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- Public Hearing on Plan Adoption

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
ADOPT THE UPPER  
SANTA CLARA RIVER  
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 Regional Water Management Group (USCR RWMG), on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 5:00p.m. at Hart Hall, 24151 North San Fernando Road, Newhall, California. At the public hearing, the RWMG will consider whether or not to adopt the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), as discussed below:

**PROJECT INFORMATION:** The USCR RWMG was formed consistent with Water Code Section 10537 as a coalition of agencies, and consists of more than three public agencies, at least two of which have statutory authority over water supply. For the USCR RWMG the two agencies with statutory authority over water supply are the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) and the Newhall County Water District. The other agencies in the USCR RWMG are the City of Santa Clarita, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the Valencia Water Company, and the Santa Clarita Water Division of the CLWA. One additional agency, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, is an ex-officio member of the USCR RWMG.

The USCR RWMG directed the publication of a notice of intention to prepare an IRWMP on April 17, 2007 [per Water Code Section 10541(a)], held a public hearing making a determination to prepare an IRWMP on May 15, 2007 [per Water Code Section 10541(b)], and is hereby publishing a notice of intent to adopt the IRWMP [per Water Code Section 10541(c)]. As noted above, the USCR RWMG will hold a public hearing on July 1, 2008 to consider whether or not to adopt the USCR IRWMP [per Water Code Section 10541(d)]. If three or more participants in the group determine to adopt the USCR IRWMP, including at least two of which that have statutory authority over water supply, the group shall adopt the plan not later than 30 days after the date of the hearing [per Water Code Section 10541(d)].

The public comment period on the Public Review Draft of the IRWMP has closed, and the Final Draft IRWMP is now complete and available on the Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP website (scrwaterplan.org).

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**UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Adoption Hearing**

**July 1, 2008**

**William S. Hart Hall, Newhall**

**Meeting Summary**

The purpose of this public hearing was to consider whether or not the USCR Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) should adopt the Final Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The RWMG had previously published a notice of intention to adopt the regional plan. In accordance with Water Code Section 10541 (d), a public hearing was required within 15 days of publishing the notice of intent.

Jeff Ford from the Castaic Lake Water Agency led the meeting. He began by asking the representatives from the RWMG member agencies to state whether or not it was the intent of their respective agencies to adopt the IRWMP. Representatives from all but one of the RWMG member agencies were present at the hearing (*see list of attendees on next page*). In response to the question, all RWMG agencies present, including the two with statutory authority over the water supply (Castaic Lake Water Agency, and the Newhall County Water District) stated it was the intent of their respective agencies to adopt the IRWMP. Jeff Ford announced that the seventh member of the RWMG, the Valencia Water Company, had stated prior to the hearing that it was also their intent to adopt.

Following these declarations, Jeff Ford asked if there were any other public comments. As there were no comments, he then asked if it was the will of the group to wait until July 30 to meet again to formally adopt the IRWMP. Per Water Code Section 10541(d), the RWMG must adopt the plan not later than 30 days after the date of the hearing. As LA County Department of Public Works (LADPW) is not scheduled to go before the LA County Board of Supervisors until July 29 to get the authority necessary to formally adopt the plan, this will require waiting until July 30 if all members of the RWMG are to adopt the Plan. Per the Water Code, a minimum of three members of the RWMG are required to adopt the Plan, as long as at least two of them have statutory authority over water supply. Although July 31 is the last possible date to officially adopt the Plan and technically it is not necessary to do so to comply with the Water Code, all RWMG member agencies indicated they preferred to wait for LADPW believing it important to have all seven agencies adopt the Plan.

Following this decision, the meeting was adjourned.

Participants in the meeting and their organizational affiliations included the following

- Shirley Birosik, California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- John Bodenchak, LA County Department of Public Works
- Steve Cole, Newhall County Water District
- Oliver Cramer, City of Santa Clarita
- Jeff Ford, Castaic Lake Water Agency
- Oliver Galang, LA County Flood Control District
- Jerry Gladbach, Castaic Lake Water Agency
- Cathy Hollomon, Santa Clarita Water Division of CLWA
- Frank Kuo, LA County Flood Control District
- Travis Lange, City of Santa Clarita
- Dirk Marks, Castaic Lake Water Agency
- Larry McKinney, RBF Consulting
- Heather Merenda, City of Santa Clarita
- Dave Perry, Supervisor Michael Antonovich's Office
- Karin Russell, Newhall County Water District
- Mark Sillings, Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc.
- Frank Simpson, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

