

# **IMPERIAL IRWMP**

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

## **WATER FORUM AND REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP CHARTER**

### **Background**

Imperial County and Imperial Irrigation District (IID) have proposed formation of an Imperial Water Forum (Water Forum) Imperial and Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) to undertake a collaborative, multi-stakeholder process to prepare and adopt an Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The Water Forum and RWMG will identify water resources problems to be addressed, define IRWMP goals and objectives, review and develop water management strategies to resolve common issues related to the region's water supply, water quality, environmental stewardship, and flood management; and adopt an IRWMP to provide a roadmap for the future. The IRWMP planning horizon is to the year 2047; but to define priority projects and actions that will help the region qualify for grant funding, the IRWMP needs to be completed by Spring/Summer 2011. Pertinent background facts include:

- IID holds rights and entitlements to Colorado River water that it manages for the benefit of the water users in its service area.
- Imperial County has the authority for management of groundwater and land use in the unincorporated areas of Imperial County consistent with its Imperial County General Plan.
- Incorporated Imperial Region (Cities) have authority over land use within their boundaries consistent with their general plans; obtain raw water from IID and own and operate municipal utilities (or have franchise agreements with private companies) to treat and purvey drinking water in their service areas; treat and dispose of wastewater; and some are required to develop Urban Water Management Plans consistent with state law. All of the Cities in the Imperial Region except the City of Imperial are disadvantaged communities (DACs) that can benefit through regional planning which supports procurement of grants to meet local needs.
- To comply with federal and state Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements and avoid termination of canal water service, residents in the IID service area who do not receive treated water service must obtain alternative water delivery service for drinking and cooking from a state-approved provider. Nearly 4,000 raw water service accounts are required by California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to have this alternate drinking water service.

- Public agencies with responsibility and authority related to water resources as well as a number of non-governmental organizations, including agricultural, industrial, labor and environmental groups, have vested interests in the sustainable management of water supplies available to the Imperial Region. These groups have expressed a need and desire to participate in planning for water supplies needed to sustain economic development.
- Consistent with state law,<sup>1</sup> California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) coordinates the statewide IRWMP program, provides guidelines for development of IRWMPs, manages grant funding, and approves regions through the Region Acceptance Process (RAP).
- IID, with support from Imperial County, prepared a Region Acceptance Process (RAP) document to define the Imperial Region and initiate the IRWMP process.<sup>2</sup> The Imperial Region has been accepted by CDWR (for map, see Attachment A).

### **Purpose of Water Forum and RWMG Imperial Region Charter**

The purpose of this charter is to guide interactions between the sponsoring agencies (IID, Imperial County) and stakeholders during development of the Imperial IRWMP. It defines:

- Program Organization and Operation
- Administrative Oversight and Technical Support
- Decision-making Process
- Development, Endorsement and Adoption of the IRWMP
- Values and Principles

## **Program Organization**

The Water Forum and Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) are chartered to provide a management structure, decision process and mechanism for public involvement during production, endorsement and adoption of the Imperial IRWMP.

### **Water Forum**

**Purpose:** Water Forum provides for stakeholder involvement and coordination. The purpose of the Forum is to provide primary input during development of the IRWMP. The collaboration goals of the Water Forum are to:

- Be representative of diversity of interests in the Imperial Region.
- Support data collection and assembly.
- Provide a conduit for information to and from respective groups.

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<sup>1</sup> Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002, codified in Part 2.2 (commencing with §10530) of Division 6 of the California Water Code

<sup>2</sup> *Imperial IRWMP RAP* (April 2009), [http://imperialirwmp.org/RAP%20FINAL%20revised\\_09\\_5\\_26.pdf](http://imperialirwmp.org/RAP%20FINAL%20revised_09_5_26.pdf)

- Identify issues, conflicts and problems to be addressed in the IRWMP.
- Establish Work Groups to address specific technical or policy issues.
- Develop goals and objectives of the IRWMP.
- Review and screen water management strategies for inclusion in the IRWMP.
- Review and comment on analysis results.
- Develop alternative solutions (projects, programs, policies).
- Develop and accept project, program, and policy evaluation and ranking criteria.
- Apply the accepted evaluation and ranking criteria to define IRWMP program, program, and policy priorities.
- Support public outreach and involvement activities.
- Review funding and long-term management/governance approaches that can be used to implement IRWMP projects.
- Review and provide input to the draft and final IRWMPs.
- Support adoption or endorsement of the final Imperial IRWMP by the stakeholder agencies and organizations.

**Membership:** The Water Forum is open to all stakeholders groups. The Water Forum will be comprised of designated representatives from public agencies and organized stakeholder groups (e.g., non-governmental organizations). Water Forum membership is to be inclusive to ensure broad representation and accommodate a diversity of perspectives. Participation and input from any interested party is welcomed and encouraged. Recognizing that all members have other responsibilities, organizations are encouraged to designate an alternate member. Designated representatives and alternates should be prepared to commit the time needed to fully participate and represent their groups' interests and meet the responsibilities defined below. Member organizations whose participation has been solicited are listed in Attachment B. A final list of Water Forum representatives and alternates will be developed and maintained in Attachment B to the Charter.

Members are incorporated into the Water Forum by indicating their support for the IRWMP planning process through a resolution approved by their governing boards or by their established governance structure. The Water Forum will incorporate new members, as needed, to be representative of the larger community regardless of ability to contribute financially to IRWMP development.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** Water Forum members will:

1. Attend Water Forum meetings or ensure alternative members' attendance – to be held no more often than monthly for the duration of the planning process.
2. Help identify, review, verify and critique data; and assumptions, analysis and methods used by the consultants and Program Management Team (PMT) to

develop the IRWMP (for membership list and support team members see Attachment B).

