

San Diego Funding Area

The San Diego Funding Area (SDFA) includes the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Regions of San Diego, Upper Santa Margarita Watershed, and South Orange County. The three IRWM Regions created the Tri-County Funding Area Coordinating Committee for increased cooperation, regional integration, and inter-regional planning.

Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program

The Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) Program in the San Diego Funding Area involves the three IRWM groups and identifies 21 Tribes in the area. The Funding Area partnered with Rural Community Assistance Corporation to facilitate Tribal outreach for the Needs Assessment. The DACI grant included Groundwater Planning for DACs and Tribes in the Anza Valley Groundwater Basin, with the Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians as the Project Sponsor.

Grantee: **San Diego County Water Authority**

Grant Award: **\$5,551,350**

Grant Start: February 2018

Needs Assessment: Completed May 2019

Integrated Regional Water Management Regions *

Upper Santa Margarita Watershed

The Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Regional Water Management Group consists of the Rancho California Water District, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the County of Riverside. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee is made up of representatives of stakeholder interests, including the Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, according to the 2014 IRWM Plan update. The Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, and Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians were contacted and encouraged to be involved in the planning process.

South Orange County

The South Orange County (SOC) IRWM region's governance structure is provided by a 22-Member Agency Cooperative Agreement. The Agreement forms an Executive Committee for effective decision-making, a Management Committee to support the Executive Committee, and other Ad Hoc or Standing Committees that may be formed. The SOC Region completed an IRWM Plan Update in 2018. The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians was included in the planning process. The Plan Update recognized the needs to ensure equitable distribution of benefits by prioritizing certain projects, including those



that “address critical water supply or water quality needs of California Native American Tribes in the region.”

San Diego

The San Diego region identifies 18 federally-recognized Tribes and 2 non-federally recognized Tribes within its boundaries. The Regional Water Management Group consists of The San Diego County Water Authority, the City of San Diego, and the County of San Diego. It is advised by the Regional Advisory Committee, which includes three Tribal seats representing the Northern, Central, and Southern parts of the region. The San Diego region updated its IRWM Plan in 2019 and included a *Tribal Nations of San Diego County* chapter as well as information in other sections on Tribal outreach and involvement.

** Information on each Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) region was gathered from publicly available information from the region’s website or IRWM plan. This information may not reflect the most recent or accurate understanding of Tribal engagement in the region. Please contact the IRWM region for additional information.*



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