

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



ITEM
11.6
(ID # 4442)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

FROM : FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Schedule a Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution F2017-07 Accepting the Engineer's Report for the NPDES Program Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area; 1st/3rd/5th District; [\$0]; CLERK TO ADVERTISE

THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Accept the Engineer's Report on the NPDES Program for the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, dated June 2017; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to advertise for the public hearing on said report, to be held at 9:00 a.m. July 11, 2017 at a regular meeting of the Board; and
3. Adopt the following entitled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. F2017-07

ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 14 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND LEVY OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORMWATER PROGRAM.

ACTION: Policy, Clerk to Advertise, Set for Hearing

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended, and is set for public hearing Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Ashley
Date: June 6, 2017
xc: Flood, COB

Kecia Harper-Ihem

Clerk of the Board

By:  Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NET COUNTY COST	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: N/A	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BACKGROUND:

Summary


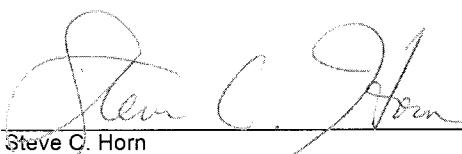
The Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area was established on May 14, 1991 by the adoption of Resolution No. F91-22 by the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14 of the Flood Control District and the Flood Control District Act. Said Ordinance No. 14 requires that the Chief Engineer shall prepare an annual report on the status of the program, and recommend the benefit assessment levy to be enrolled for the ensuing fiscal year. The Board, upon acceptance of said report, shall set a time and place for a public hearing to hear and consider all protests regarding the report and the amount of the proposed benefit assessment levy.

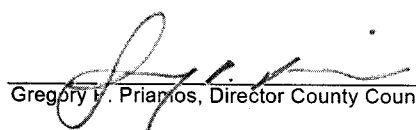
Impact on Residents and Businesses

The financial impact to property owners is outlined in the Engineer's Report and Benefit Assessment Tax Rolls. The proposed benefit assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2017-18 is \$4.00 per Benefit Assessment Unit; this is equal to the Benefit Assessment that was enrolled and levied for Fiscal Year 1996-97 and all subsequent years.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. SM BA Engineer's Report FY 2017-2018
2. SM BA Resolution No. 2017-07

 Jeanine Rey	5/24/2017	 Steve C. Horn	5/30/2017
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 Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel 5/23/2017

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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ORDINANCE NO. 14 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND LEVY OF BENEFIT
ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (NPDES) STORMWATER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Diego Region, on
behalf of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and consistent with Section 402
of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated by the EPA pursuant
thereto, has issued an area-wide stormwater discharge permit under the National Pollutant
Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES Permit") to the Riverside County Flood Control and
Water Conservation District ("District"), the County of Riverside and certain cities within the
Santa Margarita Watershed that are within the District's jurisdiction, and has named the District as
the "Principal Permittee"; and

WHEREAS, under existing state and federal regulations, the District must obtain and
comply with the provisions of the NPDES Permit in order to legally discharge stormwater from its
flood control and stormwater drainage facilities; and

WHEREAS, the NPDES Permit requires the District to develop, implement, and manage
specific compliance programs dealing with stormwater runoff that will benefit all property within
the Santa Margarita Watershed that lies within the District's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") on May 14, 1991 adopted
Resolution No. F91-22 pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 of the Riverside County Flood
Control and Water Conservation District Act, which is Appendix 48 to the California Water Code
("District Act"), and pursuant to Ordinance No. 14 that formed a Benefit Assessment Area
("Benefit Assessment Area") which encompasses all territory within the District's jurisdiction that
is within the Santa Margarita Watershed as described in Ordinance No. 14, and has levied annually
thereon a Benefit Assessment ("Benefit Assessment") to pay the District's annual costs associated
with the NPDES Permit; and

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: AARON C. GETTIS DATE 5/15/17

1 WHEREAS, the Benefit Assessments collected are principally used to finance capital costs
2 and to maintain and operate the flood control system as required by the terms of said NPDES
3 Permit and must be expended in the Benefit Assessment Area in which they are collected; and

4 WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV of Ordinance No. 14, the General Manager-Chief
5 Engineer of the District ("Chief Engineer") is to cause to be prepared annually a written report for
6 each Benefit Assessment Area regarding the Benefit Assessment to be levied and to file said report
7 ("Report") with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and

8 WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer has caused a report to be prepared and filed with the Clerk
9 of the Board of Supervisors regarding the Benefit Assessment to be levied for the 2017-18 Fiscal
10 Year for the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area; and

11 WHEREAS, Section 3 of Article IV of Ordinance No. 14 requires that the Board set a date,
12 time and place for a public hearing on the Report; and

13 WHEREAS, the voters of California on November 5, 1996 approved Proposition No. 218
14 which added Article XIIID to the California Constitution ("Article XIIID") effective November 6,
15 1996; and

16 WHEREAS, with regard to an assessment in place as of November 6, 1996, Section 5(a)
17 of Article XIIID provides in pertinent part that "...any assessment imposed exclusively to finance
18 the capital costs or maintenance and operation expenses for...flood control and drainage systems..."
19 shall be exempt from the procedures and approval process set forth in Section 4 of Article XIIID
20 until the assessment is increased.

21 BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of
22 Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in regular
23 session assembled on the 6th day of June 2017 as follows:

24 Section 1. Each of the above recitals is true and correct.

25 Section 2. The Report prepared by the Chief Engineer and filed with the Clerk of the
26 Board is accepted.

27 Section 3. The Report proposes that the Benefit Assessment to be levied on all parcels
28 within the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, as described in Ordinance No.

14, in Fiscal Year 2017-18 is equal to or less than the Benefit Assessment that was enrolled and levied for Fiscal Year 1996-97 and all subsequent years.

Section 4. The public hearing on the Report is to be held at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 in the meeting room of the District's Board of Supervisors which is located at 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Riverside, California.

Section 5. The Chief Engineer is to cause copies of the Report to be placed at the following sites for review by the public:

Clerk of the District's Board
County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor
Riverside, California

Riverside County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District
1995 Market Street
Riverside, California

City of Temecula
41000 Main Street
Temecula, California

City of Murrieta
1 Town Square
Murrieta, California

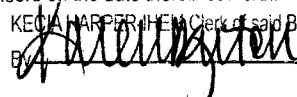
Section 6. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is to cause a notice to be prepared by the Chief Engineer to be published in The Press Enterprise once a week for two (2) successive weeks pursuant to the provisions of Section 6066 of the California Government Code. The Chief Engineer is to cause said notice to be posted in at least three (3) public places within the boundaries of the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Ashley

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

KECIA HARRINGTON, Clerk of said Board
By  Deputy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON THE NPDES BENEFIT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR
THE SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing, at which all interested persons will be heard, will be held before the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, California, acting as the governing board of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, on July 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter, relative to the Flood Control Engineer's Report on the NPDES Program for the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area. The Board will hear and consider all protests with regard to the program, if any, including protests with regard to the amount of the proposed assessment to be levied. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any assessment and shall make its determination upon each assessment described in the report for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to statutory authorization, a written report by the Chief Engineer of the District describing the Benefit Assessment Program has been filed with the Clerk of the District's Board. The report contains a description of each parcel of property within the boundaries of the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area of the District on which a benefit assessment is proposed to be levied, and sets forth the amount of the proposed benefit assessment for each such parcel. The report contains a schedule of the benefit assessment rates for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year. Copies of the report, together with copies of the assessment rolls for the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area and the official Riverside County Assessor's Map Books, are on file and available for review by the public at the office of the Clerk of the District's Board at the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California; the District's office at 1995 Market Street, Riverside, California; the City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, California; and the City of Murrieta, 1 Town Square, Murrieta, California. By reference to the Chief Engineer's report, the assessment rolls, and the map books, each property owner may verify the area of his or her parcel, its land use, and the amount of the 2017-18 Benefit Assessment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the proposed benefit assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2017-18 is the same benefit assessment rate as Fiscal Year 1996-97 and all subsequent years.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dated: June 6, 2017

KECIA HARPER-IHEM
Clerk of the District's Board

By: K. Harper-Ihem
Deputy

ENGINEER'S REPORT
TO THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE
RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ON THE
NPDES PROGRAM
FOR THE
SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED
BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA
JUNE 2017

JASON UHLEY
General Manager-Chief Engineer



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INTRODUCTION

In 1987, Congress amended the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) to require public agencies which serve urbanized areas with a population greater than 100,000 and other designated areas to obtain permits to discharge urban stormwater runoff from municipally owned drainage facilities including streets, highways, storm drains and flood control channels. In November 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) promulgated enforceable regulations establishing Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requirements under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. In California, USEPA has delegated its NPDES permitting authority to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The SWRCB issues and enforces NPDES MS4 Permits through its nine California Regional Water Quality Control Boards (CRWQCBs).

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) service area encompasses portions of three major watersheds (drainage areas): the Santa Ana, Santa Margarita, and Whitewater Watersheds. The discharge of stormwater from MS4s within each of these three watersheds is regulated pursuant to an NPDES MS4 Permit (NPDES Permit) administered by a separate CRWQCB. **The District must comply with the provisions of these NPDES Permits in order to legally operate and maintain its flood control and drainage system infrastructure.** The USEPA and the CRWQCB can impose significant penalties for non-compliance, as high as \$32,500 per day per violation. In addition, private citizens can pursue enforcement actions under the Federal CWA.

In the case of the Santa Margarita Region (SMR), the District, along with the County of Riverside (County) and the City of Temecula (Co-Permittees), obtained an "early"¹ NPDES Permit from the CRWQCB - San Diego Region (Regional Board) on June 16, 1990 (First-term SMR Permit). The Regional Board added the then newly incorporated City of Murrieta as a Co-Permittee to the Permit on May 18, 1992. This first-term SMR NPDES Permit was considered a "Developmental Permit". The Co-Permittees were authorized to continue discharging stormwater from their MS4 while developing various elements of an area-wide stormwater management program. The Permit identified the District as Principal Permittee, and the County and cities of Temecula and Murrieta as Co-Permittees (collectively, the Principal Permittee and Co-Permittees comprise the Riverside County Permittees). The area-wide stormwater management program was documented in the 1993 Drainage Area Management Plan (1993 DAMP).

Although the first-term SMR Permit "expired" on June 16, 1995, its provisions remained in effect in accordance with the applicable provisions of the NPDES Permit Program regulations until reissuance. The Regional Board adopted a second-term SMR NPDES Permit (Board Order No. 98-02) on May 13, 1998. However, USEPA Region IX raised an objection to specific language that was included in Board Order No. 98-02 at the direction of the SWRCB. Region IX subsequently took action to issue its own NPDES Permit (CAS0108766) in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between Region IX and the SWRCB and the Phase I NPDES MS4 regulations at 40 CFR123.44 (h). On June 25, 1999, Region IX "returned" the NPDES Permit which it had issued to the Regional Board for implementation. On November 8, 2000, the

¹ The term "early" is used to indicate permits that were issued prior to the promulgation of the final USEPA rules for permitting municipal stormwater discharges [40CF122.26, November 1990].

Regional Board issued Addendum No. 1 to Board Order No. 98-02, which incorporated, by reference, the USEPA NPDES Permit into their Board Order.

In general, both Board Order No. 98-02 and the USEPA NPDES Permit validated the Riverside County Co-Permittees' overall stormwater management efforts by incorporating the major elements of the 1993 DAMP and other stormwater management program elements that the Co-Permittees had subsequently developed. However, both Board Order No. 98-02 and the USEPA NPDES Permit imposed additional programs and activities that the Riverside County Co-Permittees were required to implement in accordance with specified time schedules in order to achieve compliance with Board Order No. 98-02, the USEPA NPDES Permit, and the CWA. Board Order No. 98-02 expired on November 30, 2003. The Riverside County Co-Permittees submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to the Regional Board on May 30, 2003, requesting renewal of the SMR Permit. On June 14, 2004, the Regional Board adopted Board Order No. R9-2004-001, the third-term SMR Permit.

The third-term SMR Permit required several additional or expanded program elements, such as strict control on new developments, expanded construction, industrial and commercial inspection programs, and a new emphasis on water quality monitoring and program effectiveness evaluations. Compliance programs were developed or expanded to address the third-term SMR Permit between June 2004 and June 2005.

The Riverside County Co-Permittees submitted a ROWD to the Regional Board on January 15, 2009, requesting renewal of the SMR Permit by the Regional Board. The Regional Board responded to the ROWD and permit renewal process on February 18, 2010. The District and Riverside County Co-Permittees worked with the Regional Board to develop the fourth-term SMR Permit which was adopted on November 10, 2010 (2010 Permit), and included the newly incorporated City of Wildomar as a Permittee.

From 2012 to 2015, although regulated under the 2010 Permit at the time, the Riverside County Co-Permittees coordinated with the San Diego County and South Orange County Permittees in responding to Regional Board staff proposals in their development of a Regional NPDES Permit (Regional MS4 Permit). The Regional MS4 Permit required a paradigm shift from traditional jurisdiction-based Permit requirements to watershed based, outcome oriented requirements. The Regional MS4 Permit was adopted in May 2013; in May of 2015, the Riverside County Co-Permittees submitted a ROWD requesting renewal of the SMR Permit. The Regional MS4 Permit regulates Co-Permittees within San Diego and Orange Counties, and as of November 18, 2015, now regulates Riverside County Co-Permittees. The Regional MS4 Permit is due to expire on June 27, 2018.

Since issuance of the first-term SMR Permit in 1990, the Riverside County Co-Permittees' Stormwater Management Program has been guided by the following principles:

1. Utilize existing Co-Permittee departments/programs to meet NPDES Permit requirements whenever possible.
2. Minimize duplication of effort through coordinated Co-Permittee compliance actions.
3. When necessary, develop new or expanded stormwater management programs that are both cost-effective and acceptable to the public.

The Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area (SMWBAA) was established pursuant to District Ordinance No. 14 on May 14, 1991 (see Appendix B). The SMWBAA was formed to offset the District's program and administrative costs associated with the development, implementation, and management of identified stormwater management activities required by the federally mandated NPDES Permit Program. **The District must continue to develop and implement these stormwater management activities in order to legally operate and maintain its flood control and drainage facilities.** A map showing the boundaries of the SMWBAA is attached hereto as Appendix C.

As Principal Permittee, the District is required to coordinate MS4 Permit activities, and facilitate collaboration on development and implementation of programs required by the MS4 Permit². As such, the costs of the District's various NPDES Permit compliance activities fluctuate from year to year. Although some expenses do not change significantly on a yearly basis, certain costs are cyclical (e.g., preparing ROWDs and negotiating NPDES permit provisions), while expenses associated with collecting water samples and laboratory analysis may vary according to the amount of rainfall occurring in a given year or in response to certain information requests from the Regional Board. Costs associated with the development, production, and distribution of public education materials are not always incurred on a Fiscal Year basis (FY). Occasionally, additional consultant and/or legal services may be needed to assist the District with the development of a particular Permit requirement or program activity. Also, certain activities or programs may be expanded or curtailed from time to time and, occasionally, new programs or activities must be developed and implemented.

Currently, the regulation and management of stormwater runoff is a topic of increasing interest amongst the public, municipalities, regulatory authorities, and legislators. Although new laws and/or regulations could result in changes to the assessment rate in future years, **the proposed assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is equal to or less than the assessment rate that was enrolled and levied for Fiscal Year 1996-1997 and all subsequent years.**

² Section G, Order No. R9-2013-0001, as amended by Order Nos. R9-2015-0001 and R9-2015-0100

APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGY

SMWBAA assessments are apportioned on the basis of proportionate stormwater runoff generated by each parcel. This method of assessment is consistent with State law and the District Act. The amount of benefit is computed based upon parcel size and use classification. A single-family residential structure on a 7,200 square foot is defined as one benefit assessment unit (BAU). The BAUs for other types of land use are calculated in proportion to the amount of runoff generated by a single-family residence on a 7,200 square foot lot.

In comparison with a typical single family residence, industrial and commercial properties typically generate more stormwater runoff and higher pollutant loads on a per acre basis. Thus, industrial/commercial parcels are assessed at a higher rate per acre than residential parcels. Because agricultural discharges are currently exempt under the NPDES Permit regulations, parcels within the SMWBAA that are used for agricultural purposes are exempt from the assessment. Vacant, undeveloped parcels are not assessed because they are considered to generate no increase in pollutant loading. Additionally, certain large undeveloped tracts of land such as Federal or State owned forest are excluded from the SMWBAA. A more detailed discussion of the apportionment methodology is presented in Appendix B.

CURRENT YEAR ASSESSMENTS (FY 2016-2017)

In July 2016, the District's Board of Supervisors confirmed a benefit assessment rate for FY 2016-2017 of \$4.00 per BAU. Following is a summary of FY 2016-2017 assessments:

Rate	Billed Parcels	BAUs	Assessments	Corrections	Amount Paid*
\$4.00	86,146	141,467	\$565,736	\$11,766	\$546,879

* Through April 30, 2017

Property owners may request a review of their assessment(s) by contacting the District. District staff considers each request by reviewing information such as assessor's parcel maps, aerial photographs, and, when necessary, conducting site visits. The Auditor/Controller is notified of any needed corrections and a new tax bill is issued or, in cases where the assessment has been paid, a refund is made. Last year, there was one parcel refunded in the amount of \$11,766. According to the Riverside County Assessor's Office, the parcel was classified as developed commercial property. Research verified the parcel was undeveloped vacant land, and therefore, should not have received an assessment.

RECOMMENDED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT RATES (FY 2017-2018)

The District recommends that for FY 2017-2018, the SMWBAA assessment rate remain unchanged at \$4.00 per BAU. This BAU rate would result in an equivalent charge per acre for the following land uses:

Group	Land Use Category	BAU/Acre	Assessment Rate*
A	Commercial, Industrial	12	\$48.00/acre
B	Apartments/Mobile Home Parks, Churches and Schools	9	\$36.00/acre
C	Single-family Residential	6**	\$24.00/acre
D	Agricultural/Vacant Undeveloped	Exempt	\$0.00/acre
E	Golf Courses	0.10	\$0.40/acre
F	Undeveloped Portions of Parcels	0.05	\$0.20/acre

* Refer to Appendix B for a detailed discussion of the Benefit Assessment methodology.

** 1 BAU per single-family residence, assuming six equally sized residential parcels per acre.

The projected revenue for FY 2017-2018, using the proposed benefit assessment rate of \$4.00 per BAU is as follows:

Rate	Parcels ⁽¹⁾	BAUs	Assessment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Projected Revenue ⁽³⁾
\$4.00	86,145	138,526	\$553,970	\$526,271

⁽¹⁾ Based on FY 2016-2017 Assessor's information.

⁽²⁾ Totals may vary due to rounding.

⁽³⁾ Assumes a 5.0% delinquency rate.

The projected revenue along with any remaining portion of the ending fund balance from FY 2016-2017 will fund the District's NPDES Stormwater Management Program activities for the Santa Margarita Watershed area in FY 2017-2018. The proposed FY 2017-2018 budget is presented in Appendix A.

During the early years of the NPDES Program, there were many uncertainties regarding startup costs (consultant costs, amount of sampling that would be required, overall program scope, etc.) since the program was new for both the regulatory authorities and the Permittees. Consequently, the initial assessment rates were set conservatively to ensure that all permit obligations could be met. To date, the District has been able to maintain a modest fund balance since the benefit assessments were first levied in FY 1991-1992. The District is reducing the fund balance by maintaining the current assessment rate while sustaining expenditure levels that are slightly above projected revenues. It should also be noted here that the current trend in California is toward more stringent regulation of municipal stormwater runoff, and with the newly effective Regional MS4 Permit, it is expected that the District's NPDES Permit compliance costs will increase significantly in FY 2017-2018, and in the coming years.

ASSESSMENT ROLL

The SMWBAA Assessment Roll provides a listing by Assessor's Parcel Number of the proposed FY 2017-2018 Benefit Assessment to be levied on each parcel of property in the SMWBAA. The Assessment Roll is identified as Appendix D and incorporated herein by this reference. This Engineer's Report along with the SMWBAA Assessment Roll will be placed at the following locations for review by the public:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
4080 Lemon Street, 1st floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Riverside County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501

City of Murrieta
1 Town Square
Murrieta, CA 92562

City of Temecula
41000 Main Street
Temecula, CA 92590

The Engineer's Report may also be viewed or downloaded at
<http://rcflood.org/NPDES/SantaMargaritaWS.aspx>

NPDES PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (FY 2016-2017)

The following tasks were accomplished or are ongoing for the year ending June 30, 2017 in compliance with the Regional MS4 Permit:

- A. Pursuant to Regional MS4 Permit Provision F.5, the Riverside County Co-Permittees began working with Orange and San Diego County Co-Permittees and Regional Board staff in planning and development of a Regional Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), and Regional Monitoring and Assessment Report (RMAR). Both the Regional ROWD and RMAR are due for submittal to the Regional Board on December 29, 2017.
- B. Pursuant to Provision B of the Regional MS4 Permit, the Riverside County Co-Permittees continued planning and development of the SMR Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP). The WQIP is a watershed-based plan that addresses the entire SMR Watershed Management Area (SMR WMA), including land area and facilities within the jurisdiction of the Riverside County Co-Permittees, City of Menifee, and the County of San Diego), in which Co-Permittees must assess all watershed streams and known pollutant sources, prioritize water quality issues, and then set forth an adaptive management process to implement strategies to address the highest priority water quality issues. Development of the WQIP will be a transparent process which involves extensive collaboration with watershed stakeholders and the public. The Regional MS4 Permit specifies that the WQIP must be submitted for review and comment by the Regional Board and the public in parts. The first deliverable was submitted on January 7, 2016, the second deliverable will be submitted July 7, 2017, and the final WQIP will be submitted on January 7, 2018.
- C. Pursuant to Provision B of the Regional MS4 Permit, the Riverside County Co-Permittees elected to perform the Watershed Management Area Analysis (WMAA). The WMAA is a watershed-scale analysis that identifies important characteristics, such as hydrologic processes categories and stream descriptions. The final output of the analysis includes GIS layers that Co-Permittees may use to identify candidate projects as offsite alternative compliance options. The WMAA will also develop analyses and information to support exemptions from the on-site hydromodification management Best Management Practices (BMP) requirements.
- D. Worked collaboratively with the Riverside County Co-Permittees, the City of Menifee, and the County of San Diego to draft and execute a Regional MS4 Permit Implementation Agreement which sets forth responsibilities and cost share procedures for development of the SMR WQIP and implementation of Regional Permit requirements within the SMR WMA.
- E. Continued to implement the Standard Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SSMP) (referred to by the Riverside County Co-Permittees as a Water Quality Management Plan or WQMP), Template and Guidance document for new development, in accordance with the 2010 Permit. The SSMP requires developers to submit a project-specific SSMP for qualified new development and redevelopment projects, and identifies water quality impacts of the proposed development, and mitigation measures for those impacts. The Regional MS4 Permit requires that the Co-Permittees submit an updated SSMP in the form of a BMP Design Manual (BMPDM), which includes updated BMP design standards and development project requirements as prescribed by the Permit. The Co-Permittees began

planning and development of the updated BMPDM in 2016-2017; the final BMPDM is due for submittal on January 7, 2018.

- F. Continued to implement the SMR Hydromodification Management Plan (HMP). The SMR HMP was developed by the Riverside County Co-Permittees in response to Provision F.1.h of the 2010 Permit to manage increases in runoff discharge rates and durations from Priority Development Projects (PDPs). Hydrologic and sediment supply performance standards that will support maintenance of geomorphic stability in channels receiving runoff from PDPs were developed in this process. The final draft HMP was submitted to the Regional Board on July 11, 2014, at which time the Riverside County Co-Permittees began implementation. The Regional MS4 Permit requires that the Co-Permittees update the HMP as part of BMPDM submittal on January 7, 2018.
- G. Continued implementation of the SMR Hydrology Model (SMRHM). The SMRHM became effective on July 11, 2014. The SMRHM is a tool that provides continuous simulation of peak flow runoff rates, from 10% of the 2-year runoff event up to the 10-year runoff event for PDPs. The software is a Hydrologic Simulation Program FORTRAN (HSPF) model that allows users to demonstrate compliance with the HMP performance standards through an interactive graphic user interface.
- H. Revised the SMR HMP Monitoring Plan and continued monitoring for hydromodification impacts within the SMR. The plan features monitoring and assessing two streams in the SMR over time; data gathered will be used in monitoring efforts required under the Regional MS4 Permit, and will also be provided to several watershed stakeholders for use in special studies and/or stream restoration projects.
- I. Pursuant to Provision E of the Regional MS4 Permit, the Riverside County Co-Permittees continued planning and development of updated Jurisdictional Runoff Management Plans (JRMPs). JRMPs describe jurisdiction specific strategies for implementation of the Regional MS4 Permit and SMR WMA WQIP, and are due for submittal to the Regional Board on January 7, 2018.
- J. Developed and submitted a completed test claim on the 2010 MS4 Permit, pursuant to request from the Commission on State Mandates. In light of a recent Supreme Court ruling, the Commission agreed to review the original test claim filed by the SMR Co-Permittees in 2011 regarding costs incurred for 2010 MS4 Permit provisions which may be eligible for reimbursement from the state. The completed test claim was submitted to the Commission on April 28, 2017.
- K. Continued identifying and tracking impending draft policies and proposed legislation to inform regulators, policy makers, and the Permittees of potential impacts to the Permit program or to any of its specific components.
- L. Continued partnership and support in the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Watershed Management Group (USMWIRWMG). The Regional Watershed Management Group (RWMG) involves multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals and groups, and collaborates to apply for Propositions 1 and 84 grant funding through the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (IRWMP) for planning projects within the SMR that would additionally help provide funding for compliance activities required by the 2010 Permit and Regional MS4 Permits.

- M. Continued to chair the Santa Margarita Permit Implementation Committee comprised of Riverside County and San Diego Co-Permittees and Regional Board staff. The Riverside County Co-Permittees coordinate their urban runoff management activities to work toward achieving the greatest protection of receiving water quality. This committee serves as a forum to effectively disseminate information, discuss regional and statewide program issues, and plan and coordinate Co-Permittee actions to achieve compliance with the Regional MS4 Permit.
- N. Continued financial support to area-wide stormwater pollution prevention programs, such as the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) temporary and permanent collection events and the "ABOP" (Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oil, and Paint) Program.
- O. Developed, prepared, and submitted a comprehensive District Jurisdictional Runoff Management Plan (JRMP) Annual Report to the Regional Board.
- P. The District continues to review and update the Low Impact Development (LID) BMP Design Manual, which is focused on landscape-based BMPs and infiltration BMPs capable of addressing identified water quality impairments in the Santa Ana and Santa Margarita Watersheds. The LID BMP Design Manual is available on the District's website.
- Q. Continued compliance with the Aquatic Weed Control Permit. Compliance with this Permit is required for vegetation control activities which utilize application of aquatic herbicides on District facilities. Vegetation control is an essential part of the District's routine maintenance activities in order to ensure that its facilities continue to provide the design level of flood protection to which they were constructed and minimize or prevent loss of life and property. Compliance with the Aquatic Weed Control Permit includes maintaining an aquatic pesticide application plan, implementing BMPs to minimize potential impacts from use of herbicides, monitoring for impacts to water quality, and submittal of an annual report to the Regional Board and State Water Board.
- R. Continued collection and analysis of water quality samples in accordance with the Regional MS4 Permit's Transitional Monitoring and Assessment Program requirements. Water quality samples are collected during dry and wet weather at receiving water stations, and are analyzed for required constituents. Mass loading station monitoring is performed twice during dry weather and three times during wet weather. Dry weather field screening is conducted at MS4 outfalls and water quality samples collected during wet weather at MS4 outfalls are analyzed for required constituents. Dry weather stream assessment is conducted at six designated receiving water stations.
- S. In June 2012, the Consolidated Monitoring Program (CMP) was revised to address the monitoring efforts that will be implemented to comply with the County's three MS4 Permits. Since then the CMP (Volume III - Santa Margarita Region Monitoring Plan) has been updated to reflect refined programmatic adjustments, such as lessons learned in each monitoring year, global revisions to provide standardization and clarity, updates of key staff assignments, and improvements to sampling procedures. The CMP also contains a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (Volume II) which includes general methods, procedures, quality assurance and quality control requirements as relevant to the Riverside County MS4 Permit's monitoring requirements. The 2014 CMP updates that are applicable to the 2016-2017 monitoring year are limited to Volume II, as Volume III is currently

under revision during this transitional period under the Regional MS4 Permit. Ultimately, a future approved WQIP will include an updated monitoring and assessment plan.

- T. Continued participation in the Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC), a regional monitoring group comprised of Southern California Phase 1 Municipal NPDES Permit holders whose focus is developing effective, meaningful stormwater quality monitoring techniques. The goal of the SMC is to develop the technical information necessary to better understand stormwater mechanisms and impacts, and then develop the tools that will effectively and efficiently improve stormwater decision-making. The SMC develops and funds cooperative projects to improve the knowledge of stormwater quality management and reports on the progress of those projects on an annual basis (<http://socalsmc.org/>).
- U. Continued coordination with the SMC on a five-year southern California bioassessment monitoring program. The SMC Regional Monitoring Program was created in response to the need for a more holistic and coordinated approach for gathering information about the health of streams in southern California both for compliance purposes and data-sharing purposes as streams are an important natural resource. The study is designed to answer questions essential to watershed management. Answering these questions at the regional scale provides resource managers with the ability to contextualize their programs and improve understanding of the effectiveness of management actions, prioritization of streams most in need of protection, and identification of stressors that are likely to pose the greatest risk to stream health. Based on the findings and lessons learned from the 2009-2013 regional monitoring effort, a revised study design has commenced for 2015-2019. Two monitoring stations, in addition to the stream assessment stations monitored under the compliance program, are being monitored as representative of the SMR.
- V. Continued participation in the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA). To date, the District has served as Executive Committee Member, Legislative Co-Chair, Monitoring and Science subcommittee Co-Chair, and active member on the Policy and Permitting subcommittee and BMPs subcommittee. The Monitoring and Science subcommittee is tasked with developing priorities pertinent to research and monitoring, establishing partnerships, and seeking funding mechanisms. The Policy and Permitting subcommittee is tasked with providing comments and testimony on State, USEPA, and precedent-setting regional initiatives in addition to advocating the development of statewide stormwater policies. The BMP subcommittee is tasked with tracking and providing current and relevant information and updates on existing and developing BMPs. On behalf of the Riverside County Co-Permittees, the District remains active within CASQA; specifically, Darcy Kuenzi currently serves as Legislative Co-Chair and Rebekah Guill serves as the Monitoring and Science Co-Chair. District staff also actively participates in the Pesticides, BMP, and Policy and Permitting subcommittees.
- W. Continued active participation in the CASQA Pesticides Subcommittee. This subcommittee is tasked with facilitating changes to State and Federal pesticides regulations that potentially improve processes for evaluating the environmental impacts of new pesticides on receiving waters. It is also focused on changing labeling and use requirements for existing pesticides, such as pyrethroids. This subcommittee has collaborated with the Water Boards in a coordinated statewide effort referred to as the Urban Pesticides Pollution Prevention Partnership. The goal to address the impacts of pesticides efficiently and proactively through the statutory authority of the Department of Pesticide Regulation and USEPA's Office of Pesticide.

- X. Continued presentation of semi-annual municipal employee stormwater training programs. These training classes focus on the requisite knowledge for properly implementing the JRMP, WQMP, and HMP. The training classes also address Permittee functions such as development planning, municipal activities, industrial/commercial inspections and construction inspections. Fall and spring training classes were held in each of the three regions in order to provide close proximity to each Permittee group.
- Y. Continued providing stormwater pollution prevention education and outreach by conducting educational presentations in local elementary schools throughout the County; participating in the annual Date Festival; supporting Permittee-sponsored community events such as Earth Day; and distributing BMP brochures addressing pollution prevention, recycling, proper disposal of household hazardous waste, runoff from construction activities, pet care, swimming pool discharges, jacuzzi and garden fountain maintenance, septic tank upkeep, professional mobile services, landscape and gardening activities, the "Do's-and-Dont's" of outdoor cleaning, and proper housekeeping practices for automotive facilities, restaurants, and commercial/industrial facilities.
- Z. Continued to chair the Public Education Subcommittee. Meetings include Co-Permittee representation from each watershed to review elements of regional public education programs and program materials.
- AA. Continued operating and maintaining the District's NPDES website which provides information, resources, and important links for the Permittees, regulators, developers, business owners, the public, and in-house staff regarding the Permit, its compliance programs, compliance documents, monitoring and sampling, education and outreach, and more. The District has also redesigned its Public Education webpage and reformatted the contents to be more effective at providing usable and interactive data that ultimately enhances the quality of the information.

PROGRAM/WORK ITEMS (FY 2017-2018)

The Regional Board enrolled the Riverside County Co-Permittees into the Regional MS4 Permit on November 18, 2015; the Permit became effective for the Co-Permittees on January 7, 2016. Upon the Regional MS4 Permit's effective date, a two-year timeline began in which the SMR WMA WQIP must be developed and submitted for Regional Board approval; additionally, the JRMP and BMPDM are all required to be updated and submitted. Each of these Regional MS4 Permit compliance documents require significant public and stakeholder participation, review and comment, and extensive coordination with other WMA entities including the Riverside County Co-Permittees, County of San Diego and City of Menifee. Development of the WQIP is a major undertaking, and it is anticipated that implementation will have significant impacts on Co-Permittee resources.

The following program activities will be emphasized for the coming year:

NPDES Permit Compliance Document Development Submittal

Pursuant to Regional MS4 Permit requirements, the Co-permittees in the SMR WMA (Riverside County Co-Permittees, County of San Diego and City of Menifee) have designated the District to be the Principal Watershed Co-Permittee for the SMR WMA; this means that in addition to assuring its own compliance with the Regional MS4 Permit, the District is also responsible for serving as liaison between WMA Co-Permittees and the Regional Board, and facilitating development and coordinating submittal of the primary Permit compliance documents for the WMA. Regional MS4 Permit compliance documents which are currently being developed, including dates for submittal to the Regional Board are as follows:

- Transitional JRMP Annual Reports – Due annually by October 31st
- Transitional Monitoring Annual Reports – Due annually by January 31st
- ROWD – Due December 29, 2017
- Regional Monitoring and Assessment Report – Due December 29, 2017
- Final SMR WMA WQIP – Due January 7, 2018
- Revised JRMP – Due January 7, 2018
- Revised BMP Design Manual – Due January 7, 2018

Pursuant to the Regional MS4 Permit, until the WQIP for the SMR has been approved by the Regional Board, the Riverside County Co-Permittees will continue implementing their 2010 Permit compliance programs and plans. Costs to coordinate and develop the above stated plans and reports have been significant; the District's share of the cost for developing these compliance documents include SMWBAA funds.

SMR WMA WQIP

The WQIP proposes to address water quality issues within the SMR WMA in a systematic fashion which is prescribed by the Regional MS4 Permit. As previously mentioned, development of the WQIP requires public and stakeholder participation, review and comment, and extensive coordination with other WMA entities including the Riverside County Co-Permittees, County of San Diego and City of Menifee. Moreover, it involves a complete assessment of watershed streams and outfalls, pollutant sources, extensive mapping, assessment of pollutant loads, and development of strategies for addressing the SMR WMA's identified highest priority water quality issues. A monitoring program and an adaptive management process

must also be developed. The WQIP is to serve as the cornerstone Regional MS4 Permit compliance document going forward into subsequent MS4 Permit terms.

Because the planning, mapping, and document development efforts required for development of the WQIP are extensive, and require specialized knowledge and expertise, the Riverside County Co-Permittees have enlisted consultant support in development of the WQIP.

Individual JRMPs

The District will continue to implement a JRMP that describes its specific runoff management programs and activities. Additionally, each Co-Permittee's JRMP must be updated to reflect the requirements of the Regional MS4 Permit. As Principal Co-Permittee, the District prepares a JRMP template to assist Co-Permittees with preparation of their own jurisdiction-specific documents. As noted above, updated JRMPs are due for submittal to the Regional Board on January 7, 2018.

HMP Implementation

In accordance with 2010 Permit and Regional MS4 Permit requirements, the Riverside County Co-Permittees developed a HMP to manage increases in runoff discharge rates and durations from certain Priority Development Projects. The HMP requires projects to have estimated post-project runoff discharge rates and durations that do not exceed pre-development discharge rates and durations. Modeling software, called the Santa Margarita Region Hydrology Model (SMRHM), was developed and finalized to perform the necessary calculations to estimate pre-development and post-project runoff discharge rates. Implementation of the HMP and SMRHM will continue in FY 2016-2017; however, as mentioned above, the HMP must be revised as part of the BMPDM submittal, which is due on January 7, 2018.

Aquatic Weed Control Permit Compliance

Compliance with the Aquatic Weed Control Permit is required for vegetation control activities which utilize application of aquatic herbicides on District facilities. Vegetation control is an essential part of the District's routine maintenance activities in order to ensure that its facilities continue to provide the design level of flood protection to which they were constructed, and minimize or prevent loss of life and property. Compliance with the Aquatic Weed Control Permit includes maintaining an aquatic pesticide application plan, implementing BMPs to minimize potential impacts from use of herbicides, monitoring for impacts to water quality, and submittal of an annual report to the Regional Board and State Water Board.

MS4 Program Management

As Principal Watershed Co-Permittee, the District conducts certain activities to coordinate the efforts of the other WMA Co-Permittees, and facilitates regional compliance with certain aspects of the Regional MS4 Permit on behalf of the Riverside and San Diego County Co-Permittees. These activities may include acting as liaison between Co-Permittees and the Regional Board, chairing quarterly meetings of the SMR WMA Workgroup, administration of area-wide programs (e.g., public education, household hazardous waste collection, hazardous material spill response, stormwater sample collection and analysis), program development and preparation of the Transitional JRMP Annual Report and Monitoring Annual Report to the Regional Board. The District will also continue to focus its efforts on identifying and commenting on statewide issues that affect local stormwater programs.

Area-Wide MS4 Programs

The District will continue to provide financial support for several important "area-wide" BMP programs implemented on behalf of the Riverside County Co-Permittees. The programs currently include:

Public Education

The District provides for coordination and oversight of the area-wide NPDES public education and outreach efforts, including public events, school and adult education programs, printed brochures and commercial mass-media campaigns. This includes continued development and distribution of focused educational outreach materials for specific industries and businesses such as restaurants, auto repair shops, outdoor cleaning businesses, and other commercial and industrial activities that are potential sources of stormwater pollution.

Training for Municipal Employees

Municipal training programs are provided to improve understanding of NPDES Permit requirements and stormwater BMPs. The classes focus on methods to reduce and/or eliminate sources of stormwater pollution from public agency facilities and activities, implementation of the WQMP and HMP, local stormwater ordinances, and State Construction and Industrial General Permit requirements. Training is conducted specifically for construction inspection staff, industrial/commercial facilities inspection staff, municipal facilities maintenance staff, and staff responsible for new development/redevelopment project review.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection/ABOP

The District and Riverside County Co-Permittees provide financial support to the County Department of Waste Resources to support ongoing permanent and mobile HHW collection events, and operation of the "ABOP" (Antifreeze, Batteries, used motor Oil, and latex Paint) Program, all of which provide local residents with opportunities to properly dispose of HHW.

Water Quality Monitoring

On behalf of the Riverside County Co-Permittees, the District will conduct wet weather sample collection from receiving water and outfall monitoring stations in accordance with the Regional MS4 Permit's Transitional Monitoring and Assessment Program until the WQIP is developed and adopted.

The Riverside County Co-Permittees have also been participating in a study to develop Numeric Nutrient Endpoints for a Santa Margarita River Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

As required by the Regional MS4 Permit, during the transitional period the Riverside County Co-Permittees will work to identify and develop Special Studies work plans that are intended to be in alignment with addressing the high priority water quality conditions in the SMR under the WQIP.

Consolidated Monitoring Program

The District updated the Consolidated Monitoring Program (CMP) to describe the monitoring efforts that were implemented to comply with the 2010 Permit. The 2014 CMP updates that are applicable to this transitional period under the Regional MS4 Permit include the Quality Assurance Project Plan in Volume II, as Volume III is currently under revision and will ultimately refer to the Monitoring and Assessment Plan within the WQIP once submitted and approved by the Water Board. These monitoring requirements pursuant to the Regional MS4

Permit's Transitional Monitoring and Assessment Program will continue to be implemented during FY 2017-2018.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The area-wide Municipal Stormwater Program for the Santa Margarita Watershed has been implemented in an efficient, cost-effective manner through the ongoing cooperative efforts of the District, the Riverside County Co-Permittees, the Regional Board, the Riverside County Fire Department, and Riverside County Department of Waste Resources. The District's NPDES Program activities, which are funded by these SMWBAA assessments, are required to comply with the Regional MS4 Permit and enforceable provisions of the California Water Code and the Federal Clean Water Act, which regulate the discharge of stormwater from MS4s. These mandatory stormwater management program activities are an essential component of the District's continuing operation and maintenance of its critical public safety facilities; therefore, the following action is recommended:

Levy a Flood Control Benefit Assessment in the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area at an unchanged rate of \$4.00 per benefit assessment unit for FY 2017-2018.

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GLOSSARY

ABOP –Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oil and Paint

BAU – Benefit Assessment Unit

BMP – Best Management Practice

CASQA– California Stormwater Quality Association

CMP – Consolidated Monitoring Program

CRWQCB – California Regional Water Quality Control Board

CWA - Clean Water Act

District – Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FY – Fiscal Year

HAZMAT Team –Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team

HHW – Household Hazardous Waste

HMP – Hydromodification Management Plan

IRWMP - Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan

JRMP – Jurisdictional Runoff Management Plan

LID – Low Impact Development

MS4 – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

MRP – Monitoring and Reporting Program

NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

Board Order No. R9-2004-001 – An Order of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region to regulate stormwater discharges from municipal stormwater facilities owned or operated by the District, County of Riverside, or the cities of Murrieta and Temecula.

Board Order No. R9-2010-0016 - An Order of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region to regulate stormwater discharges from municipal stormwater facilities owned or operated by the District, County of Riverside, or the cities of Murrieta, Temecula and Wildomar.

