

OVERALL INTEGRATION

Discussion Questions

At a recent strategic Planning Session of the Water Boards (attended by several Water Plan AC members and staff), many stakeholders were emphatic that “water is water.” The group pointed out that compartmentalizing water by discrete uses did not make sense in a planning context. Integrated water management was also a clear theme of the 2005 Update of the Water Plan.

Questions:

1. Climate Change, Integrated Regional Water Management and Flood Management are topics to be included in the Update 2009 plan. Are there other topics the AC believes should be incorporated?
2. The current Update 2009 work structure anticipates considering Climate Change, Integrated Regional Water Management and Flood Management as part of the scenario process and in reconsidering the Resource Management Strategies. Are there specific issues related to integrated planning that should be highlighted and/or enhanced in the scenarios and management strategies? In other words – does the act of integrating the disciplines require new ways of presenting or incorporating these topics? If so, what is needed?
3. The stakeholders interested in each of the planning areas are often very different. What is the best way to engage them in the integration process?
4. (If time permits) what is your perspective about the phrase “water is water?” How would you describe the need for integration?