



The map displays the Upper Santa Margarita Watershed boundary in Southern California. Key features include several reservoirs such as Lake Hemet, Diamond Valley Reservoir, Skinner Reservoir, and Lone Pine Reservoir. It also shows major roads like Highway 74 and Highway 215, and various creeks and lakes within the watershed area.

Upper Santa Margarita Watershed IRWM Planning Region

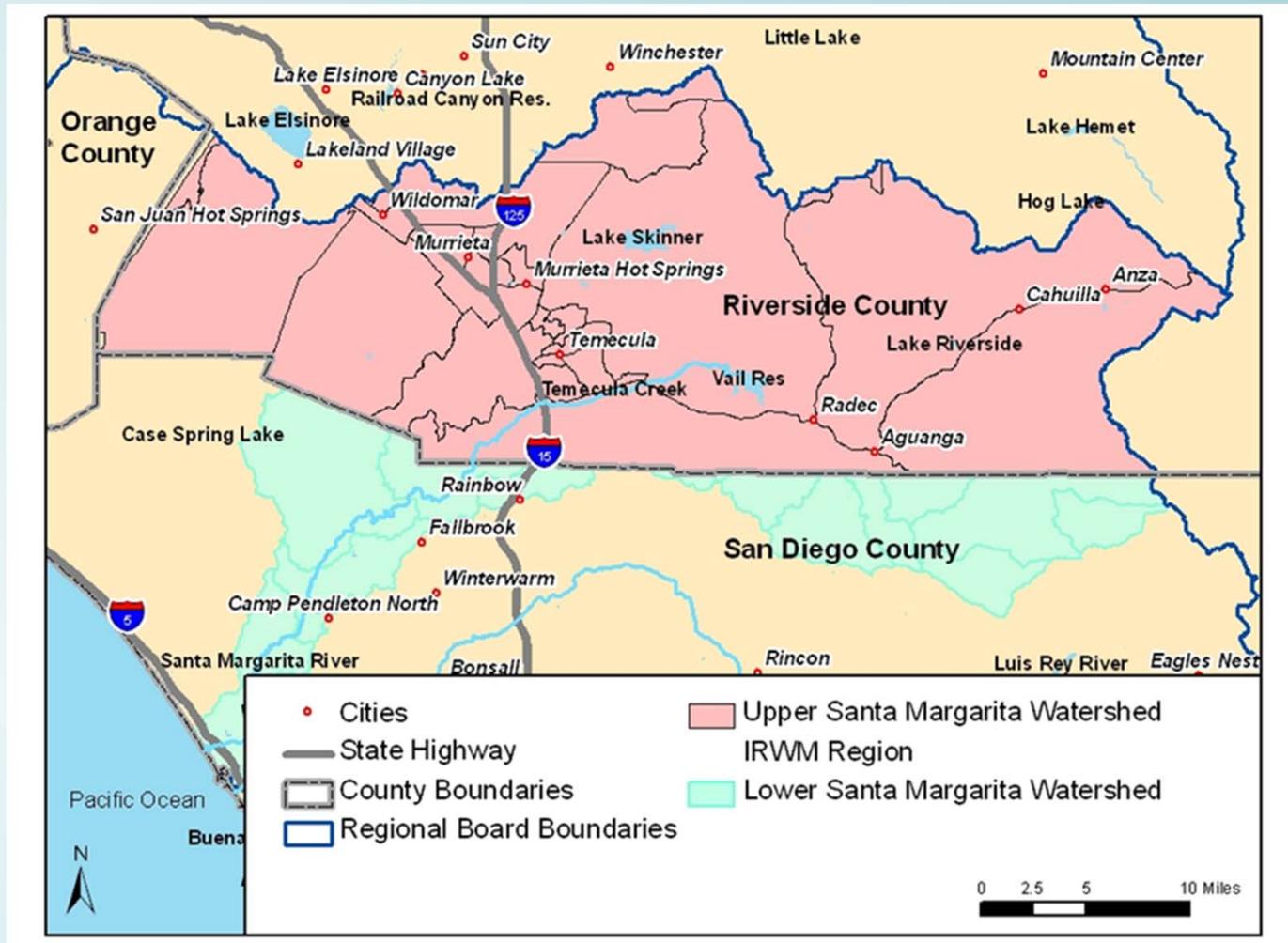
Tribal Water Challenges: Roadblocks and Opportunities

