

Coachella Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Proposal

Authorization and Eligibility Documents

Attachment 1 consists of the following items:

✓ **Authorization and Eligibility Requirements**

This attachment consists of authorizing documentation, eligible applicant documentation, Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) compliance, Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) compliance, AB 1420 and water meter compliance, groundwater monitoring program, the adopted Coachella Valley IRWM Plan, and consistency with the adopted IRWM Plan.

✓ **Resolution**

Resolution 2010-218 authorizes the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) to submit this *Coachella Valley IRWM Implementation Grant Proposal* and execute an agreement with the State of California for IRWM implementation activities. This resolution is provided as Appendix 1-1.

✓ **Memorandum of Understanding**

The adopted *Memorandum of Understanding among City of Coachella/Coachella Water Authority, Coachella Valley Water District, Desert Water Agency, City of Indio/Indio Water Authority, and Mission Springs Water District for Development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan* establishes the Coachella Valley Water District as a partner in the Coachella Valley IRWM program. This MOU is provided as Appendix 1-2.

✓ **Consistency with Coachella Valley IRWM Plan**

This proposal contains information (see Appendix 1-3) that demonstrates that the selection process that took place to determine the projects within this Implementation Grant Proposal is consistent with the Coachella Valley IRWM Plan.

Authorizing Documentation

Resolution 2010-218 was adopted by the Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors on December 14, 2010 and authorizes CVWD to submit this *Coachella Valley IRWM Implementation Grant Proposal* and execute an agreement with the State of California for IRWM implementation activities (see Attachment 1-1).

Eligible Applicant Documentation

This *Coachella Valley IRWM Implementation Grant Proposal* is being submitted by CVWD on behalf of the following cities, agencies, and non-governmental organizations:

- Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) – *Regional Water Conservation Program*
- Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation (PUCDC) – *Short Term Arsenic Treatment Project*



- Mission Springs Water District (MSWD) – *Groundwater Quality Protection Program-Desert Hot Springs*
- City of Cathedral City – *Groundwater Quality Protection Program-Cathedral City*

CVWD is an eligible applicant, because it is a public agency of the State of California organized and operating under County Water District Law, California Water Code §30000, et seq. and Coachella District Merger Law, Water Code Section §33100, et seq. CVWD is a State Water Project Contractor and Colorado River Contractor empowered to import water supplies to its service area, and has statutory authority over water supply.

Per the adopted *Memorandum of Understanding among City of Coachella/Coachella Water Authority, Coachella Valley Water District, Desert Water Agency, City of Indio/Indio Water Authority, and Mission Springs Water District for Development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan*, CVWD is a member of the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group (CVRWMG) (see Attachment 1-2). As directed by the Coachella Valley IRWM Grant Program Liaison, Anna Aljabiry, and consensus agreement by the CVRWMG, CVWD shall serve as the submitting agency for this *Coachella Valley IRWM Implementation Grant Proposal* consistent with the Region Acceptance Process submittal.

The Coachella Valley IRWM Region, within which all projects included within this grant proposal are located, was accepted into the IRWM Grant Program through the 2009 Region Acceptance Process.

GWMP Compliance

None of the projects included within this *Coachella Valley IRWM Implementation Grant Proposal* would directly involve groundwater management or groundwater recharge or have direct positive or negative groundwater impacts. The *Regional Conservation Program* would increase water conservation and aim at reducing water demand within the region through various outreach, education, demand management measures, and Resource Action Programs. As such, these projects would not directly affect groundwater from a management, recharge, or impact standpoint. Similarly, the *Short Term Arsenic Treatment Project* would reduce arsenic concentrations from local drinking water near the point of use. As such, this project would not address arsenic concentrations within groundwater basins, and would not directly impact groundwater. These projects do not require GWMP compliance in accordance with IRWM Program Guidelines.

The projects proposed to address groundwater quality protection (*Groundwater Quality Protection Program-Cathedral City* and *Groundwater Quality Protection Program-Desert Hot Springs*) would affect groundwater quality by removing a source of nitrate pollutants. These projects would involve extending municipal wastewater collection systems to properties with existing septic systems, thereby removing nitrate contamination from the local groundwater basin. These beneficial activities, however, do not constitute active groundwater management requiring development of a GWMP because they constitute future avoided impacts to the groundwater basin. Therefore, these projects do not require GWMP compliance in accordance with IRWM Program Guidelines.

