

**WATERSHEDS COALITION OF VENTURA COUNTY
2014 Drought Grant Proposal**

AUTHORIZATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicant Documentation

1. *Is the applicant a local public agency as defined in Appendix B of the 2014 Drought Guidelines? Please explain.*

Yes. The County of Ventura (County) has been designated by the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) to serve as the applicant. The Guidelines define a local agency as “any city, county, city and county, special district, joint powers authority, or other political subdivision of the State, a public utility as defined in Sections 216 of the Public Utilities Code, or a mutual water company as defined in Section 2725 of the Public Utilities Code (CWC §10535).” The applicant, the County, is a local agency under this definition.

2. *What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?*

The California Constitution establishes the legal authority of a County. On March 22, 1872, the Legislature of the State of California acted to create Ventura County from a portion of Santa Barbara County. The Act was effective January 1, 1873.

3. *Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?*

Yes. The County of Ventura has the necessary legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California, as cited in the Resolution, which is attached. Previously, the County of Ventura has entered into grant agreements for Proposition 50 IRWM Planning and Implementation grants, and Proposition 84 IRWM Planning and Implementation grants.

4. *Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.*

As described in the Resolution, if grant funds are awarded, the County of Ventura will enter into an agreement to receive Proposition 84 Implementation Drought Solicitation Grant funds and will execute the agreement with DWR. Participating project proponents have not yet, but will, enter into legal agreements with the County of Ventura for the purposes of grant administration. These agreements will be prepared upon award of the Proposition 84 funds to ensure performance of the Proposal and the tracking of funds.

As such, the County of Ventura has committed to the scope, budget, and schedule within this proposal. This means that the County of Ventura will be solely responsible for providing all local match related to the grant, ensuring work is performed consistent with the grant agreement, and providing project management.