

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



ITEM: 14.2
(ID # 30372)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

FROM : FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Adopt Resolution F2026-04 Accepting the Engineer's Report and Setting the Date of the Public Hearing for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System 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 ("NPDES") for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, dated June 2026;
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 14, 2026 at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors ("Board"); and
3. Adopt the following entitled resolution: Resolution No. F2026-04 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 Nation Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program.

ACTION:Policy


Jason Uhley, GENERAL MGR-CHF FLD CNTRL ENG

6/4/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and is set for public hearing on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 23, 2026
xc: Flood, COB/AG

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:	26/27

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

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 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 2026-27 is \$3.75 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. SAR BA Engineer's Report FY 2026-27
2. SAR BA Resolution No. F2026-04

CW:rlp
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Douglas Cordonez Jr.   6/12/2026


Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 6/11/2026

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

RESOLUTION NO. F2026-04

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 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

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY:  AARON C. GETTIS
DATE: 6-10-26

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 2026-27
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 23 day of June 2026 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 2026-27 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 14, 2026 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.

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4 RESOLUTION NO. F2026-04

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

10 ROLL CALL:

11 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

12 Nays: None

13 Absent: None

14 Abstain: None

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

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18 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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20 By:  _____

21 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 ANA WATERSHED
BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA
JUNE 2026

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 (SWRCB). The SWRCB 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

<u>Permit Term</u>	<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Date Adopted</u>	<u>Date Expired</u>
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

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].

*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.

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 2026-27 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 2025-26)

In July 2025, the District's Board of Supervisors confirmed a benefit assessment rate for FY 2025-26 of \$3.75 per BAU. Following is a summary of FY 2025-26 assessments:

Rate	Billed Parcels	BAUs	Assessments	Corrections	Amount Paid⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
\$3.75	426,824	789,031	\$2,956,614	0	\$2,930,554

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

(2) Estimated based on FY 2024-25 delinquency percentage.

(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.

RECOMMENDED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT RATES (FY 2026-27)

The District recommends that for FY 2026-27 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 2026-27 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	426,824	789,031	\$2,956,614	\$2,808,783

⁽¹⁾ Based on FY 2025-26 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 2025-26 will fund the District's NPDES Stormwater Program activities for the Santa Ana Watershed area in FY 2026-27. The proposed FY 2026-27 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 this trend is reflected in the Tentative Order R8-2024-0001. 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 2026-27 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 2025-26)

For the year ending June 30, 2026, the following major tasks and activities were accomplished in compliance with the 2010 Santa Ana River MS4 Permit:

- A. The District continued assisting the Permittees with implementing the Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP), Watershed Action Plan (WAP), Local Implementation Plan (LIP), the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) guidelines and template, the Low Impact Development Design Handbook (LID 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, LIP, WQMP, LID Handbook, and CASQA BMP Handbooks provide essential guidance that assist both the Permittees and the District in meeting 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 continued maintaining its Stormwater and Water Conservation Tracking Tool (Geodatabase) and the Hydromodification Susceptibility layers within the database by reviewing updated MS4 facility layers, as-built plans, field reconnaissance and 303(d) listed waterbodies. The District also continued maintaining its Geographic Information System (GIS)-based database to track its facilities.
- C. The District continued participating 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 ongoing alum treatment project for Canyon Lake, as well as continued funding for the Lake Elsinore Aeration and Mixing System and proposed alternatives. The District executed an extension to the LE/CL TMDL agreement to extend the agreement to June 30, 2027. The LE/CL TMDL Task Force in collaboration with the Regional Board, State Board, Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency revised the LE/CL TMDL. The Basin Plan Amendment to revise the LE/CL TMDL was adopted by the Regional Board in July 2025 and is currently pending consideration and approval from the State Water Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- D. The District continued participating in the Middle Santa Ana River Pathogen Indicator TMDL (MSAR TMDL) Task Force. The MSAR TMDL agreement was amended to extend the agreement to June 30, 2027. The Permittees utilized the agreement to aid the implementation of the Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan (CBRP) for those named in the TMDL within Riverside County. The MSAR TMDL Task Force in collaboration with the Regional Board, State Board, Office of Administrative Law, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency revised the MSAR TMDL's wet winter compliance deadline from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2035. The Basin Plan Amendment was adopted in March 2025 and is currently pending consideration and approval from the SWRCB and USEPA.

- E. Permittees continued assessing previously identified locations to install structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) similar to the award-winning Phoenix Avenue Storm Drain Sewer Diversion project to manage dry weather flows and reduce bacterial indicators in receiving waters as part of the CBRP's adaptive management process.
- F. The District continued assessing the Eastvale MDP project (Lines D and E) to further eliminate bacteria contributions to the MSAR by diverting flows to sewer. The District previously calculated treatment costs, assessed design feasibility, conducted continuous flow monitoring, and decided to fund the treatment of the diverted discharges of the project. The project is planned to be a multi-benefit project for both water supply and water quality improvements by reducing bacteria loads 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.
- G. The District is also a stakeholder in the Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force which conducts the Regional Bacteria Monitoring Plan (RBMP) to support implementation of the MSAR Bacterial Indicator TMDL. The RBMP 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.
- H. 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.
- I. The District continues to provide technical support to the Santa Ana River Bottom Homeless Solutions Collaborative Group pertaining to NPDES compliance obligations.
- J. 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.
- K. The District continued providing the Permittees' Management Steering Committee (MSC) with updates regarding the proposed regional MS4 permit. The MSC consists of the Permittee's City Managers, Directors of Public Works, and other essential municipal staff. They facilitate coordination with water quality management programs and respond to new legislative and regulatory initiatives.
- L. The District continued its 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.
- M. The District prepared and submitted a comprehensive Annual Report on behalf of the entire permittee group as well as a District-specific Annual Progress Report to the Regional Board.

- N. The District continued to utilize its Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practice (BMP) research facility to demonstrate stormwater capture, management, treatment, and sampling. 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. The District continued collaborative monitoring, sampling, and research efforts with project partners to evaluate the performance of bioretention and retrofitted planter BMPs, while advancing ongoing facility improvements and rehabilitation activities.
- O. The District continues to review its LID BMP Design Manual, which focuses on landscape-based BMPs and infiltration practices intended to address water quality impairments before discharges can reach receiving waterbodies. The LID BMP Design Manual is available on the District's website.
- P. The District continued collection and analysis of water quality samples in accordance with the Permit's Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) and the relevant volumes of the District's November 2020 Consolidated Monitoring Program (CMP) on behalf of the Co-Permittees. The District's CMP includes a SAR Monitoring Plan and a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), detailing 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 SAR Monitoring Plan and the District's QAPP, the District successfully facilitates a monitoring program to comply with the Permit's MRP.
- Q. The District continued administering municipal employee stormwater training programs. These training classes provide municipal staff with the requisite knowledge to comply with the Permit. These courses review the NPDES regulations, proper BMP implementation, identification of violations, etc., and provide overviews of the state's General Permits for industrial and construction activities. The District has implemented an online training program for Regionwide Industrial/Commercial Inspections, Construction Site Inspections, Santa Ana Region WQMP, and Municipal Facilities & Activities. In addition, the District conducted a virtual training on Illegal Connection/Illicit Discharge in November 2025 and held in-person trainings in Spring 2026 covering Construction Site Inspections and Municipal Facilities & Activities.
- R. As part of the CMP, the SAR Monitoring Plan and the QAPP include 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 general 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 Regional Watershed Monitoring through membership with the Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC). These monitoring components along with special studies have stand-alone work plans that have been developed and approved for these components independently of the CMP.

- S. The District's monitoring group continued utilizing the GIS field data collection tool called Survey123. The electronic interface allows field crews to record data quickly in the field so that other personnel can efficiently compile, review, filter, and analyze the entries. This information is readily uploaded into the District's water quality database and checked for completeness and accuracy.
- T. 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/>).
- U. The District collaborated with SMC member agencies to share resources for multi-benefit projects that can reduce costs relative to financing alone for 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, and on the Executive Steering Committee. District staff have also provided expertise on various technical workgroups. Through this regional collaboration the District continues to help pilot pivotal efforts through in-kind monitoring and consultant services support.
- V. The District continued coordinating 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. 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.
- W. From collective regional monitoring collaboration, the revised study design which was developed for 2021-2025, has been extended into 2026. This design was used to continue to assess trends and/or condition sites and was also expanded to include wet-dry mapping of areas within the southern California watersheds and targeting sites in under sampled areas. The development of a new five-year workplan for 2027-2031 is underway. Two SMC monitoring stations will be visited as part of the regional survey during Spring 2026 in the Santa Ana Region to meet both the bioassessment requirement and jointly demonstrate participation in the SMC per the requirements of the 2010 Permit.
- X. 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 a

network of highly engaged professionals which make up its member association dedicated to CASQA's Strategic Plan and organization goals. To date, District staff has taken part in its Board of Directors, Executive Program Committee, Legislation Subcommittee, Monitoring and Science Subcommittee, Policy and Permitting Subcommittee, Best Management Practices (BMPs) Subcommittee and True Source Control Subcommittee.

- Y. The District continued providing stormwater pollution prevention education and outreach by supporting area-wide events such as Love Your Neighborhood, implementing social media campaigns, as well as distributing BMP brochures addressing pollution prevention, recycling, proper disposal of household hazardous waste, 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, construction sites and industrial/commercial facilities.
- Z. The District continued to chair the Public Education Strategic Taskforce. Quarterly meetings include Permittee representation from the Santa Ana, Santa Margarita, and Whitewater Watershed regions to review elements of regional public education programs and program materials and communicate ideas on enhancing public education across all three watersheds.
- AA. The District continued implementing its five-year Riverside County Watershed Protection Program Public Education Strategic Plan that applies community based social marketing approaches to eliminate sources of pollution. BMP Materials for industrial and construction sites, food service facilities, automotive maintenance and overwatering were updated and are available to be downloaded at the rcwatershed.org website. Several outreach materials were also translated to Spanish.
- BB. The District continues to adapt its Watershed Protection website (<http://rcwatershed.org>) to become a "one-stop-shop" website that contains public education materials, compliance documents, and any other information relevant to Permittees, the development community, regulatory agencies, and the public.
- CC. 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.

PROGRAM/WORK ITEMS (FY 2026-27)

The principal work effort in the Santa Ana River Region in FY 2026-27 is anticipated to be ongoing negotiations with the fifth term MS4 permit. Once the fifth term MS4 permit is adopted, the focus will shift to implementation of the new MS4 permit requirements and updating of the Program's policy and guidance documents to address new permit requirements. Watershed management plans and associated 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 be significant new regulatory requirements for the Permittees and the District.

Program implementation will continue with further development and delivery of the online training program and improvements to program effectiveness assessment. At the same time, there will be continued implementation of the strategic plan for the public education program, the water quality monitoring program, and fiscal support from the Program for household hazardous waste collection. Complementary enhancements to the geodatabase and tracking management tools will be developed to assess program progress and effectiveness.

The major work tasks are presented below:

MS4 Program Management

As the 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., training, 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 will continue 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 by participating in TMDL Task Force and Regional Board meetings, commenting on Basin Plan Amendments and 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 2026-27 is anticipated to be permit renewal, including the continuation of negotiating a fifth-term municipal permit, updating the programmatic policy and guidance documents to address new permit requirements, and execution of an implementation agreement upon adoption of the new MS4 permit.

LID Project

Through a partnership with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), the District designed and constructed the existing 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.

