



Appendix N:

# Rancho California Water District Reference Materials



Appendix N1:

# 2005 Urban Water Management Plan

# **2005 Update of the Urban Water Management Plan**

**Rancho California Water District**

**42135 Winchester Road  
Temecula, CA 92590  
(951) 296-6900**

***December 2005***

Report Prepared by

**CDM  
1925 Palomar Oaks Way, Suite 300  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
(760) 438-7755**

This page intentionally left blank.

# Contents

Section 1	Introduction .....	1-1
1.1	Overview .....	1-1
1.1.1	History .....	1-1
1.1.2	Service Area Description .....	1-2
1.1.2	Service Area Description .....	1-3
1.2	Regional Integrated Resources Plan .....	1-5
1.3	Agency Coordination .....	1-6
Section 2	Water Supply Sources .....	2-1
2.1	Current Water Supply Sources .....	2-1
2.1.1	Groundwater .....	2-1
2.1.2	Imported Water .....	2-6
2.1.3	Recycled Water .....	2-7
2.2	Planned Water Supply Sources (the “IRP”) .....	2-7
2.2.1	Future Groundwater Supplies .....	2-12
2.2.2	Future Imported Water .....	2-13
2.2.3	Future Recycled Water .....	2-13
2.2.4	Future Water Transfers .....	2-13
2.2.5	Desalination .....	2-14
Section 3	Water Demands .....	3-1
3.1	Overview .....	3-1
3.2	Historical Water Demands .....	3-1
3.3	Future Water Demands .....	3-2
3.3.1	Forecast Methodology .....	3-2
3.3.2	Consumptive Water Demand Forecast .....	3-4
3.3.3	Sales to Other Agencies .....	3-5
3.3.4	Additional Water Uses .....	3-5
3.3.5	Total Water Uses .....	3-5
Section 4	Conservation .....	4-1
4.1	Introduction .....	4-1
4.2	Urban BMP Implementation .....	4-1
4.3	Agricultural Conservation Programs .....	4-11
	Irrigation System Evaluations .....	4-12
Section 5	Water Shortage Contingency Plan .....	5-1
5.1	Overview .....	5-1
5.2	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California .....	5-1
5.3	Eastern Municipal Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan .....	5-3
5.4	Western Municipal Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan .....	5-6
5.5	RCWD Water Shortage Contingency Plan .....	5-7
5.5.1	Water Code Section 10632 (a) .....	5-7
5.5.2	Water Code Section 10632 (b) .....	5-10
5.5.3	Water Code Section 10632 (c) .....	5-11
5.5.4	Water Code Section 10632 (d-f) .....	5-12

Table of Contents  
(continued)

	5.5.5	Water Code Section 10632 (g) .....	5-12
	5.5.6	Water Code Section 10632 (h & i) .....	5-13
Section 6		Water Recycling .....	6-1
	6.1	Agency Participation in Recycled Water Planning .....	6-1
	6.2	Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems .....	6-1
	6.2.1	Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility .....	6-3
	6.2.2	Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility ....	6-3
	6.3	Current and Projected Uses of Recycled Water .....	6-3
	6.4	Encouraging Recycled Water Use .....	6-5
	6.4.1	Funding .....	6-5
	6.4.2	Partnerships to Encourage Water Recycling .....	6-6
	6.4.3	Regulatory Issues .....	6-6
	6.4.4	Research to Encourage Recycled Water Use .....	6-7
	6.5	Optimizing Recycled Water Use .....	6-7
Section 7		Water Quality Impacts on Reliability .....	7-1
	7.1	Introduction .....	7-1
	7.2	Groundwater Quality .....	7-2
	7.3	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California .....	7-2
	7.3.1	MWD Water Quality Issues .....	7-2
	7.3.2	Water Quality Protection Programs .....	7-7
Section 8		Water Service Reliability .....	8-1
	8.1	Introduction .....	8-1
	8.2	Weather Factors .....	8-1
	8.3	Local Supply Reliability .....	8-2
	8.4	Imported Supply Reliability .....	8-4
	8.5	RCWD Service Reliability .....	8-6
	8.5.1	Normal Water Year .....	8-6
	8.5.2	Single - Dry Water Year .....	8-7
	8.5.3	Multiple Dry Water Years .....	8-7
Section 9		References .....	9-1

## Appendices

Appendix A	Water Rate Schedules
Appendix B	RCWD Water Conservation Program, Shortage Plan and Waste of Water Prohibition
Appendix C	Public Hearing
Appendix D	Adoption of Plan

## List of Figures

Figure 1-1	RCWD Service Area .....	1-2
Figure 1-2	Land Use in RCWD's Service Area .....	1-3
Figure 2-1	Natural Inflow for Eight Ground Water Basins Used by RCWD .....	2-3
Figure 2-2	Historical Available Storage in Vail Lake .....	2-5
Figure 2-3	Historical Annual Artificial Recharge and Pumping .....	2-5
Figure 2-4	Historical Imported Water Purchased by RCWD .....	2-6
Figure 2-5	RCWD's IRP Process .....	2-7
Figure 2-6	IRP Objectives, Sub-Objectives and Performance Measures .....	2-8
Figure 2-7	Alternatives Ranking for the Average of RCWD Senior Staff.....	2-9
Figure 2-8	Alternatives Ranking for the Average of RCWD Board Members.....	2-9
Figure 2-9	Weather Factors for RCWD Water Demands.....	2-11
Figure 3-1	RCWD Historical Water Demands.....	3-1
Figure 3-2	Demographic Projections for RCWD Service Area.....	3-4
Figure 5-1	MWD Stages and Action Matrix.....	5-2
Figure 8-1	Weather Factors for RCWD Water Demands.....	8-1
Figure 8-2	Monthly Pattern of RCWD Water Demand.....	8-2

## List of Tables

Table 1-1	Demographic Projections for RCWD Service Area.....	1-3
Table 1-2	Climate Data for RCWD Service Area .....	1-4
Table 1-3	Agency Coordination in Preparation of 2005 UWMP .....	1-6
Table 2-1	Current Water Supplies (AF/Y) .....	2-1
Table 2-2	Summary of Existing Production Wells .....	2-4
Table 2-3	Basis of Water Year Data .....	2-11
Table 2-4	Future Water Supply Projects (AF/Y) .....	2-12
Table 2-5	Planned Water Supplies (AF/Y).....	2-12
Table 2-6	Groundwater Pumping in RCWD Service Area (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup> .....	2-13
Table 3-1	RCWD Customer Accounts.....	3-2
Table 3-2	Matching of Billing Data Classifications and Land Use Categories .....	3-3
Table 3-3	Annual Average Consumptive Water Demands in RCWD Service Area.....	3-4
Table 3-4	Additional Water Uses and Losses (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup> .....	3-5
Table 3-5	Total Water Use (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup> .....	3-5
Table 4-1	CUWCC BMPs For Urban Conservation In California .....	4-2
Table 4-2	CUWCC BMP 1 Savings Assumptions.....	4-3
Table 4-3	MWDSC CII Rebate Programs.....	4-9
Table 4-4	PRISM and Regulated Deficit Savings.....	4-13
Table 5-1	Driest Three-year Water Supply Sequence .....	5-10
Table 6-1	Participating Agencies in Recycled Water Plan .....	6-1
Table 6-2	Wastewater Collection and Treatment .....	6-2

*Table of Contents  
(continued)*

Table 6-3	Wastewater Treatment and Disposal (Acre-Feet) .....	6-2
Table 6-4	Current Recycled Water Uses (Acre F) .....	6-4
Table 6-5	Projected Future Use of Recycled Water in RCWD Service Area .....	6-4
Table 6-6	Recycled Water Uses - 2000 Projection compared with 2005 actual - AFY .....	6-5
Table 6-7	Potential Recycled Water Uses .....	6-5
Table 7-1	Current & Projected Water Supply Changes Due to Water Quality Percentage .....	7-1
Table 8-1	Local Supply Reliability .....	8-2
Table 8-2	Local Supply Basis of Water Year Data .....	8-3
Table 8-3	Inconsistency in Local Supply Factors .....	8-4
Table 8-4	Agency Demand Projection Provided to Wholesale Agency .....	8-4
Table 8-5	MWD Current and Planned (AF/Y)* .....	8-4
Table 8-6	Imported/Wholesale Supply Reliability .....	8-5
Table 8-7	Imported/Wholesale Supply Basis of Water Year Data .....	8-5
Table 8-8	Inconsistency in Wholesaler/Imported Supply Factors .....	8-6
Table 8-9	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Normal Water Year (AF/Y) ...	8-6
Table 8-10	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Single Dry Year (1989) .....	8-7
Table 8-11	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple Dry Years .....	8-8
Table 8-12	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple-Dry Years (1987-1991) .....	8-8
Table 8-13	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple-Dry Years (1987-1991) .....	8-8
Table 8-14	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple-Dry Years (1987-1991) .....	8-9
Table 8-15	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple Dry Years (1987-1991) .....	8-9

# Section 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

The Rancho California Water District (RCWD) is a “Special District” organized and operated pursuant to the California Water Code. RCWD is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors (Board) that is elected by the voters of the region. The District serves the area known as Temecula/Rancho California, which includes the City of Temecula, portions of the City of Murrieta, and unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

As an urban water supplier providing municipal and industrial water to more than 3,000 customers, RCWD is required to comply with The Urban Water Management Planning Act (Act). The Act became effective on January 1, 1984 and requires that urban water suppliers prepare and adopt an urban water management plan, in accordance with prescribed requirements

The Act was originally developed as a result of concerns for potential water supply shortages throughout the State. Therefore, it required information that focused primarily on water supply reliability and water use efficiency measures. Since its original passage in 1983, there have been several amendments added, the most recent adopted in 2004. Some of the recent amendments include: providing additional emphasis on drought contingency planning and recycled water, as well as incorporation of water quality issues and how they might affect water supply reliability.

With the passage of Senate Bills 610 and 221, in 2001, Urban Water Management Plans take on even more importance. SB 610 and 221 require that counties and cities consider the availability of adequate water supplies for certain new large developments. These statutes require written verification of sufficient water supply to serve the new development, and Urban Water Management Plans are identified as key source documents for this verification.

The RCWD 2005 UWMP updates the 2000 UWMP and takes into account new Act requirements and changes in demographics, water demand and supplies.

Compliance with the Act helps RCWD to fulfill its mission: “to deliver reliable, high quality water, sewer, and reclamation services to its customers and communities in a prudent and sustainable manner.”

#### 1.1.1 History

RCWD’s history started when the developers of the Temecula/Rancho California formed the original “Rancho District” in 1965, which served 41,000 acres of the easterly portion of the community. In 1968, the Santa Rosa Ranches Water District was organized to serve the westerly 44,800 acres of the community. To gain access to

imported water to meet growing water demands and supplement local groundwater, the Rancho District was annexed in 1966 to the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD); while the Santa Rosa Ranches Water District was annexed into the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County (WMWD) in 1968. Both EMWD and WMWD are member agencies of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). MWD operates the Colorado River Aqueduct and is a State Water Contractor, allowing imported water from Northern California to be delivered to Southern California.

In 1977, the Rancho and Santa Rosa water districts were consolidated under the name Rancho California Water District, in accordance with LAFCO resolutions. RCWD has the authority to operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for all water systems within the District's service area, and for the collection and treatment of wastewater for the Santa Rosa Division. EMWD remains responsible for wastewater treatment in the Rancho Division.

The District is about 85 miles southeast of Los Angeles and 65 miles north of San Diego. RCWD provides water for urban and agricultural uses to the City of Temecula, portions of the City of Murrieta, and unincorporated Riverside County lands in the surrounding area. The District's current service area is bounded on the southwest by the Santa Ana Mountains and on the northeast by Gavilan Hills. Figure 1-1 shows the RCWD service area.

The elevation of the valley floor range from 900 to 1,200 feet above sea level, however, the District pumps to a maximum elevation of 2,850 feet for some pressure zones in its service area.

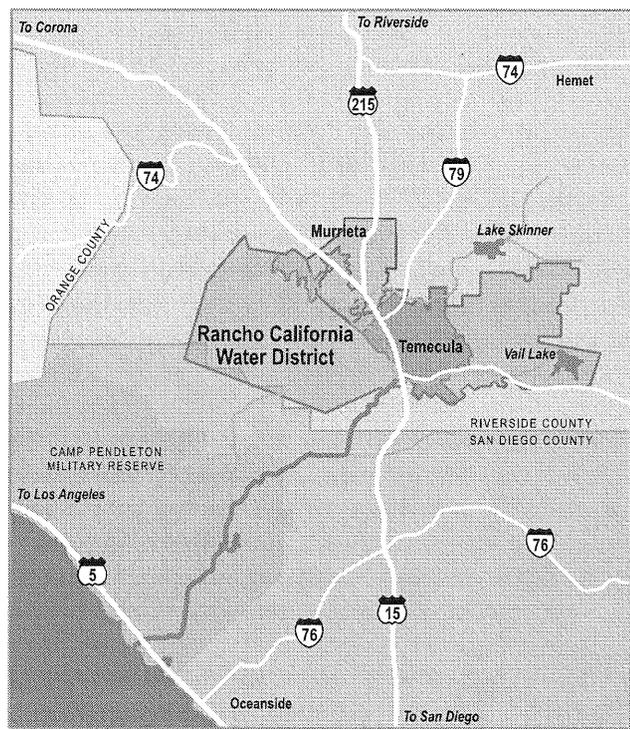


Figure 1-1  
RCWD Service Area

## 1.1.2 Service Area Description

### Land Use

RCWD comprises approximately 99,000 acres in the southwestern portion of Riverside County. Figure 1-2 shows the breakdown in land uses within RCWD.

## 1.1.2 Service Area Description

### Land Use

RCWD comprises approximately 99,000 acres in the southwestern portion of Riverside County. Figure 1-2 shows the breakdown in land uses within RCWD.

Because of their proximity to major cities in Southern California and lower relative living prices, the cities of Temecula and Murietta are becoming more desirable places to live. Both cities are experiencing rapid population growth and have a need for reliable water supplies. RCWD includes about 18,000 acres of agriculture and ranch lands, primarily vineyards, avocado, and citrus trees. The Temecula Valley is becoming a premiere wine grape growing area in California, which coupled with other high-value crops, requires a consistent irrigation supply. Major agricultural acreage is concentrated in the southwestern and eastern portions of the district.

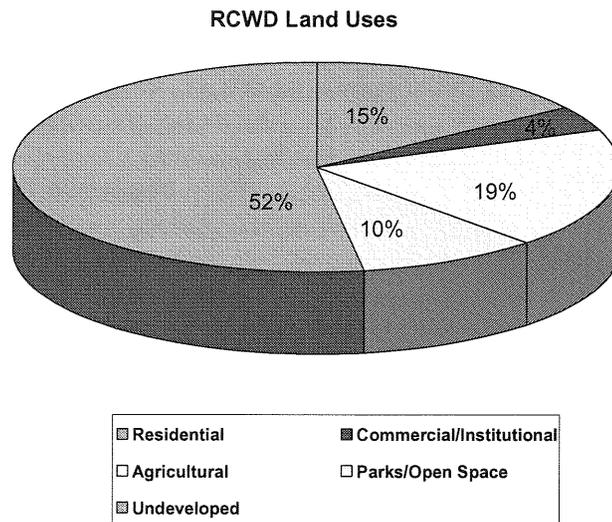


Figure 1-2  
Land Use in RCWD's Service Area

### Demographics

Current demographics were obtained for the RCWD service area from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), using land-use and census tract level data from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Table 1-1 presents these demographics in five year intervals beginning in 2005 and ending in 2030.

Table 1-1  
Demographic Projections for RCWD Service Area

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
<b>Population</b>	109,123	121,324	134,184	145,631	155,772	165,151
<b>Occupied Housing</b>						
Single-Family	27,518	31,717	35,409	39,384	43,101	46,152
Multi-Family	6,336	7,084	8,223	8,951	9,652	10,923
Total Housing	33,856	38,802	43,633	48,336	52,754	57,075
<b>Total Employment</b>	33,838	43,848	52,947	62,273	71,656	81,277

Source: MWD, based on SCAG census tract data from SCAG RTP.

Within the RCWD service area population is expected to continue to grow over the next 25 years at an average rate of approximately 2,240 persons, representing a 2.6 percent annual growth rate per year for a total growth rate of approximately 66 percent over the projection period. Over the projection period this will lead to approximately 56,000 new residents.

Housing, as a whole, is projected to increase at a slightly slower pace of 2.4 percent annually for a total growth rate of approximately 59 percent over the projection period. Single-family and multi-family housing are projected to grow at similar rates over the projection period. Approximately 23,200 additional housing units are expected to be added over the projection period.

Total employment within RCWD's service area is expected to lag population and housing unit growth with an annual increase of approximately 1.7 percent and a total population increase of approximately 42 percent over the projection period. Total employment is expected to increase by approximately 47,000 by 2030. Employment growth that lags behind population growth indicates that many residents will commute out of the service area to their places of employment.

### Climate

The climate within the RCWD service area is Mediterranean with hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. Summer daytime temperatures are in the mid-80 to high-90 degrees range. The area's temperature is influenced by prevailing onshore winds from the Pacific Ocean and the rain shadow effect from the Santa Rosa Mountains. The "Santa Ana winds" can cause periods of extremely hot weather with dry winds. Winter daytime temperatures are mild, averaging in the mid-60 degree range. The region's average monthly maximum temperature is 80.63 degrees. This is based on weather data readings from October 1948 through December 2004 at the Elsinore weather station, the closest weather station to the service area. Table 1-2 presents average climate data for the RCWD service area.

**Table 1-2  
Climate Data for RCWD Service Area**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
Standard Average E to (feet per year) <sup>1</sup>	2.30	2.34	4.14	5.01	6.47	6.98	7.92	7.58	5.79	4.20	2.64	2.26	4.80
Average Rainfall (inches) <sup>2</sup>	2.33	2.31	1.78	0.65	0.17	0.02	0.07	0.10	0.24	0.40	1.03	1.63	10.74
Average Max Temperature (F) <sup>2</sup>	65.4	67.9	71.0	76.5	82.0	90.6	98.2	98.3	93.4	83.8	73.6	66.8	80.6

<sup>1</sup>Source: <http://www.cimis.water.ca.gov/cimis/frontMonthlyReport.doc>. Station #137 - Temecula East II 11/97 through 7/05

<sup>2</sup>October 1948 through December 2004 for Station ID 2805, Elsinore

The standard annual average evapotranspiration rate (ETo) for the region is 4.80 feet per year with the highest rates occurring during the summer months. ETo measures

the loss of water to the atmosphere by evaporation from soil and plant surfaces and transpiration from plants. ETo serves as an indicator of how much water plants need for healthy growth.

Total annual precipitation at the Elsinore weather station averages 10.74 inches per year. During very wet years, rainfall can exceed 25 inches, while during very dry years rainfall can be less than 4 inches. Rainfall is more prevalent during the months of November through April.

## 1.2 Regional Integrated Resources Plan

To help achieve its mission, RCWD recently developed a Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM 2005). The purpose of the Regional Integrated Resources Plan (or IRP) was to develop a long-range water supply plan to reliably meet the needs of the District from now until 2050. The IRP examined different alternatives such as increased water conservation, additional groundwater, conversion of agriculture currently using treated imported water to raw imported water and/or advanced-treated recycled water, groundwater recharge using advanced-treated recycled water, and water transfers.

These alternatives were evaluated against a set of objectives such as:

- Reliably meet water demands
- Provide sustainable supply
- Maximize local control
- Manage costs
- Manage water quality
- Maintain quality of life
- Maximize implementation potential

Over a dozen alternatives were evaluated. The preferred plan, called Hybrid 1, involves the following components:

1. Implement baseline water conservation measures
2. Connect imported water connection EM-21 to Vail Lake to expand groundwater recharge
3. Convert eastern area agriculture, currently using treated imported water, to raw water, delivered from Vail Lake

4. Construct up to 18 new groundwater wells, along with increased imported water for recharge during non-drought years
5. Construct a MF/RO treatment facility to reduced the salinity of recycled water so that it can be used to meet western area agricultural demands, as well as potential groundwater replenishment in the future

The benefits of this preferred IRP alternative are:

- Increased groundwater production of about 18,000 acre-feet per year
- Increased use of recycled water of about 13,600 acre-feet per year
- Reduction in peaking on MWD by about 144 cubic feet per second (cfs)
- Cost efficiency by: (1) converting eastern area agricultural users from treated imported water to untreated, (2) reducing the peaking charge paid to MWD, and (3) by maximizing MWD's discounted replenishment water rate for groundwater recharge

### 1.3 Agency Coordination

To develop the IRP and 2005 UWMP, RCWD worked with its wholesale water agencies, EMWD, WMWD and MWD. Table 1-3 shows this coordination.

**Table 1-3  
Agency Coordination in Preparation of 2005 UWMP**

	Participated in Plan Development	Commented on the Draft Plan	Attended Public Meetings	Was Contacted for Assistance	Was sent a Copy of the Draft plan
Eastern MWD	Yes*	No	Yes*	Yes	Yes
Western MWD	Yes*	No	Yes*	Yes	Yes
MWD	Yes*	No	Yes*	Yes	No

\* Participated in agency stakeholder meeting for RCWD's Regional Integrated Resources Plan (2005).

# Section 2

## Water Supply Sources

### 2.1 Current Water Supply Sources

RCWD's current water supply sources include local groundwater, imported water from MWD, and recycled water. Historically, groundwater has supplied between 25 to 40 percent of total water supply and imported water has supplied between 60 to 70 percent. Recycled water has provided less than 5 percent of the total water supply. Table 2-1 summarizes RCWD's water supplies for 2005.

**Table 2-1  
Current Water Supplies (AF/Y)**

<b>Water Supply Sources</b>	<b>2005</b>
Imported Water (MWD)	
Treated	33,000
Untreated <sup>1</sup>	18,000
Local Groundwater Pumping	38,000
Recycled Water	6,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,700</b>

Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

<sup>1</sup> Used for groundwater recharge and for flows to Gorge.

RCWD pumps groundwater from 54 district wells and recycles water at its Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility (SRWRF). Additional recycled water is available from EMWD's Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (TVRWRF).

RCWD owns and operates 37 storage reservoirs and one surface reservoir, Vail Lake. The storage capacity of Vail Lake is 50,000 acre-feet and it is used to help recharge groundwater, using natural runoff.

RCWD receives its imported water (treated and untreated) directly through six MWD water turnouts, three in EMWD's service area and three in WMWD's service area.

RCWD's transmission system includes about 900 miles of water pipelines to convey water from its source to water customers.

#### 2.1.1 Groundwater

RCWD overlies the Temecula and Pauba groundwater basins, and numerous studies have been conducted regarding these basins. However, it was not until 1980 that studies and reporting were officially documented on a regular basis. Since 1980 RCWD has annually prepared a Groundwater Audit and a Recommended Groundwater Production Report (RGPR).

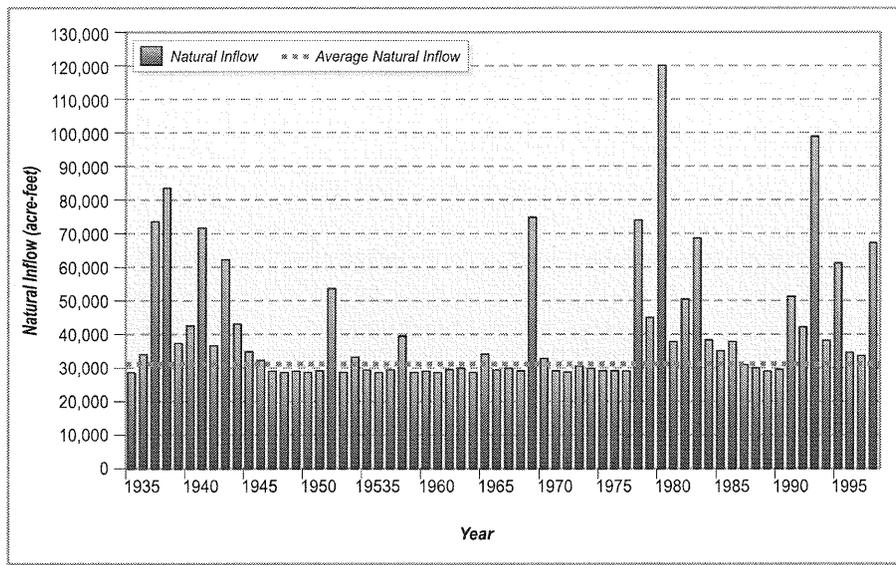
Surface water and groundwater supporting surface water have been under some form of court jurisdiction since 1928. Rights to utilize the groundwater and the water stored in Vail Lake are defined in the 1940 Stipulated Judgment in the case of Santa Margarita versus Vail and Appropriations Permit 7032 issued by the State Water Resources Control Board. A Watermaster has been assigned by the court to oversee all uses within the Santa Margarita Watershed. Specific water rights have not been adjudicated. However, the Stipulated Judgment assigns two-thirds of all natural waters to the United States of America (Camp Pendleton) and the remaining one-third to RCWD. Thus, inflow to Vail Lake is not stored, but rather is passed through to Temecula Creek from May through October as required by State permits.

RCWD relies on eight groundwater basins for its local water supply. The amount of groundwater produced annually from these basins varies depending on rainfall, recharge, and the amount and location of pumping.

Groundwater basin inflows occur through a variety of processes:

- Areal recharge - deep percolation of direct precipitation on the ground surface that eventually recharges the aquifers within the basins
- Return flow - portion of water applied to the ground surface that reaches the groundwater as a result of deep percolation; sources of return flow include agricultural, domestic, and commercial irrigation
- Stream percolation - the stream loses water to the aquifer because of a higher hydraulic head in the stream than in the aquifer
- Underflow - flow from one basin to another
- Artificial recharge - spreading imported water at the Valle del los Caballos (VDC) spreading basins

A real recharge, return flow, stream percolation and underflow are classified as "natural inflow". According to the District's groundwater model, the average natural inflow for all eight basins is 41,000 acre-feet/year (AFY) when no artificial recharge is occurring. Figure 2-1 presents the annual estimated natural inflow for all eight basins from 1935 to 1998. As shown, there are seven years in which the natural inflow exceeds 70,000 AFY. Most of the years of record, however, show natural inflow at approximately 30,000 AFY.



**Figure 2-1**  
**Natural Inflow for Eight Ground Water Basins Used by RCWD**

Natural basin outflows also occur in several ways:

- Evapotranspiration - direct evaporation from surface water and bare soil as well as the transpiration of water by plants such that the water is not available for groundwater recharge
- Gaining streams - the stream gains water because the hydraulic head in the stream is lower than the head in the aquifer
- Underflow - flow from one basin to another

The average natural basin outflow for all eight groundwater basins from 1935 to 1998 was 6,600 AFY.

The natural yield of the eight basins equals the natural inflows less the natural losses, which would be 34,400 AFY (41,000 AFY less 6,600 AFY). However, besides RCWD, others pump from the eight basins, including: Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Murrieta County Water District (MCWD), Pechanga and other private pumpers. Accounting for these users, the total natural yield available to RCWD is approximately 29,500 AFY.

RCWD currently has 52 production wells in the eight basins with a total instantaneous capacity of 46,400 gallons per minute (or 104 cfs), not including four existing recovery wells in the VDC area (VDC recovery wells). Table 2-2 summarizes the number of production wells per pressure zone and basin.

**Table 2-2  
Summary of Existing Production Wells**

Pressure Zone	Basin	No. of Production Wells
1305	Pauba Valley	16
	Lower Mesa	3
	North Murrieta	3
	San Gertrudis	4
	South Murrieta	2
	Wolf Valley	3
1380	Pauba Valley	5
	Lower Mesa	3
1610	Upper Mesa	5
	Lower Mesa	1
1790	Palomar	1
1500	North Murrieta	2

### Groundwater Recharge with Imported Water

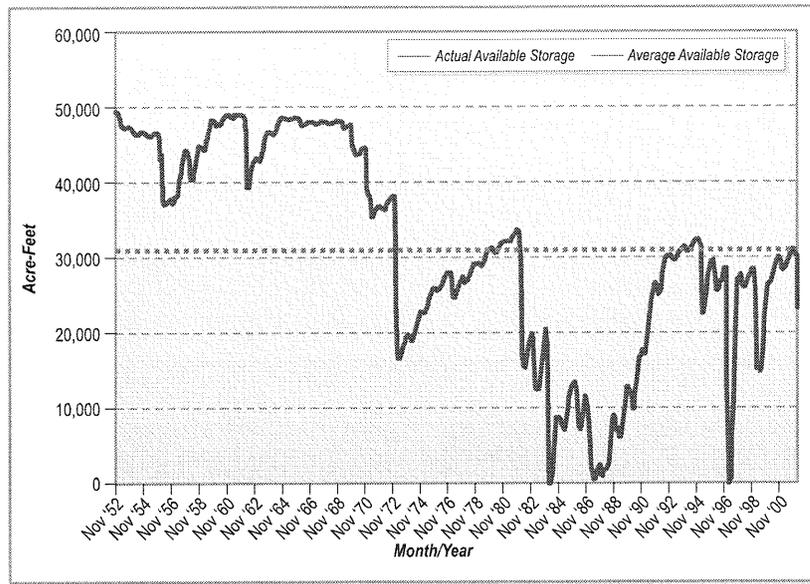
In addition to the extraction of the natural yield of the basins, RCWD artificially recharges the Pauba Valley Basin with untreated imported water for enhanced groundwater production. RCWD purchases imported water from the MWD and delivers it from the San Diego aqueduct turnout EM-19 to the VDC recharge basins. In the past, the VDC recharge basins have provided up to 16,000 AFY of artificial groundwater recharge.

### Groundwater Recharge from Vail Lake

RCWD stores local runoff in Vail Lake, which was created in 1948 through construction of Vail Dam on Temecula Creek. RCWD has a surface water storage permit in Vail Lake for up to 40,000 AF from November 1 to April 30. During these months, RCWD releases available water from Vail Lake to the Valle de los Caballos (VDC) spreading basins, about 1.5 miles downstream, for groundwater recharge. From May through October, existing State permits prohibit storage and require inflow to pass through Vail Lake to Temecula Creek.

The amount of local runoff reaching the lake can vary widely depending on hydrological conditions. From 1962 to 2000, flows into Vail Lake ranged from 218 AFY to 29,570 AFY, with an average flow of 5,150 AFY.

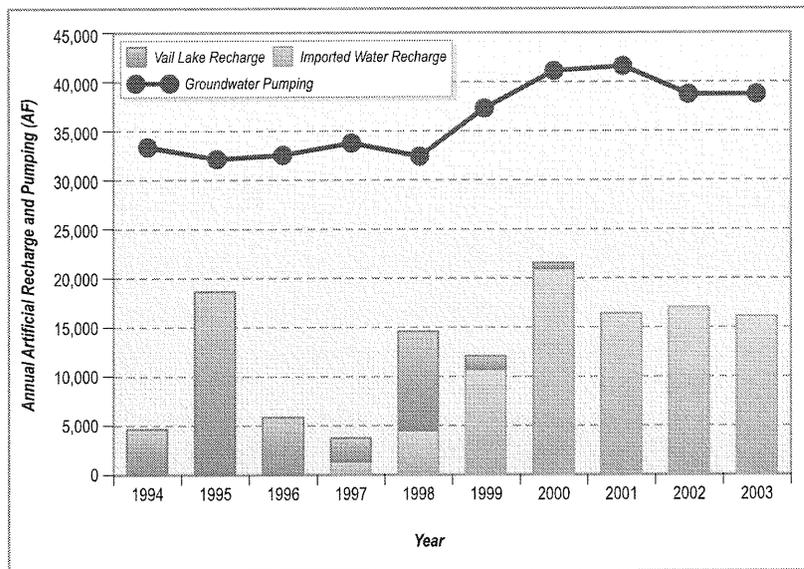
The storage capacity of the lake is approximately 40,000 AF, with a surface area of 1,000 acres. Currently, RCWD only uses Vail Lake to store local runoff. The historical available storage of the lake has varied widely as well, including two periods when the reservoir was full in March 1984 and February 1997. Figure 2-2 illustrates available storage capacity from 1962 to 2002. The average available storage is approximately 30,900 AF.



**Figure 2-2**  
**Historical Available Storage in Vail Lake**

### Historical Pumping from Groundwater Basins

Figure 2-3 illustrates historical total groundwater recharge and total pumping in the last 10 years. Table 2-3 shows the amount of groundwater pumped by each sub-basin in 2005. RCWD has increased pumping over the past 10 years to meet increased demands. Groundwater recharge from Vail Lake after 1999 has been unavailable due to local drought conditions, and RCWD has increased recharge by purchasing additional imported water.



**Figure 2-3**  
**Historical Annual Artificial Recharge and Pumping**

### 2.1.2 Imported Water

RCWD is a member agency to both EMWD and WMWD, which are member agencies to MWD. MWD is the regional water wholesaler for Southern California. Imported water, treated and untreated, is received through six MWD turnouts (three in each of EMWD's and WMWD's service areas). However, EMWD and WMWD do not convey the water through their facilities to RCWD, rather RCWD receives the water directly at these turnouts. As shown in Table 2-1, RCWD currently obtains approximately 33,000 AFY of treated water and 18,000 AFY of untreated water from MWD.

Untreated, or raw imported water purchases did not begin until 1998. Figure 2-4 shows historical MWD water purchases from 1990 to 2003. During this period imported water purchases have increased from approximately 25,000 AFY to almost 51,000 AFY, including imported water used for groundwater recharge.

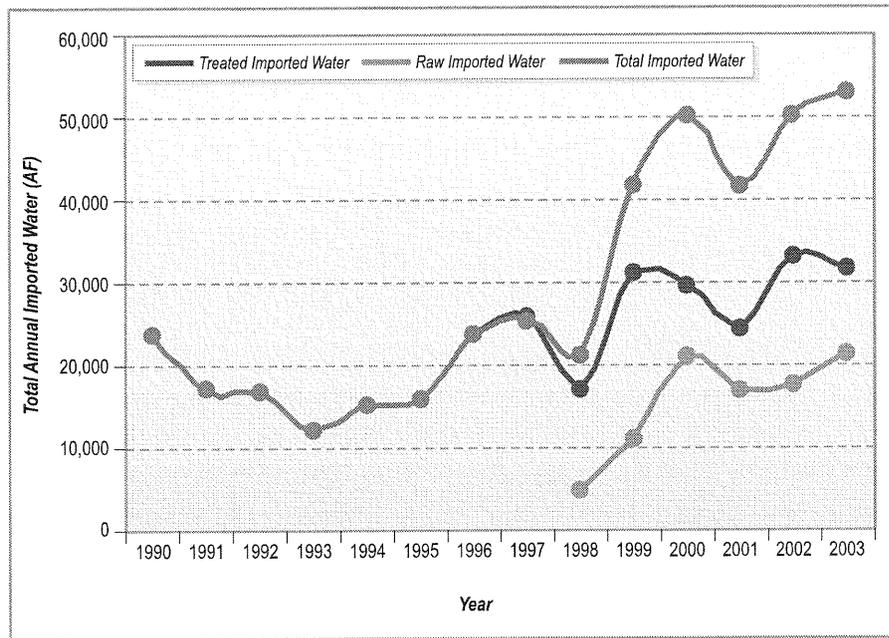


Figure 2-4  
Historical Imported Water Purchased by RCWD

MWD owns and operates the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) along with major reservoirs such as Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Skinner, 5 regional water treatment plants, and large transmission pipelines to move imported water to its 26 public member agencies. MWD is also the largest State Water Contractor, with a contract of 2.0 million acre-feet for State Water Project (SWP) supply. Over the last few years CRA supply, historically providing over 1.2 million AFY to the region, has been severely cut. This was due to the development of the California Plan for Colorado River, which forces California to live within its 4.4 million AF entitlement of Colorado River.

The SWP is subject to extreme variability in hydrology due to a lack of storage. The SWP has also been affected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which has limited the amount of water coming from Bay-Delta. Although MWD has a contract for 2.0 million AFY, it rarely has received that amount (only in the very wettest of years). Average deliveries have been closer to 1.2 million AFY. In severe droughts, SWP supplies to MWD have been less than 0.5 million AFY.

MWD augments its imported water from the CRA and SWP with stored water in water banks such as Semitropic and Arvin-Edison, conjunctive use storage in local groundwater basins, and voluntary water transfers during certain dry years. In addition, MWD's recently completed Diamond Valley Lake can store 800,000 AF of imported water, which is used to meet demands during dry years and emergencies.

### 2.1.3 Recycled Water

Recycled water is produced to from two facilities, the Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility (SRWRF) operated by RCWD, and the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (TVRWRF) operated by EMWD. Both plants treat wastewater to Title 22 standards. Currently, RCWD is maximizing recycled water from these two plants to meet landscape irrigation demands. Additional recycled water from TVRWRF could be used if advanced treatment beyond Title 22 standards was applied. As a result, not all of the recycled water from TVWRF is beneficially used and must be discharged to Temescal Creek. Currently, recycled water use is 6,700 AFY as summarized in Table 2-1. The recycled water system is discussed in further detail in Section 6.

## 2.2 Planned Water Supply Sources (the "IRP")

RCWD recently completed its Regional Integrated Resources Plan, or IRP, in order to develop a long-term water supply that can meet demands from now until 2050 (CDM, 2005). The IRP was developed in conjunction with RCWD's senior staff and Board of Directors by applying a multi-objective approach, integrating both demand and supply-side options.

The approach first develops and weights key objectives, which along with associated performance measures, will be used to evaluate alternatives to meet future demands (see Figure 2-5). The objectives and performance measures developed for the IRP are summarized in Figure 2-6.

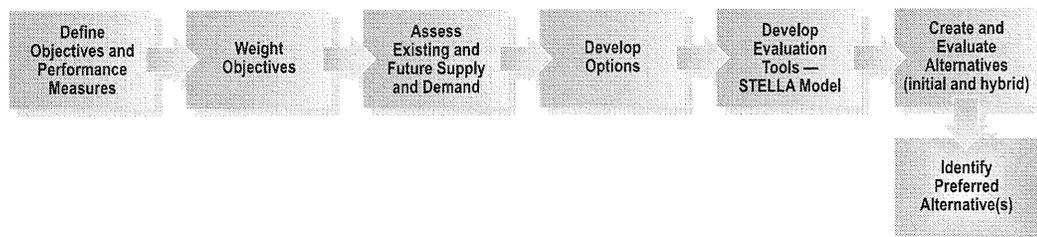


Figure 2-5  
RCWD's IRP Process

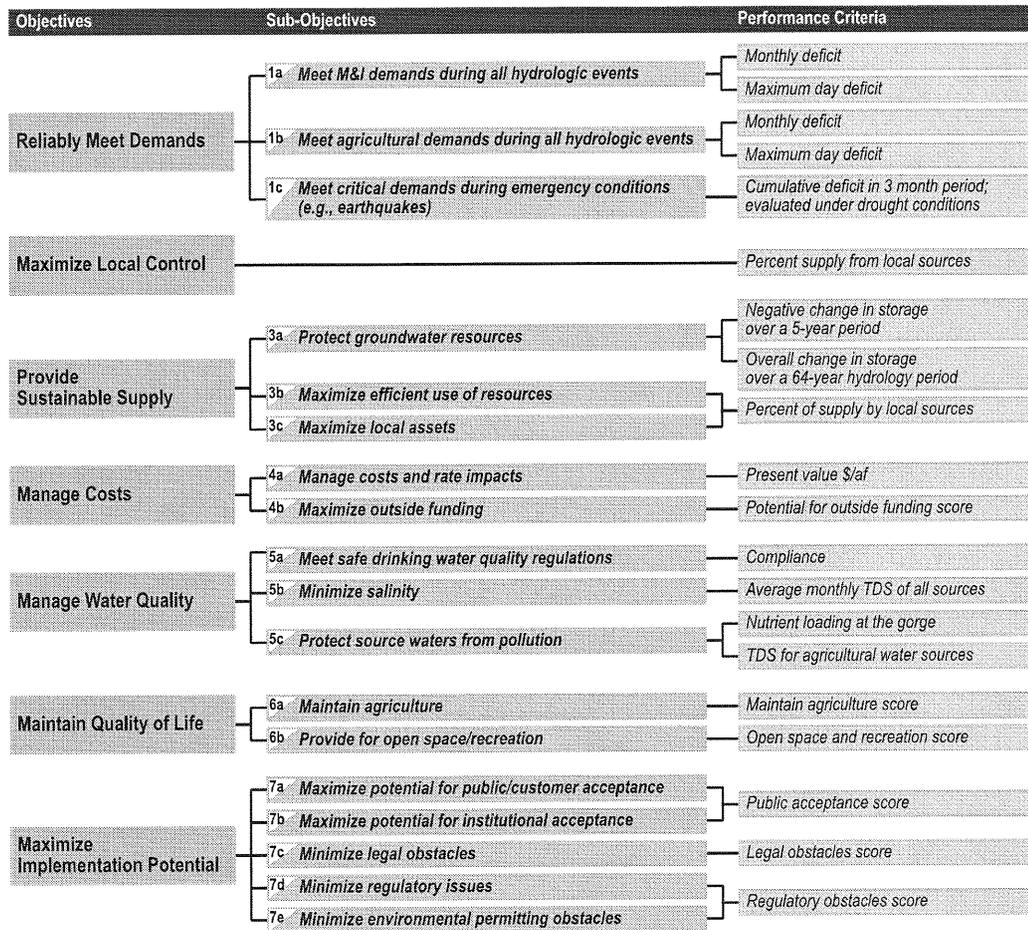
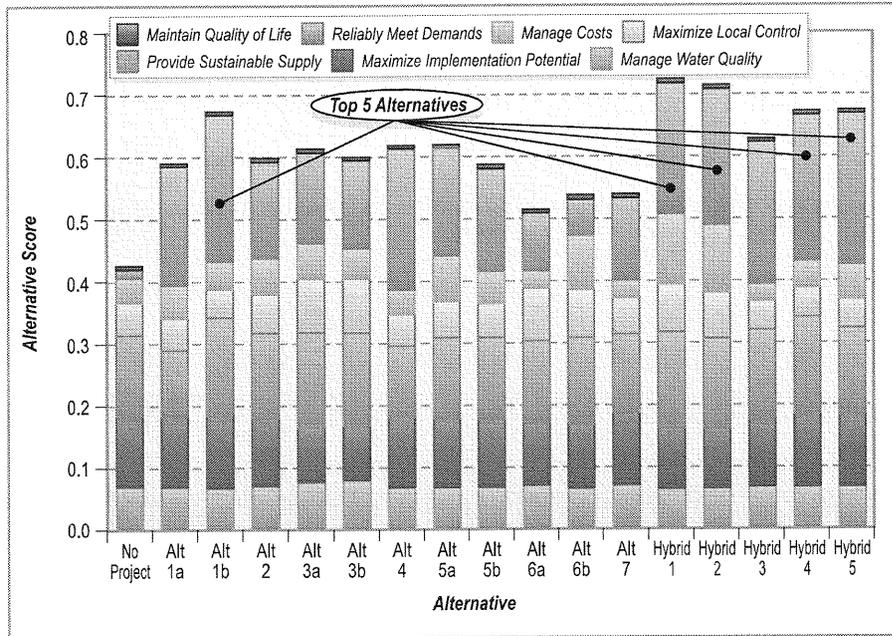


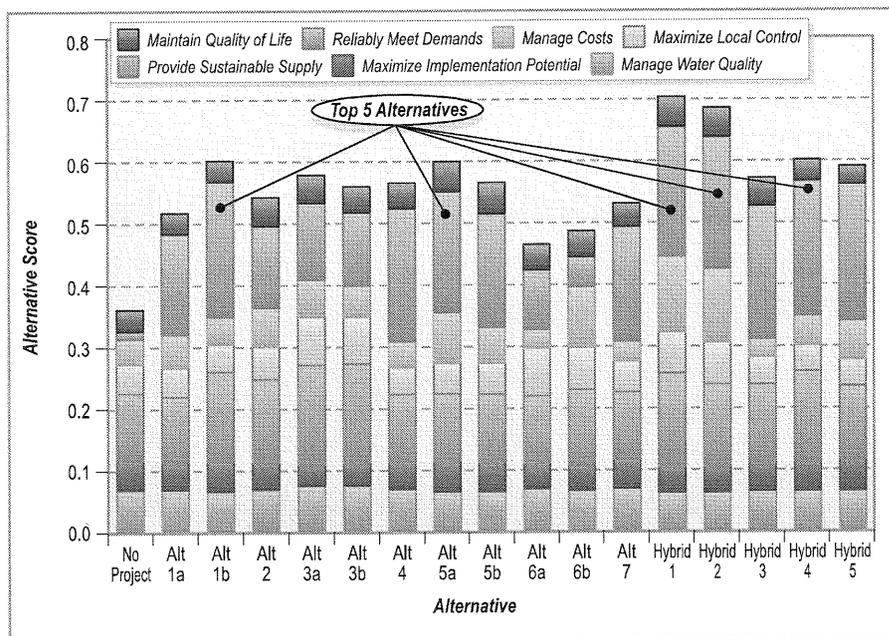
Figure 2-6  
IRP Objectives, Sub-Objectives and Performance Measures

Over a dozen alternatives were evaluated using a systems model called STELLA. The model was able to simulate demands and supplies (existing and potential) under different climate and hydrologic scenarios, as well as identify distribution constraints. The model was also able to simulate water quality, storage conditions in the groundwater basins and Vail Lake, and estimate the total cost (capital and O&M) for any potential supply or demand-side management option(s).

The output from the model was used along with the objectives in Figure 2-7 to develop a comprehensive score card for each alternative. RCWD senior staff and Board weighed the objectives in terms of relative importance in order to rank the IRP alternatives (see Figures 2-7 and 2-8 for this ranking).



**Figure 2-7**  
Alternatives Ranking for the Average of RCWD Senior Staff



**Figure 2-8**  
Alternatives Ranking for the Average of RCWD Board Members

The preferred plan, called Hybrid 1, involves the following components:

1. Implement baseline water conservation measures
2. Connect imported water connection EM-21 to Vail Lake to expand groundwater recharge
3. Convert eastern area agriculture, currently using treated imported water, to raw water, delivered from Vail Lake
4. Construct up to 18 new groundwater wells, along with increased imported water for recharge during non-drought years
5. Construct a MF/RO treatment facility to reduced the salinity of recycled water so that it can be used to meet western area agricultural demands, as well as potential groundwater replenishment in the future

The benefits of this preferred IRP alternative are:

- Increased groundwater production of about 18,000 acre-feet per year
- Increased use of recycled water of about 13,600 acre-feet per year
- Reduction in peaking on MWD by about 144 cubic feet per second (cfs)
- Cost efficiency by: (1) converting eastern area agricultural users from treated imported water to untreated, (2) reducing the peaking charge paid to MWD, and (3) by maximizing MWD's discounted replenishment water rate for groundwater recharge

Although the conversion of eastern area agricultural demands from treated to raw imported water is beneficial in terms of meeting peak day demands and reducing costs to RCWD, it does not produce "new" wet water supply. However, the construction of 18 new groundwater wells and a MF/RO treatment facility does produce additional water supply.

Because demands and supplies vary from year to year due to weather and hydrologic conditions, it is also important to plan for this variation. Because of the semi-arid climate of RCWD's service area, water demands can be as much as 9 percent greater than normal during dry years and 15 percent lower during wet years (see Figure 2-9).

Groundwater pumping can also vary due to hydrologic conditions. Based on RCWD's groundwater model, groundwater production from new wells averages 18,000 AFY. But in dry and critically dry years, groundwater production can be as low as 15,000 AFY.

Table 2-3 summarizes the hydrologic years used to assess supply reliability for the 2005 UWMP. The hydrologic years were selected based on local weather and hydrology.

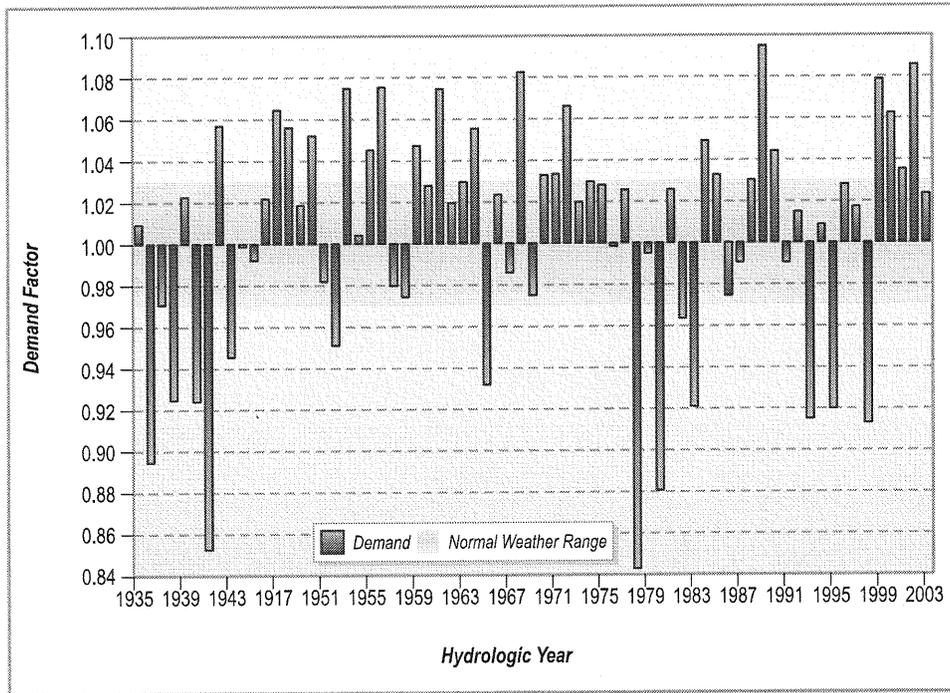


Figure 2-9  
Weather Factors for RCWD Water Demands

Table 2-3  
Basis of Water Year Data

Water Year Type	Base Year(s)	Historical Sequence
Normal Water Year	Average*	1935-1998
Single-Dry Water Year	1989	1935-1998
Multiple-Dry Water Years	1987-1991	1935-1999

\* Average of historical sequence.

Based on RCWD's IRP, Table 2-4 summarizes the timing of new water supplies, as well as the reliability of these supplies under different water year types. As shown on the table, only the new groundwater supply is subject to hydrologic variation. The new recycled water as a result of the MF/RO facility is essentially drought proof.

**Table 2-4  
Future Water Supply Projects (AF/Y)**

Project Name	Project Start	Average Year	Single Dry Year	Multiple- Dry Years				
				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
18 New Groundwater Wells	2020	18,000	16,700	16,700	15,900	15,500	15,500	14,000
MF/RO Facility for Recycled Water	2025	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600

Note: Supply reported are for years in which project starts

Table 2-5 summarizes the planned water supply for RCWD through 2030, under normal weather conditions. The planned supply includes existing as well as the future projects shown in Table 2-4.

As the new conversion of eastern agricultural demands from treated to raw imported water, new groundwater wells, and MF/RO facility for recycled water are brought online, the amount of treated imported water from MWD decreases from almost 40,000 AFY in 2010 to 20,700 AFY in 2030.

**Table 2-5  
Planned Water Supplies (AF/Y)**

Water Supply Sources	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Imported Water (MWD)					
Treated	39,310	32,410	20,010	14,100	20,700
Untreated <sup>1</sup>	15,500	28,500	38,500	38,500	38,500
Local Groundwater Pumping	38,000	38,000	56,000	56,000	56,000
Recycled Water	7,890	9,090	9,890	24,300	25,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,700</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>124,400</b>	<b>132,900</b>	<b>140,400</b>

Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

<sup>1</sup> Used for groundwater recharge, flows to Gorge, and eastern service area agriculture (after conversion of system).

### 2.2.1 Future Groundwater Supplies

With implementation of the Hybrid 1 Alternative identified in RCWD's IRP, groundwater supplies are expected to increase from their current level of 38,000 AFY to 56,000 AFY by 2020. Increased pumping and groundwater recharge is necessary to compensate for higher demands as growth in the area increase. Up to 18 new groundwater wells will be constructed. The Pauba Valley sub-basin will experience the gain in groundwater pumping; as this is the sub-basin that receives recharge from imported water (see Table 2-6).

**Table 2-6  
Groundwater Pumping in RCWD Service Area (AF/Y)<sup>1</sup>**

Sub-Basin Name	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Pauba	22,216	27,766	27,766	45,766	45,766	45,766
South Murrieta	1,881	260	260	260	260	260
Lower Mesa	5,966	3,646	3,646	3,646	3,646	3,646
North Murrieta	1,289	404	404	404	404	404
Wolf Valley	2,536	1,566	1,566	1,566	1,566	1,566
San Gertrudis	4,480	4,056	4,056	4,056	4,056	4,056
Upper Mesa	13	76	76	76	76	76
Palomar	567	226	226	226	226	226
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,948</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>56,000</b>
% of Total Water Supply <sup>2</sup>	51%	38%	35%	45%	42%	40%

Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

<sup>1</sup> 2005 data is actual, 2010 to 2030 is projected based on normal hydrologic conditions.

<sup>2</sup> Net total supply, which does not include imported water for groundwater replenishment.

## 2.2.2 Future Imported Water

To support the increase in groundwater pumping, a new untreated (raw) water connection is being built by MWD, called EM-21. Once constructed it will increase the ability for RCWD to recharge the groundwater basin and maximize a vital local resource.

Between 2025 and 2030, MWD may also increase treated imported water capacity for use by RCWD and others by constructing a new imported water line from its Skinner Treatment Plant or a new treatment plant that is being explored.

## 2.2.3 Future Recycled Water

Currently, recycled water from RCWD's SRWRF is being used 100 percent to meet landscape irrigation demands. However, another 16,000 AFY of recycled water from EMWD's TVRWF could be used if the salinity of the product water was under 500 parts per million. This salinity target is needed if recycled water is to be used for crop sensitive agriculture and/or groundwater recharge. Therefore, as part of the IRP, RCWD will construct a MF/RO facility to treat recycled water so it can be used to meet western area agricultural demands currently using treated imported water. Because of the waste or brine produce produced by the advanced treatment, 15 percent of the water is lost. Therefore, the new recycled water supply is 13,600 AFY. A more detailed discussion of recycled water is presented in Section 6.

## 2.2.4 Future Water Transfers

During the IRP process, RCWD investigated obtaining water transfers to bolster supplies. Water transfers are the voluntary exchange of water between a willing

buyer and a willing seller. The IRP examined wet water transfers and dry water transfers, the difference being that wet water transfers occur in years of above normal rainfall and dry water transfers occur in years of below normal rainfall. The IRP recommendations allow for the possibility of such transfers to be executed should RCWD and its customers deem them cost-effective.

### **2.2.5 Desalination**

Desalination (seawater or brackish) was not examined as an option in the IRP. Desalination of ocean water is not viable for RCWD given its distance from the Pacific Ocean. Desalination of brackish groundwater is not necessary, given the water quality of the sub-basins used by RCWD.

# Section 3

## Water Demands

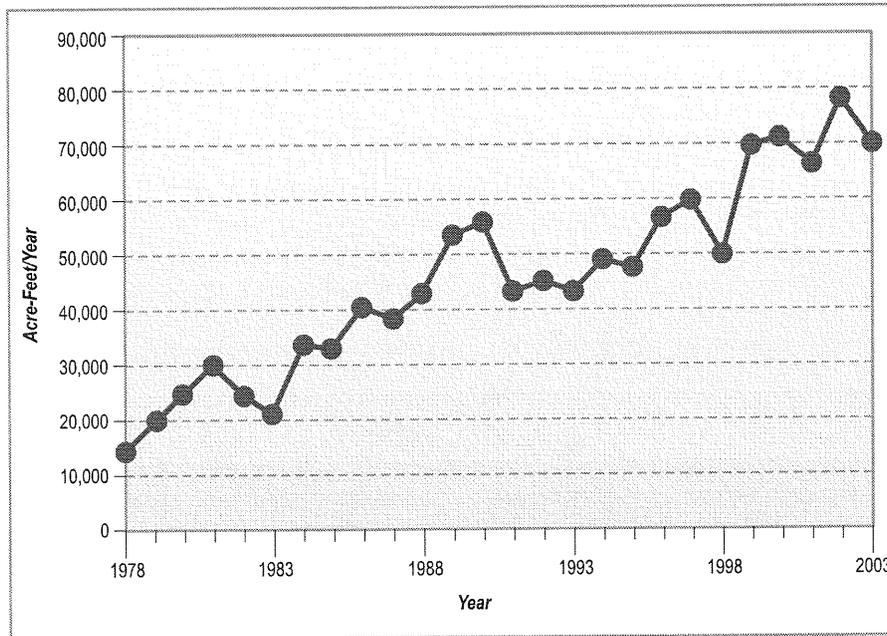
### 3.1 Overview

Because of affordable housing, relative to Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and a Mediterranean climate, the Cities of Murietta and Temecula (and surrounding communities) are desirable places to live. As such, population within RCWD's service area has grown significantly. Even agriculture, which is mainly orchards, citrus, avocados, and vineyards has grown, unlike in many other areas in Southern California.

This urban and agricultural growth has lead to increases in water demands. And because of the semi-arid climate, summer peaking in demands is fast becoming an issue.

### 3.2 Historical Water Demands

Combined agricultural and urban water demands have steadily increased in the RCWD service area between 1978 and 2003 as illustrated in Figure 3-1.



**Figure 3-1**  
**RCWD Historical Water Demands**

Table 3-1 shows the distribution of actual billing accounts by customer class. "AG & A/D" refers to agricultural and agricultural/domestic areas. "Domestic" is inclusive of very low density, low density, medium density, and medium high density single-family residential. "Multiple Dwelling" is multi-family residences, such as apartments and condos. The "Other" category includes freeway, and construction meters. Most water users classified in the "Other" category have either little or no reported water use.

**Table 3-1**  
**RCWD Customer Accounts**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2005</b>
AG & AG/D	1,310	1,699
Domestic	23,320	33,378
Multiple Dwelling	160	178
Commercial	827	1,280
Landscape	674	1,059
Schools, Etc	51	65
Golf	6	6
Reclaimed	54	130
Others <sup>1</sup>	143	1,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,545</b>	<b>39,186</b>

<sup>1</sup> Mostly construction and other temporary accounts.

### 3.3 Future Water Demands

Projecting water demands allows RCWD to determine future water supply investments needed to match expected demands. Water demand projections are used to schedule these investments to ensure they are online when needed thus minimizing cost impacts of idle facilities. Future water demands included here were developed as a part of the IRP to aid in the selection of a preferred alternative for meeting future water demands.

#### 3.3.1 Forecast Methodology

Projected water demands to 2050 were estimated using RCWD's 2000 billing data and water demand projections at ultimate build-out from the 2005 RCWD Water Facilities Master Plan. In the IRP demands were forecasted to 2050, but only forecast demands to 2030 are included in the 2005 UWMP.

The 2000 billing data was used to determine the starting point in the demand projection, while the ultimate build-out demands in the Master Plan represent the end-point. The 2000 billing data contains different classifications than the Master Plan classifications. Billing data is based on customer classes while Master Plan classification are based on land use categories. Thus, the first step was to match the two classification systems. Matching the two systems resulted in the IRP Sectors in Table 3-2. IRP Sectors are the sectors used in the demand forecast.

**Table 3-2**  
**Matching of Billing Data Classifications and Land Use Categories**

2000 Billing Data Classifications	IRP Sectors	Master Plan Classifications
AGRICULTURAL AG/DOMESTIC	Agricultural and Agricultural Domestic	Ag/Vineyard Planning Area Estate 20 Estate 10 Estate 5 Estate 2
DOMESTIC	Single-Family	Very Low Density Low Density Medium Density Medium High Density High Density
MULTIPLE DWELLING	Multi-Family	Multi-Family
COMMERCIAL SCHOOLS MISC GOV OTHER	Commercial/Institutional	Commercial Business Park / Industrial
GOLF LANDSCAPE RECLAIMED WATER	Landscape/Golf	Open Space – Recreational

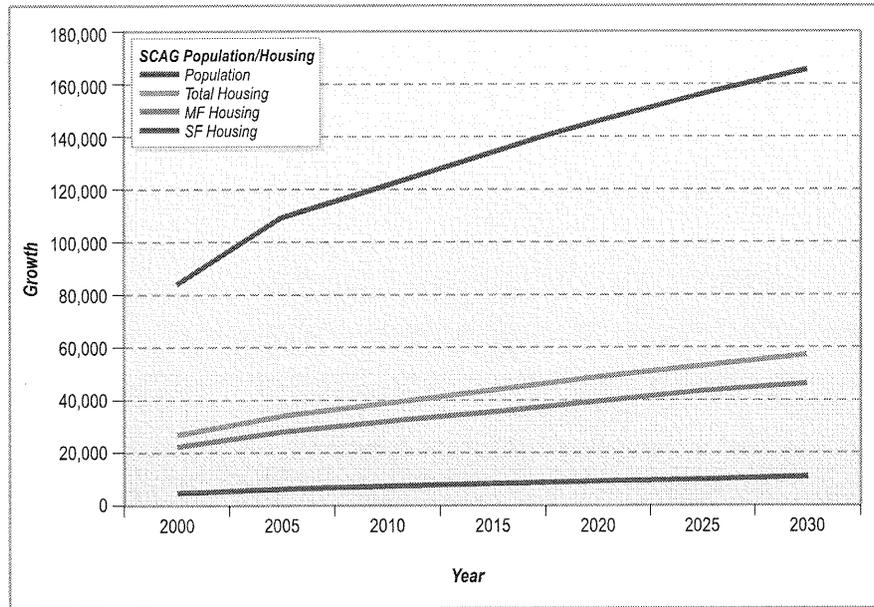
Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

### Estimating Year of Build-Out

The term “build-out” indicates a city is no longer growing, and the associated water demand would be at the maximum or ultimate demand. The build-out forecast obtained from the 2005 RCWD Water Facilities Master Plan did not specify the estimated year for build-out. It did, however, provide an estimated number of dwelling units for each land-use category. The IRP analysis estimated a year for build-out by comparing the number of build-out dwelling units in the Master Plan with the demographic projections developed by the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan discussed in Section 1.1.2. The SCAG demographic data contains single-family and multi-family data that correlate with the domestic and multiple dwelling categories under the Master Plan classifications.

SCAG projects demographics out until year 2030. Because the SCAG housing units were lower than those reported at build-out in the Master Plan, it was deemed that build-out was beyond 2030. To determine the year of build-out, a linear extrapolation of the SCAG housing projections was done. The SCAG demographic data for population and housing largely follow a linear pattern as shown in Figure 3-2. Although the rates of growth are not perfectly linear, there is not enough variation in the growth rate to warrant a non-linear growth pattern for demand projections.

Comparing the estimated number of dwelling units from the Master Plan build-out forecast and the extrapolated SCAG demographic data indicated that overall build-out would occur around 2050.



**Figure 3-2**  
**Demographic Projections for RCWD Service Area**

### 3.3.2 Consumptive Water Demand Forecast

Projected water demands in the IRP were estimated in 5-year intervals up to 2050 based on water billing data and the 2005 RCWD Master Plan build-out demand projections. For purposes of the UWMP, estimated demand projections are provided to 2030.

Results of the water demand forecast for normal weather conditions are summarized by sectors in Table 3-3. Total annual average water demands are projected to increase from the current 76,100 AFY to 112,700 AFY in 2030, a 36,600 AF increase. The largest growth is expected to occur in the Single-Family Domestic Sector from 25,500 AFY in 2005 to 44,300 in 2030.

**Table 3-3**  
**Annual Average Consumptive Water Demands in RCWD Service Area**

Year	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Agriculture/Ag Domestic Demands	33,900	35,900	38,000	40,000	41,000	44,000	46,000
Single-Family Domestic	21,700	25,500	29,300	33,000	36,800	40,600	44,300
Multi-Family Domestic	1,400	1,900	2,300	2,800	3,200	3,700	4,200
Commercial/Institutional	3,500	4,100	4,800	5,400	6,100	6,700	7,400
Landscape/Golf Course	8,300	8,700	9,100	9,500	9,900	10,300	10,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,800</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>90,700</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>105,300</b>	<b>112,700</b>

2000 represents actual demand, 2005-2030 projected based on average weather conditions

### 3.3.3 Sales to Other Agencies

RCWD does not engage in water sales to other agencies, including wholesale water, exchanges, and non-recurring agreements, at this time nor are any projected in the forecast period ending in 2030.

### 3.3.4 Additional Water Uses

Additional water uses include imported water purchased for groundwater recharge, water required to meet the Gorge discharge requirements due to the water rights settlement, and unaccounted for water. Given RCWD's system is relatively new and modern, unaccounted for water is very small, averaging around 2 percent. Table 3-4 summarizes this additional water use.

**Table 3-4  
Additional Water Uses and Losses (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup>**

<b>Water Use</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2030</b>
Groundwater Recharge with Imported Water	13,000	13,000	13,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Gorge Discharge (per water rights agreement)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Unaccounted Water	1,500	1,700	1,800	1,900	2,100	2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>17,200</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>27,700</b>

<sup>1</sup>Based on average runoff and weather conditions.

### 3.3.5 Total Water Uses

Total water use is the summation of the consumptive water demands presented in Table 3-3 and the additional water uses in Table 3-4. Table 3-5 summarizes the total future water uses under normal weather conditions.

**Table 3-5  
Total Water Use (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup>**

<b>Water Use</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2030</b>
Consumptive Demand	76,100	83,500	90,700	97,000	105,300	112,700
Sales to Other Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additional Water Uses and Losses	17,000	17,200	17,300	27,400	27,600	27,700
<b>Total Projected Water Use</b>	<b>93,100</b>	<b>100,700</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>124,400</b>	<b>132,900</b>	<b>140,400</b>

<sup>1</sup>Based on average runoff and weather conditions.

*Section 3*  
*Water Demands*

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Section 4

## Conservation

### 4.1 Introduction

Increasing urban water conservation is a means towards providing additional water supply by reducing demands. Effective water conservation practices are necessary to be able to provide adequate supplies to meet growing demands in the RCWD service area. Demographic projections indicate that agriculture land use will continue to decline in the future as RCWD's service area continues to become more urbanized. Through its membership in the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC), initiatives of EMWD and WMWD, and its own initiatives RCWD is committed to increasing water conservation.

RCWD is a recent signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Urban Water Conservation in California (MOU) developed by the members of the CUWCC. As a signatory to the MOU, RCWD is obligated to implement a set of 14 water conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs) also commonly referred to as Demand Management Measures. The MOU established the CUWCC in 1991 to monitor implementation of the BMPs and to maintain the list of BMPs. Biennially member agencies are required to submit a report to CUWCC detailing progress towards implementing the 14 BMPs. Participation and compliance with the BMPs is monitored by CUWCC which offers guidelines on the implementation and assessment of the BMPs.

### 4.2 Urban BMP Implementation

The MOU commits RCWD and other signatories to develop comprehensive conservation programs utilizing feasible economic criteria and to consider water conservation as a viable water management option through the implementation of Urban BMPs. BMPs are defined in the MOU as:

- (a) An established and generally accepted practice among water suppliers that results in more efficient use or conservation of water.
- (b) A practice for which sufficient data are available from existing water conservation projects to indicate that significant conservation or conservation-related benefits can be achieved; that the practice is technically and economically reasonable and not environmentally or socially unacceptable; and that the practice is not otherwise unreasonable for most water suppliers to carry out.

RCWD is obligated to implement all of the BMPs, except BMP 10. BMP 10 pertains to wholesale agencies only. Table 4-1 provides a listing of each BMP and summarizes RCWD's status in implementing the BMPs. As a recent signatory to the MOU, RCWD has only submitted the reports once, thus prior years are not included in the plan.

**Table 4-1  
CUWCC BMPs For Urban Conservation In California**

<b>BMP #</b>	<b>PRACTICES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1	Water surveys programs for single-family residential and multi-family residential customers	Implemented
2	Residential plumbing retrofit	Implemented
3	System water audits, leak detection and repair	Implemented
4	Metering with commodity rates for all new connections, and retrofit of existing connections	Implemented
5	Large landscape conservation programs and incentives	Implemented
6	High efficiency washing machine rebate program	Implemented
7	Public information programs	Implemented
8	School education programs	Implemented
9	Commercial/Industrial/Institutional water conservation	Outdoor Only
10	Wholesale agency assistance program	Not applicable
11	Conservation pricing	Implemented
12	Water conservation coordinator	Implemented
13	Water waste prohibition	Implemented
14	Residential ULFT replacement program	Implemented

**BMP 1: Water Survey Programs for Single-Family and Multi-Family Residential Customers**

RCWD is currently surveying outdoor water use of single-family accounts that use two hundred percent more water than the district-wide average. During these surveys RCWD checks the irrigation system and makes necessary adjustments such as changing the irrigation timers, there is no cost to the customer. The CUWCC suggests an estimated savings of ten percent when quantifying savings for outdoor surveys under this BMP.

RCWD began this program in July 2004 and has an annual budget of \$100,000 for five hundred surveys. The savings for this BMP were calculated by taking the average gallons per day per account water use and multiplying it by two hundred percent. This results in an estimated value that represents per account per day water use among the households target by the program. This value was then multiplied by the percent of total water use that is used outdoors. After assessing annual water use patterns, outdoor water use was estimated to be fifty-one percent of total water use. CUWCC estimates a ten percent reduction in outdoor use will result from the surveys. The average outdoor water use of the targeted accounts (848.47 gpd per account) was multiplied by ten percent. The resulting 85 gpd per account was multiplied by 500 (number of surveys per year) to calculate total annual savings in gallons. The resulting 15.48 MG (or 47.52 AF) was further processed into a lifetime savings and a cost per lifetime savings. Savings resulting from this program were

estimated to have a life of three years. Under this assumption the lifetime savings are estimated to be 142.56 AF at a cost of \$701.45 per AF.

RCWD currently offers multifamily outdoor surveys on a voluntary basis. However, up to this point they have received no requests. In 2007, RCWD will begin indoor multifamily surveys; they plan to conduct 50 surveys per year. The surveys will include leak detection and flow rate tests for faucets and showerheads. Leaks will be resolved and faucet aerators and low flow showerheads will be provided when necessary. Toilets will also be checked for flush volume and leaky flappers. When appropriate the customer will be directed to the ULFT program. These surveys will augment RCWD's plumbing retrofit program and the ULFT program.

CUWCC's methodology for calculating savings resulting from indoor water surveys assumes savings for showerhead retrofits, ULFT retrofits, and leak repairs. It is not reasonable to assume each survey will result in all or any of these changes. Further this methodology introduces potential double counting of toilet and showerhead retrofits because these fixtures are offered as part of separate BMPs (BMP 2 and 14).

**Table 4-2**  
**CUWCC BMP 1 Savings Assumptions**

	Pre-1980 Construction	Post-1980 Construction
<b>Low-Flow Showerhead Retrofit</b>	7.2 gcd	2.9 gcd
<b>Toilet Retrofit (five year life)</b>	1.3 gcd	0.0 gcd
<b>Leak Repair</b>	0.5 gcd	0.5 gcd
<b>Landscape Survey (outdoor use reduction)</b>	10%	10%

Source: CUWCC  
[http://www.cuwcc.org/m\\_bmp1.lasso](http://www.cuwcc.org/m_bmp1.lasso)

Grossly assuming 0.5 gcd savings per survey, and 2.84 persons per multifamily household<sup>1</sup>, 50 multifamily surveys will save 25,915 gallons per year. RCWD estimates the MF surveys will cost \$75 per survey, therefore conducting 50 surveys in one year will cost \$3,750.

### **BMP 2: Residential Plumbing Retrofit**

RCWD is fulfilling BMP 2 through the dissemination of a residential plumbing retrofit kit free of charge to eligible RCWD customers. Eligible customers pick up the retrofit kits in the RCWD reception area. The kit includes low-flow shower heads, garden hose shut-off nozzles, faucet aerators, and toilet leak detection tablets. The kit is available to customers living in homes that were built prior to 1994. The low-flow

<sup>1</sup> Census SF3 Data for City of Temecula.

shower heads are limited to two per household, and the aerators and the shut-off valves are limited to one per household.

RCWD began this program in September 2004 and through March 2005 distributed 327 low-flow shower heads, 442 faucet aerators, and 240 garden hose shut-off nozzles. The faucet aerators and the shut-off nozzles are considered to have nominal savings for this analysis. Savings were calculated for the shower heads based on a gallon per capita per day assumption recommended by the CUWCC. They recommend a gallon per capita per day savings of 7.2 gpcd for pre-1980 homes and 2.9 gpcd for post-1980 construction. The percent of homes in the RCWD service area that were built prior to 1980 is estimated using 2000 Census SF3 data for Temecula California. Census data lists housing units built by decade up to 1980 and then in smaller increments through 2000. Based on this data, fourteen percent of the homes in the RCWD service area are estimated to be built prior to 1980. Thus it was assumed that 42 of the low-flow showerheads (fourteen percent) distributed by RCWD went to homes built prior to 1980 and the remaining 258 (eighty-six percent) went to post-1980 construction homes. The 42 showerheads assumed to be retrofit in pre-1980 housing were multiplied by 7.2 gallons per capita per day, and the 258 showerheads that were assumed to be retrofit in post-1980 homes were multiplied by 2.9 gallons per capita per day. The products of these multiplications were then added, multiplied by the average number of persons per household (as obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2000 SF3 data for Temecula California), and then divided by the total number of showerhead retrofits. This resulted in an average savings in gallons per day per account for each low-flow shower head distributed. This value was then multiplied by the total number of shower heads distributed by RCWD and 365 days to estimate annual savings.

As noted above, RCWD began this program in September 2004 and the data are for seven months. To make savings and costs reflect an annual time period a monthly participation rate was estimated and multiplied by twelve. The estimated participation for a year is 514 low-flow showerhead retrofits, resulting in an annual water savings of 6.35 AF. The lifetime of a showerhead is estimated to be ten years making the lifetime savings of this program 63.51 AF and the cost per lifetime savings \$134.93 per AF.

The CUWCC methodology described above was used in estimating savings from low-flow showerheads for RCWD. However, it is important to note that this methodology is nearly outdated. If indeed showerheads have a ten year life then it is likely that all pre-1980 homes have been retrofitted. Further, it could be argued that homes constructed pre 1994 also have retrofitted showerheads, or will in the very near future. The efficacy of this program may need to be reevaluated.

Currently there is not a local enforceable ordinance in effect in the RCWD service area requiring the replacement of high-flow showerheads and other water using fixtures with low flow counterparts. However, California State law since 1992 prohibits the sale or installation of non conserving showerheads. RCWD is a recent signatory to the MOU and has not completed the required customer surveys regarding low-flow

showerhead installation. These surveys are to demonstrate that 75 percent of the single-family and multifamily households built prior to 1992 in the RCWD service area have been retrofitted with low flow showerheads.

### **BMP 3: System Water Audits, Leak Detection, and Repair**

RCWD conducts water audits of its distribution system on a monthly basis to determine if leaks are occurring and/or repairs are necessary. Sales in each pressure zone, inclusive of construction, water, sewer flushing, and mainline flushing, are compared to delivery records and sales production. Monthly auditing results in the ability to implement corrective actions prior to excessive losses. Unaccounted water has historically ranged between 3 and 6 percent. In 2004 unaccounted water averaged 4.7 percent. RCWD strives to maintain average yearly system losses to less than 5 percent.

RCWD is proactive in reducing system water losses. Through its corrosion control program RCWD determines the corrosion potential of soils by measuring pipe to soil potential and if necessary installing cathodic protection equipment for both new and existing infrastructure. RCWD also verifies the integrity of valves within the system. A special truck is outfitted with equipment to check all valves within the system on a periodic basis. Valves that are not maintained can leak or malfunction. Inoperable valves are replaced or repaired.

### **BMP 4: Metering with Commodity Rates for all new Connections and Retrofit of Existing Connections**

All of RCWD's customers are metered and charged a commodity rate for water service (see Appendix A for water rate schedules).

### **BMP 5: Large Landscape Conservation Programs and Incentives**

RCWD provides a large landscape water audit program to its customers. In August 2005, RCWD began conducting commercial outdoor water use surveys. Under this program, RCWD performs a large landscape water audit and incorporates a demonstration garden and various educational seminars. RCWD is also taking advantage of MWDSC's WBIC (weather-based irrigation controllers) incentive program for large landscape customers. Under this program it is estimated the RCWD will perform up to 40 landscape audits and install up to 40 WBIC systems. As of October 2005, RCWD has completed 30 survey/installations.

MWDSC offers incentives to commercial/industrial/institutional (CII) accounts for the utilization of WBIC's MWDSC offers \$500 per acre of CII land that is irrigated with a WBIC and \$5.50 per station. A station is a valve on the WBIC unit.

These survey/installations cost \$1,200 on average. The CUWCC methodology recommends estimating a 15 percent reduction in outdoor commercial water use. Water demand for CII in RCWD in 2000 was 3,482 AF. There are 877 commercial accounts giving an annual average of 3.97 AF water demand per account. It is estimated that 51 percent of water use is outdoor. Therefore, estimated annual

outdoor water use per account is 2.02 AF. RCWD has conducted 30 survey/installations in three months. If this trend continues they will be able to complete 120 in one year. In 2000 these 120 accounts had a total annual water demand of 243 AF. Reducing this by the CUWCC suggested 15 percent equals 36.45 AF of savings in one year. The life of a WBIC is estimated at 10-15 years, or an average of 12.5 years<sup>2</sup>. The lifetime savings of this program is 455.60 AF and the cost per lifetime savings is \$316.07 per AF.

### **BMP 6: High-Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate Program**

MWDSC offers rebates ranging from \$85 to \$150 for purchases of high efficiency clothes washers. As part of RCWD's conservation efforts they facilitate a pass-through of the MWD rebates to their customers. Customers receive the rebate via a credit on their water account. The only costs RCWD incur are administrative, at \$10 per unit. This program began in 2003 and through March 2005 had 499 participants. Savings and costs were estimated based on rebates given in 2004.

Three hundred ninety-seven rebates were given in 2004 for purchases of high-efficiency clothes washers with varying efficiency ratings. Clothes washers are assigned a water factor to describe their efficiency. The water factor is the number of gallons required by the washing machine for each cubic foot of laundry. Thus, lower water factors indicate more water efficiency. The water factors for the washers rebated in 2004 range from 4.0 to 9.47.

RCWD keeps track of the water factors of each high-efficiency washing machine that receives a rebate through MWDSC's program. This is very important in calculating the savings of clothes washers based on the methodology put forth by the CUWCC. In this analysis, the CUWCC methodology was slightly modified. The CUWCC equation for estimating savings is:

$$GWS = 14 \text{ yr.} \times \sum_i N_i \times (13.3 - i) \times 1,170 \frac{\text{gal.}}{\text{yr.}}$$

GWS is gross water savings, 14 yr. is the average life of a clothes washer, N is the number of machines replaced with the water factor i, 13.3 is the baseline water factor for machines sold in 1994 as supplied to DOE by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), and 1170 is the average unit change in water use per unit change in water factor (developed by the California Energy Commission).

This analysis used all of the factors in the CUWCC equation, however the summation was modified. The frequency (N) of rebates for each water factor was determined.

<sup>2</sup> Assumption taken from: Residential Weather-Based Irrigation Scheduling: Evidence from the Irvine "ET Controller" Study June 2001  
"The useful life is expected to be between 10 and 15 years" (pg. 7).

Then the equation was applied to each water factor independently. In the example below 4.5 is the water factor and 10 is the frequency, or number of retrofits for the water factor 4.5:

$$[14\text{year}*(10*[13.3-4.5])*1170]$$

Results calculated for each water factor were summed to derive total water savings.

Program lifetime savings based on the rebates given in 2004 are estimated to be 145.99 AF, the program cost per lifetime savings \$27.19 per AF.

### **BMP 7: Public Information Programs**

RCWD along with EMWD, WMWD, and MWDSC have public information programs in place designed to educate the public and businesses on how to reduce water consumption and learn about water supply issues. As a member agency of both WMWD and EMWD, RCWD participates in both of their conservation programs and MWDSC's conservation programs. The public information program at RCWD is designed to reach as many residents as possible. RCWD budgets approximately \$30,000 per year for its program.

Various mediums are used to convey information to residents and businesses within the service area by RCWD. Media outlets include news releases, community events, seminars, internet, and newsletters. RCWD creates feature public information articles for distribution to local newspapers and radio stations. During community events RCWD participates through its commitment, membership, and representation to local service organizations. Seminars for professional landscapers and homeowners are also sponsored by RCWD. Quarterly, RCWD publishes *Waternews*, for its customers. Articles are included on water conservation measures. RCWD's lobby has a plethora of hand outs, including handouts such as water conservation, water wise gardening, water use outdoors, and indoor water use, available for free in the reception area.

### **BMP 8: School Education Programs**

Since 1984 RCWD has implemented a water education program to provide water and wastewater knowledge to teachers, students, and parents. Through its program, RCWD is able to educate students at an early age on the benefits of conserving water so that this knowledge flows into their homes and develops future water conserving habits.

Coordination between schools and RCWD's water education program occurs through RCWD's Public Information Specialist. The Public Information Specialist is tasked with managing the relationship between RCWD's various departments and other work groups with local school districts and external agencies. A key highlight of the program is to encourage and assist teachers in educating students about water. Through the program students develop an early appreciation for water.

RCWD's water education program involves all elementary and secondary schools within the service area encompassing 18 public schools and 6 private schools. Training

*Section 4  
Conservation*

is provided for teachers at all grade levels. Distributed materials meet the Science Framework for California Schools and the Murrieta and Temecula Valley Unified School District's Science Curriculum Guide. Materials are appropriate for respective grade levels. Teachers can choose to participate by ordering education materials from RCWD with all costs paid by RCWD.

Approximately 9,000 students are contacted per year through school assemblies, educational theater productions, field trips, and classroom presentations. On average RCWD provides over 20,000 brochures, booklets, stickers, and other water related items to students per year. RCWD also has sponsored such items as an essay contest, t-shirt design contest, and local science fairs.

Between 2001 and 2005 the approximate average yearly basis for impressions on students was:

Number of schools served: 24

Number of teachers served: 150

Number of students served: 5,000

Number of education materials distributed: 25,000 pieces

Number of classroom presentations: 40

**BMP 9: Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Conservation Programs**

Currently RCWD has implemented outdoor commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) conservation programs in the form of surveys, but has not implemented indoor CII conservation programs. The outdoor program is discussed in detail for BMP 5.

RCWD could implement programs such as the Commercial and Industrial Rebate Program and CII indoor surveys. The CI rebate program offers rebates on seven water using devices. RCWD could implement this rebate program with a cost similar to their ULFT and high-efficiency clothes washer programs. Since MWDSC pays for the rebate, RCWD pays only a small administrative cost for significant savings. Table 4-3 below lists available rebate amounts and estimated savings.

**Table 4-3  
MWDSC CII Rebate Programs**

<b>Device:</b>	<b>MET Rebate Amount</b>	<b>Savings per Unit GP Year</b>	<b>Savings per Unit GPD</b>
<b>Cooling Tower Conductivity Controller</b>	\$500.00	800,000	2,191
<b>Water-saving Toilet/Urinal</b>	\$60.00	14,600	40
<b>High-efficiency Washing Machine</b>	\$100.00	150,000	411
<b>Pre-rinse Kitchen Sprayer</b>	\$50.00	75,000	205
<b>Dual Flush Toilets</b>	\$80.00	14,600	40
<b>Water-pressurized Broom</b>	\$100.00	50,000	137
<b>Film Processor Recirculating System</b>	\$2,000.00	1,000,000	2,740

Source: CUWCC  
<http://www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/conserv/program02.html>

Another incentive program available is the CII weather-based irrigation controllers discussed in detail under BMP 5.

In 2009 RCWD will begin indoor commercial surveys. While this program is still in the planning stages it will likely follow standard survey methods and focus. Because this is a future program actual costs are unknown. Based on an assessment of agencies currently participating in this portion of BMP 9 and review of a paper by Santa Clara Valley Water District, a cost per survey was estimated to be about \$3000. The other cost figures were found in the CUWCC BMP reporting data base for the following agencies: City of San Diego, City of Pasadena, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and San Juan Water District. The database was randomly searched and these four were found to have realistic data (i.e., some agencies reported doing surveys but did not report a cost, or reported extremely high costs). Costs for these agencies ranged from \$950.00 to \$6,500.00 per survey.

CUWCC recommends estimating a savings of 12 percent of the current gallons per employee per day for the CII surveys. A gallons per employee per day (GED) value was calculated for RCWD from CII water use for 2000 and the total number of employees in 2000. The employment data was furnished by SCAG. The resulting GED is 112.61 for RCWD. Potential savings are estimated as 12 percent, or 13.51 GED.

CUWCC's guidelines indicate that 10 percent of CII accounts are to be surveyed in 10 years . There are 877 commercial accounts in RCWD and no industrial accounts,

Thus, it is assumed that RCWD will conduct 88 surveys in ten years or 9 surveys per year.

SCAG data reported 27,602 employees in 2000 for the RCWD service area. Given the 877 CII accounts, this is an average of 31.5 employees per account.

With these assumptions each account surveyed is estimated to save 426 gallons per day; this is derived by multiplying the 13.51 GED savings by 31.5 employees per account. Savings per year can be estimated by multiplying 426 gallons per day (savings per account) by 9 (the number of surveys conducted annually) and by 365 days. The resulting estimate of annual savings is 1.4 MG. Assuming a five year life of savings resulting from the indoor surveys, the lifetime savings is 21.45 AF and the cost per lifetime savings is \$1,256.53 per AF.

### **BMP 11: Conservation Pricing**

RCWD has implemented two tier blocks to encourage conservation for all customer classes effective as of July 2005. Water and wastewater rates are different depending upon the location of the service address. RCWD is divided into the Rancho and Santa Rosa Divisions for water service and is further divided into pressure zones. Wastewater service is provided by both RCWD and EMWD.

Water customers pay a base rate per hundred cubic feet (HCF), an energy rate based on pressure zone locations, and a monthly service charge based upon meter size. Agricultural and domestic rates are calculated at the domestic rate for water use up to 16 HCF. Water use in excess of 16 HCF is calculated at the lower Agricultural Rate. The Tier 2 conservation rate is an additional \$0.18595 per hundred cubic feet. This additional rate applies to customers that exceed their water allocation as determined by customer class.

Recycled water customers are billed based on a monthly service charge and use per acre-foot. Acre-foot charges vary based upon whether the user requires tertiary treated water, agricultural treated water, or uses the water for construction activities.

Wastewater customers pay a flat fee based on location and the service provider, RCWD or EMWD. For RCWD the flat rate is based on equivalent dwelling units per customer, while EMWD is a flat rate regardless of equivalent dwelling units.

Appendix A contains a copy of the water and sewer rate structures.

### **BMP 12: Conservation Coordinator**

RCWD employs one full-time water conservation coordinator. The coordinator is tasked with interacting with coordinators from other agencies, overseeing all aspects of water conservation, and developing new programs. Since 2000 RCWD has spent approximately \$150,000 to satisfy this BMP.

### **BMP 13: Water Waste Prohibition**

RCWD has actively enforced “No-Waste” water provisions included in its water conservation program for dealing with water supply shortages (see Appendix B). This program was adopted in January 1991 (Resolution 91-1-3), then later amended in February 1991 (Resolution 91-2-3) and again in May 1991 (Resolution 91-5-8). The program contains four stages of water supply conditions. Under each stage the condition of the supply is defined along with prohibited uses. RCWD does respond to customers who complain about wasteful use of water. On average, RCWD send out approximately 10 letters per year to customers who have been identified as using water in a wasteful manner.

RCWD does not have a water softener ordinance nor does it conduct water softener checks as part of its home surveys.

### **BMP 14: Residential ULFT Replacement Programs**

Since 1997 RCWD has participated in MWDSC’s Ultra Low Flush Toilet (ULFT) rebate program. MWDSC offers a rebate of \$60 for a ULFT and RCWD passes this through to their customers as a credit in their water account. The only costs RCWD incurs are administrative, at \$10 per unit. This program began in 1997 and through March 2005 has had 1,089 participants. RCWD has also distributed toilets in coordination with the Temecula Valley High School’s Rotary Interact Club. Cooperative Technologies & Services International trained students to market and assist distribution of ULFT’s for a \$20 co-pay. Through this program the ULFTs provide long term water savings throughout their usable life, RCWD gains public exposure, students gain skills, and the high school earned money for academic and extracurricular activities. Through these programs starting in 1997 and through March 2005 RCWD has had 1,089 participants.

An annualized savings and cost estimate were based on an average from 1997 through 2004. On average annual participation in the ULFT program is 155. Total annual savings for an average year (based on participation from 1997 through 2004) is 6.25 AF based on CUWCC’s methodology. Assuming a 25 year life for a toilet, the lifetime savings is 156.36 AF and the cost per lifetime savings is \$9.98 per AF.

## **4.3 Agricultural Conservation Programs**

In conjunction with other agencies, RCWD has funded numerous programs with the goal of increasing conservation of water used in agriculture. Agricultural water use represented 36 percent of RCWD’s total water use during fiscal year 2003-2004. The potential for water savings from conservation in the agricultural sector are great and reductions in agricultural water use may have a considerable impact on RCWD’s total demand. RCWD’s current efforts to save water in the agricultural sector include:

- Irrigation system evaluations.
- The PRISM Winegrape Irrigation Scheduling and Regulated Deficit Program.

- The development of an agricultural discount program that has yet to be funded and implemented.

### **Irrigation System Evaluations**

RCWD, in conjunction with San Jacinto Basin Conservation District, conducts agricultural irrigation system evaluations under its Irrigation System Evaluation Program. This program began in 2003 and to date 32 evaluations have been completed. The goal of the program is to conduct 45 evaluations by 2006. Of the 32 evaluations performed average farm acreage ranges from 5 to 55 acres with an average of 12 acres. Per farm savings resulting from the evaluations ranges from .23 AFY to .47 AFY with an average of .40 AFY. The 32 evaluations covered 384 acres and save approximately 154 AFY. Savings from this program result primarily from improvements in application uniformity and scheduling accuracy. The irrigation evaluation program has cost RCWD about \$15,000 since 2003. The program expires in 2006, but with its success will likely continue.

### **PRISM Scheduling and Regulated Deficit Program**

The Precision Irrigation Scheduling Method (PRISM) uses a high frequency radio wave emitting soil probe that collects soil moisture information that can be downloaded to a computer. Once downloaded, PRISM software can be employed to determine irrigation needs. Originally the (PRISM) Wine Grape program was funded by growers at \$15 per week per site for a 30 week season. Twelve vineyards participated in the program. Crop losses suffered by farmers due to Pierce Disease prompted the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to invest in the program in 2000.

The program provided weekly soil moisture monitoring with a portable Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) device and irrigation scheduling designed to prevent water stress in an environment with Pierce Disease. In 2001, 20 additional vineyards were added to the program and the program added a new component for computing site-specific crop coefficients. The California Department of Conservation provided matching funds to aid the expansion of services. In 2002 the program added weekly shoot length measurements in order to monitor growth rates. In 2003 RCWD provided funding for a new component to the program, the Vine Moisture Stress Component.

For the years 2003-2005 RCWD provided a total of \$43,000 in funding to this program. Vine moisture stress or more commonly known as Regulated Deficit Irrigation, utilizes techniques that apply less water than the vine requires thereby causing mild stress. This technique reportedly results in improved wine quality and conservation of water and energy. Yields may be reduced but the wine grower may find this an acceptable tradeoff for improved wine quality. Savings data for the PRISM Wine Grape Irrigation Scheduling and Regulated Deficit Program are provided in Table 4-4.

**Table 4-4**  
**PRISM and Regulated Deficit Savings**

2002	0.077	1,242	95.63
2003	0.444	1,213	538.40
2004	0.208	1,224	254.51
<b>Total</b>			<b>888.54</b>

*Section 4*  
*Conservation*

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Section 5

## Water Shortage Contingency Plan

### 5.1 Overview

In order to ensure a reliable water supply in a water shortage situation, RCWD developed a water shortage contingency plan in accordance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act. A water shortage situation may be brought on by drought conditions caused by hot and dry weather, or a failure of the water delivery system due to seismic activity or other catastrophic event. A large portion of the water RCWD sells to its customers is imported from the MWD via EMWD and WMWD. Therefore, as part of RCWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan it is important to present MWD's plan in the case of a water shortage. The next section discusses MWD's Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan and EMWD and WMWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plans. Section 5.5 discusses RCWD's compliance with Water Code Section 10632.

### 5.2 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

RCWD receives MWD imported water deliveries from EMWD and WMWD. Both EMWD and WMWD are member agencies of MWD and therefore RCWD is subject to MWD policies during a water shortage. During fiscal year 2004 RCWD purchased 41,312 acre-feet of water from MWD, which represents 49.5 percent of total annual water production. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's 1999 Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan (WSDM) provides a plan to provide 100 percent reliability of the agency's water service. Protocols are provided for times of water surplus and water shortage. MWD strategically manages water in times of surplus to ensure there is an adequate supply during a shortage. The WSDM plan defines surplus, shortage, severe shortage, and extreme shortage as follows:

**Surplus:** Supplies are sufficient to allow MWD to meet Full Service demands, make deliveries to all interruptible programs (replenishment, long-term seasonal storage, and agricultural deliveries), and deliver water to regional and local facilities for storage.

**Shortage:** Supplies are sufficient to allow MWD to meet Full Service demands and make partial or full deliveries to interruptible programs, sometimes using stored water and voluntary water transfers.

**Severe Shortage:** Supplies are insufficient and MWD is required to make withdrawals from storage, call on its water transfers, and possibly call for extraordinary drought conservation and reduce deliveries under the Interim Agriculture Water Program (IAWP).

**Extreme Shortage:** Supplies are insufficient and MWD is required to allocate available imported supplies".

Section 5  
Water Shortage Contingency Plan

During shortages MWD will be able to meet municipal and industrial (M&I) demands with management of existing water supplies with no negative impact to the end user. Severe and extreme shortages will require MWDSC to implement the following shortage actions as stated in the WSDM:

- Draw on storage in the Diamond Valley Lake
- Draw on out-of-region storage in Semitropic and Arvin-Edison
- Reduce/suspend long-term seasonal and groundwater replenishment deliveries
- Draw on contractual groundwater storage programs in the region
- Draw on SWP terminal reservoir storage (per Monterey Agreement)
- Call for extraordinary drought conservation and public education
- Reduce IAWP (agricultural) deliveries
- Call on water transfer options contracts
- Purchase transfers on the spot market
- Allocation of MWD's firm imported supplies to its member agencies

Surplus Stages					Actions	Shortage Stages						
Surplus						Shortage			Severe Shortage		Extreme Shortage	
5	4	3	2	1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Make Cyclic Deliveries Fill Semitropic, Arvin-Edison Store supplies in SWP Carryover Fill Contractual GW Fill Monterey Res. Fill Eastside							

Potential Simultaneous Actions

Source: MWDSC WSDM Plan

Figure 5-1  
MWD Stages and Action Matrix

Figure 5-1 illustrates MWD actions during times of surplus and shortage. If a severe shortage occurs IAWP deliveries will be reduced. In 2000, RCWD served approximately 1,300 Agriculture and Agriculture/Domestic accounts and delivered 33,857 AF of water to these customers; 49 percent of total deliveries. The action above calling for a reduction of IAWP will impact RCWD's agricultural customers in a severe shortage, as agricultural water deliveries are interruptible. The WSDM states:

**“Reduce agricultural deliveries:** The IAWP offers interruptible water to southern California's agricultural industry at discounted rates. These supplies will be interrupted as part of MWD's shortage actions. MWD will work with IAWP participants to provide as much advance warning of interruption as possible. The IAWP reflects current policies toward agricultural water users. The policies underlying this program are due to be reviewed during the ten-year period of the WSDM Plan. The WSDM Plan will be changed accordingly”.

According to MWD's IAWP Reduction Guidelines, MWD has the right to discontinue surplus water service in whole or in part with one year's written notice. After a purchaser is given a notice of discontinuation, MWD's CEO may reduce IAWP deliveries up to 30 percent prior to any urban water allocation action under the WSDM Plan.

The timing of potential IAWP reductions is important to note as Colorado River and State Water Project (SWP) supplies are determined annually. The initial supply allocation is estimated in December; however the SWP supply is uncertain and not final until May 1. Typically May 1 is when a notification would be made by MWDSC regarding a reduction in IAWP water deliveries, with actual reductions occurring 60 days later on July 1.

If MWD requires a utility to reduce IAWP water usage, water usage targets for the upcoming year are established based on water use during the previous year. Once this baseline water use target is established it will remain in place as long as the reduction is in effect, even if it goes beyond the fiscal year. Actual IAWP water consumption will be measured every six months. If an agency used less water than it was allotted it receives a credit that carries over into the next six month period. If the agency used more water than it was allotted via the established baseline then it is assigned a debit. If an agency uses more water than it is allotted they have to pay MWDSC's penalty rate for the amount of water over the established baseline.

### **5.3 Eastern Municipal Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

EMWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan presents restrictions for residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial (CII), and agricultural sector customers during the four established water stages. Stage 1 is defined as having water deficiencies between 5 and 10 percent and restrictions are voluntary, Stage 2 is defined as water deficiencies from 10 to 25 percent, Stage 3 represents a deficiency of

*Section 5  
Water Shortage Contingency Plan*

25 to 50 percent, and in Stage 4 deficiencies are greater than 50 percent. During Stages 2-4 the restrictions set forth by EMWD are mandatory. During water shortages all of EMWD's customers are requested to adhere to restrictions. The Water Shortage Contingency Plan defines a customer as, "any person, company, agency, or organization using water supplied by EMWD." Therefore RCWD will be impacted by EMWD's water use restrictions in the event of a water shortage.

Restrictions pertaining for Stages 1-4 are below. The restrictions are voluntary for Stage 1 but are mandatory for Stages 2-4.

Residential water shortage contingency measures:

Stage 1:

1. "Do not hose down driveways or any other hard surfaces except for health or sanitary reasons.
2. Irrigate lawns and landscape only between midnight and 6:00 a.m. (unless hand watering). Adjust automatic timer clocks accordingly.
3. Adjust and operate all landscape irrigation systems in a manner that will maximize irrigation efficiency and avoid over watering or watering of hardscape and the resulting runoff.
4. Refrain from using decorative fountains unless they are equipped with a recycling system.
5. Where possible, install pool and spa covers to minimize water loss due to evaporation.
6. Do not allow hoses to run while washing vehicles. Use a bucket or a hose with an automatic shutoff valve".

Stage 2:

1. "No replacement water will be provided for ponds, lakes, etc".

Stage 3:

1. "Water used on a one-time basis for purposes such as construction and dust control shall be limited to that quantity identified in a plan submitted by the user describing water use requirements. The plan shall be submitted to the District for approval.
2. The use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to activities necessary to maintain the public health safety and welfare.

3. Water for municipal purposes shall be limited to activities necessary to maintain the public, health, safety, and welfare.
4. Outdoor irrigation by sprinklers will only be allowed on even-numbered days of the month for those locations with a street address ending in an even last digit. Outdoor irrigation of locations not having a street address shall irrigate on even-numbered days of the month.
5. Outdoor irrigation by sprinklers will only be allowed on odd-numbered days of the month for those locations with a street address in an odd last digit.
6. Washing of autos, trucks, trailers, motor homes, boats, airplanes, or other types of mobile equipment is prohibited. However, such washings are exempted from these regulations for municipalities or commercial entities where the health, safety and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleaning such as garbage trucks or vehicles used to transport food and perishables”.

Stage 4:

1. “Irrigation of landscaping is only allowed twice per week with hand-held hose only.
2. No replacement water provided for pools and spas until such time as Stage 4 restrictions are deemed no longer in effect.
3. No one shall cause the emptying or refilling of existing pools or spas for cleaning purposes. Current water levels will be maintained.
4. All new landscaping shall be limited to drought-tolerant plantings as determined by the District.
5. No new lawn/turf, whether by seed or sod, shall be permitted.
6. No person or entity shall be required to implement any new landscaping requirements of any association, developer, or governing agency until the termination of Stage 4.
7. Use of water by all types of commercial car washes shall be reduced in volume by 50 percent”.

CII water shortage contingency measures:

Stage 1:

1. "Reference evapotranspiration (ET) factors for individually metered landscape projects will be reduced from 1.0 (100 percent of ET) to 0.8 (80 percent of ET)".

Stage 2: No additional measure, however Stage 1 becomes mandatory.

Stage 3:

1. "Landscape meters to 75 percent of ET.

Stage 4:

1. Landscape meters to 60 percent of ET.

Agricultural water shortage measures:

Stage 4:

1. Based on interruptible agriculture (sic) water from MWDSC, field and row crops may be discontinued".

Note there are no agricultural water use restrictions for Stages 1-3.

## **5.4 Western Municipal Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

During a water shortage WMWD will adopt an Ordinance that restricts water usage and penalizes excess usage. Prohibitions of water use that may be imposed by WMWD include street/sidewalk cleaning, washing cars, lawn/landscape watering, non-permanent agriculture, uncorrected plumbing leaks, gutter flooding, and restrictions on construction use. According to the WMWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan, the stages when these prohibitions become mandatory may vary. Unlike EMWD's plan which has specific measures to be taken during each of its four stages. The measures WMWD takes during a water shortage will apply to all retail and wholesale customers.

WMWD has prepared actions to be taken should a catastrophic event occur. Possible catastrophes it is prepared for include: regional power outage, earthquake, extreme weather, terrorism/sabotage, water borne diseases, and system failure.

In February 2005 WMWD was required to enact Ordinance 358 due to a five day shutdown of a MWDSC treatment plant. The Ordinance prohibited use of potable water for non-essential indoor and outdoor water use. More specifically irrigation;

hosing down sidewalks, driveways, patios, etc.; washing cars; and certain construction uses were prohibited.

WMWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan states that it may stop wholesale water sales during a water shortage emergency period, which will have a direct impact on RCWD supplies.

## 5.5 RCWD Water Shortage Contingency Plan

As required by the Urban Water Management Plan Act, RCWD has developed a water shortage contingency plan so that it may provide a reliable supply of water to its customers in the event of a water shortage situation (see Appendix B). Below sections 10632 (a) through (i) are discussed.

### 5.5.1 Water Code Section 10632 (a)

*The plan shall provide an urban water shortage contingency analysis that includes each of the following elements that are within the authority of the urban water supplier: (a) Stages of action to be undertaken by the urban water supplier in response to water supply shortages, including up to a 50 percent reduction in water supply, and an outline of specific water supply conditions which are applicable to each stage.*

Currently RCWD has a resolution that establishes water conservation guidelines based on the availability of supply. There are four stages of action and each stage has a set of conservation measures. Water code section 10632 of the Urban Water Management Plan Act requires a shortage situation of 50 percent reduction in water supply to be addressed. Presented below are four water stages and the actions that are taken for each stage. Stage IV, water emergency, will provide adequate conservation during a water shortage of up to a 50 percent reduction in water supply and is discussed below.

Stage I - Normal Condition (The District is able to meet the water demands of its customers in the immediate future).

1. When the General Manager has declared that the District's water supply is in a "Normal Condition," customers are requested to use water wisely and to practice water conservation measures so that water is not wasted.
2. Customers are to avoid use of water in a manner that creates runoff or drainage onto adjacent properties or onto public or private roadways.
3. Water waste is a violation of California Law and District Regulations at any time.

Stage II - Water Alert (There is a probability that the District will not be able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

1. Parks, school grounds, and golf courses are to be watered at night only.

Section 5  
Water Shortage Contingency Plan

2. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered after 6:00 p.m. and before 6 a.m.
3. Driveways, parking lots and other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
4. Private vehicles are to be washed with a bucket; hoses must have positive shut off nozzles.
5. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
6. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request.
7. A limited number of fire hydrant construction meters will be issued by the District. Applicant must present current, valid grading or building permit.
8. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.
9. Decorative ponds, golf course water hazards which are not an integral part of the permanent irrigation or fire protection system, fountains and other waterscape features are not to be filled. Fountain pumps must remain off to minimize evaporation.

Stage III – Water Warning (The District is not able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

1. Parks are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
2. School grounds are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
3. Golf courses, greens and tees only, are to be watered at night. Fairways may be watered on alternate days at night.
4. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered no more than two times per week after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request using disposable cups.
6. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
7. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
8. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
9. New fire hydrant construction meters will not be issued by the District.

10. Water service through fire hydrant construction meters for grading or other constructions is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
11. Agricultural customers are to use water on alternate days only.
12. Commercial nurseries are to use water only on alternate days between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
13. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

Stage IV – Water Emergency (A major deficiency of any supply or failure of a distribution facility is declared).

1. Lawns and landscaping are not to be watered.
2. Parks, school grounds and golf course fairways are to be watered with reclaimed water, if available, or not at all. Golf course greens and tees may be watered only on alternate nights.
3. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed.
4. Commercial car washes using recycled or reclaimed water are to be used for washing vehicles. Consumption of District water for this use must be reduced to 50 percent of average consumption for the year.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, using disposable cups.
6. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
7. New fire hydrant construction meters will not be issued by the District.
8. Water service through fire hydrant construction meters will not be available by the District.
9. Permanent orchard crop irrigation is to be limited to no more than two times per week. In the event of a temporary service outage, agricultural irrigation is to be discontinued.
10. Other agricultural and commercial nursery irrigation is to be discontinued.
11. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

The conservation actions listed under Stage IV- Water Emergency primarily target outdoor water use. The only indoor water use that is restricted is in regard to restaurant customers receiving water only upon request. The savings from this are likely insignificant, but help promote public awareness of the crisis. The other measures virtually eliminate outdoor water use with exception to watering livestock and animals, minimal orchard crop irrigation, and golf course greens and tees on

alternate nights. Other uses such as commercial car washes and parks, school, and golf course fairway watering are to use reclaimed water.

The sectors using the most water during fiscal year 2003-2004 were domestic (including Ag/Domestic) and the agricultural sector with 41 percent and 36 percent of total water use respectively, for a combined total of 77 percent. An analysis of RCWD billing data suggests that outdoor water use accounts for 51 percent of all total use in the domestic sector. In a severe water shortage, a complete restriction of outdoor domestic water use could potentially reduce total District water use by 22 percent.

Making the gross assumption that livestock and animal watering and the minimal orchard irrigation permitted make up 20 percent of total agricultural water use, the restrictions during a water emergency can reduce agricultural water use by 80 percent and total District water use by 29 percent.

The impacts of Stage IV would reduce total water use by an estimated 51 percent in the domestic and agricultural sectors alone. The Stage IV restrictions would create savings in the sectors that make up the remaining 33 percent of total water use as well. Golf, construction, commercial, landscape, multiple dwelling, and schools and government would all realize reductions in water use under restrictions of Stage IV water emergency. In the event of a 50 percent water shortage RCWD's Drought Ordinance Stage IV will provide the appropriate measures to save water.

### 5.5.2 Water Code Section 10632 (b)

*An estimate of the minimum water supply available during each of the next three water years based on the driest three-year historic sequence for the agency's water supply.*

If conditions during the three years following 2005 are equal to the driest three-year historic sequence for RCWD's water supply, RCWD would have to take measures to meet water demand within its service area. Most likely RCWD will increasingly rely on MWDSC for imported water. The results of a simulation using the three driest historic years are presented below in Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1  
Driest Three-year Water Supply Sequence**

Supply & Demand (Acre-Feet)	Current Conditions	Followed by Driest Three Consecutive Years (1988-1990)		
	2005	2006	2007	2008
Treated Imported Water	31,084	34,761	40,226	32,777
Groundwater	38,130	38,931	39,636	39,378
Reclaimed Water	6,044	6,093	6,161	6,068
Demand	75,258	79,786	86,023	83,634
M&I Deficit	0	0	0	0
Ag Deficit	0	0	0	5,411

The driest three consecutive years are based on historical rainfall data from 1935 to 1998. Using projected demand data for 2005 and 2010, and assuming a normal

hydrology; the demands for 2006, 2007, and 2008 were interpolated. Then the hydrology factors for 1988, 1989, and 1990 were applied to the 2006, 2007, and 2008 estimates to obtain the estimates presented in Table 3.1. Treated imported water supply decreases from 2007 to 2008 due to the model assumption of applying the 1990 hydrology. The year 1990 was a hydrology year in which MWDSC limited treated water supply for agricultural demands by 25 percent, which is also reflected in the agricultural deficit presented in Table 5-1. If a severe drought period were to occur MWDSC may be required to implement savings strategies from the WSDM Plan discussed in Section 5.2 and RCWD may enact its drought resolution. If RCWD were in a situation of increased reliance on imported water it will experience higher operating costs. This is discussed further in Section 5.5.6.

### 5.5.3 Water Code Section 10632 (c)

*Actions to be undertaken by the urban water supplier to prepare for, and implement during, a catastrophic interruption of water supplies including, but not limited to, a regional power outage, an earthquake, or other disaster.*

RCWD operates in an area where the probability of an earthquake is high. Depending on the severity, an earthquake may damage the water system. RCWD's Emergency Response Plan provides a framework for an organized response to an earthquake emergency. The primary objectives of the plan are to maintain the functionality of the water distribution system, assess the system and if necessary make rapid repair to any damage, and prevent any further damage. The District's response to an earthquake will be directed by the General Manager.

RCWD has Response Phases in the event of an Earthquake:

Phase I - Inspection: A rapid inspection to determine injuries and any damage which might affect the distribution system.

Phase II - Report Back: Emergency communications flow: additional inspection procedures.

Phase III - Repair: Coordination of maintenance forces.

Phase IV - Management Procedures: Key Management responsibilities for the emergency.

Phase V - Operating/Maintenance/Engineering: Outlines procedures for division personnel.

Prior to Phase I inspections, System Operators and Inspectors report to the Emergency Operating Center to receive assigned inspection routes. The Emergency Operating Center creates a communications hub for the District to efficiently manage their available resources. For example personnel inspecting Vail Dam, wastewater treatment facilities, and wells receive their assignments from and report their findings to the Emergency Operating Center. The Emergency Response Plan contains ten areas

that are inspected with driving directions for specific inspections routes. If inspections reveal damage to any of the areas the necessary repairs are made. Communications are ongoing at all phases of the response to an earthquake. The District has a primary and secondary radio systems to insure communications will be available during an emergency.

The Emergency Response Plan also includes an analysis of the potential of an electrical power outage. RCWD depends on electricity to boost water to higher elevations via pumping stations, although some wells use natural gas as their energy source. The Plan discusses RCWD's sources of electricity and analyzes a history of power outages. The history of power outages includes the name of the circuit, reason for the power outage, the date and time of outage, and the length of the power outage. In an emergency situation involving a power outage RCWD will utilize emergency generators to provide customers with a reliable source of water.

#### **5.5.4 Water Code Section 10632 (d-f)**

*(d) Additional, mandatory prohibitions against specific water use practices during water shortages, including, but not limited to, prohibiting the use of potable water for street cleaning. (e) Consumption reduction methods in the most restrictive stages. Each urban water supplier may use any type of consumption reduction methods in its water shortage contingency analysis that would reduce water use, are appropriate for its area, and have the ability to achieve a water use reduction consistent with up to a 50 percent reduction in water supply. (f) Penalties or charges for excessive use, where applicable.*

As presented in Section 5.5.1, during Stage I – Normal Condition RCWD requests its customers use water wisely and practice water conservation measures as to not waste water. Customers are to avoid use of water that creates runoff and drainage. RCWD states that water waste is a violation of California Law and District Regulations even if there is not a water shortage.

Currently, RCWD does not have set charges for excessive water other than its Tier II rate structure. The Tier II rate charge is \$81 per acre-foot (\$0.18595 per hcf) in addition to the normal water rate. This is applied to customers who exceed their water allocation determined by their customer class. When it is required, RCWD will pass through penalties from MWDSC to its customers. No other prohibitions are set forth by RCWD beyond those presented in Section 5.5.1.

#### **5.5.5 Water Code Section 10632 (g)**

*An analysis of the impacts of each of the actions and conditions described in subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive, on the revenues and expenditures of the urban water supplier, and proposed measures to overcome those impacts, such as the development of reserves and rate adjustments.*

RCWD's current rate structure is designed to mitigate the impacts of reduced sales volumes through adequate fixed revenue coverage. As stated in RCWD's 2004 Comprehensive Financial Report, "It is the intent of the Board of Directors that the costs of providing water and sewer services are financed primarily through user

charges, and that fixed costs are recovered through fixed revenues and variable costs are recovered through variable revenues. This method better positions the District to maintain a stable and equitable rate structure during normal and abnormal weather conditions, as well as periods of drought that result in material reductions of water sales”.

According to the Fiscal year 2005-2006 Operating and Non-Operating Budget report, local water production saves the district \$9,000,000 in annual operating costs when compared to the cost of import water. In ideal conditions the District’s goal is to produce 30,000 acre-feet of local water annually. In a prolonged drought situation the goal may be dropped to 25,000 acre-feet. This would increase RCWD’s water production costs by \$1,500,000. Further, prolonged drought conditions will likely result in MWDSC discontinuing the reduced rate for recharge water, and its agricultural credit program. The discontinuation of these programs would increase RCWD’s costs by \$1,000,000 and \$1,800,000 respectively. Therefore, if drought conditions caused local groundwater production to be reduced by 5,000 acre-feet, and MWDSC discontinued its reduced rate for recharge water and its agricultural credit program the District’s operating charges would increase by \$4,300,000. In preparation for such a condition, RCWD has a Drought Reserve that is set at one year’s impact of estimated drought costs. The reserve requirement is \$4,300,000 and protects RCWD and its customers should a drought situation arise.

### **5.5.6 Water Code Section 10632 (h & i)**

*(h) A draft water shortage contingency resolution or ordinance. (i) A mechanism for determining actual reductions in water use pursuant to the urban water shortage contingency analysis.*

RCWD’s water shortage resolution was discussed in Section 5.5.1, and a copy of the ordinance is attached in Appendix B. The last ordinance was drafted in 1991, however, the District’s fiscal year 2005-2006 report on Operating and Non-Operating Budgets lists updating the current Drought Ordinance as an objective. The target date for the update is December 2005.

If the water saving actions contained within the ordinance are ever necessitated by water shortage conditions, the District will be able to track actual reductions in water use through its billing system. The billing system tracks actual use on a monthly basis no matter the supply situation. RCWD has over ten years of consumption history for each customer. RCWD’s aggressive water meter replacement ensures the use being tracked via the billing system is reliable and accurate.

*Section 5  
Water Shortage Contingency Plan*

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Section 6

## Water Recycling

### 6.1 Agency Participation in Recycled Water Planning

Recycled water planning within Rancho California Water District's (RCWD) service area requires close coordination with several agencies. RCWD has recently developed a Regional Integrated Resources Plan or IRP. The IRP evaluated a number of alternatives to increase recycled water within RCWD's service area.

Additionally, the Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study was conducted by Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), RCWD and the Bureau of Reclamation. This study examined the feasibility of advanced treatment using MF/RO to increase the usability of recycled water from EMWD's recycled water plant.

Participating agencies for both the IRP and Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study are summarized in Table 6-1.

**Table 6-1  
Participating Agencies in Recycled Water Plan**

Participating Agencies	Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study <sup>1</sup>	RCWD IRP <sup>2</sup>
RCWD	x	x
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California		x
Eastern MWD	x	x
Western MWD		x
US Bureau of Reclamation	x	
1 - Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study (CDM 2005)		
2 - RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM 2005)		

### 6.2 Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems

Wastewater in the upper Santa Margarita watershed is collected by sewer system in the more densely populated areas and by septic systems in the rural areas. RCWD and EMWD both collect wastewater within their systems and treat it at two water reclamation facilities: the Santa Rosa Water Reclamation facility (SRWRF), operated by RCWD; and the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (TVRWRF), operated by EMWD.

Table 6-2 summarizes the past, current, and projected average dry weather wastewater volumes collected and treated and the quantity of wastewater treated to recycled water standards for treatment plants within RCWD's service area. Between 2005 and 2030 the average wastewater collected between the two treatment plants is

expected to almost double from 18,594 million gallons per day (mgd) to 34,780 mgd. The entire amount of wastewater collected is expected to meet recycled water standards. Utilization of treated effluent for recycled water use after further treatment is projected to increase from 36 percent in 2005 to 79 percent in 2030.

**Table 6-2  
Wastewater Collection and Treatment**

Average Wastewater Collected (Acre-Feet)						
Wastewater Plant	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
TVRWRF (EMWD)	14,114	16,970	19,827	21,693	23,560	25,427
SRWRF (RCWD)	4,481	5,685	6,889	7,710	8,532	9,353
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,594</b>	<b>22,655</b>	<b>26,715</b>	<b>29,404</b>	<b>32,092</b>	<b>34,780</b>
Quantity Meeting Recycled Water Standards (Acre-Feet)						
Wastewater Plant	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
TVRWRF (EMWD)	14,114	16,970	19,827	21,693	23,560	25,427
SRWRF (RCWD)	4,481	5,685	6,889	7,710	8,532	9,353
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,594</b>	<b>22,655</b>	<b>26,715</b>	<b>29,404</b>	<b>32,092</b>	<b>34,780</b>

Source: Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study (CDM, 2005).

All recycled water must meet Title 22 standards. Title 22, Chapter 4, of the California Code of Regulations establishes recycled water quality standards and treatment reliability criteria dependent upon the end use of recycled water to protect public health. Both secondary and tertiary treated wastewater can meet Title 22 standards dependent upon the end use of the water. Recycled water produced in excess of demands is disposed and eventually ends up in the ocean.

Table 6-3 summarizes the disposal method, treatment levels, and past, current, and projected discharge volumes. All effluent at TVWRF is treated to Title 22 standards. Portions of the effluent that are not used immediately or stored are discharged to Temescal Creek and ultimately the Pacific Ocean. As indicated in the table, SRWRF does not discharge effluent, rather all water is treated to Title 22 standards and either immediately used or stored for future use. The amount of water discharged is expected to increase by 9,521 acre-feet between 2005 and 2030.

**Table 6-3  
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal (Acre-Feet)**

Wastewater Plant	Disposal Method	Treatment	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
TVRWRF (EMWD)	Ocean via Temescal Creek	Title 22	6,945	9,017	11,089	12,882	14,674	16,466
SRWRF (RCWD)	All Recycled Water Used	Title 22	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,945</b>	<b>9,017</b>	<b>11,089</b>	<b>12,882</b>	<b>14,674</b>	<b>16,466</b>

Source: Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study (CDM, 2005).

### **6.2.1 Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility**

SRWRF has a current capacity of 5 mgd or approximately 5,598 AFY. The plant collects flow from areas within portions of RCWD's service area, Murrieta County Water District (MCWD), and a portion of Elsinore Valley Water District (EVMWD). The MCWD area is expected to have the greatest population growth leading to an increase in flows from 851 AFY in 2005 to 3,663 AFY in 2030 or 0.76 mgd to 3.3 mgd. The portion of EVMWD's service area served by this facility is expected to have the least growth increasing from 1,535 AFY in 2005 to 1,647 AFY in 2030 or 1.4 mgd to 1.5 mgd. Total projected wastewater flows will almost double for this facility between 2005 and 2030.

All reclaimed water produced at this plant is currently reused for landscape irrigation. Seasonal storage ponds near the SRWRF store effluent during the winter months (low demand period) to prevent discharges and provide reclaimed water supply to meet peak summer demands. The current pond storage capacity is approximately 1,100 AF, with an expected ultimate capacity of 2,700 AF.

### **6.2.2 Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility**

The TVRWRF treats wastewater from a service area which includes the "Golden Triangle" region between Interstates 15 and 215, the Murrieta Hot Springs area, and portions of the Rancho Division of RCWD. The TVRWRF may also receive and treat wastewater generated in MCWD and EVMWD service areas. Projected wastewater flows will increase most dramatically from EMWD will increase more than twofold from 4,481 AFY to 9,521 AFY or 4 mgd to 10 mgd. Total flows for TVRWRF will increase from 12,658 AFY to 25,539 AFY or 11.3 mgd to 22.7 mgd.

Effluent from TVRWRF is conveyed to on-site storage ponds prior to distribution. There are 225 million gallons (MG) of temporary on-site storage capacity. When additional storage is required, reclaimed water is conveyed to 450 MG storage ponds located 10 miles north in Winchester, providing reclaimed water supply for irrigation users along the way. When the ponds are full or there is not enough demand, the effluent is discharged to Temescal Creek, a tributary of the Santa Ana River, for ultimate disposal to the Pacific Ocean.

Reclaimed water produced by the TVRWRF is currently distributed to a variety of users, including users in the RCWD service area. From 1999 to 2003, effluent use on average was 256 mgd, with summer peaks increasing each year from about 400 mgd in 1999 to about 650 mgd in 2003.

## **6.3 Current and Projected Uses of Recycled Water**

Historically, recycled water has provided less than 5 percent of total water supply for RCWD, while groundwater has supplied between 25 to 40 percent and imported water has supplied between 60 to 70 percent. In 2005, the total recycled water used was 6,691 acre-feet per year.

Section 6  
Water Recycling

Water quality concerns in the Santa Margarita River Watershed prevent RCWD from discharging reclaimed water (Title 22) to the local streams. At the same time, the District needs to comply with legal requirements for flow to downstream users. Currently, raw imported supply has been used to meet flow requirements, while the effluent from the reclamation facilities is utilized for irrigation and other uses.

As stated in Section 6.2.1, SRWRF currently recycles all of its reclaimed water. Its reclaimed water is used solely for landscape irrigation. When supplies exceed demands, typically during the winter months, excess supplies are stored for use during the summer months when demand is higher. The ponds have a storage capacity of approximately 1,100 AF with an expected ultimate capacity of 2,700 AF.

Effluent from TVRWRF is conveyed to on-site ponds with 225 MG of capacity, prior to distribution. There is an additional 450 MG of storage available north of Winchester, and reclaimed water supply is provided for irrigation along the way. When the ponds are full or there is not enough demand, the effluent is discharged to Temescal Creek (which ultimately enters the Pacific Ocean via the Santa Ana River).

Tables 6-4 and 6-5 summarize current and projected recycled water use, respectively. The use of recycled water for landscaping will be the largest use until 2025, when the projected MF/RO facility will start serving agricultural users with highly treated recycled water.

**Table 6-4**  
**Current Recycled Water Uses (AFY)**

User type	Treatment Level	2005
Landscape <sup>1</sup>	Title 22	6,497
Agriculture <sup>2</sup>	Title 22	194
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,691</b>

Source: Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study, 2005.

<sup>1</sup>Includes flow supplied by both TVRWRF and SRWRF.

<sup>2</sup>Includes flow supplied by TVRWRF.

**Table 6-5**  
**Projected Future Use of Recycled Water in RCWD Service Area (AFY)**

User type	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Landscape	7,700	8,900	9,700	10,500	11,400
Agriculture	190	190	190	13,800	13,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,890</b>	<b>9,090</b>	<b>9,890</b>	<b>24,300</b>	<b>25,200</b>

Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

Table 6-6 compares the 2000 UWMP projections for recycled water use to the actual amount of recycled water used for year 2005. Actual recycled water use in 2005 exceeded projected water use by 2,317 acre-feet.

**Table 6-6**  
**Recycled Water Uses - 2000 Projection compared with 2005 actual (AFY)**

User type	2000 Projection for 2005	2005 Actual Use
Landscape <sup>1</sup>	4,180	6,497
<b>Total</b>	4,180	6,497

Source: 2000 RCWD UWMP, 2000 and Santa Margurita Water Supply Augmentation Study, 2005

Potential recycled water uses in the RCWD area are illustrated in Table 6-7. These potential uses represent the demands for water that could be served with recycled water, but do not account for water quality requirements or availability of recycled water supply. For example, the maximum available recycled water supply for RCWD by 2030 from both the SRWRF and the TVRWRF is approximately 27,000 AFY, whereas the potential recycled water demand by 2030 is approximately 90,000 AFY.

**Table 6-7**  
**Potential Recycled Water Uses (AFY)**

User type	Treatment Level	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Groundwater Recharge	MF/RO <sup>2</sup>	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Landscape	Title 22	4,481	5,699	6,917	8,135	9,353
Tolerant Agriculture	MF/RO <sup>2</sup>	38,000	39,500	41,000	43,500	46,000
<b>Total</b>		77,481	80,199	82,917	86,635	90,353

Source: Santa Margurita Water Supply Augmentation Study, 2005.

<sup>1</sup> This potential does not take into account the availability of recycled water or the required quality needed.

<sup>2</sup> MF/RO = microfiltration/reverse osmosis.

## 6.4 Encouraging Recycled Water Use

Numerous methods are utilized by RCWD to encourage recycled water use. These methods are further described below.

### 6.4.1 Funding

Capital risks associated with recycled water projects are significant hurdles towards increase recycled water production and use. Similar to a potable water system, treatment facilities, distribution networks, pumping stations, and storage reservoirs are required to adequately supply a reliable source of recycled water. These expensive capital investments result in high per unit acre costs, especially if demand is limited in the beginning of the project. Many times the cost per unit is more than purchasing other non-recycled supplies.

RCWD offers recycled water to its customers at a cost less than that of potable water as a financial incentive through its local projects program to encourage the use of recycled water. Additionally, RCWD will construct the MF/RO facility, expected to be online by 2025, that will provide an additional 16,000 AFY of recycled water.

State propositions have dedicated allocations towards water recycling. Proposition 204 provides funding up to \$60 million for water recycling loans in California. Proposition 13 provides up to \$40 million in grants and low interest loans.

Financial incentives tend to drive the per unit cost of recycled water down and assist in the encouragement of recycled water use. Projects that tend to spread the capital CALFED has recommended that the state and federal government spend \$1.5 to 2 billion over the next seven years on water use efficiency, including water recycling.

#### **6.4.2 Partnerships to Encourage Water Recycling**

Partnerships between agencies are another means of encouraging recycled water use. Financially, the initial capital investment is spread between two agencies instead of one. Most recycled water production efforts require close coordination between multiple agencies. At a minimum wastewater, groundwater, and water agencies are all impacted by recycled water production. Recycled water production efforts tend to cross existing jurisdiction boundaries and require new management strategies to ensure all parties concerns are met. Additionally, the previously discussed Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study fostered coordination among EMWD, RCWD and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Projected yields from encouraging partnerships to encourage recycled water use are unknown and cannot be readily allocated from total project yields.

#### **6.4.3 Regulatory Issues**

Both the RWQCB and DHS are involved with water recycling use. The local RWQCB is the permitting authority and DHS regulates recycled water use from a health concern and standards viewpoint. Title 22 of the California Administrative Code provides specific regulations for treatment levels and reuse applications. Currently, there is no uniform criteria for regulating groundwater recharge applications requiring state agency review on a case-by-case basis. A uniform criteria for regulating groundwater recharge would encourage agencies that are reluctant to currently pursue such options based on unknown requirements to pursue groundwater recharge with recycled water.

Projected yields from involvement in regulatory issues to encourage recycled water use are unknown and cannot be readily allocated from total project yields.

#### **6.4.4 Research to Encourage Recycled Water Use**

RCWD supports research efforts to encourage recycled water efforts. These include conducting studies and research to address public concerns, develop new technologies, and health effects assessments. Addressing public concerns is required to gain the support of stakeholders early on in the planning process. From an aesthetic standpoint the public tends to have negative connotations associated with recycling wastewater. Education is required to inform the public of treatment processes. Developing new technologies is a prerequisite to reduce recycled water production costs. Cost is a major factor deterring agencies from increasing recycled water production. Health effects assessments have a two-fold purpose of alleviating public concerns and ensuring the protection of the public and environment.

Projected yields from research to encourage recycled water use are unknown and cannot be readily allocated from total project yields.

### **6.5 Optimizing Recycled Water Use**

Over the next twenty five years, recycled water use is projected to increase over three times current levels to 25,200 AFY in 2030. This will reuse over 85 percent of the wastewater generated in RCWD's service area and surrounding areas.

RCWD plans to take numerous actions to facilitate the use and production of recycled water by water and wastewater agencies within RCWD's service area to assist in meeting these projections.

- Install the MR/RO facility to add almost 14,000 AFY of reclaimed water by 2025.
- Apply for Bond funding such as Prop 50.
- Encourage MWD to participate in studies that will benefit recycled water production
- Support MWD in deriving solutions to regulatory issues
- Participation in sub-regional MWD facility studies, such as the Riverside/San Diego area study

*Section 6*  
*Water Recycling*

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Section 7

## Water Quality Impacts on Reliability

### 7.1 Introduction

Potable water supplies within RCWD’s service area are derived from a combination of local groundwater and imported water from MWDSC. Contamination of these sources or more stringent regulatory requirements has the potential to result in adjustments to water resource management strategies and, in a worse case scenario, impact supply reliability. As with most water districts, RCWD currently blends its available supply sources to mitigate against water quality impacts. On average residents and businesses receive water composed of 40 percent groundwater and 60 imported MWDSC water.

California Title 22 Drinking Water Standards (Title 22) incorporates the federal requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and compliance with Title 22 is required by all water service providers. Therefore, Title 22 Monitoring of all regulated chemicals as well as a number of unregulated chemicals is conducted by RCWD and MWDSC. In order to be in compliance with Title 22, each agency must ensure that the regulated chemicals meet established primary drinking water standards to ensure the safety of the water supply. In addition to the primary drinking water standards, secondary drinking water standards have been set for some minerals based on non-health related aesthetics, such as taste and odor. Both primary and secondary standards are expressed as the maximum contaminated levels (MCL) that are allowable for a given constituent. Unregulated chemicals do not have established drinking water standards, but are chemicals of concern for which standards may be eventually adopted. These unregulated chemicals often have a “notification level”, which is a health based advisory level established by Department of Health Services for chemicals in drinking water that lack MCLs.

As illustrated in Table 7-1, RCWD has accounted for known and foreseeable water quality impacts in their current management strategies. RCWD does not anticipate water quality impacts that would either reduce the water supply available or that cannot be handled through existing management strategies.

**Table 7-1  
Current & Projected Water Supply Changes Due to Water Quality Percentage**

Water Source	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Local Groundwater Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
MWD	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

Each of the water sources and any current or future impacts to water quality are discussed below.

## 7.2 Groundwater Quality

RCWD continually monitors the water quality of its eight groundwater basins and 54 wells. Every year RCWD conducts over 2,000 tests for water quality on each of its wells and throughout the distribution system.

### Exceedances of Drinking Water Standards

Sampling at RCWD's wells between 2002 and 2004 has indicated that the primary MCL standard of 2 mg/L for Fluoride has ranged between 0.2 and 7.6. Fluoride occurs in the groundwater basins as a result of natural erosion. Well sampling ranges reflect the highest reading and lowest reading from all of RCWD's wells and do not reflect average readings for all the wells. After well water is extracted it is blended with other well water and imported MWD water. The distribution system average level of fluoride was 0.4 mg/L, well below the MCL.

Well sampling has also indicated that the secondary MCL of 50 ug/L for manganese has ranged between non-detect and 250 ug/L. Secondary MCLs are set based upon aesthetics and odor and are not set based on health standards. Non-detect measurements occur when a sample has concentrations below the detectable range of measurement instruments. Manganese is present in the groundwater as a result of leaching from natural deposits. Sampling in the distribution system has indicated that blending reduces the manganese concentration to the non-detect level.

## 7.3 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

RCWD is a member agency of both EMWD and WMWD. Both of these wholesalers are members of the MWD. RCWD purchases its water through EMWD and WMWD, but receives its water directly from turnouts in MWD's pipelines. MWD has two primary sources of water, the State Water Project (SWP) and the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA). Imported water is served as a blend of both sources dependent upon seasonality. Colorado River water tends to be higher in Total Dissolved Solids and lower in dissolved organics. SWP water usually has a lower TDS but higher organic material, which can lead to formation of disinfection byproducts (DBP's). MWD recognizes the impacts of water quality on its member agencies and has embraced water quality planning in its Integrated Resources Plan and monitoring efforts to address water quality issues. Planning efforts have identified management strategies that allow flexibility in operations to improve water quality and source protection while maintaining reliability. MWD's water quality staff conducts both required monitoring and monitoring for constituents of concern that are currently unregulated. Over 300,000 water quality tests are performed each year.

### 7.3.1 MWD Water Quality Issues

#### Total Dissolved Solids Management

High TDS levels in imported water delivered by MWD to RCWD impacts RCWD's management of water resources and can adversely affect agriculture. High TDS levels

in potable water leads to increased recycled water treatment costs, results in increased water losses during the recycled water treatment processes, reductions in recycled water use as demand decreases for recycled water with high TDS levels, recycled water does not meet RWQCB standards, brine volumes increase, and ultimately the ability to use the underlying groundwater basins for water storage could be diminished. MWD has established an operational policy objective to deliver water to each of its member agencies at a TDS of 500 mg/l when feasible. This requires careful operational planning and management to achieve.

#### *Colorado River Aqueduct*

CRA water has high TDS levels, averaging 650 mg/L during normal water years. Salinity levels are dependent upon precipitation in the Colorado River Basin. During drought years salinity levels increase and during years with above normal precipitation salinity levels decline as naturally occurring salt concentrations decline. In times of extreme droughts salinity levels could exceed 900mg/L. A long term salinity management strategy is in place at the state and federal level for the Colorado River Basin. Funds are appropriated annually to help fund salinity mitigation and reduction projects throughout the watershed.

#### *State Water Project*

SWP TDS levels are significantly lower than CRA water, averaging 250mg/L for water delivered via the East Branch of the SWP and 325 mg/L for the West Branch deliveries. West Branch deliveries have higher TDS levels as a result of salt loading in local streams, operational issues, and evaporation losses at Pyramid and Castaic Lakes. TDS levels and available supply vary based on hydrologic conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds, introduction of saline non project waters by upstream parties, as well as saline intrusion in the Sacramento San Joaquin Bay Delta. Variations of TDS levels over short periods of time are attributed to seasonal and tidal flow patterns presenting a unique challenge in trying to achieve MWDSC's 500 mg/L TDS objective. During periods when TDS levels are high at the SWP intake facilities and in the Colorado River it may not be possible to meet MWDSC's salinity objective and maintain water supply reliability. MWD's Board has adopted a statement of needs "to meet Metropolitan's 500 mg/L salinity-by-blending objective in a cost-effective manner while minimizing resource losses and ensuring the viability of recycling and groundwater management programs."

#### *Management Actions*

MWD has taken numerous actions to reduce TDS concentrations in its water supplies. In 1999, MWD's Board adopted a Salinity Action Plan and a Salinity Management Policy with the goal of delivering water with salinity levels less than 500mg/L. A three year joint effort between the US Bureau of Reclamation and a task force of stakeholders led to the development of the Action Plan. A Salinity Summit attended by representatives from over 60 agencies was held as the Action Plan neared completion to discuss regional salinity issues and how to work together to attain salinity management goals. Components of the action plan include:

- Imported water source control and salinity reductions
- Distribution system salinity management actions
- Collaborative actions with other agencies
- Local salinity management actions to protect groundwater and recycled water supplies.

Under the Action Plan, MWD is reliant upon blending of its source water to meet salinity goals. It is anticipated that the TDS goal will be met in 7 out of 10 years. Hydrologic conditions would result in MWD not achieving this goal in the other three years. Agencies receiving water from MWD, such as RCWD, are cognizant of this and have taken this concern into development of their management strategies.

MWD has obtained Proposition 13 funding to improve salinity levels for The Water Quality Exchange Partnership and The Desalination Research and Innovation Partnership (DRIP) programs. MWD received \$20 million to develop a water exchange partnership to access high quality water from the Sierras in exchange for SWP water. Funds are being used to develop the program and construct additional infrastructure. A total of \$4 million was received for the DRIP program to develop cost-effective advanced water treatment technologies for removing salts from the CRA, brackish groundwater, wastewater, and agricultural drainage.

Under the CALFED Bay-Delta Program actions are already reducing TDS loading in SWP water and more actions are planned for the next 30 years. Actions in progress include improved management of salts in the San Joaquin Valley, upstream source control, desalination demonstration projects, and programs to control stormwater runoff into SWP aqueducts. In the long-term, additional projects are planned to reduce short-term variations in TDS levels and the long-term average salinity levels.

Without reductions in TDS levels in both the short-term variations and long term average, desalination of CRA water may be needed. However, at the present time current technologies are expensive and 5 to 10 percent of the CRA water would be lost during the treatment process. The DRIP program is designed to assist in obtaining a viable solution to reducing CRA TDS levels.

### **Perchlorate Management**

Perchlorate has been detected at low levels in the CRA water supply, but not in the SWP water supply thus this discussion will focus on the CRA water supply. An exceedance level for perchlorate has not been adopted at this time by DHS. However, DHS has adopted a notification level of 6 µg/L, requiring agencies to inform their governing bodies. Notification of customers and the potential health risks is also recommended. DHS recommends non-utilization of sources with perchlorate levels greater than 60 µg/L. Perchlorate primarily interferes with the production of

hormones for normal growth and development in the thyroid gland. Further research on the health effects of Perchlorate is pending.

MWD began monitoring for perchlorate in June 1997 after it was detected in the Colorado River and the Lake Mead outlet at Hoover Dam. Sampling was able to isolate the source to the Las Vegas Wash and its potential source in Henderson, Nevada. A quarterly monitoring program for Lake Mead was initiated in August 1997 followed by monthly monitoring of the CRA. The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection manages a remediation project in Henderson area. Since inception the amount of perchlorate entering the Colorado River has been reduced from 900 pounds per day in 1997 to less than 150 pounds per day as of December 2004.

#### ***Management Actions***

In 2002, MWD adopted a Perchlorate Action Plan. Plan objectives include:

- Expand monitoring and reporting programs
- Assess the impact of perchlorate on local groundwater supplies
- Track remediation efforts in the Las Vegas Wash
- Initiate modeling of perchlorate levels in the Colorado River
- Investigate the need for additional resource management strategies
- Pursue legislative and regulatory options
- Include information on perchlorate in outreach activities
- Provide periodic updates to the MWD Board and member agencies

Through its Perchlorate Action Plan, MWD has taken a proactive approach towards addressing a potential water quality issue and ensuring minimal or no water supply losses associated with perchlorate.

#### **Total Organic Carbon and Bromide Management**

Treatment of SWP water supplies containing high levels of total organic carbon (TOC) and bromide with disinfectants, such as chlorine, creates disinfection byproducts (DBPs) linked to specific cancer types. CRA water does not have high levels of TOCs and bromide. TOC and bromide in the Delta region of the SWP are of a significant concern to MWD as concentration levels increase as Delta water is impacted by agricultural drainage and seawater intrusion. In 1998, the USEPA adopted more stringent regulations for DBPs that took effect in 2002. Even more stringent regulations are expected to be proposed in 2005.

### ***Management Actions***

MWD's Board adopted a Statement of Needs for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program in 1999 stating that MWD requires a safe drinking water supply for compliance with existing and future regulatory requirements. CALFED's Program has developed numerous conceptual actions to improve Bay/Delta water, however MWD desires CALFED to adopt water quality improvement milestones. These milestones are necessary to assure that MWD and its member agencies will be able to comply with pending water quality regulations.

MWD's Board has committed to install ozone treatment processes at its two treatment plants that solely treat SWP water to avoid the production of DBPs through chlorination. In addition to the concern of DBPs, some studies have linked negative reproductive and developmental effects to chlorinated water. The other three treatment plants that receive a combination of SWP and CRA water utilize blending to reduce levels of DBPs below regulatory requirements. By 2009 MWD plans on installing ozonation facilities at the remainder of its treatment facilities removing the percentage of SWP water that requires blending.

### **Other Contaminants of Concern**

MWD has identified various other contaminants of concern to MWDSC water supply sources.

#### ***MTBE***

As previously discussed, the use of MTBE as a gasoline oxygenate has resulted in the contamination of surface waters and groundwater. MWD operates boating facilities at its reservoirs. Therefore, these facilities were previously subjected to the introduction of MTBE. MTBE is discharged into surface water from the exhaust of recreational watercraft. MTBE and other oxygenates are regularly monitored in MWD's water supplies. Past monitoring has detected MTBE concentrations varying from non-detect to 3.9 µg/L in treatment plant effluent and up to 6.4 µg/L in source water effluent.

MWD has taken numerous actions to reduce the contamination of its supplies with MTBE including supporting state and federal legislation to reduce the impacts of MTBE. At its Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Skinner, MTBE free-fuel and clean burning engines are required to minimize the introduction of MTBE into surface waters. Water monitoring programs for MTBE and other gasoline components were instituted at the lakes. MWD has also investigated various treatment mechanisms for MTBE. Future contamination of water supplies will more than likely decrease as time elapses since the phase-out of MTBE. However, the extent of future contamination is unknown as MTBE is still within the environment.

#### ***Arsenic***

Effective 2006, a federal MCL of 10 µg/L (10 parts per billion) will go into effect for domestic water supplies. MWD's water supplies contain low levels of this contaminant within the regulatory requirements. Currently, the California Office of

Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has set a public health goal of 0.004 µg/L for arsenic.

#### *Radon*

The USEPA has proposed a radon MCL of 300 pCi/L for drinking water supplies in states where there are no approved Multimedia Mitigation programs for reducing indoor radon. For states with approved programs the standard is 4,000 pCi/L. MWDSC's supplies have radon levels well below the MCL.

#### *Uranium*

Uranium is high priority with MWDSC as a 10.5 million ton pile of uranium mine tailings is 600 hundred feet from the Colorado River in Moab, Utah. Percolation of rainwater through the pile occurs causing contamination of local groundwater resources and flows of uranium into the River. During a large flood or other natural disaster there is the potential for large volumes of the contaminated material to flow enter the River. Interim action measures instituted by the Department of Energy (DOE) include intercepting portions of the contaminated groundwater before it enters the River. Concentrations ranging from 950 to 1,190 pCi/L have been detected at the point local groundwater enters the River. At MWD's intake at the River uranium concentrations of 1 to 5 pCi/L have been detected. California has a drinking water standard for uranium of 20 pCi/L. MWD continues to monitor DOE in clean-up effort.

#### *Emerging Contaminants*

NDMA is an emerging contaminant of concern believed to be widespread. NDMA is a disinfection-product of water and wastewater treatment processes. Chlorine and monochloramines can react with organic nitrogen precursors to form NDMA. California notification level is 0.010 µg/L. Concentrations ranging from non-detect (reporting limit of 0.002 µg/L) to 0.012 µg/L. Action measures may be required in the future to control or remove NDMA from water supplies.

Hexavalent chromium or chromium VI is a potential surface water and groundwater contaminant. It is an inorganic chemical used in cooling towers for corrosion control, electroplating, leather tanning, wood treatment, and pigment manufacturing. Contaminant pathways include discharges from industrial users, leaching from hazardous waste sites, and erosion of naturally occurring deposits. California has a current MCL for total chromium (includes chromium VI) of 0.05 mg/L. This level is currently under review by DHS. The California Legislature required DHS to set a MCL specifically for chromium VI by January 1, 2004. However, this has not been set at this time. MWD participates in a Technical Work Group reviewing remediation plans for chromium VI near Topock, Arizona along the Colorado River.

### **7.3.2 Water Quality Protection Programs**

MWD participates in multiple programs to improve water quality supplies, which include:

*Section 7*  
*Water Quality Impacts on Reliability*

- Watershed Sanitary Survey
- Source Water Assessment
- Support of DWR policies and programs improving the quality of deliveries to MWD
- Support of the Sacramento River Watershed Program
- Water quality exchange partnerships
- Implementation of additional security measures.

Through its management strategies and in coordination with member agencies, MWD is able provide member agencies supply options that allow local agencies to meet regulatory standards. Currently known and foreseeable water quality issues are already incorporated into existing management strategies and the reliability of MWD's supplies for the next 25 years. However, unforeseeable water quality issues could potentially alter MWD water and potentially impact MWD's supply reliability.

# Section 8

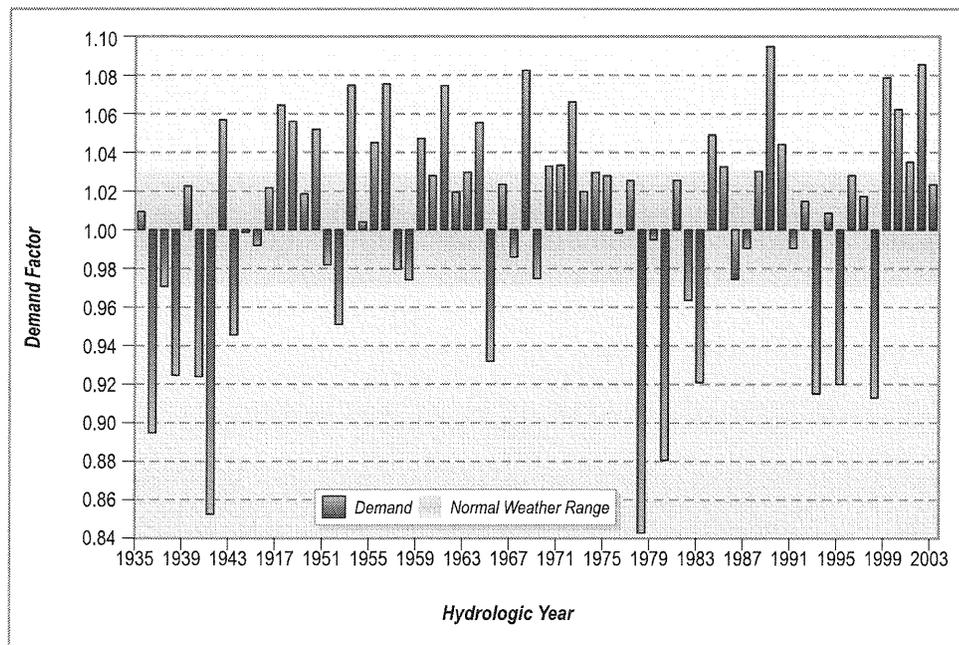
## Water Service Reliability

### 8.1 Introduction

The implementation of RCWD's IRP will allow the District to meet demands over the next 45 years in a sustainable and cost-effective manner. It will also reduce the dependency on treated imported water from MWD, and help hedge against droughts and other emergencies by maximizing local groundwater.

### 8.2 Weather Factors

During the IRP process a statistical model using population and rainfall as explanatory variables for the period 1935-2003 was developed. The model determined that rainfall has a significant effect on annual water demands in RCWD's service area. Temperature is more likely to have an impact on monthly seasonality of water demands. Figure 8-1 illustrates weather demand factors for 1935-2003.



**Figure 8-1**  
**Weather Factors for RCWD Water Demands**

Seasonal demands were also analyzed in the IRP using historical data from 1995-2004. Figure 8-2 shows the fluctuations on a monthly basis in demand based on agricultural and municipal and industrial water uses. The hotter drier summer months result in increased demands with reduced demands in the colder and wetter winter months.

# **2005 Update of the Urban Water Management Plan**

**Rancho California Water District**

**42135 Winchester Road  
Temecula, CA 92590  
(951) 296-6900**

***December 2005***

Report Prepared by

**CDM  
1925 Palomar Oaks Way, Suite 300  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
(760) 438-7755**

This page intentionally left blank.

# Contents

Section 1	Introduction .....	1-1
1.1	Overview .....	1-1
1.1.1	History .....	1-1
1.1.2	Service Area Description .....	1-2
1.1.2	Service Area Description .....	1-3
1.2	Regional Integrated Resources Plan .....	1-5
1.3	Agency Coordination.....	1-6
Section 2	Water Supply Sources .....	2-1
2.1	Current Water Supply Sources .....	2-1
2.1.1	Groundwater.....	2-1
2.1.2	Imported Water .....	2-6
2.1.3	Recycled Water .....	2-7
2.2	Planned Water Supply Sources (the “IRP”).....	2-7
2.2.1	Future Groundwater Supplies.....	2-12
2.2.2	Future Imported Water .....	2-13
2.2.3	Future Recycled Water .....	2-13
2.2.4	Future Water Transfers.....	2-13
2.2.5	Desalination .....	2-14
Section 3	Water Demands.....	3-1
3.1	Overview .....	3-1
3.2	Historical Water Demands.....	3-1
3.3	Future Water Demands .....	3-2
3.3.1	Forecast Methodology .....	3-2
3.3.2	Consumptive Water Demand Forecast .....	3-4
3.3.3	Sales to Other Agencies .....	3-5
3.3.4	Additional Water Uses .....	3-5
3.3.5	Total Water Uses .....	3-5
Section 4	Conservation.....	4-1
4.1	Introduction .....	4-1
4.2	Urban BMP Implementation.....	4-1
4.3	Agricultural Conservation Programs .....	4-11
	Irrigation System Evaluations .....	4-12
Section 5	Water Shortage Contingency Plan.....	5-1
5.1	Overview .....	5-1
5.2	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California .....	5-1
5.3	Eastern Municipal Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan .....	5-3
5.4	Western Municipal Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan .....	5-6
5.5	RCWD Water Shortage Contingency Plan .....	5-7
5.5.1	Water Code Section 10632 (a) .....	5-7
5.5.2	Water Code Section 10632 (b) .....	5-10
5.5.3	Water Code Section 10632 (c) .....	5-11
5.5.4	Water Code Section 10632 (d-f) .....	5-12

*Table of Contents  
(continued)*

	5.5.5	Water Code Section 10632 (g).....	5-12
	5.5.6	Water Code Section 10632 (h & i).....	5-13
Section 6		Water Recycling .....	6-1
	6.1	Agency Participation in Recycled Water Planning.....	6-1
	6.2	Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems .....	6-1
	6.2.1	Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility .....	6-3
	6.2.2	Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility ....	6-3
	6.3	Current and Projected Uses of Recycled Water .....	6-3
	6.4	Encouraging Recycled Water Use.....	6-5
	6.4.1	Funding.....	6-5
	6.4.2	Partnerships to Encourage Water Recycling .....	6-6
	6.4.3	Regulatory Issues .....	6-6
	6.4.4	Research to Encourage Recycled Water Use .....	6-7
	6.5	Optimizing Recycled Water Use .....	6-7
Section 7		Water Quality Impacts on Reliability.....	7-1
	7.1	Introduction .....	7-1
	7.2	Groundwater Quality .....	7-2
	7.3	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California .....	7-2
	7.3.1	MWD Water Quality Issues.....	7-2
	7.3.2	Water Quality Protection Programs .....	7-7
Section 8		Water Service Reliability.....	8-1
	8.1	Introduction .....	8-1
	8.2	Weather Factors .....	8-1
	8.3	Local Supply Reliability .....	8-2
	8.4	Imported Supply Reliability .....	8-4
	8.5	RCWD Service Reliability .....	8-6
	8.5.1	Normal Water Year .....	8-6
	8.5.2	Single - Dry Water Year .....	8-7
	8.5.3	Multiple Dry Water Years.....	8-7
Section 9		References .....	9-1

## Appendices

Appendix A	Water Rate Schedules
Appendix B	RCWD Water Conservation Program, Shortage Plan and Waste of Water Prohibition
Appendix C	Public Hearing
Appendix D	Adoption of Plan

## List of Figures

Figure 1-1	RCWD Service Area .....	1-2
Figure 1-2	Land Use in RCWD's Service Area .....	1-3
Figure 2-1	Natural Inflow for Eight Ground Water Basins Used by RCWD .....	2-3
Figure 2-2	Historical Available Storage in Vail Lake .....	2-5
Figure 2-3	Historical Annual Artificial Recharge and Pumping .....	2-5
Figure 2-4	Historical Imported Water Purchased by RCWD .....	2-6
Figure 2-5	RCWD's IRP Process .....	2-7
Figure 2-6	IRP Objectives, Sub-Objectives and Performance Measures .....	2-8
Figure 2-7	Alternatives Ranking for the Average of RCWD Senior Staff.....	2-9
Figure 2-8	Alternatives Ranking for the Average of RCWD Board Members.....	2-9
Figure 2-9	Weather Factors for RCWD Water Demands.....	2-11
Figure 3-1	RCWD Historical Water Demands.....	3-1
Figure 3-2	Demographic Projections for RCWD Service Area.....	3-4
Figure 5-1	MWD Stages and Action Matrix.....	5-2
Figure 8-1	Weather Factors for RCWD Water Demands.....	8-1
Figure 8-2	Monthly Pattern of RCWD Water Demand.....	8-2

## List of Tables

Table 1-1	Demographic Projections for RCWD Service Area.....	1-3
Table 1-2	Climate Data for RCWD Service Area .....	1-4
Table 1-3	Agency Coordination in Preparation of 2005 UWMP .....	1-6
Table 2-1	Current Water Supplies (AF/Y) .....	2-1
Table 2-2	Summary of Existing Production Wells .....	2-4
Table 2-3	Basis of Water Year Data .....	2-11
Table 2-4	Future Water Supply Projects (AF/Y) .....	2-12
Table 2-5	Planned Water Supplies (AF/Y).....	2-12
Table 2-6	Groundwater Pumping in RCWD Service Area (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup> .....	2-13
Table 3-1	RCWD Customer Accounts.....	3-2
Table 3-2	Matching of Billing Data Classifications and Land Use Categories .....	3-3
Table 3-3	Annual Average Consumptive Water Demands in RCWD Service Area .....	3-4
Table 3-4	Additional Water Uses and Losses (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup> .....	3-5
Table 3-5	Total Water Use (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup> .....	3-5
Table 4-1	CUWCC BMPs For Urban Conservation In California .....	4-2
Table 4-2	CUWCC BMP 1 Savings Assumptions.....	4-3
Table 4-3	MWDSC CII Rebate Programs.....	4-9
Table 4-4	PRISM and Regulated Deficit Savings.....	4-13
Table 5-1	Driest Three-year Water Supply Sequence .....	5-10
Table 6-1	Participating Agencies in Recycled Water Plan .....	6-1
Table 6-2	Wastewater Collection and Treatment .....	6-2

*Table of Contents  
(continued)*

Table 6-3	Wastewater Treatment and Disposal (Acre-Feet) .....	6-2
Table 6-4	Current Recycled Water Uses (Acre F) .....	6-4
Table 6-5	Projected Future Use of Recycled Water in RCWD Service Area .....	6-4
Table 6-6	Recycled Water Uses - 2000 Projection compared with 2005 actual - AFY .....	6-5
Table 6-7	Potential Recycled Water Uses .....	6-5
Table 7-1	Current & Projected Water Supply Changes Due to Water Quality Percentage .....	7-1
Table 8-1	Local Supply Reliability .....	8-2
Table 8-2	Local Supply Basis of Water Year Data .....	8-3
Table 8-3	Inconsistency in Local Supply Factors .....	8-4
Table 8-4	Agency Demand Projection Provided to Wholesale Agency .....	8-4
Table 8-5	MWD Current and Planned (AF/Y)* .....	8-4
Table 8-6	Imported/Wholesale Supply Reliability .....	8-5
Table 8-7	Imported/Wholesale Supply Basis of Water Year Data .....	8-5
Table 8-8	Inconsistency in Wholesaler/Imported Supply Factors .....	8-6
Table 8-9	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Normal Water Year (AF/Y) ...	8-6
Table 8-10	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Single Dry Year (1989) .....	8-7
Table 8-11	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple Dry Years .....	8-8
Table 8-12	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple-Dry Years (1987-1991) .....	8-8
Table 8-13	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple-Dry Years (1987-1991) .....	8-8
Table 8-14	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple-Dry Years (1987-1991) .....	8-9
Table 8-15	Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple Dry Years (1987-1991) .....	8-9

# Section 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

The Rancho California Water District (RCWD) is a “Special District” organized and operated pursuant to the California Water Code. RCWD is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors (Board) that is elected by the voters of the region. The District serves the area known as Temecula/Rancho California, which includes the City of Temecula, portions of the City of Murrieta, and unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

As an urban water supplier providing municipal and industrial water to more than 3,000 customers, RCWD is required to comply with The Urban Water Management Planning Act (Act). The Act became effective on January 1, 1984 and requires that urban water suppliers prepare and adopt an urban water management plan, in accordance with prescribed requirements

The Act was originally developed as a result of concerns for potential water supply shortages throughout the State. Therefore, it required information that focused primarily on water supply reliability and water use efficiency measures. Since its original passage in 1983, there have been several amendments added, the most recent adopted in 2004. Some of the recent amendments include: providing additional emphasis on drought contingency planning and recycled water, as well as incorporation of water quality issues and how they might affect water supply reliability.

With the passage of Senate Bills 610 and 221, in 2001, Urban Water Management Plans take on even more importance. SB 610 and 221 require that counties and cities consider the availability of adequate water supplies for certain new large developments. These statutes require written verification of sufficient water supply to serve the new development, and Urban Water Management Plans are identified as key source documents for this verification.

The RCWD 2005 UWMP updates the 2000 UWMP and takes into account new Act requirements and changes in demographics, water demand and supplies.

Compliance with the Act helps RCWD to fulfill its mission: “to deliver reliable, high quality water, sewer, and reclamation services to its customers and communities in a prudent and sustainable manner.”

#### 1.1.1 History

RCWD’s history started when the developers of the Temecula/Rancho California formed the original “Rancho District” in 1965, which served 41,000 acres of the easterly portion of the community. In 1968, the Santa Rosa Ranches Water District was organized to serve the westerly 44,800 acres of the community. To gain access to

imported water to meet growing water demands and supplement local groundwater, the Rancho District was annexed in 1966 to the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD); while the Santa Rosa Ranches Water District was annexed into the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County (WMWD) in 1968. Both EMWD and WMWD are member agencies of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). MWD operates the Colorado River Aqueduct and is a State Water Contractor, allowing imported water from Northern California to be delivered to Southern California.

In 1977, the Rancho and Santa Rosa water districts were consolidated under the name Rancho California Water District, in accordance with LAFCO resolutions. RCWD has the authority to operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for all water systems within the District's service area, and for the collection and treatment of wastewater for the Santa Rosa Division. EMWD remains responsible for wastewater treatment in the Rancho Division.

The District is about 85 miles southeast of Los Angeles and 65 miles north of San Diego. RCWD provides water for urban and agricultural uses to the City of Temecula, portions of the City of Murrieta, and unincorporated Riverside County lands in the surrounding area. The District's current service area is bounded on the southwest by the Santa Ana Mountains and on the northeast by Gavilan Hills. Figure 1-1 shows the RCWD service area.

The elevation of the valley floor range from 900 to 1,200 feet above sea level, however, the District pumps to a maximum elevation of 2,850 feet for some pressure zones in its service area.

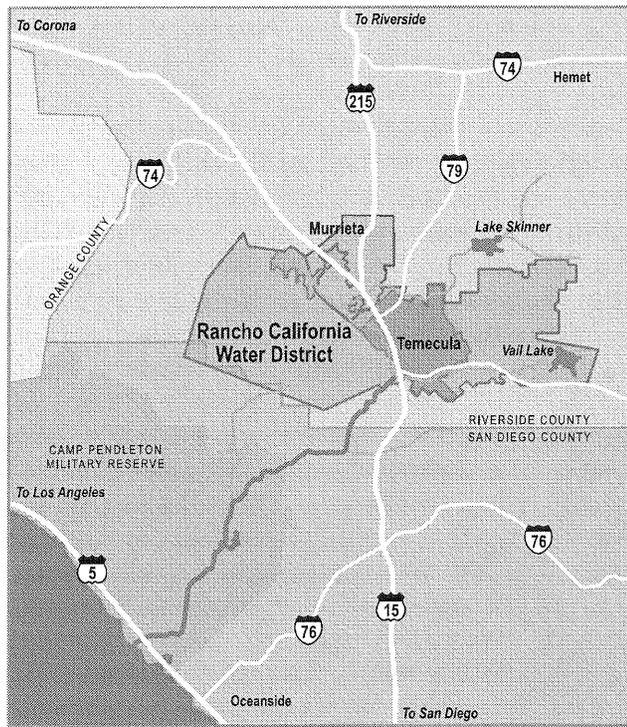


Figure 1-1  
RCWD Service Area

## 1.1.2 Service Area Description

### Land Use

RCWD comprises approximately 99,000 acres in the southwestern portion of Riverside County. Figure 1-2 shows the breakdown in land uses within RCWD.

## 1.1.2 Service Area Description

### Land Use

RCWD comprises approximately 99,000 acres in the southwestern portion of Riverside County. Figure 1-2 shows the breakdown in land uses within RCWD.

Because of their proximity to major cities in Southern California and lower relative living prices, the cities of Temecula and Murietta are becoming more desirable places to live. Both cities are experiencing rapid population growth and have a need for reliable water supplies. RCWD includes about 18,000 acres of agriculture and ranch lands, primarily vineyards, avocado, and citrus trees. The Temecula Valley is becoming a premiere wine grape growing area in California, which coupled with other high-value crops, requires a consistent irrigation supply. Major agricultural acreage is concentrated in the southwestern and eastern portions of the district.

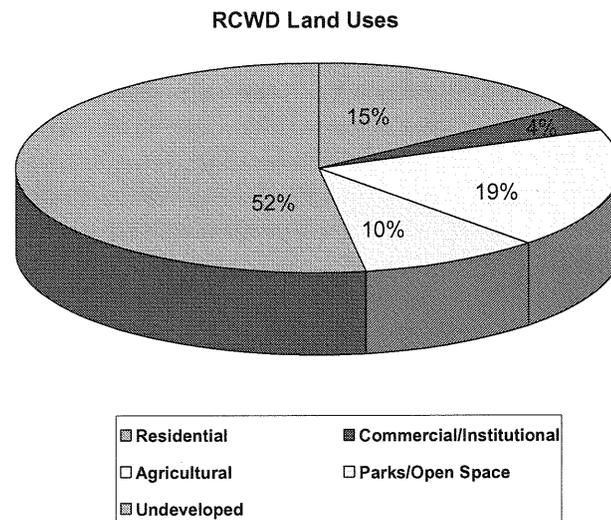


Figure 1-2  
Land Use in RCWD's Service Area

### Demographics

Current demographics were obtained for the RCWD service area from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), using land-use and census tract level data from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Table 1-1 presents these demographics in five year intervals beginning in 2005 and ending in 2030.

Table 1-1  
Demographic Projections for RCWD Service Area

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
<b>Population</b>	109,123	121,324	134,184	145,631	155,772	165,151
<b>Occupied Housing</b>						
Single-Family	27,518	31,717	35,409	39,384	43,101	46,152
Multi-Family	6,336	7,084	8,223	8,951	9,652	10,923
Total Housing	33,856	38,802	43,633	48,336	52,754	57,075
<b>Total Employment</b>	33,838	43,848	52,947	62,273	71,656	81,277

Source: MWD, based on SCAG census tract data from SCAG RTP.

Section 1  
Introduction

Within the RCWD service area population is expected to continue to grow over the next 25 years at an average rate of approximately 2,240 persons, representing a 2.6 percent annual growth rate per year for a total growth rate of approximately 66 percent over the projection period. Over the projection period this will lead to approximately 56,000 new residents.

Housing, as a whole, is projected to increase at a slightly slower pace of 2.4 percent annually for a total growth rate of approximately 59 percent over the projection period. Single-family and multi-family housing are projected to grow at similar rates over the projection period. Approximately 23,200 additional housing units are expected to be added over the projection period.

Total employment within RCWD’s service area is expected to lag population and housing unit growth with an annual increase of approximately 1.7 percent and a total population increase of approximately 42 percent over the projection period. Total employment is expected to increase by approximately 47,000 by 2030. Employment growth that lags behind population growth indicates that many residents will commute out of the service area to their places of employment.

**Climate**

The climate within the RCWD service area is Mediterranean with hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. Summer daytime temperatures are in the mid-80 to high-90 degrees range. The area’s temperature is influenced by prevailing onshore winds from the Pacific Ocean and the rain shadow effect from the Santa Rosa Mountains. The “Santa Ana winds” can cause periods of extremely hot weather with dry winds. Winter daytime temperatures are mild, averaging in the mid-60 degree range. The region’s average monthly maximum temperature is 80.63 degrees. This is based on weather data readings from October 1948 through December 2004 at the Elsinore weather station, the closest weather station to the service area. Table 1-2 presents average climate data for the RCWD service area.

**Table 1-2  
Climate Data for RCWD Service Area**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
Standard Average E to (feet per year) <sup>1</sup>	2.30	2.34	4.14	5.01	6.47	6.98	7.92	7.58	5.79	4.20	2.64	2.26	4.80
Average Rainfall (inches) <sup>2</sup>	2.33	2.31	1.78	0.65	0.17	0.02	0.07	0.10	0.24	0.40	1.03	1.63	10.74
Average Max Temperature (F) <sup>2</sup>	65.4	67.9	71.0	76.5	82.0	90.6	98.2	98.3	93.4	83.8	73.6	66.8	80.6

<sup>1</sup>Source: <http://www.cimis.water.ca.gov/cimis/frontMonthlyReport.doc>. Station #137 - Temecula East II 11/97 through 7/05

<sup>2</sup>October 1948 through December 2004 for Station ID 2805, Elsinore

The standard annual average evapotranspiration rate (ETo) for the region is 4.80 feet per year with the highest rates occurring during the summer months. ETo measures

the loss of water to the atmosphere by evaporation from soil and plant surfaces and transpiration from plants. ETo serves as an indicator of how much water plants need for healthy growth.

Total annual precipitation at the Elsinore weather station averages 10.74 inches per year. During very wet years, rainfall can exceed 25 inches, while during very dry years rainfall can be less than 4 inches. Rainfall is more prevalent during the months of November through April.

## 1.2 Regional Integrated Resources Plan

To help achieve its mission, RCWD recently developed a Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM 2005). The purpose of the Regional Integrated Resources Plan (or IRP) was to develop a long-range water supply plan to reliably meet the needs of the District from now until 2050. The IRP examined different alternatives such as increased water conservation, additional groundwater, conversion of agriculture currently using treated imported water to raw imported water and/or advanced-treated recycled water, groundwater recharge using advanced-treated recycled water, and water transfers.

These alternatives were evaluated against a set of objectives such as:

- Reliably meet water demands
- Provide sustainable supply
- Maximize local control
- Manage costs
- Manage water quality
- Maintain quality of life
- Maximize implementation potential

Over a dozen alternatives were evaluated. The preferred plan, called Hybrid 1, involves the following components:

1. Implement baseline water conservation measures
2. Connect imported water connection EM-21 to Vail Lake to expand groundwater recharge
3. Convert eastern area agriculture, currently using treated imported water, to raw water, delivered from Vail Lake

4. Construct up to 18 new groundwater wells, along with increased imported water for recharge during non-drought years
5. Construct a MF/RO treatment facility to reduced the salinity of recycled water so that it can be used to meet western area agricultural demands, as well as potential groundwater replenishment in the future

The benefits of this preferred IRP alternative are:

- Increased groundwater production of about 18,000 acre-feet per year
- Increased use of recycled water of about 13,600 acre-feet per year
- Reduction in peaking on MWD by about 144 cubic feet per second (cfs)
- Cost efficiency by: (1) converting eastern area agricultural users from treated imported water to untreated, (2) reducing the peaking charge paid to MWD, and (3) by maximizing MWD's discounted replenishment water rate for groundwater recharge

### 1.3 Agency Coordination

To develop the IRP and 2005 UWMP, RCWD worked with its wholesale water agencies, EMWD, WMWD and MWD. Table 1-3 shows this coordination.

**Table 1-3  
Agency Coordination in Preparation of 2005 UWMP**

	Participated in Plan Development	Commented on the Draft Plan	Attended Public Meetings	Was Contacted for Assistance	Was sent a Copy of the Draft plan
Eastern MWD	Yes*	No	Yes*	Yes	Yes
Western MWD	Yes*	No	Yes*	Yes	Yes
MWD	Yes*	No	Yes*	Yes	No

\* Participated in agency stakeholder meeting for RCWD's Regional Integrated Resources Plan (2005).

# Section 2

## Water Supply Sources

### 2.1 Current Water Supply Sources

RCWD's current water supply sources include local groundwater, imported water from MWD, and recycled water. Historically, groundwater has supplied between 25 to 40 percent of total water supply and imported water has supplied between 60 to 70 percent. Recycled water has provided less than 5 percent of the total water supply. Table 2-1 summarizes RCWD's water supplies for 2005.

**Table 2-1**  
**Current Water Supplies (AF/Y)**

<b>Water Supply Sources</b>	<b>2005</b>
Imported Water (MWD)	
Treated	33,000
Untreated <sup>1</sup>	18,000
Local Groundwater Pumping	38,000
Recycled Water	6,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,700</b>

Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

<sup>1</sup> Used for groundwater recharge and for flows to Gorge.

RCWD pumps groundwater from 54 district wells and recycles water at its Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility (SRWRF). Additional recycled water is available from EMWD's Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (TVRWRF).

RCWD owns and operates 37 storage reservoirs and one surface reservoir, Vail Lake. The storage capacity of Vail Lake is 50,000 acre-feet and it is used to help recharge groundwater, using natural runoff.

RCWD receives its imported water (treated and untreated) directly through six MWD water turnouts, three in EMWD's service area and three in WMWD's service area.

RCWD's transmission system includes about 900 miles of water pipelines to convey water from its source to water customers.

#### 2.1.1 Groundwater

RCWD overlies the Temecula and Pauba groundwater basins, and numerous studies have been conducted regarding these basins. However, it was not until 1980 that studies and reporting were officially documented on a regular basis. Since 1980 RCWD has annually prepared a Groundwater Audit and a Recommended Groundwater Production Report (RGPR).

Surface water and groundwater supporting surface water have been under some form of court jurisdiction since 1928. Rights to utilize the groundwater and the water stored in Vail Lake are defined in the 1940 Stipulated Judgment in the case of Santa Margarita versus Vail and Appropriations Permit 7032 issued by the State Water Resources Control Board. A Watermaster has been assigned by the court to oversee all uses within the Santa Margarita Watershed. Specific water rights have not been adjudicated. However, the Stipulated Judgment assigns two-thirds of all natural waters to the United States of America (Camp Pendleton) and the remaining one-third to RCWD. Thus, inflow to Vail Lake is not stored, but rather is passed through to Temecula Creek from May through October as required by State permits.

RCWD relies on eight groundwater basins for its local water supply. The amount of groundwater produced annually from these basins varies depending on rainfall, recharge, and the amount and location of pumping.

Groundwater basin inflows occur through a variety of processes:

- Areal recharge - deep percolation of direct precipitation on the ground surface that eventually recharges the aquifers within the basins
- Return flow - portion of water applied to the ground surface that reaches the groundwater as a result of deep percolation; sources of return flow include agricultural, domestic, and commercial irrigation
- Stream percolation - the stream loses water to the aquifer because of a higher hydraulic head in the stream than in the aquifer
- Underflow - flow from one basin to another
- Artificial recharge - spreading imported water at the Valle del los Caballos (VDC) spreading basins

A real recharge, return flow, stream percolation and underflow are classified as "natural inflow". According to the District's groundwater model, the average natural inflow for all eight basins is 41,000 acre-feet/year (AFY) when no artificial recharge is occurring. Figure 2-1 presents the annual estimated natural inflow for all eight basins from 1935 to 1998. As shown, there are seven years in which the natural inflow exceeds 70,000 AFY. Most of the years of record, however, show natural inflow at approximately 30,000 AFY.

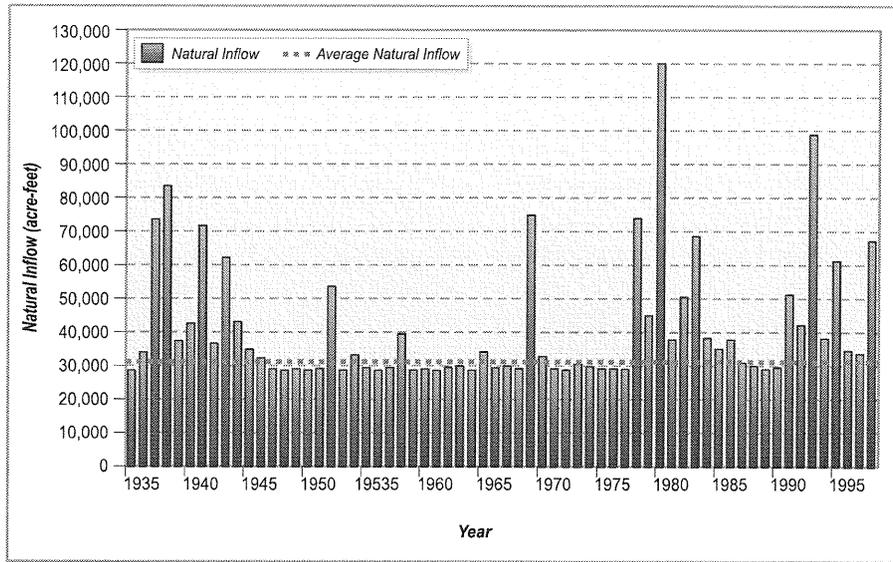


Figure 2-1  
Natural Inflow for Eight Ground Water Basins Used by RCWD

Natural basin outflows also occur in several ways:

- Evapotranspiration - direct evaporation from surface water and bare soil as well as the transpiration of water by plants such that the water is not available for groundwater recharge
- Gaining streams - the stream gains water because the hydraulic head in the stream is lower than the head in the aquifer
- Underflow - flow from one basin to another

The average natural basin outflow for all eight groundwater basins from 1935 to 1998 was 6,600 AFY.

The natural yield of the eight basins equals the natural inflows less the natural losses, which would be 34,400 AFY (41,000 AFY less 6,660 AFY). However, besides RCWD, others pump from the eight basins, including: Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Murrieta County Water District (MCWD), Pechanga and other private pumpers. Accounting for these users, the total natural yield available to RCWD is approximately 29,500 AFY.

RCWD currently has 52 production wells in the eight basins with a total instantaneous capacity of 46,400 gallons per minute (or 104 cfs), not including four existing recovery wells in the VDC area (VDC recovery wells). Table 2-2 summarizes the number of production wells per pressure zone and basin.

**Table 2-2  
Summary of Existing Production Wells**

Pressure Zone	Basin	No. of Production Wells
1305	Pauba Valley	16
	Lower Mesa	3
	North Murrieta	3
	San Gertrudis	4
	South Murrieta	2
	Wolf Valley	3
1380	Pauba Valley	5
	Lower Mesa	3
1610	Upper Mesa	5
	Lower Mesa	1
1790	Palomar	1
1500	North Murrieta	2

### Groundwater Recharge with Imported Water

In addition to the extraction of the natural yield of the basins, RCWD artificially recharges the Pauba Valley Basin with untreated imported water for enhanced groundwater production. RCWD purchases imported water from the MWD and delivers it from the San Diego aqueduct turnout EM-19 to the VDC recharge basins. In the past, the VDC recharge basins have provided up to 16,000 AFY of artificial groundwater recharge.

### Groundwater Recharge from Vail Lake

RCWD stores local runoff in Vail Lake, which was created in 1948 through construction of Vail Dam on Temecula Creek. RCWD has a surface water storage permit in Vail Lake for up to 40,000 AF from November 1 to April 30. During these months, RCWD releases available water from Vail Lake to the Valle de los Caballos (VDC) spreading basins, about 1.5 miles downstream, for groundwater recharge. From May through October, existing State permits prohibit storage and require inflow to pass through Vail Lake to Temecula Creek.

The amount of local runoff reaching the lake can vary widely depending on hydrological conditions. From 1962 to 2000, flows into Vail Lake ranged from 218 AFY to 29,570 AFY, with an average flow of 5,150 AFY.

The storage capacity of the lake is approximately 40,000 AF, with a surface area of 1,000 acres. Currently, RCWD only uses Vail Lake to store local runoff. The historical available storage of the lake has varied widely as well, including two periods when the reservoir was full in March 1984 and February 1997. Figure 2-2 illustrates available storage capacity from 1962 to 2002. The average available storage is approximately 30,900 AF.