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Upper Santa Margarita IRWM Planning Region



Upper Santa Margarita Watershed IRWM - Governance

- Regional Water Management Group – MOU
 - Rancho California Water District
 - County of Riverside
 - Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee – 27 agencies
 - County; Cities; Special Districts; Tribes; Disadvantaged Communities; Non-Profits including land conservancies and farm bureau; State Agencies, and Federal Agencies, including Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton
- Tri-County Funding Area Coordinating Committee –
San Diego Funding Area IRWMs
 - Purpose: Fairly Allocate Proposition 84 funding to the Funding Area



USMW IRWM SAC

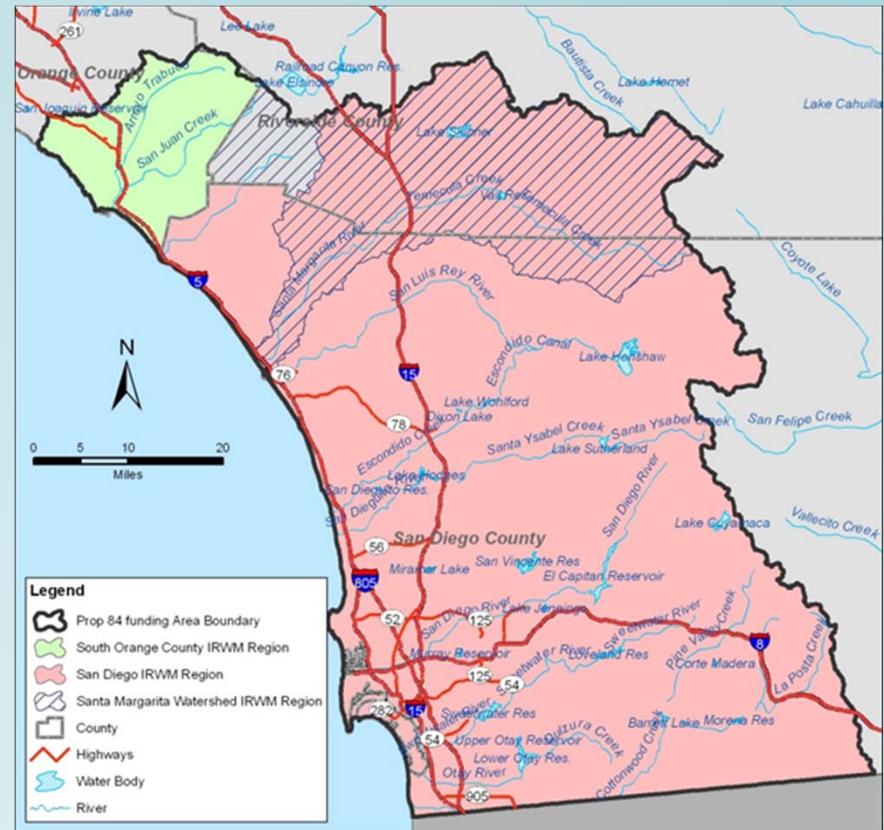
Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Boojum Institute	Riverside County Farm Bureau
Butterfield Multi-Use Trails, Inc.	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Cahuilla Band of Indians	Riverside Lands Conservancy
California Department of Fish and Game	San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
Citizens for Quality of Life - Murrieta	San Diego State University/Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve
City of Murrieta	Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve
City of Temecula	The Nature Conservancy
County of Riverside	Trout Unlimited
Eastern Municipal Water District	United States Army Corps of Engineers
Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District	United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
League of Women's Voters	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	United States Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	Western Municipal Water District
Rancho California Water District	

Tri-County FACC

- USMW
- San Diego
- South Orange County
 - Began meeting in early 2008
 - Goal: An interregional forum for planning and coordination
 - Planning across county and jurisdictional boundaries
 - Mutual benefits
 - Division of available funding
 - \$91M from Prop 84 IRWM
 - » \$83M after DWR charges
 - » USMW share \$7.6M

