

## Appendix B.3

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### **Topic 1: Team Charter**

We believe that one of the most important factors for success of this project throughout the planning process has been to establish and maintain effective working relationships among members of the Coordinating Committee and the Kennedy/Jenks IRWM Planning Team.

Therefore, early in the Plan development process, a charter with the Coordinating Committee that defines how the CC and Kennedy/Jenks IRWM Planning Team will work together throughout the life of the project was developed and signed by the CC. This process included draft goals intended to be accomplished during the planning process (these differ from the IRWM Plan objectives that will set the target for Plan performance, developed later in the process). This charter is located in Appendix A.

### **Topic 2: Plan Development Process**

This topic was intended to:

- Identify the goals of the planning process
- Describe our intended process to develop the IRWM Plan
- Highlight planned engagement venues and target audiences
- Invite participation in the Plan development, including disadvantaged communities (DACs) and California Native American Tribes
- Assess the level of interest in participating in various parts of the Plan development process
- Solicit feedback regarding our intended approach from potentially interested stakeholders
- Refine intended approach as needed based on feedback received

### **Topic 3: Plan Scope**

This topic was intended to:

- Describe the intended content of the IRWM Plan
- Adopt a planning horizon (minimum of 20 years)
- Develop initial IRWM Plan objectives (and discuss whether we intend to prioritize Plan objectives)
- Discuss intent or need for AB 3030 and other relevant compliance

### **Topic 4: Current Conditions**

This topic was intended to:

- Refine Area definition

- Inventory existing Plans and studies that may be useful to inform the current conditions description
- Describe current conditions in terms of demographics, agency boundaries and roles, land use, water supply, water quality, habitat, flood management, invasive species management, etc.
- Develop a current water balance for each Area and the Region as a whole for average and dry years
- Develop other helpful interaction diagrams for Areas for topics such as flood threats, habitat connectivity, potential invasive species migration, etc.
- Identify the topics, locations, and agencies where integration and collaboration appear to be most useful

### **Topic 5: Future Conditions**

This topic was intended to:

- Identify how to characterize potential effects of climate change
- Inventory existing Plans and studies that may be useful to inform the development of the future conditions description
- Describe future conditions (according to the adopted planning horizon) in terms of demographics, agency boundaries and roles, land use, water supply, water quality, habitat, flood management, invasive species management, etc.
- Develop a future water balance for each Area and the Region as a whole for average and dry years
- Develop other helpful interaction diagrams for Areas for topics such as flood threats, habitat connectivity, potential invasive species migration, etc.
- Identify the topics, locations, and agencies where integration and collaboration appear to be most useful

### **Topic 6: Challenges and Opportunities**

This topic was intended to identify challenges and opportunities throughout the Region that fit within the intended scope of the IRWM Plan. We plan to explore these challenges and opportunities from various perspectives including:

- Current
- Future
- Area
- Disadvantaged Communities
- California Native American Tribes
- Delta-specific

### **Topic 7: Potential Projects**

This topic was intended to:

- Develop a template for required project information
- Issue a call for projects that could meet one or more IRWM Plan objectives
- Develop a potential project summary list

### **Topic 8: Integration**

This topic was intended to:

- Characterize potential projects as they relate to DWR's resource management strategies
- Evaluate whether the potential projects address all of the IRWM Plan objectives
- Conduct brainstorming sessions to identify potential new projects or ways to further integrate previously identified potential projects

### **Topic 9: Benefits and Impacts**

This topic was intended to:

- Define the key performance metrics to be used for project evaluation
- Characterize potential benefits according to IRWM Plan objectives (using best available information)
- Characterize potential negative impacts (using best available information) and identify strategies to avoid or mitigate them

### **Topic 10: Project Selection and Priority**

This topic was intended to:

- Establish a process to screen and prioritize projects for inclusion in the IRWM Plan
- Screen and prioritize projects for inclusion in the IRWM Plan

### **Topic 11: Plan Recommendations**

This topic was intended to develop recommendations for action to occur upon adoption of the IRWM Plan. This will include recommended actions related to the prioritized projects and other related actions such as data gathering, further analysis, etc.

### **Topic 12: Governance**

This topic was intended to:

- Describe current governance that was used to guide Plan development
- Develop a method for updating project list and prioritization after the IRWM Plan is adopted
- Make recommendations (as needed) for adjusting governance to manage Plan implementation and updating

### **Topic 13: Financing**

This topic was intended to:

- Estimate required funding to implement the recommended actions
- Identify potential funding sources to implement the recommended actions
- Make recommendations for securing additional funding as needed

### **Topic 14: Plan Performance and Monitoring**

This topic was intended to:

- Identify specific measures of success for the IRWM Plan
- Establish roles and responsibilities for monitoring of progress based on Plan actions
- Discuss approach for long-term data management
- Define a strategy for periodic reporting on Plan performance