UWMP Compliance

The five water purveyors that constitute the CVRWMG (CWA, CVWD, DWA, IWA, and MSWD) are all required by the Urban Water Management Planning Act (CWC §10610 *et seq.*) to submit a 2010 UWMP to DWR by July 1, 2011. There are two urban water suppliers included in this grant proposal which must comply with UWMP requirements in a timely manner: CVWD and MSWD. These two agencies have submitted and received approval by DWR for their 2005 UWMPs, and are currently eligible to receive State grant and loans. CVWD and MSWD are planning to submit their 2010 UWMPs to DWR by the deadline of July 1, 2011, and will work with DWR to ensure that they are verified as complete.



AB 1420 Compliance

As defined in the *IRWM Grant Program Guidelines*, AB 1420 conditions the receipt of IRWM grant funds on implementation of demand management measures in compliance with CWC §10631. There are two urban water suppliers included in this grant proposal which must also comply with AB 1420 requirements: CVWD and MSWD. Per these requirements, each of these water suppliers has submitted AB 1420 compliance forms (see Attachment 13).

Water Meter Compliance

As defined in the *IRWM Grant Program Guidelines*, CWC §529.5 requires urban water suppliers applying for IRWM grant funds to demonstrate that they meet the State's water meter requirements. There are two urban water suppliers included in this grant proposal which must also comply with Water Meter requirements: CVWD and MSWD. Per these requirements, each of these water suppliers has submitted Water Meter compliance forms (see Attachment 13).

Groundwater Monitoring Program

As defined in the *IRWM Grant Program Guidelines*, CWC §10920 establishes a groundwater monitoring program designed to monitor and report groundwater elevations. The CVRWMG has coordinated to identify the appropriate reporting entities for the Coachella Valley groundwater basin.

Adopted Coachella Valley IRWM Plan

Projects covered by this grant proposal are included within the Coachella Valley IRWM Plan (IRWM Plan), which was adopted by the CVRWMG governing bodies in December 2010. The IRWM Plan already complies with Part 2.2 of Division 6 of the CWC, commencing with §10530. The final Coachella Valley IRWM Plan is included in Appendix 1-4 of this implementation grant proposal.

To demonstrate compliance with the aforementioned statute, this attachment contains verification that the IRWM Plan has been adopted by all five CVRWMG agencies. In addition, the two other project sponsors (City of Cathedral City and Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation) have also adopted the IRWM Plan. Attachment 2 contains the resolutions of adoption from each of these entities.

Table 1-1 demonstrates that the Coachella Valley IRWM Plan addresses all IRWM Plan Standards as listed in the Guidelines. Verification that the IRWM Plan addresses all the Plan Standards will be completed pending review of the Coachella Valley IRWM Plan by DWR.



Table 1-1: Coachella Valley IRWM Plan Contents with respect to IRWM Plan Standards

IRWM Plan Standards	Location in Coachella Valley IRWM Plan
Governance	Stakeholder Involvement (Chapter 5) Agency Coordination (Chapter 8) Framework for Implementation (Chapter 9)
Region Description	Region Description (Chapter 2) Agency Coordination (Chapter 8)
Objectives	Issues and Needs (Chapter 3) Objectives (Chapter 4)
Resource Management Strategies	Resource Management Strategies (Chapter 6)
Integration	Resource Management Strategies (Chapter 6)
Project Review Process	Project Review and Prioritization Process (Chapter 7) Appendix B: Coachella Valley IRWM Project List
Impact and Benefit	Framework for Implementation (Chapter 9)
Plan Performance and Monitoring	Framework for Implementation (Chapter 9)
Data Management	Framework for Implementation (Chapter 9)
Finance	Framework for Implementation (Chapter 9)
Technical Analysis	Issues and Needs (Chapter 3)
Relation to Local Water Planning	Agency Coordination (Chapter 8)
Relation to Local Land Use Planning	Agency Coordination (Chapter 8)
Stakeholder involvement	Stakeholder Involvement (Chapter 5)
Coordination	Stakeholder Involvement (Chapter 5) Agency Coordination (Chapter 8)
Climate Change	Region Description (Chapter 2) Resource Management Strategies (Chapter 6)

Consistency with Adopted IRWM Plan

Projects included within this grant proposal are consistent with the adopted Coachella Valley IRWM Plan, because all projects proposed for implementation grant funding were submitted for consideration to the Coachella Valley IRWM program as outlined in the IRWM Plan.

The CVRWGM and Planning Partners developed the project submittal process in May 2010. Described in *Chapter 7, Project Review and Prioritization Process* of the IRWM Plan, this process involves three major steps: solicitation, prioritization, and selection. Solicitation can be described as a “Call for Projects” that help meet the region’s established goals and objectives. This step’s objective is to compile a comprehensive list of water-related projects for the region. Any individual(s) that represent a public agency or non-profit organization with common water interests and needs can submit a project to the IRWM program via the project website (www.cvrwmg.org). An online project database was developed to assist in the management of project information (<http://irwm.wrime.com/cvirwm/login.php>). The database provided stakeholders with access to project information based on username/login functionality. Stakeholders accessed the online project database from the project website, entered and edited their project information, and submitted the projects for consideration in the IRWM Plan. Using an online web tool for management of the IRWM project list allows all project information to be shared with other users.



After the July 30, 2010 deadline, projects submitted through the open “Call for Projects” were reviewed, ranked, and prioritized using a two-step screening and scoring approach. Projects were first evaluated for consistency with the regional objectives. Projects that did not meet any regional objectives were excluded from the IRWM Plan. Projects that were found to meet at least one objective passed the screening process and moved on to the next step of the project review process: scoring and ranking. To evaluate and prioritize projects as part of the IRWM planning process, the scoring and ranking process takes into account three fundamental components:

- 1) Principles of IRWM planning,
- 2) Priorities of the Coachella Valley region,
- 3) Feasibility of projects to proceed.

Through a consensus process, the CVRWMG and Planning Partners established the relative importance of each of these criteria. The ranked project list was then reviewed against these priorities and specific projects were identified for the grant application. Each project was listed as a project within Appendix B of the IRWM Plan (the *Regional Conservation Program* is an integration for four proposed projects in the IRWM Plan), and was voted upon for inclusion within this proposal by the Planning Partners at a public meeting.

Proposed Funding Package

As described above, the Planning Partners used the Coachella Valley IRWM Plan as its guidebook in evaluating and selecting projects for this *Coachella Valley IRWM Implementation Grant Proposal*. All projects proposed within this funding package are consistent with and help to implement the goals and objectives laid out in the IRWM Plan. Table 1-2 shows the various goals and objectives established within the IRWM Plan, and Table 1-3 demonstrates that all of the projects included within this *Coachella Valley IRWM Implementation Grant Proposal* would directly meet at least four of those objectives. The four projects will diversify water supply and improve water quality, two critical issues in the Coachella Valley:

- *Regional Water Conservation Program* (Project IDs 219, 223, 224, and 225 in the IRWM Plan, Appendix B) – This program is designed to make water conservation activities accessible to a wide range of constituents throughout the region. New programs will be developed and existing conservations plans will be expanded. The program will stretch supplies and provide a shield against drought which addresses critical water supply issues in the Coachella Valley.
- *Short Term Arsenic Treatment (STAT) Project* (Project ID 254 in the IRWM Plan, Appendix B) – The STAT Project uses cost effective and reliable technology to remove naturally-occurring arsenic and provide new short term alternatives to improve quality drinking water for DACs without access to public water systems. This project will address water quality issues in DACs located in the eastern Coachella Valley, including on lands owned by the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.
- *Groundwater Quality Protection Program-Desert Hot Springs* (Project ID 189 in the IRWM Plan, Appendix B) – This project will extend municipal sewers to Sub-area D1 in Assessment District 12, thus eliminating the need for on-site septic systems that that overlie the Desert Hot Springs Sub-basin. This project will eliminate 181 septic tanks that threaten contamination of groundwater supply, protect hot mineral water which is the economic basis of the community’s spa industry, and protect residents of a DAC from significant costs that would result if treatment of the potable water supply were necessary due to contamination. This project will address water quality issues in DACs.



