




**2018 Merced SWRP/IRWMP Update**  
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting #4

October 1, 2018  
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**WORK COMPLETED TO DATE**

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**Work to Date**

- Held 3 of 5 RAC meetings (May 24<sup>th</sup>; June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Held 1 of 3 RWMG meetings (July 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Held 1 of 2 public workshops (July 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Finalized/prioritized IRWM and SWRP objectives
- Updated multiple IRWMP chapters and prepared multiple SWRP chapters
- Conducted Call for Projects for IRWMP and SWRP
- Updated Draft RAC Charter

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## DRAFT RAC CHARTER

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### RAC Charter Background

- Document outlining the rules and guidelines for the RAC
- Charter was not finalized in 2013, placeholders were left for a future RAC
- Revised Charter emailed Mon 9/17
- *Comments due today!*

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### Question for RAC – Chair/Vice Chair Duties

- The RAC Charter states that the Chair will discuss the agenda with the Management Committee prior to each RAC meeting
- *Need clarification – is Chair to speak to Management Committee or Elected Officials?*

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## Question for RAC - Quorum

- As agreed, a quorum is having at least 6 of the 10 caucuses represented
- Currently, no RAC members in the DACs, Land Use, or Recreation caucuses (7 caucuses represented)
- Question: better to use number of attendees (vs number of caucuses) to define a quorum?*

## Question for RAC – Max. # per Caucus

Membership Categories (Caucuses)	Maximum Number of Representatives
Agriculture	4
Business	4
Natural Resources and Watersheds	4
Disadvantaged	2
Communities/Environmental Justice	2
Land Use	3
Water/Wastewater Management	3
Academic/Educational	2
Civic	2
Recreation	2
At Large Members	4
Non-Voting Members	5 RWMG, plus other agencies

Recommend: increasing Business to 5.

Alternative: leave at 4 and ask one member in this caucus to step down and/or be a non-voting member where a vote is needed.

## RAC Members & Caucuses (Pending Approval)

RAC Member	Organization	Caucus
Alfred Souza	Yosemite Farm Credit	Business
Ben Miglizzo		Civic
Bill Spriggs	former Merced Mayor	At Large
Breanne Ramos	Merced County Farm Bureau	Agriculture
Dana Trana	Provost & Pritchard	Water/Wastewater Management
Doug Fluetch	Fluetch & Busby Insurance	Business
Ernie Ochoa	London Properties	Business
Gino Pedretti, III	Pedretti Ranches (dairy)	Agriculture
Joe Scoto	Scoto Brothers	Business
John Pedrozo	Precision Civil Engineering	Business
Jean Okuye/Kimberly Rodriguez	East Merced Resources Conservation District	Natural Resources and Watersheds
Robert Kelly	James J. Steinson, a Corporation	Water/Wastewater Management
Steve Gomes	Retired School Superintendent	Education

Caucus	Current # of representatives	Max # based on Charter
Agriculture	2	4
Business	5	4
Natural Resources and Watersheds	1	4
DACs	0	2
Land Use	0	3
Water/Wastewater Management	2	3
Education	1	2
Civic	1	2
Recreation	0	2
At Large	1	4
total	13	30

## IRWMP CHAPTER 7, IMPACTS AND BENEFITS

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### Impacts and Benefits Plan Standard Requirements

- The IRWMP must contain a discussion of potential impacts and benefits of Plan implementation
- This discussion must include both impacts and benefits within the IRWM region, between regions, and those directly affecting DACs, EJ concerns, and Native American Tribal communities

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### Impacts and Benefits Approach

- No changes required by 2016 IRWM Guidelines
- Used same approach as 2013 MIRWMP
- Benefits and impacts were identified for RMS category
  - Created a table with RMS and associated impacts and benefits
  - Project benefits & impacts are assumed to be similar to those identified for the RMS

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## IRWMP CHAPTER 8, PLAN PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING

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### Plan Performance and Monitoring Standard

- The IRWMP must contain performance measures and monitoring methods to ensure the objectives of the Plan are met
- Must describe a method or evaluation and monitoring the RWMG's ability to meet the objectives and implement the projects in the IRWMP

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### New Requirements

- Must address specific benefits to critical water issues for Native American Tribal communities
- Must contain policies and procedures that promote adaptive management and development of new tools as climate impacts manifest

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### Plan Performance and Monitoring Approach

- Plan performance based on the results of project-specific performance monitoring
- Project proponents are responsible for conducting monitoring and submitting materials to grant administrator
- 2013 plan placed a high level of responsibility for monitoring and reporting on the RWMG – this has been scaled back for 2018

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### IRWMP Performance Reviews

- To be completed by MIRWMA and RAC
- Used to evaluate progress toward meeting Plan objectives
- Two tables generated for each review:
  - Progress Toward Achieving Plan Objectives
  - Status of Project Implementation

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### Frequency of IRWMP Performance Reviews

- 2013 MIRWMP
  - first Plan Performance Review would be completed 3 years after adoption (i.e. 2016) – did this occur?
  - Subsequent reviews would occur in 5 year intervals after first review (i.e. 2021, 2026, etc.)
- *Should any changes be made?*

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## IRWMP CHAPTER 9, DATA MANAGEMENT

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### Data Management Requirements Plan Standard Requirements

- Describe process of data collection, storage and dissemination to IRWM participants, stakeholders, the public, and the State
- Data includes technical information such as design submittals, feasibility studies, reports, and any information gathered for a project in any phase of development

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### Data Management Approach

- No changes required by 2016 Guidelines
- Updated section to reflect changes to Data Management Systems.
- Data management approach:
  - Project proponents responsible for collecting, storing, and maintaining data
  - Project proponents responsible for their own QC of data
  - Project proponents to upload data to relevant statewide databases

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## IRWMP CHAPTER 10, FINANCE

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### Finance Plan Standard Requirements

- Plan for implementation and financing of identified projects and programs
- Provide a program-level description of the sources of funding which will be utilized for the develop and ongoing funding of the IRWMP
- List potential funding sources for projects and programs that implement the IRWMP
- Explain certainty and longevity of funding for the Plan and projects/programs in the Plan
- Explain how O&M costs for projects that implement the Plan would be covered and the certainty of the funding

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### Finance Plan Updates

- No updates required by 2016 IRWMP Guidelines
  - Updates made include:
    - General information on funding sources
    - Potential funding sources for projects (in Appendix, to be prepared based on project solicitation)
- If you have information on project funding sources that was not entered in OPTI, let us know in your chapter comments!

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## IRWMP CHAPTER 11, TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

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### Technical Analysis Plan Standard Requirements

- The IRWMP must document the data and technical analyses that were used in the development of the Plan.

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### Technical Analysis Updates

- No changes required by 2016 IRWMP Guidelines
- Updated list of key documents used in IRWMP preparation
- Updated list of projects and technical feasibility

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## SWRP CHAPTER 7, IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND SCHEDULE

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### SWRP Implementation Strategy & Schedule Guideline Requirements

- Describe the following:
  - timeline for submitting Plan into existing plans, as applicable
  - specific actions by which Plan will be implemented
  - all entities responsible for project implementation
  - description of community participation strategy
  - procedures to track status of each project
  - timelines for all active or planned projects
  - procedures for ongoing review, updates, and adaptive management of the Plan
  - a strategy and timeline for obtaining necessary federal, state, and local permits

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### Implementation Strategy and Schedule Approach

- Based on IRWMP Ch 8, 9, and 10 (Plan Performance & Monitoring, Data Management, and Finance).
- Merced SWRP to be incorporated into MIRWMP up completion.
- Includes appendices with project-specific information (including scheduling and cost information).

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## SWRP Performance Reviews

- Same intent as IRWMP Performance Reviews – to assess extent of SWRP benefits achieved
- To occur during SWRP updates, or as needed
- Two tables will be generated
  - Progress Toward Achieving SWRP Benefits
  - Status of Project Implementation

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## Adoption of SWRP

- Adoption isn't required for SWRPs, however, it is highly encouraged by the State Board.
- As a JPA, could MIRWMA could adopt the SWRP by itself or would all MIRWMA member agencies need to adopt the SWRP?

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**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?**

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## Comments or Questions on...

- RAC Charter?
- IRWMP Chapters?
  - Ch 7 Impacts and Benefits
  - Ch 8 Plan Performance and Monitoring
  - Ch 9 Data Management
  - Ch 10 Finance
  - Ch 11 Technical Assistance
- SWRP Chapter?
  - Ch 7 Implementation Strategy and Schedule

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## NEXT STEPS & SCHEDULE

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## Schedule

- Call for Projects closed – 8/31/2018
- W&C prioritizes projects and updates chapters – 9/4/2018 to 10/23/2018
- Chapters and draft project prioritization to RAC – 10/24/2018
- RAC meeting #5 – 10/31/2018

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## Schedule Overview – IRWMP and SWRP

- Administrative Drafts – 11/14/2018
- Public Drafts – 11/30/2018
- Public Draft Review Periods – 11/30/2018 to 12/30/2018
- Final Drafts & Submittal of Plans to DWR & SWRCB – 1/4/2018

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## Upcoming Chapter Updates (for 10/31 RAC Meeting)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRWMP           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ch 6 Project Review Process</li> <li>▪ Ch 12 Relation to Local Water Planning</li> <li>▪ Ch 13 Relation to Local Land Use Planning</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWRP           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identification and Prioritization of Projects (VI.D)</li> <li>▪ Quantitative Methods (VI.C)</li> </ul> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">Quantitative benefit information needed for SWRP projects in order to prepare final chapters.</p> </li> </ul> |
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## To Do...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W&amp;C           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Schedule public workshop and RWMG Meeting #2 (in December)</li> <li>▪ Update chapters prior to 10/31 meeting</li> <li>▪ Finalize RAC Charter</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAC           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide comments on IRWMP Chapters 7 to 11 and SWRP Chapter 7</li> <li>▪ Provide additional quantitative information for SWRP projects, if requested</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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