



**Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWMP
Proposition 50 Grant Proposal, Step 2**

**Attachment 4:
Consistency with IRWM Plan Standards**

Using the requirements shown in Guidelines, Appendix A, document how the IRWM Plan addresses each standard listed. Structure Attachment 4 such that it has sub-sections that address each standard shown in the Guidelines, Appendix A (i.e. "A. Regional Agency or Regional Water Management Group", "B. Region Description", etc.). Within each sub-section document how the IRWM Plan meets each standard and provide a reference to the page(s) of the IRWM Plan where this is evident. The length of Attachment 4 must be limited to no more than 6 pages using a minimum 10-point type font.

Initially, separate IRWMPs for the Calleguas Creek Watershed and Ventura River/Santa Clara River Watersheds were under development within Ventura County. The IRWMP for the Calleguas Creek Watershed was completed and adopted by the participating entities in 2005. In parallel, Ventura County applied for and received a Proposition 50 Planning Grant to prepare the IRWMP for the Ventura River/Santa Clara River Watersheds. Since receipt of the Planning Grant and submittal of the Step 1 Implementation Grant Proposal, these two planning efforts have been consolidated, and a single IRWMP encompassing all three watersheds is being prepared

under the direction of the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC), partially funded by the Planning Grant.

The WCVC IRWMP is consistent with the IRWMP standards as demonstrated in the following table. As the IRWMP is not yet complete, final page numbers cannot be provided. Section references are provided instead.

Standard	WCVC IRWMP Section Reference
✓ A. Regional Agency or Regional Water Management Group	3.1
✓ B. Region Description	2.0
✓ C. Objectives	4.1
✓ D. Water Management Strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ecosystem restoration ✓ Environmental and habitat protection and improvement ✓ Water supply reliability ✓ Flood management ✓ Groundwater management ✓ Recreation and public access ✓ Storm water capture and management ✓ Water conservation ✓ Water quality protection and improvement ✓ Water recycling ✓ Wetlands enhancement and creation ✓ Conjunctive use ✓ Desalination ✓ Imported water ✓ Land use planning ✓ NPS pollution control ✓ Surface storage ✓ Watershed planning 	5.1



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Standard	WCVV IRWMP Section Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Water and wastewater treatment ✓ Water transfers 	
✓ E. Integration	5.2 and 6.1
✓ F. Regional Priorities	4.2
✓ G. Implementation	5.1 and 6.1
✓ H. Impacts and Benefits	6.2
✓ I. Technical Analysis and Plan Performance	7.1
✓ J. Data Management	7.2
✓ K. Financing	6.3
✓ L. Statewide Priorities	4.3
✓ M. Relation to Local Planning	8.1
✓ N. Stakeholder Involvement	3.0
✓ O. Coordination	8.2

A. Regional Agency or Regional Water Management Group

The regional water management group is the WCVV. The WCVV is comprised of the participants in the former Ventura Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Group (VCIRWMP) and the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan (CCWMP) Steering Committee. A detailed description and list of all participants is provided in Section 3.1 of the WCVV IRWMP. More than 50 agencies and organizations are participating in the WCVV.

B. Region Description

A detailed description of the region is provided in Section 2.0 of the WCVV IRWMP and includes all of Ventura County, including the Calleguas Creek Watershed, Santa Clara River Watershed, and Ventura River Watershed. This section describes the geographical area; identifies the cities, watersheds and land use policies; addresses water supplies, demands, quality, flooding and water-related infrastructure issues; describes ecological

processes and environmental resources, including areas of special biological significance; and addresses the social and cultural make-up of the region. An overview of all three watersheds is also provided in this section.

C. Objectives

The objectives of the WCVV IRWMP, as adopted on May 11, 2006 and described in Section 4.1, are to:

1. Reduce dependence on imported water and protect, conserve and augment water supplies.
2. Protect and improve water quality.
3. Protect people, property and the environment from adverse flooding impacts.
4. Protect and restore habitat and ecosystems in watersheds.



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5. Provide water-related recreational, public access and educational opportunities.

The WCVV will be refining these objectives as the Final IRWMP is developed.

D. Water Management Strategies

An overview and description of each of the water management strategies required to be considered in the IRWMP are provided in Section 5.1. Water management strategies that are already being implemented, at some level, within the watersheds in this region, are also addressed in Section 5.2 of the WCVV IRWMP. They have been implemented because they were identified through past regional planning efforts as being necessary and/or cost effective in addressing regional water issues. These strategies help achieve the objectives of the WCVV IRWMP to address local water issues and enhance water management. The WCVV IRWMP process brings together the strategies set forth in various existing plans, and then identifies any gaps and deficiencies.

E. Integration

As mentioned in Section D, the WCVV IRWMP identifies objectives and supports the implementation of the water management strategies included in the Guidelines (see Section 5.2 of the WCVV IRWMP).

One element of the WCVV's approach is the ongoing collaboration among local agencies to continue or establish programs, studies and plans that carry on the tradition of regional, cooperative water management in Ventura County. Some of these programs include: regional water use efficiency, water quality studies and projects, wastewater recycling studies, groundwater management, habitat restoration, stormwater pollution prevention and flood protection and management. A more complete implementation plan and description of how these strategies are integrated is included in Sections 5.2 and 6.1 of the WCVV IRWMP.

F. Regional Priorities

The WCVV establishes short-term, mid-term, and long-term priority lists for implementation projects as described in Section 6.1 of the WCVV IRWMP. A detailed discussion of the regional priorities for plan implementation is provided in Section 4.2 of the WCVV IRWMP.

G. Implementation

The specific actions, projects and studies that have been identified to date are included on the short-term list found in Section 6.1 of the WCVV IRWMP. Attachments 5 and 7 of this Step 2 Implementation Grant Proposal also provide information regarding the short-term projects and their respective schedules. The mid-term implementation actions and projects list is also provided in Section 6.1. The long-term implementation actions and projects list will be developed as part of the Final IRWMP. Existing implementation actions will be fully discussed in Section 5.1 in the final adopted plan.

H. Impacts and Benefits

The overall impacts and benefits of implementing the WCVV IRWMP are described in Section 6.2. The benefits of the individual projects are also described in Attachments 10 and 11 in the Step 2 Implementation Grant Proposal.

I. Technical Analysis and Plan Performance

Section 7.1 of the WCVV IRWMP provides a discussion of the technical analysis and plan performance monitoring methods. Attachments 8 and 9 of the Step 2 Implementation Grant Proposal also provide more detail about the technical analysis and plan performance monitoring measures for the individual projects submitted for this proposal.

J. Data Management

Data regarding water quantity and quality are collected and disseminated currently by a number of different agencies, as discussed in Section 7.2 of the WCVV IRWMP. However, using current practices, the format varies and the data are not always



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consistent. The WCVV is already working on establishing data protocols to ensure that information is collected and organized in formats, and with sufficient detail, to be compatible with state and federal needs. These protocols are explained in Section 7.2.

K. Financing

Section 6.3 of the WCVV IRWMP addresses beneficiaries and financing options for implementation. The potential beneficiaries and related programs and projects are all water users and residents; water agencies; local, state and federal agencies; businesses; and the environment, including habitat and specific protected species. These beneficiaries are represented by members of the WCVV. Local entities are supplying matching funds for the capital costs of the projects included in this proposal and providing for operation and maintenance of implemented projects. The sources of these funds include: water and sanitary district general funds, system replacement reserve funds, and enterprise funds; general funds from local cities and the County; and fundraising and member dues for non-profit organizations.

L. Statewide Priorities

Section 4.3 of the WCVV IRWMP provides information regarding the consistency of proposed implementation projects with the Statewide Priorities, as does Attachment 13 of the Step 2 Implementation Grant Proposal. The WCVV IRWMP is consistent with, and advances, all seven of the statewide priorities.

M. Relation to Local Planning

The WCVV IRWMP is based on numerous existing water and land use plans and studies. These plans and studies have been reviewed in the process of developing the IRWMP, as described in Section 8.1 of the WCVV IRWMP and in the Annotated Bibliography found in the appendices. The WCVV includes representatives of local cities and the County, which are responsible for land use planning within their jurisdictions.

N. Stakeholder Involvement

Section 3.0 of the WCVV IRWMP describes, in detail, the extensive stakeholder involvement process that has been used in its development. The stakeholder groups involved include the WCVV, which was formed in 2005 and meets approximately monthly; the VCIRWMP Group (now defunct and replaced with the WCVV); and the CCWMP Steering Committee, which continues to meet regularly to address Calleguas Creek specific issues. The VCIRWMP Group and CCWMP Steering Committee are briefly explained below.

The VCIRWMP Group met from 2002 – 2005 to develop objectives and discuss integrated regional water management projects. This group is described in detail in Section 3.3 of the WCVV IRWMP.

The CCWMP Steering Committee, which has been meeting since 1996, is comprised of numerous water purveyors, general purpose agencies, agricultural interests, and environmental organizations, and collaborated to develop the CCWMP, as described in Section 3.2 of the WCVV IRWMP.

O. Coordination

Section 8.2 of the WCVV IRWMP describes the extensive process of coordination with state and federal agencies. The WCVV participants have a long history of working with state and federal agencies to address water management issues. County staff and board members, and staff and elected officials from local water agencies and other organizations, have worked closely over the years with staff and board members from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Health Services, the State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and others. This coordination effort continues during the development and implementation of the WCVV IRWMP.