

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



ITEM: 11.3
(ID # 21789)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

FROM : FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Adopt Resolution F2023-02 Accepting the Engineer's Report and Setting the Date of the Public Hearing for the NPDES Program Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14 Providing for the Establishment and Levy Benefit Assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program, All Districts. [\$0] (CLERK TO ADVERTISE)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the Engineer's Report on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, dated June 2023;
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to advertise for the public hearing on said report, to be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 11, 2023 at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors ("Board"); and
3. Adopt the following entitled resolution: Resolution No. F2023-02 Accepting the Engineer's Report and Setting a Public Hearing for the Santa Ana 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.

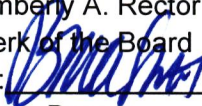
ACTION: Policy, Set for Hearing


Edwin Quinonez 5/25/2023

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Spiegel, Perez
Date: June 13, 2023
xc: Flood, COBcF

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: 23/24	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area was established on May 14, 1991, by the adoption of Resolution No. F91-21 by the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14 of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act. Said Ordinance No. 14 requires that the General Manager-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 23/24 is \$3.75 per Benefit Assessment Unit; this is equal to the Benefit Assessment that was enrolled and levied for Fiscal Year 96/97 and all subsequent years.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. SAR BA Engineer's Report FY 2023-24
2. SAR BA Resolution No. F2023-02

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Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst 6/6/2023


Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Counsel 5/26/2023

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. F2023-02

ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SANTA ANA 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

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Santa Ana 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 Ana 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 Ana Watershed that lies within the District's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") on May 14, 1991 adopted Resolution No. F91-21 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 Ana 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: AR 5-15-23
AARON C. GETTIS DATE

1 **WHEREAS**, the Benefit Assessments collected are principally used to finance capital
2 costs 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
9 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors regarding the Benefit Assessment to be levied for the 2023-24
10 Fiscal Year for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Section 3 of Article IV of Ordinance No. 14 requires that the Board set a
12 date, 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 XIID to the California Constitution ("Article XIID") 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 XIID 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 XIID
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 13th day of June 2023 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 of Supervisors is accepted.

27 Section 3. The Report proposes that the Benefit Assessment to be levied on all parcels
28 within the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, as described in Ordinance No. 14, in

1 Fiscal Year 2023-24 is equal to or less than the Benefit Assessment that was enrolled and levied
2 for Fiscal Year 1996-97 and all subsequent years.

3 Section 4. The public hearing on the Report is to be held at 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter
4 on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in the meeting room of the District's Board of Supervisors which is
5 located at 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Riverside, California.

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

8 Clerk of the Board
9 County Administrative Center
10 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor
11 Riverside, California

12 Riverside County Flood Control
13 and Water Conservation District
14 1995 Market Street
15 Riverside, California

16 City Clerk's Office
17 City of Hemet
18 445 E. Florida Avenue
19 Hemet, California

20 City Clerk's Office
21 City of Corona
22 400 South Vincentia Avenue, 1st Floor
23 Corona, California

24 City Clerk's Office
25 City of Lake Elsinore
26 130 S. Main Street
27 Lake Elsinore, California

28 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 Ana 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.

1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
2 **AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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4 **RESOLUTION NO. F2023-02**

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

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11 ROLL CALL:

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13 Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, and Gutierrez

14 Nays: None

15 Absent: Spiegel, Perez
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18 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
19 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.
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21 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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23 By:  _____

24 Deputy
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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 ANA WATERSHED
BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA
JUNE 2023

Jason E. 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, the USEPA has delegated its NPDES permitting authority to the California State Water Resources Control Board (CSWRCB). The CSWRCB issues and enforces NPDES MS4 Permits through its nine California Regional Water Quality Control Boards (CRWQCB).

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (District) service area encompasses portions of three major watersheds: 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 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 \$25,000¹ per day per violation. In addition, private citizens can pursue enforcement actions under the Federal CWA.

In the case of the Santa Ana Watershed, the District, along with the County of Riverside (County) and the Cities of Beaumont, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Norco, Perris, Riverside, and San Jacinto, obtained an "early"² NPDES MS4 Permit from the CRWQCB - Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) on June 1, 1990. The Regional Board added the then newly incorporated Cities of Calimesa and Canyon Lake to the NPDES MS4 Permit on June 10, 1992. This first NPDES MS4 Permit was considered a "Developmental Permit." The Permittees were authorized to continue discharging stormwater from their municipally owned storm drain and flood control facilities while developing the various elements of their respective Municipal Stormwater Management Programs.

Each permit renewal has required the Permittees to further develop programs to effectively prohibit non-stormwater discharges into the MS4 and to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP). Below is a table that shows the permit renewal history.

