

#### VALENCIA WATER COMPANY

## UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ADOPT THE UPDATED UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The undersigned, being all of the members of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Valencia Water Company, a California corporation (the "Company"), hereby take the following actions and adopt the following resolutions by written consent in lieu of a meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Section 307(b) of the California Corporations Code and Article 3, Section 3.10 of the Bylaws of the Company.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2008, the Company adopted the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy joined the Regional Water Management Group and signed the Memorandum of Understanding; and

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") and state legislators established program guidelines for the Integrated Regional Water Management Program though Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (the "2012 Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, the Regional Water Management Group prepared an updated Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (the "Updated Plan") to address the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, adopting the Updated Plan will enable participants in the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management region to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the Regional Water Management Group to adopt an updated Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Company does hereby adopt the Updated Plan (prepared by Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, dated February 2014 and on file with the Company); and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Unanimous Written Consent of the Board of Directors may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any and all actions heretofore taken in furtherance of the matters authorized or contemplated by the foregoing resolutions by each member of the Board of Directors of the Company be, and they hereby are, ratified, approved and confirmed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Unanimous Written Consent of the Board of Directors as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2014.

Bv:

Dan Masnada

By: Kerthy alexandre

By: Beverly Johnson

Beverly Johnson

By: Valerie Pryor

By:

Mauricio Guardado

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE 2014 UPDATED UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO APPROVE THE PLAN ON BEHALF OF THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2011 the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy joined the Regional Water Management Group and signed the Memorandum of Understanding; and

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

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

WHEREAS, DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program though Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group, of which NCWD is a member, for the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region has developed the 2014 Updated IRWM Plan to address the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, adopting the 2014 Updated IRWM Plan will enable participants in the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region, including NCWD, to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, to date, DWR has awarded the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region Seven Million Nine Hundred and Thirty Two Thousand Dollars (\$7,932,000.00) in grant funding to implement ten (10) regionally significant water resources management planning and implementation projects and has recommended the award of an additional Seven Million Dollars (\$7,006,000.00) for seven (7) more projects as part of Round 2 Implementation Grant funding.

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by this Board of Directors of the Newhall County Water District that it adopts the 2014 Updated Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and resolves and orders that the General Manager or his designee is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to approve the 2014 Updated Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan by Newhall County Water District's representatives on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Regional Water Management Group.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District held on February 13, 2014, Resolution No. 2014-3 was approved by the following vote:

AYES:

ATKINS, COLLEY, MORTENSEN, GUTZEIT

NOES:

PLAMBECK

ABSTAIN:

NONE

B. J. ATKINS/ President of The Board of Directors of

NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

ATTEST:

Karin J. Russell, Secretary of

NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA	)	
	)	SS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )		

I, Karin J. Russell, Secretary of the Newhall County Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2014-3 of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District adopted at a Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2014 and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

Karin J. Russell

Secretary of the Board of Directors

DATED: February 13, 2014

#### March 24, 2014 - Item 16

#### **RESOLUTION 2014-06**

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

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

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2011 the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy joined the Regional Water Management Group and signed the Memorandum of Understanding; and

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

WHEREAS, DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program though Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group, of which the RMC are members, for the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region has developed the 2014 Updated IRWM Plan to address the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, adopting the 2014 Updated IRWM Plan will enable participants in the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region, including the RMC, to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, to date DWR has awarded the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region Fourteen Million Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$14,937,000) in grant funding.

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

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

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

- FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
- 2. FINDS that the grant is consistent with the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, which provides funds for the RMC grant program.
- 3. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 4. ADOPTS the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan dated February 2014 and on file with the Agency.
- 5. ADOPTS the staff report dated March 24, 2014.

Motion	Bertone	Second:	O'Bonnell	
Ayes:	Nays:	P Abster	ntions:	
Passed and Adopted by the Board of the SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSER'ANCY on March 24, 2014.				
ATTEST:	Terry Fyljimoto/ Deputy Attorney General	Frank	Colonna, Chair	

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2957**

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

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

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Water Division (SCWD) a division of CLWA, is a retail water provider serving water to over 28,000 connections in the Santa Clarita Valley; and

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2011 the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy joined the Regional Water Management Group and signed the Memorandum of Understanding; and

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

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

WHEREAS, DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program though Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group, of which CLWA and the SCWD are members, for the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region has developed the 2014 Updated IRWM Plan to address the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, adopting the 2014 Updated IRWM Plan will enable participants in the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region, including CLWA and the SCWD, to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, to date DWR has awarded the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Region Fourteen Million Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$14,937,000) in grant funding.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this Board of Directors of the Castaic Lake Water Agency that it adopts the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (prepared by Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, dated February 2014 and on file with the Agency) and resolves and orders that the General Manager or his designee is authorized to take any and all actions necessary to approve the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan on behalf of CLWA and CLWA Santa Clarita Water Division.

President

I, the undersigned, hereby certify: That I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, and that at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on February 26, 2014, the foregoing Resolution No. 2957 was duly and regularly adopted by said Board, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adoption, and that it is now in full force and effect.

DATED: February 26, 2014

Secretary Vacobs



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GRACE ROBINSON HYDE Chief Engineer and General Manager

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ss.

I, KIMBERLY S. COMPTON, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County to Adopt the 2014 Updated Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Region, passed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at an adjourned regular meeting on April 21, 2014.

Dated: May 1, 2014

KIMBERLY S. COMPTON

Secretary

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ADOPT THE 2014 UPDATED INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHED REGION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2011 the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy joined the Regional Water Management Group and signed the Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group developed a proposed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the Upper Santa Clara River (USCR), and published notice of the group's intention to adopt such a plan in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and held a public hearing on March 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the proposed USCR IRWMP was developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process; and

WHEREAS, the state Department of Water Resources (DWR) established program guidelines for the IRWM program for implementation of Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Management Group, of which the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County is a member, for the USCR IRWM Region has developed the 2014 Updated IRWMP to address the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, adopting the 2014 Updated IMRWP will enable participants in the USCR IRWM Region to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including those under Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the Regional Water Management Group, their designated representatives to the Group, and the proponents of projects receiving IRWM grant funding in the USCR IRWM Region to adopt an updated IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, to date, DWR has awarded the USCR IRWM Region approximately Fourteen Million Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$14,937,000) in planning and implementation grant funding, including approximately Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for a project by the District.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County that it hereby adopts on behalf of itself and as a member of the USCR RWMG the 2014 Updated USCR IRWMP and directs the Chief Engineer and General Manager to communicate this approval to the RWMG and to DWR.

Department of Water Resources
Mrs. Tanya Meeth
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
901 P Street, Bonderson Building, Rm#213-A
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Dear Ms. Tanya Meeth, Department of Water Resources

On February 3, 2014 the Department of Water Resources announced the final funding recommendations for the Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grants. We are grateful to be a stakeholder of the Upper Santa Clara River Integrate Regional Water Management Project (IRWMP), and to receive full funding for specific invasive weed removal and sub-watershed restoration of Bouquet Canyon Creek. The *Bouquet Canyon Creek Restoration Project* (BCCRP) is supported by local private property owners, who have informally organized into the *Bouquet Canyon Network (BCN)*.

The *BCN* is currently collaborating with various governmental agencies and the *BCCRP* through numerous meetings focused on planning, designing, and discussing practical water conservation activities to restore and enhance the Bouquet Canyon Creek. The goal of the IRWMP Grant Program is, of course, to enhance water quality and supply in the State of California. By proposing and designing an *integrated watershed management program* for the Bouquet Canyon Creek; one of the tributaries of the Upper Santa Clara River, we are providing this long-term water conservation solution for the Santa Clarita Valley and its rural communities.

The BCN, collaborating Land and Well owners, and others residing in the watershed of Bouquet Canyon of Los Angeles County have over the last eight years made significant contributions in dialog with local and regional agencies that manage the water resources of the region (Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District, Angeles National Forest, and City of Santa Clarita). The BCN acknowledges that Bouquet Canyon Creek is a tributary to the Upper Santa Clara River, one of the last remaining wild rivers in Southern California, and is valuable natural resource which should be protected and sustained for generations to come.

While the BCN does not have a formal governing body that can adopt the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Plan, it does acknowledge and support the IRWM Plan to uphold its goals of water conservation, improving water quality, water supply reliability, water recycling, flood control, recreation and access, wetlands enhancement and creation, and environmental and habitat protection.

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File Code: 2520

Date: April 10, 2014

Ms. Tanya Meeth
California Department of Water Resources
IRWM- Division of Financial Assistance
901 P Street, Bonderson Building
Room 213-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Meeth,

It is with great pleasure to hear that the Upper Santa Clara IRWM Plan was completed in 2014 and represents the long-term efforts of numerous agencies, organizations and individuals with interests in improving water quality, supply, conservation, and environmental and habitat protection in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed.

The Angeles National Forest has been a participant in the development of this IRWM Plan including such IRWM Plan activities as attending meetings, reviewing documents, and participating in committees such as the local invasive weeds task force.

The Angeles National Forest does not have a formal governance body that can adopt the IRWM Plan. However, the Angeles National Forest, Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District supports the IRWM Plan and will participate in active implementation of this plan. To this end, the Angeles National Forest, Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District will continue involvement in IRWM Plan implementation activities through ongoing attendance at IRWM Plan meetings and implementing projects for invasive plant treatment under the existing NEPA decision signed in August of 2013.

The original signed letter of support will be held at the Sacramento office of the Department of Water Resources with a copy sent to the Castaic Lake Water Agency Santa Clarita office. Please include this copy of our letter in the IRWM Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Sincerely,

WILBURN M. BLOUNT

District Ranger

cc: Lauren Everett



IRWM Plan Adoption Public Hearing and IRWM Stakeholder Meeting Thursday, March 27, 2014 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Newhall County Water District Headquarters 23780 North Pine Street, Newhall, CA 91321

#### PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

2:00 I. Welcome

2:05 II. Public Hearing for Adoption of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (February 2014)

The public hearing for the Regional Water Management Group to give consideration and official vote of the adoption the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) February 2014 was opened in a public meeting at 2:05pm on March 27, 2014.

The members of the RWMG in attendance were: Keith Abercrombie, Valencia Water Company (voting); Lauren Everett (voting), Castaic Lake Water Agency, Jeff Ford, Castaic Lake Water Agency; Cathy Holloman (voting), Santa Clarita Water Division; Karin Russell (voting), Newhall County Water District; Russ Bryden (voting), Los Angeles County Flood Control District; Sharon Green (voting), Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District; Mary Zauner, Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District; Heather Merrenda (voting), City of Santa Clarita; Travis Lange, City of Santa Clarita; and Luz Quinnell (voting), Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

No members of the public provided any public comment.

Sharon Green from SCVSD explained that their Board has scheduled individual adoption of the IRWMP in third week of April. Because the day's public hearing and RWMG vote is occurring prior to their board adoption of the IRWMP, the SCVSD must abstain from the vote.

Russ Bryden provided a similar explanation as to why the LACFCD must abstain from the RWMG vote. The LACFCD will be adopting the IRWMP on April 23, 2014.

A call for a motion to adopt the IRWMP was then made. Keith Abercrombie from Valencia Water Company made the first motion. Karin Russell, Newhall County Water District seconded it..

A vote was taken and five "Aye" votes were recorded and no "Nays" were recorded.

Two Regional Water Management Group members abstained from the vote.

A move to adopt the IRWMP was confirmed and the public hearing was closed at 2:20pm. The public hearing was opened again at 2:25pm.

Lauren Everett asked if there were any other Regional Water Management Group Members previously unidentified that would like to identify themselves and provide consideration or vote on the IRWMP.

Luz Quinnell of Greater Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy identified herself as a voting member of the Regional Water Management Group and voted to adopt the IRWMP.

The final vote was confirmed, 6-0 in favor, and the public hearing was then closed at 2:35pm.

-end of public hearing-

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSEDALE RIO-BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT TO ADOPT THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### **RESOLUTION #458**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2011 the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy joined the Regional Water Management Group and signed the Memorandum of Understanding; and

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") and state legislators established program guidelines for the Integrated Regional Water Management Program though Proposition 84 and Proposition 1 E (the "2012 Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, the Regional Water Management Group prepared an updated Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan to address the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, adopting the Plan will enable participants in the Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management region to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1 E; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the Regional Water Management Group, the RWMG representative of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals, to adopt an updated Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District is a project proponent of the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM 2014 Drought Grant Application and therefore is required to adopt the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District does hereby adopt the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Plan (prepared by Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, dated February 2014); and

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District held on July 8, 2014, Resolution No. 2014-3 was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Enns and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Millwee

ABSTAINING: None

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is the resolution of Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014.

**Board President** 

Board Secretary