

## **Section I: Preparation and Adoption**

This Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) represents the 2020 Plan prepared by the Lost Hills Water District to comply with the requirements of the 2018 Water Conservation Legislation (AB 1668 and SB 606). The District has, however, been involved in other water management efforts, as itemized below.

### **A. Description of Previous Water Management Activities**

Water management techniques have been utilized within the District since farming operations began in 1968. Water management practices were reviewed during preparation of the Salt Management Project report in 1983. In October of 1984, the District adopted its first written water conservation plan. In December 1992, the Board of Directors adopted a Water Management plan that conformed with the Agricultural Water Management Planning Act of 1986. In March of 1999, the Board adopted an Updated Water Management Plan for the District. On October 26, 2006 the District's Board adopted a Water Management Plan prepared in compliance with AB 3616 Agricultural Water Suppliers Efficient Water Practices Act of 1990, in accordance with the January 1, 1999 Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Efficient Water Management Practices by Agricultural Water Suppliers in California. The AWMC endorsed LHWD's October 2006 Water Management Plan on August 15, 2007.

In 2012, the District prepared and submitted the "2012 Agricultural Water Management Plan" in compliance with SB X7-7. The objectives of the AWMP were to evaluate the District's current water management practices and identify areas where significant improvements have been made, identify areas to improve the efficiency of water use within the District, and consider past and future water management strategies to increase the reliability of water deliveries to the District. The 2012 report concluded that the District had fully implemented all of the critical and the applicable conditional EWMPs.

In 2015, an update was made to the 2012 AWMP to incorporate the requirements from the Governor's April 1, 2015 Executive Order (B-29-15) to include in the AWMP a detailed drought management plan in addition to quantification of water supplies and demands for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 years to the extent data is available. The update also included information that identified areas to improve the efficiency of water use within the districts and to continue to evaluate the District's water management practices. The 2015 update also considered past and future water management strategies to increase the reliability of water deliveries to the Districts.

This 2020 AWMP is being written in response to the 2018 Water Conservation Legislation (AB 1668 and SB 606). Additionally, it will provide updated information regarding water management practices in the district.

The Westside Water Authority (WWA) was officially formed in April of 2020 to aid in the joint management of operations, contracts, administration, and water transactions for the Lost Hills Water District, Belridge Water Supply District, Dudley Ridge Water District, and

the Berrenda Mesa Water District. Although the WWA manages aspects of the districts, the 4 districts will submit their own AWMP's to capture the various intricacies of each district. In the future they may be combined to use AWMP as described in water code 10829.

## **B. Coordination Activities**

### **1. Notification of AWMP Preparation**

Table 1. summarizes the agencies and parties notified regarding the coordination, adoption, and submittal activities of the AWMP.

LHWD solicited public input by inviting oral and written comments prior to and during the LHWD Board of Directors public hearing on *April 8, 2021*. No comments were received during the public hearing.

### **2. Public Participation**

The District provided notice of public meeting in the Bakersfield Californian on March 15 and 22, 2021 to review and adopt the AWMP (Appendix 1). This notice included the notification of preparation and the notification of the date of the public meeting to be held to review and adopt the AWMP.

The District has not received responses or comments from landowners/customers regarding the AWMP via email, phone calls, and meetings.

**Table 1. Summary of Coordination, Adoption, and Submittal Activities**

Potential Interested Parties	Notified of Plan Preparation	Requested Copy of Draft (Optional)	Commented on Draft/Action Taken by Supplier (Optional)	Notified of Public Meetings	Attended Public Meetings (Optional)	Copy of Adopted Plan/ Amendment Sent
<b>Local County(s)</b> Kern County						X
<b>Groundwater Management Entity</b>						
<b>Urban Water Supplier(s)</b> Lost Hills UD						
<b>City or County Library</b>						X
<b>Local Agency Formation Commission</b>						
<b>DWR</b>	X					X
<b>Local Newspaper/ Equivalent Process</b> Bakersfield Californian						
<b>Other Local Government Agency</b>						
<b>Other Special Districts</b> Berrenda Mesa Water District (BMWD) Belridge Water Storage District (BWSD) Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD) Semitropic Water Storage District (SWSD)	X					X
<b>Regional Agency</b> Kern County Water Agency (KCWA)	X					X
<b>Environmental Citizen Group</b>						
<b>Land Use Agencies</b>						
<b>Business Group</b>						
<b>Social Citizen Group</b>						
<b>Other State Government Agency</b>						
<b>Federal Government Agency</b>						
<b>Other (identify)</b> District Landowners /Water Users Ag Water Management Council						
<b>Website</b>						May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021