Regional Advisory Committee Membership Application

October 2020

The Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) was formed in December 2006 to assist the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) with completion of the San Diego IRWM Plan and prioritization of projects for a funding application. The IRWM Plan was completed in 2007; since then, the San Diego Region has been awarded $110 million from the Department of Water Resources to support 73 high-priority projects. The RAC continues to serve as the primary advisory body for the San Diego IRWM Program, providing recommendations to the RWMG on key issues related to IRWM planning and funding applications. RAC meetings are held bi-monthly and are posted for the entire calendar year at www.sdirwmp.org.

13 positions are open on the RAC for the 2021 - 2024 term. Previous RAC members are welcome to apply for a new term. Before you apply, please review the RAC Charter (http://www.sdirwmp.org/regional-advisory-committee, click on “RAC Roles and Responsibilities”) to ensure that you are able to serve on the RAC and follow the guidelines and rules established in the RAC Charter.

If you are interested in serving on the RAC, please fill out the membership application form below and return it to Mark Stadler, IRWM Program Manager, at mstadler@sdcwa.org by November 9, 2020.

Please contact Mark if you have any questions at either mstadler@sdcwa.org or 858-522-6735.

RAC Member Replacement Process

RAC member replacement will take place every other year in December. Terms for approximately half of the RAC membership shall expire every other year. See attached “Exhibit A” for the replacement process for the 2021 - 2024 term. On occasion, applications for mid-term replacements may be solicited. This solicitation is for 13 replacements to serve approximately four years.

RAC Membership Composition

The Membership Workgroup will recommend people to fill 13 available seats (of 31 voting members), each of which has a term that expires December 31, 2024. See attached “Exhibit B”.

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San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Membership Application

Please return this form to Mark Stadler (mstadler@sdcwa.org) by **November 9, 2020**. A workgroup representing the RAC caucuses will review the applicants and recommend who should fill the 13 vacancies. The final decision concerning the new members will be made by the Regional Water Management Group and the RAC.

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
Organization: _________________________________________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________    Phone Number: _______________________

Please indicate which vacant RAC seat(s) you are applying for (note that all names highlighted in red in the RAC Member Composition Section are vacant):
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Please indicate if you meet the eligibility criteria:
□ Represents an agency, non-profit organization, tribe, or academia.

Describe your knowledge and experience related to water management, including participation in the IRWM Program or other water resource policy, planning, outreach, or implementation efforts:
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Describe how your experience and knowledge allows you to:
1. Have the ability and desire to objectively articulate the perspective of your RAC seat and caucus at a level beyond that within your individual organization.
2. Provide recommendations with the best interests of the entire San Diego IRWM region in mind.
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Describe how your position within your organization allows you to:
1. Act as a point of contact within your individual organization for collection and dissemination of information related to the IRWM Program.
2. Disseminate information about the IRWM Program to your contacts, as appropriate.
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RAC Member Replacement (Section 8 of RAC Charter – modified for 2020)
RAC member replacement will take place every other year in December. RAC member replacement shall occur via the process outlined below:

1. The RWMG will solicit applications from all IRWM stakeholders, including RAC members whose terms are expiring. Applications will be held to a firm deadline, after which applicants will no longer be considered. For the 2020 process, applications will be accepted from October 7 through November 9, 2020.

2. A RAC Membership Workgroup will be convened to develop recommendations for RAC member replacement. The Workgroup will be comprised of 3 RWMG members and 1 representative from each voting caucus, for a total of 9 members. To avoid self-appointments, the Workgroup members shall be limited to current RAC members whose term is not expiring. The RAC caucuses shall nominate their Workgroup representative via email prior to the October 7 RAC meeting.

3. The RAC will review the proposed RAC Membership Workgroup members and provide a recommendation to the RWMG. If the RAC cannot reach a consensus recommendation, it will inform the RWMG of this situation.

4. The RWMG will review the recommendation. Applicants will be notified by the RWMG of their appointment to the Workgroup (by October 9, 2020).

5. The RWMG will review the RAC member applicants to confirm that they meet the RAC Member Composition stipulated in the RAC Charter.

6. If the RWMG does not receive applications to fill each open seat on the RAC, it will reopen the application period for one week and the Workgroup meeting will be delayed.

7. The Workgroup representative from each caucus may distribute the list of applicants to their caucus and work with the caucus members to develop a recommendation for the new members of their caucus, if desired.

8. During the week of November 16-20, 2020, the Workgroup will meet to review the applicants and provide a recommendation to the RWMG on the RAC membership. If the Workgroup cannot reach a consensus recommendation, it will inform the RWMG of this situation.

9. The RWMG will review the recommendation. Applicants will be notified by the RWMG of their appointment to the RAC (by December 5, 2020), and at that time will be asked to appoint a permanent alternate who is suitable to participate on the RAC under the member composition guidelines described in the RAC Charter. RAC members selected by the Workgroup will be assigned a four-year term.

10. The new RAC membership will be effective on January 1, 2021. The RWMG will hold a New RAC Member Orientation in early 2021 as needed for new RAC members.

Each RAC Membership Workgroup will remain in place for two years to address any membership issues that arise over those two years, including replacement of a member that retires or resigns.
Exhibit B: RAC Member Composition

2019-2020

Updated: October 7, 2020

(NTL): No term limit
(2017-2020): Finishing 4-year term
(2019-2022): Currently Serving 4-year term

Regional Water Management Group (3)
1. City of San Diego – Keli Balo (NTL), A: Karina Danek
2. County of San Diego – Richard Whipple (NTL), A: Stephanie Gaines
3. San Diego County Water Authority – Kelley Gage (NTL), A: Elizabeth Lovsted

Water Supply (5)
Agencies and entities tasked with supplying water to homes, businesses, and agriculture
1. Retail (North County-Inland) – Julia Escamilla/Rincon del Diablo MWD (2019-22), A: Clint Baze
2. Retail (North County-Coastal) – Al Lau/Santa Fe Irrigation District (2019-22), A: Rania Amen
3. Retail (East County) – Michelle Berens/Helix Water District (2019-22), A: Brian Olney
4. Retail (South County) – Ron Mosher/Sweetwater Authority (2017-2020), A: Erick Del Bosque
5. Retail (At Large) – Kim Thorner/Olivenhain Municipal Water District (2017-2020), A: Joey Randall

Water Quality (6)
Agencies and entities tasked with managing storm runoff, both quantity and quality, in man-made conveyances and/or collecting and disposing of wastewater, including water recycling
2. Stormwater Management (South/East County) – Marisa Soriano/City of Chula Vista (2019-22), A: Chris Helmer
Natural Resources and Watersheds (5)

*Agencies and entities tasked with preserving, enhancing, and managing natural resources and watersheds*

2. Protection and Restoration (NGO) – Phil Pryde/San Diego River Park Foundation (2019-22), A: Rob Hutsel

DAC/Environmental Justice (2)

*Agencies and entities who represent disadvantaged communities and/or environmental justice concerns*

1. Urban DAC – Joel San Juan/Mundo Gardens (2017-2020), A: Janice Reynoso

Tribal (3)

*Agencies and entities who represent Native American tribal concerns*


Other Members (7)

*Other agencies and entities with interest in and/or impact on water resource management*

1. Flood Management – Mark Seits/Floodplain Management Association (2019-22), A: Alex Yescas
4. Land Use Planning – Sarah Pierce/SANDAG (2017-2020), A: Katie Hentrich
5. At Large* – Ann Van Leer/Escondido Creek Conservancy (2019-22), A: Betsy Keithley
6. At Large* – Robyn Badger/Zoological Society of San Diego (2017-2020), A: Kelly Craig

*For one of two At Large seats, preferential consideration should be given to organizations engaged with training water professionals. Other consideration criteria include academia, energy/water nexus, solid waste/water nexus, sustainability.*
Non-Voting Members (8)

State, federal, and regional agencies who are interested parties

1. Regional Water Quality Control Board – Laurie Walsh (NTL), A: Tony Felix
2. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – Jack Simes (NTL), A: Leslie Cleveland
3. Military Community – John Simpson/USMC Camp Pendleton (NTL), A: Jessica Spurlock
4. Tri-County FACC (Upper Santa Margarita RWMG) – Justin Haessly/Rancho California Water District (NTL)
5. Tri-County FACC (South Orange RWMG) – Grant Sharp/County of Orange (NTL), A: Jenna Voss
6. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Groundwater Sustainability Agency Amy Reeh, Yuima Municipal Water District
7. U.S. Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest – Gloria Silva (NTL), A: Emily Fudge
8. U.S. Indian Health Services – Sean Bush (NTL)