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UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

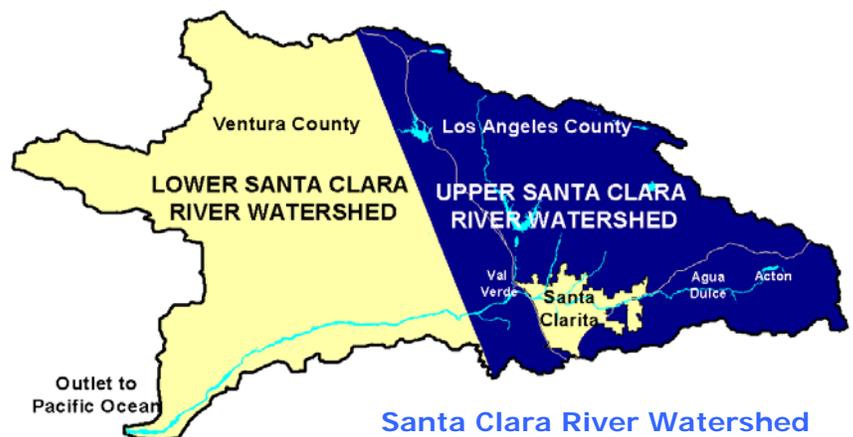
The **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan** (IRWMP) is a document that will identify and plan for the water resource related needs of the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed for the next 20 years. The IRWMP will integrate single-benefit projects throughout the region to achieve multi-beneficial goals of water supply, water quality, water conservation, and resource stewardship. The IRWMP utilizes a stakeholder-driven process led by the Regional Water Management Group. The IRWMP will be periodically updated to reflect future regional water and resource needs.

Who is the Regional Water Management Group?

The RWMG is currently comprised of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, Santa Clarita Water Division, and Valencia Water Company. Stake-holders from other agencies, nonprofit organizations, and citizen groups participate by attending public meetings and provide feed-back and input on the IRWMP to the RWMG.

How will projects be funded?

Developing an IRWMP allows regions to apply for Proposition 84 state grant funds, as well as other funding resources. Prop. 84 authorizes \$5.4 billion to fund statewide projects relating to safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood protection, water-way and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access in natural resources, and conservation efforts.



When will the Plan be completed?

The IRWMP is scheduled for completion in April 2008. As of February 2008, the draft plan includes 40 projects, but additional projects may be added at any time.

How can I help?

An open, transparent process is essential to developing an IRWMP. Ongoing public participation at every stage of the plan's development process will help ensure that key issues are addressed.

Members of the public are encouraged to offer input on the Plan at the **public workshop at 5 p.m. on May 1, 2008**, at William S. Hart Hall, 24151 San Fernando Rd. Newhall, 91321, via the IRWMP website, or by contacting an RWMG member agency.

Visit scrwaterplan.org or call (626) 458-4370 for more information.

CUENCA ALTA DEL RIO SANTA CLARA

PLAN INTEGRAL REGIONAL PARA EL MANEJO DEL AGUA

El **Plan Integral Regional para el Manejo del Agua** (IRWMP por sus siglas en inglés) es un plan para el manejo integral regional del agua en la Cuenca Alta del Río Santa Clara para los próximos 20 años. El objetivo de este plan es integrar los diversos proyectos en la región a fin de lograr beneficios múltiples tales como incremento en la disponibilidad y el abasto, la conservación y mejoramiento de su calidad, así como la protección del agua y recursos asociados. En la toma de decisiones, el IRWMP utiliza un proceso orientado por los diversos usuarios y dirigido por un comité o grupo regional para el manejo del agua. El IRWMP, será actualizado periódicamente para reflejar las necesidades futuras en materia de agua en la región

¿Quiénes integran el Grupo Regional para el Manejo del Agua?

El grupo regional para el manejo del agua (IRWMP) en la cuenca alta del Río Santa Clara, lo integran: Castaic Lake Water Agency, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, Santa Clarita Water Division, and Valencia Water Company. Miembros de otras agencias y organizaciones no lucrativas y grupos de ciudadanos también participan atendiendo a las reuniones públicas para opinar sobre el desarrollo del IRWMP.

¿Cómo se financiarán los proyectos del IRWMP?

La preparación de un Plan Regional Integral para el Manejo del Agua permitirá que la región solicite recursos de la Proposición 84. Esta proposición autoriza un fondo de \$ 5.4 mil millones de dólares para financiar proyectos en el Estado de California relacionados con el agua potable, calidad y abasto del agua, protección contra inundaciones, protección de los cauces y recursos naturales, y contaminación del agua. Estos fondos están también disponibles para mejoramiento y conservación de parques locales y estatales, y los accesos del público a esos recursos naturales, y tareas de conservación.



¿Cuándo será completado el plan?

El IRWMP está programado para ser terminado en Abril del 2008. Hasta Febrero del 2008, el plan incluye ya 40 proyectos y más proyectos pudiesen ser agregados durante el desarrollo del plan.

¿Cómo puedo ayudar?

Para el desarrollo del IRWMP, un proceso abierto y transparente es esencial. La constante participación del público durante el desarrollo del plan ayudará para que todas las inquietudes y opiniones claves sean consideradas.

