

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance, technical support, protocols, standards and policy guidance will be provided to the project by the following partners:

1) Kenneth Schmidt

Kenneth Schmidt has been a geologist and hydrogeologist for over 30 years working in the southern Sierra area. He has conducted a number of in-depth monitoring and studies in the San Joaquin Valley, foothills and mountains. He is a Certified Geologist and Hydrogeologist.

2) Sequoia National Forest and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Sequoia National Forest and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are important centers of research and information in the southern Sierra Nevada. These two federal agencies maintain staffs of resource professionals including hydrologists, ecologists and natural resource managers. These staff members will contribute significantly to the project.

3) California Department of Water Resources – Fresno

The DWR-South-Central California Region Office agreed to assist the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management group in embarking on this study. At no cost to the group, DWR is willing to partner and assist the group with the execution of this project including data sharing, analysis, maps and information assessment and compilation.

4) Sierra Resource Conservation District

For over ten (10) years Sierra RCD and their affiliates have provided significant program and project management services related to the CALFED Bay Delta Program and other water resource related initiatives within eastern Fresno County. The Board of Directors which serves under the Fresno County Board of Supervisors provides oversight to the Project Manager with the President serving as the Project Director to assure that all fiduciary, quality and schedule commitments are adhered to under terms and conditions agreed upon within any executed contract. Over the last 30 years the assigned Project Manager has been trained and certified in a number of programmatic, quality and financial management programs within the Information Technology (IT) and High Tech Industry – as well as 10 years in water resources, including the following quality assurance related programs:

- Malcolm Baldrige Quality Program
- (CIRM) Certification in Integrated Resource Management
- Project Management Institute Training
- OMB (Office of Management and Budget) Compliance
- ISO 9000

5) Southern Sierra Integrated Resource Management (IRWM) Group

The Sierra RCD is an active member of the Southern Sierra IRWM Group which consists of a number of participants that are being provided support through DWR and the Center for Collaborative Policy that have highly technical expertise that can be called upon to provide review and advice. These members will be able to provide key feedback and response, not only from a public

perspective, but from a technical viewpoint. All elements of this proposal will be reviewed by the Regional Water Management Group and the results will be shared with the public in the region.