

## **Regional Comments from California Water Plan Workshop in Oakland 6/25/07**

### *Water Plan Content*

Improve integration at all levels (with regions, inter-regional, CalFed, Delta Vision), partner with state & federal agencies, recognize Bay region's complexities (organization, representation, geography), absorb/accept local perspective and guidance.

Improve linkage between water and land use planning (general plan elements, emergency plans beyond 2 days, regional planning, growth, flood management, drought plans).

Address mitigation and adaptation for climate change at watershed scale (rising bay level: saltwater intrusion, groundwater impacts, flood management).

Include alternative scenarios planning (as per CEQA) with 50+ year horizon.

Improve hydrologic data collection, compilation, sharing programs.

Prioritize implementation and economic efficiency: reduce permitting roadblocks, frame as 'action plan', report cost effectiveness of recommendations, include performance metrics and accountability, enhance public communication.

Focus on key strategies: improve infrastructure, diversify water supplies, reuse stormwater, recycle wastewater, develop future conservation BMP's, market water, conserve energy, protect watersheds, link habitat/riparian water issues with water quality & supply, address EJ.

### *Regional Report Topics*

Report water conditions: supply reliability, groundwater overdraft, smart growth, landscape water use, influences on water quality, flood control.

Describe challenges: inter-regional interdependency, sub-regional issues, economic constraints, regulatory roadblocks, consistent methodology.

Report accomplishments: agency coordination (mutual aid, conveyance, interties), coordinated planning, energy management, climate change adaptation.

Study regional scenarios: reduced Delta imports, climate change impacts.

Develop regionally appropriate management strategies and actions (water-smart growth toolkit, expanded reuse and storage, protected area identification).

Prioritize regional multi-objective projects; identify costs, benefits, risks, incentives, funding sources; fund demonstration projects; quantify goals with flexibility in how to achieve; outreach to local agencies on use of State Water Plan.