

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



ITEM: 14.3
(ID # 30463)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 02, 2026

FROM : FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Approval of the Multi-Year Joint Funding Agreement Between the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey for Water Resources Investigations, CEQA Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), All Districts. [\$830,250 Total Cost - District Funds 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Finds that this Joint Funding Agreement ("Agreement") is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as it has been determined that the Agreement is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the Agreement between the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("District") and the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey ("USGS") for \$830,250 for Fiscal Years ("FY") 2026/2027 through 2028/2029;
3. Authorize the Chair of the District's Board of Supervisors to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District;
4. Authorize the General Manager-Chief Engineer or designee to take all necessary steps to implement the Agreement, including, but not limited to, negotiating, approving and executing any non-substantive modifications to provisions within the Agreement, including, but not limited to, changes in scope, such as the addition of stream gauges to become a part of the cooperative water resources investigations program, subject to approval by County Counsel; and
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two executed Agreements to the District.

ACTION:Policy


Jason Uhley, GENERAL MGR-CHF FLD CNTRL ENG

5/18/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Medina, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 2, 2026
xc: Flood

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	\$ 264,880	\$ 830,250	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: District Funds - 100% (See Additional Fiscal Information)			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 26/27 – 28/29	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

For decades, the District has participated with USGS in funding a cooperative water resources investigation ("stream gauging") program in western Riverside County. This multi-year Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions by which the District and USGS will jointly contribute funding for 17 stream gauges as a part of the cooperative water resources investigations program during the FY 2026/2027 through 2028/2029 term.

County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to legal form. USGS has executed the Agreement.

Prev. Agn. Ref.: MT 14021, 11.6 of 12/15/20
MT 14909, 11.6 of 04/27/21

Environmental Findings

The Agreement is exempt from the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Agreement may have a significant effect on the environment. The District has participated with USGS in funding a cooperative water resources investigation ("stream gauging") program in western Riverside County. Because the Agreement merely establishes the terms by which the District will contribute funding for the 17 stream gauges, which measure the flow rates from the streams, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the Agreement will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the Agreement is exempt under CEQA.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This project is funded by ad valorem property tax revenue and entails no new fees, taxes or bonded indebtedness to residents and businesses. Execution of the Agreement imposes no additional impacts to residents and businesses.

Additional Fiscal Information

The cost of this multi-year cooperative water resources investigations program for the 17 stream gauges is \$914,670. Of this, the District is contributing \$830,250 in funding, and USGS has allocated \$84,420 in federal matching funds toward the District's contribution. Sufficient funds

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will be included in the District's FY 2026/2027 budget and will be included in the proposed budget in future years through FY 2028/29 as appropriate.

Funding Summary

District Contribution - FY 2026/2027 (Year 1)	\$ 264,880
District Contribution - FY 2027/2028 (Year 2)	\$ 276,570
District Contribution - FY 2028/2029 (Year 3)	\$ 288,800
<hr/> Total District Contribution	<hr/> \$ 830,250

SOURCE OF FUNDS: (Continued)

- 48000-947240-525440 Hydrology Professional Services

ATTACHMENT:

1. Joint Funding Agreement

AMR:bjj
P8/269079



Douglas Cordonez Jr. 5/25/2026



Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 5/20/2026



United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
California Water Science Center
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

March 31, 2026

Mr. Jason Uhley
General Manager
Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501-1719

Dear Mr. Uhley:

Enclosed is our standard joint-funding agreement 26ZGJFA10000068 between the U.S. Geological Survey California Water Science Center and Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District for negotiated deliverables (see attached), during the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 in the amount of \$830,250 from your agency. U.S. Geological Survey contributions for this agreement are \$84,420 for a combined total of \$914,670. If you are in agreement with this proposed program, please return the fully executed signed copy to CAgageADMIN@usgs.gov.

Federal law requires that we have a signed agreement before we start or continue work. Please return the signed agreement by **July 1, 2026**. If, for any reason, the agreement cannot be signed and returned by the date shown above, please contact R. Scott Patterson at (858) 679-4015 or email rspatter@usgs.gov to make alternative arrangements.

This is a fixed cost agreement to be billed quarterly via Down Payment Request (automated Form DI-1040). Please allow 30-days from the end of the billing period for issuance of the bill. If you experience any problems with your invoice(s), please contact Nayely Nieto-Reyes at nnieto-reyes@usgs.gov.

The results of all work performed under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey. We look forward to continuing this and future cooperative efforts in these mutually beneficial water resources studies.

Sincerely,

**ANKE MUELLER-
SOLGER**

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Anke Mueller-Solger
Director, USGS California Water Science Center

Enclosure
Detailed Summary

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Form 9-1366
(May 2018)

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Survey
Joint Funding Agreement
FOR
Water Resource Investigations

Customer #: 600000806
Agreement #: 26ZGJFA10000068
Project #: ZG00GZV
TIN #: 93-1171062

Fixed Cost Agreement YES[X] NO[]

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of July 1, 2026, by the U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, California Water Science Center, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation for negotiated deliverables (see attached), herein called the program. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50, and 43 USC 50b.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program. 2(b) include In-Kind-Services in the amount of \$0.00

- (a) \$84,420 by the party of the first part during the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029
- (b) \$830,250 by the party of the second part during the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029
- (c) Contributions are provided by the party of the first part through other USGS regional or national programs, in the amount of: \$0

Description of the USGS regional/national program:

- (d) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.
- (e) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.

3. The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party.

4. The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part.

5. The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.

6. During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.

8. The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties. The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www.usgs.gov/office-of-science-quality-and-integrity/fundamental-science-practices>).