- *Groundwater Quality Protection Program-Cathedral City* (Project ID 229 in the IRWM Plan, Appendix B) – This project will expand existing municipal sewers in order to eliminate septic tanks in the Indio Hydrologic Subarea that threaten contamination of groundwater supply. It will replace existing septic tanks with sanitary sewers for 132 individual businesses in the vicinity of Perez Road and on Cathedral Canyon Drive.

Table 1-2: Coachella Valley IRWM Plan Goals and Objectives

Goals	Objectives
1. Optimize water supply reliability.	A. Provide reliable water supply for residential and commercial, agricultural community, and tourism needs.
	B. Manage groundwater levels to manage and reduce overdraft, manage perched water, and minimize subsidence.
	C. Secure reliable imported water supply, including restoring/improving reliability of State Water Project supply and securing other imported water supplies.
	D. Maximize local supply opportunities, including water conservation, water recycling and source substitution, and capture and infiltration of runoff.
2. Protect or improve water quality.	E. Protect groundwater quality and improve, where feasible.
	F. Preserve and improve surface water quality by maintaining integrity of agricultural drainage systems, protecting the quality of natural runoff used for potable supply, and reducing pollution in stormwater runoff.
3. Provide stewardship of our water-related natural resources.	G. Preserve local environment and restore, where feasible.
	H. Manage flood risks, including current acute needs and needs for future development.
4. Coordinate and integrate water resource management.	I. Optimize conjunctive use of available water resources.
	J. Maximize stakeholder involvement and stewardship in water resource management.
5. Ensure cultural, social, and economic sustainability of water in the Valley.	K. Address water-related needs of local Native American culture.
	L. Address water and sanitation needs of disadvantaged communities, including those in remote areas.
	M. Maintain affordability of water.

Table 1-3: Consistency with IRWM Plan Objectives

Proposed Project	Contribution to IRWM Plan Objectives												
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Regional Water Conservation Program	○	○	-	●	○	-	○	-	-	●	-	●	●
Short Term Arsenic Treatment Project	●	-	-	-	○	-	○	-	-	●	-	●	●
Groundwater Quality Protection Program - Desert Hot Springs	-	-	-	○	●	-	-	-	○	-	-	●	○
Groundwater Quality Protection Program - Cathedral City	-	-	-	○	●	-	-	-	○	-	●	●	○

● = directly related
○ = indirectly related

1 **Appendix 1-1: CVWD Authorization Documentation**

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-218

3 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
4 COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
5 ADOPTION FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY INTEGRATED
6 REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

7 WHEREAS water resource planning in the Coachella Valley is of the utmost importance to
8 sustain the area's residents, businesses, and agriculture in a desert climate; and

9 WHEREAS the State of California encourages integrated water resource planning on a
10 regional basis through Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plans and by conditioning
11 certain existing and possibly future grant funding programs – including Proposition 84, the Safe
12 Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act
13 of 2006 (Public Resources Code section 75001 *et seq.*) – to activities contained in IRWM Plans; and

14 WHEREAS the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group was formed as a
15 collaboration of the five Coachella Valley public water agencies: the City of Coachella, Coachella
16 Valley Water District, Desert Water Agency, Indio Water Authority, and Mission Springs Water
17 District; and

18 WHEREAS the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group partners have
19 committed through a Memorandum of Understanding to developing a Coachella Valley IRWM Plan
20 that coordinates and shares information concerning water supply planning and projects; and

21 WHEREAS the Coachella Valley stakeholders have worked collaboratively to identify water
22 related issues and needs, establish regional goals and objectives, develop a project submittal and
23 prioritization process, and provide recommendations on the projects and programs included in the
24 Plan.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Coachella Valley Water District adopts
26 the Coachella Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and is committed to continued
27 development and implementation of the Plan to help address the critical water related needs of
28 Coachella Valley; and

