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Public Workshop – March 16, 2011

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Help us prepare the East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan!

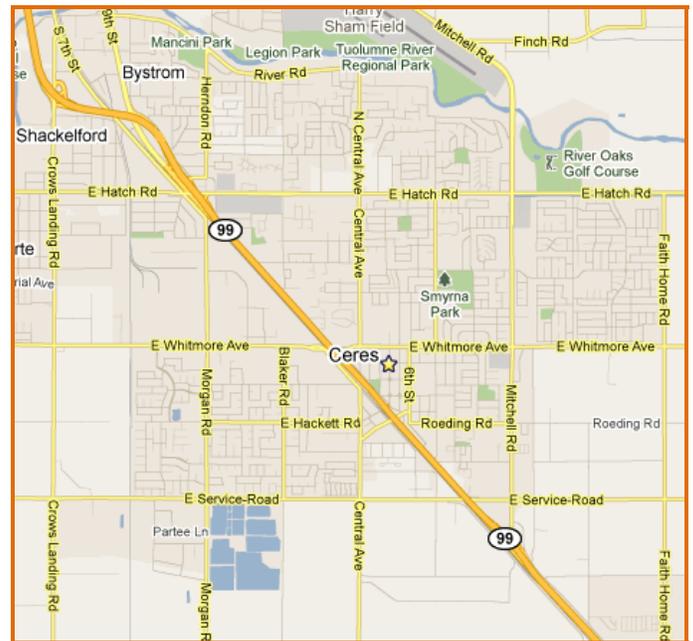
Working together to manage surface and groundwater resources



Snacks and Beverages will be provided!

WHEN: Wednesday, March 16 – 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Ceres Community Center
2701 4th Street, Ceres



- Learn about Integrated Regional Water Management Planning;
- Hear a presentation on the process for preparing the plan;
- Explore possible regional visions, goals and objectives;
- Learn how you can participate.

For more information on the workshop, contact:

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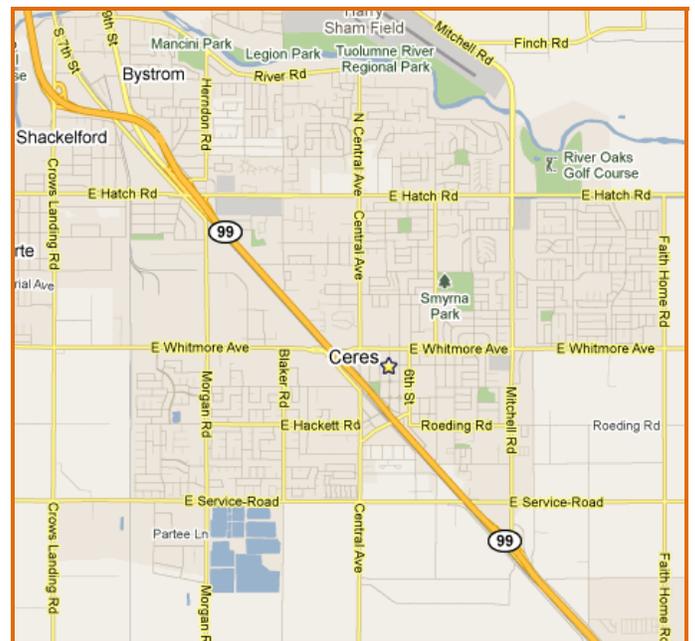


- Aprenda lo relacionado con el planeamiento de la administración integral del agua regional;
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- Aprenda como usted puede participar.

Habr  refrescos y antojitos!

FECHA: El mi rcoles 16 de marzo del 2011 a las 5:30 de la tarde

LUGAR: El centro de la comunidad de la ciudad de Ceres. 2701 4th Street, Ceres



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East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan



January 26, 2011

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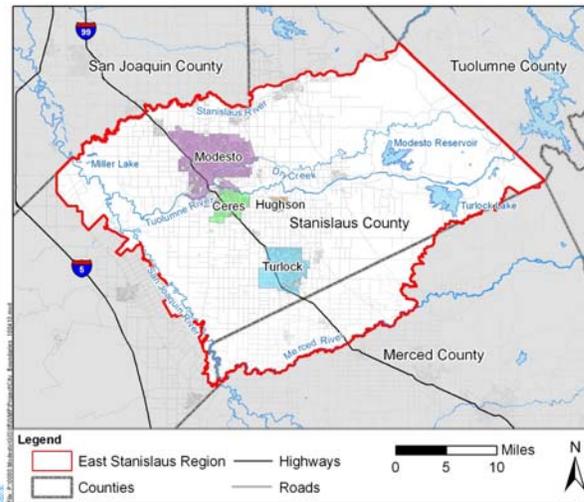
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Introductions

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- Defined by those organizations creating it
- Defined by water management issues and potential solutions
- Not restricted to political boundaries
- Typically within a State Hydrologic Area

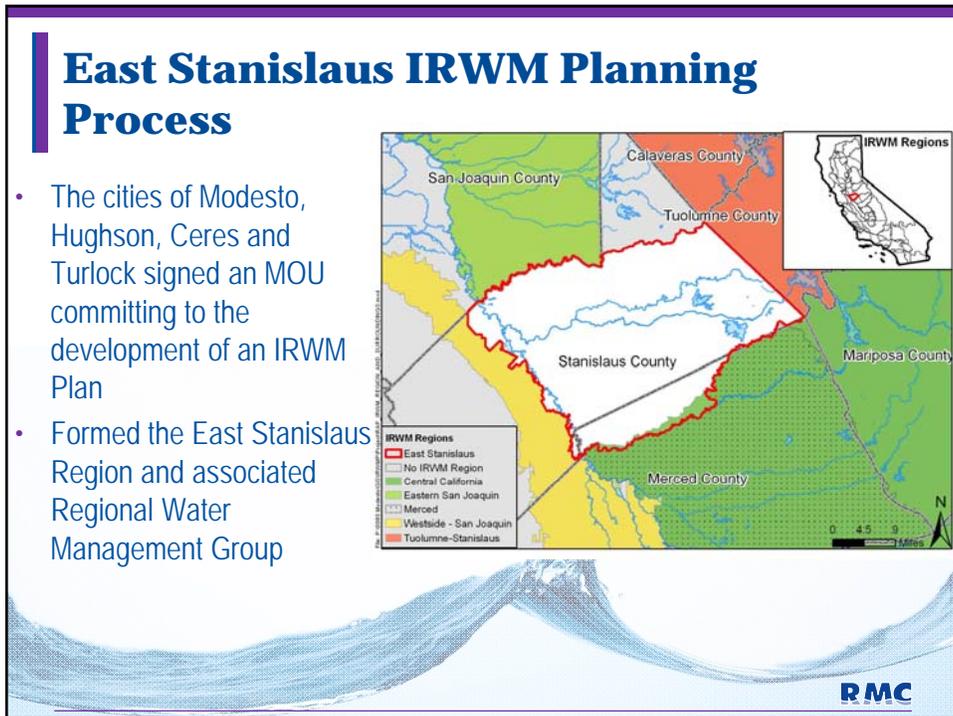
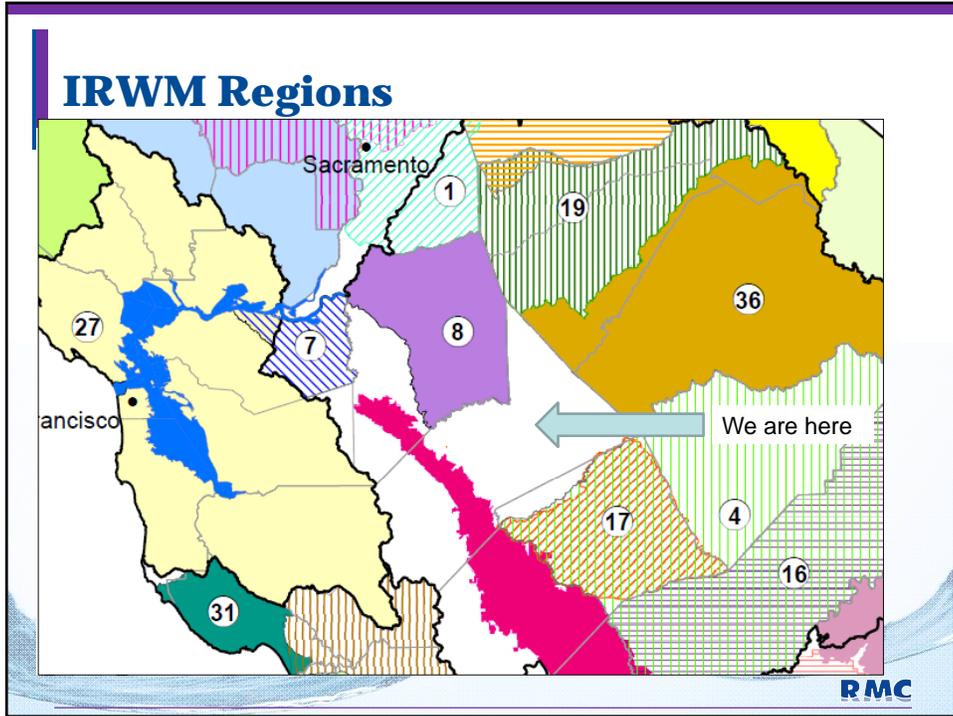
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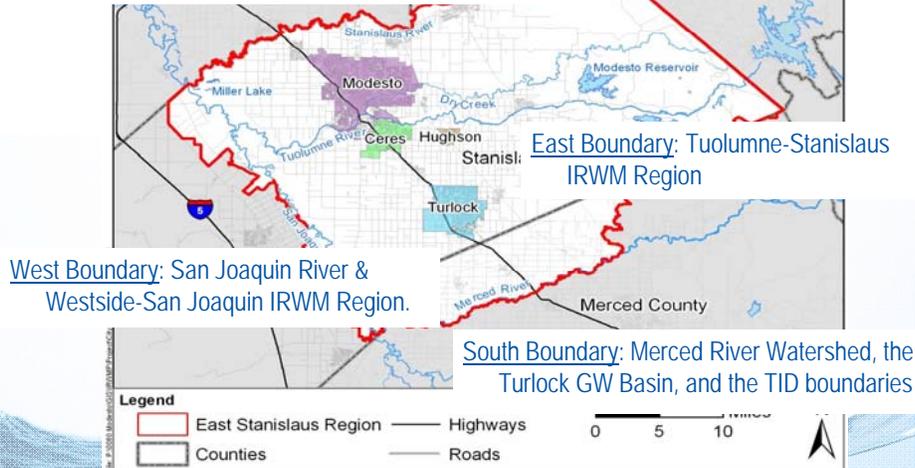
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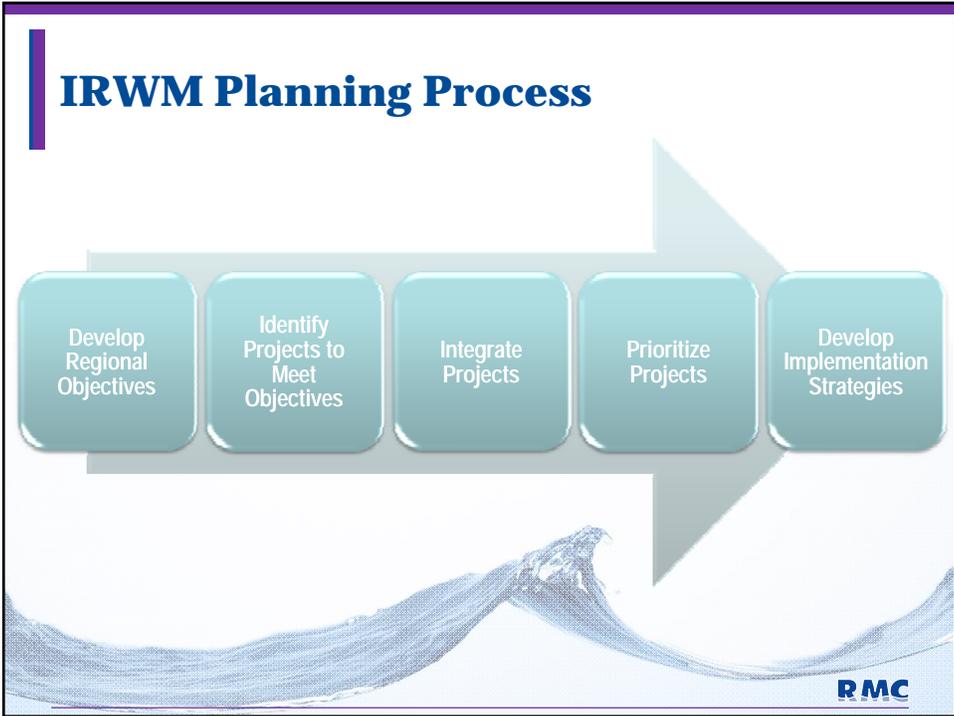
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North Boundary: Stanislaus River, Modesto Groundwater Basin, and portion of Stanislaus County border



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Basic Elements of an IRWM Plan Development Process

1. Identify stakeholders and region
2. Clarify regional and local needs
3. Develop regional goals, objectives, & priorities
4. Analyze proposed projects
5. Prioritize projects
6. Develop implementation strategies
7. Compile results into IRWM Plan

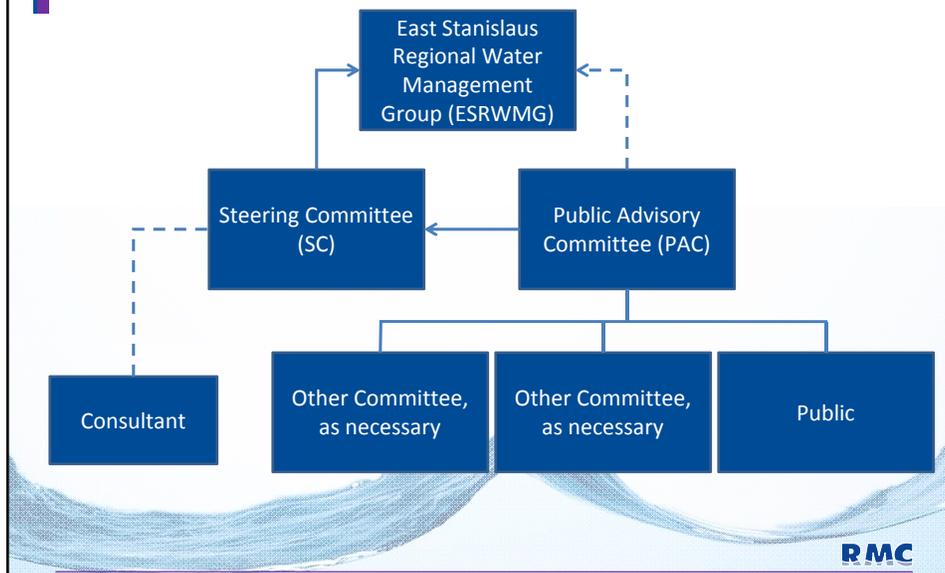


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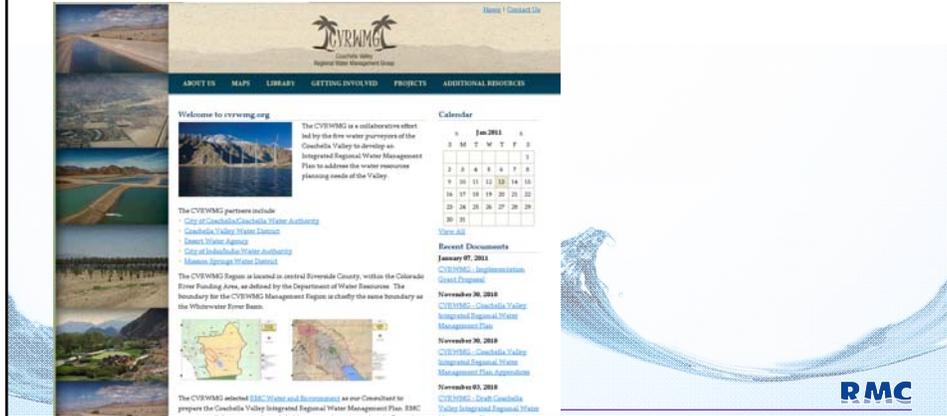
- Cooperation and coordination among regional stakeholders promotes regionalization
- Input and comments from stakeholders maximizes benefits
- Two levels of public involvement:
 - Attendance at open ESRWMG and Steering Committee meetings
 - Public Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings



You can become a member of the PAC

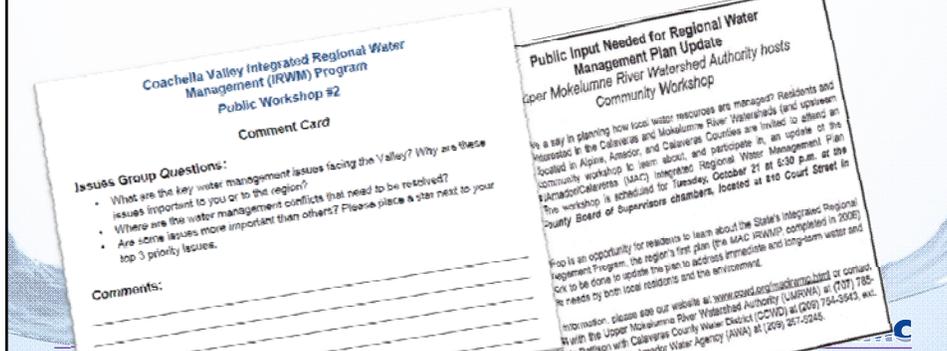
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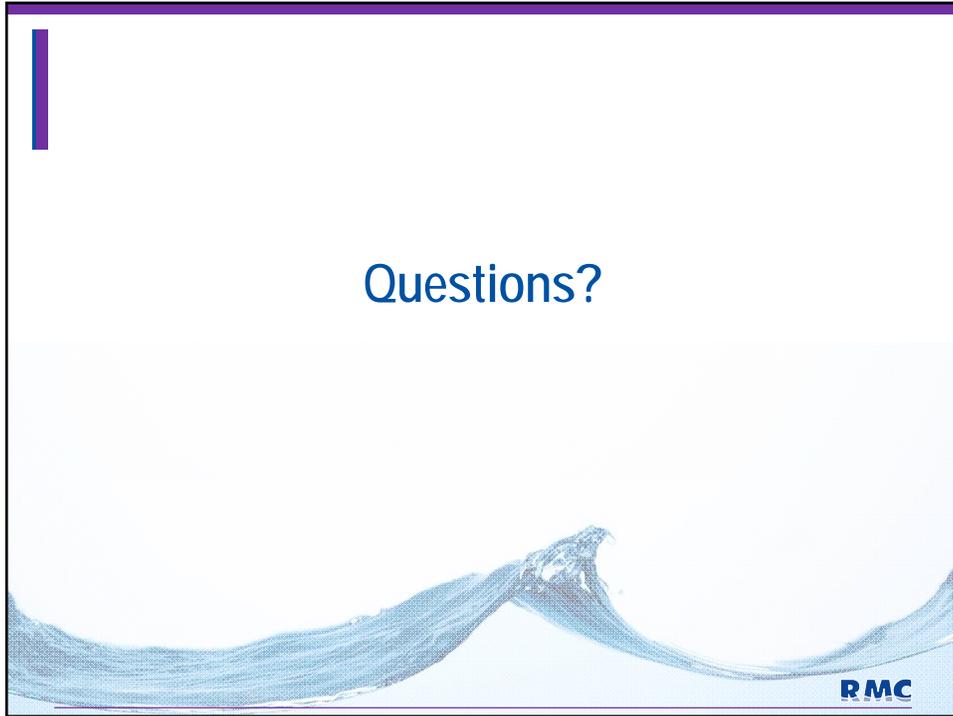
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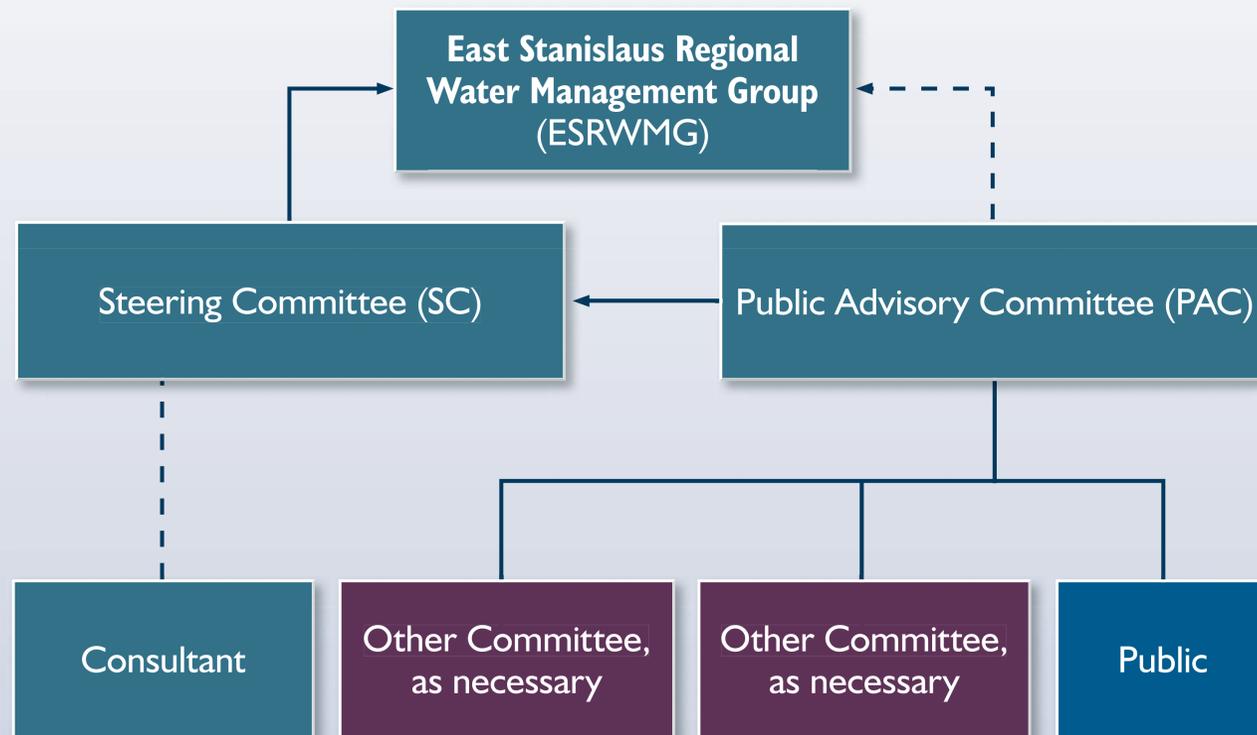
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- ◆ Facilitate funding



Regional Water Management Governance Structure



The ESRWGMG...

- ◆ Includes one member from each MOU signatory
- ◆ Members are from Cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto and Turlock
- ◆ Acts as the lead voice in the IRWM planning and implementation process
- ◆ Facilitates communication, cooperation and education between member agencies
- ◆ Facilitates implementation of the IRWMP and overall planning process
- ◆ Provides oversight to both the Steering Committee and Public Advisory Committee

The Public Advisory Committee...

- ◆ Is equivalent to a stakeholder committee that provides input and recommendations to the Steering Committee and ESRWGMG
- ◆ Helps develop project prioritization methodologies
- ◆ Helps screen and rank projects
- ◆ Contributes to methodology for inclusion of projects in grant applications
- ◆ Receives direction and tasks to complete from the Steering Committee
- ◆ Is made of non-governmental organizations, environmental groups, community organizations, the County, Regional Board, disadvantaged communities and others

The Steering Committee...

- ◆ Leads preparation and implementation of the IRWM Plan and future updates of the Plan.
- ◆ Manages contracts, information / databases, reporting
- ◆ Manages the IRWM Plan development and implementation
- ◆ Coordinates with the Public Advisory Committee
- ◆ Presents unresolved issues/work tasks to the Public Advisory Committee
- ◆ Manages the East Stanislaus IRWMP website
- ◆ Coordinates distribution and posting of materials
- ◆ Conveys Public Advisory Committee's recommendations to the ESRWGMG



Frequently Asked Questions

How is IRWM different than what came before?

In general, IRWM involves looking at water management issues from a multitude of perspectives as diverse stakeholders engage one another. That process can yield multi-benefit projects that meet several entities' goals and objectives in a more cost effective manner than each entity acting on its own. Previously, water management entities tended to work with a narrow focus on their service area and primary function, sometimes competing against similar efforts to resolve similar issues or advancing duplicative efforts.

Why is IRWM important to me? Why should I participate?

IRWM operates on the principle that each stakeholder holds a piece of the water management solution for their region and that the best solutions require better communication and understanding of regional issues than has previously occurred. The more partners involved in an IRWM, the higher the potential for better water management solutions.

In addition to the IRWM grant, are there other sources to fund a project?

