

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

File #: 2019-00370, **Version:** 1

Title:

Adoption of the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2018

File ID: 2019-00370

Location: Citywide

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution approving the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2018.

Contact: Jim Peifer, Principal Engineer, (916) 808-1416, Bill Busath, Director, (916) 808-1434, Department of Utilities

Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Overview of the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

3-Resolution

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The City of Sacramento is a member of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and the RWA has recently updated its Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). In order for the City to be eligible for grants made under Proposition 1, the City must adopt the IRWMP 2018. The IRWMP may be found at:

[<https://rwah2o.org/programs/integrated-regional-water-management/american-river-basin-irwmp-2018-update/>](https://rwah2o.org/programs/integrated-regional-water-management/american-river-basin-irwmp-2018-update/)

RWA is a joint powers agency that serves the interests of 21 municipal water suppliers in the Sacramento Region and primarily within the American River Basin (ARB), including the City of Sacramento. Collectively, RWA members serve the water needs of two million people in five northern California counties.

As a requirement to obtain certain types of state grants, including grants made under Proposition 1 (the Water Bond of 2014), the stakeholders who apply for the grants must prepare an IRWMP. In November 2009, the California Department of Water Resources designated the RWA as the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) authorized to prepare and implement an IRWMP within the ARB planning area. The RWA has collaborated extensively with regional stakeholders to develop a vision, principles, goals, and objectives to support the ARB IRWMP. The RWA, serving as the RWMG, adopted an update to the ARB IRWMP at a public meeting held on July 12, 2018.

The ARB IRWMP is not a legally binding document on the stakeholders adopting the plan, but rather serves as a framework for coordinated planning in the region.

Policy Considerations: This item is relevant to General Plan policy U 2.1.1, titled “Exercise and Protect Water Rights,” which states that “The City shall exercise and protect its water rights and entitlements in perpetuity.”

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: Not Applicable.

Sustainability: Not Applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Adoption of the IRWMP 2018 is necessary for the City to be eligible for grants made under Proposition 1.

Financial Considerations: Not Applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.