Form 9-1366
(May 2018)

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Survey
Joint Funding Agreement
FOR
Water Resource Investigations

Customer #: 600000806
Agreement #: 26ZGJFA10000068
Project #: ZG00GZV
TIN #: 93-1171062

9. Billing for this agreement will be rendered quarterly. Invoices not paid within 60 days from the billing date will bear Interest, Penalties, and Administrative cost at the annual rate pursuant the Debt Collection Act of 1982, (codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3717) established by the U.S. Treasury.

USGS Technical Point of Contact

Name: R. Scott Patterson
Supervisory Hydrologic Technician
Address: 12110 Tech Center Drive
Poway, CA 92064
Telephone: (858) 679-4015
Fax: (858) 679-4019
Email: rspatter@usgs.gov

Customer Technical Point of Contact

Name: Jason Uhley
General Manager
Address: 1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501-1719
Telephone: (951) 955-1250
Fax: (n/a)
Email: juhley@rivco.org

USGS Billing Point of Contact

Name: Nayely Nieto-Reyes
Accounting Technician
Address: 4165 Spruance Road Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92101-0821
Telephone: (619) 225-6114
Fax: (n/a)
Email: nnieto-reyes@usgs.gov

Customer Billing Point of Contact

Name: Robert Laag
Sr. Flood Control Planner
Address: 1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501
Telephone: (951) 955-1232
Fax: (951) 788-9965
Email: relaag@rivco.org

U.S. Geological Survey
United States
Department of Interior

Riverside County Flood Control & Water
Conservation District

Signature
ANKE MUELLER-
SOLGER
By _____ Date: _____
Digitally signed by ANKE
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Name: Anke Mueller-Solger
Title: Director, USGS California Water Science
Center

Signatures
Karen S. Spiegel
By _____ Date: JUN 02 2026

Name: Karen Spiegel, Chair
Title: Riverside County Flood Control and Water
Conservation District Board of Supervisors

By _____ Date: 5/12/2026

Name: Jason E. Uhley
Title: General Manager-Chief Engineer

By _____ Date: 5/19

Name: Kristine Bell-Valdez
Title: Supervising Deputy County Counsel

ATTEST:
KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk

By _____
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Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Attachment for 26ZGJFA1000068
2026-07-01 to 2029-06-30

SURFACE WATER

SITE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CODE	NO. UNITS	DIFF FACTOR	USGS FUNDS	CUST. CASH	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
10256500	SNOW C NR WHITE WATER CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$6,900		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,270		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,660		
				SW Total:				\$29,180
10257500	FALLS C NR WHITE WATER CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$6,900		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,270		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,660		
				SW Total:				\$29,180
10257550	WHITEWATER R A WINDY PT NR WHITE WATER CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$6,900		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,270		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,660		
				SW Total:				\$29,180
10257720	CHINO CYN C BL TRAMWAY NR PALM SPRINGS CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$6,900		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,270		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,660		
				SW Total:				\$29,180
10258000	TAHQUITZ C NR PALM SPRINGS CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$6,900		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,270		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,660		
				SW Total:				\$29,180
10259000	ANDREAS C NR PALM SPRINGS CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$6,900		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,270		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,660		
				SW Total:				\$29,180
10259050	PALM CYN WASH NR CATHEDRAL CITY CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$6,900		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,270		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$2,450	\$7,660		
				SW Total:				\$29,180
11042700	MURRIETA C NR MURRIETA CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$14,610		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$15,190		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$15,800		
				SW Total:				\$45,600
11042800	WARM SPRINGS C NR MURRIETA CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$14,610		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$15,190		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$15,800		
				SW Total:				\$45,600
11042900	SANTA GERTRUDIS C NR TEMECULA CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$3,660	\$10,370		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$3,660	\$10,930		
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$3,660	\$11,510		
				SW Total:				\$43,790
11070150	SAN JACINTO R AB STATE STREET NR SAN JACINTO CA							
	Stage, Continuous	STGCONT	1	1		\$10,220		
	Stage, Continuous	STGCONT	1	1		\$10,630		
	Stage, Continuous	STGCONT	1	1		\$11,060		
				SW Total:				\$31,910
11070210	SAN JACINTO R A RAMONA EXPRESSWAY NR LAKEVIEW CA							
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$29,210		

	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$30,380	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$31,600	
				SW Total:			\$91,190
11070270	PERRIS VALLEY STORM DR A NUEVO RD NR PERRIS CA						
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$29,210	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$30,380	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$31,600	
				SW Total:			\$91,190
11070365	SAN JACINTO R NR SUN CITY CA						
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$29,210	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$30,380	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$31,600	
				SW Total:			\$91,190
11070465	SALT C A MURRIETA RD NR SUN CITY CA						
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$29,210	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$30,380	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$31,600	
				SW Total:			\$91,190
11070500	SAN JACINTO R NR ELSINORE CA						
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$7,330	\$20,720	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$7,330	\$21,840	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1	\$7,330	\$23,010	
				SW Total:			\$87,560
11071760	COLDWATER CANYON C NR CORONA CA						
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$29,210	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$30,380	
	Full Range Streamflow Station	QCONT	1	1		\$31,600	
				SW Total:			\$91,190
				SW Grand Total:	\$84,420	\$830,250	\$914,670

SUMMARY FOR

TYPE	USGS FUNDS	CUST. CASH	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL COST
SURFACE WATER (SW)	\$84,420	\$830,250		\$914,670
GRAND TOTAL	\$84,420	\$830,250		\$914,670