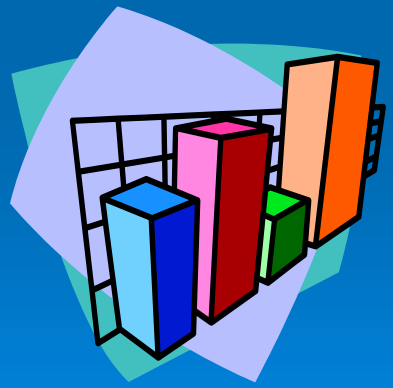
Regional Reports – California Water Plan Update 2013

Reinventing Water Plan Regional Reports

Regional Reports - Content



- Background
- Objectives
- Key Elements

Regional Reports: Background

- Introduced in Update 2005
- Each report provides information on conditions and water balance data for each hydrologic region or area of special interest
- Update 2009 added sections on flood management and water quality and information was reviewed and refined through regional workshops

Regional Reports: What We Heard

- Statewide programs need to understand regional conditions & priorities
- Information also needed on sub-regional conditions
- Recommendations needed to be more specific to each regions' unique challenges and opportunities

Regional Reports – What We Heard

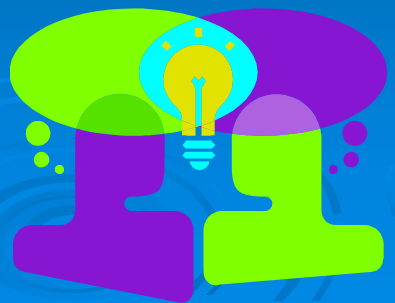
Regional initiatives can provide the content and guide the recommendations of the Water Plan:

- Urban Water Management Plans
- Integrated Regional Water Management Plans
- Agency databases
- Flood Management Plans
- General Plans – Water Element

Regional Reports: What We Did

Developed and Refined Content

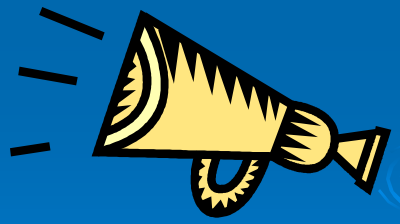
- Revisited role of CWP Regional Reports for describing regional conditions and priorities
- Expanded focus on local and regional efforts, priorities and initiatives
- Discussions with other programs to better integrate



Regional Reports: Roll-out

Today's Presentation

- Describe new Regional Report "Story"
- Receive feedback on Regional Report storyboard and outline/template
  - What to add or change
  - Identify key topics or "sub-chapters" that are important to the region
  - Form partnerships for developing content



Regional Report: Objectives

- Provide accurate and comprehensive description of regional conditions, efforts and priorities regarding water management and planning
- Focus on the unique conditions, objectives and available solutions in each region
- Better support planning efforts and programs at local and regional level – Make it useful for local interests.

Regional Report: Recent Activities
Regional Report "Storyboard" and Outline/Template

Current State of Region

Regional Resource Management Objectives

Inter-regional and Statewide Relationships

Water Management Strategies and Initiatives

Short- and Long-term Recommendations

Regional Report Content: Current State of Region

- Description of unique characteristics of regions and sub-regions, including:
  - Geography, hydrology, demographics, economics
  - Flood and water mgmt. challenges & opportunities
- Recent/key policies, programs, legislation
- Major efforts and initiatives

Regional Report Content: Resource Management Objectives

- Overview of local and regional water planning and mgmt. objectives, e.g.:
  - IRWM, UWMP, Irrigation district, Flood district, RCD and General Plan goals
  - State program guidelines and criteria such as Water Boards, IRWM Strategic Plan
- Addressing immediate needs
- Anticipating future conditions and needs

Regional Report Content: Inter-Regional & Statewide Relationships

- Past and present interactions with other regions (upstream and downstream), e.g.:
  - imported water, transfers, conjunctive use
  - floodplain management activities
  - implications for reliability, water quality, energy use
- Current and future stake in larger inter-regional systems, e.g.:
  - Bay-Delta conditions and programs
  - Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement

Regional Content: Water Management Strategies and Initiatives

- Describe the Resource Management Strategies currently used in region
- Describe which strategies are: readily available, most effective, preferred
- Feasibility for expanding current strategies
- Feasibility for new strategies
- Tradeoffs and overall benefits
- Quantification of benefits

Regional Report Content: Short- and Long-term Implementation Actions

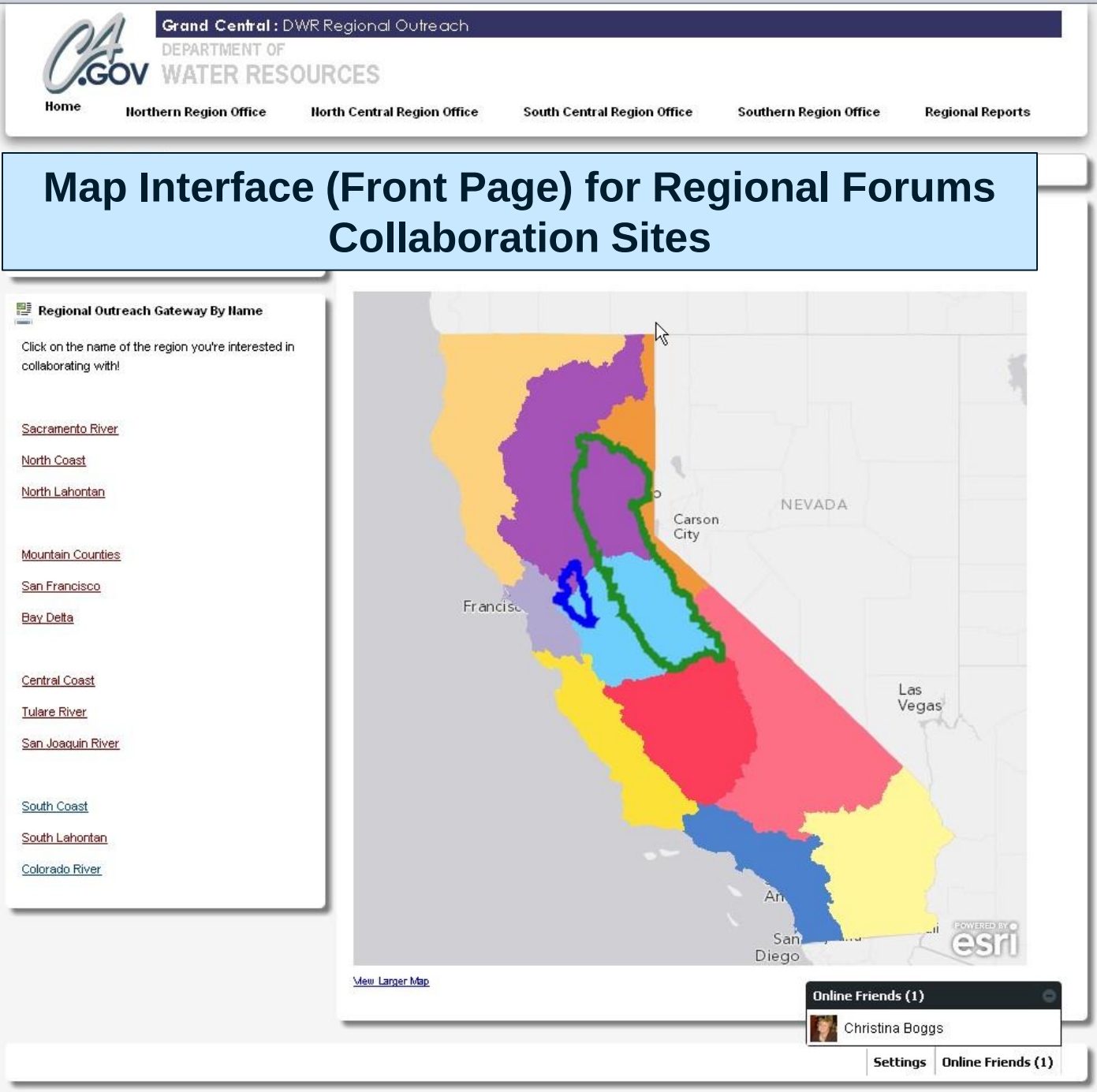
- Recommendations for implementation
  - Short-term and long-term
  - Likely benefits associated with actions
- “No Excuse” actions
- Consequences of inaction

Two Page Summary in Highlights Document

- Highlights Document is the most distributed document of the Water Plan

- Two pages for each of the 12 regions will be available to summarize the story the regions wish for others to know about their region.