Stormwater and Water Conservation Tracking Tool

The District will continue updating and enhancing its Stormwater and Water Conservation Tracking Tool (Geodatabase) in FY 2026-27.

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 coordination and oversight of the area-wide NPDES public education and outreach efforts in all three watersheds, including public education and outreach events, school education programs, promotional items, 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, automotive repair shops, mobile cleaning businesses, and other industrial and commercial 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, 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. In-person training may be offered to provide for more interactive hands-on experience.

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 2010 Permit's Program requirements. Additionally, the District will participate in regional monitoring collaborations and special studies relevant to the SAR. 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 retrofit studies and GIS-based analyses, which 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 Task Force in collaboration with the Regional Board revised the TMDL's wet winter compliance deadline from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2035. The Basin Plan Amendment was adopted in March 2025 and is currently pending consideration and approval from the SWRCB and the USEPA. Once approved by the SWRCB and USEPA, the District and the Permittees will be required to revise the CBRP to incorporate the revised TMDL implementation plan. Revisions to the CBRP will need to be submitted to the Regional Board for approval.

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 Task Force, in collaboration with the Regional Board, revised the LE/CL TMDL. The Basin Plan Amendment to revise the LE/CL TMDL was approved by the Regional Board in July 2025 and is currently pending consideration and approval from the SWRCB and the USEPA. The revised TMDL provides a 20-year extension to meet revised waste load allocations; however, the District and the Permittees will need to revise the CNRP to

incorporate the revised TMDL implementation plan. Revisions to the CNRP will need to be submitted to the Regional Board for approval.

Municipal Facilities & Activities

The District will continue implementing the provisions of the NPDES Permit's Municipal Facilities Strategy as described in the DAMP, including any required improvements to the structural facilities at the District's headquarters, municipal employee training activities, and reduction and/or elimination of stormwater pollution sources impacting District facilities.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The area-wide Municipal Stormwater Program for the Santa Ana Watershed continues to be implemented efficiently and cost-effectively through the sustained cooperative efforts between 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 SAWBAA assessments, are required to comply with the current 2010 MS4 Permit for the Santa Ana Watershed, as well as the enforceable provisions of the California Water Code and the Federal Clean Water Act, which regulate stormwater discharges from municipally owned storm drains and flood control facilities. These mandatory Stormwater Management Program activities are essential to the District's ongoing operation and maintenance of its critical public safety facilities. Therefore, the following action is recommended:

Continue to 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 2026-27.

GLOSSARY

ABOP – Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oil, Paint

BAU – Benefit Assessment Unit

BMP – Best Management Practice

CASQA – California Stormwater Quality Association

CBRP – Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan

CNRP – Comprehensive Nutrient Reduction Plan

CMP – Consolidated Monitoring Plan

CRWQCB – California Regional Water Quality Control Board

CWA – Clean Water Act

DAMP – Drainage Area Management Plan

District – Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FY – Fiscal Year

HHW – Household Hazardous Waste

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

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

RBMP – Regional Bacteria Monitoring Plan

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

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

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 2026-27)

APPENDIX A
SANTA ANA WATERSHED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA
PROPOSED NPDES PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2026-27

STAFFING

Salaries, Overtime and Benefits **\$1,788,894**

OVERHEAD

Administration Support 176,852.00
Bad Debt Expense 1,000.00
Computer Workstation Usage 135,000.00
Subtotal **\$312,852.00**

CONSULTANT SERVICES

NPDES Permit Administration 1,350,000.00
Public Education & Outreach – Community Outreach 226,875.00
NPDES Stormwater Training Program 50,000.00
Water Quality Monitoring 620,000.00
TMDLs 1,500,000.00
LID Facility 75,000.00
Miscellaneous Watershed Protection Projects 50,000.00
District Permit Compliance 610,114.00
Subtotal **\$4,481,989.00**

OTHER MS4 PROGRAM EXPENSES

County Counsel/Legal Services 21,658.00
Vehicle Usage (Carpool Expense) 10,000.00
Public Education & Outreach: Event Sponsorships/Materials/Printing 67,900.00
Photocopying/Duplicating 2,500.00
Water Quality Monitoring Equipment 39,400.00
Utilities, Communication Services, Supplies, Materials 5,000.00
Licenses, Permits, Books, Publications 7,000.00
Subtotal **\$153,458.00**

REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND MEMBERSHIPS

NPDES Permit Administration: CASQA Membership 51,563.00
NPDES Permit Administration: HHW Program, SMC, LESJWA, RWQMTF 430,400.00
Subtotal **\$481,963.00**

PROGRAM SUBTOTAL

PROGRAM SUBTOTAL **\$7,219,156.00**
CONTINGENCY (10%) \$721,915.60
Assessor's/Treasurer's Office Line-Item Charges (\$0.36)/parcel)* \$153,656.64
County Fee for Annual Submittal* \$96.14

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED **\$8,094,824.38**

* Based on County's FY 2025-26 collection charges. The County's FY 2026-27 collection charges are not yet available.

APPENDIX B

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

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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

GENERAL

Section 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

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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

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

6 a.) "Benefit Assessment" means the Benefit Assessment
7 to be levied annually on each Parcel within a Benefit
8 Assessment Area pursuant to Article IV of this Ordinance.

9 b.) "Benefit Assessment Area" means a Benefit Assessment
10 Area formed pursuant to Section 48-14 of the District Act
11 by the Board of Supervisors and identified in Article III
12 of this Ordinance.

13 c.) "Board of Supervisors" means the Board of Supervisors
14 of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water
15 Conservation District.

16 d.) "Chief Engineer" means the Chief Engineer of the
17 Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation
18 District.

19 e.) "County" means the County of Riverside, State of
20 California.

21 f.) "CRWQCB" means the California Regional Water Quality
22 Control Board for the region in which the Benefit
23 Assessment Area has been established.

24 g.) "District" means the Riverside County Flood Control
25 and Water Conservation District.

26 h.) "District Act" means the Riverside County Flood
27 Control and Water Conservation District Act, Statutes
28 1945, Chapter 1122, as amended; California Water Code,

1 Appendix, Chapter 48.

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

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

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

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

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

22 ARTICLE III

23 ESTABLISHMENT OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREAS

24 Section 1. Formation of Benefit Assessment Areas.

25 Pursuant to Section 48-14 of the District Act, the
26 Board of Supervisors noticed three public hearings to consider the
27 establishment of three Benefit Assessment Areas for each of which
28 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

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

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

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

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

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

d.) Determination of Benefit Assessment Units per 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

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

3 Section 2. Applicable Law.

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

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

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

12 ARTICLE VI

13 CORRECTION OR CHANGE TO THE TAX ROLL

14 Section 1. Initiation of the Correction or Change.

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

19 Section 2. Initiation by Flood Control Engineer.

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

24 Section 3. Initiation by the Assessee.

25 The Assessee may initiate a correction or change to
26 the tax roll by filing a written application with the Chief
27 Engineer within 60 days following his/her receipt of the tax bill
28 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 *[Signature]*
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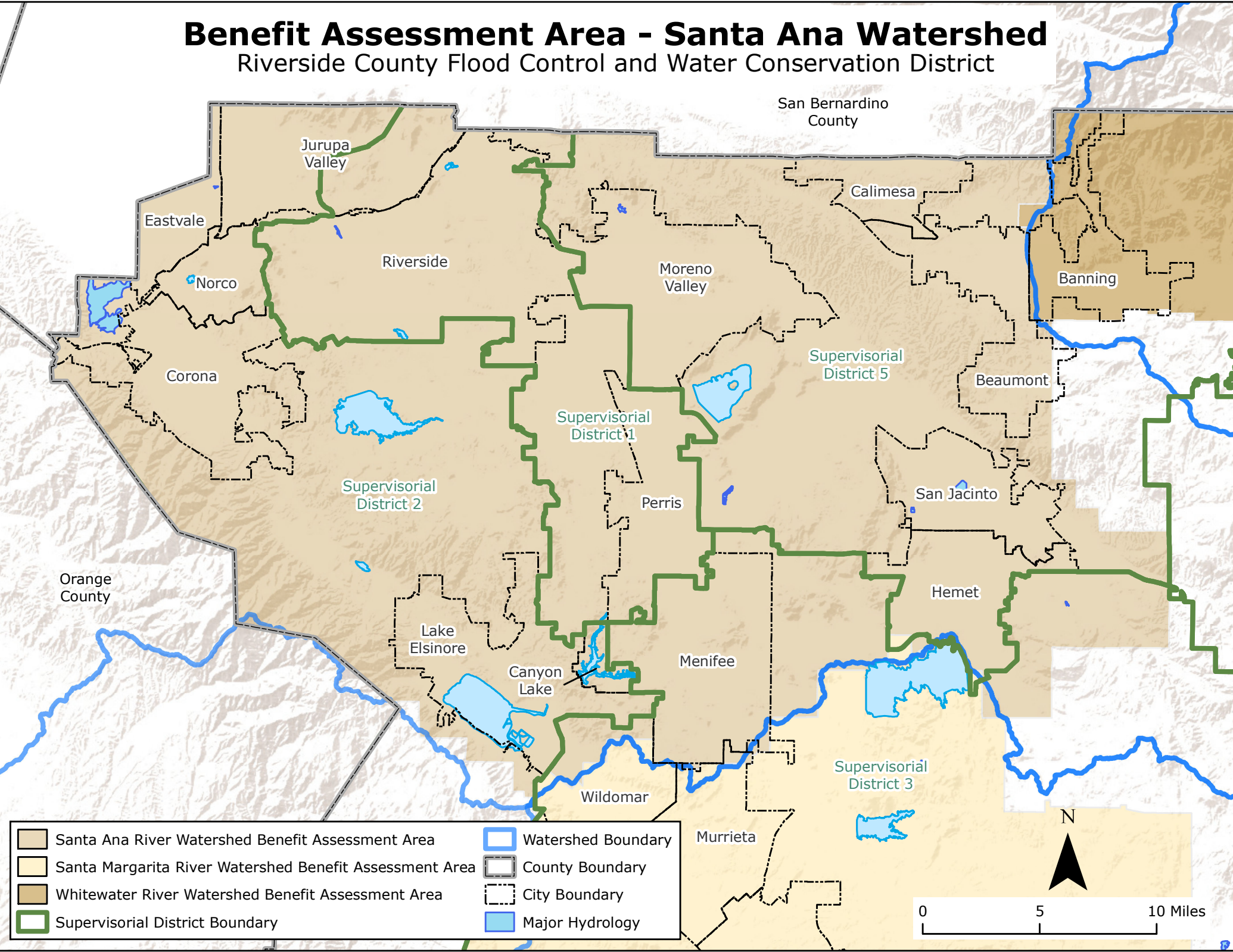
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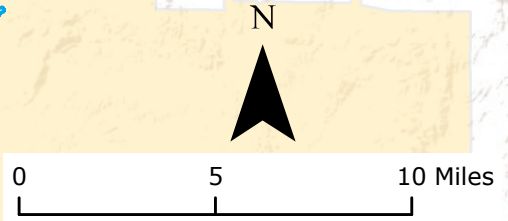
Map of Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area

Benefit Assessment Area - Santa Ana Watershed

Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District



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| Santa Margarita River Watershed Benefit Assessment Area | County Boundary |
| Whitewater River Watershed Benefit Assessment Area | City Boundary |
| Supervisory District Boundary | Major Hydrology |



APPENDIX D

SAWBAA Assessment Roll (FY 2026-27)