Board Order No. R9-2013-0001- See Regional MS4 Permit

Regional Board – San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regional MS4 Permit - An Order of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region to regulate stormwater discharges from municipal stormwater facilities owned or operated by the District, County of Riverside, cities of Murrieta, Temecula or Wildomar, County of San Diego and all incorporated cities, and County of Orange and named incorporated cities.

ROWD – Report of Waste Discharge

SA – Santa Ana

SAWPA – Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

SMC – Stormwater Monitoring Coalition

SMR – Santa Margarita Region of Riverside County

SMRHM – Santa Margarita Region Hydrology Model

SMWBAA – Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area

SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board

SSMP – Standard Stormwater Mitigation Plan; same as WQMP

TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load

USEPA –Environmental Protection Agency

USMRWMG - Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Regional Watershed Management Group

WQMP - Watershed Quality Management Plan; same as SSMP

WQIP - Water Quality Improvement Plan

WQO – Water Quality Objective

APPENDIX A

Proposed NPDES Program Budget (FY 2017-2018)

APPENDIX A

SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA PROPOSED NPDES PROGRAM BUDGET (FY 2017-2018)

STAFFING

General Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$799,935
Staff Standby/Differential/Overtime Pay	<u>15,000</u>
Subtotal	\$814,935

ADMINISTRATION & OVERHEAD

Administration & Overhead	\$223,360
County Counsel Services	4,000
Equipment Lease / Rental	1,000
Vehicle Mileage	7,000
Photocopying / Reproduction	270
Miscellaneous (Photography, Communications, Supplies, etc.)	<u>9,970</u>
Subtotal	\$245,600

GENERAL CONSULTANT SERVICES

Technical / Regulatory Support	\$355,000
Benefit Assessment Services	<u>3,250</u>
Subtotal	\$358,250

PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education Program: Staff / Contract Services / Presentations	\$42,400
Education Program: Production / Materials / Media	<u>36,000</u>
Subtotal	\$78,400

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM

Staff Time / Laboratory Services / Monitoring / Reporting	\$528,000
Small Tools & Equipment	<u>30,300</u>
Subtotal	\$558,300

POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Household Hazardous Waste Program (Department of Waste Resources)	\$30,000
Integrated Regional Water Mgmt. - RCWD	40,000
SMC 5yr Agreement	10,000
NNE Cooperative Projects	<u>10,000</u>
Subtotal	\$90,000

PROGRAM SUBTOTAL

\$2,145,485

CONTINGENCY (10%)	214,549
Assessor's/Treasurer's Office Line Item Charges (\$0.42/parcel)	36,181
County Fee for Annual Submittal	<u>130</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$2,396,345

FUND BALANCE FROM FY 2016-2017 (est.)	\$3,890,439
PERMITTEE REIMBURSEMENTS	1,406,679
PROJECTED REVENUE	<u>490,000</u>

CASH AVAILABLE

\$5,787,118

PROJECTED FUND BALANCE

\$3,390,773

APPENDIX B

RCFC&WCD Ordinance No. 14 (May 14, 1991)

ORDINANCE NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD
CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING A BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (NPDES) STORMWATER PROGRAM

The Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, State of California, do ordain as follows:

ARTICLE I

GENERALSection 1. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "NPDES Program - Benefit Assessment Ordinance" of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Section 2. Purpose.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") has, consistent with Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, promulgated the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Regulations (the "NPDES Regulations") pursuant to which the EPA, through the appropriate California Regional Water Quality Control Board (the "CRWQCB") has required the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (the "District") and other affected public entities to secure a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit (the "NPDES Permit") which does require the District to develop, implement and manage identified programs dealing with stormwater runoff. The parcels of land within the respective watersheds within the District's jurisdiction for which a NPDES Permit is

1 required will benefit from these programs. The Board of
2 Supervisors of the District has determined, pursuant to the
3 Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation Act (the
4 "District Act"), which is Chapter 48, as amended, of the
5 California Water Code Appendix, to establish certain Benefit
6 Assessment Areas in which the District will annually levy a
7 Benefit Assessment to pay the cost of these programs required by
8 the NPDES Permit. The Board of Supervisors of the District,
9 consistent with Section 48-14 of the District Act, held a noticed
10 public hearing at which time all testimony, oral and written, was
11 considered. As the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of
12 Supervisors of the District adopted resolutions establishing the
13 Benefit Assessment Areas. The provisions of this Ordinance
14 confirming the establishment of the Benefit Assessment Areas and
15 providing for the annual levy of a Benefit Assessment are
16 consistent with the District Act and the reports prepared by the
17 Chief Engineer of the District and accepted by the Board of
18 Supervisors of the District.

19 The Board of Supervisors of the District finds that
20 the Benefit Assessment to be annually levied shall be based on the
21 proportional stormwater runoff generated by each lot or parcel
22 within the Benefit Assessment Area. Revenues derived from the
23 Benefit Assessment shall be applied exclusively to pay the
24 District's administrative and program costs associated with the
25 NPDES Permit required for the Benefit Assessment Area and are to
26 be apportioned to the Benefit Assessment Area in which they are
27 collected.

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ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. Unless otherwise specifically provided or required by the context, certain terms or expressions used herein have the meanings set forth below:

- a.) "Benefit Assessment" means the Benefit Assessment to be levied annually on each Parcel within a Benefit Assessment Area pursuant to Article IV of this Ordinance.
- b.) "Benefit Assessment Area" means a Benefit Assessment Area formed pursuant to Section 48-14 of the District Act by the Board of Supervisors and identified in Article III of this Ordinance.
- c.) "Board of Supervisors" means the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
- d.) "Chief Engineer" means the Chief Engineer of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
- e.) "County" means the County of Riverside, State of California.
- f.) "CRWQCB" means the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the region in which the Benefit Assessment Area has been established.
- g.) "District" means the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
- h.) "District Act" means the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act, Statutes 1945, Chapter 1122, as amended; California Water Code,

Appendix, Chapter 48.

i.) "EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency, which, pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1976, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, has jurisdiction to establish the NPDES program and promulgate regulations pursuant thereto.

j.) "NPDES Permit" means the permit, issued by the regional CRWQCB, dealing with stormwater runoff in association with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the regulations promulgated by the EPA.

k.) "NPDES Regulations" means the final regulations dated November 16, 1990, and any subsequent amendments thereto promulgated by the EPA governing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

l.) "Ordinance" means this Ordinance No. 14 of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

m.) "Parcel" means a parcel of property identified by Assessor parcel number as shown on the equalized tax rolls of the County of Riverside, State of California.

ARTICLE III

ESTABLISHMENT OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREAS

Section 1. Formation of Benefit Assessment Areas.

Pursuant to Section 48-14 of the District Act, the Board of Supervisors noticed three public hearings to consider the establishment of three Benefit Assessment Areas for each of which a NPDES Permit would be required by the NPDES Regulations. At the

1 conclusion of the hearings, the Board of Supervisors adopted
2 Resolutions Nos. F91-21, F91-22, and F91-23 which established,
3 respectively, the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, the
4 Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, and the
5 Whitewater Watershed Benefit Assessment Area. The legal
6 descriptions for each of the Benefit Assessments Areas are
7 attached hereto, marked respectively Exhibits A, B, and C, and are
8 by this reference incorporated herein.

9 Section 2. Amendment to or Additional Benefit Assessment Areas.

10 The District may amend the boundaries of each of the
11 Benefit Assessment Areas or create additional Benefit Assessment
12 Areas, if in the District's administrative judgment the NPDES
13 Regulations and the NPDES Permits issued pursuant thereto so
14 require. To amend the boundaries to a Benefit Assessment Area or
15 to create an additional Benefit Assessment Area, the District is
16 to comply with provisions of the District Act then governing the
17 creation of a benefit assessment area.

18 ARTICLE IV

19 REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER, HEARING THEREON;

20 CONFIRMATION OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT BY THE

21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

22 Section 1. Report.

23 The Chief Engineer shall cause to be prepared annually
24 a written report for each Benefit Assessment Area regarding the
25 Benefit Assessment to be levied and shall file each report with
26 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

27 Section 2. Content of the Report.

28 Each report shall contain the District's estimate of

1 its administrative and program costs in association with the NPDES
2 Permit for the Benefit Assessment Area for the ensuing fiscal
3 year. Said estimate of cost shall be apportioned to each Parcel
4 on the basis of proportionate stormwater runoff generated from
5 each Parcel to be assessed. Only Parcels not otherwise exempted
6 by this Ordinance or the NPDES Regulations shall have a Benefit
7 Assessment levied on them. The report shall identify all Parcels
8 by Assessor parcel number on which a Benefit Assessment is to be
9 levied and the amount of the assessment.

10 Section 3. Resolution Accepting Report and Noticing Public
11 Hearing.

12 Upon the report being filed with the Clerk of the
13 Board of Supervisors, the Board of Supervisors is, by resolution,
14 to accept, if appropriate, the report and to set a date, time and
15 place for a hearing on said report. Prior to the date of the
16 hearing, a notice specifying the date, time, place and purpose of
17 the hearing and identifying those locations at which a property
18 owner may review the report shall be published in a newspaper of
19 general circulation within the Benefit Assessment Area pursuant to
20 the provisions of Section 6066 of the California Government Code.
21 In addition, the District shall cause the notice of the hearing to
22 be posted in at least three public places within the boundaries of
23 the Benefit Assessment Area at least seven (7) days prior to the
24 date of the hearing.

25 Section 4. Hearing.

26 The Board of Supervisors shall hear the matter on the
27 date and at the time specified in the notice, or as continued for
28 good cause. At the hearing, the Board of Supervisors shall hear

1 and consider all testimony, oral and written, presented, including
2 all written protests. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board
3 of Supervisors may revise, change, reduce or modify any Benefit
4 Assessment and shall make its determination upon each Benefit
5 Assessment identified in the report. Thereafter, by resolution it
6 shall confirm the assessments. Such confirming resolution shall
7 be adopted no later than August 10 of each fiscal year in which
8 the Benefit Assessment is to be levied and collected.

9 Section 5. Enrollment.

10 The District shall provide certified copies of the
11 confirming resolutions and the roll of confirmed Benefit
12 Assessments, in an acceptable format, to the Auditor-Controller of
13 the County on or before August 10 of each fiscal year.

14 ARTICLE IV

15 LEVY OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

16 Section 1. Determination of the Amount to be Assessed.

17 The District is to estimate for the fiscal year in
18 which the Benefit Assessment is to be levied the administrative
19 and program costs that it will incur pursuant to the NPDES Permit
20 issued for each Benefit Assessment Area. This estimate of costs
21 is to be apportioned among the Parcels within each Benefit
22 Assessment Area on the basis of proportionate stormwater runoff
23 generated by each Parcel. The Benefit Assessment levied and
24 collected within each Benefit Assessment Area may only be applied
25 toward the costs incurred pursuant to the NPDES Permit for that
26 Benefit Assessment Area. If at the conclusion of any fiscal year
27 there remains in the account for a Benefit Assessment Area
28 unexpended funds, the remaining balance shall be applied toward

1 the estimated costs for the next fiscal year and thereby reduce
2 the amount of the Benefit Assessment to be levied. Benefit
3 Assessments levied and collected pursuant to this Ordinance may
4 not be applied toward any other costs or expenses of the District
5 nor may they be applied to the costs of a Benefit Assessment Area
6 other than the Benefit Assessment Area for which they were levied
7 and collected.

8 Section 2. Determination of Proportionate Storm Water Runoff and
9 Amount of Benefit Assessment to be Levied.

10 a.) Benefit Assessment Unit. The District shall
11 express the of proportionate stormwater runoff factor as a
12 decimal. The standard against which all property is to be
13 measured shall be a single-family residential parcel of 7,200
14 square feet (1/6 acre) in size to which a runoff factor of 0.40 is
15 ascribed and shall be called a Benefit Assessment Unit (BAU).

16 The runoff factor for each of the classes listed in subsection
17 (b) below are as follows:

18	Group A	0.80
19	Group B	0.60
20	Group C	0.40
21	Group D	Exempt
22	Group E	0.0067
23	Group F	0.0033

24 The runoff factor for each group is compared to the
25 runoff factor of the standard Benefit Assessment Unit (Group C) as
26 described above. This results in a runoff factor ratio. The
27 runoff factor ratio shall be that ratio established by comparing
28 Benefit Assessment Units assigned to one of the groups listed

1 above, compared to the standard Benefit Assessment Unit
2 represented by Group C. The number of Benefit Assessment Units
3 per parcel size for each of the classes listed in subsection (b)
4 below are as follows:

5	Group A	12 BAU/acre
6	Group B	9 BAU/acre
7	Group C	1 BAU/7200 sq. ft. lot
8	Group D	Exempt
9	Group E	0.10 BAU/acre
10	Group F	0.05 BAU/acre

11 b.) Classification of Parcels. All Parcels shall be
12 assigned to one of the following classifications based on land use:

13 Group A: Commercial or industrial use

14 Group B: Institutional uses, ie. churches, or
15 hospitals, or multiple family residential
16 use having four or more units per parcel,
17 ie. apartments or mobile home parks.

18 Group C: Single family residential or multiple
19 family residential having three or fewer
20 units on 1/6 of an acre parcel.

21 Group D: Agricultural uses, including dairies,
22 poultry, livestock, groves, orchards,
23 row crops, field crops, vines or dry farming.

24 Group E: Golf courses, cemeteries, etc. and that
25 portion of a single family residential
26 parcel in excess of 7,200 square feet (1/6
27 acre) but less than 2.5 acres.

28 Group F: The undeveloped portion of a parcel such

1 as the portion of a single family
2 residential parcel exceeding 2.5 acres.

3 Calculation of the Benefit Assessment Units to be
4 attributed to a single family residential unit on a Parcel larger
5 than 1/6 acre is cumulative with that portion of the Parcel in
6 excess of the 1/6 acre which falls in either Group E or F being
7 assigned the appropriate BAU for the amount of acreage falling
8 within either Group E or F.

9 It is determined that Parcels used as a railroad, gas,
10 water, telephone, cable television, electric utility right-of-way,
11 electric line right-of-way or other utility right-of-way will
12 benefit from the programs required by the NPDES Permit and will be
13 subject to the Benefit Assessment to be levied pursuant to this
14 Ordinance.

