Kern IRWMP

Tulare Lake Regional Form

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2006-2007: Initial Organization and Outreach

October 2008: MOU and Funding Established

Spring 2009 – Spring 2010: Resolution of conditional RAP

Fall 2010 – Fall 2011: Plan Updated

2012: THE YEAR OF MONEY?!?

Constant Challenges: Outreach.....Staff Turnover

Spring 2008: Established Subregions and an Executive Committee

April 2009: Initial Plan Draft

Summer 2010: IRWM Guidelines Released

January 2012 Plan Adoption
Planning Lessons Learned

Keys to Success

• **Be like Gumby** – flexibility is key to a sustainable program
• **We’re not alone out there** – constant outreach is required
• **Give yourselves a pat on the back** – acknowledge your successes

Early Reality Checks

• **Wear boots** – eventually someone’s toes will be stepped on
• **It’s not you, it’s the region** – you must adopt a regional perspective
• **Money doesn’t grow on trees** – financial commitment is key

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Future Challenges

1. Sustained interest in the program
2. Funding
3. Responding to IRWM Program unknowns

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Have a project you’d like to do in the Kern IRWMP Region?

Project submissions are due January 31, 2012!

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