

Significant Changes to the Final Draft IRWM Plan

Mojave Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

The following is a summary of the changes included in the June 16, 2014 Final Mojave IRWM Plan based on the comments received on the Public Review Draft IRWM Plan that was posted for review starting on May 12, 2014.

Section 1

- Figure 1-2: Modified to include Mojave Basin Subareas
- Figure 1-4: Updated to include “Other Experts” along with “Participating Staff”, under the Project Team
- Figure 1-5: Modified to replace the CC with the Project Team in the figure
- Section 1.1.2: Text was updated to include the Lucerne Valley area in the Este Subarea
- Section 1.1.4.1: Text was updated on the formation of MWA
- Section 1.1.4.4: The description of the Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District was updated, particularly the geographic description
- Section 1.2.2.2, Table 1-1: Additional (13) municipal water purveyors from the expansion areas were included, which were not previously listed
- Section 1.2.2.5 and 1.2.3.3: Completed the two Tribal subsections

Section 2

- Figure 2-1: Legend corrected
- Section 2.3: Added text discussing the Desert Groundwater Management Ordinance
- Section 2.5.2: Added text that states federal institutions, particularly military ones, cannot be compelled to participate in State planning efforts such as this IRWM Plan: they are exempt
- Section 2.5.4.1: Text was added about developments in agriculture in the Region
- Section 2.5.4.5: Completed the Tribal subsection
- Section 2.6.1 and 2.6.2: Text was updated to include the Lucerne Valley area in the Este Subarea
- Section 2.8.2: Text on recharge facilities in the Region was updated

Section 3

- New Figure 3-3: Mojave Region Regional Board Boundaries was inserted and therefore existing figures 3-3 to 3-9 were renumbered as 3-4 to 3-10
- Table 3-7: Updated with 2 additional projects: the Warren Basin Recharge Pond No.3 and the Joshua Basin Recharge
- Section 3.2.3.1: Clarifying text was added about the Morongo water supply agreements

- Section 3.2.2.3: Text was added regarding water consumptive use estimates, which may be used in future regional water budget calculations
- Section 3.2.3.2: Text was updated on water supply agreements in the Morongo Area, based on current activity
- Table 3-12: Added Holcomb Creek to the 2010 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies in the Mojave River Watershed and added Silverwood Lake, Lake Arrowhead and Lake Gregory per Lahontan RWQCB June 2014 meeting
- Section 3.4.3.2: Expanded discussion on RWQCB's beneficial uses
- Section 3.4.3.2.2: Changed the term "degraded" in the PG&E Hinkley discussion to say "polluted"
- Section 3.4.3.2.2: Added a discussion on the contribution of agriculture and dairies to the salt and nutrients in the groundwater

Section 4

- Section 4.2.2.2: Text was added on the San Bernardino Countywide Vision Water Element
- Section 4.2.10: Text was added on coordination within the Lahontan Funding Region

Section 5

- Section 5.1: A table was inserted (Table 5-2) which shows the relation between Resource Management Strategies (y-axis) and IRWM Plan Objectives (x-axis)
- Section 5.2.2.4: Clarification was added on potential use of water transfers in the Region
- Section 5.2.3.6: Clarification was made concerning the Mojave River Dam

Section 6

- Section 6.1.2: Text was updated to state that the list of project is intended to be updated every other year, rather than once per year
- Table 6-3. High-Importance/High-Urgency Projects: Project number 57 was included in the table

Section 7

- Section 7.2.1: Text was edited under "Improve Operational Efficiency", with respect to Project No. 60R
- Section 7.2.2: Updated the Plan Beneficiaries to discuss tribal communities

Section 8

- Section 8.2: The MWA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was clarified to be "an independent group of volunteers from throughout the Mojave Region who meet regularly to discuss water management challenges and opportunities and make recommendations to the Mojave Water Agency"
- Sections 8.2.4 and 8.2.5: Text was updated to remove statements that the Project Team facilitated meetings and prepared materials related to the CC
- Section 8.3.2.1: Text on the RWMG was edited
- Figure 8-1: Updated to include "Other Experts" along with "Participating Staff", in the IST

Section 9

- The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant was included in Section 9.3

Section 10

- Section 10.3.4 Validation and QA/QC Measures: Text was added and modified to describe publication and review of data from the Region
- Table 10-6: Text was added on the frequency of plan performance evaluation to clarify that although progress will be evaluated annually, some objectives are measured every 5 years
- Section 10.4.2: Text was added on “Management actions involving conservation, storage agreements, and water transfers/water banking”
- Table 10-7: Dates supply is available were updated/corrected as needed for projects listed, and Deep Creek Recharge project was added to the table

Section 11

- Section 11.4.2: Descriptive examples of collaboration efforts relating to water and land use planning were inserted
- Section 11.5.1.5: Revised and added to list of mechanisms to ensure consistency between IRWM Plan projects and other plans
- Section 11.6.1: Revised estimated DAC percentage in Region from “more than half” to “approximately 80 percent”
- Section 11.6.2: The Environmental Justice text was edited per comments

Section 12

- Water supply numbers were updated and/or corrected as needed