

RESOLUTION 588

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE 2020 UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED INTEGRATED
REGIONAL URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District and other water managers in the upper Santa Ana River watershed (Region) have long recognized the importance of regional collaboration and integration of single purpose efforts and regularly work across jurisdictional boundaries to implement regional multi-benefit projects and programs that address multiple water resource management issues, including local and imported water supplies, recycled water, stormwater management, groundwater management, water use efficiency, habitat and open space management, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the State lawmakers created the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act (IRWM Act) in 2002 to encourage integrated, regional strategies for managing water resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, 16 agencies in the upper Santa Ana River watershed decided to develop the region's first IRWM Plan (IRWMP) to collaborate on regional water management issues; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed IRWMP was completed in 2007 and updated in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District participated in the development of the 2007 and 2015 IRWMPs and adopted the 2007 and 2015 IRWMPs; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP established an update schedule of every five years and is due to be updated; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has established Program Guidelines for the IRWM Program, which were most recently updated in 2016 (2016 IRWM Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, some agencies in the Region are urban water suppliers as defined in the California Urban Water Management Planning Act (UWMP Act) and developed a cooperative regional UWMP and in 2010 and 2015, the San Bernardino Valley Regional UWMP (RUWMP) to collectively meet the requirements of the UWMP Act; and

WHEREAS, both the IRWMP and RUWMP are both due to be updated; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District and nineteen other water suppliers and water management organizations in the upper Santa Ana River watershed decided to combine the IRWMP and the RUWMP into a single comprehensive planning document known as the 2020 Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Integrated Regional Urban Water Management Plan (IRUWMP) which is the first of its kind in California; and

WHEREAS, valuable synergies are realized by combining these two documents into one, including reduced preparation costs, a single integrated dataset, a consolidated reference document, enhanced collaboration, and more robust integrated planning and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 IRUWMP document is organized into four parts: Part 1 – Regional Context, Part 2 – Individual Agency UWMPs, Part 3 – Regional Supporting Information and Part 4 – UWMP Agency Supporting Information; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the 2020 IRUWMP, the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District has participated in preparation of those portions of the IRUWMP applicable to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District to meet the requirements of the IRWM Act which include Part 1- Regional Context and Part 3 – Regional Supporting Information; and

WHEREAS, Part 2 and Part 4 of the 2020 IRUWMP are not applicable to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to adopt Part 1- Regional Context and Part 3 – Regional Supporting Information of the 2020 IRUWMP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT hereby adopts Part 1- Regional Context and Part 3 – Regional Supporting Information of the 2020 IRUWMP.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 9th day of June 2021.

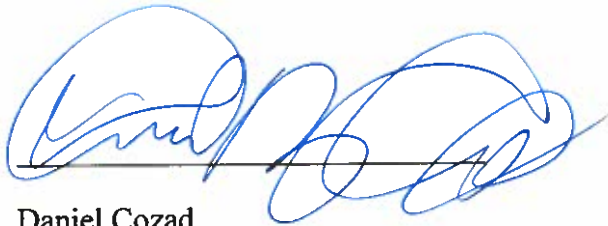


Melody McDonald
Board President



Date

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution 588 adopted by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT at its regular meeting held on June 9, 2021.



Daniel Cozad
General Manager