

# **Appendix A**

Imperial IRWMP Governance and Plan Adoption

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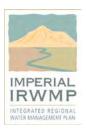
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# **Appendix A1—Imperial Water Forum Charter**

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# IMPERIAL IRWMP Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

# WATER FORUM AND REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP CHARTER

# **Background**

Imperial County and Imperial Irrigation District (IID) have proposed formation of an Imperial Water Forum (Water Forum) Imperial and Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) to undertake a collaborative, multi-stakeholder process to prepare and adopt an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The Water Forum and RWMG will identify water resources problems to be addressed, define IRWMP goals and objectives, review and develop water management strategies to resolve common issues related to the region's water supply, water quality, environmental stewardship, and flood management; and adopt an IRWMP to provide a roadmap for the future. The IRWMP planning horizon is to the year 2047; but to define priority projects and actions that will help the region qualify for grant funding, the IRWMP needs to be completed by Spring/Summer 2011. Pertinent background facts include:

- IID holds rights and entitlements to Colorado River water that it manages for the benefit of the water users in its service area.
- Imperial County has the authority for management of groundwater and land use in the unincorporated areas of Imperial County consistent with its Imperial County General Plan.
- Incorporated Imperial Region (Cities) have authority over land use within their boundaries consistent with their general plans; obtain raw water from IID and own and operate municipal utilities (or have franchise agreements with private companies) to treat and purvey drinking water in their service areas; treat and dispose of wastewater; and some are required to develop Urban Water Management Plans consistent with state law. All of the Cities in the Imperial Region except the City of Imperial are disadvantaged communities (DACs) that can benefit through regional planning which supports procurement of grants to meet local needs.
- To comply with federal and state Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements and avoid termination of canal water service, residents in the IID service area who do not receive treated water service must obtain alternative water delivery service for drinking and cooking from a state-approved provider. Nearly 4,000 raw water service accounts are required by California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to have this alternate drinking water service.

- Public agencies with responsibility and authority related to water resources as well
  as a number of non-governmental organizations, including agricultural, industrial,
  labor and environmental groups, have vested interests in the sustainable
  management of water supplies available to the Imperial Region. These groups have
  expressed a need and desire to participate in planning for water supplies needed to
  sustain economic development.
- Consistent with state law,<sup>1</sup> California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) coordinates the statewide IRWMP program, provides guidelines for development of IRWMPs, manages grant funding, and approves regions through the Region Acceptance Process (RAP).
- IID, with support from Imperial County, prepared a Region Acceptance Process (RAP) document to define the Imperial Region and initiate the IRWMP process. <sup>2</sup> The Imperial Region has been accepted by CDWR (for map, see Attachment A).

# Purpose of Water Forum and RWMG Imperial Region Charter

The purpose of this charter is to guide interactions between the sponsoring agencies (IID, Imperial County) and stakeholders during development of the Imperial IRWMP. It defines:

- Program Organization and Operation
- Administrative Oversight and Technical Support
- Decision-making Process
- Development, Endorsement and Adoption of the IRWMP
- Values and Principles

# **Program Organization**

The Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) are chartered to provide a management structure, decision process and mechanism for public involvement during production, endorsement and adoption of the Imperial IRWMP.

#### **Water Forum**

**Purpose**: Water Forum provides for stakeholder involvement and coordination. The purpose of the Forum is to provide primary input during development of the IRWMP. The collaboration goals of the Water Forum are to:

- Be representative of diversity of interests in the Imperial Region.
- Support data collection and assembly.
- Provide a conduit for information to and from respective groups.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002, codified in Part 2.2 (commencing with §10530) of Division 6 of the California Water Code

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Imperial IRWMP RAP (April 2009), http://imperialirwmp.org/RAP%20FINAL%20revised\_09\_5\_26.pdf

- Identify issues, conflicts and problems to be addressed in the IRWMP.
- Establish Work Groups to address specific technical or policy issues.
- Develop goals and objectives of the IRWMP.
- Review and screen water management strategies for inclusion in the IRWMP.
- Review and comment on analysis results.
- Develop alternative solutions (projects, programs, policies).
- Develop and accept project, program, and policy evaluation and ranking criteria.
- Apply the accepted evaluation and ranking criteria to define IRWMP program, program, and policy priorities.
- Support public outreach and involvement activities.
- Review funding and long-term management/governance approaches that can be used to implement IRWMP projects.
- Review and provide input to the draft and final IRWMPs.
- Support adoption or endorsement of the final Imperial IRWMP by the stakeholder agencies and organizations.

Membership: The Water Forum is open to all stakeholders groups. The Water Forum will be comprised of designated representatives from public agencies and organized stakeholder groups (e.g., non-governmental organizations). Water Forum membership is to be inclusive to ensure broad representation and accommodate a diversity of perspectives. Participation and input from any interested party is welcomed and encouraged. Recognizing that all members have other responsibilities, organizations are encouraged to designate an alternate member. Designated representatives and alternates should be prepared to commit the time needed to fully participate and represent their groups' interests and meet the responsibilities defined below. Member organizations whose participation has been solicited are listed in Attachment B. A final list of Water Forum representatives and alternates will be developed and maintained in Attachment B to the Charter.

Members are incorporated into the Water Forum by indicating their support for the IRWMP planning process through a resolution approved by their governing boards or by their established governance structure. The Water Forum will incorporate new members, as needed, to be representative of the larger community regardless of ability to contribute financially to IRWMP development.

### Roles and Responsibilities: Water Forum members will:

- 1. Attend Water Forum meetings or ensure alternative members' attendance to be held no more often than monthly for the duration of the planning process.
- 2. Help identify, review, verify and critique data; and assumptions, analysis and methods used by the consultants and Program Management Team (PMT) to

- develop the IRWMP (for membership list and support team members see Attachment B).
- 3. Review and provide recommendations on policy and technical issues.
- 4. Participate in Work Groups as needed.
- 5. Develop content and text or provide other assistance to staff and facilitators, as needed.
- 6. Provide honest perspectives, representing their groups' interests while seeking to understand the perspective of others.
- 7. Assist in communicating Water Forum goals and objectives and work that is being done to the broader public, and to constituencies and/or communities represented by the individual members.
- 8. Seek consensus and agreement on proposals and/or recommendations to the RWMG.
- 9. Assist in identification of short- and long-term future events, trends and conditions that will impact and shape the IRWMP.
- 10. Coordinate adoption of the Final IRWMP by the elected bodies and endorsement by stakeholder organizations that they represent.

## **Regional Water Management Group**

**Purpose**: To resolve conflicts and make decisions when Water Form membership cannot attain consensus, and to achieve a unified front for implementing regional water projects, program and policies. The intent is to allow the RWMG to act as the final arbiter of decisions where necessary.

Membership: The RWMG shall consist of nine members: Five (5) elected representatives of the Imperial Region land use and water management agencies, one (1) representative for agricultural water users, and one (1) for industrial/business water users, as follows: One (1) member from the IID Board of Directors, one (1) member of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors will be appointed by their respective groups, and three (3) elected City Council members of Cities participating in the Water Forum, two (2) of which must be designated as DACs, will be appointed by consensus of the Cities. IID Water Conservation Advisory Board will select one (1) member to represent agricultural users, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation will select one (1) person to represent industrial/business users; LAFCO will be requested to coordinate selection of one (1) special district (water related) member; community organizations will be requested to coordinate the selection of one (1) community-based or environmental justice member. To take action, RWMG meetings will require a quorum seven of nine (7 of 9) to attend either in person or by teleconference. RWMG members not already participating in the Water Forum will be ex officio members of the Water Forum.

The composition of the RWMG will be revisited by the Water Forum prior to activation.

# Roles and Responsibilities: The RWMG will:

- 1. Receive briefings, review Water Forum recommendations and act by consensus or simple majority vote, as follows:
  - o Endorse IRWMP Mission, Goals and objectives statement.
  - Resolve conflict when Water Forum members cannot reach consensus, see RWMG Process. below.
  - o Endorse water management strategies for inclusion in the IRWMP.
  - Endorse project, program, and policy evaluation and ranking criteria developed by the Water Forum.
  - o Endorse funding and long-term management/governance approaches to implement the IRWMP and projects (implementation plan).
  - o Endorse Final IRWMP.
- 2. Coordinate and promote adoption of the final IRWMP by the elected bodies and endorsement by stakeholder organizations.

## **Program Management Team**

**Purpose**: To provide effective and efficient coordination of the IRWMP process and logistical support to the RWMG, Water Forum and Work Groups.

**Membership**: At minimum, the PMT will be comprised of senior staff of IID and Imperial County, at least one senior staff member of one of the Cities, CDWR Regional Representative, Consulting Team Program Manager and Facilitator. PMT membership is presented in Attachment B, which will be updated, as needed.

## Roles and Responsibilities: The PMT will:

- 1. Coordinate the activities of the Water Forum and RWMG.
- 2. Schedule RWMG meetings as necessary to ensure that a quorum will be able to attend.
- 3. Coordinate additional staff and consulting resources to develop the IRWMP.
- 4. Direct activities and tasks under the scope of work and integrate interests of public agencies and stakeholder groups.
- 5. Convene all meetings, prepare meeting materials, and arrange logistics.
- 6. Set milestones and review progress of work
- 7. Meet monthly or bi-monthly, as needed, to:
  - Review and develop Water Forum agendas,
  - o Review and comment on meeting notes, and
  - Provide direction to consultants.
- 7. Coordinate Work Group activities.

- 8. Manage internal and external communications, inform stakeholders and the public of the process for developing the IRWMP; and
- 9. Ensure that CDWR IRWMP requirements are met.

# **Work Groups**

**Purpose**: Coordinate technical resources, agency staff and stakeholders to address specific issues or assignments and provide recommendations to the Forum.

Membership and Formation: Work groups will be formed as a specific action of the PMT or during full Water Forum meetings. When a group is formed, all Water Forum members will be given an opportunity to indicate their willingness to participate. Work group membership will close when the work group begins a specific assignment, and will be reopened if and when the assignment changes. To ensure an acceptable range of perspectives on the work group, specific members or staff may be invited to serve on the group by the Facilitator. Nonmembers may be requested to participate as resource people. All Work Group members shall have an alternate who is briefed and current on the work group assignment.

**Roles and Responsibilities**: Work groups will be given specific tasks with identified work products and schedules for completion. Unless otherwise requested by the PMT or Water Forum, following completion of the tasks, these groups shall disband.

# **Program Operation**

#### **Meetings and Meeting Schedules**

The Water Forum and RWMG will meet no more often than once a month for the duration of the planning process to complete the IRWMP. Meetings will vary by geographic location and Water Forum members will be asked to host meetings at an appropriate location. Meetings are open to the public. The Water Forum will hold some meetings as public workshops for the broader public to review and comment on draft documents.

Special meetings and/or workshops will be held as necessary by work groups.

#### **Attendance**

Given the volume of information to be considered and the short time frame for completion, regular attendance by each member or designated alternate is essential. Decisions made at Water Forum meetings, up to the initial adoption of the IRWMP, will not be revisited.

#### **Ground Rules**

The Water Forum and RWMG will utilize standing ground rules regarding meeting protocol, which they may modify them as appropriate, as follows:

#### The members agree to:

- Listen and discuss openly issues with others who hold diverse views.
- View disagreements as problems to be solved rather than battles to be won.
- Refrain from ascribing motives or intentions to other participants.
- Respect the integrity and values of other participants.
- Use conversational courtesy no taunts or derisory comments.
- Keep pagers and mobile phones silent during meetings, and return calls during breaks.
- Appreciate humor but do not engage in humor at the expense of others.
- Honor time.

#### Communication

- 1. Meeting announcements, draft agendas and advance materials will be posted on the Imperial IRWMP web site (<a href="http://imperialirwmp.org/">http://imperialirwmp.org/</a>) and sent out at least seven (7) days before each RWMG or Water Forum meeting.
- 2. Agendas and meeting notes and/or minutes will be prepared for Water Forum, work group and RWMG meetings to document actions, decisions, areas of consensus and areas of disagreement where further discussion is needed.
- Staff, Consultant Project Manager and Facilitator will make presentations on Water Forum and RWMG process, progress and work products at meetings and conferences, as appropriate. To increase awareness of the IRWMP, Water Forum members are strongly encouraged to arrange presentations about the IRWMP planning effort.
- 4. The PMT may prepare brochures and public information pieces targeted to laypersons to convey specific messages and to communicate to nontechnical persons the purpose, intent, progress and results of the IWRMP.
- 5. Outside of the Water Forum and RWMG, members are to speak only for themselves when asked about IRWMP progress unless there has been adoption of concepts or recommendations by the full body.
- 6. Adopted concepts or recommendations may be released along with statements of the Water Forum or RWMG that are agreed to by the full group. Suggested text for

such statements will be developed by Staff, Consultant Program Manger, and/or Facilitator or may be offered by a group member.

# **Administrative Oversight and Technical Support**

Staff resources and contact information are listed in Attachment B.

# Roles and Responsibilities: IID will:

- 1. Act as contract administrator and fiscal agent for administration of consulting resources.
- 2. Take Water Forum and RWMG meeting notes for review and approval.
- 3. Develop publicity and public affairs materials and maintain the Imperial IRWMP website.
- 4. Serve as a clearinghouse for information.
- 5. Serve as a stakeholder (one of many voices) during IRWMP meetings.
- 6. Coordinate production of draft and final work products.
- 7. Transmit findings and make them available to the public, as appropriate.

## Roles and Responsibilities: Consultant Program Manager will:

- 1. Provide and coordinate technical resources.
- 2. Coordinate the PMT.
- 3. Coordinate work groups formed by the PMT and Water Forum.
- 4. Use Water Forum and RWMG data, information, concerns, proposals and/or recommendations to develop interim work products and the draft and final IRWMP.
- 5. Develop text, generate work products, and prepare briefing materials and presentations.
- 6. Coordinate review of stakeholders' comments on draft work products.
- 7. Support the PMT in reconciling comments.
- 8. Provide and update project timelines and schedules to help manage assignment deadlines.
- 9. Prepare and revise, as needed, a work plan and schedule for the overall Water Forum and RWMG process.

### Roles and Responsibilities: Facilitator, serving as a professional neutral, will:

- 1. Manage dialogue in Water Forum and RWMG meetings and oversee the provisions of this charter.
- 2. Design, implement and refine an effective consensus-seeking process.
- 3. Encourage full participation, promote mutual understanding and cultivate shared responsibility at Water Forum and RWMG meetings, as necessary.

- 4. Ensure that all points of view held by Water Forum and RWMG members are heard and that the interests of each member's constituencies are considered.
- 5. Contribute structure and process to interactions among Water Forum, Water Forum RWMG and PMT members so that they are able to function effectively and make quality decisions.
- 6. Act as a content neutral party in terms of the outcome of Water Forum and RWMG work products. Options or other pro-active initiatives put forth by the facilitator will represent a best effort to reflect the discussions of the Water Forum and RWMG.
- 7. Provide assistance to members requesting help with interpersonal communications.
- 8. Develop, revise and enforce ground rules.

# **Decision-making Process**

When using a collaborative, consensus-seeking approach, a decision-making process is needed for purposes of negotiation and resolving conflicts. The independent agencies that are participating give up none of their powers or authorities and are the ultimate deciders of the direction their respective organizations will take with respect to participation in the IRWMP and to any project, program and/or policy that may be proposed. Nevertheless, Water Forum and RWMG members are expected to strive to reach consensus (agreement among all participants) in all of their decision-making.

Consensus can be defined as a general agreement reached by a group as a whole. In achieving consensus, some members may strongly endorse a particular proposal while others may accept it as workable. Others may be able to live with the proposal. Still others may choose to stand aside by verbally noting a disagreement, yet allowing the group to move forward without them if the decision does not affect them or compromise their interests. Any of these positions constitutes consensus.

#### **Water Forum Process**

- 1. When consensus is reached, the group's decision will be memorialized through meeting notes, reports, etc. Once made, up to the initial adoption of the IRWMP, Water Forum decisions will not be revisited.
- 2. Some members may have a fundamental disagreement with key aspects of a given proposal. They may be unwilling either to support or to live with the proposal as it stands. Parties with this opinion must suggest alternatives that move the proposal forward toward accommodating the interests of all.
- 3. When consensus cannot be reached, a simple majority vote by the Stakeholders is to be used. The facilitator will poll the members and cards for each Stakeholder group will be used during the vote count.