3. Review and provide recommendations on policy and technical issues.
4. Participate in Work Groups as needed.
5. Develop content and text or provide other assistance to staff and facilitators, as needed.
6. Provide honest perspectives, representing their groups' interests while seeking to understand the perspective of others.
7. Assist in communicating Water Forum goals and objectives and work that is being done to the broader public, and to constituencies and/or communities represented by the individual members.
8. Seek consensus and agreement on proposals and/or recommendations to the RWMG.
9. Assist in identification of short- and long-term future events, trends and conditions that will impact and shape the IRWMP.
10. Coordinate adoption of the Final IRWMP by the elected bodies and endorsement by stakeholder organizations that they represent.

### **Regional Water Management Group**

**Purpose:** To resolve conflicts and make decisions when Water Forum membership cannot attain consensus, and to achieve a unified front for implementing regional water projects, program and policies. The intent is to allow the RWMG to act as the final arbiter of decisions where necessary.

**Membership:** The RWMG shall consist of nine members: Five (5) elected representatives of the Imperial Region land use and water management agencies, one (1) representative for agricultural water users, and one (1) for industrial/business water users, as follows: One (1) member from the IID Board of Directors, one (1) member of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors will be appointed by their respective groups, and three (3) elected City Council members of Cities participating in the Water Forum, two (2) of which must be designated as DACs, will be appointed by consensus of the Cities. IID Water Conservation Advisory Board will select one (1) member to represent agricultural users, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation will select one (1) person to represent industrial/business users; LAFCO will be requested to coordinate selection of one (1) special district (water related) member; community organizations will be requested to coordinate the selection of one (1) community-based or environmental justice member. To take action, RWMG meetings will require a quorum seven of nine (7 of 9) to attend either in person or by teleconference. RWMG members not already participating in the Water Forum will be ex officio members of the Water Forum.

The composition of the RWMG will be revisited by the Water Forum prior to activation.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** The RWMG will:

1. Receive briefings, review Water Forum recommendations and act by consensus or simple majority vote, as follows:
  - Endorse IRWMP Mission, Goals and objectives statement.
  - Resolve conflict when Water Forum members cannot reach consensus, see RWMG Process, below.
  - Endorse water management strategies for inclusion in the IRWMP.
  - Endorse project, program, and policy evaluation and ranking criteria developed by the Water Forum.
  - Endorse funding and long-term management/governance approaches to implement the IRWMP and projects (implementation plan).
  - Endorse Final IRWMP.
2. Coordinate and promote adoption of the final IRWMP by the elected bodies and endorsement by stakeholder organizations.

### **Program Management Team**

**Purpose:** To provide effective and efficient coordination of the IRWMP process and logistical support to the RWMG, Water Forum and Work Groups.

**Membership:** At minimum, the PMT will be comprised of senior staff of IID and Imperial County, at least one senior staff member of one of the Cities, CDWR Regional Representative, Consulting Team Program Manager and Facilitator. PMT membership is presented in Attachment B, which will be updated, as needed.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** The PMT will:

1. Coordinate the activities of the Water Forum and RWMG.
2. Schedule RWMG meetings as necessary to ensure that a quorum will be able to attend.
3. Coordinate additional staff and consulting resources to develop the IRWMP.
4. Direct activities and tasks under the scope of work and integrate interests of public agencies and stakeholder groups.
5. Convene all meetings, prepare meeting materials, and arrange logistics.
6. Set milestones and review progress of work
7. Meet monthly or bi-monthly, as needed, to:
  - Review and develop Water Forum agendas,
  - Review and comment on meeting notes, and
  - Provide direction to consultants.
7. Coordinate Work Group activities.

8. Manage internal and external communications, inform stakeholders and the public of the process for developing the IRWMP; and
9. Ensure that CDWR IRWMP requirements are met.

## **Work Groups**

**Purpose:** Coordinate technical resources, agency staff and stakeholders to address specific issues or assignments and provide recommendations to the Forum.

**Membership and Formation:** Work groups will be formed as a specific action of the PMT or during full Water Forum meetings. When a group is formed, all Water Forum members will be given an opportunity to indicate their willingness to participate. Work group membership will close when the work group begins a specific assignment, and will be reopened if and when the assignment changes. To ensure an acceptable range of perspectives on the work group, specific members or staff may be invited to serve on the group by the Facilitator. Nonmembers may be requested to participate as resource people. All Work Group members shall have an alternate who is briefed and current on the work group assignment.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** Work groups will be given specific tasks with identified work products and schedules for completion. Unless otherwise requested by the PMT or Water Forum, following completion of the tasks, these groups shall disband.

## **Program Operation**

### **Meetings and Meeting Schedules**

The Water Forum and RWMG will meet no more often than once a month for the duration of the planning process to complete the IRWMP. Meetings will vary by geographic location and Water Forum members will be asked to host meetings at an appropriate location. Meetings are open to the public. The Water Forum will hold some meetings as public workshops for the broader public to review and comment on draft documents.

Special meetings and/or workshops will be held as necessary by work groups.

### **Attendance**

Given the volume of information to be considered and the short time frame for completion, regular attendance by each member or designated alternate is essential. Decisions made at Water Forum meetings, up to the initial adoption of the IRWMP, will not be revisited.

## **Ground Rules**

The Water Forum and RWMG will utilize standing ground rules regarding meeting protocol, which they may modify them as appropriate, as follows:

The members agree to:

- Listen and discuss openly issues with others who hold diverse views.
- View disagreements as problems to be solved rather than battles to be won.
- Refrain from ascribing motives or intentions to other participants.
- Respect the integrity and values of other participants.
- Use conversational courtesy - no taunts or derisory comments.
- Keep pagers and mobile phones silent during meetings, and return calls during breaks.
- Appreciate humor but do not engage in humor at the expense of others.
- Honor time.

