

Amador Water Agency

**Memorandum of Understanding between Amador County and Calaveras
County**

Adopted: September 20, 1994

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100.00 A Memorandum of Understanding has been formulated between Amador County and Calaveras County concerning water planning and development within the Counties. The Memorandum of Understanding reads as follows:

“This Memorandum of Understanding is made this 20th day of September, 1994, among the County of Amador, the Amador County Water Agency, County of Calaveras, Calaveras County Water District, and Calaveras Public Utility District, all local agencies of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as “Parties”).”

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Parties each have the authority to plan for, acquire, and develop water supplies to meet the existing and future water demands of the inhabitants of Amador and Calaveras Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Parties each wish to formalize their cooperation in planning for the long-term water supply needs of the Counties in order to avoid future water shortages; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have developed valuable expertise in the study and pursuit of new water supply projects on the Mokelumne River; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to enter into a joint effort to plan for and develop the necessary water supplies to meet the future water requirements for each County; and

WHEREAS, by establishing a cooperative relationship and combining the respective resources of the two Counties, the Parties will be able to more effectively and efficiently develop a cohesive and unified plan for the development of additionally needed water supplies and thereby better serve the Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to protect the existing water rights for the current and future residents of each County; and

WHEREAS, in order to begin the process of developing a cohesive and unified water plan, the Parties recognize that it is necessary to arrive at an understanding concerning several critical

issues, such as future water demand and supply sources to meet such demand, and that resolution of such key issues should be jointly pursued through this Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto have the following understanding:

1. Common Understanding Respecting Future Water Needs Within Amador and Calaveras Counties.

The Parties shall meet to address the future water demands for each County, and what additional water supplies will be needed to meet the identified demands.

2. Assessment of Alternatives to Meet Future Water Supply Needs.

The Parties shall meet to assess the various water supply alternatives that may be available to meet the identified future water demands. Such assessment shall evaluate supply sources when considering environmental, water rights, financial and other constraints. The assessment shall evaluate supply sources when considering environmental, water rights, financial and other constraints. The assessment shall be based on all of the existing information which the Parties decide is necessary. If additional information is warranted, the Parties shall determine who will prepare such information and how the costs of such preparation will be shared between them.

3. Unified Development of New Water Projects.

On and after the effective date of this Memorandum of Understanding, for any new project which would provide a new supply of water from the Mokelumne River Watershed for Amador and/or Calaveras Counties over and above the existing water supplies of the Parties, the Parties shall first meet and confer to address how the project will be financed and operated.

4. Term of Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding will take effect on the date first above written and shall continue in effect for each entity that is party to this Memorandum of Understanding, until an entity terminates its participation in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date first written above.

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