

Handout 3A: Questions to Discuss for Governance

15 October 2012, Coordinating Committee Meeting

Goals

- Outline key components of a proposed governance structure for implementation of Westside IRWM Plan.
- Identify key decision makers who need to be consulted in order to include a description of the governance approach in the public draft of the IRWM Plan.
- Define the materials or assistance that would be useful to discuss this topic with key decision makers.
- Set a schedule for conversations with key decision makers.

Note: We plan to meet again with the Coordinating Committee during the first week of November to prepare a recommended governance structure to be discussed during Meeting 8 (to be held December 13 – 18).

Questions

1. Are the current members of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) interested in continuing to be part of the RWMG during implementation?
2. Is the RWMG willing to include other entities if they are interested? If so, what would be expected of them?
3. Would you like to take on additional functions beyond the minimum required by the DWR guidelines? (e.g., joint implementation of programs or projects, cooperative purchasing, joint data gathering and management, etc.)
4. How frequently will you meet?
5. How will you conduct public outreach and involve interested participants?
6. How will you provide balanced access and opportunities for participation in the implementation and updating of the Plan?
7. How will you communicate internally and externally?
8. How will you coordinate during long-term implementation of the Plan (internally, with neighboring IRWM efforts, and state and federal agencies)?
9. How will you track and report progress of Plan implementation over time?
10. How will you make changes to the Plan over time?
11. How will you make decisions?
12. Will you continue to use and maintain the Westside IRWM Plan website?
13. Will the RWMG prepare a grant application for Round 2 or Round 3 of the Proposition 84 funds? If yes, who will prepare the grant application(s)? How will you decide what projects to include?



14. What approach to forming the RWMG are you interested in exploring (e.g., MOU, joint powers agreement, special district, etc.)?
15. What ideas do you have for funding these efforts and how will the budgeting and fiscal management be done?
16. Whom will you need to talk with before we describe the implementation governance approach in the public draft of the Plan? What materials or assistance would be helpful for you as you have those conversations?
17. Are there other topics that need to be discussed that are not included here?