Resource Stewardship

Objectives:

- How to updated the Water Plan with restricted budgets
- Include cultural resources in Resource Stewardship – need to capture cultural issues that are impacted on the landscape when implementing projects

Topics that Need to be Part of the Conversation

- **Ecosystem services and sustainability indicators**
  - How will trends in the three scenarios affect this?
  - Identify and define all ecosystem services and values
  - Consider/address economic valuation of each service defined/identified (e.g. specific habitats, landscapes, physical processes of natural systems)
  - Financial support for agencies to address ecosystem services, resources stewardship, and economic valuation

- **Climate change**
  - Species migration/adaptive capacity
  - Potential to impact and change ecosystem services

- **Identify RMS** to capture/enhance/support ecosystem services

- **Can CEQA be addressed** regarding:
  - Hindrances, benefits, unforeseen/unintended consequences
  - Integrate regulations across agencies: local, state, Tribal, federal

- **Environmental Water needs** – quantify/define (within context of properly functioning ecosystem services)
  - Create council that correlates to ag and urban water councils
  - Define/identify benefits
  - Is it possible to identify thresholds that trigger actions?

- **Ag land preservation** nexus
  - What ecosystem services are supported by ag lands (e.g. floodplain, habitat)

- **Floodplain management**

- **Financial incentives**

Deliverables/Who to Involve

- Smaller watershed groups and water districts need to be involved in IRWM planning efforts and funding
- Support an environmental caucus – caucuses to develop sub-issues concepts (ecosystem services, invasive species, species conservation, etc.)
- Links to larger/other water topics (e.g. WUE, climate change, groundwater, flood management, planning and land use)
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- Other to involve
  - Department of Water Resources
  - Department of Conservation
  - US Army Corps of Engineers
  - The Nature Conservancy
  - Tribes
  - Flood Management
  - Resource Conservation Districts
  - Regional Water Boards
  - State legislature – key contacts and committees
    - Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
    - Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife
    - Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water
  - Mark Drew interested in serving as Public AC liaison