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- Authorizing Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 08-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE INTEGRATED  
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita has the responsibility for water quality under the Clean Water Act through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, Total Maximum Daily Loads; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the California legislature enacted Division 6, Part 2.2, of the California Water Code, known as the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 ("Act") for, among other things, the purpose of encouraging local agencies to work together to manage their available water supplies and to improve the quality, quantity, and availability of those supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Act encourages local agencies of different types to join together to form a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) to address water supply, quantity, and quality issues in their areas; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 2007, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA), Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Santa Clarita Water Division (SCWD) of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, and the Valencia Water Company formed a Regional Water Management Group pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding, entered into by said parties, to address the resource stewardship, water supply, quality, and quantity issues in their region; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Group, of which the City of Santa Clarita is a member, has developed a proposed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River, and pursuant thereto, published notice of the group's intention to adopt such a plan in accordance with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is not "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the plan is not likely to cause any significant physical change to the environment, given that it is simply a planning tool. But even if the plan is a project subject to CEQA review, it is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to, inter alia, Section 15262 and Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines. It is exempt under Section 15262 because it involves a conceptual plan associated with feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions. Further, it is exempt under Section 15306 because it involves basic data collection, and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

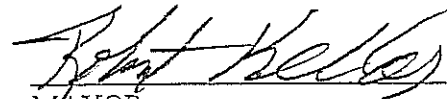
NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita does hereby resolve, determine, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council approve the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan on behalf of the City of Santa Clarita.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or his designee are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to apply, either separately or collectively with other members of the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Group, for grants under Proposition 84 to compensate the members of the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Group for the costs and expenses incurred in preparation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, its update, or for the funding of the implementation of the programs under the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2008.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
for CITY CLERK



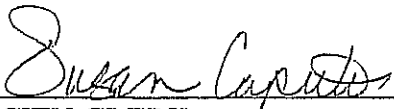
STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES       ) ss.  
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA        )

I, Sharon L. Dawson, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Santa Clarita, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 8th day of July, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:            COUNCILMEMBERS: Weste, Ender, Ferry, McLean, Kellar

NOES:           COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT:         COUNCILMEMBERS: None

  
for CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES       ) ss.  
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA         )

CERTIFICATION OF  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

I, Sharon L. Dawson, City Clerk of the City of Santa Clarita, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 08-78, adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita, California on July 8, 2008, which is now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Santa Clarita, California, this 15 day of July, 2008

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Sharon L. Dawson, MMC  
City Clerk

By Susan Caputo  
Susan Caputo  
Deputy City Clerk

**CLWA RESOLUTION NO. 2596**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ADOPTING THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN,  
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPROVE THE PLAN ON BEHALF  
OF THE AGENCY AND THE CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY  
SANTA CLARITA WATER DIVISION AND TO APPLY FOR GRANTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Castaic Lake Water Agency ("CLWA") was formed and established by the California State Legislature in 1962 for the principal purpose of providing imported Northern California water for use within and adjacent to the Santa Clarita Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, CLWA has adopted the following mission statement: "A public agency providing reliable, quality water at a reasonable cost to the Santa Clarita Valley"; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, the California legislature enacted Division 6, Part 2.2, of the California Water Code, known as the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 ("Act") for, among other things, the purpose of encouraging local agencies to work together to manage their available water supplies and to improve the quality, quantity and availability of those supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act encourages local agencies of different types to join together to form a "Regional Water Management Group" to address water supply, quantity and quality issues in their areas; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 2007, CLWA, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Santa Clarita Water Division of the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Valencia Water Company formed a Regional Water Management Group pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by said parties to address the water supply, quality and quantity issues in their region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Water Management Group, of which CLWA and the SCWD are members, has developed a proposed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River, and pursuant thereto published notice of the group's intention to adopt such a plan in accordance with the requirements of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process; and


**WHEREAS**, CLWA, separately or in concert with other members of the Regional Water Management Group, is willing to apply for grant funding available to such local agencies under Proposition 84, as passed and adopted by the California electorate in 2004; such funding to be available to help pay for the cost of developing and implementing Regional Water Management Plans.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15262 and 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines since it involves only a conceptual plan associated with feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions, as well as basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by this Board of Directors of the Castaic Lake Water Agency that it adopts the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (prepared by Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, dated June 2008 and on file with the Agency) and resolves and orders as follows:

- A. Actions.** The General Manager or his designee is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to approve the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by CLWA's and CLWA Santa Clarita Water Division's representatives on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Regional Water Management Group.

Staff is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to apply for grants under Proposition 84 or other grants for the preparation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, its update, or for the funding of the implementation programs in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

  
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President

ATTEST:

  
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Board Secretary

I, the undersigned, hereby certify: That I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, and that at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, the foregoing Resolution No. 2596 was duly and regularly adopted by said Board, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adoption, and that it is now in full force and effect.

DATED: July 9, 2008

  
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April Jacobs, Secretary





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July 29, 2008

**ADOPTED**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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*Sachi A. Hama*  
SACHI A. HAMA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize adoption of the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan in accordance with Section 10541 of the California Water Code.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited in this letter.
2. Authorize the Acting Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to take the necessary action to adopt the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan in accordance with Section 10541 of the California Water Code.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of these recommended actions is to adopt the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). This Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP was prepared under a joint effort between six public agencies, including the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). These agencies have executed a Memorandum of Understanding to form the Santa Clara River Watershed Regional Water Management Group in accordance with State guidelines to address regional water supply needs, protect and improve water quality, provide flood management, and protect the environment. The Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP will guide regional efforts to meet these objectives and improve local entities' competitiveness for State and Federal grant funds.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) and Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by utilizing a collaborative effort to implement projects and by actively seeking grant funds to augment the County's funding sources.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP is an advisory document and, upon its adoption, will have no funding obligation on the LACFCD.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002, as codified in California Water Code Section 10530 through Section 10546, provides the framework for preparation and adoption of IRWMPs in the State. California Water Code Section 10541(c) requires publication of a Notice of Intention to adopt an IRWMP in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 if three or more participants in the group propose to adopt an IRWMP. Additionally, California Water Code Section 10541(d) requires a determination to adopt an IRWMP after holding a public hearing.

On May 1, 2007, your Board authorized the LACFCD to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Santa Clarita, Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Clarita Water Division, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District, Newhall County

Water District, and Valencia Water Company to form the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Regional Water Management Group.

The Regional Water Management Group worked collaboratively with local stakeholders in the development and the preparation of the Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP in accordance with State guidelines to address regional water supply needs, protect and improve water quality, provide flood management, protect the environment, and establish a data management system to monitor the progress of these objectives. The Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP was completed on May 30, 2008, and a public hearing regarding the Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP adoption was held on July 1, 2008. The Regional Water Management Group conducted the hearing, which was held at Hart Hall located at 24151 North San Fernando Road, Newhall, California.

Adoption of the Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP will guide regional efforts to meet long-term water resource needs and will improve local entities' competitiveness for State and Federal grant funds, including implementation grant funding under Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E. It will encourage a regional approach to water resource management by establishing collaborative watershed-based efforts. It will also establish a framework to secure and administer future funding for water resource-related projects.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Adoption of the Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15262 of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 307.B.(7) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. This exemption provides for feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which have not been approved, adopted, or funded.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no adverse impact on current County services or projects as a result of this action.


Adoption of the Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP will encourage interagency cooperation to address water issues identified within the plan on a regional level. Projects included within the adopted Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP will be more competitive for State funding.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
July 29, 2008  
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**CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works,  
Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for DEAN D. EFSTATHIOU  
Acting Director of Public Works

DDE  
MP:lm

c: County Counsel



**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-11**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
ADOPTING THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND  
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO  
APPLY FOR GRANTS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT  
AND OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Newhall County Water District (“NCWD”) was formed under Division 12 of the California Water Code in 1952 for the purpose of providing retail water service to customers in portions of the Santa Clarita Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCWD is only one of four retail water providers in the Santa Clarita Valley with a keen interest in the efficient use and management of the water supplies in and available to said Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, the California legislature enacted Division 6, Part 2.2, of the California Water Code, known as the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 (“Act”) for, among other things, the purpose of encouraging local agencies to work together to manage their available water supplies and to improve the quality, quantity and availability of those supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act encourages local agencies of different types to join together to form a “Regional Water Management Group” to address water supply, quantity and quality issues in their areas; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 2007, NCWD, Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Santa Clarita Water Division of the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Valencia Water Company formed a Regional Water Management Group pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by said parties to address the water supply, quality and quantity issues in their region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Water Management Group, of which NCWD is a member, has developed a proposed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River, and pursuant thereto published notice of the group’s intention to adopt such a plan in accordance with the requirements of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process; and

**WHEREAS**, NCWD, separately or in concert with other members of the Regional Water Management Group, is willing to apply for grant funding available to such local agencies under Proposition 84, as passed and adopted by the California electorate in 2004; such funding to be available to help pay for the cost of developing and implementing Regional Water Management Plans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District does adopt the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan as presented by the Regional Water Management Group; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Manager and NCWD staff are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to apply, either separately or collectively with other members of the Regional Water Management Group, for grants under Proposition 84 to compensate the members of the Regional Water Management Group for the costs and expenses incurred in preparation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, its update, or for the funding of the implementation of the programs under the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and

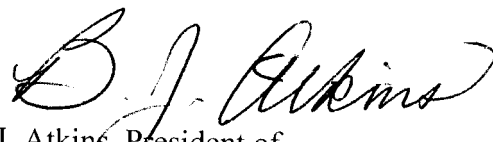
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Manager and staff are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all other actions as may be reasonably necessary to fully implement this resolution as above provided.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District held on July 10, 2008, Resolution No. 2008-11, and approved by the following vote:

**AYES:** DIRECTOR ATKINS, DORE, GUTZEIT, MORTENSEN, PLAMBECK

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE



B.J. Atkins, President of  
The Board of Directors of  
NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT


ATTEST:



Karin J. Russell, Secretary of  
NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
  )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES        )        ss.

I, Karin J. Russell, Secretary of Newhall County Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2008-11 of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District adopted at a Regular Meeting held on July 10, 2008, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

  
Karin J. Russell, Secretary,  
Newhall County Water District

DATED: 7-10-08

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June 23, 2008 - Item 8I

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-36

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ADOPT THE FINAL UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The northern boundary of the RMC extends to, and includes a significant portion of the Upper Santa Clara River watershed; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 which establishes in state law the concept of integrated regional water management planning; and

WHEREAS, The RMC has participated with seven local agencies and numerous other stakeholders in the development of a draft Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River region; and

WHEREAS, The Draft Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP includes goals and objectives that promote water and resource stewardship, including ones to preserve and improve ecosystem health, improve flood management, and preserve and enhance water-dependent recreation; and

WHEREAS, The agencies that have created the Draft Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP are now individually considering adoption of the Plan, according to the provisions of state law; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

*Therefore be it resolved that* the RMC hereby:

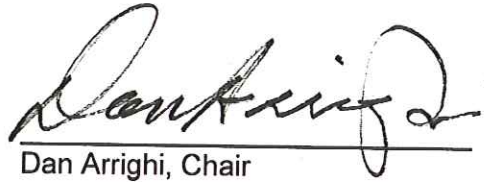
1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ACCEPTS the Draft Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP as a valuable step in the management of water, land, habitat, and other resources of that watershed.

Resolution 2008-36

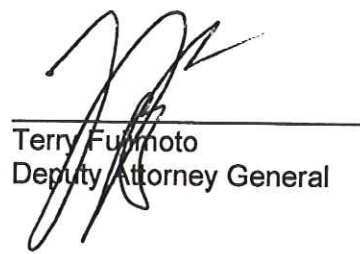
4. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer of the RMC to adopt the final Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP subsequent to a public hearing on July 1, 2008, *provided*, that the final version of the IRWMP is substantially the same as the June 2008 Draft.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS  
CONSERVANCY on June 23, 2008.

