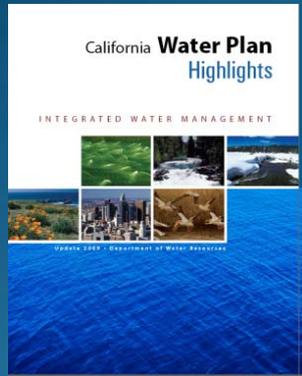


IRWM Planning

Statewide Overview

What is Integrated Regional Water Management?



- IRWM is one of two major initiatives in Update 2009
- IRWM is not just a grant program

“Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in a region.

IRWM crosses jurisdictional, watershed, and political boundaries; involves multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals, and groups; and attempts to address the issues and differing perspectives of all the entities involved through mutually beneficial solutions.”

IRWM website: www.water.ca.gov/irwm

To join email list or ask questions: DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov; (916) 651-9613

Integrated Regional Water Management Grants

→ Available Grants & Loans

[Home](#) → [IRWM Program](#)

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DWR's IRWM Grant Program

DWR has a number of IRWM grant program funding opportunities. Current IRWM grant programs include: planning, implementation, and stormwater flood management. Links to these programs and other IRWM grant funding information can be found on the menu bar to the left while the latest IRWM news items (provided as "quick links") are referenced to the right.

DWR's IRWM Grant Programs are managed within DWR's Division of IRWM by the Financial Assistance Branch with assistance from the Regional Planning Branch and regional offices. Financial Assistance Branch contact information is provided on the menu to the left.

IRWM Grant Program Milestones

2002 - Senate Bill 1672 creates the Integrated Regional Water Management Act to encourage local agencies to work cooperatively to manage local and imported water supplies to improve the quality, quantity, and reliability.

November 2002 - California voters pass Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, which provides \$500,000,000 (CWC §79560-79565) to fund competitive grants for projects consistent with an adopted IRWM plan.

November 2006 - California voters pass Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act, which provides \$1,000,000,000 (PRC §75001-75130) for IRWM Planning and Implementation.

November 2006 - California voters pass Proposition 1E, the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act, which provides \$300,000,000 (PRC §5096.800-5096.967) for IRWM Stormwater Flood Management.

> IRWM NEWS <

2011, December 22 - DIRWM posts [Prop. 84 Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Package for Round 2](#)

2011, December 21 - DIRWM posts Final Awards for the Round 1 Prop. 1E [Stormwater Flood Management Grant Program](#)

2011, December 21 - DIRWM posts [public comments](#) on the Prop. 1E Round 1 Stormwater Flood Management Grants Draft Funding Recommendations

2011, December 21 - DIRWM posts [public comments](#) on the Draft Planning PSP Round 2

2011, December 2 - DWR posts [Process Improvement](#) workshop material and information

2011, October 3 - DIRWM posts [submitted applications](#) for the Prop. 1E Stormwater Flood Management Solicitation

2011, September 27 - DIRWM posts future solicitations [schedule](#)

Older news items have been moved to the [Archive](#) Page under their respective Propositions.

For immediate assistance contact (916) 651-9613 or email DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF FUTURE IRWM GRANT SOLICITATIONS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

Anticipated Schedule of Future IRWM Grant Solicitations

On IRWM website
(www.water.ca.gov/irwm)
at:

http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/ResourcesLinks/2011_2013_IRWM_Schedule.pdf

Activities	Target Date
Planning Grant Solicitation	
Release Draft PSP for Public Review & Comment	October 2011
Release Final PSP	December 2011
Applications Due	February 2012
Announce Draft Recommendations for Public Review & Comment	Spring 2012
Announce Final Awards	Mid-2012
Local Groundwater Assistance Grants	
Release Revised Draft Guidelines & PSP for Public Review & Comment	January 2012
Release Final Guidelines & PSP	Spring 2012
Applications Due	Spring 2012
Announce Draft Recommendations for Public Review & Comment	Summer 2012
Announce Final Awards	Fall 2012
Revise Program Guidelines & PSP (Implementation & SWFM)	
Stakeholder Workshops & Public Feedback	Late 2011
Release Revised Draft Guidelines and PSP for Public Review & Comment	Spring 2012
Release Final Round 2 Program Guidelines & PSP (Implementation & SWFM)	Summer 2012
Stormwater Flood Management Grant	
Applications Due	Summer 2012
Announce Draft Recommendations for Public Review & Comment	Early 2013
Announce Final Awards	Spring 2013
Implementation Grant (2-Step Process Anticipated)	
Step 1 - IRWM Plan Evaluation Phase	
Applications Due	Fall 2012
Release Draft Call Back List for Public Review & Comment	Early 2013
Release Final Call Back List	Spring 2013
Step 2 - Project Evaluation Phase	
Applications Due	Summer 2013
Announce Draft Recommendations for Public Review & Comment	Late Summer 2013
Announce Final Awards	Fall 2013

Region Acceptance Process (RAP)

48 regions accepted

Includes 87% of state's area and 99% of state's population

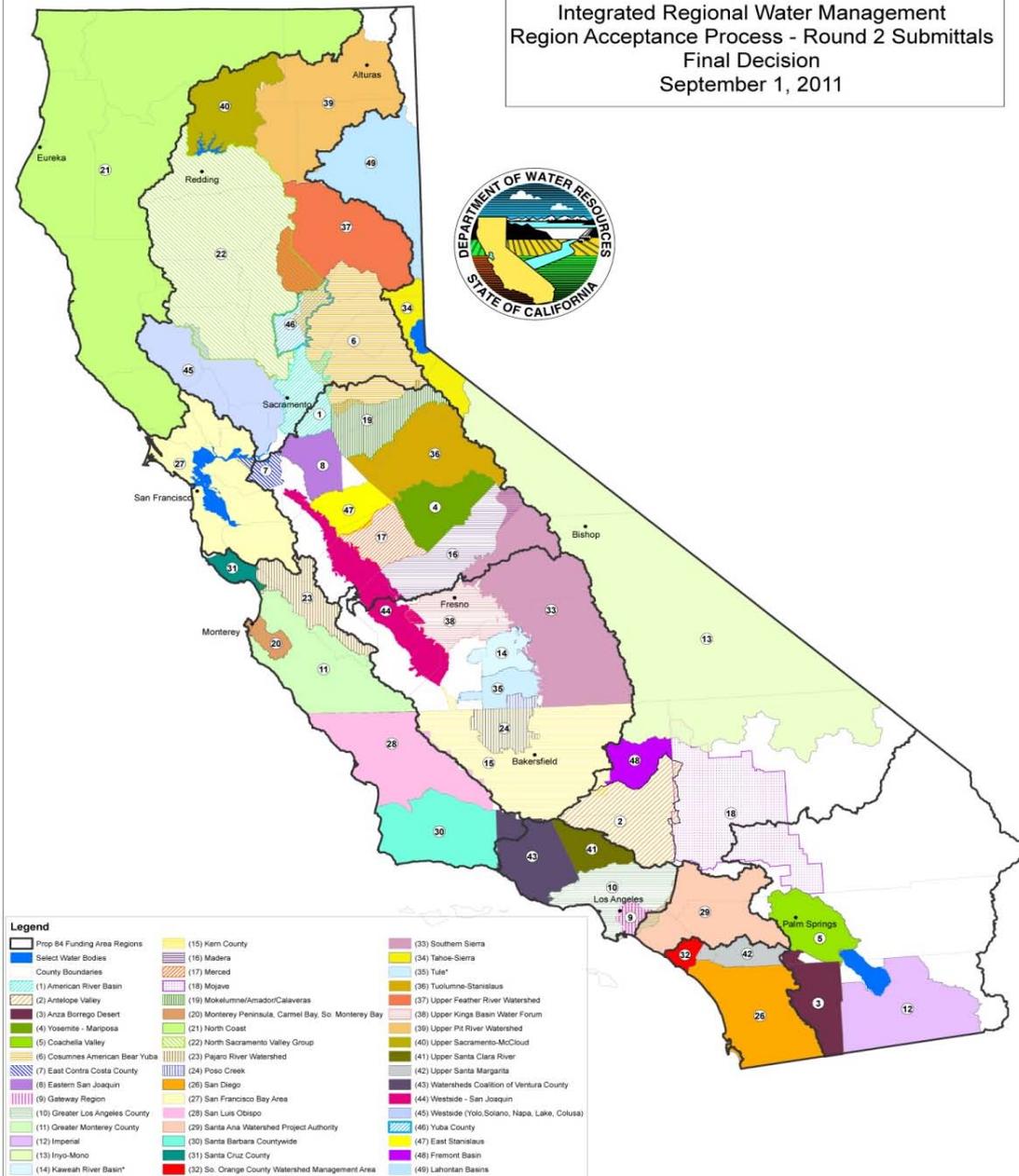
[A region must be accepted in the RAP to be eligible for IRWM grant funding]

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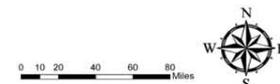
<http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/>

Click on RAP and 2011 Final Map.

