



Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)

Roles & Responsibilities

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The San Diego County Water Authority, City of San Diego, and County of San Diego originally formed the Regional Water Management Group (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. Additionally, the RWMG provides presentations to various stakeholder groups including water supply agencies, environmental organizations, and other agencies regarding the IRWM program.

The following table provides an overview of RWMG roles and responsibilities that shall guide the IRWM program moving forward. The RWMG shall continue to incorporate recommendations from the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) into work items completed by RWMG staff and consultants.

Policy Level

The RWMG consists of the City of San Diego City Council and Mayor, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors, and San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors. Through the actions taken by the respective Boards and the San Diego City Council and Mayor, the RWMG has committed to:

- 1. Direct staff to actively seek public involvement and stakeholder input and conduct an active public outreach program;**
- 2. Adopt a final IRWM Plan by June 2007;**
- 3. Direct staff to track and apply for grant funding opportunities from appropriate State agencies, including the Proposition 50 and 84 IRWM grant cycles;**
- 4. Approve the long-term institutional structure for IRWM planning in the Region; and**
- 5. Approve staff requests for funding of IRWM planning activities.**

Staff Level

Staff from the RWMG agencies, with assistance from consultants, is responsible for the following day-to-day activities associated with the preparation of the IRWM Plan and grant applications:

- 1. Develop and manage contracts for consultant assistance;**
- 2. Prepare and submit Proposition 50, Cycle 1 and 2 Grant applications;**
- 3. Complete and update (as appropriate) the IRWM Plan;**
- 4. Conduct public education and outreach activities related to the IRWM program;**
- 5. Disseminate information on the IRWM Plan;**
- 6. Support the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) and its Workgroups;**
- 7. Prepare and submit a Region Acceptance Process application;**
- 8. Collaborate with the South Orange and Upper Santa Margarita RWMGs through the Tri-County FACC;**

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- 9. Prepare and submit Proposition 84, Expedited Grant and Implementation Grant applications;**
 - 10. Prepare and submit a Proposition 84, Planning Grant application;**
 - 11. Develop strategies to implement the IRWM Plan priorities;**
 - 12. Transition to a long-term institutional structure.**
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RAC Facilitator

Staff from the RWMG agencies, with assistance from consultants, is responsible for facilitating the RAC and Workgroup meetings:

- 1. Assist in preparing for and facilitating RAC and Workgroup meetings;**
- 2. Establish principals of participation for RAC members; and**
- 3. Guide the RAC meetings toward accomplishing agenda goals.**