

Attachment 9 consists of the following items:

- ✓ **Documentation of Presence and Needs of Tribes.** Local Tribes are identified and mapped. Critical water-related needs are summarized.
- ✓ **Description of Proposed Projects and Relationship to Tribes.** The relationship between the proposed projects, their benefits, and local Tribes are described.

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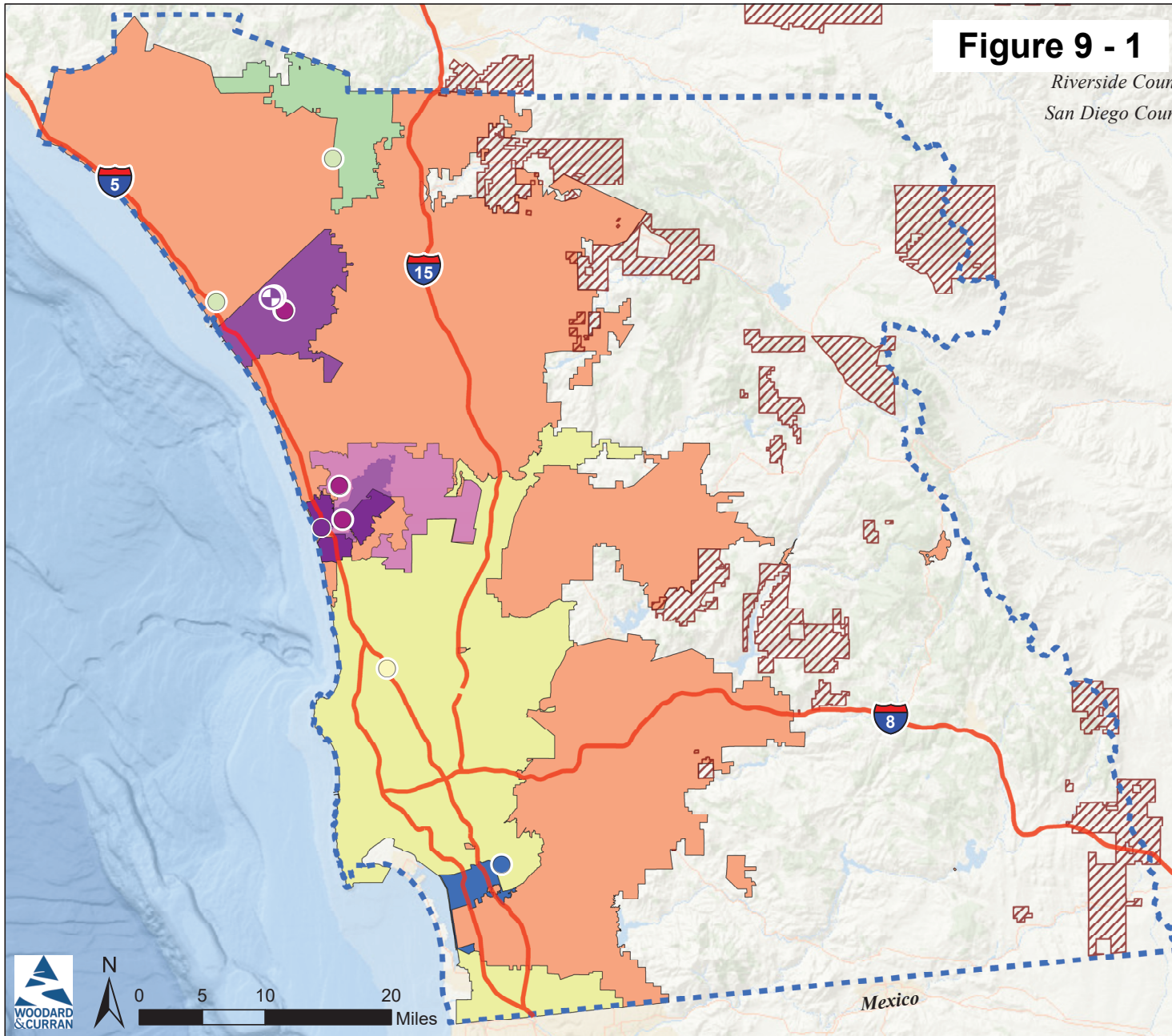
## Documentation of Presence of Tribal Nations

San Diego County features the largest number of Tribes and Reservations of any county in the United States. There are 18 federally-recognized Tribal Nation Reservations and 17 Tribal Governments (the Barona and Viejas Bands share joint-trust and administrative responsibility for the Capitan Grande Reservation). All the Tribes within the San Diego IRWM Region are also recognized as California Native American Tribes. These Tribal lands, which are governed by Tribal Nations, total approximately 127,000 acres. Native Americans within the San Diego IRWM Region generally comprise four distinct cultural groups (Kumeyaay/Diegueño, Luiseño, Cahuilla, and Cupeño), which are distributed throughout the San Diego and their respective traditional territories include areas in neighboring counties. In general, Luiseño, Cupeño, and Cahuilla cultural groups are located in the northern half of San Diego County, while Kumeyaay/Diegueño cultural groups are located in the southern half of San Diego County. Tribal lands are shown in **Figure 9-1**.

