

No. 16 - Madera Integrated Regional Water Management Region

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

The Madera Integrated Regional Water (IRWM) region was granted conditional acceptance in the 2009 Region Acceptance Process. The conditions were as follows: (1) to explore options with the Merced and Central California (now the Yosemite-Mariposa) IRWM regions on how best to structure the regional boundaries in the area; and (2) to continue coordination efforts with the Southern Sierra IRWM region.

The Madera Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) reports that the region boundary has not changed and remains the Madera County line, although an area of overlap occurs within the defined region with the Yosemite-Mariposa and Southern Sierra regions.

Madera RWMG representatives report that they have been consistent in their efforts to work with neighboring IRWM regions. Letters of agreement have been drafted for both the Southern Sierra and Yosemite-Mariposa regions; the lack of resources of those two regions has reportedly made engagement difficult for the Madera RWMG. Madera was unsure when the letters of agreements will be signed. The RWMG continues its attempts to reach agreement with all neighboring regions, including the Westside San Joaquin IRWM region, which provides delta water to a small part of the Madera IRWM region.

The RWMG allows new members to join the RWMG provided they are a not-for-profit organization and they have a water-related interest; they may join the RWMG once they sign the IRWM bylaws and adopt the IRWM Plan by board resolution. Consistent attendance of IRWM meetings is required of all members.

Interview Conclusions - Approved

The Madera RWMG has shown adequate progress toward resolving conditional acceptance criteria applied in the 2009 RAP. The RWMG is encouraged to continue to seek cooperation and coordination with neighboring IRWM regions to ensure that IRWM planning and implementations efforts progress in a complementary and coordinated manner.