  
Dan Arrighi, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General

MINUTE EXCERPT

RE: APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT  
UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL  
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Chief Engineer and General Manager presented a proposed Resolution to Adopt the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (USCR IRWMP). He advised that the USCR IRWMP identifies water resource management objectives, develops strategies to meet needs, and

ranks projects in terms of meeting the region's objectives. The Board previously approved participation in the IRWMP process, and the District has been a member of a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) to develop the plan along with the City of Santa Clarita, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) and its Santa Clarita Division, Newhall County Water District, Valencia Water Company, and the County Flood Control District. Three of the top twelve projects identified for potential funding under Proposition 84 address recycling of water produced by District water reclamation plants and include ultraviolet disinfection at the Saugus and Valencia Water Reclamation Plants, the Board-approved water softener public outreach and rebate program, and expansion of the CLWA recycled water program. The proposed resolution must be adopted by the members of the RWMG to apply for funding, and all publication and hearing requirements of the process are being met by the RWMG. A copy of the proposed Resolution was attached to the agenda.

Upon motion of Director Burke, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
TO ADOPT AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
FOR THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHED REGION

WHEREAS, California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.2, known as the *Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002* (ACT), provides the framework for preparation of integrated regional water management plans in the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita, Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA), Santa Clarita Water Division of the CLWA, Newhall County Water District, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Valencia Water Company, and the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County have established a Regional Water Management Group by means of a Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with the ACT; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group solicited and incorporated input from all interested stakeholders in preparation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Region (PLAN); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group collaboratively prepared a PLAN that meets the requirements of the ACT; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the PLAN is intended to integrate planning and implementation efforts and facilitate regional cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the PLAN is further intended to improve the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Region's competitiveness for State and Federal funding.

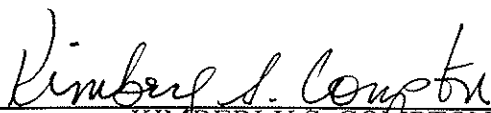
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County hereby adopts the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Region.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES } SS.

I, KIMBERLY S. COMPTON, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of excerpts of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District held July 9, 2008.

Dated: July 24, 2008

  
KIMBERLY S. COMPTON  
Secretary

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## RESOLUTION TO ADOPT

### UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, in 1965, Valencia Water Company, a public utility regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission, began delivering water to retail customers in the Santa Clarita Valley; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the California legislature enacted Division 6, Part 2.2, of the California Water Code, known as the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 ("Act") for, among other things, the purpose of encouraging local agencies to work together to manage their available water supplies and to improve the quality, quantity and availability of those supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Act encourages local agencies of different types to join together to form a "Regional Water Management Group" to address water supply, quantity and quality issues in their areas; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 2007, Valencia Water Company, along with Castaic Lake Water Agency, Newhall County Water District, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the Santa Clarita Water Division of the Castaic Lake Water Agency formed a Regional Water Management Group pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by said parties to address the water supply, quality and quantity issues in their region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group has developed a proposed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River, and pursuant thereto published notice of the group's intention to adopt such a plan in accordance with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process; and

WHEREAS, Valencia Water Company, separately or in concert with other members of the Regional Water Management Group, is willing to apply for grant funding available to such local agencies under Proposition 84, as passed and adopted by the California electorate in 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Valencia Water Company does hereby adopt the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

VALENCIA WATER COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Assistant Secretary of the Valencia Water Company, and that at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company held on June 25, 2008, the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said Board, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adoption, and that it is in full force and effect.

July 11, 2008

  
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Greg Milleman, Assistant Secretary



## **RESOLUTION NO. 1**

### **ADOPTION BY THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHED INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP OF ITS 2008 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Integrated Regional Water Management Act (“IRWM Act”) (California Water Code Sections 10531-10547) allows for the discretionary development of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (“IRWMPs”) to improve the quality, quantity and reliability of water supplies within regions and within the State, and improved coordination among local agencies toward that end, and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Act and Propositions 50 and 84 as approved by the California voters provide for grant funding for the development and implementation of IRWMPs, and encourage the development of IRWMPs by local agencies within a watershed region, and

WHEREAS, the Castaic Lake Water Agency (“CLWA”), including its Santa Clarita Water Division (SCWD) (collectively “CLWA” or “the Agency”), the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (“Sanitation District”), the City of Santa Clarita (“City”), Los Angeles County Flood Control District (“Flood Control District”), Newhall County Water District (“Water District”) and the Valencia Water Company (“Water Company”) (hereafter, collectively, the “Regional Water Management Group” or “the RWMG”) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to Participate and Contribute in the Preparation of the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (“the MOU”) in order to achieve the objectives of the IRWM Act, and pursuant to its terms, on or around May 7, 2007, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the formation of the MOU, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) demonstrated the desire and capacity to make a significant contribution of staff resources, expertise, and perspective on open space goals to the RWMG, and was thereby accepted by the RWMG as an ex officio member of that body, and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2007, members of the RWMG published a Notice of Intention to Prepare an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan pursuant to Water Code Section 10541(a) and in compliance with Government Code Section 6066, and

