



STAFF REPORT
6/10/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Cástulo R. Estrada, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2025 Coachella Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan, 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and Resolution No. WA-2026-02

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The 2025 Coachella Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan must be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by July 1, 2026. Staff recommends that the Council (Board):

- Adopt the 2025 Coachella Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP).
- Adopt the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP).
- Adopt Resolution No. WA-2026-02

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Coachella Water Authority is required to prepare an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years. The UWMPs for the 2025 reporting cycle are due to be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by July 1, 2026. The UWMP describes the anticipated water supplies and demands for the next 25 years. It also describes the programs that are in place to encourage efficient water use.

Six agencies in the Coachella Valley worked together to develop a Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP). The agencies include:

- Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)
- Coachella Water Authority (CWA)
- Desert Water Agency (DWA)
- Indio Water Authority (IWA)
- Mission Springs Water District (MSWD)
- Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company (MDMWC)

By collaborating on a RUWMP, the agencies were able to coordinate their assessment of regional water supplies. The report has two main parts. Chapters 1 through 3 are regional chapters which provide an overall introduction, descriptions of the six participating agencies, and

an overview of the water supplies used in the Coachella Valley. Chapters 4 through 9 are individual agency chapters. Each agency chapter addresses how that participating agency meets its reporting requirements under the Urban Water Management Planning Act.

In addition to the RUWMP, each agency has prepared a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). The WSCP is a document to describe how each agency would respond to a water shortage. If an extended drought or sudden event (like an earthquake) impacted the region's ability to replenish the groundwater basin or the Coachella Water Authority's ability to provide enough water to meet all customer needs, the WSCP may need to be implemented. Each agency's WSCP defines six levels of shortage and outlines the actions that will be required of customers during each level. The six agencies aligned the actions in their plans as much as possible to maintain consistent requirements and messaging for customers throughout the Valley. These 2025 WSCPs are attachments to the 2025 RUWMP.

A public review period for the 2025 RUWMP and 2025 WSCP was held from April 13, 2026, to May 3, 2026. Public comments received were incorporated into the 2025 RUWMP. This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the RUWMP prior to adoption. Notice of the public hearing was published in a local newspaper for two successive weeks in accordance with State Water Code and Government Code. The draft 2025 RUWMP or 2025 WSCP may be amended by changes incorporated by the Board as a result of input received at the public hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact