# Regional Approach: Overview

Guiding Principles & Objectives

Background and Framework

# Regional Approach

An expanded approach for regional outreach was developed by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in cooperation with local entities and organizations, focusing on integrated water management.

# Guiding Principle

## DWR is committed to regional outreach :

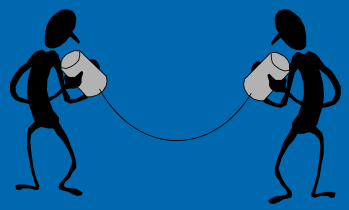
- Planning with more regard for regional diversity and unique attributes *(one size does not fill all when it comes to State water policies)*
- Increasing regional influence on State water policy and investment decisions

# Guiding Principle

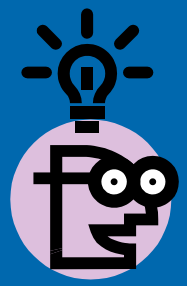
DWR is committed to integrated water management :

- Integrating DWR programs both internally and externally
- Working with other State agencies to coordinate related resource planning programs

# Regional Approach: Objectives



Provide a venue for regional dialog related to integrated water management and planning



Focus on the unique conditions, objectives and available solutions in each region

Better integrate and coordinate multiple planning efforts and programs at local and regional level

# What We've Heard: Take-away Message

There is a growing need for programs and projects to reach out to regional stakeholders

Multiple demands make it harder to schedule meetings

Time constraints for stakeholders and staff require greater efficiencies in outreach

# Expanded Regional Approach: Key Elements

Keep region-specific format for hydrologic regions

Regional interests and stakeholders involved in shaping agendas and outreach efforts

Meet as needed each year through 3-hour <u>webinars</u>, with options for physical meeting space

# Regional Approach: Design Teams

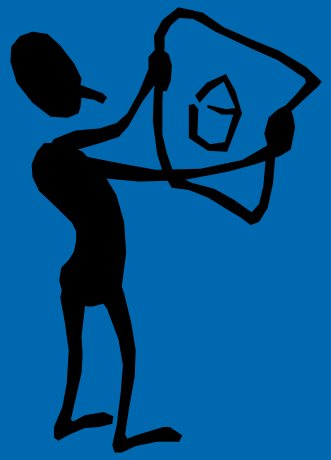
## HOW THEY ARE COMPRISED

Small teams (10-12 regional stakeholders)

- Regionally-based
- Including representatives of State and Federal agencies and Tribal entities

One Design Team per region

# Regional Approach: Next Steps



Evaluate first Regional Forum

Refine approach as needed

Start planning for next Forum!

# Regional Approach: Submitting Comments

Several options:

★ Email the worksheets and comments to: slrf@water.ca.gov

Print and fax worksheet to: (916) 651-9614

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