WHEREAS that notice indicated that the RWMG would hold a public hearing on whether or not to prepare an IRWMP on May 15, 2007, which the RWMG duly held, and

comments on the IRWMP's development, held 8 Stakeholder meetings noticed and open to the public, and

WHEREAS, these outreach efforts were documented in the Draft IRWMP, and made available with all other parts of the IRWMP on the website, and

WHEREAS, the RWMG noticed and held a Public Workshop on the Public Review Draft IRWMP on May 1, 2008 to take comments thereon, and

WHEREAS comments from the public and stakeholders made during the preparation of the IRWMP and the consideration of the comments on the Public Review Draft IRWMP were duly considered and included in a matrix included in the Draft Final IRWMP itself, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Sections 10541(c) and (d), the RWMG noticed and held a public hearing on July 1, 2008, as to whether or not to consider adoption of the IRWMP, in compliance with Government Code Section 6066, and

WHEREAS the RWMG voted at the July 1, 2008 public hearing to consider adoption of the IRWMP, and

WHEREAS the RWMG received written comments after the close of the July 1, 2008 public hearing, from Santa Clarita Organization for Planning The Environment ("SCOPE"), and

WHEREAS the members of the RWMG nevertheless have duly considered those comments, and

WHEREAS further public process including outreach to disadvantaged communities has already occurred and will continue with the implementation of the IRWMP, and

WHEREAS the July 1, 2008 SCOPE letter indicated that some concept projects identified in the IRWMP might have environmental effects, but

WHEREAS any projects undertaken by a public agency are subject to environmental review whether identified in an IRWMP or not, and

WHEREAS development of the IRWMP itself does not commit the RWMG, its members, or any project proponent identified in the IRWMP to any course of action with regard to any project or concept project identified in the IRWMP,

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the RWMG does hereby adopt the IRWMP in compliance with Water Code Section 10541(d),

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RESOLVED FURTHER that the RWMG shall implement the IRWMP in accordance with applicable State Guidelines and State Law.

DATE: July 30, 2008

By:

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Robert J. ... - SCWD  
  
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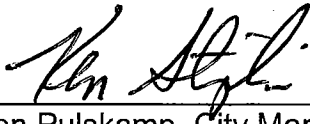
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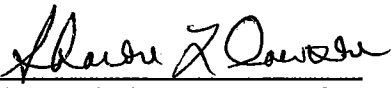
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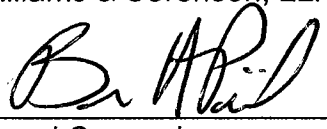
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CITY OF SANTA CLARITA:

By   
for Ken Pulskamp, City Manager

Attest   
Sharon L. Dawson, MMC  
City Clerk 8/26/08

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP

By   
Legal Counsel



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September 18, 2008

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: WM-1

Mr. Dan Masnada  
Upper Santa Clara River  
Regional Water Management Group  
Castaic Lake Water Agency  
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Dear Mr. Masnada:

### **ADOPTION OF THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHED INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

On August 5, 2008, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), voted unanimously to delegate authority to the Acting Chief Engineer of the LACFCD to adopt the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) (enclosed). Acting on that delegated authority, the LACFCD hereby joins the other agencies in the Regional Water Management Group in formally adopting the IRWMP.

The Upper Santa Clara River Watershed IRWMP provides an important framework for collaboration and implementation of projects that address regional water resource needs. I applaud the efforts of the agencies, stakeholder groups, and individuals who participated in developing the IRWMP and look forward to continuing to work with local stakeholders during the next phase of the planning process.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (626) 458-4008 or your staff may contact Mr. Mark Pestrella at (626) 458-4300 or [mpestrel@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:mpestrel@dpw.lacounty.gov).

Very truly yours,

DEAN D. EFSTATHIOU  
Acting Chief Engineer, Los Angeles County Flood Control District

  
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Deputy Director

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**WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION**



**UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP**

**Adoption Meeting**

**July 30, 2008**

**Castaic Lake Water Agency  
Meeting Summary**

The purpose of this was to consider whether or not the USCR Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) should adopt the Final Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Final IRWMP). The RWMG had previously held a public hearing on July 1, 2008, at Hart Hall to consider the adoption of the Final IRWMP. In accordance with Water Code Section 10541 (d), a decision to adopt the plan by the RWMG must be made within 30 days of the public hearing.

Jeff Ford from the Castaic Lake Water Agency led the meeting. Representatives from all but one of the RWMG member agencies were present at the meeting (the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy representative called in on the telephone for the meeting). Jeff Ford noted that the seventh voting member of the RWMG, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, would have the Final IRMWP as an item for approval at their August 5, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting, so they would not be voting on the item at this meeting. Jeff Ford asked for any comments on the Final IRMWP prior to a vote and Steve Cole of the Newhall County Water District thanked everyone for their work on getting the plan prepared and approved. With that comment a motion to approve the Final IRWMP was made and was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the Final IRWMP was approved without a dissenting vote.

After the vote, there was a brief discussion regarding the need for a meeting of the RWMG to plan the next steps in the IRWMP process and to discuss Proposition 84 funding, .

Following this discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Participants in the meeting and their organizational affiliations included the following

- Jackie Bick, Office of State Senator George Runner
- John Bodenchak, LA County Department of Public Works
- Steve Cole, Newhall County Water District

- Oliver Cramer, City of Santa Clarita
- Bob DiPrimio, Valencia Water Company
- Jeff Ford, Castaic Lake Water Agency
- Cathy Hollomon, Santa Clarita Water Division of CLWA
- Mauricio Guardado, Santa Clarita Water Division of CLWA
- Bruce Hamamoto, LA County Flood Control District
- Dirk Marks, Castaic Lake Water Agency
- Dan Masnada, Castaic Lake Water Agency
- Heather Merenda, City of Santa Clarita
- Dave Perry, Supervisor Michael Antonovich's Office
- Karin Russell, Newhall County Water District
- Tim Worley, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (by telephone)
- Mary Zauner, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District

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- Other Materials

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# Water agencies joining forces

■ Districts hope to better manage Upper Santa Clara River Watershed

By Jim Holt  
Signal Senior Writer

Like tributaries of a river, local water agencies are coming together this week to forge a plan for better management of the Santa Clara River and to elicit state grant money to do the job.

The Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is the central fixture in board meetings this week at both the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Newhall County Water District.

The goal is the same for both local agencies: Working together to better manage the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed and, at the same time, using that plan to apply for grant money.

Board members of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, which sells water to four local water retailers, Wednesday night endorsed a recommendation to adopt the plan and use it to apply for grant money "as appropriate for the IRWMP effort."

The endorsement also called on the agency's retail division — the Santa Clarita Water Division, one of the four retailers — to approve the plan as well.

The same plan is expected to be endorsed tonight by the Newhall County Water Division for the same reasons and for the same ends — better utilization of the river's watershed and to secure state funding.

On Tuesday night, Santa Clarita City Council endorsed the same management plan.

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Jeff Ford, Water Resources Manager for the Castaic Lake Water Agency, said all the agencies endorsing the plan will submit a grant application collectively under Proposition 84.

And, although the state budget is still being drafted, and the funds for such grants are not expected to be included in it, eventually the funds will become available and, when they do, the various Santa Clarita agencies that endorsed the plan

will have their grant requests assessed.

"It'll be a horse race for available funds," Ford told The Signal Wednesday. "It's really a matter of what funds are available and who it is we are competing for to get the money."

In March 2007, the following agencies came together to draft a plan regarding their shared interests in the Santa Clara River Watershed: the Castaic Lake Water Agency, its retail arm the Santa Clarita Water Division, the Newhall County Water District, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, the city of San-

ta Clarita, Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the Valencia Water Company.

They called themselves the Regional Water Management Group. "The easy part will have been getting each agency on board," said Dan Masnada, general manager of the Castaic Lake Water Agency. "The more challenging part will be, first of all, getting the funding."