Table 1 - Riverside County Permit History in the SAR

Permit Term	Order No.	Date Adopted	Date Expired
First (1990-1995)	90-104	June 1, 1990	June 1, 1995
Second (1996-2001)	96-30	March 8, 1996	March 1, 2001
Third (2002-2007)	R8-2002-0011	October 25, 2002	October 25, 2007
Fourth (2010-2015)*	R8-2010-0033	January 29, 2010	January 29, 2015

*The 2010 MS4 Permit is expired but has been administratively extended until a new MS4 permit is adopted. On June 7, 2013, the Regional Board adopted Order No. R8-2013-0024 amending Order No. R8-2010-0033, NPDES No. CAS 618033 to add the newly incorporated cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley to the list of Permittees.

¹ <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/criminal-provisions-water-pollution>

² The term "early" is used to refer to permits that were issued prior to the promulgation of the final USEPA rules for permitting municipal stormwater discharges [40 CFR 122.26, November 1990].

From the beginning, the Permittees have 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 that are both cost-effective and acceptable to the public.

The Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area (SAWBAA) was established pursuant to District Ordinance No. 14 on May 14, 1991 (copy attached - see Appendix B). The SAWBAA was formed to offset the District's NPDES Stormwater Program and administrative costs associated with the development and implementation of identified stormwater management activities required by each permit. **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 SAWBAA is attached hereto as Appendix C.

As Principal Permittee, the District is required to take a lead role, and implement area-wide management programs and related plans, as required by the 2010 MS4 Permit³. As such, the costs of the District's various NPDES MS4 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 performing 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.

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 2023-24 is equal to or less than the assessment rate that has been levied since FY 1996-97.**

³ Section III.A, Order No. R8-2010-0033

APPORTIONMENT METHODOLOGY

SAWBAA assessments are apportioned on the basis of proportionate stormwater runoff generated by each parcel. This method of assessment is consistent with state law and District Ordinance No. 14. The amount of benefit is computed based upon parcel size (acreage) and land 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 MS4 Permit regulations, parcels within the SAWBAA 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 SAWBAA. A more detailed discussion of the apportionment methodology is presented in Appendix B.

CURRENT YEAR ASSESSMENTS (FY 2022-23)

In July 2022, the District's Board of Supervisors confirmed a benefit assessment rate for FY 2022-23 of \$3.75 per BAU. Following is a summary of FY 2022-23 assessments:

Rate	Billed Parcels	BAUs	Assessments	Corrections	Amount Paid⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$3.75	403,174	738,629	\$2,767,844 ⁽¹⁾	\$0.00	\$

⁽¹⁾ Amount reflects actual total assessments on all parcels. Total may vary due to rounding.

⁽²⁾ Through May 26, 2023, provided by the County of Riverside Auditor-Controller.

⁽³⁾ Includes payments received for direct billed parcels.

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 correction processed.

RECOMMENDED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT RATES (FY 2023-24)

The District recommends that for FY 2023-24 the SAWBAA assessment rate remains unchanged at \$3.75 per BAU. This BAU rate would result in an equivalent charge per acre for the following land uses:

Group	Land Use Classification	BAU/Acre	Assessment Rate*
A	Industrial/Commercial	12	\$45.00/acre
B	Apartments/Mobile Home Parks, Churches and Schools	9	\$33.75/acre
C	Single-family Residential	6**	\$22.50/acre
D	Agricultural/Vacant Undeveloped	Exempt	\$0.00/acre
E	Golf Courses	0.10	\$0.38/acre
F	Undeveloped Portions of Parcels	0.05	\$0.19/acre

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

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

The projected revenue for FY 2023-24 using the proposed benefit assessment rate of \$3.75 per BAU is as follows:

Rate	Parcels⁽¹⁾	BAUs	Assessment⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Projected Revenue⁽³⁾
\$3.75	403,174	738,629	\$2,767,844 ⁽¹⁾	\$2,605,000

⁽¹⁾ Based on FY 2022-23 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 2022-23 will fund the District's NPDES Stormwater Program activities for the Santa Ana Watershed area in FY 2023-24. The proposed FY 2023-24 budget is presented in Appendix A.

During the early years of the NPDES Program, there were many uncertainties regarding start-up costs (e.g., 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 1991-92. The District is maintaining the current assessment rate while sustaining required expenditure levels that are slightly above projected revenues, which should gradually reduce the fund balance. It should also be noted that the current trend in California is towards more stringent regulation of municipal stormwater runoff and is reflected in the current Staff Working Proposal for the Santa Ana Regional MS4 Permit. Thus, it is expected that the District's NPDES MS4 Permit compliance costs will increase over the coming years.

