

INYO-MONO IRWM PROGRAM

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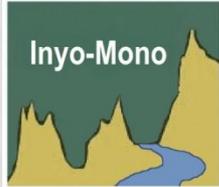




INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

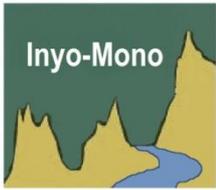
Eastern California IRWM Planning Regions



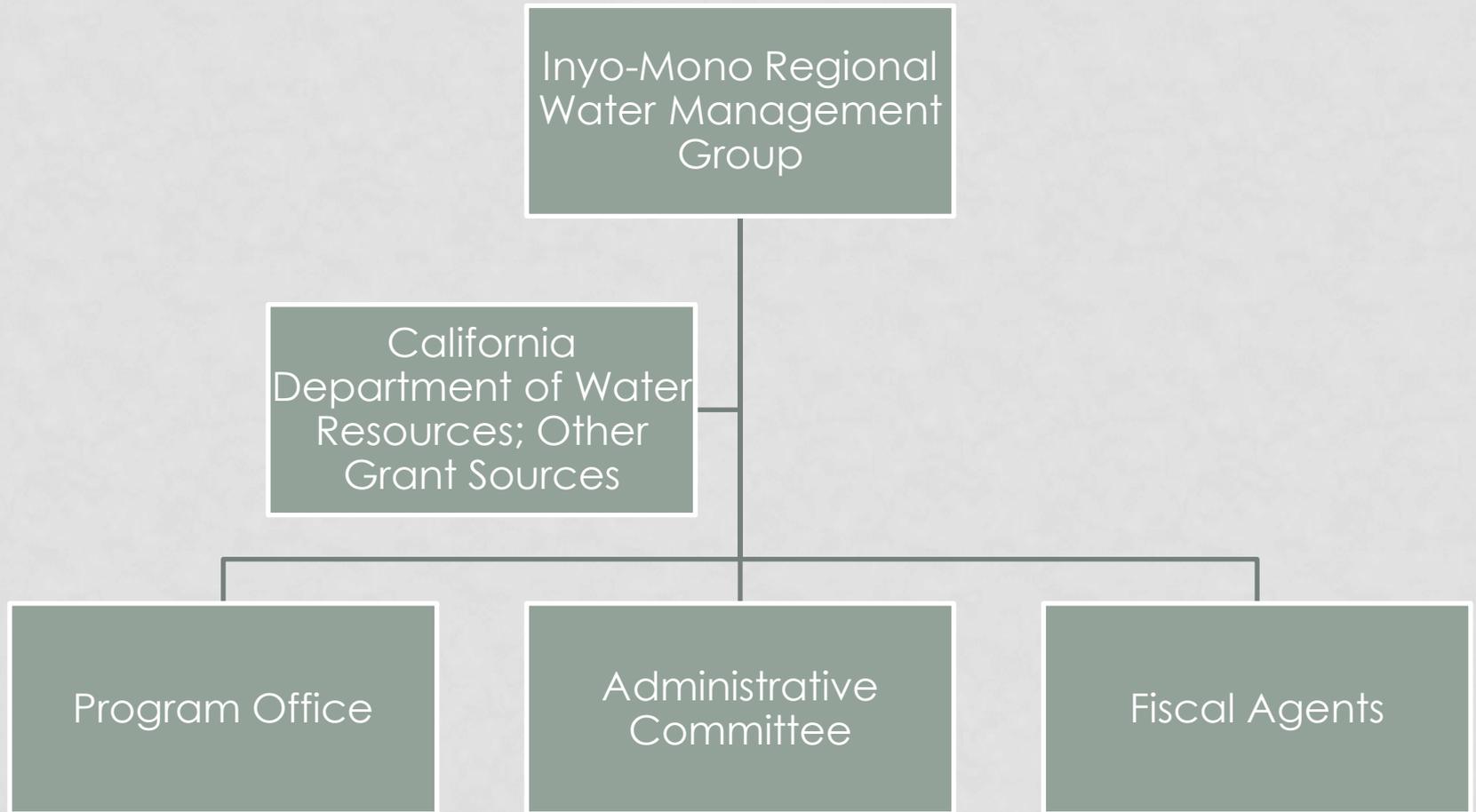


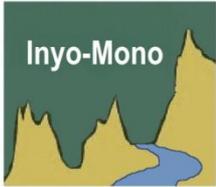
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

- Amargosa Conservancy
- Big Pine Community Services District
- Big Pine Paiute Tribe
- Birchim Community Services District
- Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Bridgeport Indian Colony
- Bureau of Land Management
- California Trout
- Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council
- Crystal Crag Water & Development Association
- Eastern Sierra Audubon Society
- Eastern Sierra Land Trust
- Eastern Sierra Unified School District
- Fort Independence Amalgamated Reservation
- Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group
- Indian Wells Valley Water District
- Inyo County
- June Lake Public Utilities District
- Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation
- Mammoth Community Water District
- Mojave Desert Mountain RC&D
- Mono County
- Mono County RCD
- Mono Lake Committee
- Mountain Meadows Mutual Water Company
- Owens Valley Committee
- Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
- Round Valley Joint Elementary School
- Sierra Club
- Town of Mammoth Lakes
- Wheeler Crest CSD



GOVERNANCE

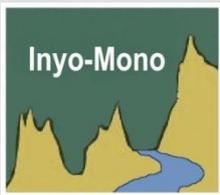




REGIONAL OBJECTIVES

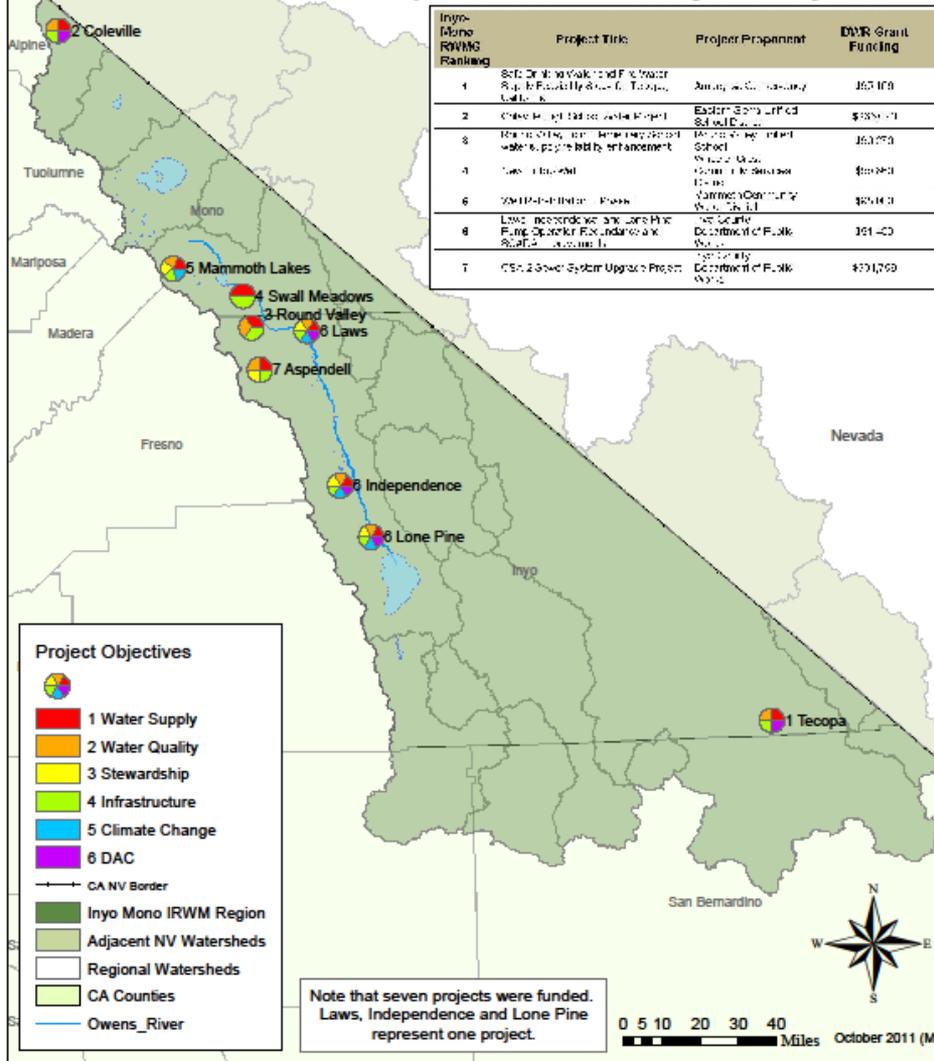
Co-Equal Regional Objectives:

1. Protect, conserve, optimize, and augment water supply while maintaining ecosystem health
2. Protect, restore, and enhance water quality
3. Provide stewardship of water dependent natural resources
4. Maintain and enhance water, wastewater, emergency response, and power generation infrastructure efficiency and reliability
5. Address climate variability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
6. Promote participation of small and disadvantaged communities, including Tribes, in IRWM process to identify and work towards meeting their needs
7. Promote sustainable stormwater and floodplain management that enhances flood protection
8. Promote sound groundwater and surface water monitoring, management, and mitigation in cooperation with all affected parties



Achievement	Year	Award
Awarded pre-planning grant from Sierra Nevada Conservancy	2008	\$49,000
Formally accepted as a Region making the region eligible for funding from the CA Statewide IRWMP program	2009	
Awarded Prop. 84 Planning Grant through DWR to revise Phase I Plan.	2010	\$240,000
Adoption of Phase I Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM Plan)	2010	
Awarded grant funds from DWR to reach out and serve Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) within the Region.	2011	\$372,000
Awarded Prop. 84 Implementation Grant, enabling us to fund seven projects in the Region.	2011	\$1,075,000

Round 1 Implementation Project Objectives



Inyo-Mono RWWM Ranking	Project Title	Project Proponent	DWR Grant Funding
1	Soft Drink Bottling and Filler Plant Rehabilitation and Expansion	Amalgamated Community School	\$63,000
2	Chico Project Rehabilitation Project	Eastern Sierra Unified School District	\$380,000
3	Round Valley Sewer Treatment Plant Rehabilitation	Round Valley Unified School District	\$60,000
4	Laws Dam Project	Yuba Valley Community Center	\$100,000
5	SWPPP Rehabilitation Project	Yamato Community Water District	\$25,000
6	Lone Pine Sewer and Wastewater Plant Upgrade	Yuba Valley Community Center	\$51,400
7	CSA 2 Sewer System Upgrade Project	Yuba Valley Community Center	\$70,750

Project Objectives

- 1 Water Supply
- 2 Water Quality
- 3 Stewardship
- 4 Infrastructure
- 5 Climate Change
- 6 DAC

CA NV Border
 Inyo Mono IRWM Region
 Adjacent NV Watersheds
 Regional Watersheds
 CA Counties
 Owens River

Note that seven projects were funded. Laws, Independence and Lone Pine represent one project.

0 5 10 20 30 40 Miles

October 2011 (MA)

CHALLENGES

- Size of region
- Maintaining stakeholder engagement
- Decision-making process
- Limited financial resources and technical, human capacity
- Small voice in Sacramento



OPPORTUNITIES PLANS FOR FUTURE



- Long-term funding strategy
- Working with DACs
- Develop concept of integration
- Assessing regional needs
- Building capacity
- Continue funding high-priority projects

LESSONS LEARNED

- Some entities require more help with grantwriting than others
- Some stakeholders will participate more than others
- Resources that are required by stakeholders within the region are not always financial
- Even within a large and diverse region, there may be common water resource issues
- People are willing to see past their differences to work towards a common good



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