#### **RWMG Process**

- 1. The RWMG is in abeyance until the IRWMP is ready to be adopted.
- 2. As with the Water Forum, the RWMG is expected to seek consensus among its members; however, if consensus is not forthcoming, the RWMG can poll its members with the position of the majority being accepted.
- 3. RWMG members will give high priority consideration to Water Forum proposals having significant agreement among Water Forum members.
- 4. Regarding final recommendations, it is understood that some RWMG members may be unable to make final commitments without the action of the board or other body of the agency or organization they represent. In this case, agreements will be considered tentative pending approval.

# Development, Endorsement and Adoption of the IRWMP

- 1. Sections of the *Draft IID Plan* (September 2009)<sup>3</sup>, which will be circulated to Water Forum members for review and comment, will provide the basis for initiating discussion.
- 2. If Water Forum review identifies projects, programs and/or policies requiring further discussion, those topics can be referred to a work group whose recommendations will be brought back to the Water Forum.
- 3. If requested, the PMT will evaluate the need for additional technical or policy review and may authorize preparation of technical memorandums (TMs) or briefings that will be used to inform Water Forum or work group deliberations. TMs or briefings may be prepared by the consulting team or participating agencies' staff.
- 4. The purpose of TMs is to provide detailed analysis and information for Water Forum, work group or RWMG members to use in making decisions. Water Forum comments and written reviews will be memorialized; however, TMs and briefings will not be edited.
- 5. With support of the Consultant Program Manager, the PMT will reconcile all written and verbal input and comments generated by the Water Forum. The Consultant

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Draft IID Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (September 2009), <a href="http://www.iid.com/Media/IID-IRP-DRAFT-FINAL-09-21-2009.pdf">http://www.iid.com/Media/IID-IRP-DRAFT-FINAL-09-21-2009.pdf</a>

Project Manager will incorporate these to compile an administrative draft IRWMP for final review by Water Forum members.

- 6. The PMT, with support of the Consulting Program Manager, will reconcile written Water Forum comments on the administrative draft IRWMP and complete the Draft IRWMP.
- 7. Following Water Forum review and endorsement of the Draft IRWMP pursuant to the Charter decision-making process, the Final IRWMP will be forwarded to government agencies represented on the Water Forum for adoption and to all other stakeholders to their respective bodies for endorsement.

# Amendments to the Charter

The Water Forum, utilizing the Charter decision-making process described above, may adopt changes to this Charter.

# **Values and Principles**

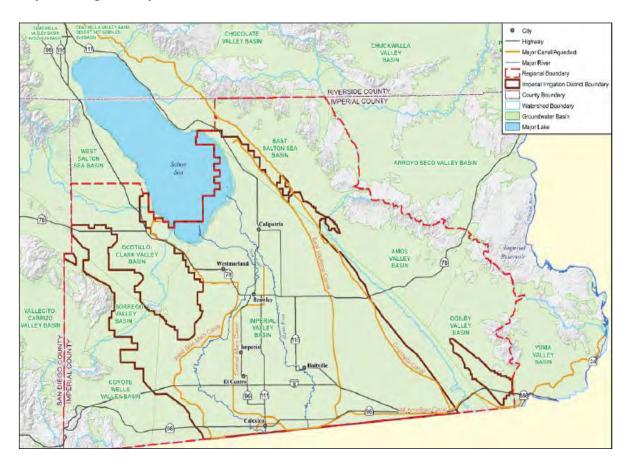
This is a consensus-seeking, collaborative process. Water Forum and RWMG members affirm their commitment to work in good faith with all diverse interests represented on the Water Forum and RWMG. Good faith implies an obligation to regularly attend and participate in meetings and work groups, to strive to understand all perspectives, to engage in dialogue and deliberation, and to earnestly work toward building common ground and consensus with fellow Water Forum and/or RWMG members.

It is understood that all the parties must continue to operate under their organizations' guidelines and timetables. Members and their organizations may have to pursue their interests unilaterally during the IRWM planning process. Participants in the IRWM planning process are not being asked to abandon obligations to their organizations or to give up any rights. Even so, members must agree to work in good faith within the process.

The Imperial IRWMP will not be a legally binding document. Rather, it will be a regional compact with accompanying commitments. Once an agency adopts the IRWMP, that act comes with serious responsibilities to participate in the implementation of the IRWMP. Thus, while, the IRWMP will be a living document that will need to change over time, an agency that adopts the IRWMP agrees to continue building common ground together and agree to resolve differences collaboratively through dialogue, and if necessary, dispute resolution processes.

# **ATTACHMENT A**

# **Imperial Region Map**



# **ATTACHMENT B**

Water Forum Stakeholder List (Last updated: 07/16/2011)

Brawley Chamb		
Brown	Alexis	Brawley Chamber of Commerce
Figari	Katie	Brawley Chamber of Commerce
City of Brawley		
Arellano	Yazmin	City of Brawley
Mireles	Ruben A.	City of Brawley
City of Calexico		
Romero	Daniel	City of Calexico
Castro	Luis	City of Calexico
Rodriguez	Oscar	City of Calexico
Espinoza	Alejandro	City of Calexico
Finley	Nick	City of Calexico
Maturino	Juan C	City of Calexico - Utilities Service Dept.
City of El Centro		
Duran	Ruben A.	City of El Centro
Gay	John	City of El Centro
Hagen	Terry	City of El Centro
Hines	Randy	City of El Centro
City of Holtville		
Bradshaw	David	City of Holtville
Meyerhoff	Alexander	City of Holtville
Brittsan	Jerry	City of Holtville
City of Imperial		
Best	Marlene D.	City of Imperial
Loper	Jackie	City of Imperial
Galvan	Jorge	City of Imperial
Comité Cívico D	el Valle Inc. in Brawley	
Hinojosa	Veronica	Comité Cívico Del Valle Inc. in Brawley
Olmedo	Luis	Comité Cívico Del Valle Inc. in Brawley
County of Imper	rial	
Horne	Andy	County of Imperial
Minnick	Jim	County of Imperial
Villa	Armando	County of Imperial
El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau		
Du Bois, Jr	Bill	
Taylor	Randy	El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
Alford	Cherisse	El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
Niland Sanitary District		
Godsey	David	Golden State Water Company

	Brandy	Golden State Water Company
Heber Public U	tility District	
Jordan	John	Heber Public Utility District
Rodriguez	Francisco	Heber Public Utility District
Imperial Count	y Farm Bureau	
Dale	Linsey	Imperial County Farm Bureau
McBroom	Mark	Imperial County Farm Bureau
Imperial Irrigat	tion District	
Shields	Tina	Imperial Irrigation District Water Department
Divine	Anisa	Imperial Irrigation District Water Department
Imperial Irrigat	tion District WCAB	
Kalin	Al	IID Water Conservation Advisory Board
Cox	Mike	IID Water Conservation Advisory Board
Leimgruber	Ron	IID Water Conservation Advisory Board
Imperial Valley	Economic Development	Corporation
Kelley	Timothy E.	Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation
McGrew	Ed	Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation
Topuzes	Thomas	Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation
Imperial Valley	Vegetable Growers Asso	ociation
Colace	Andrew	Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association
La Brucherie	JP	Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association
Cox	Larry	Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association
Jack	Alex	Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association
Price	Vickie	Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association
Institute for Soc	ioeconomic Justice	
Reyes	Eric	Institute for Socioeconomic Justice
Geothermal En	ergy Stakeholder Group	
Sullivan	Bob	Ormat Nevada Inc.
Wardlow	Charlene	Ormat Nevada Inc.
New River Imp	rovement Project	
Figueroa	Miguel	City of Calexico-New River Committee
USFWS Sonny I	Bono Salton Sea National V	Vildlife Refuge
Вуе	Denise	USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge
Anderson	Tom	USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge
Gomez	Daniel	USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge
Schoneman	Chris	USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge
Hernandez	Diane	USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge
Sierra Club, California Nevada Regional Conservation Committee		

# Stakeholders Groups & Interested Parties Solicited to Participate (Last updated: 7/16/2011)

Water Forum F	acilitator & Imperial	IRWMP Program Consultant
Schafer	Dale	Senior Facilitator
Williamson	Mark	Principal Hydrologist, GEI Consultants, Inc.
BLM El Centro	Field Office	
Goodro	Margaret	Acting Field Manager
Steward	Daniel	Acting Field Manager
Trouette	Andrew	Natural Resource Specialist
Zale	Tom	Project Manager
Borrego Water	District	
Rolwing	Jerry	Operations Manager
	Diana	Admin Asst
Brawley Cham	ber of Commerce	
Brown	Alexis	Administrative Secretary
Figari	Katie	CEO
CalEnergy		
Gran	Mark	
Vasquez	Sandra	
California State	Assembly	
Duenas	Tomasa	Capital Director (briefing Assembly member M.Pérez)
Gates	Aida	Senior Field Representative
Terrazas-Baxter	Rebecca	Field Representative
Vargas	Juan	Senator
CDFG Eastern	Sierra/Inland Desert	ts Region
Nicol	Kimberly	Environmental Program Officer
CDPH Drinking	g Water Field Operat	tions Branch
DiBiase	Bill	Sanitary Engineer
Sterchi	Sean	District Engineer
CDWR Integra	ted Regional Water I	Management
Aljabiry	Anna	Research Program Specialist
Wong	Jennifer	Southern Region Staff
Stuart, PE	Mark	Southern Region Chief
Moniz	Brian	IRWM Regional Office Lead
City of Brawley	T .	
Arellano	Yazmin	Public Works Director-City Engineer
Moore	Rosanna Bayon	City Manager
Gaste	Gordon	Planning Director
Kelley	Ryan	Pro Tem Mayor
Mireles	Ruben A.	Operations Division Manager
Nava	George	Mayor
Sullivan	Steven	Associate Civil Engineer
City of Calexic	0	
Castro	Luis	Mayor
Rodriguez	Oscar G	City Manager

Espinoza	Alejandro	Engineer Technician
Finley	Nick	General Services Director
Maturino	Juan C	Engineer Technician
Moreno	Daniel	Pro Tem Mayor
City of Calipat	ria	
Beltran	Fred B.	Mayor
Medina	Romualdo J.	City Manager & Planning Department
Navarro	Raul	Mayor Pro Tem
City of El Cent	ro	
Campos	Abraham	Associate Engineer
Duran	Ruben A.	City Manager
Edney	Jon A.	City Council Member
Gay	John	Senior Engineering Manager
Hagen	Terry	Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Hines	Randy	Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor
Villicaña	Norma	Planning and Zoning Director
City of Holtvill	е	
Bradshaw	David	Council Member
Brittsan	Jerry	Mayor
Goodsell	Mike	Pro Tem Mayor
Ludwig	Colleen	Council Member
Meyerhoff	Alexander	City Manager
Snyder	Glyn	City Clerk
City of Imperia	al	
Best	Marlene D.	City Manager
Cox	Doug	Mayor
Grant	Mark	Pro Tem Mayor
Galvan	Jorge	Planning Manager
Loper	Jackie	Public Services Director
Valenzuela- Romero	Priscilla	Executive Assistant
City of Westm	orland	
Barrajas	Ramiro	Public Works Director
Graham	Henry	Mayor
Traylor	Sally	City Clerk
Coachella Val	lley IRWMP	
Ruark	Katie	
Comité Cívico	Del Valle Inc. in Bra	wley
Hinojosa	Veronica	Community Health Educator
Olmedo	Luis	Executive Director
County of Imp	erial	
Alcantar	Carina	Administrative Secretary
Brunet	Bill	PE, Director of Public Works
Cabanilla	Richard	Planner IV
Cordova	Ralph	County Executive Officer
Fuentes	Louis	Board of Supervisors
City of Imperia Best Cox Grant Galvan Loper Valenzuela- Romero City of Westme Barrajas Graham Traylor Coachella Val Ruark Comité Cívico Hinojosa Olmedo County of Imperia	Marlene D. Doug Mark Jorge Jackie Priscilla orland Ramiro Henry Sally lley IRWMP Katie Del Valle Inc. in Brave Veronica Luis erial Carina Bill Richard Ralph	City Manager Mayor Pro Tem Mayor Planning Manager Public Services Director Executive Assistant  Public Works Director Mayor City Clerk  wley Community Health Educator Executive Director  Administrative Secretary PE, Director of Public Works Planner IV County Executive Officer

Horne	Andy	Deputy County Executive Officer Natural Resources Development
Minnick	Jim	Assistant Director
Olague	Julia	Secretary - Andy Horne
Santillan	Jerry	Assistant County Executive Officer
Soto	Rosa	Office Supervisor
Valenzuela	Patricia	Planner 3
Villa	Armando	Planning and Development Service Director
Wyatt	Gary	Board of Supervisors
•	fe Unlimited, Inc.	
Wuytens	Norman	Vice President
	amber of Commerce &	& Visitors Bureau
Du Bois, Jr	Bill	Grower
Kennerson	Cathy	Chief Executive Officer
EnergySource	e	
Grogan	Larry	Sr. Vice President Project Development
Turner	James T.	Sr. Vice President
	Water Company	
Godsey	David	Local Operations Superintendent
	Brandy	
Heber Public	Utility District	
Jordan	John	General Manager
Rodriguez	Francisco	Lead Operator
	nty Farm Bureau	1000 Operato.
Dale	Linsey	Executive Director
McBroom	Mark	President
Osterkamp	Mark	Executive Committee
Imperial Irrig		
Aghjayan	Ed	Assistant General Manager, Energy Department
Ashurst	Autumn	Assistant Engineer
Biagi	Krystella	Water Operations Analyst, I
Brooke	Vincent	Assistant to the Water Manager
Dessert	Matt	Board of Directors
Divine	Anisa	Senior Planner
Goodsell	Jennifer	Government Affairs Specialist
Hanks	James C.	Board of Directors
Kelley	Kevin	General Manager
Menvielle	John Pierre	Board of Directors
Ortega	Antonio	Government Affairs Specialist
Rivera	Gloria	Chief Administrative Assistant - Secretary to IID Board
Shields	Tina	Water Department, Colorado River & QSA Issues
Stills	Carl	Assistant Manager Geothermal Development
Swarthout	Patrick	Government Affairs Officer
	ation District WCAB	
Cox	Mike	WCAB Board Member - Division 3 (JC Hanks)
Kalin	Al	WCAB Chairman
Nulli	0	W G & Chairman

Strahm	Ralph	Past Chairman
Imperial Valley	y Economic Develop	ment Corporation
Brown	Alexis	
Kelley	Timothy E.	President, CEO
McGrew	Ed	
Topuzes	Thomas	Immediate Past Chair
Imperial Valley	y Vegetable Growers	s Association
Colace	Andrew	2nd Vice President
Cox	Larry	President
Jack	Alex	Past President
Moiola	Ayron	Executive Director
Price	Vickie	Secretary-Mr. Cox
Institute for Soc	cioeconomic Justice	
Reyes	Eric	Executive Director
LAFCO - Local	Agency Formation C	Commission
Heuberger	Jurg	Executive Officer
Ormat Nevada	Inc	
Band	David	Water Project Engineer
Sullivan	Bob	Project Manager for North Brawley
Wardlow	Charlene	Director Business Development
RWQCB Color	ado River Basin Regi	on
Angel	Jose	Assistant Executive Officer
Perdue	Robert	Executive Officer
Wylie	Doug	Environmental Scientist
Scripps Institut	ion of Oceanograph	у
Carroll	Meg	Assistant Development Engineer
Mendola	Dominick	Senior Development Engineer
SDG&E - Sunrise &	RER center	
Arballo	Eusebio	Public Affairs Specialist
Seeley County Wa	ter District	
Valdez	John	Supervisor
Sierra Club, Ca	alifornia Nevada Reg	ional Conservation Committee
Harmon	Edith	Sierra Club
The Holt Group	o -Planning & Engine	ering Services, for City of Calipatria & Holtville
Arce	Justina	Senior Planner
Magana	Blanca	Community Programs Manager
Mendoza	Virginia	Consultant Planner
Terra-Gen Pow	rer, LLC	
Signorotti	Vincent	Vice President, Land Management
UC Cooperativ	e Extension Imperia	
Bali, Ph.D.	Khaled M.	Irrigation/Water Management Advisor
Boutwell	Brent	Staff Research Associate
USBR Lower Co	olorado River Regior	ı, Yuma Area Office
McCloskey	Jennifer	Area Manager

USDA-NRCS		
Gillespie	Cydean	District Conservationist
Herrere	Jose	District Conservationist
Lee	Jae	Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations
USFWS Carlsb		7.55.5tant State conservationist for Field Operations
Roberts	Carol A.	Division Chief/Salton Sea Coordinator
	Bono Salton Sea Nati	,
Bye	Denise Denise	Administrative Asst.
Anderson	Tom	Wildlife Biologist
Gomez	Daniel	5
		Deputy Project Leader Project Leader
Schoneman Hernandez	Chris Diane	Project Leader
USG & Sea to S		
Jennings	Gary	VP Marketing & Business Development
Johnson	Dan	President
Other Interest		1 22.25
Dessert	Derek	DD & E
Gonzalez	Maria	DD & E
Dion Stratman	Heather	Townsend Public Affairs
McIntyre	David	Ecology & Environment
Pentney	Sandra	Ecology & Environment
Zuppiger	Kim	Ecology & Environment
Sephton	Tom	Sephton Water Technology
Simon	Darren	San Diego County Water Authority
Williams	Rodney	Powder River Agri-Organic LLC
Brock	Jim	Grower
Thomas	William	Ram Power, Inc
Cancino	Juan Carlos	California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
Carlberg	Jim	Kent Bio Energy Corporation
Cooke	David	AEI-CASC Consulting
Gordon	Martin	Carbon Capture
Gilbert	Larry	Grower
Hale	Ed	
Hargreaves	Bob	BBK
Herdes	Bobbi	Recon Environmental
Hernandez	John	Retired
Johnson	Albert	CET
Jurkevics	Lauma	State of California-Dept. of Water Resources Div. of IRWM-S. Region
Kagele	William	LLS Navy
Kent	Ron	Sempra Utilities
Kirkpatrick	Melissa	Biocom
Kraft	Karl	RCAC
Lesicka	Leon M.	Citizens Congressional Task Force - New River
Nicol	Kimberly	
Ochoa	Nicole	Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies
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Perez	Vivian	Community Care Alliance
Reagles	Rosa	Salton Community Services
Santoyo	Mario	Latino Water
Sharman	Lane	Solana Energy Borrego Water Exchange
Smith	Kevin	Green Tech Institute Town Center Carson Energy
Turney	Jim	JCTurney Law
Wilson	Paul E.	Nevada Geothermal
Zabrocki	Patrick	Chambers Group, Inc.

# **RWMG Membership List (Not Activated)**

RWMG Membership List			
Name	Title	Organization	
	Supervisor	Imperial County	
	Board Member	Imperial Irrigation District	
		City 1	
		City 2	
		City 3	
		IID Water Conservation Advisory Board	
		Imperial Valley Economic Development Corp.	
		Imperial Region Special District (water-related)	
		Community-based/ Environmental Justice Organization	

# **Program Management Team Membership List**

PMT Membership List		
Andy Horne, Imperial County	Tina Shields, IID	
Marlene Best, City of Imperial	Anisa Divine, IID	
Mark Williamson, GEI	Dale Schafer, CCP	

# Staff and Support Team Resources: IID, Imperial County, and the Cities (Co-leaders) IID

- Lead/Program Coordinator Tina Shields, P.E., Assistant Manger Water Department
- Coordinator/Support Anisa Divine, Ph.D., Senior Planner Water Department
- Communications Jennifer Goodsell, Government Affairs Specialist
- Logistics Krystella Biagi, Water Operations Analyst

## **Imperial County**

 Lead/Program Coordinator - Andy Horne, Deputy County Executive Officer Natural Resources Development

#### The Cities

• City of Imperial - Marlene Best, City Manager

## **Support Team**

- Consultant Program Manager Mark Williamson, GEI Inc.
- Facilitator Dale Schafer, CSU Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy

#### **CDWR**

Anna Aljabiry - Research Program Specialist

# **ATTACHMENT C**

#### Water Forum and RWMG Ground Rules

Water Forum and RWMG Members agree to:

- Listen and openly discuss issues with others who hold diverse views
- View disagreements as problems to be solved rather than battles to be won
- Not engage in stereotyping and personal attacks on other participants
- Not ascribe motives or intentions of other participants
- Respect the integrity and values of other participants
- Keep commitments once made

Several specific rules apply during meetings: The RWMG and Forum agrees to:

- Honor time
- Use conversational courtesy
- Follow 25-mile rule
  - This ground rule refers to pagers and phones. Electronic devices should be in the silent or off mode. If an individual receives a call, the call should be taken ONLY IF the caller would have driven 25 miles to deliver the message in person. In other words, phone business that causes you to leave the room should be urgent. If calls are not urgent, you are asked to wait for breaks or meals to return calls.
- Appreciate humor but not engage in humor at the expense of others.

# **Open Process**

 Meetings of the Water Forum and RWMG will be open to the public. Agendas will be sent out in advance of the meetings and posted on the Imperial IRWMP (<a href="http://imperialirwmp.org/">http://imperialirwmp.org/</a>) and on the CDWR Water Use Efficiency web site, <a href="http://www.wateruseefficiency/sb7">http://www.wateruseefficiency/sb7</a>.

- At each meeting, the public will be given an opportunity to comment. This will be a facilitated process and occur at specified times on the agenda.
- Members of the public are expected to adhere to the same ground rules as Water Forum and RWMG members.

# **List of Acronyms**

CAO Chief Administrative Officer
CDHP California Department of Health

CDWR California Department of Water Resources

CSU California State University
DACs Disadvantaged communities
GEI Inc. Geotechnical Engineers, Inc.
IID Imperial Irrigation District

IRWM Integrated Regional Water Management
IRWMP Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

PMT Program Management Team
RAP Region Acceptance Process

RWMG Regional Water Management Group the Cities Incorporated cities in the Imperial Region

TMs Technical memorandums

USBLM United States Bureau of Land Management

USBR United States Bureau of Reclamation
USDA United States Department of Agriculture
USEPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS United States Fish and Wildlife Service

# Appendix A2-- Resolutions adopting goals and objectives and the Water Forum Charter, also designating Forum representatives

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 2010-42

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPERIAL INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS, THE CHARTER, THE MISSION, THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

WHEREAS, the Imperial Region has a fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and stormwater management; and supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared it's intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding for developing integrated regional water management plans (IRWMPs) and implementing projects identified in those plans; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing an IRWMP, and standards to guide the content and process for developing plans and for distributing state bond monies; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that THE CITY OF BRAWLEY hereby supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by the Imperial Water Forum through an open, participatory, collaborative public process; and

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that THE CITY OF BRAWLEY hereby accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP Mission, Goals and Objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Charter, which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that THE CITY OF BRAWLEY hereby agrees to designate representatives to participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once completed by the Water Forum, THE CITY OF BRAWLEY will review the draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IRWMP.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 3rd day of November, 2010.

CITY OF BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA

Ryan E Kelley / Mayor

ATTEST:

Alma Benavides, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF IMPERIAL CITY OF BRAWLEY

I, ALMA BENAVIDES, City Clerk of the City of Brawley; California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2010-42 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, at a regular meeting held on the 3nd day of November 2010, and that it was so adopted by the following roll call vote: m/s/c Miranda/Nava 5-0

AVES.

Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava

NAYES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

None

DATED: November 3, 2010

Alma Benavides, City Clerk

## **RESOLUTION NO. 10-109**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO IN SUPPORT OF THE PREPARATION OF AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN BY THE IMPERIAL WATER FORUM

WHEREAS, the Imperial Region has a fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; and

WHEREAS, local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and storm water management; and supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared its intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding for developing Integrated Regional Water Management Plans ("IRWMPs") and implementing projects identified in those plans; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing an IRWMP, and standards to guide the content and process for developing plans and for distributing state bond monies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Centro, California ("City Council") finds that supporting the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan will be in the best interest of the City of El Centro, California ("City").