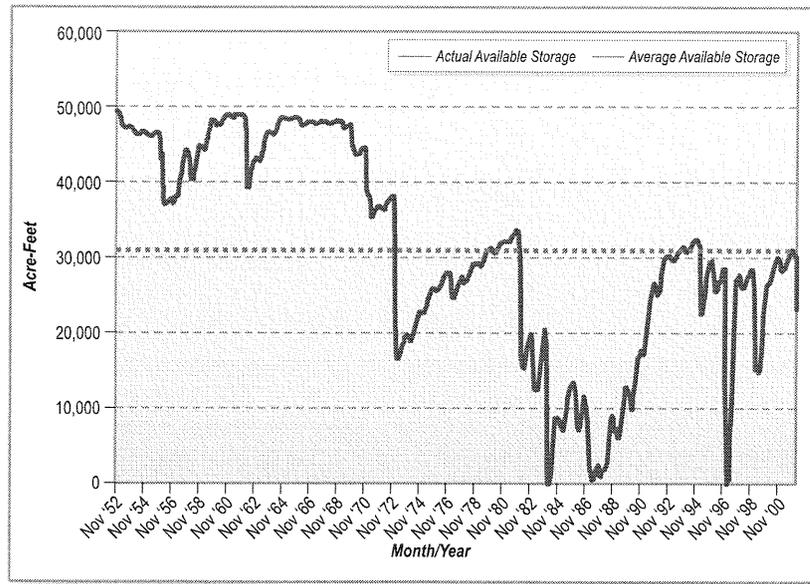


Figure 2-2  
Historical Available Storage in Vail Lake

### Historical Pumping from Groundwater Basins

Figure 2-3 illustrates historical total groundwater recharge and total pumping in the last 10 years. Table 2-3 shows the amount of groundwater pumped by each sub-basin in 2005. RCWD has increased pumping over the past 10 years to meet increased demands. Groundwater recharge from Vail Lake after 1999 has been unavailable due to local drought conditions, and RCWD has increased recharge by purchasing additional imported water.

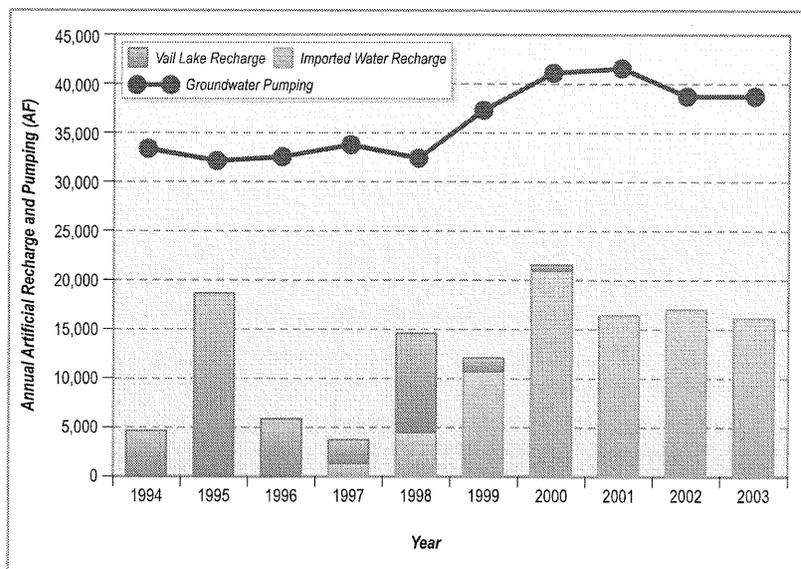
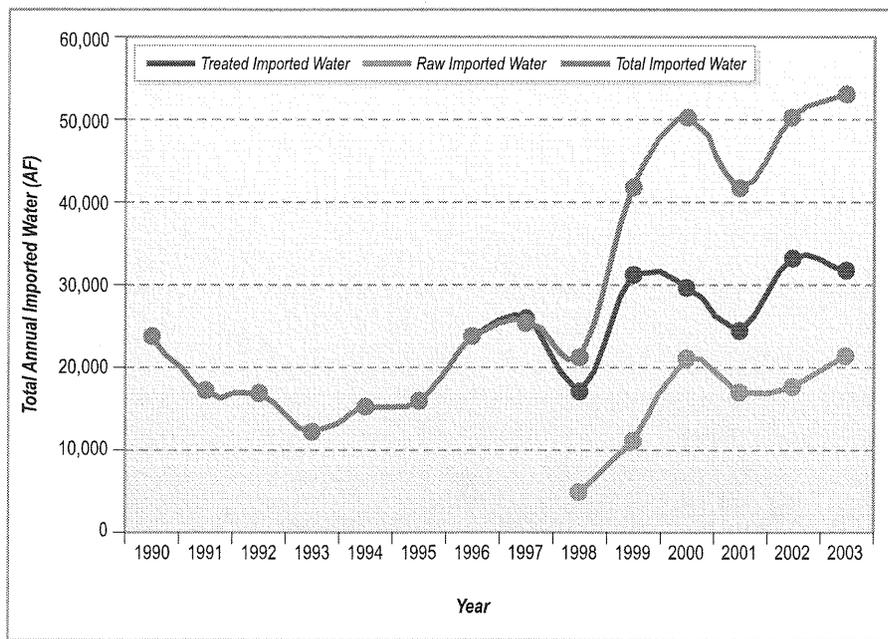


Figure 2-3  
Historical Annual Artificial Recharge and Pumping

### 2.1.2 Imported Water

RCWD is a member agency to both EMWD and WMWD, which are member agencies to MWD. MWD is the regional water wholesaler for Southern California. Imported water, treated and untreated, is received through six MWD turnouts (three in each of EMWD's and WMWD's service areas). However, EMWD and WMWD do not convey the water through their facilities to RCWD, rather RCWD receives the water directly at these turnouts. As shown in Table 2-1, RCWD currently obtains approximately 33,000 AFY of treated water and 18,000 AFY of untreated water from MWD. Untreated, or raw imported water purchases did not begin until 1998. Figure 2-4 shows historical MWD water purchases from 1990 to 2003. During this period imported water purchases have increased from approximately 25,000 AFY to almost 51,000 AFY, including imported water used for groundwater recharge.



**Figure 2-4**  
**Historical Imported Water Purchased by RCWD**

MWD owns and operates the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) along with major reservoirs such as Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Skinner, 5 regional water treatment plants, and large transmission pipelines to move imported water to its 26 public member agencies. MWD is also the largest State Water Contractor, with a contract of 2.0 million acre-feet for State Water Project (SWP) supply. Over the last few years CRA supply, historically providing over 1.2 million AFY to the region, has been severely cut. This was due to the development of the California Plan for Colorado River, which forces California to live within its 4.4 million AF entitlement of Colorado River.

The SWP is subject to extreme variability in hydrology due to a lack of storage. The SWP has also been affected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which has limited the amount of water coming from Bay-Delta. Although MWD has a contract for 2.0 million AFY, it rarely has received that amount (only in the very wettest of years). Average deliveries have been closer to 1.2 million AFY. In severe droughts, SWP supplies to MWD have been less than 0.5 million AFY.

MWD augments its imported water from the CRA and SWP with stored water in water banks such as Semitropic and Arvin-Edison, conjunctive use storage in local groundwater basins, and voluntary water transfers during certain dry years. In addition, MWD’s recently completed Diamond Valley Lake can store 800,000 AF of imported water, which is used to meet demands during dry years and emergencies.

### 2.1.3 Recycled Water

Recycled water is produced to from two facilities, the Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility (SRWRF) operated by RCWD, and the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (TVRWRF) operated by EMWD. Both plants treat wastewater to Title 22 standards. Currently, RCWD is maximizing recycled water from these two plants to meet landscape irrigation demands. Additional recycled water from TVRWRF could be used if advanced treatment beyond Title 22 standards was applied. As a result, not all of the recycled water from TVWRF is beneficially used and must be discharged to Temescal Creek. Currently, recycled water use is 6,700 AFY as summarized in Table 2-1. The recycled water system is discussed in further detail in Section 6.

## 2.2 Planned Water Supply Sources (the “IRP”)

RCWD recently completed its Regional Integrated Resources Plan, or IRP, in order to develop a long-term water supply that can meet demands from now until 2050 (CDM, 2005). The IRP was developed in conjunction with RCWD’s senior staff and Board of Directors by applying a multi-objective approach, integrating both demand and supply-side options.

The approach first develops and weights key objectives, which along with associated performance measures, will be used to evaluate alternatives to meet future demands (see Figure 2-5). The objectives and performance measures developed for the IRP are summarized in Figure 2-6.

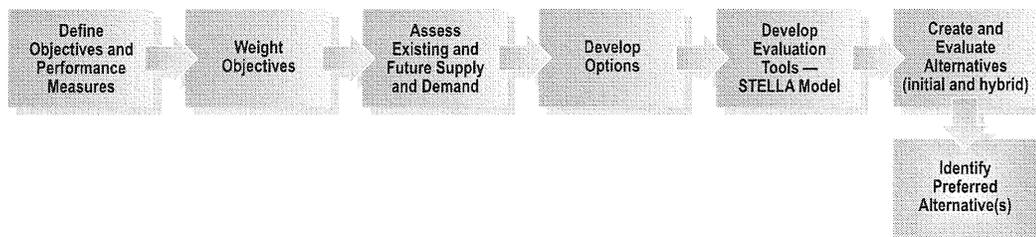
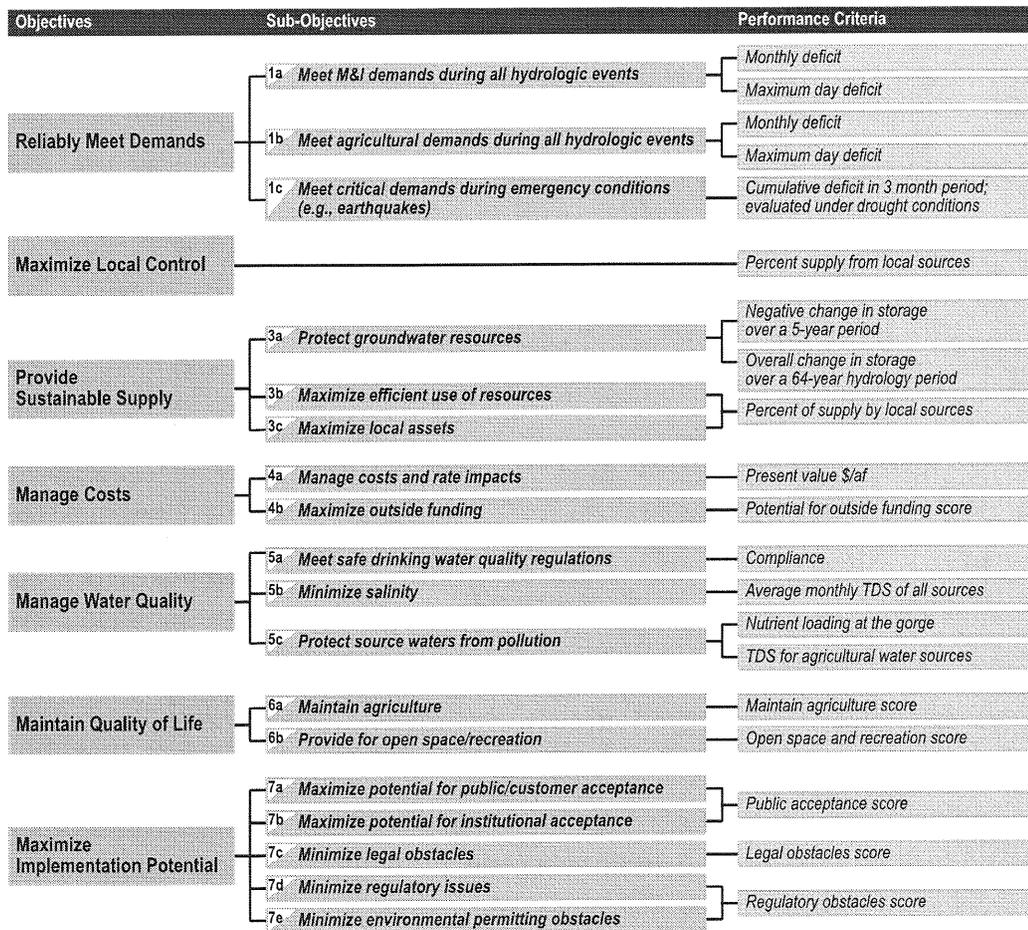


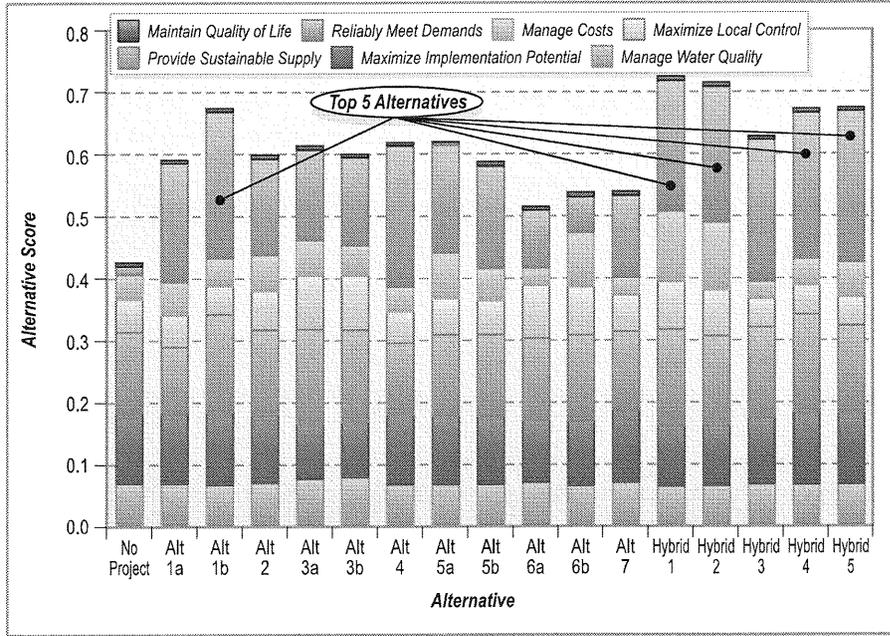
Figure 2-5  
RCWD’s IRP Process



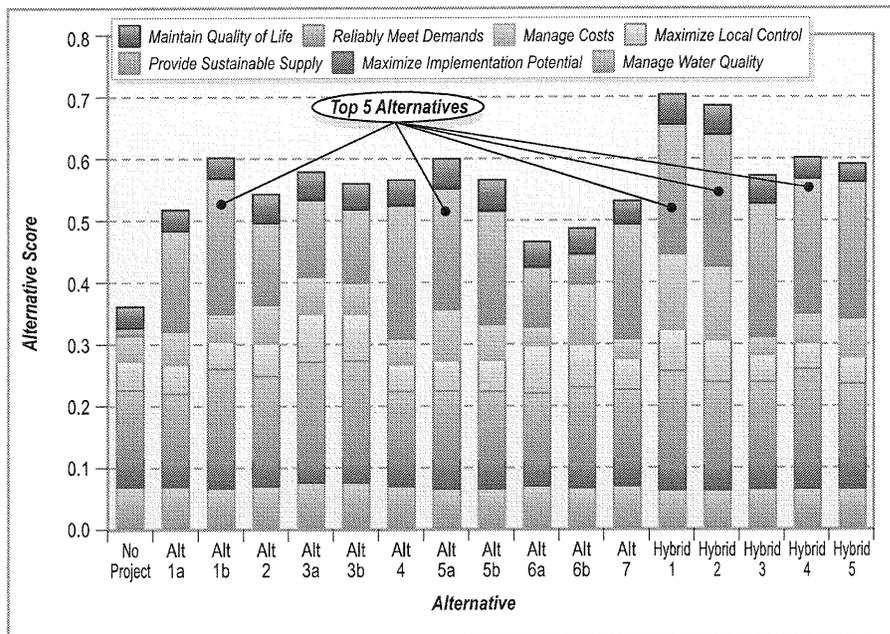
**Figure 2-6**  
**IRP Objectives, Sub-Objectives and Performance Measures**

Over a dozen alternatives were evaluated using a systems model called STELLA. The model was able to simulate demands and supplies (existing and potential) under different climate and hydrologic scenarios, as well as identify distribution constraints. The model was also able to simulate water quality, storage conditions in the groundwater basins and Vail Lake, and estimate the total cost (capital and O&M) for any potential supply or demand-side management option(s).

The output from the model was used along with the objectives in Figure 2-7 to develop a comprehensive score card for each alternative. RCWD senior staff and Board weighed the objectives in terms of relative importance in order to rank the IRP alternatives (see Figures 2-7 and 2-8 for this ranking).



**Figure 2-7**  
Alternatives Ranking for the Average of RCWD Senior Staff



**Figure 2-8**  
Alternatives Ranking for the Average of RCWD Board Members

The preferred plan, called Hybrid 1, involves the following components:

1. Implement baseline water conservation measures
2. Connect imported water connection EM-21 to Vail Lake to expand groundwater recharge
3. Convert eastern area agriculture, currently using treated imported water, to raw water, delivered from Vail Lake
4. Construct up to 18 new groundwater wells, along with increased imported water for recharge during non-drought years
5. Construct a MF/RO treatment facility to reduced the salinity of recycled water so that it can be used to meet western area agricultural demands, as well as potential groundwater replenishment in the future

The benefits of this preferred IRP alternative are:

- Increased groundwater production of about 18,000 acre-feet per year
- Increased use of recycled water of about 13,600 acre-feet per year
- Reduction in peaking on MWD by about 144 cubic feet per second (cfs)
- Cost efficiency by: (1) converting eastern area agricultural users from treated imported water to untreated, (2) reducing the peaking charge paid to MWD, and (3) by maximizing MWD's discounted replenishment water rate for groundwater recharge

Although the conversion of eastern area agricultural demands from treated to raw imported water is beneficial in terms of meeting peak day demands and reducing costs to RCWD, it does not produce "new" wet water supply. However, the construction of 18 new groundwater wells and a MF/RO treatment facility does produce additional water supply.

Because demands and supplies vary from year to year due to weather and hydrologic conditions, it is also important to plan for this variation. Because of the semi-arid climate of RCWD's service area, water demands can be as much as 9 percent greater than normal during dry years and 15 percent lower during wet years (see Figure 2-9).

Groundwater pumping can also vary due to hydrologic conditions. Based on RCWD's groundwater model, groundwater production from new wells averages 18,000 AFY. But in dry and critically dry years, groundwater production can be as low as 15,000 AFY.

Table 2-3 summarizes the hydrologic years used to assess supply reliability for the 2005 UWMP. The hydrologic years were selected based on local weather and hydrology.

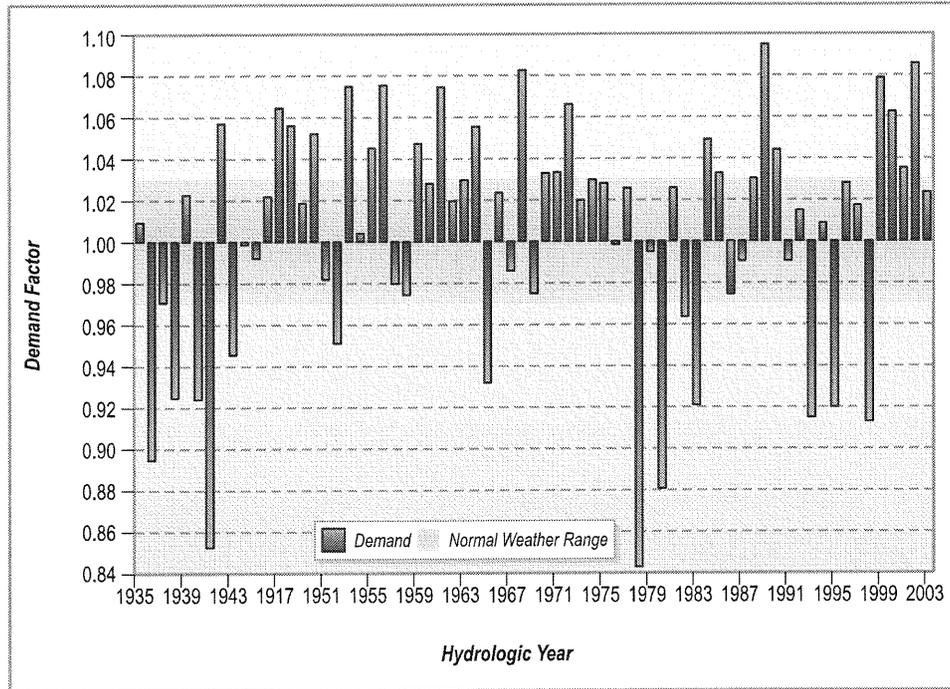


Figure 2-9  
Weather Factors for RCWD Water Demands

Table 2-3  
Basis of Water Year Data

Water Year Type	Base Year(s)	Historical Sequence
Normal Water Year	Average*	1935-1998
Single-Dry Water Year	1989	1935-1998
Multiple-Dry Water Years	1987-1991	1935-1999

\* Average of historical sequence.

Based on RCWD's IRP, Table 2-4 summarizes the timing of new water supplies, as well as the reliability of these supplies under different water year types. As shown on the table, only the new groundwater supply is subject to hydrologic variation. The new recycled water as a result of the MF/RO facility is essentially drought proof.

**Table 2-4  
Future Water Supply Projects (AF/Y)**

Project Name	Project Start	Average Year	Single Dry Year	Multiple- Dry Years				
				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
18 New Groundwater Wells	2020	18,000	16,700	16,700	15,900	15,500	15,500	14,000
MF/RO Facility for Recycled Water	2025	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600

Note: Supply reported are for years in which project starts

Table 2-5 summarizes the planned water supply for RCWD through 2030, under normal weather conditions. The planned supply includes existing as well as the future projects shown in Table 2-4.

As the new conversion of eastern agricultural demands from treated to raw imported water, new groundwater wells, and MF/RO facility for recycled water are brought online, the amount of treated imported water from MWD decreases from almost 40,000 AFY in 2010 to 20,700 AFY in 2030.

**Table 2-5  
Planned Water Supplies (AF/Y)**

Water Supply Sources	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Imported Water (MWD)					
Treated	39,310	32,410	20,010	14,100	20,700
Untreated <sup>1</sup>	15,500	28,500	38,500	38,500	38,500
Local Groundwater Pumping	38,000	38,000	56,000	56,000	56,000
Recycled Water	7,890	9,090	9,890	24,300	25,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,700</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>124,400</b>	<b>132,900</b>	<b>140,400</b>

Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

<sup>1</sup> Used for groundwater recharge, flows to Gorge, and eastern service area agriculture (after conversion of system).

### 2.2.1 Future Groundwater Supplies

With implementation of the Hybrid 1 Alternative identified in RCWD's IRP, groundwater supplies are expected to increase from their current level of 38,000 AFY to 56,000 AFY by 2020. Increased pumping and groundwater recharge is necessary to compensate for higher demands as growth in the area increase. Up to 18 new groundwater wells will be constructed. The Pauba Valley sub-basin will experience the gain in groundwater pumping; as this is the sub-basin that receives recharge from imported water (see Table 2-6).

**Table 2-6  
Groundwater Pumping in RCWD Service Area (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup>**

Sub-Basin Name	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Pauba	22,216	27,766	27,766	45,766	45,766	45,766
South Murrieta	1,881	260	260	260	260	260
Lower Mesa	5,966	3,646	3,646	3,646	3,646	3,646
North Murrieta	1,289	404	404	404	404	404
Wolf Valley	2,536	1,566	1,566	1,566	1,566	1,566
San Gertrudis	4,480	4,056	4,056	4,056	4,056	4,056
Upper Mesa	13	76	76	76	76	76
Palomar	567	226	226	226	226	226
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,948</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>56,000</b>
% of Total Water Supply <sup>2</sup>	51%	38%	35%	45%	42%	40%

Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

<sup>1</sup> 2005 data is actual, 2010 to 2030 is projected based on normal hydrologic conditions.

<sup>2</sup> Net total supply, which does not include imported water for groundwater replenishment.

## 2.2.2 Future Imported Water

To support the increase in groundwater pumping, a new untreated (raw) water connection is being built by MWD, called EM-21. Once constructed it will increase the ability for RCWD to recharge the groundwater basin and maximize a vital local resource.

Between 2025 and 2030, MWD may also increase treated imported water capacity for use by RCWD and others by constructing a new imported water line from its Skinner Treatment Plant or a new treatment plant that is being explored.

## 2.2.3 Future Recycled Water

Currently, recycled water from RCWD's SRWRF is being used 100 percent to meet landscape irrigation demands. However, another 16,000 AFY of recycled water from EMWD's TVRWF could be used if the salinity of the product water was under 500 parts per million. This salinity target is needed if recycled water is to be used for crop sensitive agriculture and/or groundwater recharge. Therefore, as part of the IRP, RCWD will construct a MF/RO facility to treat recycled water so it can be used to meet western area agricultural demands currently using treated imported water. Because of the waste or brine produce produced by the advanced treatment, 15 percent of the water is lost. Therefore, the new recycled water supply is 13,600 AFY. A more detailed discussion of recycled water is presented in Section 6.

## 2.2.4 Future Water Transfers

During the IRP process, RCWD investigated obtaining water transfers to bolster supplies. Water transfers are the voluntary exchange of water between a willing

buyer and a willing seller. The IRP examined wet water transfers and dry water transfers, the difference being that wet water transfers occur in years of above normal rainfall and dry water transfers occur in years of below normal rainfall. The IRP recommendations allow for the possibility of such transfers to be executed should RCWD and its customers deem them cost-effective.

### **2.2.5 Desalination**

Desalination (seawater or brackish) was not examined as an option in the IRP. Desalination of ocean water is not viable for RCWD given its distance from the Pacific Ocean. Desalination of brackish groundwater is not necessary, given the water quality of the sub-basins used by RCWD.

# Section 3 Water Demands

## 3.1 Overview

Because of affordable housing, relative to Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and a Mediterranean climate, the Cities of Murietta and Temecula (and surrounding communities) are desirable places to live. As such, population within RCWD's service area has grown significantly. Even agriculture, which is mainly orchards, citrus, avocados, and vineyards has grown, unlike in many other areas in Southern California.

This urban and agricultural growth has lead to increases in water demands. And because of the semi-arid climate, summer peaking in demands is fast becoming an issue.

## 3.2 Historical Water Demands

Combined agricultural and urban water demands have steadily increased in the RCWD service area between 1978 and 2003 as illustrated in Figure 3-1.

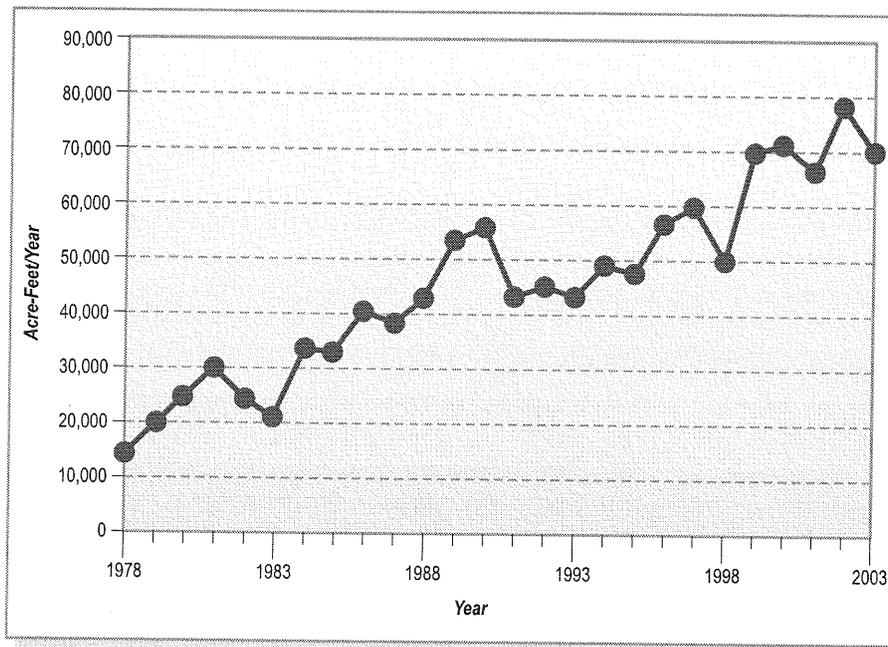


Figure 3-1  
RCWD Historical Water Demands

Table 3-1 shows the distribution of actual billing accounts by customer class. "AG & A/D" refers to agricultural and agricultural/domestic areas. "Domestic" is inclusive of very low density, low density, medium density, and medium high density single-family residential. "Multiple Dwelling" is multi-family residences, such as apartments and condos. The "Other" category includes freeway, and construction meters. Most water users classified in the "Other" category have either little or no reported water use.

**Table 3-1**  
**RCWD Customer Accounts**

Customer Class	2000	2005
AG & AG/D	1,310	1,699
Domestic	23,320	33,378
Multiple Dwelling	160	178
Commercial	827	1,280
Landscape	674	1,059
Schools, Etc	51	65
Golf	6	6
Reclaimed	54	130
Others <sup>1</sup>	143	1,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,545</b>	<b>39,186</b>

<sup>1</sup> Mostly construction and other temporary accounts.

### 3.3 Future Water Demands

Projecting water demands allows RCWD to determine future water supply investments needed to match expected demands. Water demand projections are used to schedule these investments to ensure they are online when needed thus minimizing cost impacts of idle facilities. Future water demands included here were developed as a part of the IRP to aid in the selection of a preferred alternative for meeting future water demands.

#### 3.3.1 Forecast Methodology

Projected water demands to 2050 were estimated using RCWD's 2000 billing data and water demand projections at ultimate build-out from the 2005 RCWD Water Facilities Master Plan. In the IRP demands were forecasted to 2050, but only forecast demands to 2030 are included in the 2005 UWMP.

The 2000 billing data was used to determine the starting point in the demand projection, while the ultimate build-out demands in the Master Plan represent the end-point. The 2000 billing data contains different classifications than the Master Plan classifications. Billing data is based on customer classes while Master Plan classification are based on land use categories. Thus, the first step was to match the two classification systems. Matching the two systems resulted in the IRP Sectors in Table 3-2. IRP Sectors are the sectors used in the demand forecast.

**Table 3-2**  
**Matching of Billing Data Classifications and Land Use Categories**

2000 Billing Data Classifications	IRP Sectors	Master Plan Classifications
AGRICULTURAL AG/DOMESTIC	Agricultural and Agricultural Domestic	Ag/Vineyard Planning Area Estate 20 Estate 10 Estate 5 Estate 2
DOMESTIC	Single-Family	Very Low Density Low Density Medium Density Medium High Density High Density
MULTIPLE DWELLING	Multi-Family	Multi-Family
COMMERCIAL SCHOOLS MISC GOV OTHER	Commercial/Institutional	Commercial Business Park / Industrial
GOLF LANDSCAPE RECLAIMED WATER	Landscape/Golf	Open Space – Recreational

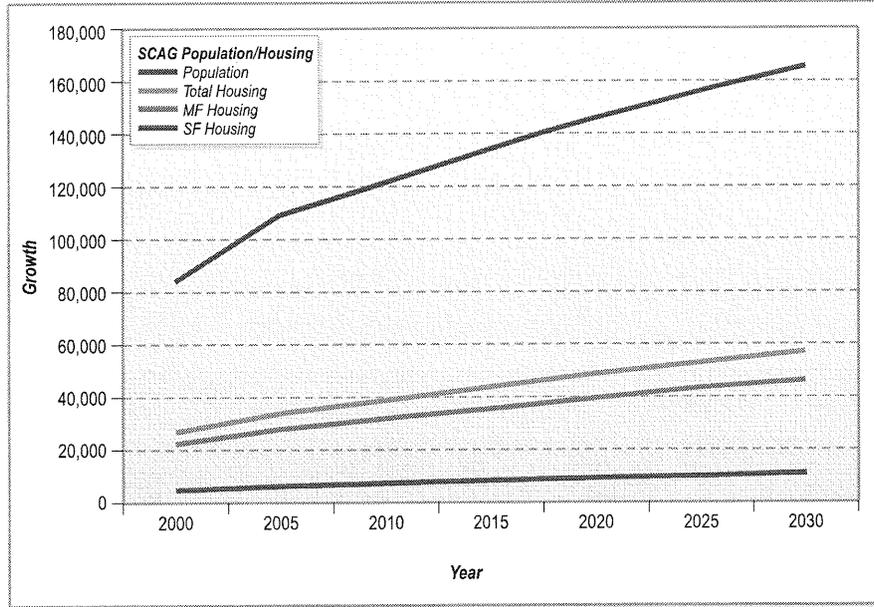
Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

### Estimating Year of Build-Out

The term “build-out” indicates a city is no longer growing, and the associated water demand would be at the maximum or ultimate demand. The build-out forecast obtained from the 2005 RCWD Water Facilities Master Plan did not specify the estimated year for build-out. It did, however, provide an estimated number of dwelling units for each land-use category. The IRP analysis estimated a year for build-out by comparing the number of build-out dwelling units in the Master Plan with the demographic projections developed by the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan discussed in Section 1.1.2. The SCAG demographic data contains single-family and multi-family data that correlate with the domestic and multiple dwelling categories under the Master Plan classifications.

SCAG projects demographics out until year 2030. Because the SCAG housing units were lower than those reported at build-out in the Master Plan, it was deemed that build-out was beyond 2030. To determine the year of build-out, a linear extrapolation of the SCAG housing projections was done. The SCAG demographic data for population and housing largely follow a linear pattern as shown in Figure 3-2. Although the rates of growth are not perfectly linear, there is not enough variation in the growth rate to warrant a non-linear growth pattern for demand projections.

Comparing the estimated number of dwelling units from the Master Plan build-out forecast and the extrapolated SCAG demographic data indicated that overall build-out would occur around 2050.



**Figure 3-2**  
**Demographic Projections for RCWD Service Area**

### 3.3.2 Consumptive Water Demand Forecast

Projected water demands in the IRP were estimated in 5-year intervals up to 2050 based on water billing data and the 2005 RCWD Master Plan build-out demand projections. For purposes of the UWMP, estimated demand projections are provided to 2030.

Results of the water demand forecast for normal weather conditions are summarized by sectors in Table 3-3. Total annual average water demands are projected to increase from the current 76,100 AFY to 112,700 AFY in 2030, a 36,600 AF increase. The largest growth is expected to occur in the Single-Family Domestic Sector from 25,500 AFY in 2005 to 44,300 in 2030.

**Table 3-3**  
**Annual Average Consumptive Water Demands in RCWD Service Area**

Year	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Agriculture/Ag Domestic Demands	33,900	35,900	38,000	40,000	41,000	44,000	46,000
Single-Family Domestic	21,700	25,500	29,300	33,000	36,800	40,600	44,300
Multi-Family Domestic	1,400	1,900	2,300	2,800	3,200	3,700	4,200
Commercial/Institutional	3,500	4,100	4,800	5,400	6,100	6,700	7,400
Landscape/Golf Course	8,300	8,700	9,100	9,500	9,900	10,300	10,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,800</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>90,700</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>105,300</b>	<b>112,700</b>

2000 represents actual demand, 2005-2030 projected based on average weather conditions

### 3.3.3 Sales to Other Agencies

RCWD does not engage in water sales to other agencies, including wholesale water, exchanges, and non-recurring agreements, at this time nor are any projected in the forecast period ending in 2030.

### 3.3.4 Additional Water Uses

Additional water uses include imported water purchased for groundwater recharge, water required to meet the Gorge discharge requirements due to the water rights settlement, and unaccounted for water. Given RCWD's system is relatively new and modern, unaccounted for water is very small, averaging around 2 percent. Table 3-4 summarizes this additional water use.

**Table 3-4**  
**Additional Water Uses and Losses (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup>**

Water Use	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Groundwater Recharge with Imported Water	13,000	13,000	13,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Gorge Discharge (per water rights agreement)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Unaccounted Water	1,500	1,700	1,800	1,900	2,100	2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>17,200</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>27,400</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>27,700</b>

<sup>1</sup>Based on average runoff and weather conditions.

### 3.3.5 Total Water Uses

Total water use is the summation of the consumptive water demands presented in Table 3-3 and the additional water uses in Table 3-4. Table 3-5 summarizes the total future water uses under normal weather conditions.

**Table 3-5**  
**Total Water Use (AF/Y) <sup>1</sup>**

Water Use	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Consumptive Demand	76,100	83,500	90,700	97,000	105,300	112,700
Sales to Other Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additional Water Uses and Losses	17,000	17,200	17,300	27,400	27,600	27,700
<b>Total Projected Water Use</b>	<b>93,100</b>	<b>100,700</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>124,400</b>	<b>132,900</b>	<b>140,400</b>

<sup>1</sup>Based on average runoff and weather conditions.

*Section 3*  
*Water Demands*

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Section 4

## Conservation

### 4.1 Introduction

Increasing urban water conservation is a means towards providing additional water supply by reducing demands. Effective water conservation practices are necessary to be able to provide adequate supplies to meet growing demands in the RCWD service area. Demographic projections indicate that agriculture land use will continue to decline in the future as RCWD's service area continues to become more urbanized. Through its membership in the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC), initiatives of EMWD and WMWD, and its own initiatives RCWD is committed to increasing water conservation.

RCWD is a recent signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Urban Water Conservation in California (MOU) developed by the members of the CUWCC. As a signatory to the MOU, RCWD is obligated to implement a set of 14 water conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs) also commonly referred to as Demand Management Measures. The MOU established the CUWCC in 1991 to monitor implementation of the BMPs and to maintain the list of BMPs. Biennially member agencies are required to submit a report to CUWCC detailing progress towards implementing the 14 BMPs. Participation and compliance with the BMPs is monitored by CUWCC which offers guidelines on the implementation and assessment of the BMPs.

### 4.2 Urban BMP Implementation

The MOU commits RCWD and other signatories to develop comprehensive conservation programs utilizing feasible economic criteria and to consider water conservation as a viable water management option through the implementation of Urban BMPs. BMPs are defined in the MOU as:

- (a) An established and generally accepted practice among water suppliers that results in more efficient use or conservation of water.
- (b) A practice for which sufficient data are available from existing water conservation projects to indicate that significant conservation or conservation-related benefits can be achieved; that the practice is technically and economically reasonable and not environmentally or socially unacceptable; and that the practice is not otherwise unreasonable for most water suppliers to carry out.

RCWD is obligated to implement all of the BMPs, except BMP 10. BMP 10 pertains to wholesale agencies only. Table 4-1 provides a listing of each BMP and summarizes RCWD's status in implementing the BMPs. As a recent signatory to the MOU, RCWD has only submitted the reports once, thus prior years are not included in the plan.

**Table 4-1  
CUWCC BMPs For Urban Conservation In California**

<b>BMP #</b>	<b>PRACTICES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1	Water surveys programs for single-family residential and multi-family residential customers	Implemented
2	Residential plumbing retrofit	Implemented
3	System water audits, leak detection and repair	Implemented
4	Metering with commodity rates for all new connections, and retrofit of existing connections	Implemented
5	Large landscape conservation programs and incentives	Implemented
6	High efficiency washing machine rebate program	Implemented
7	Public information programs	Implemented
8	School education programs	Implemented
9	Commercial/Industrial/Institutional water conservation	Outdoor Only
10	Wholesale agency assistance program	Not applicable
11	Conservation pricing	Implemented
12	Water conservation coordinator	Implemented
13	Water waste prohibition	Implemented
14	Residential ULFT replacement program	Implemented

**BMP 1: Water Survey Programs for Single-Family and Multi-Family Residential Customers**

RCWD is currently surveying outdoor water use of single-family accounts that use two hundred percent more water than the district-wide average. During these surveys RCWD checks the irrigation system and makes necessary adjustments such as changing the irrigation timers, there is no cost to the customer. The CUWCC suggests an estimated savings of ten percent when quantifying savings for outdoor surveys under this BMP.

RCWD began this program in July 2004 and has an annual budget of \$100,000 for five hundred surveys. The savings for this BMP were calculated by taking the average gallons per day per account water use and multiplying it by two hundred percent. This results in an estimated value that represents per account per day water use among the households target by the program. This value was then multiplied by the percent of total water use that is used outdoors. After assessing annual water use patterns, outdoor water use was estimated to be fifty-one percent of total water use. CUWCC estimates a ten percent reduction in outdoor use will result from the surveys. The average outdoor water use of the targeted accounts (848.47 gpd per account) was multiplied by ten percent. The resulting 85 gpd per account was multiplied by 500 (number of surveys per year) to calculate total annual savings in gallons. The resulting 15.48 MG (or 47.52 AF) was further processed into a lifetime savings and a cost per lifetime savings. Savings resulting from this program were

estimated to have a life of three years. Under this assumption the lifetime savings are estimated to be 142.56 AF at a cost of \$701.45 per AF.

RCWD currently offers multifamily outdoor surveys on a voluntary basis. However, up to this point they have received no requests. In 2007, RCWD will begin indoor multifamily surveys; they plan to conduct 50 surveys per year. The surveys will include leak detection and flow rate tests for faucets and showerheads. Leaks will be resolved and faucet aerators and low flow showerheads will be provided when necessary. Toilets will also be checked for flush volume and leaky flappers. When appropriate the customer will be directed to the ULFT program. These surveys will augment RCWD's plumbing retrofit program and the ULFT program.

CUWCC's methodology for calculating savings resulting from indoor water surveys assumes savings for showerhead retrofits, ULFT retrofits, and leak repairs. It is not reasonable to assume each survey will result in all or any of these changes. Further this methodology introduces potential double counting of toilet and showerhead retrofits because these fixtures are offered as part of separate BMPs (BMP 2 and 14).

**Table 4-2**  
**CUWCC BMP 1 Savings Assumptions**

	Pre-1980 Construction	Post-1980 Construction
Low-Flow Showerhead Retrofit	7.2 gcd	2.9 gcd
Toilet Retrofit (five year life)	1.3 gcd	0.0 gcd
Leak Repair	0.5 gcd	0.5 gcd
Landscape Survey (outdoor use reduction)	10%	10%

Source: CUWCC  
[http://www.cuwcc.org/m\\_bmp1.lasso](http://www.cuwcc.org/m_bmp1.lasso)

Grossly assuming 0.5 gcd savings per survey, and 2.84 persons per multifamily household<sup>1</sup>, 50 multifamily surveys will save 25,915 gallons per year. RCWD estimates the MF surveys will cost \$75 per survey, therefore conducting 50 surveys in one year will cost \$3,750.

### **BMP 2: Residential Plumbing Retrofit**

RCWD is fulfilling BMP 2 through the dissemination of a residential plumbing retrofit kit free of charge to eligible RCWD customers. Eligible customers pick up the retrofit kits in the RCWD reception area. The kit includes low-flow shower heads, garden hose shut-off nozzles, faucet aerators, and toilet leak detection tablets. The kit is available to customers living in homes that were built prior to 1994. The low-flow

<sup>1</sup> Census SF3 Data for City of Temecula.

shower heads are limited to two per household, and the aerators and the shut-off valves are limited to one per household.

RCWD began this program in September 2004 and through March 2005 distributed 327 low-flow shower heads, 442 faucet aerators, and 240 garden hose shut-off nozzles. The faucet aerators and the shut-off nozzles are considered to have nominal savings for this analysis. Savings were calculated for the shower heads based on a gallon per capita per day assumption recommended by the CUWCC. They recommend a gallon per capita per day savings of 7.2 gpcd for pre-1980 homes and 2.9 gpcd for post-1980 construction. The percent of homes in the RCWD service area that were built prior to 1980 is estimated using 2000 Census SF3 data for Temecula California. Census data lists housing units built by decade up to 1980 and then in smaller increments through 2000. Based on this data, fourteen percent of the homes in the RCWD service area are estimated to be built prior to 1980. Thus it was assumed that 42 of the low-flow showerheads (fourteen percent) distributed by RCWD went to homes built prior to 1980 and the remaining 258 (eighty-six percent) went to post-1980 construction homes. The 42 showerheads assumed to be retrofit in pre-1980 housing were multiplied by 7.2 gallons per capita per day, and the 258 showerheads that were assumed to be retrofit in post-1980 homes were multiplied by 2.9 gallons per capita per day. The products of these multiplications were then added, multiplied by the average number of persons per household (as obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2000 SF3 data for Temecula California), and then divided by the total number of showerhead retrofits. This resulted in an average savings in gallons per day per account for each low-flow shower head distributed. This value was then multiplied by the total number of shower heads distributed by RCWD and 365 days to estimate annual savings.

