Meet monthly or as required to accomplish their purpose in developing the IRWM Plan, evaluating proposed projects and conducting necessary business. The Steering Committee Chair may call meetings as needed.
3. Establish, as necessary, sub-committees charged with studying, investigating and soliciting information that will advance the development, implementation and administration of the Plan and/or other areas of business. Sub-committees will be subject to the oversight of the Steering Committee and no recommendation or finding of a sub-committee will be binding upon the Steering Committee. Sub-committee size and composition will be determined by the Steering Committee, and sub-committee members may be selected from any representative of any Steering Committee agency or organization, or any appropriate stakeholder.
4. Identify reliable and long-term funding for the implementation of the Plan and the projects described in the Plan from sources, including local, state and federal funding, and pursue funds from these sources. Steering committee members will also lend individual support to efforts to apply for and procure such funds, to the extent that each entity is able. Steering Committee members may also choose to contribute funds to support any and all phases of the work to be performed for development and implementation of the Plan.
5. Prepare periodic reports to its member agencies, organizations and stakeholders describing the progress of the development, implementation and administration of the Plan.
6. Share to the extent not otherwise prohibited by law, privilege, or previous lawful agreement, all information required to develop, prepare, implement and administer and submit documents for the Plan , including monitoring data, Computer Assisted Drawing and Design (CADD) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or other electronic data. Such sharing shall be subject to any applicable license agreements or other restrictions. All data shared among the entities shall be provided “as is” and without warranties as to accuracy or as to any other characteristics, whether expressed or implied. The intent of this data-sharing provision is to facilitate the development, implementation and administration of the Plan, and not to authorize use of this data for tasks unrelated to the Plan, unless deemed appropriate by the Steering Committee.

- 179 7. Adopt fiscal procedures as necessary to administer funds that may be received for purposes of
180 development, administration and/or implementation of the Plan.
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- 182 8. To the extent feasible, make all meetings of the Steering Committee open to the public and post meeting
183 notices on a designated website.
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- 185 9. Provide outreach to local entities and communities to ensure adequate input from all stakeholders.
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- 187 10. Maintain a sub-regional prioritized project list and ensure that the Leadership Committee's master list of
188 prioritized projects is current.
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- 190 11. Maintain a list of sub-regional goals and priorities as appropriate.
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- 192 12. Track progress on sub-regional goals and planning targets (where applicable).
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- 194 13. Identify and sponsor sub-regional planning studies as needed.
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- 196 14. Work with the Leadership Committee to update and implement the plan as required.
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- 198 15. Participate in the Leadership Committee.
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200 **III. Leadership Committee**

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202 **a. Formation**

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- 204 1. The Leadership Committee will serve as the Regional Water Management Group for the Region. Once
205 comprised, the Leadership Committee will consist of the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood
206 Control District or his/her designee, and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each of the five Sub-regional Steering
207 Committees, and five additional members representing each of five Water Management Areas. An Interim
208 Leadership Committee, comprised of the Chair of the Leadership Committee and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs
209 of the five subregional steering committees, will elect the Water Management Area Representatives from
210 the nominees submitted by the Steering Committees, with one representative selected from each Steering
211 Committee's list of nominees. Water Management Area representatives must meet the minimum
212 qualifications set forth in Attachment A. Once the Water Management Area representatives are added to
213 the Interim Leadership Committee, the body shall constitute the Leadership Committee.
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- 215 2. The five Water Management Areas are surface water, groundwater, sanitation, stormwater and open
 216 space. Each Water Management Area representative will recommend an alternate to serve on the
 217 Leadership Committee in his/her absence. The alternate must be approved by the Leadership Committee
 218 and must meet the minimum qualifications for Water Management Area Representatives set forth in
 219 Attachment A.
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- 221 3. The Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his/her designee will serve as
 222 Chair of the Leadership Committee, at the pleasure of the Leadership Committee.
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- 224 4. The Leadership Committee will elect an alternate (voting member) as Vice Chair. The Vice Chair will
 225 serve at the pleasure of the Leadership Committee in the absence of the Chair.
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- 227 5. All Leadership Committee member terms will be reviewed every 3 years on a staggered basis, by each
 228 sub-region for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions, as illustrated in the table below. The Chair of the
 229 Leadership Committee and Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Steering Committees will review the Water
 230 Management Area positions every 3 years as illustrated in the table below. Leadership Committee
 231 members may serve consecutive terms. The Water Management Area position will rotate its representation
 232 to a different sub-region every 3 years. Each Steering Committee will nominate a representative to fill the
 233 Water Management Area position which will be reviewed by the 11 members of the Interim Leadership
 234 Committee (Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Leadership Committee Chair) for consideration and appointment.
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Position	Year									
	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Chair			X			X			X	etc
Vice Chair		X			X			X		etc
WMA										etc
Surface Water	X			X			X			etc
Sanitation	X			X			X			etc
Groundwater	X			X			X			etc
Stormwater	X			X			X			etc
Open Space	X			X			X			etc