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the City hereby supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by the Imperial Water Forum thorough an open, participatory, and collaborative public process.
- 2. That the City hereby accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP Mission, Goals and Objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Charter, which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP.
- 3. That the City Council hereby agrees to designate representatives to participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow.
- 4. That once completed by the Water Forum, the City Council will review the draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IVWMP.
- 5. That the City Council authorizes and directs the City Clerk to submit a copy of this resolution to the Imperial IRWMP Group.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California held on the 16th day of Nov. 2010

# CITY OF EL CENTRO

ATTEST:	
By L. Diane Caldwell, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Office of the City Attorney	
By L. LaVern Britton, Associate City Attorney	
STATE OF CALIFORNIA ) COUNTY OF IMPERIAL ) ss CITY OF EL CENTRO )	
I, L. Diane Caldwell, City Clerk of the City of	Centro, California, do hereby certify that the

AYES:

Edney, Silva, Viegas-Walker, Solomon, Sanders

foregoing Resolution No. 10- 109 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 16th day of Nov. 2010, by the following vote:

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAINED:

None

L. Diane Caldwell, City Clerk

# **RESOLUTION NO. 10-51**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE HOLTVILLE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPERIAL INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Imperial Region has a fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and storm water management; and supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared its' intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding for developing integrated regional water management plans (IRWMPs) and implementing projects identified in those plans; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing an IRWMP, and standards to guide the content and process for developing plans and for distributing state bond monies; now

# THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Holtville hereby:

- 1. Supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by the Imperial Water Forum through an open, participatory, collaborative public process; and
- Accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP Mission, Goals and Objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Charter, which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP; and
- 3. Agrees to designate representatives to participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, once completed by the Water Forum, the City of Holtville will review the draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IRWMP.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Holtville, California held on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

Colleen Ludwig, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



#### IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 26-2010

#### In Support of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Imperial Region has a fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and stormwater management; supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared it's the intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding to development of integrated regional water management plans (IRWMPs) and implement projects identified in the plans; and

**WHEREAS**, California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing IRWMP; standards to guide the content and process for developing plans; and for distributing state bond monies.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Imperial Irrigation District hereby supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by Spring/Summer 2011 through an open, participatory, collaborative public process.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Imperial Irrigation District hereby accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP goals and objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Water Forum & Regional Water Management Group Charter (Charter), which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Imperial Irrigation District hereby agrees to designate representatives to participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, once completed by the Water Forum, Imperial Irrigation District will review the draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IRWMP.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2010.

RRIGATION

ORGANIZED JULY 25, 1911

ENTRO, CALL

IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT

President

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### Resolution approving the Charter, Goals and Objectives of the Imperial Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)

#### **Resolution No. 2010-068**

WHEREAS the Imperial Region has a fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and storm water management; supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared it's the intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding to development of integrated regional water management plans (IRWMPs) and implement projects identified in the plans; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing IRWMP; standards to guide the content and process for developing plans; and for distributing state bond monies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (organization) hereby supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by Spring/Summer 2011 through an open, participatory, collaborative public process; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (organization) hereby accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP goals and objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Water Forum & Regional Water Management Group Charter (Charter), which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (organization) hereby agrees to designate representatives to participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once completed by the Water Forum, (organization) will review the draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IRWMP

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, State of California this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2010 by an affirmative roll call vote.

**Sylvia Bermudez** 

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Imperial

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-74**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPERIAL INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)

WHEREAS, the Imperial Region has a fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and stormwater management; supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared it's the intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manager their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding to development of integrated regional water management plans (IRWMPs) and implement projects identified in the plans; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing IRWMP; standards to guide the content and process for developing plans; and for distributing state bond momes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Imperial hereby supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan through an open, participatory, collaborative public process; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Imperial hereby accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP goals and objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Water Forum & Regional Water Management Group Charter (Charter), which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Imperial hereby agrees to designate representatives to participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, once completed by the Water Forum, the City Council of the City of Imperial will review the draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IRWMP.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Imperial this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010.

Mayor, City of Imperial

ATTEST:

City Clerk, City of Imperial

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF IMPERIAL )ss CITY OF IMPERIAL )

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Imperial, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2010-74 was duly and regularly adopted at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Imperial held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

BRELAND, COX, GRAN, SAMPSON, AND DALE

NAYES:

**NONE** 

ABSENT:

**NONE** 

ABSTAIN:

NONE

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0** 

DEBRA JACKSON, CITY CLERK CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA

#### **RESOLUTION NO 10-21**

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMORLAND, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPERIAL IRWMP PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Imperial Region has a fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and storm water management; and supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared it's intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding for developing integrated regional water management plans (IRWMP) and implementing projects identified in those plans; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing an IRWMP, and standards to guide the content and process for developing plans and for distributing state bond monies; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Westmorland hereby supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by the Imperial Water Forum through an open, participatory, collaborative public process; and

SECTION 1. The City of Westmorland hereby accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP Mission, Goals and Objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Charter, which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP; and

**SECTION 2**. The City of Westmorland hereby agrees to designate representatives to participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow; and

**SECTION 3**. That, once completed by the Water Forum, the City of Westmorland will review the draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IRWMP.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED on October 20, 2010.

Stanley Brummett, Mayor ProTem

ATTEST:

Sally Traylor, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF IMPERIAL SS) CITY OF WESTMORLAND)

I, Sally Traylor, City Clerk of the City of Westmorland, State of California do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 10-21 was passed and adopted on October 20, 2010 by the City Council of the City of Westmorland by the following vote:

Ayes \_\_\_\_ 4 Na's 0 Absent 1

AYES:

BRUMMETT, BELTRAN, JR., CRUZ AND RITCHIE

NAYES:

NONE

ABSENT:

**GRAHAM** 

ABSTAIN: NO

NONE

**MOTION CARRIED 4-1** 

Sally Traylor, City Clerk

#### CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, Sally Traylor, City Clerk of the City of Westmorland **DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10-21 approved by the Westmorland City Council at their regular meeting of October 20, 2010.

Sally Traylor, City Clerk

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-80**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO SUPPORTING THE PREPARATION OF AN IMPERIAL INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN THROUGH AN OPEN, PARTICIPATORY, COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Imperial Region has a fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and storm water management; supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared it's the intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding to development of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMP) and implement projects indentified in the plans; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing IRWMP; standards to guide the content and process for developing plans; and for distributing state bond monies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Calexico hereby supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by Spring/Summer 2011 through an open, participatory, collaborative public process; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Calexico hereby accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP goals and objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Water Forum & Regional Water management Group Charter (Charter 14), which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Calexico hereby agrees to designate representatives to participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once completed by the Water Forum, the City of Calexico will review and draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IRWMP.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Calexico this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2012.

Daniel F. Romero, Mayor

Attest:

Lourdes Cordova, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jennifer Lyon, City Metorney

State of California County of Imperial

County of Imperial ) ss. City of Calexico )

I, Lourdes Cordova, City Clerk of the City of Calexico, do hereby certify that the above foregoing Resolution No. 2012-80 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Calexico on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2012, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes:

Romero, Hurtado, Hodge, Moreno, Castro

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Lourdes Cordova, City Clerk



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A resolution of the Calexico New River Committee in support of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Imperial Region has fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and storm water management; supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has declared it's the intention to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage their available local and imported water supplies; to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies; to integrate local assets and seek mutual solutions to water management issues by diversifying water portfolios; and to provide funding to development of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMP and implement projects identified on the plans; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing IRWMP; standards to guide the content and process for developing plans; and for distributing state bond monies; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calexico New River Committee hereby supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by the Imperial Water Forum through an open, participatory, collaborative public process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Calexico New River Committee hereby accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP Mission, Goals and Objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Charter, which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Calexico New River Committee hereby agrees to designate representatives to participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once completed by the Water Forum, the Calexico New River Committee will review the draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IRWMP.

Approved and Adopted at the regular board meeting of the Calexico New River Committee this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

Jose Carrillo, Chairman

Attest:

Miguel Figueroa, Executive Director

# **Appendix A3—Public Notices and Affairs Information**

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Request for Comment on the US-Mexico Border 2020 Program Framework WASHINGTON— The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting comments from interested parties and stakeholders on the draft "Border 2020: U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program" framework. The eight-year, bi-national, results-oriented, program for environmental improvement has been developed by EPA and SEMARNAT, 26 U.S. border Tribes, indigenous communities of Mexico and environmental agencies from each of the ten Border States.

The mission of Border 2020 is "to protect the environment and public health in the U.S.-Mexico border region, consistent with the principles of sustainable development". As the home to over 14 million people and one of the busiest cross-border trade regions in the world, protecting human health and the environment in the Border Region is essential to ensuring that the U.S. continues to be safe, healthy and economically productive.

The draft framework, "Border 2020: U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program", is posted in English and Spanish on EPA's Border web page. In addition, printed copies of the draft document in both languages can be requested by contacting the EPA Office of International and Tribal Affairs, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: 202-564-5736.

Border 2020 is the latest multi-year, bi-national planning effort to be implemented under the La Paz Agreement, which is a bi-national environmental agreement and succeeds the current bi-national program Border 2012. The La Paz Agreement was signed by Presidents De la Madrid and Reagan in 1983. The new program, Border 2020 will feature new foundational principles, incorporate a focus on chemical safety, and the use of Action plans in order to prioritize and complete targets.

More information: http://www.epa.gov/border2012

## Informational Workshop

### Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Thursday, April 22, 2010, 6-8 p.m.

The Imperial County Board of Supervisors and the Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors will be holding a special joint meeting and public workshop to begin the process of developing an integrated regional water management plan.

The purpose of this informational workshop, which is open to the public, will be to introduce the regional planning concept, discuss key objectives and outcomes, identify the most appropriate governance model and gather stakeholder input.

The meeting starts promptly at 6 p.m. in the Imperial County Historical Society Pioneers Museum, 373 East Aten Road (across from Imperial Valley College) in Imperial.

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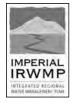
www.iid.com

### **Notice of Intent**

Development of the Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

All interested parties are invited to participate in a series of public meetings being held by the Imperial Water Forum. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Mar. 24, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the SDG&E Renewable Energy Center located at 1425 Main Street, El Centro. This serves as a notice of intent to prepare the Imperial IRWMP through an open, collaborative public process.

The Imperial Water Forum and the Imperial Regional Water Management Group were formed consistent with Water Code Section 10537 as a coalition of agencies, stakeholders and interested parties. The Imperial IRWMP consists of the Imperial Irrigation District (surface water), Imperial County (groundwater), local cities and other special districts.



For additional information including meeting dates and times, please visit the Imperial IRWMP website.

www.imperialirwmp.org

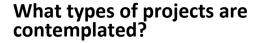
# Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP)

#### Goals of IRWMP

- Foster Regional Partnerships and Resolve Conflicts
- Integrate Resources Management Decisions
- Diversify Regional Water Portfolios
- Reduce Costs and Maximize Value
- Provide for Sustainability

#### What is Proposition 84?

PROPOSITION 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act passed by California voters in November 2006. Administered by DWR, Proposition 84 includes funding for the IRWM Grant Program. This bond act provides \$5.4 billion for various water related purposes and \$1 billion for Integrated Regional Water Management Planning efforts. This IRWMP funding is allocated by region with \$36 million for the Colorado River Region as shown in the graphic and \$100 million in unallocated funding.



The intent of Proposition 84 is to encourage integrated regional strategies for management of water resources. Proposition 84 will fund projects that use multiple

strategies resulting in multiple benefits. Such projects would include one or more of the following elements:

#### **Reduce Water Demand**

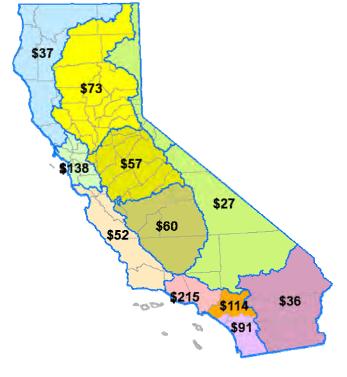
- Agricultural Water Use Efficiency
- Urban Water Use Efficiency

#### **Improve Operational Efficiency & Transfers**

- Conveyance
- System Reoperation
- Water Transfers

#### **Increase Water Supply**

- Conjunctive Management & Groundwater Storage
- Desalination –Brackish & Seawater



- · Precipitation Enhancement
- Recycled Municipal Water
- Surface Storage CALFED
- Surface Storage Local

#### **Improve Water Quality**

- Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution
- Groundwater/Aquifer Remediation
- Matching Quality to Use
- Pollution Prevention
- Urban Runoff Management

#### **Practice Resource Stewardship**

- Agricultural Lands Stewardship
- Economic Incentives (Loans, Grants, and Water Pricing)
- Ecosystem Restoration

- Floodplain Management
- Recharge Areas Protection
- Urban Land Use Management
- Water-Dependent Recreation
- Watershed Management

#### **The IRWM Process**

- Stakeholders develop an IRWM Plan
  - o Regional goals
  - o Regional objectives for water management
- Prioritize achievement of Plan goals and objectives
- Select projects that best meet the regional priorities

- Findings to provide guidelines on which CDWR's Resource Management Strategies will be integrated to meet the Imperial Region goals. CDWR recommends that local regions review the RMS identified in California Water Plan Update 2009.
- Project Ranking and Evaluation Criteria have been developed to ensure an open, fair and transparent process for prioritizing projects to be included in the Imperial Proposition 84 Implementation Grant application.

## What are the next steps for the Water Forum?

- Hold work group and workshop meetings to complete review of remaining RMS and make findings related to improving water quality and improving flood management, as well as environmental enhancement and coordinated land use/water supply management. The findings will be integrated to meet Imperial IRWMP's goals and define the projects, programs, and policies that may be implemented by local agencies.
- Conduct a second call for projects in summer 2011 to include as many projects as possible in the Imperial IRWMP and to ensure that the DACs in the region have their water supply and quality needs addressed.
- Project ranking, evaluation and integration.
   The projects submitted will be reviewed and prioritized according to how well they meet 1)
   Imperial IRWMP's goals and objectives; and 2)
   CDWR's Proposition 84 Implementation Grant funding requirements. In order to be included in the Imperial Region's grant application, a project should provide regional benefits.

- Complete technical studies and reports, including regional economic evaluation and the vulnerability of the Imperial Region to climate change.
- Define funding and oversight for implementation of the Imperial IRWMP.
- Prepare Draft and Final IRWMP for adoption by stakeholders. The Imperial IRWMP will include an implementation plan that identifies roles and responsibilities, costs, resource commitments, and timelines. Under CDWR guidelines, IID, Imperial County and at least one city need to adopt the IRWMP.
- Prepare and submit CDWR Proposition 84
   Implementation Grant Application Mid-2012.

## How much funding is available to the Imperial Region?

The Imperial Region will be competing with other IRWMPs within the Colorado River Basin (Coachella, Mojave, and possibly Borrego) for Proposition 84 Implementation Grant funds. A total of \$36 M is allocated to the Colorado River Basin. Eligible projects must be designed and must have required permits; environmental clearance, financing and partnering agreements. Competitive projects will also have to meet the State's preferences and priorities for use of the grant monies. Thus, the amount of funding the Imperial Region will apply for will depend on how well the projects submitted meet the State's criteria. CDWR has not released the schedule for the remaining two rounds of the Proposition 84 Implementation Grant; however, it is likely that Round 2 will be in the summer of 2012, and that Round 3 will be sometime in 2013.

For additional information on the Imperial IRWMP or the CDWR Program, please visit the project web sites or call:

- Imperial IRWMP website http://www.imperialirwmp.org
- CDWR IRWM Program website http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm
- Contact Jennifer Goodsell. Email: info@imperialirwmp.org Telephone: 760-339-9319





### **Frequently Asked Questions**

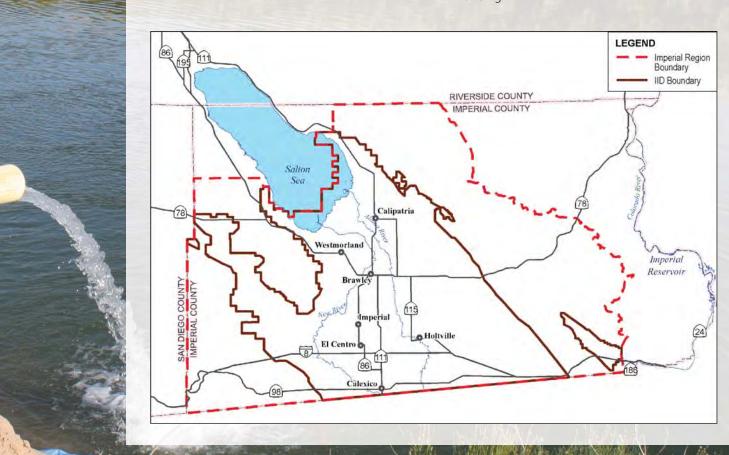
# What is the Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)?

The Imperial IRWMP will be the result of a collaborative process by the Imperial Water Forum, a group of stakeholder representatives from public agencies and organized stakeholder groups. The Imperial Water Forum was convened to develop Resource Management Strategies (RMS) for the Imperial Region to increase its water supply, reduce water demand, improve water quality, enhance its environmental resources and manage flood and stormwater. The Imperial IRWMP, which is part of the California Department of Water Resource's Integrated Regional Water Management Program,

is being developed to meet state standards. The legislative intent is to encourage local stakeholders to improve water management, prioritize state and regional investments, and ensure the highest return on investment of taxpayer money, whether state bond or other local public agency funds.

