

- San Diego County Water Authority
- Southern California Edison Company
- Southern California Public Power Authority
- The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

4. *The Nevada Participant Group:*

- Colorado River Commission of Nevada
- Nevada Department of Wildlife
- Southern Nevada Water Authority
- Colorado River Commission Power Users
- Basic Water Company

5. *The Native American Participant Group:* (Note: Participant Group will be contacted to determine interest in being a Member.)

6. *The Conservation Participant Group:* (Note: Participant Group will be contacted to determine interest in being a Member.)

7. *The Other Interested Parties Participant Group:* (Note: Participant Group will be contacted to determine interest in being a Member.)

Each Member shall be responsible for any costs incurred by its Members in attending meetings and functions of the Steering Committee, any of its subcommittees, or its work groups.

7.3.2 Additional Members

The Steering Committee may consist of any number of participating organizations within the seven Participant Groups. The Steering Committee may provide in its by-laws, consistent with the provisions of section 7.3.3 of this Agreement, if, when, and how, additional Members may be added to the Steering Committee subject to the following conditions:

- A. Members within the Federal Participant Group must be agencies of the Federal government or entities created pursuant to Federal law.
- B. Members within the Arizona Participant Group must be Permittees that undertake or implement Covered Activities within the state of Arizona.
- C. Members within the California Participant Group must be Permittees that undertake or implement Covered Activities within the state of California or the California Department of Fish and Game.
- D. Members within the Nevada Participant Group must be Permittees that undertake or implement Covered Activities within the state of Nevada.
- E. Members within the Native American Participant Group must be Native American tribes whose lands are located adjacent to, or who divert water from, the LCR.
- F. Members within the Conservation Participant Group must be conservation or environmental organizations having an interest in the LCR.
- G. Members within the Other Interested Parties Participant Group must be public or private organizations not described in these sections 7.3.2(A) through (F) inclusive, that have an interest in the LCR, and wish to participate in the implementation of the LCR MSCP.

7.3.3 Application for Membership

Any interested public or private entity may apply for membership on the Steering Committee within the appropriate Participant Group, set forth in section 7.3.2 of this Agreement, by submitting a letter of interest to the Chair. The letter must:

- A. Describe the nature of the organization and its interest in the affairs of the LCR MSCP.
- B. Identify the Participant Group within which it wishes to participate.
- C. Identify a contact for the organization or entity.
- D. State that it will abide by the terms of this Agreement and the by-laws of the Steering Committee and regularly attend Steering Committee meetings.

At its next meeting the Steering Committee shall review the application. If the application complies with this section 7.3.3 and the by-laws, the Steering Committee shall notify the entity and the Program Manager in writing that the entity may participate in the LCR MSCP as a Member of the Steering Committee within the Participant Group specified in the Steering Committee's notice. Members shall not be required to be Permittees. Acceptance of a new Member to the Steering Committee shall not constitute that entity's designation as a Permittee.

7.3.4 Suspension or Termination

The Steering Committee may suspend or terminate the membership of any Member if the Steering Committee determines that the Member no longer meets the conditions of eligibility for its Participant Group, or has dissolved, or has violated any provision of this Agreement or the by-laws of the Steering Committee.

7.3.5 Reinstatement

The Steering Committee may reinstate a suspended or terminated membership upon the application of the suspended or terminated Member and satisfaction of the provisions of section 7.3.3 of this Agreement.

7.3.6 Voting Representative

Within thirty (30) Days after the Effective Date of this Agreement or within thirty (30) Days of admission to membership and from time to time thereafter as necessary, each Member shall, by written notice to the Program Manager, designate a Voting Representative who is authorized to vote and otherwise act in its behalf on matters before the Steering Committee. Each Member may appoint one or more alternates to act as its Voting Representative in the absence of its regular representative.

7.3.7 First Meeting of the Steering Committee and Adoption of By-Laws

The Steering Committee shall convene within sixty (60) Days after the issuance of the Permit. The Program Manager or another representative of Reclamation shall preside over the first meeting of the Steering Committee. At such meeting: 1) the