

**NOTICE OF REQUEST  
FOR BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION  
CAL. CODE REGS., § 344.8(a)**

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, the Three Valleys Municipal Water District, and the Western Municipal Water District (collectively, the “Requesting Districts”), in coordination with the Chino Basin Watermaster, have submitted an Initial Notice of Intent to request modification of the boundary of the Chino Subbasin (8-02.01) within the Upper Santa Ana Valley Basin (8-02). The requested boundary modification will, in many portions of the basin, conform the Chino Basin boundary for the purpose of compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) to the boundary defined in the 1978 Judgment in *Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.* (No. RCV 51010) (the “Adjudicated Basin Boundary”).

California Regulations require that agencies requesting boundary modifications provide information regarding the request to all local agencies and public water systems in the basins affected by the request. Pursuant to that requirement, the Requesting Districts hereby provide this notice, and invite the affected local agencies and systems to comment in support of or opposition to the request.

Information on the boundary revision request can be found at the Department of Water Resources’ Basin Boundary Modification Request System (BBMRS), located at <http://sgma.water.ca.gov/basinmod/>. Additionally, the Chino Basin Watermaster maintains a web page dedicated to the proposed boundary modification, including all legal and technical documents related to the request at the following address: [http://www.cbwm.org/rep\\_sgma.htm](http://www.cbwm.org/rep_sgma.htm).

Procedural requirements relating to local agency and water system input are found in the Code of Regulations at section 344.8. Pursuant to that section, the Requesting Districts will accept comments and documents from affected agencies and systems for inclusion in the final boundary modification request package.

Please note that an affected local agency or public water system that elects to support or oppose the proposed boundary modification must provide the Requesting Agencies with either (i) a copy of a resolution adopted by the decision making body of the agency or system; or (ii) a letter signed by an executive officer or other official with the appropriate delegated authority who represents the agency or system. The level of detail provided in support of or opposition to the boundary modification request need not be as comprehensive as that required in the request, but should rely on similar scientific and technical information as the request to which it is addressed.

Agencies and public water systems that wish to support the proposed modification may do so by completing the letter of support attached hereto and submitting it to the Requesting Districts.

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Western Municipal Water District  
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Riverside, CA 92518

Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
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Claremont, CA 91711-2052

Chino Basin Watermaster  
9641 San Bernardino Rd.  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT  
CHINO BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION  
CAL. CODE REGS. § 344.8**

**Local Agency or Public Water System Providing Comment**

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The Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, and the Western Municipal Water District (collectively, the “Requesting Districts”) have requested that the boundaries of the Chino Basin (8-02.01) be, in the majority of the basin, conformed to the boundaries defined in the 1978 Judgment in *Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.* (No. RCV 51010) (the “Adjudicated Basin Boundary”).

Based on the [agency/district/company’s] status as a [local agency or public water system] in a basin affected by the boundary modification, the Requesting Agencies have provided us with notice of their proposed request. The Requesting Agencies have also consulted with the [agency/district/company] regarding the proposed boundary modification, as required by California Code of Regulations, section 344.4.

Having reviewed information regarding the proposed request, the [agency/district/company] supports approval of the requested basin boundary modification.

This statement of support is based on the following:

The requested **Jurisdictional Modifications** will define the area of the Chino Basin and its borders with adjacent adjudicated basins. As an adjudicated basin, the Chino Basin and adjacent adjudicated basins are generally exempt from the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The exemption in SGMA reflects the fact that effective groundwater management in adjudicated basins is expected to be maintained through the adjudication courts. The Jurisdictional Modifications will conform the basin boundaries for SGMA implementation to the Adjudicated Basin Boundary. The conformity will eliminate confusion relating to the court responsible for basin management and clearly delineate boundaries between adjudicated

basins. The predictability and consistency that the Jurisdictional Modifications will create will ensure effective groundwater management in the Chino Basin and in adjacent adjudicated basins.

The requested **Scientific Modifications** address small portions of DWR Bulletin 118 basin that lie along the perimeter of the Chino Basin but are not within the Adjudicated Basin Boundary. These areas do not contain a substantial volume of saturated alluvial fill material, and do not have a material effect on sustainable groundwater management. Available science therefore indicates that those areas do not fit within the definition of an aquifer included in the Code of Regulations, at section 341(f). As such, designation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and creation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for these areas would not benefit sustainable groundwater management in the Chino Basin. Conformance to the Adjudicated Basin Boundaries will ensure consistent and effective groundwater management and protect the investments of entities using groundwater throughout the Chino Basin.

Please find attached to this letter of support a copy of the [Resolution or Letter] executed by or executive officer indicating our support for the proposed basin boundary modification.

Sincerely,

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