ASSESSMENT ROLL

The SAWBAA Assessment Roll provides a listing by Assessor's Parcel Number of the proposed FY 2023-24 Benefit Assessment to be levied on each parcel of property in the SAWBAA. The Assessment Roll is identified as Appendix D and incorporated herein by this reference. This Engineer's Report, along with the SAWBAA 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 Corona
400 South Vicentia Avenue, 1st Floor
Corona, CA 92882

City of Hemet
445 East Florida Avenue
Hemet, CA 92543

City of Lake Elsinore
130 S. Main Street
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

This Engineer's Report may also be viewed and/or downloaded at
<https://rcwatershed.org/watersheds/middle-santa-ana-river-watershed/>

NPDES PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (FY 2022-23)

For the year ending June 30, 2023, the following major tasks and activities were accomplished in compliance with the 2010 Santa Ana River MS4 Permit:

- A. The District continued implementing and assisting the Permittees with implementing the Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP), Watershed Action Plan (WAP), the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) guidelines and template, the Low Impact Development Best Management Practice Design Handbook (LID BMP Handbook), the California Stormwater Quality Association Best Management Practices Handbooks (CASQA BMP handbooks), and the local and regional components of the Permit. The DAMP, WAP, WQMP, LID BMP Handbook, and CASQA BMP Handbooks assist Permittees in satisfying the Permit requirements. The Permit and links to these documents are available on the District's NPDES website: <https://rcwatershed.org/watersheds/middle-santa-ana-river-watershed/>
- B. The District maintains a Geographical Information System (GIS) based database to track mandated inspections of industrial and commercial facilities. The Cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley are participating in this project for industrial/commercial inspections.
- C. The District updated its Stormwater and Water Conservation Tracking Tool (Geodatabase) removing the use of the unsupported Silverlight to regain accessibility. The District also updated the Hydromodification Susceptibility layers within the database through reviewing updated MS4 facility layers, as-built plans and field reconnaissance.
- D. The District continued participation in the Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake (LE/CL) Nutrient TMDL Task Force. The Task Force is comprised of stakeholders regulated by the Regional Board through the LE/CL Nutrient TMDL (LE/CL TMDL), which was adopted in 2004. The Permittees utilized the LE/CL TMDL Task Force to implement the approved Comprehensive Nutrient Reduction Plan (CNRP) which includes an alum treatment project for Canyon Lake, as well as continued funding for the Lake Elsinore Aeration and Mixing System. On August 29, 2017, the District executed an extension to the LE/CL TMDL agreement to June 30, 2020, with an option to extend an additional two years to June 30, 2022. A third amendment to this agreement will be executed to extend the agreement to June 30, 2025. The LE/CL TMDL Task Force is anticipating Regional Board, State Board, Office of Administrative Law and the United States Environmental Protection Agency approval of the revised LE/CL TMDL by this new extension date.
- E. The District continued participation in the Middle Santa Ana River Pathogen Indicator TMDL (MSAR TMDL) Task Force. The MSAR TMDL agreement expired on December 31, 2017, however, was amended to include an additional five (5) years with an expiration date of December 31, 2022. A second amendment will be executed to extend the agreement to June 30, 2027.
- F. The Permittees utilized the MSAR TMDL Task Force Agreement to facilitate the hiring of a consultant to aid in the development of the approved 2012 Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan (CBRP) for those Permittees named in the TMDL within Riverside County. The CBRP is in the implementation phase and will be updated to address compliance with the wet weather waste load allocations once a new MS4 Permit is approved.

- G. Permittees identified locations that are suitable to implement structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) to manage dry weather flows and reduce bacterial indicators in downstream waters as part of the CBRP. The award-winning Phoenix Avenue Storm Drain Sewer Diversion project was completed in July 2021 and is the first diversion to sewer project constructed in Riverside County. This 2021 American Public Works Association (APWA) Project of the Year protects recreators by preventing bacteria-laden dry weather runoff, from a 578-acre residential area, to travel adjacent to Martha McLean Anza Narrows Regional Park and reach the Santa Ana River.
- H. The District completed the Magnolia Center Storm Drain Investigation Follow-up special study in coordination with the City of Riverside. The special study reduced the investigation area by 85% within the Magnolia Center Storm Drain tributary area. City of Riverside further investigated a controllable human source within one of the subwatersheds.
- I. The District continued to work on the proposed Eastvale MDP Lines D and E and conducted monitoring for the proposed modifications to Kansas Basin and further eliminate bacteria contributions to the MSAR. Diverted flows and the required treatment costs for both Eastvale MDP Lines D and E were calculated by the flow monitoring data. Understanding the commitment, the District decided late 2021 to fund the treatment costs for this project. Discussions with Jurupa Services Community District (JCSO) continued in late spring to assess further design feasibility. Additionally, the District conducted continuous flow monitoring within Box Springs Storm Drain to determine the amount of dry and wet weather flow available to be diverted into Kansas Basin. The project will be a multi benefit project for both water supply and water quality improvements by reducing discharges and this bacteria load to the Santa ana River. The exact modifications and sponsorship of the project is yet to be determined based on the investigation results and recommendations.
- J. The District participated in the Stormwater Quality Standards Task Force. The Task Force has developed the necessary information to amend the Santa Ana Basin Plan to include a high flow suspension of REC-1 uses and revise designated uses for selection of waterbody segments where a Use Attainability Analysis was completed. Following Regional Board, State Board, and the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approval in 2015, EPA Region IX issued a decision letter approving parts of the amendments for the Basin Plan. Approval of this Basin Plan Amendment by EPA successfully brought to completion and conclusion of the Stormwater Quality Standards Task Force. The Basin Plan Amendments (BPA) requires establishment of a comprehensive monitoring program to support implementation of the changes to the Basin Plan for the entire Santa Ana Basin. The Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force was then established in order to develop a Regional Bacteria Monitoring Plan (RMP) to fulfill these monitoring and surveillance requirements of the BPA as well as continue to conduct sampling to support implementation of the MSAR Bacterial Indicator TMDL. The District is one of the stakeholders of this Task Force. The RMP prioritizes monitoring activities in waterbodies where significant recreational use frequently occurs, posing a greater potential risk to public health, by categorizing inland surface waters into Tiers and associated monitoring priority classifications.

- K. The District 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. The District continued participation in the Santa Ana "One Water One Watershed" (OWOW) planning process which focuses on establishing regional solutions for water problems within the Santa Ana Watershed and is intended to develop linkages between all water interests. The objective of OWOW is to encourage and secure resources for the development of multi-benefit projects that use resources and expertise from across disciplines. The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) is the administrator of the OWOW planning process.
- M. The District participated in the SWAPA's homeless encampment study within the Santa Ana River to assess water quality impacts.
- N. The District provided technical support to the Santa Ana River Bottom Homeless Solutions Collaborative group pertaining to NPDES compliance obligations.
- O. District developed the Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP) for the Santa Ana Watershed which extends funding opportunities to the Permittees. Development of the SWRP includes a stakeholder and public process and solicits multi benefit projects with a mandatory benefit focused on stormwater and dry weather capture. The District submitted 11 of the 16 projects submitted to be considered and ranked within the SWRP Project List.
- P. The District continued to chair the Santa Ana Technical Advisory Committee, which is comprised of Permittees, members of the Regional Board staff, and interested parties. The 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 Permittee actions to achieve compliance with the 2010 MS4 Permit.
- Q. The District continued support to the Permittees' Management Steering Committee (MSC) meetings, which consist of the Permittee's City Managers, Directors of Public Works, and other essential municipal staff. The MSC is a Permit requirement, which was established to address urban runoff management policies for the permit area and coordinate the review and necessary revisions to the Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP), Implementation Agreement, and development of the WQMP. In addition, the MSC facilitates coordination with related water quality management programs and monitoring. It also responds to new legislative and regulatory initiatives.
- R. The District continued financial support to area-wide stormwater pollution prevention programs, including the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) temporary and permanent collection events and the "ABOP" (Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oil, and Paint) Program.
- S. The District developed, prepared, and submitted a comprehensive District Annual Report and Annual Progress Report to the Regional Board.
- T. The District continued to utilize its award-winning Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practice (BMP) research facility to test and demonstrate stormwater capture,

management, and treatment using various LID BMPs. The centralized location of the District's research facility has served as an educational hub on green infrastructure for residents, regulators, developers, municipal employees, engineers, and other interested stakeholders throughout Southern California. Since its completion in 2012, the District has provided numerous educational tours on LID BMPs and green infrastructure. During FY 2022-23, the District continued monitoring and sampling its Bioretention Basin and in collaborations with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency completed the rehabilitation and instrument installation for the LID BMP Planter Boxes.