As noted above, RCWD began this program in September 2004 and the data are for seven months. To make savings and costs reflect an annual time period a monthly participation rate was estimated and multiplied by twelve. The estimated participation for a year is 514 low-flow showerhead retrofits, resulting in an annual water savings of 6.35 AF. The lifetime of a showerhead is estimated to be ten years making the lifetime savings of this program 63.51 AF and the cost per lifetime savings \$134.93 per AF.

The CUWCC methodology described above was used in estimating savings from low-flow showerheads for RCWD. However, it is important to note that this methodology is nearly outdated. If indeed showerheads have a ten year life then it is likely that all pre-1980 homes have been retrofitted. Further, it could be argued that homes constructed pre 1994 also have retrofitted showerheads, or will in the very near future. The efficacy of this program may need to be reevaluated.

Currently there is not a local enforceable ordinance in effect in the RCWD service area requiring the replacement of high-flow showerheads and other water using fixtures with low flow counterparts. However, California State law since 1992 prohibits the sale or installation of non conserving showerheads. RCWD is a recent signatory to the MOU and has not completed the required customer surveys regarding low-flow

showerhead installation. These surveys are to demonstrate that 75 percent of the single-family and multifamily households built prior to 1992 in the RCWD service area have been retrofitted with low flow showerheads.

### **BMP 3: System Water Audits, Leak Detection, and Repair**

RCWD conducts water audits of its distribution system on a monthly basis to determine if leaks are occurring and/or repairs are necessary. Sales in each pressure zone, inclusive of construction, water, sewer flushing, and mainline flushing, are compared to delivery records and sales production. Monthly auditing results in the ability to implement corrective actions prior to excessive losses. Unaccounted water has historically ranged between 3 and 6 percent. In 2004 unaccounted water averaged 4.7 percent. RCWD strives to maintain average yearly system losses to less than 5 percent.

RCWD is proactive in reducing system water losses. Through its corrosion control program RCWD determines the corrosion potential of soils by measuring pipe to soil potential and if necessary installing cathodic protection equipment for both new and existing infrastructure. RCWD also verifies the integrity of valves within the system. A special truck is outfitted with equipment to check all valves within the system on a periodic basis. Valves that are not maintained can leak or malfunction. Inoperable valves are replaced or repaired.

### **BMP 4: Metering with Commodity Rates for all new Connections and Retrofit of Existing Connections**

All of RCWD's customers are metered and charged a commodity rate for water service (see Appendix A for water rate schedules).

### **BMP 5: Large Landscape Conservation Programs and Incentives**

RCWD provides a large landscape water audit program to its customers. In August 2005, RCWD began conducting commercial outdoor water use surveys. Under this program, RCWD performs a large landscape water audit and incorporates a demonstration garden and various educational seminars. RCWD is also taking advantage of MWDSC's WBIC (weather-based irrigation controllers) incentive program for large landscape customers. Under this program it is estimated the RCWD will perform up to 40 landscape audits and install up to 40 WBIC systems. As of October 2005, RCWD has completed 30 survey/installations.

MWDSC offers incentives to commercial/industrial/institutional (CII) accounts for the utilization of WBIC's MWDSC offers \$500 per acre of CII land that is irrigated with a WBIC and \$5.50 per station. A station is a valve on the WBIC unit.

These survey/installations cost \$1,200 on average. The CUWCC methodology recommends estimating a 15 percent reduction in outdoor commercial water use. Water demand for CII in RCWD in 2000 was 3,482 AF. There are 877 commercial accounts giving an annual average of 3.97 AF water demand per account. It is estimated that 51 percent of water use is outdoor. Therefore, estimated annual

outdoor water use per account is 2.02 AF. RCWD has conducted 30 survey/installations in three months. If this trend continues they will be able to complete 120 in one year. In 2000 these 120 accounts had a total annual water demand of 243 AF. Reducing this by the CUWCC suggested 15 percent equals 36.45 AF of savings in one year. The life of a WBIC is estimated at 10-15 years, or an average of 12.5 years<sup>2</sup>. The lifetime savings of this program is 455.60 AF and the cost per lifetime savings is \$316.07 per AF.

### **BMP 6: High-Efficiency Washing Machine Rebate Program**

MWDSC offers rebates ranging from \$85 to \$150 for purchases of high efficiency clothes washers. As part of RCWD's conservation efforts they facilitate a pass-through of the MWD rebates to their customers. Customers receive the rebate via a credit on their water account. The only costs RCWD incur are administrative, at \$10 per unit. This program began in 2003 and through March 2005 had 499 participants. Savings and costs were estimated based on rebates given in 2004.

Three hundred ninety-seven rebates were given in 2004 for purchases of high-efficiency clothes washers with varying efficiency ratings. Clothes washers are assigned a water factor to describe their efficiency. The water factor is the number of gallons required by the washing machine for each cubic foot of laundry. Thus, lower water factors indicate more water efficiency. The water factors for the washers rebated in 2004 range from 4.0 to 9.47.

RCWD keeps track of the water factors of each high-efficiency washing machine that receives a rebate through MWDSC's program. This is very important in calculating the savings of clothes washers based on the methodology put forth by the CUWCC. In this analysis, the CUWCC methodology was slightly modified. The CUWCC equation for estimating savings is:

$$GWS = 14 \text{ yr.} \times \sum_i N_i \times (13.3 - i) \times 1,170 \frac{\text{gal.}}{\text{yr.}}$$

GWS is gross water savings, 14 yr. is the average life of a clothes washer, N is the number of machines replaced with the water factor i, 13.3 is the baseline water factor for machines sold in 1994 as supplied to DOE by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), and 1170 is the average unit change in water use per unit change in water factor (developed by the California Energy Commission).

This analysis used all of the factors in the CUWCC equation, however the summation was modified. The frequency (N) of rebates for each water factor was determined.

---

<sup>2</sup> Assumption taken from: Residential Weather-Based Irrigation Scheduling: Evidence from the Irvine "ET Controller" Study June 2001  
"The useful life is expected to be between 10 and 15 years" (pg. 7).

Then the equation was applied to each water factor independently. In the example below 4.5 is the water factor and 10 is the frequency, or number of retrofits for the water factor 4.5:

$$[14\text{year}*(10*[13.3-4.5])*1170]$$

Results calculated for each water factor were summed to derive total water savings.

Program lifetime savings based on the rebates given in 2004 are estimated to be 145.99 AF, the program cost per lifetime savings \$27.19 per AF.

### **BMP 7: Public Information Programs**

RCWD along with EMWD, WMWD, and MWDSC have public information programs in place designed to educate the public and businesses on how to reduce water consumption and learn about water supply issues. As a member agency of both WMWD and EMWD, RCWD participates in both of their conservation programs and MWDSC's conservation programs. The public information program at RCWD is designed to reach as many residents as possible. RCWD budgets approximately \$30,000 per year for its program.

Various mediums are used to convey information to residents and businesses within the service area by RCWD. Media outlets include news releases, community events, seminars, internet, and newsletters. RCWD creates feature public information articles for distribution to local newspapers and radio stations. During community events RCWD participates through its commitment, membership, and representation to local service organizations. Seminars for professional landscapers and homeowners are also sponsored by RCWD. Quarterly, RCWD publishes *Waternews*, for its customers. Articles are included on water conservation measures. RCWD's lobby has a plethora of hand outs, including handouts such as water conservation, water wise gardening, water use outdoors, and indoor water use, available for free in the reception area.

### **BMP 8: School Education Programs**

Since 1984 RCWD has implemented a water education program to provide water and wastewater knowledge to teachers, students, and parents. Through its program, RCWD is able to educate students at an early age on the benefits of conserving water so that this knowledge flows into their homes and develops future water conserving habits.

Coordination between schools and RCWD's water education program occurs through RCWD's Public Information Specialist. The Public Information Specialist is tasked with managing the relationship between RCWD's various departments and other work groups with local school districts and external agencies. A key highlight of the program is to encourage and assist teachers in educating students about water. Through the program students develop an early appreciation for water.

RCWD's water education program involves all elementary and secondary schools within the service area encompassing 18 public schools and 6 private schools. Training

Section 4  
Conservation

is provided for teachers at all grade levels. Distributed materials meet the Science Framework for California Schools and the Murrieta and Temecula Valley Unified School District's Science Curriculum Guide. Materials are appropriate for respective grade levels. Teachers can choose to participate by ordering education materials from RCWD with all costs paid by RCWD.

Approximately 9,000 students are contacted per year through school assemblies, educational theater productions, field trips, and classroom presentations. On average RCWD provides over 20,000 brochures, booklets, stickers, and other water related items to students per year. RCWD also has sponsored such items as an essay contest, t-shirt design contest, and local science fairs.

Between 2001 and 2005 the approximate average yearly basis for impressions on students was:

Number of schools served: 24

Number of teachers served: 150

Number of students served: 5,000

Number of education materials distributed: 25,000 pieces

Number of classroom presentations: 40

**BMP 9: Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Conservation Programs**

Currently RCWD has implemented outdoor commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) conservation programs in the form of surveys, but has not implemented indoor CII conservation programs. The outdoor program is discussed in detail for BMP 5.

RCWD could implement programs such as the Commercial and Industrial Rebate Program and CII indoor surveys. The CI rebate program offers rebates on seven water using devices. RCWD could implement this rebate program with a cost similar to their ULFT and high-efficiency clothes washer programs. Since MWDSC pays for the rebate, RCWD pays only a small administrative cost for significant savings. Table 4-3 below lists available rebate amounts and estimated savings.

**Table 4-3  
MWDCS CII Rebate Programs**

<b>Device:</b>	<b>MET Rebate Amount</b>	<b>Savings per Unit GP Year</b>	<b>Savings per Unit GPD</b>
<b>Cooling Tower Conductivity Controller</b>	\$500.00	800,000	2,191
<b>Water-saving Toilet/Urinal</b>	\$60.00	14,600	40
<b>High-efficiency Washing Machine</b>	\$100.00	150,000	411
<b>Pre-rinse Kitchen Sprayer</b>	\$50.00	75,000	205
<b>Dual Flush Toilets</b>	\$80.00	14,600	40
<b>Water-pressurized Broom</b>	\$100.00	50,000	137
<b>Film Processor Recirculating System</b>	\$2,000.00	1,000,000	2,740

Source: CUWCC  
<http://www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/conserv/program02.html>

Another incentive program available is the CII weather-based irrigation controllers discussed in detail under BMP 5.

In 2009 RCWD will begin indoor commercial surveys. While this program is still in the planning stages it will likely follow standard survey methods and focus. Because this is a future program actual costs are unknown. Based on an assessment of agencies currently participating in this portion of BMP 9 and review of a paper by Santa Clara Valley Water District, a cost per survey was estimated to be about \$3000. The other cost figures were found in the CUWCC BMP reporting data base for the following agencies: City of San Diego, City of Pasadena, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and San Juan Water District. The database was randomly searched and these four were found to have realistic data (i.e., some agencies reported doing surveys but did not report a cost, or reported extremely high costs). Costs for these agencies ranged from \$950.00 to \$6,500.00 per survey.

CUWCC recommends estimating a savings of 12 percent of the current gallons per employee per day for the CII surveys. A gallons per employee per day (GED) value was calculated for RCWD from CII water use for 2000 and the total number of employees in 2000. The employment data was furnished by SCAG. The resulting GED is 112.61 for RCWD. Potential savings are estimated as 12 percent, or 13.51 GED.

CUWCC's guidelines indicate that 10 percent of CII accounts are to be surveyed in 10 years . There are 877 commercial accounts in RCWD and no industrial accounts.

*Section 4  
Conservation*

Thus, it is assumed that RCWD will conduct 88 surveys in ten years or 9 surveys per year.

SCAG data reported 27,602 employees in 2000 for the RCWD service area. Given the 877 CII accounts, this is an average of 31.5 employees per account.

With these assumptions each account surveyed is estimated to save 426 gallons per day; this is derived by multiplying the 13.51 GED savings by 31.5 employees per account. Savings per year can be estimated by multiplying 426 gallons per day (savings per account) by 9 (the number of surveys conducted annually) and by 365 days. The resulting estimate of annual savings is 1.4 MG. Assuming a five year life of savings resulting from the indoor surveys, the lifetime savings is 21.45 AF and the cost per lifetime savings is \$1,256.53 per AF.

**BMP 11: Conservation Pricing**

RCWD has implemented two tier blocks to encourage conservation for all customer classes effective as of July 2005. Water and wastewater rates are different depending upon the location of the service address. RCWD is divided into the Rancho and Santa Rosa Divisions for water service and is further divided into pressure zones. Wastewater service is provided by both RCWD and EMWD.

Water customers pay a base rate per hundred cubic feet (HCF), an energy rate based on pressure zone locations, and a monthly service charge based upon meter size. Agricultural and domestic rates are calculated at the domestic rate for water use up to 16 HCF. Water use in excess of 16 HCF is calculated at the lower Agricultural Rate. The Tier 2 conservation rate is an additional \$0.18595 per hundred cubic feet. This additional rate applies to customers that exceed their water allocation as determined by customer class.

Recycled water customers are billed based on a monthly service charge and use per acre-foot. Acre-foot charges vary based upon whether the user requires tertiary treated water, agricultural treated water, or uses the water for construction activities.

Wastewater customers pay a flat fee based on location and the service provider, RCWD or EMWD. For RCWD the flat rate is based on equivalent dwelling units per customer, while EMWD is a flat rate regardless of equivalent dwelling units.

Appendix A contains a copy of the water and sewer rate structures.

**BMP 12: Conservation Coordinator**

RCWD employs one full-time water conservation coordinator. The coordinator is tasked with interacting with coordinators from other agencies, overseeing all aspects of water conservation, and developing new programs. Since 2000 RCWD has spent approximately \$150,000 to satisfy this BMP.

### **BMP 13: Water Waste Prohibition**

RCWD has actively enforced “No-Waste” water provisions included in its water conservation program for dealing with water supply shortages (see Appendix B). This program was adopted in January 1991 (Resolution 91-1-3), then later amended in February 1991 (Resolution 91-2-3) and again in May 1991 (Resolution 91-5-8). The program contains four stages of water supply conditions. Under each stage the condition of the supply is defined along with prohibited uses. RCWD does respond to customers who complain about wasteful use of water. On average, RCWD send out approximately 10 letters per year to customers who have been identified as using water in a wasteful manner.

RCWD does not have a water softener ordinance nor does it conduct water softener checks as part of its home surveys.

### **BMP 14: Residential ULFT Replacement Programs**

Since 1997 RCWD has participated in MWDSC’s Ultra Low Flush Toilet (ULFT) rebate program. MWDSC offers a rebate of \$60 for a ULFT and RCWD passes this through to their customers as a credit in their water account. The only costs RCWD incurs are administrative, at \$10 per unit. This program began in 1997 and through March 2005 has had 1,089 participants. RCWD has also distributed toilets in coordination with the Temecula Valley High School’s Rotary Interact Club. Cooperative Technologies & Services International trained students to market and assist distribution of ULFT’s for a \$20 co-pay. Through this program the ULFTs provide long term water savings throughout their usable life, RCWD gains public exposure, students gain skills, and the high school earned money for academic and extracurricular activities. Through these programs starting in 1997 and through March 2005 RCWD has had 1,089 participants.

An annualized savings and cost estimate were based on an average from 1997 through 2004. On average annual participation in the ULFT program is 155. Total annual savings for an average year (based on participation from 1997 through 2004) is 6.25 AF based on CUWCC’s methodology. Assuming a 25 year life for a toilet, the lifetime savings is 156.36 AF and the cost per lifetime savings is \$9.98 per AF.

## **4.3 Agricultural Conservation Programs**

In conjunction with other agencies, RCWD has funded numerous programs with the goal of increasing conservation of water used in agriculture. Agricultural water use represented 36 percent of RCWD’s total water use during fiscal year 2003-2004. The potential for water savings from conservation in the agricultural sector are great and reductions in agricultural water use may have a considerable impact on RCWD’s total demand. RCWD’s current efforts to save water in the agricultural sector include:

- Irrigation system evaluations.
- The PRISM Winegrape Irrigation Scheduling and Regulated Deficit Program.

- The development of an agricultural discount program that has yet to be funded and implemented.

### **Irrigation System Evaluations**

RCWD, in conjunction with San Jacinto Basin Conservation District, conducts agricultural irrigation system evaluations under its Irrigation System Evaluation Program. This program began in 2003 and to date 32 evaluations have been completed. The goal of the program is to conduct 45 evaluations by 2006. Of the 32 evaluations performed average farm acreage ranges from 5 to 55 acres with an average of 12 acres. Per farm savings resulting from the evaluations ranges from .23 AFY to .47 AFY with an average of .40 AFY. The 32 evaluations covered 384 acres and save approximately 154 AFY. Savings from this program result primarily from improvements in application uniformity and scheduling accuracy. The irrigation evaluation program has cost RCWD about \$15,000 since 2003. The program expires in 2006, but with its success will likely continue.

### **PRISM Scheduling and Regulated Deficit Program**

The Precision Irrigation Scheduling Method (PRISM) uses a high frequency radio wave emitting soil probe that collects soil moisture information that can be downloaded to a computer. Once downloaded, PRISM software can be employed to determine irrigation needs. Originally the (PRISM) Wine Grape program was funded by growers at \$15 per week per site for a 30 week season. Twelve vineyards participated in the program. Crop losses suffered by farmers due to Pierce Disease prompted the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to invest in the program in 2000.

The program provided weekly soil moisture monitoring with a portable Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) device and irrigation scheduling designed to prevent water stress in an environment with Pierce Disease. In 2001, 20 additional vineyards were added to the program and the program added a new component for computing site-specific crop coefficients. The California Department of Conservation provided matching funds to aid the expansion of services. In 2002 the program added weekly shoot length measurements in order to monitor growth rates. In 2003 RCWD provided funding for a new component to the program, the Vine Moisture Stress Component.

For the years 2003-2005 RCWD provided a total of \$43,000 in funding to this program. Vine moisture stress or more commonly known as Regulated Deficit Irrigation, utilizes techniques that apply less water than the vine requires thereby causing mild stress. This technique reportedly results in improved wine quality and conservation of water and energy. Yields may be reduced but the wine grower may find this an acceptable tradeoff for improved wine quality. Savings data for the PRISM Wine Grape Irrigation Scheduling and Regulated Deficit Program are provided in Table 4-4.

**Table 4-4**  
**PRISM and Regulated Deficit Savings**

2002	0.077	1,242	95.63
2003	0.444	1,213	538.40
2004	0.208	1,224	254.51
<b>Total</b>			<b>888.54</b>

*Section 4*  
*Conservation*

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Section 5

## Water Shortage Contingency Plan

### 5.1 Overview

In order to ensure a reliable water supply in a water shortage situation, RCWD developed a water shortage contingency plan in accordance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act. A water shortage situation may be brought on by drought conditions caused by hot and dry weather, or a failure of the water delivery system due to seismic activity or other catastrophic event. A large portion of the water RCWD sells to its customers is imported from the MWD via EMWD and WMWD. Therefore, as part of RCWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan it is important to present MWD's plan in the case of a water shortage. The next section discusses MWD's Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan and EMWD and WMWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plans. Section 5.5 discusses RCWD's compliance with Water Code Section 10632.

### 5.2 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

RCWD receives MWD imported water deliveries from EMWD and WMWD. Both EMWD and WMWD are member agencies of MWD and therefore RCWD is subject to MWD policies during a water shortage. During fiscal year 2004 RCWD purchased 41,312 acre-feet of water from MWD, which represents 49.5 percent of total annual water production. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's 1999 Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan (WSDM) provides a plan to provide 100 percent reliability of the agency's water service. Protocols are provided for times of water surplus and water shortage. MWD strategically manages water in times of surplus to ensure there is an adequate supply during a shortage. The WSDM plan defines surplus, shortage, severe shortage, and extreme shortage as follows:

**Surplus:** Supplies are sufficient to allow MWD to meet Full Service demands, make deliveries to all interruptible programs (replenishment, long-term seasonal storage, and agricultural deliveries), and deliver water to regional and local facilities for storage.

**Shortage:** Supplies are sufficient to allow MWD to meet Full Service demands and make partial or full deliveries to interruptible programs, sometimes using stored water and voluntary water transfers.

**Severe Shortage:** Supplies are insufficient and MWD is required to make withdrawals from storage, call on its water transfers, and possibly call for extraordinary drought conservation and reduce deliveries under the Interim Agriculture Water Program (IAWP).

**Extreme Shortage:** Supplies are insufficient and MWD is required to allocate available imported supplies".

Section 5  
Water Shortage Contingency Plan

During shortages MWD will be able to meet municipal and industrial (M&I) demands with management of existing water supplies with no negative impact to the end user. Severe and extreme shortages will require MWDSC to implement the following shortage actions as stated in the WSDM:

- Draw on storage in the Diamond Valley Lake
- Draw on out-of-region storage in Semitropic and Arvin-Edison
- Reduce/suspend long-term seasonal and groundwater replenishment deliveries
- Draw on contractual groundwater storage programs in the region
- Draw on SWP terminal reservoir storage (per Monterey Agreement)
- Call for extraordinary drought conservation and public education
- Reduce IAWP (agricultural) deliveries
- Call on water transfer options contracts
- Purchase transfers on the spot market
- Allocation of MWD's firm imported supplies to its member agencies

Surplus Stages					Shortage Stages								
Surplus					Actions								
5	4	3	2	1	Shortage				Severe Shortage	Extreme Shortage			
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
					Make Cyclic Deliveries Fill Semitropic, Arvin-Edison Store supplies in SWP Carryover Fill Contractual GW Fill Monterey Res. Fill Eastside Conduct Public Affairs Program								
					Take from Eastside Take from Semitropic, Arvin-Ed. Cut LTS and Replen. Deliveries Take from Contractual GW Take from Monterey Res. Call for Extraordinary Conservation Reduce IAWP Deliveries Call Options Contracts Buy Spot Water Implement Allocation Plan								

Potential Simultaneous Actions

Source: MWDSC WSDM Plan

Figure 5-1  
MWD Stages and Action Matrix

Figure 5-1 illustrates MWD actions during times of surplus and shortage. If a severe shortage occurs IAWP deliveries will be reduced. In 2000, RCWD served approximately 1,300 Agriculture and Agriculture/Domestic accounts and delivered 33,857 AF of water to these customers; 49 percent of total deliveries. The action above calling for a reduction of IAWP will impact RCWD's agricultural customers in a severe shortage, as agricultural water deliveries are interruptible. The WSDM states:

**“Reduce agricultural deliveries:** The IAWP offers interruptible water to southern California's agricultural industry at discounted rates. These supplies will be interrupted as part of MWD's shortage actions. MWD will work with IAWP participants to provide as much advance warning of interruption as possible. The IAWP reflects current policies toward agricultural water users. The policies underlying this program are due to be reviewed during the ten-year period of the WSDM Plan. The WSDM Plan will be changed accordingly”.

According to MWD's IAWP Reduction Guidelines, MWD has the right to discontinue surplus water service in whole or in part with one year's written notice. After a purchaser is given a notice of discontinuation, MWD's CEO may reduce IAWP deliveries up to 30 percent prior to any urban water allocation action under the WSDM Plan.

The timing of potential IAWP reductions is important to note as Colorado River and State Water Project (SWP) supplies are determined annually. The initial supply allocation is estimated in December; however the SWP supply is uncertain and not final until May 1. Typically May 1 is when a notification would be made by MWDSC regarding a reduction in IAWP water deliveries, with actual reductions occurring 60 days later on July 1.

If MWD requires a utility to reduce IAWP water usage, water usage targets for the upcoming year are established based on water use during the previous year. Once this baseline water use target is established it will remain in place as long as the reduction is in effect, even if it goes beyond the fiscal year. Actual IAWP water consumption will be measured every six months. If an agency used less water than it was allotted it receives a credit that carries over into the next six month period. If the agency used more water than it was allotted via the established baseline then it is assigned a debit. If an agency uses more water than it is allotted they have to pay MWDSC's penalty rate for the amount of water over the established baseline.

### **5.3 Eastern Municipal Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

EMWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan presents restrictions for residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial (CII), and agricultural sector customers during the four established water stages. Stage 1 is defined as having water deficiencies between 5 and 10 percent and restrictions are voluntary, Stage 2 is defined as water deficiencies from 10 to 25 percent, Stage 3 represents a deficiency of

Section 5  
Water Shortage Contingency Plan

25 to 50 percent, and in Stage 4 deficiencies are greater than 50 percent. During Stages 2-4 the restrictions set forth by EMWD are mandatory. During water shortages all of EMWD's customers are requested to adhere to restrictions. The Water Shortage Contingency Plan defines a customer as, "any person, company, agency, or organization using water supplied by EMWD." Therefore RCWD will be impacted by EMWD's water use restrictions in the event of a water shortage.

Restrictions pertaining for Stages 1-4 are below. The restrictions are voluntary for Stage 1 but are mandatory for Stages 2-4.

Residential water shortage contingency measures:

Stage 1:

1. "Do not hose down driveways or any other hard surfaces except for health or sanitary reasons.
2. Irrigate lawns and landscape only between midnight and 6:00 a.m. (unless hand watering). Adjust automatic timer clocks accordingly.
3. Adjust and operate all landscape irrigation systems in a manner that will maximize irrigation efficiency and avoid over watering or watering of hardscape and the resulting runoff.
4. Refrain from using decorative fountains unless they are equipped with a recycling system.
5. Where possible, install pool and spa covers to minimize water loss due to evaporation.
6. Do not allow hoses to run while washing vehicles. Use a bucket or a hose with an automatic shutoff valve".

Stage 2:

1. "No replacement water will be provided for ponds, lakes, etc".

Stage 3:

1. "Water used on a one-time basis for purposes such as construction and dust control shall be limited to that quantity identified in a plan submitted by the user describing water use requirements. The plan shall be submitted to the District for approval.
2. The use of water from fire hydrants shall be limited to activities necessary to maintain the public health safety and welfare.

3. Water for municipal purposes shall be limited to activities necessary to maintain the public, health, safety, and welfare.
4. Outdoor irrigation by sprinklers will only be allowed on even-numbered days of the month for those locations with a street address ending in an even last digit. Outdoor irrigation of locations not having a street address shall irrigate on even-numbered days of the month.
5. Outdoor irrigation by sprinklers will only be allowed on odd-numbered days of the month for those locations with a street address in an odd last digit.
6. Washing of autos, trucks, trailers, motor homes, boats, airplanes, or other types of mobile equipment is prohibited. However, such washings are exempted from these regulations for municipalities or commercial entities where the health, safety and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleaning such as garbage trucks or vehicles used to transport food and perishables”.

Stage 4:

1. “Irrigation of landscaping is only allowed twice per week with hand-held hose only.
2. No replacement water provided for pools and spas until such time as Stage 4 restrictions are deemed no longer in effect.
3. No one shall cause the emptying or refilling of existing pools or spas for cleaning purposes. Current water levels will be maintained.
4. All new landscaping shall be limited to drought-tolerant plantings as determined by the District.
5. No new lawn/turf, whether by seed or sod, shall be permitted.
6. No person or entity shall be required to implement any new landscaping requirements of any association, developer, or governing agency until the termination of Stage 4.
7. Use of water by all types of commercial car washes shall be reduced in volume by 50 percent”.

CII water shortage contingency measures:

Stage 1:

1. "Reference evapotranspiration (ET) factors for individually metered landscape projects will be reduced from 1.0 (100 percent of ET) to 0.8 (80 percent of ET)".

Stage 2: No additional measure, however Stage 1 becomes mandatory.

Stage 3:

1. "Landscape meters to 75 percent of ET.

Stage 4:

1. Landscape meters to 60 percent of ET.

Agricultural water shortage measures:

Stage 4:

1. Based on interruptible agriculture (sic) water from MWDSC, field and row crops may be discontinued".

Note there are no agricultural water use restrictions for Stages 1-3.

## **5.4 Western Municipal Water District Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

During a water shortage WMWD will adopt an Ordinance that restricts water usage and penalizes excess usage. Prohibitions of water use that may be imposed by WMWD include street/sidewalk cleaning, washing cars, lawn/landscape watering, non-permanent agriculture, uncorrected plumbing leaks, gutter flooding, and restrictions on construction use. According to the WMWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan, the stages when these prohibitions become mandatory may vary. Unlike EMWD's plan which has specific measures to be taken during each of its four stages. The measures WMWD takes during a water shortage will apply to all retail and wholesale customers.

WMWD has prepared actions to be taken should a catastrophic event occur. Possible catastrophes it is prepared for include: regional power outage, earthquake, extreme weather, terrorism/sabotage, water borne diseases, and system failure.

In February 2005 WMWD was required to enact Ordinance 358 due to a five day shutdown of a MWDSC treatment plant. The Ordinance prohibited use of potable water for non-essential indoor and outdoor water use. More specifically irrigation;

hosing down sidewalks, driveways, patios, etc.; washing cars; and certain construction uses were prohibited.

WMWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan states that it may stop wholesale water sales during a water shortage emergency period, which will have a direct impact on RCWD supplies.

## 5.5 RCWD Water Shortage Contingency Plan

As required by the Urban Water Management Plan Act, RCWD has developed a water shortage contingency plan so that it may provide a reliable supply of water to its customers in the event of a water shortage situation (see Appendix B). Below sections 10632 (a) through (i) are discussed.

### 5.5.1 Water Code Section 10632 (a)

*The plan shall provide an urban water shortage contingency analysis that includes each of the following elements that are within the authority of the urban water supplier: (a) Stages of action to be undertaken by the urban water supplier in response to water supply shortages, including up to a 50 percent reduction in water supply, and an outline of specific water supply conditions which are applicable to each stage.*

Currently RCWD has a resolution that establishes water conservation guidelines based on the availability of supply. There are four stages of action and each stage has a set of conservation measures. Water code section 10632 of the Urban Water Management Plan Act requires a shortage situation of 50 percent reduction in water supply to be addressed. Presented below are four water stages and the actions that are taken for each stage. Stage IV, water emergency, will provide adequate conservation during a water shortage of up to a 50 percent reduction in water supply and is discussed below.

Stage I - Normal Condition (The District is able to meet the water demands of its customers in the immediate future).

1. When the General Manager has declared that the District's water supply is in a "Normal Condition," customers are requested to use water wisely and to practice water conservation measures so that water is not wasted.
2. Customers are to avoid use of water in a manner that creates runoff or drainage onto adjacent properties or onto public or private roadways.
3. Water waste is a violation of California Law and District Regulations at any time.

Stage II - Water Alert (There is a probability that the District will not be able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

1. Parks, school grounds, and golf courses are to be watered at night only.

Section 5  
Water Shortage Contingency Plan

2. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered after 6:00 p.m. and before 6 a.m.
3. Driveways, parking lots and other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
4. Private vehicles are to be washed with a bucket; hoses must have positive shut off nozzles.
5. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
6. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request.
7. A limited number of fire hydrant construction meters will be issued by the District. Applicant must present current, valid grading or building permit.
8. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.
9. Decorative ponds, golf course water hazards which are not an integral part of the permanent irrigation or fire protection system, fountains and other waterscape features are not to be filled. Fountain pumps must remain off to minimize evaporation.

Stage III – Water Warning (The District is not able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

1. Parks are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
2. School grounds are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
3. Golf courses, greens and tees only, are to be watered at night. Fairways may be watered on alternate days at night.
4. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered no more than two times per week after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request using disposable cups.
6. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
7. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
8. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
9. New fire hydrant construction meters will not be issued by the District.

10. Water service through fire hydrant construction meters for grading or other constructions is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
11. Agricultural customers are to use water on alternate days only.
12. Commercial nurseries are to use water only on alternate days between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
13. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

Stage IV – Water Emergency (A major deficiency of any supply or failure of a distribution facility is declared).

1. Lawns and landscaping are not to be watered.
2. Parks, school grounds and golf course fairways are to be watered with reclaimed water, if available, or not at all. Golf course greens and tees may be watered only on alternate nights.
3. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed.
4. Commercial car washes using recycled or reclaimed water are to be used for washing vehicles. Consumption of District water for this use must be reduced to 50 percent of average consumption for the year.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, using disposable cups.
6. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
7. New fire hydrant construction meters will not be issued by the District.
8. Water service through fire hydrant construction meters will not be available by the District.
9. Permanent orchard crop irrigation is to be limited to no more that two times per week. In the event of a temporary service outage, agricultural irrigation is to be discontinued.
10. Other agricultural and commercial nursery irrigation is to be discontinued.
11. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

The conservation actions listed under Stage IV- Water Emergency primarily target outdoor water use. The only indoor water use that is restricted is in regard to restaurant customers receiving water only upon request. The savings from this are likely insignificant, but help promote public awareness of the crisis. The other measures virtually eliminate outdoor water use with exception to watering livestock and animals, minimal orchard crop irrigation, and golf course greens and tees on

alternate nights. Other uses such as commercial car washes and parks, school, and golf course fairway watering are to use reclaimed water.

The sectors using the most water during fiscal year 2003-2004 were domestic (including Ag/Domestic) and the agricultural sector with 41 percent and 36 percent of total water use respectively, for a combined total of 77 percent. An analysis of RCWD billing data suggests that outdoor water use accounts for 51 percent of all total use in the domestic sector. In a severe water shortage, a complete restriction of outdoor domestic water use could potentially reduce total District water use by 22 percent.

Making the gross assumption that livestock and animal watering and the minimal orchard irrigation permitted make up 20 percent of total agricultural water use, the restrictions during a water emergency can reduce agricultural water use by 80 percent and total District water use by 29 percent.

The impacts of Stage IV would reduce total water use by an estimated 51 percent in the domestic and agricultural sectors alone. The Stage IV restrictions would create savings in the sectors that make up the remaining 33 percent of total water use as well. Golf, construction, commercial, landscape, multiple dwelling, and schools and government would all realize reductions in water use under restrictions of Stage IV water emergency. In the event of a 50 percent water shortage RCWD's Drought Ordinance Stage IV will provide the appropriate measures to save water.

### 5.5.2 Water Code Section 10632 (b)

*An estimate of the minimum water supply available during each of the next three water years based on the driest three-year historic sequence for the agency's water supply.*

If conditions during the three years following 2005 are equal to the driest three-year historic sequence for RCWD's water supply, RCWD would have to take measures to meet water demand within its service area. Most likely RCWD will increasingly rely on MWDSC for imported water. The results of a simulation using the three driest historic years are presented below in Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1  
Driest Three-year Water Supply Sequence**

Supply & Demand (Acre-Feet)	Current Conditions	Followed by Driest Three Consecutive Years (1988-1990)		
	2005	2006	2007	2008
Treated Imported Water	31,084	34,761	40,226	32,777
Groundwater	38,130	38,931	39,636	39,378
Reclaimed Water	6,044	6,093	6,161	6,068
Demand	75,258	79,786	86,023	83,634
M&I Deficit	0	0	0	0
Ag Deficit	0	0	0	5,411

The driest three consecutive years are based on historical rainfall data from 1935 to 1998. Using projected demand data for 2005 and 2010, and assuming a normal

hydrology; the demands for 2006, 2007, and 2008 were interpolated. Then the hydrology factors for 1988, 1989, and 1990 were applied to the 2006, 2007, and 2008 estimates to obtain the estimates presented in Table 3.1. Treated imported water supply decreases from 2007 to 2008 due to the model assumption of applying the 1990 hydrology. The year 1990 was a hydrology year in which MWDSC limited treated water supply for agricultural demands by 25 percent, which is also reflected in the agricultural deficit presented in Table 5-1. If a severe drought period were to occur MWDSC may be required to implement savings strategies from the WSDM Plan discussed in Section 5.2 and RCWD may enact its drought resolution. If RCWD were in a situation of increased reliance on imported water it will experience higher operating costs. This is discussed further in Section 5.5.6.

### 5.5.3 Water Code Section 10632 (c)

*Actions to be undertaken by the urban water supplier to prepare for, and implement during, a catastrophic interruption of water supplies including, but not limited to, a regional power outage, an earthquake, or other disaster.*

RCWD operates in an area where the probability of an earthquake is high. Depending on the severity, an earthquake may damage the water system. RCWD's Emergency Response Plan provides a framework for an organized response to an earthquake emergency. The primary objectives of the plan are to maintain the functionality of the water distribution system, assess the system and if necessary make rapid repair to any damage, and prevent any further damage. The District's response to an earthquake will be directed by the General Manager.

RCWD has Response Phases in the event of an Earthquake:

Phase I - Inspection: A rapid inspection to determine injuries and any damage which might affect the distribution system.

Phase II - Report Back: Emergency communications flow: additional inspection procedures.

Phase III - Repair: Coordination of maintenance forces.

Phase IV - Management Procedures: Key Management responsibilities for the emergency.

Phase V - Operating/Maintenance/Engineering: Outlines procedures for division personnel.

Prior to Phase I inspections, System Operators and Inspectors report to the Emergency Operating Center to receive assigned inspection routes. The Emergency Operating Center creates a communications hub for the District to efficiently manage their available resources. For example personnel inspecting Vail Dam, wastewater treatment facilities, and wells receive their assignments from and report their findings to the Emergency Operating Center. The Emergency Response Plan contains ten areas

that are inspected with driving directions for specific inspections routes. If inspections reveal damage to any of the areas the necessary repairs are made. Communications are ongoing at all phases of the response to an earthquake. The District has a primary and secondary radio systems to insure communications will be available during an emergency.

The Emergency Response Plan also includes an analysis of the potential of an electrical power outage. RCWD depends on electricity to boost water to higher elevations via pumping stations, although some wells use natural gas as their energy source. The Plan discusses RCWD's sources of electricity and analyzes a history of power outages. The history of power outages includes the name of the circuit, reason for the power outage, the date and time of outage, and the length of the power outage. In an emergency situation involving a power outage RCWD will utilize emergency generators to provide customers with a reliable source of water.

#### **5.5.4 Water Code Section 10632 (d-f)**

*(d) Additional, mandatory prohibitions against specific water use practices during water shortages, including, but not limited to, prohibiting the use of potable water for street cleaning.*  
*(e) Consumption reduction methods in the most restrictive stages. Each urban water supplier may use any type of consumption reduction methods in its water shortage contingency analysis that would reduce water use, are appropriate for its area, and have the ability to achieve a water use reduction consistent with up to a 50 percent reduction in water supply.* *(f) Penalties or charges for excessive use, where applicable.*

As presented in Section 5.5.1, during Stage I - Normal Condition RCWD requests its customers use water wisely and practice water conservation measures as to not waste water. Customers are to avoid use of water that creates runoff and drainage. RCWD states that water waste is a violation of California Law and District Regulations even if there is not a water shortage.

Currently, RCWD does not have set charges for excessive water other than its Tier II rate structure. The Tier II rate charge is \$81 per acre-foot (\$0.18595 per hcf) in addition to the normal water rate. This is applied to customers who exceed their water allocation determined by their customer class. When it is required, RCWD will pass through penalties from MWDSC to its customers. No other prohibitions are set forth by RCWD beyond those presented in Section 5.5.1.

#### **5.5.5 Water Code Section 10632 (g)**

*An analysis of the impacts of each of the actions and conditions described in subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive, on the revenues and expenditures of the urban water supplier, and proposed measures to overcome those impacts, such as the development of reserves and rate adjustments.*

RCWD's current rate structure is designed to mitigate the impacts of reduced sales volumes through adequate fixed revenue coverage. As stated in RCWD's 2004 Comprehensive Financial Report, "It is the intent of the Board of Directors that the costs of providing water and sewer services are financed primarily through user

charges, and that fixed costs are recovered through fixed revenues and variable costs are recovered through variable revenues. This method better positions the District to maintain a stable and equitable rate structure during normal and abnormal weather conditions, as well as periods of drought that result in material reductions of water sales”.

According to the Fiscal year 2005-2006 Operating and Non-Operating Budget report, local water production saves the district \$9,000,000 in annual operating costs when compared to the cost of import water. In ideal conditions the District’s goal is to produce 30,000 acre-feet of local water annually. In a prolonged drought situation the goal may be dropped to 25,000 acre-feet. This would increase RCWD’s water production costs by \$1,500,000. Further, prolonged drought conditions will likely result in MWDSC discontinuing the reduced rate for recharge water, and its agricultural credit program. The discontinuation of these programs would increase RCWD’s costs by \$1,000,000 and \$1,800,000 respectively. Therefore, if drought conditions caused local groundwater production to be reduced by 5,000 acre-feet, and MWDSC discontinued its reduced rate for recharge water and its agricultural credit program the District’s operating charges would increase by \$4,300,000. In preparation for such a condition, RCWD has a Drought Reserve that is set at one year’s impact of estimated drought costs. The reserve requirement is \$4,300,000 and protects RCWD and its customers should a drought situation arise.

### **5.5.6 Water Code Section 10632 (h & i)**

*(h) A draft water shortage contingency resolution or ordinance. (i) A mechanism for determining actual reductions in water use pursuant to the urban water shortage contingency analysis.*

RCWD’s water shortage resolution was discussed in Section 5.5.1, and a copy of the ordinance is attached in Appendix B. The last ordinance was drafted in 1991, however, the District’s fiscal year 2005-2006 report on Operating and Non-Operating Budgets lists updating the current Drought Ordinance as an objective. The target date for the update is December 2005.

If the water saving actions contained within the ordinance are ever necessitated by water shortage conditions, the District will be able to track actual reductions in water use through its billing system. The billing system tracks actual use on a monthly basis no matter the supply situation. RCWD has over ten years of consumption history for each customer. RCWD’s aggressive water meter replacement ensures the use being tracked via the billing system is reliable and accurate.

*Section 5*  
*Water Shortage Contingency Plan*

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Section 6

## Water Recycling

### 6.1 Agency Participation in Recycled Water Planning

Recycled water planning within Rancho California Water District's (RCWD) service area requires close coordination with several agencies. RCWD has recently developed a Regional Integrated Resources Plan or IRP. The IRP evaluated a number of alternatives to increase recycled water within RCWD's service area.

Additionally, the Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study was conducted by Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), RCWD and the Bureau of Reclamation. This study examined the feasibility of advanced treatment using MF/RO to increase the usability of recycled water from EMWD's recycled water plant.

Participating agencies for both the IRP and Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study are summarized in Table 6-1.

**Table 6-1**  
**Participating Agencies in Recycled Water Plan**

Participating Agencies	Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study <sup>1</sup>	RCWD IRP <sup>2</sup>
RCWD	x	x
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California		x
Eastern MWD	x	x
Western MWD		x
US Bureau of Reclamation	x	
1 - Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study (CDM 2005)		
2 - RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM 2005)		

### 6.2 Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems

Wastewater in the upper Santa Margarita watershed is collected by sewer system in the more densely populated areas and by septic systems in the rural areas. RCWD and EMWD both collect wastewater within their systems and treat it at two water reclamation facilities: the Santa Rosa Water Reclamation facility (SRWRF), operated by RCWD; and the Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (TVRWRf), operated by EMWD.

Table 6-2 summarizes the past, current, and projected average dry weather wastewater volumes collected and treated and the quantity of wastewater treated to recycled water standards for treatment plants within RCWD's service area. Between 2005 and 2030 the average wastewater collected between the two treatment plants is

expected to almost double from 18,594 million gallons per day (mgd) to 34,780 mgd. The entire amount of wastewater collected is expected to meet recycled water standards. Utilization of treated effluent for recycled water use after further treatment is projected to increase from 36 percent in 2005 to 79 percent in 2030.

