

CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 16, 2006 - Water Resources

Vasquez, No Quorum

NOVEMBER 28, 2006 - Board Meeting

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INFORMATION CALENDAR

INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUMMARY:

During the development of the Proposition 50 criteria for funding local water related projects, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) took a new approach by mandating that all local projects being considered for funding be part of a regional integrated water management approach. DWR's purpose was to make sure that the projects are part of a comprehensive vision and direction for sustainable management of water resources. For the Greater Los Angeles region, this process is headed by Los Angeles County Flood Control under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW). A Leadership Committee, made up of representatives from various local agencies, was established to provide direction on the development of an integrated regional plan. The consultant firm of Brown and Caldwell was retained by LACDPW to prepare both a "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) of the Los Angeles area agencies and develop the draft Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). DWR has given local agencies throughout the state until the end the year to complete their regional plans. If completed on time, these local agencies will be eligible for Proposition 50 funding for their local projects. The MOU is attached as Exhibit "A".

**Memorandum of Understanding**

The purpose of the MOU is to establish the mutual understandings of the Los Angeles area agencies with respect to the joint efforts towards developing the IRWMP. The Southeast Water Reliability Project has been identified as one of thirteen priority projects in IRWMP in the amount of \$3.5 million (note that Central Basin has sent a letter to the Leadership Committee requesting that the recommended funding level be increased to the original requested amount of \$7.2 million. The letter is attached as Exhibit "B".) Several agencies have already approved the MOU, including the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.

On November 16, DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board will present their preliminary funding recommendations for Proposition 50 under Chapter 8 IRWM – Implementation Grant Funding (Round 1). Staff will provide the information at the Water Resources Committee and the Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

No impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

The MOU and the IRWMP are both exempt from CEQA.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was not reviewed by the Water Resources Committee on November 16, 2006 due to a lack of quorum. Director Vasquez suggested this item be agendaized to the November 28, 2006 Board meeting as information for discussion.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

This item is for information only.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" - Memorandum of Understanding

Exhibit "B" - SWRP Funding Letter to the Leadership Committee

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# **EXHIBIT “A”**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
For  
COORDINATION OF WATER RESOURCES PLANNING RELATING TO  
PROPOSITION 50 GRANT FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into as of November \_\_\_\_, 2006, by and among the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Main San Gabriel Watermaster, Watershed Conservation Authority, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, and City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, and any other local public agencies, non-profit groups, and Public Utility Commission regulated entities within the Los Angeles County Region that become signatories as provided herein for the purpose of coordinating water resources planning activities relating to Proposition 50 grant funding and implementation. Signatories to this MOU shall hereinafter be referred to individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties".

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the Parties, and the region served by the Parties, that the water resources the Parties share in common are responsibly managed, protected, and conserved to the extent feasible; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to prepare an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (hereinafter referred to as "IRWMP") for the Greater Los Angeles County Region in accordance with the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002, Division 6, Part 2.2 of the California Water Code, and Proposition 50, Division 26.5, Chapter 8 of the California Water Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually understood and agreed as follows:

**SECTION 1: PURPOSES AND GOALS**

1.1 Purposes and Goals:

The Parties desire to coordinate and share information concerning water resources management planning programs and projects and other information for Proposition 50 grant funding and implementation, and to improve and maintain overall communication among the Parties. It is anticipated that coordination and information sharing among the Parties will assist the agencies in achieving their respective missions in a cost-effective and environmentally responsive manner and contribute to the overall well-being of the region.

## SECTION 2: JOINT AGENCY PLANNING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

### 2.1 Projects and Programs:

It is the intent of the Parties that they coordinate and collaborate to develop and implement projects and programs individually or jointly in groups. Applicable projects and programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

2.1.1 An IRWMP for the Greater Los Angeles County Region.

2.1.2 Solicitation of external funding for implementation of the IRWMP for the Greater Los Angeles County Region.

### 2.2 Formation of Regional Water Management Group and Adoption of the IRWMP:

The execution of this MOU by the Parties shall constitute the formation of a Regional Water Management Group, consisting of the Parties, to prepare and adopt an IRWMP for the greater Los Angeles County Region in accordance with the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 and Section 10541 of the California Water Code for granting activities related to Proposition 50.

