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#### Authorizing Documentation

A resolution approving the submission of a grant proposal and to enter into an agreement for a 2014 Water-Energy Grant with the State of California, Department of Water Resources (DWR) will be adopted by the Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District) Board of Directors at its February 12, 2015 meeting. The resolution will be submitted to DWR promptly following the meeting.

#### Eligible Applicant Documentation

RCWD is a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program Guidelines, and has authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California. RCWD is partnering with the City of Temecula for implementation of the proposed project and will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that ensures the performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.

#### Eligibility Documentation

##### ***UWMP Compliance***

RCWD is the urban water supplier that will receive funds from the 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program. RCWD received confirmation from DWR on November 21, 2011 that its 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) addresses the requirements of the California Water Code. A copy of the November 10, 2011 DWR confirmation letter is attached as Appendix A.

RCWD submitted AB 1420 Compliance Tables and AB 1420 Metering Compliance Forms on June 9, 2014 and received written confirmation from DWR on June 17, 2014 that RCWD is eligible to receive water management grants. There have been no changes, updates or time lapses to the schedule, financing, budget and level of coverage since that submission.

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### *Groundwater Management Compliance*

The RCWD receives groundwater from the Temecula-Murrieta Basin (Basin), also known as the Temecula Valley Basin, which underlies several valleys in southwestern Riverside County and a portion of northern San Diego County, within the Santa Margarita River Watershed. Two aquifers within the Basin – the Pauba aquifer and the Temecula aquifer – include eight underlying groundwater basins, which are based upon surface water hydrology subbasins.

While the proposed project does not directly affect the Basin, the proposed project indirectly affects the Basin through improved water quality and recharge. Therefore, since the proposed project will benefit the high-priority Basin, the following description of Basin management is provided.

The Basin has been governed under court jurisdiction since 1928, as part of the Santa Margarita River Watershed system. In 1940, a San Diego Superior Court Stipulated Judgment (“1940 Judgment”) was issued directing the use and allocation of groundwater in the region. In 1963, a Final Judgment and Decree was issued further defining the use of groundwater in the region, and in April 1966, a Modified Final Judgment and Decree (U.S. v. Fallbrook Case 1247/“Fallbrook Case”) was entered incorporating interlocutory judgments and the 1940 Stipulated Judgment. Additional actions for water use include the following: Application No. 11518 for Appropriation Permit 7032 was filed in 1946, Permit 7032 was issued in 1948 and the State Water Resources Control Board issued the Amended Permit 7032 to RCWD in 2009.

These judgments followed by years of disputes over their interpretation by multiple parties, including the Federal government (U.S. Marine Corps Camp Pendleton) over water use in the watershed basins, citing the judgments did not fully meet the needs of the parties for effective water management. Finally, after many years, a settlement agreement, “*Cooperative Water Resource Management Agreement between Camp Pendleton and Rancho California Water District*”, was reached and executed in March 2002. This agreement more effectively implements the previous judgments (1940 Judgment and Fallbrook Case) and remains in place today to manage surface water flow in the Santa Margarita River and use of the Temecula-Murrieta Basin.

Further, in December 2006, a ‘Groundwater Management Agreement between Rancho California Water District and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians’ was executed to govern the management of groundwater pumping from the Wolf Valley Groundwater Basin in a manner not to exceed the safe yield that protects groundwater resources in the Wolf Valley Groundwater Basin for present and future uses. The Wolf Valley Groundwater Basin is a sub-basin of the Temecula-Murrieta Basin.

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To further manage water in the region, a Watermaster was assigned by the court to oversee all uses within the Santa Margarita River Watershed, which includes three groundwater basins: the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin, the Anza Groundwater Basin, and the Temecula-Murrieta Groundwater Basin. These basins underlie portions of the MWD member agency service areas of San Diego County Water Authority, Eastern Municipal Water District and Western Municipal Water District, and the Pechanga Indian Reservation overlies some of the southwestern part of the Temecula-Murrieta Basin. The Watermaster works cooperatively with a steering committee comprised of entities within the watershed and overlying the groundwater basin. The Watermaster prepares the "Santa Margarita Watershed Annual Watermaster Report", which provides annual reporting of water conditions in the watershed, but does not manage the groundwater basins. The Annual Watermaster Report, prepared pursuant to the U.S. District Court Order, March 13, 1989, includes information on surface and subsurface water, imports and exports, water rights, water production and use, threats to water supply, water quality, review of agreements, and Watermaster five-year projection of activities. The Court has retained jurisdiction over all surface flows of the Santa Margarita River Watershed and all underground waters determined by the Court to be subsurface flow of streams or creeks or which is determined by the Court to add to, support or contribute to the Santa Margarita River stream system. Local vagrant groundwaters that do not support the Santa Margarita River stream system are outside the Court jurisdiction.

Although considered an adjudicated basin based on the judgments, specific water rights have not been assigned and a traditional groundwater management plan has not been prepared. Rather, the District works cooperatively with the Watermaster to 1) manage the basin on a watershed-wide basis through the Court jurisdiction, using the Annual Watermaster Report, groundwater management agreement, and cooperative water resource agreement, 2) implement projects through the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Planning Region IRWMP, and 3) prepare an annual groundwater hydrogeologic assessment, "*Recommended Ground Water Production*", that continuously guides the management of the Temecula-Murrieta Basin on a sustainable safe yield basis. As a result of the extensive litigation, the annual groundwater production report includes a comprehensive groundwater model covering the area of the region's watershed, making the Temecula-Murrieta Basin one of the most studied basin's in the state.

The Temecula-Murrieta Basin is also included in MWD's Groundwater Assessment Study (September 2007), which the District also utilizes to help manage the Basin.

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Collectively, the Court judgments, groundwater management and cooperative agreements, RCWD's annual groundwater production reports, Watermaster annual report, and MWD's Groundwater Assessment Study meet the requirements of a groundwater management plan pursuant to CWC 10753.7. These documents address the following:

- Basin management objectives;
- Monitoring and management of groundwater levels;
- Monitoring of inelastic land surface subsidence;
- Monitoring protocols;
- Groundwater quality;
- Surface flows and quality;
- Map of the groundwater basin and the area subject to requirements of groundwater management; and
- Cooperatively working with public entities within the watershed and overlying the groundwater basin.

### ***Agricultural Water Management Compliance***

RCWD is an agricultural water supplier that will receive funding from the 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program. RCWD received confirmation from DWR on January 2, 2014 that its 2012 Agricultural Water Management Plan addresses the requirements of the California Water Code. A copy of the December 6, 2013 DWR confirmation letter is attached as Appendix A.

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### ***Surface Water Diversion Compliance***

RCWD is the surface water diverter that will receive funding from the 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program. Surface water diversion reports have been submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in compliance with requirements outlined in Part 5.1.

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**APPENDIX A**

Appendix A to Attachment 1 includes the following:

- ✓ [DWR 2010 Urban Water Management Plan Approval Letter to RCWD, November 10, 2011](#)
- ✓ [DWR 2012 Agricultural Water Management Plan Approval Letter to RCWD, December 6, 2013](#)

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Dear Ms. Landstedt:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed the Rancho California Water District's (RCWD) 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) received on July 27, 2011. The California Water Code (CWC) directs DWR to report to the legislature once every five years on the status of submitted plans. In meeting this legislative reporting requirement, DWR reviews all submitted plans.

DWR's review of RCWD's 2010 plan has found that the plan has addressed the requirements of the CWC. DWR's review of plans is limited to assessing whether suppliers have addressed the required legislative elements. In its review, DWR does not evaluate or analyze the supplier's UWMP data, projections, or water management strategies. This letter simply acknowledges that RCWD's UWMP has addressed these requirements. The results of the review will also be provided to DWR's Financial Assistance Branch.

If you have any questions regarding the review of the plan or urban water management planning please don't hesitate to email or call.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Stone:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has completed its review of your Agricultural Water Management Plan for the purpose of meeting the requirements of Water Code Sections 10608.48 (a)-(d), and 10800 *et seq.*, Part 2.8. We find that your plan generally meets the requirements of the code sections.

DWR's review of plans is limited to assessing whether suppliers have addressed the required legislative elements. In its review, DWR does not evaluate or analyze the supplier's plan data, projections, or water management strategies. This letter is to acknowledge that the supplier has addressed these requirements. The results of the review will also be provided to the DWR's Water Use and Efficiency grants program and the Financial Assistance Branch, and to any other state agency that offers grants and loans.

Finally, we wanted to let you know that DWR intends to update its AWMP Guidebook by the end of 2014 in order to further assist water suppliers in preparing their plans.

If you have any questions regarding the review of the plan, please feel free to contact Marty Berbach at (916) 651-9216 or [martin.berbach@water.ca.gov](mailto:martin.berbach@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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