

Plan Standards Review Tool
San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region
2013 San Diego IRWM Plan

*Requirements in **bold** are required by legislation to be included in an IRWM Plan

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IRWM Plan Standard: Governance					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Document a governance structure to ensure updates to the IRWM Plan							
The name of the RWMG responsible for implementation of the IRWMP	y/n	y	18/35	CWC §10539	1.1 IRWM Planning (pg. 1-2); 1.3 Regional Water Management Group (pg. 1-6)	-	y
A description of the IRWM governance structure	y/n	y	19/36		6.3 IRWM Governance Structure (pg. 6-5)	-	y
A description of how the chosen form of governance addresses and ensures :							
Public outreach and involvement process	y/n/q	y	19/36-37	CWC §10540, §10541	6.4 Stakeholder Involvement Program (pg. 6-12)	Outreach efforts include public meetings, email lists, IRWM website, targeted outreach to DACs and Tribes.	y
Effective decision making	y/n/q	y	19/37		6.3 IRWM Governance Structure (pp. 6-3 to 6-12)	RWMG makes final decisions regarding IRWM Program, and may need formal approval from agency governing bodies. RAC approves recommendations to RWMG using consensus. Workgroup decision making defined by each workgroup. Details provided in Sections 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.3.3.	y
Balanced access and opportunity for participation in the IRWM process	y/n/q	y	19/37		6.4 Stakeholder Involvement Program (pg. 6-12)	Stakeholder outreach efforts target key stakeholders, invite broad stakeholder participation in public workshops, public comment periods, and direct communication with RAC and RWMG	y

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Effective communication – both internal and external to the IRWM region	y/n/q	y	19/37-38		6.4 Stakeholder Involvement Program (pg. 6-12)	Communication through IRWM website, actively involved IRWM email list, broader IRWM email list, targeted communication to DAC, EJ, and Tribes.	y
Long term implementation of the IRWM Plan	y/n/q	y	19/38		Chapter 6 Governance; 6.1 Overview (pg. 6-1); 6.4 Stakeholder Involvement Program (pp. 6-12 to 6-26)	Section 6.1 acknowledges the importance of collaboration and stakeholder involvement for long-term success of Program. Section 6.4 describes stakeholder involvement in the Plan and Program, which supports Program longevity. Chapter 6 discusses importance of building relationships between agencies, organizations, and stakeholders, and describes how these relationships are fostered by the IRWM Program.	y
Coordination with neighboring IRWM efforts and State and federal agencies	y/n/q	Y	19/38		6.3.2 Regional Advisory Committee (pg. 6-7); 6.3.4 Tri-County Funding Area Coordinating Committee (pg. 6-12); 3.12 Neighboring and/or Overlapping IRWM Efforts (pg. 3-102)	Discussion of coordination with neighboring RWMGs via MOU. State and Federal Agencies are invited as non-voting members of the RAC	y
The collaborative process(es) used to establish plan objectives	y/n/q	y	19/38		2.2 Describing the Process (pg. 2-1)	Objectives established through workgroup, RAC, RWMG, public and stakeholders. IRWM summit solicited input from public and stakeholders and objectives were reviewed and approved by the RAC.	y

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How interim changes and formal changes to the IRWM Plan will be performed	y/n/q	y	19/38		6.5 Updating or Amending the IRWM Plan (pg. 6-27)	Updating plan will include Public Notice, formal adoption by governing bodies of RWMG agencies. Plan amendments updated per RWMG agency processes, dependent on nature and extent of amendment. Projects added to Plan without formal update or approval if project meets requirements described in Chapter 9.	y
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Publish NOI to prepare/update the plan; adopt the plan in a public meeting	y/n/q	y	35	CWC §10543	6.5 Updating or Amending the IRWM Plan (pg. 6-27)	Updating plan will include Public Notice, formal adoption by governing bodies of RWMG agencies in a public meeting.	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Region Description					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
If applicable, describe and explain how the plan will help reduce dependence on the Delta supply regionally	y/n	y	20	-	2.7 IRWM Objectives (Objective E) (pg. 2-9); 3.10 Water Demand and Supply Diversification (pp. 3-94 to 3-98)	-	y
Describe watersheds and water systems	y/n	y	19/39	PRC §75026.(b)(1); CWP Update 2009	Chapter 5 Watersheds; 2.5 Water Management Systems (pp. 3-23 to 3-60)	-	y

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Describe internal boundaries	y/n	y	19/39	-	3.6 Internal Boundaries (pp. 3-61 to 3-69)	-	y
Describe water supplies and demands for minimum 20 year planning horizon	y/n	y	19/39	-	3.10 Water Demand and Supply Diversification (pp. 3-92 to 3-98)	-	y
Describe water quality conditions	y/n	y	19/40	-	3.7 Water Quality (pp. 3-69 to 3-84)	-	y
Describe social and cultural makeup, including specific information on DACs and tribal communities in the region and their water challenges	y/n/q	y	19/40	-	3.1 Region Overview (pp. 3-1 to 3-7); 3.3 Disadvantaged Communities (pp. 3-11 to 3-22); Chapter 4 Tribal Nations of San Diego	General population and economic information is provided for the Region. Detailed information provided for areas identified as DACs. Tribal chapter describes each individual Tribal Nation in the Region.	y
Describe major water related objectives and conflicts	y/n/q	y	19/40	CWC §10541.(e)(3)	3.11 Major Water Related Issues and Conflicts (pp. 3-98 to 3-99); Chapter 2 Vision and Objectives	Table 3-40 summaries water issues and conflicts in Region. Chapter 2 details the IRWM Plan objectives, which represent the major water related objectives of the Region.	y
Explain how IRWM regional boundary was determined and why region is an appropriate area for IRWM planning	y/n/q	y	19/40	-	3.2 Defining Boundaries for the Region (pp. 3-10 to 3-11)	Boundaries defined by jurisdictional, regulatory, and political boundaries, as well as common water supply and watershed characteristics.	y
Describe neighboring and/or overlapping IRWM efforts	y/n	y	19/40	-	3.12 Neighboring and/or Overlapping IRWM Efforts (pp. 3-100 to 3-102)	-	y
Explain how opportunities are maximized (e.g., people at the table, natural features, infrastructure) for integration of water management activities	y/n	y	38	-	3.2 Defining Boundaries for the Region (Physical and Hydrologic Characteristics) (pg. 3-11); 9.2 Integration (pp. 9-1 to 9-5)	-	y

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IRWM Plan Standard: Objectives					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Through the objectives or other areas of the Plan, the 7 items on pg. 41 of the Guidelines are addressed	y/n	y	20/40-41	CWC §10540.(c); CWC §10541.(e)(2)	Chapter 2 Vision and Objectives	-	y
Describe the collaborative process and tools used to establish objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the objectives were developed What information was considered (i.e., water management or local land use plans, etc.) What groups were involved in the process How the final decision was made and accepted by IRWM effort 	y/n	y	20/41	-	2.2 Describing the Process (pg.2-1)	-	y
Identify quantitative or qualitative metrics and measureable objectives: Objectives must be measurable – there must be some metric the IRWM region can use to determine if the objective is being met as the IRWM Plan is implemented. Neither quantitative nor qualitative metrics are considered inherently better	y/n/q	y	20/41-42	§10541.(e)	2.10 Plan Targets (Table 2-2) (pp. 2-17 to 2-25)	Table 2-2: IRWM Objectives, Targets, and Metrics shows which project types address each objective, as well as which targets or metrics will be measured when assessing projects of each type.	y
Explain how objectives are prioritized or reason why the objectives are not prioritized	y/n/q	y	20/42-43	-	2.7.1 Prioritizing the IRWM Objectives (pg.2-14)	Objectives were not prioritized to maintain flexibility of the Plan, stakeholder support, and balance project selection to address all objectives during funding opportunities	y

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Reference specific overall goals for the region: RWMPs may choose to use goals as an additional layer for organizing and prioritizing objectives, or they may choose to not use the term at all	y/n	y	43	-	2.6 IRWM Goals (pg. 2-4)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Resource Management Strategies (RMS)					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Identify RMS incorporated in the IRWM Plan: Consider all RMS criteria (29) listed in Table 3 from the CWP Update 2009	y/n	y	20/43	CWP Updated 2009 Volume II; CWC §10541(e)(1)	8.1.1 Resource Management Strategies in California Water Plan Update 2009 (Table 8-1) (pp. 8-2 to 8-4)	-	y
Consideration of climate change effects on the IRWM region must be factored into RMS	y/n	y	20/43		8.5 Objectives Assessment (Table 8-2) (pg. 8-24)	-	y
Address which RMS will be implemented in achieving IRWM Plan Objectives	y/n	y	44		8.5 Objectives Assessment (Table 8-2) (pg. 8-24)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Integration					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Contains structure and processes for developing and fostering integration*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder/institutional Resource Project implementation 	y/n/q	y	20/44-45	CWC §10540.(g); CWC §10540.(h)(2)	9.2 Integration (pp. 9-1 to 9-5)	Section 9.2 Integration describes how the Region defines integration, as well as methods used to promote and encourage integration.	y
* If not included as an individual section use Governance, Project Review Process, and Data Management Standards per November 2012 Guidelines, p. 44							
IRWM Plan Standard: Project Review Process					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Process for projects included in the IRWM plan must address 3 components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures for submitting projects Procedures for reviewing projects Procedures for communicating lists of selected projects 	y/n	y	20/45	PRC §75028.(a)	9.3 Including Projects in the IRWM Plan (pg. 9-5); 9.4 IRWM Project Review (pg. 9-6); 9.4.1 IRWM Project Review and Selection Process (pg. 9-6)	-	y
Does the project review process in the Plan incorporate the following factors:							
How the project contributes to plan objectives	y/n	y	20		11.5.2 Methods to Evaluate Project Performance (Table 11-6) (pp. 11-35 to 11-36); 9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (pp. 9-10 to 9-11; Table 9-1)	-	y

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How project is related to RMS identified in the Plan	y/n	y	20		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-1) (pg. 9-11)	-	y
The technical feasibility of a project	y/n	y	20		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-2) (pg. 9-12)	-	y
A project's specific benefits to a DAC water issue	y/n	y	20		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-1) (pg. 9-11)	-	y
Environmental Justice considerations	y/n	y	20		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-1) (pg. 9-11)	-	y
Project costs and financing	y/n	y	20		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-2) (pg. 9-12)	-	y
Address economic feasibility	y/n	y	21		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-2) (pg. 9-12)	-	y
Project status	y/n	y	21		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-2) (pg. 9-12)	-	y
Strategic implementation of plan and project merit	y/n	y	21/48		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-2) (pg. 9-12)	-	y
Project's contribution to climate change adaptation	y/n	y	21		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-2) (pg. 9-12)	-	y
Contribution of project in reducing GHGs compared to project alternatives	y/n	y	21		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-1) (pg. 9-11)	-	y
Status of Project Proponent's IRWM plan adoption	y/n	y	21		6.5 Updating or Amending the IRWM Plan (pg. 6-27)	This is included as a requirement under Plan Adoption (Sec. 6.5)	y
Project's contribution to reducing dependence on Delta supply (for IRWM regions receiving water from the Delta)	y/n	y	21		9.4.2 IRWM Project Scoring Content (Table 9-1) (pg. 9-11)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Impact and Benefit					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Discuss potential impacts and benefits of plan implementation within IRWM region, between regions, with DAC/EJ concerns and Native American Tribal communities	y/n	y	21	-	11.3.1 Potential Benefits and Impacts (Table 11-3) (pp. 11-14 to 11-20)	-	y
State when a more detailed project-specific impact and benefit analysis will occur (prior to any implementation activity)	y/n	y	49	-	11.3 Benefits and Impacts (pg. 11-12)	-	y

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Review and update the impacts and benefits section of the plan as part of the normal plan management activities	y/n	y	50	-	11.5.1 Methods to Evaluate Plan Performance (pg. 11-32)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Plan Performance and Monitoring					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Contain performance measures and monitoring methods to ensure that IRWM objectives are met	y/n	y	21/53	PRC §75026.(a)	11.5.2 Methods to Evaluate Project Performance (pp. 11-34 to 11-36); Table 11-6)	-	y
Contain a methodology that the RWMG will use to oversee and evaluate implementation of projects	y/n	y	21/53		11.5.1 Methods to Evaluate Plan Performance (pg. 11-33)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Data Management					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Describe data needs within the IRWM region	y/n	y	54	-	10.2.1 Data Needs (pg. 10-1)	-	y
Describe typical data collection techniques	y/n	y	54	-	10.2.2.1 Typical Collection Techniques (pg. 10-6)	-	y
Describe stakeholder contribution of data to a data management system	y/n	y	54	-	10.2.4 Data Management Objectives and Goals (pg. 10-16)	-	y
Describe the entity responsible for maintaining data in the data management system	y/n	y	54	-	10.2.4 Data Management Objectives and Goals (pg. 10-15)	-	y
Describe the QA/QC measures for data	y/n	y	54	-	10.2.4 Data Management Objectives and Goals (pg. 10-17)	-	y
Explain how data collected will be transferred or shared between members of the RWMG and other interested parties throughout the IRWM region, including local, State, and federal agencies	y/n	y	54	-	10.2.3 IRWM Data Management System (pp. 10-12 to 10-13); 10.2.4 Data Management Objectives and Goals (pp. 10-13 to 10-17)	-	y
Explain how the Data Management System supports the efforts to share collected data	y/n	y	54	-	10.2.4 Data Management Objectives and Goals (pp. 10-13 to 10-17)	-	y

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Outline how data saved in the data management system will be distributed and remain compatible with State databases included CEDEN, Water Data Library (WDL), CASGEM, California Environmental Information Catalog (CEIC), and the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System (CERES)	y/n	y	54	-	10.2.2 Data Collection and Sources (pg. 10-6)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Finance					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Include a programmatic level (i.e., general) plan for implementation and financing of identified projects and programs including the following:	y/n	y	21	CWC §10541.(e)(8)	11.4 Finance (pg. 11-21)	-	y
List known, as well as, possible funding sources, programs, and grant opportunities for the development and ongoing funding of the IRWM Plan	y/n	y	21		11.4.1 Plan Financing (pg. 11-21; Table 11-4)	-	y
List the funding mechanisms, including water enterprises funds, rate structure, and private financing options, for projects that implement the IRWM Plan	y/n	y	21		11.4.2 Project Funding (pp. 11-24 to 11-31; Table 11-5)	-	y
An explanation of the certainty and longevity of known or potential funding for the IRWM Plan and projects that implement the Plan	y/n	y	21		11.4.1 Plan Financing (Table 11-4) (pp. 11-22 to 11-23); 11.4.3 Project Financing Options (Table 11-5) (pp. 11-25 to 11-31)	-	y
An explanation of how operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for projects that implement the IRWM Plan would be covered and the certainty of O&M funding.	y/n	y	21		11.4.3 Project Financing Options (Table 11-5) (pp. 11-25 to 11-31)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Technical Analysis					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Document the data and technical analyses that were used in the development of the plan	y/n	y	22	-	10.3.2 Technical Analysis and Method (pg. 10-19; Table 10-6)	-	y

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IRWM Plan Standard: Relation to Local Water Planning					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Identify a list of local water plans used in the IRWM Plan	y/n	y	22	CWC §10540.(b)	Table 7-1 IRWM Relation to Local Water Management Planning (pg. 7-3)	-	y
Discuss how the plan relates to these other planning documents and programs	y/n	y	22		7.2.1 Coordination of Water Management Planning Activities (pp. 7-1 to 7-2)	-	y
Describe the dynamics between the IRWM plan and other planning documents	y/n	y	22		7.2.1 Coordination of Water Management Planning Activities (pp. 7-1 to 7-2)	-	y
Describe how the RWMG will coordinate its water management planning activities	y/n	y	58		7.2.1 Coordination of Water Management Planning Activities (pp. 7-1 to 7-2)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Relation to Local Land Use Planning					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Document current relationship between local land use planning, regional water issues, and water management objectives	y/n	y	22/59-62	-	7.7.2 Current Relationship between Water Managers and Land Use Planning (pg. 7-33)	-	y
Document future plans to further a collaborative, proactive relationship between land use planners and water managers	y/n	y	22/59-62	-	7.7.3 Opportunities for Collaboration (pp. 7-33 to 7-34); Table 11-1 Implementation Commitments from Planning Study Recommendations (pp. 11-4 to 11-10)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Stakeholder Involvement					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Contain a public process that provides outreach and opportunity to participate in the IRWM Plan	y/n	y	22/63	CWC §10541.(g)	6.4 Stakeholder Involvement Program (pp. 6-12 to 6-26)	-	y
Identify process to involve and facilitate stakeholders during development and implementation of plan regardless of ability to pay; include barriers to involvement	y/n	y	64	CWC §10541.(h)(2)	6.2 Stakeholder Identification and Involvement Approach (pp. 6-3 to 6-4); 6.4 Stakeholder Involvement Program (pp. 6-12 to 6-26)	-	y
Discuss involvement of DACs and tribal communities in the IRWM planning effort	y/n	y	23	-	6.4.1 Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities (pp. 6-19 to 6-23); 6.4.2 Native American Tribes (6-23 to 6-26)	-	y
Describe decision-making process and roles that stakeholders can occupy	y/n	y	23	-	6.3.2 Regional Advisory Committee (pp. 6-7 to 6-9); 6.3.3 Workgroups (pp. 6-9 to 6-11)	-	y

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Discuss how stakeholders are necessary to address objectives and RMS	y/n	y	23	-	8.4 Current Application of Water Management Strategies in Region (pp. 8-6 to 8-23); 11.5 Plan Performance and Monitoring (11-23 to 11-34)	-	y
Discuss how a collaborative process will engage a balance in interest groups	y/n	y	23	-	6.3.2 Regional Advisory Committee (pp. 6-7 to 6-9)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Coordination					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Identify the process to coordinate water management projects and activities of participating local agencies and stakeholders to avoid conflicts and take advantage of efficiencies	y/n	y	23/65	CWC §10541.(e)(13)	9.2.6 Methods Used to Promote and Encourage Integration (pp. 9-4 to 9-5)	-	y
Identify neighboring IRWM efforts and ways to cooperate or coordinate, and a discussion of any ongoing water management conflicts with adjacent IRWM efforts	y/n	y	23/65	-	3.12 Neighboring and/or Overlapping IRWM Efforts (pp. 3-100 to 3-102)	-	y
Identify areas where a state agency or other agencies may be able to assist in communication or cooperation, or implementation of IRWM Plan components, processes, and projects, or where State or federal regulatory decisions are required before implementing the projects	y/n	y	23	-	Table 7-2 Other State and Federal Agencies with an Interest in IRWM (pp. 7-4 to 7-5)	-	y
IRWM Plan Standard: Climate Change					Overall Standard Sufficient		Y
Evaluate IRWM region's vulnerabilities to climate change and potential adaptation responses based on vulnerabilities assessment in the DWR Climate Change Handbook for Regional Water Planning	y/n	y	23/66-73	Climate Change Handbook vulnerability assessment: http://www.water.ca.gov/climatechange/CCHandbook.cfm ;	7.8.1 Relevant Climate Change Planning Documents – Vulnerability Identification and Prioritization (pp. 7-37-7-38; Table 7-16)	-	y
Provide a process that considers GHG emissions when choosing between project alternatives	y/n	y	23/68	November 2012 Guidelines	Table 9-1 (pg. 9-11), Table 9-2 (pg. 9-12), and Objective K (pp. 2-13 to 2-14)	-	y

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Include a list of prioritized vulnerabilities based on the vulnerability assessment and the IRWM's decision making process	y/n	y	23/66-73	Legislative and Policy Context, p. 66	Table 7-16 Prioritized Climate Change Vulnerability Issues (pg. 7-38)	-	y
Contain a plan, program, or methodology for further data gathering and analysis of prioritized vulnerabilities	y/n	y	23/66-73	§10541.(e)(11)	11.2.1 Implementation Action Plans for Regional Priorities (pg. 11-1); Table 11-2 (pg. 11-9); Table 11-1 (pp. 11-6 to 11-7)	-	y
Include climate change as part of the project review process	y/n	y	23/68		Table 9-2 (pg. 9-12); Table 9-1 (pg. 9-11); 2.7 IRWM Objectives (Objective K) (pp. 2-13 to 2-14)	-	y