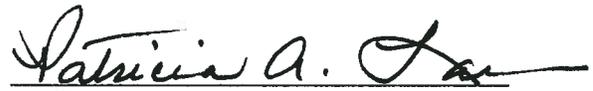
29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support and encourage the Coachella Valley
30 Regional Water Management Group Member Agencies to quickly adopt this Plan to qualify for
31 funding under Round 1 of the Proposition 84 IRWM Grant Program and we encourage the
Department of Water Resources to fully fund the grant applications that are prepared as a result of
this Plan; and

Appendix 1-1: CVWD Authorization Documentation

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager-Chief Engineer is hereby
2 authorized to direct staff to prepare necessary data, conduct investigations, file applications, and
3 execute grant agreements with the California Department of Water Resources in association with
4 this application process; and

5 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we pledge to continue working to develop the planning
6 and projects that address the long- and short-term solutions to the Valley's critical water needs,
7 address our regional goals and objectives, and improve the conditions and the quality of life for our
8 communities.

9 ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2010.

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13 President of the Board of Directors
14 of the Coachella Valley Water District

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18 Board Secretary
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Appendix 1-1: CVWD Authorization Documentation

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT) ss.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY)

I, JULIA FERNANDEZ, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2010-218 adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a regular meeting thereof duly held and convened on the 14th day of December, 2010, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout. The Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Five

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Dated this 14th day of December, 2010.

(SEAL)


Board Secretary

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
among
CITY OF COACHELLA/COACHELLA WATER AUTHORITY, COACHELLA
VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DESERT WATER AGENCY, CITY OF
INDIO/INDIO WATER AUTHORITY, AND MISSION SPRINGS WATER
DISTRICT
for
DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated Sept. 9, 2008 is entered into among the City of Coachella/Coachella Water Authority, Coachella Valley Water District, Desert Water Agency, City of Indio/Indio Water Authority, and Mission Springs Water District (collectively known as Partners) for the purpose of coordinating water resources planning activities undertaken by the water agencies.

WHEREAS, each Partner has adopted a Resolution of commitment pledging to create an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the signatory Partners and the region served by the Partners that these water resources are responsibly managed and conserved to the extent feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Partners wish to coordinate their long term water supply planning efforts in accordance with Section 10531 of the *Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002* and Division 43 of the *Safe Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006* (Acts); and

WHEREAS, the Partners anticipate the potential need for future agreements on specific projects or programs and with other affected agencies to further coordinate long term water supply planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually understood and agreed as follows:

SECTION 1:
AUTHORITY OF PARTNERS

- 1.1 The Coachella Water Authority is a joint powers authority formed as a component of the City of Coachella and Redevelopment Agency of the City of Coachella and has statutory authority over water supply.
- 1.2 The Coachella Valley Water District is a public agency of the State of California organized and operating under County Water District Law, California Water Code section 30000, et seq, and Coachella District

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August 10, 2008

Merger Law, Water Code section 33100, et seq. Coachella Valley Water District is a State Water Project Contractor and Colorado River Contractor empowered to import water supplies to its service area, and has statutory authority over water supply.

- 1.3 The Desert Water Agency is an independent special district created by a special act of the state legislature contained in chapter 100 of the appendix of the California Water Code. Desert Water Agency is also a State Water Project Contractor empowered to import water supplies to its service area, replenish local groundwater supplies, and collect assessments necessary to support a groundwater replenishment program as provided for in the Desert Water Agency Law and has statutory authority over water supply.
- 1.4 The Indio Water Authority is a joint powers authority formed as a component of the City of Indio and Redevelopment Agency of the City of Indio and has statutory authority over water supply.
- 1.5 Mission Springs Water District is a County Water District formed under Section 30000 et seq of the California Water Code and has statutory authority over water supply.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

The abbreviations and capitalized words and phrases used in this MOU shall have the following meanings:

- 2.1 Acts – mean Section 10531 of the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 and California Water Code Division 43, known as the *Safe Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006*
- 2.2 Coachella Valley Region – the watershed bounded on the North by the San Bernardino Mountains, Little San Bernardino Mountains and Mecca Hills Area, on the East by Mortmar and Travertine Rock, on the South by the Santa Rosa Mountains and San Jacinto Mountains and on the West by Stubbe Canyon.
- 2.3 CVWD – Coachella Valley Water District
- 2.4 CVRWGM – Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group
- 2.5 CWA – Coachella Water Authority
- 2.6 DWA – Desert Water Agency

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- 2.7 IRWMP – Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
- 2.8 IWA – Indio Water Authority
- 2.9 MSWD – Mission Springs Water District

**SECTION 3:
PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THIS MOU**

3.1 Purpose and Goals:

3.1.1 This MOU is to memorialize the intent of the Partners to coordinate and share information concerning water supply planning programs and projects and other information, and to improve and maintain overall communication among the Partners involved. It is anticipated that coordination and information sharing among the Partners will assist the agencies in achieving their respective missions to the overall well-being of the region. Coordination and information sharing shall focus on issues of common interest in Section 3.2.

3.1.2 The execution of this MOU by the Partners shall constitute the formation of a Regional Water Management Group consisting of the Partners, in accordance with the Acts. The Regional Water Management Group shall be named the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group (CVRWMG).

3.1.3 It is the goal of the Partners to prepare and adopt an IRWMP for the Coachella Valley Region and to implement projects and programs individually or jointly in groups that address issues of common interest, as the group so identifies.

3.2 Common Issues and Interest:

3.2.1 Water supply programs and projects that may provide mutual benefits in improving water supply reliability and/or water quality.

3.2.2 Coordination of near-term and long-term water supply planning activities.

3.2.3 Development of regional approaches to problem-solving and issues resolution as well as to further common interest.

3.3 Future Agreements By Partners: The Partners acknowledge that by virtue of commitments and intentions stated within this MOU, the need for

certain other considerations that will facilitate the preparation of an IRWMP for the Coachella Valley Region will likely emerge. These include and are not limited to:

- 3.3.1 Developing a Scope of Work
- 3.3.2 Determining the cost sharing of projects
- 3.3.3 Establishing methods for project management
- 3.3.4 Establishing a project timeline

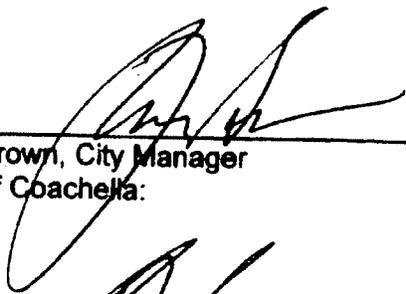
**SECTION 4:
JOINT PLANNING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

- 4.1 **Projects and Programs Covered by this MOU:** it is the intent of the Partners that they coordinate and collaborate to address the common issues identified. The Partners may develop and implement projects and programs individually or jointly in groupings of two or more, or enter into additional agreements in furthering those goals. Applicable projects and programs include, but are not limited to the following:
- 4.1.1 Water conservation programs and other demand management programs.
 - 4.1.2 Water recycling, desalination, groundwater basin management, and water quality improvement programs and projects.
 - 4.1.3 Water banking, conjunctive use and transfer arrangements.
 - 4.1.4 Storage development to improve system reliability, efficiencies, and flexibility.
 - 4.1.5 Project and program planning and development to solicit external funding.
 - 4.1.6 Other meritorious projects or programs consistent with the purposes of this MOU.
- 4.2 **Communication and Coordination:** It is the intent of the Partners to meet on a monthly basis in order to carry out the purposes and goals of this MOU. The frequency and location of meetings are subject to the discretion of the Partners and may be changed when appropriate.

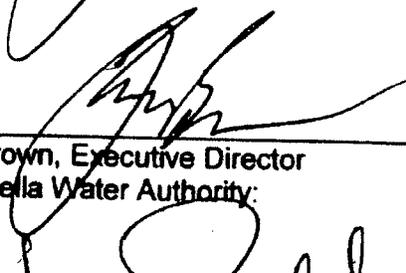
**SECTION 5:
GENERAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING MOU**