15 c.) Exempted Land Uses. All land uses expressly
16 exempted by the NPDES Regulation will be exempted from the levy of
17 a Benefit Assessment pursuant to this Ordinance. Those land uses
18 exempted are:

- 19 1.) Agricultural uses, including dairies,
20 poultry, livestock, groves, orchards, row
21 crops, field crops, vines or dry farming.
- 22 2.) Vacant, undeveloped parcels.
- 23 3.) Publicly owned parcels which are parcels
24 owned by a Federal, State or local public
25 entity or agency and used for public
26 purposes.

27 d.) Determination of Benefit Assessment Units per
28 Parcel. Once a Parcel is classified and its acreage is

1 determined, the appropriate BAU's per acre for its classification
2 will be multiplied by the acreage to determine the total Benefit
3 Assessment Units for the Parcel

4 e.) Determination of Benefit Assessment to be levied
5 per Benefit Assessment Unit. The aggregate number of Benefit
6 Assessment Units within a Benefit Assessment Area will be divided
7 into the estimated administrative and program costs for the
8 Benefit Assessment Area to determine the amount of Benefit
9 Assessment to be levied per Benefit Assessment Unit. The Benefit
10 Assessment to be levied on a Parcel is determined by the number of
11 Benefit Assessment Units ascribed to the Parcel and the assessment
12 value of each unit.

13 ARTICLE V

14 COLLECTION OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT.

15 Section 1. Collection by Treasurer/Tax Collector.

16 The confirmed Benefit Assessment for each Parcel shall
17 appear as a separate item on the tax bill issued by the
18 Treasurer-Tax Collector of the County. The Benefit Assessment
19 shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same
20 manner as the general ad valorem property taxes and shall be
21 subject to the same penalties and the same procedures for sale in
22 case of delinquency. If, for the first year the Benefit
23 Assessment is levied, the property on which the Benefit Assessment
24 is levied has been transferred or conveyed to a bona fide
25 purchaser for value, or if a lien of a bona fide encumbrancer for
26 value has been created and attached thereon, prior to the date on
27 which the first installment of ad valorem property taxes would
28 become delinquent, the Benefit Assessment shall not result in a

lien against the real property but shall be transferred to the unsecured roll.

Section 2. Applicable Law.

All laws applicable to the levy, collection and enforcement of ad valorem property taxes shall be applicable to Benefit Assessments, except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 3. Validity of Benefit Assessment Not Affected by Time Limits.

Failure to meet the time limits set forth in this Ordinance for whatever reason shall not invalidate any Benefit Assessment levied hereunder.

ARTICLE VI

CORRECTION OR CHANGE TO THE TAX ROLL

Section 1. Initiation of the Correction or Change.

A correction or change to the tax roll with respect to a Benefit Assessment may be made by the Chief Engineer, either on his own initiative, or on application by a property owner (the "Assessee").

Section 2. Initiation by Flood Control Engineer.

The Chief Engineer may initiate a correction or change to the tax roll at any time within four (4) years of the date of the resolution of the Board of Supervisors confirming Benefit Assessments placed upon the tax roll.

Section 3. Initiation by the Assessee.

The Assessee may initiate a correction or change to the tax roll by filing a written application with the Chief Engineer within 60 days following his/her receipt of the tax bill reflecting the Benefit Assessment. The application shall contain

1 or include the following information, together with such
2 additional information deemed relevant by the Assessee or
3 requested by the Chief Engineer:

- 4 1. Assessor's parcel number.
- 5 2. Gross acreage.
- 6 3. Use of property as of the preceding March 1st.
- 7 4. Measurements of man-made impervious area, if known.
- 8 5. Copy of the tax bill containing the benefit
9 assessment.

10 Section 4. Categories of Corrections or Changes.

11 Upon approval of the Chief Engineer, corrections or
12 changes shall be made with respect to:

- 13 1. Ownership of a Parcel;
- 14 2. Address of an owner of a Parcel;
- 15 3. Subdivision of an existing Parcel;
- 16 4. Land use category of all or part of a Parcel;
- 17 5. Computation of the area of a Parcel;
- 18 6. Erroneous computation of the Benefit Assessment.

19 Corrections to the tax roll shall not be valid unless and
20 until approved by the Board of Supervisors. All corrections or
21 changes must be reported by the Chief Engineer to the
22 Auditor-Controller of the County, who shall prepare the amended
23 billing, as the case may be. The Chief Engineer shall give
24 written notice to the Assessee of the action taken on the
25 application.

26 If the Assessee disagrees with the Chief Engineer's
27 determination, he/she may file an appeal with the Board of
28 Supervisors within 30 days after receipt of the written notice.

1 The appeal shall be initiated by a written application filed with
2 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for refund of all or part of
3 the Benefit Assessment. The decision of the Board of Supervisors
4 shall be final and shall complete the administrative process. Any
5 further action by the Assessee for recovery of any part of the
6 Benefit Assessment shall be by complaint for refund filed in the
7 Superior Court.

8 ARTICLE VII

9 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

10 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days
11 after the adoption by the Board of Supervisors. Before the
12 expiration of fifteen (15) days after the effective date of this
13 Ordinance it shall be published once in The Press-Enterprise, a
14 newspaper of general circulation in the County of Riverside.

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16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RIVERSIDE
17 FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION
18 DISTRICT

19 By *Walter D. Dunlap*
20 Chairman

21 ATTEST:
22 GERALD A. MALONEY, Clerk

23 *Bernie May*
24 DEPUTY

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Attest:

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District held on 6/4, 1991, the foregoing ordinance consisting of 7 articles was adopted by said Board by the following vote:

Dated: 6/4/91

(Seal)

CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

By Bernie May
Deputy

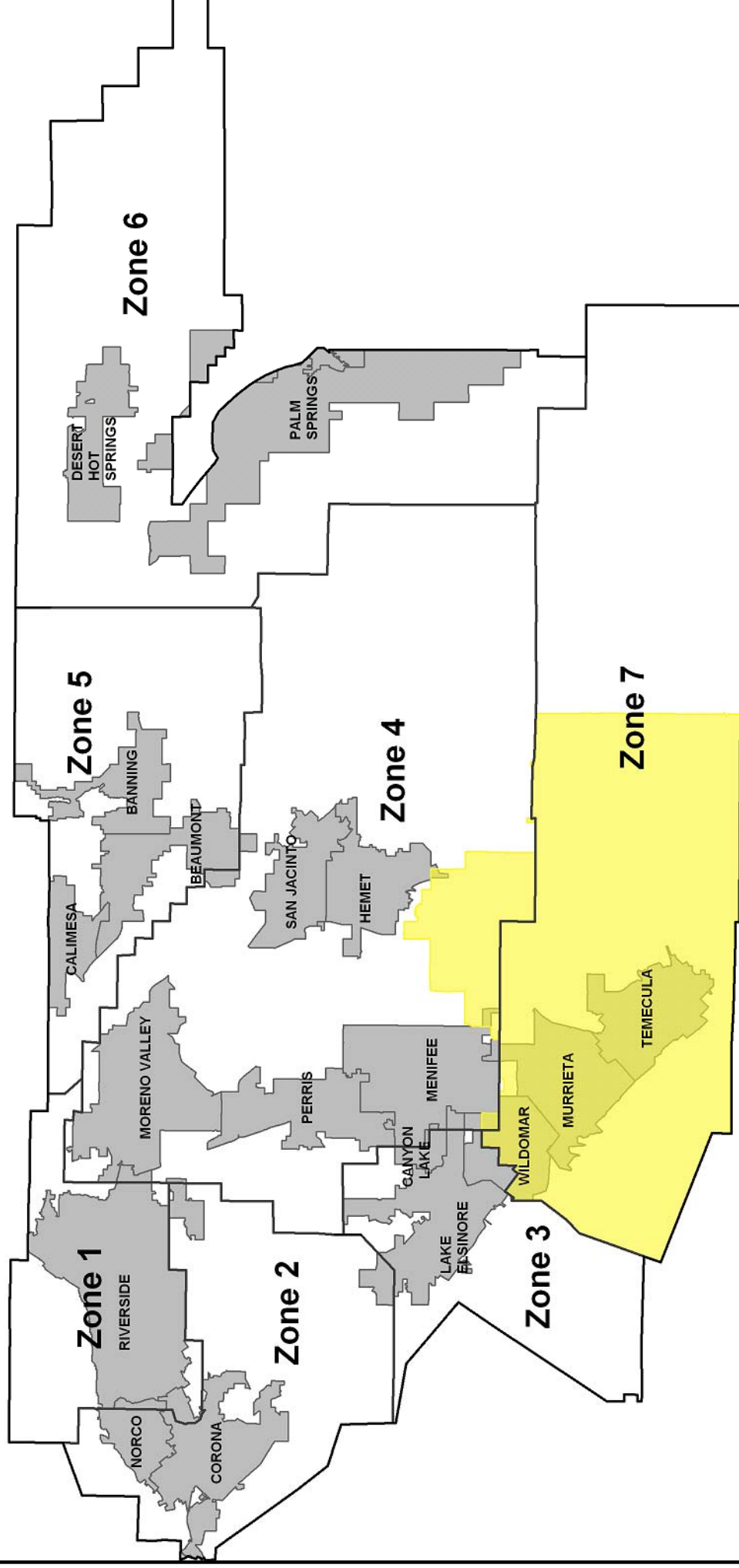
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APPENDIX C

Map of Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area

Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Map of Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area



 - Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area (SMWBAA)

APPENDIX C

Engineer's Report
to the
Board of Supervisors of
Riverside County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District

APPENDIX D

**SMWBAA Assessment Roll (FY 2017-2018)
(Under Separate Cover)**

ENGINEER'S REPORT
TO THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE
RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ON THE
NPDES PROGRAM
FOR THE
WHITEWATER WATERSHED
BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA
JUNE 2017

Jason Uhley
General Manager-Chief Engineer



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INTRODUCTION

In 1987, Congress amended the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) to require public agencies which serve urbanized areas with a population greater than 100,000 and other designated areas to obtain permits to discharge urban stormwater runoff from municipally owned drainage facilities including streets, highways, storm drains and flood control channels. In November 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) promulgated enforceable regulations establishing Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requirements under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. In California, USEPA has delegated its NPDES permitting authority to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The SWRCB issues and enforces NPDES MS4 Permits through its nine California Regional Water Quality Control Boards (CRWQCBs).

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) service area encompasses portions of three major watersheds (drainage areas): the Santa Ana, the Santa Margarita, and the Whitewater Watersheds. The discharge of stormwater from MS4s within each of these three watersheds is regulated pursuant to an NPDES MS4 Permit (NPDES Permit) administered by a separate CRWQCB. **The District must comply with the provisions of these NPDES Permits in order to legally operate and maintain its flood control and drainage system infrastructure.** The USEPA and the CRWQCB can impose significant penalties for non-compliance as high as \$32,500 per day per violation. In addition, private citizens can pursue enforcement actions under the Federal CWA.

In the case of the Whitewater Watershed, the District, in conjunction with the County of Riverside (County), Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), and the Cities of Banning, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage (Cities), jointly submitted the required Part 1 application for an NPDES Permit on June 11, 1992 to the CRWQCB - Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Board). Part 2 of the NPDES Permit application was submitted to the Regional Board on May 17, 1994. The Part 1 NPDES Permit application consisted primarily of a compilation of existing District, County, CVWD, and Cities information such as land use, facilities, discharge information, fiscal resources, legal authority, etc. The Part 2 NPDES Permit application outlined the Permittees' (District, County, CVWD, and Cities) proposed Stormwater Management Program and corresponding implementation schedules.

The Regional Board adopted the initial NPDES Permit (Permit) for the Whitewater Watershed on May 22, 1996; this Permit established the District and County as Principal Permittees, and the CVWD and Cities as Co-Permittees (collectively, the Principal and Co-Permittees comprise the Permittees). The initial Permit expired on May 22, 2001 and as required by the Permit renewal procedures, the Permittees submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to the Regional Board that led to the subsequent adoption of Permit No. 01-077 on September 5, 2001. Permit No. 01-077 incorporated the Permittees' proposed Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) which was developed during the initial Permit term along with additional management programs that were subsequently developed. Additionally, the Permit identified certain additional activities that the Permittees needed to pursue, in accordance with specific time schedules, in order to achieve compliance with the Permit and the CWA. On May 21, 2008, the Regional Board adopted the region's third-term permit, Order Number R7-2008-0001 (2008 Permit). The third-term 2008 Permit sought to improve programs established in the previous term. On November 21, 2012, the Permittees submitted a ROWD to the Regional Board to apply for a fourth-term MS4 Permit. A collaborative effort was put forth by Permittees and Regional Board staff to analyze local BMP effectiveness and applicability, and research other applicable statewide MS4

Permits to develop region-appropriate language and requirements for the Whitewater River Region fourth-term MS4 Permit. The fourth-term MS4 Permit, Order Number R7-2013-0011 (2013 Permit), was subsequently adopted by the Regional Board on June 20, 2013.

From the beginning, the Permittees' Stormwater Management Program has been guided by the following principles:

1. Utilize existing municipal departments/programs to meet NPDES Permit requirements whenever possible.
2. Minimize duplication of effort through coordinated Permittee compliance actions.
3. When necessary, develop new or enhanced stormwater management programs (Best Management Practices) that are both cost-effective and acceptable to the public.

The Whitewater Watershed Benefit Assessment Area (WWBAA) was established pursuant to District Ordinance No. 14 on May 14, 1991 (copy attached - see Appendix B). The WWBAA was formed to offset the District's program and administrative costs associated with the development, implementation and management of identified stormwater management activities required by the federally mandated NPDES Permit Program. The District must continue to develop and implement these stormwater management activities in order to legally operate and maintain its flood control and drainage facilities. A map showing the boundaries of the WWBAA is attached hereto as Appendix C.

As Principal Permittee, the District is required to coordinate regional-scale Permit compliance activities, and implement Permit activities of common interest¹. As such, the costs of the District's various Permit compliance activities fluctuate from year to year. Although some expenses do not change significantly on a yearly basis, certain costs are cyclical (e.g., preparing ROWDs and negotiating Permit provisions), while expenses associated with collecting water samples and laboratory analysis may vary according to the amount of rainfall occurring in a given year or in response to certain information requests from the Regional Board. Costs associated with the development, production, and distribution of public education materials are not always incurred on a Fiscal Year (FY) basis. Occasionally, additional consultant and/or legal services may be needed to assist the District with the development of a particular Permit requirement or program activity. Also, certain activities or programs may be expanded or curtailed from time to time and, occasionally, new programs or activities must be developed and implemented.

Currently, the regulation and management of stormwater runoff is a topic of increasing interest among the public, municipalities, regulatory authorities and legislators. Although new laws and/or regulations could result in changes to the assessment rate in future years, **the proposed assessment rate for FY 2017-2018 is equal to or less than the assessment rate that was enrolled and levied for FY 1996-1997 and all subsequent years.**

¹ Section E.2, Order No. R7-2013-0011

APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGY

WWBAA assessments are apportioned on the basis of proportionate stormwater runoff generated by each parcel. This method of assessment is consistent with State law and the District Act. The amount of benefit is computed based on parcel size (acreage) and use classification. A single-family residential structure on a 7,200 square foot lot (1/6 of an acre) is defined as one benefit assessment unit (BAU). The BAUs for other types of land use are calculated in proportion to the amount of runoff generated by a single-family residence on a 7,200 square foot lot.

In comparison with a typical single family residence, industrial and commercial properties typically generate more stormwater runoff and higher pollutant loads on a per acre basis. Thus, industrial/commercial parcels are assessed at a higher rate per acre than residential parcels. Because agricultural discharges are currently exempt under the NPDES Permit regulations, parcels within the WWBAA that are used for agricultural purposes are exempted from the assessment. Vacant, undeveloped parcels are not assessed because they are considered to generate no increase in pollutant loading. Additionally, certain large undeveloped tracts of land such as Federal or State owned forest are excluded from the WWBAA. A more detailed discussion of the apportionment methodology is presented in Appendix B.

CURRENT YEAR ASSESSMENTS (FY 2016-2017)

In July 2016, the District's Board of Supervisors confirmed a benefit assessment rate for FY 2016-2017 of \$3.63 per BAU. Following is a summary of the FY 2016-2017 assessments:

Rate	Billed Parcels	BAUs	Assessments	Corrections	Amount Paid*
\$3.63	55,606	91,074	\$330,445	\$5,147	\$319,345

* Through April 30, 2017

Property owners may request a review of their assessment(s) by contacting the District. District staff considers each request by reviewing information such as assessor's parcel maps, aerial photographs, and, when necessary, conducting site visits. The Auditor/Controller is notified of any needed corrections and a new tax bill is issued or, in cases where the assessment has been paid, a refund is made. Last year, there were four parcels refunded for a combined total amount of \$5,147. According to the Riverside County Assessor's Office, the parcels were classified as developed commercial property. Research verified the parcels were undeveloped vacant land, and therefore, should not have received an assessment.

RECOMMENDED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT RATES (FY 2017-2018)

The District recommends that for FY 2017-2018, the WWBAA assessment rate remain unchanged at \$3.63 per BAU. This BAU rate would result in an equivalent charge per acre for the following land uses:

Group	Land Use Category	BAU/Acre	Assessment Rate*
A	Industrial, Commercial	12	\$43.56/acre
B	Apartments/Mobile Home Parks, Churches and Schools	9	\$32.67/acre
C	Single-family Residential	6**	\$21.78/acre
D	Agricultural/Vacant Undeveloped	Exempt	\$0.00/acre
E	Golf Courses	0.10	\$0.36/acre
F	Undeveloped Portions of Parcels	0.05	\$0.18/acre

* Refer to Appendix B for a detailed discussion of the Benefit Assessment methodology.

** 1 BAU per single-family residence, assuming six equally sized residential parcels per acre.

The projected revenue for FY 2017-2018, using the proposed benefit assessment rate of \$3.63 per BAU is as follows:

Rate	Parcels ⁽¹⁾	BAUs	Assessment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Projected Revenue ⁽³⁾
\$3.63	55,602	89,656	\$325,298	\$309,033

⁽¹⁾ Based on FY 2016-2017 Assessor's information.

⁽²⁾ Totals may vary due to rounding.

⁽³⁾ Assumes a 5.0% delinquency rate.

The projected revenue along with a portion of the end of year balance from FY 2016-2017 will fund the District's NPDES Stormwater Management Program activities for the Whitewater Watershed area in FY 2017-2018. The proposed FY 2017-2018 budget is presented in Appendix A.

During the early years of the NPDES Program, there were many uncertainties regarding startup costs (consultant costs, amount of required sampling, overall program scope, etc.) since the program was new for both the regulatory authorities and the Permittees. Consequently, the initial assessment rates were set conservatively to ensure that all Permit obligations could be met. To date, the District has been able to successfully negotiate reasonable Permit conditions and implement its Stormwater Management Program in a manner that has retained a portion of the program's initial budget surpluses. As a result, a modest fund balance has been maintained since the benefit assessments were first levied in FY 1991-1992. The District is gradually reducing that fund balance by maintaining the current assessment rate while sustaining expenditure levels that are slightly above projected revenues. It should be noted here that the current trend in California is toward more stringent regulation of municipal stormwater runoff. Thus, it is expected that the District's NPDES Permit compliance costs will increase over the coming years.

ASSESSMENT ROLL

The WWBAA Assessment Roll provides a listing by Assessor's Parcel Number of the proposed FY 2017-2018 Benefit Assessment to be levied on each parcel of property in the WWBAA. The Assessment Roll is identified as Appendix D and incorporated herein by this reference. This Engineer's Report along with the WWBAA Assessment Roll will be placed at the following locations for review by the public:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
4080 Lemon Street, 1st floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Riverside County Flood Control
and Water Conservation District
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501

City of Banning
99 E. Ramsey Street
Banning, CA 92220

City of Palm Springs
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

This Engineer's Report may also be viewed or downloaded at
<http://rcflood.org/NPDES/WhitewaterWS.aspx>

NPDES PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (FY 2016-17)

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following tasks were accomplished in compliance with the Whitewater Watershed NPDES MS4 Permit:

- A. The District continued implementing, and assisting the Permittees with, the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP), the Whitewater-specific Design Handbook for Low Impact Development (LID Handbook), and the local and regional components of the NPDES MS4 Permit (Permit). The SWMP, WQMP, and LID Handbook are compliance documents that were generated to satisfy the Permit requirements according to the unique characteristics of the Whitewater Watershed. The Permit and compliance documents are available on the District's NPDES website.
- B. Continued assisting the City of Coachella with the identification of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (CVSC) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Bacterial Indicators. This TMDL regulates the City's MS4 discharges beyond the Permit's standard requirements by adding conditions that specifically focus on preventing discharges containing pathogens.
- C. Continued identifying and tracking impending draft policies and proposed legislation to inform regulators, policy makers, and the Permittees of potential impacts to the Permit program or to any of its specific components.
- D. Continued collaborating with water purveyors in the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group (CVRWMG). The CVRWMG coordinates water resource management efforts that enable the Coachella Valley region to apply for grants tied to the Department of Water Resources (DWR's) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan and the SWRCB's funding program. The District is currently working with the Permittees and CVRWMG to develop a Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP) that will serve as the functional equivalent of the IRWMP, for the Whitewater Watershed to enable the Permittees to apply for grant funding.
- E. Continued organizing and chairing the NPDES Desert Task Force (DTF). The DTF is a technical advisory committee comprised of Permittees, staff from the Regional Board, stakeholders, and other interested parties. This committee provides a forum to effectively disseminate information, discuss regional and statewide compliance issues, and plan and coordinate Permittee actions to achieve compliance with the Permit.
- F. Continued financial support to area-wide stormwater pollution prevention programs, including the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) temporary and permanent collection events, and the Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oil, and Paint (ABOP) program.
- G. Prepared and submitted the District's comprehensive Annual Progress Report and accompanying Watershed Annual Report to the Regional Board. This effort requires the District to coordinate the submittal of each Permittee's annual progress report to the District and subsequently integrate these reports into the Watershed Annual Report prior to its submittal to the Regional Board.
- H. Continued compliance with the Aquatic Weed Control Permit. Compliance with this Permit is required for vegetation control activities which utilize application of aquatic herbicides on District facilities. Vegetation control is an essential part of the District's

routine maintenance activities in order to ensure that its facilities continue to provide the design level of flood protection to which they were constructed and minimize or prevent loss of life and property. Compliance with the Aquatic Weed Control Permit includes maintaining an aquatic pesticide application plan, implementing BMPs to minimize potential impacts from use of herbicides, monitoring for impacts to water quality, and submittal of an annual report to the Regional Board and State Water Board.

- I. Continued collecting and analyzing water quality samples in accordance with the Permit's Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) via implementation of the Consolidated Monitoring Program (CMP). The CMP is a Permit-driven compliance document that includes procedures for collecting and analyzing water quality samples at MS4 outfalls and from the receiving water station within the Whitewater Watershed, managing data, ensuring quality control, and maintaining accurate reporting. By implementing the CMP, the District successfully conducts water quality sampling events during dry and wet weather seasons to ensure continued compliance with the MRP of the Permit.
- J. Continued participation in the Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC). The SMC is a regional monitoring group comprised of Southern California Phase 1 Municipal NPDES Permit holders that focuses on developing effective and meaningful stormwater quality monitoring techniques, which can then be applied to the District's monitoring program.
- K. Continued participation in the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA). To date, the District has served as Executive Committee Member, Legislative Co-Chair, Monitoring and Science subcommittee Co-Chair, and active member on the Policy and Permitting subcommittee and BMP subcommittee. The Monitoring and Science subcommittee is tasked with developing priorities pertinent to research and monitoring, establishing partnerships, and seeking funding mechanisms. The Policy and Permitting subcommittee is tasked with providing comments and testimony on State, USEPA, and precedent-setting regional initiatives in addition to advocating the development of statewide stormwater policies. The BMP subcommittee is tasked with tracking and providing current and relevant information and updates on existing and developing BMPs. On behalf of the Riverside County Co-Permittees, the District remains active within CASQA; specifically, Darcy Kuenzi currently serves as Legislative Co-Chair and Rebekah Guill serves as the Monitoring and Science Co-Chair. District staff also actively participates in the Pesticides, BMP, and Policy and Permitting subcommittees.
- L. Continued participation in the CASQA Pesticides subcommittee. This subcommittee is tasked with facilitating changes to State and Federal pesticides regulations that could potentially improve processes for evaluating the environmental impacts of new pesticides on receiving waters. It is also focused on changing labeling and use requirements for existing pesticides such as pyrethroids. This subcommittee has collaborated with the Water Boards in a coordinated statewide effort referred to as the Urban Pesticides Pollution Prevention Partnership. The goal is to address the impacts of pesticides efficiently and proactively through the statutory authority of the Department of Pesticide Regulation and EPA's Office of Pesticides.
- M. Continued managing and implementing presentation of semi-annual municipal employee stormwater training programs. These training classes focus on providing municipal staff with the requisite knowledge to properly implement the SWMP, the WQMP, and the local Permit components such as Development Planning, Municipal Activities, Industrial/Commercial Inspections, and Construction Inspections. Fall and spring training

classes were held in each of the three Permit regions in order to provide close proximity to each Permittee group.

- N. Continued providing stormwater pollution prevention education and outreach by conducting educational presentations in local elementary schools throughout the County; participating in the annual Date Festival; supporting Permittee-sponsored community events such as Earth Day; and distributing BMP brochures addressing pollution prevention, recycling, proper disposal of household hazardous waste, runoff from construction activities, pet care, swimming pool discharges, jacuzzi and garden fountain maintenance, septic tank upkeep, professional mobile services, landscape and gardening activities, the "Do's-and-Dont's" of outdoor cleaning, and proper housekeeping practices for automotive facilities, restaurants, and commercial/industrial facilities.
- O. Continued to chair the Public Education Subcommittee. Meetings include Permittee representation from each watershed to review elements of regional public education programs and program materials.
- P. Continued operating and maintaining the District's NPDES website which provides information, resources, and important links for the Permittees, regulators, developers, business owners, the public, and in-house staff regarding the Permit, its compliance programs, compliance documents, monitoring and sampling, education and outreach, and more. The District has also redesigned its Public Education webpage and reformatted the contents to be more effective at providing usable and interactive data that ultimately enhances the quality of the information.
- Q. In coordination with the Permittees, the District generated a detailed schedule outlining the entire production process of the 2017 Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD). The District subsequently conducted field reconnaissance throughout the Whitewater Watershed and began collecting jurisdiction-specific data from the Permittees. The ROWD process is highly collaborative and requires extensive research to accurately convey the region's unique characteristics and prevalent ephemerality.

PROGRAM/WORK ITEMS (FY 2017-2018)

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following tasks are proposed in order to support the Whitewater Watershed NPDES MS4 Permit:

2017 Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD)

Prior to the end of each Permit term, the District and Permittees work collaboratively to assess all data collected during the Permit term. This assessment includes data from water sampling events, storm events, changes to population and land use, new construction, and jurisdiction-specific data from each Permittee program. The results assist in determining the effectiveness of the Permit requirements and are subsequently presented in a ROWD which serves several purposes: 1) as the application for the next Permit; 2) to educate regulators about the uniqueness of the Whitewater Watershed; and 3) to offer updates and recommendations for the next Permit. This, in turn, can assist regulators with incorporating region-appropriate requirements in upcoming Permits. As such, throughout the remainder of 2017, the District and Permittees will continue collaborating on the ROWD in order to meet the December 23, 2017 submittal date.

MS4 Permit Implementation

The District will continue coordinating all responsibilities assigned to the Principal Permittee in the 2013 MS4 Permit, as well as assisting Permittees with their jurisdictional requirements upon request. The Permit features unique data tracking requirements (such as tracking and inventorying of Permittee-owned or operated MS4s, including those located on tribal lands), a comprehensive monitoring program, annual and quinquennial reporting requirements, and inspection components geared toward ensuring that all applicable active and proposed construction projects and existing industrial facilities or activities are implementing effective pollution prevention practices and have applied for their own specific NPDES permit, or state-wide general permit coverage, for these construction projects and industrial facilities or activities. Training is ongoing to familiarize Permittee staff with these new unique requirements and the updated SWMP, WQMP, and BMP Design Handbook. These data tracking, reporting requirements and program adjustments will involve continued extensive collaboration between District, Permittees, and Regional Board staff during the coming fiscal year.

Aquatic Weed Control Permit Compliance

Compliance with the Aquatic Weed Control Permit is required for vegetation control activities which utilize application of aquatic herbicides on District facilities. Vegetation control is an essential part of the District's routine maintenance activities in order to ensure that its facilities continue to provide the design level of flood protection to which they were constructed and minimize or prevent loss of life and property. Compliance with the Aquatic Weed Control Permit includes maintaining an aquatic pesticide application plan, implementing BMPs to minimize potential impacts from use of herbicides, monitoring for impacts to water quality, and submittal of an annual report to the Regional Board and State Water Board.

MS4 Program Management

As a Principal Permittee, and in accordance with the 2014 Implementation Agreement, the District will continue coordinating the regional efforts of the Permittees and facilitating compliance with the Permit. These activities include chairing Desert Task Force meetings, administering area-wide programs (e.g., public education, household hazardous waste collection, hazardous material spill response, stormwater sample collection and analysis), continuing ongoing program development, and preparing and submitting the District's comprehensive Annual Progress Report and accompanying Watershed Annual Report to the Regional Board.

The District will also continue focusing its efforts on identifying and commenting on statewide issues that affect local stormwater programs.

Area-Wide MS4 Programs

The District will continue to provide financial support for several important "area-wide" BMP programs implemented on behalf of the Permittees. The programs currently include:

Public Education

The District provides for coordination and oversight of the area-wide NPDES public education and outreach efforts, including public outreach events, school and adult education programs, printed brochures and commercial media campaigns. This includes continued development and distribution of focused educational outreach materials for specific industries and businesses such as restaurants, auto repair shops, mobile cleaning businesses, and other industrial and commercial activities that are potential sources of stormwater pollution.

Training for Municipal Employees

Municipal training programs are provided to improve understanding of the NPDES Permit requirements and stormwater BMPs. The classes focus on methods to reduce and/or eliminate sources of stormwater pollution from public agency facilities and activities, implementation of the WQMP, local stormwater ordinances, and State Construction and General Permit requirements. Training is conducted specifically for construction inspection staff, municipal facilities maintenance staff, and staff responsible for new development/redevelopment project review.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection / ABOP

The District and Permittees provide financial support to the County Department of Waste Resources to support the permanent HHW collection site in the City of Palm Springs, ongoing mobile HHW collection events, and operation of the ABOP program, all of which provide local residents with opportunities to properly dispose of HHW.

Water Quality Monitoring

In collaboration with the CVWD, the District will continue conducting wet weather and dry weather water quality sample collection and analysis in accordance with the Permit's Monitoring and Reporting Program. As applicable, the District will also continue implementing improvements to the reporting of water quality monitoring activities and associated results.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The area-wide Municipal Stormwater Program for the Whitewater Watershed has been implemented in an efficient, cost-effective manner through the ongoing cooperative efforts of the District, the Co-Permittees, the Regional Board, the Riverside County Fire Department, and the County Department of Waste Resources. The District's NPDES Program activities, which are funded by these WWBAA assessments, are required to comply with the current NPDES Permit for the Whitewater Watershed and enforceable provisions of the California Water Code and the Federal Clean Water Act, which regulate the discharge of stormwater from municipally owned storm drains and flood control facilities. These mandatory stormwater management program activities are an essential component of the District's continuing operation and maintenance of its critical public safety facilities; therefore, the following action is recommended:

Levy a Flood Control Benefit Assessment in the Whitewater Watershed Benefit Assessment Area at an unchanged rate of \$3.63 per benefit assessment unit for the FY 2017-2018.

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GLOSSARY

ABOP – Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oil, and Paint

BAU – Benefit Assessment Unit

BMP – Best Management Practice

CASQA - California Stormwater Quality Association

CMP – Consolidated Monitoring Program

CRWQCB - California Regional Water Quality Control Board

CVRWMG – Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group

CVWD - Coachella Valley Water District

CWA – Clean Water Act

District – Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FY – Fiscal Year

HHW – Household Hazardous Waste

IRWM - Integrated Regional Watershed Management

LID – Low Impact Development

NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

Order R7-2013-0011 – Colorado River Basin Regional Board Order adopted on June 20, 2013

Regional Board - California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Colorado River Region

ROWD – Report of Waste Discharge

SMC – Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition

SWMP – Stormwater Management Plan

WWBAA – Whitewater Watershed Benefit Assessment Area

SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board

TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load

USEPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency

WQMP – Water Quality Management Plan

APPENDIX A

Proposed NPDES Program Budget (FY 2017-2018)

APPENDIX A

WHITEWATER WATERSHED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA PROPOSED NPDES PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2017-2018

STAFFING

General Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$275,900
General Staff Standby/Differential/Overtime Pay	<u>6,000</u>
Subtotal	\$281,900

ADMINISTRATION & OVERHEAD

Administration & Overhead	\$86,154
County Counsel Services	2,000
Equipment Lease / Rental	1,000
Vehicle Mileage	3,000
Photocopying / Reproduction	1,330
Miscellaneous (Photography, Communications, Supplies, etc.)	<u>7,050</u>
Subtotal	\$100,534

GENERAL CONSULTANT SERVICES

Technical / Regulatory Support	\$70,000
Grants / Misc. Applications	20,000
Benefit Assessment Services	<u>3,250</u>
Subtotal	\$93,250

PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education Program: Staff / Contract Services / Presentations	\$31,200
Education Program: Production / Materials / Media	<u>22,680</u>
Subtotal	\$53,880

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM

Staff Time / Laboratory Services / Monitoring / Reporting	\$52,000
Small Tools & Equipment	<u>2,700</u>
Subtotal	\$54,700

POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Household Hazardous Waste Program (Department of Waste Resources)	<u>30,000</u>
Subtotal	\$30,000

PROGRAM SUBTOTAL

CONTINGENCY (10%)	61,426
Assessor's/Treasurer's Office Line Item Charges (\$0.42/parcel)	23,353
County Fee for Annual Submittal	<u>130</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

PROGRAM SUBTOTAL	\$614,264
FUND BALANCE FROM FY 2016-2017 (est.)	\$1,897,209
PERMITTEE REIMBURSEMENTS	363,902
PROJECTED REVENUE	<u>299,000</u>

CASH AVAILABLE

PROJECTED FUND BALANCE

\$2,560,111

\$1,860,938

APPENDIX B

RCFC&WCD Ordinance No. 14 (May 14, 1991)

ORDINANCE NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD
CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING A BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (NPDES) STORMWATER PROGRAM

The Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, State of California, do ordain as follows:

ARTICLE I

GENERALSection 1. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "NPDES Program - Benefit Assessment Ordinance" of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Section 2. Purpose.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") has, consistent with Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, promulgated the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Regulations (the "NPDES Regulations") pursuant to which the EPA, through the appropriate California Regional Water Quality Control Board (the "CRWQCB") has required the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (the "District") and other affected public entities to secure a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit (the "NPDES Permit") which does require the District to develop, implement and manage identified programs dealing with stormwater runoff. The parcels of land within the respective watersheds within the District's jurisdiction for which a NPDES Permit is

1 required will benefit from these programs. The Board of
2 Supervisors of the District has determined, pursuant to the
3 Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation Act (the
4 "District Act"), which is Chapter 48, as amended, of the
5 California Water Code Appendix, to establish certain Benefit
6 Assessment Areas in which the District will annually levy a
7 Benefit Assessment to pay the cost of these programs required by
8 the NPDES Permit. The Board of Supervisors of the District,
9 consistent with Section 48-14 of the District Act, held a noticed
10 public hearing at which time all testimony, oral and written, was
11 considered. As the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of
12 Supervisors of the District adopted resolutions establishing the
13 Benefit Assessment Areas. The provisions of this Ordinance
14 confirming the establishment of the Benefit Assessment Areas and
15 providing for the annual levy of a Benefit Assessment are
16 consistent with the District Act and the reports prepared by the
17 Chief Engineer of the District and accepted by the Board of
18 Supervisors of the District.

19 The Board of Supervisors of the District finds that
20 the Benefit Assessment to be annually levied shall be based on the
21 proportional stormwater runoff generated by each lot or parcel
22 within the Benefit Assessment Area. Revenues derived from the
23 Benefit Assessment shall be applied exclusively to pay the
24 District's administrative and program costs associated with the
25 NPDES Permit required for the Benefit Assessment Area and are to
26 be apportioned to the Benefit Assessment Area in which they are
27 collected.

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ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. Unless otherwise specifically provided or required by the context, certain terms or expressions used herein have the meanings set forth below:

- a.) "Benefit Assessment" means the Benefit Assessment to be levied annually on each Parcel within a Benefit Assessment Area pursuant to Article IV of this Ordinance.
- b.) "Benefit Assessment Area" means a Benefit Assessment Area formed pursuant to Section 48-14 of the District Act by the Board of Supervisors and identified in Article III of this Ordinance.
- c.) "Board of Supervisors" means the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
- d.) "Chief Engineer" means the Chief Engineer of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
- e.) "County" means the County of Riverside, State of California.
- f.) "CRWQCB" means the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the region in which the Benefit Assessment Area has been established.
- g.) "District" means the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
- h.) "District Act" means the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act, Statutes 1945, Chapter 1122, as amended; California Water Code,

Appendix, Chapter 48.

i.) "EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency, which, pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1976, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, has jurisdiction to establish the NPDES program and promulgate regulations pursuant thereto.

j.) "NPDES Permit" means the permit, issued by the regional CRWQCB, dealing with stormwater runoff in association with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the regulations promulgated by the EPA.

k.) "NPDES Regulations" means the final regulations dated November 16, 1990, and any subsequent amendments thereto promulgated by the EPA governing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

l.) "Ordinance" means this Ordinance No. 14 of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

m.) "Parcel" means a parcel of property identified by Assessor parcel number as shown on the equalized tax rolls of the County of Riverside, State of California.

ARTICLE III

ESTABLISHMENT OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREAS

Section 1. Formation of Benefit Assessment Areas.

Pursuant to Section 48-14 of the District Act, the Board of Supervisors noticed three public hearings to consider the establishment of three Benefit Assessment Areas for each of which a NPDES Permit would be required by the NPDES Regulations. At the

1 conclusion of the hearings, the Board of Supervisors adopted
2 Resolutions Nos. F91-21, F91-22, and F91-23 which established,
3 respectively, the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, the
4 Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, and the
5 Whitewater Watershed Benefit Assessment Area. The legal
6 descriptions for each of the Benefit Assessments Areas are
7 attached hereto, marked respectively Exhibits A, B, and C, and are
8 by this reference incorporated herein.

9 Section 2. Amendment to or Additional Benefit Assessment Areas.

10 The District may amend the boundaries of each of the
11 Benefit Assessment Areas or create additional Benefit Assessment
12 Areas, if in the District's administrative judgment the NPDES
13 Regulations and the NPDES Permits issued pursuant thereto so
14 require. To amend the boundaries to a Benefit Assessment Area or
15 to create an additional Benefit Assessment Area, the District is
16 to comply with provisions of the District Act then governing the
17 creation of a benefit assessment area.

18 ARTICLE IV

19 REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER, HEARING THEREON;

20 CONFIRMATION OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT BY THE

21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

22 Section 1. Report.

23 The Chief Engineer shall cause to be prepared annually
24 a written report for each Benefit Assessment Area regarding the
25 Benefit Assessment to be levied and shall file each report with
26 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

27 Section 2. Content of the Report.

28 Each report shall contain the District's estimate of

1 its administrative and program costs in association with the NPDES
2 Permit for the Benefit Assessment Area for the ensuing fiscal
3 year. Said estimate of cost shall be apportioned to each Parcel
4 on the basis of proportionate stormwater runoff generated from
5 each Parcel to be assessed. Only Parcels not otherwise exempted
6 by this Ordinance or the NPDES Regulations shall have a Benefit
7 Assessment levied on them. The report shall identify all Parcels
8 by Assessor parcel number on which a Benefit Assessment is to be
9 levied and the amount of the assessment.

10 Section 3. Resolution Accepting Report and Noticing Public
11 Hearing.

12 Upon the report being filed with the Clerk of the
13 Board of Supervisors, the Board of Supervisors is, by resolution,
14 to accept, if appropriate, the report and to set a date, time and
15 place for a hearing on said report. Prior to the date of the
16 hearing, a notice specifying the date, time, place and purpose of
17 the hearing and identifying those locations at which a property
18 owner may review the report shall be published in a newspaper of
19 general circulation within the Benefit Assessment Area pursuant to
20 the provisions of Section 6066 of the California Government Code.
21 In addition, the District shall cause the notice of the hearing to
22 be posted in at least three public places within the boundaries of
23 the Benefit Assessment Area at least seven (7) days prior to the
24 date of the hearing.

25 Section 4. Hearing.

26 The Board of Supervisors shall hear the matter on the
27 date and at the time specified in the notice, or as continued for
28 good cause. At the hearing, the Board of Supervisors shall hear

1 and consider all testimony, oral and written, presented, including
2 all written protests. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board
3 of Supervisors may revise, change, reduce or modify any Benefit
4 Assessment and shall make its determination upon each Benefit
5 Assessment identified in the report. Thereafter, by resolution it
6 shall confirm the assessments. Such confirming resolution shall
7 be adopted no later than August 10 of each fiscal year in which
8 the Benefit Assessment is to be levied and collected.

9 Section 5. Enrollment.

10 The District shall provide certified copies of the
11 confirming resolutions and the roll of confirmed Benefit
12 Assessments, in an acceptable format, to the Auditor-Controller of
13 the County on or before August 10 of each fiscal year.

14 ARTICLE IV

15 LEVY OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

16 Section 1. Determination of the Amount to be Assessed.

17 The District is to estimate for the fiscal year in
18 which the Benefit Assessment is to be levied the administrative
19 and program costs that it will incur pursuant to the NPDES Permit
20 issued for each Benefit Assessment Area. This estimate of costs
21 is to be apportioned among the Parcels within each Benefit
22 Assessment Area on the basis of proportionate stormwater runoff
23 generated by each Parcel. The Benefit Assessment levied and
24 collected within each Benefit Assessment Area may only be applied
25 toward the costs incurred pursuant to the NPDES Permit for that
26 Benefit Assessment Area. If at the conclusion of any fiscal year
27 there remains in the account for a Benefit Assessment Area
28 unexpended funds, the remaining balance shall be applied toward

1 the estimated costs for the next fiscal year and thereby reduce
2 the amount of the Benefit Assessment to be levied. Benefit
3 Assessments levied and collected pursuant to this Ordinance may
4 not be applied toward any other costs or expenses of the District
5 nor may they be applied to the costs of a Benefit Assessment Area
6 other than the Benefit Assessment Area for which they were levied
7 and collected.

