

# Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator Update

March 31, 2016



# DRAFT Floodplain Management and Natural River Processes Campaign

- Agriculture and open space are resources
  - Community Rating System: County of Ventura, Fillmore, Oxnard, Santa Clarita, LA County
  - The Nature Conservancy floodplain easement program
- Stormwater is a resource
  - Stormwater Management Plans
  - Enhanced Watershed Management Plans
  - Increase infiltration where appropriate
- Programs and Practices
  - Giant reed removal
  - Zoning, permitting, and development requirements
  - Bacteria TMDL implementation plan



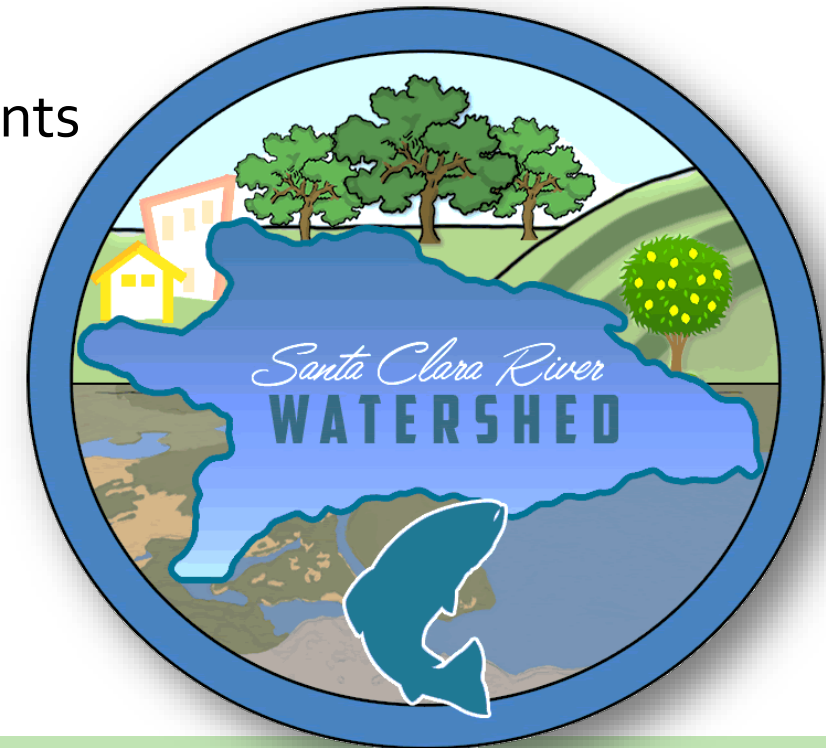
# Upper Santa Clara River Watershed Update

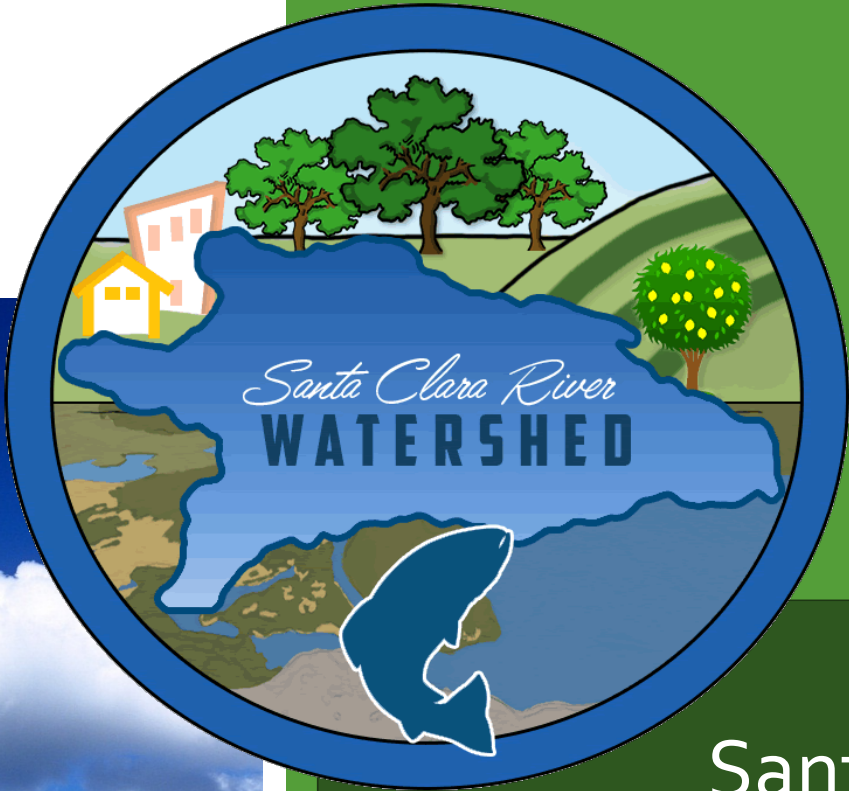
- Upper SCR Stakeholder Meeting March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Recycled Water Master Plan for the Santa Clarita Valley - NOP available  
Increase use of recycled water
- Urban Water Management Plan - Public hearing April 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm CLWA
  - Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA)
  - CLWA Santa Clarita Water Division
  - Newhall County Water District (NCWD)
  - Valencia Water Company
- Water Governance Public Workshop #2  
CLWA and NCWD  
Monday April 4, 2016 6:30pm Santa Clarita City Hall  
[yourscvwater.com](http://yourscvwater.com)
- SCVSD Final Supplemental EIR – Trucking of Brine



# Santa Clara River Watershed Update

- IRWM Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Funding
  - Funding Area (\$9.8 million)
  - Outreach and engagement
- Funding
  - Prop 1 and BoR
- Agricultural Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements
  - LARWQCB Meeting
  - April 14<sup>th</sup> Simi Valley Council Chambers
- Groundwater Sustainability
  - Draft Regulations
  - Basin boundary Modifications
- WCVC Climate Resilience Workshop – April 28<sup>th</sup>





# Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator 2016-17 Work Plan

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# Santa Clara River Watershed Program Overview:

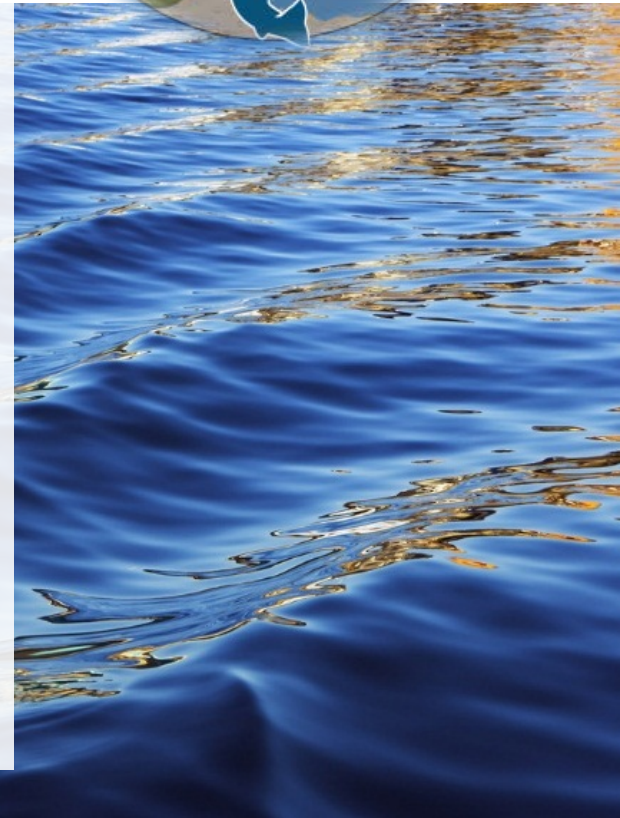


*There are many entities and individuals working within the Watershed to enhance and protect its valuable resources. Continued coordination is critical to assure the success and effectiveness of these efforts. It is essential to make the best use of limited local funding to develop cost-effective solutions and minimize duplication of effort. Water bonds have provided significant revenue to local agencies to help pay for infrastructure, habitat restoration, water quality improvements and recreational enhancements. The IRWM groups in the Santa Clara River Watershed determined that centralized, ongoing coordination through a watershed coordinator, would help assure the ongoing protection of the Watershed and help assure sustainable support and funding.*

# Watershed Coordinator 5-Year Plan:



*Both the Upper and the Lower Santa Clara River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) groups have been extremely successful in development of IRWM Plans and securing funding for critical projects and programs in the watershed. Integration of the IRWM framework into General Plans, Specific Plans, Groundwater Sustainability Plans, Urban Water Management Plans, Stormwater Management Plans, Recycled Water Master Plans, etc. is critical to successful funding and implementation of programs and projects in the watershed. Integration of IRWM in future planning over the next five years will involve four critical elements: (1) Stakeholder outreach and engagement, (2) Technical review and planning, (3) Sustainable funding, and (4) Coordination.*



# Watershed Coordinator Work Plan Elements





# Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement

- **Expand participation in existing Santa Clara River Watershed Committees:** Engage a broader group of stakeholders in planning and implementation activities.
- **Prepare for and attend watershed committee meetings:** Prepare agenda; arrange for speakers; coordinate with co-chairs.
- **Conduct broad ongoing outreach and communication with the public:** Maintain centralized watershed website and email distribution list to inform and engage the public in protection of resources in the Watershed.
- **Coordinate with Upper Santa Clara River stakeholders:** Meet with representatives; increase stakeholder participation in Upper watershed meetings.



# Technical Review and Planning

- **Affirm or facilitate a summary of existing studies and projects in the watershed:** Review existing documents and studies, review projects, and report back to the watershed groups.
- **Prepare summary overview on the condition of natural resources in the watershed:** Develop campaigns that capture priority programs and projects in the watershed.
- **Affirm existing goals, objectives, and performance measures for the Watershed.**
- **Identify opportunities for enhanced coordination of existing efforts in the Watershed.** Facilitate planning and funding of integrated regional water management projects with different stakeholder groups.



# Sustainable Funding

- **Identify sustainable sources of funding for ongoing coordination and for programs and projects in the Watershed:** Review grant applications, prepare letters of support, prepare grant applications, and communicate with funding entities about priority projects in the watershed.
- **Inform local stakeholders about funding sources for projects in the Watershed:** Communicate information about funding opportunities to the watershed groups and individual project leads as they become available.



# Coordination

- **Coordinate with IRWM Program staff:** Meet and confer with WCVC and Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Group staff, attend WCVC Steering Committee meetings and Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Group.
- **Coordinate with state and Federal agencies (i.e. DWR, RWQCB, SWRCB, Fish and Wildlife) and other stakeholders:** Coordinate agency priorities with watershed priorities and identify opportunities for funding and collaboration.



# Funding Partner Contributions



	2015-16 FUNDING COMMITMENT	2016-17 FUNDING REQUEST
<b>UPPER WATERSHED CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Newhall County Water District	1,000	1,000
Castaic Lake Water Agency	10,000	10,000
City of Santa Clarita	0	2,000
<b>Total Upper Watershed</b>		<b>13,000</b>
<b>LOWER WATERSHED CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency	1,500	1,500
Ventura Water	8,000	8,000
United Water Conservation District	11,000	11,000
Ventura County Waterworks District #16 - Piru	1,500	1,500
Ventura County Watershed Protection District	5,000	5,000
Ventura County Farm Bureau	1,500	1,500
Limoneira Ranch	3,000	3,000
The Nature Conservancy	1,000	2,000
Friends of Santa Clara River	1,000	1,000
City of Oxnard	11,000	11,000
City of Santa Paula	0	5,000
<b>Total Lower Watershed</b>		<b>50,500</b>
<b>Total Watershed Coordination Budget</b>		<b>62,500</b>