

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



ITEM: 14.1  
(ID # 30377)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, July 14, 2026

**FROM :** FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

**SUBJECT:** FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: (PUBLIC HEARING) Adopt Resolution F2026-07 Adopting and Confirming Each and All Assessments on Property in 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, All Districts. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Conduct the public hearing concerning the Engineer's Report on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area, dated July 2026; and
2. If at the conclusion of the hearing a majority protest has not been received, adopt the following Resolution: Resolution No. F2026-07 Adopting and Confirming Each and All Assessments on Property in 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.

**ACTION:**Policy

Jason Uhley, GENERAL MGR-CHF FLD CNTRL ENG

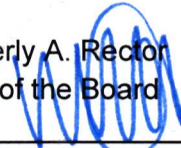
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Washington and Perez  
Date: July 14, 2026  
xc: Flood

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

| <b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>       | <b>Current Fiscal Year:</b> | <b>Next Fiscal Year:</b> | <b>Total Cost:</b>        | <b>Ongoing Cost</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>COST</b>                 | \$0                         | \$0                      | \$0                       | \$0                 |
| <b>NET COUNTY COST</b>      | \$0                         | \$0                      | \$0                       | \$0                 |
| <b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A |                             |                          | <b>Budget Adjustment:</b> | N/A                 |
|                             |                             |                          | <b>For Fiscal Year:</b>   | 26/27               |

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

All of the requirements of District Ordinance No. 14 providing for the establishment and levy of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Benefit Assessments have been satisfied; therefore, the public hearing may be closed and the assessments levied.

**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. F2026-07
3. Notice of Public Hearing for the Santa Ana Watershed BA

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P8/268819

  
Douglas Cordonez Jr. 7/9/2026

  
Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 7/1/2026

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION

RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

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RIVERSIDE CO. CLERK OF THE BOARD  
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## **RESOLUTION NO. F2026-07**

ADOPTING AND CONFIRMING EACH AND ALL ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY IN  
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

(FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ITEM 14.1 of 07/14/2026)

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

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**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 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: 6-30-26

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 Permit  
3 and must be expended in the Benefit Assessment Area in which they are collected; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the District initially levied the Benefit Assessment for 1991-92 Fiscal Year  
5 and has levied the Benefit Assessment in each successive fiscal year; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the voters of California on November 5, 1996, approved Proposition No. 218,  
7 which added Article XIID to the California Constitution ("Article XIID") effective November 6,  
8 1996; and

9       **WHEREAS**, Section 5(a) of Article XIID provides in pertinent part that "...any  
10 assessment imposed exclusively to finance the capital costs or maintenance and operation expenses  
11 for...flood control and drainage systems..." shall be exempt from the procedures and approval  
12 process set forth in Section 4 of Article XIID until the assessment is increased; and

13       **WHEREAS**, the Benefit Assessment proposed to be levied and enrolled for the 2026-27  
14 Fiscal Year is not greater than the Benefit Assessment that was levied for the 1996-97 Fiscal Year  
15 and all subsequent years;

16       **WHEREAS**, at a duly noticed hearing as required by Ordinance No. 14, the Board heard  
17 and considered all protests with respect to the amount of the Benefit Assessment to be levied for  
18 the 2026-27 Fiscal Year.

19       **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** by the  
20 Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District,  
21 County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on July 14, 2026, as follows:

22       Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

23       Section 2. That a public hearing has been duly held on this date, and that each and every  
24 step in the proceedings as required by the District Act and Ordinance No. 14 has been duly taken  
25 and all protests considered, and that the Board does hereby close the public hearing.

26       Section 3. That the Board does hereby make its determination upon each parcel in the  
27 Benefit Assessment Area as described in the Engineer's Report entitled "Engineer's Report to the  
28 Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on

1 the NPDES Program for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area" ("Engineer's  
2 Report"), dated July 14, 2026 filed with the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14, and that the  
3 Board does hereby confirm each and all Benefit Assessments on such parcels and thereby levies a  
4 Benefit Assessment in the Benefit Assessment Area of the District for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 at  
5 a rate of \$3.75 per benefit assessment unit.

6 Section 4. Pursuant to Section 5(a) of Article XIID, compliance with the procedures set  
7 forth in Section (4) of Article XIID is not necessary and there will be no increase in the Benefit  
8 Assessment to be enrolled for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year over the Benefit Assessment enrolled for  
9 the 1996-97 Fiscal Year and all subsequent years.

10 Section 5. That a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Clerk of this Board be  
11 recorded in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Riverside, and a copy of this Resolution  
12 duly certified by the Clerk of this Board and the Engineer's Report be filed with the  
13 Auditor/Controller of the County of Riverside.

