

IRWMP Governance Structure Examples

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Voting	Affirmative vote of a full quorum (majority of voting members) is required for all Leadership Committee decisions and recommendations. Affirmative vote of a full quorum is required for all Steering Committee decisions and recommendations.	For the Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee, consensus is sought if the need for a decision arises	Consensus is sought if the need for a decision arises.	Each Executive Committee representative has one vote; 3/4 of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum. However, Executive Committee is intended to operate through consensus-building rather than formal votes. Management Committee approves minor amendments by majority vote.	Consensus-based process led by co-leaders.
Membership	MOU signatories include public agencies, non-profit groups, and Public Utility Commission regulated entities within the Los Angeles region. Member agencies and organizations appoint representative(s) to serve on Steering Committee.	Representatives from agencies with a broad range of water management interests are the signatories to the LOMU; other entities may be invited to participate as interested parties.	Public agencies and other entities can be signatories; however, decision-making body is comprised of elected officials appointed by each county Board of Supervisors	Members include agencies and nonprofit corporations operating in South Orange County. Additional parties may be added to the agreement with the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee upon execution of the agreement. Financial contribution required for membership.	MOU signatories include public agencies, non-profit groups, CPUC-regulated water purveyors, as well as others. IRWM Planning effort has been led by co-leaders from the Ventura County CEO office and Calleguas MWD.
Contribution	Not Specified	Agencies will contribute the financial resources and personnel necessary to develop the IRWMP.	Agencies and organizations will contribute the financial resources and personnel necessary to develop the IRWMP. One staff person from Sonoma County Water Agency spends a significant amount of time on the IRWMP; the rest of the staff support is provided by a consultant team.	An annual shared-cost budget is approved by the Executive Committee; each member must contribute. Funds received by grants or other sources are, when possible, applied by the County to defray the expenses in the shared-cost budget. County invoices the parties each year, and the parties agree to pay promptly.	Budget for local share for IRWM Plan preparation under grant and IRWM grant administration for consultant assistance has been developed and shared amongst stakeholders based on concensus-process.
Attrition	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Participants remain engaged; attrition not specifically tracked.

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Subcommittees	<p>Leadership Committee is comprised of: the Chair and the Chairs of each Steering Committee; 5 additional members elected by the Chair and Steering Committee Chairs from nominations by Steering Committees; and non-voting ex-Officio members from state and federal agencies. Leadership Committee makes formal decisions regarding scope and content of the plan. Each of the 5 sub-regions has a Steering Committee, comprised of representatives appointed by member agencies and organizations, to provide input to Leadership Committee on major issues contained in the plan.</p> <p>Subcommittees, established as necessary by a Steering Committee or Leadership Committee, are subject to the oversight of establishing committee; recommendations not binding on establishing committee. Subcommittee members can be selected from any representative of any Steering Committee agency or organization, or any appropriate stakeholder.</p>	<p>Bay Area IRWMP Technical Coordinating Committee, comprised of representatives from signatory agencies, has decision-making authority for development and implementation of the plan. Service function coordinating committees are comprised of representatives from each agency participating in the IRWMP in an individual service function; compile and integrate individual agency plans relating to a specific service function.</p>	<p>Policy Review Panel, comprised of 2 representatives assigned by each county's Board of Supervisors, provides direction and oversight for the IRWMP process. Technical Peer Review Committee, comprised of technical staff, consultants, and agency representatives appointed by the Board of Supervisors, supports the Policy Review Panel in their evaluation of projects and plan development; 2 reps from each county. There is no specific criteria for number of NGOs vs. agencies that serve on the TPRC; it is up to the County Board of Supervisors. The Project Team, with help from the Policy Review Panel, established a project scoring sheet and is responsible for project integration; however, PRP ultimately determines project selection.</p>	<p>Each party appoints one representative (an elected official for public agencies and a director or officer for nonprofit corporations) to the Executive Committee*. Executive Committee has the power to approve budget, work plan, multi-year capital improvements plan; to authorize the County to apply for grants; and to allocate any non-grant revenue. Each party appoints one representative to Management Committee, which discusses proposed amendments and prioritized list of projects. Each party appoints one representative to the Regional Activity Committee, which allocates the funds that Executive Committee appropriates to Regional Activity Programs to specific parties. The Executive Committee may create subcommittees, with members serving at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Comprised of three subcommittees; the Calleguas Creek Watershed, Ventura River Watershed, and Lower Santa Clara River Watershed</p>
Resignation	<p>Any party may terminate its participation by providing 60 days written notice to all other parties</p>	<p>Agencies may terminate their involvement at any time, even following plan adoption.</p>	<p>Signatories may terminate their involvement at any time, even following plan adoption.</p>	<p>Any party may terminate its participation upon 90 days prior written notice to all other parties. The terminating party shall continue to be responsible for any and all outstanding obligations.</p>	
Proxy	<p>Appointing authority for each agency selects an alternate to represent it on the Steering Committee. Each Steering Committee elects a Vice Chair to serve as the Alternate for the Chair on the Leadership Committee. Leadership Committee elects a Vice Chair.</p>	<p>Not Specified</p>	<p>Not Specified</p>	<p>Agreement contains no requirements for notice or review of Executive Committee action by parties.</p>	

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Review	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Management Committee may approve minor amendments to the IRWMP by majority vote in a members-only session provided that those proposed amendments have been made available to the public at or prior to at least one public meeting of the Management Committee	
Sunset	MOU expires on December 31, 2010 or upon its replacement by the adoption of a subsequent MOU.	Agreement is ongoing.	Agreement is ongoing.	The agreement is of indefinite term and will continue in effect until terminated.	
Chairmanship	Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles Flood Control District or his/her designee serves as the Chair of the Leadership Committee. Members of each Steering Committee elect from among themselves a Chair and Vice-Chair. Chair of each Steering Committee serves on the Leadership Committee.	Not Specified	Policy Review Panel has elected Chair and Vice-Chair	County of Orange will as lead agency and will chair meetings of the group.	Co-chaired by Sue Hughes, CEO Office County of Ventura, Dee Zinke, Calleguas Municipal Water District, and Lynn Rodriguez, County of Ventura Planning Division.
Public Communication	All Leadership Committee and Steering Committee meetings are, to the extent feasible, open to the public and announced on website. Input on local needs and issues from regional and sub regional stakeholder workshops are incorporated into the IRWMP.	Non-signatories may be invited to participate as interested parties.	Interactive website allows for information exchange. Numerous workshops held throughout region to inform stakeholders about the process and obtain stakeholder input.	Public information meetings will be the means of obtaining public participation for plan updates. Management Committee meetings are open to the public. So far, public workshops have been held to get comments on plan from NGOs and private interests. Opportunities are provided for private interests to have IRWM projects	All WCVC meetings are, to the extent feasible, open to the public and announced on website. Subcommittee meetings are also open to the public. Input from these meetings are incorporated into the IRWMP.
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