## **Communication**

1. Meeting announcements, draft agendas and advance materials will be posted on the Imperial IRWMP web site (<http://imperialirwmp.org/>) and sent out at least seven (7) days before each RWMG or Water Forum meeting.
2. Agendas and meeting notes and/or minutes will be prepared for Water Forum, work group and RWMG meetings to document actions, decisions, areas of consensus and areas of disagreement where further discussion is needed.
3. Staff, Consultant Project Manager and Facilitator will make presentations on Water Forum and RWMG process, progress and work products at meetings and conferences, as appropriate. To increase awareness of the IRWMP, Water Forum members are strongly encouraged to arrange presentations about the IRWMP planning effort.
4. The PMT may prepare brochures and public information pieces targeted to laypersons to convey specific messages and to communicate to nontechnical persons the purpose, intent, progress and results of the IWRMP.
5. Outside of the Water Forum and RWMG, members are to speak only for themselves when asked about IRWMP progress unless there has been adoption of concepts or recommendations by the full body.
6. Adopted concepts or recommendations may be released along with statements of the Water Forum or RWMG that are agreed to by the full group. Suggested text for

such statements will be developed by Staff, Consultant Program Manger, and/or Facilitator or may be offered by a group member.

## **Administrative Oversight and Technical Support**

Staff resources and contact information are listed in Attachment B.

### **Roles and Responsibilities: IID will:**

1. Act as contract administrator and fiscal agent for administration of consulting resources.
2. Take Water Forum and RWMG meeting notes for review and approval.
3. Develop publicity and public affairs materials and maintain the Imperial IRWMP website.
4. Serve as a clearinghouse for information.
5. Serve as a stakeholder (one of many voices) during IRWMP meetings.
6. Coordinate production of draft and final work products.
7. Transmit findings and make them available to the public, as appropriate.

### **Roles and Responsibilities: Consultant Program Manager will:**

1. Provide and coordinate technical resources.
2. Coordinate the PMT.
3. Coordinate work groups formed by the PMT and Water Forum.
4. Use Water Forum and RWMG data, information, concerns, proposals and/or recommendations to develop interim work products and the draft and final IRWMP.
5. Develop text, generate work products, and prepare briefing materials and presentations.
6. Coordinate review of stakeholders' comments on draft work products.
7. Support the PMT in reconciling comments.
8. Provide and update project timelines and schedules to help manage assignment deadlines.
9. Prepare and revise, as needed, a work plan and schedule for the overall Water Forum and RWMG process.

### **Roles and Responsibilities: Facilitator, serving as a professional neutral, will:**

1. Manage dialogue in Water Forum and RWMG meetings and oversee the provisions of this charter.
2. Design, implement and refine an effective consensus-seeking process.
3. Encourage full participation, promote mutual understanding and cultivate shared responsibility at Water Forum and RWMG meetings, as necessary.



4. Ensure that all points of view held by Water Forum and RWMG members are heard and that the interests of each member's constituencies are considered.
5. Contribute structure and process to interactions among Water Forum, Water Forum RWMG and PMT members so that they are able to function effectively and make quality decisions.
6. Act as a content neutral party in terms of the outcome of Water Forum and RWMG work products. Options or other pro-active initiatives put forth by the facilitator will represent a best effort to reflect the discussions of the Water Forum and RWMG.
7. Provide assistance to members requesting help with interpersonal communications.
8. Develop, revise and enforce ground rules.

### **Decision-making Process**

When using a collaborative, consensus-seeking approach, a decision-making process is needed for purposes of negotiation and resolving conflicts. The independent agencies that are participating give up none of their powers or authorities and are the ultimate deciders of the direction their respective organizations will take with respect to participation in the IRWMP and to any project, program and/or policy that may be proposed. Nevertheless, Water Forum and RWMG members are expected to strive to reach consensus (agreement among all participants) in all of their decision-making.

Consensus can be defined as a general agreement reached by a group as a whole. In achieving consensus, some members may strongly endorse a particular proposal while others may accept it as workable. Others may be able to live with the proposal. Still others may choose to stand aside by verbally noting a disagreement, yet allowing the group to move forward without them if the decision does not affect them or compromise their interests. Any of these positions constitutes consensus.

#### **Water Forum Process**

1. When consensus is reached, the group's decision will be memorialized through meeting notes, reports, etc. Once made, up to the initial adoption of the IRWMP, Water Forum decisions will not be revisited.
2. Some members may have a fundamental disagreement with key aspects of a given proposal. They may be unwilling either to support or to live with the proposal as it stands. Parties with this opinion must suggest alternatives that move the proposal forward toward accommodating the interests of all.
3. When consensus cannot be reached, a simple majority vote by the Stakeholders is to be used. The facilitator will poll the members and cards for each Stakeholder group will be used during the vote count.

## **RWMG Process**

1. The RWMG is in abeyance until the IRWMP is ready to be adopted.
2. As with the Water Forum, the RWMG is expected to seek consensus among its members; however, if consensus is not forthcoming, the RWMG can poll its members with the position of the majority being accepted.
3. RWMG members will give high priority consideration to Water Forum proposals having significant agreement among Water Forum members.
4. Regarding final recommendations, it is understood that some RWMG members may be unable to make final commitments without the action of the board or other body of the agency or organization they represent. In this case, agreements will be considered tentative pending approval.