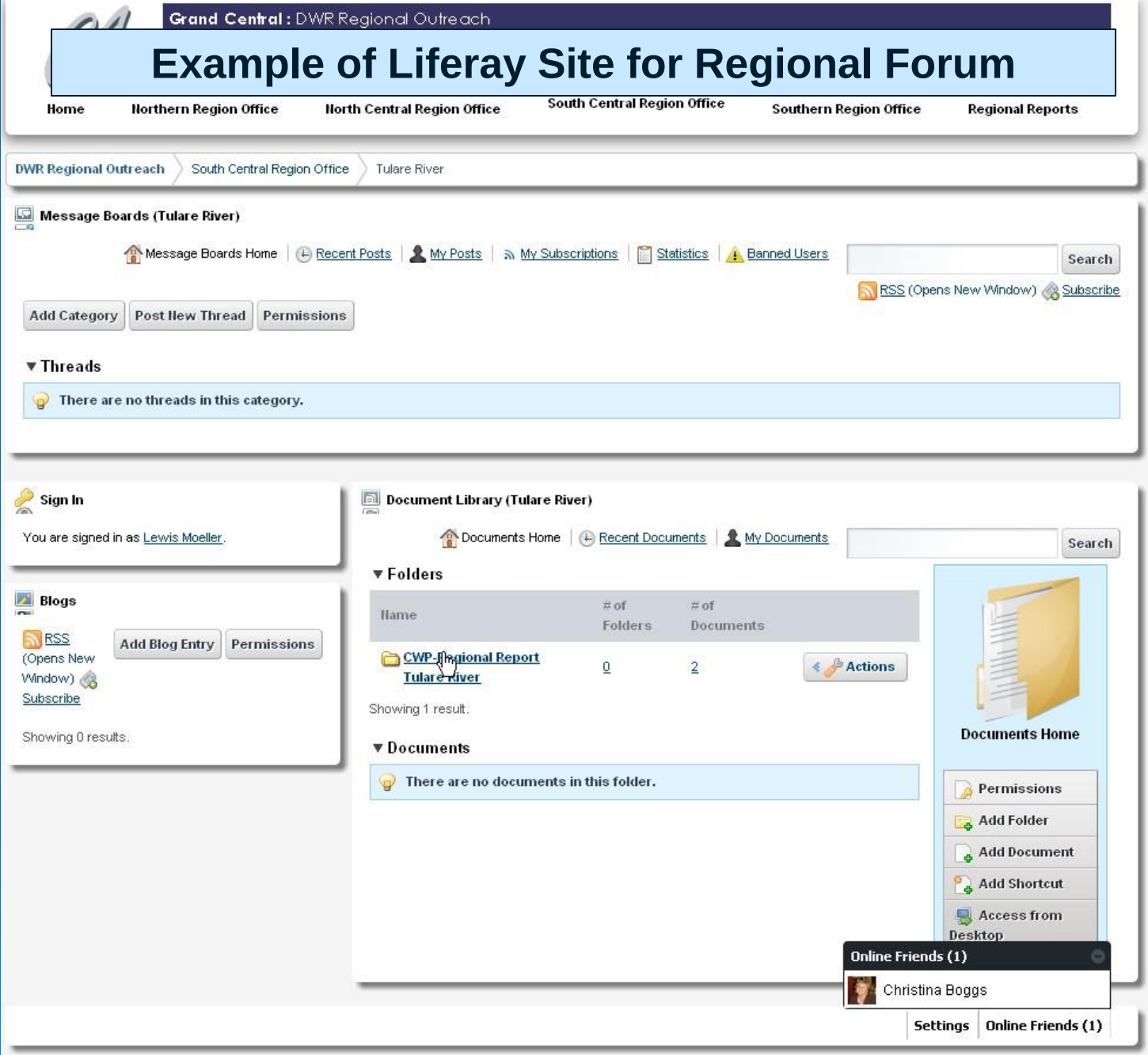
Map Interface (Front Page) for Regional Forums Collaboration Sites



Regional Forum Collaboration Sites

- Currently Uploaded with Storyboard and Update 2013 Regional Report Annotated Outline/Template
- Place to upload content for inclusion into regional report.
- Place to collaborate on all aspects of regional planning – including California Water Plan regional reports.

Example of Liferay Site for Regional Forum



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Collaboration Site:
https://dwrregionaloutreach.water.ca.gov/home

Update 2009 Regional Reports:
http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/cwpu2009/

Regional Report - Content: Next Steps

Discuss Regional Report (today):

- Describe key topics important to the Colorado River hydrologic region
- Identify existing sources of data and information
- Think about and discuss key audiences
- Commit to providing content (your regional story)

Incorporate into working draft