8 Section 2. Determination of Proportionate Storm Water Runoff and
9 Amount of Benefit Assessment to be Levied.

10 a.) Benefit Assessment Unit. The District shall
11 express the of proportionate stormwater runoff factor as a
12 decimal. The standard against which all property is to be
13 measured shall be a single-family residential parcel of 7,200
14 square feet (1/6 acre) in size to which a runoff factor of 0.40 is
15 ascribed and shall be called a Benefit Assessment Unit (BAU).

16 The runoff factor for each of the classes listed in subsection
17 (b) below are as follows:

18	Group A	0.80
19	Group B	0.60
20	Group C	0.40
21	Group D	Exempt
22	Group E	0.0067
23	Group F	0.0033

24 The runoff factor for each group is compared to the
25 runoff factor of the standard Benefit Assessment Unit (Group C) as
26 described above. This results in a runoff factor ratio. The
27 runoff factor ratio shall be that ratio established by comparing
28 Benefit Assessment Units assigned to one of the groups listed

1 above, compared to the standard Benefit Assessment Unit
2 represented by Group C. The number of Benefit Assessment Units
3 per parcel size for each of the classes listed in subsection (b)
4 below are as follows:

5	Group A	12 BAU/acre
6	Group B	9 BAU/acre
7	Group C	1 BAU/7200 sq. ft. lot
8	Group D	Exempt
9	Group E	0.10 BAU/acre
10	Group F	0.05 BAU/acre

11 b.) Classification of Parcels. All Parcels shall be
12 assigned to one of the following classifications based on land use:

13 Group A: Commercial or industrial use

14 Group B: Institutional uses, ie. churches, or
15 hospitals, or multiple family residential
16 use having four or more units per parcel,
17 ie. apartments or mobile home parks.

18 Group C: Single family residential or multiple
19 family residential having three or fewer
20 units on 1/6 of an acre parcel.

21 Group D: Agricultural uses, including dairies,
22 poultry, livestock, groves, orchards,
23 row crops, field crops, vines or dry farming.

24 Group E: Golf courses, cemeteries, etc. and that
25 portion of a single family residential
26 parcel in excess of 7,200 square feet (1/6
27 acre) but less than 2.5 acres.

28 Group F: The undeveloped portion of a parcel such

1 as the portion of a single family
2 residential parcel exceeding 2.5 acres.

3 Calculation of the Benefit Assessment Units to be
4 attributed to a single family residential unit on a Parcel larger
5 than 1/6 acre is cumulative with that portion of the Parcel in
6 excess of the 1/6 acre which falls in either Group E or F being
7 assigned the appropriate BAU for the amount of acreage falling
8 within either Group E or F.

9 It is determined that Parcels used as a railroad, gas,
10 water, telephone, cable television, electric utility right-of-way,
11 electric line right-of-way or other utility right-of-way will
12 benefit from the programs required by the NPDES Permit and will be
13 subject to the Benefit Assessment to be levied pursuant to this
14 Ordinance.

15 c.) Exempted Land Uses. All land uses expressly
16 exempted by the NPDES Regulation will be exempted from the levy of
17 a Benefit Assessment pursuant to this Ordinance. Those land uses
18 exempted are:

- 19 1.) Agricultural uses, including dairies,
20 poultry, livestock, groves, orchards, row
21 crops, field crops, vines or dry farming.
- 22 2.) Vacant, undeveloped parcels.
- 23 3.) Publicly owned parcels which are parcels
24 owned by a Federal, State or local public
25 entity or agency and used for public
26 purposes.

27 d.) Determination of Benefit Assessment Units per
28 Parcel. Once a Parcel is classified and its acreage is

1 determined, the appropriate BAU's per acre for its classification
2 will be multiplied by the acreage to determine the total Benefit
3 Assessment Units for the Parcel

4 e.) Determination of Benefit Assessment to be levied
5 per Benefit Assessment Unit. The aggregate number of Benefit
6 Assessment Units within a Benefit Assessment Area will be divided
7 into the estimated administrative and program costs for the
8 Benefit Assessment Area to determine the amount of Benefit
9 Assessment to be levied per Benefit Assessment Unit. The Benefit
10 Assessment to be levied on a Parcel is determined by the number of
11 Benefit Assessment Units ascribed to the Parcel and the assessment
12 value of each unit.

13 ARTICLE V

14 COLLECTION OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT.

15 Section 1. Collection by Treasurer/Tax Collector.

16 The confirmed Benefit Assessment for each Parcel shall
17 appear as a separate item on the tax bill issued by the
18 Treasurer-Tax Collector of the County. The Benefit Assessment
19 shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same
20 manner as the general ad valorem property taxes and shall be
21 subject to the same penalties and the same procedures for sale in
22 case of delinquency. If, for the first year the Benefit
23 Assessment is levied, the property on which the Benefit Assessment
24 is levied has been transferred or conveyed to a bona fide
25 purchaser for value, or if a lien of a bona fide encumbrancer for
26 value has been created and attached thereon, prior to the date on
27 which the first installment of ad valorem property taxes would
28 become delinquent, the Benefit Assessment shall not result in a

lien against the real property but shall be transferred to the unsecured roll.

Section 2. Applicable Law.

All laws applicable to the levy, collection and enforcement of ad valorem property taxes shall be applicable to Benefit Assessments, except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 3. Validity of Benefit Assessment Not Affected by Time Limits.

Failure to meet the time limits set forth in this Ordinance for whatever reason shall not invalidate any Benefit Assessment levied hereunder.

ARTICLE VI

CORRECTION OR CHANGE TO THE TAX ROLL

Section 1. Initiation of the Correction or Change.

A correction or change to the tax roll with respect to a Benefit Assessment may be made by the Chief Engineer, either on his own initiative, or on application by a property owner (the "Assessee").

Section 2. Initiation by Flood Control Engineer.

The Chief Engineer may initiate a correction or change to the tax roll at any time within four (4) years of the date of the resolution of the Board of Supervisors confirming Benefit Assessments placed upon the tax roll.

Section 3. Initiation by the Assessee.

The Assessee may initiate a correction or change to the tax roll by filing a written application with the Chief Engineer within 60 days following his/her receipt of the tax bill reflecting the Benefit Assessment. The application shall contain

1 or include the following information, together with such
2 additional information deemed relevant by the Assessee or
3 requested by the Chief Engineer:

- 4 1. Assessor's parcel number.
- 5 2. Gross acreage.
- 6 3. Use of property as of the preceding March 1st.
- 7 4. Measurements of man-made impervious area, if known.
- 8 5. Copy of the tax bill containing the benefit
9 assessment.

10 Section 4. Categories of Corrections or Changes.

11 Upon approval of the Chief Engineer, corrections or
12 changes shall be made with respect to:

- 13 1. Ownership of a Parcel;
- 14 2. Address of an owner of a Parcel;
- 15 3. Subdivision of an existing Parcel;
- 16 4. Land use category of all or part of a Parcel;
- 17 5. Computation of the area of a Parcel;
- 18 6. Erroneous computation of the Benefit Assessment.

19 Corrections to the tax roll shall not be valid unless and
20 until approved by the Board of Supervisors. All corrections or
21 changes must be reported by the Chief Engineer to the
22 Auditor-Controller of the County, who shall prepare the amended
23 billing, as the case may be. The Chief Engineer shall give
24 written notice to the Assessee of the action taken on the
25 application.

26 If the Assessee disagrees with the Chief Engineer's
27 determination, he/she may file an appeal with the Board of
28 Supervisors within 30 days after receipt of the written notice.

1 The appeal shall be initiated by a written application filed with
2 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for refund of all or part of
3 the Benefit Assessment. The decision of the Board of Supervisors
4 shall be final and shall complete the administrative process. Any
5 further action by the Assessee for recovery of any part of the
6 Benefit Assessment shall be by complaint for refund filed in the
7 Superior Court.

8 ARTICLE VII

9 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

10 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days
11 after the adoption by the Board of Supervisors. Before the
12 expiration of fifteen (15) days after the effective date of this
13 Ordinance it shall be published once in The Press-Enterprise, a
14 newspaper of general circulation in the County of Riverside.

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16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RIVERSIDE
17 FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION
18 DISTRICT

19 By *William C. Katzenstein*
20 Chairman

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22 GERALD A. MALONEY, Clerk

23 *Bernie May*
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District held on 6/4, 1991, the foregoing ordinance consisting of 7 articles was adopted by said Board by the following vote:

Dated: 6/4/91

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By Bernie May
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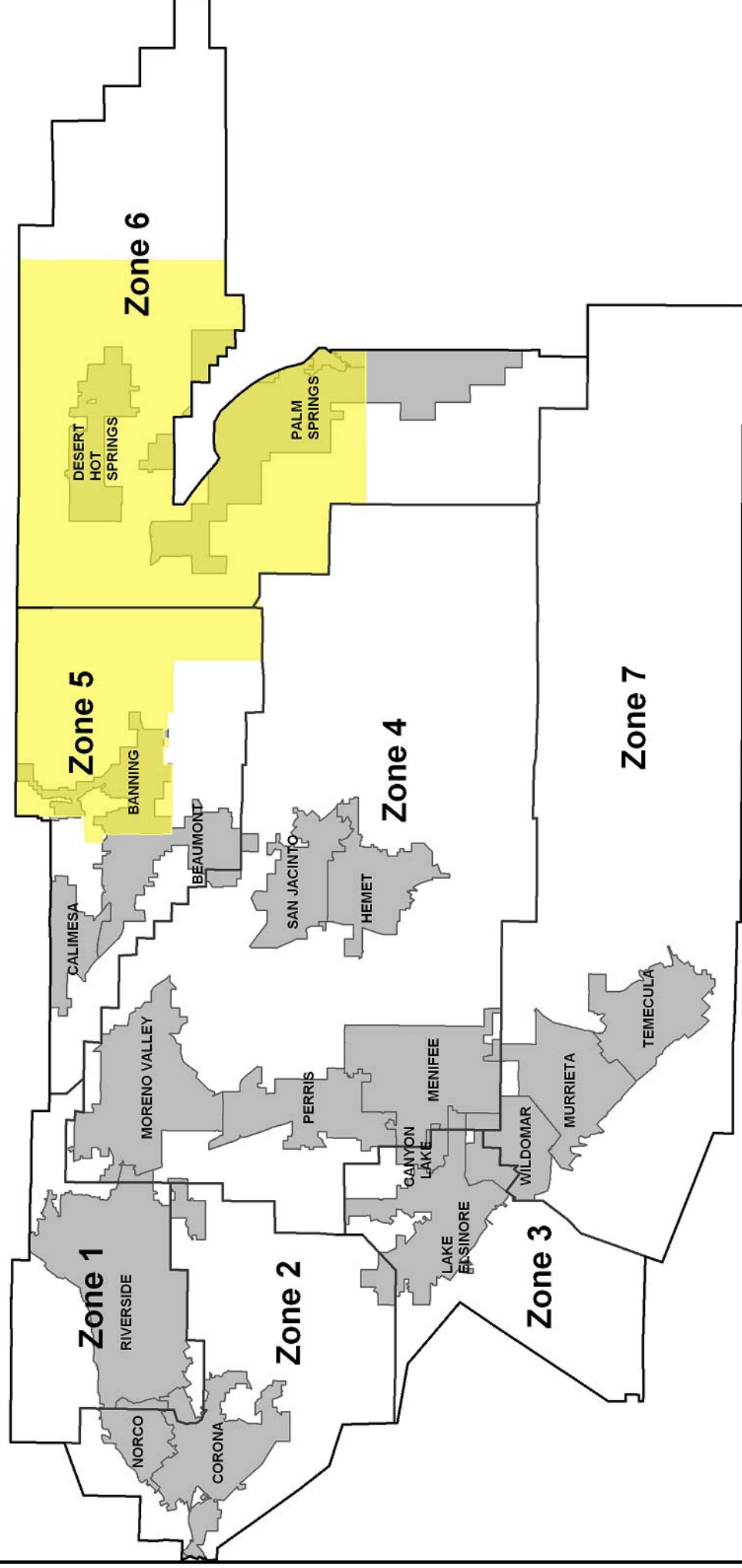
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APPENDIX C

Map of Whitewater Watershed Benefit Assessment Area

Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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 - Whitewater Watershed Benefit Assessment Area (WWBAA)

APPENDIX C

Engineer's Report
to the

Board of Supervisors of
Riverside County Flood Control
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APPENDIX D

**WWBAA Assessment Roll (FY 2017-2018)
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ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR

THE SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing, at which all interested persons will be heard, will be held before the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, California, acting as the governing board of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, on July 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter, relative to the Flood Control Engineer's Report on the NPDES Program for the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area. The Board will hear and consider all protests with regard to the program, if any, including protests with regard to the amount of the proposed assessment to be levied. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any assessment and shall make its determination upon each assessment described in the report for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to statutory authorization, a written report by the Chief Engineer of the District describing the Benefit Assessment Program has been filed with the Clerk of the District's Board. The report contains a description of each parcel of property within the boundaries of the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area of the District on which a benefit assessment is proposed to be levied, and sets forth the amount of the proposed benefit assessment for each such parcel. The report contains a schedule of the benefit assessment rates for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year. Copies of the report, together with copies of the assessment rolls for the Santa Margarita Watershed Benefit Assessment Area and the official Riverside County Assessor's Map Books, are on file and available for review by the public at the office of the Clerk of the District's Board at the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California; the District's office at 1995 Market Street, Riverside, California; the City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, California; and the City of Murrieta, 1 Town Square, Murrieta, California. By reference to the Chief Engineer's report, the assessment rolls, and the map books, each property owner may verify the area of his or her parcel, its land use, and the amount of the 2017-18 Benefit Assessment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the proposed benefit assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2017-18 is the same benefit assessment rate as Fiscal Year 1996-97 and all subsequent years.

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Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, Ca 92502-1147.

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Dated: June 22, 2017 Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board
By: Cecilia Gil, Board Assistant

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