

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO FORM A REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP

1 Purpose and Goals

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is form a coordinating committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Greater San Joaquin County Coordinating Committee” or “Coordinating Committee”) of members that wish to participate in the integrated regional water management (IRWM) planning. The MOU hereby creates the Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee and sets forth the goals and the rules by which it will operate.

The goals of the Coordinating Committee are:

- To develop a comprehensive planning document to facilitate regional cooperation in providing water supply reliability, water recycling, water conservation, water quality improvement, stormwater capture and management, flood management, and environmental and habitat protection and improvement.
- To foster coordination, collaboration, and communication between Coordinating Committee organizations and interested stakeholders, to achieve greater efficiencies, enhance public services, and build public support for vital projects.
- To support the procurement of State and Federal grant funding.

2 Non-binding Nature

This MOU and participation in this MOU and IRWM efforts are non-binding; a member may withdraw from participation at any time.

3 Coordinating Committee Membership

Any organization with an interest in integrated regional water management planning may join the Greater San Joaquin County Coordinating Committee. Members could include but are not limited to such organizations as: water agencies, conservation groups, agriculture representatives, community action groups, businesses, tribal groups, and land use entities.

4 Coordinating Committee Representation

Each Coordinating Committee member that is an organization will identify their lead representative for the Coordinating Committee and will attend Coordinating Committee meetings to make decisions. Coordinating Committee members may choose to identify one (1) alternate but they are encouraged to have the primary representative attend the Coordinating Committee meetings for consistency.

5 Joining and Leaving

To join the Coordinating Committee, a prospective member must notify the Coordinating Committee of their intent to join, then sign this MOU. To discontinue their participation in the Coordinating Committee a member may do so at any time by notifying the Coordinating Committee and signing the Notice of Withdrawal, at which point they will no longer be a member of the Coordinating Committee.

6 Decision-Making

At its inaugural meeting, the Coordinating Committee will initiate preparation of a decision-making charter outlining the process for making decisions. All signatories to the MOU will agree and adhere to the decision-making charter.

7 Financing

To be eligible for funding through many state programs, projects must be included in an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) that conforms to the most recent Guidelines. San Joaquin County will provide the funding to update the GSJC IRWM Plan to conform to 2016 DWR IRWM Guidelines.

To expedite the grant application process, San Joaquin County may provide initial funding for a consultant to develop grant applications. The total cost of the consultant and applications shall be shared by those entities with projects included in the grant applications. If an entity does not put forth a project for a grant application, that entity is not responsible for providing funding for that grant application. An entity seeking grant funding may also elect to be responsible for all application preparation costs and decline initial funding assistance from the County.

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GREATER SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT REGION**

Date

Organization

Primary Representative

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Secondary Representative

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

**SIGNATURE PAGE
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM COORDINATING COMMITTEE
GREATER SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT REGION**

As a representative of my organization, I understand that in signing this page and submitting it to the Coordinating Committee, I am withdrawing my organization from participating in IRWM as a member of the Greater San Joaquin IRWM Region Coordinating Committee.

Name & Title

Organization

Date