- 5.1 **Term:** The term of this MOU is indefinite. Any Partner may withdraw from the MOU by written notice given at least 45 days prior to the effective date.
- 5.2 **Construction of Terms:** This MOU is for the sole benefit of the Partners and shall not be construed as granting rights to any person other than the Partners or imposing obligations on a Partner to any person other than another Partner.
- 5.3 **Good Faith:** Each Partner shall use its best efforts and work wholeheartedly and in good faith for the expeditious completion of the objectives of this MOU and the satisfactory performance of its terms.
- 5.4 **Rights of the Partners and Constituencies:** This MOU does not contemplate the Partners taking any action that would:
- 5.4.1 Adversely affect the rights of any of the Partners; or
 - 5.4.2 Adversely affect the customers or constituencies of any of the Partners.
- 5.5 This document and participation in this IRWMP are nonbinding, and in no way suggest that a Partner may not continue its own planning and undertake efforts to secure project funding from any source.
- 5.6 It is expected that Partners will contribute the personnel and financial resources necessary to develop the IRWMP.

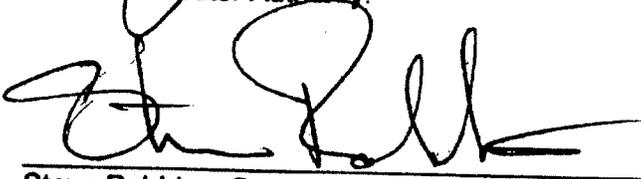
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the day and year indicated on the first page of this MOU.



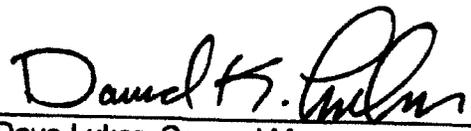
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City of Coachella:



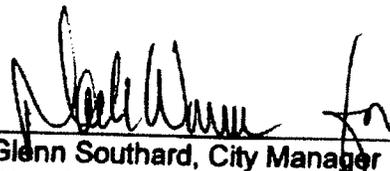
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Coachella Water Authority:



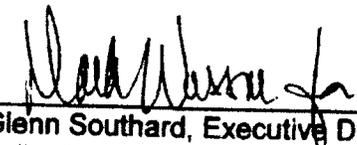
Steve Robbins, General Manager/Chief Engineer
Coachella Valley Water District:



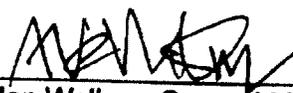
Dave Luker, General Manager
Desert Water Agency:



Glenn Southard, City Manager
City of Indio:



Glenn Southard, Executive Director
Indio Water Authority:



Arden Wallum, General Manager
Mission Springs Water District:

Coachella Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Program Planning Partners

Tuesday October 26, 2010
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 115
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Conference Line
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Participant Access Code: 858 875 7424

DRAFT NOTES

Attendees:

Planning Group

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Anna Aljabiry, Department of Water Resources
Bill Bayne, City of Cathedral City
Bill Simmons, NAI Consulting
Bud Kopp, City of Rancho Mirage
Christina Mokhtarzadeh, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Dave Barakian, City of Palm Springs
David Saldivar, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
Debi Livesay, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Jennifer Wong, Department of Water Resources
Jose Cortez, Colorado River RWQCB
Margaret Park, Agua-Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Megan Beaman Carlson, California Rural Legal Assistance
Foundation (via phone)
Mike Gialdini, Riverside County
Sergio Carranza, Pueblo Unido CDC
Yvonne Parks, City of Desert Hot Springs

CVRWVG

Anders Wistrom, IWA
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Arden Wallum, MSWD
Danny Friend, MSWD
Brent Gray, MSWD
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Meeting Objectives:

- A. Keep participants up-to-date on the Coachella Valley IRWM program.
- B. Review proposed implementation grant package for Prop 84-Round 1 cycle.
- C. Discuss and provide feedback on Screen Check Draft Coachella Valley IRWM Plan.
- D. Identify future agenda items for Planning Partners meetings.

Appendix 1-3: IRWM Project Selection

Meeting Notes:

Welcome and Introduction

Rosalyn Prickett, RMC Water and Environment, welcomed the Planning Partners and the group did self introductions. Rosalyn Prickett noted that Anna Aljabiry and Jennifer Wong from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) were in attendance, and asked if they would like to give the group any updates on the IRWM program or other DWR matters.

