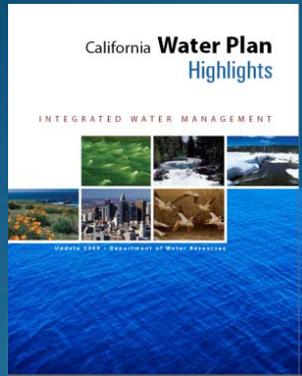


STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF IRWM



What is Integrated Regional Water Management?



- IRWM is one of two major initiatives in Update 2009
- IRWM is not just a grant program

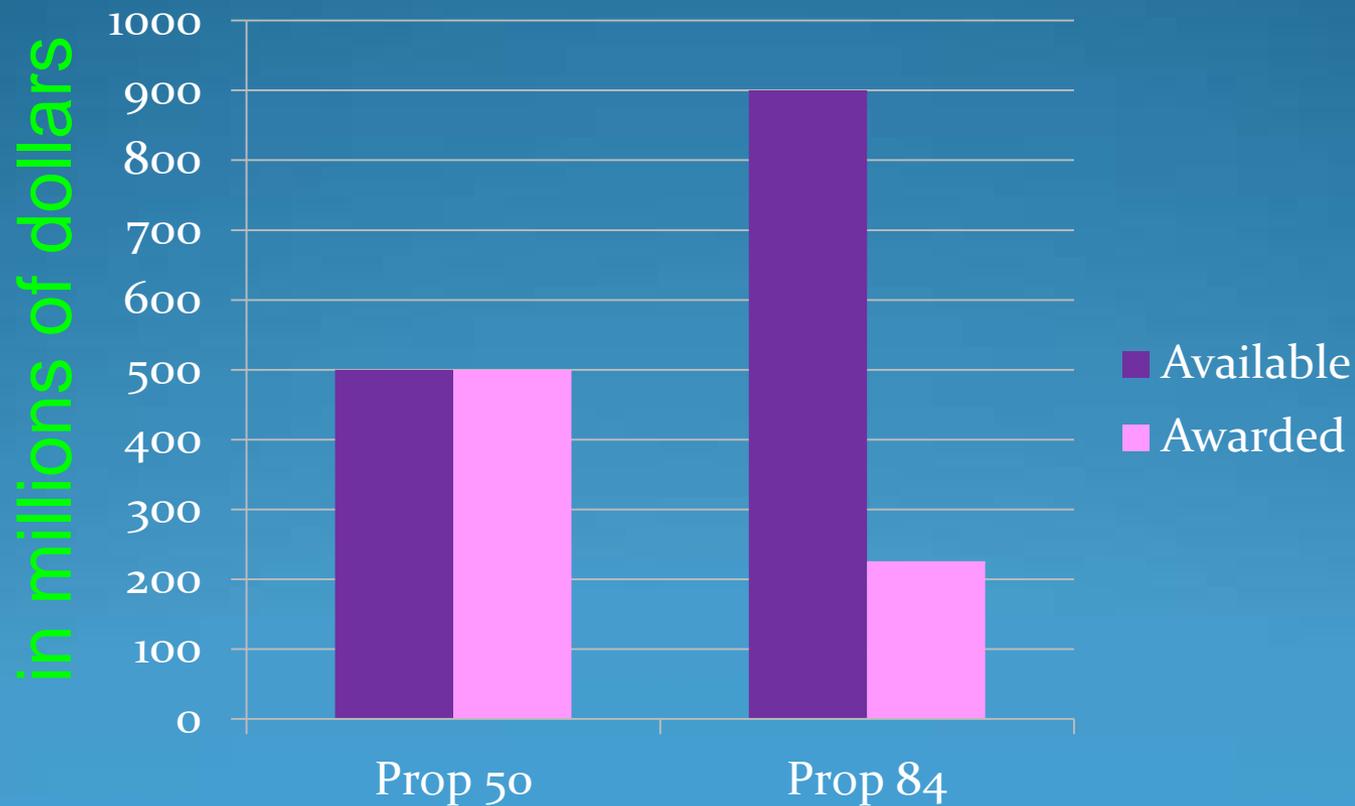
“Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in a region.

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 website: www.water.ca.gov/irwm

To join email list or ask questions: DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov; (916) 651-9613

California has made a major investment in IRWM



Region Acceptance Process (RAP)

48 regions accepted

Includes 87% of state's area and 99% of state's population

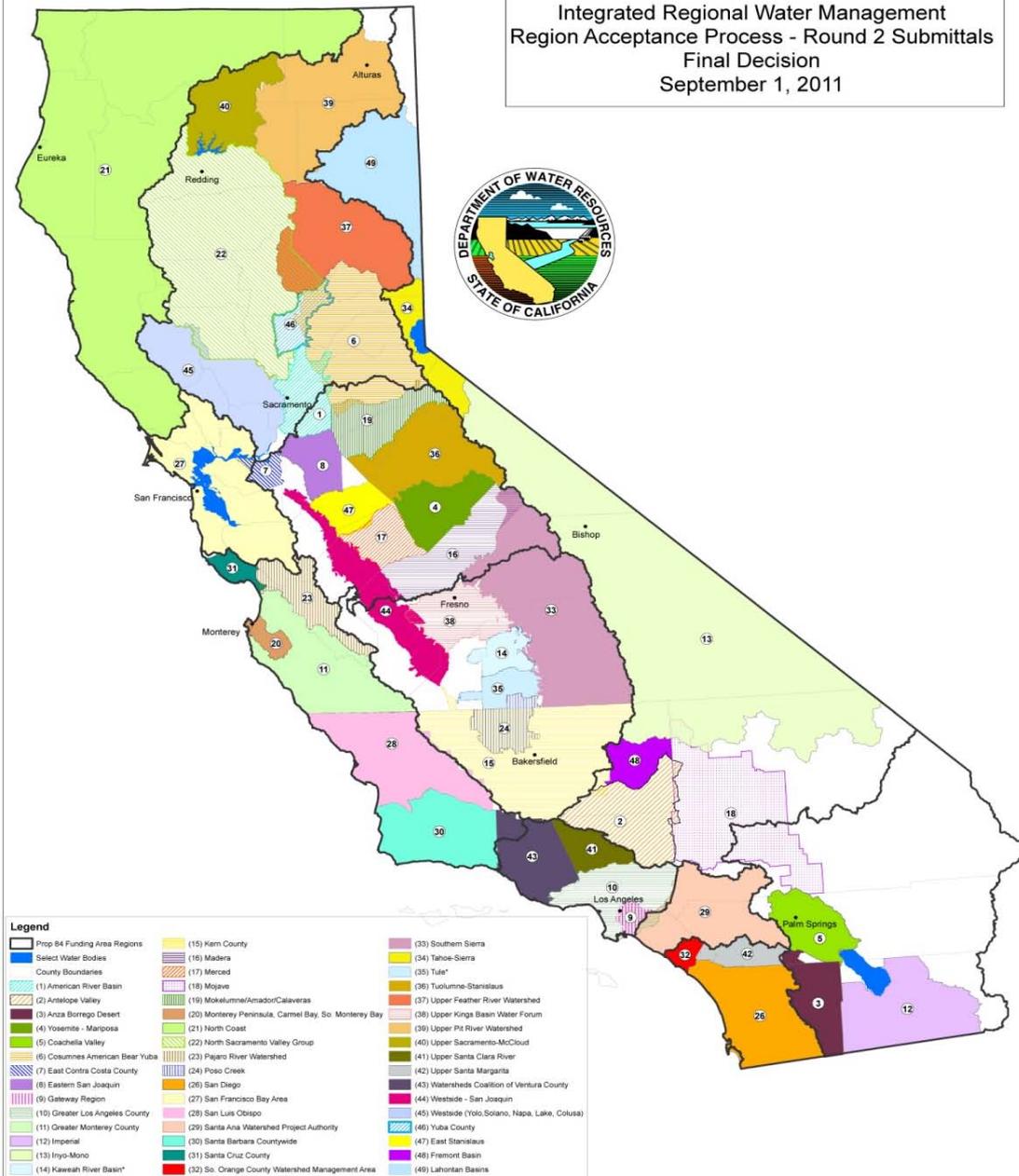
[A region must be accepted in the RAP to be eligible for IRWM grant funding]

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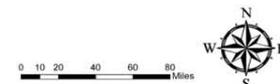
<http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/>

Click on RAP and 2011 Final Map.

Integrated Regional Water Management
Region Acceptance Process - Round 2 Submittals
Final Decision
September 1, 2011



Notes:
 1) Hatch and Dot symbols are shown where there is a boundary overlap.
 2) Numbers shown are for reference purposes only and correspond to internal DWR RAP submittal identifications.
 3) Region boundaries shown are those submitted by each applicant as part of the RAP submittal.
 - RAP 2009 = ID No's 1 - 46
 - RAP 2011 = ID No's 47 - 49
 4) * Denotes Region is conditionally approved
 5) ID No. 25 (Sacramento Valley) is no longer participating in the IRWM Grant Program and is no longer shown.



IRWM Conference

Integrated Regional Water Management: Working Together for California's Water Future

*Sponsored by
California Department of Water Resources
Water Education Foundation*

Radisson Hotel, Sacramento
May 24-25, 2011



Conference totals:

- 270 attendees
- 24 presentations in concurrent sessions
- 3 panels

All PowerPoint presentations from the IRWM Conference are available on-line at WEF website (events/conferences):

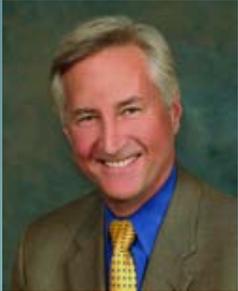
<http://www.watereducation.org/doc.asp?id=1899&parentID=849>

Feedback from IRWM Conference

- IRWM has improved regional planning and has facilitated collaboration across boundaries
- IRWM provides for a common voice in sharing and protecting water resources
- IRWM will help California deal with future water-resource challenges (e.g., climate change and extended droughts)
- There seems to be a disconnect between flood management and water supply in California
- There needs to be a better way to coordinate and integrate with other local planning efforts, e.g., land use plans, water master plans, capital improvement plans
- What happens to IRWM if/when state money goes away?



Director Cowin...



“With the assistance of DWR, IRWM has been successfully implemented by many regional groups in the state, but there is still work to be done.

The *Strategic Plan for the Future of IRWM* in California is critical for ensuring the continued advancement of sustainable water resources management.

The development of the strategic plan is a top priority for DWR”

“Local governments, agencies, and stakeholders have the best understanding of their water management challenges.

The most creative, efficient solutions are found when these groups work together on a regional basis...”



Schedule for Development of Strategic Plan for the Future of IRWM

March
2012

December
2012

Phase 1 – *Project Definition* (*Scoping and Planning*)

Background Review
Interviews
Draft Project Definition Report
Public Workshops
Final Project Definition Report
Project Management Plan



Phase 2 – *Plan Development*

Stay Tuned



Strategic Plan for the Future of IRWM will be a companion plan to **CWP Update 2013**

Phase 1 Activities

Background Review

- relevant documents on strategic planning, DWR vision and planning, IRWM conference, and SP101 working committee meeting

Interviews

- internal are occurring now; external will be in December 2011

Project Definition Report (scoping document for Strategic Plan)

- Background, introduction, project scope and tasks

Public Workshops

- 4 workshops (1 in each DWR Region) to obtain comments on draft Project Definition Report; probably in Feb/Mar 2012 and coordinated with the second round of Regional Forums

Project Management Plan (details on how to complete the tasks)

- Project personnel and resources; timeline; project deliverables