## **Development, Endorsement and Adoption of the IRWMP**

1. Sections of the *Draft IID Plan* (September 2009)<sup>3</sup>, which will be circulated to Water Forum members for review and comment, will provide the basis for initiating discussion.
2. If Water Forum review identifies projects, programs and/or policies requiring further discussion, those topics can be referred to a work group whose recommendations will be brought back to the Water Forum.
3. If requested, the PMT will evaluate the need for additional technical or policy review and may authorize preparation of technical memorandums (TMs) or briefings that will be used to inform Water Forum or work group deliberations. TMs or briefings may be prepared by the consulting team or participating agencies' staff.
4. The purpose of TMs is to provide detailed analysis and information for Water Forum, work group or RWMG members to use in making decisions. Water Forum comments and written reviews will be memorialized; however, TMs and briefings will not be edited.
5. With support of the Consultant Program Manager, the PMT will reconcile all written and verbal input and comments generated by the Water Forum. The Consultant

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<sup>3</sup> *Draft IID Integrated Water Resources Management Plan* (September 2009), <http://www.iid.com/Media/IID-IRP-DRAFT-FINAL-09-21-2009.pdf>

Project Manager will incorporate these to compile an administrative draft IRWMP for final review by Water Forum members.

6. The PMT, with support of the Consulting Program Manager, will reconcile written Water Forum comments on the administrative draft IRWMP and complete the Draft IRWMP.
7. Following Water Forum review and endorsement of the Draft IRWMP pursuant to the Charter decision-making process, the Final IRWMP will be forwarded to government agencies represented on the Water Forum for adoption and to all other stakeholders to their respective bodies for endorsement.

### **Amendments to the Charter**

The Water Forum, utilizing the Charter decision-making process described above, may adopt changes to this Charter.

### **Values and Principles**

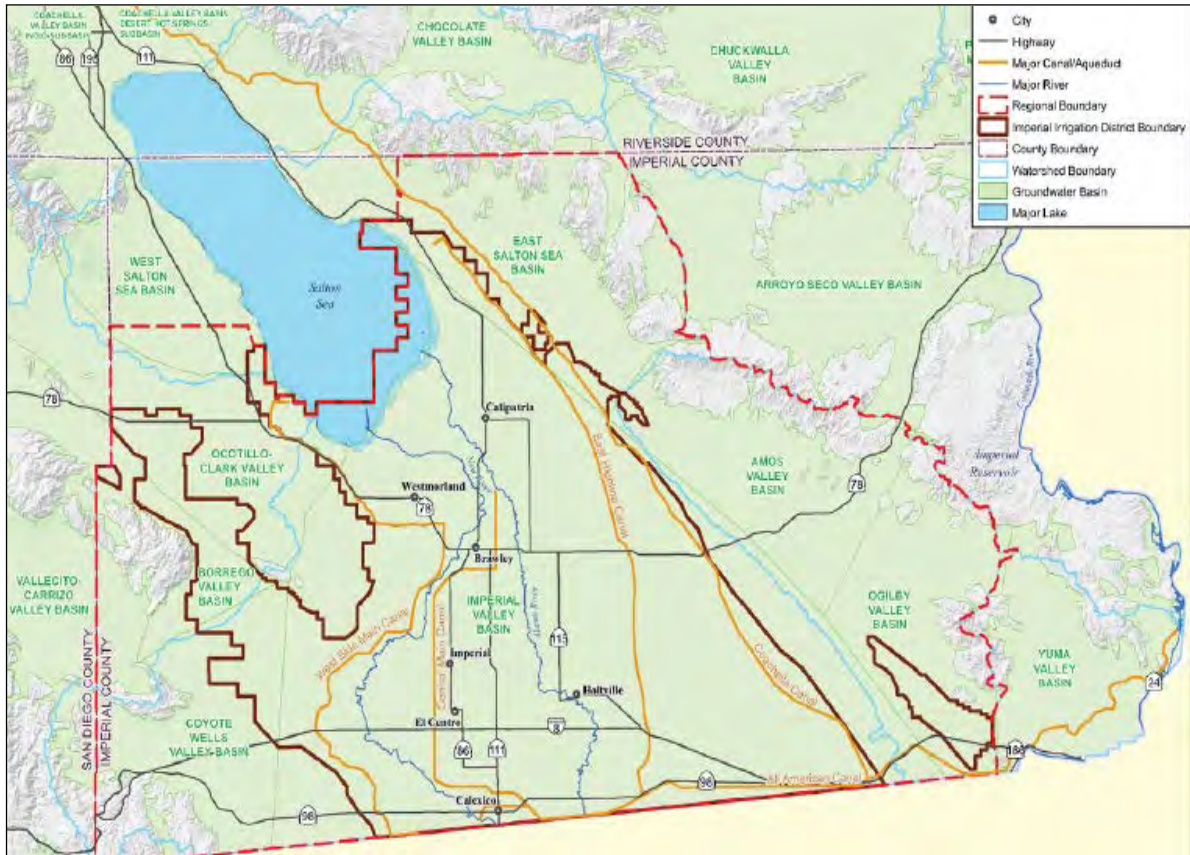
This is a consensus-seeking, collaborative process. Water Forum and RWMG members affirm their commitment to work in good faith with all diverse interests represented on the Water Forum and RWMG. Good faith implies an obligation to regularly attend and participate in meetings and work groups, to strive to understand all perspectives, to engage in dialogue and deliberation, and to earnestly work toward building common ground and consensus with fellow Water Forum and/or RWMG members.

It is understood that all the parties must continue to operate under their organizations' guidelines and timetables. Members and their organizations may have to pursue their interests unilaterally during the IRWM planning process. Participants in the IRWM planning process are not being asked to abandon obligations to their organizations or to give up any rights. Even so, members must agree to work in good faith within the process.

The Imperial IRWMP will not be a legally binding document. Rather, it will be a regional compact with accompanying commitments. Once an agency adopts the IRWMP, that act comes with serious responsibilities to participate in the implementation of the IRWMP. Thus, while, the IRWMP will be a living document that will need to change over time, an agency that adopts the IRWMP agrees to continue building common ground together and agree to resolve differences collaboratively through dialogue, and if necessary, dispute resolution processes.

# ATTACHMENT A

## Imperial Region Map



## ATTACHMENT B

### Water Forum Stakeholder List (Last updated: 07/16/2011)

| Brawley Chamber of Commerce                     |            |   |
|---|------------|---|
| Brown   | Alexis     | Brawley Chamber of Commerce                     |
| Figari  | Katie      | Brawley Chamber of Commerce                     |
| City of Brawley                                 |            |   |
| Arellano  | Yazmin     | City of Brawley                                 |
| Mireles   | Ruben A.   | City of Brawley                                 |
| City of Calexico                                |            |   |
| Romero  | Daniel     | City of Calexico                                |
| Castro  | Luis       | City of Calexico                                |
| Rodriguez                                       | Oscar      | City of Calexico                                |
| Espinoza  | Alejandro  | City of Calexico                                |
| Finley  | Nick       | City of Calexico                                |
| Maturino  | Juan C     | City of Calexico - Utilities Service Dept.      |
| City of El Centro                               |            |   |
| Duran   | Ruben A.   | City of El Centro                               |
| Gay   | John       | City of El Centro                               |
| Hagen   | Terry      | City of El Centro                               |
| Hines   | Randy      | City of El Centro                               |
| City of Holtville                               |            |   |
| Bradshaw  | David      | City of Holtville                               |
| Meyerhoff                                       | Alexander  | City of Holtville                               |
| Brittsan  | Jerry      | City of Holtville                               |
| City of Imperial                                |            |   |
| Best  | Marlene D. | City of Imperial                                |
| Loper   | Jackie     | City of Imperial                                |
| Galvan  | Jorge      | City of Imperial                                |
| Comité Cívico Del Valle Inc. in Brawley         |            |   |
| Hinojosa  | Veronica   | Comité Cívico Del Valle Inc. in Brawley         |
| Olmedo  | Luis       | Comité Cívico Del Valle Inc. in Brawley         |
| County of Imperial                              |            |   |
| Horne   | Andy       | County of Imperial                              |
| Minnick   | Jim        | County of Imperial                              |
| Villa   | Armando    | County of Imperial                              |
| El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau |            |   |
| Du Bois, Jr                                     | Bill       |   |
| Taylor  | Randy      | El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau |
| Alford  | Cherisse   | El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau |
| Niland Sanitary District                        |            |   |
| Godsey  | David      | Golden State Water Company                      |

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|  | Brandy     | Golden State Water Company                                |
| Heber Public Utility District                                  |            |   |
| Jordan   | John       | Heber Public Utility District                             |
| Rodriguez  | Francisco  | Heber Public Utility District                             |
| Imperial County Farm Bureau                                    |            |   |
| Dale   | Linsey     | Imperial County Farm Bureau                               |
| McBroom  | Mark       | Imperial County Farm Bureau                               |
| Imperial Irrigation District                                   |            |   |
| Shields  | Tina       | Imperial Irrigation District Water Department             |
| Divine   | Anisa      | Imperial Irrigation District Water Department             |
| Imperial Irrigation District WCAB                              |            |   |
| Kalin  | Al         | IID Water Conservation Advisory Board                     |
| Cox  | Mike       | IID Water Conservation Advisory Board                     |
| Leimgruber   | Ron        | IID Water Conservation Advisory Board                     |
| Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation               |            |   |
| Kelley   | Timothy E. | Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation          |
| McGrew   | Ed         | Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation          |
| Topuzes  | Thomas     | Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation          |
| Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association                  |            |   |
| Colace   | Andrew     | Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association             |
| La Brucherie   | JP         | Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association             |
| Cox  | Larry      | Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association             |
| Jack   | Alex       | Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association             |
| Price  | Vickie     | Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association             |
| Institute for Socioeconomic Justice                            |            |   |
| Reyes  | Eric       | Institute for Socioeconomic Justice                       |
| Geothermal Energy Stakeholder Group                            |            |   |
| Sullivan   | Bob        | Ormat Nevada Inc.   |
| Wardlow  | Charlene   | Ormat Nevada Inc.   |
| New River Improvement Project                                  |            |   |
| Figuroa  | Miguel     | City of Calexico-New River Committee                      |
| USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge           |            |   |
| Bye  | Denise     | USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge      |
| Anderson   | Tom        | USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge      |
| Gomez  | Daniel     | USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge      |
| Schoneman  | Chris      | USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge      |
| Hernandez  | Diane      | USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge      |
| Sierra Club, California Nevada Regional Conservation Committee |            |   |
| Harmon   | Edith      | California Nevada Regional Conservation Committee (CNRCC) |

**Stakeholders Groups & Interested Parties Solicited to Participate (Last updated: 7/16/2011)**

| Water Forum Facilitator & Imperial IRWMP Program Consultant |               |   |
|---|---------------|---|
| Schafer   | Dale          | Senior Facilitator                                  |
| Williamson  | Mark          | Principal Hydrologist, GEI Consultants, Inc.        |
| BLM El Centro Field Office                                  |               |   |
| Goodro  | Margaret      | Acting Field Manager                                |
| Steward   | Daniel        | Acting Field Manager                                |
| Trouette  | Andrew        | Natural Resource Specialist                         |
| Zale  | Tom           | Project Manager                                     |
| Borrego Water District                                      |               |   |
| Rolwing   | Jerry         | Operations Manager                                  |
|   | Diana         | Admin Asst  |
| Brawley Chamber of Commerce                                 |               |   |
| Brown   | Alexis        | Administrative Secretary                            |
| Figari  | Katie         | CEO   |
| CalEnergy   |               |   |
| Gran  | Mark          |   |
| Vasquez   | Sandra        |   |
| California State Assembly                                   |               |   |
| Duenas  | Tomasa        | Capital Director (briefing Assembly member M.Pérez) |
| Gates   | Aida          | Senior Field Representative                         |
| Terrazas-Baxter   | Rebecca       | Field Representative                                |
| Vargas  | Juan          | Senator   |
| CDFG Eastern Sierra/Inland Deserts Region                   |               |   |
| Nicol   | Kimberly      | Environmental Program Officer                       |
| CDPH Drinking Water Field Operations Branch                 |               |   |
| DiBiase   | Bill          | Sanitary Engineer                                   |
| Sterchi   | Sean          | District Engineer                                   |
| CDWR Integrated Regional Water Management                   |               |   |
| Aljabiry  | Anna          | Research Program Specialist                         |
| Wong  | Jennifer      | Southern Region Staff                               |
| Stuart, PE  | Mark          | Southern Region Chief                               |
| Moniz   | Brian         | IRWM Regional Office Lead                           |
| City of Brawley   |               |   |
| Arellano  | Yazmin        | Public Works Director-City Engineer                 |
| Moore   | Rosanna Bayon | City Manager  |
| Gaste   | Gordon        | Planning Director                                   |
| Kelley  | Ryan          | Pro Tem Mayor                                       |
| Mireles   | Ruben A.      | Operations Division Manager                         |
| Nava  | George        | Mayor   |
| Sullivan  | Steven        | Associate Civil Engineer                            |
| City of Calexico  |               |   |
| Castro  | Luis          | Mayor   |
| Rodriguez   | Oscar G       | City Manager  |

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| Espinoza                                       | Alejandro   | Engineer Technician                    |
| Finley   | Nick        | General Services Director              |
| Maturino                                       | Juan C      | Engineer Technician                    |
| Moreno   | Daniel      | Pro Tem Mayor                          |
| <b>City of Calipatria</b>                      |             |  |
| Beltran  | Fred B.     | Mayor                                  |
| Medina   | Romualdo J. | City Manager & Planning Department     |
| Navarro  | Raul        | Mayor Pro Tem                          |
| <b>City of El Centro</b>                       |             |  |
| Campos   | Abraham     | Associate Engineer                     |
| Duran  | Ruben A.    | City Manager                           |
| Edney  | Jon A.      | City Council Member                    |
| Gay  | John        | Senior Engineering Manager             |
| Hagen  | Terry       | Director of Public Works/City Engineer |
| Hines  | Randy       | Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor |
| Villicaña                                      | Norma       | Planning and Zoning Director           |
| <b>City of Holtville</b>                       |             |  |
| Bradshaw                                       | David       | Council Member                         |
| Brittsan                                       | Jerry       | Mayor                                  |
| Goodsell                                       | Mike        | Pro Tem Mayor                          |
| Ludwig   | Colleen     | Council Member                         |
| Meyerhoff                                      | Alexander   | City Manager                           |
| Snyder   | Glyn        | City Clerk                             |
| <b>City of Imperial</b>                        |             |  |
| Best   | Marlene D.  | City Manager                           |
| Cox  | Doug        | Mayor                                  |
| Grant  | Mark        | Pro Tem Mayor                          |
| Galvan   | Jorge       | Planning Manager                       |
| Loper  | Jackie      | Public Services Director               |
| Valenzuela-Romero                              | Priscilla   | Executive Assistant                    |
| <b>City of Westmorland</b>                     |             |  |
| Barrajas                                       | Ramiro      | Public Works Director                  |
| Graham   | Henry       | Mayor                                  |
| Traylor  | Sally       | City Clerk                             |
| <b>Coachella Valley IRWMP</b>                  |             |  |
| Ruark  | Katie       |  |
| <b>Comité Cívico Del Valle Inc. in Brawley</b> |             |  |
| Hinojosa                                       | Veronica    | Community Health Educator              |
| Olmedo   | Luis        | Executive Director                     |
| <b>County of Imperial</b>                      |             |  |
| Alcantar                                       | Carina      | Administrative Secretary               |
| Brunet   | Bill        | PE, Director of Public Works           |
| Cabanilla                                      | Richard     | Planner IV                             |
| Cordova  | Ralph       | County Executive Officer               |
| Fuentes  | Louis       | Board of Supervisors                   |



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| Horne  | Andy        | Deputy County Executive Officer Natural Resources Development |
| Minnick  | Jim         | Assistant Director  |
| Olague   | Julia       | Secretary - Andy Horne  |
| Santillan  | Jerry       | Assistant County Executive Officer                            |
| Soto   | Rosa        | Office Supervisor   |
| Valenzuela   | Patricia    | Planner 3   |
| Villa  | Armando     | Planning and Development Service Director                     |
| Wyatt  | Gary        | Board of Supervisors  |
| <b>Desert Wildlife Unlimited, Inc.</b>                     |             |   |
| Wuytens  | Norman      | Vice President  |
| <b>El Centro Chamber of Commerce &amp; Visitors Bureau</b> |             |   |
| Du Bois, Jr  | Bill        | Grower  |
| Kennerson  | Cathy       | Chief Executive Officer                                       |
| <b>EnergySource</b>  |             |   |
| Grogan   | Larry       | Sr. Vice President Project Development                        |
| Turner   | James T.    | Sr. Vice President  |
| <b>Golden State Water Company</b>                          |             |   |
| Godsey   | David       | Local Operations Superintendent                               |
|  | Brandy      |   |
| <b>Heber Public Utility District</b>                       |             |   |
| Jordan   | John        | General Manager   |
| Rodriguez  | Francisco   | Lead Operator   |
| <b>Imperial County Farm Bureau</b>                         |             |   |
| Dale   | Linsey      | Executive Director  |
| McBroom  | Mark        | President   |
| Osterkamp  | Mark        | Executive Committee   |
| <b>Imperial Irrigation District</b>                        |             |   |
| Aghjayan   | Ed          | Assistant General Manager, Energy Department                  |
| Ashurst  | Autumn      | Assistant Engineer  |
| Biagi  | Krystella   | Water Operations Analyst, I                                   |
| Brooke   | Vincent     | Assistant to the Water Manager                                |
| Dessert  | Matt        | Board of Directors  |
| Divine   | Anisa       | Senior Planner  |
| Goodsell   | Jennifer    | Government Affairs Specialist                                 |
| Hanks  | James C.    | Board of Directors  |
| Kelley   | Kevin       | General Manager   |
| Menvielle  | John Pierre | Board of Directors  |
| Ortega   | Antonio     | Government Affairs Specialist                                 |
| Rivera   | Gloria      | Chief Administrative Assistant - Secretary to IID Board       |
| Shields  | Tina        | Water Department, Colorado River & QSA Issues                 |
| Stills   | Carl        | Assistant Manager Geothermal Development                      |
| Swarthout  | Patrick     | Government Affairs Officer                                    |
| <b>Imperial Irrigation District WCAB</b>                   |             |   |
| Cox  | Mike        | WCAB Board Member - Division 3 (JC Hanks)                     |
| Kalin  | Al          | WCAB Chairman   |

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| Strahm   | Ralph      | Past Chairman                       |
| <b>Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation</b>  |            |                                     |
| Brown  | Alexis     |                                     |
| Kelley   | Timothy E. | President, CEO                      |
| McGrew   | Ed         |                                     |
| Topuzes  | Thomas     | Immediate Past Chair                |
| <b>Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association</b>   |            |                                     |
| Colace   | Andrew     | 2nd Vice President                  |
| Cox  | Larry      | President                           |
| Jack   | Alex       | Past President                      |
| Moiola   | Ayron      | Executive Director                  |
| Price  | Vickie     | Secretary-Mr. Cox                   |
| <b>Institute for Socioeconomic Justice</b>   |            |                                     |
| Reyes  | Eric       | Executive Director                  |
| <b>LAFCO - Local Agency Formation Commission</b>   |            |                                     |
| Heuberger  | Jurg       | Executive Officer                   |
| <b>Ormat Nevada Inc.</b>   |            |                                     |
| Band   | David      | Water Project Engineer              |
| Sullivan   | Bob        | Project Manager for North Brawley   |
| Wardlow  | Charlene   | Director Business Development       |
| <b>RWQCB Colorado River Basin Region</b>   |            |                                     |
| Angel  | Jose       | Assistant Executive Officer         |
| Perdue   | Robert     | Executive Officer                   |
| Wylie  | Doug       | Environmental Scientist             |
| <b>Scripps Institution of Oceanography</b>   |            |                                     |
| Carroll  | Meg        | Assistant Development Engineer      |
| Mendola  | Dominick   | Senior Development Engineer         |
| <b>SDG&amp;E - Sunrise &amp; RER center</b>  |            |                                     |
| Arballo  | Eusebio    | Public Affairs Specialist           |
| <b>Seeley County Water District</b>  |            |                                     |
| Valdez   | John       | Supervisor                          |
| <b>Sierra Club, California Nevada Regional Conservation Committee</b>                              |            |                                     |
| Harmon   | Edith      | Sierra Club                         |
| <b>The Holt Group -Planning &amp; Engineering Services, for City of Calipatria &amp; Holtville</b> |            |                                     |
| Arce   | Justina    | Senior Planner                      |
| Magana   | Blanca     | Community Programs Manager          |
| Mendoza  | Virginia   | Consultant Planner                  |
| <b>Terra-Gen Power, LLC</b>  |            |                                     |
| Signorotti   | Vincent    | Vice President, Land Management     |
| <b>UC Cooperative Extension Imperial County</b>  |            |                                     |
| Bali, Ph.D.  | Khaled M.  | Irrigation/Water Management Advisor |
| Boutwell   | Brent      | Staff Research Associate            |
| <b>USBR Lower Colorado River Region, Yuma Area Office</b>  |            |                                     |
| McCloskey  | Jennifer   | Area Manager                        |
| Ramirez  | Maria      | Assistant Area Manager              |

| USDA-NRCS  |             |   |
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| Gillespie  | Cydean      | District Conservationist  |
| Herrere  | Jose        |   |
| Lee  | Jae         | Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations                |
| USFWS Carlsbad Office                                |             |   |
| Roberts  | Carol A.    | Division Chief/Salton Sea Coordinator                               |
| USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge |             |   |
| Bye  | Denise      | Administrative Asst.  |
| Anderson   | Tom         | Wildlife Biologist  |
| Gomez  | Daniel      | Deputy Project Leader   |
| Schoneman  | Chris       | Project Leader  |
| Hernandez  | Diane       |   |
| USG & Sea to Sea                                     |             |   |
| Jennings   | Gary        | VP Marketing & Business Development                                 |
| Johnson  | Dan         | President   |
| Other Interested Parties                             |             |   |
| Dessert  | Derek       | DD & E  |
| Gonzalez   | Maria       | DD & E  |
| Dion Stratman  | Heather     | Townsend Public Affairs   |
| McIntyre   | David       | Ecology & Environment   |
| Pentney  | Sandra      | Ecology & Environment   |
| Zuppiger   | Kim         | Ecology & Environment   |
| Sephton  | Tom         | Sephton Water Technology  |
| Simon  | Darren      | San Diego County Water Authority                                    |
| Williams   | Rodney      | Powder River Agri-Organic LLC                                       |
| Brock  | Jim         | Grower  |
| Thomas   | William     | Ram Power, Inc  |
| Cancino  | Juan Carlos | California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.                             |
| Carlberg   | Jim         | Kent Bio Energy Corporation   |
| Cooke  | David       | AEI-CASC Consulting   |
| Gordon   | Martin      | Carbon Capture  |
| Gilbert  | Larry       | Grower  |
| Hale   | Ed          |   |
| Hargreaves   | Bob         | BBK   |
| Herdes   | Bobbi       | Recon Environmental   |
| Hernandez  | John        | Retired   |
| Johnson  | Albert      | CET   |
| Jurkevics  | Lauma       | State of California-Dept. of Water Resources Div. of IRWM-S. Region |
| Kagele   | William     | LLS Navy  |
| Kent   | Ron         | Sempra Utilities  |
| Kirkpatrick  | Melissa     | Biocom  |
| Kraft  | Karl        | RCAC  |
| Lesicka  | Leon M.     | Citizens Congressional Task Force - New River                       |
| Nicol  | Kimberly    |   |
| Ochoa  | Nicole      | Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies             |