Integrated Regional Water Management
Region Acceptance Process - Round 2 Submittals
Final Decision
September 1, 2011

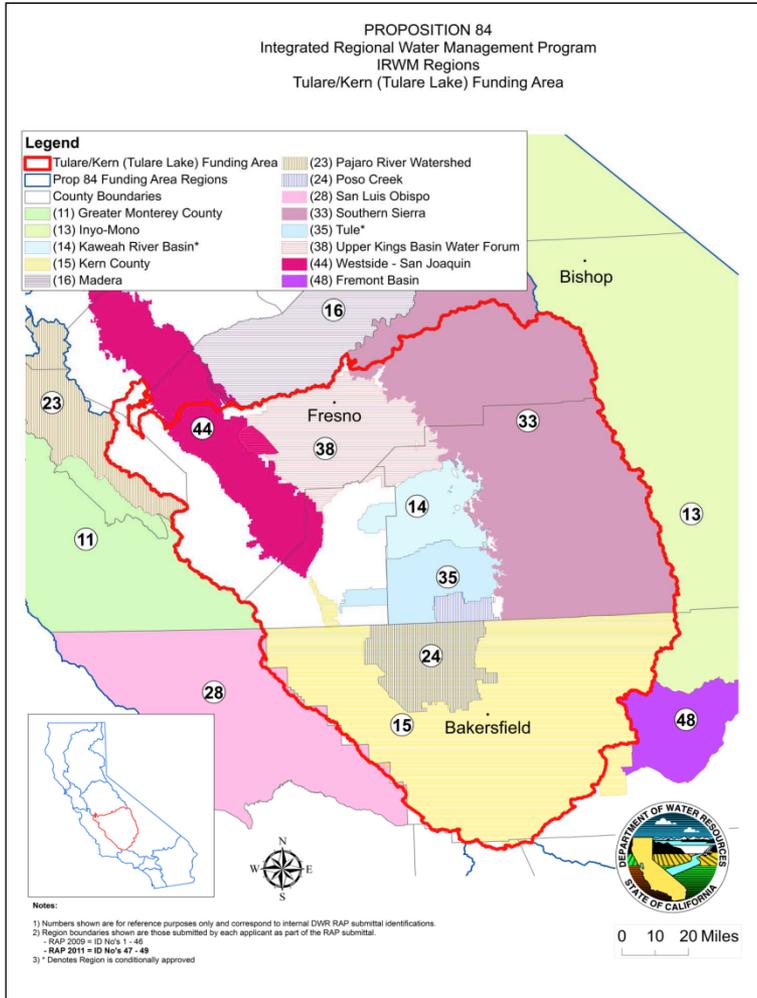


Notes:
 1) Hatch and Dot symbols are shown where there is a boundary overlap.
 2) Numbers shown are for reference purposes only and correspond to internal DWR RAP submittal identifications.
 3) Region boundaries shown are those submitted by each applicant as part of the RAP submittal.
 - RAP 2009 = ID No's 1 - 46
 - RAP 2011 = ID No's 47 - 49
 4) * Denotes Region is conditionally approved
 5) ID No. 25 (Sacramento Valley) is no longer participating in the IRWM Grant Program and is no longer shown.



Tulare Lake Basin IRWM Regions

PROPOSITION 84 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM Tulare/Kern (Tulare Lake) Funding Area



IRWM Region: **(14) Kaweah River Basin**
 POC: Mark Larsen
 Agency Name: Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District
 Email: kaweah@kdwcd.com
 Telephone: (559) 747-5601
<http://www.kdwcd.com/>

IRWM Region: **(15) Kern County**
 POC: Lauren Bauer
 Agency Name: Kern County Water Agency
 Email: lbauer@kcwa.com
 Telephone: (661) 634-1411
<http://www.kernirwmp.com/>

IRWM Region: **(24) Poso Creek**
 POC: Paul Oshel
 Agency Name: Semitropic Water Storage District
 Email: poshel@semitropic.com
 Telephone: (661) 758-5113
<http://www.semitropic.com/PubsArchive.htm>

IRWM Region: **(33) Southern Sierra**
 POC: Bobby Kamansky, Project Manager
 Agency Name: Sequoia Riverlands Trust
 Email: southernsierrairwmp@gmail.com
 Telephone: (559) 287-3311
<http://www.sequoiariverlands.org/learn->

IRWM Region: **(35) Tule**
 POC: David L. Hoffman
 Agency Name: Deer Creek and Tule River Authority
 Email: dave93257@yahoo.com
 Telephone: (559) 686-4716

IRWM Region: **(38) Upper Kings Basin Water Forum**
 POC: Eric Osterling
 Agency Name: Kings River Conservation District
 Email: eosterling@krccd.org
 Telephone: (559) 237-5567 Ext. 135
<http://www.krccd.org/water/ukbirwma/index.html>

IRWM Region: **(44) Westside - San Joaquin**
 POC: Ara Azhderian
 Agency Name: San Luis Delta-Mendota W.A.
 Email: ara.azhderian@sldmwa.org
 Telephone: (209) 826-9696
http://www.sldmwa.org/intergrated_resources_plan.htm

Note: The following IRWM Regions shown on the map are outside of the Tulare/Kern (Tulare Lake) Funding Area but are shown for informational purposes: Fremont Basin, Greater Monterey County, Inyo-Mono, Madera, Pajaro River Watershed and San Luis Obispo. Please refer to the appropriate funding area map for contact information.

Please refer to: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/FundingAreaContacts/FundingArea.pdf> for appropriate DWR IRWM Region contact information or email to: DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov.

Website URL for this map and contact list:

<http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/FundingAreaContacts/TulareLakeFA2011.pdf>

IRWM Conference Attendees from Tulare Lake Basin



Panel Discussion: Visionary Perspectives on IRWM

David Orth, General Manager, Kings River Conservation District

Laurel Firestone, Co-Executive Director, Community Water Center

Tulare Basin IRWM Planning: Basin-Wide Planning and Coordination with Sub-Regional Groups

Dick Moss, Vice President of Water Resources, Provost and Pritchard Engineering Group and Upper Kings IRWM

Engaging Disadvantaged Communities and Environmental Justice Stakeholders in your IRWM Process

Laurel Firestone, Co-Executive Director, Community Water Center



Conference totals:

- 270 attendees
- 24 presentations in concurrent sessions
- 3 panels

All PowerPoint presentations from the IRWM Conference are available on-line at WEF website (events/conferences):

<http://www.watereducation.org/doc.asp?id=1899&parentID=849>

Feedback from IRWM Conference

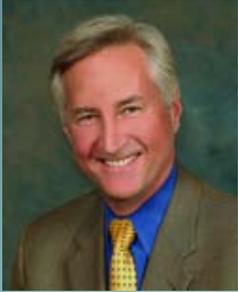
- IRWM has improved regional planning and has facilitated collaboration across boundaries
- IRWM provides for a common voice in sharing and protecting water resources
- IRWM will help California deal with future water-resource challenges (e.g., climate change and extended droughts)
- There seems to be a disconnect between flood management and water supply in California
- We need to better coordinate and integrate with other planning efforts, e.g., land use plans, water master plans, capital improvement plans
- What happens to IRWM if/when state money goes away?



STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF IRWM



Director Cowin...



“With the assistance of DWR, IRWM has been successfully implemented by many regional groups in the state, but there is still work to be done.

The *Strategic Plan for the Future of IRWM* in California is critical for ensuring the continued advancement of sustainable water resources management.