**Board of Supervisors**

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

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, and Gutierrez

Nays: None

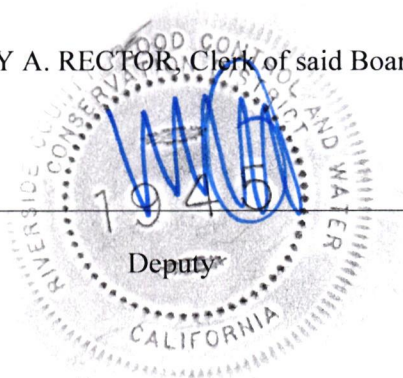
Absent: Washington and Perez

Abstain: None

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

KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_



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**PETER ALDANA  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**

**Recorder**  
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**CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code 27361.7, I certify under the penalty of perjury that the following is a true copy of illegible wording found in the attached document:

(Print or type the page number(s) and wording below):

CLARIFICATION FOR SEAL for the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (EMBOSSSED ON DOCUMENT)

RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND  
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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CALIFORNIA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

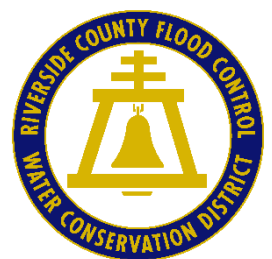
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Whitney Mayo, Deputy Clerk of the Board Assistant

**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**  
**JULY 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 \$25,000<sup>1</sup> 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"<sup>2</sup> 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*

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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 Permit<sup>3</sup>. 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.**

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<sup>3</sup> 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:

| <b>Rate</b> | <b>Billed<br/>Parcels</b> | <b>BAUs</b> | <b>Assessments</b> | <b>Corrections</b> | <b>Amount<br/>Paid<sup>(2)(3)</sup></b> |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| \$3.75      | 426,824                   | 789,031     | \$2,956,614        | 0                  | \$2,930,554                             |

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Estimated based on FY 2024-25 delinquency percentage.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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:

| <b>Group</b> | <b>Land Use Classification</b>                     | <b>BAU/Acre</b> | <b>Assessment Rate*</b> |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 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:

| <b>Rate</b> | <b>Parcels<sup>(1)</sup></b> | <b>BAUs</b> | <b>Assessment<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b> | <b>Projected Revenue<sup>(3)</sup></b> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| \$3.75      | 426,824                      | 789,031     | \$2,956,614                        | \$2,808,783                            |

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on FY 2025-26 Assessor's information.

<sup>(2)</sup> Totals may vary due to rounding.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 | <b>\$1,788,894</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|

**OVERHEAD**

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Administration Support     | 176,852.00          |
| Bad Debt Expense           | 1,000.00            |
| Computer Workstation Usage | <u>135,000.00</u>   |
| <b>Subtotal</b>            | <b>\$312,852.00</b> |

**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                       | <u>610,114.00</u>     |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                  | <b>\$4,481,989.00</b> |

**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                             | <u>7,000.00</u>     |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                                    | <b>\$153,458.00</b> |

**REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

|                                                               |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| NPDES Permit Administration: CASQA Membership                 | 51,563.00           |
| NPDES Permit Administration: HHW Program, SMC, LESJWA, RWQMTF | <u>430,400.00</u>   |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                               | <b>\$481,963.00</b> |

**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*                                  | <u>\$96.14</u> |

|                                                         |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED</b> | <b>\$8,094,824.38</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|

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

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## **APPENDIX B**

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

## **APPENDIX C**

### **Map of Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area**

## **APPENDIX D**

### **SAWBAA Assessment Roll (FY 2026-27)**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing, at which all interested persons will be heard, will be held before the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, California, acting as the governing board of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, on July 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter, relative to the District's Engineer's Report on the NPDES Program for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area. The Board will hear and consider all protests with regard to the program, if any, including protests with regard to the amount of the proposed assessment to be levied. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any assessment and shall make its determination upon each assessment described in the report for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to statutory authorization, a written report by the Chief Engineer of the District describing the Benefit Assessment Program has been filed with the Clerk of the District's Board. The report contains a description of each parcel of property within the boundaries of the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area of the District on which a benefit assessment is proposed to be levied and sets forth the amount of the proposed benefit assessment for each such parcel. The report contains a schedule of the benefit assessment rates for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year. Copies of the report, together with copies of the assessment rolls for the Santa Ana Watershed Benefit Assessment Area and the official Riverside County Assessor's Map Books, are on file and available for review by the public at the office of the Clerk of the District's Board at the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California; the District's office at 1995 Market Street, Riverside, California; the City Clerk's Office at the City of Hemet, 445 East Florida Avenue, Hemet, California; the City Clerk's Office at the City of Corona, 400 South Vicentia Avenue, Corona, California; and the City Clerk's Office at the City Lake Elsinore, 130 S. Main Street, Lake Elsinore, California. By reference to the Chief Engineer's report, the assessment rolls, and the map books, each property owner may verify the area of his or her parcel, its land use, and the amount of the 2026-27 Benefit Assessment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the proposed benefit assessment rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27 is the same benefit assessment rate as Fiscal Year 1996-97 and all subsequent years.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

KIMBERLY RECTOR  
Clerk of the District's Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy