

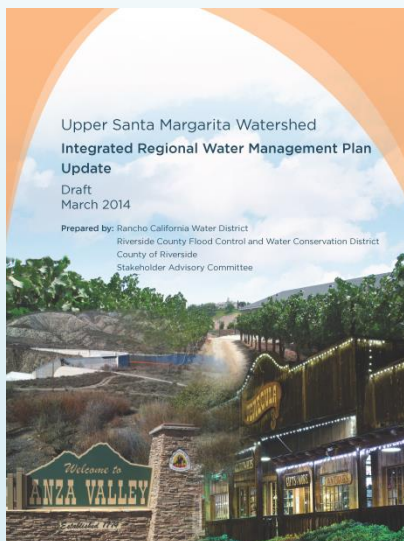
# Upper Santa Margarita Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Program

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## The Draft 2014 USMW IRWM Plan Update is Available for Public Review!

### How has the IRWM Plan been updated?

The Region's stakeholders have been participating in the development of an update to the 2007 USMW IRWM Plan since late 2012. The resulting Draft 2014 USMW IRWM Plan Update reflects the current and projected challenges, opportunities, goals and strategies of the USMW IRWM Region that have occurred since 2007, and meets new State IRWM Program requirements. The update process incorporated information from recent studies as well as input



received through regional stakeholder workshops and meetings. A summary of each chapter of the draft IRWM Plan is provided in this newsletter. We look forward to receiving your input on the Draft 2014 USMW IRWM Plan.

### How can I submit comments?

Comments on the draft USMW IRWM Plan may be submitted through **March 28, 2014** by completing the form available at <http://www.ranchowater.com/index.aspx?nid=255>. The form is a Word document that can be filled out either electronically or by hand. Comment forms should be submitted to Denise Landstedt of Rancho California Water District via:

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### Where is the IRWM Plan available?

The draft IRWM Plan is available for public review on the USMW IRWMP website at <http://www.ranchowater.com/index.aspx?nid=255>. For a CD copy of the draft IRWM Plan, please contact Denise Landstedt at [irwm@ranchowater.com](mailto:irwm@ranchowater.com) or (951) 296-6916. For information on the IRWM Program, please consult the USMW IRWM website, or the California Department of Water Resource's website: [www.water.ca.gov/irwm/](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/).



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## 2014 USMW IRWM Plan Update Overview



### Chapter 1: Regional Planning, Governance, Outreach and Coordination

Explains how the IRWM Plan was developed and how the Region is organized, including regional governance, stakeholder involvement, and regional coordination.

### Chapter 2: Region Description

Describes the region as it is today, including boundaries, water demand and supply, water quality, ecological and environmental processes, land uses, social and economic characteristics and trends, and climate.



### Chapter 3: Objectives and Priorities

Discusses the Region's updated planning issues, goals and objectives as well as performance measures for measuring progress in meeting objectives, and consistency of the objectives with statewide priorities.

### Chapter 4: Regional Water Management Strategies

Includes water management strategies that will help achieve the Region's objectives, as well as the potential impacts and benefits of implementing the strategies.

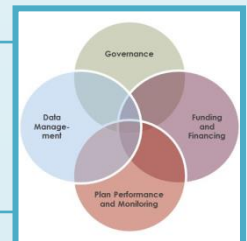


### Chapter 5: Projects

Describes the Region's project development efforts, and the processes for project submittal, review and prioritization.

### Chapter 6: Implementation

Discusses how the Region will continue the IRWM Program and implement the IRWM Plan, including plan performance and monitoring, data management, and funding and financing.



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