When it comes to the Upper Santa Clara River, agencies that make up the Regional Water Management Group want the following objectives met:

- Reducing water demand by implementing technologi-

cal, legislative and behavioral changes that would reduce demands for water

- Improving operational efficiency by making the water system operations more energy efficient

- Increasing the water supply by finding water supply sources

- Improving water quality by improving the quality of local groundwater

- Promoting resource "stewardship" by improving the health of the Santa Clara River ecosystem and improving flood management

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## Stakeholders

### General Purpose Agencies

City of Camarillo  
City of Fillmore  
City of Moorpark  
City of Ojai  
City of Oxnard  
City of Port Hueneme  
City of Santa Paula  
City of Simi Valley  
City of Thousand Oaks  
City of Ventura  
Ventura County Executive Office  
Ventura County General Services Agency  
Ventura County Resource Management Agency

### Water Suppliers/Wastewater Management/ Special Districts

Calleguas Municipal Water District  
Camarillo Sanitary District  
Camrosa Water District  
Casitas Municipal Water District  
Fillmore Irrigation Company  
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency  
Golden State Water Company  
Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency  
Ojai Valley Sanitary District  
Ojai Valley Water Conservation District  
Pleasant Valley County Water District  
Saticoy Sanitary District  
Triunfo Sanitation District  
United Water Conservation District  
Ventura County Watershed Protection District  
Ventura County Waterworks Districts  
Ventura Regional Sanitation District  
Zone Mutual Water Company

### Business Organizations

Building Industry Association  
Farm Bureau of Ventura County  
Ventura County Economic Development Association

### Recreational and Open Space Entities

California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Conejo Recreation and Park District  
Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District  
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District  
Santa Monica Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

### Regulatory Agencies

California Coastal Commission  
California Department of Fish and Game  
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

### Other Agencies/Organizations

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County  
California Coastal Conservancy  
California Department of Transportation  
California Department of Water Resources  
California Native Plant Society  
California Wildlife Conservation Board  
Environmental Defense Center  
Friends of the Santa Clara River  
Hansen Trust  
Matilija Coalition  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Nature Conservancy  
Ojai Valley Land Conservancy  
Naval Base Ventura County  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
Surfrider Foundation  
Trust for Public Land  
U.S. Forest Service  
Ventura County Resource Conservation District  
Ventura Hillside Conservancy  
Wetlands Recovery Project

June 12, 2008

Upper Santa Clara River Regional Water Management Group  
c/o Jeff Ford  
Castaic Lake Water Agency  
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Dear Mr. Ford:

We are writing to express the support of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County for the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The document outlines goals, policies, and projects for implementation in the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed that have the potential to benefit the Lower Santa Clara River Watershed, which are contained in the adopted Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWMP.

We recognize that our planning efforts are linked and that our mutual success will be enhanced by working together and integrating aspects of our plans and projects. It is vital that our two portions of the watershed work together, share ideas, and strive to find projects with mutual benefit. We look forward to working with you and your stakeholders as both of our regions move forward with implementation of our plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to support your plan and your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Hughes".

Sue Hughes  
Co-chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dee Zinke".

Dee Zinke  
Co-chair

cc. Hector Bordas, Los Angeles County Public Works Department  
Tracie Billington, Department of Water Resources



ATKINS ENVIRONMENTAL H.E.L.P., INC.

June 25, 2008

Upper Santa Clara River Regional  
Water Management Group  
Castaic Lake Water Agency  
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Attention: Jeff Ford

Subject: Support of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Dear Mr. Ford,

I am writing to express support for the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County and the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The subject plan outlines goals, policies, and proposed projects for implementation in the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed which have the potential to benefit the Lower Santa Clara River Watershed.

I have personally been involved with the development of this plan, and commend the collaborative effort which was instituted from its inception. In my opinion, every stakeholder who needed to be involved with the formulation of this plan was involved. It was truly a learning experience for all.

All these planning efforts are linked. The mutual success experienced will be enhanced by this continued cooperation, integrating the aspects of the plans and prospective projects. The two major portions of the watershed must work together, share ideas, and strive to find projects with mutual benefit. It is in this spirit I look forward to working with this group, and impacted stakeholders, as both regions move forward toward implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate and support this plan and related efforts.

**I urge the Upper Santa Clara River Regional Water Management Group to adopt the Upper Santa Clara River IRWMP.**

Sincerely,

B.J. Atkins, President

*Atkins Environmental H.E.L.P., Inc.*

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