Regional Reports – California Water Plan Update 2013

Reinventing Water Plan Regional Reports
Land Use Caucus Meeting – Jan 26, 2012
Regional Reports

• Background
• Objectives
• Key Elements
Regional Reports: What We Heard

• Statewide programs need to understand regional conditions & priorities

• **Information also needed on sub-regional conditions**

• Recommendations needed to be more specific to each regions' unique challenges and opportunities
Regional Reports: What We Did

Developed and Refined Content

- Revisited role of CWP Regional Reports for describing regional conditions and priorities
- Expanded focus on local and regional efforts, priorities and initiatives
- Discussions with other programs to better integrate
Regional Reports: Roll-out

Today’s Presentation

• Describe new Regional Report “Story”

• Receive feedback on Regional Report storyboard and outline/template
  • What to add or change
  • How does Land Use “fit” into the Regional Reports
  • Form partnerships for developing content
Regional Report: Objectives

Provide accurate and comprehensive description of regional conditions, efforts and priorities regarding water management and planning.

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

Better support planning efforts and programs at local and regional level – Make it useful for local interests.
Regional Report: Recent Activities
Regional Report “Storyboard” and Outline/Template

Current State of Region
Regional Resource Management Objectives
Inter-regional and Statewide Relationships
Water Management Strategies and Initiatives
Short- and Long-term Recommendations
Regional Report Content: Current State of Region

• Description of unique characteristics of regions and sub-regions, including:
  • Geography, hydrology, demographics, economics
  • Flood and water mgmt. challenges & opportunities

• Recent/key policies, programs, legislation

• Major efforts and initiatives
Regional Report Content: Resource Management Objectives

• Overview of local and regional water planning and mgmt. objectives, e.g.:
  • IRWM, UWMP, Irrigation district, Flood district, RCD and General Plan goals
  • State program guidelines and criteria such as Water Boards, IRWM Strategic Plan

• Addressing immediate needs

• Anticipating future conditions and needs
Regional Report Content: Inter-Regional & Statewide Relationships

- Past and present interactions with other regions (upstream and downstream), e.g.:
  - imported water, transfers, conjunctive use
  - floodplain management activities
  - implications for reliability, water quality, energy use

- Current and future stake in larger inter-regional systems, e.g.:
  - Bay-Delta conditions and programs
  - Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement
Regional Content: Water Management Strategies and Initiatives

- Capture how the Land Use Strategy varies in application in various regions
- Highlight the Land Use Decision Tree tool and the demonstration pilots of the tool
- Feasibility for expanding application of Land use Strategy in Region
- Tradeoffs and overall benefits
- Quantification of benefits
In addressing Land Use Opportunities and Constraints (Barriers):

- Recommendations for implementation
  - Short-term and long-term
  - Likely benefits associated with actions
- “No Excuse” actions
- Consequences of inaction
Discuss Regional Storyboard/Outline (today):

- What are the top three priority topics the Land Use Caucus like to see addressed in the Regional Reports?
- Identify sources of data and information for regional authors/editors (Please provide by Feb. 6)
- Commit to providing content (Your regional story)

Incorporate suggestions into outline
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Update 2009 Regional Reports:
http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/cwpu2009/