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| Perez    | Vivian  | Community Care Alliance                        |
| Reagles  | Rosa    | Salton Community Services                      |
| Santoyo  | Mario   | Latino Water                                   |
| Sharman  | Lane    | Solana Energy Borrego Water Exchange           |
| Smith    | Kevin   | Green Tech Institute Town Center Carson Energy |
| Turney   | Jim     | JCTurney Law                                   |
| Wilson   | Paul E. | Nevada Geothermal                              |
| Zabrocki | Patrick | Chambers Group, Inc.                           |

**RWMG Membership List (Not Activated)**

| <b><i>RWMG Membership List</i></b> |              |   |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| <b>Name</b>                        | <b>Title</b> | <b>Organization</b>                                 |
|                                    | Supervisor   | Imperial County                                     |
|                                    | Board Member | Imperial Irrigation District                        |
|                                    |              | City 1  |
|                                    |              | City 2  |
|                                    |              | City 3  |
|                                    |              | IID Water Conservation Advisory Board               |
|                                    |              | Imperial Valley Economic Development Corp.          |
|                                    |              | Imperial Region Special District (water-related)    |
|                                    |              | Community-based/ Environmental Justice Organization |

**Program Management Team Membership List**

| <b><i>PMT Membership List</i></b> |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Andy Horne, Imperial County       | Tina Shields, IID |
| Marlene Best, City of Imperial    | Anisa Divine, IID |
| Mark Williamson, GEI              | Dale Schafer, CCP |

**Staff and Support Team Resources: IID, Imperial County, and the Cities (Co-leaders)**

**IID**

- Lead/Program Coordinator - Tina Shields, P.E., Assistant Manger Water Department
- Coordinator/Support - Anisa Divine, Ph.D., Senior Planner Water Department
- Communications - Jennifer Goodsell, Government Affairs Specialist
- Logistics - Krystella Biagi, Water Operations Analyst

### **Imperial County**

- Lead/Program Coordinator - Andy Horne, Deputy County Executive Officer Natural Resources Development

### **The Cities**

- City of Imperial - Marlene Best, City Manager

### **Support Team**

- Consultant Program Manager – Mark Williamson, GEI Inc.
- Facilitator - Dale Schafer, CSU Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy

### **CDWR**

- Anna Aljabiry - Research Program Specialist

## **ATTACHMENT C**

### **Water Forum and RWMG Ground Rules**

Water Forum and RWMG Members agree to:

- Listen and openly discuss issues with others who hold diverse views
- View disagreements as problems to be solved rather than battles to be won
- Not engage in stereotyping and personal attacks on other participants
- Not ascribe motives or intentions of other participants
- Respect the integrity and values of other participants
- Keep commitments once made

Several specific rules apply during meetings: The RWMG and Forum agrees to:

- Honor time
- Use conversational courtesy
- Follow 25-mile rule  
This ground rule refers to pagers and phones. Electronic devices should be in the silent or off mode. If an individual receives a call, the call should be taken ONLY IF the caller would have driven 25 miles to deliver the message in person. In other words, phone business that causes you to leave the room should be urgent. If calls are not urgent, you are asked to wait for breaks or meals to return calls.
- Appreciate humor but not engage in humor at the expense of others.

### **Open Process**

- Meetings of the Water Forum and RWMG will be open to the public. Agendas will be sent out in advance of the meetings and posted on the Imperial IRWMP (<http://imperialirwmp.org/>) and on the CDWR Water Use Efficiency web site, <http://www.wateruseefficiency/sb7>.

- At each meeting, the public will be given an opportunity to comment. This will be a facilitated process and occur at specified times on the agenda.
- Members of the public are expected to adhere to the same ground rules as Water Forum and RWMG members.

### List of Acronyms

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| CAO        | Chief Administrative Officer               |
| CDHP       | California Department of Health            |
| CDWR       | California Department of Water Resources   |
| CSU        | California State University                |
| DACs       | Disadvantaged communities                  |
| GEI Inc.   | Geotechnical Engineers, Inc.               |
| IID        | Imperial Irrigation District               |
| IRWM       | Integrated Regional Water Management       |
| IRWMP      | Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  |
| NRCS       | Natural Resources Conservation Service     |
| PMT        | Program Management Team                    |
| RAP        | Region Acceptance Process                  |
| RWMG       | Regional Water Management Group            |
| the Cities | Incorporated cities in the Imperial Region |
| TMs        | Technical memorandums                      |
| USBLM      | United States Bureau of Land Management    |
| USBR       | United States Bureau of Reclamation        |
| USDA       | United States Department of Agriculture    |
| USEPA      | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency       |
| USFWS      | United States Fish and Wildlife Service    |