



## **Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Roles & Responsibilities**

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The Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) was originally formed in December 2006 to assist the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) in the completion of the IRWM Plan and in the prioritization of projects for Proposition 50. Many of these work items have been completed, as demonstrated by Proposition 50 Chapter 8 implementation grant success.

The following table provides an overview of RAC roles and responsibilities that shall guide the IRWM program moving forward. The RAC shall continue to serve as an advisory body in reviewing and providing recommendations on work items completed by RWMG staff and consultants.

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### **1. Provide Recommendations to RWMG on key elements needed to develop a Draft IRWM Plan**

- Provide recommendations to RWMG on Mission Statement for IRWM planning effort;
- Develop process/criteria for project prioritization; and
- Propose options for a long-term institutional structure for Plan implementation.

### **2. Assist with ongoing Public Participation in the IRWM Program**

- Establish subcommittee to assist in receiving public input;
- Liaise with other entities for areas of represented expertise;
- Encourage outreach/educational activities to promote the IRWM program within agencies and constituencies (i.e., website recognition, events); and
- Assist in outreach to disadvantaged communities (DACs).

### **3. Assist in Preparation and Submittal of Final IRWM Plan (2007)**

- Provide recommendations on all sections of Draft IRWM Plan;
- Assist in the development of Resolutions of Support;
- Encourage public participation; and
- Provide RAC recommendation to RWMG policymakers on IRWM Plan adoption.

### **4. Review and Provide Recommendations on Proposition 50, Cycle 2 Grant Application**

- Assist in coordinating and consolidating implementation projects;
- Apply criteria to develop recommended implementation projects; and
- Provide RAC recommendation to RWMG policymakers on grant application.

### **5. Assist RWMG with Transition to Long-term Institutional Structure**

- Recommend a preferred long-term structure;
- Encourage public participation in long-term structure; and
- Provide RAC recommendation to RWMG policymakers on long-term institutional structure.

**6. Provide Recommendations on Regional Data Collection and Management**

- Review and recommend a program(s) to manage and oversee regional data collection and management efforts to monitor plan implementation;
- Assist in developing a process for assessing plan effectiveness (i.e., implementation of projects under Prop 50 Grant contract); and
- Provide RAC recommendation to RWMG policymakers on assessing plan effectiveness.

**7. Review and Provide Recommendations on Prop 84/1E Grant Application(s)**

- Assist in coordinating and consolidating information for Prop 84/1E planning and implementation grant application(s); and
- Provide RAC recommendation to RWMG policymakers on grant application(s).

**8. Coordinate with Adjacent Planning Regions**

- Assist in coordinating with adjacent planning regions (Upper Santa Margarita Watershed IRWMP and South Orange County IRWMP); and
- Review and recommend on a process for selecting cross-regional projects with adjacent planning regions.

**9. Provide Recommendations to RWMG on elements for IRWM Plan Update (2010)**

- Review, recommend, and promote a unifying vision that reflects the water resources needs for the San Diego region;
- Provide recommendations on objectives and regional priorities for IRWM Update planning effort;
- Assist in coordinating integration of the Region's water management projects; and
- Review and recommend on a process/criteria for Prop 84 project prioritization.

**10. Assist in Preparation and Submittal of IRWM Plan Update**

- Review and provide recommendations on all sections of Draft IRWM Plan Update;
- Assist in the development of Resolutions of Support;
- Encourage public participation; and
- Provide RAC recommendation to RWMG policymakers on IRWM Plan Update adoption.