Yes, while recent State bond funding measures have provided a large amount of grant funding specifically for IRWM plans and implementation, there are other opportunities for projects. Various state grant and loan programs, administered by DWR and other state agencies, can provide funding, including: FloodSAFE, urban streams, local groundwater assistance, stormwater quality, rivers and parkways, and state revolving fund loans. Federal funding may also be available for some types of projects. Local financing will make up the largest portion of funding in many regions. The IRWM plan should serve as a strategic investment plan for all sources of funding.



What's the current state of IRWM planning?

IRWM planning regions now cover approximately 82% of the area of the State, an increase of 28% in five years. Planning regions include approximately 98% of the population in California, an increase of 4% in five years. IRWM planning regions vary in size. Some cover an entire hydrologic region of the State. In other hydrologic regions there are multiple IRWM planning regions. The largest IRWM planning region is approximately 12.5 M acres and the smallest about 170,000 acres. The enclosed map presents the current IRWM planning regions in the State.

What is the relationship between local planning and IRWM planning?

Local planning is important and will continue as not all water resource management issues are regional in nature. In fact, sound local planning helps generate regional issues and objectives that can benefit from integrated solutions.

What do people involved in IRWM planning regions say?

Opinions about IRWM vary, but there is broad agreement on some of the factors that lead to successful implementation of the IRWM.

- ◆ IRWM efforts are long term.
- ◆ IRWM efforts yield unprecedented coordination and cooperation.
- ◆ One of the most valuable outcomes of IRWM efforts are the relationships formed between diverse stakeholders.

How does someone get involved?

DWR's web site contains contact information for current IRWM efforts (see resources section). If an IRWM effort does not currently exist in your area, you can begin to identify other water management entities in your area to begin the conversation or you can contact one of DWR's regional contacts to begin to connect to others in your area. ☞

Benefits of IRWM

As indicated in the CWP Update 2009, IRWM is a key initiative to ensuring reliable water supplies in the future. IRWM helps communities and regions incorporate sustainable actions into their water management efforts.

A main focus of IRWM planning is diversification of a region's water portfolio so that multiple resource management strategies are employed in meeting future water and water quality needs of all sectors. This diversification should help regions to better prepare to face an uncertain future of water availability and water use; while protecting and improving water quality and the environment.

As a key initiative in the CWP, IRWM is a long term approach to water management in California. As IRWM evolves, DWR seeks to encourage planning efforts that are collaborative and use broad stakeholder participation to gain the input that leads to diversity of water management strategies. Such planning efforts can live well into the future beyond current state funding incentives. ☞



Contacts

For more information on Integrated Regional Water Management, please contact us at:

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Integrated Regional Water Management

What is IRWM?

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in a region. IRWM differs from traditional approaches to water resource management by integrating all facets of water supply, water quality, waste water treatment, and flood and storm water management.

IRWM crosses jurisdictional, watershed, and political boundaries; involves multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals, and groups; and attempts to address the issues and differing perspectives

of all the entities involved through mutually beneficial solutions.

IRWM is an example of integrated resource planning, which began in the late 1980s in the electric power industry as a comprehensive approach to resource management and planning. When applied to water management, integrated resource planning is a systems approach that explores the cause-and-effect relationships between different aspects of water resource management, with an understanding that changes in the management of one aspect of water re-

sources can affect others. Because water resources are often not confined to the boundaries of a single water management agency, a consensus-based, cross-jurisdictional, regional approach provides an opportunity to formulate comprehensive solutions to water resource issues within a region.

The methods used in the IRWM include a range of water resource management strategies, which relate to water supply, water quality, water use efficiency, operational flexibility, and stewardship of land and natural resources. ☞

Background

Although IRWM planning has roots in integrated resource planning, recent developments have caused a surge in IRWM activity in California.

The Integrated Regional Water Management Act of 2002 (Senate Bill 1672, Costa) amended the California Water Code (CWC) to add §10530 to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage local and imported water supplies to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability of those supplies. While this act provided the authority for IRWM plans, it gave little guidance or incentive for IRWM planning or implementation.

In November 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, which provided \$500,000,000 (CWC §79560-79565) to fund competitive grants for projects consistent with an adopted IRWM plan. The grant program was run as a joint effort between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board to provide both planning and implementation grants to IRWM efforts.

The incentive provided by this funding, as well as the direction provided in grant program guidelines, were major drivers for progress in IRWM over the last several years.

In December 2005, DWR released the California Water Plan (CWP) Update, 2005, which names the IRWM as a key initiative to ensure reliable water supplies.

In November 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. Proposition 84 provides \$1,000,000,000 for IRWM planning and implementation. At the same time, California voters also passed Proposition 1E, the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, which provides, among other actions, \$300,000,000 for storm water projects that reduce flood damage and are consistent with an IRWM plan.

In October 2009, DWR released the CWP Pre-Final Draft, Update 2009, which emphasizes the need for integrated regional water management. As stated in the Highlights volume, "IRWM provides a critical framework for actions to address the un-



certainties presented by climate change as well as other risks to California's water future." The first objective in the implementation chapter (Volume 1, Chapter 7) is to promote, improve, and expand integrated regional water management. ☞

SIGN-UP SHEET FOR EMAIL AND NEWSLETTER UPDATES

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Public Workshop - April 12, 2012

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Working together to manage surface and groundwater resources

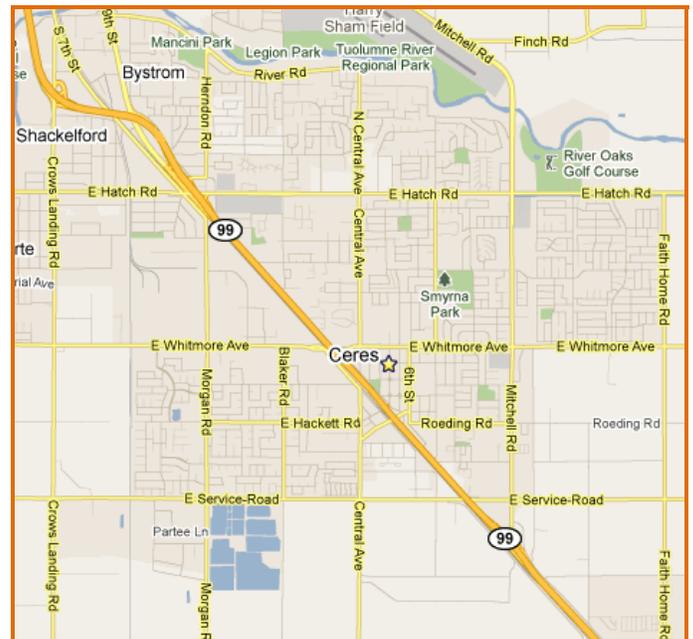


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WHEN: Thursday, April 12th – 6 p.m.

WHERE: Ceres Community Center
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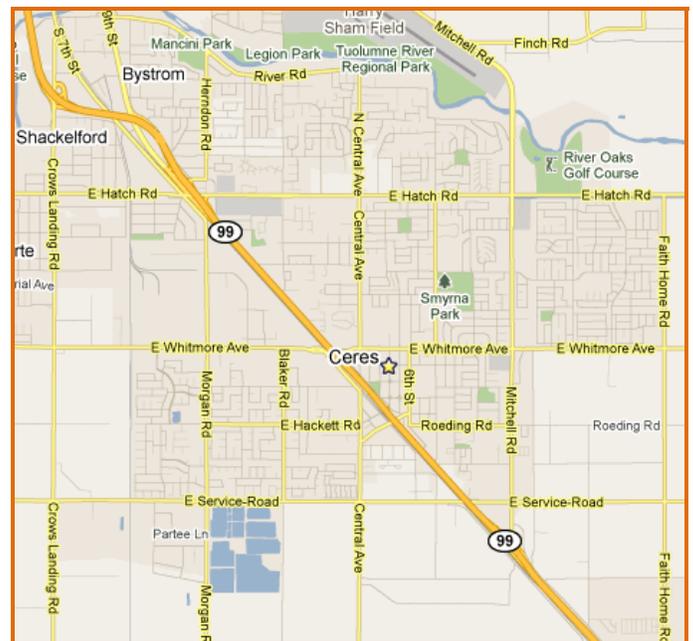


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FECHA: El jueves 12 de abril del 2012 a las 6 de la tarde

LUGAR: El centro de la comunidad de la ciudad de Ceres. 2701 4th Street, Ceres



Para más información sobre el taller favor de ponerse en contacto con:

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting will be held by the Cities of Modesto, Turlock, Ceres and Hughson on behalf of the East Stanislaus Regional Water Management Partnership at 6:00 PM on April 12, 2012, at the Ceres Community Center, 2701 Fourth St., Ceres, California, for the purpose of notifying and informing the public on the upcoming project solicitation period for submittal of projects for inclusion in the East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meeting at the above time and place to learn about and participate in the preparation of the East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and contribution of projects and/or programs that will meet the goals and objectives of the East Stanislaus Region. This meeting is an opportunity for residents to learn about the State's IRWM Program and the upcoming work to be done to prepare the plan to address immediate and long-term water and wastewater needs by both local residents and the environment, and about the process that will be used for submitting projects for inclusion in the East Stanislaus IRWMP

If you have any questions, please call Jim Alves in the Capital Planning Group of the Utility Planning and Projects Department, City of Modesto at (209) 571-5557 or (TDD) 526-9211, any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



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Presenters:
 Leslie Dumas – RMC Water and Environment
 Jim Alves – City of Modesto

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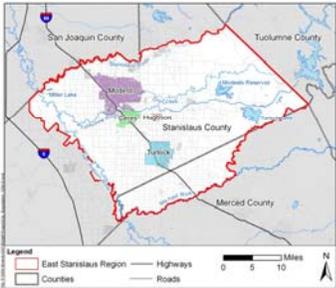
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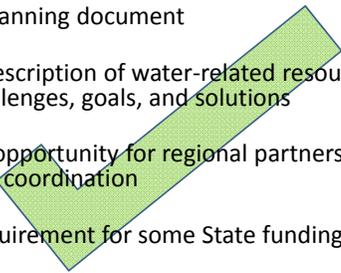

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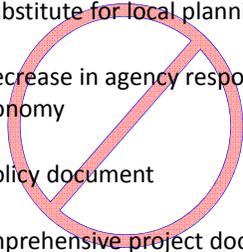
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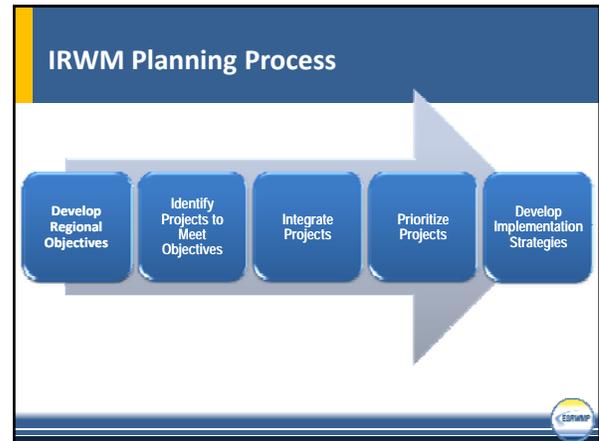
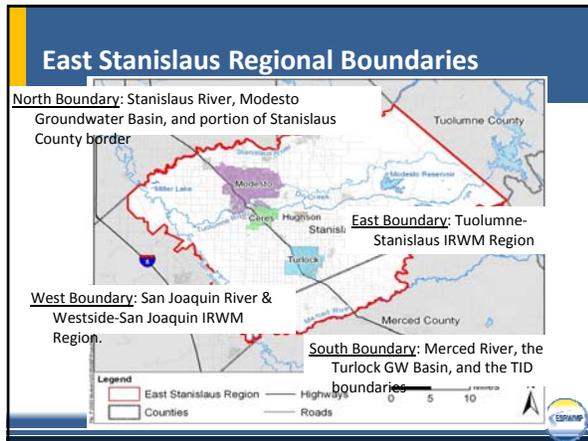
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IRWM Regions



- ### Identified Issues and Conflicts
- Water supply reliability
 - Drinking water quality
 - Water quality protection
 - Groundwater overdraft / contamination / recharge
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 - Water Quality
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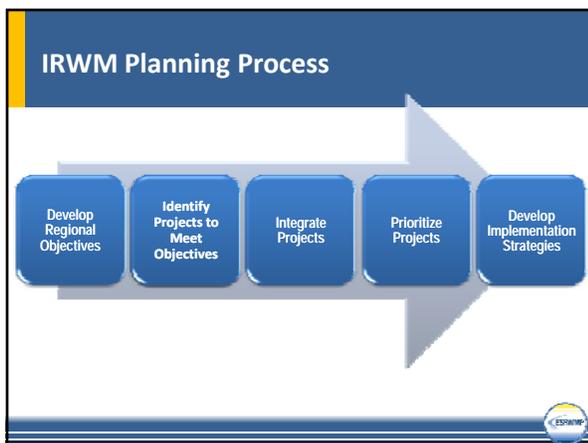
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To implement and promote this IRWM Plan through regional communication, cooperation, and education.



Economic and Social Responsibility Goals

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Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Summary of Integrated Regional Water Management Program
- East Stanislaus Region
- East Stanislaus IRWM Planning Process
- **Project Solicitation Process**



Project Solicitation Process

- The East Stanislaus IRWMP must contain a list of projects that contribute to meeting the Plan Goals and Objectives
- Projects are submitted by agencies, cities, and other stakeholders through an open and public project solicitation process
- Submit projects between 4/2/12 and 5/7/12



How to Submit a Project – Two ways

1. Go to the East Stanislaus IRWM website (www.eaststanirwm.org) and click on the Projects tab or use this link: <http://irwm.rmcwater.com/es/login.php>

OR

2. Fill out hard copy form and send it to Jim Alves at the City of Modesto. The form is available upon request from Jim Alves



Project Solicitation Form




Methods to Provide Input & Obtain Information

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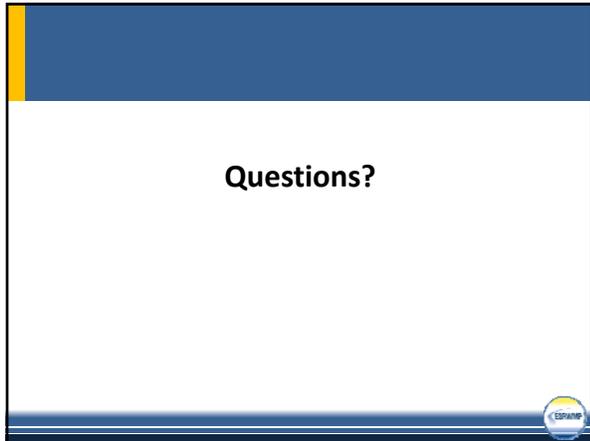
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4/12/12

IRWMP WORKSHOP SIGN-IN SHEET

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6	Joe Marcotte	Eastside Water District		491-0371	jbm@jbm.com
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Meeting Minutes

East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Subject: Public Workshop

Prepared By: Leslie Dumas/RMC

Date/Time: April 12, 2012 / 6:00 p.m.

Location: Ceres Community Center
Ceres, CA

Attendees: Jeremy Damas, Mike Brinton (City of Ceres); Jim Alves (City of Modesto); Leslie Dumas, (RMC); Patrick Koepele (Tuolumne River Trust); Joe Marcotte (Eastside Water District); Henry Benavidews(Keyes CSD); Mike Willett (City of Patterson); Debbie Liebersbach (Turlock Irrigation District); Lee Fremming (Fremming Parson and Pecchenino); Thom Clark City of Hughson); Jack Doo/Cardoza & Associates

Project Number: 0080-009

1. Purpose of Meeting

- Provide update on IRWMP development status
- Introduce project solicitation form and website
- Kick-off project solicitation period
- Discuss planning grant application

2. Discussion Summary

- Jim Alves opened the meeting at 6:09 p.m. He introduced himself and asked the group to introduce themselves. Alves gave a summary of the Integrated Regional Water Management Program, the East Stanislaus Region and planning process and the project solicitation process. Alves then facilitated a slide show that was included in the handouts.
- The group of attendees, which included representatives from groups attending for the first time, was invited by Alves to partner with the East Stanislaus IRWM in applying for grant funds. "If you've got water issues, this is the place to be," said Alves.
- Groups he was directly seeking participation from included irrigation districts, environmental groups, counties and disadvantaged communities.
- The following are some questions Alves answered:
 - Patrick Koepele asked why the triangle piece of property directly north of the East Stanislaus Region was not included. Alves said it was not believed to be part of the watershed and so it was not a good fit. He also mentioned the area is sparsely populated and did not share the same water source/concerns as the rest of the region.
 - Debbie Liebersbach asked why the Merced side of the region did not follow the river. Alves replied that the overlap was a result of the ESIRWM region following the Turlock Irrigation District (TID) service area boundary at that location. He noted that the Merced IRWM Region did not have an issue with the two Regions overlapping and that the two regions have agreed to work together on water issues in this overlapping area. Leslie Dumas also pointed out other overlaps that existing between IRWM regions in the State and noted they were not unusual.