Update on IRWM Planning and Schedule

Anna Aljabiry, DWR, noted that the Planning Grants were sent for senior review, and after that will be sent to supervisory review. DWR anticipates that this review process will be finalized in December 2010. DWR expects to receive approximately forty applications for the IRWM Round 1 Implementation Grant funding, and is still anticipating that the award date will be June 1, 2011. Anna Aljabiry was asked if there are any updates for the Colorado River Funding Area. She responded that everybody within the region applied, including Mojave, who is asking for funding from the Colorado River Funding Area and the Lahontan Funding Area (Mojave region is divided between the two funding areas).

Anna Aljabiry was asked to give an update on the DAC Demonstration Outreach Program. She noted that five total will be packaged and sent to the Department of General Services (DGS) for review. She noted that DGS does not want to accept packages with prior decisions of consultants.

Review and Discuss Proposed Implementation Grant Package

Rosalyn Prickett noted that the CVRWGMG intends to publish the Final IRWM Plan according to the schedule, which would be to release the final plan in December 2010. Implementation Grant applications are due January 7, 2011.

At the last Planning Partners meeting, the CVRWGMG and Planning Partners agreed on two priority projects: Regional Water Conservation Program (\$1 million grant request), Short-term Arsenic Treatment Project (\$550,000 grant request). The CVRWGMG would like the Planning Partners to select one or two groundwater quality protection projects (septic-to-sewer conversion projects) for a total of approximately \$2.45 million.

Rosalyn Prickett initiated discussion of the three potential groundwater quality protection projects (Palm Springs, Cathedral City, and Desert Hot Springs) identified as high-ranking in the prioritization process.

Dan Parks of CVWD noted that the Desert Hot Springs project has more “bang for the buck” and also has a larger funding match. Sergio Carranza of Pueblo Unido CDC noted that connection fees for families, especially within DACs, are very expensive. He noted that the Desert Hot Springs project has the benefit of providing money for homeowner connection.

Planning Partners asked DWR if there is a preference for the type of funding match. Anna Aljabiry said there is not.

Patti Reyes of CVWD asked about the incentive to connect, and expressed concern for high connecting costs. It was noted that perhaps this issue could be deferred to the Round 2 Implementation Grant. There was a question if connection fees could be included in a grant application? Anna Aljabiry answered no.

Planning Partners expressed concern for water quality migration from West to East Valley. It was noted that the density of septic systems is the main concern with respect to water quality degradation.

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Question was asked if one project does not go through this round, can it have special consideration within a subsequent round? Planning Partners decided that that is not necessarily appropriate given changing priorities and the selection process. There was a suggestion that the Planning Partners form a Septic-Conversion Issues Group to prepare consensus on how to rate projects for Round 2 of the Implementation Grant cycle.

Sergio Carranza makes motion to move Desert Hot Springs project forward with a grant request of \$1 million. Megan Beaman Carlson seconds the motion. The motion passes 13-0.

Mark Krause makes a motion to move the Cathedral City project forward with a grant request of \$1.35 million. Dan Parks seconds the motion. The motion passes 12-1.

Group notes that it is important to continue groundwater quality protection projects within the Round 2 funding cycle and to encourage project submittals in the next round. In the next round, project selection decisions may be made at the Issues Group level with consensus from Planning Partners and CVRWGMG, and conformance with IRWM Plan priorities.

Schedule for Implementation grant Application Submittal

Rosalyn Prickett noted that all project proponents (now including Desert Hot Springs and Cathedral City projects) must adopt the Final IRWM Plan by December. Implementation grants are due January 7, 2011.

Comments on Screen Check Draft Coachella Valley IRWM Plan

Rosalyn Prickett solicited any comments from the group and notes that if there are no comments now, the group will have further time to comment during the public review period in November. Note that the group will maintain their structure of requiring consensus to incorporate issues and changes.

Public Workshop

The CVRWGMG intends to hold a Public Workshop in November to discuss the Public Review Draft of the IRWM Plan. Rosalyn Prickett encourages Planning Partners to get the word out and to attend the workshop.

Next Steps

Rosalyn Prickett notes that the CVRWGMG would like letters of support from any Planning Partners entities, and will send out a draft resolution for board adoptions and a draft letter of support.