- U. The District continues to review the 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 Watershed. The LID BMP Design Manual is available on the District's website.
- V. The District and the Permittees will continue meetings with the Land Development Subcommittee to exchange ideas and experiences on various land development topics. The Land Development Subcommittee finalized a WQMP Simple Project Template to help applicants with smaller sized projects meet WQMP requirements in a streamlined report. The Land Development Subcommittee met to review proposed land development permit provisions within the Staff Working Proposal of the Santa Ana Regional MS4 Permit. The group reached out to the developer and engineering community through a roundtable discussion to hear comments and concerns on the SWP.
- W. The District hosted a virtual workshop on the Statewide Trash Provisions covering topics such as retrofits of existing BMPs, installation and effectiveness of trash full capture devices, and contract challenges.
- X. The District continued implementation of the Hydromodification Management Plan (HMP) Evaluation Program including completion of field surveying, GIS metrics, and field observations.
- Y. The District continued collection and analysis of water quality samples in accordance with the Permit's Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) via the Consolidated Monitoring Program (CMP) for water quality monitoring. The District's CMP includes the procedures for collecting and analyzing water quality samples at MS4 outfalls and from the receiving water stations within the Santa Ana Watershed during dry and wet weather events. These procedures encompass the requirements for sample handling, managing stormwater data, implementing, and ensuring data quality control, laboratory, and contractor obligations, and maintaining accurate reporting. Through the implementation of the procedures and standards described in the CMP, the District successfully facilitates a monitoring program to comply with the Permit's MRP.
- Z. The CMP for water quality monitoring describes the monitoring efforts that will be implemented to comply with the County's three MS4 Permits. The Santa Ana Region Monitoring Plan (CMP Volume IV) was updated in November 2020. The SAR Monitoring Program includes specific procedures for collection and analysis of water quality samples at MS4 outfalls and receiving waters sites for a variety of constituents. The CMP also makes reference to other monitoring efforts that are implemented within the SAR, such as

the LE/CL TMDL, MSAR TMDL, Hydromodification Monitoring, LID Monitoring, and participation in the Regional Watershed Monitoring through membership with the Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC). These additional monitoring components and Special Studies have stand-alone work plans that have been developed and approved for these components independently of the CMP.

- AA. The District's monitoring group utilizes the GIS field data collection tool called Survey123. The electronic interface allows field crews to record data quickly in the field for other personnel to efficiently compile, review, filter, and analyze entries. This information is readily uploaded into the District's water quality database and checked for completeness and accuracy.
- BB. The District continued participation in the SMC on behalf of the Co-Permittees. The SMC is a multi-regional monitoring consortium of Southern California agency members, namely, comprised of Southern California Phase 1 Municipal NPDES Permit holders and local Water Board representatives 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/>).
- CC. SMC member agencies received the benefit of shared resources as collaborative projects can reduce costs by more than 90% relative to financing alone for the large-scale region-wide efforts. To date, the District has served as SMC Chair, as the Vice-Chair, as the Project Manager for the SMC's Streamline Annual Reporting Project, on the Executive Steering Committee, on the Regional Bioassessment Survey Technical Subcommittee, SMC BMP Regional Network Subcommittee, and on the SMC California LID Evaluation and Analysis Network Technical Subcommittee.
- DD. The District 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.
- EE. on the findings and lessons learned from the 2009-2013 and 2015-2019 SMC regional monitoring efforts, a revised study design was developed for 2020-2024. Four stations are being monitored for the bioassessment in SAR, for meeting both the bioassessment requirement and jointly demonstrating participation in the SMC per the requirements of the 2010 Permit. Moving forward, the SMC is initiating the next cycle of regional monitoring which will continue to assess trend and condition sites and may also expand to include wet-dry mapping of areas within the southern California watersheds, a causal

assessment, and monitoring targeted underrepresented streams in the regional bioassessment work.

- FF. The District continued participating in the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA). On behalf of California stormwater permittees, CASQA advances sustainable stormwater management protective of California water resources. It is made possible by the network of highly engaged professionals, which make up its member association dedicated to the CASQA Strategic Plan and organization goals. CASQA members participate through subject-specific subcommittee collaboration, education, development of implementation guidance, shared expertise, regulatory review, and scientific assessment. CASQA assists California's stormwater Permittees in developing, implementing, and maintaining effective stormwater quality management programs. To date, District staff has served on its Board of Directors, Executive Program Committee, Legislative Subcommittee, Monitoring and Science Subcommittee, Policy and Permitting Subcommittee, Best Management Practices (BMPs) Subcommittee, and Pesticides Subcommittee.
- GG. The District continued participation in the CASQA True Source Control Subcommittee. Since 2021, this working group was developed from the combined Watershed Management & Impaired Waters Subcommittee and the Pesticides Subcommittee. One of the focused efforts of the True Source Subcommittee is to facilitate changes to state and federal pesticide 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. 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 Pesticide.
- HH. The District continued presentation of bi-annual municipal employee stormwater training programs. These training classes focus on the requisite knowledge for properly implementing the DAMP and WQMP, and address Permittee functions such as development planning, municipal activities, industrial/commercial inspections, and construction inspections. The District implemented an online training program to allow for a more cost effective and convenient training platform.
- II. The District continued providing stormwater pollution prevention education and outreach by supporting area-wide events such as Love Your Neighborhood program, implementing social campaigns such as "Don't be Litter Bug", as well as 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, over-irrigation tips, the "Do's and Don'ts" of outdoor cleaning, and proper housekeeping practices for automotive facilities, restaurants, and industrial/commercial facilities.
- JJ. The District continued to chair the Public Education Strategic Taskforce. Quarterly meetings include Permittee representation from the Santa Ana, Santa Margarita, and Whitewater watersheds to review elements of regional public education programs and