**Table 6-2  
Wastewater Collection and Treatment**

Average Wastewater Collected (Acre-Feet)						
Wastewater Plant	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
TVRWRF (EMWD)	14,114	16,970	19,827	21,693	23,560	25,427
SRWRF (RCWD)	4,481	5,685	6,889	7,710	8,532	9,353
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,594</b>	<b>22,655</b>	<b>26,715</b>	<b>29,404</b>	<b>32,092</b>	<b>34,780</b>
Quantity Meeting Recycled Water Standards (Acre-Feet)						
Wastewater Plant	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
TVRWRF (EMWD)	14,114	16,970	19,827	21,693	23,560	25,427
SRWRF (RCWD)	4,481	5,685	6,889	7,710	8,532	9,353
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,594</b>	<b>22,655</b>	<b>26,715</b>	<b>29,404</b>	<b>32,092</b>	<b>34,780</b>

Source: Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study (CDM, 2005).

All recycled water must meet Title 22 standards. Title 22, Chapter 4, of the California Code of Regulations establishes recycled water quality standards and treatment reliability criteria dependent upon the end use of recycled water to protect public health. Both secondary and tertiary treated wastewater can meet Title 22 standards dependent upon the end use of the water. Recycled water produced in excess of demands is disposed and eventually ends up in the ocean.

Table 6-3 summarizes the disposal method, treatment levels, and past, current, and projected discharge volumes. All effluent at TVWRF is treated to Title 22 standards. Portions of the effluent that are not used immediately or stored are discharged to Temescal Creek and ultimately the Pacific Ocean. As indicated in the table, SRWRF does not discharge effluent, rather all water is treated to Title 22 standards and either immediately used or stored for future use. The amount of water discharged is expected to increase by 9,521 acre-feet between 2005 and 2030.

**Table 6-3  
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal (Acre-Feet)**

Wastewater Plant	Disposal Method	Treatment	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
TVRWRF (EMWD)	Ocean via Temescal Creek	Title 22	6,945	9,017	11,089	12,882	14,674	16,466
SRWRF (RCWD)	All Recycled Water Used	Title 22	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,945</b>	<b>9,017</b>	<b>11,089</b>	<b>12,882</b>	<b>14,674</b>	<b>16,466</b>

Source: Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study (CDM, 2005).

### **6.2.1 Santa Rosa Water Reclamation Facility**

SRWRF has a current capacity of 5 mgd or approximately 5,598 AFY. The plant collects flow from areas within portions of RCWD's service area, Murrieta County Water District (MCWD), and a portion of Elsinore Valley Water District (EVMWD). The MCWD area is expected to have the greatest population growth leading to an increase in flows from 851 AFY in 2005 to 3,663 AFY in 2030 or 0.76 mgd to 3.3 mgd. The portion of EVMWD's service area served by this facility is expected to have the least growth increasing from 1,535 AFY in 2005 to 1,647 AFY in 2030 or 1.4 mgd to 1.5 mgd. Total projected wastewater flows will almost double for this facility between 2005 and 2030.

All reclaimed water produced at this plant is currently reused for landscape irrigation. Seasonal storage ponds near the SRWRF store effluent during the winter months (low demand period) to prevent discharges and provide reclaimed water supply to meet peak summer demands. The current pond storage capacity is approximately 1,100 AF, with an expected ultimate capacity of 2,700 AF.

### **6.2.2 Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility**

The TVRWRF treats wastewater from a service area which includes the "Golden Triangle" region between Interstates 15 and 215, the Murrieta Hot Springs area, and portions of the Rancho Division of RCWD. The TVRWRF may also receive and treat wastewater generated in MCWD and EVMWD service areas. Projected wastewater flows will increase most dramatically from EMWD will increase more than twofold from 4,481 AFY to 9,521 AFY or 4 mgd to 10 mgd. Total flows for TVRWRF will increase from 12,658 AFY to 25,539 AFY or 11.3 mgd to 22.7 mgd.

Effluent from TVRWRF is conveyed to on-site storage ponds prior to distribution. There are 225 million gallons (MG) of temporary on-site storage capacity. When additional storage is required, reclaimed water is conveyed to 450 MG storage ponds located 10 miles north in Winchester, providing reclaimed water supply for irrigation users along the way. When the ponds are full or there is not enough demand, the effluent is discharged to Temescal Creek, a tributary of the Santa Ana River, for ultimate disposal to the Pacific Ocean.

Reclaimed water produced by the TVRWRF is currently distributed to a variety of users, including users in the RCWD service area. From 1999 to 2003, effluent use on average was 256 mgd, with summer peaks increasing each year from about 400 mgd in 1999 to about 650 mgd in 2003.

## **6.3 Current and Projected Uses of Recycled Water**

Historically, recycled water has provided less than 5 percent of total water supply for RCWD, while groundwater has supplied between 25 to 40 percent and imported water has supplied between 60 to 70 percent. In 2005, the total recycled water used was 6,691 acre-feet per year.

Section 6  
Water Recycling

Water quality concerns in the Santa Margarita River Watershed prevent RCWD from discharging reclaimed water (Title 22) to the local streams. At the same time, the District needs to comply with legal requirements for flow to downstream users. Currently, raw imported supply has been used to meet flow requirements, while the effluent from the reclamation facilities is utilized for irrigation and other uses.

As stated in Section 6.2.1, SRWRF currently recycles all of its reclaimed water. Its reclaimed water is used solely for landscape irrigation. When supplies exceed demands, typically during the winter months, excess supplies are stored for use during the summer months when demand is higher. The ponds have a storage capacity of approximately 1,100 AF with an expected ultimate capacity of 2,700 AF.

Effluent from TVRWRF is conveyed to on-site ponds with 225 MG of capacity, prior to distribution. There is an additional 450 MG of storage available north of Winchester, and reclaimed water supply is provided for irrigation along the way. When the ponds are full or there is not enough demand, the effluent is discharged to Temescal Creek (which ultimately enters the Pacific Ocean via the Santa Ana River).

Tables 6-4 and 6-5 summarize current and projected recycled water use, respectively. The use of recycled water for landscaping will be the largest use until 2025, when the projected MF/RO facility will start serving agricultural users with highly treated recycled water.

**Table 6-4**  
**Current Recycled Water Uses (AFY)**

User type	Treatment Level	2005
Landscape <sup>1</sup>	Title 22	6,497
Agriculture <sup>2</sup>	Title 22	194
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,691</b>

Source: Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study, 2005.

<sup>1</sup>Includes flow supplied by both TVRWRF and SRWRF.

<sup>2</sup>Includes flow supplied by TVRWRF.

**Table 6-5**  
**Projected Future Use of Recycled Water in RCWD Service Area (AFY)**

User type	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Landscape	7,700	8,900	9,700	10,500	11,400
Agriculture	190	190	190	13,800	13,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,890</b>	<b>9,090</b>	<b>9,890</b>	<b>24,300</b>	<b>25,200</b>

Source: RCWD Regional Integrated Resources Plan (CDM, 2005)

Table 6-6 compares the 2000 UWMP projections for recycled water use to the actual amount of recycled water used for year 2005. Actual recycled water use in 2005 exceeded projected water use by 2,317 acre-feet.

**Table 6-6**  
**Recycled Water Uses - 2000 Projection compared with 2005 actual (AFY)**

User type	2000 Projection for 2005	2005 Actual Use
Landscape <sup>1</sup>	4,180	6,497
<b>Total</b>	4,180	6,497

Source: 2000 RCWD UWMP, 2000 and Santa Margurita Water Supply Augmentation Study, 2005

Potential recycled water uses in the RCWD area are illustrated in Table 6-7. These potential uses represent the demands for water that could be served with recycled water, but do not account for water quality requirements or availability of recycled water supply. For example, the maximum available recycled water supply for RCWD by 2030 from both the SRWRF and the TVRWRF is approximately 27,000 AFY, whereas the potential recycled water demand by 2030 is approximately 90,000 AFY.

**Table 6-7**  
**Potential Recycled Water Uses (AFY)**

User type	Treatment Level	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Groundwater Recharge	MF/RO <sup>2</sup>	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Landscape	Title 22	4,481	5,699	6,917	8,135	9,353
Tolerant Agriculture	MF/RO <sup>2</sup>	38,000	39,500	41,000	43,500	46,000
<b>Total</b>		77,481	80,199	82,917	86,635	90,353

Source: Santa Margurita Water Supply Augmentation Study, 2005.

<sup>1</sup> This potential does not take into account the availability of recycled water or the required quality needed.

<sup>2</sup> MF/RO = microfiltration/reverse osmosis.

## 6.4 Encouraging Recycled Water Use

Numerous methods are utilized by RCWD to encourage recycled water use. These methods are further described below.

### 6.4.1 Funding

Capital risks associated with recycled water projects are significant hurdles towards increase recycled water production and use. Similar to a potable water system, treatment facilities, distribution networks, pumping stations, and storage reservoirs are required to adequately supply a reliable source of recycled water. These expensive capital investments result in high per unit acre costs, especially if demand is limited in the beginning of the project. Many times the cost per unit is more than purchasing other non-recycled supplies.

RCWD offers recycled water to its customers at a cost less than that of potable water as a financial incentive through its local projects program to encourage the use of recycled water. Additionally, RCWD will construct the MF/RO facility, expected to be online by 2025, that will provide an additional 16,000 AFY of recycled water.

State propositions have dedicated allocations towards water recycling. Proposition 204 provides funding up to \$60 million for water recycling loans in California. Proposition 13 provides up to \$40 million in grants and low interest loans.

Financial incentives tend to drive the per unit cost of recycled water down and assist in the encouragement of recycled water use. Projects that tend to spread the capital CALFED has recommended that the state and federal government spend \$1.5 to 2 billion over the next seven years on water use efficiency, including water recycling.

#### **6.4.2 Partnerships to Encourage Water Recycling**

Partnerships between agencies are another means of encouraging recycled water use. Financially, the initial capital investment is spread between two agencies instead of one. Most recycled water production efforts require close coordination between multiple agencies. At a minimum wastewater, groundwater, and water agencies are all impacted by recycled water production. Recycled water production efforts tend to cross existing jurisdiction boundaries and require new management strategies to ensure all parties concerns are met. Additionally, the previously discussed Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study fostered coordination among EMWD, RCWD and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Projected yields from encouraging partnerships to encourage recycled water use are unknown and cannot be readily allocated from total project yields.

#### **6.4.3 Regulatory Issues**

Both the RWQCB and DHS are involved with water recycling use. The local RWQCB is the permitting authority and DHS regulates recycled water use from a health concern and standards viewpoint. Title 22 of the California Administrative Code provides specific regulations for treatment levels and reuse applications. Currently, there is no uniform criteria for regulating groundwater recharge applications requiring state agency review on a case-by-case basis. A uniform criteria for regulating groundwater recharge would encourage agencies that are reluctant to currently pursue such options based on unknown requirements to pursue groundwater recharge with recycled water.

Projected yields from involvement in regulatory issues to encourage recycled water use are unknown and cannot be readily allocated from total project yields.

#### **6.4.4 Research to Encourage Recycled Water Use**

RCWD supports research efforts to encourage recycled water efforts. These include conducting studies and research to address public concerns, develop new technologies, and health effects assessments. Addressing public concerns is required to gain the support of stakeholders early on in the planning process. From an aesthetic standpoint the public tends to have negative connotations associated with recycling wastewater. Education is required to inform the public of treatment processes. Developing new technologies is a prerequisite to reduce recycled water production costs. Cost is a major factor deterring agencies from increasing recycled water production. Health effects assessments have a two-fold purpose of alleviating public concerns and ensuring the protection of the public and environment.

Projected yields from research to encourage recycled water use are unknown and cannot be readily allocated from total project yields.

### **6.5 Optimizing Recycled Water Use**

Over the next twenty five years, recycled water use is projected to increase over three times current levels to 25,200 AFY in 2030. This will reuse over 85 percent of the wastewater generated in RCWD's service area and surrounding areas.

RCWD plans to take numerous actions to facilitate the use and production of recycled water by water and wastewater agencies within RCWD's service area to assist in meeting these projections.

- Install the MR/RO facility to add almost 14,000 AFY of reclaimed water by 2025.
- Apply for Bond funding such as Prop 50.
- Encourage MWD to participate in studies that will benefit recycled water production
- Support MWD in deriving solutions to regulatory issues
- Participation in sub-regional MWD facility studies, such as the Riverside/San Diego area study

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Section 7

## Water Quality Impacts on Reliability

### 7.1 Introduction

Potable water supplies within RCWD’s service area are derived from a combination of local groundwater and imported water from MWDSC. Contamination of these sources or more stringent regulatory requirements has the potential to result in adjustments to water resource management strategies and, in a worse case scenario, impact supply reliability. As with most water districts, RCWD currently blends its available supply sources to mitigate against water quality impacts. On average residents and businesses receive water composed of 40 percent groundwater and 60 imported MWDSC water.

California Title 22 Drinking Water Standards (Title 22) incorporates the federal requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and compliance with Title 22 is required by all water service providers. Therefore, Title 22 Monitoring of all regulated chemicals as well as a number of unregulated chemicals is conducted by RCWD and MWDSC. In order to be in compliance with Title 22, each agency must ensure that the regulated chemicals meet established primary drinking water standards to ensure the safety of the water supply. In addition to the primary drinking water standards, secondary drinking water standards have been set for some minerals based on non-health related aesthetics, such as taste and odor. Both primary and secondary standards are expressed as the maximum contaminated levels (MCL) that are allowable for a given constituent. Unregulated chemicals do not have established drinking water standards, but are chemicals of concern for which standards may be eventually adopted. These unregulated chemicals often have a “notification level”, which is a health based advisory level established by Department of Health Services for chemicals in drinking water that lack MCLs.

As illustrated in Table 7-1, RCWD has accounted for known and foreseeable water quality impacts in their current management strategies. RCWD does not anticipate water quality impacts that would either reduce the water supply available or that cannot be handled through existing management strategies.

**Table 7-1  
Current & Projected Water Supply Changes Due to Water Quality Percentage**

Water Source	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Local Groundwater Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
MWD	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

Each of the water sources and any current or future impacts to water quality are discussed below.

## 7.2 Groundwater Quality

RCWD continually monitors the water quality of its eight groundwater basins and 54 wells. Every year RCWD conducts over 2,000 tests for water quality on each of its wells and throughout the distribution system.

### Exceedances of Drinking Water Standards

Sampling at RCWD's wells between 2002 and 2004 has indicated that the primary MCL standard of 2 mg/L for Fluoride has ranged between 0.2 and 7.6. Fluoride occurs in the groundwater basins as a result of natural erosion. Well sampling ranges reflect the highest reading and lowest reading from all of RCWD's wells and do not reflect average readings for all the wells. After well water is extracted it is blended with other well water and imported MWD water. The distribution system average level of fluoride was 0.4 mg/L, well below the MCL.

Well sampling has also indicated that the secondary MCL of 50 ug/L for manganese has ranged between non-detect and 250 ug/L. Secondary MCLs are set based upon aesthetics and odor and are not set based on health standards. Non-detect measurements occur when a sample has concentrations below the detectable range of measurement instruments. Manganese is present in the groundwater as a result of leaching from natural deposits. Sampling in the distribution system has indicated that blending reduces the manganese concentration to the non-detect level.

## 7.3 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

RCWD is a member agency of both EMWD and WMWD. Both of these wholesalers are members of the MWD. RCWD purchases its water through EMWD and WMWD, but receives its water directly from turnouts in MWD's pipelines. MWD has two primary sources of water, the State Water Project (SWP) and the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA). Imported water is served as a blend of both sources dependent upon seasonality. Colorado River water tends to be higher in Total Dissolved Solids and lower in dissolved organics. SWP water usually has a lower TDS but higher organic material, which can lead to formation of disinfection byproducts (DBP's). MWD recognizes the impacts of water quality on its member agencies and has embraced water quality planning in its Integrated Resources Plan and monitoring efforts to address water quality issues. Planning efforts have identified management strategies that allow flexibility in operations to improve water quality and source protection while maintaining reliability. MWD's water quality staff conducts both required monitoring and monitoring for constituents of concern that are currently unregulated. Over 300,000 water quality tests are performed each year.

### 7.3.1 MWD Water Quality Issues

#### Total Dissolved Solids Management

High TDS levels in imported water delivered by MWD to RCWD impacts RCWD's management of water resources and can adversely affect agriculture. High TDS levels

in potable water leads to increased recycled water treatment costs, results in increased water losses during the recycled water treatment processes, reductions in recycled water use as demand decreases for recycled water with high TDS levels, recycled water does not meet RWQCB standards, brine volumes increase, and ultimately the ability to use the underlying groundwater basins for water storage could be diminished. MWD has established an operational policy objective to deliver water to each of its member agencies at a TDS of 500 mg/l when feasible. This requires careful operational planning and management to achieve.

#### *Colorado River Aqueduct*

CRA water has high TDS levels, averaging 650 mg/L during normal water years. Salinity levels are dependent upon precipitation in the Colorado River Basin. During drought years salinity levels increase and during years with above normal precipitation salinity levels decline as naturally occurring salt concentrations decline. In times of extreme droughts salinity levels could exceed 900mg/L. A long term salinity management strategy is in place at the state and federal level for the Colorado River Basin. Funds are appropriated annually to help fund salinity mitigation and reduction projects throughout the watershed.

#### *State Water Project*

SWP TDS levels are significantly lower than CRA water, averaging 250mg/L for water delivered via the East Branch of the SWP and 325 mg/L for the West Branch deliveries. West Branch deliveries have higher TDS levels as a result of salt loading in local streams, operational issues, and evaporation losses at Pyramid and Castaic Lakes. TDS levels and available supply vary based on hydrologic conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds, introduction of saline non project waters by upstream parties, as well as saline intrusion in the Sacramento San Joaquin Bay Delta. Variations of TDS levels over short periods of time are attributed to seasonal and tidal flow patterns presenting a unique challenge in trying to achieve MWDSC's 500 mg/L TDS objective. During periods when TDS levels are high at the SWP intake facilities and in the Colorado River it may not be possible to meet MWDSC's salinity objective and maintain water supply reliability. MWD's Board has adopted a statement of needs "to meet Metropolitan's 500 mg/L salinity-by-blending objective in a cost-effective manner while minimizing resource losses and ensuring the viability of recycling and groundwater management programs."

#### *Management Actions*

MWD has taken numerous actions to reduce TDS concentrations in its water supplies. In 1999, MWD's Board adopted a Salinity Action Plan and a Salinity Management Policy with the goal of delivering water with salinity levels less than 500mg/L. A three year joint effort between the US Bureau of Reclamation and a task force of stakeholders led to the development of the Action Plan. A Salinity Summit attended by representatives from over 60 agencies was held as the Action Plan neared completion to discuss regional salinity issues and how to work together to attain salinity management goals. Components of the action plan include:

- Imported water source control and salinity reductions
- Distribution system salinity management actions
- Collaborative actions with other agencies
- Local salinity management actions to protect groundwater and recycled water supplies.

Under the Action Plan, MWD is reliant upon blending of its source water to meet salinity goals. It is anticipated that the TDS goal will be met in 7 out of 10 years. Hydrologic conditions would result in MWD not achieving this goal in the other three years. Agencies receiving water from MWD, such as RCWD, are cognizant of this and have taken this concern into development of their management strategies.

MWD has obtained Proposition 13 funding to improve salinity levels for The Water Quality Exchange Partnership and The Desalination Research and Innovation Partnership (DRIP) programs. MWD received \$20 million to develop a water exchange partnership to access high quality water from the Sierras in exchange for SWP water. Funds are being used to develop the program and construct additional infrastructure. A total of \$4 million was received for the DRIP program to develop cost-effective advanced water treatment technologies for removing salts from the CRA, brackish groundwater, wastewater, and agricultural drainage.

Under the CALFED Bay-Delta Program actions are already reducing TDS loading in SWP water and more actions are planned for the next 30 years. Actions in progress include improved management of salts in the San Joaquin Valley, upstream source control, desalination demonstration projects, and programs to control stormwater runoff into SWP aqueducts. In the long-term, additional projects are planned to reduce short-term variations in TDS levels and the long-term average salinity levels.

Without reductions in TDS levels in both the short-term variations and long term average, desalination of CRA water may be needed. However, at the present time current technologies are expensive and 5 to 10 percent of the CRA water would be lost during the treatment process. The DRIP program is designed to assist in obtaining a viable solution to reducing CRA TDS levels.

### **Perchlorate Management**

Perchlorate has been detected at low levels in the CRA water supply, but not in the SWP water supply thus this discussion will focus on the CRA water supply. An exceedance level for perchlorate has not been adopted at this time by DHS. However, DHS has adopted a notification level of 6 µg/L, requiring agencies to inform their governing bodies. Notification of customers and the potential health risks is also recommended. DHS recommends non-utilization of sources with perchlorate levels greater than 60 µg/L. Perchlorate primarily interferes with the production of

hormones for normal growth and development in the thyroid gland. Further research on the health effects of Perchlorate is pending.

MWD began monitoring for perchlorate in June 1997 after it was detected in the Colorado River and the Lake Mead outlet at Hoover Dam. Sampling was able to isolate the source to the Las Vegas Wash and its potential source in Henderson, Nevada. A quarterly monitoring program for Lake Mead was initiated in August 1997 followed by monthly monitoring of the CRA. The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection manages a remediation project in Henderson area. Since inception the amount of perchlorate entering the Colorado River has been reduced from 900 pounds per day in 1997 to less than 150 pounds per day as of December 2004.

#### ***Management Actions***

In 2002, MWD adopted a Perchlorate Action Plan. Plan objectives include:

- Expand monitoring and reporting programs
- Assess the impact of perchlorate on local groundwater supplies
- Track remediation efforts in the Las Vegas Wash
- Initiate modeling of perchlorate levels in the Colorado River
- Investigate the need for additional resource management strategies
- Pursue legislative and regulatory options
- Include information on perchlorate in outreach activities
- Provide periodic updates to the MWD Board and member agencies

Through its Perchlorate Action Plan, MWD has taken a proactive approach towards addressing a potential water quality issue and ensuring minimal or no water supply losses associated with perchlorate.

#### **Total Organic Carbon and Bromide Management**

Treatment of SWP water supplies containing high levels of total organic carbon (TOC) and bromide with disinfectants, such as chlorine, creates disinfection byproducts (DBPs) linked to specific cancer types. CRA water does not have high levels of TOCs and bromide. TOC and bromide in the Delta region of the SWP are of a significant concern to MWD as concentration levels increase as Delta water is impacted by agricultural drainage and seawater intrusion. In 1998, the USEPA adopted more stringent regulations for DBPs that took effect in 2002. Even more stringent regulations are expected to be proposed in 2005.

### ***Management Actions***

MWD's Board adopted a Statement of Needs for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program in 1999 stating that MWD requires a safe drinking water supply for compliance with existing and future regulatory requirements. CALFED's Program has developed numerous conceptual actions to improve Bay/Delta water, however MWD desires CALFED to adopt water quality improvement milestones. These milestones are necessary to assure that MWD and its member agencies will be able to comply with pending water quality regulations.

MWD's Board has committed to install ozone treatment processes at its two treatment plants that solely treat SWP water to avoid the production of DBPs through chlorination. In addition to the concern of DBPs, some studies have linked negative reproductive and developmental effects to chlorinated water. The other three treatment plants that receive a combination of SWP and CRA water utilize blending to reduce levels of DBPs below regulatory requirements. By 2009 MWD plans on installing ozonation facilities at the remainder of its treatment facilities removing the percentage of SWP water that requires blending.

### **Other Contaminants of Concern**

MWD has identified various other contaminants of concern to MWDSC water supply sources.

#### ***MTBE***

As previously discussed, the use of MTBE as a gasoline oxygenate has resulted in the contamination of surface waters and groundwater. MWD operates boating facilities at its reservoirs. Therefore, these facilities were previously subjected to the introduction of MTBE. MTBE is discharged into surface water from the exhaust of recreational watercraft. MTBE and other oxygenates are regularly monitored in MWD's water supplies. Past monitoring has detected MTBE concentrations varying from non-detect to 3.9 µg/L in treatment plant effluent and up to 6.4 µg/L in source water effluent.

MWD has taken numerous actions to reduce the contamination of its supplies with MTBE including supporting state and federal legislation to reduce the impacts of MTBE. At its Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Skinner, MTBE free-fuel and clean burning engines are required to minimize the introduction of MTBE into surface waters. Water monitoring programs for MTBE and other gasoline components were instituted at the lakes. MWD has also investigated various treatment mechanisms for MTBE. Future contamination of water supplies will more than likely decrease as time elapses since the phase-out of MTBE. However, the extent of future contamination is unknown as MTBE is still within the environment.

#### ***Arsenic***

Effective 2006, a federal MCL of 10 µg/L (10 parts per billion) will go into effect for domestic water supplies. MWD's water supplies contain low levels of this contaminant within the regulatory requirements. Currently, the California Office of

Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has set a public health goal of 0.004 µg/L for arsenic.

#### ***Radon***

The USEPA has proposed a radon MCL of 300 pCi/L for drinking water supplies in states where there are no approved Multimedia Mitigation programs for reducing indoor radon. For states with approved programs the standard is 4,000 pCi/L. MWDSC's supplies have radon levels well below the MCL.

#### ***Uranium***

Uranium is high priority with MWDSC as a 10.5 million ton pile of uranium mine tailings is 600 hundred feet from the Colorado River in Moab, Utah. Percolation of rainwater through the pile occurs causing contamination of local groundwater resources and flows of uranium into the River. During a large flood or other natural disaster there is the potential for large volumes of the contaminated material to flow enter the River. Interim action measures instituted by the Department of Energy (DOE) include intercepting portions of the contaminated groundwater before it enters the River. Concentrations ranging from 950 to 1,190 pCi/L have been detected at the point local groundwater enters the River. At MWD's intake at the River uranium concentrations of 1 to 5 pCi/L have been detected. California has a drinking water standard for uranium of 20 pCi/L. MWD continues to monitor DOE in clean-up effort.

#### ***Emerging Contaminants***

NDMA is an emerging contaminant of concern believed to be widespread. NDMA is a disinfection-product of water and wastewater treatment processes. Chlorine and monochloramines can react with organic nitrogen precursors to form NDMA. California notification level is 0.010 µg/L. Concentrations ranging from non-detect (reporting limit of 0.002 µg/L) to 0.012 µg/L. Action measures may be required in the future to control or remove NDMA from water supplies.

Hexavalent chromium or chromium VI is a potential surface water and groundwater contaminant. It is an inorganic chemical used in cooling towers for corrosion control, electroplating, leather tanning, wood treatment, and pigment manufacturing. Contaminant pathways include discharges from industrial users, leaching from hazardous waste sites, and erosion of naturally occurring deposits. California has a current MCL for total chromium (includes chromium VI) of 0.05 mg/L. This level is currently under review by DHS. The California Legislature required DHS to set a MCL specifically for chromium VI by January 1, 2004. However, this has not been set at this time. MWD participates in a Technical Work Group reviewing remediation plans for chromium VI near Topock, Arizona along the Colorado River.

### **7.3.2 Water Quality Protection Programs**

MWD participates in multiple programs to improve water quality supplies, which include:

*Section 7*  
*Water Quality Impacts on Reliability*

- Watershed Sanitary Survey
- Source Water Assessment
- Support of DWR policies and programs improving the quality of deliveries to MWD
- Support of the Sacramento River Watershed Program
- Water quality exchange partnerships
- Implementation of additional security measures.

Through its management strategies and in coordination with member agencies, MWD is able provide member agencies supply options that allow local agencies to meet regulatory standards. Currently known and foreseeable water quality issues are already incorporated into existing management strategies and the reliability of MWD's supplies for the next 25 years. However, unforeseeable water quality issues could potentially alter MWD water and potentially impact MWD's supply reliability.

# Section 8

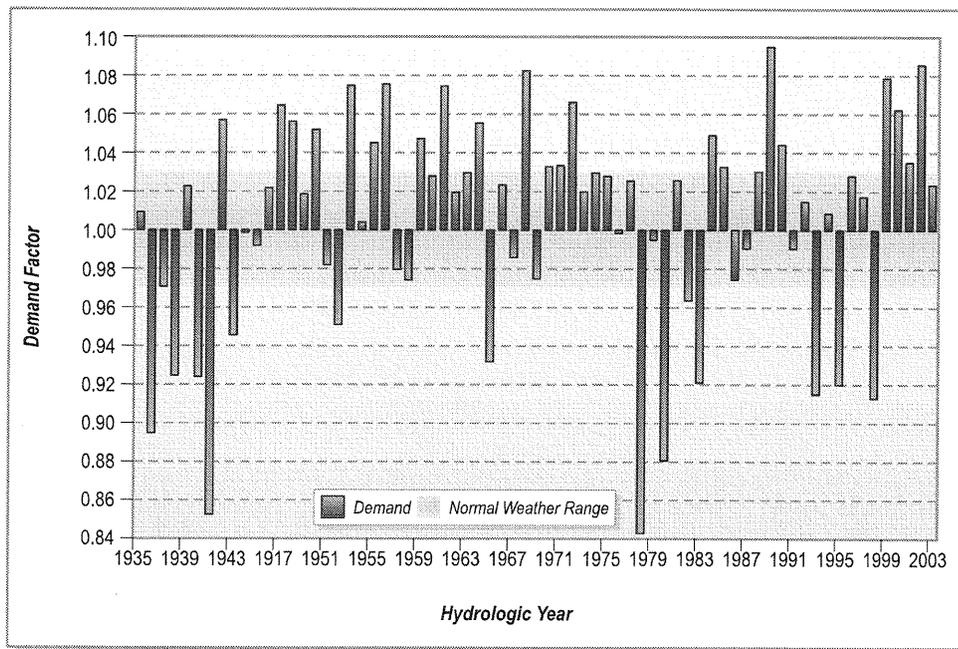
## Water Service Reliability

### 8.1 Introduction

The implementation of RCWD's IRP will allow the District to meet demands over the next 45 years in a sustainable and cost-effective manner. It will also reduce the dependency on treated imported water from MWD, and help hedge against droughts and other emergencies by maximizing local groundwater.

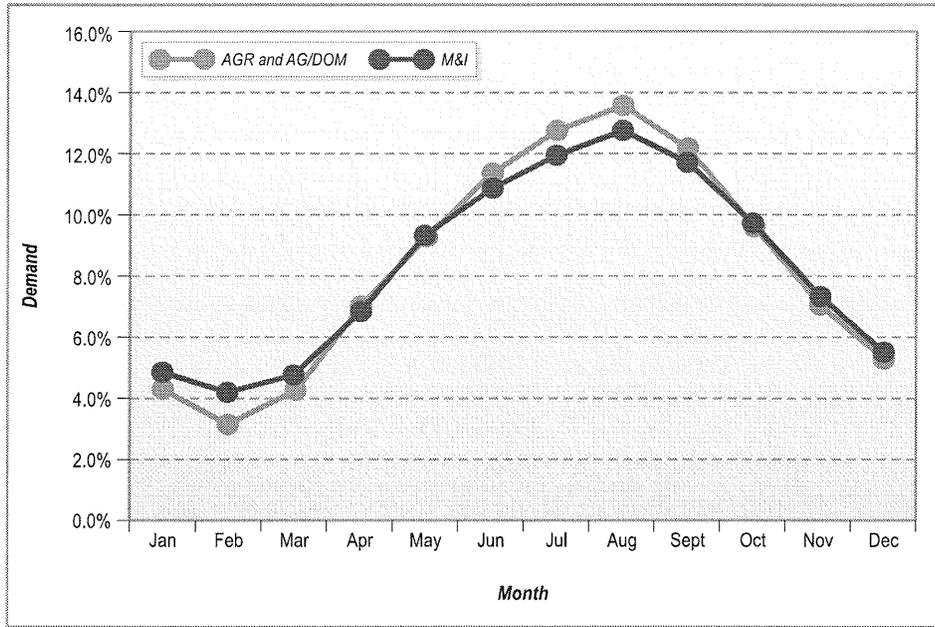
### 8.2 Weather Factors

During the IRP process a statistical model using population and rainfall as explanatory variables for the period 1935-2003 was developed. The model determined that rainfall has a significant effect on annual water demands in RCWD's service area. Temperature is more likely to have an impact on monthly seasonality of water demands. Figure 8-1 illustrates weather demand factors for 1935-2003.



**Figure 8-1**  
**Weather Factors for RCWD Water Demands**

Seasonal demands were also analyzed in the IRP using historical data from 1995-2004. Figure 8-2 shows the fluctuations on a monthly basis in demand based on agricultural and municipal and industrial water uses. The hotter drier summer months result in increased demands with reduced demands in the colder and wetter winter months.



**Figure 8-2**  
**Monthly Pattern of RCWD Water Demand**

### 8.3 Local Supply Reliability

RCWD's IRP has determined that its local supply of groundwater and recycled water is 100 percent reliable for the period extending to 2030. To minimize fluctuations in groundwater production, the IRP recommends increasing groundwater recharge with additional purchases of imported water. This increase will permit increased withdrawals of groundwater while minimizing the chance of overdraft conditions and allow for storage of excess water for use in years when natural recharge is diminished as a result of hydrologic conditions. Recycled water supplies may insignificantly fluctuate during varying hydrologic conditions as conservation increases, but these slight fluctuations will not reduce the reliability of the recycled water supply. Table 8-1 summarizes the projected local water supply mix during single-year and multiple-year droughts as a percent of a normal year supply. Normal year supplies vary and will continue to increase in the future as the population base in the service area increases requiring additional groundwater withdrawals and recycled water.

**Table 8-1**  
**Local Supply Reliability**

Source	Normal Water Year	Single Dry Water Year (% of Normal)	Multiple Dry Water Years (% of Normal)			
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Groundwater	Varies (See Table 2-1 and 2-3)	100	100	100	100	100
Recycled Water	Varies (See Table 2-1 and 2-3)	100	100	100	100	100

The basis for determining normal, single-dry, and multiple-dry years is dependent upon the watershed from which the water supply is obtained. A normal water year is a year in the historical sequence that represents median runoff levels. For purposes, of the UWMP the normal year is 1954. A single-dry year is a year in the historical sequence with the lowest annual runoff for a watershed since 1903, defined as 1989 in this UWMP. A multiple-dry year period is the lowest average runoff for a consecutive multiple year period of three or more years for a watershed since 1903, which has been determined as 1987-1991 for this UWMP. Local groundwater has a different basis of water year data than imported water. Table 8-2 summarizes the basis of water year data for local groundwater. Recycled water is not reflected in the tables as recycled water supplies are not dependent upon hydrologic conditions.

**Table 8-2  
Local Supply Basis of Water Year Data**

<b>Water Year Type</b>	<b>Base Year(s)</b>	<b>Historical Sequence</b>
Normal Water Year	1954	1935-1998
Single-Dry Water Year	1989	1935-1998
Multiple-Dry Water Years	1987-1991	1935-1998

RCWD's IRP is designed to minimize any inconsistencies in its local supply sources and provide multiple flexible sources of water. Inconsistencies that could impact groundwater production include legal, environmental, water quality, and climatic conditions. Legal issues include use of the groundwater basin by other producers, the right to store water at Vail Lake for recharge outside of the current period between November 1 and April 30. Environmental issues include disposal of brine associated with construction of a microfiltration/reverse osmosis (MF/RO) recycled water facility. Water quality issues revolve around contamination of groundwater basins, potential changes to water quality standards, and the use of MF/RO water for agricultural use. Climatic conditions could result in an inconsistency in groundwater recharge by reducing available natural recharge. Table 8-3 summarizes factors that could potentially result in local supply inconsistency. Recycled water is expected to be consistent and is not included within Table 8-3. Implementation of the IRP will minimize supply inconsistencies for both local and imported water supplies. Together local and imported supplies will supplement each other dramatically reducing supply inconsistencies.

**Table 8-3  
Inconsistency in Local Supply Factors**

Name of Supply	Legal	Environmental	Water Quality	Climatic
Groundwater	Use of groundwater basin by others. Right to store water at Valil Lake outside of November 1 to April 30 time period.	Disposal of brine from microfiltration/reverse osmosis facility.	Contamination so supply. Changes in water quality standards. Use of recycled water for agricultural use.	Drought

## 8.4 Imported Supply Reliability

RCWD utilizes imported water as a part of its resource mix to ensure reliability of its supply. Table 8-4 summarizes the projected imported water RCWD expects to receive from MWD via EMWD and WMWD.

**Table 8-4  
Agency Demand Projection Provided to Wholesale Agency (AFY)**

Wholesaler	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
MWD via EMWD and WMWD					
Treated Water	39,095	22,461	23,348	35,864	36,792
Untreated Water	25,824	23,207	26,585	19,887	18,292
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,919</b>	<b>45,669</b>	<b>49,933</b>	<b>55,751</b>	<b>55,084</b>

RCWD's imported water supply is purchased through EMWD and WMWD, but is obtained directly from MWD's facilities. As previously explained, the agency demand projections for these two wholesalers are combined to arrive at one demand on MWD. Table 8-5 illustrates MWD's existing and planned sources of water for the period 2010-2030. These numbers reflect RCWD's demands on MWD as listed in Table 8-4.

**Table 8-5  
MWD Current and Planned (AFY)\***

	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
<b>Current Supplies</b>					
Colorado River	885,700	1,042,700	1,135,200	1,142,700	1,142,700
California Aqueduct	1,396,100	1,166,100	1,140,300	1,140,300	1,140,300
In-Basin Storage	531,700	530,400	513,000	499,200	499,200
<b>Under Development</b>					
Colorado River	0	150,000	114,800	107,300	107,300
California Aqueduct	175,000	370,000	370,000	370,000	370,000
In-Basin Storage	89,000	200,00	200,000	200,000	200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,077,500</b>	<b>3,459,200</b>	<b>3,473,300</b>	<b>3,459,500</b>	<b>3,459,500</b>

Source: Draft 2005 Regional Urban Water Management Plan (MWD, 2005)  
Projected under a repeat of 1990-92 hydrology ending in each of the five year period

MWD has determined in its 2005 UWMP that its resource mix is 100 percent reliable for non-discounted non-interruptible demands using previous dry periods for the forecast period 2005-2030. Table 8-6 summarizes the projected imported water supply mix during single-year and multiple-year droughts as a percentage of a normal year supply. Even though MWD can reliably meet RCWD's demands, the capacity constraint issue associated with the turnouts will potentially cause future peak day water shortages after 2025. Implementation of RCWD's IRP will eliminate the capacity constraints and resolve any peak day water shortages.

**Table 8-6  
Imported/Wholesale Supply Reliability**

Source	Normal Water Year	Multiple Dry Water Years (%of Normal)				
		Single Dry Water Year (% of Normal)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
MWDSC Supplies	Varies (See Table 2-1 and 2-3)	100	100	100	100	100

MWD's basis of water year data is reflected in Table 8-7.

**Table 8-7  
Imported/Wholesale Supply Basis of Water Year Data**

Water Year Type	Base Year(s)	Historical Sequence
Normal Water Year	Not Applicable - Determined by model	
Single-Water Year	1977	1922-1991
Multiple-Dry Water Years	1990-1992	1922-1991

RCWD relies on imported water from MWD that is classified as agricultural water (discounted, interruptible water). The portion of water considered agricultural water is subject to up to a 50 percent reduction by MWD during dry weather or emergencies. Agricultural customers could experience a shortage of up to 4,000 AFY with implementation of the IRP in the eastern service area unless dry year water transfers are implemented by RCWD as discussed under section 2.2.4.

MWD has developed an IRP to manage its water supplies and minimize any inconsistency in its supplies. Factors that may cause an inconsistency in MWD's supplies are listed in Table 8-8.

**Table 8-8  
Inconsistency in Wholesaler/Imported Supply Factors**

<b>Name of Supply</b>	<b>Legal</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	<b>Water Quality</b>	<b>Climatic</b>
MWDSC Imported	Competition for new supplies	Endangered species	Contamination of supply. More stringent water quality standards	Drought Conditions

MWD has identified contamination of its water supplies and the implementation of more stringent water quality standards in its 2005 UWMP as having the possibility of causing an inconsistency in supplies. Development of new supplies could be reduced as a result of the competitive nature of obtaining new supplies. Endangered species may impact imported supplies by requiring minimum flows in waterways or other measures that may reduce flows. Droughts are unpredictable and may reduce available supplies from areas such as the Colorado River Basin and the Bay-Delta even if local climatic conditions are normal. Through implementation of the IRP, MWD has developed and identified a plethora of resources and measures to counteract any inconsistency in supplies.

## 8.5 RCWD Service Reliability

Overall, during single-dry and multiple-dry years RCWD's combined local and imported resource mix is 100 percent reliable for non-agricultural customers with implementation of RCWD's IRP. RCWD's IRP delineated supply sources are flexible and designed to supplement each other if one source is reduced. With implementation of the Hybrid 1 alternative of RCWD's IRP, peak day water shortages associated with imported treated water will be eliminated. Additionally, RCWD's IRP calls for increased utilization of recycled water, a relatively drought proof water supply that is consistent regardless of seasonal or climatic variations.

### 8.5.1 Normal Water Year

During normal water years throughout the projection period between 2010 and 2005, RCWD's resource mix is 100 percent reliable (see Table 8-9). All forecasted demands throughout the projection period are expected to be met with the resource mix identified in RCWD's IRP.

**Table 8-9  
Service Area Reliability Assessment for Normal Water Year (AFY)**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2030</b>
Total Demand <sup>1</sup>	100,700	108,000	124,400	132,900	140,400
Percent of Year 2005	108%	116%	134%	143%	151%
Total Supply	100,700	108,000	124,400	132,900	140,400
Percent of Year 2005	108%	116%	134%	143%	151%
Difference (Supply minus Demand)	0	0	0	0	0
Difference as a Percent of Supply	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Difference as a Percent of Demand	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

<sup>1</sup>Includes consumptive demand, imported water for groundwater recharge, and unaccounted use

### 8.5.2 Single - Dry Water Year

Using the single-driest year of 1989, projections of water demands were compared to projected supplies for the period 2010 to 2030 (see Table 8-10). Throughout the projection period, RCWD's water resource mix remains reliable. During dry years, it is expected that demands would increase approximately 7 to 8 percent over the normal year period (Table 8-9 demands) due to hotter and drier weather. Supplies are also expected to increase by approximately 7 to 8 percent over the normal year period to meet demands.

**Table 8-10  
Service Area Reliability Assessment for Single Dry Year (AFY)**

	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Total Demand	108,215	116,163	133,130	142,377	150,543
Percent of Projected Normal	107%	108%	107%	107%	107%
Total Supply	108,215	116,163	133,130	142,377	150,543
Percent of Projected Normal	107%	108%	107%	107%	107%
Difference (Supply minus Demand)	0	0	0	0	0
Difference as a Percent of Supply	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Difference as a Percent of Demand	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

### 8.5.3 Multiple Dry Water Years

To determine the reliability of RCWD's water resource mix under a multi-year drought scenario the 1987-1991 drought period was used as a hydrologic base year to obtain supply and demand forecasts in five year intervals. Each five-year increment (e.g. 2006-2010) assumes the same multiple dry year period condition.

During the 1990 and 1991 drought years MWD curtailed imported water deliveries for agriculture. Therefore, if this hydrologic period was repeated in the future, RCWD could expect shortages for its agricultural customers. Reliability increases in the latter years of the projection period when planned improvements are constructed such as the MF/RO facility that would supply recycled water to agricultural users. Additionally, water transfers and potential agriculture conservation measures could reduce the potential agricultural water shortages.

Tables 8-11 through 8-15 summarize the reliability under multiple dry years.

**Table 8-11**  
**Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple Dry Years (AFY)**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total Demand	93,863	98,501	105,269	102,758	99,864
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	102%	108%	104%	99%
Total Supply	93,863	98,501	105,269	99,675	93,872
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	102%	108%	100%	93%
Difference (Supply minus Demand)	0	0	0	-3,083	-5,992
Difference as a Percent of Supply	0%	0%	0%	-3%	-6%
Difference as a Percent of Demand	0%	0%	0%	-3%	-6%

Note: Supply shortages in 2009 and 2010 are due to anticipated reductions in MWD's agricultural deliveries.

**Table 8-12**  
**Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple-Dry Years (AFY)**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Demand	101,332	106,200	113,376	110,434	107,092
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	102%	108%	104%	99%
Total Supply	101,332	106,200	113,376	106,016	98,524
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	102%	108%	100%	91%
Difference (Supply minus Demand)	0	0	0	-4,417	-8,567
Difference as a Percent of Supply	0%	0%	0%	-4%	-9%
Difference as a Percent of Demand	0%	0%	0%	-4%	-8%

Note: Supply shortages in 2014 and 2015 are due to anticipated reductions in MWD's agricultural deliveries.

**Table 8-13**  
**Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple-Dry Years (AFY)**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Demand	108,563	114,004	121,906	120,436	123,429
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	103%	108%	104%	99%
Total Supply	108,563	114,004	121,906	115,619	113,554
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	103%	108%	99%	91%
Difference (Supply minus Demand)	0	0	0	-4,817	-9,874
Difference as a Percent of Supply	0%	0%	0%	-4%	-9%
Difference as a Percent of Demand	0%	0%	0%	-4%	-8%

Note: Supply shortages in 2019 and 2020 are due to anticipated reductions in MWD's agricultural deliveries.

**Table 8-14**  
**Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple-Dry Years (AFY)**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Demand	125,138	130,796	139,134	135,721	131,845
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	102%	107%	103%	99%
Total Supply	125,138	130,796	139,134	130,292	121,298
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	102%	107%	99%	91%
Difference (Supply minus Demand)	0	0	0	-5,429	-10,548
Difference as a Percent of Supply	0%	0%	0%	-4%	-9%
Difference as a Percent of Demand	0%	0%	0%	-4%	-8%

Note: Supply shortages in 2024 and 2025 are due to anticipated reductions in MWD's agricultural deliveries.

**Table 8-15**  
**Service Area Reliability Assessment for Multiple Dry Years (AFY)**

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Total Demand	133,359	139,133	147,767	143,752	139,271
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	102%	108%	103%	99%
Total Supply	133,359	139,133	147,767	140,877	133,701
Percent of Projected Normal	99%	102%	108%	101%	95%
Difference (Supply minus Demand)	0	0	0	-2,875	-5,571
Difference as a Percent of Supply	0%	0%	0%	-2%	-4%
Difference as a Percent of Demand	0%	0%	0%	-2%	-4%

Note: Supply shortages in 2029 and 2030 are due to anticipated reductions in MWD's agricultural deliveries.

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

## Section 9

# References

CDM. *Rancho California Water District Water District Integrated Resources Plan*. 2005.

CDM. *Santa Margarita Water Supply Augmentation Study*. 2005.

Eastern Municipal Water District. *Water Shortage Contingency Plan, Ordinance No. 117*. July 2005.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. *Draft Regional Urban Water Management Plan*. 2005.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. *Interim Agricultural Water Program (IAWP) Reduction Guidelines Draft*. 2005.

Metropolitan Water District. *Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan*. 1999.

Rancho California Water District. *Consumer Confidence Report*. Retrieved September 6, 2005. <http://www.ranchowater.com/publicInformation/pdfs/ccr.pdf>.

Rancho California Water District. *Rancho California Water District Source Water Assessment and Protection Plan Press Release*. Retrieved September 6, 2005. <http://www.ranchowater.com/publicInformation/pdfs/PR%20Source%20Wtr%20Assmt%20Workshop.pdf>.

Rancho California Water District. *Rancho California Water District Water Quality/Security*. Retrieved August 24, 2005. <http://www.ranchowater.com/>.

Rancho California Water District. *Emergency Response Plan*.

Rancho California Water District. *Rancho California Water District Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating and Non-Operating Budgets, Adopted June 2005*. 2005.

RBF Consulting. *Rancho California Water District Urban Water Management Plan*. 2000.

Staff. Rancho California Water District. *Personal Communication*. August 2005.

Western Municipal Water District. *Draft Urban Water Management Plan 2005*. 2005.

*Section 9*  
*References*

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Appendix A

## Water Rate Schedules

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

OPERATING BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

RATES & FEE SCHEDULES

RANCHO DIVISION WATER & ENERGY RATES						
COMMODITY RATES	2004-2005 RATES		2005-2006 RATES		% OF CHANGE	
	M&I	AG	M&I	AG	M&I	AG
Commodity Rate Only	\$0.6107	\$0.5482	\$0.6287	\$0.5587	2.9%	1.9%
Projected Rate by Pump Zone in HCF (Includes Commodity+Energy Rates)						
1305	\$0.6966	\$0.6340	\$0.7155	\$0.6455	2.7%	1.8%
1380	\$0.7286	\$0.6660	\$0.7485	\$0.6785	2.7%	1.9%
1485	\$0.7733	\$0.7107	\$0.7947	\$0.7247	2.8%	2.0%
1550	\$0.8010	\$0.7384	\$0.8233	\$0.7533	2.8%	2.0%
1610	\$0.8265	\$0.7639	\$0.8497	\$0.7797	2.8%	2.1%
1790	\$0.9032	\$0.8406	\$0.9289	\$0.8589	2.8%	2.2%
1880	\$1.0224	\$0.9599	\$1.0521	\$0.9821	2.9%	2.3%
2070	\$1.0224	\$0.9599	\$1.0521	\$0.9821	2.9%	2.3%
2350	\$1.1417	\$1.0791	\$1.1753	\$1.1053	2.9%	2.4%
TOTAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE IMPACT:					2.8%	2.0%

COMMODITY RATES	2004-2005 RATES		2005-2006 RATES		% OF CHANGE	
	M&I	AG	M&I	AG	M&I	AG
Commodity Rate Only	\$266.03	\$238.78	\$273.84	\$243.35	2.9%	1.9%
Projected Rate by Pump Zone Per Acre Foot (Includes Commodity+Energy Rates)						
1305	\$303.45	\$276.19	\$311.68	\$281.19	2.7%	1.8%
1380	\$317.36	\$290.10	\$326.06	\$295.57	2.7%	1.9%
1485	\$336.84	\$309.59	\$346.18	\$315.69	2.8%	2.0%
1550	\$348.90	\$321.64	\$358.64	\$328.15	2.8%	2.0%
1610	\$360.03	\$332.78	\$370.14	\$339.65	2.8%	2.1%
1790	\$393.43	\$366.17	\$404.64	\$374.15	2.8%	2.2%
1880	\$445.38	\$418.12	\$458.31	\$427.82	2.9%	2.3%
2070	\$445.38	\$418.12	\$458.31	\$427.82	2.9%	2.3%
2350	\$497.32	\$470.07	\$511.97	\$481.48	2.9%	2.4%
TOTAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE IMPACT:					2.8%	2.0%

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

OPERATING BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

RATES & FEE SCHEDULES

SANTA ROSA DIVISION WATER & ENERGY RATES						
COMMODITY RATES	2004-2005 RATES		2005-2006 RATES		% OF CHANGE	
	M&I	AG	M&I	AG	M&I	AG
Commodity Rate Only	\$1.0167	\$0.7730	\$1.02811	\$0.7967	1.1%	3.1%
Projected Rate by Pump Zone in HCF (Includes Commodity + Energy Rates)						
1305	\$1.0754	\$0.8316	\$1.0870	\$0.8556	1.1%	2.9%
1434	\$1.1219	\$0.8781	\$1.1309	\$0.8995	0.8%	2.4%
1440	\$1.1241	\$0.8803	\$1.1329	\$0.9015	0.8%	2.4%
1500	\$1.1457	\$0.9020	\$1.1533	\$0.9219	0.7%	2.2%
1670	\$1.2071	\$0.9633	\$1.2111	\$0.9797	0.3%	1.7%
1990	\$1.3225	\$1.0788	\$1.3199	\$1.0885	-0.2%	0.9%
2160	\$1.3839	\$1.1401	\$1.3777	\$1.1463	-0.4%	0.5%
2260	\$1.4199	\$1.1762	\$1.4117	\$1.1803	-0.6%	0.4%
2550	\$1.5246	\$1.2808	\$1.5103	\$1.2789	-0.9%	-0.1%
2850	\$1.6328	\$1.3890	\$1.6123	\$1.3809	-1.3%	-0.6%
TOTAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE IMPACT					0.3%	1.7%

COMMODITY RATES	2004-2005 RATES		2005-2006 RATES		% OF CHANGE	
	M&I	AG	M&I	AG	M&I	AG
Commodity Rate Only	\$442.89	\$336.70	\$447.85	\$347.05	1.1%	3.1%
Projected Rate by Pump Zone Per Acre Foot (Includes Commodity+Energy Rates)						
1305	\$468.43	\$362.25	\$473.51	\$372.71	1.1%	2.9%
1434	\$488.71	\$382.52	\$492.61	\$391.82	0.8%	2.4%
1440	\$489.65	\$383.46	\$493.50	\$392.71	0.8%	2.4%
1500	\$499.08	\$392.89	\$502.39	\$401.59	0.7%	2.2%
1670	\$525.80	\$419.61	\$527.56	\$426.77	0.3%	1.7%
1990	\$576.09	\$469.90	\$574.96	\$474.16	-0.2%	0.9%
2160	\$602.81	\$496.62	\$600.13	\$499.34	-0.4%	0.5%
2260	\$618.53	\$512.34	\$614.95	\$514.15	-0.6%	0.4%
2550	\$664.11	\$557.92	\$657.90	\$557.10	-0.9%	-0.1%
2850	\$711.26	\$605.07	\$702.33	\$601.53	-1.3%	-0.6%

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

OPERATING BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

RATES & FEE SCHEDULES

TOTAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE IMPACT	0.3%	1.7%
------------------------------------	------	------

MONTHLY CAPACITY FEES						
Meter Size	2004-2005 Rate		2005-2006 Rate		% of Increase	
	Rancho	Santa Rosa	Rancho	Santa Rosa	Rancho	Santa Rosa
3/4"	\$12.10	\$18.71	\$12.71	\$19.65	5%	5%
1"	\$17.92	\$33.59	\$18.82	\$35.27	5%	5%
1-1/2"	\$30.56	\$54.67	\$32.09	\$57.40	5%	5%
2"	\$46.08	\$86.15	\$48.38	\$90.46	5%	5%
2-1/2"	\$68.96	\$121.05	\$72.41	\$127.10	5%	5%
3"	\$121.12	\$189.92	\$127.18	\$199.42	5%	5%
4"	\$273.03	\$474.77	\$286.68	\$498.51	5%	5%
6"	\$466.39	\$780.17	\$489.71	\$819.18	5%	5%
8"	\$715.92	\$1,078.58	\$751.52	\$1,132.51	5%	5%

CONSTRUCTION & NON-POTABLE WATER RATES (Base Water Rates Per HCF)				
Description	RANCHO DIVISION		SANTA ROSA DIVISION	
	FY 2004-2005	FY 2005-2006	FY 2004-2005	FY 2005-2006
Construction Water	\$2.019/HCF*	\$2.019/HCF*	\$2.019/HCF*	\$2.019/HCF*
Tier 2 Annex Rate	\$1.12/HCF	\$1.2029/HCF	\$1.12/HCF	\$1.2029/HCF
Recycled Construction Water	\$178.12/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge	\$192.50/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge	\$178.12/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge	\$192.50/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge
Tertiary Treated	\$178.12/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge	\$192.50/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge	\$178.12/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge	\$192.50/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge
Agricultural	\$69.42/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge*	\$71.50/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge	\$69.42/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge*	\$71.50/AF + \$10 Monthly Service Charge

\*Customers will be charged the appropriate pump zones' energy rates in addition to the base rate.

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

OPERATING BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

RATES & FEE SCHEDULES

FEE FOR SERVICE SCHEDULE		
	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FEE/DEPOSIT
1	<b>Will Serve Letters</b>	
	Single letter	\$90.00
	Tract/Parcel map initiation	\$150.00
	Fire Hydrant Location Fee	\$150.00
2	Request for Secondary Line Extension (Cost Estimate New)	\$1,370.00
3	CFD/Assessment District (Processing Fee) [Deposit]	\$10,000.00
	Assessment District Pay-Off Administrative Fee	\$25.00
4	Request for RCWD Participation in Joint Community Facilities Financing Agreement (JCFA) (Processing Fee) [Deposit]	\$5,000.00
5	Annexation Processing Fee	\$3,995.00
6	Annexation Acreage Fee	
	Rancho Division	\$1,731.00
	Santa Rosa Division	\$1,674.00
7	Temporary Remote Meter Request (Cost Estimate Update)	\$264.00
8	Fire Hydrant Meter Deposit (4-inch)	\$750.00
9	Construction Meter Deposit (4-inch)	\$1,500.00
10	Construction Meter Deposit (6-inch)	\$3,000.00
11	Construction Meter Relocation	\$23.00
12	Meter Test Requests (3/4-inch to 2-inch)	\$50.00
13	Meter Test Requests (3-inch and larger)	\$100.00
14	Floating Meter "No Read" Penalty	\$100.00
15	Construction Meter Location Penalty	\$150.00
16	Unmetered Water Accounts	\$52.00
17	Meter Obstruction Charge	\$77.00
18	Meter Relocation Deposit (3/4-inch to 2-inch)	\$2,000.00
19	Meter Downsize Deposit (3/4-inch to 2-inch MJ and Turbo)	\$1,300.00
20	<b>Drop-In Meter Installations</b>	
	<b>Meter w/Double Checks</b>	
	3/4-inch MJ-Single	\$288.00
	3/4-inch MJ-Multiple	\$164.00
	1-inch MJ	\$446.00
	1-1/2-inch MJ	\$822.00
	2-inch MJ	\$1,057.00
	2-inch Turbo	\$1,150.00
	<b>Meter w/Pressure Regulator and Double Checks</b>	
	3/4-inch MJ-Single	\$411.00
	3/4-inch MJ-Multiple	\$288.00
	1-inch MJ	\$592.00

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

OPERATING BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

RATES & FEE SCHEDULES

<b>FEE FOR SERVICE SCHEDULE (cont)</b>		
	<b>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE</b>	<b>FEE/DEPOSIT</b>
20	<b>Drop-In Meter Installations (cont)</b>	
	<b>Meter w/Pressure Regulator and Double Checks (cont)</b>	
	1-1/2-inch MJ	\$1,385.00
	2-inch MJ	\$1,661.00
	2-inch Turbo	\$1,732.00
21	<b>Full Meter Installations</b>	
	<u>Meter w/Double Checks</u>	
	3/4-inch MJ-Single	\$3,890.00
	1-inch MJ	\$3,963.00
	1-1/2-inch MJ	\$4,378.00
	2-inch MJ	\$4,727.00
	2-inch Turbo	\$4,804.00
	<b>Meter w/Pressure Regulator and Double Checks</b>	
	3/4-inch MJ-Single	\$3,969.00
	1-inch MJ	\$4,101.00
	1-1/2-inch MJ	\$4,934.00
	2-inch MJ	\$5,381.00
	2-inch Turbo	\$5,404.00
22	Plans and Specifications	\$50.00
23	Topos	\$25.00
24	Topo Mylars	\$50.00
25	Topo w/Aerial	\$35.00
26	Blacklines (previously referred to as blueline copies)	\$12.00
27	Facility Design Requirements	\$25.00
28	Plan Checks (minimum 1,000 feet)	\$1,000.00
	Per 100 feet thereafter	\$50.00
29	Inspection Deposits (minimum 1,000 feet)	\$3,630.00
	Per 1 foot thereafter	\$3.63
30	As-Built Fee (per page) w/Inspection Deposit	\$125.00
31	Miscellaneous Appurtenance, Plan Check & Inspections Deposit (per 2 count)	\$1,500.00
32	Inspection of Detector Checks	\$2,500.00
	3/4-inch Meter	\$86.00
33	<b>RP Device</b>	
	Initial Certification Fee	\$109.00
	Recertification Fee	\$150.00
34	Potable Construction Water	\$2.019/HCF
35	Application Processing Fee (non-refundable)	\$50.00
36	Service Connection Fee Estimate	\$167.00

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

OPERATING BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

RATES & FEE SCHEDULES

FEE FOR SERVICE SCHEDULE (cont)		
	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FEE/DEPOSIT
37	Bond Split Deposit	\$1,500.00
	Per Parcel	\$35.00
38	Sewer Lateral Sampling Wyes/Inspection, etc.	\$155.00
39	Non-Compliance Sampling	\$105.00
40	Non-Compliance Inspection	\$130.00
41	Non-Compliance Inspection/Meeting	\$210.00
42	Transfer Set-Up Charge	\$23.00
43	Delinquent Accounts (% x Balance) 1 <sup>st</sup> 30 days	Greater of \$5 or 10%
	Each 30 Days Thereafter	\$0.02
44	DTO's (Turn service back on after shut-off for non-payment)	
	M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$46.00
	M-F after 5 p.m.; Weekends and Holidays	\$109.00
45	Credit Card Convenience Fee	2.5% of transaction total
46	Non-Sufficient Funds/NSF Returned Check Fee	\$25.00
47	Cutting District lock or straight-lining across meter (previously referred to as Lock Off Vandalism Penalty)	\$125.00
48	Cutting Angle Meter (AM) Stop from Meter	\$125.00
49	Replacement of pulled meter resulting from customer cutting lock a second time	\$100.00
50	Illegal Hydrant Use	\$600.00
51	Witness Fire Flow Test	\$200.00
52	<b>Fire Service Charge for Industrial/Commercial w/Water Meter</b>	
	0-30,000 sq. ft. (charged on water bill)	\$0.002/sq. ft.
	Over 30,000 sq. ft. (charged on water bill)	\$0.001/sq. ft.
	Annual Fee Per Acre or Per Parcel if Less than 1 Acre	\$40.00

**Appendix B**  
**RCWD Water Conservation Program,**  
**Shortage Plan and Waste of Water**  
**Prohibition**

RESOLUTION NO. 91-5-8

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 91-2-3

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District is concerned about the possibility of a general water supply shortage, inadequate aqueduct capacity, and the prospect of a major disaster affecting distribution facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, in order to meet the demands of its customers in the event of a shortage, deem it necessary to establish water conservation guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. Amend Resolution No. 91-2-3. This resolution hereby amends Resolution No. 91-2-3, adopted February 8, 1991.

Section 2. Stage I - Normal Condition. (The District is able to meet the water demands of its customers in the immediate future.)

1. When the General Manager has declared that the District's water supply is in a "Normal Condition," customers are requested to use water wisely and to practice water conservation measures so that water is not wasted.
2. Customers are to avoid use of water in a manner that creates runoff or drainage onto adjacent properties or onto public or private roadways.
3. Water waste is a violation of California Law and District Regulations at any time. Refer to Ordinance No. 88-8-1, as amended by Ordinance No. 91-1-2.

Section 3. Stage II - Water Alert. (There is a probability that the District will not be able to meet all of the water demands of its customers.)

1. Parks, school grounds, and golf courses are to be watered at night only.
2. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
3. Driveways, parking lots and other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
4. Private vehicles are to be washed with a bucket; hoses must have positive shut off nozzles.

5. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
6. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request.
7. A limited number of fire hydrant construction meters will be issued by the District. Applicant must present current, valid grading or building permit.
8. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.
9. Decorative ponds, golf course water hazards which are not an integral part of the permanent irrigation or fire protection system, fountains and other waterscape features are not to be filled. Fountain pumps must remain off to minimize evaporation.

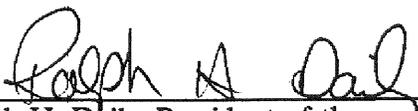
Section 4. Stage III - Water Warning. (The District is not able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

1. Parks are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
2. School grounds are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
3. Golf courses, greens and tees only, are to be watered at night. Fairways may be watered on alternate days at night.
4. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered no more than two times per week after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request using disposable cups.
6. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
7. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
8. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
9. New fire hydrant construction meters will not be issued by the District.
10. Water service through fire hydrant construction meters for grading or other construction is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
11. Agricultural customers are to use water on alternate days only.
12. Commercial nurseries are to use water only on alternate days between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
13. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

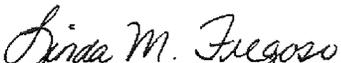
Section 5. Stage IV - Water Emergency. (A major deficiency of any supply or failure of a distribution facility is declared.)

1. Lawns and landscaping are not to be watered.
2. Parks, school grounds and golf course fairways are to be watered with reclaimed water, if available, or not at all. Golf course greens and tees may be watered only on alternate nights.
3. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed.
4. Commercial car washes using recycled or reclaimed water are to be used for washing vehicles. Consumption of District water for this use must be reduced to 50% of average consumption during the prior year.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, using disposable cups.
6. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
7. New fire hydrant construction meters will not be issued by the District.
8. Water service through fire hydrant construction meters will not be available by the District.
9. Permanent orchard crop irrigation is to be limited to no more than two times per week. In the event of a temporary service outage, agricultural irrigation is to be discontinued.
10. Other agricultural and commercial nursery irrigation is to be discontinued.
11. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 17th day of May.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ralph H. Daily, President of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

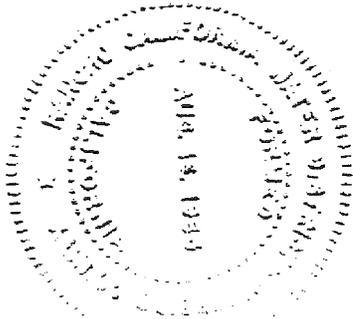
ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE    )

I, LINDA M. FREGOSO, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 91-5-8 of said Board, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

DATED:     May 17, 1991



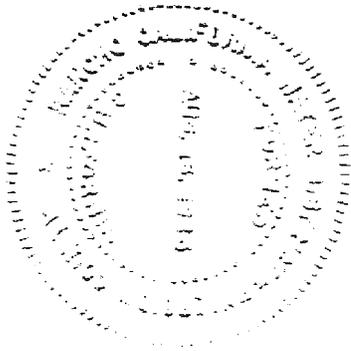
[SEAL]

*Linda M. Fregoso*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE     )

I, LINDA M. FREGOSO, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 91-5-8 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at an adjourned regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day of May, 1991, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	DIRECTORS:	Daily, Darby, Ko, Kulberg, Silla, Steffey
NOES:	DIRECTORS:	None
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS:	Minkler
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTORS:	None



(SEAL)

*Linda M. Fregoso*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

RESOLUTION NO. 91-2-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A WATER  
CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND AMENDING  
RESOLUTION NO. 91-1-3

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District is concerned about the possibility of a general water supply shortage, inadequate aqueduct capacity, and the prospect of a major disaster affecting distribution facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, in order to meet the demands of its customers in the event of a shortage, deem it necessary to establish water conservation guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. Amend Resolution No. 91-1-3. This resolution hereby amends Resolution No. 91-1-3, adopted January 11, 1991.

Section 2. Stage I - Normal Condition. (The District is able to meet the water demands of its customers in the immediate future.)

1. When the General Manager has declared that the District's water supply is in a "Normal Condition," customers are requested to use water wisely and to practice water conservation measures so that water is not wasted.
2. Customers are to avoid use of water in a manner that creates runoff or drainage onto adjacent properties or onto public or private roadways.
3. Water waste is a violation of California Law and District Regulations at any time. Refer to Ordinance No. 88-8-1, as amended by Ordinance No. 91-1-2.

Section 3. Stage II - Water Alert. (There is a probability that the District will not be able to meet all of the water demands of its customers.)

1. Parks, school grounds, and golf courses are to be watered at night only.
2. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
3. Driveways, parking lots and other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
4. Private vehicles are to be washed with a bucket; hoses must have positive shut off nozzles.

5. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
6. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request.
7. New fire hydrant construction meters will not be issued by the District.
8. Water service through fire hydrant construction meters for grading or other construction purposes is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
9. Commercial nurseries are to use water between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
10. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.
11. Decorative ponds, golf course water hazards which are not an integral part of the permanent irrigation or fire protection system, fountains and other waterscape features are not to be filled or replenished. Fountain pumps must remain off to minimize evaporation.

Section 4. Stage III - Water Warning. (The District is not able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

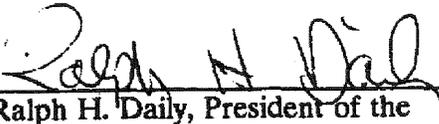
1. Parks are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
2. School grounds are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
3. Golf courses, greens and tees only, are to be watered at night. Fairways may be watered on alternate days at night.
4. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered no more than two times per week after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request using disposable cups.
6. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
7. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
8. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
9. New fire hydrant construction meters will not be issued by the District.
10. Water service through fire hydrant construction meters for grading or other construction is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.

11. Agricultural customers are to use water on alternate days only.
12. Commercial nurseries are to use water only on alternate days between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
13. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

Section 5. Stage IV - Water Emergency. (A major deficiency of any supply or failure of a distribution facility is declared.)

1. Lawns and landscaping are not to be watered.
2. Parks, school grounds and golf course fairways are to be watered with reclaimed water, if available, or not at all. Golf course greens and tees may be watered only on alternate nights.
3. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed.
4. Commercial car washes using recycled or reclaimed water are to be used for washing vehicles. Consumption of District water for this use must be reduced to 50% of average consumption during the prior year.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, using disposable cups.
6. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
7. New fire hydrant construction meters will not be issued by the District.
8. Water service through fire hydrant construction meters will not be available by the District.
9. Permanent orchard crop irrigation is to be limited to no more than two times per week. In the event of a temporary service outage, agricultural irrigation is to be discontinued.
10. Other agricultural and commercial nursery irrigation is to be discontinued.
11. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 8th day of February.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ralph H. Daily, President of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

RESOLUTION NO. 91-1-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A WATER  
CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND RESCINDING  
RESOLUTION NO. 88-4-4

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District is concerned about the possibility of a general water supply shortage, inadequate aqueduct capacity, and the prospect of a major disaster affecting distribution facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, in order to meet the demands of its customers in the event of a shortage, deem it necessary to establish water conservation guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. Rescind Resolution No. 88-4-4. This resolution hereby rescinds and supersedes Resolution No. 88-4-4, adopted April 8, 1988.

Section 2. Stage I - Normal Condition. (The District is able to meet the water demands of its customers in the immediate future.)

1. When the General Manager has declared that the District's water supply is in a "Normal Condition," customers are requested to use water wisely and to practice water conservation measures so that water is not wasted.
2. Customers are to avoid use of water in a manner that creates runoff or drainage onto adjacent properties or onto public or private roadways.
3. Water waste is a violation of California Law and District Regulations at any time. Refer to Ordinance No. 88-8-1, as amended by Ordinance No. 91-1-2.

Section 3. Stage II - Water Alert. (There is a probability that the District will not be able to meet all of the water demands of its customers.)

1. Parks, school grounds, and golf courses are to be watered at night only.
2. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
3. Driveways, parking lots and other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
4. Private vehicles are to be washed with a bucket; hoses must have positive shut off nozzles.

5. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
6. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request.
7. New construction meters will not be issued by the District.
8. Water service through construction meters for grading or other construction purposes is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
9. Commercial nurseries are to use water between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
10. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.
11. Decorative ponds, golf course water hazards which are not an integral part of the permanent irrigation or fire protection system, fountains and other waterscape features are not to be filled or replenished. Fountain pumps should remain off to minimize evaporation.

Section 4. Stage III - Water Warning. (The District is not able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

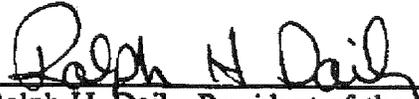
1. Parks are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
2. School grounds are to be watered at night no more than two times per week.
3. Golf courses, greens and tees only, are to be watered at night. Fairways may be watered on alternate days at night.
4. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered no more than two times per week after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request using disposable cups.
6. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
7. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
8. Commercial car washes must recycle water.
9. New construction meters will not be issued by the District.
10. Water service through construction meters for grading or other construction is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.

11. **Agricultural customers are to use water on alternate days only.**
12. **Commercial nurseries are to use water only on alternate days between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**
13. **Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.**

**Section 5. Stage IV - Water Emergency.** (A major deficiency of any supply or failure of a distribution facility is declared.)

1. **Lawns and landscaping are not to be watered.**
2. **Parks, school grounds and golf course fairways are to be watered with reclaimed water, if available, or not at all. Golf course greens and tees may be watered no more than two times per week.**
3. **Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed.**
4. **Commercial car washes using recycled or reclaimed water are to be used for washing vehicles. Consumption of District water for this use must be reduced to 50% of average consumption during the prior year.**
5. **Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, using disposable cups.**
6. **Swimming pools are not to be filled.**
7. **New construction meters will not be issued by the District.**
8. **Water service through construction meters will not be available by the District.**
9. **Permanent orchard crop irrigation is to be limited to no more than two times per week. In the event of a temporary service outage, agricultural irrigation is to be discontinued.**
10. **Other agricultural and commercial nursery irrigation is to be discontinued.**
11. **Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.**

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 11th day of January, 1991.



Ralph H. Daily, President of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

ATTEST:



Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

RESOLUTION NO. 90-10-3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.  
88-4-4 ESTABLISHING A WATER CONSERVATION  
PROGRAM AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 88-8-  
5

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1988, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District adopted Resolution No. 88-4-4 establishing a water conservation program; and

WHEREAS, the District Staff has recommended changes in the Water Conservation Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. Resolution No. 88-8-5 is hereby rescinded.

Section 2. Resolution No. 88-4-4, as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Paragraph No. 11 is added to Item 2 Stage II Water Alert to read as follows:

11. Decorative ponds, golf course water hazards which are not an integral part of the permanent irrigation or fire protection system, fountains and other waterscape features are not to be filled or replenished. Fountain pumps should remain off to minimize evaporation.

Section 4. Paragraphs Nos. 3, 4 and 11 of Item 3 Stage III Water Warning are amended to read as follows:

3. Golf courses, greens and tees only, are to be watered at night. Fairways may be watered on alternate days at night.

4. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered on alternate days after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m. If address ends with an even number, water on even days; if address ends with an odd number, water on odd days.

11. Agricultural customers are to use water on alternate days between 12:00 midnight and noon of the following day. If address ends with an even number, water on even days; if address ends with an odd number, water on odd days.

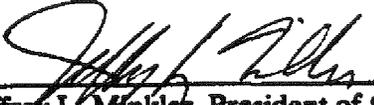
Section 5. Paragraphs Nos. 2 and 9 of Item 4 Stage IV Water Emergency are amended to read as follows:

2. Parks, school grounds and golf course fairways are to be watered with reclaimed water, if available, or not at all. Golf course greens may be watered in accordance with Item No. 9.

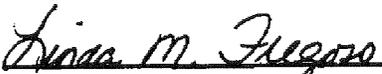
9. Permanent orchard crop irrigation is to be limited to alternate days between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. of the following day. If address ends with an even number, water on even days; if address ends with an odd number, water on odd days. In the event of a temporary service outage, agricultural irrigation is to be discontinued.

Section 6. The General Manager is hereby authorized to prepare a revised version of Resolution No. 88-4-4, as amended, for use in District programs.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 12th day of October, 1990.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey L. Minkler, President of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE    )

I, LINDA M. FREGOSO, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 90-10-3 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at an adjourned meeting thereof held on the 12th day of October, 1990, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	DIRECTORS:	Daily, Darby, Ko, Minkler, Silla, Steffey
NOES:	DIRECTORS:	None
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS:	Kulberg
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTORS:	None

*Linda M. Fregoso*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

(SEAL)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE    )

I, LINDA M. FREGOSO, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 90-10-3 of said Board, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

DATED:     October 12, 1990

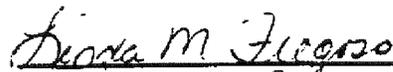
*Linda M. Fregoso*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

[SEAL]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE        )

I, LINDA M. FREGOSO, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 90-10-3 of said Board, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

DATED:     October 12, 1990

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

[SEAL]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE    )

I, LINDA M. FREGOSO, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 90-10-3 of said Board, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

DATED:     October 12, 1990

*Linda M. Fregoso*  
Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

[SEAL]

RESOLUTION NO. 88-4-4

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT,  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ESTAB-  
LISHING A WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District is concerned about the possibility of a general water supply shortage, inadequate aqueduct capacity, and the prospect of a major disaster affecting distribution facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, in order to meet the demands of its customers in the event of a shortage, deem it necessary to establish water conservation guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

ITEM 1: STAGE I - NORMAL CONDITION. (The District is able to meet the water demands of its customers in the immediate future).

1. When the General Manager has declared that the District's water supply is in a "Normal Condition," customers are requested to use water wisely and to practice water conservation measures so that water is not wasted.

2. Customers are to avoid use of water in a manner that creates runoff or drainage onto adjacent properties or onto public or private roadways.

ITEM 2: STAGE II - WATER ALERT. (There is a probability that the District will not be able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

1. Parks, school grounds and golf courses are to be watered at night only.

2. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.

3. Driveways, parking lots and other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.

4. Private vehicles are to be washed with a bucket only; hoses are not to be used.

5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, to be served in disposable cups or glasses.

6. Filling of swimming pools is to be limited to once every fifth day.

7. New construction meters will not be issued by the District.

8. Water service through construction meters for grading or other construction purposes is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.

9. Agricultural customers and commercial nurseries are to use water between 12:00 midnight and noon of the following day.

10. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

ITEM 3. STAGE III - WATER WARNING. (The District is not able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

1. Parks are to be watered at night on even numbered days.

2. School grounds are to be watered at night on odd numbered days.

3. Golf courses, greens only, are to be watered at night.

4. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered on alternate days after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m. If house number ends with an even number, water on even days; if house number ends with an odd number, water on odd days.

5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, using disposable cups.

6. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be watered.

7. Swimming pools are not to be filled.

8. Commercial car washes are to be used for washing private vehicles.

9. New construction meters will not be issued by the District.

10. Water service through construction meters for grading or other construction is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.

11. Agricultural customers are to use water on alternate days between 12:00 midnight and noon of the following day. If house number ends with an even number, water on even days; if house number ends with an odd number, water on odd days.

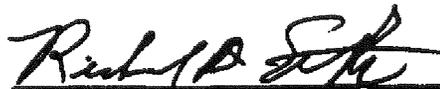
12. Commercial nurseries are to use water only between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

13. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

ITEM 4. STAGE IV - WATER EMERGENCY. (A major failure of any supply of distribution facility is declared).

1. Lawns and landscaping are not to be watered.
2. Parks, school grounds and golf courses are to be watered with reclaimed water.
3. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed.
4. Commercial car washes using recycled or reclaimed water are to be used for washing vehicles.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, using disposable cups.
6. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
7. New construction meters will not be issued by the District.
8. Water service through construction meters will not be available by the District.
9. Citrus and avocado trees and grapevine irrigation is to be limited to alternate days between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. of the following day. If house number ends with an even number, water on even days; if house number ends with an odd number, water on odd days. In the event of a temporary service outage, agricultural irrigation is to be discontinued.
10. Other agricultural and commercial nursery irrigation is to be discontinued.
11. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 8th day of April, 1988.



Richard D. Steffy, President of the  
Rancho California Water District  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Stan T. Mills, Assistant Secretary  
Rancho California Water District  
Board of Directors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE )

I, DORIS V. BAKER, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 88-4-4 of said Board, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

DATED: January 24, 1989

*Doris V. Baker*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Doris V. Baker, Secretary of the  
Rancho California Water District and  
of the Board of Directors Thereof

[SEAL]



REVISED 10/12/90 BY RESOLUTION NO. 90-10-3

RESOLUTION NO. 88-4-4

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A WATER  
CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District is concerned about the possibility of a general water supply shortage, inadequate aqueduct capacity, and the prospect of a major disaster affecting distribution facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District, in order to meet the demands of its customers in the event of a shortage, deem it necessary to establish water conservation guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Rancho California Water District DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. Stage I - Normal Condition. (The District is able to meet the water demands of its customers in the immediate future.)

1. When the General Manager has declared that the District's water supply is in a "Normal Condition," customers are requested to use water wisely and to practice water conservation measures so that water is not wasted.

2. Customers are to avoid use of water in a manner that creates runoff or drainage onto adjacent properties or onto public or private roadways.

Section 2. Stage II - Water Alert. (There is a probability that the District will not be able to meet all of the water demands of its customers.)

1. Parks, school grounds, and golf courses are to be watered at night only.
2. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
3. Driveways, parking lots and other paved surfaces are not to be washed with water.
4. Private vehicles are to be washed with a bucket only; hoses are not to be used.

5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, to be served in disposable cups or glasses.
6. Filling of swimming pools is to be limited to once every fifth day.
7. New construction meters will not be issued by the District.
8. Water service through construction meters for grading or other construction purposes is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
9. Agricultural customers and commercial nurseries are to use water between 12:00 midnight and noon of the following day.
10. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.
11. Decorative ponds, golf course water hazards which are not an integral part of the permanent irrigation or fire protection system, fountains and other waterscape features are not to be filled or replenished. Fountain pumps should remain off to minimize evaporation.

**Section 3. Stage III - Water Warning.** (The District is not able to meet all of the water demands of its customers).

1. Parks are to watered at night on even numbered days.
2. School grounds are to be watered at night on odd numbered days.
3. Golf courses, greens and tees only, are to be watered at night. Fairways may be watered on alternate days at night.
4. Lawns and landscaping are to be watered on alternate days after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m. If address ends with an even number, water on even days; if address ends with an odd number, water on odd days.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request using disposable cups.
6. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be watered.
7. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
8. Commercial car washes are to be used for washing private vehicles.

9. New construction meters will not be issued by the District.
10. Water service through construction meters for grading or other construction is to be used after 5:00 p.m. and before 10:00 a.m.
11. Agricultural customers are to use water on alternate days between 12:00 midnight and noon of the following day. If address ends with an even number, water on even days; if address ends with an odd number, water on odd days.
12. Commercial nurseries are to use water only between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
13. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

**Section 4. Stage IV - Water Emergency.** (A major failure of any supply of distribution facility is declared.)

1. Lawns and landscaping are not to be watered.
2. Parks, school grounds and golf course fairways are to be watered with reclaimed water, if available, or not at all. Golf course greens may be watered in accordance with Item No. 9.
3. Driveways, parking lots, or other paved surfaces are not to be washed.
4. Commercial car washes using recycled or reclaimed water are to be used for washing vehicles.
5. Restaurant customers are to receive water only upon request, using disposable cups.
6. Swimming pools are not to be filled.
7. New construction meters will not be issued by the District.
8. Water service through construction meters will not be available by the District.
9. Permanent orchard crop irrigation is to be limited to alternate days between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. of the following day. If address ends with an even number, water on even days; if address ends with an odd number, water on odd days. In the event of a temporary service outage, agricultural irrigation is to be discontinued.

10. Other agricultural and commercial nursery irrigation is to be discontinued.
11. Livestock or animals may be watered at any time.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED** this 12th day of October, 1990.

---

**Jeffrey L. Minkler, President of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District**

**ATTEST:**

---

**Linda M. Fregoso, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District**

# Appendix C

## Public Hearing

## **Public Hearing**

*According to Section 10642 of the Urban Water Management Plan Act, each urban water supplier shall encourage the active involvement of diverse, social, cultural and economic elements of the population within the service area prior to and during the preparation of the plan. Prior to adopting the plan, the urban water supplier shall make the plan available for public inspection and shall hold a public hearing thereon.*

In accordance with this provision of the Urban Water Management Plan Act, RCWD advertised the public hearing in two local newspapers:

- The Press-Enterprise – October 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- The Californian – October 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

The RCWD Public Hearing was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005. In addition, copies of the draft plan were made available for public inspection at the RCWD headquarters for a period of one month prior to adoption.

The following page represents the draft minutes of the RCWD Public Hearing.

*DRAFT*  
**EXCERPT OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT FOR  
NOVEMBER 10, 2005  
PAGE 2 of 1**

---

**ITEM 6. PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE  
DRAFT URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Director of Planning Perry Louck introduced Dan Rodrigo of Camp Dresser and McKee (CDM), to present the draft Urban Water Management Plan.

Mr. Rodrigo reported that pursuant to Water Code Section 10610, *et seq.*, *The California Urban Water Management Planning Act*, urban water suppliers providing water for municipal purposes are required to prepare an urban water management plan, update the plan every five (5) years, and file the plan with the California Department of Water Resources.

Mr. Rodrigo advised that the Urban Water Management Plan must address current and future water demands, current and future water supplies, wastewater management and recycled water, water conservation activities, drought planning and shortage contingency, as well as any possible water quality impacts that may affect the reliability of water supply.

Working with District staff, CDM prepared the public draft version of the plan and reported that public notice of the Board of Directors' intent to consider adoption of the Urban Water Management Plan was posted and published in accordance with law.

At this time, Mr. Rodrigo requested that the Board of Directors conduct the public hearing to review and comment on the draft Urban Water Management Plan. Mr. Rodrigo also noted that the final Urban Water Management Plan will be presented to the Board at their December 8, 2005 meeting.

President Ko declared the public hearing open and solicited questions and comments from the audience. There being no public present to comment on the subject, President Ko entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

**MOTION: It was moved by Director Daily, seconded by Director Hoagland, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.**

This Page Left Intentionally Blank

# Appendix D

## Adoption of Plan

A

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-12-3**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ITS URBAN WATER  
MANAGEMENT PLAN, DECEMBER 2005**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 797 during the 1983-1984 Regular Session of the California Legislature (Water Code Section 10610 et. seq.), known as the Urban Water Management Planning Act, which mandates that every urban supplier of water providing water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre feet of water annually, prepare an Urban Water Management Plan, the primary objective of which is to plan for the conservation and efficient use of water; and

WHEREAS, the proper and cost effective conservation of our water resources is essential to ensuring adequate water supplies now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, water conservation is recognized as an integral part of all water programs; and

WHEREAS, the Rancho California Water District has updated their Urban Water Management Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to the requirements of California Water Code Section 10610 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is the formal document to discuss past, current, and projected water demands; current and alternate water conservation measures; water supply deficiencies; and future water management practices.

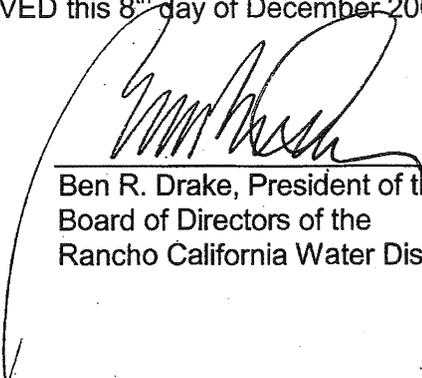
NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District that:

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District approves and adopts the updated "Urban Water Management Plan for the Rancho California Water District, December 2005."

SECTION 2. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to file the updated Plan with the California Department of Water Resources within 30 days after this date, pursuant to the requirements of California Water Code Section 10610, et. seq.

SECTION 3. The General Manager of the District is authorized and directed to implement the water conservation measures included in the updated Plan as the District's part in the local and regional water conservation effort.

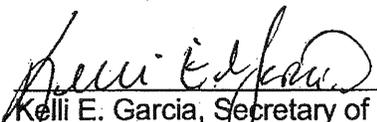
ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005.



---

Ben R. Drake, President of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

ATTEST:



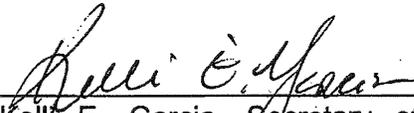
---

Kelli E. Garcia, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the  
Rancho California Water District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE    )

I, KELLI E. GARCIA, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2005-12-3 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	DIRECTORS:	Corona, Daily, Drake, Herman, McMillan, and Plummer
NOES:	DIRECTORS:	None
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS:	Hoagland
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTORS:	None

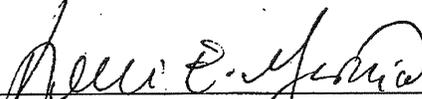
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelli E. Garcia, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the Rancho  
California Water District

(SEAL)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 )ss.  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE )

I, KELLI E. GARCIA, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 2005-12-3 of said Board, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

DATED: December 8, 2005

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelli E. Garcia, Secretary of the  
Board of Directors of the Rancho  
California Water District

(SEAL)

This Page Left Intentionally Blank