

divide

Hills, mountains, and ridges that separate two watersheds

confluence

The point where two rivers or streams join together

marine effect

When air from the ocean meets with air masses over land and influences the amount of precipitation that falls in a certain watershed

tributary

Stream, creek, or river that flows into a larger stream or river

reservoir

A large water storage terminal that ensures adequate water supply for an area and fire fighting capabilities

watershed

An area of land where  
water drains to a  
common point

Rain shadow  
effect

Reduced precipitation in an  
area due to its closeness to a  
mountain range