

No. 6 - Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management Region

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

The Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba (CABY) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region consists of four adjacent river watersheds that extend from their headwaters near the crest of the Sierras to the Sacramento Valley floor. This IRWM Region does not include significant groundwater basins or a regional water distribution system; local fractured hard rock aquifers supply residential wells. CABY's focus is watershed management, particularly, water quality concerns. CABY's RAP application states that 38 member organizations adopted its IRWM Plan, including at least four with statutory authority over water supply or water management.

The CABY IRWM Region contains minor overlap with three other IRWM Regions, but made a strong case for its region boundaries. CABY used a two-part strategy of developing Memorandums of Understanding for ongoing collaboration and a project development process for each overlapping region. If either Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) proposes a project in an area of overlap, that RWMG will present the project details to the other RWMG.

Interview Conclusions- Approved

No changes to the CABY IRWM Region boundaries are suggested by DWR.

CABY is inclusive and uses a collaborative multi-stakeholder process that should result in multi-benefit regional solutions that incorporate environmental stewardship. The CABY IRWM Region will need to ensure continued coordination and cooperation with neighboring IRWM Regions.