The Imperial IRWMP does not impinge on any of its participating agencies' authorities and is not intended to add another layer of bureaucracy. Instead, it is to provide a mechanism to focus and integrate the separate agencies' authorities for a common purpose and to benefit the entire region.

A stakeholder agency will need to adopt the Imperial IRWMP to be eligible to obtain Proposition 84 funding.



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# What are the benefits of the Imperial IRWMP?

The mission of the Imperial Water Forum is to preserve and enhance the economic and environmental health and well-being of the Imperial

Region through the regional stewardship and comprehensive management of water resources in a practical, cost effective and responsible manner. The Imperial IRWMP covers a 40-year planning horizon, from 2010 to 2050. Intended benefits include:

- Protect local water rights
- Define a water supply portfolio to support and promote economic development
- Sustain the local agricultural economy
- Qualify the Imperial Region for state bond funding
- Support Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) in meeting water supply and water quality needs
- Assist Imperial Irrigation District (IID), the cities, and the county to streamline their review and permitting processes
- Resolve conflicts by providing an alternative to litigation

#### What are the Imperial IRWMP Goals?

The Imperial Water Forum has adopted and prioritized four goals, as well as a final overarching one:

- 1. **Water Supply** Diversify the regional water supply portfolio to ensure a long-term, verifiable, reliable and sustainable supply to meet current and future agricultural, municipal, commercial, industrial and environmental demands.
- Water Quality Protect water quality for beneficial uses consistent with regional community interests and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Basin Plan through cooperation with stakeholders, local and state agencies.
- 3. **Environmental Protection and Enhancement** Protect and enhance aquatic ecosystems and wildlife habitat consistent

- with municipal, commercial, industrial and agricultural land uses.
- 4. Flood Protection and Stormwater

  Management Protect life and property from flooding and develop regional and local flood protection and storm water management strategies.

To realize the goal to diversify the region's water supply, the Water Forum identified development of a groundwater bank to store Colorado River water as the number one priority. In some years, IID customers do not use all of the water to which the district is entitled. In this case, if the Colorado River supply is not diverted and stored, others on the Colorado River are able to use this water and its use is lost to the Imperial Region. On the other hand, if IID has to divert more water than its entitlement, these overruns must be paid back.

5. **Regional Policy Goals** – Develop regional policies, in accordance with and respecting the individual agencies' jurisdiction and authorities, by engaging the water and land use agencies and other interested parties in a cooperative, regional approach.

The Imperial Water Forum anticipates that this overarching goal will improve coordination during local land use and water supply appropriation decision-making, expedite review of proposed new development and streamline the permitting process, thereby supporting economic development and providing jobs.

# Who are the participants in the Imperial Water Forum and planning process?

The Imperial Water Forum is comprised of 20 self-designated stakeholder representatives from public agencies and organized stakeholder groups. Membership is inclusive to ensure broad representation and accommodate a diversity of perspectives. Members are incorporated into the Imperial Water Forum by indicating their support for the planning process through a resolution approved by their governing boards or by their established governance structure. Participation and input from interested parties is welcomed and encouraged, and State and federal agencies serve an important advisory role.

#### Water Forum Participants (1)

#### **Stakeholders**

Imperial Irrigation Distriction
County of Imperial
City of Brawley
City of Calexico
City of El Centro
City of Imperial
City of Holtvillo

City of Holtville
Brawley Chamber of Commerce
Heber Public Utility District
Niland Sanitary District
Imperial County Farm Bureau

Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers
Association

IID Water Conservation Advisory Board Imperial Valley Economic

El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau

Geothermal Stakeholders Group [Ormat Nevada, Inc., CalEnergy, Inc., EnergySource, Inc.]

Comite Civico Del Valle Inc. in Brawley Institute for Socioeconomic Justice Sierra Club

### Interested Parties, State, and Federal Agencies

California Department of Water Resources

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Region

U.S. Bureau of Land Management, El Centro

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge

(1) Current stakeholders and agencies

# What steps have been taken by the Imperial Water Forum to develop the Imperial IRWMP?

The Imperial Water Forum has accomplished the following:

- Region Acceptance Process A document was prepared and California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) approved the Imperial Region. This was necessary to qualify for Proposition 84 Planning Grant funding.
- Stakeholder Assessment Interviews were conducted with community leaders to identify issues, needs and ideas to improve water management.
- **Kick-off Event** A public meeting was held in April 2010 to convene the Imperial Water Forum. To date, there have been 10 Imperial Water Forum meetings (the first was in June 2010).
- Work Groups and Workshops Work groups were formed to develop the Imperial Region's mission, goals and objectives; define how the Imperial Water Forum would operate; to identify measures to increase water supply and reduce water demand; and to formulate potential projects. Workshops have been held to address specific water planning management objectives. Work group and workshop findings and recommendations are acted on by the Imperial Water Forum.

#### • Proposition 84 Planning Grant Application

- Effort to establish the Imperial Water Forum, develop the Imperial IRWMP and to prepare and submit to CDWR a Proposition 84 IRWMP Planning Grant application was funded by IID using monies provided by a renewable energy company as defined in its water supply agreement. CDWR has awarded the Imperial Region \$1M to support development of the Imperial IRWMP.
- Preliminary Call for Projects The Imperial Water Forum issued a preliminary call for projects and twenty projects were submitted. Proposed projects were for groundwater storage of Colorado River, upgrade wastewater treatment plants, ecosystem enhancement and water quality improvement.

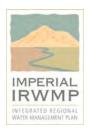
# What actions have been taken by the Imperial Water Forum?

To date, the Imperial Water Forum has adopted:

- Imperial IRWMP Mission, Goals and Objectives.
- Imperial IRWMP Water
   Forum and Regional
   Water Management Group Charter to define the governance structure.



## **Appendix A4— IRWMP Adoption Resolution**



### IMPERIAL IRWMP

## Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Praft Resolution

WHEREAS the Imperial Region has a fixed supply of water available from the Colorado River and limited groundwater available to support current and proposed future beneficial uses of water; local cities face water quality issues related to both drinking water and wastewater treatment, flood and stormwater management; supply limitations could impact economic development and cause conflicts; and

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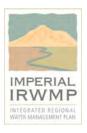
WHEREAS the California Department of Water Resources has prepared guidelines for preparing IRWMP; standards to guide the content and process for developing plans; and for distributing state bond monies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (ORGANIZATION) hereby supports the preparation of an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by Spring/Summer 2011 through an open, participatory, collaborative public process; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (ORGANIZATION) hereby accepts and endorses the proposed Imperial IRWMP goals and objectives; and the Imperial IRWMP Water Forum & Regional Water Management Group Charter (Charter), which defines the governance and management structure to be used to achieve consensus, make decisions and coordinate preparation of the Imperial IRWMP; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (ORGANIZATION) hereby agrees to designate representatives participate in the Imperial Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group in accordance with Charter provisions; and to provide staff support to Water Forum work group activities as appropriate and as resources allow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once completed by the Water Forum, the (organization) will review the draft Imperial IRWMP and consider adopting the final Imperial IRWMP.



### IMPERIAL IRWMP

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Imperial Water Forum Meeting September 9, 2010 Agenda Item 5

Imperial Water Forum Resolution of Support for submittal of a Proposition 84 Planning Grant to DWR by IID, and Notice the Community of the Intent to Prepare the Imperial IRWMP

WHEREAS the Imperial Region Water Forum (Forum) is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders that have come together to work through a collaborative, open and participatory process to address water management issues in the Imperial Region; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has accepted the Imperial Region; is coordinating the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program; and has prepared Guidelines for IRWM Implementation and Planning grants funded by Proposition 84, The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 84 Planning Grant Application to support and further fund development of the Imperial IRWMP is due to DWR on September 28, 2010; and Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has been designated to serve as the administrative and contracting entity for the Forum pursuant to the Imperial Water Forum Charter; and

WHEREAS, the DWR guidelines and state legislation require entities like the Forum, acting as the regional water management group, to provided notice of intent to prepare and IRWMP, and such notice has been published by the Forum in accordance with applicable government and water code requirements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Imperial Region Water Forum hereby supports the preparation and submittal of the Proposition 84 Planning Grant by the IID on behalf of the Imperial Water Forum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Imperial Region Water Forum intends to prepare the Imperial Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan through an open, participatory and collaborate process; and that such a plan will be developed consistent with DWR guidelines and standards and the Water Forum Charter.