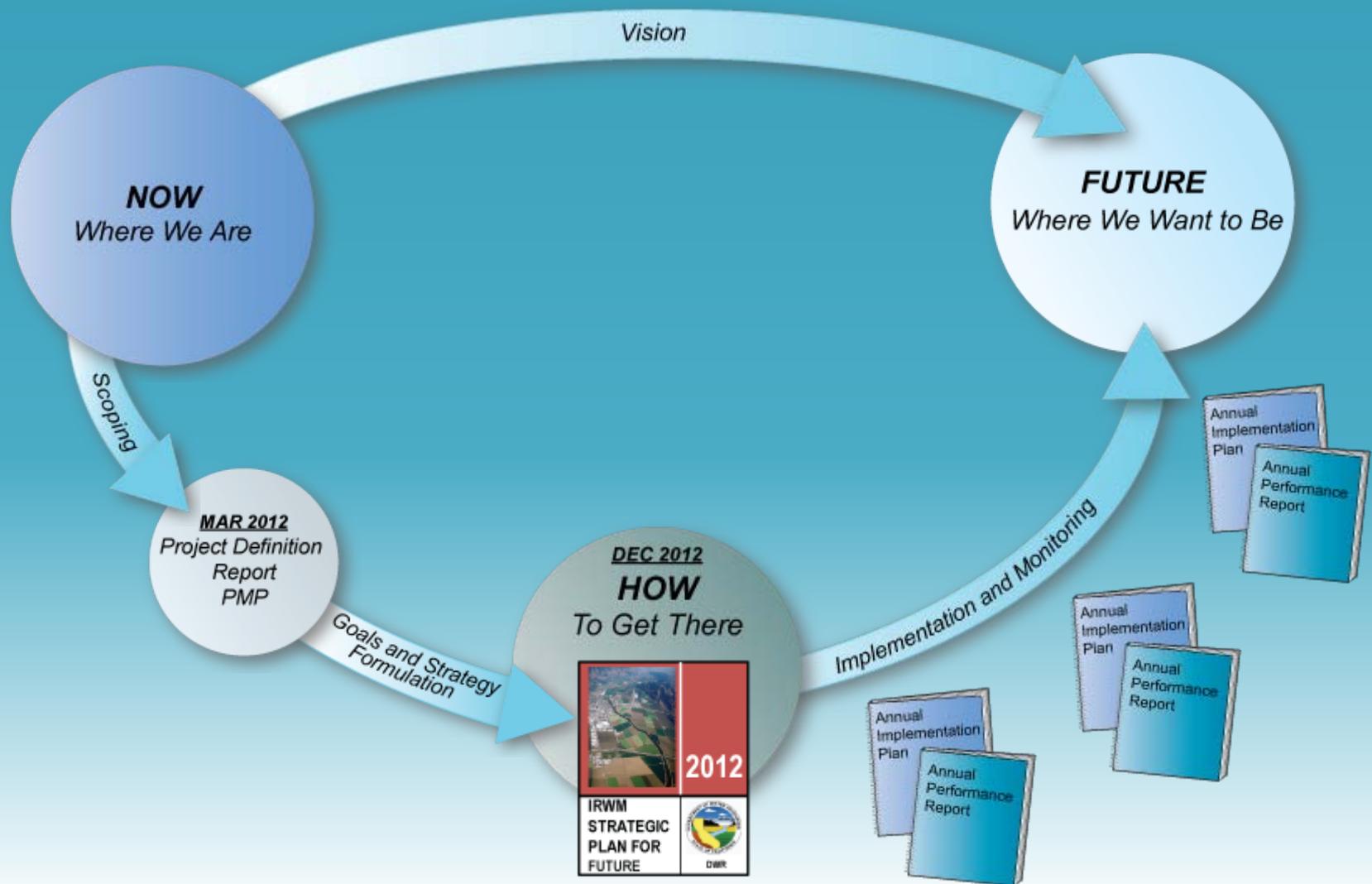
The development of the strategic plan is a top priority for DWR”

“Local governments, agencies, and stakeholders have the best understanding of their water management challenges.

The most creative, efficient solutions are found when these groups work together on a regional basis...”



THE BIG PICTURE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS



Schedule for Development of Strategic Plan for the Future of IRWM

Spring
2012

December
2012

Phase 1 – *Project Definition* ***(Scoping and Planning)***

Draft Project Definition Report
Public Workshops
Final Project Definition Report



Phase 2 – *Plan Development*

Stay Tuned



Strategic Plan for the Future of IRWM will be a companion plan
to **CWP Update 2013**

Phase 1 Activities

Project Definition Report (scoping document for Strategic Plan)

- Background, introduction, project scope and tasks

Public Workshops

- 4 workshops (1 in each DWR Regional Service Area) to obtain comments on draft Project Definition Report
- in Spring 2012 and coordinated with the second round of Regional Forums

STRATEGIC PLANS PATTERN

- All plans are variations/combinations of the following strategic plan process elements



Sample Vision

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is embraced and practiced throughout California as the best way to manage all aspects of water, and water-related programs, policies, and regulations at all levels are aligned to promote and advance IRWM.

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