

# Financial Summary

## Income Success and Challenges

WMD is funded primarily by Flood Control District funds. It also receives funding from the Antelope Valley Fee District. Additional minimal funding sources are Road funds, Aviation funds, and Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance funds, primarily for



conducting NPDES compliance inspections.

WMD is also able to generate revenue from outside grant funding sources. A recent series of California bond issues has provided ample opportunities to compete for bond funds. The major propositions are

Propositions 12, 13, 40, and 50. WMD has also derived some limited funding from local Proposition A 1992 and 1996 for water quality projects. Another similar proposition is expected on the 2004 ballot.

As the regulations get more stringent, water quality treatments become more imminent; therefore, the need for increased funding has become more critical. The recent TMDL enactments for Los Angeles and Ballona Creek for trash and bacteria reduction will expand to other watersheds. Also, there will be more than 90 constituents added to the list. The funds needed to properly address these regulations are staggering. Current cost estimates to meet all possible TMDLs range from \$43-\$263 billion. Public Works and WMD will need new revenue sources to properly implement these water quality requirements and still maintain the high level of services that the public expects. WMD will need to work with the stakeholders, politicians, Board of Supervisors, regulators, the media, and the public to accomplish these goals.

## Estimated Expenditures

WMD has a substantial budget for its various functions. The total Division working budget for fiscal year 2002-03 is over \$17 million, including \$5.5 million in contracting. The two largest programs are the Clean Water Act Programs for NPDES and TMDL compliance and development of watershed management and master plans for Sun Valley, Ballona Creek, Dominguez, Los Angeles River, and

San Gabriel River Masterplans.

