



San Diego IRWM Region

The San Diego IRWM Region includes all or portions of eleven hydrologic units within San Diego County that discharge to coastal waters.

IRWM Vision

An integrated, balanced, and consensus approach to ensuring the long-term sustainability of San Diego's water supply, water quality, and natural resources.

IRWM Mission

To develop and implement an integrated strategy to guide the San Diego Region toward *protecting, managing, and developing reliable and sustainable water resources.*

Through a stakeholder-driven process and adaptive process, the Region can develop solutions to water-related issues and conflicts that are economically and environmentally preferable, and that provide equitable resource protection for the entire Region.



IRWM Plan Goals

1. Optimize water supply reliability.
2. Protect and enhance water quality.
3. Provide stewardship of our natural resources.
4. Coordinate and integrate water resource management.

IRWM Plan Objectives

- A. Maximize stakeholder and community involvement and stewardship
- B. Effectively obtain, manage, and assess water resources data and information
- C. Further the scientific and technical foundation of water management
- D. Develop and maintain a diverse mix of water resources
- E. Construct, operate, and maintain a reliable infrastructure system
- F. Reduce the negative effects on waterways and watershed health caused by hydromodification and flooding
- G. Effectively reduce sources of pollutants and environmental stressors
- H. Protect, restore, and maintain habitat and open space
- I. Optimize water-based recreational opportunities

Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)

The San Diego County Water Authority, City of San Diego, and County of San Diego formed the RWMG to fund, guide, and manage development of the IRWM Plan. The RWMG is now responsible for the day-to-day administration and implementation of the San Diego IRWM program. The RWMG meets bi-weekly to research, review, discuss, and formulate ideas and concepts for Plan implementation activities.

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

The RAC was formed in December 2006 to assist in completion of San Diego's first IRWM Plan and prioritization of projects both within the Plan and for future funding application(s) as they arise. The RAC composition provides diverse representation from various functional areas related to water management:

- *RWMG Agencies:* San Diego County Water Authority, City of San Diego, County of San Diego
- *Water Retailers:* Santa Fe Irrigation District, Yuima Municipal Water District, Sweetwater Authority, Helix Water District, City of Escondido
- *Water Quality (Wastewater/Stormwater):* Padre Dam Municipal Water District, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, City of Chula Vista, Industrial Environment Association
- *Natural Resources & Watersheds:* San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, San Diego River Park Foundation, California Coastal Conservancy, Mission Resource Conservation District, The Nature Conservancy
- *At-Large Members:* San Diego CoastKeeper, Campo Kumeyaay Nation, Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Sustainability Consultant, Farm Bureau of San Diego County, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Association of Governments, U.S. Department of Navy/Camp Pendleton, Floodplain Management Association
- *Resource Agencies:* San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- *Tri-County FACC:* Rancho California Water District, County of Orange

The RAC has played a critical role in shaping and developing such key elements of the IRWM Plan as goals and objectives, long-term targets, the proposed institutional structure, and project prioritization. The RAC currently meets on a bi-monthly basis to provide guidance on upcoming IRWM planning and funding application activities. The RAC may be convened more frequently, as needed, for planning and funding proposals.

Tri-County Funding Area Coordinating Committee (Tri-County FACC)

The San Diego RWMG, Upper Santa Margarita RWMG, and South Orange County RWMG collaborate in an inter-regional body established via MOU and known as the Tri-County FACC. The Tri-County FACC enables the three RWMGs to balance the necessary autonomy of each planning region to plan at the appropriate scale with the need to improve inter-regional cooperation and efficiency. It ensures close coordination of the three planning regions to improve the quality and reliability of water in the San Diego Funding Area.

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