

ATTACHMENT 1 – AUTHORIZING DOCUMENTATION

**San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed
IRWM Implementation Grant, Step 1**

June 30, 2005 – Item 9

RESOLUTION 2005-17

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR
IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS FROM THE INTEGRATED
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has been established to facilitate joint projects between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Bond Act); and

WHEREAS, it amended the California Water Code (CWC) to add, among other articles, Section 79560 *et seq.*, authorizing the Legislature to appropriate \$500 million for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) projects; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$380 million is anticipated to be available for IRWM grants during two funding cycles; and

WHEREAS, the WCA considers the IRWM Grant Program an important fiscal resource for funding projects throughout the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watersheds; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the WCA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. AUTHORIZES an application to the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board to obtain an IRWM Implementation Grant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 and authorizes the Executive Officer to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations and file such an application.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY on June 30, 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Colonna", written over a horizontal line.

Frank Colonna, Chairperson