



Resolution 2004-8
of the
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

**VENTURA COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED REGIONAL
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (VCIRWMP)**

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FCGMA:

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by:

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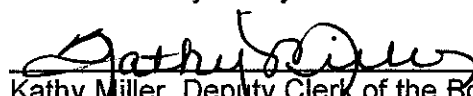
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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) and the County of Ventura (County) to Participate and Contribute to the Preparation of the Ventura Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (VCIRWMP)

This agreement is made effective October 27, 2004, by and between the County of Ventura (County) and the FCGMA with respect to the following:

A "Coalition" of representatives from Ventura County jurisdictions was established in 2002 to pursue comprehensive water management goals including the possible preparation of a comprehensive Ventura Countywide Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (VCIRWMP). The Coalition intended that a VCIRWMP should comply and be consistent with the requirements of Chapter 8, Division 26.5 of the Water Code (the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 [Proposition 50, or the Water Bond Act]). Future projects submitted by Ventura County water-related agencies must be consistent with an adopted IRWMP and must contain one or more of the following elements:

1. Programs for water supply reliability, storm water capture, storage, treatment and management.
2. Removal of invasive non-native plants, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection and restoration of open space and watershed lands.
3. Non-point source pollution reduction, management and monitoring.
4. Groundwater recharge and management and enhancement projects.
5. Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting and other treatment technologies.
6. Water banking, exchange, reclamation and improvement of water quality.
7. Planning and implementation of multi-purpose flood control programs that protect property, improve water quality, storm water capture and percolation, and protect or improve wildlife habitat.
8. Watershed management planning and implementation.
9. Demonstration projects to develop new drinking water treatment and distribution methods.

The purpose and intent of this agreement is to set forth the mutual responsibilities involving the County and the FCGMA with regard to establishing a VCIRWMP Preparation Liability Account in the County Executive Office's (CEO) Trust Fund ("Account"), and to reimburse the County for staff costs of providing coordination and preparation services in the formation of a VCIRWMP.


IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual duties set forth in this agreement, the parties agree that coordination and preparation services are as follows:

1. The County is responsible for and will:
 - a. Prepare Coalition meeting agendas and coordinate meeting preparation and meeting follow-up.
 - b. Consult with members of the Coalition on an as-needed basis.
 - c. Obtain water-related project input from the Coalition participating jurisdictions consistent with paragraph #2 below.
 - d. Assist the Coalition's review and discussion of the draft VCIRWMP.

- e. Coordinate and prepare the draft VCIRWMP chapters based on the VCIRWMP Scope-of-Work and the Coalition's direction.
 - f. Coordinate with other Ventura County agencies, jurisdictions and agencies in presenting the draft VCIRWMP to policy boards, commissions and councils.
2. The draft VCIRWMP will comply with and incorporate relevant sections of Chapter 8 of the Water Bond Act and IRWMP principles and criteria for integrated water planning. These principles are:
 - a. Establish a process for on-going decision-making.
 - b. Recognize and address multiple issues and objectives.
 - c. Integrate and coordinate planning with other agencies and entities.
 - d. Provide for inclusive and participatory public involvement to ensure meaningful input.
 - e. Use or provide for a minimal level of scientific watershed assessment information.
 - f. Recognize the need for a long-term perspective.
 - g. Allow for phased implementation and staging of resources.
 - h. Provide for monitoring of project and plan implementation.
 - i. Provide for adaptive planning and management.
 3. The County will establish the VCIRWMP Account within the CEO's Trust Fund, which will become effective in September 2004 and end when the Committee has approved the final draft VCIRWMP or June 30, 2005, whichever comes first. The total cost for coordination and preparation of the VCIRWMP is estimated to be \$106,000.00, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 7 and 8 below.
 4. Costs for the County's coordination and preparation services will be reimbursed by the VCIRWMP Account. Costs will include fund administration, staff planning, coordination and preparation services, and any materials provided by the County. The amount and timing of the reimbursement shall be determined on a monthly, or other mutually agreed-upon periodic basis, in accordance with the official rates established by the Board of Supervisors. Reimbursement for work performed shall be paid through transfers between the VCIRWMP Account and the funds of participating County agencies and/or departments.
 5. The Watershed Protection District, County Public Works Agency, County General Services Agency, County Resource Management Agency, Waterworks Districts #1, #16, and #19, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, and the County Environmental and Energy Resources Department have agreed to fund a total of \$26,000 of the coordination and preparation costs.
 6. The FCGMA agrees to fund \$3,000 of the coordination, preparation and services costs. Payment will be sent to:
 - Sue Hughes
County Executive Office
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1940The FCGMA level of funding was determined based on the estimated size of the agency.
 7. Contributions from participating jurisdictions and agencies must be received by the CEO no later than September 15, 2004.

8. At least \$106,000 in funding is expected from all contributors for coordination and preparation services.
9. All contributors to the VCIRWMP Account, including the FCGMA, may be asked to provide supplemental funding in the event some agencies choose not to participate, or if the Coalition and the County decide the original Account is insufficient to meet the final costs of coordination and preparation services.
10. Funds that are in excess of the cost of actual coordination and preparation services will be refunded to the FCGMA pro-rated according to each agency's contribution.
11. The agreement shall become operational upon the FCGMA providing this \$3,000 contribution and the County's acceptance of the contribution. County shall have the ability to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding in the event that sufficient funding to prepare the Plan is not contributed by Coalition members.

_____, Steve Bennett, Chair
Ventura County Board of Supervisors


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