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STATE IRWM REQUIREMENTS: O. Coordination - Identify State or federal agencies involved with strategies, actions, and projects. Identify areas where a State agency or other agencies may be able to assist in communication, cooperation, or implementation of Plan components or processes, or where State or federal regulatory decisions are required for implementation.

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As discussed in the Stakeholder Involvement section (Chapter 13), federal, state and local agencies have been engaged throughout the ICWMP preparation. These activities have included participation at TBWC, Technical Advisory Committee and subcommittee meetings. Additionally, agency staff have worked with the Council and consultant team to provide studies and other data, and discuss study findings and conclusions. The agencies that further participated on the TAC and TAC subcommittees were also strongly involved in

the review of ICWMP draft sections prior to completion of the public review draft ICWMP. Coordination and involvement of these agencies will continue throughout ICWMP implementation efforts. Table 14-1 summarizes the activities of these agencies. The end of Chapter 2 also summarizes current and recent activities and programs of these agencies and other non-governmental groups.

14-2 REGULATORY SUPPORT

Regulatory support and agency involvement is essential to the eventual implementation of projects identified in this plan. In the future, some projects will require permits from different agencies in order to construct facilities, install improvements and/or work within stream channels, or to undertake restoration or habitat enhancement programs. Approximately 35% of the Plan projects (approximately 25) involve facility construction (i.e., water and/or wastewater facilities). Another 25% involve restoration or other physical improvements or maintenance (i.e., trail improvement or removal of fish passage barriers). Except for larger regional water supply projects (such as MMWD's

desalination and recycling projects), typical permits that may be required to implement some of the ICWMP projects include, but are not limited to:

- CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME: Streambed alteration agreements for improvements and/or alterations within streams.
- CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES: Approval of water supply, distribution, treatment facilities and/or improvements.
- SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD: Water Quality 401 Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements and/or waivers to WDRs.
- U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS: Section 404 authorization for work in wetlands or waters of the U.S.
- MARIN COUNTY: Coastal development and/or land use permits for certain types of projects.
- CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION: Coastal development permits for certain types of projects within coastal zone.
- U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE: Threatened and endangered species protection consultations.

The ongoing involvement of stakeholder agencies in the implementation of the ICWMP will help facilitate and coordinate permit requirements. Some projects requiring permits may be facilitated by the Marin Resource Conservation District (RCD), which acquires funding for and implements soil conservation, water quality improvement, erosion control, erosion prevention, or stream bank stabilization projects. Division 9 of the State Public Resources Code also provides an RCD with the regulatory authority to work, with the consent of affected private property owners, to make improvements or conduct operations that will further water quality improvement and the prevention and control of soil erosion. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the RCD's federal partner for the program, provides technical assistance and cost sharing to private landowners ("cooperators") working in partnership with the RCD/NRCS to develop conservation systems uniquely suited to their land (Marin Resource Conservation District, June 2004).

The RCD's "Marin Coastal Watersheds Permit Coordination Program" is one example of coordination among regulatory agencies. The program provides coordinated regulatory review for implementation, under the sponsorship of Marin RCD/NRCS, of 16 specific conservation and restoration practices that are intended to reduce erosion and enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitat in the Marin County coastal watersheds. This program will provide the catalyst for high quality erosion control and habitat restoration throughout the Tomales Bay area (Marin Resource Conservation District, June 2004). The program is based on a model of coordinated, multi-agency regulatory review that ensures the integrity of agency mandates but makes permitting more accessible to farmers and ranchers than the traditional process. Through the program, regulatory agencies issue permits to the RCD/NRCS that cover projects on private lands provided landowners work under the supervision and Sponsorship of the RCD and/or NRCS.

TABLE 14-1: SUMMARY OF AGENCY COORDINATION

AGENCY	JURISDICTION/INTEREST	ICWMP COORDINATION
FEDERAL AGENCIES		
Gulf of Farallones National Marine Sanctuary	Protection of offshore marine sanctuary.	TBWC Member
National Park Service, Point Reyes National Seashore	Own and manage the Point Reyes National Seashore, whose lands are within the watersheds of critical coastal areas.	TBWC Member, TAC Member, subcommittee member (ASBS, Septic, Stormwater, Project Review), and data/information source during preparation of the ICWMP
STATE AGENCIES		
California Department of Fish and Game	Administers mariculture leases in Tomales Bay. CDFG's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program and other programs have funded projects within the Tomales Bay watershed.	TBWC Member
California Department of Health Services	Monitors safety and quality of harvested mariculture products in Tomales Bay.	TBWC Member
California Department of Parks and Recreation	Owns and manages State Park lands and facilities within Tomales Bay watershed.	TBWC Member
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board	Protection and management of surface water and groundwater quality. Facilitates the Tomales Bay Technical Advisory Committee.	TBWC Member, TAC Member, subcommittee member (Septic), and data/information source during preparation of the ICWMP
State Water Resources Control Board	Preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use.	Regular meetings and contact with staff during preparation of the ICWMP
U.C. Cooperative Extension		TBWC Member, TAC Member, subcommittee member (Project Review, Stormwater), and data/information source during preparation of the ICWMP
LOCAL AGENCIES		
Bollinas Community Public Utility District	Public Utility District that provides domestic water service to, as well as sewage collection and treatment and solid waste disposal for, the community of Bollinas.	TBWC Member, TAC Member, subcommittee member (ASBS, Septic, Stormwater, and alternate to Water Suppliers), and data/information source during preparation of the ICWMP
County of Marin, Board of Supervisors, District 4 (includes Tomales Bay)	Serves as the legislative and executive body of Marin County pursuant to State law	TBWC Member, subcommittee member (Septic)

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County of Marin, Community Development Department (includes Department of Environmental Health)	Oversees County land use planning and regulatory programs. Issues septic permits	TBWC Member, TAC Member , subcommittee member (Septic)
County of Marin, Public Works Department	Provides County with a safe environment and enhanced quality of life through improvements to and maintenance of public infrastructure. Oversees County stormwater program.	TAC Member, subcommittee member (ASBS, Septic, Stormwater, Project Review), and data/information source during preparation of the ICWMP
Marin County Farm Bureau		TBWC Member
Inverness Public Utility District	Public Utility District that provides domestic water service, as well as fire protection service, to the community of Inverness in the Tomales Bay watershed.	TBWC Member, TAC Member, subcommittee alternate member (Water Suppliers), and data/information source during preparation of the ICWMP
Marin Municipal Water District	Municipal water district; water supplier for 190,000 Marin County residents; owns and manages 17,000 acres of watershed lands and water supply facilities within the Tomales Bay watershed.	TBWC Member, subcommittee member (Water Suppliers), and data/information source during preparation of the ICWMP
Marin Resource Conservation District	Manages soil conservation, water quality improvement, erosion control, erosion prevention, and streambank stabilization projects	TBWC Member, TAC Member, subcommittee member (Project Review), and data/information source during preparation of the ICWMP
North Marin Water District	Municipal water district; water supplier for 1,800 residents in the Tomales Bay watershed; owns and operates water supply facilities for the West Marin Point Reyes area.	TBWC Member, TAC Member, subcommittee member (Water Suppliers, Project Review, Septic), and data/information source during preparation of the ICWMP