

# Update 2009

## Regional Approach

- three cycles of workshops  
(2007, 2008, 2009)
- one workshop per region per cycle
- different workshop location each time

# Using Regional Input

- input from regions consolidated for use by the Water Plan program, advisory committee, and state agency steering committee
- key issues will be included in Update 2009 report as:
  - policy recommendations
  - Regional Reports
  - resource management strategies

# Regional Workshops – Networking, Contacts, and Content

- staff identified as Regional Leads for each District
- email reflectors are using contact information to create better communication networks
- cross-pollination of information broadens perspectives on issues and solutions
- focus on resource management strategies at Regional Forum, Plenary, and 2008 Regional Workshops

# Regional Workshops – Status Report



Workshop summaries and flipchart transcripts have been posted to Regional Outreach web page

[www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/regional](http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/regional)



# Regional Workshop Findings

## ➤ Supply issues

- export regions: area of origin water rights; regional self-sufficiency
- import regions: availability and affordability of drinking water, long-term sustainability
- coastal areas: saltwater intrusion (groundwater)
- inland areas: groundwater overdraft

# Regional Workshop Findings

- Supply issues, cont'd.
  - common themes:
    - reliability
    - climate change impacts
    - storage options
    - drought contingencies
    - infrastructure improvements
    - meeting needs for growing populations
  - other concerns: energy requirements

# Regional Workshop Findings

## ➤ Water Quality concerns

- Colorado River region: quality of exchange water; recharge impacts to groundwater quality
- Mountain Counties: arsenic, copper, mercury and pesticides
- Central Coast: groundwater and injection wells
- Tulare Lake: arsenic and nitrates

# Regional Workshop Findings

## ➤ Water Quality concerns, cont'd.

### - common themes:

protecting and enhancing water quality

matching water quality to use

costs of treatment

### - other concerns: salinity/brine management

# Regional Workshop Findings

- Multi-benefit strategies
  - reuse of stormwater and wastewater
  - reoperation of conveyance facilities
  - water banking – conjunctive use
  - watershed restoration
  - integration of water supply, water quality, floodplain management, and watershed management objectives

# Regional Workshop Findings

- Challenges to implementing multi-benefit strategies
  - understanding effectiveness, feasibility and regional costs of strategies (need information and pilot projects)
  - agency regulatory requirements are not coordinated; permitting obstacles
  - need for funding and incentive programs

# Regional Workshop Findings

- Integration of planning efforts
  - greater consistency for what is contained in
    - general plans
    - urban water management plans
    - IRWMPs
  - coordination with land use planning and Basin Planning processes
  - develop regional priorities for implementation

# Regional Workshop Findings

- Outreach, education, and awareness
  - statewide campaign for water awareness (similar to “flex your power” or “spare the air”)
  - water conservation information:
    - landscape water use
    - landscaping ordinances
    - next level of conservation efforts

# Questions