San Diego Funding Area



Tribes in Upper Santa Margarita IRWM Planning Region

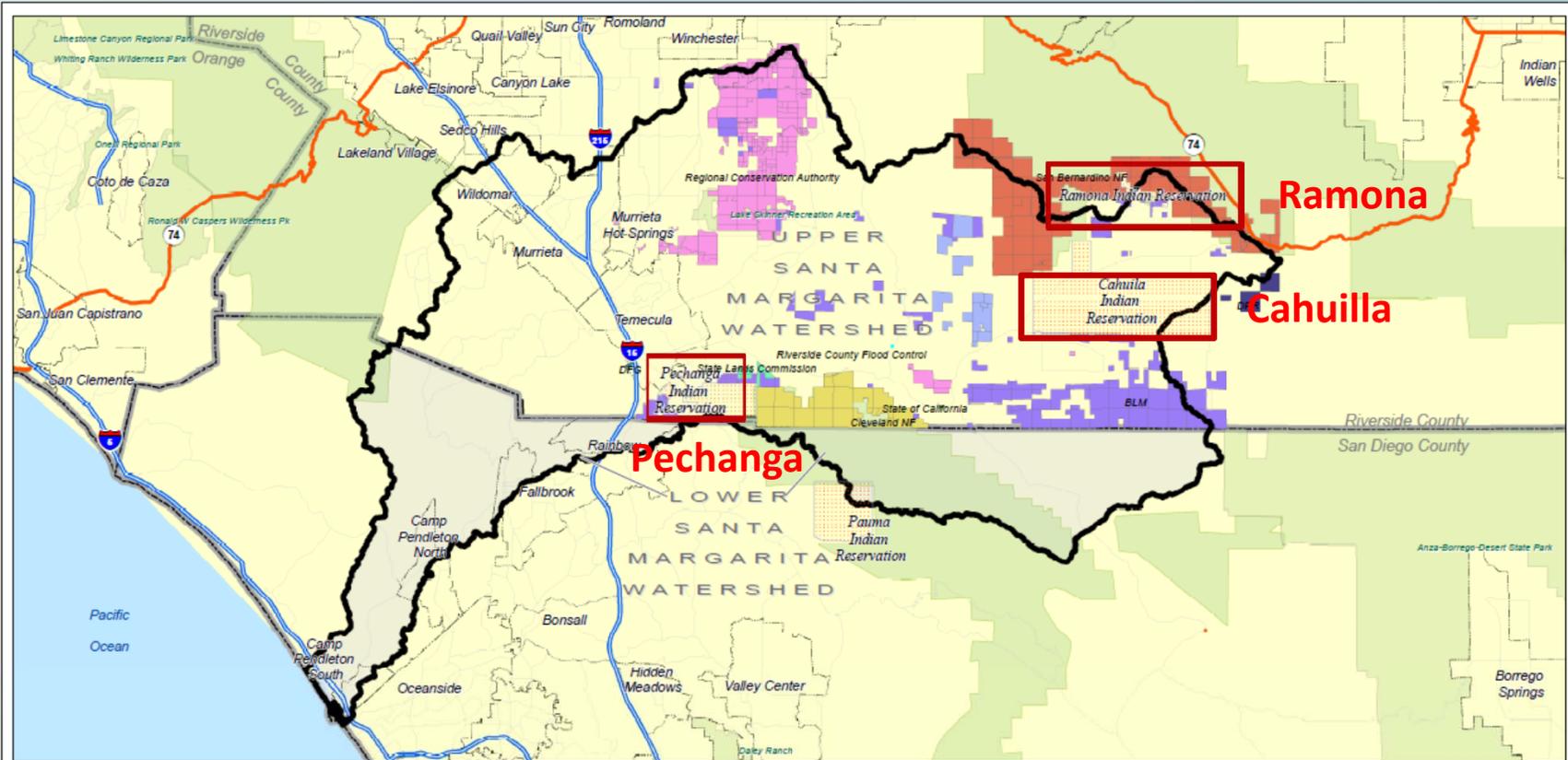


Figure 2-3 Land Managers and Jurisdictions in the Santa Margarita Watershed



CDM

July 20, 2007

Data Sources: Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, ESRI Streets & Maps, USGS National Hydrography Dataset.

