

Regional Comments from Water Plan Workshop in Stockton 8/13/07

Water Plan Content

Include links between inter-regional issues (land use patterns, flood management, IRWMP & water supply).

Address complex issues together: flood risk, levee maintenance, ESA, conflicting management, surface & groundwater water quality, environmental justice, growth, restoration of San Joaquin River, need to sustain Delta for agricultural and economic activities, water supply reliability, water rights, environmental water needs, CVPIA restoration objectives.

Evaluate climate change impacts to fish, water quality, water management; analyze drought/super-drought water planning scenarios; consider energy implications of water management.

Emphasize key strategies and linkages: improve water quality (salt, dissolved oxygen, temperature, mercury, other chemicals, habitat considerations), match quality to use, support update of RWQCB Basin Plans, protect levee integrity, improve conveyance reliability, expand water reuse, support San Joaquin River ecosystem restoration, enhance wetlands, identify opportunities for conjunctive use, improve small community infrastructure.

Regional Report Topics

Tie land use and water planning together on a regional and local basis.

Report water conditions: water rights; water infrastructure; water quality data; links to watershed management, land use, and levee maintenance; salinity management; water use.

Describe challenges: institutional complexity of water rights, extra-regional considerations, institutional barriers, funding needs, participation by all stakeholders.

Study regional scenarios: climate change effects on ecosystems, water supply and quality.

Address both water supply and water quality strategies comprehensively in regional plans for existing communities and new areas, consider strategies for satisfying water demand, refine SWP & CVP operational models, address non-point source pollution.

Use multi-benefit integrated regional water management planning; regionalize management structures and funding; emphasize south-of-Delta supplies for south-of-Delta needs; propose San Joaquin overflow areas, setback levees for floodplain management and habitat management.

Create more reliable and effective funding strategies, report state resources and technical support available for IRWM planning, use incentives instead of regulations, include environmental justice considerations.