Para opinar sobre el plan, se invita al público a una sesión informativa que se llevará a cabo a las **5 p.m. en Mayo 1, 2008**, en la Sala de Reuniones William S. Hart, localizada en el 24151 San Fernando Rd. Newhall, 91321, o también puede enviar sus opiniones a través de su página web en scrwaterplan.org o contactando cualesquier de las agencias miembro del IRWMP, o para más información favor de llamar al (626) 458-4370.

Para más información, visite www.scrwaterplan.org o al teléfono (626) 458-4370.

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UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER IRWMP

Community Survey

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1. In which of the following communities do you live?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acton | <input type="checkbox"/> Sand Canyon | <input type="checkbox"/> Val Verde |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agua Dulce | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Clarita | <input type="checkbox"/> Westridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canyon Country | <input type="checkbox"/> Saugus | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Castaic | <input type="checkbox"/> Stevenson Ranch | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newhall | <input type="checkbox"/> Valencia | |

2. Rate the current level of service in your community for the following issues:

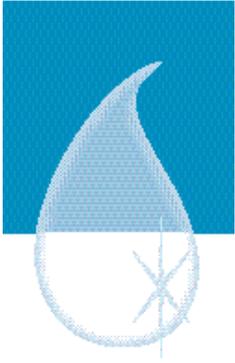
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| 1) Access to clean drinking water | poor | good | excellent |
| 2) Open space and recreational opportunities | poor | good | excellent |
| 3) Flood protection | poor | good | excellent |
| 4) Water quality of local rivers, lakes, and streams | poor | good | excellent |

Do you have a recommendation on how one or more of these issues can be improved?

3. Would you like to stay informed about the planning process?

- Yes Name _____
 Address _____
 Email _____
- I'll visit the project website at **www.scrwaterplan.org**.
- No

- Agency Newsletter on IRWMP



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Water Currents

Castaic Lake Hosts Annual DWR Event — Special Day of Boating and Fishing Fun

Several of the 33 disabled and disadvantaged children from the Special Olympics of Santa Clarita and Abilities First of the City of Pasadena who attended a Catch a Special Thrill for Kids (C.A.S.T.) Foundation event last fall enjoyed being on a boat and fishing for the first time.

The October 7, 2006 event was sponsored by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), along with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Boating and Waterways (DBW), Fish and Game (DFG), C.A.S.T., local agencies, fishing organizations and area vendors. The event at Castaic Lake was one of three such special days organized last September and October. Similar events were held at Lake Oroville and Lake Perris.

The C.A.S.T. Foundation has been in existence since 1991 and now co-hosts these special fishing events in 21 states. In 2004, DWR, DPR, DBW, and DFG signed an agreement to create a partnership between the C.A.S.T. Foundation and the State of California. Through this partnership, the State and the Foundation are providing disabled and disadvantaged children with opportunities to fish and enjoy public land and water found at State Water Project recreation facilities such as Castaic Lake.

"The extraordinary cooperation and support of many has led to a surprising growth of the C.A.S.T. program," said Karl Winkler of DWR's Central District. "This community based partnership has allowed us to use our State Water Project facilities in new and creative ways to help meet the special needs of many children."

During the four-hour event, the children along with the fishermen and fishing buddies fished for about two hours. Hot breakfasts, snacks and barbecue lunches



33 children from the Special Olympics of Santa Clarita and Abilities First of the City of Pasadena enjoyed two hours of fishing on Castaic Lake October 7, 2006. The annual event is sponsored by DWR and other State agencies in partnership with the C.A.S.T. Foundation.

were served to all participants. The children and fishermen also received certificates of participation in a special awards ceremony. Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) was represented by General Manager Dan Masnada, who participated in the awards ceremony.

"With 70 volunteers and 32 fishermen at this event, I believe the event is a reflection of the generosity and unselfishness of the people and businesses near the lake and in the Santa Clarita Valley," said David Inouye of DWR's Southern District.

Planning for this year's event on October 6, 2007 has already begun and CLWA will again enthusiastically participate.

Integrated Regional Water Management

During the past year, water agencies from various hydrologic regions of California have undertaken development of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs). Funding for IRWMP projects and programs began with Proposition 50, the first statewide proposition earmarking funds specifically for Integrated Regional Water Management. It was passed by California voters in 2002.

In 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, resulting in a significant increase in funding for IRWMP-related projects and programs. Proposition 84 is a \$5.39 billion bond measure that directs \$1 billion to IRWMP projects and programs, including \$215 million for the Los Angeles subregion that includes Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed. Funding for Proposition 84 will be primarily administered by the Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, and Wildlife Conservation Board.

CLWA and Partners Kick Off IRWMP Process

On Tuesday, February 20, 2007, over 40 individuals representing a broad spectrum of public agencies and private, non-profit organizations, as well as other interested citizens, met at William S. Hart in Newhall to kick off the stakeholder participation process as part of the development of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the Upper Santa Clara River watershed. The IRWMP is a cooperative regional effort that will incorporate water management, watershed planning and implementation efforts. The overall goal is to improve environmental habitat protection, recreation, water conservation, water recycling, and water supply reliability. Development of

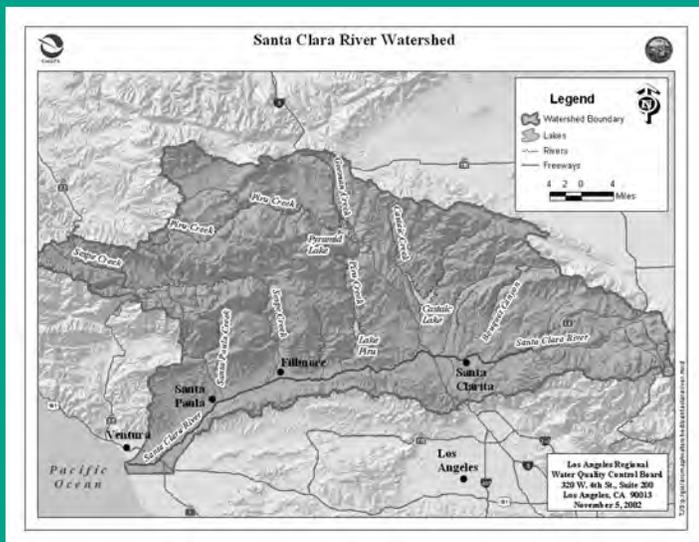
an IRWMP will enable the Santa Clarita Valley to qualify for grant funding under Proposition 84. In addition, the IRWMP will provide ongoing guidance and prioritization of projects and programs for funding consideration under future funding Propositions.

As stakeholders, the participants will help to advise the consultant team and partner agencies to develop the IRWMP. This first meeting provided an orientation to the IRWMP process and introduced goals and objectives. Group operating protocols were also reviewed and discussed. The representatives showed a real willingness to work together, and a real interest and enthusiasm for the

potential benefits for the Upper Santa Clara River watershed by developing this IRWMP.

Work on the IRWMP began in July 2006, when CLWA and the CLWA's Santa Clarita Water Division joined forces with the Valencia Water Company and four other public agencies - the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the City of Santa Clarita, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, and Newhall County Water District - to lay the groundwork for the formation of a Regional Water Management Group to oversee development of the IRWMP. After establishing management oversight, the entities selected a consultant

Planning (IRWMP)



to assist in the development of a 1) scope of work, 2) a Memorandum of Understanding regarding funding of the IRWMP's preparation and 3) the draft plan itself.

Three more stakeholder meetings are scheduled through October 2007, with a public meeting to review the draft IRWMP in early October. The final IRWMP will be completed by December 2007.

For more information, please check out: www.scrwaterplan.org or www.watershedcoalition.org

PROPOSITION 50 (2002) **Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002**

- **First statewide proposition earmarking funds specifically for Integrated Regional Water Management**
- **\$3.44 billion bond measure**
- **\$640 million to Integrated Regional Water Management**

PROPOSITION 84 (2006) **Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Protection Bond Act of 2006**

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- **For more information on proposition 84, visit: www.resources.ca.gov/bonds_prop84.html**
- **For more information on proposition 50, visit: www.resources.ca.gov/bonds_prop50.html**
- **For more information on Integrated Regional Water Management, visit: www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/integregio.cfm**

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Newhall County Water District

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website www.ncwd.org

Valencia Water Company

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The Santa Clara River

Size of Watershed: approx. 1,000 sq. miles
Length of River: approx. 100 miles

The Santa Clara River is the largest river system in southern California that remains in a relatively natural state, and is a high quality natural resource for much of its length. The river runs approximately 100 miles from its headwaters near Acton, California, to its outlet in Ventura County, and drains an area of approximately 1,600 square miles.

The portion of the river within Los Angeles County is generally referred to as Upper Santa Clara River, and the portion within Ventura County is generally referred to as Lower Santa Clara River. The Upper Santa Clara River watershed consists of approximately 680 square miles of mostly natural land with some mixed use developed areas. Much of the development concentrates in and near the City of Santa Clarita, the lone incorporated city in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed.

Some of the major tributaries in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed include Bouquet Canyon, Castaic Creek, Sand Canyon, San Francisquito Canyon, Mint Canyon, and the Santa Clara River South Fork

Beneficial Uses in Watershed:

Agricultural supply

Coldwater habitat

Commercial and sportfishing

**Contact and noncontact
water recreation**

Estuarine habitat

Estuary and Above Estuary

Freshwater replenishment

Groundwater recharge

Industrial service supply

Marine habitat

Migratory habitat

Municipal supply

Navigation

**Preservation of rare and
endangered species**

Spawning habitat

Warmwater habitat

Wetlands habitat

Wildlife habitat

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
PREPARE AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)**

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at a public hearing to be held by the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Group, on **Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.** at Hart Hall, 24151 North San Fernando Road, Newhall, California. Consideration will be given to the following item:

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At the conclusion of the public hearing, a regular IRWMP Stakeholder meeting will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the same location.

For more information please contact:

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Big Water Plans Coming Up; Board OKs New Agency

Geyer, Katherine. *Big Water Plans
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■ Regional Water Management Group will address concerns that will affect future water quality.

By Katherine Geyer
SIGNAL STAFF WRITER

A group of local water agencies will soon be collaborating to tackle some of the biggest water-related issues facing the Santa Clarita Valley.

The Board of Supervisors approved a recommendation Tuesday to establish the Regional Water Management Group, which includes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the city of Santa Clarita, the Castaic Lake Water Agency, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District and several local water companies.

The group will work together to address the biggest concerns that members of the public have and will establish a 20-year Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed.

"The Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP will make our region eligible for millions

in state grant funding — moneys that would be used to protect our water quality and ensure a sustainable drinking water supply for future generations," Supervisor Michael Antonovich said in a statement.

"The idea behind the IRWMP is to get local agencies together to identify and plan for water use needs in that specific region," said Kerjon Lee with the watershed management division of the county Department of Public Works.

"We've entered into a memorandum of understanding with all the agencies, and now we're going about facilitating meetings, developing the structure and now those agencies are going to go out and solicit public input to figure out what the important issues are for Santa Clarita basin residents," he said. "The goal is to have a consensus on what the most important projects are for the region."

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He said it is expected that the agencies will develop a plan within two years.

"None of the projects have been identified so far," said Jeff Ford, CLWA's water resource planner. "But the projects are likely to include things like habitat

enhancement or restoration, and that might include removal of non-native plants in the river."

He said he expects the group to take up the issue of the use of water softeners, as well as ongoing water recycling projects.

"We're changing the way we handle water because we are so dependent on Northern California ... for water, and also the effect we are having on the environment really kind of changed the way

municipalities handle it," he said. "This is much more collaborative. We realize that there are some people really passionate about the environment and about their communities."

The development of the IRWMP is expected to cost a total of \$320,000, according to Lee.

He said there will be a series of public meetings, one of which is scheduled for 4 p.m. May 15 at the William S. Hart Museum.

Water Agency Open House

The Castaic Water Agency will host a open house 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, located at the top of driveway above Central Park. Two free classes, free refreshments and tips and information on water conservation. Info: Karen Denkinger (661) 513-1230 or kdenkinger@clwa.org or www.clwa.org.

Water Agency Open House. The Signal 8 May 2007

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Water Groups Hope to Improve Future Reliability

By Jim Holt

SIGNAL SENIOR WRITER

Local water officials begin wading through a watershed of ideas today with the hope of picking the right one for developing the actual watershed of the Upper Santa Clara River.

The formal name for Tuesday's meeting of minds is the

7th Stakeholder meeting of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River.

Unofficially, it's like a Woodstock of stars in the field of local water management.

The Castaic Lake Water Agency is hosting the 150-minute brainstorming session.

Stakeholders invited to the top of the hill overlooking

Central Park include: The Santa Clara Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, the city of Santa Clara, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the Newhall County Water District and the Valencia Water Company.

"It's about how to handle water resources in our valley," NACWD General Manager

Steve Cole told The Signal last week.

Once they assemble, the various water agencies are expected to collaborate and develop the IRWMP that focuses on water resource management.

Participants hope to also come up with a platform that would elicit more funding for water resource management.

For them, the future looks brighter this week after politicians in Washington successfully sidlined a veto by President Bush to kill a bill calling for \$23.2 billion in funding for water resource projects across the country.

The 100-mile Santa Clara River is still Southern California's largest river system that remains

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pretty much in the same natural state.

It starts on the north side of the San Gabriel Mountains in north Los Angeles County, flows west into Ventura County and then empties into the Pacific Ocean, draining a riverbed that's roughly 1,634 square miles.

The watershed is spread over two counties, with 40 percent in Los Angeles County and 60 percent in Ventura County.

Since water in the Santa Clara Valley is managed at a number of different levels, by a number of different stakeholders, the whole point of Tuesday's group session is to integrate that water management.

The collective hopes to improve the reliability of Santa Clara's water supply, improve water recycling and conservation, and also to protect recreation areas and natural environmental habitat.

It wants also to prioritize those projects likely to elicit funding under Propositions 50 and 84, that each address issues about safe clean drinking water.

Holt, Jim. *Water Groups Hope to Improve Future Reliability*. The Signal
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Local Water Plan Deadline Set

By Jim Holt
SIGNAL SENIOR WRITER

Local water officials have circled April 2008 as their deadline for settling on a water resources plan they could pitch for state funding.

Jeff Ford, Water Resources Planner for the Castaic Lake Water Agency, said Friday that whatever plan is chosen by the agency and by the other water interests contributing to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River, it should be ready by spring.

"In April, we should have a grant submission in place," he

■ Officials to settle on resource plan to pitch for state funding:

said.

On Tuesday, more than 30 officials representing half a dozen key water interests met to discuss the management plan and to weigh their options. The group's goal is to come up with a plan most likely to elicit state money under Proposition 84, which calls, in part, for improved drinking water.

Many ideas were presented and discussed Tuesday.

Now comes the job of scrutinizing those plans, Ford said.

"We had a chance to look at a

its retail operations committee and a meeting originally set for Thursday of its water resources committee. Neither committee has scheduled meetings for the rest of November.

The agency has also canceled two other meetings set for later this month including a meeting of its directors slated for Nov. 28 and a meeting of its planning and engineering committee for Nov. 29.

Ford said the cancellations are merely reflections of light agendas, the concerns of which could easily be addressed in meetings at a later date.

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lot of projects," he explained. "Now we can do a complete evaluation of all those projects."

While water officials, including those at the Castaic agency, begin weighing all of their project options, several regular meetings have been canceled.

The Castaic water agency contributed to Tuesday's meeting and held a general meeting that was open to the public Wednesday.

However, it canceled a couple of its regular meetings this week including a meeting Tuesday of

Holt, Jim. *Local Water Plan Deadline Set.* The Signal 17 November 2007

Holt, Jim. Key Water Projects Proposed for SCV. The Signal 25 November 2007

Key Water Projects Proposed for SCV

■ Officials prioritizing ideas, mulling best route to win state funding.

By **Jim Holt**
SIGNAL SENIOR WRITER

While many are digesting Thanksgiving meals, local water officials are still digesting a bounty of water resource projects and ideas presented at a meeting last week.

As demand for water rises and water itself proves harder to find, officials are still searching for the best way to meet that demand in the new year.

On Nov. 13, more than 30 officials representing half a dozen key water interests met at the Castaic Lake Water Agency and discussed how to proceed with the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated

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Regional Water Management Plan.

With many ideas set before them, planners are now pouring over the information presented in an attempt to prioritize those projects and come up with the best plan to elicit state funding in the new year.

Three of those projects were presented by Steve Cole, general manager of the Newhall County Water District. They included: Upgrading Newhall Well No. 10 in order to filter out harmful minerals; removing an old sewer line at Lost Canyon and restoring wetlands at the east end of the Santa Clara River.

The Newhall Well No. 10 plan is a project to remove naturally occurring manganese and iron from the groundwater in the area of San Fernando Road and Via Princesa. The proposed treatment plant would reduce the amount of these minerals in the groundwater and reduce overall water demand, according to Cole.

The capital cost of the proposed plant would be between \$826,000 and \$1 million with operating and maintenance costs of about \$32.50 for each acre-foot of water — a surface area of 43,560 square-feet, one foot deep.

Treating the mineral-laden water would jumpstart a Saugus well that has been out of production due to naturally occurring manganese. The plan would improve the operating efficiency of the district water board, Cole said, and enhance Santa Clara's water supply by making the water in that well drinkable.

A feasibility study on implementing the project was completed two and a half years ago.

"Essentially, we're at the point where we don't have the capital financing to be able to complete this project," Cole told the consortium of water interests Nov. 13. "We're hopeful through this process that we'll be able to get some matching funds to make this project a reality."

The project would provide Santa Clarita with about 870 acre-feet of drinkable water a

year. The Lost Canyon Sewer plan

involves removing the sewer trunk line owned and operated by the Newhall County Water District. The sewer, built in the mid-60s, is about six and a half miles long starting in the Shadow Pines Boulevard area and finishing up at the Lost Canyon underpass.

The project calls for relocating the remaining portion of the sewer system out of the Santa Clara River by routing sewage across the river underneath the Sand Canyon Bridge and into a Los Angeles County sewer.

The proposed pipeline would incur a capital cost from \$1.74 million and \$2.5 million with operating and maintenance costs estimated at about \$20,000 a year.

"As the Santa Clara River has changed course a few times, here and there, the facility now — especially, under high flows, when you get these extreme conditions — can actually be in the flow channel of the river," Cole explained to the group. "And can sustain damage and then accidentally release sewage into the river, so the district has been able to relocate about half of that sewer."

A pump station has to be built to make this plan work, Cole added.

"The main benefit to the watershed is to prevent the release of sewage into the river system. It's very expensive to build pump stations and move trunk lines so, again, we're hoping to get matching funds."

Cole's last project pitched at the Nov. 13 meeting was the East Santa Clara River Wetlands and Recycled Water Project.

The plan is actually a joint venture involving the Santa Clara Valley Sanitation District that would restore wetlands in the river area over time and according to a multi-phased plan.

It is expected to cost between \$300,000 and \$600,000 in capital costs and calls first for a feasibility study that would determine the potential impact of recycled water discharged into the eastern end of the river.

"Basically," Coles said, "the project is to construct a recycled water line to the eastern end of Santa Clara River and then discharge into a wetlands area to help recharge the basin in that area."

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- Public Workshop (May 1, 2008) Materials

Upper Santa Clara River Watershed
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Public Review Workshop

Regional Water Management Group
May 1, 2008 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
William S. Hart Hall, Newhall

AGENDA

5:00 I. Call to Order and Announcements - Joan Chaplick, MIG

**5:10 II. Overview of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Process to Date** – Meredith Clement, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants

**5:30 III. Public Comment on the Draft Integrated Regional Water
Management Plan** - Joan Chaplick, MIG

6:45 IV. Future Steps – Jeff Ford, Castaic Lake Water Agency

- A. Preparation of the Final IRWMP
- B. Adoption of the IRWMP by the RWMG
- C. Support of the IRWMP by other Stakeholders
- D. Proposition 84 Guidelines and Grants

7:00 V. Close

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IRWMP

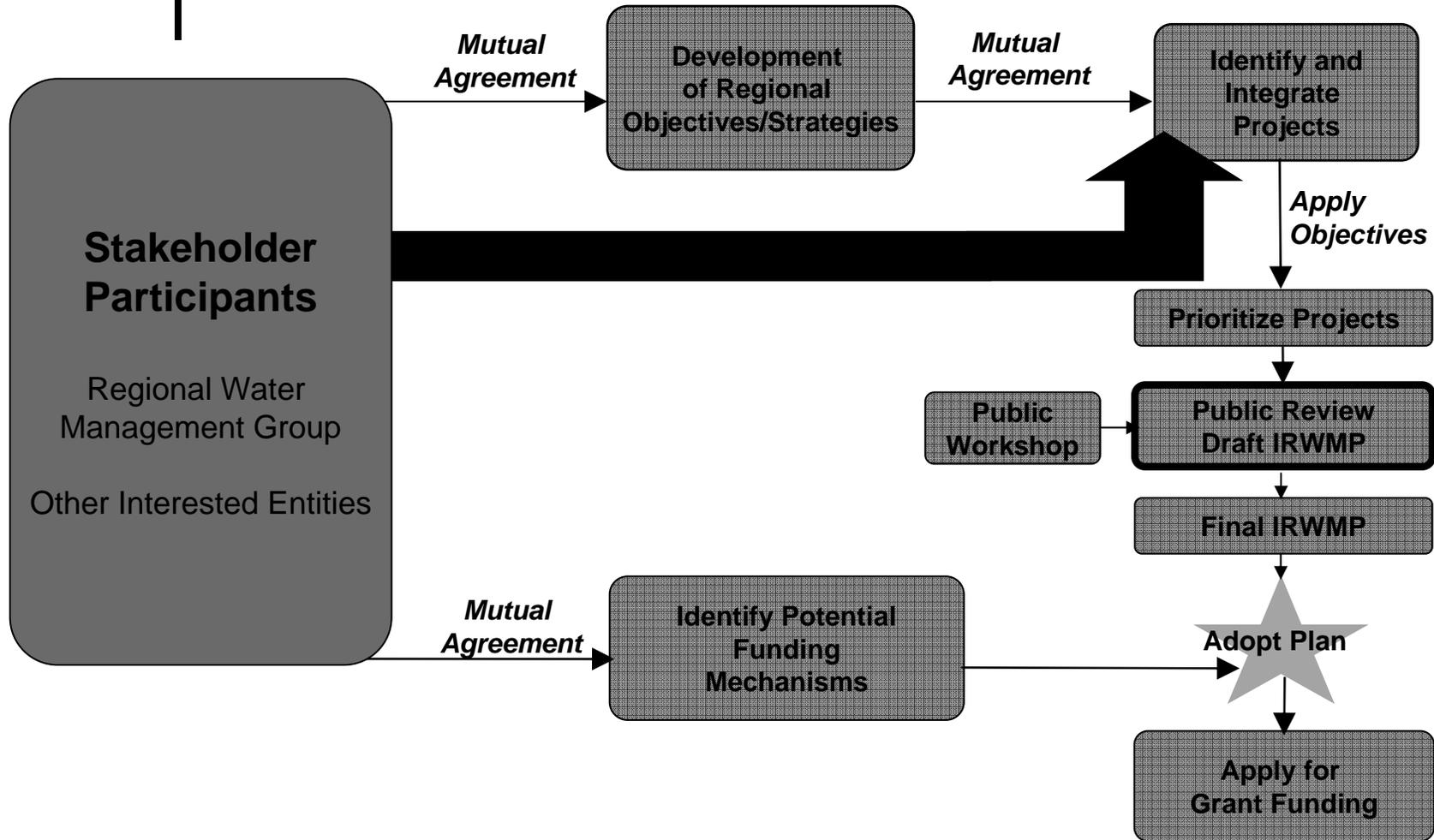
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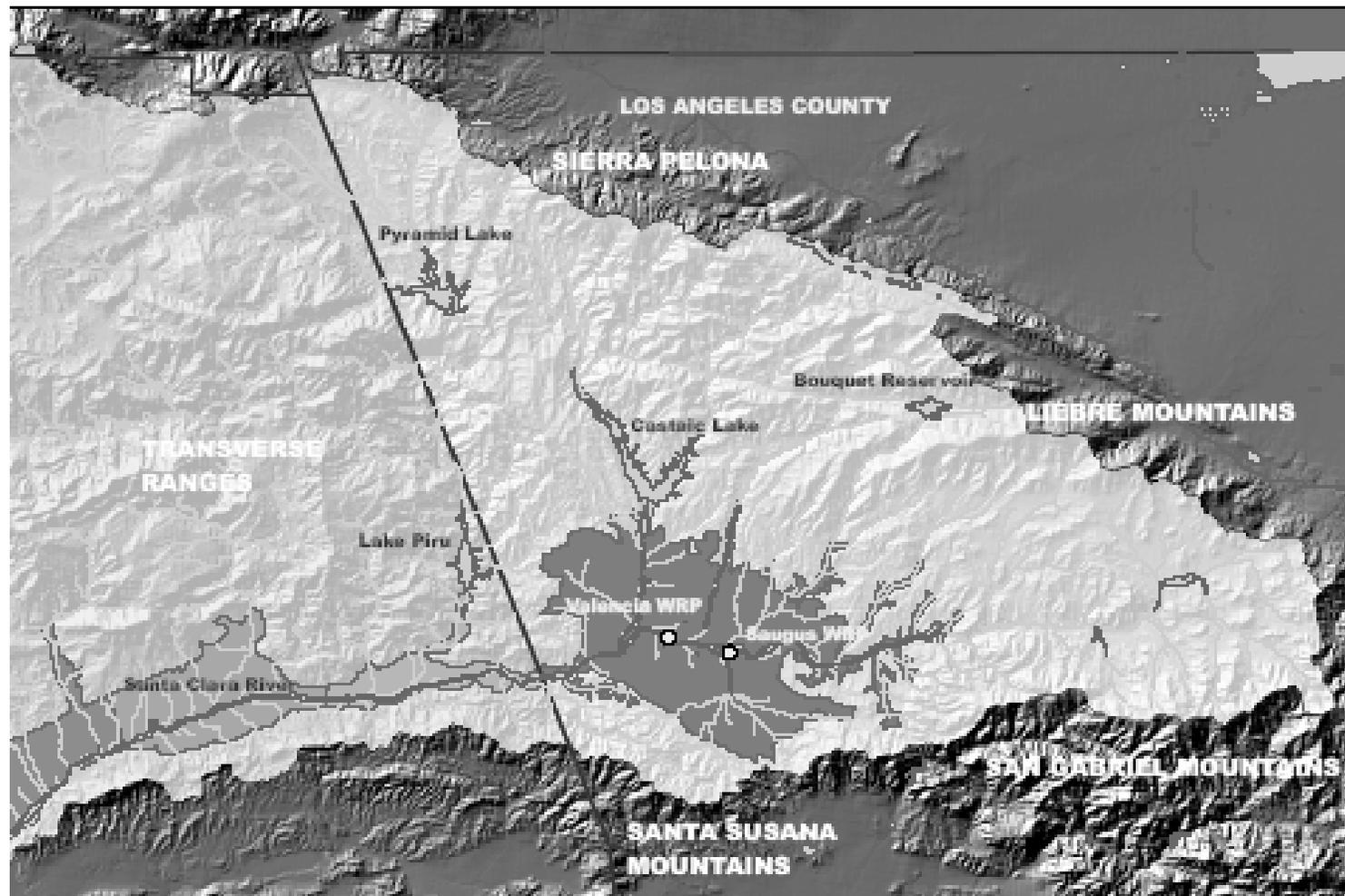
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Where we are in the Process





Region Description





Upper Santa Clara River Region

Regional Water Management Group

Castaic Lake Water Agency	Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
City of Santa Clarita	Santa Clarita Water Division of CLWA
Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County
Newhall County Water District	Valencia Water Company



Upper Santa Clara River Region

Other Stakeholders

Land Use Agencies

Town Councils

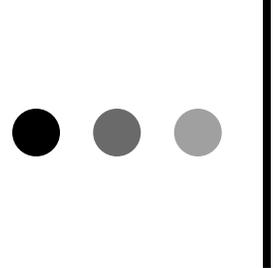
Business Organizations

Non-Profit Organizations

**Parks and Recreation and
Open Space Entities**

**Regulatory and Resource
Agencies**

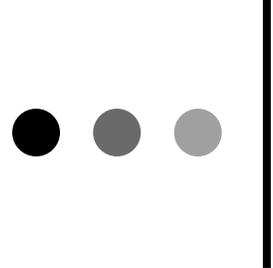




Plan Development Process

The Regional Water Management Group

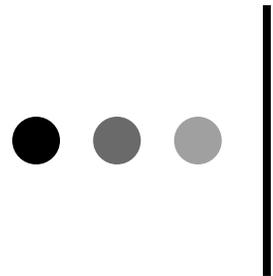
- Initiated development of IRWMP
- Call and coordinate meetings
- Provide funding
- Provide guidance related to data and information presented in IRWMP
- Propose and sponsor projects
- Adopt IRWMP



Plan Development Process

The Stakeholder Group

- Development of regional objectives
- Development of water management strategies
- Propose and sponsor projects
- Provide input to project prioritization criteria
- Provide input to proposed project ranking
- Identify opportunities for integration
- Review and comment on administrative and public drafts IRWMP document



Plan Development Process

Group Process

- Meetings lead by professional facilitator
- Decisions based on mutual agreement
- Process governed by ground rules and operating procedures



Plan Elements

Identified Issues:

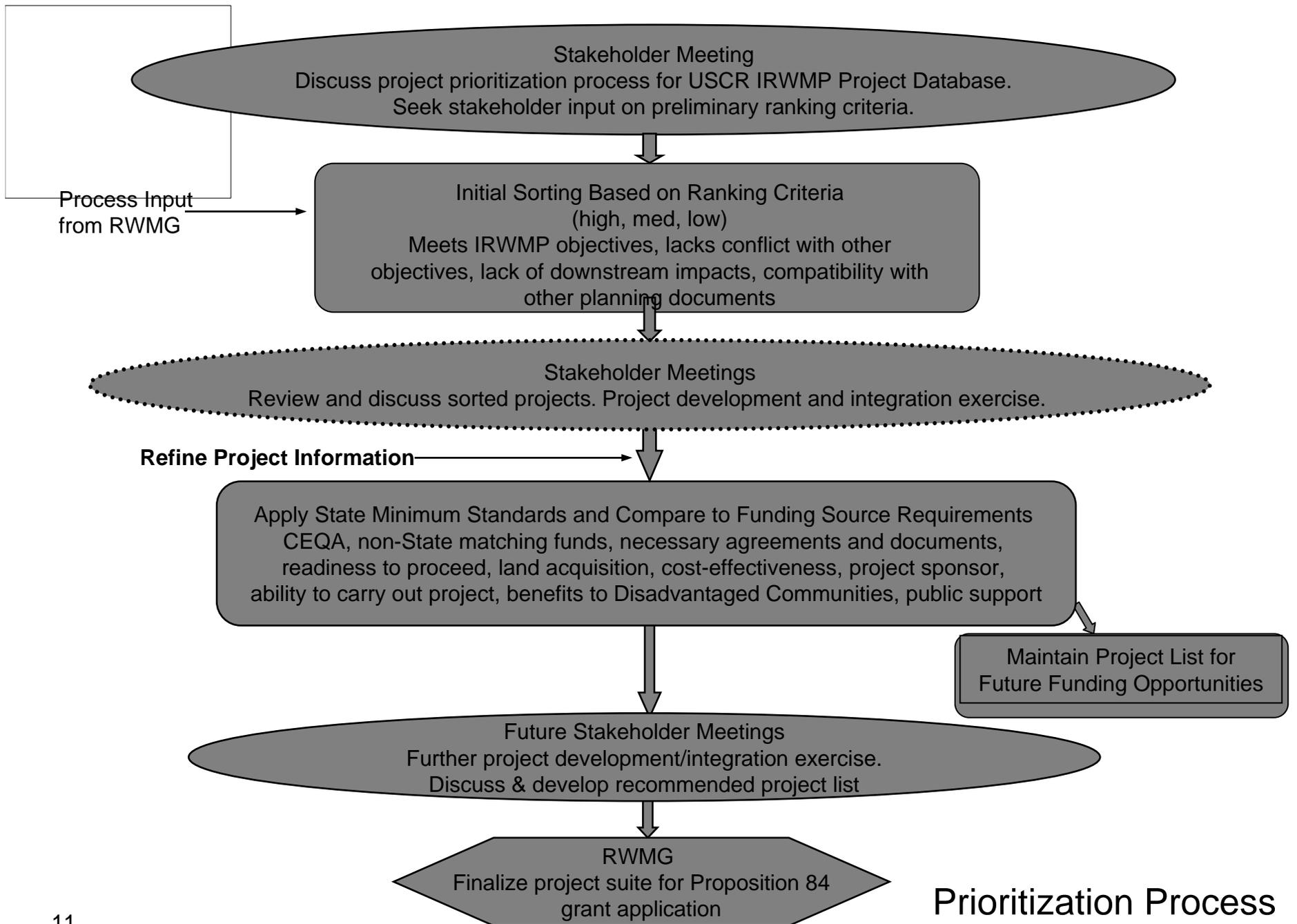
- Continued growth in water demand while imported water supplies become less reliable
- Difficulty in maintaining open space and habitat areas given population growth and increased urbanization
- Variety of water quality issues, including perchlorate contamination, and TMDLs for chloride and nitrate compounds
- Runoff and drainage issues in the more rural areas that result in negative effects to the rural areas and areas downstream
- Runoff and drainage issues related to urbanizing areas in the Watershed



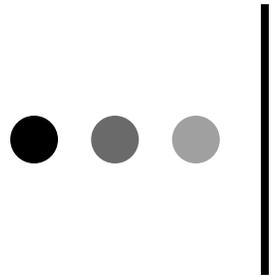
Plan Elements

Objectives

- ***Reduce Water Demand:*** Implement technological, legislative and behavioral changes that will reduce user demands for water.
- ***Improve Operational Efficiency:*** Maximize water system operational flexibility and efficiency, including energy efficiency.
- ***Increase Water Supply:*** Understand future regional demands and obtain necessary water supply sources.
- ***Improve Water Quality:*** Supply drinking water with appropriate quality; improve groundwater quality; and attain water quality standards.
- ***Promote Resource Stewardship:***
 - Preserve and improve ecosystem health;
 - Improve flood management; and
 - Preserve and enhance water-dependent recreation.

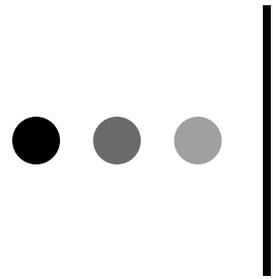


Prioritization Process



Sorted Projects

- **VWC-1. *Water Quality Improvement Program***
- **CLWA-4. *Large Landscape Efficiency Improvement Program***
- **Santa Clarita-1/USFS-1/LADPW-12. *Arundo and Tamarisk Removal Project***
- **SCVSD-3 SCVSD. *Self-Generating Water Softeners Public Outreach and Rebate Program***
- **SCVSD-2. *Ultraviolet Treatment***
- **SCWD-1/NCWD-2/SCVSD-1. *Feasibility Study for East Santa Clara River Wetlands and Groundwater Recharge***
- **Santa Clarita-3. *Discovery Park and Nature Center***
- **CLWA-5. *Customer Recycled Water Incentive Program***
- **LADPW-13/City of Santa Clarita. *Acquisition of Land in the Floodplain***
- **RMC-1/City of Santa Clarita. *Acquisition of River Channel and Major Tributaries***
- **NCWD-1. *Wellhead Treatment for NC10***
- **CLWA-1. *Recycled Water Program Phase II***



Questions?