

APPENDIX 4-1
Inter-IRWMP Coordination Reports

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Background: Representatives from the Yuba County RWMG volunteered to contact adjacent IRWM regions to discuss opportunities for collaboration and ongoing coordination and communication between regions. The following notes are taken from these inter-regional conversations.

AMERICAN RIVER BASIN

Yuba County RWMG Member: Scott Matyac, YCWA
American River Basin: Rob Swartz

1. What is the status of your IRWM Plan?
 - The plan was adopted July 11, 2013.
 - Completed the DWR consistency review process as of June 6, 2014.

2. Is your IRWMP online?
 - Yes - <http://irwm.rmcwater.com/rwa/login.php>

3. What are the key issues that have been identified in your region?

Section 5 identifies priorities 5.2 and 5.4

- Need to have balance in decision making.
- Adopt a vision statement for Plan ahead of goals and objectives. It took a year and half of meetings.
- In planning, need attitude manage for community, economy, and environment.

4. What are some inter-regional concerns or opportunities that exist from your perspective?

Section 3.4 describes surrounding regions:

- Inter-regional funding issues.
- Who knows what will be left in third round.
- Who will/should have priority.

5. What are some potential inter-regional projects that might address these concerns/opportunities?

- Somewhere down the road, look at basin and manage it for conjunctive groundwater management.

- Think more broadly.
 - Look at how banking and exchange can be done to the benefit of northern California.
6. What is the mechanism or means by which our regions could continue to coordinate/cultivate ongoing collaboration (i.e., representatives attend each other's RWMG meetings periodically or one annually; convene a conference call, etc... any other ideas?)?
- Add to distribution lists.
 - Commit to annual check in.
 - Lunch once a year with a couple of key staff and consultants.
 - Attending RWMG meetings is time consuming with little return.

NORTH SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Yuba County RWMG Members: Scott Matyac, YCWA and Jim Brobeck, AquAlliance

North Sac Valley IRWM: Vicki Newlin

1. What is the status of your IRWM Plan?
 - On March 3, 2014, the Board adopted the Revised Draft IRWMP except for pages 4-9 through 4-23 that addresses the Climate Change Sensitivity Assessment. The Board directed County TAC staff to review those pages and propose edits. The edits were considered by Board on April 14, 2014, and the Board unanimously accepted the amendments and adopted the final plan. The final plan was forwarded to DWR for review which is anticipated to be completed by June.
2. Is your IRWMP online?
 - Yes - <http://www.nsvwaterplan.org/>
3. What are the key issues that have been identified in your region?

Establishing goals and objectives to enhance water reliability for ecosystems, farms, municipal, and industrial uses.

The goals, listed in non-priority order are:

- Water Supply Reliability
- Flood Protection and Planning
- Water Quality Protection and Enhancement
- Watershed Protection and Management
- Integrated Regional Water Management Sustainability

- Public Education and Information Dissemination

4. What are some inter-regional concerns or opportunities that exist from your perspective?

Plan specifically mentions the need to “coordinate with neighboring IRWM regions to identify opportunities to enhance water management.”

- Watershed protection and management.
- Progressive forest management can enhance water quality and yield in the Feather/Yuba River drainages.
- Improving and protecting riparian and fish habitat and fish passage.
- Flood management because flood waters can transcend jurisdictional boundaries.
- Shared aquifers and waterbodies such as creeks and rivers, along with surface water district boundaries that overlap county boundaries, all offer opportunities for increased coordination in the management of water resources within the region.

5. What are some potential inter-regional projects that might address these concerns/opportunities?

- Surface water streams and creeks as well as the aquifer systems beneath the ground do not recognize traditional political boundaries, and many will require coordination with other RWMGs.
- Currently there are over 120 projects included in the NSV IRWMP.
- Rather than identify specific projects for coordination at this time, we invite other regions to familiarize themselves with these projects to look for coordination opportunities.
- Project associated with either the Sacramento or Feather River beg for inter-regional coordination for flood control and management projects, as well as water supply reliability efforts.
- Ecosystem restoration programs targeting specific species located throughout the larger Sacramento Hydrologic Region.

6. What is the mechanism or means by which our regions could continue to coordinate/cultivate collaboration?

- During the development of the NSV IRWMP, staff members coordinated with other IRWM regions through the Roundtable of Regions.
- That group holds periodic conference calls when specific issues regarding IRWMP management and coordination surface.
- One example of this is the formation of the Strategic Focus Group, which pulled its membership from the Roundtable of Regions.
- This group worked with DWR to normalize and improve the Strategic Plan for IRWMP developed internally at DWR.

- Initially, the NSV IRWMP representatives did attend other neighboring RWMG meeting.
- We anticipate that now that the plan is complete, it will free up time to attend other RWMG meetings and report back to the NSV IRWMP.
- Look forward to the return of that collaboration and coordination in this manner and will consider other approaches that your group may have to offer.

COSUMNES AMERICAN BEAR (CABY)

Yuba County RWMG Member: Rachael Hutchinson (SYRCL)

CABY IRWM: Izzy Martin

- May 30, 2014, new plan adopted.
- Nevada City Implementation Grant almost done.
- Sierra Fund awarded \$5.5 million through Round 2 Proposition 84 Implementation Funding, contract nearly finalized (start date 2/4/2014).
- Needs: Leadership/governance, Tribal outreach, DAC outreach.

MOKULUMNE AMADOR CALAVERAS (MAC)

Yuba County RWMG Member: Rachael Hutchinson (SYRCL)

MAC IRWM: Rob Alcott

- Plan adopted January 2013, pending DWR approval.
- MOKEWISE project: 878 million (2013-2015): MAC and SJ groundwater authority for wet weather flows/groundwater recharge.
- Round 1: 2.3 million, 3 projects, complete by December 2014.
- Round 2: 2.1 million, 3 projects, complete by February 2014.
- Issues: lack of Tribal involvement, governance.

UPPER FEATHER RIVER WATERSHED

Yuba County RWMG Member: Rachael Hutchinson (SYRCL)

Upper Feather River Watershed IRWM: Randy Wilson

- Plan adopted under Prop 50, new plan just getting started July 2014.
- Issues:
 - Waiting on county General Plan.
 - Need to revise MOU for working group.
 - Need board members that reflect stakeholders (County, RCDs, GW basin, Tribal, Almanor, USFS).
 - Need to work hard to keep new plan on track.