- Patrick Koepele asked who makes decisions for the Region. Alves said the Region is a partnership of the four cities: Modesto, Turlock, Ceres and Hughson, and that members from these four regions form the East Stanislaus Regional Water Management Partnership (ESRWMP). Under the ESRWMP are several committees, including the Steering Committee (SC) and Public Advisory Committee (PAC). These committees are where the work is being done. As far as the Steering Committee and the Public Advisory Committee, he said it was best to be on both committees if possible.

- Alves handed the presentation off to Leslie Dumas at 6:38 p.m. She discussed the IRWM planning process and identified issues and conflicts. Dumas also identified the Regional goals, which included goals for:
 - Water supply
 - Flood protection
 - Water Quality
 - Environmental Protection and Enhancement
 - Regional Communication and Cooperation, and
 - Economic and Social Responsibility.She noted projects to be submitted for inclusion in the IRWMP need to address and support at least one of the goals.

- Dumas then also asked for participants to consider and submit projects for inclusion in the IRWM Plan. “We’re here today to identify projects to meet goals. Give me your projects.”

- While a project can be submitted in hard-copy form, Dumas said it was preferred that projects be submitted through the East Stanislaus IRWM website – www.eaststanirwm.org -- as the project will automatically be entered into the organization’s database.

- Dumas also said the ES IRWM region and DWR are looking for projects which touch multiple goals: “double bang for the bucks,” and projects which benefit disadvantaged communities.

- Alves offered to help in completing the application. “Give us a call and we can walk you through it,” he said.

- Joe Marcotte asked, “Help me understand the role of this group? Must we go through this group.” Dumas described further how the IRWM program operates and their overall directive, and noted that if you want funding through the IRWM program, your project must be in an IRWM Plan. But being in the IRWM Plan does not preclude you from seeking funding elsewhere.

- Alves stressed the importance of benefiting disadvantaged communities. Dumas added, if you have a project that enhances a DAC, that puts you to the top of the list in the grant funding arena.

- Patrick Koepele asked who decides what projects are in the plan. Dumas noted that all projects submitted will be in the IRWM Plan, provided they meet the minimum requirements, but that only the strongest projects would be included in grant applications. The scoring system for prioritizing the projects was explained and it was noted that a mix of key factors, including an environmental element and flood protection, were important to a high score. The goal of compiling the grant applications is to put together a package that will score the highest. The right mix was needed to maximize the points.

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- It was asked if the Region had a good chance to get Planning Grant funds. Dumas said there was approximately \$13 million in requests, with \$9 million to be funded, so the Region's chances were good.
- The meeting was concluded at 7:45 p.m.

Public Workshop – September 11, 2013

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CITIES OF MODESTO, TURLOCK,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting will be held by the Cities of Modesto, Turlock, Ceres and Hughson on behalf of the East Stanislaus Regional Water Management Partnership at 6:00 PM on September 11, 2013, at the Ceres Community Center, 2701 Fourth St., Ceres, California, for the purpose of notifying and informing the public about the release of the Public Draft of the East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public meeting at the above time and place to learn about and participate in the review of the Draft East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). This meeting is an opportunity for residents to learn about the State's IRWM Program, to see a presentation summarizing the Draft IRWMP, and to discuss its future implementation to address immediate and long-term water and wastewater needs by both local residents and the environment. A copy of the East Stanislaus IRWMP can be obtained on the project website at <http://www.eaststanirwm.org/documents/>. To request a hard copy of the plan or if you have any questions, please call Jim Alves in the Capital Planning Group of the Utility Planning and Projects Department, City of Modesto at (209) 571-5557 or (TDD) 526-9211, any weekday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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A public workshop presenting the draft East Stanislaus IRWMP will be held on September 11, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the City of Ceres Community Center, located at 2701 4th Street in Ceres, CA. Comments on the IRWMP are requested by September 30, 2013 via email to jalves@modestogov.com or mailed to: Jim Alves, Utility Planning and Projects Department, P.O. Box 642, Modesto, CA 95353
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You're invited to a community workshop...

Come hear about the Draft East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan!

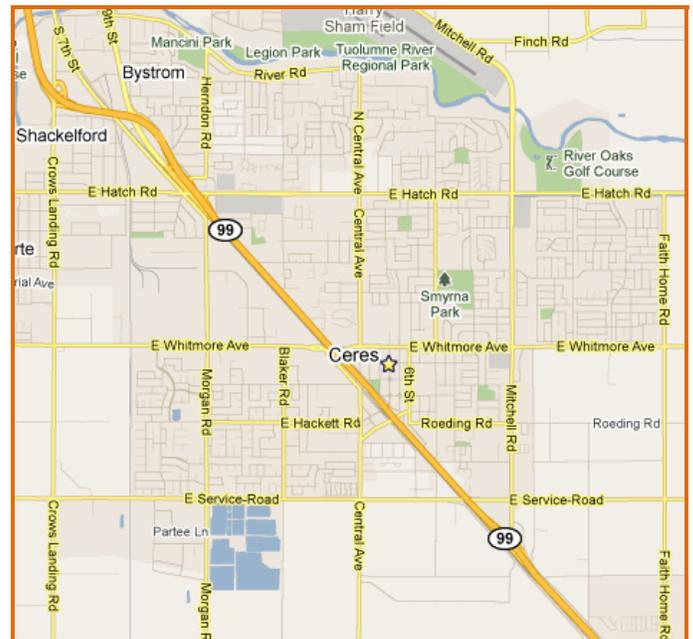
Working together to manage surface and groundwater resources



Snacks and Beverages will be provided!

WHEN: Wednesday, September 11th – 6 p.m.

WHERE: Ceres Community Center
2701 4th Street, Ceres



- Learn about Integrated Regional Water Management Planning
- Hear a presentation on Draft IRWM Plan
- Learn what happens next
- Discuss the future of IRWM planning in the East Stanislaus Region

For more information on the workshop, contact:

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East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Presenters:
 Jim Alves – City of Modesto
 David Richardson & Leslie Dumas – RMC Water and Environment

September 11, 2013

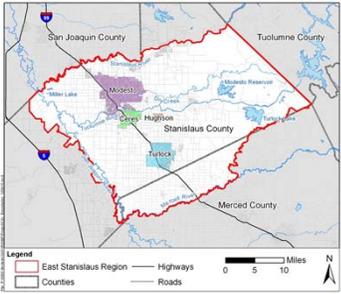
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Introductions

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 - City of Hughson
 - City of Ceres
 - City of Turlock
- Consultant
 - RMC Water and Environment



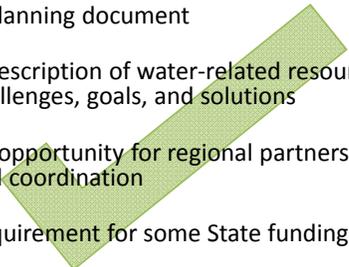

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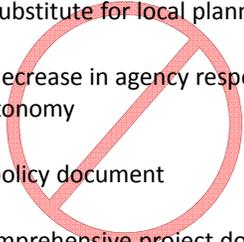
An Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan is...

- A planning document
- A description of water-related resources, challenges, goals, and solutions
- An opportunity for regional partnerships and coordination
- Requirement for some State funding



An IRWM Plan is not...

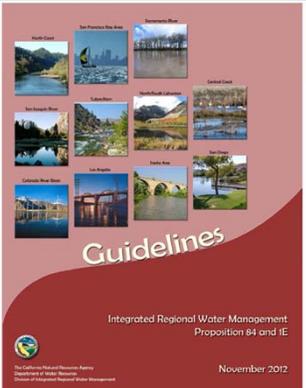
- A substitute for local planning
- A decrease in agency responsibilities or autonomy
- A policy document
- Comprehensive project documentation



The Purpose of an IRWM Plan is to...

- Develop regional understanding
- Identify water resources solutions
- Reflect the regional needs
- Maximize benefits through integration of water management strategies
- Leverage regional resources through partnerships
- Be eligible for funding through the IRWM grant program





IRWMPs are prepared to meet DWR's IRWM Guidelines (Nov 2012)



Contributors Include...

- Water and Wastewater Agencies
- Counties
- Cities
- Public Groups
- Private Organizations
- Members of the Public

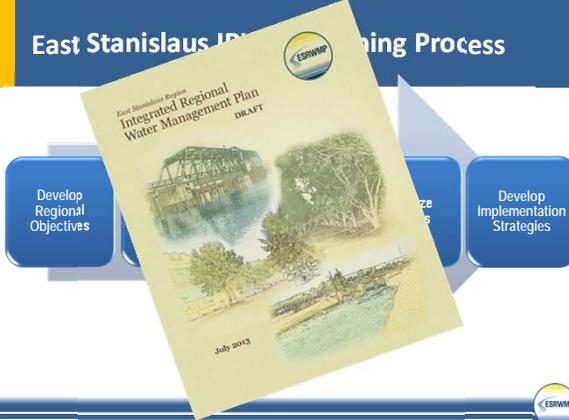


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East Stanislaus IRWMP Planning Process




Outline of the East Stanislaus IRWMP

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Chapter 1 - Introduction



Introduction

- Describes the purpose of the IRWMP
- Introduces the East Stanislaus Regional Water Management Partnership
- Explains that each DWR Plan Standard is addressed
- Lists entities that adopted the IRWMP

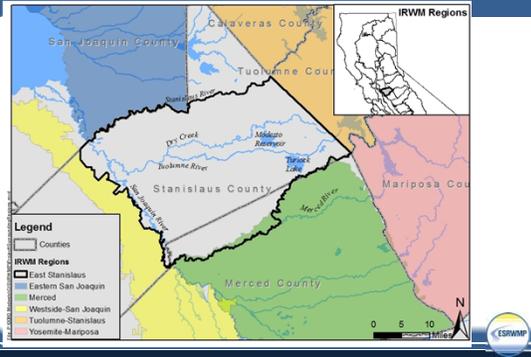
Plan Standard	East Stanislaus IRWMP Chapter to Reference
Governance	3.1, 3.2
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Objectives	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5
Resource Management Strategies	4.4
Integration	5.2
Project Review Process	5.1, 5.2, 5.3
Impacts and Benefits	5.4
Plan Performance and Monitoring	7.1, 7.3, 7.4
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Coordination	3.3, 3.4
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Chapter 2 – ESIRWM Region



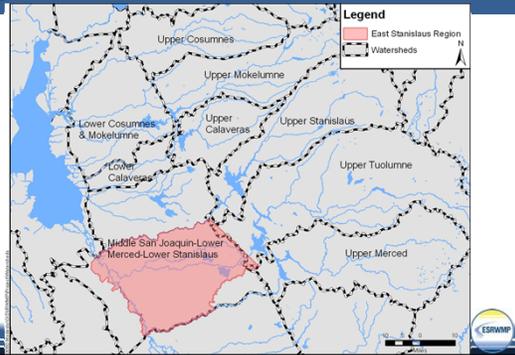
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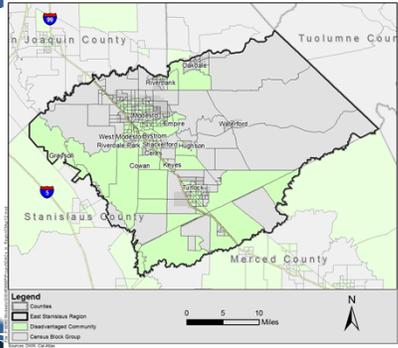
The East Stanislaus Region Includes...

- Portions of Stanislaus and Merced Counties
- Cities of Modesto, Hughson, Turlock, Ceres, Riverbank, Waterford, and Oakdale
- Communities of Keyes, Denair, Del Rio, Riverdale, Grayson, Hickman, Empire, Salida, Hilmar, Delhi, and Keys
- Turlock Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District, Eastside Irrigation District, Oakdale Irrigation District, and Merced Irrigation District

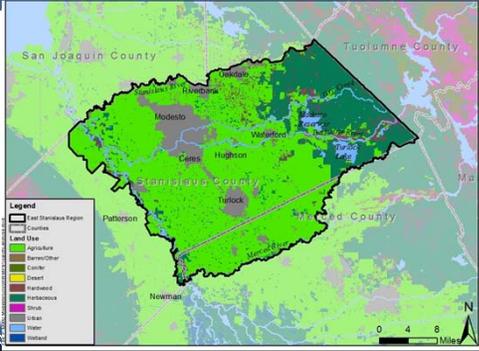
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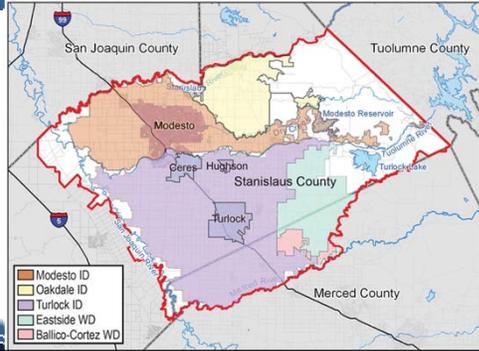
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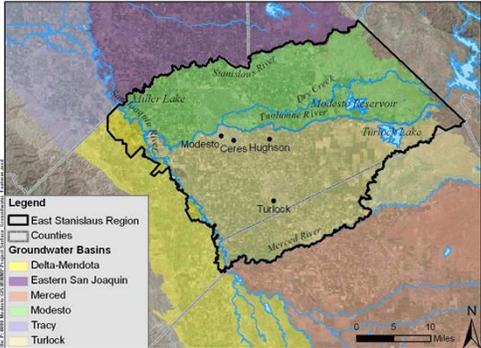
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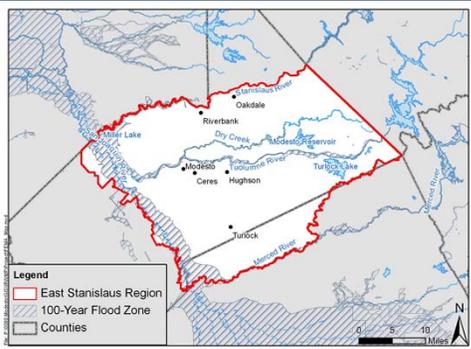
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Chapter 2 Summarizes Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water in the Region

- Water supplies and demands
- Wastewater treatment and collection
- Potential for recycled water use (e.g. North Valley Regional Recycled Water Project)
- Water quality



Chapter 3 – Climate Change

Climate change is Adding New Uncertainties to Water Resources Planning

Undiversified water supply portfolio. Water supplies primarily from:

- Modesto and Turlock Subbasins
- Tuolumne River

From MID 2012 Agricultural Water Management Plan Update

Climate change is Adding New Uncertainties to Water Resources Planning

Potential Impacts:

- Reduced surface water availability
- Reduced groundwater supply reliability
- Potential increase in groundwater overdraft
- Declining water quality
- Loss of riparian habitat, wetlands and other sensitive natural communities
- Reduced hydroelectric generation capacity

Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation

Climate adaptation includes:

- **Adaptation strategies** (policies, programs or other actions) that bolster resilience
- **Mitigation strategies** (best management practices or other measures) to reduce GHG emissions.



Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies

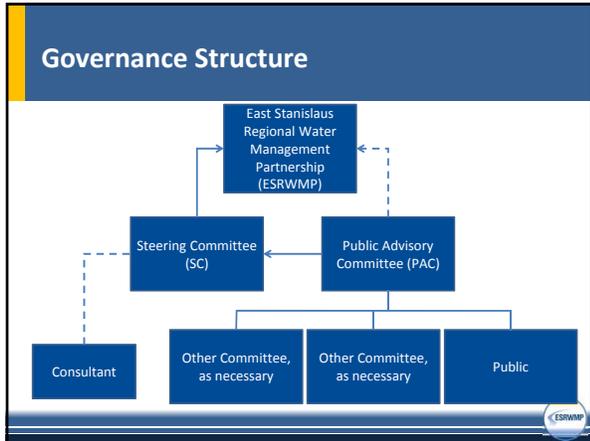
Resource Management Strategies can be applied as climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies:

- Reduce Water Demand
- Improve Operational Efficiency and Transfers
- Increase Water Supply
- Improve Water Quality
- Urban Runoff Management
- Practice Resource Stewardship
- Improve Flood Management



Chapter 4 – Governance, Coordination, and Outreach





ESRWMP and Committees

ESRWMP	Steering Committee	Public Advisory Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected officials from four ESRWMP member agencies• Facilitates communication, cooperation, and education between member agencies• Provides oversight to SC and PAC• Meetings are held as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leads preparation and implementation of the IRWMP• ESRWMP members actively managing projects (ESRWMP staff)• Manages contracts, databases, and reporting• Manages budgets and schedules• Conveys PAC recommendations to the ESRWMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides input and recommendations to ESRWMP and SC• Open to all• First tier of decision making• Develops project prioritization methodologies• Helps screen, integrate, and rank projects

Chapter 5 – Vision, Goals, and Objectives

Shared Issues and Conflicts

- Water supply reliability
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The East Stanislaus Region's IRWM Vision

Integrate projects to provide multiple benefits, resolve identified issues and conflicts, and meet the regional goals and objectives to achieve water reliability and sustainability and flood protection while protecting and enhancing the environment and regional economies and culture.



