One Water One Watershed (OWOW)

OWOW is an integrated planning program for the watershed that encompasses all subregions, political jurisdictions, water agencies, and non-governmental stakeholders in the watershed.

Once the integrated watershed plans have been developed through a process facilitated by the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, funding is provided to the most effective projects identified in the plans.

$1.5 Billion in local and federal funding for OWOW projects has leveraged $423 million in State grant funding by the passage of four California water bonds: Proposition 13, 50, 84 and 1. Combined these projects have created almost 500,000 acre feet per year of water for the watershed, enough to supply 1 million homes per year.
About SAWPA

Formed originally in 1968 as a planning agency, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was created to help resolve interagency conflicts and address regional water issues in the Santa Ana River watershed. SAWPA tackles issues related to water supply reliability, water quality improvement, recycled water, wastewater treatment, groundwater management, and brine disposal.

OWOW Plan Update 2018

The OWOW Plan Update 2018 for the Santa Ana River Watershed was written using a “bottom up” approach to ensure that key discussions of major water resource issues, concerns, problems, goals, objectives and potential solutions originated and were fully vetted at the stakeholder level.

To write and develop the OWOW Plan Update 2018, it took:

- **A 28 month effort**
- **Involving**
  - Over **100** authors
  - Over **100** collaborative meetings
- **Resulting**
  - **Six** goals for achieving a sustainable watershed
  - **Over 100** recommended management and policy strategies
  - **~400** pages (including appendices)
- **Including partnerships with**
  - Many agencies, non-profits, students, community members
  - Department of Water Resources
  - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- **Posted on SAWPA website:** sawpa.org/owow

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