



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** JULY 9, 2014

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 

**BY:** RAMIRO ADEVA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER 

**SUBJECT:** ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-1757, APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2014 UPDATED GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION INTERGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water. DWR, along with State Legislators, established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines).

The Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) IRWM Region boundaries include approximately 10 million residents, portions of four counties, 84 cities, and hundreds of agencies and districts over a 2,058 square mile area. To make governance and stakeholder involvement manageable, the Region was organized into five sub-regions:

- Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers
- North Santa Monica Bay
- South Bay
- Upper Los Angeles River
- Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers

In 2006, the GLAC IRWM group published the first GLAC IRWM Plan (IRWMP) following a multi-year effort among water retailers, wastewater agencies, stormwater and flood managers, watershed groups, the business community, tribes, agriculture, and non-profit stakeholders to improve water resources planning in the Los Angeles Basin.

The IRWMP addressed the water resource needs of the region in an integrated and collaborative manner to improve water supplies, enhance water supply reliability, improve surface water quality, preserve flood protection, conserve habitat, and expand recreational access in the region. In addition, it defined a comprehensive vision for the region in order to generate local funding, position the region for future state bonds, and create opportunities for federal funding.

In June 2011, the County of Los Angeles received \$1 million dollars in grant funds from the DWR to update the GLAC IRMWP. Appendix B of the 2012 Guidelines requires the governing body of each member agency responsible for the development of IRWMP to adopt it by way of a Resolution.

By adopting the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWMP, the City will be able to apply and receive additional future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E. The City of Agoura Hills participates in the North Santa Monica Bay subregion, and has been approved to receive approximately \$1.2 million in Proposition 84 funds for the construction of the Medea Creek Restoration Project.

Adoption of the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan is not a project subject to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

The 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan can be accessed electronically at [lawaterplan.org](http://lawaterplan.org), or by hard copy at the front counter of City Hall.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 14-1757, approving the adoption of the 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Attachment: Resolution No. 14-1757

## RESOLUTION NO. 14-1757

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2014 UPDATED GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, agencies in the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) area have long recognized the importance of regional collaboration and integration of single purpose efforts and now regularly work across jurisdictional boundaries to implement regional projects and programs that address multiple water resource management issues including local and imported water supplies, sanitation and recycled water, stormwater management, groundwater management, water use efficiency, habitat and open space management, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) created the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to encourage integrated, regional strategies for managing water resources and to provide funding for both planning and implementation of projects that support management of water supply, water quality, environmental interests, drought protection, flood protection, and reduction of dependence on imported water and many other; and

**WHEREAS**, the IRWM Program requires that a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) be formed to establish an IRWM Region; and

**WHEREAS**, DWR recognizes the GLAC IRWM as an official IRWM Region; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations participating in the IRWM Program join together to form IRWM Regions; and the IRWM Region serving the GLAC area is known as the GLAC IRWM, and the GLAC IRWM engages in regional water resources planning for the GLAC area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Agoura Hills participates in the North Santa Monica Bay IRWMP Steering Committee, approved to receive Proposition 84 – Round 2 funds, and desires to seek additional grant funding for projects in the GLAC IRWM Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, DWR and State Legislators have established program guidelines for the IRWM Program through Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (2012 Guidelines); and

**WHEREAS**, the RWMG for the GLAC IRWM is responsible for the preparation and adoption an IRWM Plan and it has developed the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan to addresses the provisions of the 2012 Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting the 2014 Updated GLAC IRWM Plan will enable participants in the GLAC IRWM to apply for future grant funding under various grant programs including Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 Guidelines require the governing bodies of member agencies of the RWMGs, the RWMG representatives of the governing bodies, as well as proponents of projects included in IRWM grant funding proposals to adopt an updated IRWM Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills adopts Resolution No. 14-1757, approving the adoption of the 2014 Updated Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: (0)  
NOES: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ADBSSENT: (0)

ATTEST:

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William D. Koehler, Mayor

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Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk