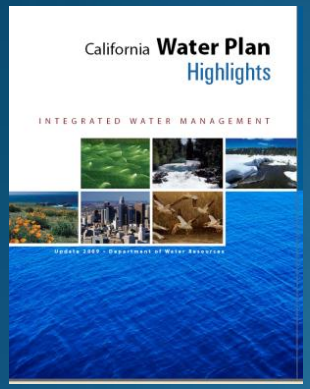
IRWM Planning

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

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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 <<<<<<<

2012, March 21 - DIRWM posts Presentation Slides from Roundtable of Regions Meeting

2012, February 13 - Planning Grant Round 2 Questions and Answers Posted

2012, January 25 - DIRWM posts Planning Round 2 workshop presentation

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

Older news items have been moved to the Archive Page under their respective Propositions.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF FUTURE IRWM GRANT SOLICITATIONS

MARCH 29, 2012

Activities	Target Date
Planning Grant Solicitation	
Applications Received	March 9, 2012
Announce Draft Recommendations for Public Review & Comment	June 2012
Announce Final Awards	July 2012
Local Groundwater Assistance Grants	
Release Final Guidelines & PSP	April 2012
Applications Due	June 2012
Announce Draft Recommendations for Public Review & Comment	Fall 2012
Announce Final Awards	Fall 2012
Revised Program Guidelines & Round 2 IRWM Implementation & SWFM PSPs	
Release Draft Revised Guidelines and PSPs for Public Review & Comment	July 2012
Release Final 2012 Program Guidelines & Round 2 Implementation & SWFM PSPs	October 2012
Round 2 Stormwater Flood Management Grant	
Applications Due	December 2012
Announce Draft Recommendations for Public Review & Comment	May 2013
Announce Final Awards	July 2013
Round 2 Implementation Grant	
Applications Due	March 2013
Announce Draft Recommendations for Public Review & Comment	August 2013
Announce Final Awards	September 2013

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

http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/ResourcesLinks/Revised-Schedule3_29_12.pdf

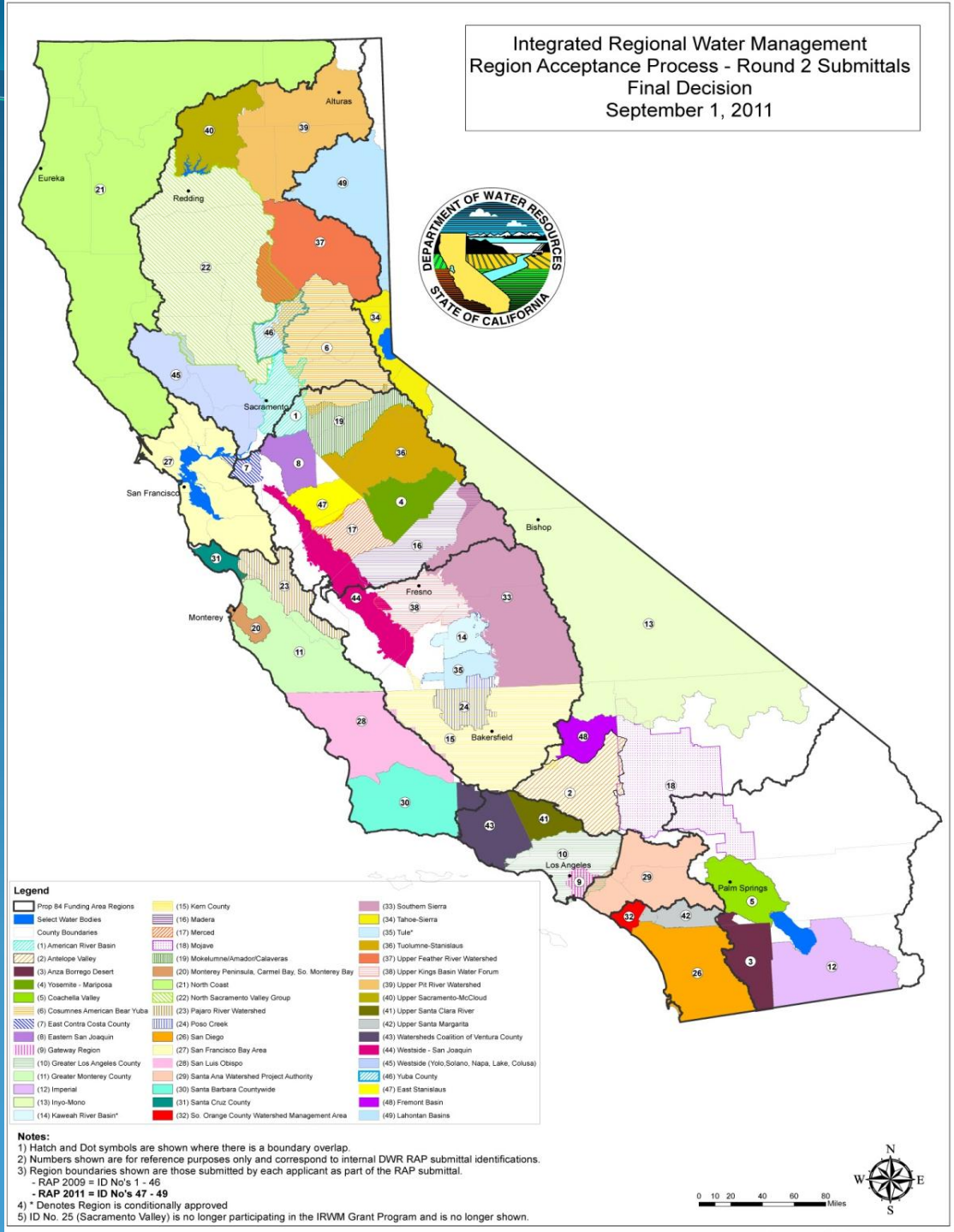
Region Acceptance Process (RAP)

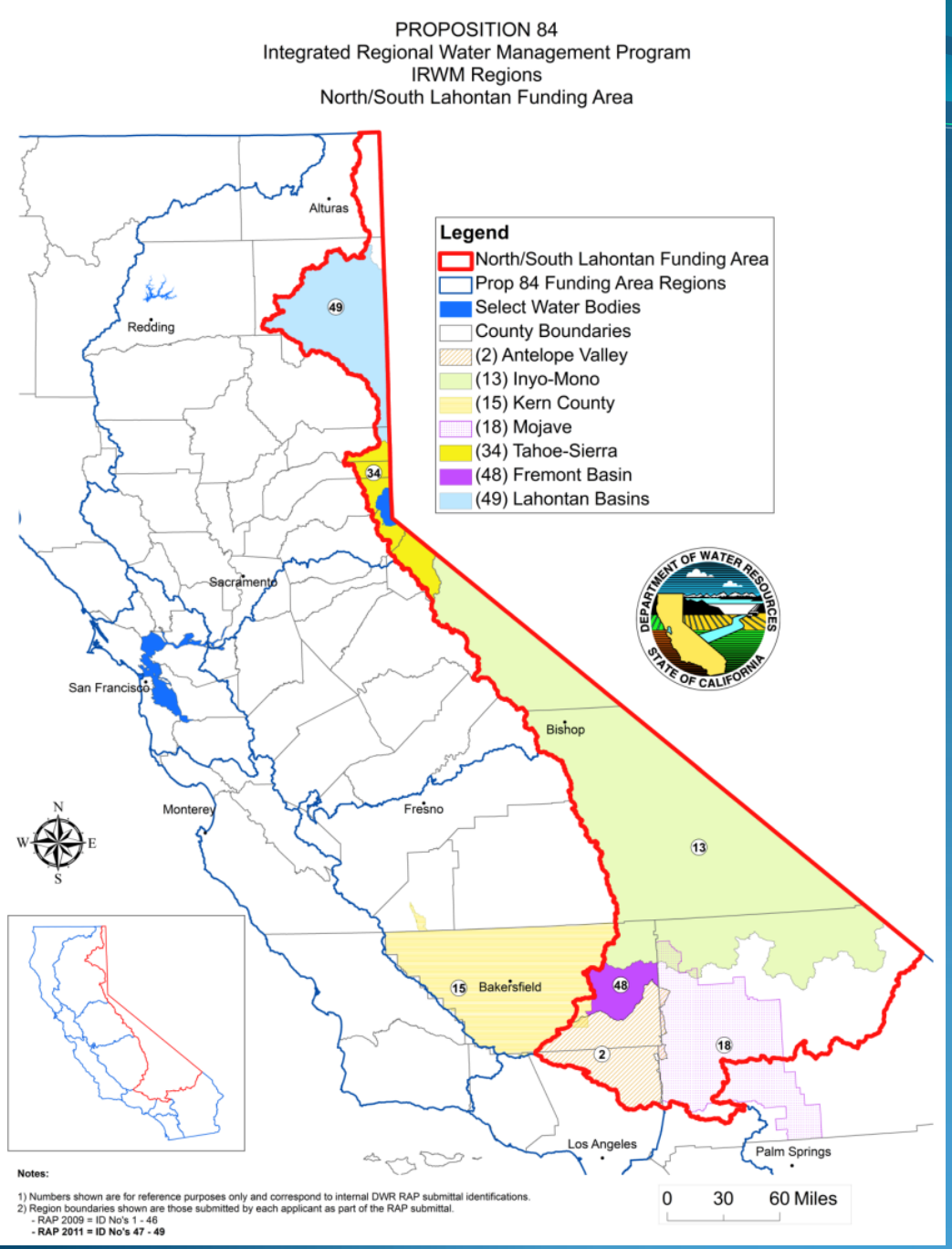
48 regions accepted

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]

Website URL for this map:
http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/
Click on RAP and 2011 Final Map.





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IRWM Conference Attendees from South Lahontan Region

Rolling Up Our Sleeves, Rolling Up Regional Resources Management Strategies into the CWP: A Case Study from the Inyo-Mono IRWMP

Mark Drew, *Director, Inyo-Mono IRWM and Program Manager, Cal Trout*

IRWM Planning: Putting it Together ... Keeping it Together

Kirby Brill, *General Manager, Mojave Water Agency*

INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT:
Working Together for California's Water Future

Conference totals:
- 270 attendees
- 24 presentations in concurrent sessions
- 3 panels

All PowerPoint presentations from the May 2011 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...

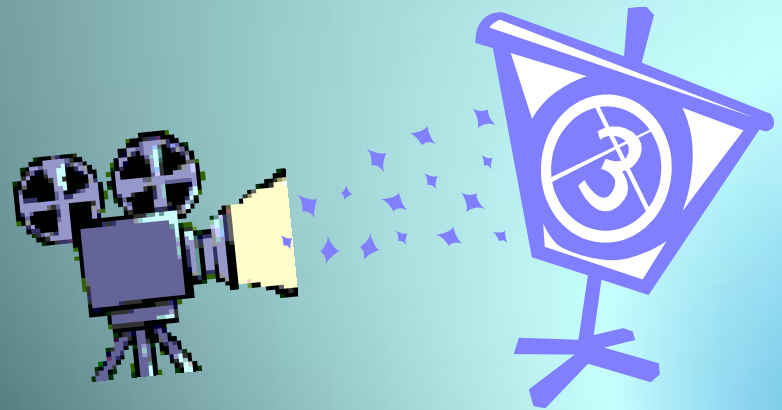
"With the assistance of DWR, IRWM has been successfully implemented by many regional groups in the state, but there is still work to be done.

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

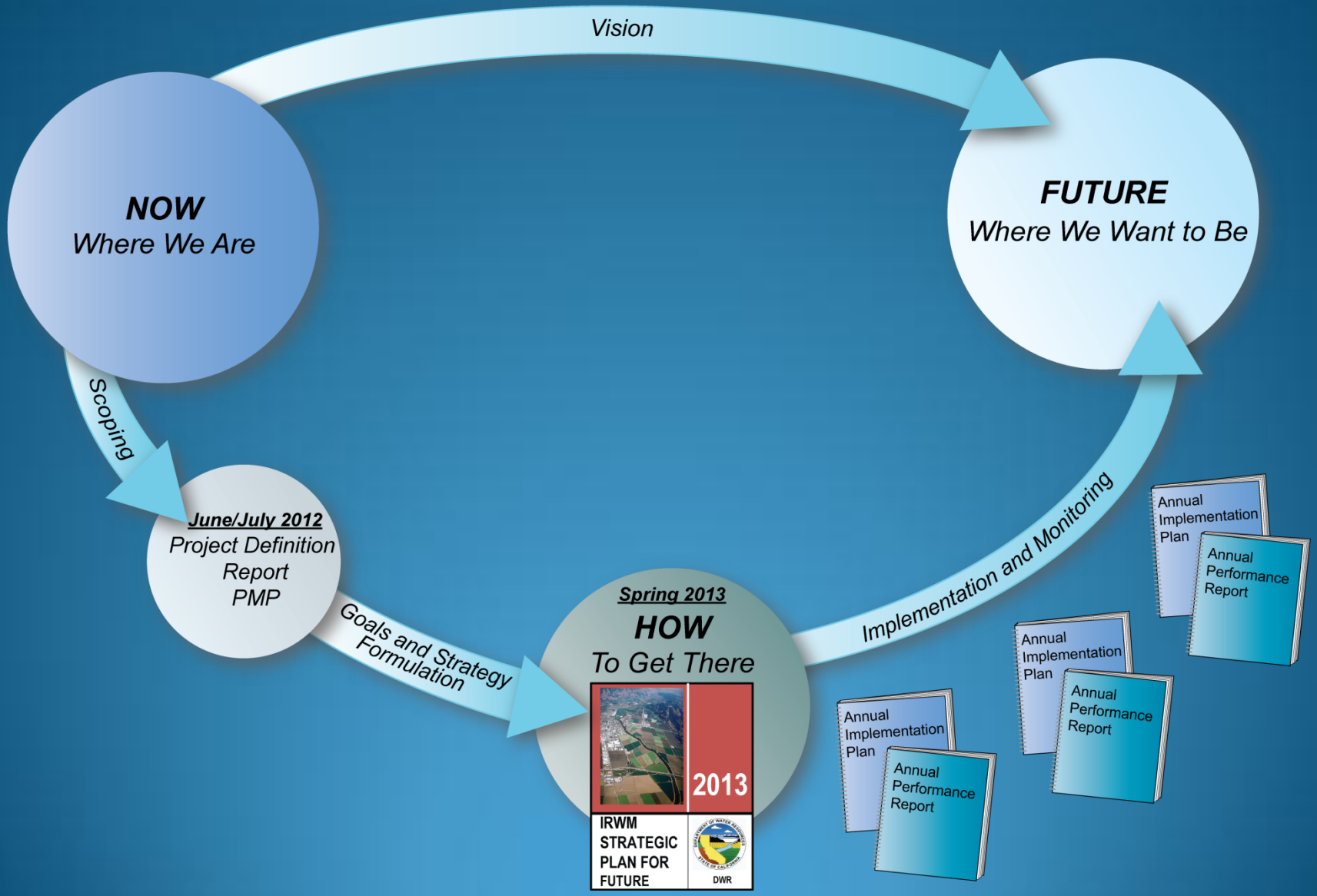
The development of the strategic plan is a top priority for DWR"

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

The most creative and 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

June/July 2012

Spring 2013

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 <u>companion plan</u> to **CWP Update 2013**

Strategic Plans Pattern

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

Sample Vision

California embraces and practices Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) as the best way to manage water and aligns related programs, policies, and regulations to promote IRWM.

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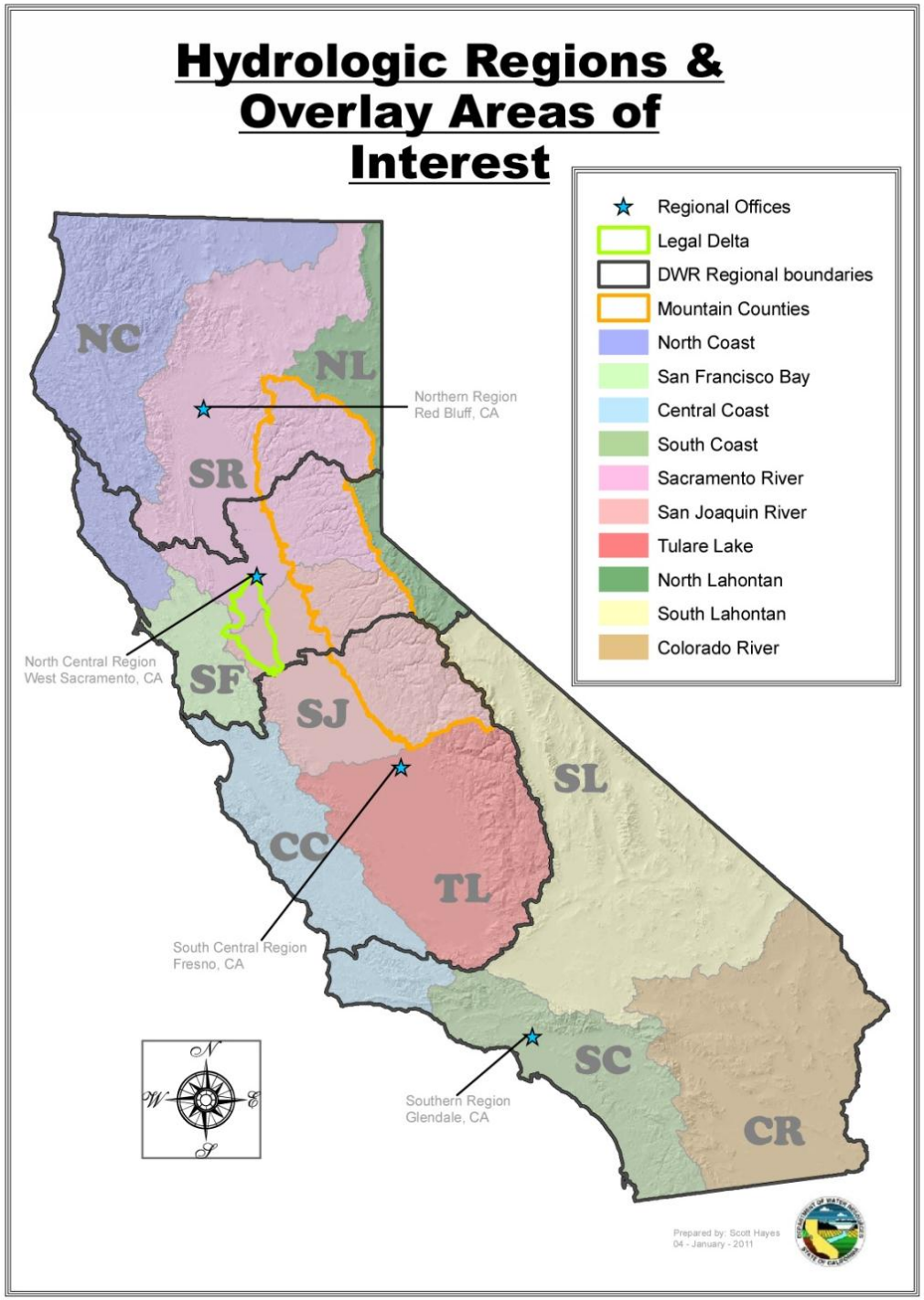
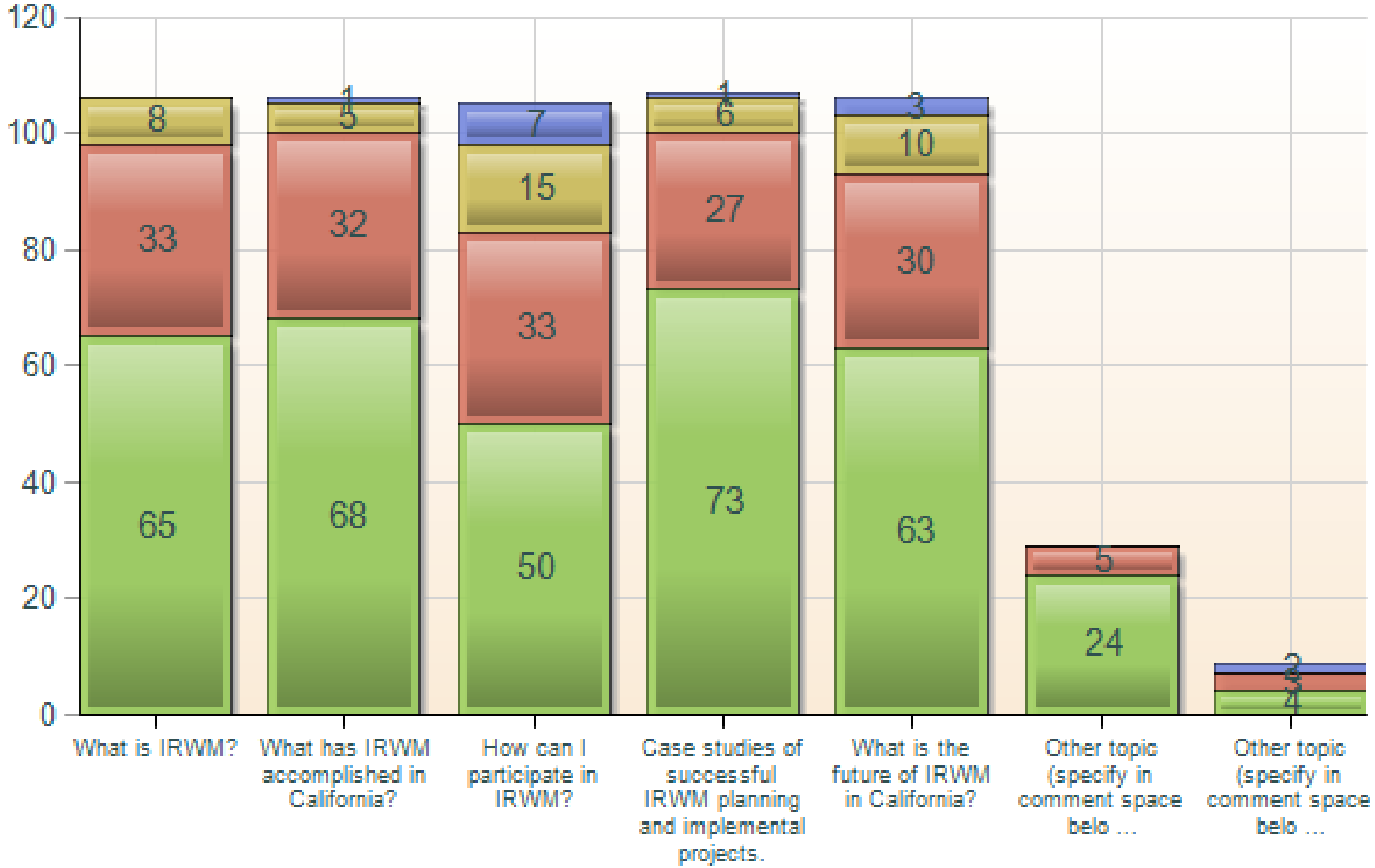


IRWM Video Survey

- 107 responses to February 27 – March 9 online survey (95 considered the idea of short videos as a useful outreach tool; 12 did not)

- Most respondents who liked the idea said they would likely use the videos as an advocacy tool with local officials and would post the videos to their IRWM website.

- Most respondents thought that DACs and Native American tribes should be included in the videos by writing and presenting their script in an interview as part of the case studies video.

Please rate the proposed video topics from Very Useful (1) to Not At All Useful (4) for your RWMG. If there are other topics you would like to add, please write them in the last two comment boxes below, as indicated, and include them in the rating.