

SURVEY:

QUESTION: WHAT ACTIVITIES SHOULD THE SOUTH SIERRA REGION ENGAGE IN DURING THE IRWM PLANNING PROCES IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT

Responses were grouped into the three categories below. Respondents rated each item on a scale of 1 to 3. A rating of '1' meant that this item was 'valuable', '2' meant it was 'important', and '3' meant that it was 'essential'.

Category 1. Build effectiveness of regional planning by increasing capacity for collaboration, public involvement, and integrated strategies.

<i>Avg. responses</i>	<i># responses</i>	<i>Points</i>	
2.59	17	44	Find ways to bring the resource management agencies and organizations together to share data and information and to work collaboratively on policies, plans and projects.
2.31	16	37	Provide examples of best practices, technical assistance and training that furthers the implementation of multi-benefit/integrated management strategies
2.12	17	36	Assist stakeholder agencies in improved outreach, public education and stakeholder involvement by providing forums for public discussion, e-mail notice lists, etc.
1.75	12	21	Construct data base showing all CEQA/NEPA documents in process, (example: USFS Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA)). Create notification system that will filter project by type, region, etc. that automatically will send out notices to interested stakeholders.
2.29	14	32	Help frame a cumulative effects analyses for the region which can streamline the process and enhance the value of the analysis for everyone. (Cumulative Watershed effects model analysis for the region)
2.11	9	19	Identify beneficiaries of region's ecosystem services/benefits. Engage in outreach and education to the beneficiaries to increase the likelihood that they will contribute to watershed health.
1.67	6	10	Education on legal issues
1.50	6	9	Develop curriculum/training program

Category 2. Maximize Data Collection, Management and Sharing

2.29	14	32	Create a web portal with links to all planning documents and studies for the region.
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2.08	13	27	Synthesize interagency databases from existing agency sets (e.g., South Sierra Geographic Information Coop)
2.36	14	33	Put together baseline watershed conditions for purposes of climate change, etc.

Category 3: Studies and Research

2.53	17	43	Assess hydrologic capacity of region - amount of water available in fractured rock system.
1.93	15	29	Assess options for water storage infrastructure where needed.
2.07	15	31	Assess small system water quality problems and provide feasibility analysis for corrective actions.
2.00	15	30	Study the impact of septic systems on water quality