

**SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: General Manager-Chief Engineer

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 31, 2009

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding - For Integrated Regional Water Management Planning and Funding in the San Diego Sub-Region Funding Area

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the participating public agencies from Riverside County, Orange County and San Diego County identified as the Tri-County Funding Area Coordination Committee (TRI-County FACC);
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the attached MOU; and
3. Appoint the County Executive Officer or his designee to attend meetings of the TRI-County FACC on behalf of the District.

BACKGROUND:

Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act (Public Resources Code, sections 75020-75029), authorizes the Legislature to appropriate funding for competitive grants for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) projects. Funding is administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

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WARREN D. WILLIAMS
General Manager-Chief Engineer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. District Cost:	-0-	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. County Cost:	-0-	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net District Cost:	-0-	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
Alex Gann

County Executive Office Signature

- Dept' Recomm.: Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ District: 1, 3 Agenda Number: _____

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The intent of the Act is to encourage integrated regional strategies for management of water resources and to provide funding through competitive grants, for projects that protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, promote environmental stewardship and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water.

There are nine funding regions within the State of California and follow State Regional Water Quality Control Board boundaries. The San Diego funding area has three sub regions which include portions of San Diego, Orange and Riverside Counties. The San Diego funding area has been allocated \$91 million through Proposition 84, but due to the overlapping jurisdictions within the Santa Margarita Watershed an acknowledgement by each sub-region to work together on Integrated Regional Watershed Management (IRWM) planning issues was realized.

Each sub-region has prepared an accepted IRWM plan and desires close coordination to enhance the quality of planning, identify opportunities for supporting common goals and projects, and improve the quality and reliability of water in the overall funding area. The Tri-County FACC will coordinate and work together with their respective advisory groups to identify projects of value across planning regions, identify funding for highly ranked projects, and support implementation.

The San Diego funding area will balance the necessary autonomy of each planning sub-region to plan for itself at the appropriate scale with the need to coordinate among themselves to improve inter-regional cooperation and efficiency. By consensus, the Tri-County FACC has developed an agreement to improve the IRWM planning process in the funding area to coordinate planning across planning region lines and facilitate the appropriation of funding for IRWM projects by DWR.

FINANCIAL:

The District is not obligated to make any contributions to the TRI-County FACC at this time.