

Chapter 1 Introduction

This 2005 City of West Sacramento Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) was prepared in compliance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act, as amended. It includes all information necessary to meet the requirements of California Water Code, Division 6, Part 2.6.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Urban Water Management Act

The Urban Water Management Act (Act) was created by Assembly Bill 797 (AB 797) which was signed into law by Governor Deukmejian on September 21, 1983. The Act requires that urban water suppliers (i.e. municipal water suppliers providing water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 AF annually) prepare and adopt Urban Water Management Plans containing certain specified elements.

The Act was amended by Assembly Bill 2661 (AB 2661), which was signed into law by Governor Deukmejian on July 18, 1990. AB 2661 deleted the January 1, 1991 termination date specified in AB 797. AB 2661 also expanded the elements which are to be addressed in Urban Water Management Plans.

The Act was also amended by Assembly Bill 1869 (AB 1869), which was signed by Governor Wilson on October 13, 1991. AB 1869 requires that urban water suppliers update (not just review) Urban Water Management Plans every five years to include projections of both potable and reclaimed water use, identify current reclamation practices, address additional alternative conservation measures, and describe findings, actions, and planning related to a number of water conservation and reclamation measures.

The Act was further amended by Assembly Bill 11X (AB 11X) signed by Governor Wilson on October 13, 1991. AB 11X requires that urban water suppliers prepare an Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan as an amendment to its Urban Water Management Plan. Water Shortage Contingency Plans must be updated every five years and specify proposed measures for response to short and long term water shortages.

1.1.2 Purpose of Plan Preparation

By preparing this UWMP, the City of West Sacramento continues its commitment to smart planning and management of its water supplies. With this document, the City meets the UWMP requirement for funding under the Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Grant Program. Data from the UWMP can also be linked to California Water Plan Updates. Additionally, a complete UWMP serves as a foundational document for SB 610/SB 221 requirements.

1.1.3 Resource Maximization/Input Minimization

The City of West Sacramento understands that water is a limited, though renewable resource, and that a long-term reliable supply of water is essential to protect the local and state economy. It also recognizes that, while conservation and efficient use of water is a statewide concern, planning for this use is best done at the local level.

The main focus for the City is to maximize the efficient use of water and install water meters. In addition to the water meter program, the City is increasing its other water conservation measures as described later in the UWMP.

1.2 Agency Coordination

1.2.1 Plan Preparation Coordination

The City does not serve water to any other cities or agencies nor does it have any interconnections between its potable water system and potable water systems operated by other water suppliers. However, the City has worked with the cities of Sacramento, Roseville, the County of Sacramento, and the East Bay Municipal Utilities District to develop a Sacramento River Watershed Sanitary Survey. This was prepared in accordance with the California Surface Water Treatment Rule that requires public water supply agencies using surface water sources to conduct a Watershed Sanitary Survey for their water source.

1.3 Plan Updates

This 2005 UWMP serves as an update to the City's 2000 UWMP. Sections of the plan, notably those addressing Demand Management Measures, were previously updated in July.

1.4 City and County Notification and Participation

The City is a member of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA), and has therefore notified WRA of the UWMP update process. WRA was sent a draft copy of the UWMP and a notice of intention to adopt, a copy of which is included in Appendix D.

1.5 Public Participation

On August 2, 2005, the City placed a notice in the News Ledger (City newspaper) stating that its UWMP was being updated and that a public hearing would be conducted to address comments and concerns from members of the community. The notice stated that a public review period would be scheduled from August 22 through September 7, 2005. A copy of this notification is included in Appendix D. The Draft 2005 UWMP was made available for public inspection at the City of West Sacramento's City Hall, located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, as well as the City's Public Works Department, located at 1951 South River Road.

In addition, the City directly contacted three of the largest water user stakeholders in the service area, Unocal, Norcal Beverage Company, and the City Parks Department, and invited them specifically to attend this public hearing to voice their comments.

1.6 Plan Adoption

The City prepared this 2005 UWMP Update during the summer of 2005. The plan was adopted by its City Council on September 7, 2005 and was submitted to the California Department of Water Resources within 30 days of the council approval. See Appendix A for a copy of the resolution.

1.7 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Health Services

Upon completion, this UWMP was submitted to the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Health Services.