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Economic and Social Responsibility
Promote development and implementation of projects, programs and policies that are socially impartial and economically sound.



Chapter 6 – The Projects



Project Solicitation and Prioritization

- Project Solicitation implemented with April 12, 2012 workshop
- Call for Projects closed on June 10, 2012
- 28 projects submitted
 - 2 were combined/integrated
 - 17 denoted 'Ready-to-Proceed' → prioritized
 - 10 denoted 'Conceptual'



Projects that were Prioritized

- SRWA Regional Surface Water Supply Project
- Modesto Area 2 Stormwater to Sanitary Sewer Cross-Connection
- Dos Rios Floodplain and Riparian Habitat Restoration
- DAC & Native American Outreach and Technical Assistance
- Non-Potable Water System
- Integrated Stormwater Resources Management and Groundwater Augmentation Plan
- Monterey Park Tract
- Regional Water Needs Assessment
- Municipal Well No. 41
- Water Storage Reservoir NW
- Dennett Dam Removal
- Online Data Management System
- Regional County Island Sewer Connection Study
- Arsenic Mitigation Project
- Regional Surface Water Treatment Plan Pipeline Turnout
- Water Well No. 9
- 7th Street LID Storm Drainage Improvements
- Well No. 9 Arsenic Treatment Facility



Chapter Summarizes Impacts and Benefits from Plan Implementation

- Potential impacts and benefits by project type (e.g., groundwater, conservation, wastewater)
- Impacts and benefits associated with plan implementation at the regional and interregional scales
- Benefits and impacts to Disadvantaged Community (DACs), Environmental Justice-Related Concerns, and Native American Tribal Communities



Chapter 7 – Technical Analysis and Data Management



Prepared Using Sound Technical Documents

- IRWM Plan developed using:
 - Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs)
 - Water Supply Plans
 - Draft Regional Flood Management Plan
 - EIRs/EISs
 - Feasibility Studies
 - General Plans



Chapter 7 Describes

- Why the information is good for use in developing the IRWM Plan
- Identified data gaps in regional understanding
- Notes no additional focused models or studies were performed
- Identifies recommended additional studies
- Project-specific studies supporting technical feasibility of projects summarized in Table 6-2



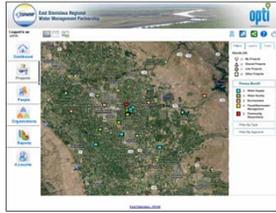
Chapter 7 also Addresses Data Management

- Presents list of data that may be collected during plan implementation
- Summarizes Regional data needs
 - Most data gaps are in unincorporated areas
 - Identifies data gaps
 - Summarizes studies to fill data gaps
- Discusses data dissemination – website, meetings and workshops, uploads to state databases
- Describes state database compatibility



Chapter 7 also Addresses Data Management

- Describes data collection and storage
 - What is currently being done
 - Identifies regional data management system (DMS)
 - Individual stakeholders and project proponents responsible for data collection, review, management



Chapter 8 – Plan Implementation

Potential Funding Sources for IRWMP Implementation

- Capacity fees
- User fees and rates
- General or Capital Improvement Funds
- Bonded Debt Service
- Grants
- Low-Interest Loans

Chapter 8 Summarizes:

- Plan performance monitoring
- Individual project proponents do project-specific monitoring plans
- Project-specific monitoring plans submitted to ESRWMP for review
- Outlines ESRWMP role in project performance monitoring
- Describes how data will be used to improve the IRWM Plan



Long-Term Maintenance Activities

Activity	Frequency*
ESRWMP Meetings (financing, regional water resources issues, other)	Quarterly
Project Solicitation, Review, Integration and Prioritization	Annually
Plan and Project Monitoring and Performance	Annually
IRWM Plan Review and Update	Every 5 years
Outreach	Quarterly

*Frequencies identified are **minimum** frequencies



Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Summary of Integrated Regional Water Management Program
- East Stanislaus Region
- East Stanislaus IRWM Planning Process
- **Next Steps**



Next Steps

- Finalize and Adopt the IRWMP
- Begin implementation of the IRWMP
- Prepare for Funding Opportunities



Questions?





**East Stanislaus Integrated
Regional Water Management Plan**



Meeting Minutes

East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Subject: Public Workshop

Prepared By: Leslie Dumas/RMC
September 11, 2013/6:00 p.m.

Date/Time:

Location: Ceres Community Center
Ceres, CA

Attendees: Mike Brinton (City of Ceres); Jim Alves (City of Modesto); Leslie Dumas & Dave Richardson (RMC); Debbie Liebersbach, Tom Her & Brad Koehn (Turlock Irrigation District); Michael Riddell & Jill Anderson (City of Riverbank); Maria Encinas (City of Patterson); Bryan Whitemyer (City of Oakdale); Julie Rentner (RiverPartners)

Project Number: 0080-009

1. Purpose of Meeting

- Provide overview on Public Draft East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (ESIRWMP)
- Provide overview of next steps in completing and adopting the IRWMP

2. Discussion Summary

- Jim Alves opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. He introduced himself and asked the group to introduce themselves. Jim gave a summary of the history of the East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Program, and then turned the meeting over Dave Richardson. Dave gave an overview of the East Stanislaus Region and planning process. Leslie Dumas then followed Dave in the presentation and summarized key information for each chapter of the draft East Stanislaus IRWMP. Hard copies of the IRWM Highlights document and CDs containing the Draft IRWM Plan were made available to attending stakeholders. Stakeholders were informed that all documents are also available on the IRWM website (eaststanirwm.org) and that Draft Plan comments are due to Jim by the end of September.
- The following are some questions asked during the workshop:
 - Is the County involved? – Jim responded that the County has been invited to participate multiple times, as have other organizations. Jim stated that though some agencies, such as Oakdale and Riverbank, had shown interest and participated early in the process, reduced staffing levels and loss of primary contacts appeared to be the culprits for these agencies not continuing participation, though some communication via email has recently been re-established. For the County, Jim stated the lack of a centralized water resources responsibility appeared to be the main reason that the IRWM has been unsuccessful in attracting a County staff person from any one department to attend meetings and participate at any level. They (the County) have primarily been lacking in staff with primary water resources responsibilities and linked funding to support participation. It was suggested that now would be a good time to revisit the County regarding this program as they have just finished meeting on the proposed groundwater export ordinance. Jim stated that the County is involved with the ongoing Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP) effort and sees this as a positive and potential tie-in to also becoming active in the IRWM. Jim will also contact Mr. Riddell regarding some contacts with the County.

- Can anyone submit a project? – Jim responded that anyone can submit a project for consideration in the IRWMP. He anticipates that the next call for projects will be in the late winter or early spring of 2014. Leslie noted that the plan has been designed to allow for regular call for projects and updates without requiring the plan to be re-adopted.

 - How does one participate in the IRWMP process? – There are multiple ways to participate in the planning process, including being signatory to the MOU and participating on the East Stanislaus Regional Water management Partnership (the regional water management group), participating on the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) or being a stakeholder and getting information updates and attending the public workshops. It was noted that the PAC includes members of all types, including representatives from a neighboring IRWM region (Mike Willett from Patterson).

 - Joint projects – Jim noted that he is communicating with the adjacent regions and that inter-regional projects, such as the North Valley Regional Recycled Water Project, are definitely welcome. The information regarding the projects just needs to be coordinated between the two regions.

 - Correlation with Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP) – Leslie noted that the first few draft sections of the RFMP that have been release and were compared with the draft ESIRWMP, and the results were favorable (that is, the draft plan sections correlated). Julie noted that the 100-year flood plain was recently remapped, and that we'll want to update the ESIRWMP to reflect the new work once it was done.
- The meeting was concluded at 8:00 p.m.