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238 6. Each entity serving on the Leadership Committee members must sign the Memorandum of
239 Understanding. Any Leadership Committee member that withdraws from the Leadership
240 Committee/Regional Water Management Group in writing or consistently fails to participate (as deemed by
241 majority decree of the Leadership Committee) effectively withdraws their agency from the MOU.
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243 7. The presence of a simple majority of the Leadership Committee members at any meeting of the
244 Leadership Committee will constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business. The affirmative
245 vote of a quorum of the Leadership Committee is required for all decisions and recommendations of the
246 Leadership Committee.
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248 8. The Leadership Committee may include Ex-Officio members.
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250 **b. Roles and Responsibilities**

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252 The Leadership Committee will have the following roles and responsibilities:
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254 1. Form Subcommittees and work groups as necessary to achieve the objectives of the IRWMP.
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256 2. Meet monthly or as required to accomplish its purpose in developing the IRWM Plan and conduct
257 necessary business. The Leadership Committee Chair may call meetings as needed.
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259 3. Establish, as necessary, subcommittees charged with studying, investigating and soliciting information
260 that will advance the development, administration, and implementation of the Plan. The subcommittees will
261 be subject to the oversight of the Leadership Committee and no recommendation or finding of a
262 subcommittee will be binding upon the Leadership Committee. Sub-committee size and composition will be
263 determined by the Leadership Committee, and Subcommittee members may be selected from any
264 representative of the various Steering Committee entities or any appropriate stakeholder.
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266 4. Identify and pursue funding for the development and administration of the Plan. The Leadership
267 Committee will be responsible for determining the amount of contributions necessary for administration of
268 the plan. Leadership Committee representatives will communicate to their respective Steering Committees
269 the amount of funding needed and will pursue commitments for contributions from Steering Committee
270 members and other stakeholders.
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272 5. Identify reliable and long-term funding for the implementation of the Plan and the projects described in the
273 Plan from sources including local, state and federal, and pursue funds from these sources.
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- 275 6. Prepare periodic reports for the Steering Committees and stakeholders describing the progress of the
276 development, administration and implementation of the Plan.
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- 278 7. To share to the extent not otherwise prohibited by law, privilege, or previous lawful agreement, all
279 information required to develop, prepare, implement and administer and submit documents for the Plan,
280 including monitoring data, Computer Assisted Drawing and Design (CADD) and Geographic Information
281 Systems (GIS) or other electronic data. Such sharing shall be subject to any applicable license agreements
282 or other restrictions. All data shared among the parties shall be provided "as is" and without warranties as to
283 accuracy or as to any other characteristics, whether expressed or implied. The intent of this data-
284 sharing provision is to facilitate the development, implementation and administration of the Plan, and not to
285 authorize use of this data for tasks unrelated to the Plan, unless deemed appropriate by the Leadership
286 Committee.
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- 288 8. Adopt as necessary fiscal procedures to administer funds that may be received for purposes of
289 development, administration and/or implementation of the Plan.
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- 291 9. Establish a project evaluation framework that is consistent across the Region for the purpose of
292 quantifying project benefits to allow for the categorization and prioritization of projects based on the Water
293 Management Areas and consistent with the Plan.
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- 295 10. Facilitate the adoption of the Plan by those entities within the Region with responsibility for one or more
296 Water Management Areas.
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- 298 11. To the extent feasible, make all meetings of the Leadership Committee open to the public and post
299 meeting notices on a designated website.
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- 301 12. Provide regional oversight to the Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWMP.
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- 303 13. Track regional progress towards the Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWMP targets.
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- 305 14. Act as liaison between the State and the Steering Committees.
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- 307 15. Represent the Region's needs to the State.
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- 309 16. Provide a balance for sub-regional interests.
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- 311 17. Provide regional outreach related to the Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWMP.

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313 18. Periodically update the Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWMP.
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315 19. Serve as the Regional Water Management Group in accordance with the Integrated Regional Water
316 Management Planning Act of 2002, Division 6, Chapter 2.2 of the California Water Code, as amended.
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320 **IV. Guidelines for Transparency**

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322 The following guidelines have been established to enable participation in the planning effort by all
323 stakeholders and to ensure transparency in decision-making at the Leadership Committee:
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- 325 1. The Leadership Committee will prepare and circulate agendas in advance of their meetings. The Steering
326 Committees will have an opportunity to discuss those agendas prior to the Leadership Committee meetings
327 where possible.
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329 2. Minutes from Leadership Committee meetings will be posted on the website and distributed to
330 stakeholders.
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332 3. Key action items of the Leadership Committee will be submitted in a simple board letter format such that
333 subsequent interested parties can review and understand the recommendations and actions.
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335 **VI. Guidelines for Funding Contributions**

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337 1. The Leadership Committee will determine the budget for ongoing IRWMP operations (funding target).
338 Such operations include but are not limited to consultant support, administrative expenses, special
339 studies, direct costs, etc.
340 2. The budget shall be determined for multiple years so as to provide participating entities planning
341 information for their own budgetary purposes.
342 3. All Steering Committees are expected to contribute equally to the funding target. The Chair and Vice
343 Chair of each Steering Committee will be responsible for outreach to Steering Committee members and
344 stakeholders in order to obtain the necessary contributions.
345 4. All Leadership Committee and Steering Committee members will be expected to contribute towards the
346 funding target established by the Leadership Committee based on their ability to pay. Leadership
347 Committee and Steering Committee members are also expected to assist in outreaching to local entities
348 for funding contributions.

- 349 5. If extenuating circumstances prevent a Steering Committee from raising its portion of the funding target,
350 the Chair and Vice Chair of the Steering Committee may appeal to the Leadership Committee for an
351 exception to the funding target.
- 352 6. The Leadership Committee and Steering Committees will seek planning grants and other sources of
353 funding as available to offset the amount of Steering Committee member contributions or contributions
354 from other entities.

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Attachment A Water Management Area Minimum Qualifications

Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Region Water Management Area (WMA) Representation Minimum Requirements		
WMA	Minimum Years Of Experience	Description
Groundwater	Five +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Experience in one of the following groundwater areas: remediation, supply, management and/or storage. · Educational background or equivalent work experience in engineering, natural sciences, land use management, conservation, or other water resource-related field. · Must not have competing or conflicting groundwater interests within or outside of the Greater L.A. Region.
Open Space	Five +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Experience with habitat, open space and/or recreational issues at a regional level (i.e. across municipal jurisdictions and watershed boundaries). · Educational background or equivalent work experience in natural sciences, land use management, conservation, or other water resource-related field. · Familiar with the agencies and organizations involved in habitat/open space issues in the LA Region who are likely to be project proponents, land owners or permittees of projects.
Sanitation	Five +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Experience in local or regional agency that provides wastewater collection, treatment, recycling and/or disposal services. · Education background and work experience in science, engineering, waste management or related fields.
Stormwater	Five +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Experience in overseeing/managing stormwater pollution abatement projects and knowledge in stormwater programs in multi-watersheds as defined in the Greater Los Angeles Region IRWMP. · Educational background or work experience in engineering, environmental science, biology, chemistry, toxicology, microbiology, urban planning or closely related field. · Sound knowledge of NPDES Stormwater Permit and TMDL issues as related to the region. · Experience in taking a major role in regional NPDES stormwater permit and TMDL compliance efforts involving multiple jurisdictions. · Ability to provide a regional perspective on stormwater and water quality issues.
Surface Water	Five +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Expertise in the planning, design and construction, financing, and operations of water works facilities which includes storage

		<p>reservoirs, transmission and distribution systems, pumping plants, water treatment, water conservation, system optimization particularly as it effects power usage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Education background or work experience in engineering, urban planning, environmental studies or related fields. · Sound knowledge of existing and emerging regulations as well as environmental matters and familiarity with California water law and regulations. · Knowledgeable of the roles of federal, state and local governmental agencies involved in either the regulation of or the operation of waters supply facilities as well as familiarity with key nongovernmental agencies that influence the operations of water systems. · Experience in the acquisition of water rights.
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General Minimum Qualifications for all WMA Representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Familiar with the Region's IRWMP, its decision making structure, the committee members, goals and targets, and specific issues, challenges and potential solutions related to the specific WMA on a regional scale. · Must be able to represent regional Interests in the Greater Los Angeles County Region. · Must be able to attend and participate in Leadership Committee meetings.

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