

Resource Stewardship

Objectives:

- How to updated the Water Plan with restricted budgets
- Include cultural resources in Resource Stewardship – need to capture cultural issues that are impacted on the landscape when implementing projects

Topics that Need to be Part of the Conversation

- Ecosystem services and sustainability indicators
 - How will trends in the three scenarios affect this?
 - Identify and define all ecosystem services and values
 - Consider/address economic valuation of each service defined/identified (e.g. specific habitats, landscapes, physical processes of natural systems)
 - Financial support for agencies to address ecosystem services, resources stewardship, and economic valuation
- Climate change
 - Species migration/adaptive capacity
 - Potential to impact and change ecosystem services
- Identify RMS to capture/enhance/support ecosystem services
- Can CEQA be addressed regarding:
 - Hindrances, benefits, unforeseen/unintended consequences
 - Integrate regulations across agencies: local, state, Tribal, federal
- Environmental Water needs – quantify/define (within context of properly functioning ecosystem services)
 - Create council that correlates to ag and urban water councils
 - Define/identify benefits
 - Is it possible to identify thresholds that trigger actions?
- Ag land preservation nexus
 - What ecosystem services are supported by ag lands (e.g. floodplain, habitat)
- Floodplain management
- Financial incentives

Deliverables/Who to Involve

- Smaller watershed groups and water districts need to be involved in IRWM planning efforts and funding
- Support an environmental caucus – caucuses to develop sub-issues concepts (ecosystem services, invasive species, species conservation, etc.)
- Links to larger/other water topics (e.g. WUE, climate change, groundwater, flood management, planning and land use)

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- Other to involve
 - Department of Water Resources
 - Department of Conservation
 - US Army Corps of Engineers
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Tribes
 - Flood Management
 - Resource Conservation Districts
 - Regional Water Boards
 - State legislature – key contacts and committees
 - Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
 - Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife
 - Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water
- Mark Drew interested in serving as Public AC liaison