program materials and communicate ideas on enhancing public education across all three watersheds.

- KK. The District's five-year Riverside County Watershed Protection Program Public Education Strategic Plan applies community based social marketing-based approaches to the issue of eliminating dry weather runoff arising from excess irrigation runoff including the creation of a door hanger as well as updating the Riverside County Watershed Protection Program website to display a new Overwatering webpage meant to educate residents, HOA's and businesses on the prohibition of irrigation runoff.
- LL. The Riverside County Watershed Protection website (<http://rewatershed.org>) is undergoing a major revision to make it a "one-stop, one shop" website that contains public education materials as well as compliance documents and any other information relevant to Permittees, development community, regulatory agencies, and the public.
- MM. The District continued coordinating all responsibilities assigned to the Principal Permittee in the 2010 MS4 Permit, as well as assisting Permittees with their jurisdictional requirements upon request. The Permit features a comprehensive monitoring program, annual and reporting requirements, and inspection components focusing on ensuring that construction projects, existing industrial facilities, and municipal activities are implementing effective pollution prevention practices, new development/significant redevelopment requirements including LID as well as hydromodification and have applicable permit coverage.
- NN. In March 2020, the Governor and the County of Riverside Public Health Officer declared a health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and issued several orders which included behavioral restrictions for the entire population, such as prohibiting gatherings of any size and following social distancing protocols. These restrictions continued through 2022 and impacted implementation of some District activities, however, the District and the Permittees worked to ensure they are meeting MS4 permit obligations.

PROGRAM/WORK ITEMS (FY 2023-24)

The principal work effort in the Santa Ana River Region in FY 2023-24 is anticipated to be permit renewal, including the continuation of negotiating a fifth-term municipal permit and updating of the Program's policy and guidance documents to address new permit requirements. Watershed planning and modeling for the purpose of both demonstrating eventual attainment of water quality standards and establishing an alternative compliance option with respect to the permit's receiving water limitation provisions will likely bring significant new regulatory requirements for the Permittees if a permit is adopted in FY 2023-24.

Support of program implementation will continue with delivery of a training program covering key Santa Ana River Region Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP) elements and improvements to program effectiveness assessment. At the same time, there will be continued implementation of the public education program, environmental monitoring program, and fiscal support for household hazardous waste collection and other pollution prevention programs.

The major work tasks are presented below.

MS4 Program Management

As a Principal Permittee, the District will continue managing the regional requirements of the Permit. These activities include chairing technical advisory committee meetings, administering area-wide programs (e.g., public education, household hazardous waste collections, hazardous material spill response, stormwater sample collection and analysis), continuing ongoing program development, and preparing and submitting annual progress reports and watershed annual reports to the Regional Board and USEPA. The District will also continue focusing its efforts on identifying and commenting on statewide and nationwide issues that affect local stormwater programs. When requested, the District will continue assisting the Permittees in preparing for their respective program audits and accompanying them in navigating through the program audits.

The District also continues to work with Regional Board staff on implementation of TMDL requirements for certain pollutants identified as causing impairment of beneficial uses in Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, and the Santa Ana River. The TMDLs contain pollutant-specific implementation plans that must be funded and addressed by the Permittees. The District will continue to allocate significant resources participating in TMDL Task Force and Regional Board meetings, commenting on technical reports and studies required by the implementation plans, as well as taking the lead in coordinating and implementing high priority structural BMP projects that will mitigate dry weather flows.

MS4 Permit Renewal

The 2010 MS4 Permit expired in 2015 and was administratively extended until the effective date of the new permit. The principal work effort in the SAR for FY 2023-24 is anticipated to be permit renewal, including the continuation of negotiating a fifth-term municipal permit and updating the programmatic policy and guidance documents to address new permit requirements.

LID Project

Through a partnership with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), the District designed and constructed the Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practices (BMP) Testing and Demonstration Facility at the District's headquarters in Riverside, California. The facility implements various LID BMPs to test and demonstrate stormwater capture, management,

and treatment. The location of the District's research facility also serves as an educational hub on green infrastructure for residents, regulators, developers, municipal employees, engineers, and other interested stakeholders throughout Southern California. The District will continue to utilize its award-winning LID research facility to test and demonstrate stormwater capture, management, and treatment.

Aquatic Weed Control NPDES Permit Compliance

Compliance with the Aquatic Weed Control NPDES 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 NPDES Permit includes maintaining an aquatic pesticide application plan, implementing BMPs to minimize potential impacts from the use of herbicides, monitoring for impacts to water quality, and submittal of an annual report to the Regional Board and State Water Board.

Stormwater and Water Conservation Tracking Tool

The District will also update and further enhance its Stormwater and Water Conservation Tracking Tool (Geodatabase) in FY 2023-24.

Area-Wide MS4 Program Contributions

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 in all three watersheds, 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, mobile cleaning businesses, and other industrial activities that are potential sources of stormwater pollution. Implementation of the Public Education Strategic Plan is underway.

Training for Municipal Employees

Formal training courses are provided to improve understanding of NPDES Permit requirements, the DAMP, and stormwater BMPs. The courses focus on methods to reduce and/or eliminate sources of stormwater pollution from public agency facilities and activities, implementation of the WQMP and Transportation Project Guidance (TPG), 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. The District will continue to offer and implement online training courses, providing for a more convenient and cost-effective training program.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW)/ABOP

The District and Co-Permittees provide financial support to the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources to support the permanent HHW collection sites at Agua Mansa and Lake Elsinore, 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

On behalf of all Permittees, 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 and the Riverside County Consolidated Monitoring Program, until permit renewal. As applicable, the District will continue implementing improvements to the water quality monitoring activities and monitoring program reporting.

Watershed Action Plan (WAP)

The WAP describes and implements the Permittees' approach to coordinated watershed management. The objective of the WAP is to address watershed-scale water quality impacts of urbanization associated with urban TMDL waste load allocations, stream system vulnerability to hydromodification from urban runoff, cumulative impacts of development on vulnerable streams, preservation of beneficial uses of streams, and protection of water resources, including groundwater recharge areas. WAP related activities will focus on the implementation of:

1. Hydromodification Management Plan Evaluation Program - Monitoring will be conducted at two sites for the purpose of watershed characterization and to assess the effectiveness of efforts to manage increases in runoff volumes and discharge rates from new development or significant redevelopment projects through the implementation of the SAR HMP.
2. Retrofit Studies - GIS-based analyses will be conducted to identify candidate areas for retrofit projects within existing public and private MS4s, parks and recreational areas, and incorporate opportunities for addressing TMDL implementation plans, hydromodification from urban runoff, LID implementation, and pollutant discharge reduction.

A major focus during the coming fiscal year will be implementation and maintenance of the various WAP components.

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

The 2010 MS4 Permit directly incorporates two TMDLs that have been established for the Santa Ana Region of Riverside County, namely the MSAR Bacteria Indicator TMDL and the Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake (LE/CL) Nutrient TMDL. The 2010 MS4 Permit incorporates interim and final Water Quality Based Effluent Limitations (WQBELs) specified in the TMDLs. The interim WQBELs are established based on the TMDL Implementation Plans. The final WQBELs are based on the approved 2012 CBRP for the MSAR TMDL and the approved 2013 CNRP for the LE/CL TMDL.

The MSAR TMDL Permittees will continue implementation of the CBRP in the upcoming fiscal year. In compliance with the LE/CL TMDL, the Permittees will continue implementation of the CNRP in the upcoming fiscal year. As part of CNRP implementation, the Permittees are working with the LE/CL TMDL Task Force to fund and administer in-lake projects at Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore. The LE/CL TMDL is currently being revised by the Task Force with the help of the Task Force facilitator and consultants. The aim of the revision is to have a pragmatic approach to the LE/CL TMDL that takes into account the unique factors of the Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore watersheds.

Municipal Facilities and Activities

Continued to implement the provisions of the NPDES Permit's Municipal Facilities Strategy as described in the DAMP, including improvements to structural facilities at the District's headquarters, municipal employee training activities, and reduction and/or elimination of stormwater pollution sources at public agency facilities.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The area-wide Municipal Stormwater Program for the Santa Ana Watershed has been implemented in an efficient, cost-effective manner through the ongoing cooperative efforts of the District, the Permittees, the Regional Board, the Riverside County Fire Department, and the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources. The District's NPDES Program activities, which are funded by these SAWBAA assessments, are required to comply with the current 2010 MS4 Permit for the Santa Ana 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 Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area at an unchanged rate of \$3.75 per benefit assessment unit for FY 2023-24.

