Round 1 Workshop Comments – Water Plan

- **Coordinate with other agencies & regulatory permitting**
  - recognize multi-stakeholder efforts, clarify terms, streamline approvals

- **Focus on linkages between inter-regional issues**
  - recommend self-sufficiency in all regions, address transfers, planning & water agency coordination on growth & resource needs, protection of water rights, endangered species, funding, water quality standards.

- **Address risks & maximize water systems flexibility**
  - climate change (decreased snowpack, earlier snowmelt, increased runoff peaks), flood risks, reservoir & floodplain management, drought protection, catastrophic fire & impacts, aging infrastructure

- **Emphasize key strategies and linkages**
  - increase water supply & reliability, address area of origin water rights, improve/preserve water quality at the source, promote conservation & recycling, evaluate new storage & reoperation, recharge & conjunctive use, promote consistent re-use regulations, coordinate flood control & supply

- **Prioritize implementation of Water Plan**
  - support funding for rural water systems & upkeep, prioritize multi-beneficiary interregional projects
Round 1 Workshop Comments – Region Report

- **Describe physical setting & water conditions**
  - watershed & ecosystem, public lands & fire management, growth & carrying capacity
  - supply reliability, geology & groundwater, water rights, flood control, water use, wastewater & recycled water, hydroelectric, water quality, infrastructure

- **Describe unique challenges & accomplishments**
  - disconnect between Mountain Counties watershed contributions to state & limited access to funding, inter-state issues, regulatory conflicts, species protection
  - IRWM Plan case studies, multi-agency coordination, hydroelectric license renewals, completed water projects & conservation measures

- **Study regional scenarios**
  - worst-case drought, reduced snowpack, meadow restoration

- **Develop regional management strategies & actions**
  - multi-objective reservoir reoperation, smaller storage projects, link land use & water supply, conservation, link wastewater treatment & water supply, recreation

- **Support funding for Mountain Counties area**
  - support area of origin’s stewardship, quantify watershed value (environment, supply, fire safety, downstream benefits), consider multiple beneficiaries & cumulative impacts
Regional Reports Outline Changes

In response to the feedback we've received, the new regional reports will be:

- **Broader in scope** (including flood management and other new topics),
- **More collaborative** (with more contributions from regional water interests and other state agencies), and
- **Emphasizing integrated regional planning**, with the setting & current water condition information providing a background for discussing current & future regional water issues.
Regional Reports Table of Contents

- **Setting** – background factors
- **Regional Water Conditions** – current status of water resources, water quality, flood protection, and water governance
- **Relationship with Other Regions** – if and how a region is affected by, or affects, other regions
- **Regional Water and Flood Planning and Management** – status of Integrated Regional Water Management and other regional/local plans
- **Looking to the Future** – regional response strategies
- **Water Portfolios for 1998-2005** – water supply & use balances showing – regional water uses, local & imported supply sources, and water to other regions
- **Selected References** – information supporting the narrative