



Handout 1A- Final Draft IRWM Plan Goals

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[Note that plan goals have been arranged alphabetically so as not to imply a priority order.]

1. Acknowledge and respect the cultural values and resources of the region.
2. Improve education and awareness throughout the region about water, watershed functions, and ecosystems and the need for sustainable resource management to protect community health and well-being.
3. Improve the collective understanding of watershed characteristics and functions (natural and human induced) within the region as needed to respond effectively to evolving water resources management challenges and opportunities (e.g., climate change).
4. Improve water-related public health across the region and emphasize improvements for populations most in need.
5. Preserve and enhance water-related recreational opportunities.
6. Preserve, improve, and manage water quality to meet designated beneficial uses for all water bodies within the region.
7. Promote reasonable use of water and watershed resources.
8. Protect and enhance habitat and biological diversity of native and migratory species.
9. Provide reliable water supplies of suitable quality for multiple beneficial uses (e.g., urban, agriculture, environmental, and recreation) within the region.
10. Reduce the risks of disruptive natural and human-caused disturbances affecting the region's water resources including flooding, fire and significant institutional interruptions that reduce resources management services.
11. Support improved regional water management through governance that uses science and collaboration to make fair and equitable decisions and investments.
12. Support sustainable economic activities within the region.
- ~~12-13.~~ Improve the form and function of natural channels.