## SECTION 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3.1 **Term:** This MOU shall become effective on the date first above written and shall expire on December 31, 2010 or upon its replacement by the adoption of a subsequent MOU, Agreement, or Joint Powers Authority Agreement, or unless earlier terminated by mutual written agreement of all Parties. Any Party may terminate its participation in this MOU upon 60 days' written notice to the remaining Parties.
- 3.2 **Addition of Parties:** Other local public agencies (as defined in Section 10533 of the California Water Code), non-profit groups, and Public Utility Commission regulated entities within the Los Angeles County Region may adopt this MOU and, thereby, become a member of the Parties.
- 3.3 **Construction of Terms:** This MOU is for the sole benefit of the Parties and shall not be construed as granting rights to any person other than the Parties or imposing obligations on a Party to any person other than another Party.
- 3.4 **Good Faith:** Each Party shall use its best efforts and work wholeheartedly and in good faith for the expeditious completion of the objectives of this MOU and the satisfactory performance of its terms.
- 3.5 **Governing Law:** This MOU is made under and shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

3.6 **Rights of the Parties and Constituencies:** This MOU does not contemplate the Parties taking any action that would:

3.6.1 Adversely affect the rights of any of the Parties; or,

3.6.2 Adversely affect the customers or constituencies of any of the Parties.

3.7 **Execution:** This MOU may be executed in counterparts and the signed counterparts shall constitute a single instrument. The signatories to this MOU represent that they have the authority to bind their respective Party to this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the dates opposite their respective signatures.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

# **EXHIBIT “B”**



**Central Basin Municipal Water District**

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October 27, 2006

Leadership Committee of Greater Los Angeles County  
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
c/o Mr. Donald L. Wolfe, Director  
Los Angeles County Flood Control District  
900 S. Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

**Comments on the Draft Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Central Basin Municipal Water District (Central Basin) has reviewed the draft Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) dated September 29, 2006 and wish to provide comments to the Leadership Committee for consideration in the final draft document that is scheduled to be approved by the Committee in December.

As discussed in the preface, the purpose of the IRWMP is to “define a clear vision and direction for the sustainable management of water resources in the greater Los Angeles area.” As identified in the IRWMP, water recycling is considered a key strategy in the development of local water resources that will help improve local water supply reliability, improve and protect water quality, and provide for a variety of other environmental benefits throughout the region and the state.

Central Basin is very pleased that our project, the Southeast Water Reliability Project (SWRP), is included as one of thirteen priority projects that constitute the “Proposal for Implementation Grant, Step 2 – First Funding Cycle” in Appendix B-4 in the IRWMP. The SWRP meets the majority of the IRWMP objectives and multiple benefits described in Chapter 7 as well as meet the linkage and interdependence conditions for all the priority projects. Indeed, with the involvement of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, and the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, SWRP is multi-jurisdictional and inter-regional, and therefore becomes the very definition of what the IRWMP is trying to accomplish.

Art Aguilar  
*General Manager*

Mr. Donald L. Wolf, Director

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Central Basin submitted a funding request to the IRWMP Leadership Committee for SWRP in the amount of \$7.2 million. Unfortunately, the IRWMP draft shows a reduced recommended funding level of \$3.5 million, less than half of the requested funding amount. Because of the importance of this project to the Central Basin service area and Los Angeles County region and the multiple benefits that will be achieved when SWRP is fully implemented, we respectfully request the IRWMP Leadership Committee to restore the recommended funding amount to the requested level of \$7.2 million. It is only right and fair that the disadvantaged communities of Pico Rivera, Montebello, East Los Angeles and County Unincorporated East Los Angeles receive the many benefits that SWRP has to offer.

Please feel free contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (310) 436-2605 or by email at [arta@centralbasin.org](mailto:arta@centralbasin.org).

Sincerely,



Art Aguilar  
General Manager

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Enclosures

CC: Hector J. Bordos, IRWMP Program Manager  
Belinda Faustinos, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy