

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**



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## Assemblymember Jay Obernolte (R) – District 33

**Committee Member:** Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, & Internet Media (Vice Chair), Budget (Vice Chair), Appropriations, Budget Subcommittee 6 on Budget Process, Oversight, & Program Evaluation, Utilities & Commerce, Joint Committee on Arts, Joint Legislative Budget, Rules



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### District Notes:

- District encompasses northern San Bernardino County and stretches through the Mojave desert, Barstow, Victorville, Apple Valley, and includes the mountain communities of Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear.
- Primarily Republican District; 38% of voters are registered as Republican, 33% as Democrat, and 22% have no party preference.
- District is 39% Latino, 3% Asian, 10% Black, 45% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Prior to serving in the State Assembly, Assemblymember Obernolte served on the Big Bear City Council, the Big Bear Lake Fire Protection Board, and was a member of the Big Bear Fire Authority.
- Previously served as a Director on the Mojave Desert and Mountain Integrated Waste JPA Board.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Obernolte has a 18% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation bill Assemblymember Obernolte voted in favor for during the last legislative session was AB 1496, a bill to reduce methane emissions statewide.



## Assemblymember Tom Lackey (R) – District 36

**Committee Member:** Accountability & Administrative Review (Vice Chair), Budget, Health, Public Safety, Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management



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### District Notes:

- District encompasses Los Angeles County's Antelope Valley including the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, as well as Edwards Air Force Base, a small portion of Kern County, and the community of Wrightwood in San Bernardino County.
- District is dominantly Democratic; with 39% of voters registered as Democrat, 35% as Republican, and 19% with no party preference.
- District is 42% Latino, 4% Asian, 14% Black, 38% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Leader on issues relating to public safety, affordable taxes, education, job growth, and economic development.
- Prior to joining the Assembly, Assemblymember Lackey served two terms as councilmember for the City of Palmdale.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Lackey holds a 45% lifetime score for the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last Legislative Session, Assemblymember Lackey voted in support of AB 744, a bill that reduces parking minimum requirements, AB 888, a bill that banned plastic microbeads in personal care products, AB 1461, a bill that would register eligible voters to vote upon updating or obtaining a drivers license, and AB 1496, a bill to reduce methane emissions statewide.





## Assemblymember Das Williams (D) – District 37

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### District Notes:

- District 37 encompasses parts of Santa Barbara County and Ventura County.
- Dominantly Democratic; 43% of voters are Democrats, 27% are Republican, and 24% have no party preference.
- District is 38% Latino, 4% Asian, 1.5% Black, 54% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the Assembly in 2010.
- Term limit: 2016
- Previous to joining the Legislature, Assemblymember Williams served as a member of the Santa Barbara City Council, and sat on a local school board for Peabody Charter School.
- Was elected Chair of the Asian & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus in 2014.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Williams has a 98% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During his time in the City Council, Assemblymember Williams successfully led efforts to expand alternative energy production in Santa Barbara.
- One of his first actions in the Assembly was supporting the Governor's efforts to increase California's RPS to 33% renewable energy by 2020.



## Assemblymember Scott Wilk (R) – District 38

**Committee Member:** Privacy & Consumer Protection (Vice Chair), Business & Professions, Joint Committee on Arts, Budget, Select Committee on Status of Boys & Men of Color, Select Committee on Mental & Behavioral Health & Proposition 63 Implementation, Select Committee on Cybersecurity, Select Committee on Biotechnology, Select Committee on Aerospace, Budget Subcommittee 4 on State Administration



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### District Notes:

- District 38 encompasses Los Angeles County's Santa Clarita Valley, and northwestern portion of the San Fernando Valley, and Ventura County's Simi Valley.
- Slightly more Republican District; 38% of voters are Republican, 34% are Democrat, and 23% have no party preference.
- District is 26% Latino, 12% Asian, 3% Black, 56% White

### Bio:

- Elected in 2012 and reelected in 2014.
- Term limit: 2024.
- Assemblymember Wilk's top legislative priorities include job creation and increasing government transparency.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Scott has a 17% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation bill he voted for during the 2015 legislative session was AB 888, a bill to ban plastic microbeads from personal care products.



## Assemblymember Patty Lopez (D) – District 39

**Committee Member:** Aging & Long-Term Care, Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials, Governmental Organization, Housing & Community Development, Human Services, Public Safety, Rules, Water, Parks, & Wildlife



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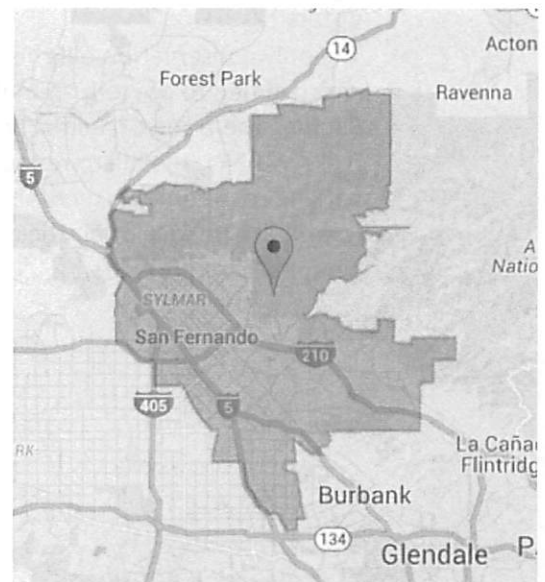
- District encompasses Northeast San Fernando Valley, which includes Agua Dulce Arleta, Canyon County, Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, Newhall, North Hollywood, Northeast Granada Hills, Pacoima, San Fernando, Santa Clarita, Shadow Hills, Sun Valley, Sylmar and Sunland-Tujunga.
- District is primarily Democratic; with 51% of voters registered as Democrat; 16 % as Republican, and 26% with no party preference.
- District is 68% Latino, 6% Asian, 4% Black, 20% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Has a background in education advocacy.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Lopez has a 100% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Assemblymember Marc Steinorth (R) – District 40

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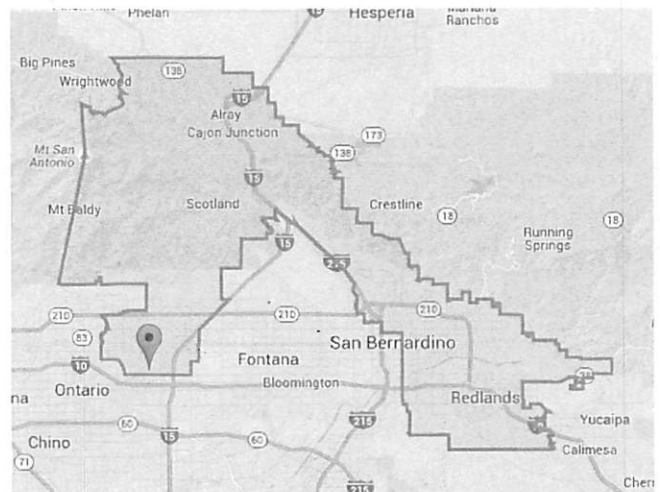
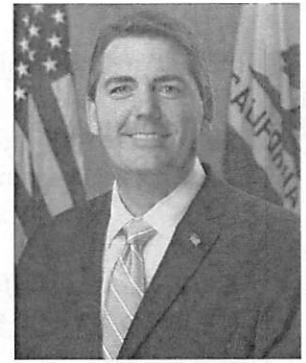
- District encompasses San Bernardino County stretching from Redlands through a portion of San Bernardino, Arrowhead, Mt. Baldy, and Rancho Cucamonga.
- Slightly Republican Dominated District; where 37% of voters are Republican; 36% are Democrat; and 31% has no party preference.
- District is 42% Latino, 8% Asian, 11% Black, 36% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Prior to serving in the Assembly, Assemblymember Steinorth served in the city council for the City of Rancho Cucamonga.
- Prioritizes practical financial decision making, and justifying how tax payer dollars are spent.

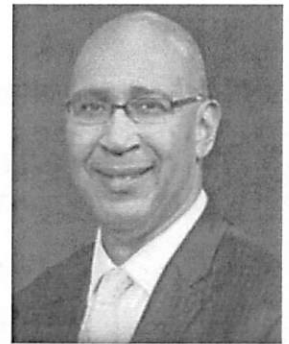
### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Steinorth has a 27% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation bills he voted in favor of during the last legislative session were AB 96, which aimed to prevent animal poaching by banning the trade of animal horns and tusks, AB 744, the bill to reduce minimum parking requirements, and AB 888, the bill to prohibit the use of plastic microbeads in personal care products.



## Assemblymember Chris Holden (D) – District 41

**Committee Member:** Business, Professions & Consumer Protection, Appropriations, Judiciary, Budget Subcommittee 5 on Public Safety, Select Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math Education



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### District Notes:

- District stretches from Pasadena in the West to Upland in the East and includes the communities of Altadena, Claremont, La Verne, Monrovia, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena.
- Primarily Democratic District; where 42% of voters are Democrats, 30% of voters are Republican, and 21% have no party preference.
- District is 31% Latino, 12% Asian, 8% Black, 46% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Has previously served as Assembly Majority Floor Leader, Assistant Minority Whip, and Minority Whip.
- Leader in strengthening the economy of the San Gabriel Valley.
- Has an interest in strengthening trade relationships with foreign countries.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Holden has a 95% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Assemblymember Holden voted in favor of all conservation bills except AB 356, that dealt with oil and gas groundwater monitoring, which he abstained from voting on.



## Assemblymember Chad Mayes (R) – District 42

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### District Notes:

- Inland Empire district that encompasses Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and includes La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, San Jacinto, Beaumont, Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, and Twentynine Palms.
- Republican Dominated District; with 40% of voters being Republican, 33% Democrat, and 20% with no party preference.
- District is 30% Latino, 3% Asian, 4% Black, 60% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Describes himself as a “governing conservative” that seeks pragmatic policy solutions to ensure the state is a global leader.
- Legislative priorities are concerned with housing, transportation, poverty, education, jobs, and economic expansion.
- Prior to joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Mayes served three times on the Yucca Valley Town Council, and as a board member of both the San Bernardino Associated Governments, and the League of California Cities.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Mayes has a 9% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation bill Assemblymember Mayes voted in favor of during the last legislative session was AB 888, that banned the use of plastic microbeads in personal care products.





## Assemblymember Mike Gatto (D) – District 43

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### District Notes:

- District includes the cities of Burbank, Pasadena, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Los Feliz, Silver Lake, and parts of Hollywood Hills.
- Dominantly Democratic District; with 44% of voters registered as Democrat, 22% registered as Republican, and 28% with no party preference.
- District is 23% Latino, 16% Asian, 2% Black, 56% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2010.
- Term limit: 2016
- Plans to run for State Senate in 2016.
- Has worked extensively in government and the private sector.
- Prior to joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Gatto served in the administrations of two Los Angeles Mayors.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Gatto has a 91% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation bill Assemblymember Gatto did not vote in favor of during the last legislative session was AB 744, a bill that would have reduced parking minimum requirements.



## Assemblymember Matt Dababneh (D) – District 45

**Committee Member:** Banking & Finance (Chair), Health, Insurance, Privacy & Consumer Protection, Revenue & Taxation, Water, Parks & Wildlife, Select Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math Education, Select Committee on Urban Rivers & Streams, Select Committee on Youth & California's Future



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### District Notes:

- Encompasses parts of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including the cities of Calabasas, Hidden Hills, southwest San Fernando Valley, Encino, Northridge, West Hills, and Bell Canyon.
- Dominantly Democratic District; where 47% of voters are registered Democrats, 24% are Republican, and 23% have no party preference.
- District is 30% Latino, 12% Asian, 4% Black, 50% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2013.
- Term limit: 2024
- Before joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Dababneh served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Brad Sherman.
- During his time in the Assembly, Assemblymember Dababneh has focused on bringing jobs to the Valley, making it easier to purchase a home, and improving access to healthcare and education.
- In 2014, Assemblymember was appointed as an Assistant Majority Whip.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

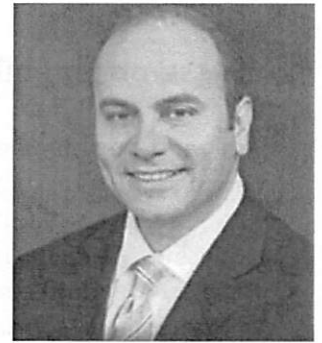
- Assemblymember Dababneh has a 94% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- He voted in favor of all major conservation bills during the last legislative session.





## Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (D) – District 46

**Committee Member:** Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, & Internet Media, Budget, Health, Transportation, Subcommittee 4 on State Administration (Chair), Subcommittee 6 on Budget Process Oversight & Program Evaluation, Joint Legislative Audit



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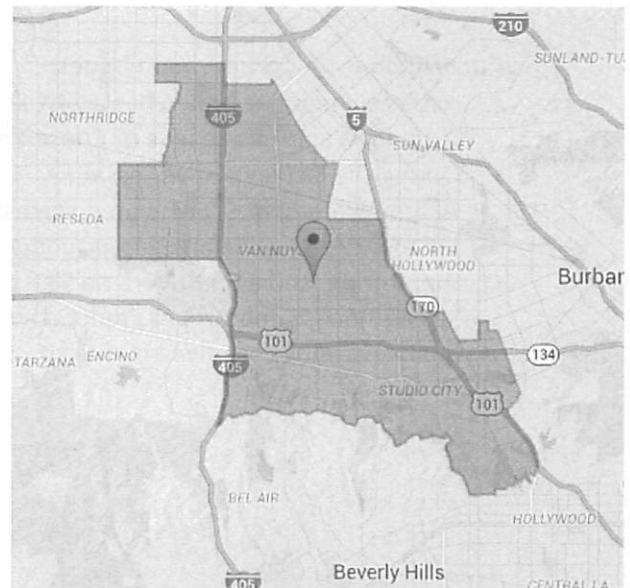
- District starts at Hollywood Bowl and moves north through Hollywood Hills and into southeast San Fernando Valley. It includes Universal City, Toluca Lake, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, and Van Nuys.
- Dominantly Democratic District; where 51% of voters are Democrats, 16% are Republican, and 27% have no party preference.
- District is 44% Latino, 9% Asian, 5% Black, 40% White

### Bio:

- Elected to State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2024
- Prior to his time in the State Assembly, Assemblymember Nazarian was Chief of Staff to Councilmember Paul Krekorian.
- Has been appointed as Special Assistant to the California Trade and Commerce Agency.
- Has a background working with victims of domestic violence.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Nazarian has a 97% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation bill that Assemblymember Nazarian did not vote to approve during the last legislative session was AB 744, a bill that reduced minimum parking requirements.



## Assemblymember Cheryl Brown (D) – District 47

**Committee Member:** Aging & Long Term Care (Chair), Banking & Finance, Jobs, Economic Development, & the Economy, Veterans Affairs, Select Committee on the Status of Girls & Women of Color (Chair), Select Committee on Small Business in the Inland Empire (Chair), Select Committee on Homelessness, Select Committee on the Status of Boys & Men of Color, Select Committee on Regional Transportation & Interconnectivity Solutions



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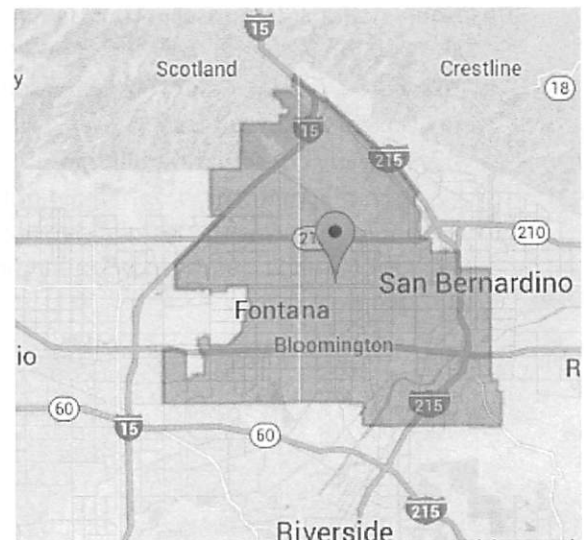
- District encompasses the cities of Rialto, Colton, Fontana, Grant Terrace, and a small part of San Bernardino.
- Dominantly Democratic District; with 48% of voters registered as Democrat, 22% as Republican, and 24% with no party preference.
- District is 69% Latino, 5% Asian, 11% Black, 14% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Prior to her time in the State Assembly, Assemblymember Brown served for 17 years on the San Bernardino County City Planning Commission. While there, she helped achieve the first mining ordinance in San Bernardino County, and directed Auto Club Speedway through an environmental review process.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Brown has a 74% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Assemblymember Brown voted against AB 356, a bill to strengthen oil and gas groundwater monitoring, and did not vote on SB 32, a bill to strengthen greenhouse gas reductions, or SB 185, a bill regarding coal divestment.



## Assemblymember Roger Hernandez (D) – District 48

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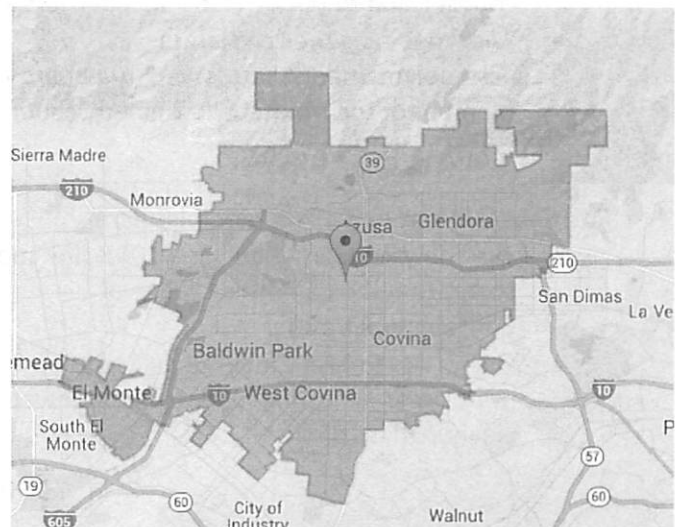
- Encompasses San Gabriel Valley including the cities of El Monte, West Covina, Baldwin Park, Covina, Azusa, and Glendora.
- Dominantly Democratic District; where 45% of voters are Democrat, 25% are Republican, and 24% have no party preference.
- District is 64% Latino, 13% Asian, 3% Black, 19% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2010.
- Term limit: 2016
- Legislative priorities include education, health and wellness, jobs, and state budget issues.
- Prior to joining the Legislature, Assemblymember Hernandez served as Major and Councilmember for the City of West Covina.
- Assemblymember Hernandez has also served on the Board of the Rowland Unified School District.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Hernandez has a 75% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Assemblymember Hernandez abstained from voting on AB 356, a bill that would strengthen monitoring of oil and gas groundwater, and SB 32, a bill aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



## Assemblymember Ed Chau (D) – District 49



**Committee Member:** Privacy & Consumer Protection (Chair), Banking & Finance, Housing & Community Development, Jobs, Economic Development, & the Economy, Judiciary, Select Committee on Emerging Technologies (Chair), Select Committee on Asia/California Trade & Investment Promotion, Select Committee on California's Clean Energy Economy, Select Committee on Cyber Security, Select Committee on Homelessness, Select Committee on Mental & Behavioral Health & Proposition 63 Implementation, Select Committee on Regional Transportation & Interconnectivity Solutions, Select Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Education

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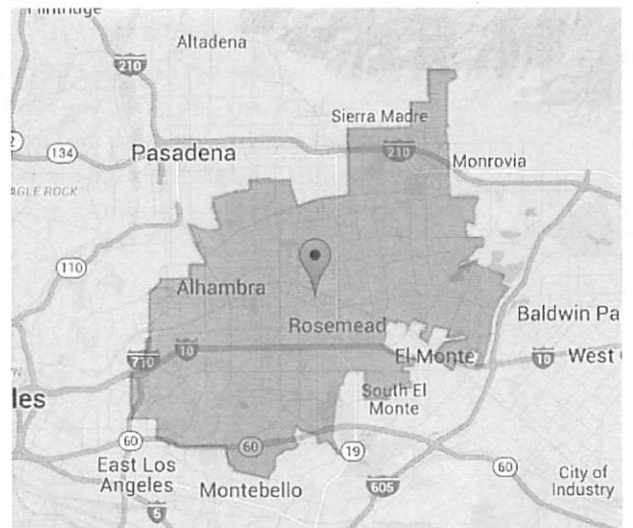
- District encompasses San Gabriel Valley and includes Alhambra, Arcadia, Monterey Park, San Marino, San Gabriel, Rosemead, Temple City, and El Monte.
- Dominantly Democratic District; where 40% of voters are registered Democrats, 22% are registered Republican and 33% has no party preference.
- District is 32% Latino, 53% Asian, 1% Black, 12.5% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- During his time in the Legislature, Assemblymember Chau has championed legislation to more effectively punish those who commit elder abuse, to protect the privacy of those seeking legal counsel, and to remove language barriers at hospitals.
- Prior to joining the Legislature, Assemblymember Chau served as a Board Member of the Montebello Unified School District for 12 years.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Chau has a 100% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- One of Assemblymember Chau's legislative priorities is allocating funds for groundwater cleanup in his district.



## Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D) – District 50



**Committee Member:** Appropriations, Budget, Budget Subcommittee 3 on Natural Resources & Transportation (Chair), Budget Subcommittee 2 on Budget Process Oversight & Program Evaluation, Business & Professions, Subcommittee on Medical Cannabis Licensing & Regulations, Higher Education, Transportation, Joint Committee on the Arts, Joint Legislative Budget, Select Committee on Aerospace, Select Committee on California's Clean Energy Economy, Select Committee on Campus Climate, Select Committee on Homelessness, Select Committee on Ports, Select Committee on Regional Transportation & Interconnectivity Solutions, Select Committee on Urban Planning & Land Use in Underserved Communities, Select Committee on Urban Rivers & Streams

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### District Notes:

- The District includes West Hollywood, Bel Air, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Topanga, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Malibu, West Los Angeles, and Agoura Hills.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 51% of voters are Democrat, 17% are Republican, and 26% have no party preference.
- District is 12% Latino, 9% Asian, 4% Black, 71% Hispanic

### Bio:

- Elected to the Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Prior to serving in the State Legislature, Assemblymember Bloom served on the Santa Monica City Council for 13 years, during which time, he served as Mayor three times, and Mayor Pro Tempore twice.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Bloom has a 100% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- Has pushed for protection from fracking, and increased oil spill response preparedness.
- Served as Chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.
- Was a special Senate Appointment to the California Coastal Commission.



## Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez (D) – District 51

**Committee Member:** Health, Transportation, Water, Parks & Wildlife, Business & Professions, Rules, Natural Resources, Select Committee on Urban Rivers & Streams (Chair)



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### District Notes:

- District encompasses East Los Angeles and the communities of Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Highland Park, Lincoln Heights, and Chinatown.
- Dominantly Democratic District; with 57% of voters being Democrat; 10% being Republican, and 26% with no party preference.
- District is 72% Latino, 14% Asian, 3% Black, 11% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Assemblymember Gomez' legislative priorities include increasing quality education and jobs.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Gomez has a 98% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.





## Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez (D) – District 52

**Committee Member:** Accountability & Administrative Review, Budget, Budget Subcommittee 5 on Public Safety, Health, Insurance, Rules, Select Committee on Local Emergency Preparedness (Chair), Select Committee on Civic Engagement, Select Committee on Community & Law Enforcement Relations & Responsibilities, Select Committee on Rail, Select Committee on Regional Transportation & Interconnectivity, Select Committee on Small Business in the Inland Empire, Joint Committee on Emergency Management (Chair), Joint Legislative Audit Committee



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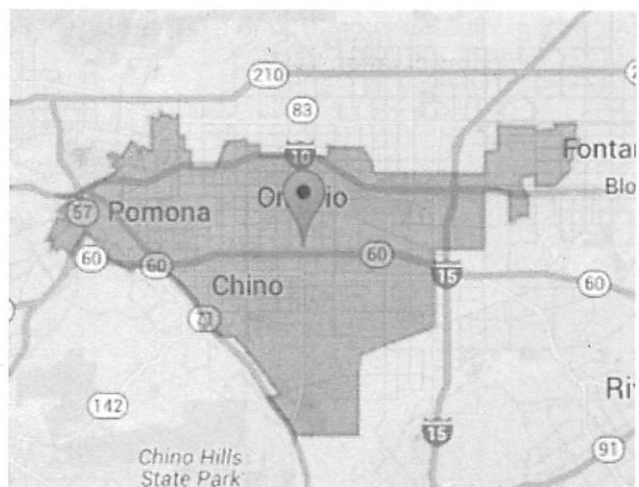
- District encompasses San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties. The largest city is Ontario.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 46% of voters are Democrat, 24% are Republican, and 24% have no party preference.
- District is 68% Latino, 7% Asian, 6% Black, 17% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Prior to joining the Assembly, Assemblymember Rodriguez worked as an EMT in the San Gabriel Valley for over 29 years.
- Served in the Pomona City Council where he helped improve public safety, expand neighborhood watch programs, and create new jobs.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Rodriguez has a 74% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- Last legislative session, Assemblymember Rodriguez abstained from voting on AB 356, which would've strengthened oil and gas groundwater monitoring, AB 888, which banned plastic microbeads from personal care products, and SB 32 which would've strengthened greenhouse gas reduction targets.



## Assemblymember Michel Santiago (D) – District 53

**Committee Member:** Education, Health, Higher Education, Public Safety, Utilities & Commerce, Select Committee on Career Technical Education & Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce, Select Committee on Homelessness, Select Committee on Water Consumption & Alternative Sources, Select Committee on Workforce & Vocational Development



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### District Notes:

- District includes downtown Los Angeles, Koreatown, Mid-Wilshire, Boyle Heights, Pico Union, MacArthur Park, Westlake, Little Tokyo, Huntington Park, and Vernon.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 56% of voters are Democrat, 9% are Republican, and 28% have no party preference.
- District is 68% Latino, 18% Asian, 6% Black, 7% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Assembly Majority Whip.
- Prior to serving in the State Assembly, Assemblymember Santiago served as District Director for former Assembly Speaker John Perez.
- Assemblymember Santiago previously served on the Los Angeles Community College Board.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

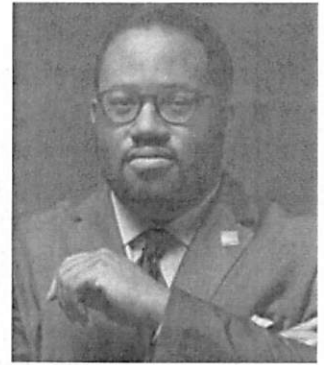
- Assemblymember Santiago has a 100% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.





## Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (D) – District 54

**Committee Member:** Revenue & Taxation, Banking & Finance, Health, Select Committee on Mental & Behavioral Health & Proposition 63 Implementation (Chair), Select Committee on Civic Engagement, Select Committee on Infectious Disease in High Risk Disadvantaged Communities, Select Committee on Regional Transportation & Interconnectivity Solutions



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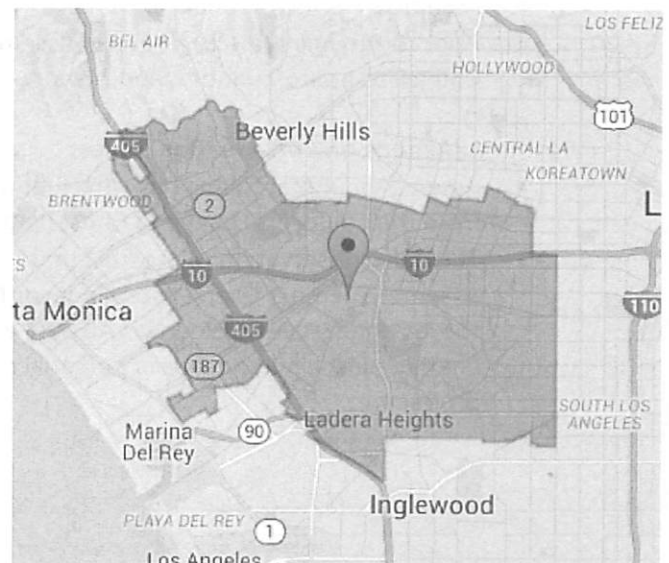
- District encompasses Los Angeles County communities of Century City, Culver City, Westwood, Mar Vista, Palms, Baldwin Hills, Winsor Hills, Ladera Heights, View Park, Crenshaw, Leimert Park, Mid City, and West Los Angeles.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 61% of voters are Democrat; 10% are Republican, and 23% have no party preference.
- District is 30.5% Latino, 12% Asian, 25% Black, 29% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2013.
- Term limit: 2024
- Before joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas served as public policy director for State Senator Curren Price, and advised the senator on economic development, transportation, housing, public safety, and local government issues.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas has a 70% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation voters.
- During the last legislative session, Assemblymember Ridley-Thompson abstained from voting on AB 96, the ivory ban, and SB 185, coal divestment, and voted against AB 356, a bill to increase oil and gas groundwater monitoring.



## Assemblymember Ling-Ling Chang (R) – District 55

**Committee Member:** Rules (Vice Chair), Appropriations, Business & Professions, Privacy & Consumer Protection, Select Committee on Asia/California & Investment Promotion, Select Committee on Biotechnology, Select Committee on Civic Engagement, Select Committee on Craft Brewing & Distilling, Select Committee on Cybersecurity, Select Committee on Emerging Technologies, Select Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Education, Select Committee on Urban Rivers & Streams, Select Committee on Youth & California's Future, Select Committee on Workforce Development & Diversity in the Innovation Economy



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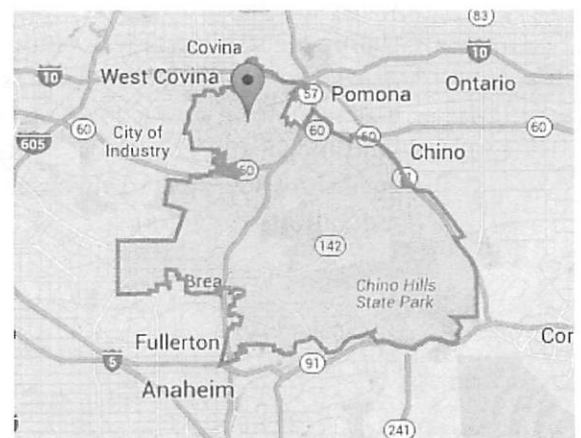
- District encompasses portions of Orange County, Los Angeles County, and San Bernardino County. Includes La Habra, Brea, Placentia, Yorba Lina, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, Walnut and Chino Hills.
- District is dominantly Republican; with 38% of voters being Republican, 30% being Democrat, and 34% with no party preference.
- District is 30% Latino, 31% Asian, 3% Black 34% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Running for State Senate 2016.
- Assembly Deputy Republican Whip.
- Prior to serving in the Legislature, Assemblymember Chang served on the Diamond Bar City Council as board member, and Mayor.

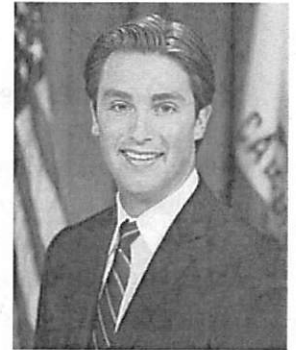
### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Chang has a 9% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation related bill that Assemblymember Chang voted in favor for during the last legislative session was AB 888, a bill that banned plastic microbeads in personal care products.



## Assemblymember Ian Calderon (D) – District 57

**Committee Member:** Appropriations, Human Services, Insurance, Privacy & Consumer Protection, Select Committee on Youth & California's Future (Chair), Select Committee on Emerging Technologies, Select Committee on Higher Education in San Diego County, Select Committee on Urban Rivers & Streams, Select Committee on Workforce Development & Diversity in the Innovation Economy



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### District Notes:

- District encompasses Southeast Los Angeles County, including the cities of Industry, La Habra Heights, La Miranda, La Puente, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, and Whittier.
- Dominantly Democratic District, where 46% of voters are Democrat, 25% are Republican, and 22% have no party preference.
- District is 68% Latino, 11% Asian, 2% Black, 18% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Assembly Majority Floor Leader.
- Assemblymember Calderon has a background in marketing and research.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Calderon has an 85% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- Last legislative session, Assemblymember Calderon abstained from voting on AB 356, which would increase groundwater oil and monitoring requirements, and SB 32, which would have strengthened greenhouse gas reduction targets.



## Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D) – District 58

**Committee Member:** Government Organization, Judiciary, Natural Resources, Utilities & Commerce, Water, Parks & Wildlife, Assembly Legislative Ethics, Select Committee on California-Mexico Bi-National Affairs, Select Committee on Renewable Energy Development & Restoration of the Salton Sea, Select Committee on Waste Reduction & Recycling in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century California, Select Committee on Women in the Workplace, Select Committee on Workforce & Vocational Development



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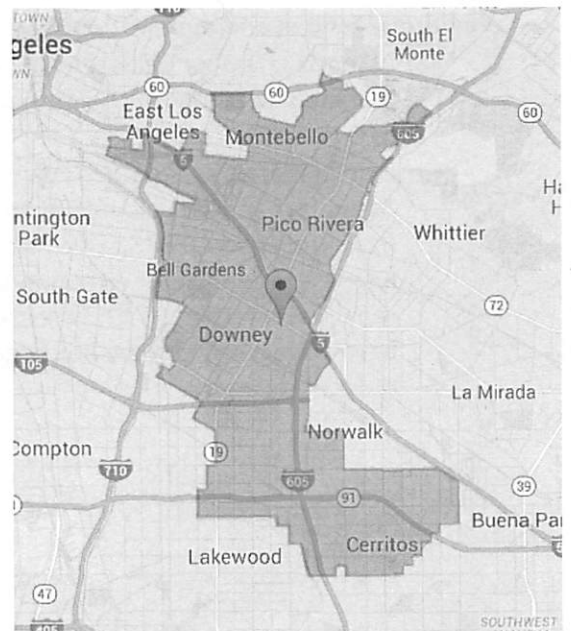
- District encompasses Southeast Los Angeles County including the cities of Cerritos, Artesia, Bellflower, Downey, Bell Gardens, Pico Rivera, and Montebello.
- Dominantly Democratic District; with 51% of voters being registered Democrats, 19% Republican, and 24% with no party preference.
- District is 67% Latino, 14% Asian, 5% Black, 13% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012 and re-elected in 2014.
- Term limit: 2024
- Currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus.
- Commissioner on the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.
- Has a background in education, and was a teacher for 13 years before joining the State Assembly.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Garcia has a 90% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- Assemblymember Garcia voted in favor of all major conservation bills last legislative session, except for AB 356, a bill to strengthen groundwater oil and gas monitoring, where she abstained.



## Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D) – District 59

**Committee Member:** Public Safety (Chair), Agriculture, Government Organization, Higher Education, Select Committee on the Status of Boys & Men of Color (Chair), Select Committee on Urban Planning & Land Use in Underserved Communities (Chair)



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### District Notes:

- District encompasses the USC campus, and the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, and stretches to include South Los Angeles, Florence-Graham, and Walnut Park.
- Dominantly Democratic District; with 67% of voters registered as Democrat, 6% as Republican, and 22% with no party preference.
- District is 75% Latino, 2% Asian, 20% Black, and 3% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012 and re-elected in 2014.
- Term limit: 2024
- Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus.
- Legislative priorities include affordable and accessible education, economic recovery, job creation, public safety, and immigration protection.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer has a 96% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- Advocates for smart environmental protections that promote clean energy and green job.



## Assemblymember Eric Linder (R) – District 60

**Committee Member:** Transportation (Vice Chair), Governmental Organization, Higher Education, Local Government, Labor & Employment

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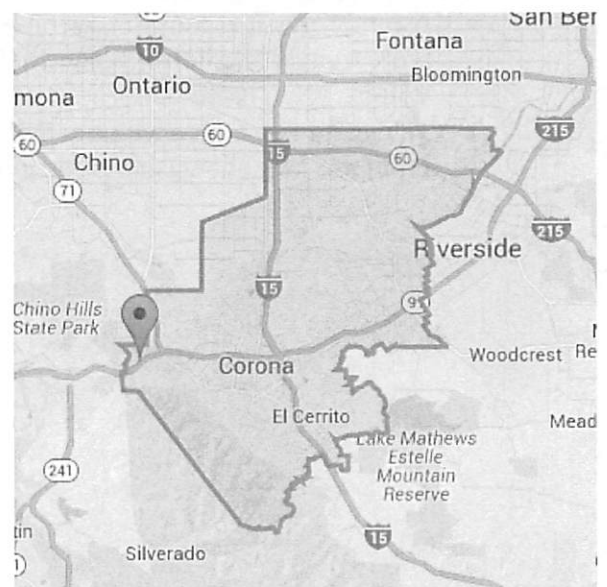
- District encompasses western edge of Riverside County, including the cities of Corona, Norco, and a western portion of Riverside.
- Dominantly Republican District; with 39% of voters registered as Republican, 34% as Democrat, and 21% with no party preference.
- District is 53% Latino, 8% Asian 6% Black, 32% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Assemblymember Linder has an extensive background in real estate.
- Longtime champion against government waste.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Linder has a 24% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session the only conservation related bills that Assemblymember Linder voted in favor for were AB 744, the bill to reduce parking minimum requirements and AB 888, the bill to ban plastic microbeads from personal care products.





## Assemblymember Jose Medina (D) – District 61

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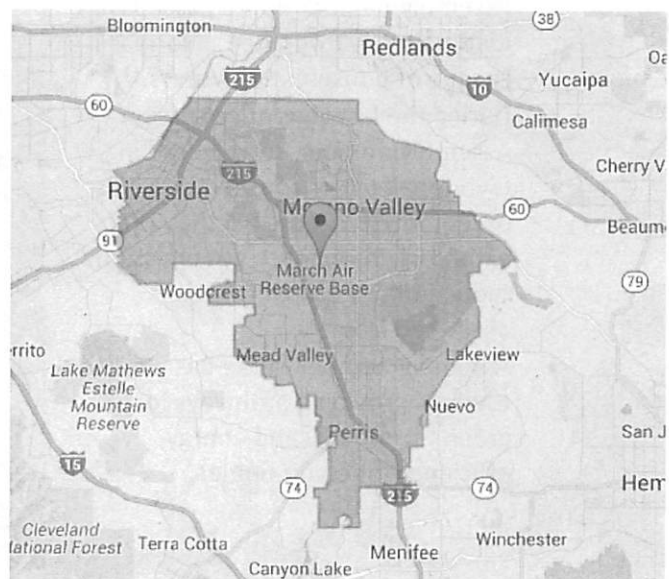
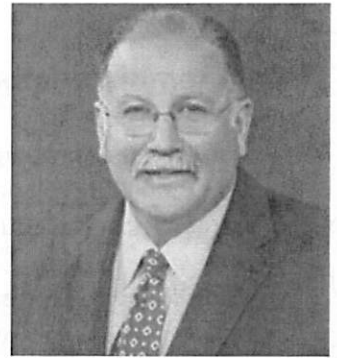
- District encompasses Riverside County, including Moreno Valley, Perris, Mead Valley, and the eastern portion of the city of Riverside.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 43% of voters are Democrat, 30% are Republican, and 20% have no party preference.
- District is 52% Latino, 7% Asian, 13% Black, 26% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012
- Term limit: 2024
- Assemblymember Medina has a background in education, and has led an effort to ensure that the University of California at Riverside' Medical School receive funding.
- Before joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Medina served as a member of the Riverside Teachers Association and as a representative to the state council of the California Teachers Association.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Medina has a 73% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, the only bills that Assemblymember Medina did not vote in favor for were AB 356, to increase groundwater oil and gas monitoring, and SB 32, to extend greenhouse gas reduction targets.



## Assemblymember Autumn Burke (D) – District 62

**Committee Member:** Accountability & Administrative Review, Health, Housing & Community Development, Rules, Utilities & Commerce, Select Committee on Career Technical Education & Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce



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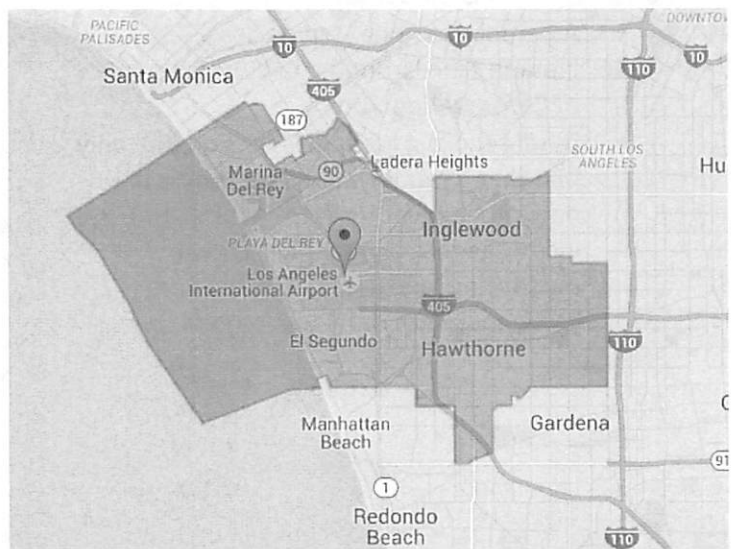
- This district extends from the inland cities of Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lawndale to the coastal city of El Segundo and includes cities of Marina del Rey, Westchester, Playa del Rey and Venice.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 59% of voters are Democrat, 12% are Republican, and 23% have no party preference.
- District is 43% Latino, 6% Asian, 26% Black, 23% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Assemblymember Burke has a background in business and education.
- She is a member of Count Me In for Women, an organization that promotes the growth of women owned businesses.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Burke has a 91% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Assemblymember Burke voted in favor of all major conservation bills, except for SB 32, the bill that extended greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, which she abstained from.
- Assemblymember Burke has worked towards providing pathways for green technology and energy efficiency for communities.





## Assemblymember Anthony Rendon (D) – District 63

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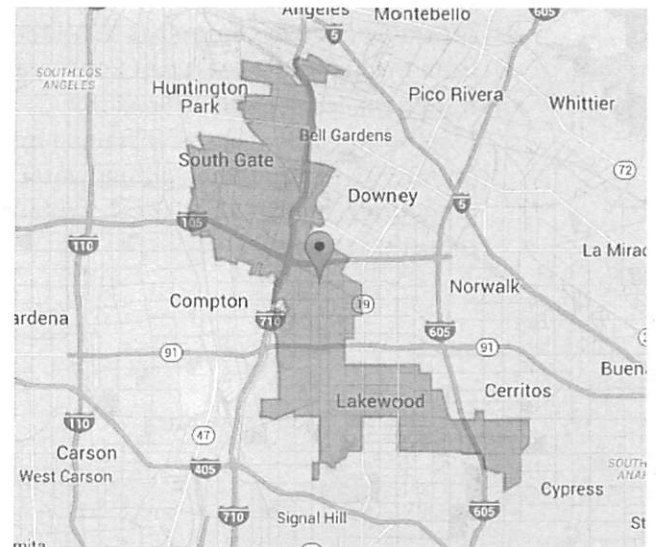
- Southeast Los Angeles County district that encompasses Maywood, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Paramount, Lynwood, South Gate, Cudahy, and Bell.
- Dominantly Democratic District; with 56% of voters being Democratic, 16% being Republican, and 23% with no party preference.
- District is 74% Latino, 6% Asian, 8% Black, 11% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Assemblymember Rendon is the Assembly Speaker.
- During his time in the Legislature, Assemblymember Rendon has served as Chair of the Assembly Water, Parks, & Wildlife Committee and the Utilities & Commerce Committee.
- Prior to serving in the State Assembly, Assemblymember Rendon worked as an educator, non-profit executive director, and environmental activist.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Rendon has a 100% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- In 2014, Assemblymember Rendon worked on the water bond development.

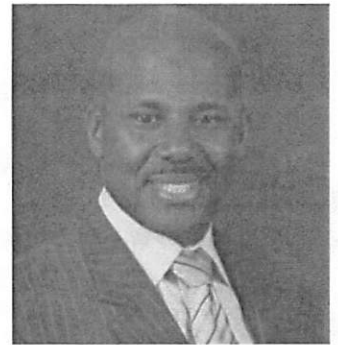


## Assemblymember Mike Gipson (D) – District 64

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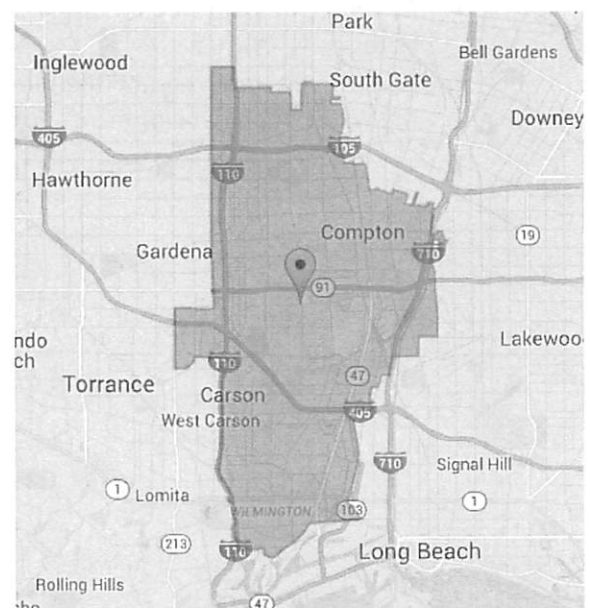
- District includes communities of Carson, Compton, Gardena, Harbor Gateway, Lynwood, North Long Beach, Rancho Dominguez, South Los Angeles, Torrance, Watts/Willowbrook, and Wilmington.
- Dominantly Democratic District; where 65% of voters are registered as Democrat, 9% as Republican, and 21% with no party preference.
- District is 62% Latino, 7% Asian, 26% Black, 3% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Legislature in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Assemblymember Gipson has an extensive background in politics and has served as staff for LA Councilman Robert Farrell, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Mervyn M. Dymally, and State senator Bill Greene. He has also served as Chief of Staff to Chairman Jerome E. Horton on the State Board of Equalization.
- One of his Legislative priorities is ensuring that those who educate children are treated with dignity and respect.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Gipson has 85% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative Session, Assemblymember Gipson abstained from voting on AB 356, to strengthen groundwater oil and gas monitoring, and SB 32, to extend greenhouse gas reduction targets.



## Assemblymember Young Kim (R) – District 65

**Committee Member:** Transportation, Jobs, Economic Development & the Economy (Vice Chair), Education, Budget, Banking & Finance, Budget Subcommittee 2 on Education Finance



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### District Notes:

- District encompasses north-central Orange County including the cities of Fullerton, Buena Park, La Palma, Cypress, and Stanton.
- District is slightly more Democratic; 36% of voters are Democrat, 35% are Republican, and 23% have no party preference.
- District is 39% Latino, 25% Asian, 3% Black, 31% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Before joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Kim worked as Director of Community Relations and Asian Affairs for Rep. Ed Royce.
- Also has background in the private sector as a businesswoman, financial analyst, and controller.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Kim has a 0% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, she voted against all major conservation bills.



## Assemblymember David Hadley (R) – District 66

**Committee Member:** Joint Committee on Arts, Utilities & Commerce, Natural Resources, Banking & Finance, Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism & Internet Media

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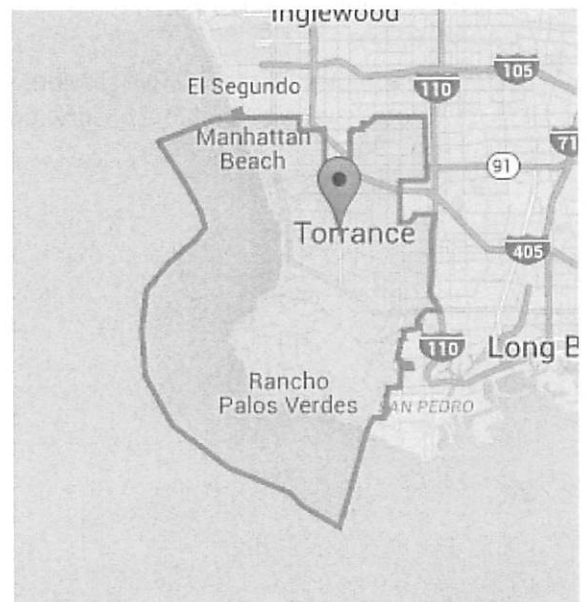
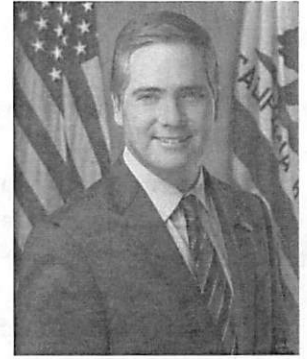
- District encompasses Los Angeles County and extends from Manhattan Beach to the Palos Verdes Peninsula. It includes Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, and Gardena.
- Dominantly Democratic District; with 39% of voters being Democratic, 32% being Republican, and 23% with no party preference.
- District is 21% Latino, 24% Asian, 5% Black, 46% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Prior to joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Hadley owned a financial advisory firm.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Hadley has a 45% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Assemblymember Melissa Melendez (R) – District 67

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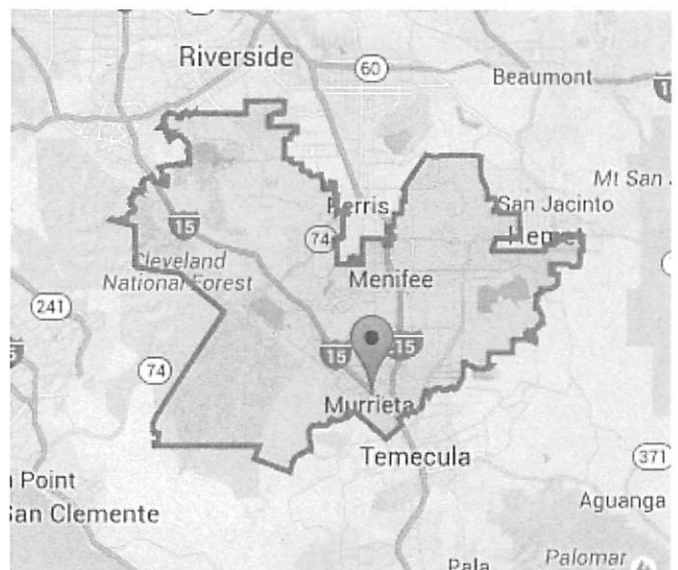
- District encompasses southeastern Riverside County. The largest cities include Murrieta, Menifee, Lake Elsinore, and Woodcrest.
- Dominantly Republican District, where 43% of voters are Republican, 28% are Democrat, and 22% have no party preference.
- District is 35% Latino, 6% Asian, 5% Black, 51% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Before being elected to the State Assembly, Assemblymember Melendez served in the Elsinore City Council where she was Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.
- Assemblymember Melendez also previously served in the Navy.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Melendez has an 11% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Assemblymember Melendez voted against all major conservation bills.



## Assemblymember Donald Wagner (R) – District 68

**Committee Member:** Select Committee on Asia/California & Investment Promotion, Judiciary (Vice Chair), Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security, Revenue & Taxation, Appropriations, Select Committee on Biotechnology



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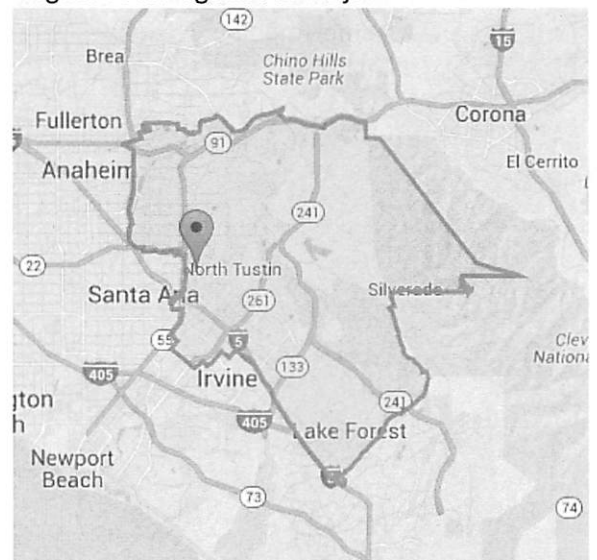
- District encompasses inland Orange County and includes the cities of Orange, Tustin, and Lake Forest.
- Dominantly Republican District; where 43% of voters are Republican, 28% are Democrat, and 24% have no party preference.
- District is 28% Latino, 18% Asian, 2% Black, 49% White

### Bio:

- Term limit: 2016
- Prior to joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Wagner served in the South Orange County Community college District Board of Trustees, where he balanced the district's budget.
- Assemblymember Wagner also has a background as a practicing Attorney.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Wagner has a 9% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Assemblymember Wagner voted against all major conservation bills.



## Assemblymember Tom Daly (D) – District 69

**Committee Member:** Insurance (Chair), Appropriations, Governmental Organization, Transportation, Veterans Affairs, Joint Committee on Fairs, Allocation & Classification

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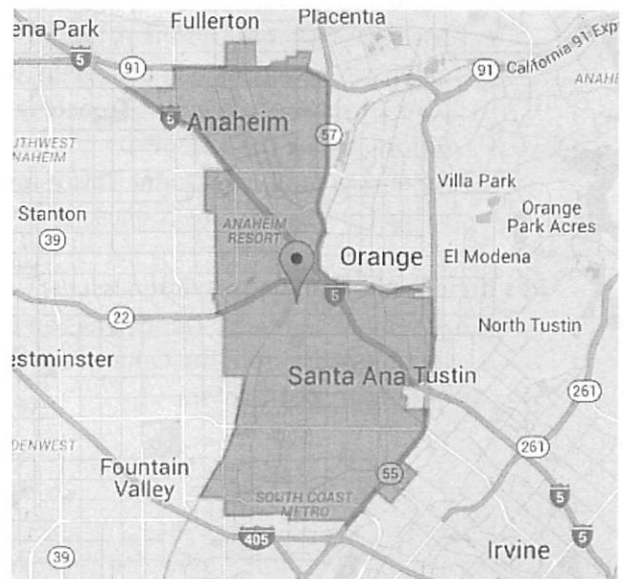
- District encompasses north central Orange County district including Santa Ana, Anaheim, Garden Grove, and part of Orange.
- Dominantly Democratic District; where 52% of voters are Democrat, 22% are Republican, and 21% have no party preference.
- District is 76% Latino, 9% Asian, 2% Black, 12% White

### Bio:

- Elected in to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Before joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Daly served on the Board of Trustees for the Anaheim Union High School District, as Mayor of Anaheim, and as Orange County Clerk-Recorder.
- Legislative priorities include ensuring a balanced budget with a healthy reserve and infrastructure maintenance.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Daly has a 65% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During last legislative session, Assemblymember Daly voted against AB 356, a bill that would increase oil and gas groundwater monitoring, and SB 185, on coal divestment, and abstained from voting on SB 32, that would have extended greenhouse gas reduction targets.





## Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (D) – District 70

**Committee Member:** Education (Chair), Labor & Employment, Revenue & Taxation, Transportation, Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security, Budget, Subcommittee 2 on Education Finance, Select Committee on Aerospace (Chair), Select Committee on Ports (Chair), Career & Technical Education & Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce, Urban Rivers & Streams



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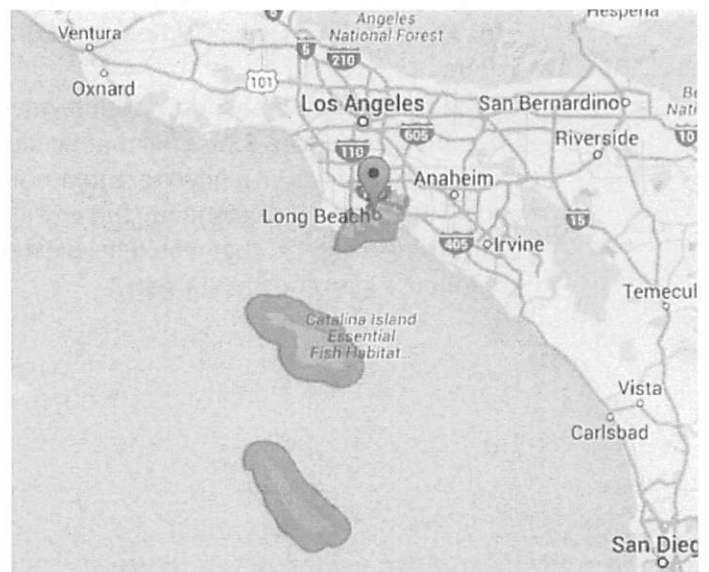
- District includes Long Beach, Signal Hill, Long Beach Harbor, Los Angeles Harbor, and the LA neighborhoods of San Pedro, Catalina Island, and Avalon.
- Dominantly Democratic District; where 49% of voters are Democrat, 21% are Republican, and 23% have no party preference.
- District is 39% Latino, 12% Asian, 11% Black, 35% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Assemblymember O'Donnell has an extensive background in education, with over 20 years of experience teaching.
- Before joining the Assembly, Assemblymember O'Donnell also served in the Long Beach City Council.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember O'Donnell has an 82% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.





## Assemblymember Brian Jones (R) – District 71

**Committee Member:** Natural Resources (Vice Chair), Assembly Legislative Ethics (Co-Chair), Appropriations, Business & Professions, Rules, Joint Legislative Audit

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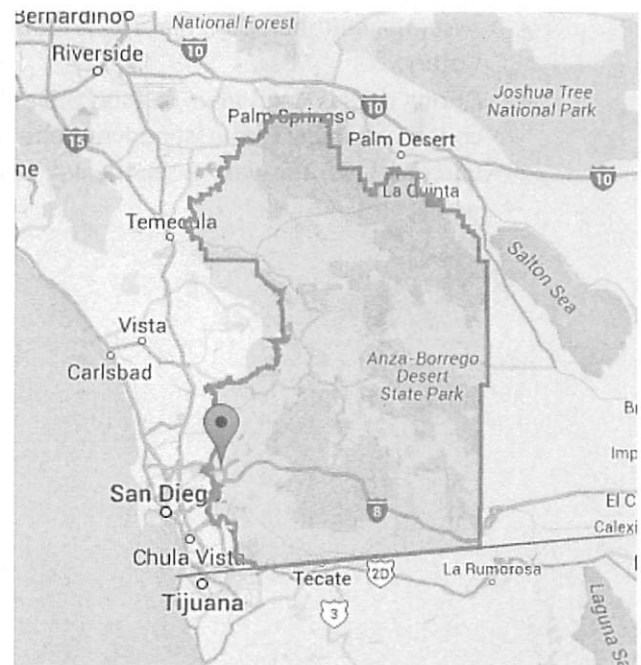
- District encompasses parts of San Diego County and Riverside County. Major cities include El Cajon, Santee, Valle Vista, and the Mt. San Jacinto State Park.
- Dominantly Republican District; where 43% of voters are Republican, 27% are Democrat, and 22% have no party preference.
- District is 24% Latino, 3% Asian, 4% Black, 64% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2010.
- Term limit: 2016
- Before being elected to the State Assembly, Assemblymember Jones served on the Santee City Council.
- Legislative priorities include reducing the size and scope of state government, relieving businesses of onerous rules and regulations, lowering taxes on small businesses and families, and protecting the second amendment.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Jones has a 9% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Assemblymember Jones did not support any major conservation bills.



## Assemblymember Travis Allen (R) – District 72

**Committee Member:** Banking & Finance (Vice Chair), Budget, Budget Subcommittee 4 on State Administration, Insurance, Elections & Redistricting

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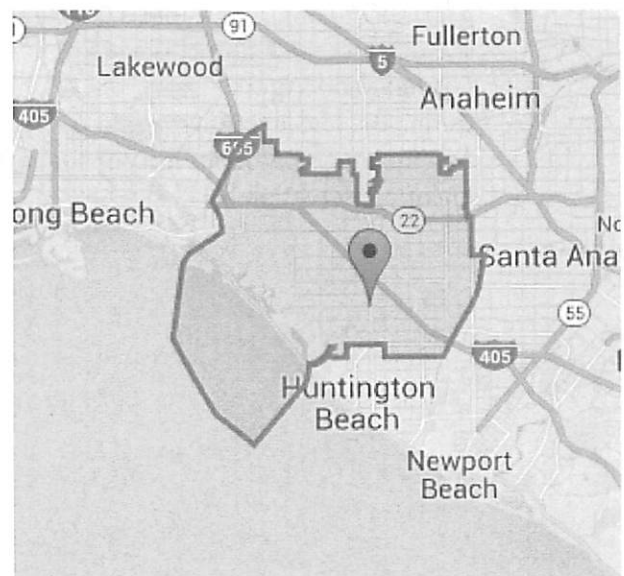
- District encompasses Orange County cities of Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Rossmore, Westminster, Garden Grove, and Los Alamitos.
- Dominantly Republican District; where 40% of voters are Republican, 31% Democrat, and 23% have no party preference.
- District is 26% Latino, 32% Asian, 1% Black, 39% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Before joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Allen owned and operated his own small business as a Financial Planner.
- Assemblymember Allen's top legislative priority is to expand the California economy.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Allen has a 12% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session the only conservation bill that Assemblymember Allen voted in favor for was AB 96, the ivory ban.



## Assemblymember William P. Brough (R) – District 73

**Committee Member:** Business & Professions (Vice Chair), Revenue & Taxation (Vice Chair), Select Committee on Ports, Accountability & Administrative Review, Jobs, Economic Development, & the Economy, Rules



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### District Notes:

- District encompasses Orange County cities of San Clemente, Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, and Rancho Santa Margarita.
- Dominantly Republican District; where 46% of voters are registered as Republican, 25% as Democrat, and 23% with no party preference.
- District is 18% Latino, 8% Asian, 1% Black, 69% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Serves as Deputy Floor Leader of the Republican Leadership.
- Before election to the State Assembly, Assemblymember Brough served on the Dana Point City Council.
- Previously served in the U.S. Army.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Brough has a 0% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During his time in the Assembly, Assemblymember Brough has never voted in favor of a major conservation bill.



## Assemblymember Matthew Harper (R) – District 74

**Committee Member:** Natural Resources, Water, Parks & Wildlife, Elections & Redistricting (Vice Chair), Budget, Budget Subcommittee 1 on Health & Human Services

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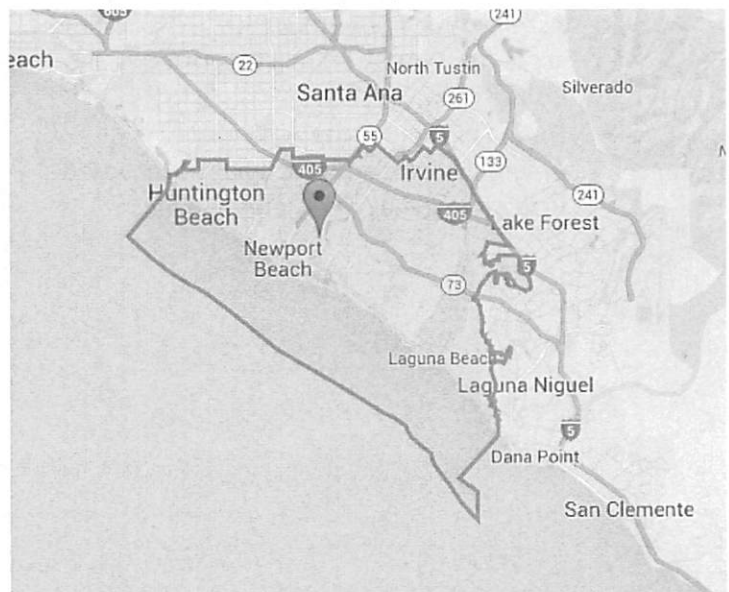
- District includes Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Irvine, and Laguna Woods.
- Dominantly Republican District; where 40% of voters are registered as Republican, 29% as Democrat, and 25% with no party preference.
- District is 15% Latino, 17% Asian, 1% Black, 63% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Before joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Harper served on the Huntington Beach Union High School District Board of Trustees.
- Assemblymember Harper also served on the Huntington Beach City Council, and served as major.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Harper has a 0% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During his time in the State Assembly, Assemblymember Harper has never voted in favor of a major conservation bill.



## Assemblymember Marie Waldron (R) – District 75

**Committee Member:** Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security (Vice Chair), Governmental Organization, Health, Local Government, Rules

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### District Notes:

- District encompasses northern San Diego County and a portion of Riverside County. The largest cities include Escondido, San Marcos, Fallbrook, and Temecula.
- Dominantly Republican District; 44% of voters are registered as Republican, 26% as Democrat, and 24% with no party preference.
- District is 35% Latino, 7% Asian, 3% Black, 52% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Serves as Republican Floor Leader.
- Before joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Waldron served on the Escondido City Council for 14 years, where she fought for public safety, fiscal restraint, and neighborhood revitalization.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Waldron has a 13% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Assemblymember Waldron did not support any of the major conservation bills.



## Assemblymember Rocky Chavez (R) – District 76

**Committee Member:** Assembly Legislative Ethics, Budget, Budget Subcommittee 2 on Education Finance, Governor's Military Council, Higher Education, Joint Legislative Budget, Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, Veterans Affairs (Vice Chair), Utilities & Commerce, Business & Professions



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### District Notes:

- District encompasses north coastal San Diego County including Encinitas, Carlsbad, Vista, Oceanside, and the Camp Pendleton Marine Base.
- Dominantly Republican District, 36% of voters are registered as Republican, 31% as Democrat, and 26% have no party preference.
- District is 29% Latino, 6% Asian, 3% Black, 58% Hispanic

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Prior to joining the State Assembly, Assemblymember Chavez spent over 28 years serving in the U.S. Marines.
- Appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as Undersecretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs in 2009.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Chavez has an 11% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- He did not support any of the major conservation bills during the last legislative session.





## Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez (D) – District 80

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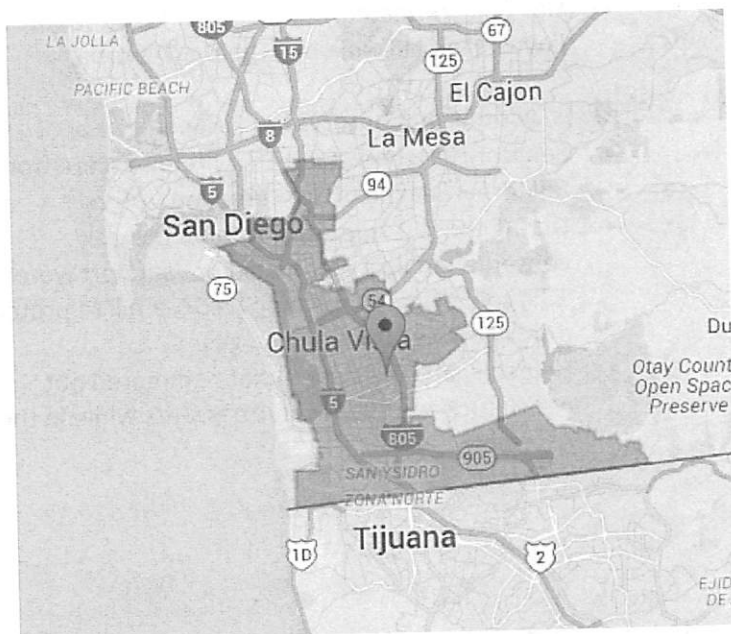
- District encompasses cities of Chula Vista, National City, and San Diego.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 47% of voters are Democrat, 18% are Republican, and 30% have no party preference.
- District is 68% Latino, 10% Asian, 7% Black, 14% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Assembly in 2013.
- Term limit: 2024
- Prior to joining the Assembly, Lorena was the first women and first person of color to be elected CEO and Secretary Treasurer for the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council.
- Authored paid sick leave legislation.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Assemblymember Gonzalez has a 92% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only bill she did not support during the last legislative session was AB 356, that dealt with oil and gas groundwater monitoring.



## Senator Bob Hertzberg (D) – District 18

**Committee Member:** Governance & Finance (Chair), Elections & Constitutional Amendments, Energy, Utilities & Communications, Judiciary, Natural Resources & Water

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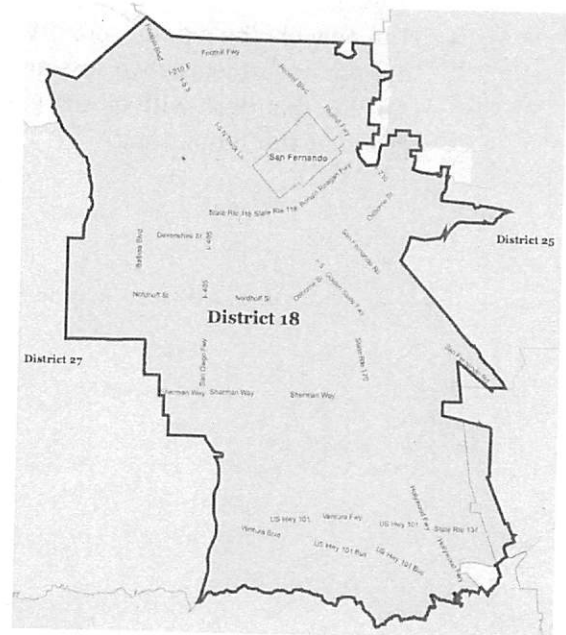
- District encompasses eastern San Fernando Valley and the communities of Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Pacoima, North Hills, Granada Hills, Sylmar, and parts of San Fernando and Burbank.
- Dominantly Democratic District; where 51% of voters are Democrat, 16% are Republican, and 27% have no party preference.
- District is 57% Latino, 8% Asian, 4% Black, 29% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2014.
- Term limit: 2022
- Served in the State Assembly from 1996-2002, where he was Assembly Speaker from 2000-2002.
- Senator Hertzberg was the first former Assembly Speaker in 86 years to be elected to the State Senate.
- Has been repeatedly named as one of the top 100 lawyers in California by "The Daily Journal".

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Hertzberg has a 97% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session the only conservation bills that he did not support were SB 185, coal divestment, and SB 454, a bill to protect drinking water from oil and gas.
- Helped shape legislation that hammered out agriculture-to-urban water transfers while in the Assembly.



## Senator Connie Leyva (D) – District 20

**Committee Member:** Education, Energy, Utilities & Commerce, Joint Legislative Audit, Rules, Transportation & Housing, Select Committee on California-Mexico Cooperation, Select Committee on Manufactured Home Communities, Select Committee on Ports & Goods Movement, Select Committee on Women & Inequality: Strategies to Promote Opportunity



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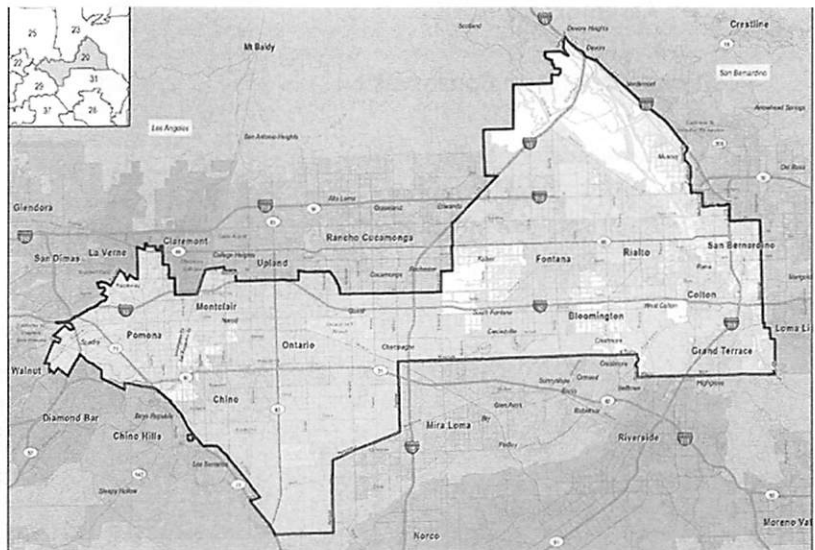
- Encompasses most of San Bernardino County and parts of Los Angeles County, including the cities of Ontario, Fontana, Chino, Colton, Rialto, and Pomona.
- Dominantly Democratic District; with 47% of voters being Democratic, 24% of voters being Republican, and 24% with no party preference.
- District is 68% Latino, 6% Asian, 9% Black, 16% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Serves as Chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus.
- Legislative priorities include improving California's education, environment, and communities.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Leyva has an 85% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Senator Sharon Runner (R) – District 21

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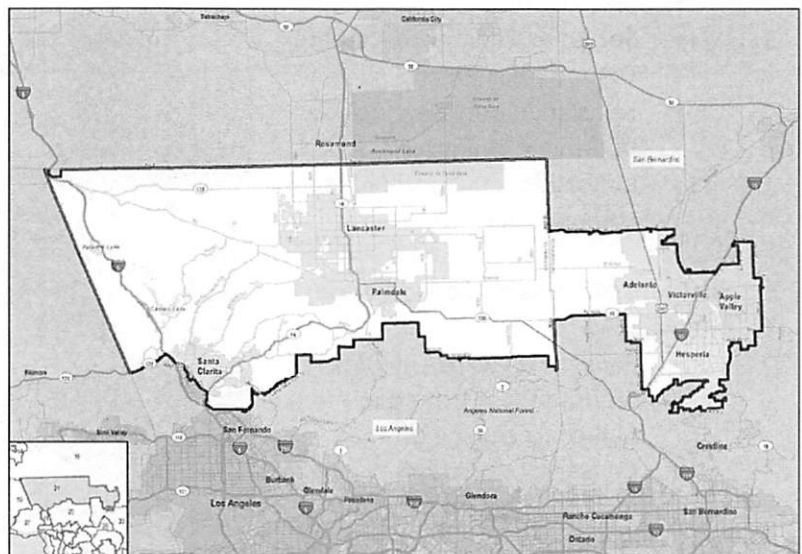
- District encompasses parts of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties. Major cities include Santa Clarita, Antelope Valley cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, Apple Valley, Hesperia, Victorville, Oak Hills, and Adelanto.
- Slightly more Democratic District; 37% of voters are Democrat, 36% are Republican, and 20% have no party preference.
- District is 41% Latino, 5% Asian, 12% Black, 40% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2011.
- Term limit: 2020
- Previously served in the State Assembly from 2002-2008.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Runner has a 4% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Senator Ed Hernandez (D) – District 22

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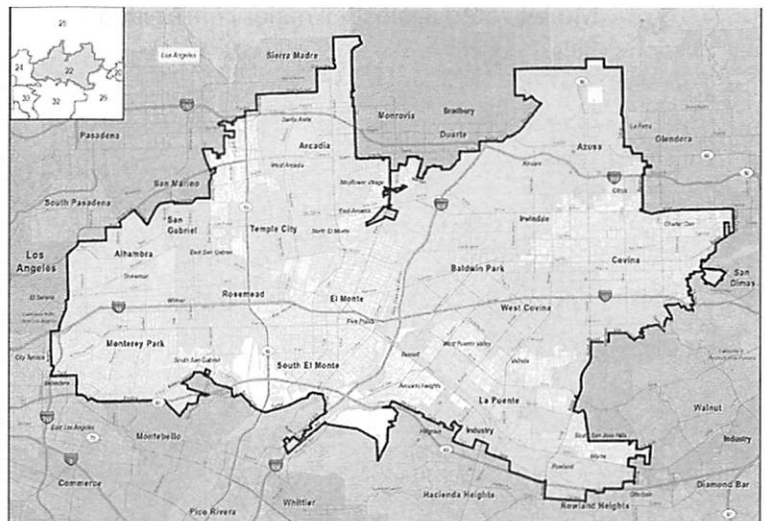
- Encompasses Los Angeles County. Major cities include West Covina, Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Baldwin Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and Monterey Park.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 45% of registered voters are Democrat, 20% are Republican, and 29% indicated no party preference.
- District is 53% Latino, 32% Asian, 2% Black, 12% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2010 and re-elected in 2014.
- Term limit: 2018
- Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus.
- Previously served in the State Assembly.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Hernandez has an 82% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation bills Senator Hernandez did not support during the last legislative session were SB 248, which would have prohibited the disposal of oil and gas wastewater where it could threaten groundwater supplies, and SB 454, which aimed to protect drinking water from oil and gas.



## Senator Mike Morrell (R) – District 23

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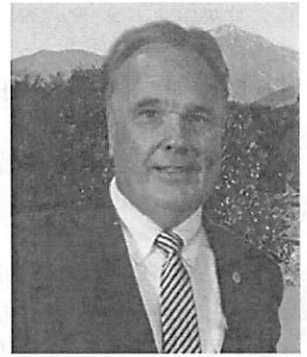
- District encompasses parts of San Bernardino and Riverside counties including the cities of Yucaipa, Redlands, Highland, Wrightwood, Big Bear City, Lake Arrowhead, Menifee, Hemet, San Jacinto, Banning and Beaumont.
- Dominantly Republican District; 40% of voters are Republican, 33% are Democrat, and 20% have no party preference.
- District is 38% Latino, 6% Asian, 8% Black, 45% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2014.
- Term limit: 2020
- Previously served in the State Assembly.
- Before joining the State Legislature, Senator Morrell was a small business owner for over 25 years.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Morrell has an 8% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Senator Morrell voted against all major conservation bills.





## Senator Kevin de Leon (D) – District 24

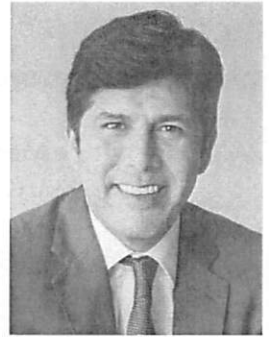
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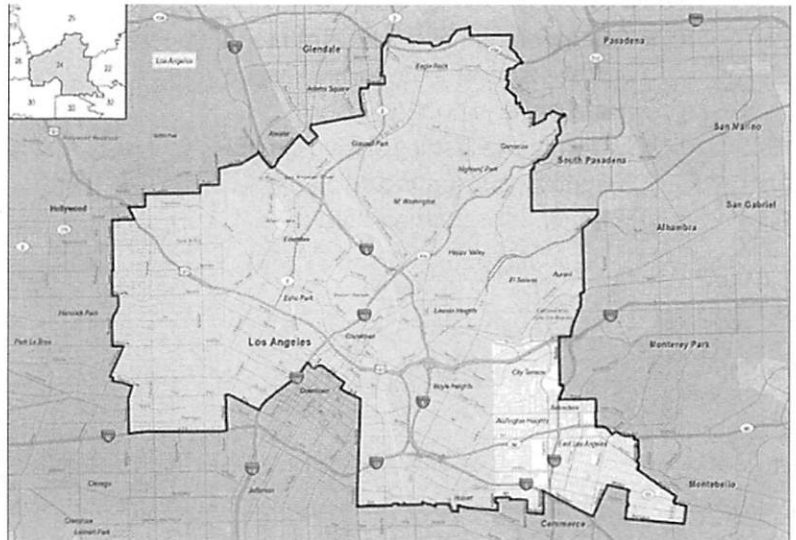
- District encompasses central Los Angeles County and includes East Los Angeles and the cities of Elysian Park, El Sereno, Mt. Washington, Eagle Rock, Westlake, Silverlake, Koreatown, and a part of Downtown.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 56% of voters are registered Democrats, 10% are Republican, and 27% have no party preference.
- District is 67% Latino, 17% Asian, 3% Black, 12% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2010.
- Term limit: 2018
- Acting President Pro Tempore of the Senate. (First Latino President Pro Tempore)
- Served in the State Assembly for 4 years before being elected to the State Senate.
- Prior to joining the State Legislature, Senator De Leon was a teacher and a human rights consultant/union organizer with the California Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator De Leon has a 93% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Senator De Leon supported all major conservation bills.
- Co-chair of Proposition 39, the California Clean Energy Jobs Act, Senator De Leon helped improve energy efficiency and expand clean energy generation.
- Has introduced various environmental bills during his time in the Legislature.



## Senator Carol Liu (D) – District 25

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### District Notes:

- District encompasses parts of San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties. Major cities include Burbank, Claremont, Glendale, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Monrovia, Altadena, Glenora, San Dimas, and Upland.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 41% of voters are Democrat, 30% are Republican, and 24% have no party preference.
- District is 26% Latino, 14% Asian, 5% Black, 52% White

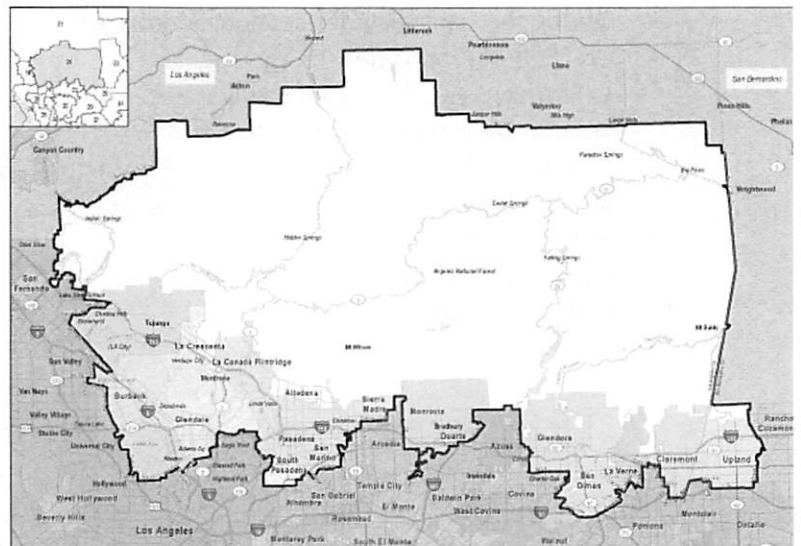
### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2008.
- Term limit: 2016
- First Asian American woman to be elected onto the California State Senate.
- Previously served in the State Assembly.
- Has authored many key pieces of legislation that were signed into law, including laws to promote career and technical education, protect public safety, prevent domestic violence, improve groundwater quality, and deter gang activity.
- Senator Liu is nationally recognized for her leadership in education policy.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation

#### Issues:

- Senator Liu has a 94% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Senator Liu supported all of the major conservation bills.



## Senator Ben Allen (D) – District 26

**Committee Member:** Elections & Constitutional Amendments (Chair), Joint Committee on the Arts (Chair), Budget & Fiscal Review Committee, Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Education, Natural Resources & Water, Transportation & Housing, Veterans Affairs, Select Committee on California-Mexico Cooperation, Select Committee on Climate Change & AB 32 Implementation, Select Committee on Defense & Aerospace (Vice Chair), Select Committee on Passenger Rail, Select Committee on Ports & Goods Movement, Select Committee on Refugio Oil Spill



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### District Notes:

- West Los Angeles County District that includes Hollywood Hills, Hancock Park, Miracle Mile, Westwood, Bel Air, Brentwood, Venice, Westchester, Pacific Palisades, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Catalina Island, and Avalon.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 46% of voters are Democrat, 23% are Republican, and 26% have no party preference.
- District is 14% Latino, 14% Asian, 4% Black, 65% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Received a Freshman Legislator of the Year award from the California School Board Association.
- Has a background in education, serving in multiple school boards and districts.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Allen has a 100% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Senator Fran Pavley (D) – District 27

**Committee Member:** Natural Resources & Water (Chair), Energy, Utilities & Communications, Environmental Quality, Budget & Fiscal Review, Budget Subcommittee 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy & Transportation, Governance & Finance, Legislative Ethics, Select Committee on Climate Change & AB 32 Implementation (Chair)



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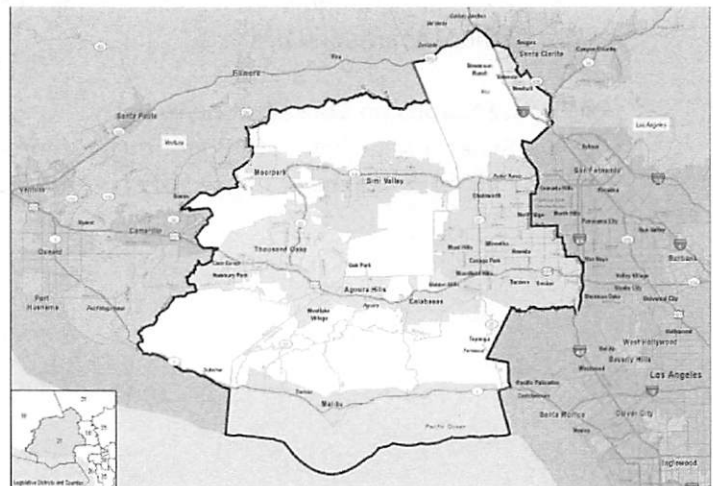
- District encompasses parts of both Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Major cities include Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, San Fernando Valley, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 40% of voters are Democrat, 32% are Republican, and 23% have no party preference.
- District is 25% Latino, 11% Asian, 3% Black, 58% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2008.
- Term limit: 2016
- Also served in the State Assembly for six years.
- Before joining the State Legislature, Senator Pavley taught middle school for 28 years, and served in the Agoura Hills City Council as mayor for four terms.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Pavley has a 97% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, the only bill Senator Pavley did not support was AB 744, which reduced parking minimum requirements.
- Senator Pavley has authored numerous conservation bills relating to water, transportation, and emissions standards.



## Senator Jeff Stone (R) – District 28

**Committee Member:** Natural Resources & Water (Vice Chair), Labor & Industrial Relations (Vice Chair), Budget & Fiscal Review, Public Safety, Budget Subcommittee on Health & Human Services

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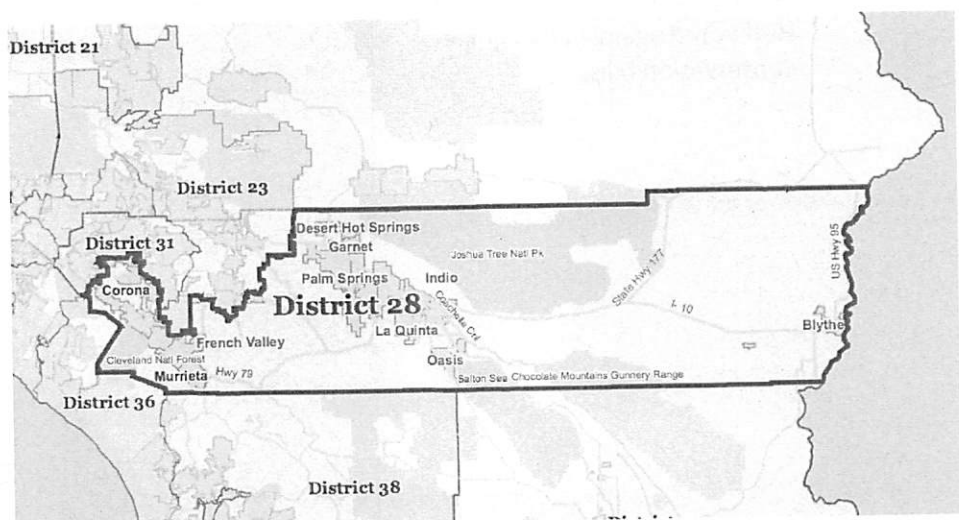
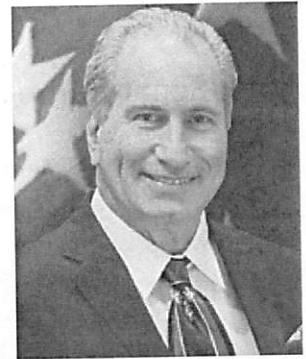
- Riverside County District that includes Temecula, Murrieta, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella.
- Dominantly Republican District; where 41% of voters are Republican, 33% are Democratic, and 20% have no party preference.
- District is 41% Latino, 5% Asian, 4% Black, 48% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Prior to serving in the State Legislature, Senator Stone served in Temecula's City Council as Mayor.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Stone has and 8% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Senator Bob Huff (R) – District 29

**Committee Member:** Rules, Legislative Ethics, Select Committee on California-Mexico Cooperation, Select Committee on Climate Change & AB 32 Implementation

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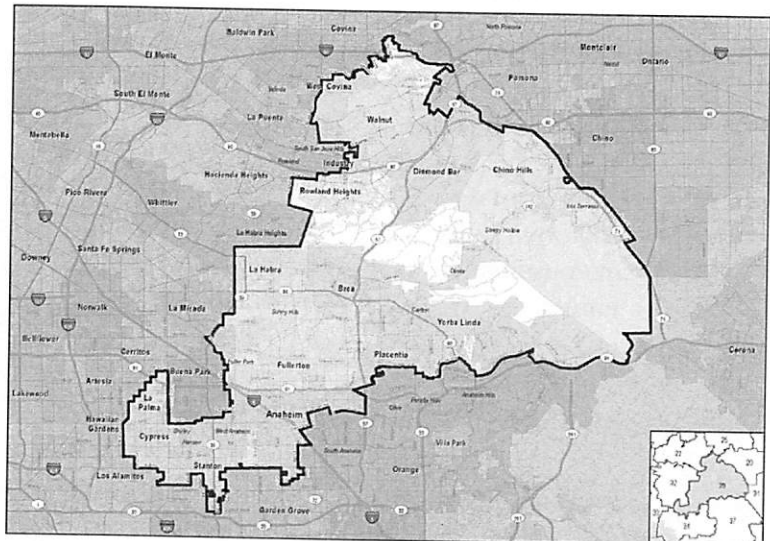
- District encompasses parts of Orange County, Los Angeles County, and San Bernardino County. Largest cities are Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia, Brea, Yorba Linda, Anaheim, Diamond Bar, Walnut, Rowland Heights, and Chino Hills.
- Dominantly Republican District; 37% of voters are Republican, 34% are Democrat, and 25% have no party preference.
- District is 37% Latino, 27% Asian, 3% Black, 32% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2012.
- Term limit: 2016
- Also served in the State Assembly from 2004-2008, where he served as Republican Whip and Caucus Chairman.
- Served in the Diamond Bar City Council from 1995-2004, where he served as Mayor in 1997 and 2001.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Huff has a 7% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- Last legislative session, Senator Huff voted against all major conservation bills.





## Senator Holly Mitchell (D) – District 30

**Committee Member:** Rules, Budget & Fiscal Review, Budget Subcommittee 3 on Health & Human Services (Chair), Health, Insurance, Labor & Industrial Relations, Joint Legislative Budget, Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, Select Committee on Women & Inequality (Chair), Select Committee on Children with Special Needs, Select Committee on Dual Immersion Programs in California



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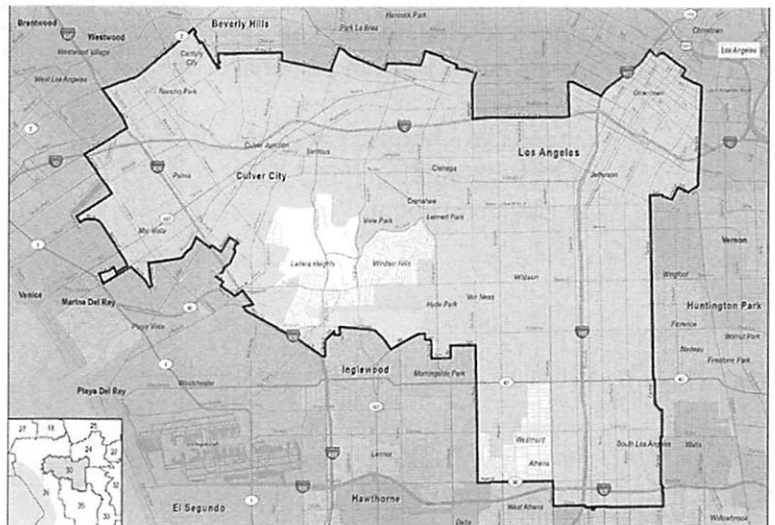
- Central and West Los Angeles County District encompassing the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Downtown, South Los Angeles, Crenshaw, Mid-City, Century City, Cheviot Hills and Mar Vista and the communities of Culver City, Ladera Heights, View Park and West Athens.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 65% of voters are Democrat, 8% are Republican, and 22% have no party preference.
- District is 50% Latino, 6% Asian, 28% Black, 14% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2014.
- Term limit: 2022
- Served in the State Legislature since 2011, and was previously in the State Assembly.
- Legislative priorities include human services, women's reproductive rights, environmental justice, and reducing poverty.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Mitchell has a 92% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation bills that Senator Mitchell did not support during the last legislative session were AB 96, the ivory ban, and AB 639, dealing with multifamily affordable housing solar.
- Senator Mitchell is a proponent of environmental justice.



## Senator Richard Roth (D) – District 31

**Committee Member:** Insurance (Chair), Joint Legislative Audit (Vice Chair), Budget Subcommittee on State Administration & General Government (Chair), Joint Committee on Emergency Management Services, Budget & Fiscal Review, Transportation & Housing, Health, Veterans Affairs, Select Committee on Defense & Aerospace



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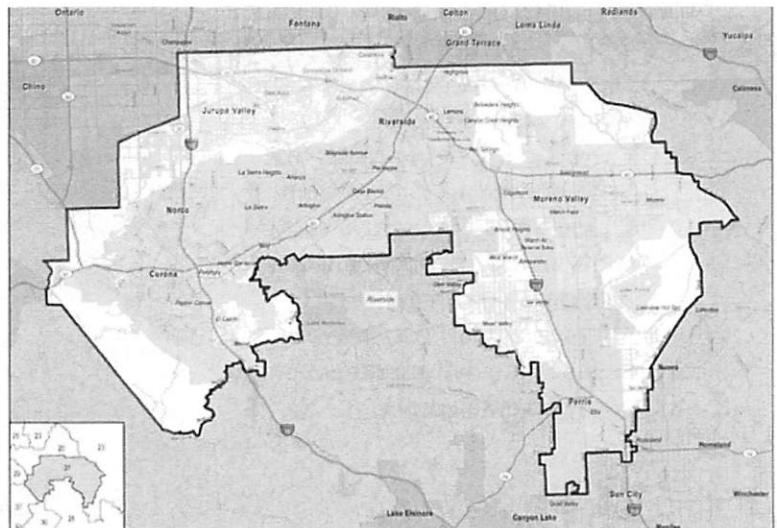
- District is entirely within Riverside County and includes the cities of Riverside, Corona, Moreno Valley, and Perris.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 39% of voters are Democrat, 35% are Republican, and 21% have no party preference.
- District is 52% Latino, 7% Asian, 9% Black, 29% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2012.
- Term limit: 2024
- Before joining the State Legislature, Senator Roth served in the U.S. Air Force for over 32 years.
- Practiced labor and employment law in Riverside.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Roth has a 78% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Senator Roth voted against AB 888, the ban on plastic microbeads in personal care products, SB 32, that extends greenhouse gas reduction targets, and SB 185, on coal divestment.



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- District Notes:**

- Bio:**

- Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:**

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## Senator Ricardo Lara (D) – District 33

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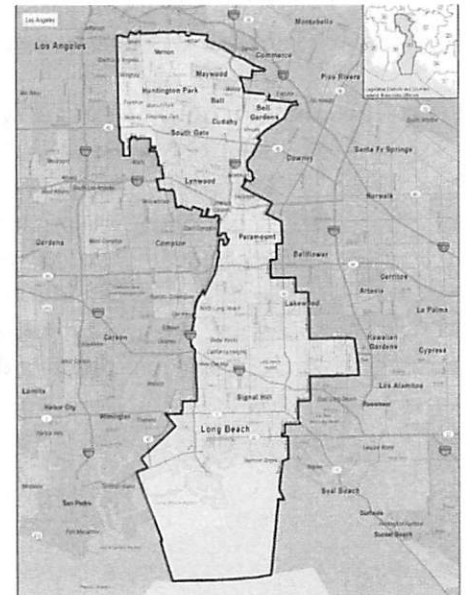
- Southeast Los Angeles County district that encompasses a portion of Long Beach, Paramount, Lynwood, South Gate, Bell, Bell Gardens, Huntington Park, and Vernon.
- Dominantly Democratic District; where 56% of voters are Democrat, 14% are Republican, and 24% have no party preference.
- District is 70% Latino, 6% Asian, 9% Black, 13% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2012.
- Term limit: 2020
- Chair of the Latino Caucus.
- Legislative priorities include educational equity, civil rights, and immigrant rights.
- Senator Lara's public service has been recognized at the local, state, and national level, as President Obama awarded him a "Champion of Change" at the White House.
- The first openly gay person of color to be elected to the California State Senate.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Lara has an 89% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- The only conservation bill that Senator Lara did not support last legislative session was SB 454, which dealt with protecting drinking water from oil and gas.
- Senator Lara is a huge advocate for the environment, and created the California Clean Bus, Truck and Freight Program to encourage clean energy while investing in good jobs.
- Authored a state plan to address short-lived climate pollutants.



## Senator Janet Nguyen (R) – District 34

**Committee Member:** Governance & Finance (Vice Chair), Health (Vice Chair), Budget & Fiscal Review, Human Services, Veteran Affairs

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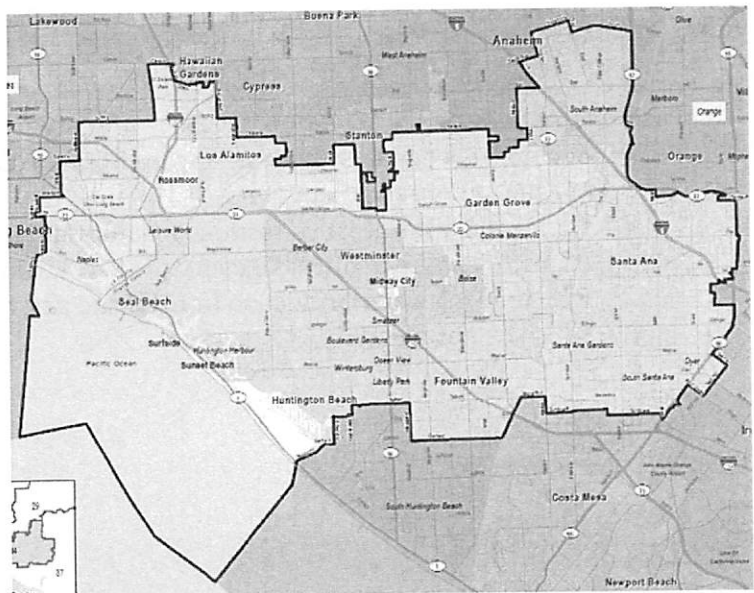
- District encompasses parts of both Orange and Los Angeles counties. Major cities include Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Long Beach, and Belmont Shore.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 39% of voters are Democrat; 34% are Republican, and 23% have no party preference.
- District is 47% Latino, 21% Asian, 2% Black, 29% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Before joining the State Legislature, Senator Nguyen served in the Orange County Board of Supervisors.
- She is the first Vietnamese-American to be elected in the California State Senate, and the highest-ranking Vietnamese-American official in the United States.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Nguyen has a 0% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Senator Isadore Hall, III (D) – District 35

**Committee Member:** Government Organization (Chair), Banking & Financial Institutions, Health, Insurance, Public Employment & Retirement

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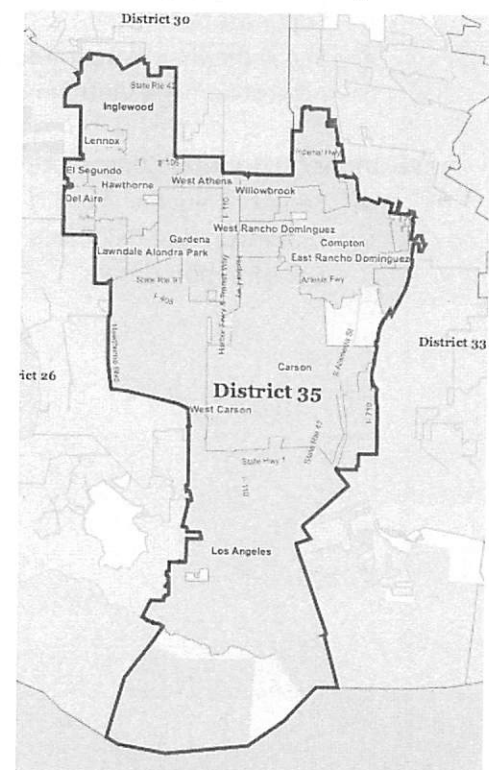
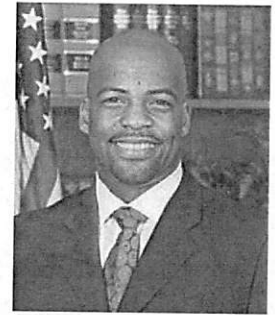
- District encompasses Los Angeles Harbor communities of San Pedro and Wilmington, northeast Torrance, Carson, Compton, Gardena, Lawndale, Hawthorne and Inglewood.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 60% of voters are Democrats, 14% are Republican, and 22% have no party preference.
- District is 53% Latino, 12% Asian, 22% Black, 11% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2014
- Term limit: 2022
- Previously served in the State Assembly where he authored legislation addressing a range of issues including addressing the state's fiscal crisis, job creation, reducing childhood obesity and diabetes, improving public safety, expanding access to education, and creation of a sustainable statewide water policy.
- Before joining the State Legislature, Senator Hall served of the Compton City Council.
- Previously served on the Metropolitan Water District Board.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Hall has an 80% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- During the last legislative session, Senator Hall supported all major conservation bills except for SB 454, which dealt with drinking water protection from oil and gas, from which he abstained.





## Senator Pat Bates (R) – District 36

**Committee Member:** Appropriations (Vice Chair), Business, Professions & Economic Development (Vice Chair), Environmental Quality, Governmental Organization, Transportation & Housing, Joint Legislative Budget, Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, Subcommittee on California's Innovation, Technology & Life Sciences Economy (Vice Chair), Legislative Ethics, Select Committee on Aging & Long Term Care, Select Committee on Defense & Aerospace, Select Committee on Manufactured Home Communities, Select Committee on Passenger Rail



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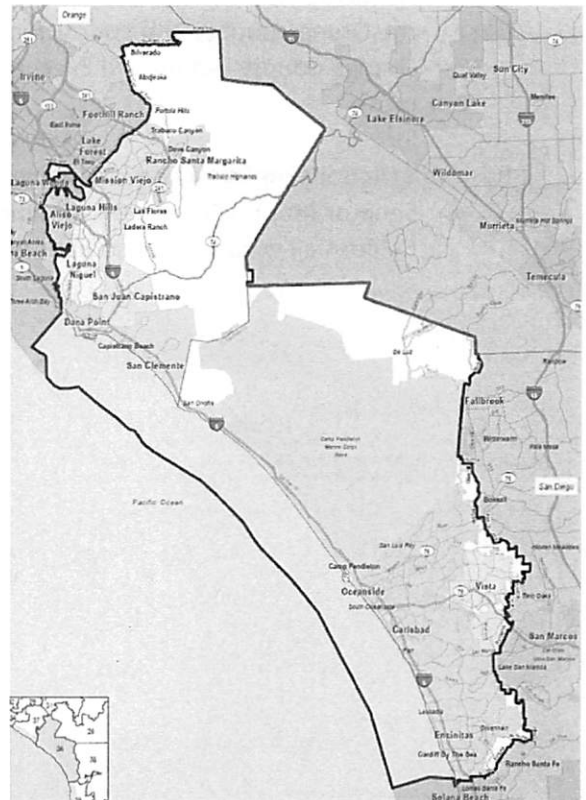
- District encompasses parts of Orange County and San Diego County, and includes the cities and communities of Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, San Clemente, Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, and the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base.
- Dominantly Republican District; 42% of voters are Republican, 28% are Democrat, and 25% have no party preference.
- District is 24% Latino, 7% Asian, 2% Black, 63% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2014.
- Term limit: 2026
- Previously served in the State Assembly, during which time she was appointed to the Little Hoover Commission, and the California Performance Review Commission.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Bates has a 2% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Senator John Moorlach (R) – District 37

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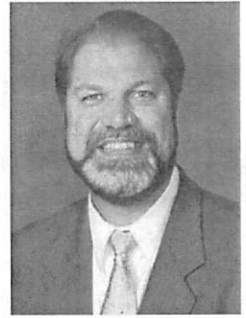
- Coastal Orange County district that encompasses Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Irvine, Lake Forrest, Tustin, North Tustin, Villa Park, and Orange.
- Dominantly Republican District; where 42% of voters are registered as Republican, 29% as Democrat, and 25% with no party preference.
- District is 22% Latino, 18% Asian, 1% Black, 56% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2015.
- Term limit: 2024
- Senator Moorlach has a long history as a financial planner.
- He has served on a number of Orange County boards, commissions, and committees, including the Orange County Transportation Authority, The Orange County Watershed Executive Committee, and more.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Moorlach has a 0% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Senator Joel Anderson (R) – District 38

**Committee Member:** Budget & Fiscal Review, Budget Subcommittee 5 on Corrections, Public Safety & Judiciary, Elections & Constitutional Amendments (Vice Chair), Judiciary (Vice Chair), Public Safety (Vice Chair)



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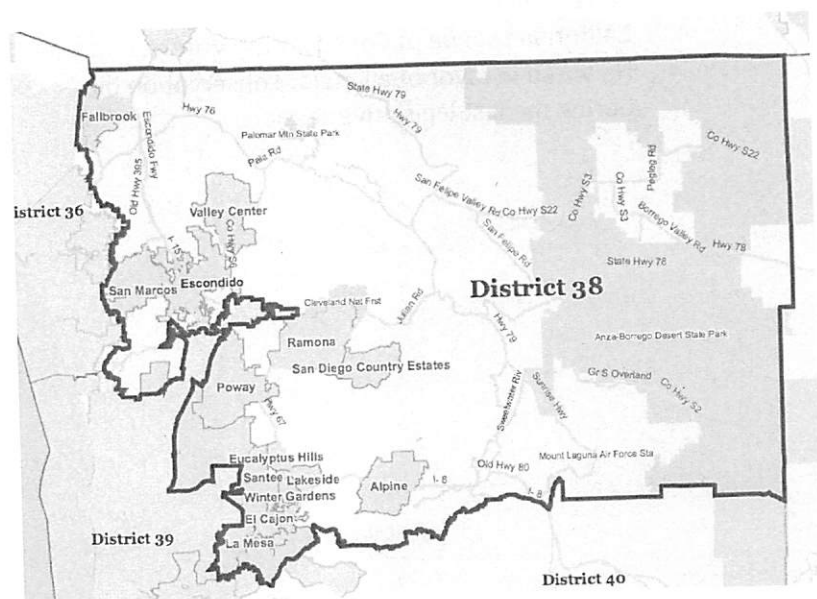
- Eastern San Diego County district that encompasses a portion of San Diego, El Cajon, Escondido, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Poway, San Marcos, and Santee.
- Dominantly Republican District; 42% of voters are Republican, 28% are Democrat, and 24% have no party preference.
- District is 27% Latino, 7% Asian, 4% Black, 59% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2010.
- Term limit: 2020
- Before joining the State Senate, Senator Anderson served two terms in the State Assembly.
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### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Anderson has 7% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



## Senator Marty Block (D) – District 39

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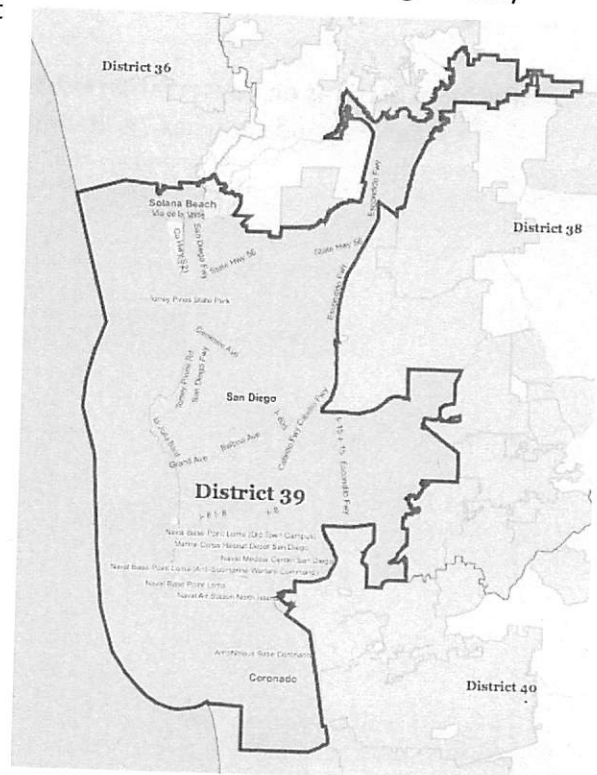
- Coastal district encompassing most of San Diego, Coronado, Del Mar, and Solana Beach.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 37% of voters are Democrat, 28% are Republican, and 29% have no party preference.
- District is 17% Latino, 15% Asian, 5% Black, 59% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the State Senate in 2012.
- Term limit: 2020
- Previously served in the State Assembly.
- Before joining the State Legislature, Senator Block served as a member of the San Diego County Board of Educators for 8 years, and as the President of the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees.

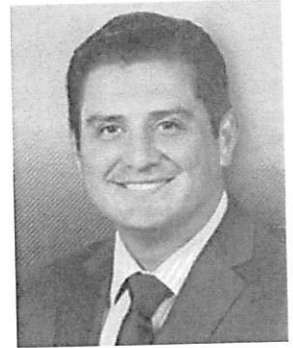
### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Block has a 93% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.
- He voted in favor of all major conservation bills during the last legislative session.



## Senator Ben Hueso (D) – District 40

**Committee Member:** Energy, Utilities, & Communications (Chair), Veterans Affairs (Vice Chair), Natural Resources & Water, Governmental Organization, Banking & Financial Institutions, American Portuguese Veterans Memorial, Subcommittee on Gas, Electric, & Transportation Safety, Select Committee on California-Mexico Cooperation (Chair), Select Committee on Bilingual & Dual Immersion Programs in California, Select Committee on Children with Special Needs, Select Committee on Climate Change and AB 32 Implementation, Select Committee on Mental Health



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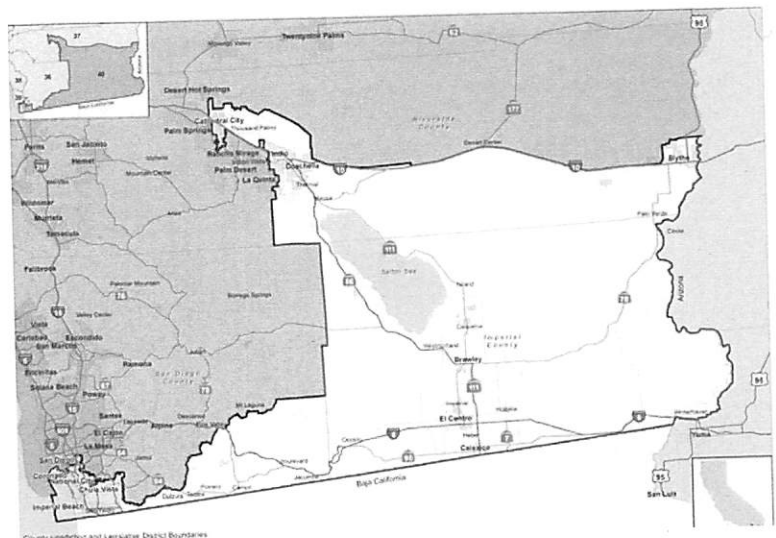
- This district encompasses voters in southern San Diego and Imperial Counties. Largest cities: San Diego, Chula Vista, National City and El Centro.
- Dominantly Democratic District; 45% of voters are Democrat, 22% are Republican, and 28% have no party preference.
- District is 62% Latino, 12% Asian, 8% Black, 16% White

### Bio:

- Elected to the Senate in 2013.
- Term limit: 2022
- Before joining the State Senate, Senator Hueso served in the Assembly from 2010-2013.
- Since his election, he's worked extensively on water quality, consumer protection, public safety and job creation.
- Prior to election to the State Legislature, Senator Hueso served on the San Diego City Council.

### Positions/Actions on Conservation Issues:

- Senator Hueso has a 90% lifetime score from the California League of Conservation Voters.



**CARCD SoCal Inland Region**  
**LEADERSHIP HANDBOOK –SECOND DRAFT**

**April 2016 Update**

**Vision/Purpose Statement**

**I. Organization**

**1.1 Composition**

CARCD SoCal Inland Region is comprised of Resource Conservation Districts in, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties, namely;

Antelope Valley  
Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza  
Inland Empire  
Mission  
Riverside-Corona  
San Jacinto Basin

The Region Leadership Team (ALT) consists of an elected Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Legislative Lobbyist Coordinator, Education and Public Outreach Region Representative.

Elections of regional officers are held bi-ennially at a fall meeting. A nominating committee will send out names of candidates 45 days prior to the election.

The Chairperson (or Vice-Chairperson) represents all Region RCDs as a member of the CARCD Board of Directors; however the Region does not have a vote at the CARCD annual meetings.

The Region serves as a collective unit to exchange ideas and to address political and administrative issues, problems and accomplishments of and in the geographic Region.

The Region is financed by annual member dues that are established by the membership and will be reviewed on an annual basis on the amount to charge and what the dues will be used for. The current dues are \$100 per year.



The Region membership meets twice a year. Spring meetings are generally held sometime in April or May. Fall meetings are generally held in late September or early October. The Student Speak-off will be held at the beginning of the fall meeting.

## **1.2 Affiliations**

### **1.2.1 The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)**

NACD is a voluntary, nongovernmental organization representing over 3,000 conservation districts and their state associations in some 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

NACD is controlled and financed by its member districts and state associations.

The association's board consists of three members from each of seven geographic Regions. NACD serves as a national voice for local responsibility in conservation and resource development. It is the central agent in Washington, D.C. for all conservation districts. NACD operates a service department in League City, Texas to meet members' printing, mailing, and other needs.

### **1.2.2 The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)**

CARCD IS A VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION OF California RCDs and operates under self-developed articles of association and bylaws. Its primary purpose is to provide a unified means for RCDs to move forward on their major conservation objectives through concerted action of member RCDs.

The association is financed by annual membership quotas from member RCDs and special fundraising projects. Standing committees work in the , Forestry & Fuel Management, ,,, Water Resources, , Urban Conservation , Fisheries/Wildlife, Education, Agricultural Conservation, Policy, , Nominating, Credentials, Resolutions, Conference Contests, and Bylaws committees.

CARCD is divided into ten geographic Regions. The CARCD Board of Directors consists of the Regional Chairperson or alternates from each geographic Region, the association officers and the President.

CARCD officers include a President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary-Treasurer, and one council member for NACD. The CARCD President and NACD Council Member represent California RCDs at the NACD National and Pacific Region meetings.

The CARCD executive committee includes the Association President, Vice-president, National Council Member, Immediate Past President, Secretary-Treasurer and at least one Region Chairperson or Alternate.

#### **1.2.2.1 Code**

California Association of District Employees (CODE) – The California Association of District Employees (CODE) shall be an affiliate of the Association, and shall be governed by separate bylaws. The objective of this affiliation is to strengthen the Conservation District program of the State of California by the effective utilization of the skills of the members of the CODE in support of the purposes and activities of the Association and its committees; to provide assistance, information, and support to Conservation Districts, employees, and their governing boards; and to promote the professional development of Conservation Districts and their employees.

## **II. OPERATION**

### **2.1 Governance**

The SoCal Inland Region is created in the CARCD Bylaws for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Directors of the Association (other than the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and NACD Board Member and for such other purposes as may be properly delegated by the Board of Directors.

The proceeds shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of Robert's Rules of Order

### **2.2 Voting Delegates**

Each District is entitled to one vote, which must be cast by a director. In Article 5, Section 3 of the CARCD Bylaws, Mail voting by Regions shall be permitted, except with respect to biennial, regular Region elections, in accordance with section 6 or Article IV of the Bylaws.

**Comment [SL1]:** Can the bylaws be changed to allow for managerial staff or associate directors to vote if designated by their respective board?

**Comment [SL2]:** Can the bylaws be changed to allow for election voting?

### **2.3 Quorum**

One district shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a Regional meeting, and action shall be taken by a majority of the Region members present and voting. However, unless at least one-third of the member districts in the Region are in attendance at a regular Regional meeting, the only matters which may be voted on are those matters the general nature of which was specified in the notice of the meeting.

**Comment [s3]:** Ask CARCD to change this?

## 2.4 Meetings

The CARCD SoCal Inland Regional meetings will be held on a biannual basis, with the spring meeting scheduled for late April/early May and the fall meeting scheduled for late September/early October. Regional meetings shall be called by the regional chair or by the Board of Directors, who shall provide not less than 10 nor more than 90 days' notice of the place, date and time of each Region meeting by first class or certified mail to each member; provided that notice of the annual Region meeting shall be given pursuant to this section not less than 21 days prior to that meeting. Each Region RCD shall participate in the hosting of meetings. Host RCDs shall be considered on a rotating, alphabetical basis.

Comment [s4]: Do we want to change this to email?

Antelope Valley  
Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza  
Inland Empire  
Mission  
Riverside-Corona  
San Jacinto Basin

The hosting district shall decide upon the location for the spring and fall Region meetings.

The hosting district shall ensure that meeting length does not exceed the accepted time frame of 9:30 – 2:30 unless agreed upon by all to hold the meeting longer. This can be accomplished by:

The host district shall determine if they would like to have a tour during the Regional meeting.

Having a representative from the hosting agency act as timekeeper, in order to ensure that individual Districts do not exceed fifteen minutes per report.

The host district shall determine if they would like to have training for region member and/or quest speakers. training portion of the meeting to one hour. The host district should make every effort to organize a training that is of interest to the maximum number of people in the Region, and ideally references recent policy adoption or legislation; current ideas include

Legal review of individual District responsibilities.

Individual District mitigation processes.

Director trainings such as Division 9 review, Ethics Compliance, and Policy Manual review.

Meeting notices, agendas, minutes, and Treasurer's report shall be sent, at Region expense, to the following:

Each RCD President in the SoCal Inland Region (Note: Each President is responsible for distributing minutes and Treasurer's report to other Directors and Associate Directors.)

Each RCD office in the SoCal Inland Region

Meeting notices and agendas will be sent at Region expense to the following:

All Directors in Region  
All Associate Directors in Region  
All RCD offices in Region  
USDA, District Conservationist  
State Conservationist  
Region Conservationist

#### CARCD

President  
Vice President  
Executive Director  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Immediate Past President  
National Council Member  
Office  
Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District  
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
The California Department of Food & Agriculture  
The Department of Conservation  
The Department of Water Resources  
The Environmental Protection Agency  
All Region Leadership and hosting RCD invited guests  
Speakers

The hosting RCD may also send to additional agencies, at the discretion of the District.

The following shall be a part of each meeting agenda:

Roll Call  
Minutes of previous meeting  
Treasurer's Report  
Districts' Reports  
Committee Reports

NRCS -  
CARCD Report  
Department Of Conservation Report  
DWR Report  
Training  
New Business  
Old Business

The Region shall absorb the cost of no-shows at the time of the meeting; however, each RCD shall be billed for uncanceled reservations for which the Region was charged.

Registration for Region invited non-member participants shall be provided at Region expense. Registration for guests of individual RCDs shall be the responsibility of each RCD.

In the event of facility charges, the cost will be borne by the Region. Hosting RCDs may, if desired, bear such costs.

#### **2.4.1 Joint Meetings**

The CARCD SoCal Inland Region will explore the option of holding a joint meeting with the Southern California Region or other regions, , which would be scheduled in a central location. Such an arrangement would allow staff from the two districts to work together to discuss local and regional issues affected conservation agencies.

Joint meetings would ideally be held over a two-day period, in consideration of long distances that will be required of some of the participating agencies.

#### **2.4.2 Hosting District Responsibility**

The Hosting RCD Shall:

In consultation with CARCD and the Regional Chair, set the date for spring and fall meetings region meetings. Hosting RCDs shall take into consideration the availability of CARCD and NRCS leadership in setting meeting dates.

Handle all arrangements for the meeting and facilities.

Consult with the Regional Chair concerning special needs in set-up. A table, at the door, will be provided for the use of the Region secretary-treasurer. Make every reasonable effort to obtain said facilities at no charge.

Make arrangements for a meal to be served to participating district staff, and advise the Regional Chair prior to announcement preparation if training is scheduled. The

responsibility for arrangements, determination, and costs in conjunction with such are being determined.

Assume responsibility for registration, including the cost of meals. The hosting RCD shall determine the reservation and cancellation cutoff date, and shall advise the Region secretary-treasurer if registration tickets are required.

Secure needed equipment and arrange for its set up, use, and return.

Take minutes, including mailing minutes from the previous meeting to the next hosting agency 45 days prior to the next meeting. The hosting agency shall provide one copy of previous minutes to each district present at the following Region meeting.

Minutes shall be distributed as follows:

Each RCD President (Note: Each president is responsible for distributing to other members.)

Each District office

CARCD President

CARCD Executive Director

#### **2.4.3 Billing and collecting**

Each hosting agency shall:

Prepare or provide for each meeting, at Region expense, the following:

Attendance roster

Name tags

Registration tickets, if needed

Alphabetical listing of Regional RCDs for roll call.

Complete registration, name tag distribution, and make any other necessary collections prior to the meeting.

Prepare or provide necessary materials for special functions such as adequate copies, materials (paper, pencils, stapler, audio-visual equipment, etc.), Speak-off rules and score sheets, a stopwatch, pencils, and stapler,



#### **2.4.4 District Reports**

Each RCD shall provide a District report, covering its activities since the last Region meeting. The District reports shall be no longer than one page, double-sided with bulleted information and photos provided and distributed at the regional meetings.

Each RCD shall provide the appropriate contact for the hosting agency with a copy of its report two weeks prior to each meeting so it can be made into a booklet for distribution to all SoCal Inland RCDs.

#### **2.5 Committees**

The Region may determine if committees are needed and establish those for the purpose of furthering the mission of the SoCal Inland Region. The Chair may appoint regional members to any established committees from interested member RCDs.

### **III. OFFICERS**

#### **3.1 Responsibilities & Elections**

Elections for the SoCal Inland Region shall be held biennially during even years. Each Region's elections shall provide a reasonable opportunity for (1) the making of nominations at the regular Regional meeting at which the election will be held, (2) communicating to the delegates of the Region's Member Districts the nominee's candidacy, and (3) all nominees to solicit votes.

**Comment [SL5]:** Do we want to send this out to each member RCD for the entire board to participate in versus doing it at a regional meeting?

Only directors of member districts shall be eligible to serve as Regional Chair or Regional Vice Chair. The term of Regional Chair and Regional Vice Chair shall be 2 years and they may succeed themselves.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Regional Chair, or when the Regional Chair is unable to act due to absence from the State due to disability, or any other substantial reason, the Regional Vice Chair shall temporarily assume the duties of the Regional Chair until the vacancy is filled or the Regional Chair resumes his or her duties, provided, that the Regional Vice Chair shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors during such period.

##### **3.1.1 Vacancy**

Any vacancy in the office of Regional Chair or Regional Vice Chair occasioned by death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Region at a special election, which shall be conducted in the same manner as a regular election of the Region, upon the call of the Chair or Vice Chair remaining in office or upon the call of the Board of Directors.

If officers use their own district or outside staff to assist, such staff shall be considered a contribution of the district or individual, as appropriate. An RCD may, if desired, underwrite these, as well as other services.

### **3.2 Duties**

#### **3.2.1 Chair**

Shall:

In consultation with his/her leadership team, establish meeting programs and agendas.

Recognize RCD and individual contributions.

Send out monthly information related to CARCD to Region members.

Serve on CARCD Board of Directors and attend meetings. The Regional Chair may not simultaneously serve as President, Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer. Upon election of the Regional Chair to such an office, the office of Regional Chair shall become vacant.

Preside at all meetings; duties include:

Opening all meetings on time and encouraging attendance.

Stating each motion before it is discussed and before it is voted upon, then putting each motion to vote prior to announcing the outcome.

Suggesting motions, but not making them.

Appointing committee members as needed, assigning their responsibilities, and asking for their reports when due.

At the end of his/her term, turning over to successor materials and explaining responsibilities.

Work closely with NRCS Assistant State Conservationist.

### **3.2.2 Vice-Chair**

Shall:

Serve in the absence of the Chairperson.

Keep the Region's minute's book updated

Assist with Region's auction

At the end of the term, explain responsibilities and turn over materials to successor.

### **3.2.3 Treasurer**

Shall:

Maintain the Region's financial records and funds; providing a Treasurer's report at each meeting.

At end of term, explain responsibilities and turn over materials to successor.

Keep Region information on matters of legislative interest at the federal, state, and local level.

Coordinate with CARCD to disseminate vital legislative information as needed.

This position may be filled by a Director, Associate Director, or District Employee.

This position will be appointed by the Chair.

### **Additional Section: Collaborative Partners**

The Regional Chair shall ask each member district to provide a list of collaborative partners and that list will be compiled, distributed and updated on an annual basis.

### **Additional Section: Resolutions (Must be done in Spring)**

Any member district may propose a resolution for adoption by the general membership at the annual conference. Resolutions shall declare policies, and/or call for actions in connection with policies that are within the scope of the purposes and powers of the Association under Division 9 of the Public Resources Code of the State of California, the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law of the State of California and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association.

A member district proposing a regular resolution shall submit it to the Policy Committee on or before September 1. The Policy Committee shall assign the resolution and send copies thereof to the chair and members of the appropriate standing committee and to each Member District on or before September 15.

Region Resolutions may propose by a resolution for adoption by the general membership at the annual conference. Region resolutions shall submit it to the Policy Committee on or before September 1. The Policy Committee shall assign the resolution and send copies thereof to the chair and members of the appropriate standing committee and to each member District on or before September 15.



ELSINORE-MURRIETA-ANZA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
WELCOMES YOU TO THE  
CARCD SPRING 2016 SOCAL INLAND REGION MEETING  
SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
11 AM – 2 PM

**AGENDA**

- Location:** *Fazeli Winery, 37320 De Portola Road, Temecula, CA 92590*  
1-951-303-3366
- 11:00 AM. Registration
- 11:15 AM Welcome from EMA Acting President Rose Corona and EMARCD Board of Directors  
Roll call and introductions  
Approval of the Minutes from the Fall 2015 Area Meeting and Spring 2016 Special Meeting  
Treasurer's report
- 11:30 AM Presentation: Speaker TBD; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA);  
addressing membership in El Niño's impact on California's megadrought
- 12:00 PM Lunch  
Speaker: Fazeli family representative presenting on green initiatives at the winery  
SoCal Inland Region Auction
- 12:30 PM Action Items  
  1. Discussion and Possible Approval of SoCal Inland Region Name Change
  2. Discussion and Possible Approval of Bank Signature Card List
- 12:40 PM Discussion Items  
  1. Review and Discussion of SoCal Inland Leadership Handbook
- 1:00 PM Agency Reports:  
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)  
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)  
Conservation Strategy Group (CSG)  
California Department of Conservation (DOC)  
SoCal Inland Region Resource Conservation Districts- Brief Updates & Reports
- 2:00 PM. Adjourn





## EMARCD SoCAL INLAND REGION AREA MEETING REPORT: SPRING 2016

**General Organization Updates:** EMARCD is operating at full board capacity in addition to maintenance of an active associate board member program. The current board roster for EMARCD includes the following, all of whom are playing active roles in ongoing cataloging of EMARCD resources/reserves and project obligations, in addition to ensuring compliance with legal requirements such as auditing, website postings, and recording and storage of meeting minutes.

**Directors:**

- Rose Corona, President
- Dave Kuhlman, Secretary/Treasurer
- Carol Lee Brady
- Vicki Long
- Michael Newcomb

**Associate Directors:**

- Rick Neugebauer
- Dave McElroy
- Randy Feeney

**District Counsel:**

- Gregory P. Priamos
- Melissa R. Cushman

### PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT/PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

**Memorandum of Understanding with the Mission RCD:** the EMARCD and Mission RCD are working together to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to cover planned collaborative work within collective areas of jurisdiction. The MOU at this time is projected to cover performance of water audits for requesting residents within the service areas of both districts, and may also eventually cover joint grant work focusing on invasive species control in the Santa Margarita Watershed, among other things.

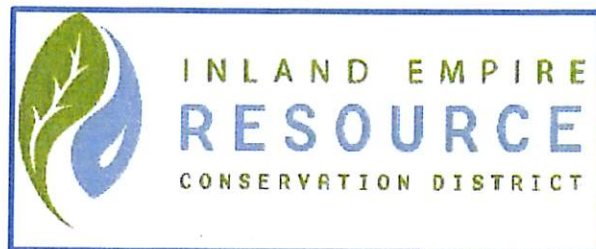
**Partnership with Riverside-Corona RCD:** the EMARCD and RCRCRCD have previously worked on collaborative projects where the RCRCRCD has provided surveying and reporting services on EMARCD properties on a fee-for-service basis. In 2016, EMARCD identified the continuing need for site surveying and reporting on their Clinton Keith property, which RCRCRCD was able to perform in time for provision of reporting to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife within the required timeline. Previous experience on the Clinton Keith site enabled RCRCRCD to efficiently survey and report on the property which would have otherwise posed a burden to the current EMARCD board as capacity continues to be developed.

**Partnership with the Santa Ana Watershed Association:**

The EMARCD has been a member district of the Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) since 2007. As a member entity, EMARCD has the ability to partner with SAWA on facilitation of a variety of conservation-focused projects within their shared service areas, primarily through use of SAWA's roster of biological, technical, and administrative staff. In addition to working together on projects, EMARCD maintains one seat on SAWA's board of directors, currently filled by Associate Director Rick Neugebauer who was elected SAWA Treasurer for the 2016 calendar year. Planned 2016 EMARCD-SAWA collaborations will focus on surveying and implementation of work on a suite of EMA properties including required reporting to permitting agencies on a fee-for-service basis.



## IERCD CARCD SOCAL INLAND SPRING AREA REPORT



### NRCS-IERCD COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PARTNERSHIP



The IERCD continues to provide support to NRCS operations through cooperative agreements that cover administrative and outreach staff time and associated expenses for the Forest Health Initiative and Farm Bill needs. IERCD staffers help with workshop planning and facilitation to encourage program participation, assist in conservation planning, and provide administrative support for both English and Spanish-speaking Service producers. Local organic community farm Huerta Del Valle in Ontario is an excellent example of a producer-NRCS-RCD collaboration, including implementation of Service practices, partnering with IERCD on grant application, and working with both agencies on spring/summer irrigation efficiency workshops for area residents.

#### Huerta Del Valle Community Garden production and producer workshop

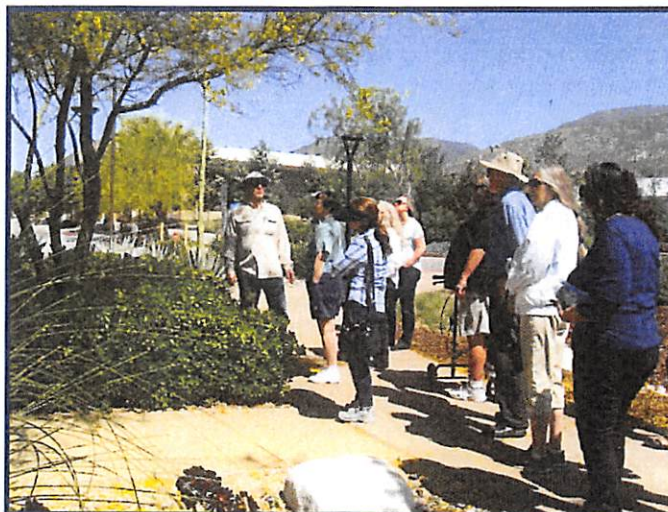
### WATER PROVIDER PARTNERSHIPS

IERCD continued its fee-for-service work with area water provider partners in 2015-16 and will continue with those partners into the next academic year. In

2015-16, seven water providers requested programming which began in initial years as classroom only, and since has progressed to include community gardens, adult education programs, and most recently companion programming to increase

use of the 1-A water conservation demonstration garden on the campus of California State University, San Bernardino. CSUSB program topics in 2015-16

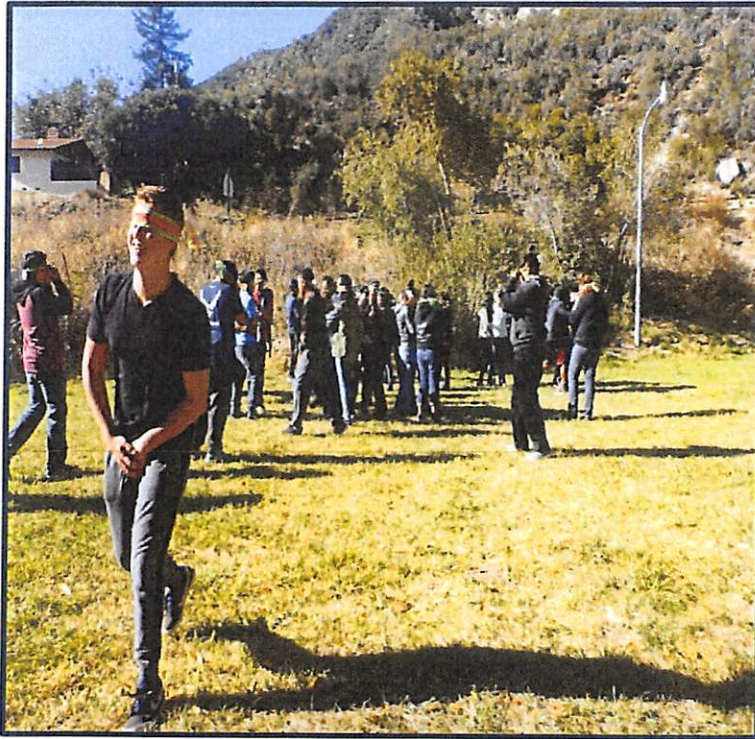
have included native and climate-appropriate landscaping, tree health, and water conservation, among others.



#### Certified Arborist Paul Chaney Discusses Tree Health on CSUSB Campus



## STUDENT LANDOWNER EDUCATIONAL WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP (SLEWS)



IERCD finished its successful SLEWS pilot year with two year-long projects in Cherry Valley and Loch Leven with high schools from Redlands and San Bernardino. Highlights from the classroom-field program designed using the model developed by the Center for Land Based Learning included:

**Students:** 70

**Schools:** 2

**Field Visits:** 20 Hours, 4 visits

**Bird Boxes Built:** 12

**Native Plants Installed:** 120

**Acres Seeded:** 7

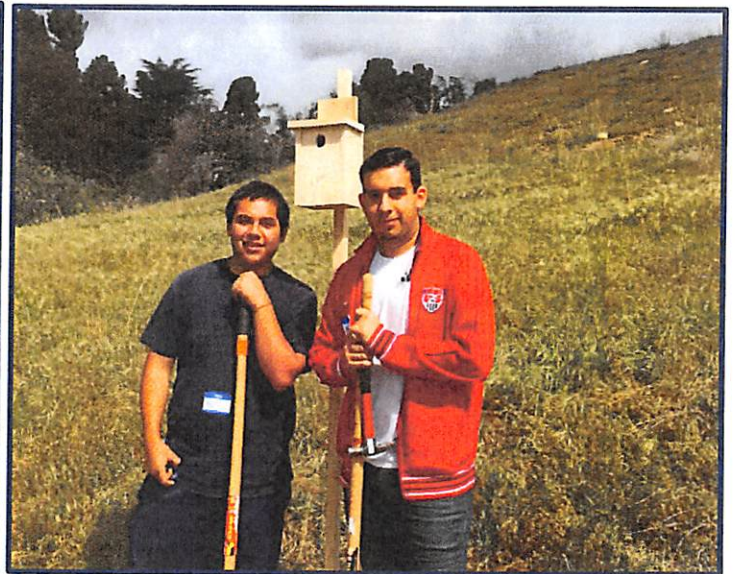
**Acres of Invasive Species Eradication:** 9

**NRCS Practices:** 3

**Volunteer Mentors:** 20

**Community Partners:** 7

Four SLEWS programs are in planning stages for 2016-17 implementation.



**Other Recent IERCD Project Work Highlights:** Field trips in cooperation with San Bernardino County at the North Etiwanda Preserve; ongoing expansion of mitigation program; partnering with the City of Redlands on an agricultural easement program development grant; working with the Wildlands Conservancy on development of seed banking and native plant provision opportunities for the Santa Ana River watershed; increasing staff depth and outreach ability through participation in University of Redlands and Chaffey Joint Union High School District intern programs; working on District branding with board/staff following participation in CARCD-sponsored leadership academy facilitated by Solid Ground Consulting; and collaboration with cities throughout the District working on design and implementation of sustainability plans.





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**AREA REPORT**  
**May 14, 2016**

**DISTRICT ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ✓ Mission Resource Conservation District purchased an office building from the County. Currently the District is collecting renovation bids. The District hopes to occupy the building in November, 2016.
- ✓ The District has signed a working MOU with Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza RCD (EMA) to assist with their Agricultural Irrigation Efficiency Program. Mission is looking forward signing a new MOU to assist with mitigation work.
- ✓ In the hope of sustaining local agriculture in the midst of water restrictions and rising water prices, the District has formed an alliance of water districts, the San Diego County Water Authority, the Farm Bureau, the Agricultural Weights and Measures office, and the two other Resource Conservation Districts in San Diego; the RCD of Greater San Diego County and Upper San Luis Rey RCD. This alliance applied to the State NRCS for Regional Conservation Partnership Program funding to add to already existing EQIP funding to improve irrigation efficiency.
- ✓ The District's Agricultural Irrigation Water Management program in the last six month has completed 30 full audits (2 acres or more) and 21 mini audits (1 – 2 acres).
- ✓ The Landscape program has completed 118 Residential Home Survey, 8 full audit reports (1 acre irrigated or more) and 6 GIS residential property maps. For the rebate program, the landscape auditors have verified 781 properties.
- ✓ The North County Education program has completed 6 conservation plans and conducted 1 workshop on rain harvesting. Under an NRCS program, 7 more conservation plans were completed by District staff.
- ✓ The District Weed Management Program has been providing mitigation assistance to Cal Trans and has been spraying and removing *Arundo donax* in the San Luis Rey and Santa Margarita River Watershed. The District has been funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board, the SANDAG Environmental Mitigation funds and the Integrated Regional Watershed Management funds from the Department of Water Resources.

**RCRCD's New Field Tool: Drone** – the RCRCD has purchased a drone for monitoring their mitigation lands. As a public agency, the RCD is required to execute a Public Declaration Letter that will allow us to proceed with the COA application as well as map all lands the drone will be used on and provide the FAA with those latitudes and longitudes. Private citizens are only required to register their drones and to follow FAA guidelines (stay below 400 feet, operate during the day in the line-of-sight of the pilot, etc.), while public agencies, as governmental operators, are required to receive a Certificate of Authorization or an exemption specific to their use. It will take 6 to 12 months to receive the approved application, staff must go through training as the FAA requires the pilot of the drone to have a certificate of graduation from a pilot training course, and to have passed the private pilot written test and the drone may not be used until final approval is given by the FAA.



**Soil Health:** Testing your garden, grove or vineyard soil for plant nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus & potassium), pH, electrical conductivity and texture (sand, silt and clay) are a very important step in creating and maintaining the best growing environment. Soil tests reveal chemical problems that are not invisible to the eye, except when plants are dying or sickly. The RCRCD provides low cost soil and irrigation-water testing for its residents and on all irrigation water management evaluations they provide. For more information on our soil testing program go to [www.rcrcd.org](http://www.rcrcd.org).

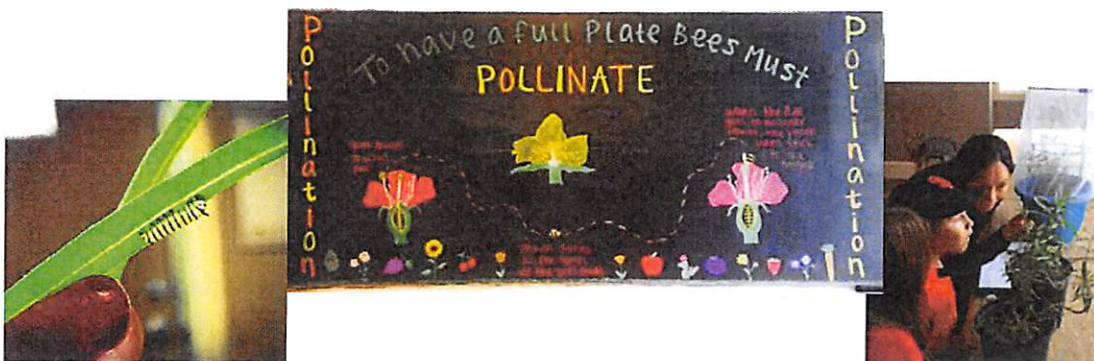
**Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) and Kuroshio Shot Hole Borer (KSHB) beetles:** The bugs are from Southeast Asia and resemble several other types of borer beetles, distinguished by DNA testing. They damage trees two ways: by boring holes through the trees and by farming the fungus they live on inside the tunnels. The fungus is deadly to the trees. This causes a disease called Fusarium Dieback (FD) which interrupts the transport of water and nutrients in over 130 tree species.



**Asian Citrus Psyllid:** The RCRCD is working with the Citrus Research Board to come up with educational materials on the Asian Citrus Psyllid and the Citrus Greening Disease to address the spread of the disease from homeowner backyards.

It is critical for RCDs who are working with Avocado/Citrus growers and those doing restoration work to be vigilant and monitor for these pests going forward as this is going to affect how we cost out projects and manage them. RCRCD staff is being trained to look for signs while monitoring sites and providing irrigation water management evaluations.





**Temescal Valley Scavenger Hunt:** On April 30th, 2016, the RCRCD's Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center participated in the Temescal Valley Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt. The purpose of the scavenger hunt was to provide Temescal Valley residents with the opportunity to get to know neighboring communities as well as the recently opened Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center. Residents who stopped by the center were greeted by RCRCD staff as well as the manager of the El Cerrito Library who distributed free books on Monarch butterflies at our center. The center is collaborating with Temescal Valley on their Monarch butterfly project and has many displays on pollination and the Monarch as well the ecology and natural history of the Temescal Valley. Visitors expressed a lot of excitement and interest in the new center and its educational programming.

**Green Festival:** The Riverside Green Festival and Summit was held Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Riverside Community College's Garden, Quad, Theater, and Dining Hall. The Festival included over 30 lectures and 30 booths with unique outdoor demonstrations and interactive activities, including a tree planting, plant exchange, and ladybug release. The Festival covered four tracks: Local Foods, Green Living; Smart and Sustainable Cities; and Wild Riverside with information about local wildlife, watersheds, and native plants. The RCRCD coordinated the Festival portion of the event, fundraising, and the promotion of the event for the Green Riverside Leadership Summit (GRLS) collaborative, an informal public-private partnership with community volunteers and a variety of agencies and city departments. Riverside has held two prior Green Riverside Leadership Summits that identified a need to host outreach events and to develop a resource network to support and promote existing programs and local activities.

**Waterwise Tree Care Campaign:** The RCD partnered with the Inland Urban Forest Council on the development of the 12-page "Waterwise Tree Care" publication and large tree "Price Tags" that are hung in trees. The purpose of the campaign was to raise awareness about the value of trees and about keeping trees watered during drought. Additional partners have been Riverside Public Utilities and Western Municipal Water District who provided bill inserts and a 24 minute radio show. Our efforts resulted in the partnership winning the International Society of Arborists' 2016 Gold Leaf Award for Outstanding Arbor Day Activities.

**Legislation Affecting RCDs:** SB 272 is a new law that expanded the Public Records Act to require all local government agencies to publish a catalog of all "enterprise systems," regardless of whether or not they have a website. This becomes effective July 1, 2016. SB 885 will be heard on the Senate Floor before the next major deadline on June 3. This bill favors litigation over negotiation – SB 885 actually encourages new litigation and manufactures unnecessary conflict in public works contract negotiations. CSDA is asking that letters be sent opposing this bill ASAP and we can provide a sample copy for reference.



SAN JACINTO BASIN



**RESOURCE**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

CARCD SOCIAL INLAND REGION AREA REPORT  
SPRING 2016— HOSTED BY EMARCD — TEMECULA



*"The San Jacinto Basin Resource Conservation District strongly believes in conserving and preserving the natural resources, habitat, agriculture, wildlife and ecosystems within our community and beyond, from generation to generation..."*



## **SJBRCD Items of Interest for Other Members and Partners:**

- Working with local educators on judging the NACD poster contest
- Bruce Scott's Gasifier and Biochar project which is the first of its kind in the nation
- Participated in the review and update of the CARCD Leadership Handbook
- Continued resource inventory of the service area
- Looking for new and innovative programs to provide in the service area
- Exploring grant and funding opportunities to strengthen and build capacity
- Working with local partners and agencies to provide mitigation needs
- Continuing long term management of conservation easements
- Partnering with SAWA on projects within the service area
- Continuing to work with NRCS to provide soil and conservation assistance
- Providing SAA 1600 permit activities to the local landowners and agencies
- Working on MOU's with local, state and federal agencies

## MINUTES

### Location:

- Meeting/Tour/Lunch: Riverside-Corona RCD Headquarters; 4500 Glenwood Drive, Building F

### Meeting Attendees:

- CARCD
  - Karen Buhr, Executive Director
- Department of Conservation
  - Jenny DiStefano, Resource Specialist, RCD Assistance Program
- NRCS
  - Jae Lee, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations
  - Kim Lary, District Conservationist
  - Robert Hewitt, District Conservationist
  - Hudson Minshew, District Conservationist
  - Holly Shiralipour, District Conservationist
  - Bob Dunkel, Soil Conservationist
- AVRCD
  - Rich Campbell, Consultant
- Coachella Valley RCD
  - Bob Pence, District Manager
  - Joe Pradetto, Board President
  - Buford Crites Board Vice-president
- EMARCD
  - Vicki Long, EMARCD Director
- IERCD
  - Jim Earsom, IERCD Director and Acting SoCal Inland Area Chair
  - Mandy Parkes, District Manager
  - Katie Heer, Project Manager
- RCRCD
  - Alfred Bonnett, RCRCD Board President
  - Carol Bartels, RCRCD Director
  - Shelli Lamb, District Manager
  - Kerwin Russell, Natural Resources Manager
  - Arlee Montalvo, Senior Restoration Ecologist
  - Diana Ruiz, Public Affairs Manager
  - Erin Snyder, Resource Educator
  - Shani Pynn, Habitat Restoration Specialist
  - Erica Presley, Resource Conservationist
- SJBRCD
  - Brett Mills, District Manager
  - Gayle Holyoak, Administrative Assistant
- Members of the Public

- Nancy Sappington, Inland Urban Forest Council
- Gurumantra Khalsa, Riverside Food Systems Alliance
- James Bryant, Riverside Metropolitan Museum/Riverside Citizen Science
- Amir Shahatit, SoCal Inland Region Speak-Off contestant

**CARCD SoCal Inland Region Acting Chair Jim Earsom called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM**

**Welcome by Alfred "Bud" Bonnett, RCRC Board President:** Mr. Bonnett welcomed all attendees, and was commended by staff on his more than fifty years of service as a director of RCRC.

**Welcome by Acting Region Chair, Jim Earsom**

**Presentation I: James Bryant, Riverside Metropolitan Museum/Riverside Citizen Science:** Mr. Bryant summarized the partnership between RCRC and the Riverside Metropolitan Museum and Riverside Citizen Science Program. He noted that the Citizen Science Program is designed to encourage residents to engage in the study of the planet and its animals, and to enjoy nature while doing so. The program relies on grant funding and stakeholder participation to offer educational opportunities and support of programs including Nature Spotter and iNaturalist. Following his presentation, Mr. Bryant received recognition by the RCRC for his twenty years of service in the conservation community.

**Presentation II: Nancy Sappington, Inland Urban Forest Council:** Ms. Sappington presented a PowerPoint on the partnership between the RCRC and the Inland Urban Forest Council (IUFC). The IUFC is an organization working to encourage "greening" of cities and sustainability of regional community forests, with membership including urban foresters, landscape architects, tree care and nursery professionals, among others. Ms. Sappington gave examples of the partnership between RCRC and IUFC, including joint publications, meeting and workshop planning and facilitation, and collaboration on regional projects, among other things. Following her presentation, Ms. Sappington was recognized by the RCRC for her status as an excellent District partner.

**Presentation III: Gurumantra Khalsa, Riverside Food Systems Alliance (RFSA):** Mr. Khalsa presented on the unique intersection of current and potential agricultural land, water availability, and concentration of land production expertise in the City of Riverside, and the endless potential for support of local food production resulting from the presence of these factors. He further noted that the mission of the RFSA is to support a community-supported resilient and productive local food and agriculture system that enables sustainable resource use while providing sufficient supply to its population. Ms. Khalsa believes that this mission is being realized through the commitment of partners including the RCRC, and encouraged other regional agency involvement in the program to the extent possible in individual organizations.

**Presentation IV: Dr. Arlee Montalvo, RCRC: Putting the right plants in the right place at the right time.** Dr. Montalvo presented on the critical need to consider species source, habitat needs, potential for wildlife support, and timing of installation prior to planting; examples included species selection and care to enable support for monarch butterfly migration and proper storage of stock and maintenance of genetic integrity of local native plants.



#### **Tour – RCRC LandUse Learning Center**

Attendees took a tour of the LandUse Learning Center maintained by the RCRC, and featuring demonstration spaces showcasing lawn alternatives, common native southern California habitats such as coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and oak woodlands, and urban conservation practices such as rainwater collection and use. Attendees were also able to see the in-progress welcome center at the site and participate in a scavenger hunt of wildlife and vegetation found throughout the center.

**Lunch/Raffle**\$159 was collected from attendees resulting from the auction of donated items.

#### **Action Items:**

*Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings:* Two sets of meeting minutes required review and approval at the fall 2015 area meeting, including the November 2014 fall meeting hosted by the Inland Empire RCD and the May 2015 spring meeting hosted by the Mission RCD.

- *Spring 2015 Minutes:* EMARCD Director Vicki Long made a motion to accept the spring 2015 meeting minutes with no revisions. RCRC Director Carol Bartels seconded the motion. The motion passed, 2 – 0 with IERCD Director Jim Earsom abstaining due to his absence at the spring 2015 meeting.
- *Fall 2014 Minutes:* Director Carol Bartels made a motion to accept the fall 2014 meeting minutes with no revisions. Director Jim Earsom seconded the motion. The motion passed, 2 – 0 with Director Vicki Long abstaining due to absence at the fall 2014 meeting.

*Treasurer's Report:* Director Carol Bartels reported on the financial status of SoCal Inland, noting that the bank balance as of October 2015 contained \$2,967.16 including deposits of \$570 for spring 2015 meeting meals and \$251 from auction proceeds.

Director Bartels further noted that she'd received notification from Bank of America that the SoCal Inland Region account would begin being charged \$15 per month beginning December of 2015 for each month where the account balance was below \$3,000. Director Bartels noted that not only was the current balance of the account below \$3,000; it likely would remain below that due to anticipated 2015 Speak-Off expenses. Discussion among directors resulted in Director Bartels commenting that she would approach Bank of America with SoCal Inland Region's status as an organization under the larger CARCD, a 501c3 entity, to determine if this fee could be waived. If that cannot happen, other options were discussed including the possibility of a SoCal Inland RCD member taking charge of SoCal Inland's bank balance and holding it within its own District accounts to avoid this charge.

Directors also noted that at the spring 2015 meeting, there had been discussion of SoCal Inland members paying \$100 annual dues to support the region. Director Bartels will provide invoices to each member district to cover 2015 and 2016 membership, for a total of \$200/district, in light of the rapidly approaching end of 2015/beginning of 2016.

*Area Meeting Frequency:* Acting Area Chair Earsom introduced this item, noting that Chair Paul Williams had some thought he hoped to share with the group, and for that reason recommending tabling the item or at a minimum taking no action until the spring 2016 meeting when Director Williams

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would be present. Director Vicki Long noted that this meeting came from questions from both EMARCD and Mission RCD, regarding whether or not regions should meet once or twice each year. SJBRCD administrative assistant Gayle Holyoak commented that twice/year meetings seemed to benefit communication and partnering among districts, and Director Long commented that if being used as a fundraising effort to support the region, that two meetings seemed better than just one.

Directors collectively noted that in previous years, regional meetings appeared to be more attended, and were wondering what had changed to reduce this level of participation. It was agreed that each member district would discuss motivation for attending regional meetings, with specific consideration of possible incentives including trainings, discussion of funding opportunities, and possible movement to evenings or weekends when working directors would have the option of participating. AVRCD consultant Rich Campbell suggested creation of a three-member committee to further explore solutions to lack of active regional meeting participation, and volunteered to serve on this committee.

This item will be placed on the spring 2016 agenda and attending districts will provide feedback from individual boards/staff on incentives to improve regional meeting attendance.

*Format of Area Meetings:* RCRC district manager Shelli Lamb noted that this item came from Mission district manager Judy Mitchell who was unable to attend this meeting. Ms. Lamb noted that Ms. Mitchell was concerned about the requirements of individual hosting districts for meeting planning facilitation, and was wondering about available support from the area chair/CARCD. Ms. Parkes commented that the culture of SoCal Inland region appears to consist of individual hosting districts taking responsibility for the majority of meeting planning and facilitation, with assistance available from other districts when necessary, as had happened when Mission received help from IERCD in planning the spring 2015 meeting.

**Agency Reports:** *California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD):*

CARCD executive director Karen Buhr provided updates on ongoing capacity building training opportunities, including those for individual district/regional district organizations to participate in training offered through Portland-based Solid Ground Consulting (SGC). SGC will be working both with southern/central/northern networks of RCDS in regional capacity-building as well as engaging in "individual learning" processes with five separate, though geographically similar districts. The latter effort is underway, with districts selected and identification of individual and shared goals in progress; however, the former effort needs some additional planning, particularly recruitment for participation in the southern region due to just eight out of twenty desired districts committed at this point. Ms. Buhr will follow up individually with RCDs both identified as candidates for participation and those interested in recruiting additional candidates.

Ms. Buhr also provided updates on the work of Conservation Strategy Group (CSG), who continues to advocate on behalf of RCDs throughout California, resulting in increased awareness of districts and potential roles in implementation of projects statewide. Ms. Buhr further reported that CSG funding is running low and in critical need of member district funding if at all possible to enable ongoing advocacy on behalf of statewide RCDs.



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*Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):*

Assistant to the State Conservationist Jae Lee provided updates on NRCS/RCD work, focusing on the excellent RCD and Service staff in southern California and resulting successful partnerships among entities in multiple field offices. Ms. Lee noted that cooperative agreements and associated funding are at a near-historic high in Region 4, and also updated on the successful Two Chiefs initiative which involves pooled funds from NRCS and the United States Forest Service for much-needed forest health improvements. In addition to partnership updates, Mr. Lee also commented on the success of NRCS' Earth Team Volunteer Program 2015 cumulative hours achievement, and on the Service's Pathways student program.

*California Department of Conservation (DOC):*

Resource Specialist for the RCD Assistance Program Jenny DiStefano updated on changes at the Department of Conservation, including newly appointed director David Bunn and reminders including availability of assistance for districts from DOC staff. Ms. DiStefano further updated on the creation of the CARCD resource library, an online repository for RCD documents continues, resulting from work by the Department, CARCD, and scattered district managers and board members participating in development. Ms. DiStefano shared that it should be up and running for use soon, and once at full operating capacity will offer a significant range of documents for use by all member districts.

**General:** there was discussion among meeting attendees regarding hosting district for the 2016 spring SoCal Inland Region. Ms. Parkes noted that the next hosting district based on previous order would be SJBRCD or AVRCD, but that she would distribute the calendar IERCD keeps based on previously hosted meetings.

**Adjourn:** Acting Area Chair Earsom adjourned the meeting at 1:57 PM

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Paul Williams



Rich Campbell talked about how to prepare directors for leadership roles; bringing the level of training up for RCDs, where RCDs need to be in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Rich also talked about the Los Angeles County Fair displays and how region RCDs use to worked together to education the public at the annual fair. Rich also talked about the challenge of being in a state that has more Agriculture but less financial resources to deal with it compared to other states.

**Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza RCD:** Carol Lee Brady, as a new board member, was asked by the group on why she decided to become a RCD director. Carol Lee shared that she was recruited by someone else and was then appointed to the Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza RCD Board. Carol Lee would like to find out what other RCDs are doing and to better understand the different roles, missions, websites, and inter-relationships. As a new board member Carol Lee would like to have a better understanding of who CARCD is and what they do. As a visual learner, she feels that an organizational chart would be helpful. Carol also reported that they have no staff at this time and currently the Board President is disseminating information to the other Board members.

**Inland Empire RCD:** Jim Earsom shared that he does not feel comfortable giving out personal board member information such as phone numbers and addresses and would prefer that it go through his RCD. Jim also talked about region RCDs working together on regional resource conservation issues such as air quality. Jim would also like to see the region meeting reports limited to one page with bulleted items. Mandy Parks talked about the amount of information she receives from the CARCD list serve and suggested talking to CARCD about asking them to revisit how it is disseminated. Mandy also stated that CARCD is providing leadership training and other opportunities.

**Riverside-Corona RCD:** Carol Bartels stated that communication is critical and that maybe CARCD could hire someone to assist with getting more communication from CARCD to the RCDs. Shelli Lamb talked about working with legislators and SB 272 and how it could affect RCDs. She also discussed new education programs for engaging youth to work with their local communities on resource conservation issues that are relevant in today's society in addition to traditional CARCD programs like the Speakoff contest. Shelli also questioned the role of region reports and how their purpose. She wondered if each RCDs Annual Report would be better for sharing information among the other RCDs. Shelli also discussed training for other member RCDs and going forward will invite the others to any training they put on. Shelli reported that she talked to Neil McCormick, CEO of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and discussed how the CSDA Bylaws allow for managerial staff to serve on the board and voting is done by mail to each member for their chapter elections and Bylaw changes.

**San Jacinto Basin RCD:** Brett Mills reported that his board would like to see more region meeting business conducted by mail voting and that the bylaws be changed to allow managerial staff to vote on behalf of their RCD if approved by their RCD Board. His board would also like to have information in advance so they can go over it at board meetings. Brett asked the group to think about what we want as a region and how we can jump start this region to become more active.

**California Association of RCDs:** Vice President Paul Williams stated that during CARCD's recent retreat, it was determined that Karen Buhr will take a more program and funding role and that other staff will pick up the day-to-day operations

of CARCD. He also stated that CARCD has no money and that some of the current grant funding will be ending.

Vice President Paul Williams also talked about the JPA created in the Sierras for the local RCDs and how effective it is. He also stated that the RCD managers need to start working more together in the region.

The group took a break for lunch at 11:50 AM and resumed the meeting at 12.34 PM.

### **Action Items:**

#### **1. Leadership Handbook:**

- Rich Campbell and Shelli Lamb will take the lead on updating the leadership handbook with input from Mandy Parks and Brett Mills. A draft will then be distributed to each region member for review and feedback.

#### **2. Region Communication:**

- Jim Earsom will provide a monthly report to all region members that will consist of CARCD updates, legislative updates and other updates for SoCal Region meeting scheduling.
- What do member RCDs need from the region?
- What do member RCDs need to make their RCDs function more effectively?
- What are director expectations? Rich Campbell distributed a copy of "Building a Strong Board" by Marc Smiley of Solid Ground Consulting to attendees to take back to their boards.
- Member RCDs are encouraged to update their websites to make sure that they are current and relevant to today's society.
- It will be up to the individual member RCDs to determine what contact information they want to provide to CARCD and the region for Board Members and staff.
- It was agreed by the group that the region will continue to hold 2 regional meetings a year and that one could be for training of board members and staff if the region if there is interest.
- Limit the regional reports to one page.
- Encourage attendance from the NRCS State Conservationist and CARCD President at each regional meeting.

#### **3. CARCD:**

- The region would like to get feedback from CARCD on what they provide to RCDs so that information can be taken back to each member RCD to share with their boards.
- The region would like to get clarification from CARCD to better understand what CARCD expects from the regions.
- The region would also like to see better communication from CARCD to the RCDs and use various avenues to do that. List serve is just one tool but not all RCDs utilize that.

- The region would also like CARCD to update their directory with new board members and staff.
- With limited funding, what will be the key items CARCD will focus on in the near future?
- The region would like to get clarification from CARCD on if they can hold funds on behalf of the SoCal Region if the region wants to obtain a grant or other sources of regional funding for regional programs and/or projects.
- The region would like to propose suggested changes to the CARCD Bylaws and will get feedback on the procedure for doing so.
- Obtain the CARCD Organizational Chart from Tom Wehri.
- Ask CARCD how to better organize how they send out information on the list serve.

#### **4. Department of Conservation (DOC):**

- The Group discussed contacting DOC to determine what other programs, training, assistance and funding are available to the RCDs.
- Ask Jenny DiStefano if all RCDs have received the newly updated Directors Handbook.

#### **5. Board Member Training:**

- The group identified the need to develop information for new and current directors. It was suggested that a "Frequently Asked Questions" publication be developed for new board members to help guide them about their role as a board member.
- It was also suggested that training for board members be included at their monthly board meetings.

#### **6. Regional Partnership Ideas:**

- Look for environmental education grants for the region to work on together.
- Look for other sources of funding for the region to work on together.
- Look for opportunities to work together to put on workshops and training for regional RCDs.
- Revive the Envirothon.
- Look at regional issues such as air quality to work on together.
- Facilitate and coordinate groups of students in regions to engage in volunteer work focused resource conservation such as general resident education/outreach and garden installation.
- Facilitate sharing of resources among region RCDs such as legislation, team building and other identified issues.

**2016 CARCD Annual Meeting:** The 2016 CARCD annual meeting will be held November 16th-19th, at the Double Tree in Ontario. Inland Empire RCD will be hosting the event. Inland Empire is working on fundraising for the annual meeting. At this time no agenda or schedule has been finalized.

**Spring 2016 Host:** Carol Lee Brady reported that Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza RCD has agreed to host the Spring Meeting sometime in April and will let the Regional Chair know the exact date once determined.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Carol Bartels reported that as of today, the Region's bank account has a balance of \$3,407.11 with expenditures of \$617.05 for the Region Speakoff contestant's travel to the CARCD Conference and \$300 for the Region Speakoff Award. Going forward, the bank will be charging a monthly fee to the bank account that could be as high as \$15 a month. Carol also agreed to continue to serve as the treasurer.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:16 PM.

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Jim Earsom, Chair

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Claudette Beck, Vice Chair

# Upper Santa Margarita Watershed

## Integrated Regional Water Management Program



### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### IRWM PLANNING

- **What is the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan?**

The Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act was formed by Senate Bill 1672 in 2002. The California Water Code, 10530, states “a comprehensive plan for a defined geographic area, the specific development, content, and adoption of which shall satisfy requirements developed pursuant to this part. At a minimum, an IRWMP describes the major water-related objectives and conflicts within a region, considers a broad variety of resource management strategies, identifies the appropriate mix of water demand and supply management alternatives, water quality protection, and environmental stewardship actions to provide long-term, reliable, and high-quality water supply and protect the environment, and identifies disadvantaged communities in the region and takes the water-related needs of those communities into consideration.”

- **Why do we need an IRWM Plan?**

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in a region. IRWM crosses jurisdictional, watershed, and political boundaries; involves multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals, and groups; and attempts to address the issues and differing perspectives of all the entities involved through mutually beneficial solutions. An adopted IRWM Plan, approved by the state to meet defined standards, is required to be eligible for most state grant funding.

- **How often is the IRWM Plan updated?**

The IRWM Plan is required to be updated at least every five (5) years or more often if needed.

- **Who administers the State’s IRWM Grant Program?**

Under Proposition 84, the IRWM Grant Program is administered by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Information about the IRWM Grant Program can be found at <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/>

#### IRWM GOVERNANCE

- **Who leads the USMW IRWM Region?**

A multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional framework forms the basis for the Region’s governance structure. This structure provides for management of project implementation, grant funding, communication, Plan revisions and updates, and general coordination among stakeholders. The Region’s governance structure features an inclusive process that encourages stakeholder involvement in the IRWM planning process. As shown in following figure, the Region’s governance structure is comprised of three key groups that work together to provide the

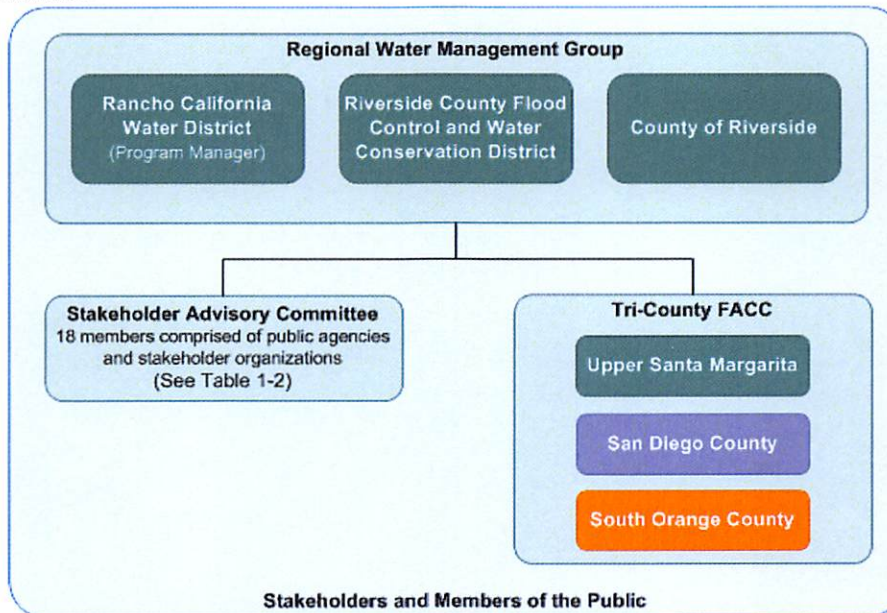


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region with focused direction while allowing for effective and comprehensive inter- and intra-regional collaboration. The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) selected RCWD as its program manager who lead the region's IRWM Program, including funding and contracting for planning, applying for funding and implementing funded efforts on behalf of the RWMG.



- **What is the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)?**

The state IRWM planing process requires for a local governing body called a “Regional Water Management Group” (RWMG or “Management Group”) to administer the IRWM plan development process, it’s contents and projects. In 2007, Rancho California Water District (RCWD), Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD), and the County of Riverside signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by which the three agencies agreed to cooperate and work collaboratively with other stakeholders in the Region toward the completion of the watershed’s IRWM Plan. This MOU forms the basis of the USMW IRWM Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). The RWMG meets on a quarterly or as-needed basis to discuss ongoing management of the Region, IRWM Plan updates, and upcoming stakeholder meetings. Items requiring decisions are discussed and agreed upon by consensus all members of the RWMG.

- **What is the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)?**

The Stakeholder Advisor Committee (SAC) was created as authorized by the MOU. Members of the SAC include individuals representing public agencies and stakeholder organizations throughout the Region. SAC members were selected by consensus of and serve on behalf of the RWMG to inform and advise the RWMG agencies on regional needs, goals, priorities strategies, and projects. SAC members represent nonprofit organizations as well as



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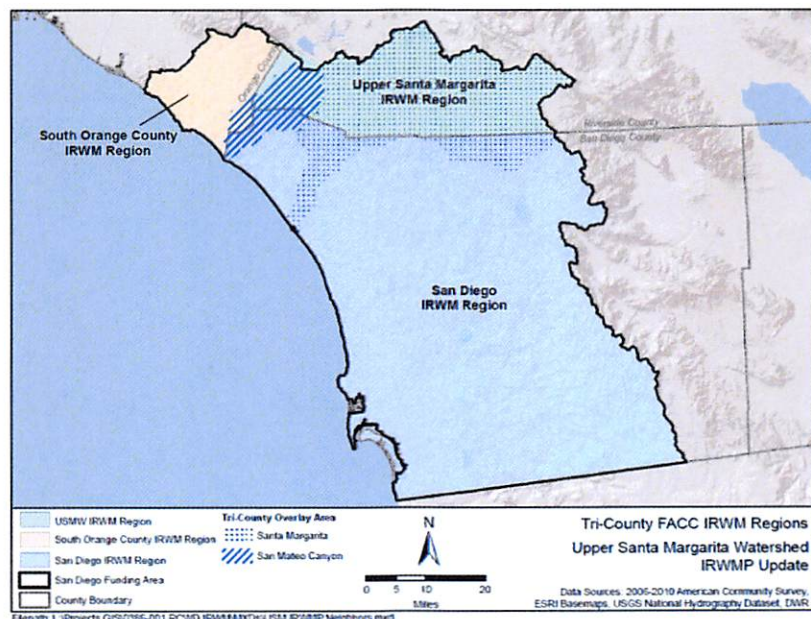
federal, state, and local agencies involved in watershed management. The SAC meets on a quarterly or as-needed basis.

- **Who are the IRWM stakeholders in the USMW IRWM Region?**

More than 50 federal, state, regional, and local agencies, organizations, groups and individuals. The IRWM Plan Chapter 1 Governance includes a list of stakeholders.

- **What is the Tri-County Funding Area Coordinating Committee (Tri-County FACC)?**

The USMW RWMG is signatory to the *Memorandum of Understanding for Integrated Regional Water Management Planning and Funding in the San Diego Sub-Region Funding Area*. Agencies collectively under this agreement are the Tri-County FACC. The Tri-County FACC is comprised of the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed IRWM Region and its neighboring IRWM Regions of San Diego County and South Orange County for the purposes of coordination within the San Diego Funding Area (under Proposition 84). The Tri-County FACC members have committed to coordinated planning to enhance the quality of planning, identify opportunities for supporting common goals and projects, and to improve the quality and reliability of water in the Funding Area. Planning and coordination is done in a watershed-based approach through integration and coordination, which includes cross-boundary projects, common programs, and IRWM grant funding. Further, the Tri-County FACC has entered into an agreement to share the Proposition 84 IRWM funds allocated by the State to the San Diego Funding Area. The agreement facilitates coordination between the RWMGs by reducing competition and conflicts over funding.





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### IRWM Stakeholder Involvement

- **How do I get involved?**

Join the USMW IRWM Region email list, which you can do from the USMW IRWM web site found at [www.rcwd.com](http://www.rcwd.com). Participate in stakeholders meetings, submit comments on draft planning documents, or develop integrated projects for inclusion in the IRWM Plan. Be sure to monitor the Region's progress by checking the website for news and updates as well as to registering on the stakeholder email list. Your involvement is important, and your input is always welcomed through any form of communication.

- **Why is my involvement important?**

Stakeholders have been active in ongoing efforts in the Region to provide information and recommendations for the IRWM Plan Update and overall IRWM Program, as well as promote projects, project ideas, partnerships, and integration opportunities. The IRWM Plan's goal is to manage water resources in the local regions and seek to secure funding for water resources projects. The IRWM Plan and the RWMG support and encourage public participation to ensure all challenges and opportunities are identified across the Region that could be possible, and the IRWM Plan reflects the priorities of the communities.

### IRWM Plan Projects

- **How do I get my project on the USMW IRWM Plan Project List?**

Complete the Project Nomination Form (found on the USMW IRWM web pages) and submit to the USMW IRWM Program Manager at [irwm.ranchowater.com](http://irwm.ranchowater.com). The PNF includes instructions on Implementation and Conceptual projects, as well as how to complete and submit the PNF. Your project, partnerships, and funding should be somewhat developed to be able to complete the PNF, but feel free to submit conceptual projects. You may submit projects any time for consideration or through a Call-for-Projects, which occur prior to preparation of grant applications.

### IRWM Program Manager Contact

- **Who can I talk to for more information?**

Contact the USMW IRWM Program Manager:

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## USMW Project List- IRWM Plan Projects

Update June 2015

Ref No.	Score	Lead Agency / Partners	Project Title	Project Description	Last Updated	Date Approved
<b>Implementation Projects</b>						
I-36	12	EMWD	Water Use Efficiency Turf Removal Project	The WUE Turf Replacement Program provides for an additional \$1.00/sf rebate in addition to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's current \$2.00/sf program, for a total incentive of \$3.00/sf. Program will remove 950,000 sf of turf, targeting Commercial/ Institutional/HOA customers, and replace with more water-efficient landscaping, permanently reducing wasteful irrigation.	4/24/2015	6/10/2015
I-33	10.4	SAWPA/RCWD	Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program	Interregional program for sustainable water use conservation through a suite of measures: turf removal, technology-based information system, and conservation-based rate structures.	7/2/14	7/2/2014; Funded through DWR 2014 Drought Grant
I-28	10.4	City of Temecula & City of Murrieta / RCWD	City Recycled Water Conversion Project	The proposed project will include the design and construction to retrofit the existing potable water irrigation system to a recycled water system at various locations in the cities of Temecula and Murrieta.	9/26/2013	11/6/2013
I-32	10.4	RCFC&FCD / U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Murrieta Creek Phase II	The District is proposing to continue construction of the Murrieta Creek Flood Control, Environmental Restoration, and Recreation Project (Project). The proposed Project features a multi-use greenbelt channel. The Project also features a multi-use detention/sedimentation basin that includes habitat and wetlands and public recreation.	9/27/2013	11/6/2013
I-34	10.4	RCFC&WCD	Agricultural Irrigation and Equestrian Property Evaluation, BMP Implementation and Rebate Program	The project will provide outreach and support for agricultural BMP implementation and equestrian property BMP implementation. Project elements will include: agricultural, residential and equestrian property evaluation and outreach; agricultural, residential and equestrian property BMP implementation program; and septic system maintenance and BMP rebate program.	4/24/2015	6/10/2015



## USMW Project List Recommendations – IRWM Plan Projects

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I-35	10.4	Rancho California Water District	Expanded Recycled Water & Plant Material Conversion Project	Project will remove turf and other high water use plant materials from HOA common areas before retrofitting the irrigation systems at the sites for higher efficiency and recycled water distribution capabilities.	4/24/2015	6/10/2015
I-39	9.6	Meadowview HOA	Meadowview Stream Restoration Project	The MS Restoration Project (Project) will use bioengineered BMPs to stop dangerous mass bank failure in the Meadowview Creek, improve infiltration and surface water quality, and protect water utility lines, a road and private property threatened by extensive and progressive erosion. The Project will also improve wildlife habitat along the creek.	4/24/2015	6/10/2015
I-40	9.6	RCFC&WCD	Santa Margarita Nutrient Management Phase III	This project is the third phase of the overall Implementing Nutrient Management in the Santa Margarita River Watershed project. Phase III will involve continued monitoring that would include selected tributaries to the main stem of SMR, conducting additional modeling studies to refine nutrient WQGs in these tributaries and identify areas where nutrient reduction activities would be the most productive, and implementation consisting of agricultural irrigation evaluations and residential and equestrian conservation plans to identify nutrient reducing BMPs, conducting public workshops, and a rebate program for irrigation system retrofits to reduce water usage and potential nutrient runoff.	4/24/2015	6/10/2015
I-37	9.6	Riverside County Parks District	Riverside County Parks Turf Reduction Program	The project will provide for conversion of up to 150,000 sq ft of turf to drought tolerant landscaping, reducing irrigation demands.	4/24/2015	6/10/2015
I-38	9.6	Riverside County	Riverside County Lands Turf Conversion and Water Quality Project	The project will provide for conversion of up to 200,000 square yards of turf to California friendly landscaping.	4/24/2015	6/10/2015

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I-23	9.2	The High Country Conservancy	Community Garden Project	Create native plant garden with fruit trees and vegetable gardens (approx 10 acre site) with rain catchment system and storage tank, water conservation equipment, wells and pump repair, solar panel, energy efficient workshops, outdoor education, environmental stewardship, and community outreach.	2012	11/6/2013
I-31	9.2	RCWD	Wellhead Treatment Facilities – Well 102	The proposed wellhead treatment facilities for Well No. 102 will remove contaminants from the well discharge water, including total organic carbon, iron, and manganese, and will permit discharge of treated water to the Rancho California Water District's potable water system.	10/1/2013	11/6/2013
I-27	7.6	EMWD	Temecula Old Town Sewer Relief Project	The proposed relief sewer to handle increased flows and reduce disturbances to businesses, would run in an easement behind existing buildings on the westerly side of Front Street in Old Town Temecula, adjacent to Murrieta Creek, and extend from 1 <sup>st</sup> Street northerly to Moreno Road.	2012	11/6/2013
I-26	6.4	EMWD	Temecula Valley RWRP Flood Improvements	Extend the 60-inch storm drain pipe into a modified onsite channel by constructing a concrete junction structure, widening the channel, installing a 2-ton rock slope protections downstream of the junction structure, and installing a 1-ton rock slope protection upstream of the junction structure. Replace undersized pipes to increase capacity to safely convey large storm flows to Murrieta Creek.	2012	11/6/2013
<b>Planning Projects</b>						
P-2	n/a	Anza Aguanga IRWMP Community Group	Anza Aguanga Groundwater Study – Phase II	Multi-phased project to evaluate the groundwater basin within the Anza and Aguanga Area. Includes sampling and development of a baseline; development of a flow model; groundwater recharge and basin management recommendations.	2012	11/6/2013

USMW Project List Recommendations – IRWM Plan Projects

6/3/2015

Ref No.	Score	Lead Agency / Partners	Project Title	Project Description	Last Updated	Date Approved
P-4	n/a	Rancho Glenoaks HOA	Upper Santa Gertrudis Creek Stormwater Management Plan	The assessment will identify areas of erosion, sediment, hydrologic connectivity to the Creek, and water quality concerns based on sampling. Recommendations addressing treatment alternatives to improve stream health and connectivity will be included.	2012	11/6/2013
P-6	n/a	RCFC&WCD	Santa Margarita Region Retrofit Opportunities Study and Program Framework	Project will include a study for retrofit opportunities and development of a retrofit program framework. The study will involve researching, inventorying and prioritizing areas of existing development as candidates for targeted retrofit projects.	2012	11/6/2013
P-8	n/a	The High Country Conservancy	Anza-Terwilliger Valley Groundwater Recharge Map and Recharge Monitoring Program	The proposed project would provide two essential components of a future groundwater management plan; a recharge map and a groundwater recharge monitoring program. The recharge map would also provide a preliminary design-level siting opportunities and constraints map for implementation of recharge facilities.	10/1/2013	11/6/2013



**INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWM Plan)**  
**Upper Santa Margarita Watershed (USMW) Region**  
**Updated Project Summary Information**  
**May 2, 2011**

**PROJECT NOMINATION FORM**  
**Due Date: Monday, June 6, 2011**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Due to updated guidelines and requirements from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), **all** project proponents must submit an updated project summary information form in order to be a part of the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and be eligible for grants requiring inclusion in the approved project list of the IRWM region.

- All project proponents must complete pages 3-7 of the attached Project Nomination Form.
- Implementation project proponents must also complete page 8 of the attached Project Nomination Form.
- Planning project proponents also complete page 9 of the attached Project Nomination Form.

Your attention to this request will help our region to be successful in planning, integration, and future grant efforts.

**Planning project defined:** Planning projects are either projects that will assist in the development of updating and/or improving the existing IRWM Plan or projects that assist with resource planning. Projects may fill knowledge gaps and/or improve sections of the existing IRWM Plan.

According to DWR's Round 1 Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Package, dated August 2010,

*"Eligible projects are planning actions related to development, updating, or improvement of an IRWM Plan. This may include focused, topic-specific planning efforts such as salt/nutrient management planning or enhanced integration of flood management issues into an IRWM Plan. Applicants must make it apparent within the Work Plan that the end result of the proposed work effort is a complete IRWM Plan. Therefore, applicants must demonstrate, in the Proposal, which specific section or sections of the Work Plan support the completion of an IRWM Plan as a product. IRWM planning activities that are interregional in nature and are a component to the IRWM Plan such as, but not limited to, climate change analysis and salt/nutrient management need to demonstrate how it will be incorporated into individual IRWMPs."*

[http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/PlanningGrants/Prop84\\_Round1/Final\\_PLANNING%20PSP\\_072010.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/PlanningGrants/Prop84_Round1/Final_PLANNING%20PSP_072010.pdf)

**Implementation project defined:** Implementation projects are projects involving construction of physical facilities or implementation of non-structural actions. These projects are consistent with objectives and priorities established in the IRWM plan.

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According to DWR's Round 1 Implementation Grant Proposal Solicitation Package, dated August 2010,

*"Guidelines Section III.C provides specific detail on eligible project types. Eligible projects must be consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan (PRC §75026.(a)). Consistency with an adopted IRWM Plan means either the project is included as an implementation project for the adopted IRWM Plan, or the project has been added to the IRWM Plan implementation list after adoption, but in accordance with the procedures in the adopted IRWM Plan. If the IRWM Plan is silent regarding a process to update or change the project list, the proposal must include documentation demonstrating that those projects added to the implementation project list after the IRWM Plan's adoption have been fully vetted by the IRWM Region. As described in the Guidelines, there are two exceptions to this eligibility criterion, projects that directly address a critical water quality or supply issue in a DAC and urban water suppliers implementing BMPs as described in the Guidelines. These exceptions are being made to encourage assistance to DACs and implementation of BMPs by urban water suppliers. Such projects must still be consistent with the IRWM Plan objectives."*

[http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/ImplementationGrants/Prop84\\_Round1/Imp\\_PSP\\_Final\\_10\\_7\\_10\\_Public.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/ImplementationGrants/Prop84_Round1/Imp_PSP_Final_10_7_10_Public.pdf)

**DUE DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011**

**SUBMISSION: Please submit completed forms and attachments to:**

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**and**

**Wendy Katagi ([katagiwr@cdm.com](mailto:katagiwr@cdm.com))**

**Contact and Questions:**

**Denise Landstedt  
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(951) 296-6916**

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Check the applicable box to indicate if this is a new project not previously included as part of the IRWM Plan or the project is a revised project previously considered as part of the IRWM Plan:

New Project Nomination Form	—
Revised Project Nomination Form	✓

<b>Project Title:</b> Anza Aguanga Groundwater Phase 2	
<b>Agency Name and/or Lead Proponent:</b> Anza grant Writing Group	
<b>Address:</b> PO Box 391677 Anza, Ca. 92539	
<b>Contact Name:</b> Nancy Swanson and Pam Nelson	
<b>Telephone:</b> (951) 763-4444	<b>E-Mail:</b> nancyswanson2@gmail.com & Pam emarcd@yahoo.com
<b>Fax:</b> (951) 763-0347	<b>Web Site:</b>
<b>Estimated Project Readiness Date:</b> Plan project submitted by USGS 2007	
<b>Project Description:</b>  <p>Phase 2, of the Multi-phased project will develop a greater understanding of the geohydrology of the Anza-Terwilliger area and help develop a management and monitoring plan to evaluate the potential hydrologic effects of future development. This phase of the project will develop a linked surface water/groundwater flow model to (1) help quantify the amount of groundwater recharge and (2) provide a tool to help evaluate and manage the water resources of the area. Climate data sets needed as input for the linked surface water/groundwater flow model will be developed for the study area. An interpretive report summarizing the geohydrologic framework, hydrologic budget, and results from the linked surface water/groundwater flow will be completed to finalize the project.</p> <p>A calibrated surface-water /ground-water model will be used to evaluate future water-management plans in the study area. Of particular importance will be the evaluation of the planned conversion of agricultural land to a rural village (fig.1) . The USGS will work with Riverside county in developing different management scenarios to test with the model.</p>	

**DWR REQUIRED PROJECT ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

<b>USMW IRWMP Objectives Addressed by the Project (Check all that Apply)</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Objective 1: Develop a more reliable and diverse portfolio of water supplies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Objective 2: Promote economic, social, and environmental sustainability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Objective 3: Improve water quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Objective 4: Restore, enhance and maintain habitats and open space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Objective 5: Promote sustainable floodplain management
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 6: Promote appropriate recreational opportunities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Objective 7: Promote appropriate land use planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Objective 8: Increase stakeholder involvement and stewardship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Objective 9: Maximize implementation of water resources projects

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<b>Resource Management Strategies in the California Water Plan Update 2009</b> (Check all that Apply)				
<b>Reduce Water Demand</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural Water Use Efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conveyance – Regional/local
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Water Use Efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>	System Reoperation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve Operational Efficiency and Transfers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water Transfers
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conveyance – Delta		
<b>Increase Water Supply</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Conjunctive Management & Groundwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recycled Municipal Water
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Desalination	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surface Storage – CALFED
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Precipitation Enhancement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Surface Storage – Regional/local
<b>Improve Water Quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pollution Prevention
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Groundwater Remediation/Aquifer Remediation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Salt and Salinity Management
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matching Quality to Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Runoff Management
<b>Improve Flood Management</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flood Risk Management		
<b>Practice Resources Stewardship</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural Lands Stewardship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recharge Area Protection
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Incentives (Loans, Grants and Water Pricing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water-Dependent Recreation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ecosystem Restoration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Watershed Management
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forest Management		
<b>Other Strategies</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crop Idling for Water Transfers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irrigated Land Retirement
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dewvaporation or Atmospheric Pressure Desalination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rainfed Agriculture
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fog Collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waterbag Transport/Storage Technology
<b>Does the Project Meet Prop 84 Water Goals?</b>				
Does the project increase supply reliability (conservation, local projects, new annual yield)?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project provide for stormwater management (capture, storage, treatment cleanup, etc)?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project provide ecosystem/habitat restoration (wetlands creation, invasive species removal, etc.)?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project provide open space/parks/recreation (open space/parks created)?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project reduce non-point source pollution?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project provide for groundwater recharge and storage?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project remove salts (through desalination, recycling, treatment, etc)?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project provide multi-purpose flood management?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the project provide for drinking water treatment and distribution?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No



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Please provide technical basis supporting "yes" responses.

a.) This project will provide reliable current information which will be used in water management plans designed to increase water supply reliability, water use efficiency and conservation.

The result of the research and studies included in this project will result in the development of a tool which will help quantify the amount of groundwater recharged and will help manage ground water use. In doing so the region will understand what needs exist as in terms of additional conservation efforts to increase groundwater levels or how better to efficiently manage the existing groundwater, such as limiting development or requiring new developments to implement recharge projects to offset their demand on the limited supply.

b.) Storm water capture, storage, treatment, and management.

c.) NPS pollution reduction, management, and monitoring.

d.) Groundwater recharge and management projects; this project will result in a tool used to help quantify groundwater recharge and evaluate water resource use throughout the area.

e.) Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting and other treatment technologies.

f.) Water banking, water exchange, water reclamation, and improvement of water quality.

g.) Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood control programs that protect property, and improve water quality, storm water capture and percolation and protect or improve wildlife habitat. This project will result in a tool which will help identify current storm water capture and percolation capacity in local aquifers.

h.) Watershed management planning and implementation and demonstration projects to develop new drinking water treatment and distribution methods..

**Where do the Benefits of the Project Accrue**

What percentage of the watershed population will directly benefit from this project? ☒ 0-33% ☐ 34-66% ☐ 67-100%

**Does the Project Provide Environmental Justice Benefits?**

Does the project negatively impact disadvantaged or tribal communities? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the project provide direct benefits to disadvantaged communities (including tribal communities meeting disadvantaged community description)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**What Costs Are Associated with the Project?**

What is the capital cost for the project? \$ 1.38 Million

What is the projected annual O&M budget? \$ 0.00 Million

Are funds available to cover O&M costs identified? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Does the Project Have Match Funding Secured?**

Has DWR waived the matching requirement? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the project have the full required funding match secured for the funding program (25% for Planning and Implementation grants, 50% for Stormwater grant, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Are There Sustainability Features in the Project?**

Does the project provide measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the project provide measures to increase energy efficiency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does the project incorporate LID (Low Impact Development) techniques? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Please provide technical basis supporting "yes" responses.

Anza is a small Disadvantaged Community of 10,000 or more inhabitants. The mapping of census data done for the IRWMP (2007) shows that the entire area lies well below the 80% median household income level specified in the Prop84 bond act. Additionally, note that Anza's K-12 schools are designated as Title-1 schools because 90% of the last school year's students qualified for free or reduced-cost lunch program, the qualification being based on below-normal household income. The USGS was prepared to contribute \$495,175 of the \$1.38 million needed for the entire USGS project. It may be possible to again obtain a federal cost-sharing commitment.

**What is the Status of Your Project Readiness?**

Item	Complete	In process	Not initiated
Conceptual Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Tenure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preliminary Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CEQA/NEPA Date Completed or Expected: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Construction Drawings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Is the Project Proponent/Agency an Urban Water Supplier?**  
(if yes, please complete the following boxes)

Urban Water Suppliers who will receive funding from the proposed grant:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Those listed must submit self certification of compliance with California Water Code (CWC) § 525 et seq. and AB1420.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete
Have all urban water suppliers submitted complete urban water management plans to DWR? Have those plans been verified as complete by DWR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If not, please explain:

N/A

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<b>Geographic and Legislative Information</b>	
Latitude and Longitude	33.555028-116.67363
Assembly District	64
Senate District	37
US Congressional District	45

**PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

Other Contribution	\$
Local Contribution	\$
Federal Contribution Possible contribution based on the 2007 estimate	\$ 495.88
In-kind Contribution	\$
Amount Requested	\$
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,377,750.00

**DWR REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTACHMENTS**

Until the Round 2 Implementation and Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Packages (PSPs) are released by DWR, please refer to the Round 1 Proposal Solicitation Packages, dated August 2010, and the examples (USMW Round 1 Implementation Grant and Planning Grant Submittals to DWR).

**DWR Round 1 Proposal Solicitation Packages:**

**Implementation Grant:**

**[http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/ImplementationGrants/Prop84\\_Round1/Imp\\_PSP\\_Final\\_10\\_7\\_10\\_Public.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/ImplementationGrants/Prop84_Round1/Imp_PSP_Final_10_7_10_Public.pdf)**

**Planning Grant:**

**[http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/PlanningGrant/Prop84\\_Round1/Final Planning%20PSP\\_072010.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/PlanningGrant/Prop84_Round1/Final_Planning%20PSP_072010.pdf)**

**USMW Round 1 Implementation and Planning Grant Submittals to DWR:**

**<https://www.ranchowater.com/irwmp.aspx>**

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**Implementation Grant Projects**

<b>Attachment A: Work Plan</b> <p>The goals and objectives of the Proposal must be identified. Based on the goals and objectives of the Proposal, a description of all work that will be necessary to complete the project or suite of projects (if a component of a larger project) must be included in this section. The Work Plan should include a description of work to be performed under each task and deliverables for assessing progress and accomplishments. The description should include as much detail as possible, and explain all tasks necessary to complete the Proposal and how the applicant will coordinate with the DWR. The tasks described in the Work Plan must agree with the tasks shown on the Budget and Schedule. Additionally, the application must describe how the Proposal is consistent with the adopted IRWM Plan.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attached</b>		
<b>Attachment B: Budget</b> <p>The Proposal must provide a detailed estimate of costs. The estimate must at a minimum include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land costs, planning and design costs, environmental compliance and documentation costs; construction costs shown by project task or phase; and contingency amount for the Proposal</li> <li>• All sources of the funding match; eligible funding match amounts can include, subject to DWR approval, prior costs borne by the project proponent after September 30, 2008.</li> <li>• The amount of funding match applied to each task, eligible costs consist of those costs incurred after the date of the grant agreement is executed.</li> <li>• Any other State funds being used that will not come from this grant.</li> <li>• Tasks that are complete supported by funding match.</li> </ul> <p>The detailed budget should be commensurate with the design stage that is being submitted and be broken out by task used in the work plan.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attached</b>		
<b>Attachment C: Schedule</b> <p>Provide a schedule for implementation of the Proposal showing the sequences and timing of the project. The schedule must show start and end dates as well as milestones for each task contained in the Work Plan and should be in a horizontal bar or Gantt chart format. The schedule should also illustrate any dependencies or predecessors by showing links between tasks.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attached</b>		
<b>Attachment D: Monitoring, Assessment, and Performance Measures</b> <p>Describe the performance measures that will be used to quantify and verify project performance. Provide a discussion of the monitoring system to be used to verify project performance with respect to the project benefits or objectives identified in the Proposal. Indicate where the data will be collected and the types of analysis to be used. Include a discussion of how monitoring data will be used to measure the performance in meeting the goals and objectives of the IRWM Plan.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attached</b>		
<b>Attachment D: Economic Analysis: Water Supply Costs and Benefits</b> <p>Water Supply Benefits may include, but are not limited to:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoided water supply purchases, including those for environmental purposes</li> <li>• Avoided water supply projects</li> </ul> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoided water shortage costs</li> <li>• Avoided operations and maintenance costs</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table> <p>If possible, each such benefit should be quantified and presented in physical or economic terms, using existing information or reasonable effort. If benefits cannot be quantified, explain why and justify.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoided water supply purchases, including those for environmental purposes</li> <li>• Avoided water supply projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoided water shortage costs</li> <li>• Avoided operations and maintenance costs</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attached</b>
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<b>Attachment E: Water Quality and Other Expected Benefits</b> <p>If the Project does not have Water Quality and Other Expected Benefits, applicants must describe such benefits. If possible, each such benefit should also be quantified and presented in physical or economic terms. If not possible to quantify the benefits, please include an explanation and justification of why it cannot be done.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attached</b>		



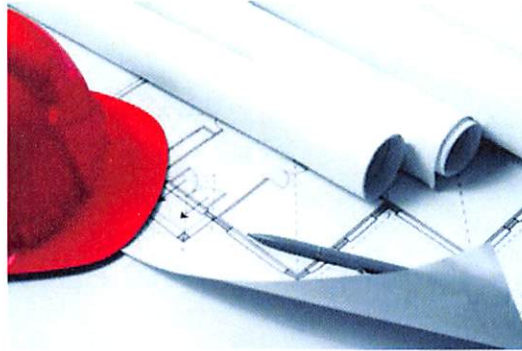
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**Planning Grant Projects**

<b>Attachment A: Work Plan</b> Work plan tasks are specific tasks that will be performed as part of the proposal. These tasks should be consistent with the budget and schedule. If the proposal is selected for funding, the task descriptions will be used as the scope of work in a grant agreement. Therefore, task descriptions need to have sufficient detail such that the reviewer understands the work to be performed and is able to evaluate the adequacy of the proposal. The work plan must contain, as specific tasks, the submittal of: quarterly reports, a final report, and other written documents expected to be generated during performance of the proposal. Detailed task descriptions must be supported with the estimates used in the budget. Explain the applicants plan, proposed efforts, and approach to environmental compliance including addressing any California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) obligations in connection with the proposal.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attached</b>
<b>Attachment B: Budget</b> The budget must be consistent with the work plan and schedule. For each work plan task, a budget line item estimate should be presented, as well as a breakdown of the applicant's funding match and requested grant funds. The information presented should allow the reviewer to understand how the budget estimate was developed. Supporting information for the budget includes labor categories, hourly rates, labor time estimates, and subcontractor quotes. The minimum Funding Match is 50% of the total proposal costs. The sources for funding match must be identified. Applicants should read the discussion on reimbursement of costs in section V.K of the Guidelines. Applicants are encouraged to limit direct project administrative expenses to less than 5% of the total proposal costs. Such administrative expenses are the necessary costs incidentally, but directly related to the proposal.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attached</b>
<b>Attachment C: Schedule</b> Provide a schedule for implementation of the Proposal showing the sequences and timing of the project. The schedule must show start and end dates as well as milestones for each task contained in the Work Plan and should be in a horizontal bar or Gantt chart format. The schedule should also illustrate any dependencies or predecessors by showing links between tasks.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Attached</b>

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## Status on Current Grant Projects and Funding



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## Status: Current IRWM Grants – Proposition 84

### IRWM Implementation Grant **Round 1** Management

Projects	Total Grant Funding	Grant Share Billed	Grant Share Balance	5% Retention
Vail Lake Stabilization and Conjunctive Use Project – <b>Complete</b>	\$1,567,909	\$1,567,909	Paid in Full	Paid in Full
Agricultural Irrigation Efficiency Program	\$531,591	\$314,600	\$216,991	\$15,730
Implementing Nutrient Management in the Santa Margarita River – Phase I	\$67,500	\$67,500	\$0	\$3,375
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,167,000</b>	<b>\$1,950,009</b> 90%	<b>\$216,991</b> 10%	<b>\$19,105</b> 1%

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## Status: Current IRWM Grants – Proposition 84

### IRWM Implementation Grant Round 2 Management

Projects	Match Funding (required before grant reimbursement)		Grant Funding			
	Required	Billed	Total	Billed	Balance	Retention
Recycled Water and Plant Material Conversion Project for HOA Common Areas	\$213,394	\$213,394	\$391,462	\$88,149	\$303,313	\$4,407
Upper Valle de Los Caballos Recharge Project	\$1,281,739	\$861,963	\$639,701	\$0	\$639,701	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,495,133</b>	<b>\$1,075,357</b> 72%	<b>\$1,031,163</b>	<b>\$88,149</b> 9%	<b>\$943,014</b> 91%	<b>\$4,407</b> 5%

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### IRWM Planning Grant Round 2 Management

2014 IRWM Plan Update	Total Match Funding	Match Balance	Total Grant Funding	Grant Share Billed	Grant Balance	DAC Share Committed \$174,880/ Actual
Personnel Services	\$188,827	\$47,294	\$37,620	\$0	\$37,620	\$0
Professional & Consultant Includes Supporting Studies: • Temecula Valley Basin SNMP • Anza Groundwater Study	\$70,495	\$0	\$739,430	\$633,143	\$106,287	\$170,596
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$259,322</b>	<b>\$47,294</b> 18.2%	<b>\$777,050</b>	<b>\$633,143</b> 81.5%	<b>\$143,907</b> 18.5%	<b>\$170,596</b>

- Received DWR payment; paid The High Country Conservancy and U.S. Geological Survey
- To access balance of available grant funding, working with DWR to approve groundwater studies and modeling as follow-on work to Temecula Valley Basin Salt and Nutrient Management Plan – recent meeting August 27



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### IRWM Drought Grant Management

- Awarded Fall 2014; DWR agreement executed with SAWPA (lead) on 7/22/15
- No invoices submitted yet
- Planning meetings being held regularly

Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program: Sustainable Water Use Conservation through		
• Conservation Based Rate Structures	Total Grant Funding	Funding Match*
• Technology-Based Information System Outreach		
• Aerial Imagery/Mapping		
• Commercial, Institutional and HOA Turf Removal		
Santa Ana IRWM Region (Lead)	\$11,757,000	\$8,000,000
Upper Santa Margarita IRWM Region	\$1,103,110	\$2,000,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$12,860,110</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>

\*Match source: MWD and other regional agencies' turf removal rebates at \$2/SF for 4,950,000 SF removed

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## Grant Opportunities



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## Proposition 84 IRWM Funding

Tri-County FACC MOU	USMW IRWM Region
Prop 84 Allocation	\$8,334,201
DWR Bond Cost and Program Delivery	\$708,407
Balance Available for Grants	\$7,625,794
Grants Awards/Agreements	\$3,768,563
2014 Drought Grant Award	\$1,103,110
2015 IRWM Implementation Round 3	\$2,754,121

- Wellhead Treatment Facilities – Well 102 (RCWD)
- Water Use Efficiency Turf Removal Project (Eastern MWD & Western MWD)
- Expanded Recycled Water & Plant Material Conversion Project (RCWD & City of Temecula)
- Riverside County Parks Turf Reduction Program (Riverside County Regional Parks and Open Space District)

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## Proposition 1 IRWM Funding

2014 Proposition 1 – IRWM Region Funding	San Diego Funding Area
San Diego Funding Area Total	\$52,500,000
USMW IRWM Region	\$4,927,271
South Orange County IRWM Region	\$6,485,512
San Diego IRWM Region	\$41,087,217
➤ 50% Match – up from 25% match under Prop 84	
➤ 10% Set-Aside for DACs statewide	
➤ 10% Targeted for “Economically Distressed” Communities	
➤ DWR preparing IRWM Program Guidelines	Schedule TBD; DWR workshops
➤ DWR preparing Prop 1 IRWM Funding Schedule	Solicitation late-2016, early-2017; DWR desires to close out Prop 84

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## Other Proposition 1 Grant Opportunities

Funding Program	Project Types	Schedule	Funds available
SWRCB Water Recycling	Planning or construction projects for developing recycled water	Guidelines available now. Can apply through FFAST.	\$131.7M in FY 15-16 (grant/loan program)
SWRCB Small Community Wastewater	Planning and construction projects for wastewater systems	State Fiscal Year 2015-16 CWSRF Intended Use Plan available now (serves as Guidelines)	\$77M in FY 15-16
SWRCB Clean, Safe and Reliable Drinking Water	Public water system infrastructure improvements and related actions to meet drinking water standards	State Fiscal Year 2015-16 CWSRF Intended Use Plan available now (serves as Guidelines)	\$230.2M in FY 15-16 (grant/loan program)
SWRCB Groundwater Sustainability	Projects that will prevent or clean-up contamination of groundwater	Pre-applications are being accepted now through FFAST	\$800M
SWRCB Stormwater	Planning or implementation of multi-benefit stormwater projects	Draft Guidelines available now	\$200M total \$100M in Round 1 (\$20M for planning grants, \$80M for implementation grants)

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## Other Proposition 1 Grant Opportunities

Funding Program	Project Types	Schedule	Funds available
DWR Water Use and Efficiency Grants	Water conservation and efficiency plans, projects and programs	Guidelines expected November 2015	\$23M in FY 15-16
DWR Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program	Develop and implement sustainable groundwater planning and projects	Draft Guidelines available now	\$100M total
<i>DWR Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program – Counties with Stressed Basins</i>	<i>Update or develop County groundwater ordinances to improve management</i> <i>Update or develop plans that protect basins and beneficial uses</i>	<i>Draft Proposal Solicitation Package out now</i>	<i>\$10M</i>
California Department of Fish and Wildlife Watershed Restoration	Water quality, river, and watershed protection and restoration projects of statewide importance outside of the Delta	Guidelines available now	\$285M total

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## Other Funding Opportunities

Funding Program	Project Types	Schedule	Funds available
DWR Rebate Program	Provides rebates to homes to replace toilets (\$100 rebate) and replace lawns (\$2/sq ft), up to \$2,000  <a href="http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com/">http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com/</a>	Available now	\$23M in FY 15-16

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## Sustainable Groundwater Management Act



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**SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND  
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

517B



**FROM:** General Manager-Chief Engineer

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**

May 20, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Approve Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (Plan) and Adopt Resolution F2014-11 Supporting the Plan; (\$0); Exempt Pursuant to CEQA; District One & Three/District One & Three

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the Plan is exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15061, 15262, and 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. Adopt Resolution F2014-11 in Support of the Plan;
3. Adopt the 2014 Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to deliver the Notice of Exemption to the office of the County Clerk and the State Office Planning and Research for filing within five (5) working days of this Board hearing.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In 2002, the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Act (SB 1672) was chaptered into law, establishing the basis by which the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) would administer the State's IRWM Program. Propositions 50 and 84 were approved by the voters in 2002 and

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*Warren D. Williams*  
WARREN D. WILLIAMS

General Manager-Chief Engineer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
<b>NET DISTRICT COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)					<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No
					<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> n/a

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY:

*Steven C. Horn*  
Steven C. Horn

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

**Ayes:** Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone and Benoit

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Ashley

**Date:** May 20, 2014

**xc:** Flood, Recorder

Kecia Harper-Ihem

Clerk of the Board

By: *Kecia Harper-Ihem*

Deputy

(Comp. Item 3-6)

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 1,3/1,3

Agenda Number:

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: *Aaron C. Gettis* 5-8-14 DATE

☐ A-30 ☐ Positions Added ☐ Change Order ☐ 4/5 Vote



**SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

160886

**FORM 11:** Approve Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan and Adopt Resolution F2014-11 Supporting the Plan; (\$0);  
Exempt Pursuant to CEQA; District One & Three/District One & Three

**DATE:** May 20, 2014

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

2006 respectively, authorizing a total of \$1.5 billion of State grant funds statewide for IRWM Planning and Programs. Additionally, Proposition 1E was approved by the voters in 2006, authorizing an additional \$300 million in grant funding for stormwater flood management projects that are identified in IRWM Plans. The development of an IRWM Plan is required for regional eligibility for IRWM State grant funds.

In 2007, Rancho California Water District (RCWD), Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), and the County of Riverside signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by which the three agencies agreed to form a Regional Watershed Management Group (RWMG) to cooperate and work collaboratively with other stakeholders in the Region toward the completion of an IRWM Plan for the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed. The Upper Santa Margarita Watershed covers Temecula, parts of Menifee, Murrieta and Wildomar, and the unincorporated County.

A Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) representing entities and stakeholders significant to water resource planning in the region, including those having the institutional and fiscal capacity and systems to carry out IRWM planning and implementation efforts, was formed to facilitate development of the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed IRWM Plan (Plan). The Plan was completed and adopted in 2007 according to the guidelines of Proposition 50 Chapter 8. The 2007 Plan has since provided the framework and procedures used to govern, collaborate, and plan IRWM activities, as well as pursue state funding opportunities, within the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Region.

In 2009, the RWMG for the Plan entered into a groundbreaking MOU with its counterparts in San Diego and south Orange Counties to coordinate IRWM programs within the broader Proposition 84 San Diego Funding Region. Through this agreement, the Proposition 84, Round 5 funds for the San Diego Region were distributed among the IRWM based on a formula considering land use and population. The agreement streamlined future grant applications for each RWMG by predetermining each IRWM Plan's funding share. The Plan was allocated \$8.2 million under the MOU. The RWMG has been awarded approximately half of the grant funds to date. The balance is expected to be received as part of the 2015 Proposition 84 Round 3 solicitation.

In 2012, the Region received a Proposition 84, Round 2 Planning Grant to update the 2007 Plan in accordance with new program guidelines issued by DWR in 2012. The Plan was updated in 2014 to better reflect the Region's current issues, objectives, and strategies, as well as to satisfy the requirements of DWR's Planning Grant award and the November 2012 DWR Guidelines.

The 2014 Plan update process built upon and enhanced the Region's collaborative efforts to identify integrated and regional opportunities to develop a sustainable water supply through more efficient use of water, promote conjunctive use of existing local water supplies, protect and improve water quality, and promote environmental stewardship. The 2014 Plan is a living document that is expected to be updated periodically to adapt to changes in needs, regulations, resources, and climate. The success of the updated 2014 Plan relies on the continued collaboration of stakeholders in the IRWM Program throughout the 25-year planning horizon. The complete plan can be viewed at <http://www.ranchowater.com/index.aspx?NID=259>.

**SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

160666

**FORM 11:** Approve Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan and Adopt Resolution F2014-11 Supporting the Plan; (\$0);  
Exempt Pursuant to CEQA; District One & Three/District One & Three

**DATE:** May 20, 2014

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

The Plan itself does not lead directly to the implementation of any specific project and does not bind the various stakeholders to any particular course of actions; as a result, the Plan is exempt from CEQA under the following provisions:

- Statutory Exemption (15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies)
- Categorical Exemption 15061 Review for Exemption; 15306 Information Collection)

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Adopting the updated 2014 Plan will allow the County and District to request funding through Proposition 84 for future water quality projects. Implementation of the projects and strategies identified in the Plan will benefit residents and businesses in the Region and improve quality of life and natural resource management.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution F2014-11
2. Notice of Exemption
3. Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan Executive Summary  
(The complete Plan has been distributed in a digital format. Printed copies are available at the Clerk's and District offices)

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS****RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT****RESOLUTION NO. F2014-11****SUPPORTING AND ADOPTING THE UPPER SANTA MARGARITA WATERSHED  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Rancho California Water District, County of Riverside and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District have partnered by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) forming a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG); and

**WHEREAS**, working with the stakeholders and partners of the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed (USMW), the RWMG has prepared an update to the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Plan); and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the Plan in no way commits a participating agency to a financial or any other regulatory obligation and does not legally bind the agency to any future activities or specific projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan represents all entities significant to water management planning in the region in addressing water resources as well as other interested stakeholders and has provided the framework and procedures used to govern, collaborate, and plan activities, as well as pursue funding opportunities within the Plan program; and

**WHEREAS**, the agencies, partners, and stakeholders are committed to integrated planning efforts in an open, accessible process and have acted in good faith in planning and implementing the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan will help secure significant funding for resources in the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed through the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) (Public Resources Code section 75001 *et seq.*), and other funding sources through the Plan process; now, therefore,

1                   **BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED** by the Board  
2 of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in  
3 regular session assembled on May 20, 2014 herby adopts the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed  
4 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and supports the submittal of the updated Plan to  
5 DWR for the benefit of the residents of the entire Upper Santa Margarita Watershed.  
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9       **ROLL CALL:**

10       **Ayes:**           Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone and Benoit  
11       **Nays:**           None  
12       **Absent:**       Ashley

13               The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly  
14 adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

15                               KECIA HARPER-IHEM, Clerk of said Board

16                               By  Deputy



**Notice of Exemption****California State Clearinghouse Handbook****Form D**

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Riverside County Flood Control District  
1995 Market Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Original Negative Declaration/Notice of  
Determination was routed to County  
Clerks for posting on.

☒ County Clerk  
County of Riverside  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507

5/21/14 14b  
Date Initial

Project Title: Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Watershed Management (IRWM) Plan Update

**Project Location – Specific:**

The IRWM Project includes the upper portion of the San Mateo Watershed within Riverside County in addition to the portion of the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed within Riverside County. See attached regional map.

Project location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: Riverside

**Project Description:**

The proposed project includes the adoption of the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed 2014 IRWM Plan Update (IRWM Plan). The IRWM Plan identifies potential projects and priorities for a watershed region to manage the water resources for the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed. The IRWM Plan was updated in 2014 to further enhance the Region's efforts to facilitate sustainable water supplies by evaluating opportunities to develop coordinated, regional approaches to water resource management including the identification of more efficient water use, conjunctive use of local water sources, protection and improvement of water quality, and environmental stewardship. The plan is intended to be utilized as a tool by the Region's stakeholders to deal with various water resources challenges of the Region. The IRWM Plan does not bind the various agencies to any specific projects or actions and will not legally bind any future activities related to water resources. However, the IRWM Plan does help create a framework and procedures to collaborate for future water management planning, identify opportunities for collaboration, as well as helping secure new funding resources for potential future activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Rancho California Water District

**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15306 – Information Collection; Sec. 15061 – Common Sense Exemption
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15262 – Feasibility and Planning Studies

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemptions as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause any impacts to scenic resources, historic resources, or unique sensitive environments. Further, no unusual circumstances or potential cumulative impacts would occur that may reasonably create an environmental impact. The project as proposed only includes the approval and adoption of the updated 2014 IRWM Plan, which acts as a long-range planning tool for future water management practices; no environmental impacts are anticipated to occur.

- Section 15262 – Feasibility and Planning Studies Statutory Exemption. CEQA does not apply to feasibility or planning studies that will not have a legally binding effect on any future activities. The IRWM Plan is intended to create improved processes and a framework for how to improve water management practices. It is effectively a planning study that will not, either directly or indirectly, lead to any physical environmental impacts.
- Section 15306 – Information Collection Categorical Exemption. This Categorical Exemption allows for informational gathering purposes that will not have a serious or major disturbance on any environmental resources. As discussed previously, the proposed adoption of the updated 2014 IRWM Plan creates a framework for future water management planning that will help aid in improving water resources and supplies throughout the Region. The project will not cause any environmental disturbances and will not lead to any direct or indirect environmental impacts.
- Section 15061 (b) (3) – Common Sense Exemption. With certainty, there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. The updated 2014 IRWM Plan creates a framework for future water management planning that will potentially help aid in improving water resources and supplies throughout the region. It would not lead to any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical environmental impacts. Therefore, in no way would the project as

proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Mike Wong Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 951.955.1233

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/12/14 Title: General Manager-Chief Engineer

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment

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# CARCD OPPORTUNITIES – EVENTS, EDUCATION, FUNDING FOR DISTRICTS AND REGIONS

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June 2016

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## EVENTS/MEETINGS

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### Healthy Soils Framework Conference Call

- When: Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 PM
- Call Information:
  - Phone number: 641-715-3273
  - Code: 807922#
- Opportunity Summary: this will be a call offered by CARCD and open to all RCD board/staff interested in the developing framework for the California Department of Food and Agriculture's developing Healthy Soils Incentive Program Framework. Ultimately, CDFA is planning to dedicate \$20 million for project related to California soil health stability and enhancement, and is soliciting feedback from partners. CARCD will compile feedback from this discussion to provide to CDFA in advance of incentive program release. The
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### Monthly District Manager Call

- When: Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> (and recurring last Thursday monthly) at 9 AM
- Where: call-in information to be provided closer to meeting date
- Opportunity Summary: join in on a call with district managers statewide to discuss local, regional, and statewide issues and partnering opportunities. The calls are scheduled to last just one hour to enable participation without a significant time commitment for participants.

### Quarterly CARCD Board Meeting

- When: Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>; time TDB
- Where: Various federal offices equipped with secure Video TeleConferencing (VTC) software to enable access to the group video conference.
- Note: please let Emily Sutherland know if you plan to attend so she can help you arrange with your local federal office to reserve space and ensure technological capacity for meeting hosting. Emily can be reached at [emily-sutherland@carcd.org](mailto:emily-sutherland@carcd.org) or (916) 457-7904

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## EDUCATION/TRAINING

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### Sign up for the Updated CARCD Listserve

- Opportunity Summary: interested board and staff not currently receiving information from CARCD can go to [card.org](http://card.org), scroll to the bottom of the page, then enter email into the box under the "Subscribe to CARCD" banner, then clicking on the purple Yahoo!Groups button to the right. Subscribers to the Listserve receive all CARCD emails concerning opportunities for education, funding, and requests for information from other members.

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## FUNDING

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### National Association of Conservation Districts' Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative

- When/due: 12 PM EST on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Amount: 20 grants are projected to be awarded of \$50,000 each, with 90% required to go to salaries/benefits, consultants, and/or training, and only 10% eligible for equipment purchase. Match is encouraged but not required.
- Opportunity summary: this funding is intended to increase conservation technical capacity over agricultural lands within communities that are either primarily developed or in danger of being developed. Funding is focused on underserved communities in need of increase in education/outreach in conservation and ag initiatives, especially in food deserts.
- Note: only conservation districts are eligible for this funding
- Link: <http://www.nacdnet.org/policy/urban/urban-agriculture-conservation-initiative>
- Contact: Deb Bogar ([deb-bogar@nacdn.net](mailto:deb-bogar@nacdn.net))

### CARCD Small Outreach Grants

- When/due: final proposals are due for Round II of funding July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016
- Amount: \$10,000 is available for Round II grant applications; **note:** only 20% of funding requested can be used for staff time. If the application is asking for \$2,000 then just \$400 can be used for staff time.
- Opportunity Summary: CARCD has partnered with NRCS California to review simple applications for funding for resource conservation projects for RCDs and non-profits. The project funding is limited to one grant per organization, and must address resource conservation and/or outreach to historically underserved populations of producers. Applications should be submitted through local NRCS offices, and are available at [carcd.org](http://carcd.org).
- Contact Information:
  - Victor M. Hernandez at USDA-NRCS: [victor.hernandez@ca.usda.gov](mailto:victor.hernandez@ca.usda.gov), 530-792-5628

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## CARCD/SOCAL INLAND REGION CONTACTS

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### CARCD

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Board of Directors

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  - 909-477-1064 (home)
  - [pcwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:pcwilliams@hotmail.com)

Staff:

- Executive Director Karen Buhr
  - [Karen-buhr@carcd.org](mailto:Karen-buhr@carcd.org)
  - 916-524-2100

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### SOCAL INLAND REGION

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Area Chair Jim Earsom

- [James.earsom@gmail.com](mailto:James.earsom@gmail.com)
- 909-799-8272



## STAFF REPORT

April 26, 2016

10:10 AM

### Business Calendar

Financial Documents

2016 Budget Update

CARCD continues to face budget challenges. We have taken 2 measures to address this. 1) We are put in proposals for funding (**grants applied for are in the attached document**) 2) We are cutting costs anywhere we can - including paying the Executive Director for 32 instead of 40 hours a week. We will follow up with a meeting of the executive committee to further refine priorities.

Dues Ask

It is really important that board members ask regional districts to pay dues. Emily will provide you with a list of who has and hasn't paid. In addition, many board members have not paid. It is a requirement to be on the board. Please consider paying those sooner rather than later. **Kara commented in a separate email that the deadline should be after the RCD fiscal year starts. July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline put us paying dues twice in one year or paying late.**

We will also be making a CSG funding push. That was 10,000 of our loss last year.

10:30 AM

### Board Member Roles and Responsibilities-tabled to next meeting

10:45 AM

### Presentation on Tree Mortality and Forest Health

This presentation is for informational purposes. The presentation will cover the scope of the problem and outline the response of the task force. A conversation will follow on RCD engagement. **Great presentation, more relevant to some areas than others, Communication Committee will be requesting that CARCD put power points and other relevant CARCD board meetings materials on their website**

11:30 AM

### Department of Conservation

DOC will update us on the progress of the accreditation process and other initiatives. **Working on state wide updated map of RCDs. Requested more info for Resource Library. Kara asked that DOC provide specific feedback on what deficits they have in the library.**

12:00 PM

### NRCS

NRCS will update us on the RCPP proposal, workforce levels and other pertinent issues.

12:30 PM

### Lunch

Yum!

1:00 PM

### Conservation Strategy Group

Support for CSG is critical to both CARCDs budget and to our political objectives. CSG will update on us on current initiatives including the ask for baseline funding and the healthy soils initiative. **During the break Kara, Karen and Tasha discussed that CSG updates could be part of monthly District Manager's call in the future and that regular legislative updates could be sent out to District Manager's group.**

1:30 PM

### Strategic Plan Update

After a really successful board retreat in February, Glenn and Karen met with Solid Ground for a day long intensive to set priorities for our programs and begin the draft of a strategic plan. A For assistance, please contact Emily Sutherland 916-457-7904 or Emily-sutherland@carcd.org

assistance in making sure that all RCDs have access to the plan and are encouraged to provide feedback. For the meeting, we would like to have a discussion centered around the question: "If you can only pick one, what one thing do we need to have in the strategic plan?" **Sounded like communication and fundraising were the CARCD board's biggest priorities.**

2:00 PM

#### **Capacity Building Update**

Durable Collaborations- While the durable collaboration kicked off back in November, the first official meeting was held last week. The group will continue to work on projects in teams until November.

Deep dives- all 5 RCDs are progressing. We are currently selecting the criteria for the next set of participants.

Training at Conference- we have established the training for conference based on the conversations Solid Ground has had with districts. It will focus on board relationships and building relationships locally. In addition, there will be a leadership academy celebration and a leadership 101 training for folks that didn't attend the leadership academies.

Leadership academies- both academies met. They were really successful with over 20 people participating in both- both directors and staff were in attendance. Participants continue to work on projects in teams until November at which point there will be a poster session and celebration. This will also build strong ties and networks in the RCD members.

We hope to have each board member discuss their interaction with the training program and how it has affected their district. We would also like to have their ideas for how we can encourage districts that did not participate.

2:30 PM

#### **District Manager Update**

The District Managers have been meeting in a districts manager call. They have selected leadership from each region except the high desert. The committee will assist CARCD and Regional Reps in communicating with RCDs by bringing issues forward that are happening locally and by passing information on CARCD and activities to the regional districts. Each regional representative will take turns providing an update of the meetings and decisions made at the meetings. **The board was very supportive of the committee and reviewed its committee description which is now up on the CARCD website. NRCS also offered to help the committee.**

2:45 PM

#### **Conference/Fundraising Update**

The conference will be in Ontario Nov 16-19<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be "urban and rural interests: tying the partnership together" with the idea that we will explore how we can be partners rather than adversaries. There will also be a focus on urban conservation programs.

Inland Empire RCD has been great about organizing a fundraising and planning committee and committing staff time to the process. We are really excited about their enthusiasm!

We are asking each board member to think of an ask they can initiate and carry through that brings either cash or in kind support to the conference

3:00 PM

#### **NACD Regional Meeting**

CARCD will be hosting the NACD regional meeting September 14-16<sup>th</sup> at the McLellan USFS Training Center. Tom is organizing the meeting and helping with logistics.

For assistance, please contact Emily Sutherland 916-457-7904 or [Emily-sutherland@carcd.org](mailto:Emily-sutherland@carcd.org)

As you know, CARCD has 2 vacant positions. Jordan Power was our conference planner/project assistant. She left in September for another position. Chris Gardner, our capacity building project manager left 2 weeks ago for another position. We are in the process of hiring both. We received some really candidates for both positions. We have made an offer on the conference planner position to a really qualified and excited candidate. We interviewed an applicant pool of 9 for the project manager position. We are in the middle of a second round of interviews and have it narrowed down to 3 potential candidates. We should have someone on board soon.

**RCD Communications Committee Meeting**

**May 11, 2016**

**11:00 – 12:00**

**Participants on the call:**

Leigh Sharp – Bay Delta; Anne Coates – Central Coast; Kim Boyd – Central Sierra; Tim Keesey – Modoc Plateau; Kara Heckert – North Coast; Chester Anderson – Sacramento Valley; Sheryl Landrum – Southern California Baja and SoCal Inland Empire; Katie Heer – Southern California Baja and SoCal Inland Empire; Sharon Boyes – San Joaquin

*\* No representative for High Desert has been identified*

Identify note taker: Leigh

**1. CARCD Board Meeting**

- Staff report that Karen creates for CARCD board meeting might be a good document to provide to all districts to keep them up to date on CARCD activities.
- Dues to CARCD are low, perhaps we should ask Karen if committee can help communicate budget need to districts in our region. Karen's time has been reduced, we're unsure why. Our role could be to inform districts in our region of the budget trouble and ask whether dues are something that people want to talk about.
- Forestry management was really interesting. Recommend that powerpoint be put on CARCD website.
- A good way to communicate CARCD board meeting discussion is for committee attendee to highlight areas of broadest interest and to provide those to other committee members to distribute in the region.
- DOC statewide map of RCDs is almost done and should be posted on CARCD website.
- NRCS working with CARCD on an RCPP proposal for biochar.
- CSG talked about legislation they are working on fundraising for annual conference. A more effective way to communicate CSG updates needs to be created.
- Notes/minutes are available.

**2. Feedback from Regional Meetings**

- Many meeting are still pending.
- Central Coast: Not much feedback on the Committee.
- North Coast: They want a regular report from CARCD – short bullets / executive summary
- Bay Delta: Possibility of RCDs or CARCD helping smaller RCDs with cashflow issues to help smaller RCDs get and manage grants. Need for protocol for RCDs working across boundaries. Challenges of NRCS and RCD partner agencies that are no longer co-located.
- San Joaquin Valley: Tree mortality, biomass, mostly NRCS participation, need to improve RCD activity and participation.

**3. Recommendations to CARCD**

- CARCD should post Board meeting materials and powerpoints on the website.
- We need to come up with a clear request for what information would be helpful from CSG.
- Role of Regional Chairs? A job description for the Chairs may be useful.
- Something about CARCD committee structures. Kara will send an email to Karen to follow up and will copy committee.
- Protocol for cross-RCD boundary work.

**4. Updates to Contact List for Regions**

- Bay Delta, Central Sierra, North Coast, Central Coast complete. Others still in progress.

**5. Possible Future Agenda Items**

- Rotating system for coordinating monthly call including: get input and set agenda, send reminder, facilitate call.



- There was confusion as to who from the DMCC, if anyone, is scheduled to attend the June 30<sup>th</sup> CARCD meeting. Unless someone else can Chester will attend the June meeting. Chester is also scheduled for the October CARCD meeting. It would be great if another region could take one of these dates.
- Chester will also be facilitating the next DMCC meeting to be held Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am. Please let him know if you have agenda items.
- We agreed that Chester would put together a rotational schedule for facilitating the DCMM meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) so below is a draft. Please let me know if your dates work for you.

July 2016	Modoc, Tim Keesey
August 2016	Central Sierra, Kim Boyd
September 2016	Southern California Baja, Sheryl Landrum
October 2016	SoCal Inland, Mandy Parkes
November 2016	Central Coast, Anne Coates
December 2016	Off???
January 2017	San Joaquin Valley, Sharon Boyce
February 2017	Bay Delta, Leigh Sharp
March 2017	High Desert, ?????
April 2017	North Coast, Kara Heckert

Please provide Chester with agenda items for DCMM call on June 8<sup>th</sup>:

- Finalize list of items to bring to the next CARCD meeting to be held June 30<sup>th</sup>?
- Other agenda items???