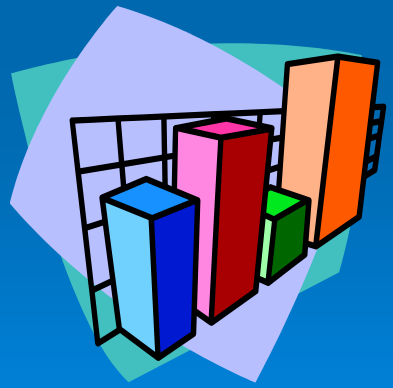
Regional Approach Deliverables

Reinventing Water Plan Regional Reports

Regional Approach: Content



- Background
- Objectives
- Key Elements

Regional Reports: Background

- Introduced in Update 2005
- Each report provides information on conditions and water balance data for each hydrologic region or area of special interest
- Update 2009 added sections on flood management and water quality and information was reviewed and refined through regional workshops

Regional Reports: What We Heard

- Statewide programs need to understand regional conditions & priorities
- Information also needed on sub-regional conditions
- Recommendations needed to be more specific to each regions' unique challenges and opportunities

Regional Reports – What We Heard

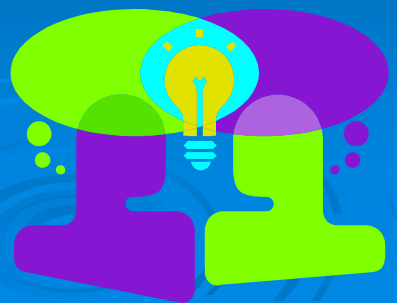
Many recommendations to better reflect regional initiatives throughout Water Plan:

- Urban Water Management Plans
- Integrated Regional Water Management Plans
- Agency databases
- Flood Management Plans
- General Plans – Water Element

Regional Reports: What We Did

Developed and Refined Content

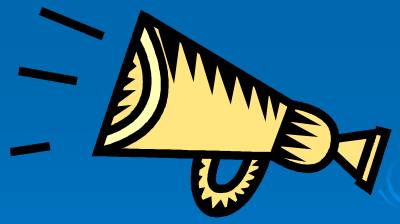
- Revisited role of CWP Regional Reports for describing regional conditions and priorities
- Expanded focus on local and regional efforts, priorities and initiatives
- Discussions with other program managers



Regional Reports: Roll-out

Today's Presentation

- Describe new Regional Report "Story"
- Receive feedback on Regional Report storyboard
  - What to add or change
  - Identify key topics or "sub-chapters" that are important to the region
  - Form partnerships for developing content



Regional Content: Objectives

- Provide accurate and comprehensive description of regional conditions, efforts and priorities regarding water management and planning
- Focus on the unique conditions, objectives and available solutions in each region
- Better support planning efforts and programs at local and regional level – Make it useful for local interests.

Regional Approach: Recent Activities
Regional Report "Storyboard"

Current State of Region

Regional Resource Management Objectives

Inter-regional and Statewide Relationships

Water Management Strategies and Initiatives

Short- and Long-term Recommendations

Regional Content: Current State of Region

- Description of unique characteristics of regions and sub-regions, including:
  - Geography, hydrology, demographics, economics
  - Flood and water mgmt. challenges & opportunities
- Recent/key policies, programs, legislation
- Major efforts and initiatives

Regional Content: Resource Management Objectives

- Overview of local and regional water planning and mgmt. objectives, e.g.:
  - IRWM, UWMP, Irrigation district, Flood district, RCD and General Plan goals
  - State program guidelines and criteria such as Water Boards, IRWM Strategic Plan
- Addressing immediate needs
- Anticipating future conditions and needs

Regional Content: Inter-Regional & Statewide Relationships

- Past and present interactions with other regions (upstream and downstream), e.g.:
  - imported water, transfers, conjunctive use
  - floodplain management activities
  - implications for reliability, water quality, energy use
- Current and future stake in larger inter-regional systems, e.g.:
  - Bay-Delta conditions and programs
  - Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement

Regional Content: Water Management Strategies and Initiatives

- Describe the Resource Management Strategies currently used in region
- Describe which strategies are: readily available, most effective, preferred
- Feasibility for expanding current strategies
- Feasibility for new strategies
- Tradeoffs and overall benefits
- Quantification of benefits

Regional Content: Short- and Long-term Implementation Actions

- Recommendations for implementation
  - Short-term and long-term
  - Likely benefits associated with actions
- “No Excuse” actions
- Consequences of inaction

Regional Content: Next Steps

Discuss Regional storyboard (today):

- Identify key topics or “sub-chapters” that are important to the South Coast hydrologic region
- Identify existing sources of data and information
- Think about and discuss key audiences
- Commit to providing content (Your regional story)

Incorporate into expanded outline

Questions?