GLOSSARY

ABOP – Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oil, Paint

BAU – Benefit Assessment Unit

BMP – Best Management Practice

BPA – Basin Plan Amendment

CASQA – California Stormwater Quality Association

CBRP – Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan

CDEH – Riverside County Department of Environmental Health

CNRP – Comprehensive Nutrient Reduction Plan

CMP – Consolidated Monitoring Plan

CRWQCB – California Regional Water Quality Control Board

CWA – Clean Water Act

District – Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

FY – Fiscal Year

HAZMAT Team – Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team

HHW – Household Hazardous Waste

HMP – Hydromodification Management Plan

LE/CL – Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake

LID – Low Impact Development

LIP – Local Implementation Plan

MSAR – Middle Santa Ana River

NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

OAL – Office of Administrative Law

Order R8-2010-0033 – Santa Ana Regional Board Order adopted on January 29, 2010

Regional Board – California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Santa Ana Region

RMP – Regional Bacteria Monitoring Plan

ROWD – Report of Waste Discharge (NPDES Permit Re-application)

SA DAMP – Santa Ana Drainage Area Management Plan

SAWBAA – Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area

SAWPA – Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

SCCRWP – Southern California Coastal Water Research Project

SMC – Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition

SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board

TPG – Transportation Project Guidance document

TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load

USEPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency

WAP – Watershed Action Plan

WQBELS – Water Quality Based Effluent Limitations

WQMP – Water Quality Management Plan

APPENDIX A

Proposed NPDES Program Budget (FY 2023-24)

APPENDIX A

SANTA ANA WATERSHED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA
PROPOSED NPDES PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2023-24

STAFFING

Salaries, Overtime and Benefits **\$1,625,618.00**

OVERHEAD

Administration Support 110,590.00

Bad Debt Expense 1,000

Computer Workstation Usage 150,000.00

Subtotal **\$261,590.00**

CONSULTANT SERVICES

NPDES Permit Administration 850,000.00

Public Education & Outreach – Community Outreach 216,150.00

NPDES Stormwater Training Program/BIA Training 134,000.00

Water Quality Monitoring 510,000.00

TMDLs 550,000.00

LID Facility 75,000.00

IC/ID Program 150,000.00

District Permit Compliance 286,543.00

Subtotal **\$2,771,693.00**

OTHER MS4 PROGRAM EXPENSES

County Counsel/Vehicle Usage 53,200.00

Public Education & Outreach: Event Sponsorships/Materials/Printing 130,200.00

Water Quality Monitoring Equipment 16,500.00

District Permit Compliance: Book/Licenses/Permits/Printing/Utilities/Notices 8,500.00

Miscellaneous Watershed Protection Projects 5,000.00

LID Facility 10,200.00

IC/ID Program 500.00

Subtotal **\$224,100.00**

REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND MEMBERSHIPS

NPDES Permit Administration: CASQA Membership 23,580.00

NPDES Permit Administration: HHW Program, SMC, LESJWA, RWQMTF 410,000.00

Subtotal **\$433,580.00**

PROGRAM SUBTOTAL

\$5,316,581.00

CONTINGENCY (10%) \$531,658.10

Assessor's/Treasurer's Office Line-Item Charges (\$0.11)/parcel)* \$44,349.14

County Fee for Annual Submittal* \$87.23

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED

\$5,892,588.24

* Based on County's FY 2022-23 collection charges. The County's FY 2023-24 collection charges are not yet available.

APPENDIX B

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

APPENDIX C

Map of Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area

APPENDIX D

**SAWBAA Assessment Roll (FY 2023-24)
(Under Separate Cover)**

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Date: June 28, 2023.

At: Riverside, California



Signature

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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, on the 1st Floor Board Chambers, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, on **Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider the following:

RESOLUTION NO. F2023-02

ACCEPTING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SANTA ANA 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

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Santa Ana 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 Ana 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 Ana Watershed that lies within the District's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") on May 14, 1991 adopted Resolution No. F91-21 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 Ana 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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer has caused a Report to be prepared and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors regarding the Benefit Assessment to be levied for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area; and

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in regular session assembled on the 13th day of June 2023 as follows:

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

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

Section 3. The Report proposes that the Benefit Assessment to be levied on all parcels within the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, as described in Ordinance No. 14, in Fiscal Year 2023-24 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 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 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 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 Clerk's Office
City of Hemet
445 E. Florida Avenue
Hemet, California

City Clerk's Office
City of Corona
400 South Vincentia Avenue, 1st Floor
Corona, California

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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 Ana 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.

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Please send all written correspondence to: Clerk of the Board, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, CA 92502-1147 or email cob@rivco.org

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