The San Diego IRWM Region's stakeholder advisory group, the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), reserves three seats for Tribal representatives, which together make up a "caucus" with representation on RAC-based workgroups. A Tribal representative from the RAC is included on workgroups that recommend projects to be included in San Diego IRWM grant applications. Tribal representatives for these seats are selected by the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association. In addition to representation on the RAC, the Regional Water Management Group has conducted substantial outreach to tribal leaders, including as part of the San Diego Funding Area 2019 *Water Needs Assessment*, completed under a Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant.

**Figure 9 - 1**

Riverside County  
San Diego County



**IRWM Proposition 1 Round 1  
2019 Implementation Grant  
Attachment 9  
Tribal Lands**

**Legend**

- Project 1: Paradise Valley Creek Water Quality and Community Enhancement
- Project 2: North City Pure Water Facility Influent Pump Station
- Project 3: 2020 Regional Water Use Efficiency Programs
- Project 4: Lower Santa Margarita River IPR Pilot Project
- Project 5: Pure Water Oceanside
- Project 6: North County Recycled Water Project
- Project 7: San Elijo Stormwater Capture & Reuse
- Highways
- SDIRWM Region
- ▨ Tribal Lands (Underrepresented Communities)

**Local Project Sponsors**

**Local Project Sponsors Service Areas**

- City of National City
- City of San Diego
- San Diego County Water Authority
- Fallbrook Public Utility District
- City of Oceanside
- Olivenhain Municipal Water District
- San Elijo Joint Powers Authority

## Water-Related Needs of Tribes in the San Diego IRWM Region

Tribal Nations within the Region are located on lands mostly outside of the service area of local water supply agencies and are dependent on local sources of water. Within the San Diego IRWM Regions, communities that fall outside of an agency service area are considered “rural” communities and have needs and issues that differ from those of urban communities, which receive municipal services. In general, rural needs include water supply and quality, regulatory compliance, climate change, economic concerns (affecting funding for projects and compliance), wastewater treatment, and groundwater contamination. The 2019 *San Diego IRWM Plan* identified water management issues on tribal lands, based on a series of outreach meetings conducted in 2010 and 2012, as well as the *San Diego County General Plan Update Final Environmental Impact Report*. The water management issues on tribal lands identified in the IRWM Plan include groundwater management, water from water agencies, future water demands, county groundwater ordinance, impact of neighboring communities, water recycling facilities, additional wastewater treatment, adverse impact of groundwater depletion on water quality, increased runoff from newly developed impervious surfaces, impact of imported water, chlorine sediments, inadequate flood protection infrastructure, tribal lands in flood and inundation areas, coordination of multiple species conservation planning, and water quality impact from off-reservation sources.

Recent outreach conducted during the Water Needs Assessment in 2018 and 2019 resulted in responses to the Needs Assessment questionnaire from three tribal representatives in the San Diego IRWM Region, and additional tribal input during a community meeting at a Native American Water Master Association meeting. Feedback from tribes identified sustainable development, land use planning, drought and wastewater management as areas of concern, along with water supply availability and quality. Groundwater quality and impacts of climate change were of particular importance, as were water policy and impacts to tribal water rights.

## Projects Addressing Tribal Needs

As shown in **Figure 9-1**, none of the Projects in this Proposal are located on tribal lands or directly benefit tribes. The majority of the Region’s Native American population live outside of Tribal Nation Reservation lands. Those individual tribal members who reside within project benefit areas would benefit from the proposed projects. Although this Proposal does not include projects directly benefitting tribes, tribal representatives were actively involved in the project selection process, and tribal contacts received notification of the Call for Projects issued during the local call for projects that was distributed to the San Diego IRWM Program’s stakeholder contact list. A tribal representative participated on the Project Selection Workgroup, which met for a total of 34 hours over five meetings to review potential projects, interview project sponsors, and select the priority projects included in this application. No tribal projects were submitted for consideration during this round of funding. The Region will continue to conduct outreach to tribes to ensure they are aware of future rounds of funding and how to apply for grants made available through the IRWM program.