

Mountain Counties Example Response Package

<u>Plan Objectives**</u>	<u>Plan Strategies</u>	<u>Comments Given and Changes Suggested by the Interest Group at the All Regions Forum</u>
<p>Primary Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Water Supply b. Water Quality c. Environmental Restoration d. Ecosystem Services <p>Specifics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Coordinate and conjunctively manage surface water and groundwater supplies b. Formulate a comprehensive water management, conservation, and reuse program c. Develop proposals for the import, export and transfer of water. d. Ensure open and frequent communication. e. Integrate water resource planning and land use planning. f. Assist disadvantaged communities. g. Meet or exceed all applicable water quality regulatory standards. h. Enhance the aquatic and riparian environment. i. Use recycled water to the maximum extent possible. j. Reduce point-source and nps pollution. k. Comply with applicable discharge requirements. l. Provide recreational opportunities. m. Provide adequate storm drainage and flood control. n. Salmonid restoration important to some of the stakeholders 	<p>Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystem Restoration • Conveyance • System Re-Operation <p>Other</p> <p><i>Reduce Water Demand</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Water Use Efficiency • Urban Water Use Efficiency <p><i>Improve Operational Efficiency & Transfers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Transfers <p><i>Increase Water Supply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycled Municipal Water • Conjunctive Management and Groundwater Storage • Surface Storage – Regional/Local <p><i>Improve Water Quality</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution • Pollution Prevention • Urban Runoff Management • Recharge Areas Protection <p><i>Practice Resource Stewardship</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystem Restoration • Economic Incentives • Agricultural Lands Stewardship [??] • Urban Land Use Management • Watershed Management • Forest Management • Water Dependent Recreation <p><i>Improve Flood Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floodflow Modification • Flood Susceptibility Modification • Flood Impact Modification • Floodplain Restoration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition that this is a source water area w/o their own authority to modify water exports • Concern over use of water for power generation rather than using the water for regional priorities so re-operation is very important • Conveyance should also be a primary strategy since they are providing GW and ecosystem benefits that need to be evaluated as well as their cultural and historical significance • Inter-regional conflicts are most important - - DWR ought to help because Mountain County stakeholders don't have the power to say • Additional Primary Strategies - - Economic Importance and Meadow Restoration • Desired level to be achieved for that strategy – preserve and restore natural floodplains such as meadows to reduce peak flows at the top • Primary concern in MC is interregional issues. Most of the major facilities are owned and operated by entities that are not otherwise a part of MC. This creates difficulty in planning when these other entities have veto power. For example, stakeholders of the MC would like to see fisheries restoration, but do not have authority to modify the water exports. • Ag lands stewardship might need to be expanded to promote certain crop types such as row crops rather than trees. This also leads to crop idling • Conjunctive management and GW storage should also include meadow restoration in its description. The meadow restoration would have similar benefits as forest management.
<p>** bullet numbering provided only to facilitate discussion</p>		