Long History of Coordination in the Santa Margarita Watershed

- Federal/state/local/tribal coordination
- Planning:
 - Multi-agency water supply
 - Habitat conservation
 - Transportation and infrastructure
- Cooperative Water Resource Management – March 2002 - Camp Pendleton and RCWD
 - Resolved years of conflict on the use and management of water resources of the Santa Margarita River in the upper and lower watersheds
- Groundwater Management Agreement – Dec 2006 Pechanga Tribe and RCWD
 - Management of groundwater pumping from the Wolf Valley Groundwater Basin



IRWM Challenges in Tribal Collaboration

- Pending Litigation / Settlements to Water Rights
 - Could be a deterrent from participating in IRWM
 - May offer opportunity to identify potential projects
- Potentially No Direct Funding to Tribes
 - To extent the region better manages water resources, the tribes benefit in water reliability, water quality, habitat, recreation, etc.
- Sovereign Nation
 - Be inclusive in having a voice in IRWM planning and how the tribe is characterized in the IRWM Plan
 - Become knowledgeable about tribal issues and projects IRWM could potentially address
 - Understand IRWM won't solve all issues, but will benefit tribes
- Each Tribe is Unique
 - Familiarize with each Tribal Council's uniqueness
 - Understand viewpoints, needs, and interests exclusive to a tribe
 - Know characterization of a tribe as a DAC or not
 - Understand cultural significance of water and other resources to a tribe

IRWM Challenges in Tribal Collaboration

- Formal or Informal Procedures
 - Understand how to approach and work with each tribe
- Gaming and Non-Gaming Tribes
 - Varying funding needs based on gaming income and gaming infrastructure
 - Desire for gaming, but no means to build infrastructure
- Financial Issues or Financially Stable
- Urban and Rural Tribes
- Desert and Coastal Tribes

IRWM Challenges in Tribal Collaboration

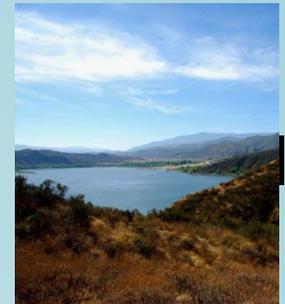
- Reasons for Tribal Involvement in IRWM and Other Regional Planning
 - Physically located in watershed creates a natural partnership in watershed problems and solutions; i.e., contributor to Salt/Nutrient Management Plan
 - Venue for tribes to come together to discuss issues important to them
 - Collaborative responsibility for water quality in the watershed
 - Imposed regulations is an opportunity to work collaboratively = tribes are beneficiary of results
 - The more mutual benefits are realized, the more frequent tribes will desire to collaborate on addressing an issue

Tribal Involvement in 2007 IRWM Plan Development

- Outreach to tribes included personal invitations to participate
- Expressed importance of IRWM, why important for tribes to have a voice in the IRWM Plan, and benefits to the tribes
- Pechanga, Cahuilla and Ramona tribes participated
 - Pechanga representation at IRWM stakeholder meetings
 - Cahuilla Chairperson became consultant to Tribe and attended IRWM stakeholder meetings
 - Ramona Tribe: occasional participation

Tribal Involvement in 2014 IRWM Plan Update

- IRWM Plan Update Outreach Plan
 - Includes outreach to tribes through focused, meetings and workshops
 - Establishes meeting schedule early
 - Expresses importance of IRWM, importance of tribal influence in the IRWM Plan Update, and IRWM benefits to tribes
- Coordinate with DWR Regional Service Representative, DWR and Reclamation Tribal Liaisons, and others to support tribal outreach and coordination
- Cahuilla Tribe has been participating; anticipate all tribes to participate



Tribal Water Challenges: Roadblocks and Opportunities

- In Summary
 - Seek to understand each tribe's unique issues, processes, and needs
 - View each as an opportunity for involvement in integrated watershed planning
 - Identify clear reasons for tribal involvement in IRWM Planning
 - Establish a plan for communication/outreach
 - Use a collaborative approach with available resources: DWR Regional Representative, DWR and Reclamation Tribal Liaison, and others
 - Ensure tribes have a distinct voice in IRWM Planning

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Dialogue