

Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) Steering Committee Information

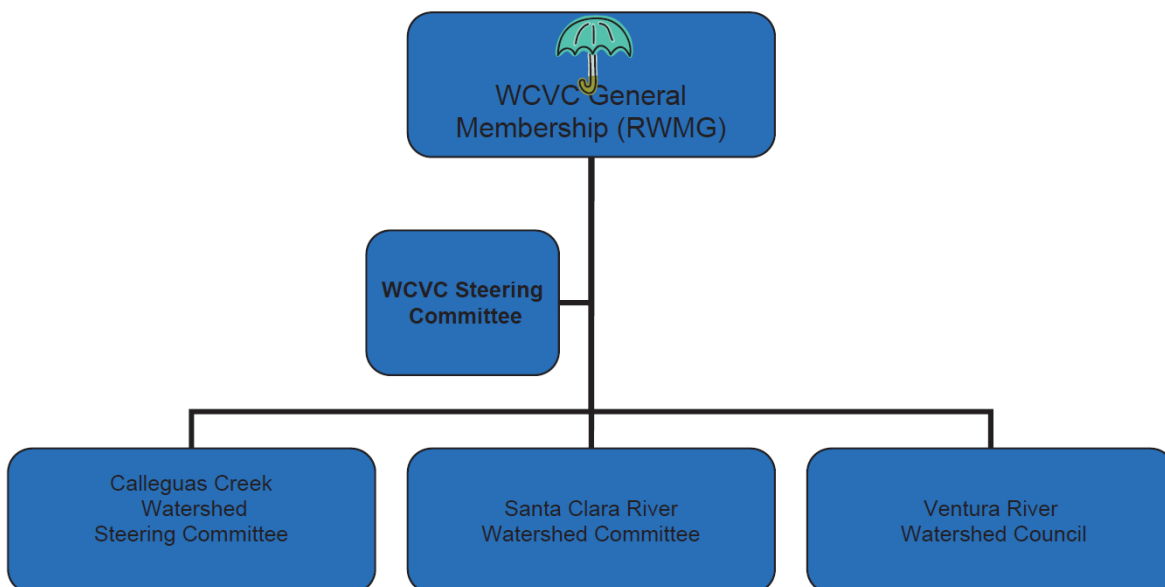
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The Regional Water Management Group for the IRWM Region is the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC). The WCVC, formed in 2006, is comprised of most of the entities in the Region which have statutory authority over water management as well as many other entities with direct responsibility for water, wastewater, or resource management. It is a large, inclusive group, and decisions are made by consensus. The WCVC IRWM Region was formally accepted by DWR in 2009 as part of the Proposition 84 Region Acceptance Process.

The WCVC has 5 committees (general membership, the steering committee and three watershed committees), which are engaged in a variety of local planning efforts including development of the updated Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), implementation of integrated projects identified in the IRWMP and development of future plans and project ideas (for Proposition 84 and other sources of funding) to address the goals in the WCVC IRWM Plan. WCVC general membership and steering committee meet two to six times per year, while the individual watershed committees meet eight to twelve times per year depending on the need.

Steering Committee: Established in 2009, the Steering Committee is the leadership group for the WCVC and is comprised of two appointed representatives from each of the three watershed committees and the Program Director, for a total of seven members. The IRWM Project Manager provides coordination and support. The Program Director chairs the meetings but does not vote.

Steering Committee members represent the interest of their individual watersheds and integrate those interests into the broader regional plan. They also act as a conduit to keep the stakeholders of their respective watersheds informed of actions taken at the regional level. The Steering Committee provides programmatic and fiscal oversight to the ongoing IRWMP process and directs both the work plan and cost allocations for the twenty-one agencies providing financial support for the regional effort.



Steering Committee Responsibilities: The Steering Committee consists of two representatives from each watershed and the Program Director. The Program Director is not a voting member. All WVCV stakeholders will be notified of Steering Committee meetings, are open to the public. The Steering Committee shall have the following responsibilities.

1. Obtain feedback and information from the Watershed Committees.
2. Serve as an information conduit between Program Director and the Watershed Committees.
3. Provide financial oversight for the IRWM Program.
4. Review IRWM Plan updates and provide feedback to WVCV General Membership for ratification.
5. Set and evaluate criteria for grant project ranking or selection for specific grant programs.
6. Review grant opportunities as recommended by the Watershed Committees and WVCV Program Director.
7. Review Watershed Committees' input for specific grant applications.
8. Develop recommendations for WVCV General Membership ratification for IRWM projects to be included in a WVCV grant application.

The Steering Committee meets approximately four to six times per year to address issues that pertain to the entire Region and discuss policy issues, project selection, grant application and management, and amendments to the IRWM Plan. The Steering Committee receives input from the three watershed committees, and when regional action is needed, makes recommendations to the General Membership for final action. Administrative support to the Steering Committee is provided by the WVCV Chair and the IRWM Project Manager.