

UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

The **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan** (IRWMP) is a document that will identify and plan for the water resource related needs of the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed for the next 20 years. The IRWMP will integrate single-benefit projects throughout the region to achieve multi-beneficial goals of water supply, water quality, water conservation, and resource stewardship. The IRWMP utilizes a stakeholder-driven process led by the Regional Water Management Group. The IRWMP will be periodically updated to reflect future regional water and resource needs.

Who is the Regional Water Management Group?

The RWMG is comprised of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, City of Santa Clarita, Castaic Lake Water Agency, Newhall County Water District, Valencia Water Company and the Santa Clarita Water Division. Stakeholders from other agencies, nonprofit organizations, and citizen groups participate by attending public meetings and provide feedback and input on the IRWMP to the RWMG.

What are the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed boundaries?

The watershed follows the Upper Santa Clara River's key hydrologic features, bounded by the San Gabriel Mountains to the south and southeast, the Santa Susana Mountains to the southwest, the Liebre Mountains and Transverse Ranges to the northeast and northwest, westward to the Ventura County line. The region also includes the uppermost areas of the watershed such as the Acton and Agua Dulce communities.

Why should we get involved?

Ensuring an open, transparent process is essential to developing an Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP that will help ensure reliable water supply for future generations.

Ongoing public participation at every stage of the plan development process will help ensure key issues are addressed and help build the foundation for broad-based community support of the IRWMP.

How will projects be funded?

Developing an IRWMP allows regions to apply for Proposition 50 and 84 state grant funding. Proposition 50 was passed by voters in November 2002, authorizing \$3.4 billion for a variety of water and wetlands projects and \$380 million specifically for IRWMP-related grants. Proposition 50 is jointly administered by the California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board. Proposition 84 authorizes \$5.4 billion to fund statewide projects relating to safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access in natural resources, and conservation efforts.

When will the study be completed?

The IRWMP is scheduled for completion in April 2008. As of February 2008, the draft plan includes 40 projects that address water supply, water quality and protection of natural resources.

The next public meeting will be held on **February 19, 4:30 p.m.**, at the Santa Clarita Activities Center, 20800 Centre Pointe Pkwy, Santa Clarita 91350. Members of the public are encouraged to come and offer their input.