

# Southern California Water Committee Stormwater Capture Opportunities Paper

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# Introduction to SCWC

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- Established in 1984
- Non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to education & outreach on water issues
- Regional leader on water policy
- Spans Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Imperial, Riverside, Ventura & Kern Counties
- Regional base; statewide influence





# Diverse & Influential Members

- 200 members:
  - Business
  - Local government
  - Water agencies
  - Agriculture
  - Environmental
  - Labor
  - General public
- **Only** statewide or regional water policy group representing such diverse interests



# Stormwater Task Force



- ❖ Background on SCWC Stormwater Task Force
- ❖ Summary of Issue Paper
- ❖ Workshop on June 28
- ❖ Development of Data Base on Stormwater Projects in So. Calif.

# Background



- ❖ Focus- So. Cal MS4 Permits (plus Phase II) and opportunities to conserve stormwater
- ❖ Purpose- Evaluate for stormwater capture/recharge or water supply opportunities
- ❖ Relevant state policies
  - State Board's Strategic Plan Update 2008-2012
  - State Board's 2009 Recycled Water Policy
  - Delta Stewardship Plan

# Summary



- ❖ San Bernardino MS 4 permit offers integrated watershed management approach.
- ❖ Recognize need to protect GW & water supply.
- ❖ Need to encourage watershed specific solutions based on existing infrastructure and local geology to recharge groundwater

# Conclusions & Recommendation



- ❖ **S** Need for ongoing technical dialogue on stormwater strategies
- ❖ Take advantage of Army Corps of Engineers dams and other facilities
- ❖ Develop an ongoing collaborative dialogue with Regional Boards, SWRCB and EPA on strategies to conserve and capture stormwater