

# SANTA CRUZ INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT

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Santa Cruz Regional Water Management Group:

Please find the attached 2024 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) amongst the member agencies of Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) participating in the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program. The initial MOA was approved in 2006, it was updated and renewed 2010/2011 and updated and renewed with additional member agencies added in 2016. Signatories to the 2016 MOA include:

- Central Water District
- City of Capitola
- City of Santa Cruz
- City of Scotts Valley
- City of Watsonville
- County of Santa Cruz
- Santa Cruz County Sanitation District
- Davenport County Sanitation District
- Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
- San Lorenzo Valley Water District
- Scotts Valley Water District
- Soquel Creek Water District

The 2024 MOA is updated to reflect activities since 2016 and the new statewide programs, including the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and new Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, and forthcoming state programs to advance and incentivize regional planning via new watershed resilience and climate resiliency programs outlined in the State Water Plan Update 2023.

To date, over \$28 million grant awards and more than \$20 million in local matching funds, have supported the completion of more than 110 projects and technical studies in the Region through the IRWM Program. The RWMF has worked with local agencies in support of an additional \$33 million in other grant awards to advance water supply, water quality, stormwater management, drought resilience, watershed stewardship, and water resources planning and projects via complementary grant programs.

The 2024 MOA has been reviewed by the IRWM Steering Committee. If you have any questions about the MOA, please let me know. We request you bring the MOA to your governing boards for consideration and approval at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

Tim Carson  
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